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FCC Releases Initial Version of New National Broadband Map, Invites Challenges

On November 18, 2022, the FCC released an initial version of the new National Broadband Map at <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home>. A Fact Sheet is available at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-389324A1.pdf>.

The Map's fixed broadband (fiber, cable, copper, satellite or fixed wireless) and mobile broadband (3G, 4G and 5G) availability data reflects services available as of June 30, 2022, as submitted by broadband service providers. The Map's individual location points (e.g., home, apartment building, or small business) come from a common dataset – the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric – of all U.S. locations where mass-market fixed broadband internet access service is or can be installed.

The new Map is part of an iterative process that permits providers, third parties, and consumers to "challenge" the data in an ongoing effort to improve the accuracy of the map.

Tribal entities and others can now challenge the following Map data:

- Fixed Availability – State, local and Tribal governments, service providers, and other stakeholders can submit “bulk” challenges to the fixed broadband availability data. Individuals can submit fixed availability challenges using the Map interface.
- Locations – The public can submit challenges to the information associated with mass-market fixed broadband internet access service locations on the Map, such as updating an address, changing the building on the property that is the serviceable location, or requesting to add a missing location.
- Mobile Coverage – Governments, broadband service providers, and other third parties can submit bulk mobile availability challenge data collected using their own hardware and software, so long as the data meet our [requirements](https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-22-962A1.pdf) detailed at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-22-962A1.pdf>. Consumers can also submit speed test data collected using the FCC Speed Test App (<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/fcc-speed-test-app-tip-sheet>) to support mobile challenges.

Map-related information for Tribal and other governments can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/governments> and, for consumers at <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/consumers>.

A Map Outreach Toolkit can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/national-broadband-map-outreach-toolkit>. Consult the Broadband Data Collection Help Center for other broadband data questions at <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us>.