



Arkansas Rural Connect (ARC) Broadband Grant Program



Arkansas Rural Connect: Overview

- ▶ Distribute up to \$119 million (additional \$6 million for costs of administration) to bring high speed internet (25/3 Mbps or faster) to project areas
 - ▶ \$5.7 million was allocated from the Restricted Reserve Fund last year
 - ▶ \$119 million was allocated from federal coronavirus relief (CARES Act)
 - ▶ CARES Act funds must be fully spent by the end of December 2020
- ▶ Applications will be scored and awarded on ongoing basis
- ▶ Applications can be reviewed until all funds are awarded
- ▶ Local authorities support a plan of development by co-applying with providers



Arkansas Rural Connect: Applications

- ▶ Applications can be found on broadband.arkansas.gov
 - ▶ Under the AR Rural Connect Tab
- ▶ Localities must co-apply with an internet service provider (ISP)
- ▶ Contact information for ISPs is on broadband.arkansas.gov
 - ▶ Under the AR Rural Connect Tab

ISP & Local Official Contact Information



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Internet Service Providers – Contact Information

The internet service providers listed below have expressed interest in participating in the Arkansas Rural Connect program. Other providers that are not listed below have not expressed an interest; however, they can still participate in the program.

▶ Internet Service Providers – Contact Information

Local Officials – Contact Information

The local officials listed below have expressed a need for better broadband in their areas and are interested in participating in the Arkansas Rural Connect program. This list is not complete, and there might be other interested local officials that are not listed.

ARC Program Application



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Local public officials who are interested in participating in the Arkansas Rural Connect program are invited to notify us of their interest using this [form](#)

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Arkansas Rural Connect Application: Local Officials

Contact Information

The Local Public Official may be a County Judge or a Mayor.

Local Public Official Name

Office

Mayor

County Judge

Alternate Primary Contact Name

Mailing Address

City

Zip

Phone Number

Email

Community Information

Community or County Name

Community Type (Check Below)

County

Incorporated Municipality

Unincorporated Community

Co-Applying with Internet Service Providers

Are you applying with multiple Internet Service Providers? Yes No

Please list the Internet Service Provider(s) you are co-applying with on this ARC Application, and the technology or technologies they will be using to serve your community.

- 1) Provider Name Point of Contact for Company
Email Phone Number
Technologies Fiber DSL Cable (coax) Fixed wireless

- 2) Provider Name Point of Contact for Company
Email Phone Number
Technologies Fiber DSL Cable (coax) Fixed wireless

- 3) Provider Name Point of Contact for Company
Email Phone Number
Technologies Fiber DSL Cable (coax) Fixed wireless

Financial Information

What is the total amount of state grant funding your project is requesting from the Arkansas Rural Connect program?

If you are co-applying on this application with multiple Internet Service Providers, what is the amount of money that will be allocated to each of the Internet Service Providers?

1) **Provider Name** **Amount Allocated**

2) **Provider Name** **Amount Allocated**

3) **Provider Name** **Amount Allocated**



Arkansas Rural Connect Application: Local Officials

Process of Application Development

Please describe (in less than 1,000 words) how your community developed the project proposal.

Describe efforts of contacting Internet Service Providers, engaging the community, and making the process fair, competitive, and transparent.

Broadband Mapping Tool

New Opportunities For Arkansas Rural Connect Applicants:

- There is now \$100M in CARES Act funding available for broadband deployment to qualified areas before December 30, 2020.
- Internet Service Providers (ISP's) and Electric Cooperatives and their subsidiaries may now apply.
- Other companies capable of deploying broadband are also allowed to apply.
- Communities under 500 in population may now apply
- ISP's and Electric Cooperatives do not have to deploy to the entire community due to flexibility in the deployment rate.
- ISP's and Electric Cooperatives must include the area they plan to cover in their application.
- Applicants must include a letter with their application explaining how deployment will assist with telemedicine, distance learning, and telework.

Please contact the Broadband Office with any questions.



Survey Results Map



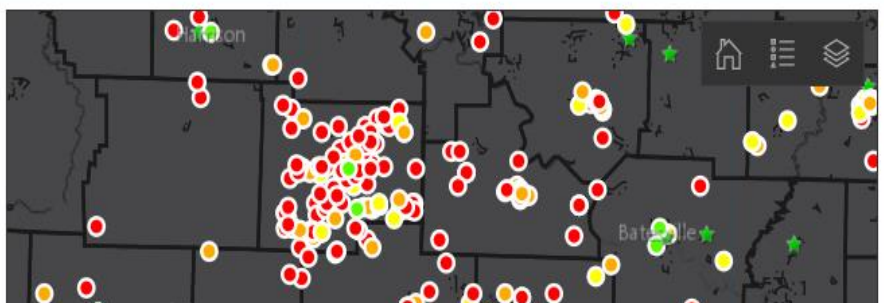
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Arkansas Speed Test Survey Results

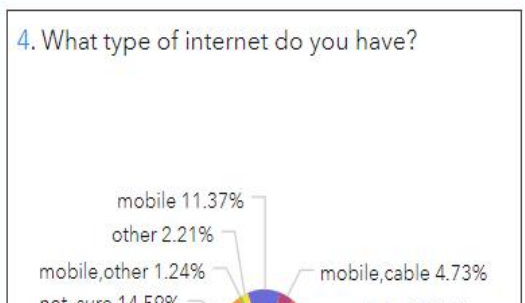
[View the map at full screen](#)

