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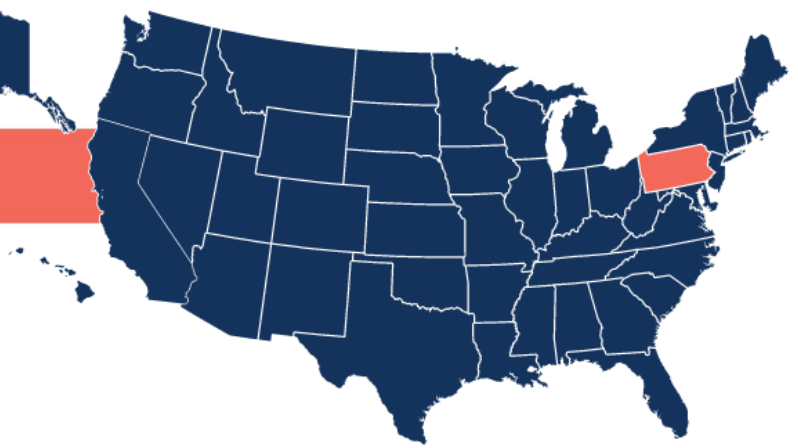## STATEWIDE

Population: **12,972,008**
Households without a computer: **9.1%**
Households without Internet: **14.2%**
Persons in Poverty: **12.1%**

Broadband Programs

- The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) is developing the state's broadband plan and distributes federal and state funding.

- Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority Kicks off Public Listening Session Tour in North Philadelphia

- PennState Extension's broadband map shows numerous locations where download speeds of 25 Mbps are unavailable.

- In partnership with PennState Extension, the PBDA submitted over 50,000 service availability challenges to the FCC in January, over 17,000 of which were accepted.

Community Perspectives

- In October 2021, the **City of Philadelphia** released the results of its Household Internet Assessment Survey. 42% of over 2500 residents revealed that affordability (such as the monthly fee or computer cost) was the most important reason they do not have high-speed service at home. 75% of low-income residents said over $20/month for internet access would be too high.

- The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank found that 10% of households (533,575 homes) in the Commonwealth do not have a computer or smartphone with data.

- Technology Learning Collaborative (TLC) Is Creating Pathways for Practitioners and Community Members to Shape Pennsylvania's Digital Equity Plans

- The University of Pittsburgh Hosts 2022 Pennsylvania Broadband Symposium

- A Fireside Chat with Christi Buker of the Pennsylvania Library Association

- Resources for Pennsylvania Broadband Advocates: Making Digital Equity a Reality in Pennsylvania

LANCASTER CITY	**PITTSBURGH CITY**	**ERIE CITY**	**PHILADELPHIA CITY**	**CENTRE COUNTY**
Population: **57,453**	Population: **302,898**	Population: **93,511**	Population: **1,567,258**	Population: **158,425**
Households without a computer: **7.8%**	Households without a computer: **9.1%**	Households without a computer: **11.3%**	Households without a computer: **9.5%**	Households without a computer: **7.6%**
Households without Internet: **16.5%**	Households without Internet: **14%**	Households without Internet: **18.1%**	Households without Internet: **16.9%**	Households without Internet: **16.4%**
Persons in Poverty: **19.1%**	Persons in Poverty: **19.7%**	Persons in Poverty: **24.7%**	Persons in Poverty: **22.8%**	Persons in Poverty: **15.2%**

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).