



CRITICAL NEED COUNTIES IN BROADBAND & HEALTH – PRIORITY 2017[†]

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National		90.4%	60-80%	9.9%	27.8%	48.7/1000	\$55,775			
Alabama	Chilton County	31	↑	40-60%	13	36	52	\$42,767	44,749	PCPS, 65+, V
Alabama	Escambia County	5	↓	40-60%	18	38	105	\$36,840	36,395	PP, AI, 65+, V
Alabama	Marion County	21	↑	40-60%	19	36	89	\$34,977	28,868	PCPS, 65+, V
Alabama	Pike County	0	↓	40-60%	14	38	58	\$34,442	32,806	PP, AI, 65+, V
Arkansas	Hot Spring County	49	↓	40-60%	12	35	87	\$39,851	33,472	PCPS, 65+, V
Arkansas	St. Francis County	34	↓	20-40%	16	43	66	\$31,625	26,300	PP
Arizona	Apache County	0	↔	40-60%	14	35	84	\$31,072	66,213	PP, AI
Florida	DeSoto County	\$43	↑	60-80%	14	36	70	\$34,380	35,002	65+
Florida	Levy County	15	↑	40-60%	14	32	61	\$36,005	41,834	PCPS, 65+, V
Florida	Washington County	27	↓	40-60%	13	39	66	\$36,328	26,547	PCPS, AI, 65+, V
Georgia	Bulloch County	4	↓	60-80%	12	34	66	\$36,544	75,538	PP
Georgia	Haralson County	35	↓	40-60%	11	27	45	\$41,167	28,643	65+, V
Georgia	Tattnall County	37	↓	40-60%	10	33	73	\$37,163	25,048	PCPS, V, PP
Georgia	Toombs County	2	↓	40-60%	14	32	76	\$34,953	26,580	PP, 65+
Illinois	Iroquois County	50	↑	60-80%	12	34	41	\$49,836	26,342	65+, V
Illinois	Macoupin County	35	↑	60-80%	11	31	59	\$50,460	43,355	PCPS, 65+, V
Indiana	Daviess County	48	↑	40-60%	13	38	75	\$47,019	31,256	65+
Indiana	LaGrange County	24	↑	40-60%	11	34	45	\$56,662	38,267	PCPS
Indiana	Posey County	43	↑	40-60%	13	29	92	\$58,298	24,273	65+, V
Indiana	Ripley County	43	↓	40-60%	14	33	56	\$51,553	28,287	PCPS, 65+, V
Indiana	Washington County	47	↑	60-80%	11	31	74	\$43,498	28,029	65+, V
Kentucky	Harlan County	32	↓	40-60%	17	37	191	\$27,425	27,411	PP, 65+
Kentucky	Nelson County	18	↑	20-40%	11	32	42	\$51,843	46,500	V
Louisiana	Allen Parish	15	↑	40-60%	11	34	102	\$42,120	25,301	AI, V
Louisiana	Avoyelles Parish	4	↑	40-60%	14	37	98	\$34,803	41,642	PP, AI, 65+, V
Louisiana	Beauregard Parish	34	↑	40-60%	13	36	106	\$48,206	35,015	65+, V
Louisiana	Evangeline Parish	27	↑	40-60%	12	42	116	\$33,407	32,014	PP
Louisiana	Jefferson Davis Parish	44	↓	60-80%	13	36	103	\$43,677	30,555	65+
Louisiana	Washington Parish	4	↑	40-60%	15	37	74	\$33,453	47,455	PP, 65+, V
Michigan	Barry County	32	↔	60-80%	10	31	53	\$57,665	59,966	65+, V
Michigan	Ionia County	50	↔	40-60%	10	38	55	\$51,013	64,378	—
Michigan	Newaygo County	38	↓	40-60%	11	34	38	\$45,086	47,239	65+, V
Michigan	Oceana County	38	↓	60-80%	13	35	54	\$43,211	24,897	AI, 65+, V
Michigan	Sanilac County	25	↓	60-80%	10	31	72	\$41,861	40,615	65+
Minnesota	Pine County	48	↔	40-60%	11	36	46	\$46,332	29,341	PCPS, AI, 65+, V
Mississippi	Copiah County	7	↔	40-60%	15	37	71	\$34,723	28,972	PP, 65+
Mississippi	Lincoln County	43	↓	40-60%	13	39	51	\$40,627	36,209	65+
Mississippi	Marion County	0	↔	20-40%	14	34	93	\$34,742	27,818	PP, 65+
Mississippi	Pontotoc County	43	↔	20-40%	14	31	62	\$39,977	30,633	PCPS
Mississippi	Scott County	8	↑	40-60%	15	34	90	\$34,469	27,846	PCPS, PP
Mississippi	Simpson County	7	↓	40-60%	14	38	95	\$37,742	26,782	65+, V, PP
Mississippi	Tate County	43	↑	40-60%	17	37	84	\$43,376	30,877	PCPS, 65+, V
Missouri	Barry County	45	↓	40-60%	11	32	55	\$37,467	34,216	AI, 65+, V
Missouri	Lafayette County	24	↑	60-80%	12	29	70	\$50,325	32,164	65+, V
Missouri	Polk County	41	↓	40-60%	11	29	41	\$41,326	32,095	AI, 65+, V
Missouri	Texas County	10	↑	60-80%	13	33	67	\$34,935	25,441	PP, 65+, V
Missouri	Washington County	24	↑	40-60%	14	34	114	\$37,986	25,412	PP, 65+, V

***More Data Key**

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[†]The *Priority 2017* list is organized alphabetically by state, and within a state, by county. The list focuses on counties with population estimates of 25,000 or higher and reflects annual broadband data for fixed residential connections as of December 2015. Visit www.fcc.gov/health for methodology and for the *Rural 2017* list which looks at broadband health priorities across rural U.S. counties.



