

**UPDATE
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FCC Publishes National Broadband Maps – Challenge Process Begins

On November 18, 2022, the FCC released a draft of the National Broadband Map (found here: [National Broadband Map](#)). The National Broadband Map displays where internet services (fixed and mobile broadband) are and are not available across the country.

The [Fact Sheet](#) released with the map explains how the map works and outlines the challenge process. Users may search for broadband availability through a variety of ways – by address, service provider or in a specific area. Users may also download data from the map in CSV, shape file or GeoPackage form.

The Fact Sheet further explains that the map is the first release in an ongoing, iterative process that will depend on data submitted by providers, challenges from third parties and the public, and verifications and audits by the FCC. Individuals along with state, local and Tribal governments, service providers and other stakeholders may all submit challenges. For a party to challenge the data, there are a number of options:

- Parties can submit fixed availability challenges using the map interference to report missing or incorrect information about locations of available fixed broadband reported.
- Similarly, parties may report inaccuracies in the map about the type of service or availability of a provider in an area.
- Finally, when challenging the availability of mobile broadband data, parties will use on-the-ground network performance data (i.e., speed test data) based on the FCC's Speed Test App.

With the release of the draft map, challenges to fixed and mobile broadband availability data, as well as individual consumer Fabric location challenges will be accepted **on a rolling, on-going basis**.

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