

Maine Public Library Profile 2009

263 or 98% of the 269 recognized libraries completed the Annual Report for 2009.

6 libraries did not complete the 2009 annual report: Bass Harbor Memorial Library (Bernard), Lewis Dana Hill Memorial Library (Lovell), Mattawamkeag Public Library, Owls Head Village Library, South Windham Public Library (Gorham), Washburn Memorial Library

*Calculations below **only include those libraries completing the 2009 Annual Report**, however **not all of these libraries** answered every questions.

***Population**

- Maine 2009 Population Est.- 1,361,714 (2008 Census estimate)
- Total Legal Service Area (LSA) for Maine Public Libraries (unduplicated) – 1,216,300
- Population with no library service - 145,414
- Average LSA = 19,530
- Median LSA = 5,221
- Libraries with LSA under 1,000 = 39
- Libraries with LSA 1,000 - 2,499 = 80
- Libraries with LSA 2,500 - 4,999 = 58
- Libraries with LSA 5,000 - 9,999 = 56
- Libraries with LSA 10,000 - 24,999 = 26
- Libraries with LSA 25,000 and over = 4

***Hours Open Per Week**

- Average = 28
- Median = 27
- Libraries open less than 10 hours a week = 27 or 10%
- Less than 15 hours a week = 54 or 21%
- Less than 20 hours a week = 90 or 34%

***Print Collection**

- Total Print Collection = 6,393,139
- Average = 24,401
- Median = 15,557
- Libraries with less than 5,000 volumes = 14 or 5%
- Less than 6,000 = 32 or 12%
- Less than 10,000 = 82 or 31%

***All Circulation**

- Total Circulation = 9,631,542
- Average = 37,044
- Median = 11,795
- Libraries with circulation under 1,000 = 23 or 9%
- Circulation under 5,000 = 99 or 38%

***Collection Expenditures**

- Total Collection Expenditure = \$4,101,624
- Average = \$15,596
- Median = \$6,140
- Libraries with book expend. under \$1,000 = 31 or 12%
- Book expenditure under \$5,000 = 118 or 45%

***Paid Staff**

- Total Salary (including benefits) = \$27,346,375
- Average = \$103,979
- Median = \$24,407
- Libraries with no paid staff = 31 or 12 %
- Under \$1,000 for paid staff = 1
- Under \$5,000 for paid staff = 64 or 24 %

***Municipal Appropriations**

- Total Municipal Appropriations = \$30,051,503
- Average = \$114,264
- Median = \$26,650
- Libraries with no municipal appropriations = 9 or 3%
- Municipal appropriation under \$1,000 = 17 or 6% (includes above)
- Municipal appropriation under \$5,000 = 60 or 23% (includes above)

***Total Expenditures**

- Total Expenditures = \$39,558,170
- Average = \$150,411
- Median = \$38,330
- Libraries with Total Expend. under \$1,000 = 4 or 2%
- Total Expenditures under \$5,000 = 25 or 10%
- Total Expenditures under \$10,000 = 49 or 19%

*Technology

- Number of libraries with no phone = 7 or 3%
- Number of libraries with no fax number = 132 or 50%
- Number of libraries with no email address = 24 or 9%
- Number of libraries with no website = 68 or 26%
- Number of libraries with no computer = 5 or 2%
- Number of libraries with one public computer = 16 or 6%
- 2-5 computers = 107 or 41%
- 6-10 computers = 59 or 22%
- More than 10 computers= 75 or 29%

Other Statistics

- 98.5% of the libraries are in towns with less than 25,000 residents
- 88.5% are in towns with fewer than 10,000 residents
- 17% have total operating budgets of less than \$10,000
- 37% spend less than \$25,000 a year for their total budget
- 51% spend less than \$25,000 on paid staff
- 6,718,517 visits were made to Maine public libraries in FY 2009.
(10 libraries who participated in the annual report **did not answer** this question)
- There were 770,881 registered Maine public library users in 2009.
(5 libraries **did not answer** on the annual report)