



**The Digital Divide is real. Let's work together to ensure every student is connected in Arizona!**

Devices and access to connectivity are essential for students to be successful in school. Here's what the digital divide looks like for Arizona's students.

**Laptops and devices in Arizona**



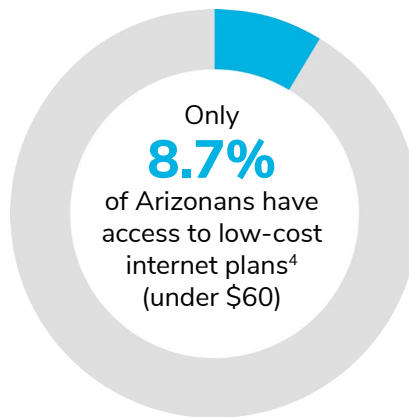
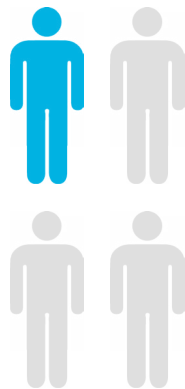
An estimated **100,000** students need computers and devices to continue their learning<sup>1</sup>

**Coming together to get Arizonans connected**



State leaders and local internet providers have diligently worked to increase access by expanding their networks and creating programs to assist low-income families, but there is more work to be done to get all Arizonans connected

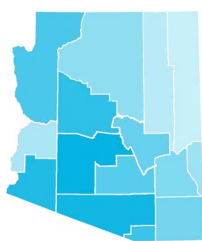
Nationally, a quarter of teens whose family income is less than **\$30,000** a year do not have access to a home computer, compared with 4% of those whose annual family income is **\$75,000** or more<sup>2</sup>



**200,000** students do not have access to reliable internet<sup>3</sup>

More than **755,000** people in the state don't have access to a wired online connection with 25mbps download speeds<sup>4</sup>

**The digital divide is widest in rural Arizona**



In seven of Arizona's 15 counties, **over 30%** of residents cannot access broadband<sup>4</sup>

Approximately **898,724** Arizonans—mostly in rural and tribal communities—have limited or no access to high-speed internet<sup>5</sup>

**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.<sup>6</sup> 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](http://Everystudentconnected.org) to learn more!

**Sources**

<sup>1</sup> Arizona Department of Education  
<sup>2</sup> PEW Research, 2018  
<sup>3</sup> Digital Bridge K12  
<sup>4</sup> Broadbandnow.com/Arizona  
<sup>5</sup> 2018 Arizona Statewide Broadband Strategic Plan  
<sup>6</sup> Common Sense Media Homework Gap Report, 2019

