TAB Report July 2014

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Population Analysis (Residential Providers)

Underserved with reported gaps

Served with reported gaps

Broadband Availability Analysis For New Hampshire - Spring 2014

Based on Wireline and Fixed Wireless Coverage



Population Analysis (All Providers)		
No Service	0	0.0%
Unserved	4,179	0.3%
Underserved	110,924	8.4%
Underserved with reported gaps	32,266	2.5%
Served	1,066,549	81.0%
Served with Gaps	102,552	7.8%
Total Population	1,316,470	100.0%

0

8,715

155,545

36,430

86,602

1,029,178

1,316,470

0.0%

0.7%

11.8%

2.8%

78.2%

100.0%

6.6%

Household Analysis (All Providers)		
No Service	836	0.1%
Unserved	1,988	0.3%
Underserved	63,864	10.4%
Underserved with reported gaps	18,166	3.0%
Served	477,633	77.7%
Served with reported gaps	52,267	8.5%
Total Households	614,754	100.0%

Served	477,633	77.7%
Served with reported gaps	52,267	8.5%
Total Households	614,754	100.0%
Household Analysis (Residential Pro	viders)	
No Service	0	0.0%
Unserved	4,335	0.7%
Underserved	85,755	13.9%
Underserved with reported gaps	20,621	3.4%

Area Analysis (All Providers) sq. mi.		
No Service	1,151.15	12.3%
Unserved	123.48	1.3%
Underserved	1,584.05	16.9%
Underserved with reported gaps	797.55	8.5%
Served	3,433.10	36.7%
Served with reported gaps	2,259.44	24.2%
Total Sq. Miles	9,348.77	100.0%

Area Analysis (Residential Providers)	sq. mi.	
No Service	0.00	0.0%
Unserved	1,320.99	14.1%
Underserved	1,676.59	17.9%
Underserved with reported gaps	782.29	8.4%
Served	3,438.52	36.8%
Served with reported gaps	2,130.38	22.8%
Total Sq. Miles	9,348.77	100.0%

Analysis Definitions

Served:

No Service

Unserved

Served

Underserved

Maximum Advertised Download Speed: 6+ Mbps

Total Population

Maximum Advertised Upload Speed: 1.5+ Mbps

Underserved:

Maximum Advertised Download Speed: 768 kbps - 6 Mbps

Maximum Advertised Upload Speed: 200 kbps - 1.5+ Mbps

Unserved:

Maximum Advertised Download Speed: < 768 kbps

Maximum Advertised Upload Speed: < 200 kbps

Reported Gaps:

Service coverage is based on data received directly from broadband providers in NH, reported at the census block level. "With gaps" identifies census blocks that provideres indicated are served but where the NHBMPP has received user emails, website surveys and/or town verification indicating specific locations with no service available. Additionally, areas where speed tests have been filed that do not meet the minimum speed criteria are flagged as having a gap in service.

Served

Served with reported gaps

Total Households

Data Sources:

459,851

44,192

614,754

Population and Households - 2010 US Census

74.8%

7.2% 100.0%

Broadband Availability - NH Broadband Mapping & Planning Program, March 2014

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"Broadband" (As defined by the New Hampshire Broadband Mapping and Planning Program)

B roadband is defined by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), as "advanced communications systems capable of providing high-speed transmission of services such as data, voice, video, complex graphics, and other data-rich information over the Internet and other networks." Stakeholders often seek to define broadband in terms of download and upload speeds, in part because these are discrete, convenient, and standardized metrics. Download and upload speeds measure the amount of data transmitted per second, as reported in kilobits (kbps), megabits, (mbps) and gigabits (gbps).

At the state level, the New Hampshire Broadband Mapping and Planning Program (NHBMPP) is tasked with mapping where broadband is currently available, determining how it can be made more widely available in the future, and encouraging increased levels of broadband adoption and usage. NHBMPP is also offering broadband planning and technical assistance to a wide range of groups and organizations throughout the state.

For the purposes of discussion and planning, the NHBMPP has developed the attached matrix to assist stakeholders in understanding the diverse levels of broadband available in the state today, and the typical functions a user might be able to perform within a range of download and upload speed tiers. Using these tiers, the Program has established broadband availability categories ("served", "underserved", and "unserved") to describe access to broadband service. These categories are based solely on the maximum speeds available to the end-user or end-device. While some states are also considering the number of providers servicing a given area when determining access levels, e.g. a degree of competition, the NHBMPP has not chosen to incorporate those analyses in its availability categories.

When using the attached matrix to evaluate access, determine the category by assessing both the download <u>and</u> upload speeds. Most broadband technologies (cable, wireless, satellite, etc.) are not capable of sending and receiving data at the same speed, with upload speed typically being more limited.

This document does not seek to supersede other national and/or state efforts to establish a standard definition for "broadband." It also limits the focus to transmission speed, while recognizing that affordability and functionality are also key factors when assessing broadband needs and barriers to adoption.

Broadband functions, applications and technologies are continually changing. Only 15 years ago, a 56 Kbps connection was sufficient to conduct most business on the internet. Today, in order to use many internet applications successfully, a minimum download speed of 1.5 Mbps is required. This trend towards increasing requirements for bandwidth capacity will certainly continue into the future, and the matrix of uses presented herein will evolve as well.

- For more information on the NHBMPP, please visit http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org
- To take a customized speed test and measure your actual delivered upload/download speeds, please visit http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/speed_test



