

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota has 83 public library systems with 92 physical locations and 13 bookmobiles to serve 551,000 residents. North Dakota's public libraries are primarily organized as municipal government libraries (74.7 percent). The rest are organized as multi-jurisdictional libraries (14.5 percent) and county libraries (10.8 percent).*

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

EXPENDITURES (library system data)	NORTH DAKOTA	U.S.
Total operating expenditures per capita*	\$19.96	\$33.24
CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)		
Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities	53.2%	71.4%
Average number of computers	5.7	11.1
Always sufficient computers available	43.6%	18.9%
Factors limiting library adding computers		
	<i>Space</i>	53.2% 75.9%
	<i>Cost</i>	87.2% 77.4%
Maximum Internet connection speed		
	<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	16.9% 21.9%
	<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	12.7% 25.5%
	<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	49.3% 44.5%
Always adequate connection speed	59.0%	39.9%
Wireless availability	33.8%	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>	61.3% 78.6%
	<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	66.7% 65.9%
	<i>Provide computer & Internet skills training</i>	34.7% 35.5%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for adult/CE students</i>	36.0% 49.5%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for students in higher ed</i>	16.0% 37.4%
Internet services available		
	<i>Licensed databases</i>	67.5% 89.6%
	<i>Homework resources</i>	57.1% 79.6%
	<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	32.5% 62.4%
	<i>e-books</i>	29.9% 55.4%
	<i>Audio content</i>	55.8% 72.9%
Library offers IT training for patrons	79.2%	90.3%
Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed	63.8%	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.