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Connected Texas Releases New Broadband Access Figures

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Texas broadband research shows 95% of households have access to fixed broadband speeds of 3 Mbps download

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Austin – New research unveiled today by Connected Texas snapshots the latest broadband availability across the state, with 95.23% of Texas households having access to broadband speeds of 3 Mbps download/768 Kbps upload or higher.

Nonprofit Connected Texas has been working since 2009 to ensure that Texans have access to the economic, educational, and quality-of-life benefits derived from increased broadband access, adoption, and use.

Among the findings of the new broadband availability research are:

- 95.23% of Texas households have access to broadband at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps download/768 Kbps upload (excluding mobile and satellite services), which means approximately 425,000 households are in areas eligible for Connect America Fund broadband deployment subsidies.
- 95.15% of rural households in Texas have access to broadband of at least 768 Kbps download/200 Kbps upload (excluding mobile and satellite services), leaving approximately 141,000 rural Texas households unable to connect to basic high-speed

Internet.

- Only 33.56% of Texas households have access to broadband speeds of at least 100 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload (excluding mobile and satellite services), but that number is up 10% from six months ago.

Note: The data in this report are subject to data validation.

“We are excited to see steady growth in expansion of overall broadband coverage across the state,” said Connected Texas Executive Director Don Shirley. “These updated access numbers show us where we need to focus our work on continuing to grow broadband access, adoption, and use across the state. There are still nearly 150,000 Texas households without any available Internet service. We are working for them and for the hundreds of thousands of Texans who need the free educational resources we provide to teach all residents how to reap the countless economic and lifestyle benefits that Internet access provides.”

All of the Connected Texas research and maps are available through the [Connected Texas website](#) and through its broadband mapping tool called [My ConnectView™](#). Residents and businesses are encouraged to use the interactive map to find the broadband providers in their area and help validate the data. Residents are also encouraged to join their local [Connected](#) technology team to help tailor the broadband expansion plan for their community and use the [Every Community Online](#) program to get free computer and Internet skills training and become eligible for discounted computers and home Internet service.

Connected Texas’ research was conducted as part of the State Broadband Initiative (SBI) grant program, funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Connected Texas, through its parent organization Connected Nation, undergoes a comprehensive data collection process to publish new maps twice a year. The process begins by contacting all known providers in the state and providing information about the broadband mapping project. Information on broadband service areas is collected from each willing provider through voluntary participation. The data is then independently verified through engineering studies, site visits, propagation models, and consumer feedback. The FCC is using this data to help direct broadband subsidies. More information about the broadband mapping process is provided in the [Broadband Mapping FAQ](#).

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About Connected Texas: Connected Texas is a subsidiary of Connected Nation and operates as a non-profit in the state of Texas. The Texas Department of Agriculture is leading the initiative to increase broadband Internet access, adoption, and use across the state. Connected Texas was commissioned by the state to work with all Texas broadband providers to create detailed maps of broadband coverage and development of a statewide plan for the deployment and adoption of broadband. For more information visit: <http://www.connectedtx.org>.

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