

## PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania has 457 public library systems with 631 physical locations and 34 bookmobiles to serve almost 12 million residents. Pennsylvania's public libraries are primarily organized as non-profit association or agency libraries (85.1 percent). The remainder are organized as "other"—including libraries within the Native American Tribal Government and combined public/school libraries (14.7 percent).\*

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

EXPENDITURES (library system data)	PENNSYLVANIA	U.S.
<b>Total operating expenditures per capita*</b>	\$25.95	\$33.24
<b>CONNECTIVITY (library outlet/branch data)</b>		
<b>Libraries offer <i>only</i> free access to computers and the Internet in their communities</b>	73.9%	71.4%
<b>Average number of computers</b>	14.1	11.1
<b>Always sufficient computers available</b>	24.8%	18.9%
<b>Factors limiting library adding computers</b>		
	<i>Space</i>	78.1% 75.9%
	<i>Cost</i>	80.2% 77.4%
<b>Maximum Internet connection speed</b>		
	<i>Less than 1.5 Mbps</i>	20.7% 21.9%
	<i>1.5 Mbps</i>	12.8% 25.5%
	<i>More than 1.5 Mbps</i>	49.3% 44.5%
<b>Always adequate connection speed</b>	46.8%	39.9%
<b>Wireless availability</b>	78.5%	76.4%
<b>INTERNET SERVICES (library outlet/branch data)</b>		
<b>Internet services critical to role of library</b>		
	<i>Provide education resources &amp; database for K–12 students</i>	81.4% 78.6%
	<i>Provide services for job seekers</i>	69.4% 65.9%
	<i>Provide computer &amp; Internet skills training</i>	33.1% 35.5%
	<i>Provide education resources &amp; databases for adult/CE students</i>	57.1% 49.5%
	<i>Provide education resources &amp; databases for students in higher ed</i>	37.1% 37.4%
<b>Internet services available</b>		
	<i>Licensed databases</i>	92.3% 89.6%
	<i>Homework resources</i>	83.2% 79.6%
	<i>Digital/virtual reference</i>	82.9% 62.4%
	<i>e-books</i>	66.5% 55.4%
	<i>Audio content</i>	77.1% 72.9%
<b>Library offers IT training for patrons</b>	93.5%	90.3%
<b>Library staff helps patrons understand and use e-government services, as needed</b>	82.5%	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](http://harvester.census.gov/imls/pubs/pls/pub_detail.asp?id=121).