

Nebraska Digital Inclusion Plan   
Template

July 2021



**Digital Inclusion Committee Members**

*Insert the list of Digital Inclusion Committee Members*

**Goal Statement or Vision Statement**

*Include a goal or vision statement describing what your community, county, or region hopes to achieve.*

**Broadband Availability, Computing Devices & Broadband Subscription**

**Broadband Subscriptions at Home**

*Include information on the percent of population with a broadband subscription in your county and in Nebraska.*

**Percent Population with a Broadband Subscription  
By Age Group**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** | **% Population** | **% Population Under 18** | **% Population 18-64 Years** | **% Population 65 Years and Over** |
| Adams County | 86.0% | 93.4% | 89.2% | 65.8% |
| Nebraska | 88.1% | 93.1% | 90.5% | 70.1% |

**Date of ACS 5-Year Data**: 2019

*You can also include a chart showing broadband subscription information.*

*Include a short narrative discussion about broadband subscription. You may want to address the questions below:*

* *Is the percent population with a broadband subscription in your county higher, lower or about the same as the figures for Nebraska?*
* *Do you agree with these estimates? If not, why do you think these estimates are inaccurate?*
* *If the figures for your county are significantly different than the figures for Nebraska, what factors are contributing to the differences?*

*Include a table showing the population without broadband. A sample table for Adams County follows:*

**Population without a Broadband Subscription  
By Age Group**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Age Group | **Population** | **% Population with Broadband Subscription** | **% Population without Broadband Subscription** | **Population without Broadband Subscription** |
| Total Population | 31,363 | 86.0% | 14.0% | 4,391 |
| Under 18 | 7,339 | 93.4% | 6.6% | 484 |
| 18-64 | 18,096 | 89.2 | 10.8% | 1,954 |
| 65 and over | 5,928 | 65.8 | 34.2% | 2,027 |

**Date of ACS 5-Year Data**: 2019

*You can include a chart of the population and a brief discussion including which age group has the largest population without a broadband subscription.*

*Include a table showing the percent of households in your county and in Nebraska with broadband, mobile only and satellite subscriptions. A sample for Adams County is included below.*

**Percent Households with Broadband, Mobile Only and Satellite Subscriptions**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** | **% Households with Broadband Subscription** | **% Households with Mobile Only** | **% Households with Satellite Subscription** |
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| Adams County | 78.7% | 9.2% | 7.0% |
| Nebraska | 83.4% | 10.1% | 6.5% |

*Include a brief discussion of this information. You may want to address the following questions:*

* *Are there significant differences in the subscription rates for your county and for Nebraska? If so, what factors are likely contributing to the difference?*
* *Does your county have a higher mobile only or satellite subscription rate than Nebraska? Mobile and satellite broadband subscriptions often include data limits. Mobile broadband only subscribers may not have a connected computer in the household which may impact the ability of members of the household to complete homework, apply for jobs or work at home.*

**Computers, Tablets and Smartphones in Households**

*Include a table showing the number of households and the % of households in your county with computing devices, smartphones only, and no computing device. Here is a sample table for Adams County.*

**Households and % Households in Adams County   
with Devices, Smartphone Only or No Computer  
2019 ACS 5-Year**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **# of Households** | **% Households** |
| With one or more computing devices | 11,128 | 87.5 |
| With smartphone only | 920 | 7.2 |
| With no computing device | 1,584 | 12.5 |

*Include a chart comparing the figures for your county and f* *or Nebraska. Here is a sample chart for Adams County.*

*Include a brief discussion of this information. You may want to address the following questions:*

* *Do the figures for your county mirror the figures for Nebraska or are they significantly different?*
* *If they differ from the statewide average significantly, what factors are contributing to the difference?*

**Broadband Availability**

*Include a table and chart with information on percent population with broadband availability in your plan. Here is a sample for Adams County.*

