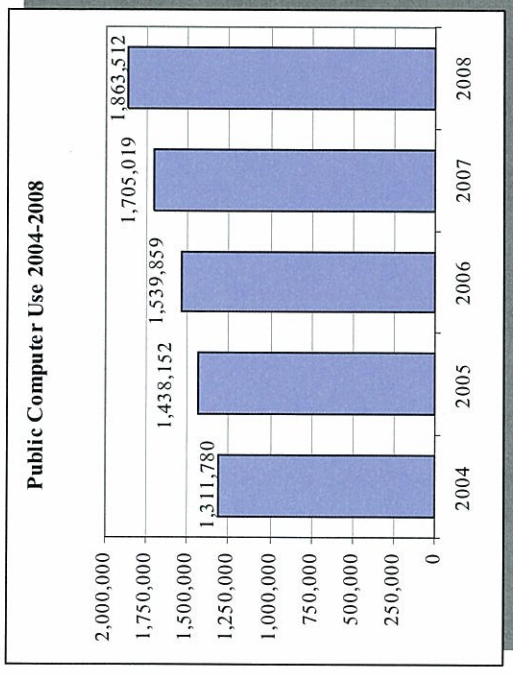


## Connecting New Mexico

- 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**



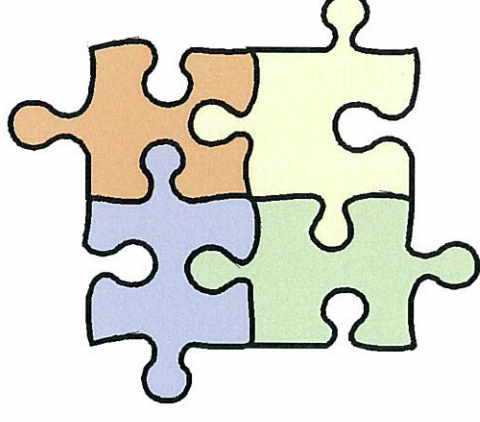
## Circulation

- 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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# New Mexico Public Libraries

## 2008 Year In Review

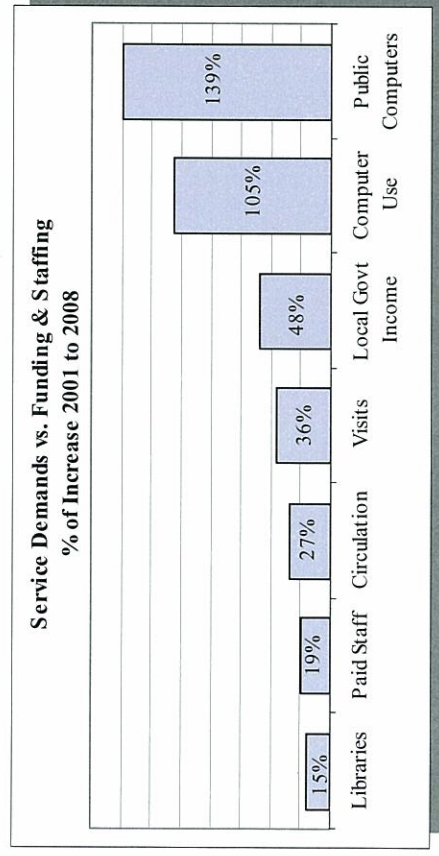


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## Public Library Facts

- 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.% 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

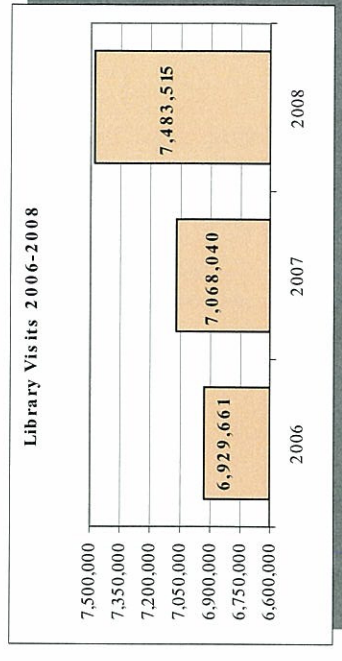
**Since 2001, public libraries have provided more services to more patrons. Staffing and funding have not kept pace with service demands.**



Sources: 2007/2008 NM Public Libraries Annual Report, "Networked Nation: Broadband in America 2007" by U.S. Dept. of Commerce, National Telecommunications & Information Administration

## 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).

