

Fast Facts

Interlibrary Loan Traffic

July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Number of libraries were sent the questionnaire.....3,972*

Number of libraries that returned the questionnaire.....1,785*

Percent of libraries which request materials through interlibrary loan...67.6%
(N=2,328*)

Percent of libraries which lend materials through interlibrary loan.....57.4%
(N=2,328*)

Number of interlibrary loan items requested by the libraries.....3,252,638

Number of interlibrary loan items actually received.....3,123,960 (96.0%)

Percent In State.....55.1%

Percent Out of State.....2.9%

Can't Separate.....42.0%

Percent Returnables.....61.7%

Percent Non-returnables.....5.5%

Can't Separate.....32.8%

Number of interlibrary loan items requested from the libraries.....3,915,996

Number of interlibrary loan items actually supplied.....3,466,932 (88.5%)

Percent In State.....55.5%

Percent Out of State.....3.7%

Can't Separate.....40.8%

Percent Returnables.....54.8%

Percent Non-returnables.....6.9%

Can't Separate.....38.3%

Average proportion of interlibrary loans by method of request:

	Average	Average
Method of Request	As A Borrower	As A Lender
Ariel	1.1%	1.7%
E-Mail	4.8%	4.5%
Fax Machine	18.2%	24.3%
ILDS	14.9%	12.7%
ILLINET Online (IO)	10.0%	4.5%
LLSAP	20.0%	21.7%
Library System Office	7.3%	5.4%
OCLC ILL Subsystem	10.6%	11.6%
Other	4.2%	4.2%
Other Groups	1.5%	1.5%
Telephone	4.9%	4.7%
U.S. Mail	2.5%	3.2%
Total	100%	100%
N	812	608

*This number represents individual school, public, and special libraries in addition to school districts. Of the libraries surveyed 1,785 respondents returned the questionnaire for 2,328 libraries. Many of the libraries that returned the Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey responded for more than one library. Therefore, in order to get an accurate base number, we are counting each individual library as one respondent.