



Federal Communications Commission's Tech and Communications Diversity Opportunity Symposium

April 28, 2021



NTIA's Commitment to Connecting America

The Department of Commerce supports the Biden Administration's agenda and our partner agencies to ensure that every American has access to affordable and reliable broadband and has the skills and opportunities to participate fully.



Deploy broadband infrastructure to communities with the **greatest need**.



Support job creation and workforce development by ensuring that **all Americans have broadband, devices, and digital skills**.



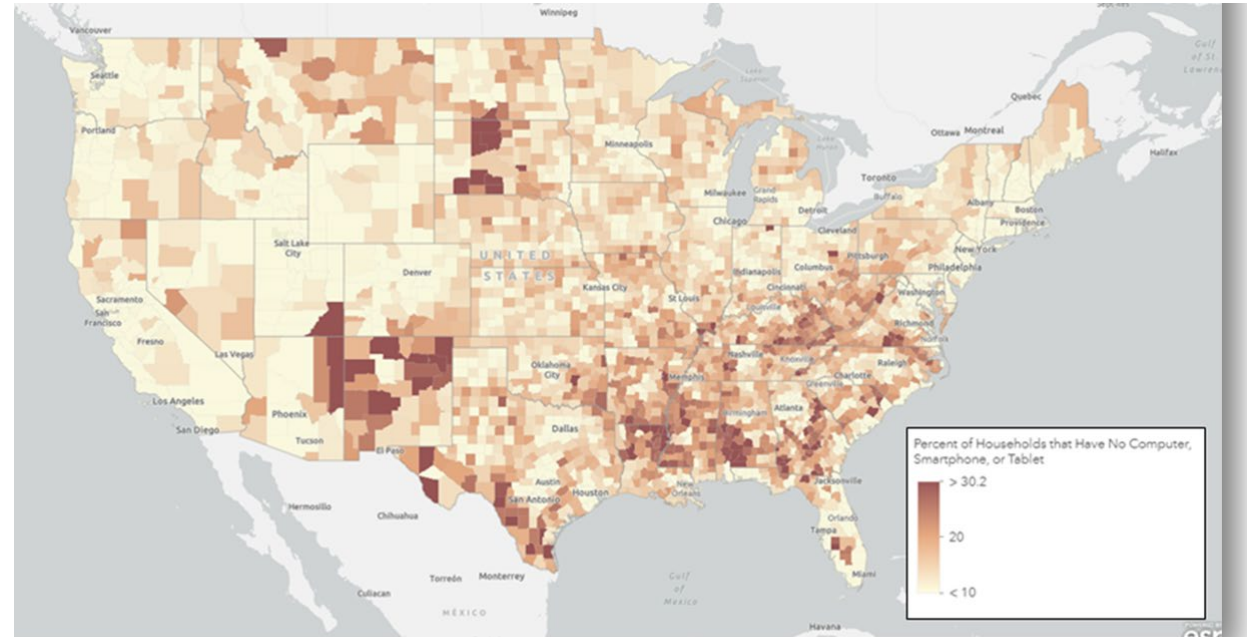
Collaborate with states, Tribes, industry, and federal agencies to effectively expand broadband access and digital inclusion.



Use data to inform policies and investments in broadband at all levels of government.

It's Time to Invest in the American Workforce

- **77% of all jobs** require at least some technology skills.
- **48% of hiring managers** say that candidates lack the skills needed to fill open jobs.
- **29% of students without basic digital skills** say they won't consider post-secondary studies.
- **More than 12 millions households** lack access to a computer, tablet or smartphone.



Residents without devices have fewer opportunities to hone their digital skills, access educational opportunities, and advance in the workforce.

Visualization: NTIA National Broadband Availability Map (NBAM)

Source: American Community Survey Device Ownership data 2015-2019

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 Grant Programs Overview

1

\$1 billion

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grants:

Grants to expand access to and adoption of: (A) broadband service on Tribal land; or (B) remote learning, telework, or telehealth resources during the COVID-19 pandemic: \$1 Billion.

[*Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021](#)

2

\$300 million

Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Grants:

Grants for covered broadband projects, defined as competitively and technologically neutral projects for the deployment of fixed broadband service in a census block with at least one household or business that does not have access to 25/3: \$300 million.

3

\$285 million

Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program:

Grants to eligible recipients in anchor communities for the purchase of broadband internet access service or any eligible equipment, or to hire and train information technology personnel, \$285 million.

Join again for the grants webinar series!

Broadband Infrastructure Program	Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program	Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program
April 28 & 29	April 21 & 22	May 5 & 6
May 12 & 13	May 19 & 20	May 26 & 27
June 9 & 10	June 16 & 17	June 23 & 24
July 14 & 15	July 21 & 22	July 28 & 29

Webinars start at 2:30 pm ET

Registration is required for each webinar and is limited to 1,000

<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/event>