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Connected Tennessee Releases New Broadband Availability Figures

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Nashville, TN – New research unveiled today by [Connected Tennessee](#) shows that more than 80% of Tennessee households have access to broadband services of at least 100 Mbps download and 1.5 Mbps upload. This is the seventh comprehensive broadband availability data refresh since the State Broadband Initiative program started in 2010.

Among the findings of the new broadband availability research are:

- Broadband at the basic 768 Kbps download/200 Kbps upload tier is available to 96.42% of Tennessee households, up from 96.01% last October (excluding mobile and satellite services). Not including mobile, 3.52% of households are unserved and do not have access to broadband services.
- 87.13% of Tennessee households can access broadband at speeds of at least 10 Mbps download/3 Mbps upload, an increase from the last October's percentage of 84.39% (excluding mobile and satellite services).
- Access to broadband speeds of at least 50 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload went up by 18.44% in six months to 82.96% from the 64.52% figure of last October (excluding mobile and satellite services).
- 12.83% of Tennessee households have fiber-to-the-home availability and about half of these households, 6.39%, have gigabit availability.
- While 92.9% of Tennessee households can access broadband at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps download/768 Kbps upload (excluding mobile and satellite), rural availability at these broadband speeds is 86.82%, up from 85.83% last

October.

“Whether it’s increased access to basic broadband service or expanded availability of ultra high-speed Internet, it is encouraging to see continued growth in Tennessee’s broadband landscape,” said Corey Johns, executive director of Connected Tennessee. “The ability for 80% of Tennessee households to access 100 Mbps download speeds is important for more advanced uses like digital learning, telehealth and telework opportunities; while the 6.39% of Tennessee households with access to broadband speeds of 1 Gbps makes our state a leader in Gigabit connectivity.”

Last year, Connected Tennessee released an innovative new broadband mapping tool called [My ConnectView™](#) offering unmatched views of Tennessee’s technology landscape. Residents and businesses are encouraged to use the interactive map to find area providers and help validate the data. To report that broadband is not available in a given area, consumers can fill out a [broadband inquiry](#).

Nonprofit Connected Tennessee has been working since 2007 to ensure that Tennessee residents have access to the economic, educational, and quality of life benefits derived from increased broadband access, adoption, and use. Part of that work includes maintaining detailed analysis of broadband availability across the state to support broadband planning efforts. Through its [Connected Community Engagement Program](#), Connected Tennessee is currently working with 5 communities across the state to support comprehensive community broadband planning efforts and provide technical assistance.

Connected Tennessee’s research was conducted as part of the State Broadband Initiative grant program for Tennessee, funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The data were gathered in accordance with the requirements of the NTIA. 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 provider through voluntary participation and is subject to confidentiality protections. [Connected Nation](#) strives to maintain a flexible mapping process to be able to collect data from providers in a variety of formats based on providers’ technical capabilities and resources.

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About Connected Tennessee: *As Tennessee’s state broadband initiative, Connected Tennessee is a public-private partnership that joins with technology-minded businesses, government entities, universities and non-profit organizations to improve economic development and enhance quality of life by accelerating Tennessee’s technology landscape. For maps, research or more information about what Connected Tennessee is doing to expand broadband Access, Adoption, and Use, please visit www.ConnectedTN.org.*

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