



# Vermont Public Library Statistics 2015-2024

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# Explanation

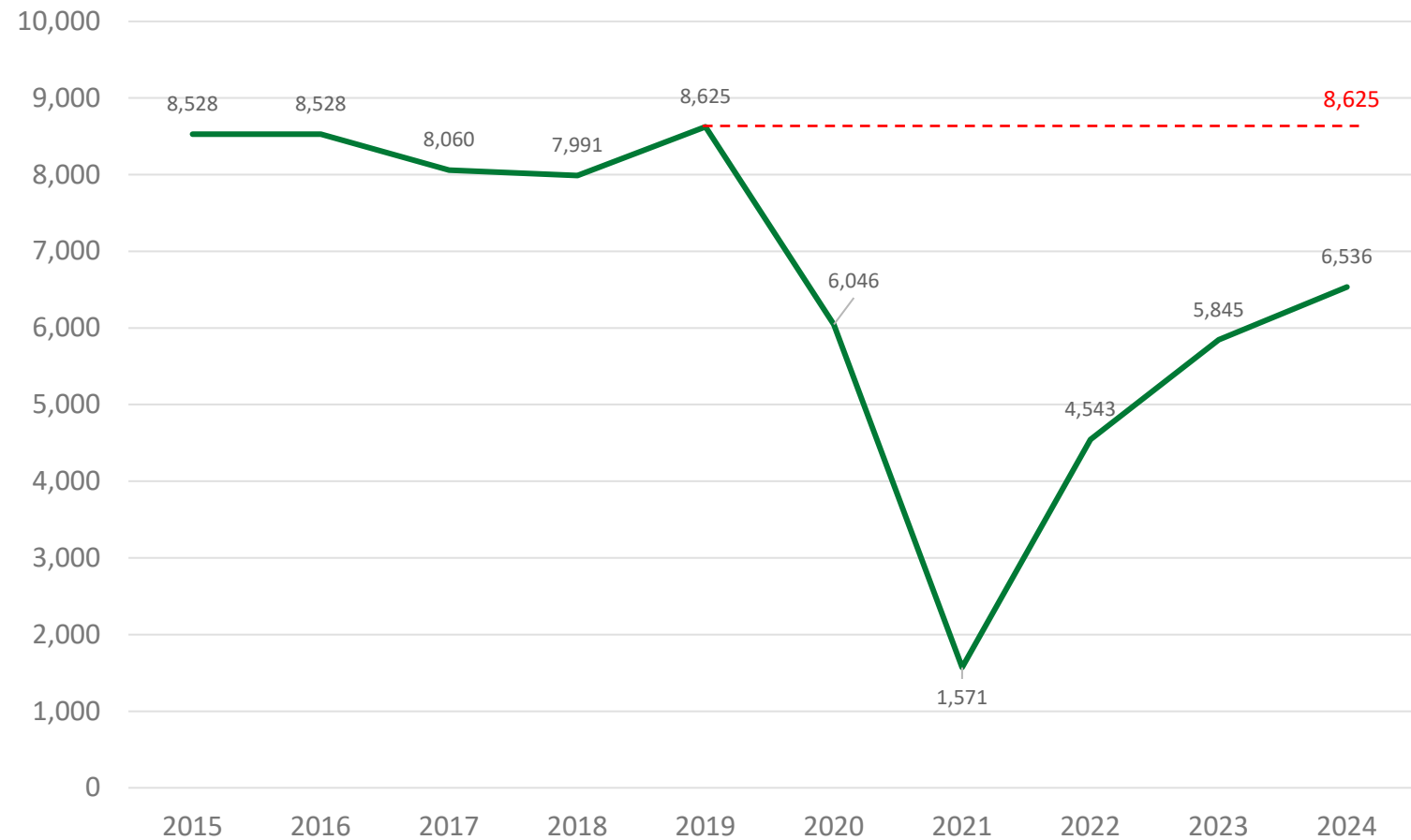
Statistics are drawn from the 2015 through 2024 Public Library Annual Report, which is administered by the state libraries and overseen by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The most recent data set is from this national survey from 2024.

Every year, the Department requests that each public library in Vermont complete a report.

