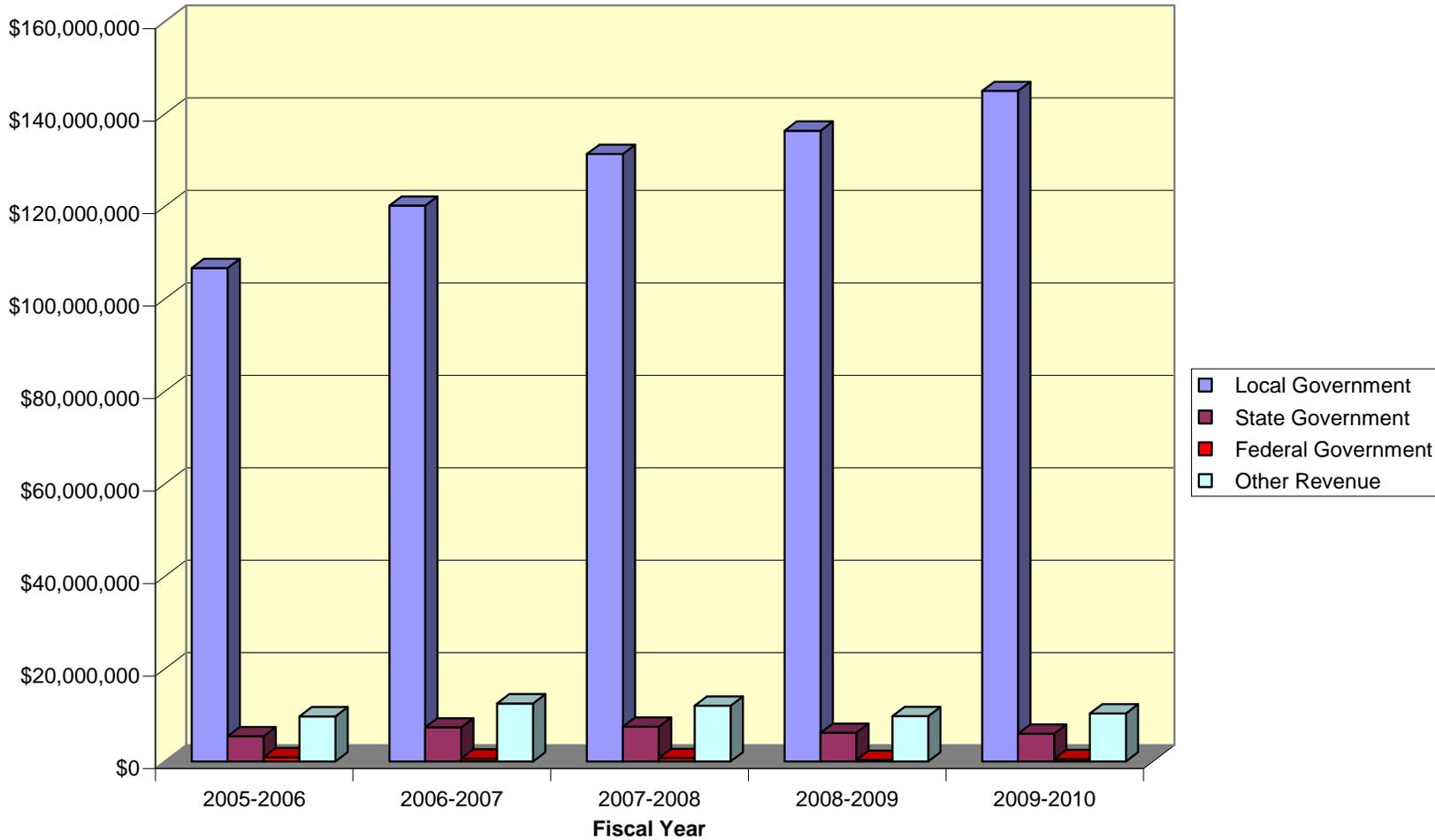


Revenue from local government is an increasingly significant source of income for Kentucky’s libraries, rising nearly 36% over the last five years. For every dollar of income received by other sources, the library collects eight and a half dollars of local funds.