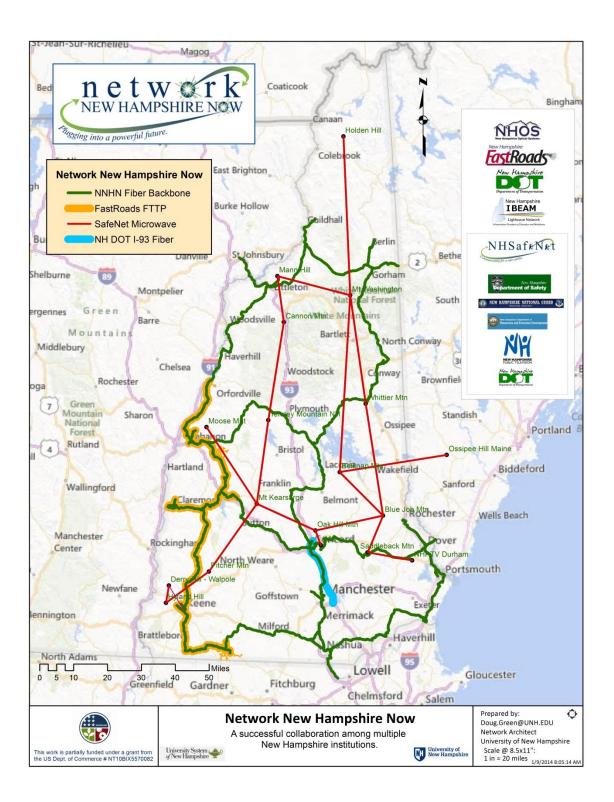
Category	Download Speed	Upload Speed	Typical Functions/Use (functions additive to level abov	ve)
Unserved	< 768 Kbps	< 200 Kbps	• Email (Client/Server-based; POP)	
Underserved	< 768 Kbps 768 Kbps to < 6 Mbps	200 Kbps to < 1.5 Mbps	 Minimum Download Speed: 768 Kbps Web-based email Limited web browsing and shopping Minimal social media use Sending/receiving small documents/files (Use of internet not integrated in daily life Single user internet device Minimum Download Speed: 1.5 Mbps Web browsing and shopping Medium social media use Sending/receiving medium-sized documer Limited streaming content; buffering a cor VPN access possible, but speed of operation Internet integrated in daily life, and "alware 1-3 simultaneous internet devices possible Multiple functions working simultaneously video/music, downloading content). Not co VoIP (Voice over IP, i.e. telephone over the Minimum Download Speed: 3 Mbps Medium to high social media use Sending/receiving medium to large-sized or Streaming SD content; buffering not a con content (movies, video) 3-5 internet devices possible 	function Minimum Upload Speed: 768 Kbps hts/files (photos, word processing) ncern Standard Definition (SD) content on not critical to job function ys" connected e y possible (e.g. web browsing, streaming oncerned with speed of transmission. e Internet) Minimum Upload Speed: 768 Kbps documents or files (photos, word processing) icern; downloading High Definition (HD)
			 VPN access needed, speed of operation important but not critical to job function Multiple functions performed simultaneously required (e.g. web browsing, streaming video/music, downloading content), but not concerned with speed of downloads Low quality, small window frame videoconferencing (Skype) Cloud-based computing and data storage Minimum Download Speed: 6 Mbps Meavy social media use Sending/receiving large documents or files (photos, word processing, small videos) Streaming HD content (movies, video); buffering not a concern 5+ internet devices possible VPN access needed, speed of operation critical to job junction Higher quality, codec-based videoconferencing Multi-player online gaming 	
			Minimum Download Speed: 10 Mbps	Minimum Upload Speed: 3 Mbps
Served	6 Mbps to 25+ Mbps	1.5 Mbps to 6+ Mbps	 Sending/receiving large files and small to medium-sized databases HD quality, codec-based, large frame videoconferencing; multiple (bridged) sites/users Remote synchronous education, professional development, workshops, etc., facilitated simultaneously at multiple classrooms and/or other locations Telehealth/telemedicine applications possible 	
			 Minimum Download Speed: 25+ Mbps Sending/receiving medium to large-sized of HD quality, codec-based, large frame video multiple (bridged) sites/users High speed end to end network and busine Telemetry-based applications (rely critical monitor and multiplex data, i.e. remote patie Real-time HD medical imaging and consult "Internet 2" connectivity and applications 	oconferencing (Telepresence) connecting ess to business applications ly on the ability of broadband to continuously ient monitoring, sensing systems, etc.) tation (remote dermatology, etc.)

Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee Member Designees July 2014

II. The members of the committee are: (a) The Governor, or Designee; Christopher Kennedy - Governor's Office (b) The Commissioner of Resources and Economic Development, or Designee; Commissioner, Carol Miller, Director of Broadband Technology (c) The Commissioner of Department of Safety, or Designee; Arthur Durutte (d) The Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, or Designee; Director of Telecom, Kathryn Bailey (e) One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker: **Rep Laurence Rappaport** (f) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate; Sen Bob O'Dell (g) The Chief Information Officer Department of Information Technology, or designee; Steven Kelleher III. The following persons nominated by the Commissioner of Resources and Economic development and appointed by the governor and council: (1) Two members representing residential telecommunications customers; Martha Mcleod, Ted Jastrzembski (2) One member representing large business telecommunications customers; Vacant (3) One member representing small business telecommunications customers; Elizabeth Merry (4) One member representing educators providing distance learning; **Brian Shepperd** (5) One member representing municipal government; Robert Ciandella (6) One member representing county government; Rodney Bouchard (7) One member representing a regional economic development organization or a regional planning commission; Michael Blair and (8) Up to 7 members representing several of the following sectors of the

telecommunications industry: wireless, paging, incumbent local exchange carriers, competitive local exchange carriers, Internet service providers, cable, long distance providers, and broadcast television.

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Broadband Mapping Project Update Summer 2014

Mapping Project Objectives

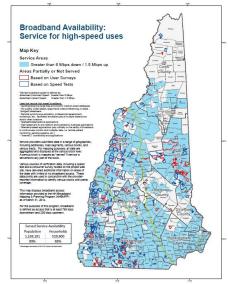
- Collect data from Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in New Hampshire to build the state's broadband map.
- Collect data from Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) in the state to contribute to the state's broadband map.
- Analyze data to identify areas in the state that are served, underserved, and unserved.
- Provide broadband data to legislators, community officials, businesses, stakeholders, and residents to frame public discussions and to plan for expanded and enhanced availability.

Mapping Project Activities

- Map Broadband Service Availability on a semiannual basis, collect and process broadband data from each of the 60+ active ISPs to understand where broadband is available, the technology used to provide the service, and the maximum advertised speeds (up/down) of the available service.
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 Map Community Anchor Institutions on a semiannual basis, collect and process broadband availability data from ~4,000 institutions of local/regional significance, including schools, healthcare providers, libraries, public safety offices, and other municipal offices.
- Collect Verification Data and Related Data Sets -
 - Consumer Surveys an online survey to understand where residential broadband is and is not available and/or adequate.
 - Speed Tests an online tool to record data transmission speeds.
 - \circ Field Data statewide mobile wireless drive tests to collect data transmission speeds.
- Analyze Mapping Results compile and analyze the full suite of data collected to characterize broadband availability in New Hampshire.
- Promote the State Broadband Map increase awareness of the state broadband map and how it can be effectively utilized.



