

Recovery Act Definitions for Broadband

Broadband

Two-way data transmission with advertised speeds of at least 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream

Last Mile

Infrastructure projects with the predominant purpose of providing broadband service to end users like homes and businesses

Middle Mile

Other broadband infrastructure projects that do NOT predominantly serve end users directly

Strategic Institutions

Community anchor institutions (e.g., schools, libraries, medical facilities), organizations, agencies serving vulnerable populations (e.g., low-income, unemployed, aged), and public safety agencies

Unserved

An area, composed of one or more census blocks, where at least 90% of the households lack access to facilities-based terrestrial broadband service.

Underserved

At least one of following must be met:

- No more than 50% of the households in the applicant-defined service area have access to facilities-based terrestrial broadband service;
- No broadband service provider offers downstream speeds of 3 Mbps or more;
- 40% or less of the households subscribe to broadband service.