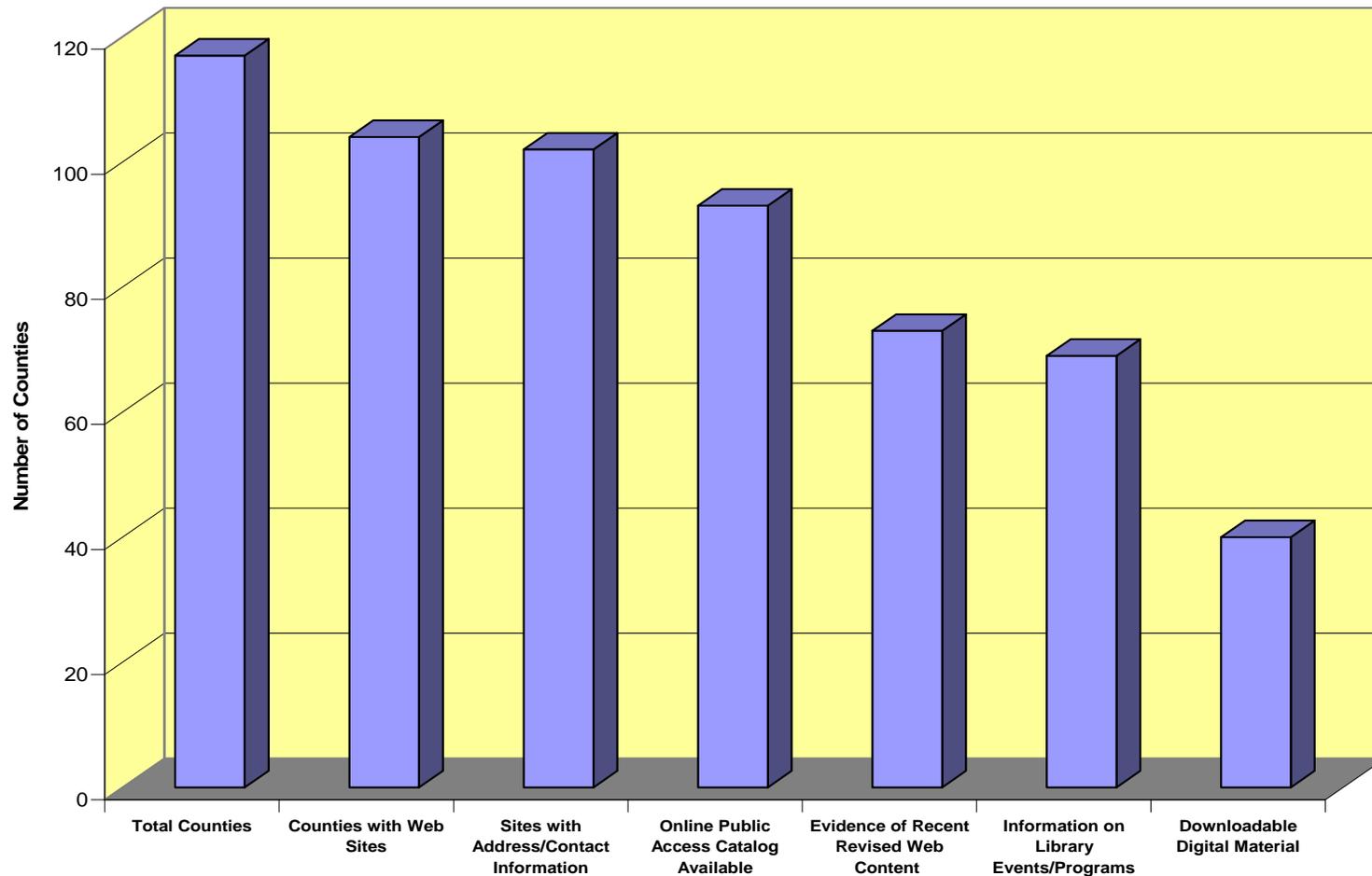
Library Income, by Source



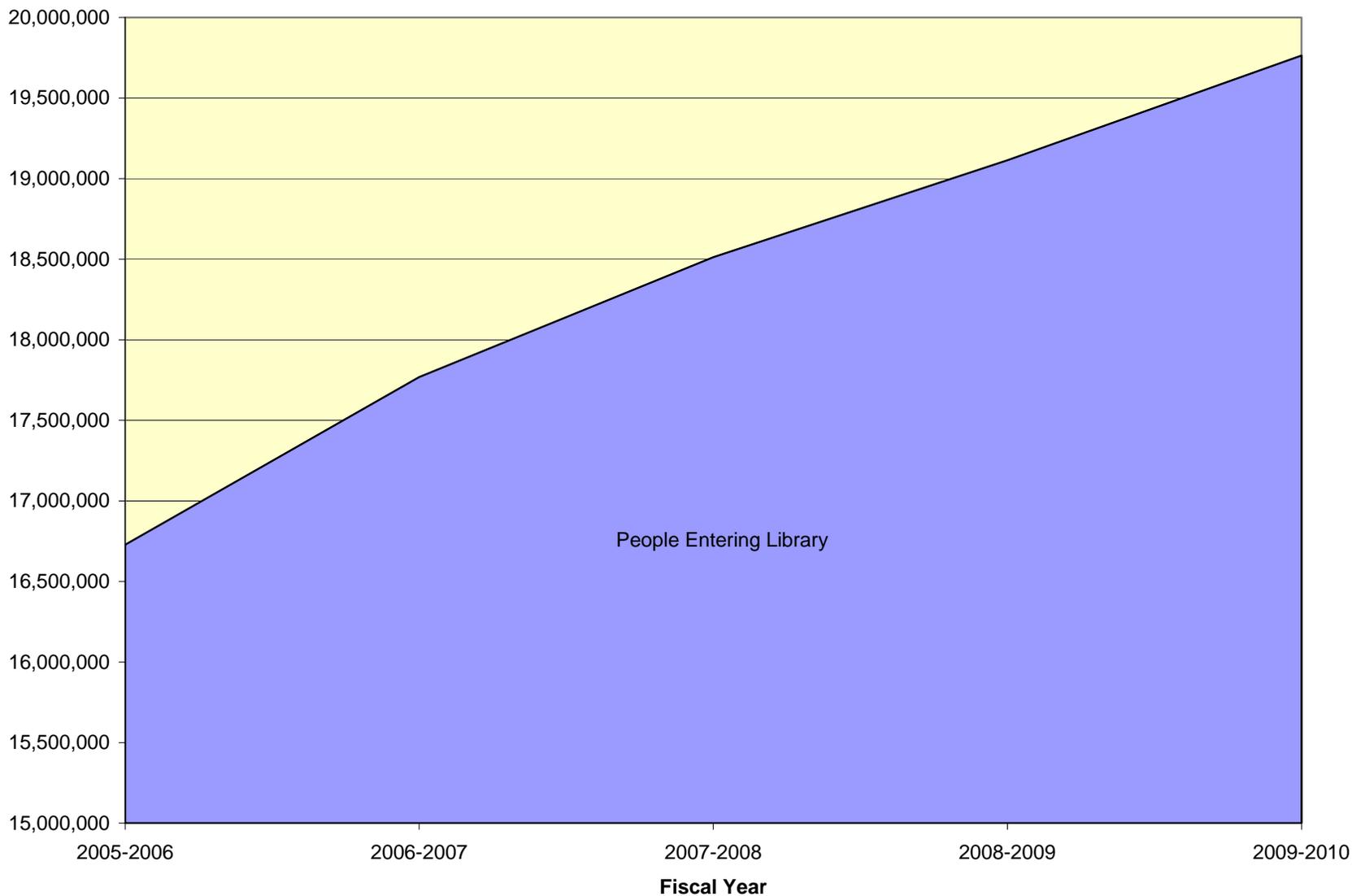
Nearly all of the state’s public libraries have web sites. Thirteen counties either have no web presence or their site was unavailable as this survey of web services was conducted. At a time when patrons are growing to expect online access to resources, at the very least, information about library hours, location, and services, should be obtainable on a “home page.”

Online resources offered by Kentucky’s public libraries include the following:

