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# New York City Digital Divide Fact Sheet

More than 730,000 households in New York City did not have broadband in 2015 according to the United States Census survey of the [Percent of Households with a Broadband Internet Subscription](#). Nearly half of households in New York City without a broadband subscription are in the Bronx and Brooklyn, respectively, nearly one-third (32.5%) and one-quarter (25.6%).

GCT2801-Geography-United States: PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH A BROADBAND INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION – United States -- County by State; and for Puerto Rico - Universe: Households							
2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates	Population	Households	% Households with Broadband	Margin of Error	# Households with Broadband	# Households without Broadband	% Households without Broadband
New York State	19,795,791	7,262,279	77.80%	+/-0.2	5,650,053	1,612,226	22.20%
Bronx County	1,455,444	484,902	67.50%	+/-1.0	327,309	157,593	32.50%
Kings County	2,636,735	931,786	74.40%	+/-0.7	693,249	238,537	25.60%
New York County	1,644,518	750,419	80.70%	+/-0.8	605,588	144,831	8.81%
Queens County	2,339,150	780,644	79.70%	+/-0.5	622,173	158,471	6.77%
Richmond County	474,558	165,784	80.90%	+/-1.8	134,119	31,665	6.67%
New York City	8,550,405	3,113,535			2,382,438	731,097	8.55%

828,893 children in [New York City](#) were eligible for free or reduced cost lunch through the National School Lunch Program (including the Community Eligibility Provision) according to the most [recent 2013 reports](#) of the [New York State Education Department](#).

175,867 seniors in New York City received Supplemental Security Income according to the most recent [report 2015 of the Social Security Administration](#).

As many as one million New York City low-income youth and seniors may have access to Spectrum Internet Assist, which offers broadband speeds of 30 Mbps for download and 4 Mbps for uploads for only \$14.99 a month. Families with students who participate in the National School Lunch Program and seniors who are 65 and older who receive Supplemental Security Income program benefits will be eligible.

Prospective enrollees must clear outstanding debt to Charter/Time Warner Cable/Bright House Networks from previous 12 months and may not have had broadband subscription within 30 days of signing up.

NEW YORK STATE LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PARTICIPATION DATA	
BIG 5 CITIES	
NEW YORK CITY*	
LUNCH ELIGIBILITY	2012-13
FREE	739,000
REDUCED	89,893
PAID	5,233
<b>FREE + REDUCED</b>	<b>828,893</b>

Number of SSI recipients by county, December 2015	
County	65 or older
Bronx	33,645
Kings	65,403
New York	33,331
Queens	38,475
Richmond	5,013
<b>New York City</b>	<b>175,867</b>