

of the digital divide by connecting 18 million American households that have access to the Internet but can't afford to connect.

**RHODE ISLAND?** 

How big is the broadband affordability gap in

HOUSEHOLDS

POPULATION

72,570

181,426

RHODE ISLAND

**NATIONAL** 

47M

18.1M

The broadband affordability gap makes up

87%

of Rhode Island's digital divide

\$20B

The federal government is investing

in the nation's largest-ever broadband affordability program.

...but as few as 15%

of households in Rhode Island who are eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit program have enrolled.

72,570 Rhode Island households have access to the Internet but can't afford to connect.

U.S. households

18.1M Households with available broadband infrastructure that cannot afford to connect

**BROADBAND AFFORDABILITY GAP** 

46.9M

Population with available broadband infrastructure that cannot afford to connect

Two-thirds

Households with available

broadband infrastructure

27.6%

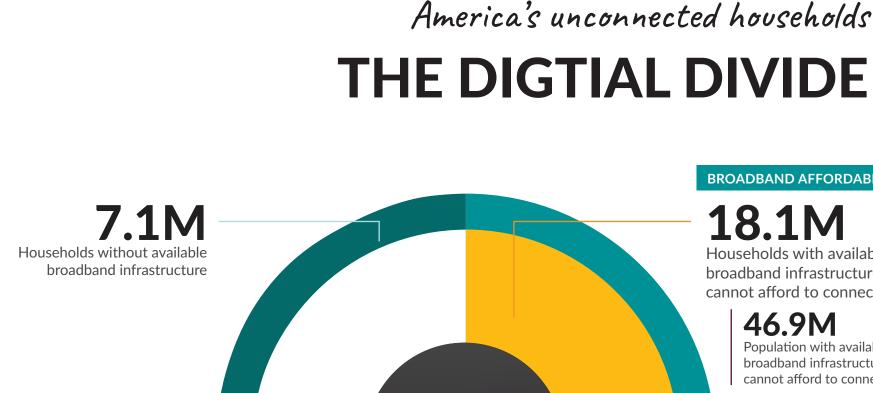
18.5%

Latinx

National

of America's

Digital Divide





The broadband affordability gap is concentrated in America's most unconnected communities, where 25% or more of the households lack home broadband. Disproportionately impacts Black and Latinx Americans. poorest communities.

21.1%

13.4%

America's most unconnected

Black or African American

communities

Percent of population

communities Significantly higher for Americans with less than a high school education.

27.4%

Less than high

school graduate or

equivalency

Below 200% poverty threshold

America's most unconnected National

Largest in our

44.9%

31.3%

Percent of households

Percent of unconnected households

Bachelor's degree

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

13.3%

High school

graduate, some

college or associate's

4.5%

or higher

- households Launch adoption programs to help households sign-up for federal broadband
- Deploy free Wi-Fi to low-income apartment buildings

programs and home broadband service

EducationSuperHighway is a national nonprofit with the mission to close the digital divide for the 18 million households that have access

have Internet. www.nohomeleftoffline.org



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most unconnected communities, where more than 25% of people don't