

Florida's Connectivity



Florida has 95.8% High-Speed Broadband Coverage

According to Census.gov, nearly 81% of Floridians subscribe to the services FIT members provide. Floridians who do not own a subscription to our members' services do so for personal reasons.

Education Connectivity



Low-Cost Internet Programs are Offered to School Districts

To ensure broadband access to students, FIT members have programs such as Charter Spectrum Internet Assist, Comcast Internet Essentials, and Cox Connect2Compete to connect students to the internet for around \$15 per month. Through these programs, school districts can provide students the connectivity they need to succeed.

Rural Connectivity



Less Than Five Percent of Floridians are Unable to Connect

This year the Federal Communications Commission will begin mapping broadband availability throughout the United States to identify unserved and underserved areas eligible for approximately \$16 billion in federal rural broadband grants in partnership with private sector providers. Florida recently designated the Department of Economic Opportunity as the chief state agency to develop state broadband policies and strategies to maximize attracting these federal funds and continue working to bridge the digital divide in partnership with Florida's private sector broadband providers.

Opportunities for Connectivity



What can policymakers do?

Florida policymakers have the opportunity to look for tax decreases and policy incentives to encourage the continued investment by private providers of broadband services and review any economic barriers to such investment.

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