



FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT KEY FINDINGS

The following are statewide totals for public library resource and service measures during 2022-2023.

In Fiscal Year 2023...

Florida had 79 regional library systems, 541 library locations, and 22 bookmobiles. Florida libraries collectively provided a total of just over 1.2 million public service hours to their communities. Seventy-two percent of the library systems offered Sunday hours for their community.

There were just over 11.5 million registered public library borrowers. Nearly 11 million registered borrowers lived within the legal service areas of the libraries, and almost 600,000 people took advantage of the non-resident library card opportunities at other libraries.

Public libraries employed 6,500 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff members, including nearly 2,000 FTE in librarian roles and more than 4,500 FTE in other staff positions. Florida libraries contributed almost \$302 million to employee salaries and over \$124 million to employee benefits.

Floridians Value Their Libraries

Florida libraries were open an average of 55 hours each week, with some open as long as 104 out of 168 hours each week! In these hours, residents and non-residents visited Florida's libraries nearly 43 million times in 2023.

Library staff assisted patrons more than 12.1 million times to provide information, readers' advisory, technology help, and referrals in-person, by phone, and online. Library staff provided nearly 1.5 million trainings on technology alone.

Library patrons went online during nearly 21.6 million computer and wireless sessions. Ninety-nine percent of public libraries offered internet services and in 2023,

libraries across the state offered access to more than 17,000 desktop computers. Seventy-two percent of Florida libraries provided Wi-Fi access to users outside of the building, including the parking lot, and community hotspot locations via bookmobiles.

Libraries offered nearly 200,000 active programs and over 55,000 self-directed programs. These library programs included author visits, book clubs, storytimes, arts and culture events, training on digital literacy, entrepreneurship, job training, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs for kids.

- Over 100,000 children's programs were attended by an average of 29 children and caregivers.
- Just under 23,700 young adult programs were attended by an average of 17 people.
- Over 75,000 adult programs were attended by an average of 17 people.
- More than 22,000 programs for participants of all-ages were attended by an average of 38 people.
- Just over 15,500 off-site programs for more than 772,000 participants allowed them to experience library services outside of the library.

Library programs attracted just under 5 million individuals of all ages.

Floridians Brought Their Libraries Home

Florida libraries owned more than 44.6 million items to lend (not including magazines and series of volumes to browse):More than:

- 22.3 million print materials, mostly books
- 2.8 million physical videos, mostly DVDs
- 1.1 million downloadable videos
- 1.3 million physical audio materials, mostly audiobooks and music CDs
- 6.1 million downloadable audiobooks
- 10.6 million e-books
- 218,000 other materials such as tools, cookware, sports equipment, and hobby items

In addition, libraries subscribed to an average of 61 licensed databases.

Patrons borrowed, downloaded, or retrieved public library materials over 108 million times in 2023.More than:

- 59.2 million physical materials, mostly books, magazines, DVDs and CDs
- 48.8 million electronic materials, mostly e-books, and downloadable audiobooks and videos

Florida Libraries Help Florida's Economy

Public libraries received almost \$830 million in operating revenues mostly from local government.

Almost:

- \$700 million from counties
- \$122 million from cities
- \$19.1 million from the state
- \$2.3 million from the federal government
- \$27 million from other sources

Florida residents independently contributed just over \$22 million in 2023 through gifts and donations to their local libraries.

Public libraries spent more than \$709 million in operating expenditures.

Nearly:

- \$426 million for staff salaries and benefits
- \$81.1 million for library collection materials
- \$202.5 million for other operating expenses

Public libraries invested nearly \$144 million back into Florida's economy by spending 19% of operating expenditures with in-state vendors.

Over:

- \$1.4 million in-state print materials expenditures
- \$747,000 in-state electronic materials expenditures
- \$141,000 in-state other materials expenditures
- \$105 million in-state other operating expenditures
- \$36 million in-state capital expenditures

Public libraries received a little more than \$63 million in capital revenue.

More than:

- \$58 million from local government
- \$464,000 from the state
- \$3.1 million from the federal government

Public libraries spent greater than \$47 million for capital expenditures. Libraries spent 77% of their capital expenditures using in-state vendors.

During FY2024-25, the percentage of total costs for the Library Data and Statistics Program financed with federal money is 67%; the federal dollar amount to be spent on the program is \$110,969. This program does not receive any non-governmental funding.

The program is funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Florida's LSTA program is administered by the Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services.

Data is from the Annual Statistical Report for Florida's Public Libraries, fiscal year 2022-2023. Visit bit.ly/FLlibraryData to learn more about Florida's public library statistics and view the Annual public library statistics and ranking tables broken down by reporting library.