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Broadband availability based on March, 2014 data



Mapping Project Results / Products

- Speed Tests expanded marketing of NHBMPP speed test tool and generation of weekly reports for selected communities (see figure at right). Also ongoing efforts to incorporate speed test tools and data from external sources.
- Statewide Maps -production of statewide maps and analyses describing broadband availability by speed tier and by technology.
- Address Data comprehensive address level mapping for selected communities in NH.
- Community Anchor Institutions provision of technical support to NH Department of Education in responding to FCC eRate program modernization.
- Statewide Broadband Plan production of map series for incorporation in forthcoming statewide documents.
- Broadband Cost Model research into development of GISbased broadband expansion cost modeling techniques focusing on wireline technologies.

Future Plans / Next Steps

- Continue mapping broadband availability in New Hampshire.
- Continue updating the Community Anchor Institutions data set.
- Conduct further analysis of populations in the underserved and unserved areas of the state.
- Coordinate with regional broadband planning teams, providing data and analyses to support the regional plan development efforts.
- Expand the suite of data verification methodologies and resources, including developing webbased tools for provider data validation.
- Increase the dissemination of project results through an enhanced web interface.

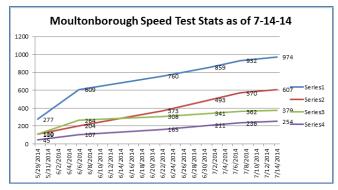
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Speed test records submitted, Moultonborough, NH, May-July 2014

(10,173 results as of 7/1/2014)	
Download speed	Percentage
4 Mbps or less	49%
- FCC Minimum Broadband Sp	eed -
4-10Mbps	31%
10-25 Mbps	17%
More than 25 Mbps	3%
Upload speed	Percentage
Upload speed 1 Mbps or less	Percentage 51%
· · ·	51%
1 Mbps or less	51%
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Upload speed	Percentage

Statewide speed test results, July 2014

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Broadband Planning Project Update Summer 2014

Planning Project Objectives

- Understand the important role of broadband availability and accessibility in maintaining vibrant economies and quality of life.
- Establish advocacy for broadband needs within NH's regions, municipalities and sector groups.
- Engage communities in better understanding their broadband access options.
- Integrate on-going broadband mapping and technical assistance and training efforts into broadband planning activities.
- Develop broadband plans for NH's nine regions to be integrated into a statewide broadband document.



Planning Project Activities

- Form Regional Broadband Stakeholder Groups (BSGs) NH's nine regional planning commissions to establish groups of stakeholders representing municipalities, businesses, schools, healthcare, etc. to review and discuss broadband-related issues.
- Identify broadband needs and barriers as well as strategies to address those barriers.
- Conduct analysis to determine broadband needs specific to certain sectors such as education, health/medical, businesses, public safety, and government services.
- Expand the dialogue by sponsoring regional broadband public forums on an annual basis.
- Promote the use of the broadband speed survey to enhance the resolution of coverage throughout New Hampshire.
- Timeframe: January 2011 December 2014.





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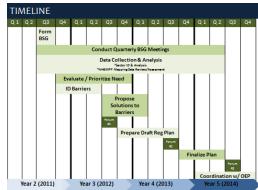
Planning Project Results / Products

- Regional planning commissions (RPCs) have completed regional broadband plans which are now available for review as they are being refined prior to adoption.
- In conjunction with BSGs, RPCs have conducted public forums to announce the release of regional broadband plans and to encourage public dialogue and input.
- A uniform implementation matrix has been developed for common usage in regional broadband plans to facilitate a clear assessment of strategies being employed statewide.
- To enhance draft broadband plans, RPCs have completed a municipal broadband service map verification project to improve the accuracy of existing map products.
- Coordination is occurring with representatives of the NH Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) for developing a statelevel broadband planning document.
- Broadband usage, adoption, and infrastructure needs have been integrated into Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) in several NH regions.

Future Plans / Next Steps

- Facilitate and encourage public input on regional broadband plans.
- Complete refinements to incorporate input from program partners, community officials, and the general public into draft plans.
- Adopt regional broadband plans.
- Collaborate with OEP in their effort to integrate the nine regional plans into a statewide broadband planning document.
- Conduct the 3rd in a series of regional public forums.
- Assist municipalities in moving toward enhanced broadband services available in their communities.
- Continue to engage BSGs in working towards progress in implementing strategies developed in regional broadband plans.





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Capacity Building/Community Resources Update Summer, 2014

Capacity Building/Community Resources Objectives

- Work with the NH Director of Broadband Technology, BSGs, the NH Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee (TAB), and others, to identify broadband deployment and adoption barriers and potential solutions.
- Research funding options for communities to expand broadband access in rural areas.
- Develop a "NH Broadband Solutions and Funding Toolkit" to help communities with broadband planning and decision making.
- Assist communities in developing support for broadband expansion, adoption and use.

Project Activities

- Continue meetings with Bethlehem, Greenfield, and Moultonborough to review assessment plans and to working with each community to develop a broadband plan of action.
- Initiated a summer speed test campaign in Moultonborough NH. Results will be compiled this fall in town GIS mapping.
- Coordinated with Greenfield, NH to begin a project to map broadband by street address.
- Developed and currently enhancing an online "NH Broadband Solutions and Funding Toolkit."
- Collaborated with NH Regional Planning Commissions and the NH Office of Energy and Planning as the team finalizes state broadband plans.



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Project Results

- Conducted a "Community Resources" workshop at the May 16th "NH Broadband Conference.
- Worked with the TAB to create an education sub-committee who will work on compiling data regarding schools utilization rates of e-rate and documenting broadband speeds in preparation for the national ConnectED Initiative.
- Developed Community Broadband Survey for Greenfield.
- Participated in "<u>Talk of the Town</u>" in Moultonborough to highlight activities and goals of the broadband committee
- Collaborated with New Hampshire Regional Planning Commissions to compile the "NH Broadband Solutions and Funding Toolkit" content
- Met with ISP to evaluate future plans for expansion in Greenfield, NH.

Future Plans / Next Steps



- Schedule a Fall workshop with Regional Planning Commissions to review lessons learned from consulting with NH communities.
- Conduct meetings with Bethlehem, Greenfield, and Moultonborough to review results of the assessment tools and to develop a broadband plan of action for each.
- Execute the Greenfield Broadband Survey.
- Develop a Broadband Feasibility Matrix exercise. Test with towns and add to the "NH Broadband Solutions and Funding Toolkit"
- Enhance "NH Broadband Solutions and Funding Toolkit" and promote to communities.

