LIBRARIES AND SKILLS in Latvia

LIBRARIES IN LATVIA

- There are **5.8 MILLION LIBRARY VISITS** in Latvia per year
- There are **416,000 REGISTERED USERS** in public libraries
- There are **11 MILLION BOOK LOANS** in Latvia each year
- **2.2 MILLION visits to the library website**
- **789 LIBRARIES IN LATVIA**
- **ALL of them offer internet access**

SKILLS IN LATVIA

- Latvia ranks **17** on the EU's Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI)
- **6.7%** of Latvian adults participate in life-long learning activities
- **65%** of Latvian employers encounter difficulties in finding employees with the right skills

HOW GOOD ARE THE LATVIANS ONLINE?

Information drawn from: The EU Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2016; European Commission Education and Training Monitor 2019; OECD Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC); 2019 European Parliament election results; European Commission Skills data and the Latvian Librarians Association (Latvijas Bibliotekāru biedrība).

Did You Know?

34% of eligible voters in Latvia voted in the 2019 European Parliament elections