

MONTANA

POPULATION: 1.09 MILLION
COUNTIES: 56



Known for its diverse terrain, ranging from the Rocky Mountains to the Great Plains, Montana is the fourth largest state and one of the least populated.

The Commission evaluated 1.1 million residents and found that 927,000 (86.7%) had access to a fixed broadband connection at minimum 25/3 Mbps speeds. In rural Montana, it found that 364,000 of 495,000 residents surveyed (73.6%) had fixed broadband access. The FCC evaluated 574,000 people in urban areas and found that 563,000 (98%) had access to a fixed broadband connection.

The State of Montana provided data for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) National Broadband Map. While the data are no longer available through NTIA, some data are still available through [Montana's state website](#), though the program concluded in 2014. As of November 2020, [Montana State Library is once again partnering with NTIA](#) to improve broadband mapping through its National Broadband Availability Map.

Microsoft data from November 2019 show that around [622,000 people](#) in Montana do not use the Internet at broadband speeds.

Additional Resources:

- [From Picturesque Landscapes to Precision Agriculture; Mapping the Digital Divide in Montana](#)
- [City Leaders in Bozeman, Montana, Declare Broadband Essential Infrastructure](#)
- [FCC awards \\$126M for Internet in rural Montana – Now what?](#)