

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey has 304 public library systems with 452 physical locations and 13 bookmobiles to serve over 8.3 million residents. New Jersey's public libraries are primarily organized as municipal government libraries (76.3 percent). The rest are organized as non-profit association or agency libraries (17.1 percent) and county libraries (4.6 percent).*

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

EXPENDITURES (library system data)	NEW JERSEY	U.S.	
Total operating expenditures per capita*	\$49.16	\$33.24	
CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)			
Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities	77.8%	71.4%	
Average number of computers	12.8	11.1	
Always sufficient computers available	19.0%	18.9%	
Factors limiting library adding computers	<i>Space</i>	74.1%	75.9%
	<i>Cost</i>	66.6%	77.4%
Maximum Internet connection speed	<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	20.0%	21.9%
	<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	27.0%	25.5%
	<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	45.0%	44.5%
Always adequate connection speed	43.6%	39.9%	
Wireless availability	85.0%	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>	83.4%	78.6%
	<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	77.5%	65.9%
	<i>Provide computer & Internet skills training</i>	39.2%	35.5%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for adult/CE students</i>	47.7%	49.5%
	<i>Provide education resources & databases for students in higher ed</i>	35.4%	37.4%
Internet services available	<i>Licensed databases</i>	98.1%	89.6%
	<i>Homework resources</i>	81.7%	79.6%
	<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	68.4%	62.4%
	<i>e-books</i>	53.5%	55.4%
	<i>Audio content</i>	75.5%	72.9%
Library offers IT training for patrons	93.0%	90.3%	
Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed	83.1%	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.