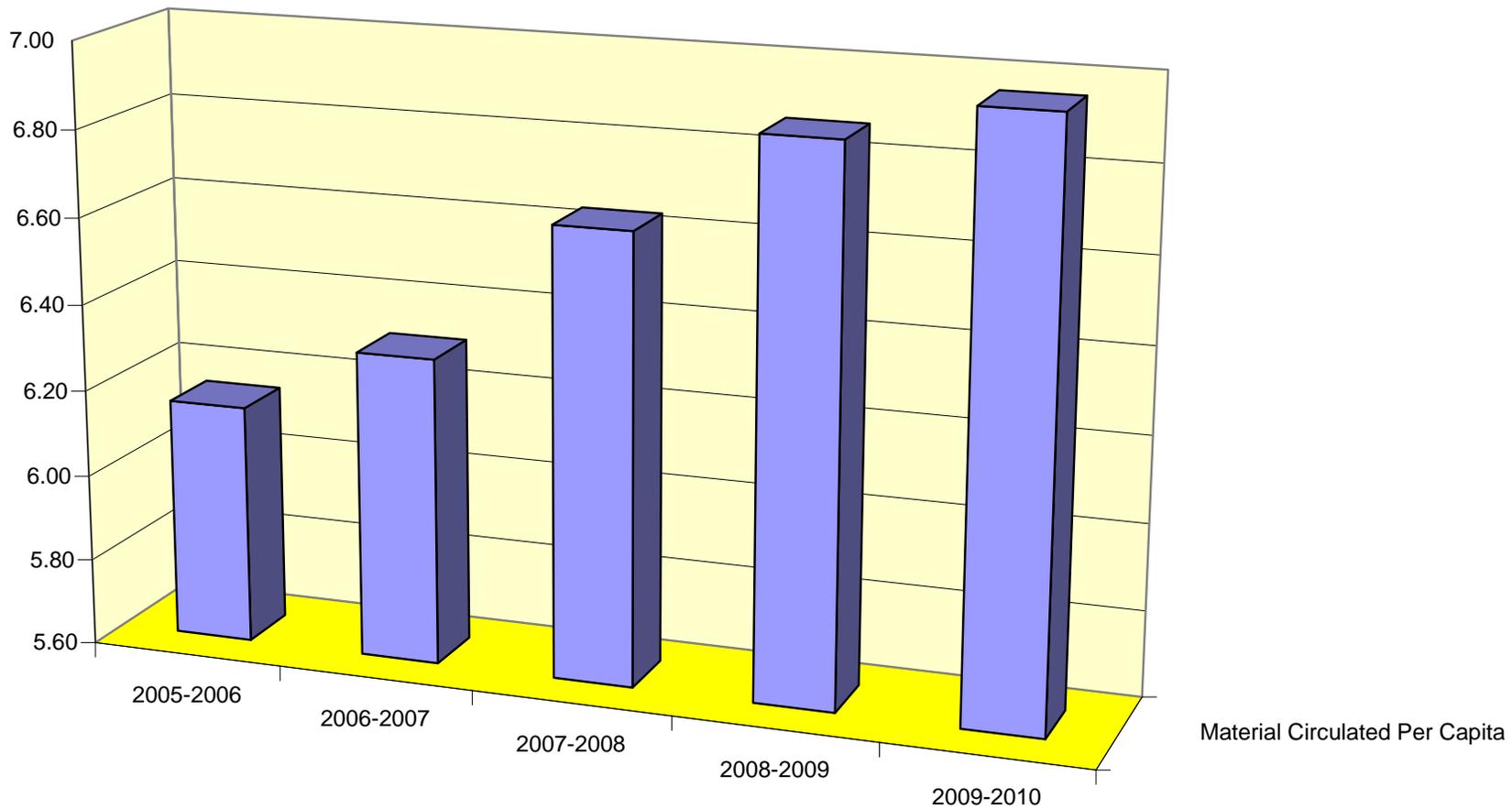
- An Online Catalog (OPAC) is available on 93 Kentucky public library sites
- Downloadable material, chiefly through Kentucky Libraries Unbound’ Overdrive digital media, is present at 40 web sites
- Library address and contact information is found on 102 sites
- Information about library programs and events is presented by 69 counties.
- New content (updated within the last three months) is found at 73 Kentucky public library web sites



The public library in Kentucky is busier than ever. This graph indicates continued growth in the number of library visitors. The popularity of the library is also indicated by the audience count at children’s programs, which has exceeded a million attendees in each of the last five years.