All statistics presented in this longitudinal overview of 2015-2024 are median figures (based on the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile number for each question). The Department prefers medians to averages, which tend to be skewed by the State's small number of large libraries.

[Link to Annual Report Data](#)

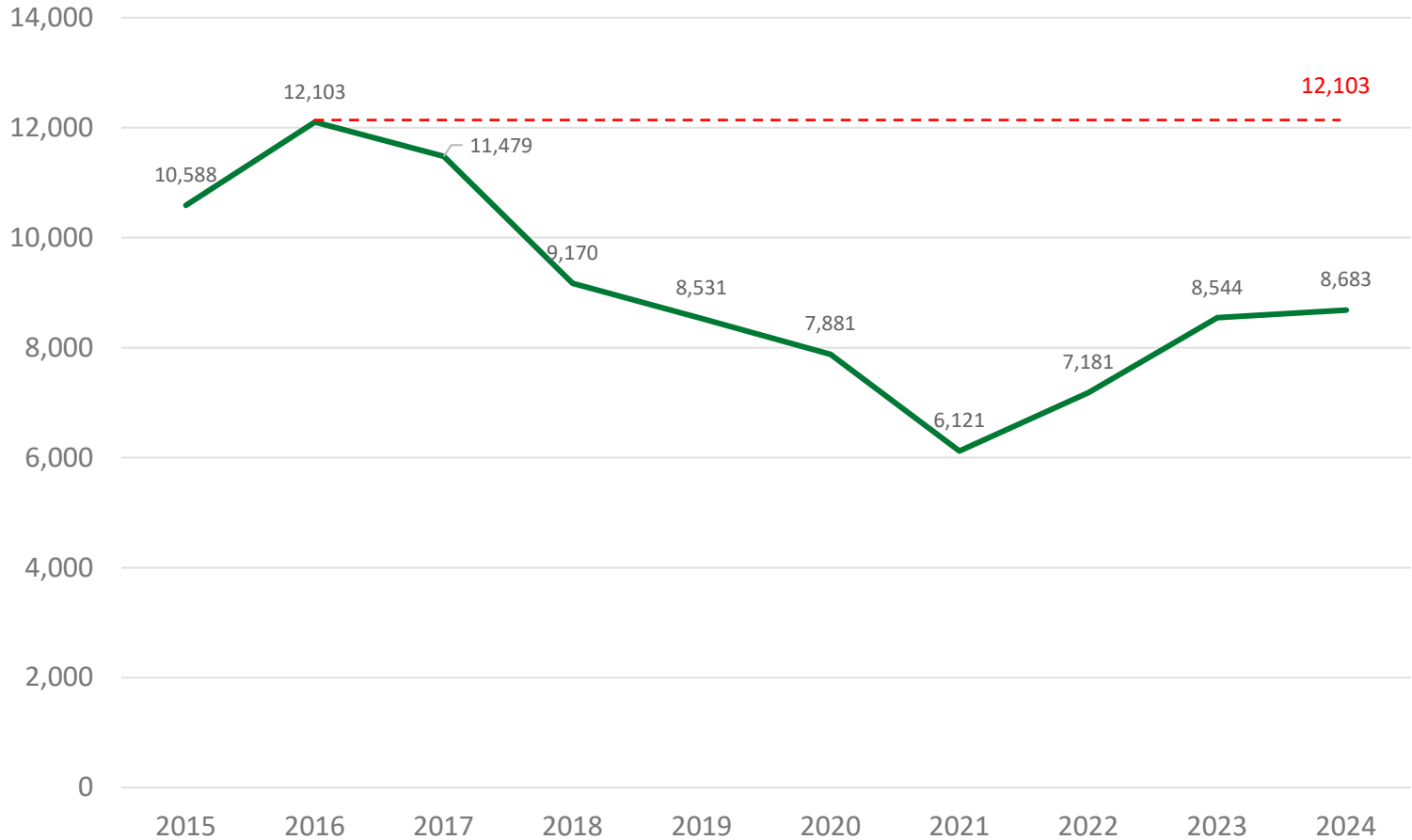
# Physical Visits to a Public Library (median)



Includes all in-person visits to libraries.

