



Why Broadband Matters in New Hampshire

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Broadband = "High Speed Internet"

"Right now the future of our economy relies heavily on the Internet and our ability to make sure that all Americans are wired to compete in the 21st Century global economy. The Internet has changed the world and broadband has been the catalyst to accelerate so many of the new technologies that we enjoy on a daily basis".



US Senator Kelly Ayotte, NH Broadband Conference, May 2014

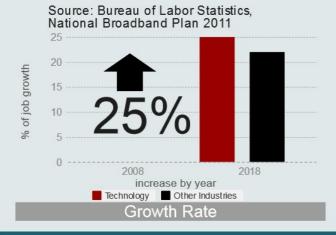


"High-speed broadband and cell service is essential to long-term economic development and job growth in New Hampshire. Harnessing this technology and spreading it throughout our state will enhance educational opportunities in our schools, attract companies to locate to New Hampshire, provide our first responders with timely information they need to protect and serve, improve the delivery and reduce the costs of health care, and give small businesses a valuable tool to succeed".

US Senator Jeanne Shaheen, NH Broadband Conference, May 2014

Creating Jobs

Broadband access retains and creates new jobs, enhances economic development, and helps job seekers find employment.



Small businesses account for a majority of the more than 1.2 million new jobs generated by the growth of the internet during the last 10 to 15 years.

Source: Federal Communications Commission, www.broadband.gov, 2011

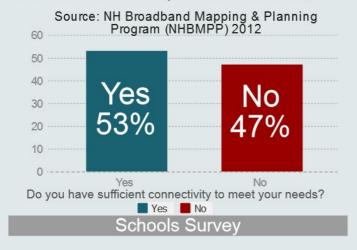
62%

of American workers rely on the Internet to perform their jobs



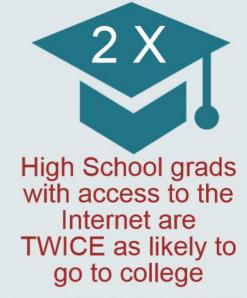


Broadband provides access to educational opportunities, online resources and one another (teacher/student; student/student; and teacher/teacher).



100 mbps
Schools need a minimum of
100 mbps broadband
connections per 1000
students by 2015

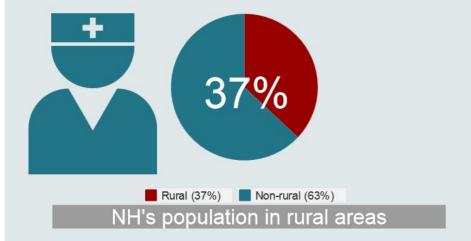
Source: State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) 2013



Source: NARUC, Washington, D.C. 2010

Heathcare

Broadband is needed to allow all NH patients access to affordable healthcare services, and doctors and hospitals access to the digital tools needed to provide quality care.



37% of NH's population live in rural areas of the state; there are well-documented disparities relating to access to care, health status, and health outcomes between the populations in rural and non-rural areas.

Source:Planning and Implementing a Statewide Telehealth Program in New Hampshire 2005



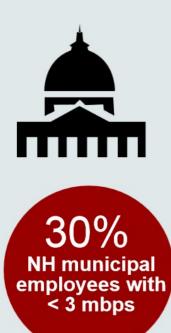
Hospitals need a minimum of 100 mbps broadband connections

Source: HealthIT.gov 2014

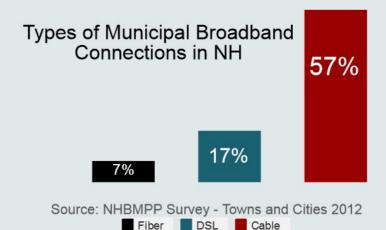


Government

Broadband ensures government has the tools to be efficient, open, and accessible by making information and services readily available to citizens.



Source: NHBMPP Towns and Cities Survey 2012



eGovernment

The use of information and technology to support and improve public policies and government operations, engage citizens, and provide timely government services.

Public Safety

Broadband provides law enforcement officers and first responders with reliable communications technologies to quickly respond to emergencies.



