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**90.7% of Rhode Island's public libraries help people access and use employment resources, including helping with job searches, creating resumes and submitting employment applications.**

**95.0%**

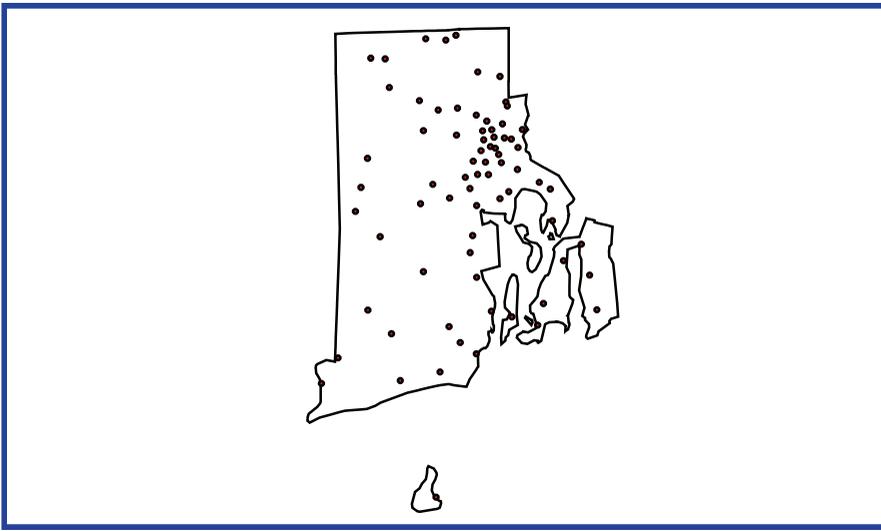
**95.0% of Rhode Island's public libraries offer IT and other technical training, helping people gain essential technology skills for the 21st Century workforce.**

**90.2%**

**90.2% of Rhode Island's public libraries act as the bridge between government and its services, offering free access and assistance to help people complete online government forms.**

**54.5%**

**54.5% of Rhode Island's public libraries are often the only free source of Internet access in their communities, providing a vital link to technology and information.**



**Public libraries are essential to communities, providing a vital link to the Internet, technology, and information. With their E-government, employment, and educational services and resources, public libraries are helping people access the information they need today — while building the next generation workforce.**

**There are 72 public libraries in Rhode Island.**

**People visited Rhode Island's public libraries 6,814,000 times.**

**1,529,000 people used the public access Internet at Rhode Island's public libraries.**

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