



Nevada Gets New Access Figures, First Certified *Connected* Community

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New broadband access figures show 96.95% of Nevada households have access to fixed broadband at advertised speeds of at least 3 Mbps download as Nevada prepares for first certified Connected community

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Carson City, NV – New research unveiled today by Connect Nevada snapshots the latest broadband availability across the state just as Douglas County residents prepare to celebrate an important technology certification.

Douglas County is officially being designated Nevada's very first certified [Connected](#) community. The Douglas County Technology Team has been working with Connect Nevada to assess the local broadband landscape, identify gaps, and establish actionable goals and objectives to increase broadband access, adoption, and use for communities, families, organizations, and businesses throughout Douglas County.

The event to celebrate this benchmark is set for:

December 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Douglas County Emergency Operations Center
1694 County Road
Minden, NV 89423
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The important work of the *Connected* initiative is emphasized by today's report. Among the findings of the new broadband availability research are:

- 96.95% of Nevada households now have access to fixed broadband at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps download/768 Kbps upload which means approximately 30,700 households are in areas eligible for Connect America Fund broadband deployment subsidies.
- 94.88% of rural households in Nevada have access to fixed broadband of at least 768 Kbps download/200 Kbps upload, leaving 6,000 rural households unable to connect to basic fixed high-speed Internet.
- Only 22.31% of Nevada households have access to fixed broadband speeds of at least 100 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload.

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 Connect Nevada State Program Manager Lindsey Niedzielski. “We will use these latest numbers in our collaborative work with Governor Sandoval’s Nevada Broadband Task Force to focus our future efforts on the nearly 10,000 state households that are still completely without fixed Internet service as we continue working towards better broadband access, adoption, and use across every corner of state.”

Nonprofit Connect Nevada has been working since 2009 to ensure that Nevadans have access to the economic, educational, and quality of life benefits derived from increased broadband access, adoption, and use.

All of Connect Nevada’s research and maps are available through the [Connect Nevada 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 training in computer and Internet skills which makes them eligible for discounted computers and home Internet service.

Connect Nevada’s 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). Connect Nevada, 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 direct broadband subsidies. More information about the broadband mapping process is provided in the [Broadband Mapping FAQ](#).

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About Connect Nevada: The Governor's Office and the Nevada Broadband Task Force are leading the initiative to increase broadband Internet access, adoption, and use across the state. Connect Nevada is a nonprofit organization that was commissioned by the state to work with all Nevada broadband providers, create detailed maps of current broadband coverage, and coordinate efforts with other Federal grant award recipients in the state. Connect Nevada is now supporting the development of a statewide plan for the deployment and adoption of broadband. The goal is to spread high-speed Internet across the state and make sure all Nevada residents have access to its life-changing benefits. For more information visit: www.connectnv.org.

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