Numbers have continued to rebound after the COVID public health emergency

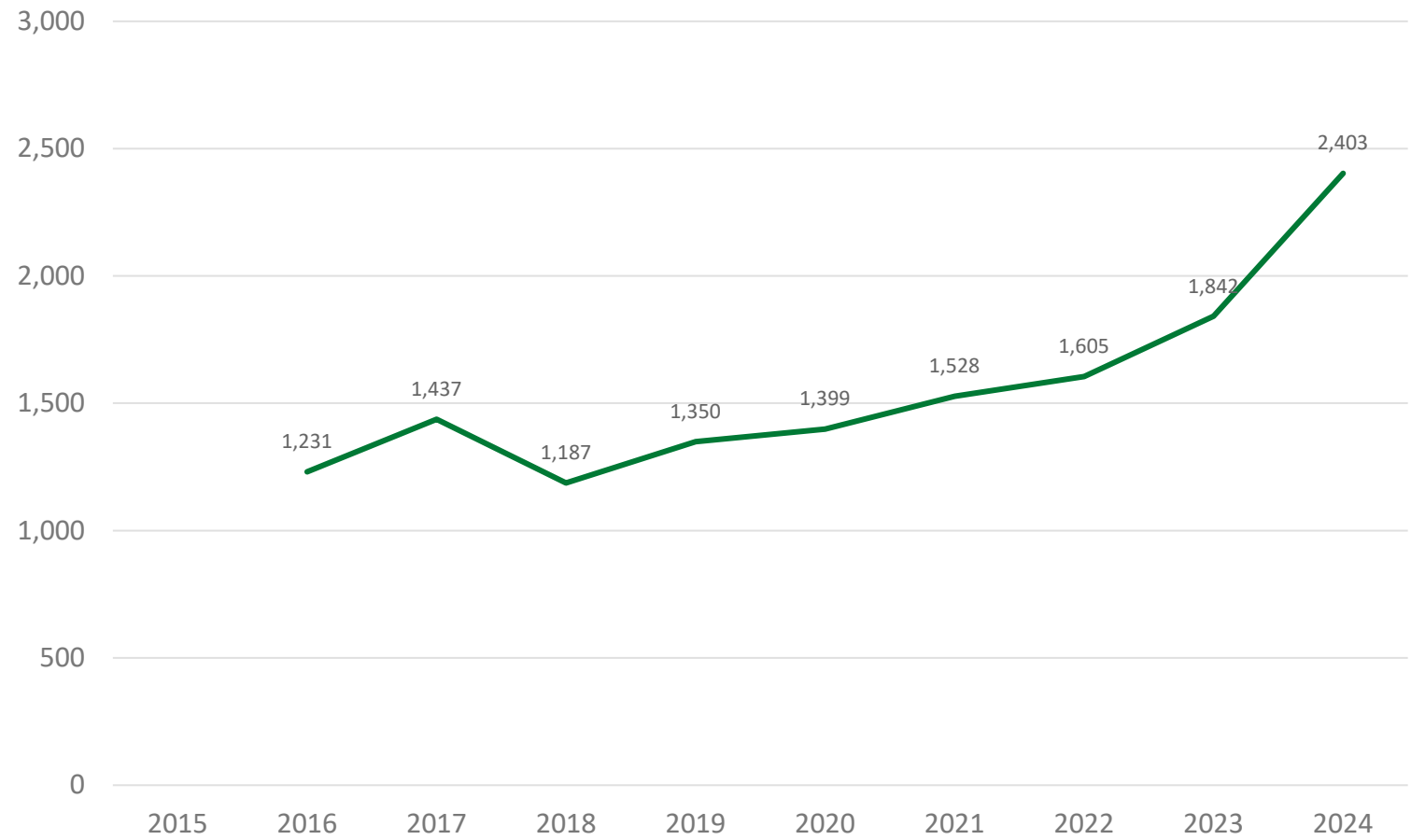
# Circulation of Physical Materials (median)



Includes all  
checkouts and  
renewals.

