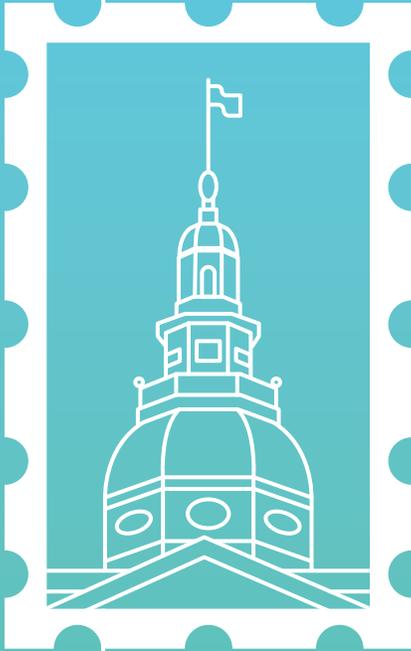


MARYLAND

6.07 MILLION
23 COUNTIES AND 1 INDEPENDENT CITY



Abell Foundation [research](#) found that 520,000 Maryland households, including 108,000 households with children below the age of 18, do not subscribe to wireline service. Two-thirds of its disconnected residents live in Baltimore or other metropolitan counties.

Maryland is a Mid-Atlantic state that's defined by waterways and coastlines. The FCC evaluated six million people statewide and found that 5.9 million (97.5%) had access to a fixed broadband connection. It concluded that 763,000 of 814,000 rural residents (93.8%) have fixed broadband access. In urban Maryland, the agency evaluated 5.2 million people and found that 98.1% had access to a fixed connection at minimum speeds. Overall, there was a 0.1% decrease in rural and urban connectivity compared to the 2019 broadband deployment report.

In NCC member Montgomery County, the FCC evaluated approximately one million people and found that 98.4% had fixed broadband access.

The State of Maryland offers an [interactive map](#) and also makes [raw data available](#). The map includes a search feature for availability at specific addresses. Maryland Broadband Cooperative also offers a [map of its fiber network](#). Residents can provide feedback on the map via email to mapinfo@mbbc.us.

A January 2021 [report](#) released by the Abell Foundation found that affordability and digital literacy are both barriers to ubiquitous home broadband subscriptions in Maryland. The report found that two-thirds of residents who do not have a home broadband subscription live in Baltimore City or other metropolitan counties. Notably, nearly a quarter of Maryland residents do not subscribe to broadband and those who remain disconnected are disproportionately low-income, Black, Latinx, and elderly.

BroadbandNow estimates that [95.2% of residents](#) have access to terrestrial broadband coverage and 65.4% have access to a monthly plan priced at or below \$60. Still, only 5.3% of Maryland is covered with gigabit speed service. Around [2.1 million people in Maryland](#) do not use the Internet at broadband speeds according to Microsoft's November 2019 data.

Additional Resources:

- [Ag groups reach legislators despite pandemic](#)
- [With Digital Divide Starker Than Ever, More Than 400K Marylanders Lack Broadband](#)
- [Digital Divide: Nearly 1 Million in Va., Md. Have No High-Speed Internet Access](#)