

GEORGIA

Georgia has 58 public library systems with 378 physical locations and 20 bookmobiles to serve over 8.7 million residents. Georgia's public libraries are primarily organized as multi-jurisdictional libraries (56.9 percent). The rest are organized as county libraries (43.1 percent).*

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

EXPENDITURES (library system data)	GEORGIA	U.S.
Total operating expenditures per capita*	\$19.87	\$33.24
 CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)		
Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities	76.6%	71.4%
Average number of computers	15.5	11.1
Always sufficient computers available	20.0%	18.9%
Factors limiting library adding computers		
<i>Space</i>	69.9%	75.9%
<i>Cost</i>	80.1%	77.4%
Maximum Internet connection speed		
<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	0%	21.9%
<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	33.8%	25.5%
<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	53.0%	44.5%
Always adequate connection speed	35.9%	39.9%
Wireless availability	64.3%	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>	89.8%	78.6%
<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	74.5%	65.9%
<i>Provide computer & Internet skills training</i>	18.4%	35.5%
<i>Provide education resources & databases for adult/CE students</i>	66.4%	49.5%
<i>Provide education resources & databases for students in higher ed</i>	50.3%	37.4%
Internet services available		
<i>Licensed databases</i>	95.9%	89.6%
<i>Homework resources</i>	71.1%	79.6%
<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	51.9%	62.4%
<i>e-books</i>	62.9%	55.4%
<i>Audio content</i>	68.4%	72.9%
Library offers IT training for patrons	84.7%	90.3%
Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed	71.6%	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.