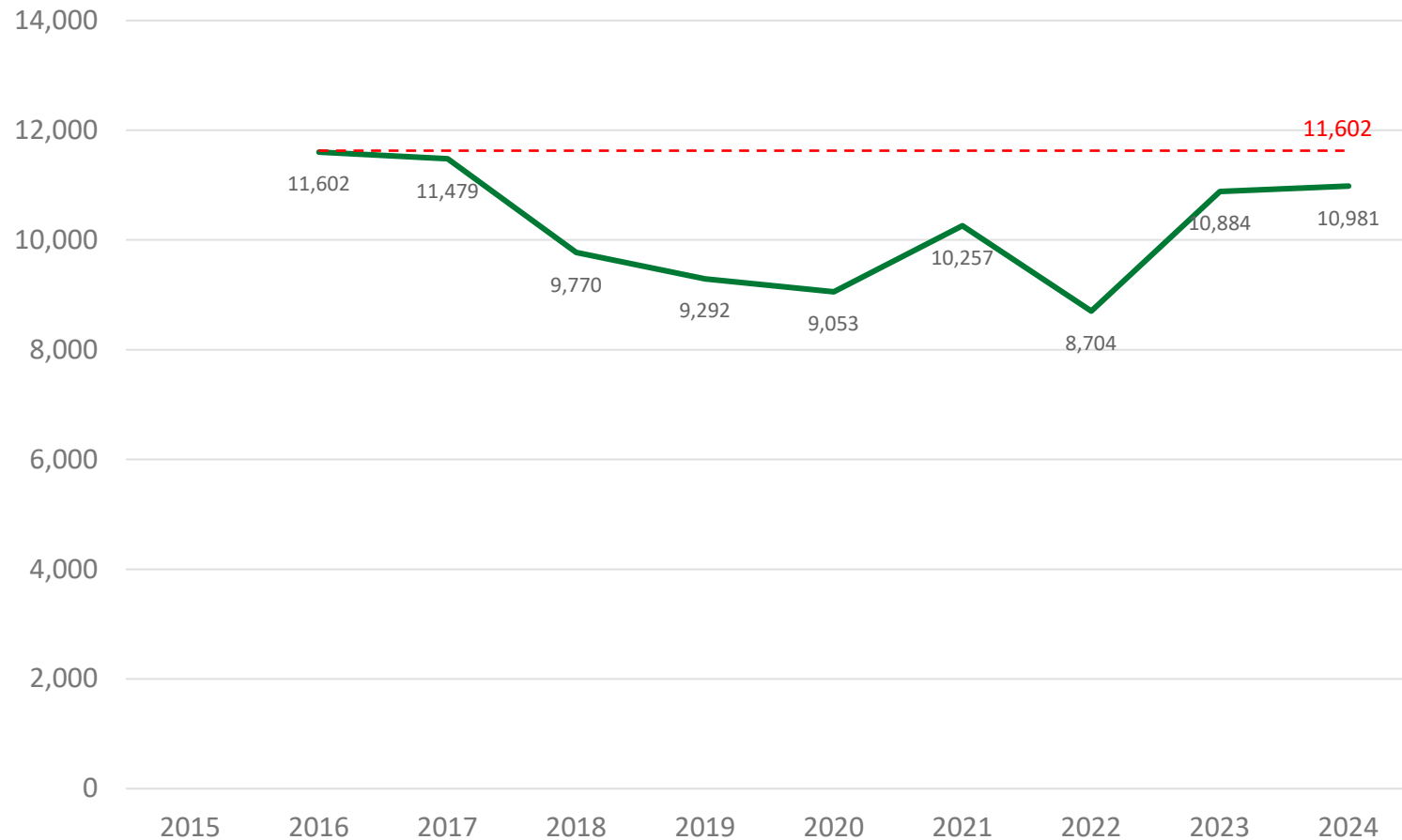
Physical circulation  
has begun  
rebounding to pre-  
pandemic levels.

