Trends in U.S. Broadband Availability

As Reported in
The FCC's 2019 Broadband Deployment Report
Each year, the FCC reports whether broadband is being deployed in a "reasonable and timely" fashion.

On May 29, 2019, the FCC released its latest Broadband Deployment Report.

Data for the report were provided by Internet Service Providers as of December 31, 2017.
The Numbers:
Americans with access to fixed terrestrial broadband:

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<td>83.6%</td>
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*2016 Figures revised by the FCC from its 2018 report
The Conclusion:

"The digital divide has narrowed substantially, and more Americans than ever before have access to high-speed broadband...

...for a second consecutive year, advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed on a reasonable and timely basis."
Not All Commissioners Agree, Though

"We need to stop relying on data we know is wrong."
- Dissenting statement from Commissioner Rosenworcel

"The report masks the urgent need for continued and renewed action to address inequities in internet access in rural, tribal, and urban areas of the country."
- Dissenting statement from Commissioner Starks
You can read more about the FCC’s 2019 Broadband Deployment Report in our Policy Brief. Just click [here](#).
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