

Calling all Illinois Local Government and Community Leaders

Let's get the Illinois Broadband Map right!

If you represent one of the following entities, or if you facilitate internet use among vulnerable populations, this information is for you!

Schools • Libraries • Medical providers • Public safety entities • Public housing organizations
Non-profits/Community-based organizations • Local government • Parks

The problem we are trying to solve

We are working to make sure all homes, small businesses, and community anchor institutions have access to high-speed internet.

What do we mean by access?

Access = if you want to subscribe to internet service, you can call an internet service provider to get connected within 10 business days. High-speed internet for a home or small business means having access to at least 100 / 20 Mbps service. And for community anchor institutions, it means having access to at least 1 / 1 Gbps service. For all, high-speed service means having latency of 100 milliseconds or less.

How can you help?

Illinois has been allocated \$1.04 billion in federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) funds to bring high-speed internet access to the ~230,000 households, small businesses, and community anchor institutions that can't get access to at least 100 / 20 Mbps or 1 / 1 Gbps service.

We need your help to identify ALL homes, small businesses, and community anchors without high-speed internet access—so we can make sure they get access.

How can you participate?

1. **Individuals:** Encourage residents with access challenges to visit beadchallenge.org to take three speed tests over three days. Here is a [flyer](#) with instructions that you can share.
2. **Organizations:** If your organization **cannot** access at least 1 / 1 Gbps service, please confirm that this information is shown in the [IL BEAD Challenge Map](#). If the information in the map is inaccurate:
 - Register [here](#) for the [IL BEAD Challenge Process](#).
 - Review the information on our [website](#) to learn how you can submit a challenge.

Please share this info sheet with other local government and community leaders and encourage them to participate!

To learn more, visit the Illinois Office of Broadband's website at the QR code to the right. Have more questions? Email us at broadband@illinois.gov.