# Circulation of Electronic Materials (median)



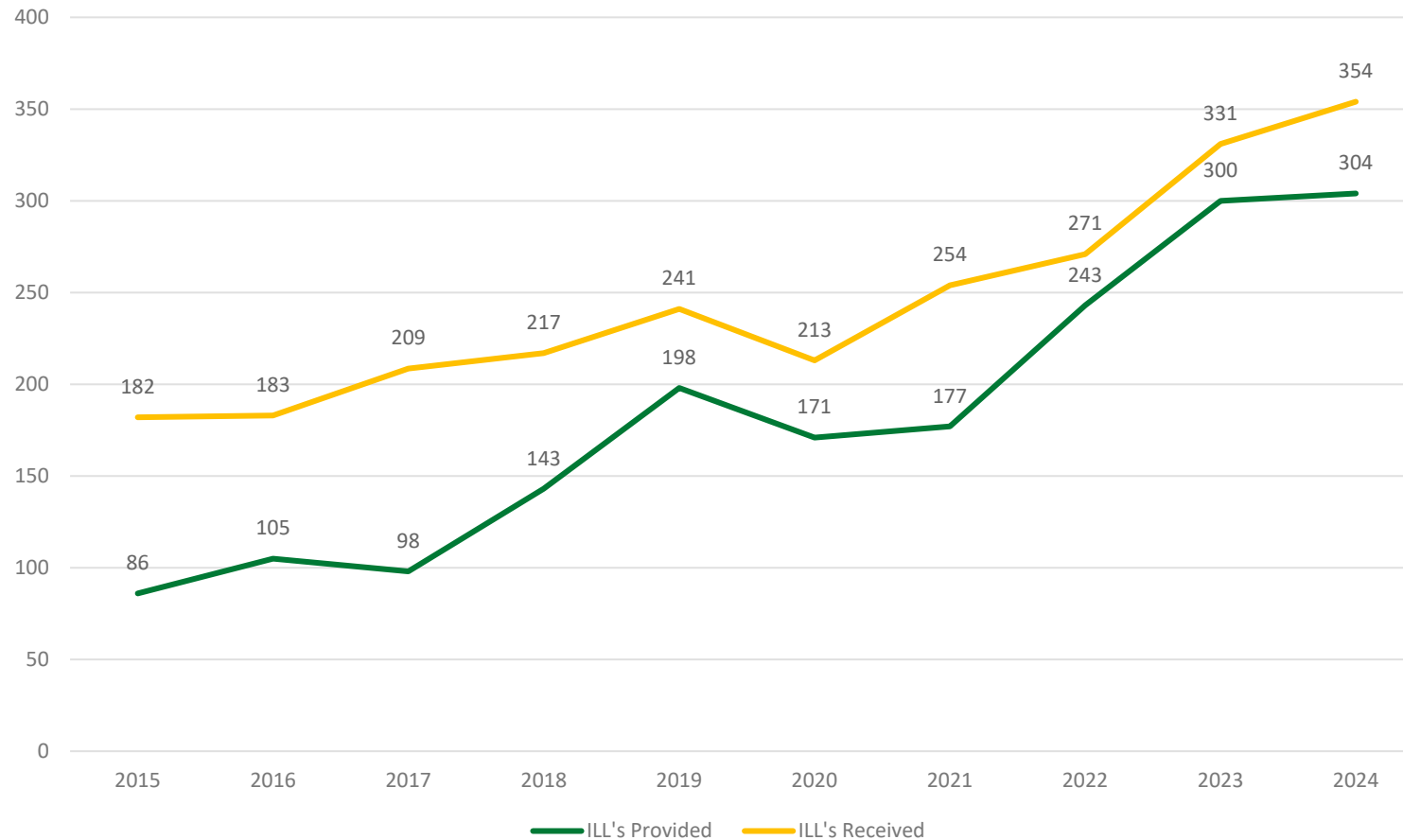
Circulation of electronic materials has increased almost every year. In 2024 most small libraries in the State provide electronic materials including eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming video, and magazines.

## Physical + Electronic Circulation (median)



Physical and electronic circulation combined is approaching pre-pandemic levels.