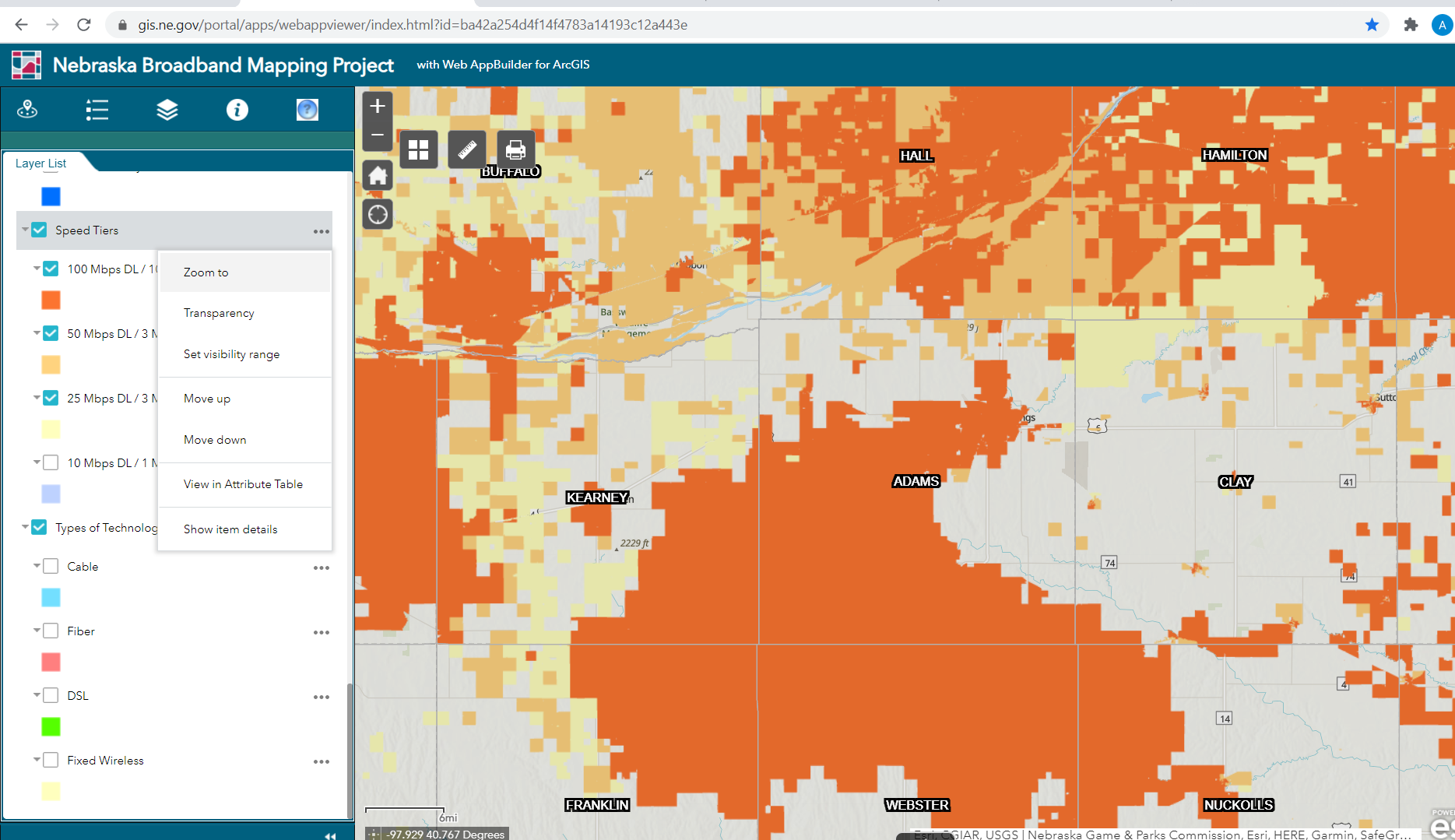
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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** | **% Population  with 25/3 Mbps** | **% Population  with 100/10 Mbps** |
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| Adams County | 96.7% | 94.5% |
| Rural Adams County | 86.3% | 76.8% |
| Nebraska | 98.3% | 90.2% |
| Rural Nebraska | 93.9% | 68.2% |

*Include a brief summary of these discussion points:*

* *Is the percent population and percent rural population with broadband available in your county higher, lower or about the same as the figures for Nebraska?*
* *Do you agree with these estimates? If not, why do you think these estimates are inaccurate?*
* *If the figures for your county are significantly different than the figures for Nebraska, what factors are contributing to the differences?*

