

MAINE

Maine has 272 public library systems with 278 physical locations to serve over 1.1 million residents. Maine's public libraries are primarily organized as non-profit association or agency libraries (62.1 percent). The rest are organized as multi-jurisdictional libraries (37.9 percent).*

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

EXPENDITURES (library system data)	MAINE	U.S.
Total operating expenditures per capita*	\$30.16	\$33.24
CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)		
Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities	84.2%	71.4%
Average number of computers	5.9	11.1
Always sufficient computers available	25.2%	18.9%
Factors limiting library adding computers		
	<i>Space</i>	71.0%
	<i>Cost</i>	87.4%
Maximum Internet connection speed		
	<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	16.7%
	<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	33.5%
	<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	29.3%
Always adequate connection speed	58.6%	39.9%
Wireless availability	84.6%	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>	67.5%
	<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	63.2%
	<i>Provide computer & Internet skills training</i>	26.5%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for adult/CE students</i>	41.9%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for students in higher ed</i>	29.8%
Internet services available		
	<i>Licensed databases</i>	73.8%
	<i>Homework resources</i>	70.5%
	<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	43.4%
	<i>e-books</i>	17.2%
	<i>Audio content</i>	49.3%
Library offers IT training for patrons	87.8%	90.3%
Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed	76.5%	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.