

## OHIO

Ohio has 251 public library systems with 722 physical locations and 71 bookmobiles to serve almost 11.5 million residents. Ohio's public libraries are primarily organized by school district (60.2 percent). The rest are organized as county libraries (22.3 percent), municipal government libraries (9.6 percent) and non-profit association or agency libraries (7.6 percent).\*

More state tables are available online at [www.ala.org/plinternetfunding](http://www.ala.org/plinternetfunding).

<b>EXPENDITURES</b> (library system data)	<b>OHIO</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
<b>Total operating expenditures per capita*</b>	\$58.20	\$33.24
 <b>CONNECTIVITY</b> (library outlet/branch data)		
<b>Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities</b>	74.4%	71.4%
<b>Average number of computers</b>	13.8	11.1
<b>Always sufficient computers available</b>	15.0%	18.9%
<b>Factors limiting library adding computers</b>		
<i>Space</i>	80.1%	75.9%
<i>Cost</i>	80.8%	77.4%
<b>Maximum Internet connection speed</b>		
<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	9.9%	21.9%
<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	23.0%	25.5%
<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	59.9%	44.5%
<b>Always adequate connection speed</b>	33.8%	39.9%
<b>Wireless availability</b>	87.3%	76.4%
 <b>INTERNET SERVICES</b> (library outlet/branch data)		
<b>Internet services critical to role of library</b>		
<i>Provide education resources &amp; database for K-12 students</i>	79.4%	78.6%
<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	71.0%	65.9%
<i>Provide computer &amp; Internet skills training</i>	44.6%	35.5%
<i>Provide education resources &amp; databases for adult/CE students</i>	36.5%	49.5%
<i>Provide education resources &amp; databases for students in higher ed</i>	47.4%	37.4%
<b>Internet services available</b>		
<i>Licensed databases</i>	93.1%	89.6%
<i>Homework resources</i>	94.4%	79.6%
<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	84.7%	62.4%
<i>e-books</i>	80.0%	55.4%
<i>Audio content</i>	63.5%	72.9%
<b>Library offers IT training for patrons</b>	94.3%	90.3%
<b>Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed</b>	81.6%	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](http://harvester.census.gov/imls/pubs/pls/pub_detail.asp?id=121).