

Building the Infrastructure of the
Next 50 Years and Beyond:

Broadband

The state of connectivity
in Washington today

At least **241K** Washingtonians lack
broadband coverage



Many more cannot afford broadband
or live in areas with insufficient access

Although our state is known for its robust tech economy, thousands of Washingtonians are left behind in the digital divide. This *needs* to change.

Congresswoman Suzan DelBene has been a champion of promoting digital equity across the state, especially among rural and Tribal communities who lack quality, affordable internet access. DelBene helped advance critical legislation, like the bipartisan infrastructure law and the American Rescue Plan, that will help Washington reach universal broadband access.

Wins for WA-01

The bipartisan infrastructure law will deliver at least

\$100 million

to WA for broadband expansion.

The funding will be allocated by the state and will be used to build broadband infrastructure, make internet more affordable to WA families, and improve coverage mapping.

The recently awarded \$16 million+ Broadband Infrastructure Accelerator Grant for Snohomish County to expand broadband access along the SR-530 corridor from Arlington to Darrington is a good example of the types of projects that could benefit from this funding.

Data pictured from the Washington Broadband Survey can be found [here](#).



1.4 million

Washingtonians will also be eligible for the **Affordable Connectivity Benefit**, which subsidizes broadband and will help make internet access more affordable to 19% of the state.

“Part of my district is a global technology and innovation hub but you can drive less than an hour away to rural areas without broadband or cell phone access. And when it is available, it is often unaffordable...The bipartisan infrastructure law will make historic investments in expanding broadband and bridging the digital divide.” – Representative DelBene

More information on the bipartisan infrastructure law can be found [here](#).