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Broadband Technical Assistance & Training Project Update Summer, 2014

Technical Assistance & Training Project Objectives

- Assess broadband training and technical assistance needs of stakeholder groups including educational institutions, municipalities, organizations, small business, and healthcare providers. Determine:
 - Topics that stakeholders would like to receive training on.
 - Functions/applications that would be of use to stakeholders.
- Design and develop face to face and web-based learning modules
- Deliver workshops, training and technical assistance to broadband stakeholder groups to support increased use of broadband adoption and use

Technical Assistance & Training Project Activities

- Conduct needs assessments targeted surveys, focus groups, phone surveys (Granite State Poll), and feedback sessions.
- Develop curriculum presentations, workshops and online training resources.
- Provide targeted technical assistance to enhance broadband adoption and utilization.
- Develop training sessions for sector groups.



Educational Institutions schools and colleges

Health Organizations hospitals and health care providers

Municipalities local officials, boards, service providers

Small Business agriculture, seafood, tourism and forestry



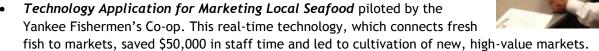
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Technical Assistance & Training Project Results

Trainings and presentations made to over 250 people including business, municipal and community leaders, and the university community:

• Development of Technology Discovery Laboratory at Families in Transition housing complex in Manchester, NH. This laboratory, with seven work stations, will introduce vulnerable children and their parents to computer literacy. Extension staff and two grad students will deliver educational programs this Fall through next year.



- Leveraging Broadband for Economic Development presented at three venues: State Extension Advisory Council, Belknap County, and the State Association of Counties. Workshop participants tested municipal e-readiness tool to assess their broadband readiness.
- Leveraging Broadband for Small Business presented to small business owners, state decisionmakers, and business service-providers at State Broadband Conference.
- On-line Learning Modules for Businesses, Communities, and Economic Decision-makers underway and being beta-tested with these audiences.
- *Marketing your Food in Real-time Workshop* conducted in Strafford County, introducing local food enterprises to new technology applications for linking local food with new customers (drawing on program implemented by Yankee Fishermen's Cooperative)
- **Community Broadband Assessment Readiness Tool** has been used by over 40 communities in 2014 to gauge their readiness towards implementing a successful broadband plan.

Future Plans / Next Steps

- The Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) Team will have the on-line learning modules live on September 15th for a soft launch.
- Technology Learning Laboratory will have educational program underway in the Fall of 2015.
- Technical Assistance and Training Team will work with Capacity Planning and Community Resources Team to have a Community Toolbox fully developed and on-line by Fall of 2015.
- The Economic Development Academy a hybrid face-to-face and on-line course for economic development practitioners will be up-and-running in August of 2015. Broadband and Technology is a major component of the curriculum.

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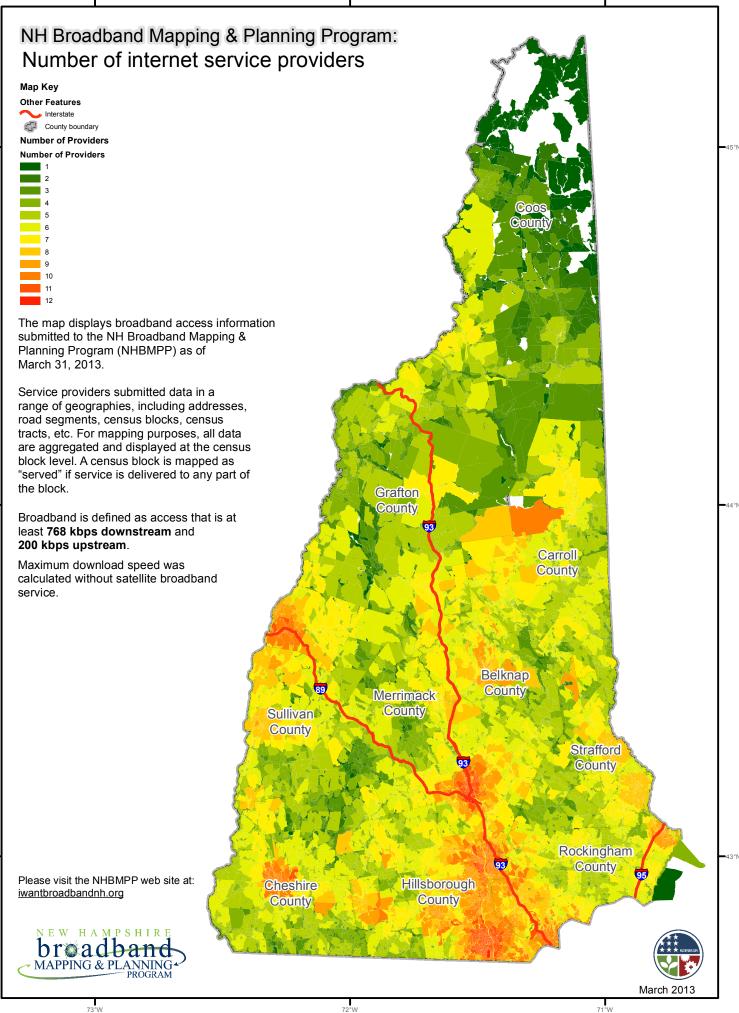
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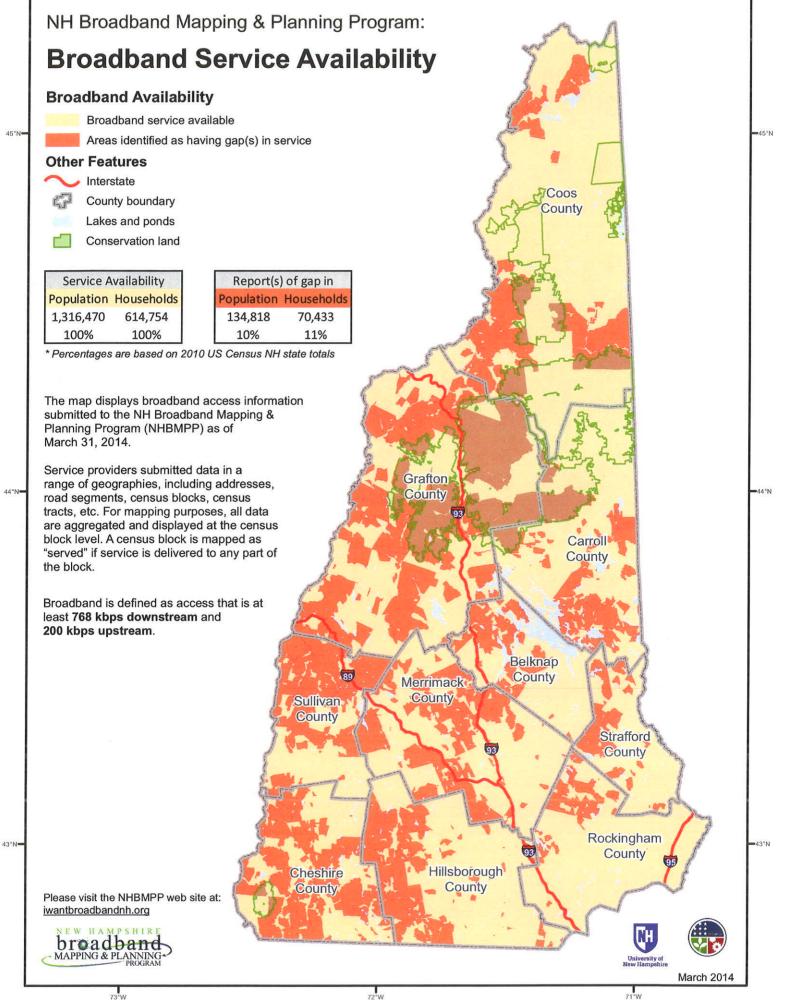


