



QUICK FACTS

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A Word About Quick Facts

Mississippi public libraries provide citizens with the resources to expand their opportunities and enrich their lives. Libraries offer learning, knowledge, and enjoyment with a wide array of materials and services.

The statistics shown in Quick Facts illustrate the standing of Mississippi's public libraries and the challenge of achieving service goals.



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Quick Facts highlights key data about Mississippi public libraries which may be found in greater detail online at: <http://www.mlc.lib.ms.us/AboutMLC/MSPubLibStatistics.htm>. The data are drawn from national and state surveys in uniform format to ensure consistency and accuracy. Mississippi-specific data is gleaned from the 2009 statistics provided by Mississippi public libraries.

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NATIONAL RANKINGS: Library Holdings and Use

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) issues state-by-state and District of Columbia rankings for public libraries. More details regarding the various states are located at: <http://harvester.census.gov/imps/publib.asp>. The latest national rankings are available for the 2008 Fiscal Year. According to IMLS, Mississippi ranks as follows:

Category (per capita)	Ranking
Books Owned	46
Audios Owned	50
Videos Owned	48
Circulation of Materials	51
Loans from Other Libraries	48
Library Visits	51
Periodicals	46

- Public Libraries are the number one point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school or work.
- America's public libraries have an average of 3.73 public use Internet computers per 5,000 population.
- Mississippi's public libraries have an average of 3.5 public use Internet computers per 5,000 population.



LIBRARY FINANCES

According to IMLS, Mississippi public libraries rank as follows in finances:

Category (per capita)	Ranking
Local Income	50
State Income	9
Total Income	51
Wages	51
Total Staff Expenditures	51
Total Collection Expenditures	51
Total Operating Expenditures	51

STAFFING

- The average MS public library spends 68% of its budget for staff costs, the national average is 66%.
- Mississippi public libraries employ a total of 940 full time equivalent (FTE) staff of the 1,224 personnel in libraries. FTE is based on a 40-hour work week.
- There are 120 FTE employees with masters degrees in Library Science (MLS) in Mississippi public libraries.
- Mississippi ranks 51st in the nation in the number of MLS librarians per capita.
- Annually, Mississippi libraries spend a total of \$23.4 million for staff salaries and \$7.8 million for employee benefits.

LIBRARY MATERIALS



- In 2009, Mississippi public libraries added 359,749 items to existing collections.
- 315,402 items were withdrawn from collections in the same year.

Materials owned include:
 5,556,483 print volumes
 220,775 audiotapes/CDs
 291,357 videotapes/DVDs

	Mississippi 2009	*Neighboring States 2008	National 2008
Books/per capita	1.88	2.28	2.77
**Audios/1,000	73.60	89.50	168.16
**Videos/1,000	95.46	108.82	166.68
*Current Periodicals/1,000	3.40	3.77	6.07

At a conservative \$20 per item, the collections in Mississippi public libraries are worth \$124 million.

*Neighboring States - Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee
 **Represents items owned per thousand population

LIBRARY MATERIALS *(continued)*



- Mississippi public libraries house a total of 6.2 million items.
- Books and serials compose 5.6 million volumes, or 90% of the collections.

Nationally, Mississippi ranks:

- 46th in books per capita
- 50th in audios per capita
- 48th in videos per capita

- Mississippi libraries spent \$4,487,973 on library materials to serve 1,313,128 registered patrons in 2009;
by comparison,
visitors to Mississippi casinos spent \$2,464,662,149 in 2009.

- The average Mississippian pays \$11.43 for public library services each year;
while
the average Mississippian pays \$59.38 for general admission to one Southeastern Conference football game.

- Mississippians made 9,525,124 visits to public libraries in 2009;
while
only 6,560,738 fans attended Southeastern Conference football games in 2009.

INCOME

Mississippi public libraries reported a total income of \$48.4 million in FY09, compared with \$48.3 in FY08, an increase of $\leq 1\%$.

Income for public libraries includes:

\$33.6 million (69%) from cities and counties*
\$ 9.1 million (19%) from state sources
\$ 380,000 (less than 1%) from federal
\$ 5.3 million (11%) from fines, fees, gifts, and other sources

**Does not include indirect local support*

EXPENDITURES

Nationally, 9,212 public libraries spend on an average of \$36.36 per capita while Mississippi expends \$15.30 per capita.

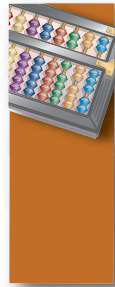
Mississippi public libraries report expenditures of \$45.3 million in FY09, compared with \$42.8 million in FY08.

Mississippi libraries spent the following amounts:

\$31.3 million (69%) for staffing
\$ 4.5 million (10%) for materials
\$ 9.6 million (21%) for other expenses

In addition, Mississippi libraries expended \$1.6 million on capital improvements.

USAGE



- The total number of items checked out (circulated) in FY09 in Mississippi public libraries was 8.9 million items; 2.2 million were children's materials.
- 35,953 items were requested on interlibrary loan.
- 1.3 million of 2.9 million Mississippi residents are registered borrowers of public libraries.
- 332,165 children attended programs in Mississippi public libraries.
- 522,016 adults attended programs in Mississippi public libraries.
- Over 9.5 million people visited Mississippi public libraries
- 2,551,083 people used the Internet computers in Mississippi public libraries.
- Mississippi has an average of 9.6 public access use Internet computers per outlet. The national average is 13.27
- Mississippians asked 1.8 million reference questions.

Profile and Demographics of Mississippi Public Libraries

Population Served	Number of Systems	Total Population
Up to 20,000	9	93,858
20,001 to 40,000	14	442,046
40,001 to 60,000	9	451,328
60,001 to 80,000	7	495,457
80,001 to 125,000	4	391,171
Over 125,000	5	1,064,758
Independent (municipal)	2	21,418
Total	50	2,918,785