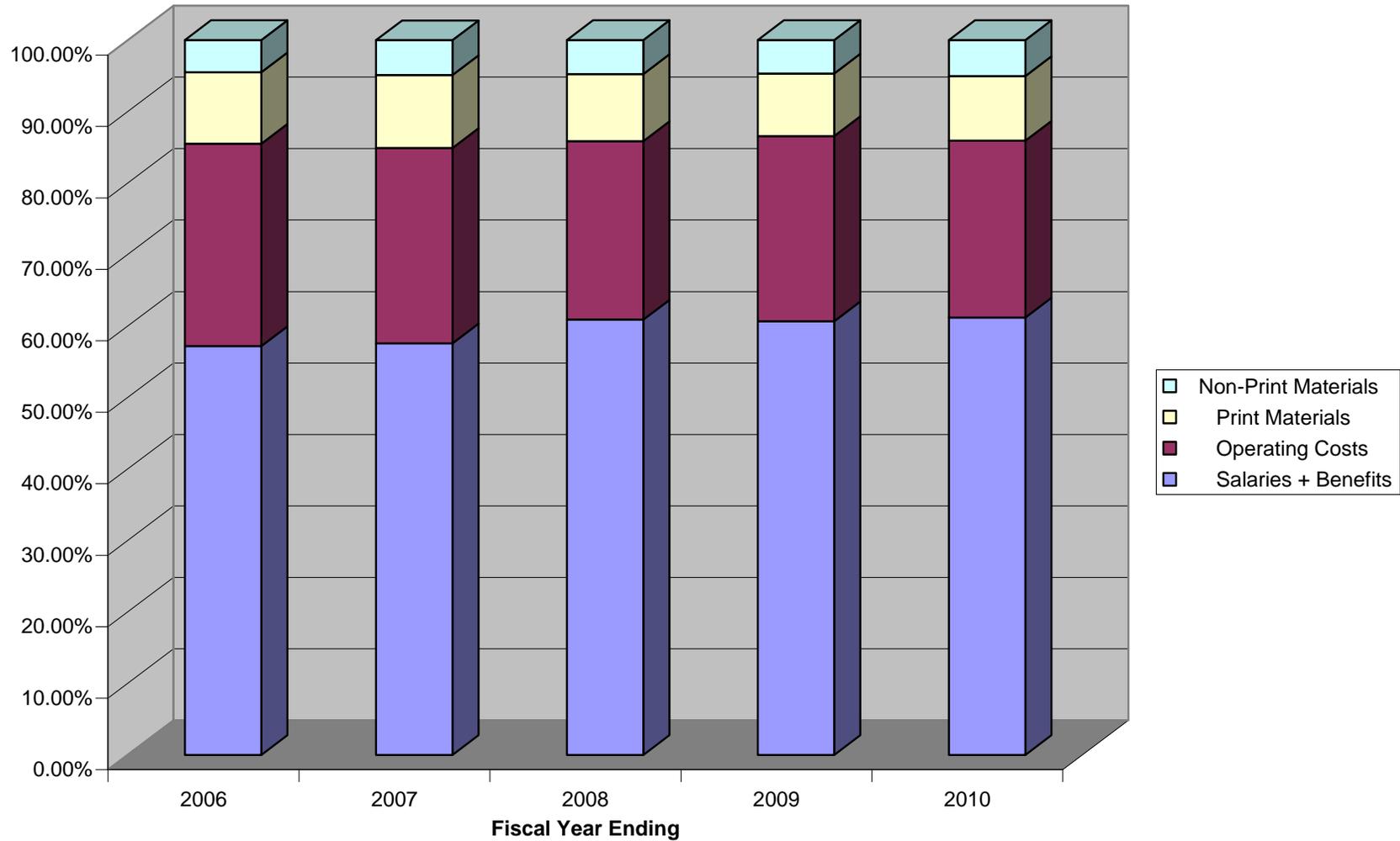


Total material circulated per person has steadily grown. Collection size has seen a similar increase. Traditional measures of library use are all on the upswing: attendance, circulation, reference requests, interlibrary loan activity, and the number of library card holders.



The proportion of library funds used to pay for salaries and benefits rises every year. In the last five years it has increased from fifty-seven to over sixty-one percent of all expenditures. Material costs, the top two boxes in this graph, account for fourteen percent of expenditures.

