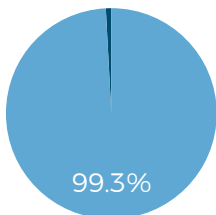




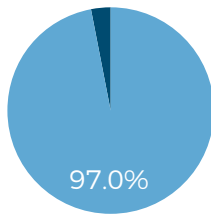
# PUBLIC LIBRARIES: BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

There are 363 tax-supported libraries in Missouri, compared to only 31 career centers. Libraries offer many services that help Missourians develop workforce skills.

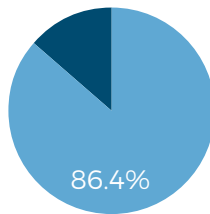
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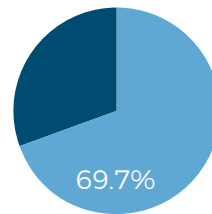
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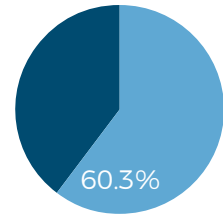
Public Access Computers



Test Preparation Support



Computer Skills for a Job Search



Meeting Room Space



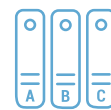
### LIBRARY RESOURCES

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 4,892,513 times in 2017 for employment, to file taxes, complete homework, conduct research and other activities.



### LIBRARY VISITS

Public libraries had 45.3 million total in-person and online visitors in 2017. With a total of \$5,099,776 in state funding for FY2018, the state spends just \$0.11 per library visit.