

# North Carolina's Broadband Vision – Closing the Digital Divide



## The plan invests in key areas to achieve digital equity:

- **INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS**  
\$600 million to rapidly build crucial infrastructure in unserved areas to give internet speeds of 100/20 Mbps to 98% of households and 50/10 Mbps to 100% of households with the ability to handle future speeds of 100/100 Mbps.
- **AFFORDABILITY**  
\$420 million to promote federal programs for affordable internet and continue subscription support once federal funding ends.
- **DIGITAL LITERACY**  
\$165 million to give 365,000 households the devices, repair support and digital literacy and skills training to participate in the digital economy.

More than 1.1 million households in North Carolina are on the wrong side of the digital divide, lacking access to high-speed internet and unable to afford internet service. Many of these residents do not have the skills needed to take advantage of the digital economy.

To close this gap, Governor Cooper has proposed investing \$1.2 billion in federal funds to provide access to high-speed internet in every corner of the state, but also ensuring it is equitably adopted, and residents feel enabled to use it.

## Becoming a national leader by 2025:

Governor Cooper has set the following goals for this broadband plan. Once met, North Carolina will become a top 5 state for high-speed internet adoption, and will close the digital divide and achieve digital equity.

- Raise the percentage of North Carolina households with high-speed internet subscriptions from 73 to 80%.
- Increase adoption rates to 80% across racial subgroups.
- Raise the percentage of North Carolina households with children with high-speed internet subscriptions from 81 to 100%.

For more details on Governor Cooper's plan to close the digital divide, with information on resources and programs available, visit [ncbroadband.gov/digital-divide](http://ncbroadband.gov/digital-divide).