LOUISIANA

Louisiana has 66 public library systems with 331 physical library locations and 27 bookmobiles to serve over 4.2 million residents. Louisiana’s public libraries are primarily organized as county/parish libraries (92.5 percent). The rest are organized as multi-jurisdictional libraries (3 percent) and municipal government libraries (4.5 percent).*

More state tables are available online at www.ala.org/plinternetfunding.

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<th>EXPENDITURES (library system data)</th>
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<td>Total operating expenditures per capita*</td>
<td>$30.36</td>
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<td>Libraries offer only free access to computers and the Internet in their communities</td>
<td>73.2%</td>
<td>71.4%</td>
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<td>Average number of computers</td>
<td>9.1</td>
<td>11.1</td>
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<td>Always sufficient computers available</td>
<td>36.4%</td>
<td>18.9%</td>
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<td>Factors limiting library adding computers</td>
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<tr>
<td>Space</td>
<td>94.5%</td>
<td>75.9%</td>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>34.9%</td>
<td>77.4%</td>
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<td>Maximum Internet connection speed</td>
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<td>Less than 1.5 Mbps</td>
<td>7.7%</td>
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<td>1.5 Mbps</td>
<td>29.5%</td>
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<td>More than 1.5 Mbps</td>
<td>62.8%</td>
<td>44.5%</td>
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<td>Always adequate connection speed</td>
<td>45.5%</td>
<td>39.9%</td>
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<td>Wireless availability</td>
<td>65.6%</td>
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<td>Internet services critical to role of library</td>
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<td>Provide education resources &amp; database for K–12 students</td>
<td>74.9%</td>
<td>78.6%</td>
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<td>Provide services for job seekers</td>
<td>50.2%</td>
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<td>Provide computer &amp; Internet skills training</td>
<td>32.4%</td>
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<td>Provide education resources &amp; databases for adult/CE students</td>
<td>53.3%</td>
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<td>Internet services available</td>
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<td>Licensed databases</td>
<td>97.3%</td>
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<td>Homework resources</td>
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<td>Digital/virtual reference</td>
<td>68.9%</td>
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<td>e-books</td>
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<td>Audio content</td>
<td>59.0%</td>
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<td>Library offers IT training for patrons</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
<td>90.3%</td>
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<td>Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed</td>
<td>64.7%</td>
<td>80.5%</td>
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