32.58% of New Mexico residents do not have access to the Internet, according to the *Networked Nation* report.

Public libraries continue to fill this gap by providing 1,405 public access computers used 1,863,512 times in 2008, an increase of 42% since 2004.

### Circulation

- New Mexicans checked out 9,817,032 items from their libraries in 2008 to **1,188,285 registered borrowers**
- This comes to 4.95 items per capita and 8.26 items per registered borrower

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Public Library Facts

- Public libraries provided 11,525 children’s programs attended by 292,951 people in 2008
- In 2008, a total of 363,145 New Mexicans attended 15,290 programs and events offered by their public libraries
- 61.9% of public libraries have web pages
- In 2008, 4,577,785 books, 225,930 audio materials, 195,695 videos and 515 electronic databases were available at New Mexico public libraries
- 46% of libraries offered programming geared specifically toward teens and 16.5% have Teen Advisory Groups

Since 2001, public libraries have provided more services to more patrons. Staffing and funding have not kept pace with service demands.

Library Visits

In 2008, New Mexicans visited their public libraries 7,483,515 times or 3.77 times per capita. That’s an 8% increase over 2006!

Internet Speed

While Internet speed continues to improve in public libraries, 57% of public library connections do not meet the minimum speed of a T1 connection (1.5 megabits per second).