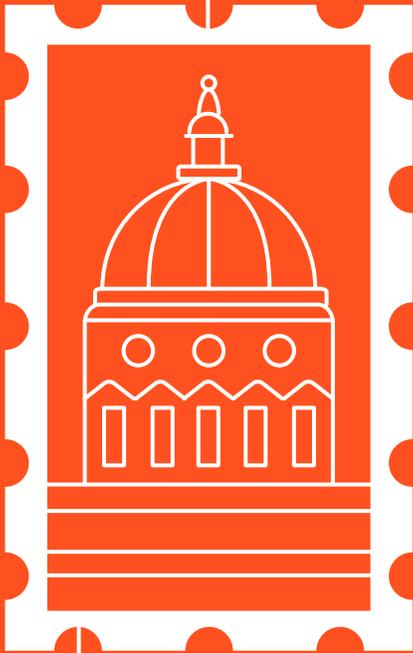


GEORGIA

POPULATION: 10.83 MILLION
COUNTIES: 159



The Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative Map is one of the most granular state maps in the country.

The FCC evaluated 10.6 million people in Georgia and determined that 9.9 million people (93.8%) had access to a fixed broadband connection at minimum speeds. In rural Georgia, the agency concluded that 2.1 of 2.6 million residents surveyed (81%) have fixed broadband access. In urban Georgia, the FCC evaluated 7.9 million people and found that 7.8 million (98.1%) had access to a fixed connection at minimum speeds.

Georgia's broadband map is created through the Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative and is recognized as one of the most granular in the country. In discussing the process for creating the map, the Initiative's Executive Director [Deanna Perry](#) said *"We took the approach of getting [data] more at an address- or a location-level approach to get a better understanding."*

The Georgia Broadband Map [was completed on June 30, 2020](#). Maps show the aggregate locations of served and unserved areas [statewide](#) and by [county](#). In densely populated areas, like those surrounding Atlanta, 99% of locations are considered served, while some rural counties, like Warren and Glascock, show that zero locations have service despite the fact that there are over 5,000 unserved locations across the two counties alone.

Data is provided by Internet service providers, but is location based, showing census blocks as served only if more than 80% of locations have service in contrast to the FCC's determination that an entire census block is served if a provider [could](#)

[serve a single location](#). One iteration of the map offers a [side by side comparison with FCC data](#). Georgia's data show that 507,341 (or 10%) of locations are unserved.

At the same time, neither state nor federal mapping shows the number of residents who do not have a home broadband subscription. Microsoft's data show that around [5.2 million people](#) in Georgia do not use the Internet at broadband speeds while the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that about [81% of Georgia households](#) have a home broadband Internet subscription.

Additional Resources:

- [New broadband map highlights underserved areas in Chatham, surrounding counties](#)
- [Georgia Releases New Broadband Maps: Georgia Municipal Association](#)
- [July 2 - State Launches Broadband Availability Map](#)
- [Connectivity on My Mind: Mapping the Digital Divide Across the State of Georgia](#)
- [States couldn't afford to wait for the FCC's broadband maps to improve. So they didn't](#)
- [Georgia Cyber Center looking to help close the broadband gap in Georgia](#)