**Broadband Availability Map**

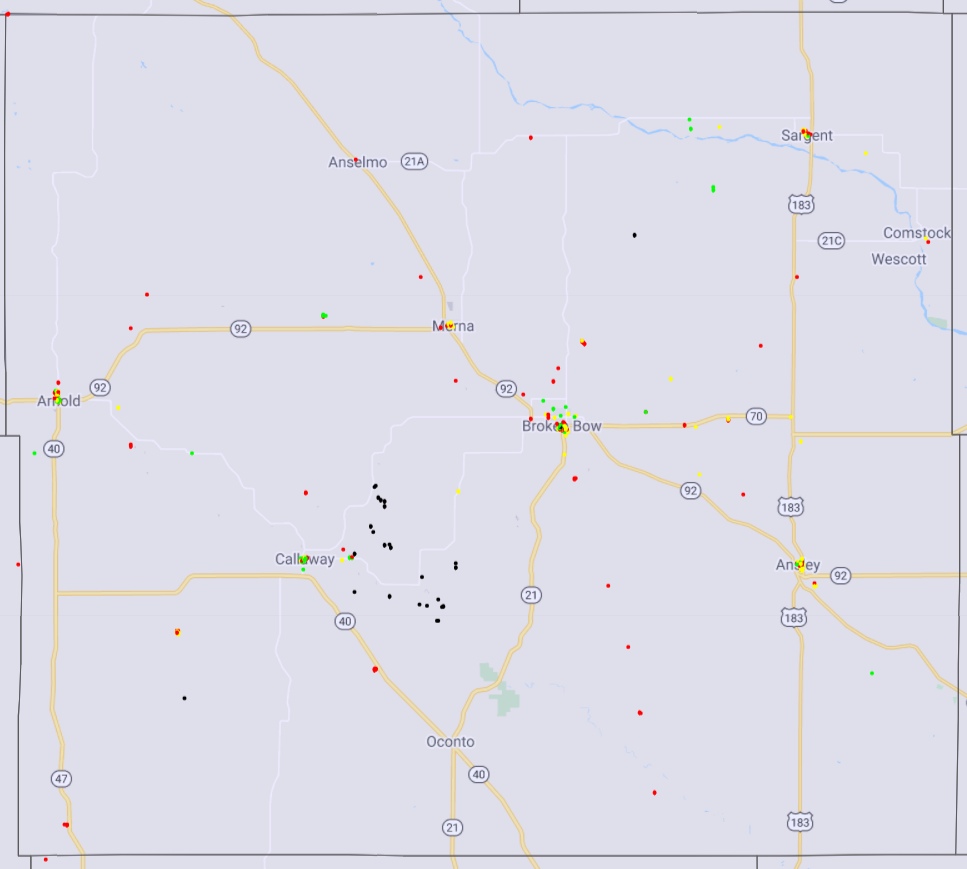
*Insert a screenshot of a map of broadband availability for your county, community or region from* [*https://broadbandmap.nebraska.gov*](https://broadbandmap.nebraska.gov)*. A sample map showing the Tri-Cities area is shown below.*



*Include a short narrative discussing the broadband map. You may want to address the questions below:*

* *Do telecommunications providers report providing broadband to all areas of your community or county?*
* *Does the information reported by telecommunications providers seem accurate? Are there areas where broadband availability is overstated?*
* *Which companies provide broadband in your area?*

**Broadband Speed Test Map**

*Insert a screen shot of the speed test map (*<https://www.nebraskaspeedtest.org/>) *of your community, county or region in your plan. Here is a map of Custer County’s speed tests as a sample.* 

*Include a short narrative discussing the broadband map and speed test map. You may want to address the questions below:*

* *Compare how the Nebraska Broadband Map and the Nebraska Speed Test map visualize broadband availability. Which one do you think more accurately shows broadband availability in your county or community?*
* *What areas of your community, county or region do not have broadband available?*

**Broadband Affordability**

*Include a short narrative discussing broadband affordability. You may want to address the questions below:*

* *How affordable is broadband service?*
* *Do providers offer lower cost service to low income consumers?*
* *Is information on federal and state programs which provide assistance to low-income consumers easily available to individuals and families that may qualify?*

**Why aren’t individuals digitally connected?   
What are their needs, interests and challenges?**

*Include a short narrative discussing broadband affordability. You may want to address the questions below:*

* *What are the main reasons that individuals in my community are not digitally connected? What are their needs, interests, and challenges?*
* *How does technology fit into everyday life? Why learn?*
* *What are the social, emotional and human needs of people who are getting up to speed with broadband, technology and digital skills?*
* *Is technology a threat to identity? How can we maintain community values?*
* *What is the best way to connect people with tools and resources to learn what matters*

**Digital Inclusion Assets and Gaps**

**Public Library Broadband and Assets**

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| --- | --- |
| **Public Library Broadband & Measures** | **Data** |
| Download and upload speed of the public library’s internet service |  |
| Does the library have a fiber connection for broadband? |  |
| Does the library apply for E-Rate funding? |  |
| If the library does not have a fiber connection, has the library considered applying for the E-Rate Special Construction program and matching funds from the Nebraska Public Service Commission? |  |

*Include a brief summary of these discussion points:*

*Describe the public library’s digital inclusion assets and gaps.*

**K-12 Schools**

*Describe the digital inclusion assets and gaps of local K-12 schools.*

**Local Agencies on Aging or Senior Centers**

*Describe the digital inclusion assets and gaps of local agencies on aging or senior centers.*

**Other Programs**

*Describe the digital inclusion assets and gaps of other programs or organizations if applicable.*

**Actions, Strategies and Programs**

**Strategies and Programs that help those who don’t have broadband at home**

**Existing Programs and Resources that Can Be Leveraged**

1.

2.

3.

**New Strategies, Actions and Programs to help those who don’t have broadband at home**

1.

2.

3.

**Strategies and Programs that help those who don’t have a computer, tablet or smart phone**

**Existing Programs and Resources that Can Be Leveraged**

1.

2.

3.

**New Strategies, Actions and Programs**

1.

2.

3.

**Strategies and Programs to help those who lack skills knowledge, confidence and technical support**

**Existing Programs and Resources that Can Be Leveraged**

1.

2.

3.

**New Strategies, Actions and Programs**

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