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Nevada	Nye County	0	↔	60-80%	13	32	56	\$43,819	45,847	AI, 65+, V
New Mexico	Cibola County	23	↑	40-60%	13	31	56	\$35,580	26,186	PP, AI, 65+, V
New Mexico	McKinley County	32	↑	40-60%	14	35	87	\$29,040	69,050	PP, AI
North Carolina	Anson County	48	↓	40-60%	15	35	51	\$35,307	25,413	65+
North Carolina	Montgomery County	47	↑	40-60%	13	31	58	\$39,096	26,373	65+, V
North Carolina	Rutherford County	5	↑	40-60%	14	29	54	\$36,998	66,627	65+, V
North Carolina	Sampson County	39	↑	40-60%	14	37	69	\$40,660	62,793	AI, 65+
Ohio	Gallia County	32	↓	40-60%	15	32	64	\$38,738	30,320	65+, V
Ohio	Holmes County	31	↓	40-60%	10	31	50	\$53,540	42,344	PCPS
Oklahoma	Caddo County	17	↔	40-60%	13	37	56	\$43,548	24,977	PCPS, PP, AI, 65+, V
Oklahoma	Garvin County	47	↑	40-60%	13	34	81	\$46,139	25,783	AI, 65+, V
Oklahoma	Le Flore County	35	↓	40-60%	14	39	104	\$38,261	49,155	AI, 65+, V
Oklahoma	Lincoln County	36	↓	40-60%	14	39	55	\$46,976	33,088	AI, 65+, V
Oklahoma	Mayer County	26	↑	40-60%	14	35	71	\$46,373	41,304	AI, 65+, V
Oklahoma	McCurtain County	3	↔	40-60%	14	35	100	\$31,723	30,538	PP, AI, 65+, V
Oklahoma	Osage County	29	↓	40-60%	12	35	52	\$46,093	45,024	PCPS, AI, 65+, V
Oklahoma	Seminole County	45	↑	40-60%	14	36	72	\$39,102	24,064	AI, 65+, V
Oklahoma	Sequoyah County	27	↓	20-40%	14	33	69	\$36,718	42,020	AI, 65+, V
South Carolina	Chesterfield County	34	↓	40-60%	15	35	69	\$36,520	44,152	65+, V
South Carolina	Edgefield County	44	↔	40-60%	14	33	51	\$46,430	26,748	PCPS, 65+, V
South Carolina	Greenwood County	11	↑	60-80%	13	34	49	\$42,240	69,896	65+
South Carolina	Marlboro County	1	↔	40-60%	15	39	62	\$32,485	27,306	PP, AI, 65+
Tennessee	Giles County	42	↓	40-60%	14	32	63	\$42,207	27,716	65+, V
Tennessee	Hardeman County	49	↑	20-40%	15	38	56	\$37,729	25,484	PCPS, 65+, V
Tennessee	Lawrence County	45	↓	40-60%	14	34	75	\$40,076	40,698	65+
Tennessee	Lincoln County	40	↓	40-60%	14	32	59	\$43,694	33,647	AI, 65+, V
Texas	Anderson County	37	↑	60-80%	12	32	64	\$43,062	57,655	V
Texas	Austin County	34	↑	40-60%	10	27	55	\$57,960	28,747	PCPS, 65+, V
Texas	Brown County	1	↓	60-80%	10	25	57	\$41,981	35,768	65+, V
Texas	Burnet County	38	↓	40-60%	10	30	57	\$53,086	44,587	65+, V
Texas	Cass County	44	↓	40-60%	14	31	56	\$39,274	28,135	65+, V
Texas	Cherokee County	40	↑	40-60%	12	30	83	\$41,355	49,457	AI, 65+
Texas	Grimes County	37	↑	40-60%	12	29	68	\$44,226	25,958	65+, V
Texas	Hopkins County	49	↑	40-60%	11	31	60	\$43,284	34,685	65+, V
Texas	Jasper County	30	↑	40-60%	13	29	62	\$46,541	33,925	65+, V
Texas	Liberty County	34	↑	40-60%	11	28	89	\$53,552	74,258	PCPS, V
Texas	Navarro County	15	↓	40-60%	10	28	56	\$41,047	45,118	65+, V
Texas	Polk County	19	↑	40-60%	11	29	54	\$42,746	42,473	AI, 65+, V
Texas	San Jacinto County	23	↑	60-80%	13	28	91	\$42,371	26,232	PCPS, 65+, V
Texas	Shelby County	7	↓	40-60%	12	31	73	\$41,519	24,534	PCPS, 65+
Texas	Van Zandt County	7	↑	40-60%	11	30	67	\$47,252	51,556	PCPS, 65+, V
Texas	Waller County	10	↑	60-80%	12	34	57	\$50,746	43,978	PCPS, AI
Virginia	Louisa County	42	↑	40-60%	11	32	42	\$57,015	36,606	PCPS, 65+, V
Virginia	Mecklenburg County	43	↔	40-60%	14	31	55	\$33,650	30,195	65+, V
West Virginia	Hampshire County	23	↓	40-60%	13	34	64	\$40,293	25,081	PCPS, 65+, V
West Virginia	Jackson County	38	↑	60-80%	13	32	75	\$44,675	29,444	65+, V
West Virginia	Logan County	46	↑	60-80%	18	41	128	\$35,615	36,876	65+
West Virginia	Mason County	46	↑	40-60%	13	36	75	\$35,717	27,325	65+, V
West Virginia	Mingo County	34	↑	60-80%	13	40	169	\$31,742	26,716	PP, 65+

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