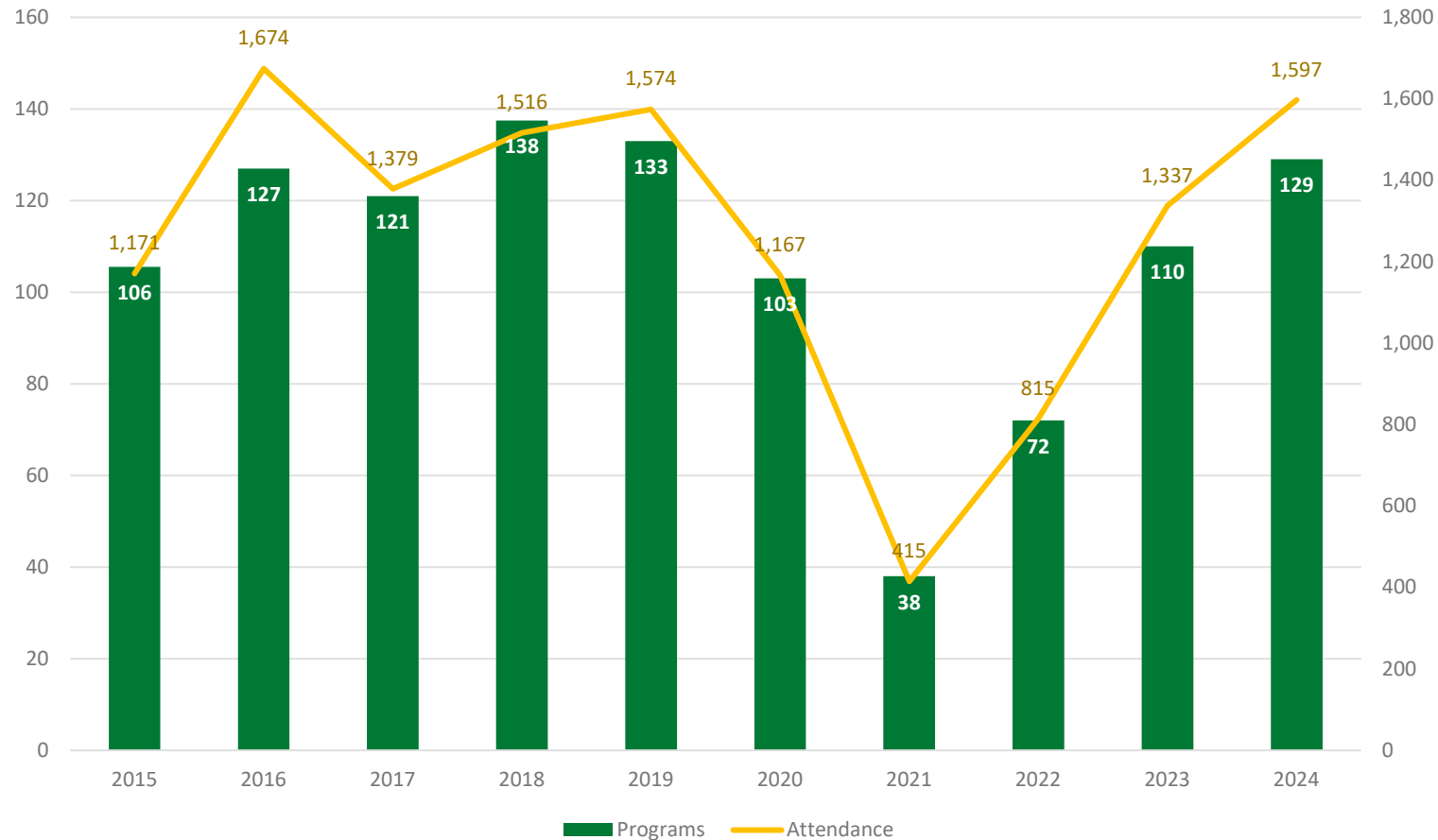
# Interlibrary Loan (median)



Interlibrary loan usage continues to increase nearly every year, likely due to the introduction of a Statewide courier and modern Statewide ILL platform.

Interlibrary loan items “provided to” other libraries are shown in green, and “received from” other libraries are shown in yellow..

