NORTH CAROLINA

STATEWIDE
Population: \textbf{10,698,973}
Households without a computer: 8%
Households without Internet: \textbf{14.6%}
Persons in Poverty: \textbf{12.8%}

Broadband Programs
- North Carolina Department of Information Technology Division of Broadband and Digital Equity
- North Carolina Broadband Survey
- North Carolina Funding Programs
- North Carolina Broadband Playbook
- North Carolina Digital Inclusion Template and Guide
- North Carolina Charts Broadband Expansion Plans (Phil Goldstein, State Tech, Jan. 6, 2022)

Community Perspectives
- FOCUS Broadband Brings Fiber to Rural NC, Grant by Grant (Laura Stepanek, Telecompetitor, Oct. 2, 2023)
- One North Carolina city serves as a global solution for solving broadband inequities (Samantha Kummerer, ABC 11, Nov. 5, 2021)
- In North Carolina’s Mountains, Broadband Isn’t a Given (Liora Engel-Smith, North Carolina Health News)
- Lumber River Council of Governments conducting a 5-County Broadband Study (Laurinburg Exchange, June 1, 2021)
- The National Governors Association Identifies Nine Best Practices for States Seeking to Expedite Broadband Deployment and Improve Adoption Rates (Corian Zacher, Next Century Cities, Dec. 8, 2020)

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