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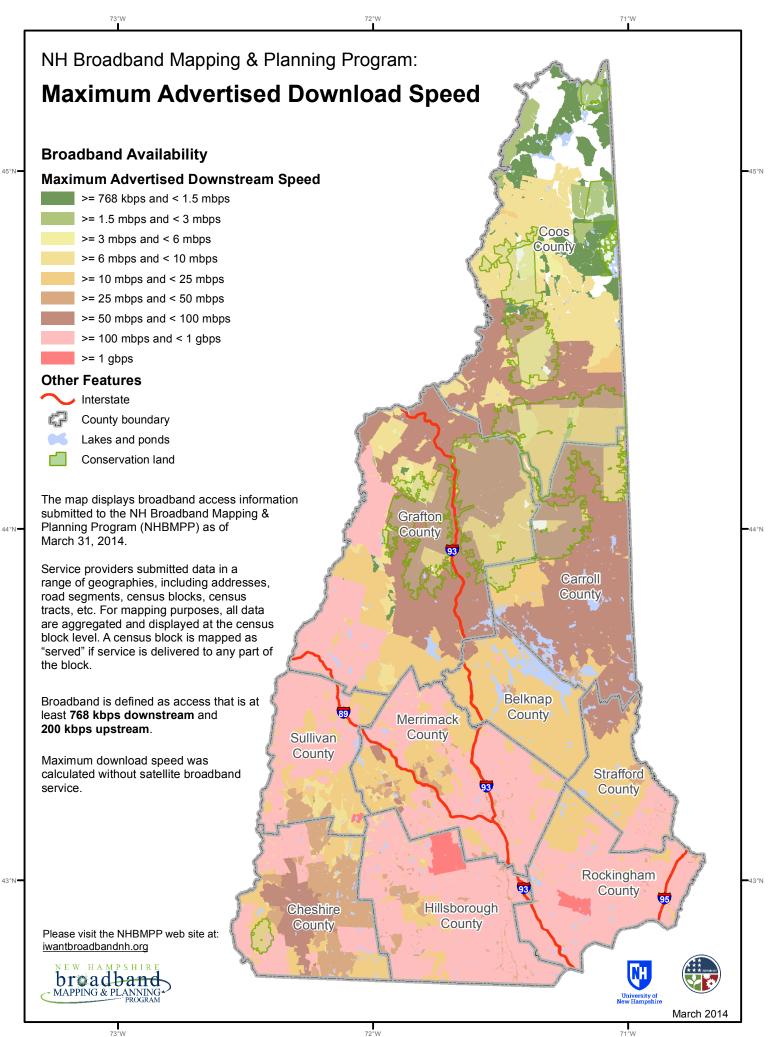
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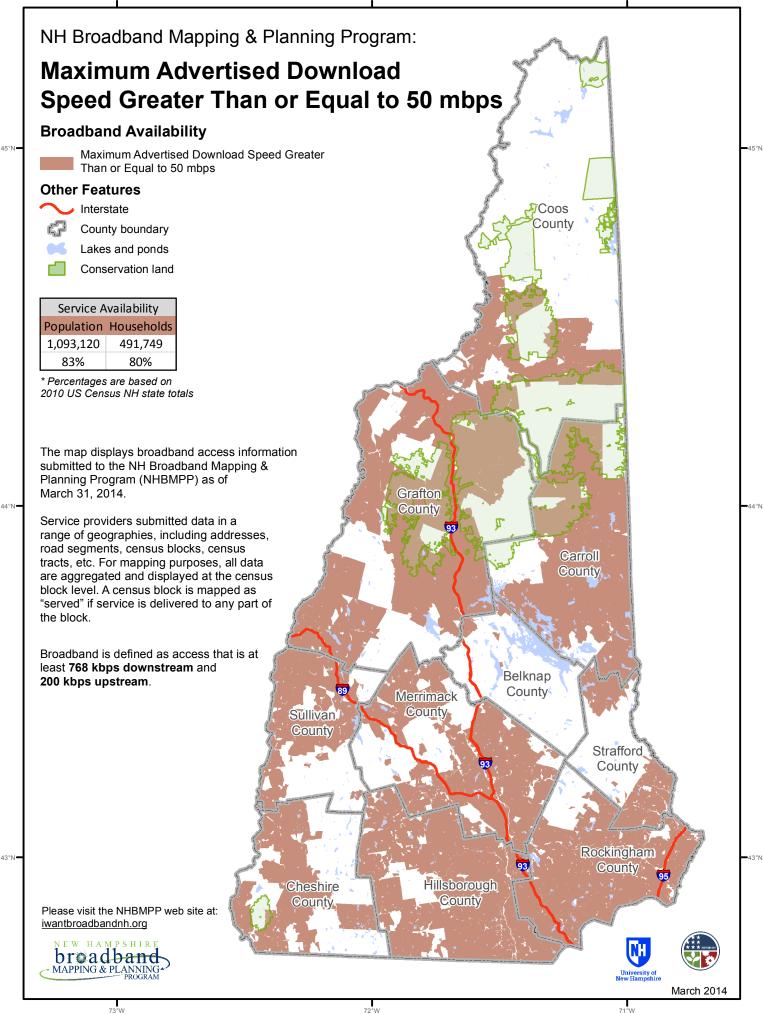
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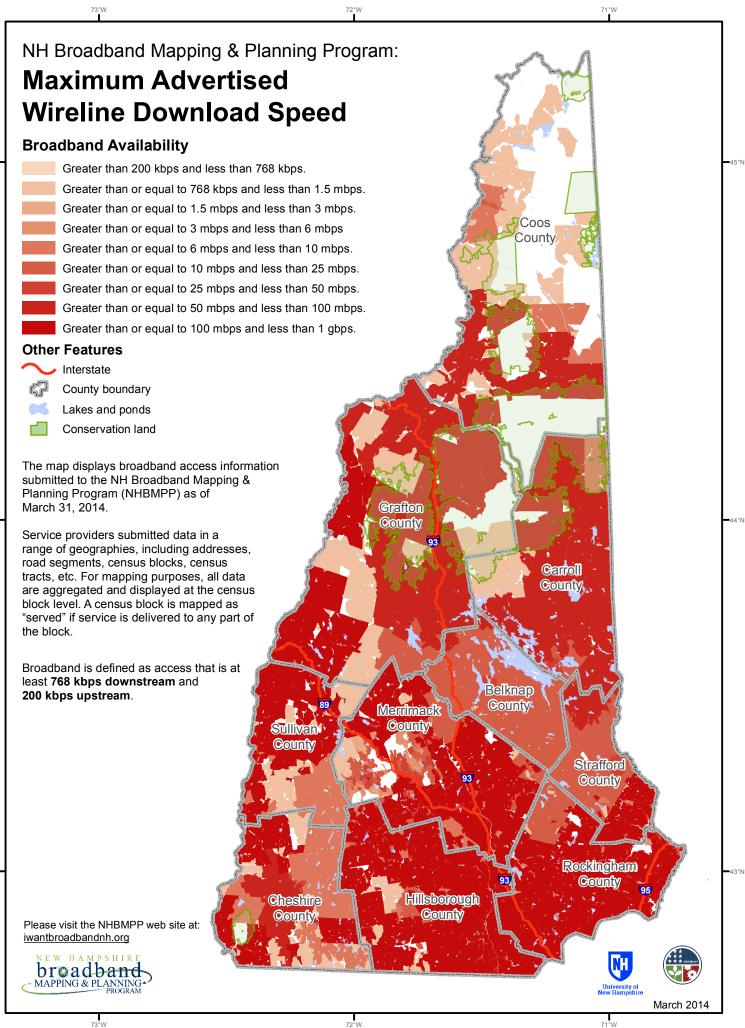


