



Connect Puerto Rico Releases New Broadband Availability Figures

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Research shows 85% of households now have access to fixed broadband speeds of 3 Mbps download/768 Kbps upload

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San Juan, PR – New research unveiled today by Connect Puerto Rico shows that nearly 85% of Puerto Rico households have access to fixed broadband at advertised speeds of at least 3 Mbps download/768 Kbps upload, up from 57% one year ago. This represents significant network expansion across the island.

Nonprofit Connect Puerto Rico has been working since 2009 to evaluate broadband access, adoption, and use in Puerto Rico and promote the economic, educational, health, safety, and quality of life benefits derived from this increasingly needed technology.

Among the key findings in this report:

- Broadband at basic speeds of 768 Kbps download/200 Kbps upload remains unchanged from prior updates. 86% of households across the island have service available at this speed tier.
- 85% of Puerto Rico households now have access to fixed broadband at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps download/768 Kbps upload, which is an increase from 57% one year ago.
- 56% of Puerto Rico households now have access to fixed broadband at advertised speeds of 6 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload, which is an increase from 34% one year ago.
- For the first time ever, more than 3,000 households now have access to fiber broadband.

Connect Puerto Rico's research was conducted as part of the State Broadband Initiative (SBI) grant program, funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The data were gathered in accordance with the requirements of the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) and subsequent clarifications set forth by the NTIA. The process begins by contacting all known providers in Puerto Rico 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. The data is then independently verified through engineering studies, site visits, propagation models, and consumer feedback. This data is critical for effective federal, state, and local planning initiatives to ultimately advance the universal use of broadband. More information about the broadband mapping process is provided in the [Broadband Mapping FAQ](#).

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About Connect Puerto Rico: Connect Puerto Rico was commissioned by the Puerto Rico Office of the Chief Information Officer to work with each of the commonwealth's broadband providers to create detailed maps of broadband coverage and to assess the current state of broadband adoption, community-by-community, across Puerto Rico. Connect Puerto Rico will continue to develop and update the broadband data over time, ensuring that territory policymakers and citizens alike are equipped with this important information. Connect Puerto Rico's efforts are funded by the United State Department of Commerce's State Broadband Initiative grant program through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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