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NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN

- Like electricity a century ago, broadband is a foundation for economic growth, job creation, global competitiveness and a better way of life. It is enabling entire new industries and unlocking vast new possibilities for existing ones. It is changing how we educate children, deliver health care, manage energy, ensure public safety, engage government, and access, organize and disseminate knowledge.



DEPLOYMENT (MILLIONS) OF FIXED TERRESTRIAL 25 MBPS/3 MBPS SERVICES AND MOBILE LTE 5 MBPS/1 MBPS

	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
Area	Pop.	%								
United States	283.386	89.1%	287.387	89.7%	295.853	91.7%	304.216	93.4%	308.722	94.4%
Rural Areas	36.489	59.2%	37.840	60.8%	42.182	67.0%	46.731	73.3%	49.932	77.4%
Urban Areas	246.897	96.3%	249.547	96.7%	253.671	97.7%	257.485	98.3%	258.790	98.5%
Tribal Lands	2.206	56.1%	2.258	57.0%	2.491	62.4%	2.722	67.8%	2.914	72.1%
Pop. Evaluated	317.954	100.0%	320.289	100.0%	322.518	100.0%	325.716	100.0%	327.167	100.0%

Source: FCC, 2020 Broadband Deployment Report

RECENT FEDERAL BROADBAND FUNDING

CARES Act Funding:

- \$25 million for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant program to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus for telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas
- \$100 million for additional grants under the Rural Utilities Service Broadband Deployment Pilot Program (ReConnect)
- \$200 million for the COVID-19 Telehealth Program to support efforts of health care providers to address COVID-19 by using telehealth to connect with patients; Connected Care Pilot Program
- \$30.75 billion to the Education Stabilization Fund

Also watch for:

- Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, which will make available \$20.4 billion for rural broadband deployment

RECENT FEDERAL BROADBAND FUNDING RESOURCES

- RDOF Webinar - <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2020/05/rural-digital-opportunity-fund-phase-i-auction-webinar>
- National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Funding Database (searchable) - <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/new-fund-search>
- The FCC's response to Broadband and COVID - <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/LSB/LSB10475>

BROADBAND POLICY OPTIONS

- Broadband Office or Agency
- Mapping
- Infrastructure Expansion

BROADBAND RESOURCES

- NCSL Broadband 2019 Legislation List:
<https://www.ncsl.org/research/telecommunications-and-information-technology/broadband-2019-legislation.aspx>
- NCSL Broadband 2020 Legislation List:
<https://www.ncsl.org/research/telecommunications-and-information-technology/broadband-2020-legislation.aspx>
- State Actions on Coronavirus Relief Funds
<https://www.ncsl.org/research/fiscal-policy/state-actions-on-coronavirus-relief-funds.aspx>
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