Arkansas Broadband Survey Results Dashboard

Survey Results:
Download Speed
2. Download speed in Mbps
Greater than 85
★



Total Surveys Taken
2,211



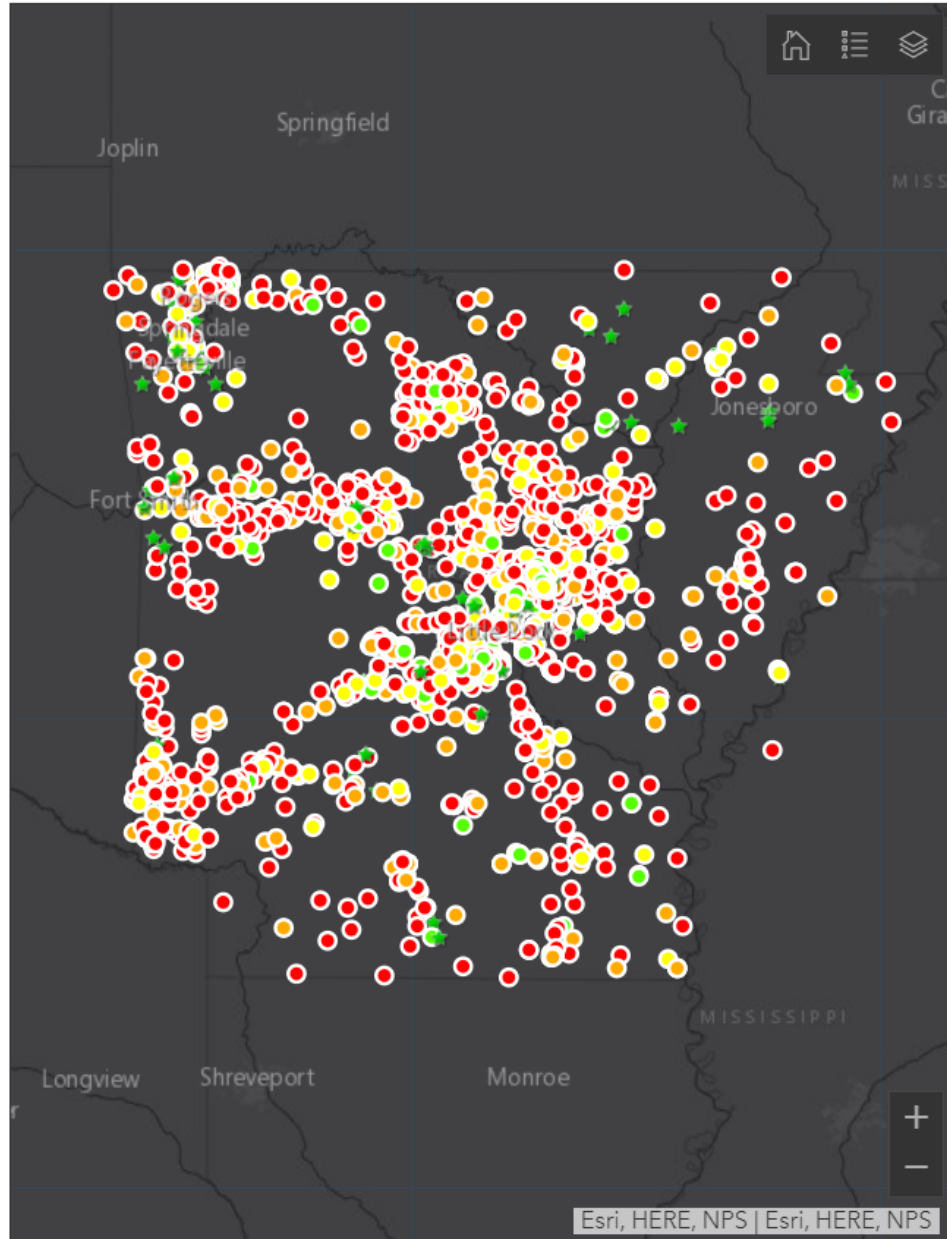


Arkansas Broadband Survey Results Dashboard

Survey Results: Download Speed

2. Download speed in Mbps

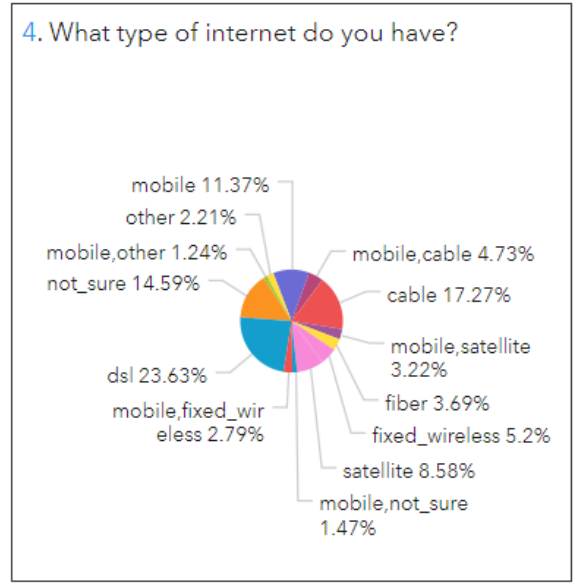
- Greater than 85 Mbps ★
- Between 50 and 85 Mbps ●
- Between 20 and 50 Mbps ●
- Between 10 and 20 Mbps ●
- Less than 10 Mbps ●



Total Surveys Taken

2,871

Last update: an hour ago



Average Download Speed (mbps)

28.259

Minimum Download Speed

0

Maximum Download Speed (mbps)

640

Average Upload Speed (mbps)

8.774

Minimum Upload Speed

0

Maximum Upload Speed (mbps)

982



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