

# Public Library Return on Investment (ROI) Resources

## Wisconsin resources

- Wisconsin 2008 study: [The Economic Contribution of Wisconsin Public Libraries to the Economy of Wisconsin](#)
- [EveryLibrary Library Funding map](#): A “prototype” library funding and ROI map based on 2022 IMLS data.
- [Library Use & ROI Value Calculator](#) from South Central Library System (SCLS): Developed for SCLS member libraries, adapted from the [Maine State Library](#).
  - A similar calculator without local tax data is [on the ALA website](#).
  - [Another example from Syracuse University](#) includes an estimate of the cost of library workers’ labor in addition to the retail value of library materials and services, as explained in this [2022 American Libraries article](#) by Rachel Ivy Clarke.

## Other information on ROI Calculations

- [Kentucky Public Libraries: Return on Investment](#) – Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), February 2026
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA): [Library Return on Investment – Review of Evidence from the Last 10 Years](#)
- Americans for Libraries Council, 2008: [Worth Their Weight: An Assessment of the Evolving Field of Library Valuation](#)
- Cole, N., & Stenström, C. (2021). The Value of California’s Public Libraries. *Public Library Quarterly*, 40(6), 481–503. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01616846.2020.1816054>
  - Available through BadgerLink in the [Library & Information Science Source](#).