

IOWA

Iowa has 539 public library systems with 558 physical locations and five bookmobiles to serve over 2.8 million residents. Nearly all of Iowa's public libraries are organized as municipal government libraries (98.5 percent).*

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

EXPENDITURES (library system data)	IOWA	U.S.
Total operating expenditures per capita*	\$31.71	\$33.24
 CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)		
Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities	81.8%	71.4%
Average number of computers	6.8	11.1
Always sufficient computers available	29.8%	18.9%
Factors limiting library adding computers		
<i>Space</i>	66.5%	75.9%
<i>Cost</i>	83.3%	77.4%
Maximum Internet connection speed		
<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	50.3%	21.9%
<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	13.3%	25.5%
<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	28.6%	44.4%
Always adequate connection speed	43.8%	39.9%
Wireless availability	77.1%	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>	76.5%	78.6%
<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	66.8%	65.9%
<i>Provide computer & Internet skills training</i>	37.0%	35.5%
<i>Provide education resources & databases for adult/CE students</i>	52.8%	49.5%
<i>Provide education resources & databases for students in higher ed</i>	35.7%	37.4%
Internet services available		
<i>Licensed databases</i>	74.9%	89.6%
<i>Homework resources</i>	64.6%	79.6%
<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	36.4%	62.4%
<i>e-books</i>	8.2%	55.4%
<i>Audio content</i>	67.3%	72.9%
Library offers IT training for patrons	86.3%	90.3%
Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed	71.9%	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.