# Programs & Program Attendance (median)

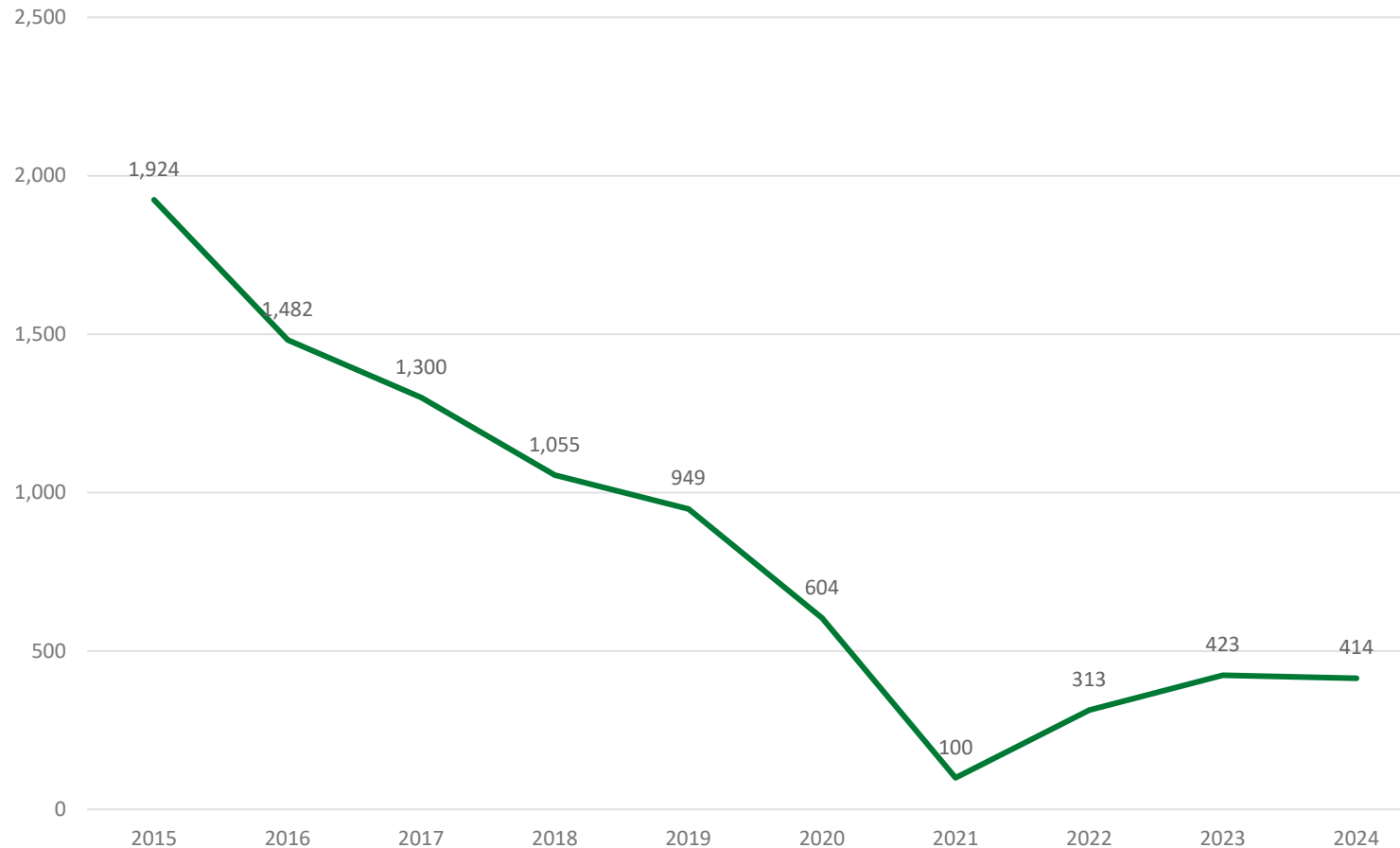


The number of public library programs and attendance at those programs have nearly rebounded to pre-pandemic highs.

This metric includes library programs for all ages including storytimes, STEAM programs, book clubs, knitting groups, mahjong, yoga, and more.

