

BROADBAND AND DIGITAL ACCESS DATA SOURCES FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING

American Community Survey Data on Computer and Internet Use, U.S. Census Bureau

Background: <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/about/why-we-ask-each-question/computer/>

Data access: See dropdown search options from site above, or visit <https://data.census.gov/>

Levels of geography: Census tract five-year estimates, county five-year estimates (some one-year estimates, depending on population size), and state one and five-year estimates

Digital Equity Act Population Viewer, U.S. Census Bureau

Background: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2022/digital-equity-act-population-viewer.html>; <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/community-resilience-estimates/partnerships/ntia/digital-equity.html>

Data access: Draws from the American Community Survey mentioned above, but in useful interactive app - <https://mtgis-portal.geo.census.gov/arcgis/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c5e6cf675865464a90ff1573c5072b42>

Also scroll down on this website to easy to download files on “Covered Populations” under the Digital Equity Act (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/community-resilience-estimates/partnerships/ntia/digital-equity.html>)

Levels of geography: County, state

Broadband Availability and Speed, Federal Communications Commission

Background: <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData>

Data access: <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home>

Levels of geography: Address specific, some places (cities/towns), county

NTIA Public GIS Data, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Background: <https://nbam.ntia.gov/pages/open-data>

Data access: Use link above and search among several data types

State-Level Resources

Many states have data sites that they have developed that may be useful. One avenue for finding additional resources for a specific state can be found at <https://nbam.ntia.gov/pages/open-data> (NTIA Public GIS Data, listed above)