

Table 1117. Public Library Use of the Internet: 2009

[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	16,620	2,940	5,421	8,259	13,943	2,490	187
Connected with public access	98.7	98.7	99.3	98.5	99.0	98.0	100.0
Average number of workstations	11.0	18.7	12.7	7.6	10.4	12.9	22.0
Speed of access:							
Less than 256kbps	3.4	(⁴)	2.4	5.1	3.2	4.8	(⁴)
257kbps to 768kbps	9.2	3.2	5.8	13.7	9.4	8.5	5.5
769kbps to 1.4mbps	9.3	3.9	7.8	12.2	9.7	7.6	(⁴)
1.5Mbps	25.5	26.9	27.2	23.8	24.9	28.7	30.7
1.6mbps to 3mbps	10.0	8.0	9.5	11.1	10.0	10.5	5.5
3.1mbps to 6mbps	11.2	14.0	11.6	10.0	11.4	10.2	17.1
6.1mbps to 10mbps	11.0	16.5	15.7	5.9	11.0	10.8	16.5
Greater than 10mbps	12.3	23.9	12.4	7.9	11.8	14.1	20.9
Don't Know	8.1	2.8	7.6	10.3	8.7	4.8	3.7
Public library availability of wireless Internet access:							
Currently available	76.4	83.0	81.9	70.5	77.2	71.9	73.2
Plan to make available within the next year . . .	9.2	8.1	7.6	10.7	9.1	9.2	17.7

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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