

Kentucky Public Library Comparisons, revised December 2022



Public library buildings in Kentucky occupy 3.1 million square feet. This represents 41% of the size of Toyota Motor's manufacturing plant in Georgetown, KY.





Kentucky spends \$11,110 per public school student. *

Per capita expenditures for Kentucky public libraries are \$36.37



Bookmobiles in Kentucky comprise 10.5 % of those on the road in the entire country. **



* Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2022.](#)

** Source: [Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2020](#) IMLS, Washington, D.C., 2022.



Kentucky ranks sixth nationally in public-use internet terminals per library building *

State	Ranking	Per stationary outlet
Total ²	†	18.03
District of Columbia	1	38.46
Florida	2	32.14
Delaware	3	31.67
Maryland	4	28.47
Colorado	5	26.69
Kentucky	6	24.41



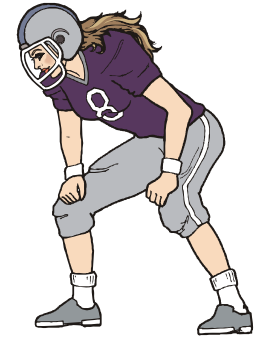
Public libraries in 113 of Kentucky's counties provide wireless access (Wi-Fi) for patrons.



* Source: Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2019, IMLS, Washington, D.C., 2021.



Five times as many people entered Kentucky public libraries as attended men's and women's basketball and men's football games (2021 season) at UK, UL, KSU, EKU, NKU, WKU, Murray State, and Morehead State combined. *



The cost per person for library material for a year in Kentucky public libraries was \$4.75, the same price as a Starbucks' Caramel Macchiato venti. ©



* Source: www.ncaa.org and individual school web sites
