

KANSAS LIBRARIES

2009 STATISTICAL PROFILE FOR KANSAS

PUBLIC LIBRARY USE

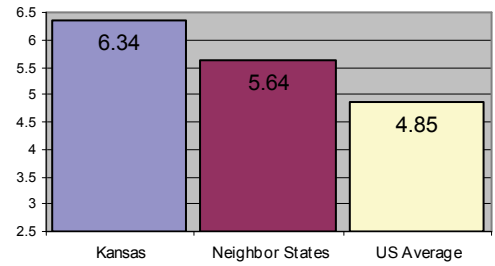
LIBRARY VISITS

Kansans visited their public libraries 14,621,998 times in 2008, or 1,218,500 times per month.

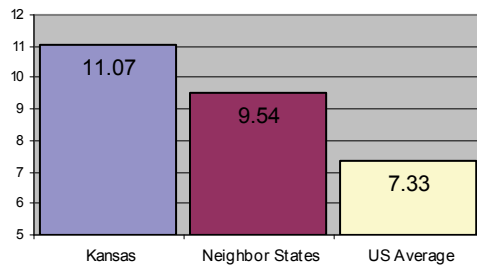
This comes to an average of 6.2 visits per Kansan in 2008.

The rate of library use in Kansas is well above that of our neighboring states and the U.S. average.

Visits Per Capita, 2007



Circulation per Capita, 2007



CIRCULATION

In 2008, Kansans checked out 26,892,695 items from their libraries, up from 26,073,318 in 2007.

That's 11.4 items per person in 2008, up from 11 items per person in 2007.

Kansas' circulation rate is greater than that of our neighboring states and the U.S. average.

Kansas' 2007 circulation rate was 7th in the nation.

29.2%

Between 2000 and 2008, total circulation in Kansas libraries increased by 29.2%, while the population of the state increased by about 4%.

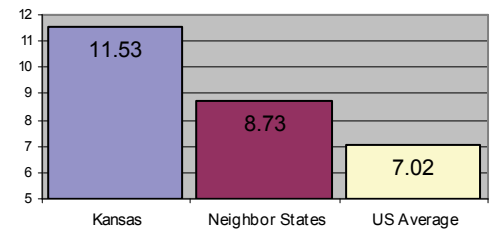
CONNECTING KANSANS

Nearly 1 out of every 4 Kansas households do not have access to the Internet, according to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

Public libraries helped fill this gap by providing access to the Internet 6,441,364 times in 2008.

Kansas public libraries have more public use Internet terminals per capita than the national average.

Public Internet Terminals per 10,000 People, 2007



PUBLIC LIBRARIES PROVIDE REAL VALUE FOR KANSANS

If Kansas library patrons had purchased all of the books, audiobooks, videos, DVDs, CDs, magazines, Internet access and professional assistance enjoyed at their local public libraries in 2007, they would have spent over \$795,000,000!

The total tax bill: about \$35.66 per person.

That's \$7.98 of value to Kansans for every tax dollar spent.

This does not include the value of children's programs, services to small businesses, computer and technology training, interlibrary loan services, genealogical research, and so much more.

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Data Sources, unless otherwise noted:

General Kansas Statistics:
Kansas Library Statistical Report, 2008

Neighbor states and US Comparison
data:
Institute of Museum and Library
Services "Public Libraries in the United
States, FY 2007"

U.S. Department of Commerce National
Telecommunications and Information
Administration (NTIA) "Networked
Nation: Broadband in America 2007"

Data compiled by State Data Center of
Kansas, June 1, 2009.

QUICK LIBRARY FACTS

PUBLIC LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Kansans had 12,084,681 books, audio materials, videos, periodicals and e-books to choose from at their public libraries in 2008.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Kansas libraries borrowed 547,407 items from other libraries to fulfill their patrons' needs.

LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

In 2008, Kansas public libraries presented 38,751 programs to 956,865 attendees on topics ranging from interviewing and job-search skills to basic computer use to story times.

Children's programs accounted for 29,459 of the library events and 781,470,222 Kansas children were in attendance.

LIBRARIES AND CHILDREN

10,753,630 library items were circulated to Kansas children in 2008, or 15.4 items per Kansas child. This represents a 6.1% increase over 2007.

EACH DAY KANSAS' LIBRARIES:

- Welcome 39,272 people
- Circulate 73,679 items
- Answer 6,974 reference questions
- Provide 2,141 children with programs
- Connect 17,648 people to the Internet

DID YOU KNOW?

More children participate in summer reading programs than play Little League baseball.

Americans make 3.5 billion visits to school, public and college libraries each year—about three times the attendance at movie theaters.

LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUPPORT AND ENHANCE THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Studies have indicated that people using public libraries also tend to include shopping visits along with library visits; the increased library traffic directly affects increased foot traffic in local businesses.

Studies have also shown that libraries contribute to long-term economic productivity through literacy programs.

Public libraries support local workforce development by providing job information resources, technology training, and technology access.

Small business owners rely on their local library's business resources for planning, marketing and legal information.

Places Rated Almanac, *Cities Ranked & Rated*, *Money*, and other publications use the presence and quality of the local public library as a factor in their annual rankings.