The digital divide is widest in rural Arizona. In seven of Arizona’s 15 counties, over 30% of residents cannot access broadband.

Approximately 898,724 Arizonans—mostly in rural and tribal communities—have limited or no access to high-speed internet.

Impacting the achievement gap

As grade levels increase, teachers are more likely to assign homework that requires access to digital devices and/or broadband internet outside of schools. Students are Arizona’s future, it is imperative they have the tools needed to be successful in college, career, and beyond.

Let’s work together to get Every Student Connected!

You can join us and others in helping connect students to success by:

- Donating a laptop or device to the ElevateEdAZ Community Laptop Drive
- Donating mobile hotspots to support the Arizona Commerce Authority’s Mobile Hotspot Donation Drive
- Donating funds to support the purchase of a laptop through School Connect AZ in partnership with Million Dollar Teacher Project and AZ Strut
- Visiting EveryStudentConnected.org to learn more!

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