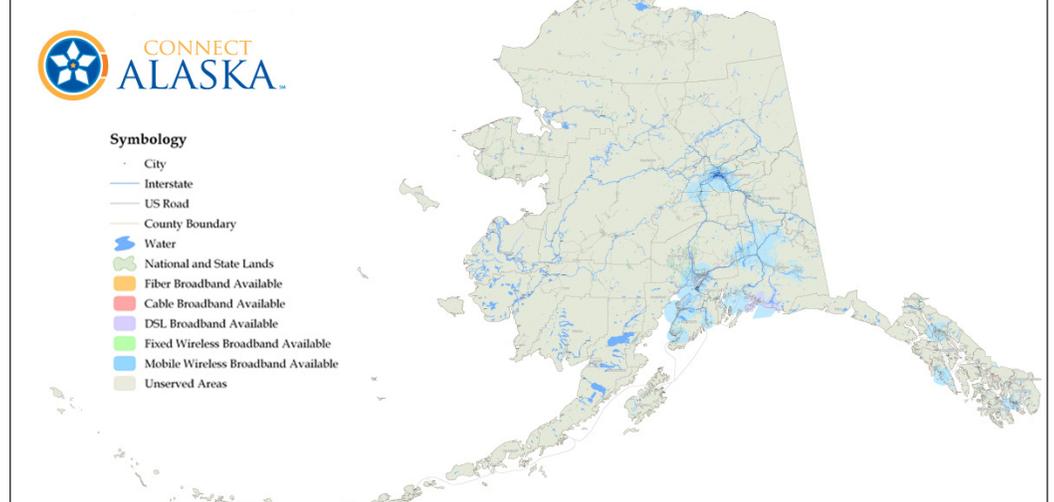


Broadband Maps

Alaska is moving forward with plans to accelerate the deployment and availability of affordable broadband technology throughout the state. Commissioner Susan Bell recently announced the formation of a statewide broadband task force to work with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED). The 20-person task force will look at how Alaska should expand high-speed Internet to everyone across the state.

DCCED oversees the Connect Alaska program, which is developing a statewide broadband inventory map and the Alaska broadband plan. The program launched the state's first broadband inventory map last September. Connect Alaska contributed the data of 21 broadband service providers and 2,031 community

Broadband Service Inventory for the State of Alaska



anchor institutions to the new National Broadband Map, which was unveiled last month. In all, the national map (www.broadbandmap.gov) features 25 million searchable records and data from 1,600 unique broadband internet services providers, all collected by the states.

On the Federal Front: The National Broadband Map

On February 17, 2011, the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) released an interactive National Broadband Map.



The National Broadband Map is a tool to search, analyze, and map broad-

band availability across the United States. It is created and maintained by the NTIA, in collaboration with the FCC, and in partnership with 50 states, five territories, and the District of Columbia.

This map showcases data received from these states and territories, including data from the Connect

Alaska initiative.

Key features of the National Broadband Map include:

- Interactive and searchable, by address, city, or county;
- Shows multiple speed tiers. For example, users are able to generate a map of areas in which advertised download speeds of 10 Mbps are available;
- Visible by Technology Platform. Users are able to select and map specific broadband platform technologies, be it cable, DSL, fiber to the premises, fixed wireless (licensed and unlicensed), or mobile wireless;
- Shows service-provider coverage areas. This allows the user to generate coverage maps of a particular service provider, by speed tier and technology.

Learn more about the National Broadband Map at www.connectak.org/national_broadband_map/.

About:



www.connectak.org

Connect Alaska is a subsidiary of Connected Nation and operates as a non-profit in the state of Alaska. Connect Alaska was commissioned by the State of Alaska to work with all of the state's broadband providers to create detailed maps of broadband coverage and to assess the current state of broadband adoption across Alaska. Connect Alaska will continue to develop and update the broadband data as it is collected and the services that can be made available to public and private entities as well as citizens. If you have any questions regarding the Connect Alaska initiative, please contact us.

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