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POPULATION: 623,251
COUNTIES: 14

The Commission evaluated 624,000 Vermont residents and found that 581,000 people (93.1%) had fixed broadband access. In rural areas, the agency concluded that 344,000 of 384,000 people (89.6%) have access to a fixed broadband connection at minimum speeds. Of 240,000 urban residents surveyed, it found that 237,000 people (98.8%) had fixed broadband access.

In the wake of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Governor Phil Scott was particularly concerned with making the locations of public WiFi available to residents, [saying](#):

Internet connectivity is an important resource for Vermonters during this crisis, which is keeping us physically distanced from one another. As we're asking many to work and learn remotely, these public WiFi points are especially critical to keeping workers and students connected if they do not have access at home.

The Department of Public Service in the State of Vermont makes an [interactive broadband map](#) available that also includes [a survey for residents](#) to expand on information about broadband access in the state. The map is based on information offered by providers and is also available in [a table](#) that shows information by town. The data show that 93.2% of the state has access to 4/1 Mbps Internet, 77.3% of the state has access to 25/3 Mbps broadband, and 17.5% of the state has access to 100/100 Mbps broadband.

BroadbandNow's finding that [79% of the state](#) has terrestrial broadband access is in line with the results of the state's survey. Even more troubling, BroadbandNow found that wired plans priced below \$60 a month are only available 1.1% of the state. The lack of affordable service may be one reason that approximately [358,000](#) out of [623,989 residents](#) do not use the Internet at broadband speeds according to Microsoft's data.