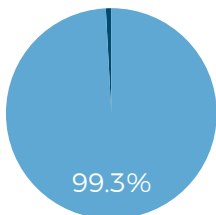




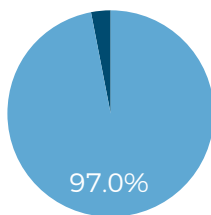
PUBLIC LIBRARIES: BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

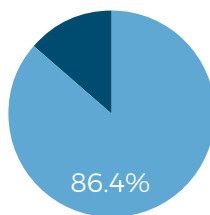
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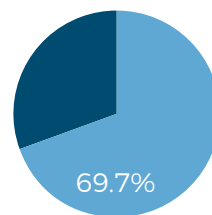
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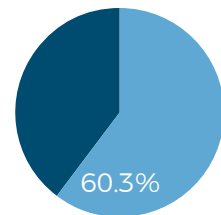
Public Access Computers



Test Preparation Support



Computer Skills for a Job Search



Meeting Room Space



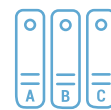
LIBRARY RESOURCES

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.