

Lifeline Broadband: A State and Local Perspective

Did You Know?

- Workers earning federal minimum wage will earn \$15,080 a year.
- 7 in 10 teachers assign homework that requires an Internet connection.
- 5 million households with school-age children don't have Internet access at home, and most of those families are low-income.
- Rural, urban and tribal communities need a modern Lifeline program.

Charlotte, NC

- According to Economic Policy Institute, a family of 3 in Charlotte, NC needs an average of \$4,700 a month to get by or \$57,000 annually.
- According to a report from Queens University of Charlotte, 16 percent of Charlotteans don't use the Internet. That percentage increases to 22% for African Americans and 26% for Latinos.

Duff, TN

- According to Economic Policy Institute, a family of 3 in Duff, TN needs an average of \$3,900 a month to survive.
- In Tennessee, less than half of low-income households (44%) subscribe to Internet at home.

Philadelphia, PA

- According to Economic Policy Institute, a family of 3 in Philadelphia, PA needs an average of \$5,400 a month to get by or \$65,000 annually.
- According to Philadelphia Inquirer analysis, the city has the third worst broadband penetration rate in the country.
- Philadelphia is the poorest of the top 10 big cities in the United States, 26% of Philadelphians live in poverty.

Jackson, MS

- According to Economic Policy Institute, a family of 3 in Jackson, MS needs an average of \$4,400 a month to get by or \$53,000 annually.
- Jackson, MS is the 3rd worst connected city in the United States according to research from the National Digital Inclusion Alliance. Thirty-six percent of residents in Jackson don't have Internet access at home.

New Orleans, LA

- According to Economic Policy Institute, a family of 3 in New Orleans, LA needs an average of \$4,600 a month to get by or \$55,000 annually.
- New Orleans is the 6th worst connected city in the United States according to National Digital Inclusion Alliance. There are close to 53,000 people in New Orleans or 34% who don't have Internet access at home.
- Among households making less than \$35,000, 62% don't have Internet access at home.

San Francisco, CA

- According to Economic Policy Institute, a family of 3 in San Francisco, CA needs an average of \$7,000 a month to get by or \$84,500 annually.
- San Francisco City Controller report found that residents without Internet access at home were more likely to be low-income, seniors, less educated and people of color.
- In San Francisco 70% of African Americans and 84% of Latinos have Internet access at home, trailing Whites (90%) and Asians/Pacific Islanders (89%).

Los Angeles, CA

- According to Economic Policy Institute, a family of 3 in Los Angeles, CA needs an average of \$5,600 a month to get by or \$67,500 annually.
- In California, Latinos (52%) less likely to have home broadband than African Americans (72%), Asians (75%) and Whites (81%).
- Older Californians are less likely to have Internet access at home (63%) than other age groups 35-54 (71%) 18-34 (74%).