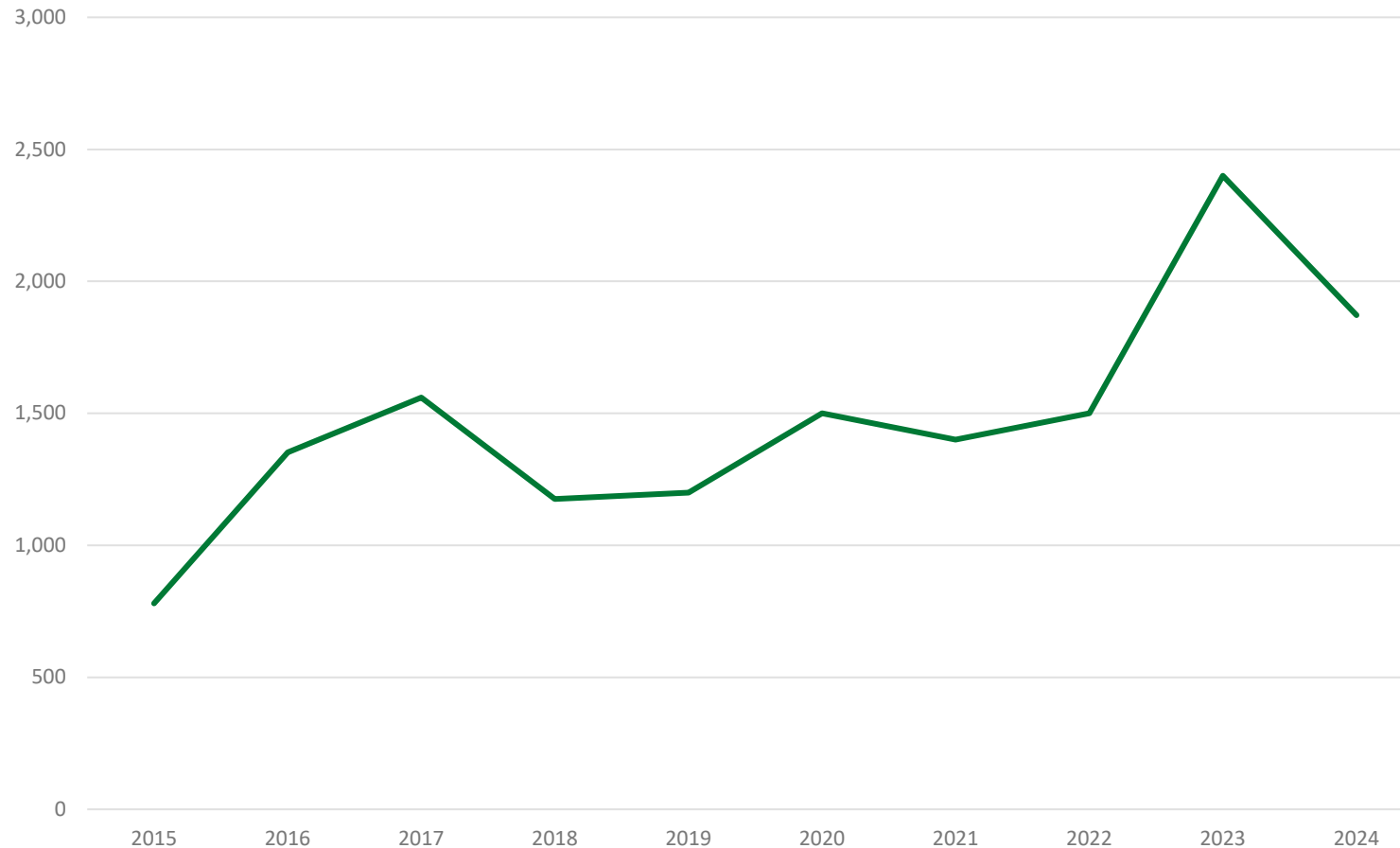


## Public Computer Sessions (median)



Public computer usage has rebounded slightly post-pandemic however use of library-owned public computers has decreased as personal devices (cell phones, tablets, and laptops) and high-speed internet access have become more available and affordable in Vermont.

## WiFi Sessions (median)



Almost all public libraries in Vermont now offer free WiFi internet access.

WiFi usage in public libraries is trending upward. (WiFi stats can vary greatly dependent on network technology and tracking systems, so there is likely some noise in these figures.)