NHSafeNet

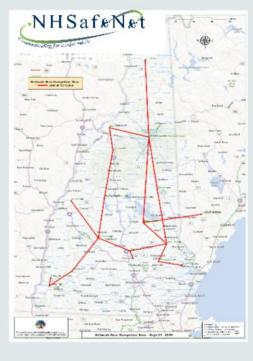
Provides increased broadband functionality and bandwidth for:

- * NH Dept. of Safety
- * NH Dept. of Transportation
- * NH National Guard
- * NH Dept. of Res. & Econ. Dev.
- * NH Public Television



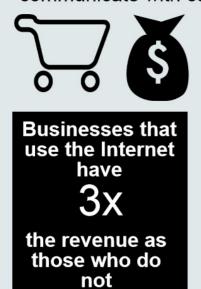
Network is now 20x faster and more resilient (redundant)

64kbps 100mbps 300mbps

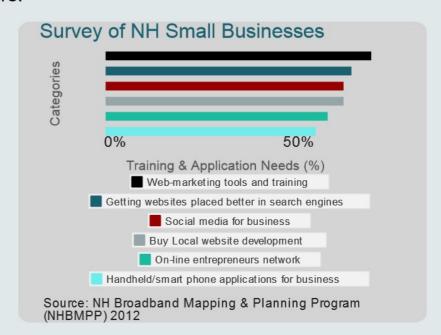


Business

Broadband provides businesses with the tools to be competitive, grow and communicate with customers.



Source:Connected Nation 2011 Business Technology Assessment





About 2.4 million U.S. business establishments allow employees to telework, including 1.5 million small businesses with fewer than five employees

Source: Connected Nation 2011 Business Technology Assessment

Communities

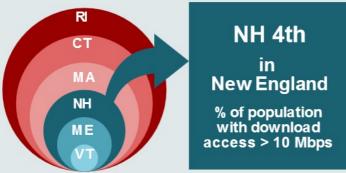
Broadband offers an array of tools that support community decision-making, economic development, and other elements needed to sustain vibrant communities.



"Robust broadband is an absolute 'must have' for rural New Hampshire. Our residents, businesses and institutions are clamoring for it..."

Julia Griffin, Hanover NH Town Manager





Source: National Broadband Map, December 2013, based on speeds reported by ISPs



Regional Plans

All of NH's Regional Planning Commissions have developed Broadband Plans



What is Broadband and what can you do with it?

Broadband = "High Speed Internet"

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Put simply... broadband is high speed internet access which is measured by the number of kilobits (kbps), megabits (mbps) or gigabits (gbps) of data you can send and receive per second.

High Speed Internet



Upload

Speed = bits per second

Download



1 Kilobit

= 1,000 bits transferred per second (bps); Dial-up connections are 56 kbps

1 Megabit

= 1,000,000 bps; about 30 seconds to download an MP3 song

1 Gigabit

= 1,000,000,000 bps; about 10 seconds to download an HD movie

FCC - Broadband Definition

Broadband, as established by the FCC, is 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload minimum speeds. But these days, 4 Mbps may not get you very much. The rise of streaming music and video means that all the things we do online now require a lot more bandwidth compared to even five years ago. So the Federal Communications Commission is beginning to consider whether to raise the definition of broadband. The FCC soon intends to solicit public comments on whether broadband should be redefined as 10 Mbps or even as high as 25 Mbps and up, Source: Washington Post 2014

NH - Broadband Level Categories

Down	load Speed	Upload Speed Designation	
< 768	Kbps	< 200 Kbps Unserved	
< 6	Mbps	< 1.5 Mbps Underserved	
> 6	Mbps	> 1.5 Mbps Served	

Delivery Technologies





There are many different broadband delivery technologies. These technologies can be separated into two major categories of wired and wireless broadband. Wired technologies include Digital Subscriber Lines (DSL), Cable Modem, Fiber Optics, Leased Lines (T1), and Broadband over Powerline (BPL). Wireless technologies include mobile wireless (3G, 4G, LTE, WiMax), Wi-Fi, satellite, and Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISP).