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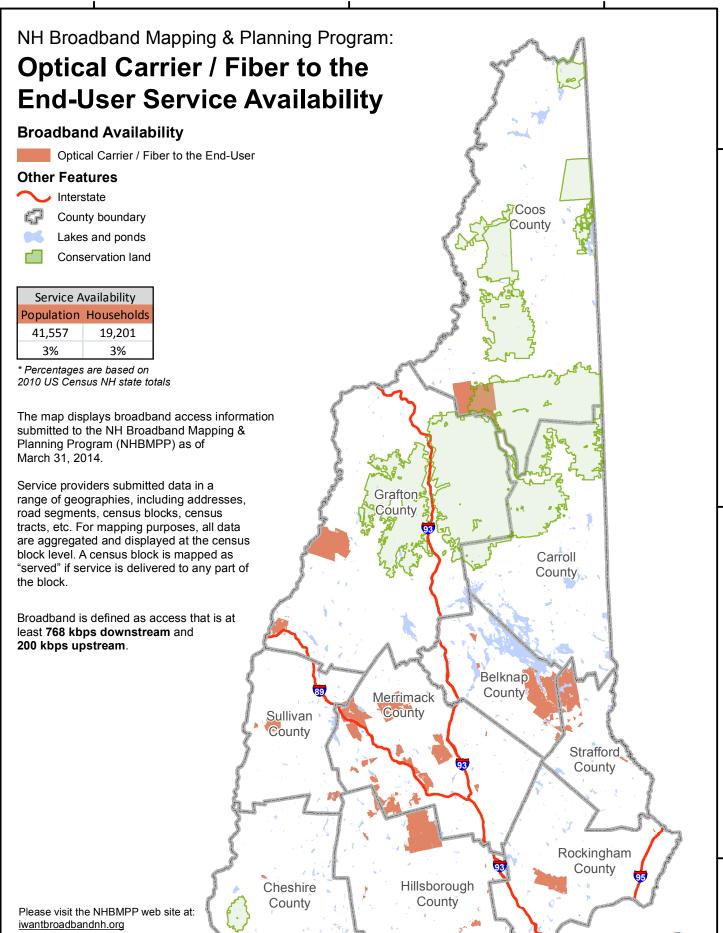


