



Regional & Tribal Broadband Partners

Goal: To close the Digital Divide in Maine

What is Digital Equity and Digital Inclusion?

Definition: Digital Equity is a condition in which all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy and economy.

Digital Equity is necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services.

Definition: Digital Inclusion includes:

- Affordable Broadband
- Affordable Equipment
- Digital Skills Training
- Public Computer Access
- Technical Support

Covered Populations

- Low income households (up to 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines)
- Older/Aging Individuals (60 years old and older)
- Incarcerated/Formerly incarcerated individuals
- Individuals with a language barrier, including individuals who –
 - are English language learners
 - have low levels of literacy
- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals who are members of a racial or ethnic group minority
- Veterans
- Individuals who primarily reside in a rural area

Statewide Working Groups

- Rural Health Care/Telehealth
- Youth/Rural Flight/Return
- Affordable Housing/Unhoused
- Education/Post-Secondary/Workforce Development/Remote Workers
- Incarcerated/Jails & Prisons
- Farming/Fishing/Forestry
- Veteran (Regional/Statewide)
- Racial/Ethnic Minority
- Climate Change/Resiliency

Next steps:

- Meeting dates
- Sub-committees
- State Survey
- Continuing adding to the Digital Asset Inventory
- Vision Statement
- Timeline
- Community Meetings and Outreach
- Budget
- Final Report
- All due by the end of April! 😊

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