

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.

EXPENDITURES (library system data)	LOUISIANA	U.S.
Total operating expenditures per capita*	\$30.36	\$33.24
CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)		
Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities	73.2%	71.4%
Average number of computers	9.1	11.1
Always sufficient computers available	36.4%	18.9%
Factors limiting library adding computers		
	<i>Space</i>	94.5% 75.9%
	<i>Cost</i>	34.9% 77.4%
Maximum Internet connection speed		
	<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	7.7% 21.9%
	<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	29.5% 25.5%
	<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	62.8% 44.5%
Always adequate connection speed	45.5%	39.9%
Wireless availability	65.6%	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>	74.9% 78.6%
	<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	50.2% 65.9%
	<i>Provide computer & Internet skills training</i>	32.4% 35.5%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for adult/CE students</i>	53.3% 49.5%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for students in higher ed</i>	52.7% 37.4%
Internet services available		
	<i>Licensed databases</i>	97.3% 89.6%
	<i>Homework resources</i>	74.2% 79.6%
	<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	68.9% 62.4%
	<i>e-books</i>	29.4% 55.4%
	<i>Audio content</i>	59.0% 72.9%
Library offers IT training for patrons	100.0%	90.3%
Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed	64.7%	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.