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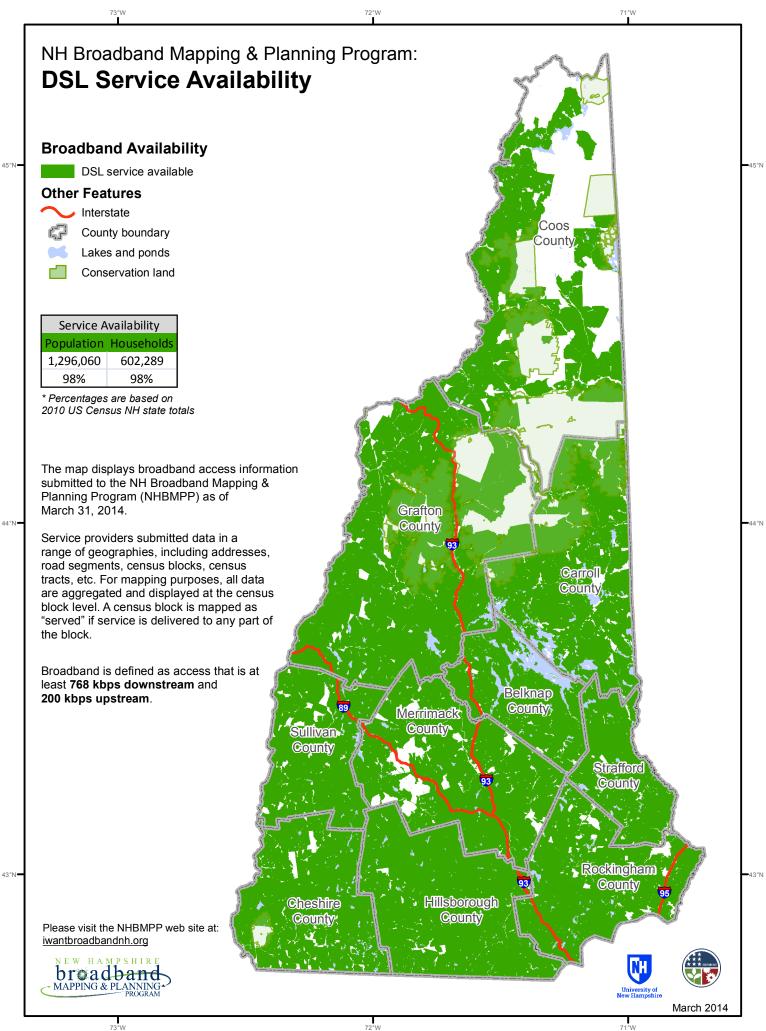
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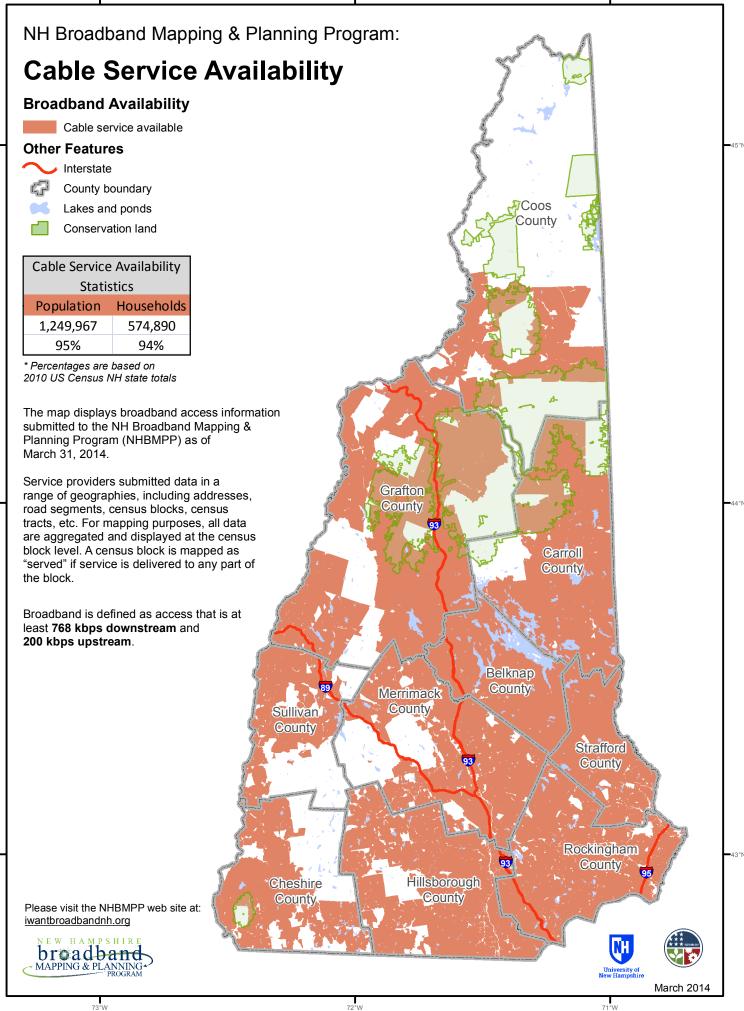
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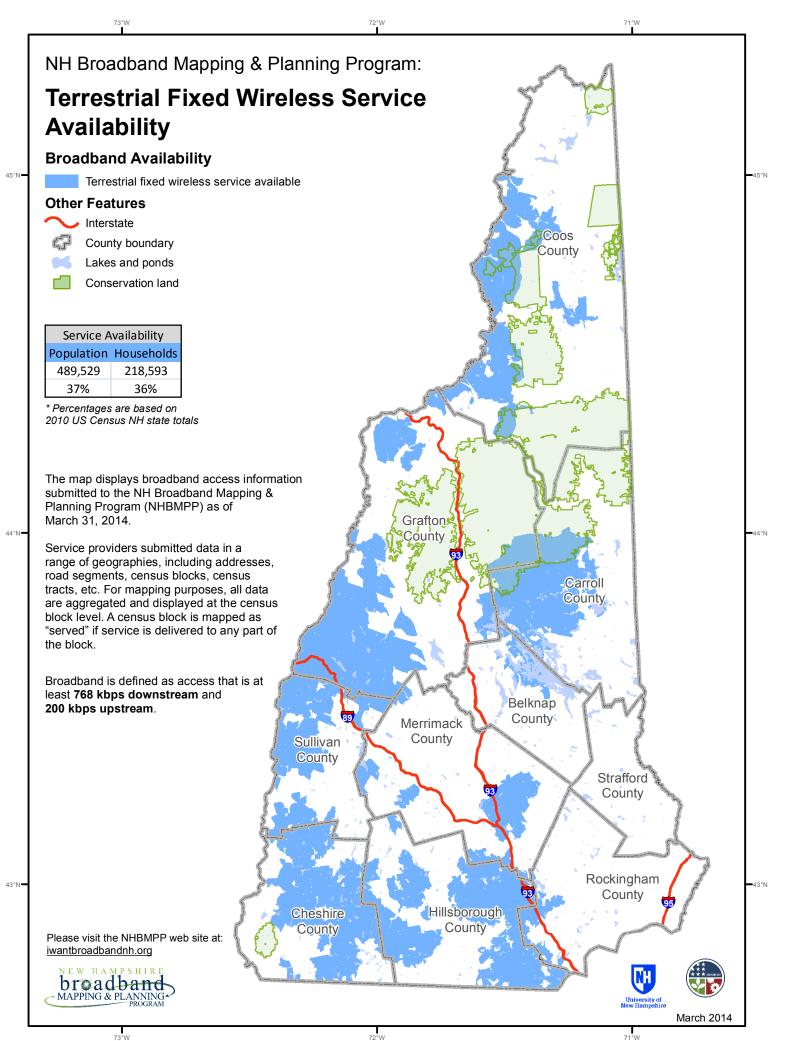
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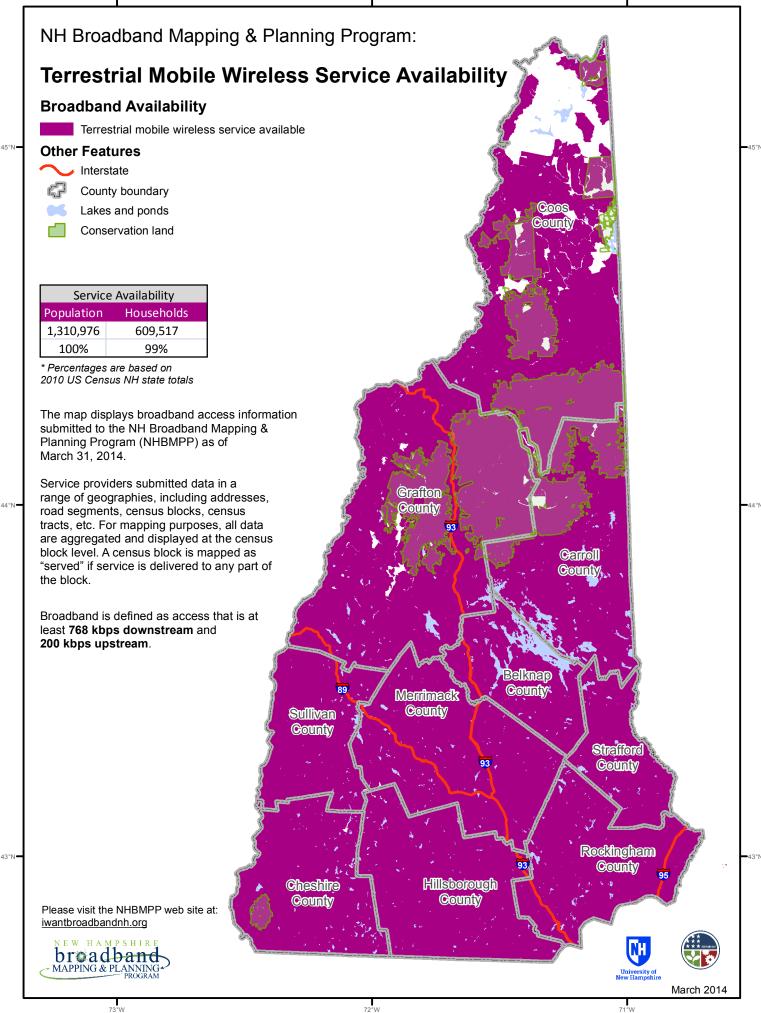




