PUBLIC LIBRARIES: BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

There are 365 tax-supported libraries in Missouri, compared to only 31 career centers. Libraries offer many services that help Missourians develop workforce skills.

PERCENTAGE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC LIBRARIES THAT OFFER BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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LIBRARY RESOURCES
To provide business and workforce development services, libraries require library staff, training facilitators, computers with strong internet connectivity, databases and meeting rooms.

COMPUTER USE
Library patrons used public computers 4,601,200 times in 2018 for employment, to file taxes, complete homework, conduct research and other activities.

LIBRARY VISITS
Public libraries had 48.9 million total in-person and online visitors in 2018. With a just under $5.1 million in state funding for FY2019, the state spends 10¢ per library visit.

Data obtained from the 2018 Public Library Survey and the 2017 Public Libraries and Workforce Development Survey.