

Missouri and United States Falling Behind

55 Percent of Missouri Households Have Internet Speeds that are Below Minimum National Standards

We need high speed Internet for our homes, schools, hospitals and workplaces. But most U.S. Internet connections are far too slow to send and receive large files for medical monitoring, to run a home-based business or for multi-media distance learning.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has developed the National Broadband Plan to help the U.S. catch up with the rest of the world. But almost half of all U.S. household connections fail to meet the minimum broadband speed standard of 4 megabits per second (mbps) download and 1 mbps upload. And only one percent meet the FCC goal of 50 mpbs download and 20 mbps upload by 2015.

The United States is ranked 15th behind other industrialized countries in high speed Internet adoption, and 25th in Internet speeds.

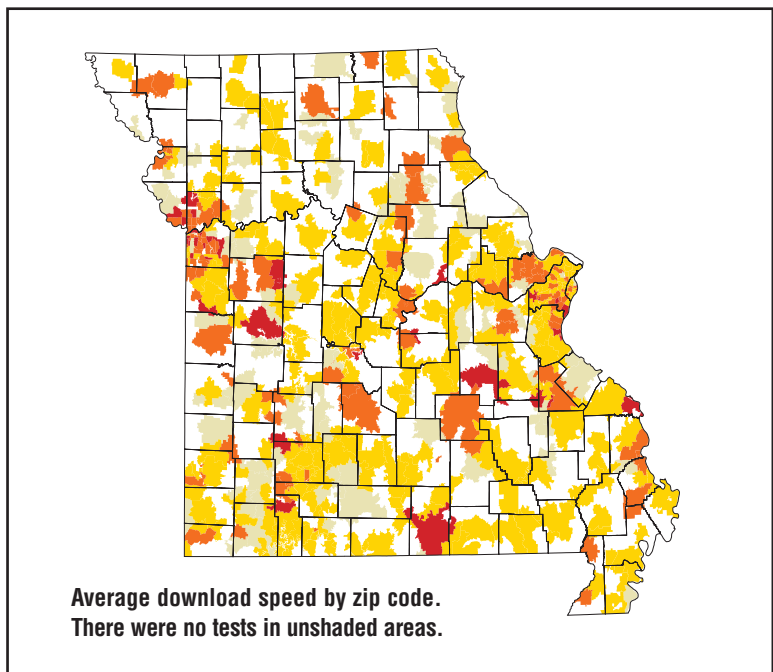
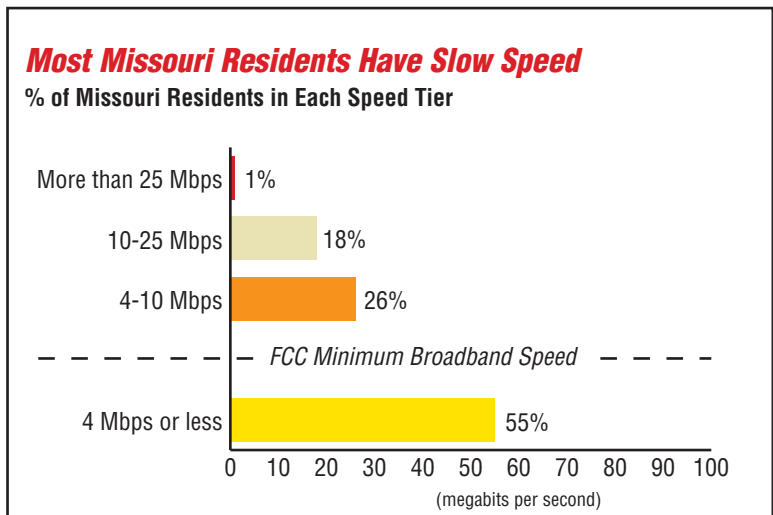
Missouri Speed Test Results

Over the last year, Missouri residents who have gone to speedmatters.org to check the speed of their Internet connections have found that they, like people in the entire country, lag behind. The results also show that there is a digital divide in high-speed Internet connections.

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World Ranking		Average Download Speed (megabits per second)
1	South Korea	34.1
7	Sweden	22.2
8	Netherlands	20.7
9	Romania	20.3
10	Japan	18.0
25	United States	3.0
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Missouri ranks 36th in the nation in internet speeds.



The median upload speed in Missouri is 0.6 megabits per second.

U.S. data from speedmatters.org test results.
 International data from speedtest.net.

The Federal Communications Commissions defines basic broadband as speeds greater than 4 mbps download and 1 mbps upload.

- Less than 768 kbps
- 768 kbps to 4 mbps
- 4 mbps to 10 mbps
- More than 10 mbps
- County boundaries