



Missouri Secretary of State State Library

Missouri Public Library Survey 2025 Data

Customers

Registered borrowers	3,386,800
Library Service Area Population	5,668,852
Without public library service	486,061

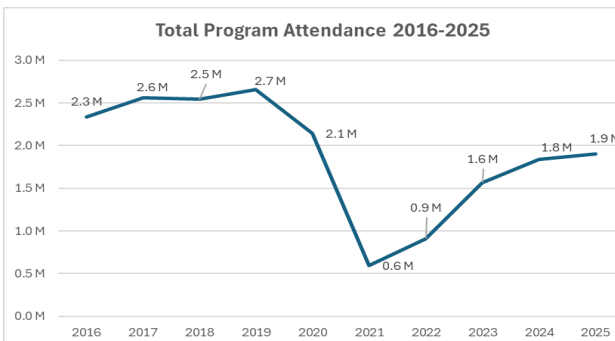
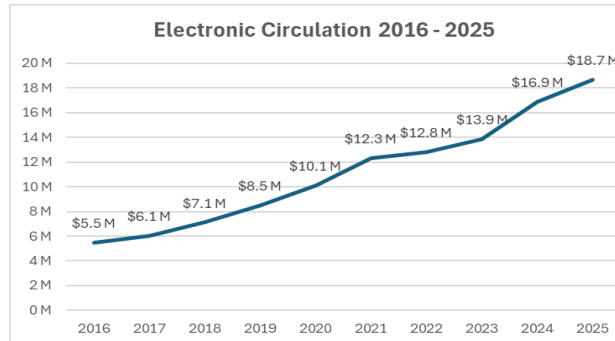
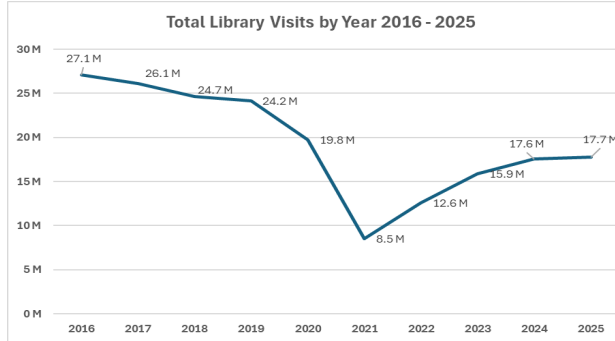
Services

Annual visits	17,739,552
Annual Circulation	50,309,779
Internet sessions	2,068,927
WiFi uses	13,101,397
Programs	86,960
Early Literacy	24,742
Children's	23,070
Young Adult	8,615
Adult	26,724
General Interest	3,809
Program attendance	1,904,620
Early Literacy	560,526
Children's	650,535
Young Adult	104,967
Adult	417,508
General Interest	171,084
Hours open per week	17,454
Reference transactions	2,081,127

Library

Districts	150
Physical locations	373
Bookmobiles	20
Staff (FTE)	3,289

Trends



Operations

Revenue		\$405,999,084
	Local	\$360,262,006
	Other	\$35,929,419
	State	\$7,759,168
	Federal	\$2,048,491
	Per capita revenue	\$71.62
Expenses		\$351,400,117
	Staff	\$212,632,107
	Collection	\$46,959,628
	Operating	\$91,808,382
	Per capita expenses	\$61.99

Collections

Number Physical materials		
	Print Books	13,855,076
	Video	1,205,631
	Audio	630,451
	Other Physical	67,237
Electronic Circulation		
	eBooks	7,934,575
	eAudio	8,705,253
	eVideo	499,229
	eSerials	1,544,601

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Public libraries in Missouri are required by statute 181.021 RSMO and US Congress (P.L. 103-382, Title IV, National Education Statistics Act of 1994, Sec. 404(a)) to submit annual data. This submission is required in order to be eligible for State Aid funding. The data received from the libraries is used by policy makers at the local, state, and national level.

Each library submits data based on their most recently completed fiscal year, which for 2025 ranged from January 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025. The data is publicly available at the Missouri State Library: Library Statistics webpage (<http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/statistics/default>) or by request from:

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