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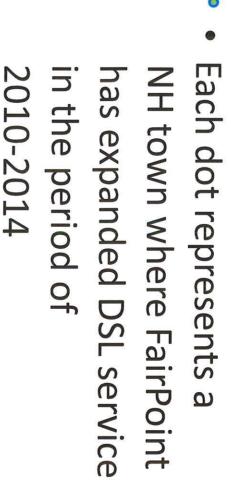
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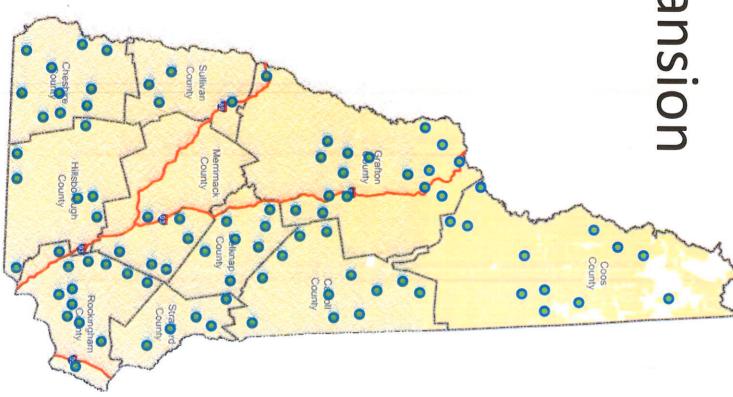
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FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE, A BROADER BROADBAND

FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS BRINGS HIGH-SPEED INTERNET TO MORE OF THE STATE'S HOMES AND BUSINESSES

In a growing number of towns across New Hampshire, people are experiencing the advantages of high-speed Internet for the first

time. FairPoint Communications has expanded broadband service to scores of previously unserved homes and businesses in communities all across the state. From Gorham to Gilford, from Laconia to Middleton and many places in between, FairPoint high-speed Internet is now available to more than 95% of its New Hampshire service area.

As a provider of advanced data, voice and video technologies to residential, business and wholesale customers across northern New England, it is FairPoint's job to help people connect.

"FairPoint is dedicated to delivering high-speed broadband services to rural New Hampshire communities," said Pat McHugh, FairPoint state president for New Hampshire. "We're proud to help the state advance its goal of bringing universal broadband to our citizens and believe this is a key milestone to our future success."

In fact, since April 2008, FairPoint has invested more than one million dollars per week in its communications infrastructure, technology and services in northern New England in an effort to reach new customers and upgrade its network. The Granite State received a major part of that investment, as the company has put \$361 million into broadband service and its IP-based New Hampshire network, adding thousands of miles of new fiber.

Broadband service on the IP-based network means customers can smoothly stream live video, play online games, and upload photos and large files with ease. Reliable broadband access provides almost instant connections to information, news and entertainment.

"I believe there's no provider who has done more than FairPoint to bring broadband to New Hampshire," said McHugh, who noted that in 215 of the state's communities over 100,000 homes and business that were unserved prior to 2008, now have access to high-speed Internet. "Broadband availability brings the world to the doorsteps of residents and businesses in New Hampshire and is fundamental to our state's future economic growth."

Still, FairPoint believes that its investment is about much more than economics and faster speeds – it's about enriching the quality of life in the communities it serves. To that end, FairPoint employs an experienced workforce of 1,070 employees in New Hampshire, and made more than \$520,000 in civic contributions while purchasing more than \$37 million in local goods and services in 2013.

Now, with more than 16,000 miles of fiber, and access to 95 percent of all businesses across northern New England, FairPoint's network is the most robust and ubiquitous in the region. It's a network that meets the demands of some of the region's largest institutions, such as regional healthcare facilities, financial institutions, and government and education entities.

"FairPoint's new, fiber-based, highcapacity network is helping New Hampshire connect to the ever-changing, ever-expanding global community," McHugh says. "We're offering people a faster, better way to communicate – one upload, one online sale, one phone call at a time."

For more information about FairPoint, visit FairPointConnects.com.



INVESTMENT

Since April 2008, we've invested over one million dollars a week in the communities we serve to develop new technology, infrastructure and services that connect even the most remote communities to the ever-changing, ever-expanding global community.

NETWORK COVERAGE

We offer the largest network in northern New England, with more than 16,000 fiber route miles in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, and are able to connect more than 95% of businesses in the region.

MORE THAN TECHNOLOGY

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The way we see it, our business is more than fiber and wires and signals. It's about forging connections great and small, ordinary and extraordinary.

First in Fiber Celebration

Celebrate Hollis becoming the first (and only) N.H. town to have 1Gbps Internet service!

> May 27 12:30 p.m. Hollis Town Hall



Hear from U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte, local officials, and TDS® representatives.

Refreshments will be served.

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