

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina has 75 public library systems with 380 physical locations and 35 bookmobiles to serve almost 8.6 million residents. North Carolina's public libraries are primarily organized as county libraries (52 percent). The rest are organized as multi-jurisdictional libraries (20 percent), municipal government libraries (14.7 percent), non-profit association or agency libraries (6.7 percent) and "other"—including libraries within the Native American Tribal Government and combined public/school libraries (4 percent).*

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

EXPENDITURES (library system data)		NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.
Total operating expenditures per capita*		\$20.71	\$33.24
CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)			
Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities		70.9%	71.4%
Average number of computers		10.0	11.1
Always sufficient computers available		7.1%	18.9%
Factors limiting library adding computers	<i>Space</i>	76.5%	75.9%
	<i>Cost</i>	86.5%	77.4%
Maximum Internet connection speed	<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	20.2%	21.9%
	<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	8.2%	25.5%
	<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	70.8%	44.5%
Always adequate connection speed		46.0%	39.9%
Wireless availability		67.7%	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>	86.0%	78.6%
	<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	80.1%	65.9%
	<i>Provide computer & Internet skills training</i>	26.7%	35.5%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for adult/CE students</i>	68.5%	49.5%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for students in higher ed</i>	48.8%	37.4%
Internet services available	<i>Licensed databases</i>	93.8%	89.6%
	<i>Homework resources</i>	80.6%	79.6%
	<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	68.3%	62.4%
	<i>e-books</i>	84.7%	55.4%
	<i>Audio content</i>	89.5%	72.9%
Library offers IT training for patrons		90.1%	90.3%
Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed		83.2%	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.