

ALABAMA

Alabama has 206 public library systems with 284 physical locations and 17 bookmobiles to serve over 4.3 million residents. Alabama's public libraries are primarily organized as municipal government libraries (75.2 percent). The rest are organized as multi-jurisdictional libraries (17 percent) and county libraries (7.3 percent).*

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

EXPENDITURES (library system data)	ALABAMA	U.S.
Total operating expenditures per capita*	\$19.33	\$33.24
CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)		
Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities	76.7%	71.4%
Average number of computers	13.3	11.1
Always sufficient computers available	20.1%	18.9%
Factors limiting library adding computers		
	<i>Space</i>	73.7%
	<i>Cost</i>	83.2%
Maximum Internet connection speed		
	<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	15.5%
	<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	26.7%
	<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	38.5%
Always adequate connection speed	33.5%	39.9%
Wireless availability	54.5%	76.4%
INTERNET SERVICES (library outlet/branch data)		
Internet services critical to role of library		
	<i>Provide education resources & database for K–12 students</i>	97.6%
	<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	64.0%
	<i>Provide computer & Internet skills training</i>	24.0%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for adult/CE students</i>	60.1%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for students in higher ed</i>	70.1%
Internet services available		
	<i>Licensed databases</i>	77.5%
	<i>Homework resources</i>	97.3%
	<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	65.8%
	<i>e-books</i>	29.8%
	<i>Audio content</i>	76.4%
Library offers IT training for patrons	74.8%	90.3%
Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed	74.7%	80.5%

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