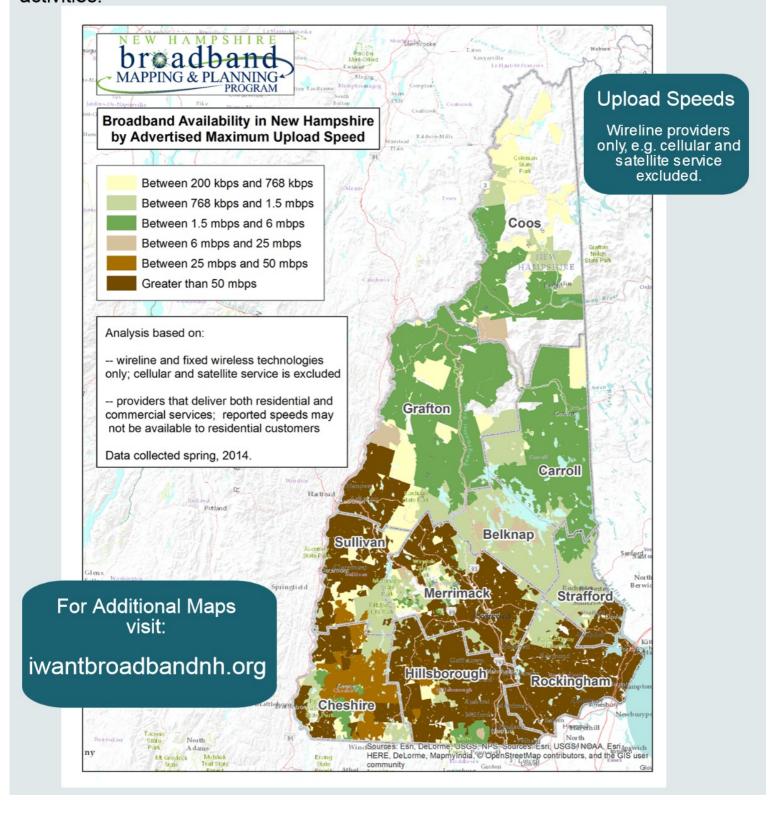
Speed Range Down Up	Type of Technology	What You Can Do
25+ Mbps 6+ Mbps	Fiber Optics	HD videoconferencing; Education & Research; Business to Business applications
10 Mbps 3 Mbps	Cable Modem	Telehealth/Telemedicine; On-line Gaming
	Wireless	Work from Home; Streaming Video
6 Mbps 1.5 Mbps	(A)	YouTube
3 Mbps 768 Kbps	DSL	Web Browsing and Shopping; Social Media
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> 1.5 Mbps > 768 Kbps		
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Where is Broadband in NH?

NH Broadband Mapping and Planning Program

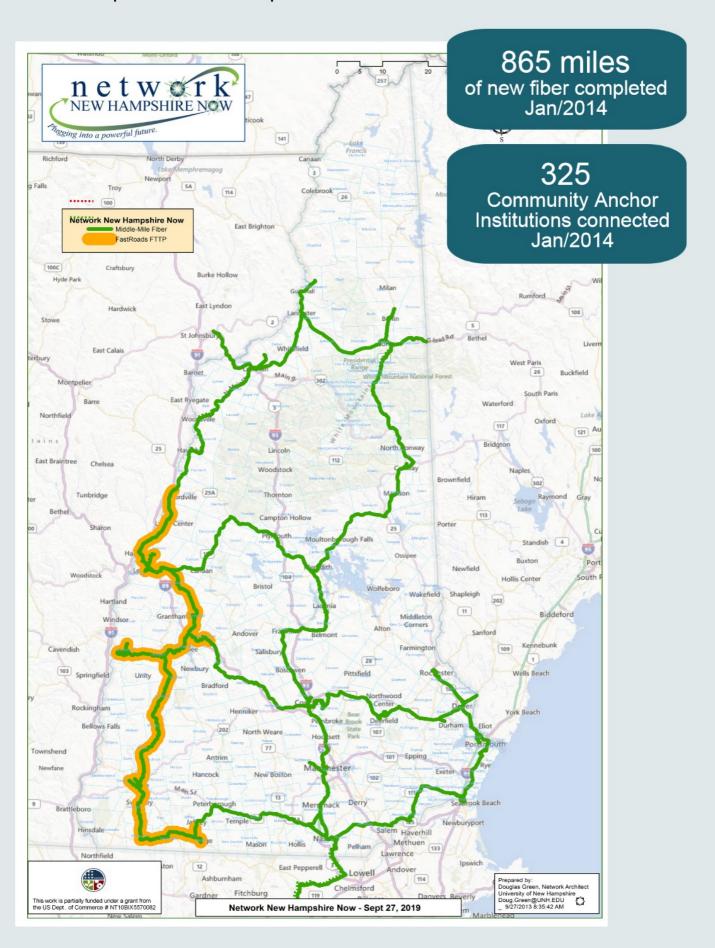
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NHBMPP works to improve broadband access and use in the state by assessing broadband availability, and by engaging communities and stakeholders in conducting planning, capacity building, technical assistance, and training activities.



Network NH Now Project

UNH, in partnership with NH Optical Systems, NH Dept. of Transportation, NH Division of Resources and Econ. Dev., and FastRoads, built an 865 mile "middle mile" fiber optic network to expand broadband access to all 10 NH counties.



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