How big is the broadband affordability gap in Delaware?

Affordability has emerged as the number one challenge to closing the digital divide. We have a historic opportunity to close two-thirds of the digital divide by connecting 18 million American households that have access to the Internet but can’t afford to connect.

60,873 Delaware households have access to the Internet but can’t afford to connect.

America’s unconnected households:

- The broadband affordability gap makes up two-thirds of Delaware’s digital divide.
- In Delaware, 60,873 households have access to the Internet but can’t afford to connect.
- America’s unconnected households:
  - 7.1M households in Delaware who are eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit program have enrolled.
  - 21.1M households with available broadband infrastructure that cannot afford to connect.

A historic opportunity to close the broadband affordability gap. To seize this moment we must:

1. **Leverage data to identify unconnected households.**
2. **Launch adoption programs to help households sign-up for federal broadband programs and home broadband service.**
3. **Deploy free Wi-Fi to low-income apartment buildings.**

EducationSuperhighway is a national nonprofit with the mission to close the digital divide for the 18 million households that have access to the Internet but can’t afford to connect.

The federal government is investing $20B in the nation’s largest-ever broadband affordability program.

- but as few as 10% of households without available broadband infrastructure have enrolled.
- The broadband affordability gap is concentrated in America’s most unconnected communities, where 25% or more of the households lack home broadband.

- Significantly higher for Americans with less than a high school education.
- America’s most unconnected communities:
  - Disproportionately impacts Black and Latinx Americans.
  - National: 21.1M households; Delaware: 60,873 households.

Households without available broadband infrastructure:

- 3M households without available broadband infrastructure.
- 7.1M households with available broadband infrastructure that are unconnected for reasons other than a lack of resources.

- 153,401 households without available broadband infrastructure in Delaware.
- 47M households without available broadband infrastructure in the United States.

Households with available broadband infrastructure:

- 18.1M households with available broadband infrastructure in Delaware.
- 46.9M households with available broadband infrastructure in the United States.

- Hawaii and Alaska:
  - 4.5% percent of households in Delaware who are eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit program have enrolled.
  - 4.5% percent of households with available broadband infrastructure that cannot afford to connect.

- Delaware: 18.1M households; Nation: 47M households.

- Delaware: 80% of households; Nation: 73% of households.

- Delaware: 50,625 households; Nation: 18.1M households.

- Delaware: 153,401 households; Nation: 47M households.

- Delaware: 3M households; Nation: 7.1M households.

- Delaware: 10% of households; Nation: 21.1M households.