

# THE STATE OF UTAH BROADBAND PROJECT

## What is the Utah Broadband Project?

The Utah Broadband Project is a joint effort between the [Governor's Office of Economic Development](#) (GOED), the [Public Service Commission](#) (PSC), and the Department of Technology Services' [Automated Geographic Reference Center](#) (AGRC) to develop a statewide map of available broadband services and a plan to increase broadband adoption and deployment in the state. The project will help identify critical unserved and underserved areas and populations. This information will help in the development of a statewide plan to expand affordable, reliable broadband services to every citizen of the state.

## What do local leaders need to know about broadband in their community?

The goal of the Utah Broadband Project is to ensure that all citizens have access to high-speed Internet. Whether that is at home, at the library, through free public Wi-Fi, or through another method, any person who does not have access is being left behind. Barriers that could prohibit your community from getting online are: lack or cost of service or equipment, or lack of training. **Do you know how your community stacks up?** Go to [broadband.utah.gov](http://broadband.utah.gov) and use the interactive map to enter your location into the search box to see the coverage in your area.

## Why is broadband access important?

Economic development, career training, and advances in education and health care rely not only on broadband infrastructure, but also on the knowledge and tools to leverage that infrastructure. The Utah Broadband Project is working with broadband providers, local and state policymakers, consumers, community institutions, and other stakeholders to explore the state of broadband in Utah, improve efficiencies, and expand deployment and usage statewide.

## Is there a correlation between broadband access and economic development?

Several studies have concluded that broadband access contributes to economic development and job creation. In 2006, the U.S. Department of Commerce concluded that communities that gain access to broadband service experience employment increases of 1-1.4 percentage points and increases in rental value of up to 6 percentage points.

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“This isn’t just about faster Internet or fewer dropped calls...It’s about a rural community in Iowa or Alabama where farmers and small business owners will be able to sell their products all over the world. It’s about a firefighter who can download the design of a burning building onto a handheld device; a student who can take classes with a digital textbook; or a patient who can have face-to-face video chats with their doctor.”

-President Obama, State of the Union Address, January 25, 2011



I have broadband.  
Test my broadband connection speed.

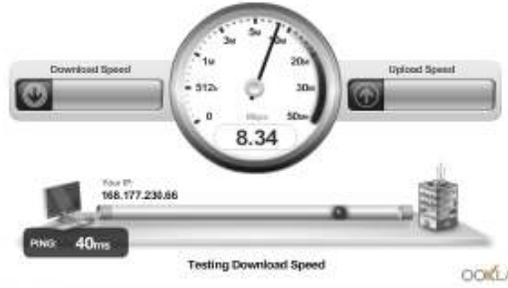


I don't have broadband.  
Let us know and we'll put it on the map.



## How does Utah compare with other states?

According to a 2010 report published by the U.S. Department of Commerce entitled *Exploring the Digital Nation: Home Broadband Internet Adoption in the United States*, Utah ranked #1 in average home broadband adoption. That is seventy-three percent of Utah households, compared with 68 percent nationally. This figure is particularly significant considering that Utah ranked #41 in population density, according to 2010 census data.



## Take the speed test today! (Or, report a broadband dead zone)

Log onto our website at [broadband.utah.gov](http://broadband.utah.gov) and test your connection speed. If broadband is not available at your address or in your community, then tell us by reporting a "broadband dead zone".



National Broadband Map  
How connected is my community?

Address, City, Zip, or County

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To explore data on national broadband availability and how Utah stacks up, visit the National Broadband Map at [broadbandmap.gov](http://broadbandmap.gov).

## What resources does the Utah Broadband Project have for communities?

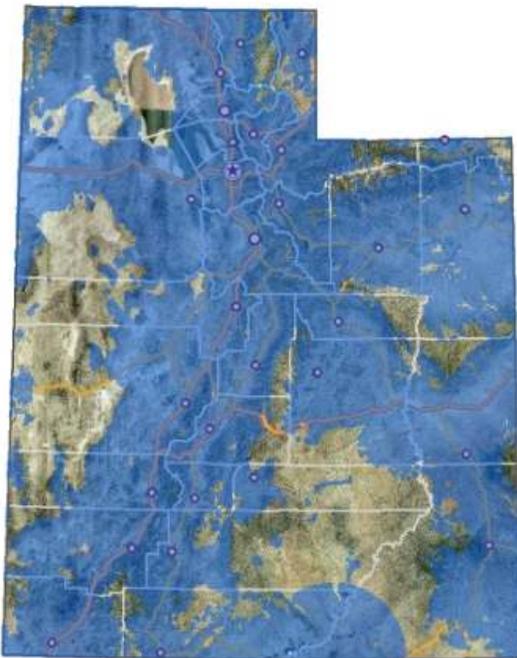
Members of the Utah Broadband Project have been meeting with public officials, local decision makers, broadband providers, businesses, stakeholders and consumers to encourage participation in the broadband planning and data gathering.

The Project has resources to help communities develop technology plans, assess readiness, engage leaders, understand broadband deployment processes, and in identifying future funding opportunities.

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The Utah Broadband Map displays wired and wireless broadband coverage across the state.



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"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."

-National Broadband Plan, Federal Communications Commission, 2010