

What Do These Terms Mean?

Facilities-based provider

A mobile wireless broadband provider is considered “facilities-based” if it provides service to a mobile wireless broadband subscriber using the provider’s own facilities and spectrum for which it holds a license, manages, or for which it has obtained the right to use via a spectrum leasing arrangement. Note that the facilities-based provider may—or may not—*sell* the Internet access service that is delivered over that broadband connection *directly* to the end user.

Mobile wireless broadband service

Mobile wireless broadband service allows end users to receive information from and/or send information to the Internet from a mobile device and using a mobile network at information transfer rates **exceeding 200 kbps in at least one direction**.

End user

A broadband “end user” is a residential, business, institutional, or government entity that uses broadband services for its own purposes and does not resell such services to other entities. For the purposes of this form, an Internet Service Provider (ISP) is not an end user of a broadband connection.

Census Tract

Census tracts are “small, relatively permanent statistical subdivisions of a county or equivalent entity” with a target population of 4,000 and a range of between 1,200 and 8,000 people.¹ Because population is targeted, the area of census tracts varies widely. While there are 236 counties that contain a single tract, Los Angeles County, CA is divided into over 2,300 tracts. For more information see, [How Should I Format My Mobile Broadband Service Availability Data?](#) and [More About Census Tracts](#).

Advertised and available

Filers should indicate that service is advertised and available in a census tract if the provider is advertising and actively making mobile broadband service available to actual and potential subscribers anywhere in the tract. If a provider offers network coverage in a tract only to provide service for its customers roaming or traveling to the tract from another location, then the provider should not indicate that service is advertised and available in the tract. For more information please see, [How Should I Format My Mobile Broadband Service Availability Data?](#)

¹ See 2010 Census Summary File 1 Urban/Rural Update Technical Documentation prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 at A-12, <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/sf1.pdf>.