Percentage of Total Expenditures

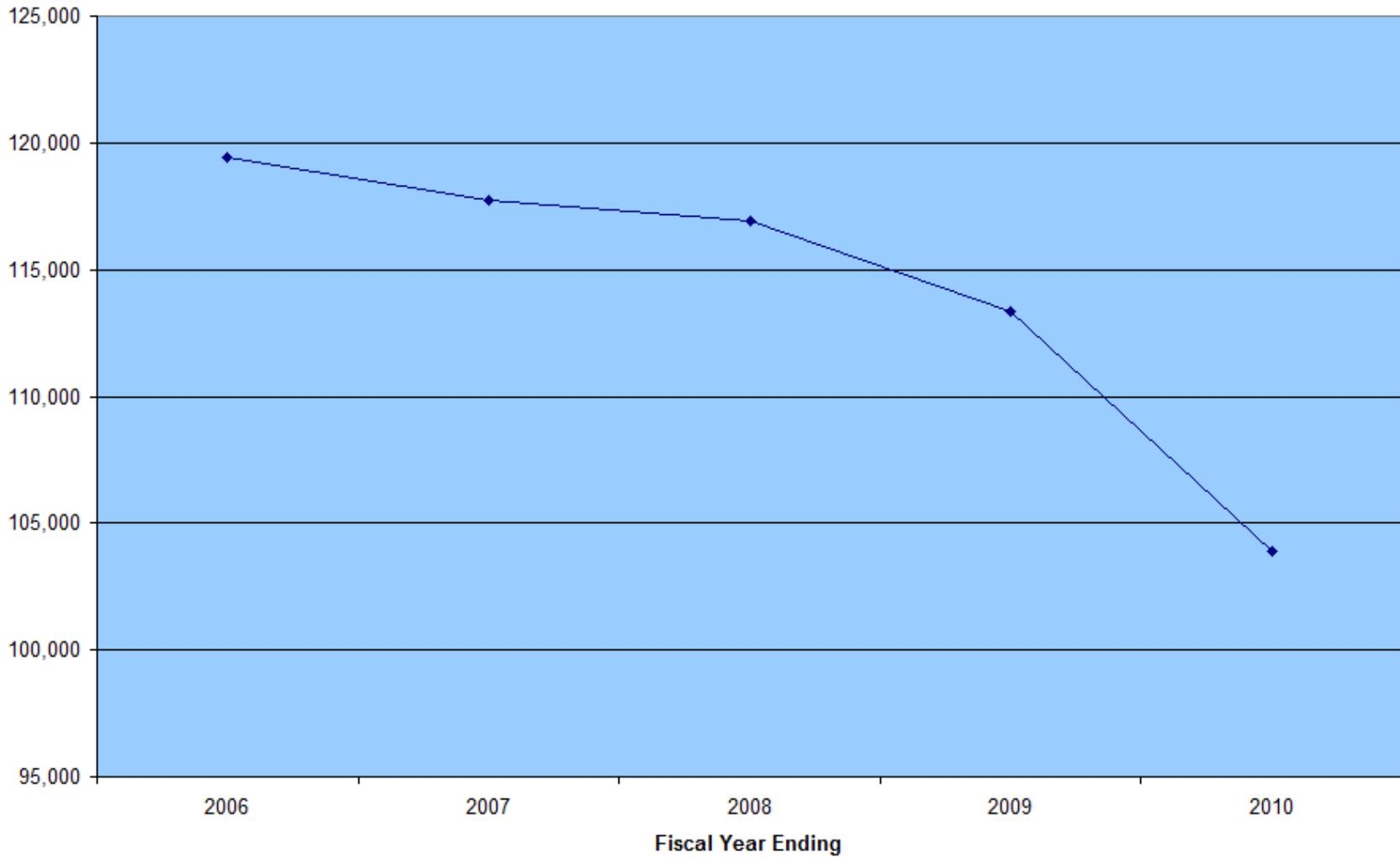


The most recent library statistics, found in Public Libraries Survey, Fiscal Year 2008 (IMLS, June 2010), clearly indicate that Kentucky is the national leader in providing bookmobile service. Those states with more than twenty bookmobiles are listed here, in descending order:

Kentucky – 83
Ohio – 48
California – 42
North Carolina – 32
South Carolina – 31
Indiana – 30
Virginia – 29
Pennsylvania – 27
Louisiana – 24
Florida – 23
Illinois – 21

