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The Pew Charitable Trusts' broadband access initiative works with state and federal lawmakers, researchers, and other partners to accelerate the nation's progress to universal, affordable high-speed internet service.

By the Numbers

Between 14 and 42 million Americans lack access to broadband

Nationally, 82.7 percent of households have a home broadband subscription

17% of rural Americans lack 25/3 speeds

20 percent of tribal households are without 25/3

98 percent of urban Americans have access to fixed 25/3

57% of Americans with incomes under \$30,000 have home broadband

This compares to 92 percent of upper income households

46 percent of low-income households worry “a lot” or “some” about being able to pay for their connection

References: [FCC \(December 2019 data\)](#), [BroadbandNow](#), [American Community Survey](#), [Pew Research Center September 2021 Internet and the Pandemic Survey](#), [Pew Research Center Internet/Broadband Fact Sheet](#)

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State Programs

- States play a crucial role in efforts to expand broadband to the millions of Americans who still lack access to this vital service.
- In response to the pandemic many states have expanded existing or created new broadband offices and grant programs.

State Broadband Resources



- [Broadband Policy Explorer](#)
- [Which States Have Dedicated Broadband Offices, Task Forces, Agencies, or Funds?](#)
- [How States Are Expanding Broadband Access Report](#)
- [3 Key Components to Effective State Broadband Programs](#)



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