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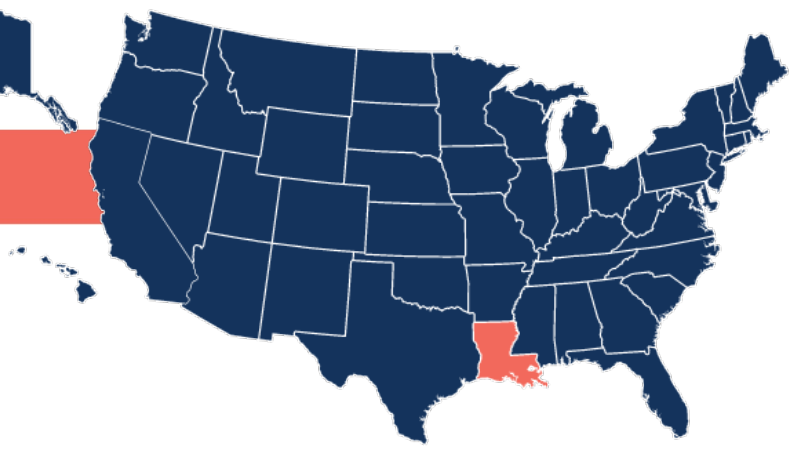
STATEWIDE

Population: **4,590,241**

Households without a computer: **10.4%**

Households without Internet: **18.8%**

Persons in Poverty: **17%**



Broadband Programs

- Connect LA
- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment and Digital Equity Plans
- Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities (GUMBO) Grant Program
- Digital Equity Resources
- Challenge Process
- Broadband Toolkit for Local leaders (Aug. 2021)
- With \$90M available, Louisiana's broadband program gets \$440M in first round of funding requests (Blake Paterson, KTBS 3, Jan. 2022)
- 58 parishes apply for new GUMBO grants to bring in broadband Internet to Louisiana (Kevin Gallagher, Louisiana Radio Network, Jan. 2022)
- Louisiana Unveils GUMBO, a \$90M Broadband Expansion Program (Blake Paterson, Government Technology, Jan. 2022)
- A Look at Louisiana's Draft Digital Equity Plan (Kevin Taglang, Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, June 14, 2023)

Community Perspectives

- **Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas, East Carroll, West Carroll & Morehouse** | Power Cooperative Provides New Internet Opportunities for Members (Elise Saloom, ConnectLA)
- **Mansfield** | Louisiana Connected and the City of Mansfield Announce Partnership to Design, Build and Operate a Fiber-Based Municipal Broadband System Mansfield City Council Approves Binding Memorandum of Understanding with Louisiana Connected (Fiber Broadband Association)
- **East Carroll** | Conexon to launch first community broadband project in East Carroll, Louisiana (Nicole Ferraro, LightReading, April 25, 2023)
- **Lafayette** | Networking in Lafayette, Louisiana (Next Century Cities, Aug. 15, 2020)
- **Lafayette** | LUS Fiber seeking help from state grant program for \$31 million in upgrades throughout Acadiana (Adam Daigle, The Advocate, Jan. 2022)
- Louisiana's IT Resilience Goal: Rebuild in 24 Hours (Noelle Knell & Lauren Kinkade, Government Technology, Oct. 27, 2021)
- Affordability is the largest obstacle to broadband access in Louisiana, report says (Sabrina LeBoeuf, Town Talk, Nov. 2021)

WEST MONROE CITY

Population: **12,635**

Households without a computer: **17.4%**

Households without Internet: **31.3%**

Persons in Poverty: **28.9%**

LAFAYETTE CITY

Population: **121,389**

Households without a computer: **7.9%**

Households without Internet: **12.2%**

Persons in Poverty: **19.5%**

AVOUELLES PARISH

Population: **38,751**

Households without a computer: **15.2%**

Households without Internet: **36%**

Persons in Poverty: **30.5%**

FRANKLIN PARISH

Population: **19,308**

Households without a computer: **21.3%**

Households without Internet: **39.9%**

Persons in Poverty: **24%**

EAST CARROLL PARISH

Population: **6,990**

Households without a computer: **32.9%**

Households without Internet: **46.8%**

Persons in Poverty: **39.9%**

Data from US Census Bureau. Population estimates from July 1, 2022. Computer and Internet Use and Poverty data from American Community Survey (ACS), 5-Year Estimates (2021).



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