

ALASKA

Alaska has 90 public library systems with 107 physical locations and two bookmobiles to serve 670,000 residents. Alaska's public libraries are primarily organized as municipal government libraries (45.6 percent). The rest are organized as association or agency libraries within a municipality (23.3 percent), county libraries (15.6 percent), and "other"—including libraries within the Native American Tribal Government and combined public/school libraries (11.1 percent).*

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

EXPENDITURES (library system data)	ALASKA	U.S.
Total operating expenditures per capita*	\$39.56	\$33.24
CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)		
Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities	88.6%	71.4%
Average number of computers	5.7	11.1
Always sufficient computers available	15.5%	18.9%
Factors limiting library adding computers	<i>Space</i>	72.4%
	<i>Cost</i>	79.3%
Maximum Internet connection speed	<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	75.0%
	<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	0%
	<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	14.8%
Always adequate connection speed	21.2%	39.9%
Wireless availability	70.2%	76.4%
INTERNET SERVICES (library outlet/branch data)		
Internet services critical to role of library		
<i>Provide education resources & databases for K–12 students</i>	57.5%	78.6%
<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	62.8%	65.9%
<i>Provide computer & Internet skills training</i>	27.4%	35.5%
<i>Provide education resources & databases for adult/CE students</i>	39.8%	49.5%
<i>Provide education resources & databases for students in higher ed</i>	33.6%	37.4%
Internet services available	<i>Licensed databases</i>	73.7%
	<i>Homework resources</i>	74.3%
	<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	38.6%
	<i>e-books</i>	14.0%
	<i>Audio content</i>	62.8%
Library offers IT training for patrons	86.8%	90.3%
Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed	76.6%	80.5%

* Institute of Museum and Library Services. *Public Libraries Survey: Fiscal Year 2006*. Washington, DC: IMLS, 2008. http://harvester.census.gov/imsls/pubs/pls/pub_detail.asp?id=121.