

Table 1117. Public Library Use of the Internet: 2008

[In percent, except number of outlets. As of spring. Based on sample survey; see source for details]

Item	Total	Metropolitan status ¹			Poverty status ²		
		Urban	Sub-urban	Rural	Less than 20 percent	20 to 40 percent	More than 40 percent
All libraries' outlets ³	16,548	2,921	5,402	8,225	13,882	2,481	185
Connected with public access	98.9	99.4	99.4	98.4	99.1	99.7	100.0
Average number of workstations	12.0	21.0	13.9	7.5	11.0	16.2	27.2
Speed of access:							
128kbps or less	2.6	(⁴)	1.3	4.3	2.6	3.2	(⁴)
129kbps to 768kbps	5.1	(⁴)	3.7	7.8	5.3	3.9	2.2
257kbps to 768kbps	8.8	3.3	6.1	12.5	9.5	5.7	(⁴)
769kbps to 1.4mbps	8.5	3.8	8.7	10.0	8.8	7.3	1.7
1.5Mbps	38.9	51.6	42.1	32.1	37.1	48.3	48.9
1.6mbps to 5mbps	11.1	11.5	13.1	9.6	11.4	9.9	8.4
6.0mbps to 10mbps	6.0	10.1	6.3	4.3	5.8	6.5	13.4
Greater than 10mbps	8.6	17.0	8.7	5.5	8.4	9.4	16.9
Don't Know	10.0	2.1	9.6	13.2	10.8	5.7	8.4
Public library availability of wireless Internet access:							
Currently available	65.9	80.7	72.1	56.6	66.4	62.1	73.1
Plan to make available within the next year . . .	11.6	8.5	12.3	12.3	11.6	12.0	13.2

¹ Urban = inside central city; Suburban = In metro area, outside of a central city; Rural = outside a metro area. ² Determined by the 2000 poverty status of the service area of the outlet. ³ Central libraries and branches; excludes bookmobiles. ⁴ Less than 1 percent.

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