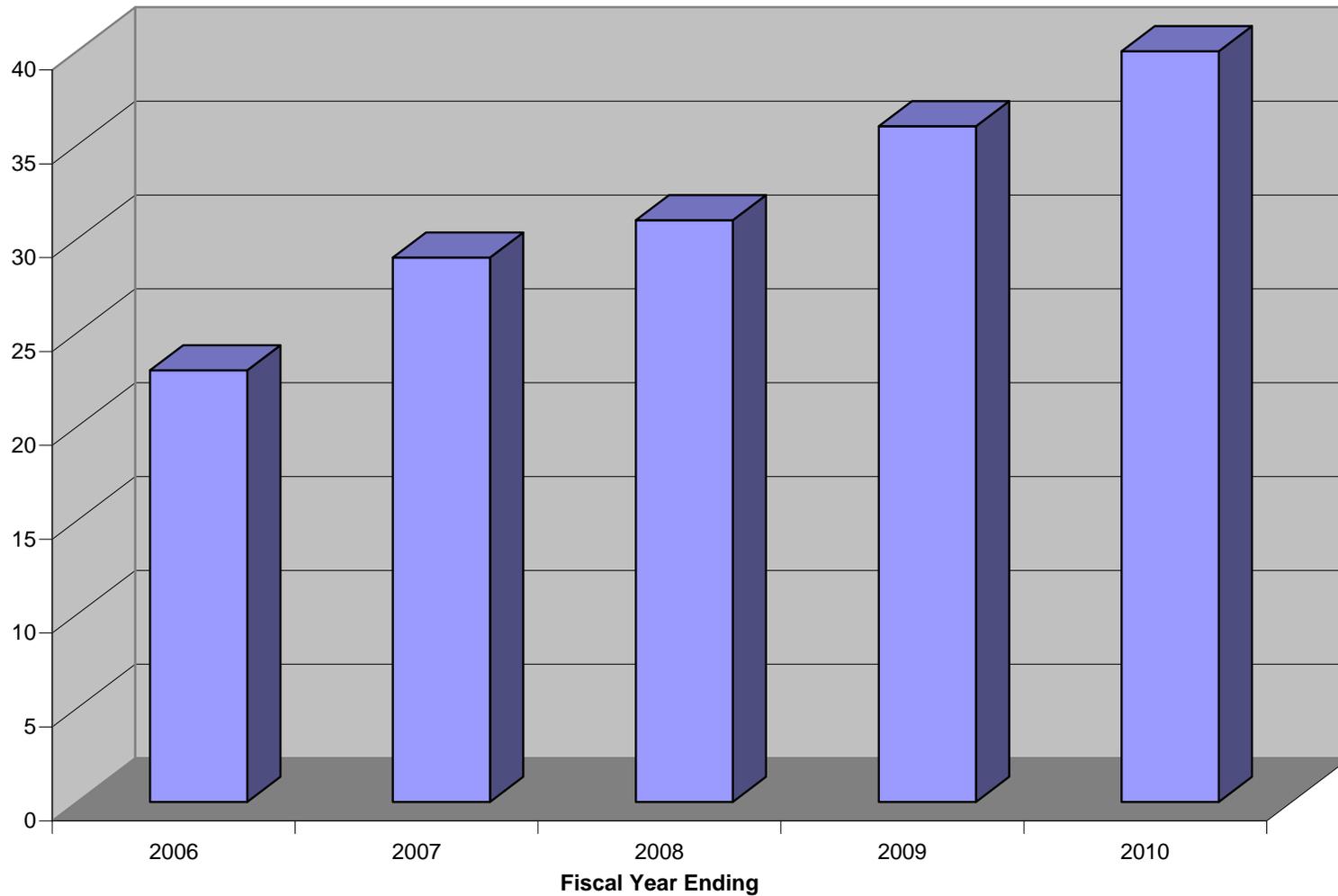
Nearly two million items are circulated in Kentucky bookmobiles. They remain an important means of providing library services throughout the state. However, the number of bookmobiles in active use declines every year. As a result, the service hours reported for bookmobiles has been decreasing, as seen in the chart on the next page.

Bookmobile Hours Per Year



The national public library survey does not measure outreach vehicles. Many of the same services offered by bookmobiles are available in these smaller vehicles. This graph details the rise in outreach vehicle service in Kentucky over the last five years.

Number of Outreach Vehicles



From the January 2011 issue of Smart Libraries Newsletter (<http://www.alatechsource.org/taxonomy/term/105/january-2011>) – “Libraries have gone through incredible changes over the past few years, and it seems like the cycles of change will turn even faster in the future. Of course, the kinds of change depend on the type of library. The transformation of collections from print to electronic media, increasing involvement with digitization of local library materials and the development of new services to accommodate new generations of library users represent some of the many classes of change that impact libraries today.”

This trend is evident from data collected in Kentucky public libraries’ annual reports. Wireless Access (Wi-Fi) is currently provided for public library patrons in 111 counties. Nearly 150,000 E-books were downloaded from web sites in fiscal year 2009-2010. Computers in the library intended for public use have increased by 48.8% over the last five years as shown on the following graph:

