

Rhode Island Broadband Mapping Project March 2012 Data Submission - Summary and Processes

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Section A: The Broadband Rhode Island Mapping Team Overview

In support of the national broadband initiatives undertaken by President Obama and the Federal Government through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), Public Law No. 111-5, and the Broadband Data Improvement Act (BDIA), title I of Public Law No. 110-385, 122 Stat. 4096, the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC), as the entity assigned by former Governor Donald Carcieri, has been awarded grant funds from the United States Department of Commerce – National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program.

Project Description

EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. (EA), has been selected by RIEDC, through their Broadband Initiative for Rhode Island (BBRI) to provide a data management and retrieval system for RIEDC. RIEDC and EA entered into a contractual agreement on January 15, 2010 for a base period of 2 (two) years with 3 (three) optional years. The work assignment consists of negotiating non disclosure agreements (NDA) with the State's broadband providers, collecting provider broadband data, verifying data submitted, combining and updating data collected, developing and implementing a broadband website with mapping application, and reporting findings to RIEDC and the NTIA.

This program has created a statewide broadband map which will be maintained for five (5) years, that assesses broadband infrastructure in Rhode Island and distinguishes between served, underserved, and un-served communities as per the definition specified by NTIA. The data has been made available to the public, with certain restrictions to account for confidentiality of supplier information, through a state website and is linked to a Federal Department of Commerce webpage. The goal of this project is to meet the RIEDC's broadband mapping needs and in doing so provide maps and information that will be used to lend guidance and assistance in the planning of future broadband infrastructure development, as well as provide numerous broadband options to the end users.

The BBRI is a comprehensive effort aimed at producing a high level of detailed inventory of broadband services provided to residential, government and business consumers within the State of Rhode Island. The project is not only a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mission but a project that needs expertise in GIS, contracting and legal issues, Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QAQC), and project management. In order to acquire, collect, process, analyze and display the data that represents these services it was necessary to combine the resources of several professional firms. Each team member provides unique set of strengths and capabilities needed to create the system that is in place. The team is made up of Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC), EA Engineering (EA), University of Rhode Island (URI), Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C. (AP&S), Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC), and Mapping



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& Planning Services (M&PS). The following paragraphs provide information on each team member and their role the project.

The RIEDC is leading the project efforts for the State of Rhode Island (RI). Led by Mr. Stuart Freiman, they oversee all facets of the project and teams involved. The RIEDC coordinates schedules, communicates directly with the National Telecommunications Information Agency (NTIA), reviews and approves all project deliverables, and ensure all project deadlines are met. With their high visibility in the RI business community they are instrumental in arranging meetings between broadband providers and BBRI Team members. The relationship and communication RIEDC has with the State's providers was and continues to be instrumental in making the process of collecting and verifying information from the providers as effortless as possible.

EA is the prime contractor selected to lead the State's data collection, verification, reporting, and mapping efforts. EA has been providing scientific and engineering technical solutions to a wide range of government and industrial clients since 1973. Serving IT and GIS solutions via the web has become a standard business solution for EA's clients. As the prime contractor EA works closely with the RIEDC on all phase of the BBRI project. Included in the work EA has done to date, is the creation of the State's broadband website and mapping application (Digital Atlas). The website provides information on the project, links to related sites, custom mapping capabilities, and user speed test and feedback forms. The site can be viewed at the following address; <http://broadband.ri.gov/>.

M&PS has been providing GIS consulting services in RI for over 20 years. For the RI Broadband Mapping project, M&PS assisted in the development of a verification and analysis process which is used to perform the QA/QC of the data prior to submitting to the NTIA. Prior to each bi-annual NTIA submittal M&PS uses this process to review and check the data. During this process MP&S checks for positional and attribute accuracy of the data by using a random sampling methodology. The service MP&S provides insures data going to the NTIA is of the highest accuracy and precision. Additional M&PS provides data analysis and static maps displaying the data status at each delivery date.

The GIS laboratory in the URI's Department of Natural Resources is the center of technical expertise in the GIS field for the State of RI. On this project URI manages all GIS data report by EA to the RIEDC. They also serve as an additional tier of QA/QC on the data that is collected and submitted to the NTIA. URI provides technical input to the data processes and the types of maps and data to be displayed on the website. Additionally, several data layers including Community Anchor Institute locations and base map layers being used on the Digital Atlas are provided by URI.

The Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC) is an organization that provides technical support, training, and GIS services to local governments on the Eastern Shore



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of Maryland. In addition to supporting the BBRI project, ESRGC is leading the broadband mapping efforts for the state of Maryland. For the BBRI project, the ESRGC provides the project team technical advisor support. They provide guidance on the project’s technical approach and peer review support based on knowledge gained from their work in Maryland. ESRGC provided assistance in defining requirements for the QA/QC process, database design, and data verification tasks. The ESRGC provides the Team with a “lessons learned” from the Maryland Broadband project which guided the BBRI Team around common mistakes made on broadband mapping projects.

AP&S is a local RI law firm providing legal advice and representation and has been servicing RI residents and firms for 50 years. The role AP&S plays on this project is providing the necessary legal advice and contracting that is necessary between the RIEDC and the broadband providers. To date, AP&S has brokered the Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA’s) between the RIEDC and 16 broadband providers. These agreements were imperative and had to be in place before any data was submitted by the broadband providers. All provider broadband information that is made public is based on what the NDAs state. AP&S became the State’s expert as to what information was legal for the team to make available to the public and modeled the NDAs off of the guidance provided in the NOFA.

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**BROADBAND PROVIDER DATA VERIFICATION REPORT
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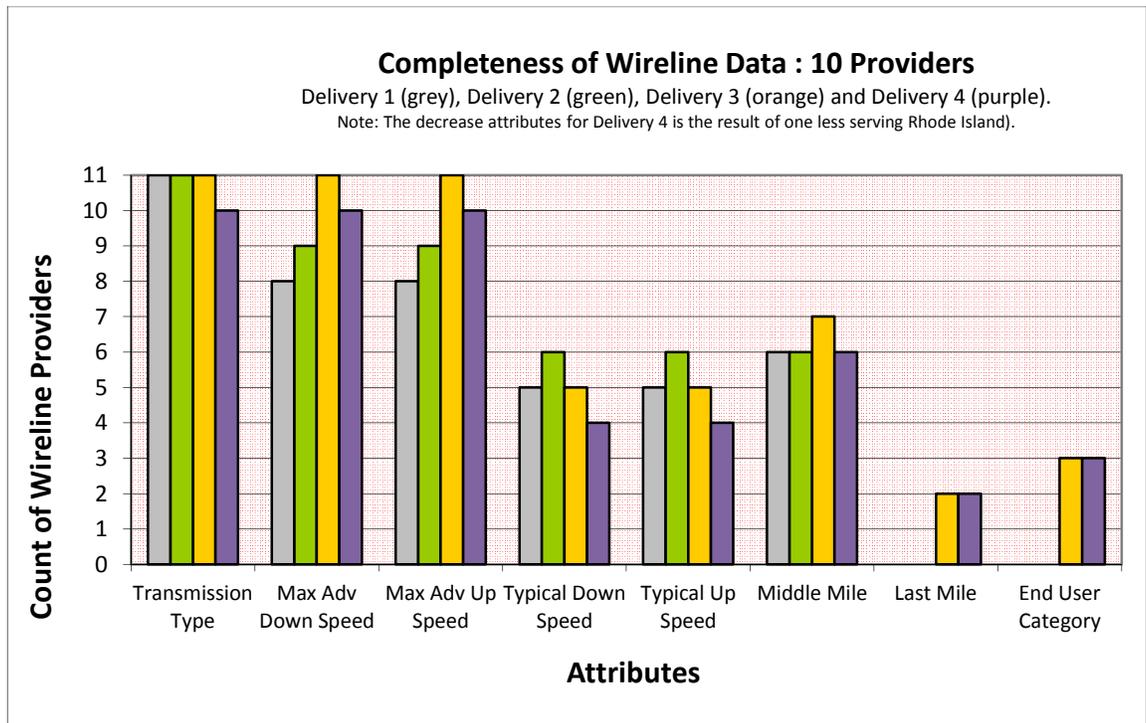
General Findings:

- Rhode Island has extensive broadband coverage from 18 providers. These 18 providers offer broadband coverage for the entire state of Rhode Island.
- Broadband availability on a census block basis is summarized in the Figure below:

Broadband Availability	Census Blocks	% of Total
Unserved: census block has no access to broadband	0	0
Underserved: Two to three broadband providers	123	<1
Competitive: Four to Six broadband providers	316	<1
Seven to Nine broadband providers	9,675	38
Ten to Thirteen broadband providers	15,056	60
Fourteen to Sixteen broadband providers	11	<1
Total	25,181	100

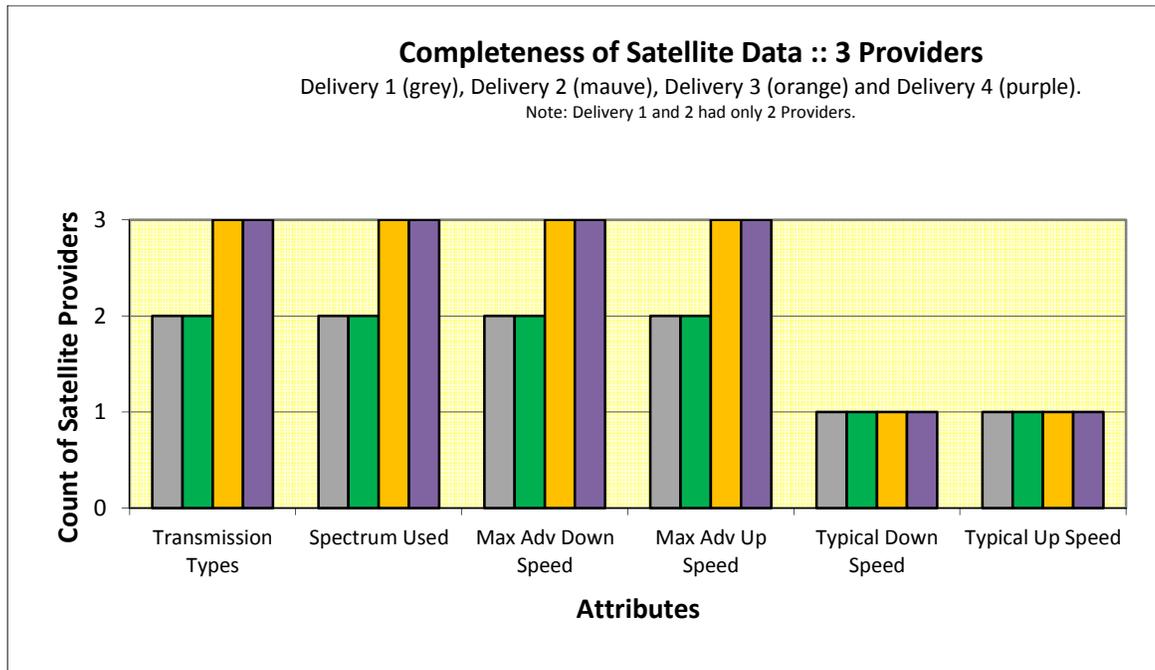
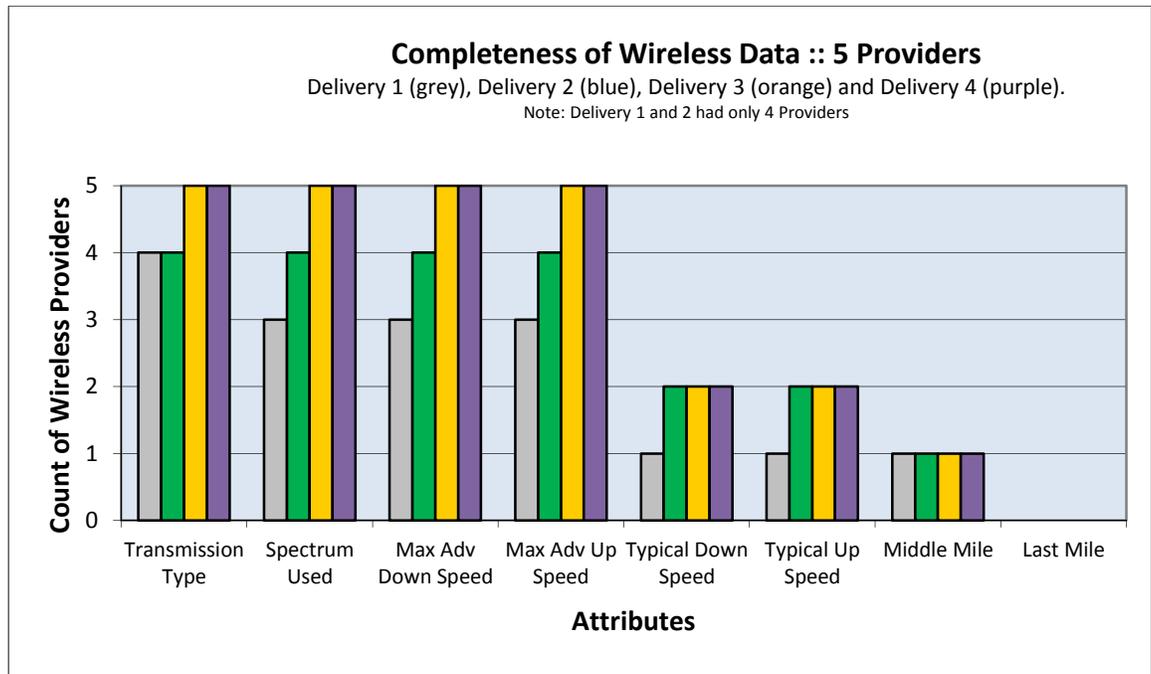
Note: Several of the Provider datasets do not show coverage of some census blocks in Rhode Island coastal waters (for example, the satellite providers). This results in some over-reporting of the availability results at the low end, in particular, the underserved figures. Broadband is defined as being wireline, wireless and satellite service for this table.

- A total of 18 broadband Providers submitted data; 10 wireline, 5 wireless, and 3 satellite. The completeness of the attributes in the 18 providers' datasets is summarized in the Figures below. (Statistics for NTIA Delivery 1, 2, and 3 are included for comparison purposes).





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- Middle Mile data was provided by 7 broadband providers. There were a total of 23 facilities (13 owned and 10 leased).
- Last Mile data was provided by 2 broadband providers.



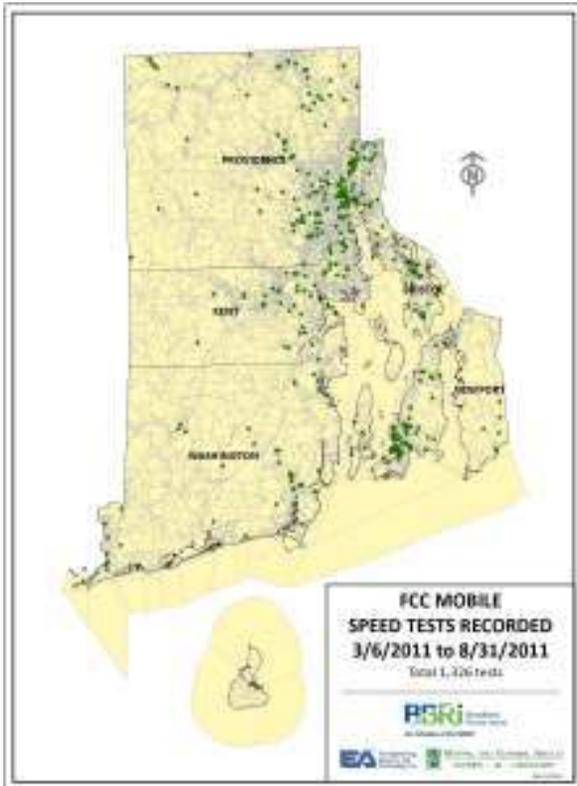
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- A total of 983 Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) are identified. These were verified with available Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) datasets and 204 RIEDC and FCC speed tests.
- The RIEDC collected 2,177 speed tests in 498 (2%) of the census blocks within the State. These tests are for the period 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012.
- A total of 228 wireline speed tests from FCC were used for the verification. These tests are for the period 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011 and cover 110 (<1%) of the census blocks within the State. Tests were collected by OOKLA and MLAB.
- FCC tests for Mobile Applications (accessing Cellular and Wi-Fi) are also used for the verification. These 1,326 speed tests are recorded for the period 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011 and cover 360 (1.4%) of the census blocks within the State. These tests were collected by OOKLA.
- A total of 3,732 speed tests (RIEDC, FCC, and FCC Mobile Applications) were used for verification purposes. These were distributed within 924 (3.7%) of the 2010 US Census Bureau's 25,181 census blocks in the state. The distribution of each of these sources/types of tests is similar and follows population and household patterns across the State. The distribution of the speed tests are shown in the Figures on the following page.
- A total of 56 census blocks are greater than 2 sq. miles, with 28 over land and 28 over open water areas. Road Segment data was provided by 1 provider. Service Address data was provided by 1 provider. All land-based census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles had road segment or service address data submitted by the respective providers.

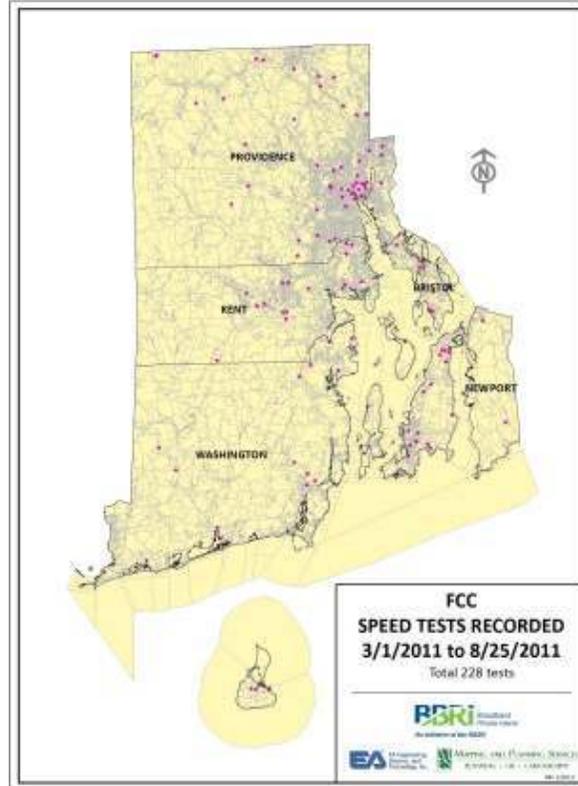


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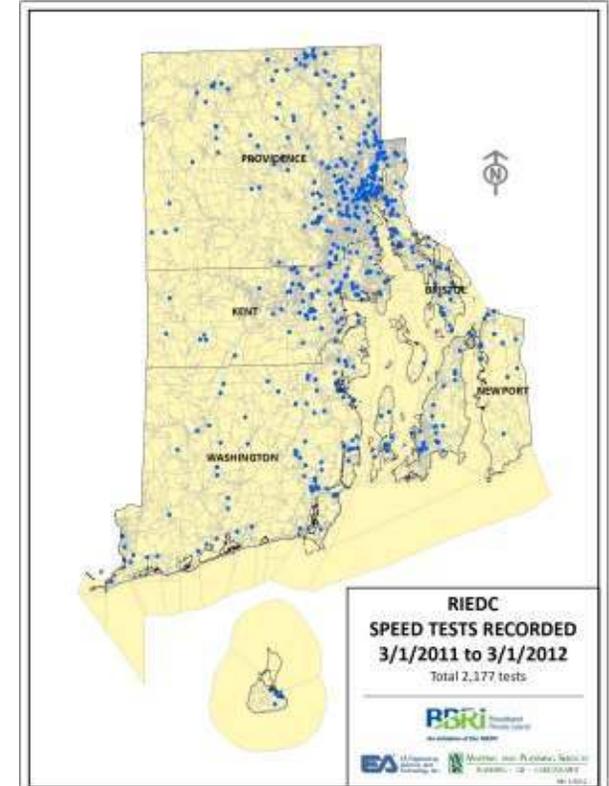
The Figures below show the distribution of speed tests used for verification purposes.



FCC Collected Speed Test - Mobile



FCC Collected Speed Test - Wireline

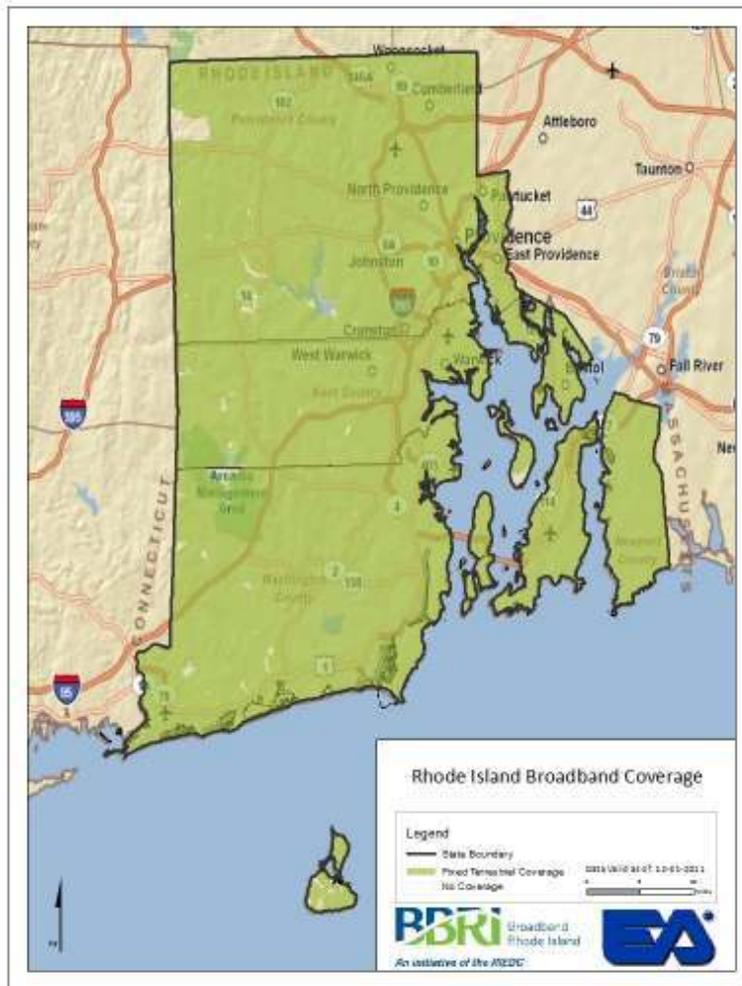


RIEDC Collected Speed Test

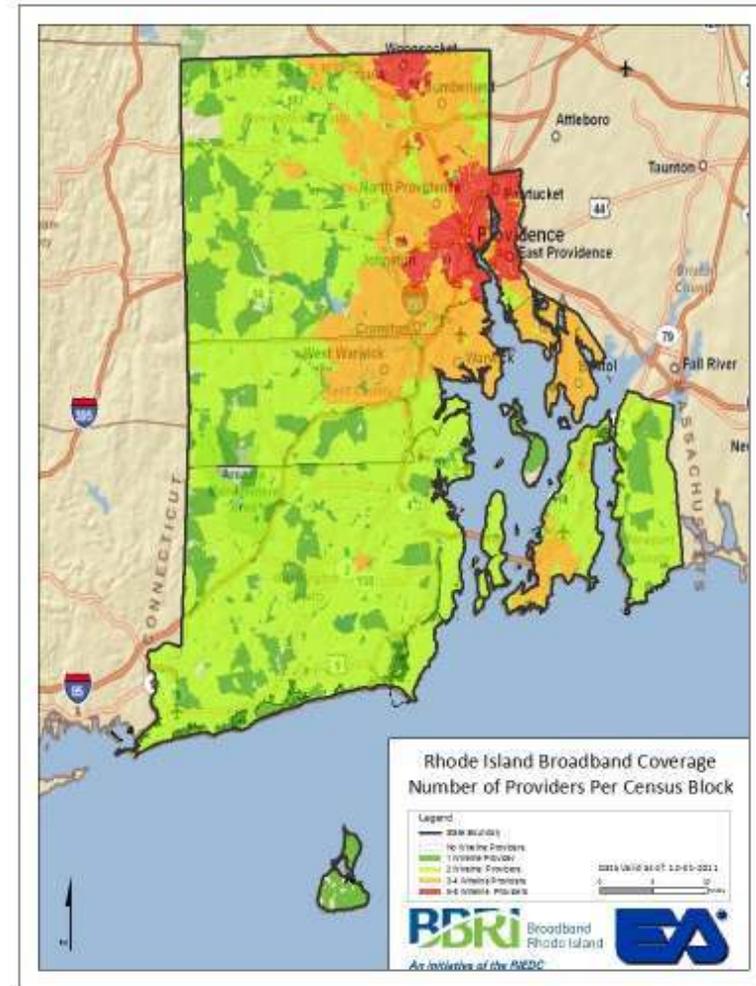


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The Figures below display the wireline coverage areas reported in Rhode Island and the number of providers available per census block.



Rhode Island Broadband Wireline Coverage Map



Number of Providers Available Per Census Block



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The Figures below display the availability of each technology types offered in Rhode Island.



Satellite Coverage



Copper Wireline Coverage

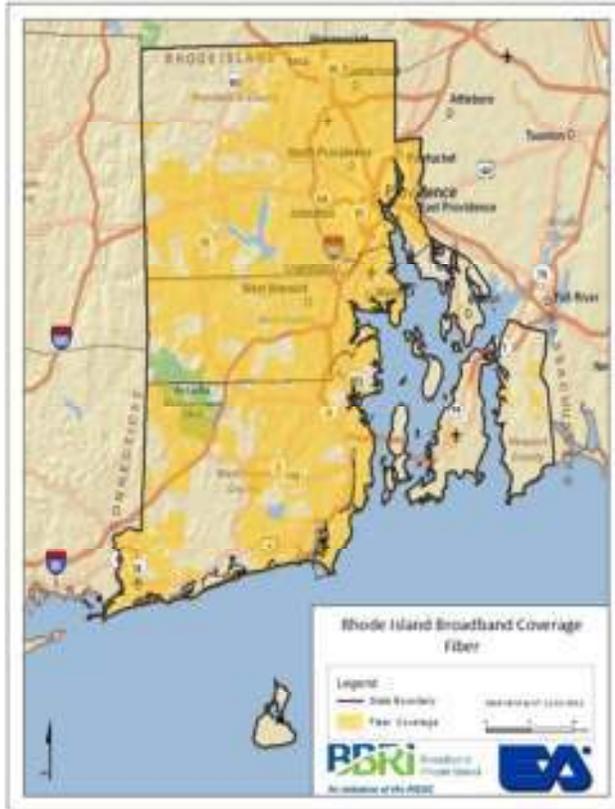


Cable Coverage



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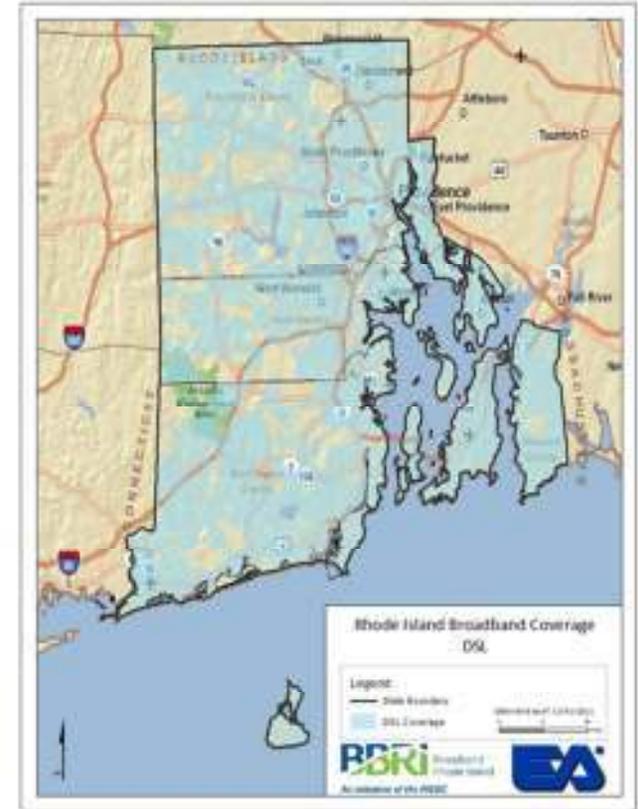
The Figures below display the availability of each technology types offered in Rhode Island.



Fiber Optic Coverage



Wireless Coverage



DSL Coverage



Provider Name: **Above Net Communications Inc.**

DBA: **AboveNet**

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0000820598

Type of Data Submitted: Census Blocks

Census Block Count (unique): 2

Provided Technology of Transmission: YES

Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES

Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES

Provided Typical Download Speed: NO

Provided Typical Upload Speed: NO

Provided Middle Mile: YES

Provided Last Mile: YES

Provided End User Category: YES

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category
11	11

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: **Not provided**

Number of technology transmission types reported by provider: **1**

Count and Capacity of Middle Mile Facilities: **1, 6**

Count and Capacity of Last Mile Facilities: **1, 9**

End user Category: **2**

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 2 census blocks are served.

County	Census Block per County
Bristol	0
Kent	0
Newport	0
Providence	2
Washington	0

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: **No speed tests were taken**

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: **No speed tests were taken**

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Application ³ speed tests: **No speed tests were taken**

Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: **0**



Count of FCC ² speed tests: 0

Count of FCC Mobile Application ³ speed tests: 0

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 0

Middle Mile facilities outside of reported service area: Facility is located within the reported service area.

Last Mile facilities outside of reported service area: Facility is located within the reported service area.

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC & FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	0
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	2
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	0

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: **AT&T Mobility LLC**
DBA: **AT&T Mobility LLC**

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0004979233
Type of Data Submitted: Wireless
Census Block Count (unique): N/A
Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
Provided Spectrum Used: YES
Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
Provided Typical Download Speed: NO
Provided Typical Upload Speed: NO
Provided Middle Mile: NO
Provided Last Mile: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category
4	3

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: **Not provided**

Number of technology of transmission types and spectrums reported by provider: **1, with 2 spectrums**

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 24,989 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	1,087
Kent	4,173
Newport	2,343
Providence	13,148
Washington	4,238

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: **9,8**

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: **No FCC speed tests were taken**

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ³ Mobile Application speed tests: **7, 7**

Count of RIEDC speed tests: **1**

Count of FCC speed tests: **0**

Count of FCC Mobile Application speed tests: **20**

Speed tests outside of reported service area: **0**



%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census blocks served	8
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	24,989
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	<1%

Middle mile facilities outside of reported service area: [No middle mile facilities.](#)

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



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Provider Name: [Broadview Networks, Inc.](#)
DBA: [Broadview Networks, Inc.](#)

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0003775285
Type of Data Submitted: Census Blocks
Census Block Count (unique): 9,952
Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
Provided Typical Download Speed: Partial
Provided Typical Upload Speed: Partial
Provided Middle Mile: YES
Provided Last Mile: NO
Provided Road Segments for census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
Provided Address Points for census block greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
Provided End User Category: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Technology	Max Download Category	Max Upload Category	Count
10	5	5	3
20	5	5	7
30	10	10	7,149
50	11	11	4,755

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: [No speeds were provided](#)

Number of technology transmission types reported by provider: [4](#)

Count of Middle Mile Facilities: [8](#)

End user Category: [Not provided](#)

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 9,952 census blocks are served.

County	Census Block per County
Bristol	4
Kent	1,110
Newport	959
Providence	7,872
Washington	7



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Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: No speed tests were taken

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: 4, 4

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Application ³ speed tests: No speed tests were taken

Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 0

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 1

Count of FCC Mobile Application ³ speed tests: 0

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 0

Middle mile facilities outside of reported service area: All are centrally located within the reported census blocks.

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC & FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	1
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	9,952
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	<1%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: **Cellco Partnership**
DBA: **Verizon Wireless**

Data Characteristics

FRN:	0003290673
Type of Data Submitted:	Wireless
Census Block Count:	N/A
Provided Technology of Transmission:	YES
Provided Spectrum Used:	YES
Provided Max Advertised Download Speed:	YES
Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed:	YES
Provided Typical Download Speed:	YES
Provided Typical Upload Speed:	YES
Provided Middle Mile:	NO
Provided Last Mile:	NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category
7	5

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: 6, 5

Number of technology of transmission types and spectrums reported by provider: 1, with 4 spectrums

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 24,960 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	1,087
Kent	4,153
Newport	2,341
Providence	13,146
Washington	4,233

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 3, 2

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: <3, 1

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Application ³ speed tests: 4, 3

Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 4

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 6

Count of FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 146

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 0



%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census blocks served	62
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	24,960
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	<1%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: **Clearwire**
DBA: **Clearwire**

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0017775628
Type of Data Submitted: Wireless
Census Block Count: N/A
Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
Provided Spectrum Used: YES
Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
Provided Typical Download Speed: NO
Provided Typical Upload Speed: NO
Provided Middle Mile: NO
Provided Last Mile: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category
5	3

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: **Not provided**

Number of technology of transmission types and spectrums reported by provider: **1, with 1 spectrum**

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 11,542 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	62
Kent	2,874
Newport	7
Providence	8,546
Washington	53

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: **4, 2**
Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: **No speed tests were taken**
Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Application ³ speed tests: **6, 3**

Count of RIEDC ² speed tests: **4**
Count of FCC ³ speed tests: **0**
Count of FCC Mobile Applications ⁴ speed tests: **1**

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: **0**



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%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census blocks served	4
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	11,542
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	<1%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: **Cogent Communication, Inc.**
DBA: **Cogent Communication**

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0004654042
 Type of Data Submitted: Census Blocks
 Census Block Count (unique): 2
 Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
 Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
 Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
 Provided Typical Download Speed: NO
 Provided Typical Upload Speed: NO
 Provided Middle Mile: YES
 Provided Last Mile: YES
 Provided Road Segments for census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
 Provided Address Points for census block greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
 Provided End User Category: YES

Maximum down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Count	Max Upload Category	Count
11	2	11	2

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: **Not Provided**

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: **1**

Count of Middle Mile Facilities: **1**

Count and Capacity of Last Mile Facilities: **1, 4**

End User Category: **2**

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 2 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	0
Kent	0
Newport	0
Providence	2
Washington	0

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: **No speed tests were taken**

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: **No speed tests were taken**

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: **No speed tests were taken**



Count of RIEDC ¹ Speed tests: 0

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 0

Count of FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 0

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: No speed tests were taken

Middle mile facilities outside of reported service area: Facility is within the reported census blocks.

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	0
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	2
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	0%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



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Provider Name: CoxCom, Inc.
DBA: Cox Communications, Inc.

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0001524461
Type of Data Submitted: Census Blocks, Address Points
Census Block Count (unique): 24,407
Service Address Point Count (unique): 2,267
Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
Provided Typical Download Speed: NO
Provided Typical Upload Speed: NO
Provided Middle Mile: YES
Provided Last Mile: NO
Provided Road Segments for census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
Provided Address Points for census block greater than 2 sq. miles: YES
Provided End user Category: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Table with 4 columns: Data Type, Max Download Category, Max Upload Category, Count. Rows include Census Blocks and Service Address Points.

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: Not provided

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: 1

Count of Middle Mile Facilities: 1

End User Category: Not provided

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 24,430 census blocks are served (24,407 by census block data and 23 by service address data).

Table with 2 columns: County, Census Blocks per County. Rows include Bristol, Kent, Newport, Providence, and Washington.



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Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 10, 7 and 9, 9

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: 6, 6

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 7, 6

Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 1,441

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 123

Count of FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 486

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 2 of 2,050 speed tests were recorded outside of the coverage area reported by provider. (Both tests show as being in CT, but within 15’ of the RI/CT State border).

Middle mile facilities outside of reported service area: All are located within the reported census blocks.

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	520
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	2
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	24,430
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	2%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: **DIECA Communications, Inc.**
DBA: **Covad Communications Company**

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0003753753
 Type of Data Submitted: Census Blocks
 Census Block Count: (unique) 10,610
 Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
 Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
 Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
 Provided Typical Download Speed: YES
 Provided Typical Upload Speed: YES
 Provided Middle Mile: NO
 Provided Last Mile: NO
 Provided Road Segments for census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
 Provided Address Points for census block greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
 Provided End User Category: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Technology	Max Download Category	Max Upload Category	Count
10	6	3	2,543
20	5	5	1,571
30	5	5	6,024

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Technology	Max Download Category	Max Upload Category	Count
10	5	2	2,543
20	4	4	2,884
30	5	5	6,024

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: 3

Count of Middle Mile Facilities: 0

End User Category: Not provided



Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 10,610 unique census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	2
Kent	2,606
Newport	2
Providence	8,000
Washington	0

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: [No speed tests were taken](#)

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: [No speed tests were taken](#)

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: [No speed tests were taken](#)

Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 0

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 0

Count of FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 0

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: [No speed tests were taken](#)

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	0
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	10,610
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	0%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: **Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC.**

DBA: **FiberTech**

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0006797849

Type of Data Submitted: Census Blocks

Census Block Count (unique): 13

Provided Technology of Transmission: YES

Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES

Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES

Provided Typical Download Speed: NO

Provided Typical Upload Speed: NO

Provided Middle Mile: NO

Provided Last Mile: NO

Provided Road Segments for census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles: NO

Provided Address Points for census block greater than 2 sq. miles: NO

Provided End User Category: YES

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category	Count
10	10	10

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: **Not provided**

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: **1**

Count of Middle Mile Facilities: **0**

End User Category: **2**

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 13 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	0
Kent	2
Newport	0
Providence	11
Washington	0

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: **7, 4**

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: **No FCC speed tests were taken**

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: **No speed tests were taken**



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Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 1

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 0

Count of FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 0

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 0

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	1
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	13
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	8%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: Full Channel TV, Inc.
DBA: Full Channel

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0004973731
 Type of Data Submitted: Census Blocks
 Census Block Count (unique): 1,089
 Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
 Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
 Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
 Provided Typical Download Speed: YES
 Provided Typical Upload Speed: YES
 Provided Middle Mile: YES
 Provided Last Mile: NO
 Provided Road Segments for census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
 Provided Address Points for census block greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
 Provided End User Category: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category	Count
6	4	1,089

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: 6, 4

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: 1

Count of Middle Mile Facilities: 1

End User Category: Not provided

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 1,089 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	1,089
Kent	0
Newport	0
Providence	0
Washington	0

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC 2010¹ speed tests: 6, 4

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC 2010² speed tests: 5, 4

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC 2010³ Mobile Applications speed tests: 6, 4



Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 10

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 3

Count of FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 4

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 1 (This mobile speed test was within 340' of serviced area).

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	10
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	1
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	1,089
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	<1%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: **Hughes Network Systems, LLC**
DBA: **Hughes**

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0009559881
Type of Data Submitted: Satellite
Census Block Count (unique): N/A
Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
Provided Spectrum Used: YES
Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
Provided Typical Download Speed: YES
Provided Typical Upload Speed: YES

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category
5	2

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: 5, 1

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: 1, with 1 spectrum

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 25,181 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	1,092
Kent	4,183
Newport	2,452
Providence	13,157
Washington	4,297

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: No speed tests were taken

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: No speed tests were taken

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Application ³ speed tests: No speed tests were taken

Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 0

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 0

Count of FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 0

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 0



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%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	0
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	25,181
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	0%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: [Level 3 Communications, LLC](#)
 DBA: [Broadwing](#)

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0003723822
 Type of Data Submitted: Census Blocks
 Census Block Count (unique): 6
 Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
 Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
 Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
 Provided Typical Download Speed: YES
 Provided Typical Upload Speed: YES
 Provided Typical Download Speed: YES
 Provided Middle Mile: YES
 Provided Last Mile: NO
 Provided Road Segments for census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
 Provided Address Points for census block greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
 Provided End User Category: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category	Count
11	11	6

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: [11, 11](#)

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: [1](#)

Count of Middle Mile Facilities: [8](#)

End User Category: [Not provided](#)

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 6 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	0
Kent	0
Newport	0
Providence	6
Washington	0

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: [3, 1](#)

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: [No speed tests were taken](#)

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: [No FCC Mobile speed tests were taken](#)



Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 2

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 0

Count of FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 0

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 2 of 2 speed tests were recorded outside the coverage area reported by provider (within the Town of New Shoreham).

Middle mile facilities outside of reported service area: None of the 8 facilities reported are located within the reported service areas.

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census blocks served	0
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	1
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	6
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	0%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: [Lighttower Fiber Networks](#)
DBA: [Lighttower Fiber Networks](#)

Data Characteristics

FRN: 00017625567
 Type of Data Submitted: Census Blocks
 Census Block Count (unique): 8,405
 Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
 Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
 Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
 Provided Typical Download Speed: YES
 Provided Typical Upload Speed: YES
 Provided Middle Mile: NO
 Provided Last Mile: NO
 Provided Road Segments for census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
 Provided Address Points for census block greater than 2 sq. miles: NO
 Provided End User Category: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category	Count
11	11	8,405

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: [11, 11](#)

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: [1](#)

Count of Middle Mile Facilities: [0](#)

End User Category: [Not provided](#)

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 8,405 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	0
Kent	4
Newport	0
Providence	8,401
Washington	0

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: [No speed tests were taken](#)

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: [No speed tests were taken](#)

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: [No speed tests were taken](#)



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Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 0

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 0

Count of FCC Mobile Application ³ speed tests: 0

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: [No speed tests were taken](#)

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	0
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	8,405
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	0%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: **Sprint Nextel Corporation**
DBA: **Sprint**

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0003774593
Type of Data Submitted: Wireless
Census Block Count (unique): N/A
Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
Provided Spectrum Used: YES
Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
Provided Typical Download Speed: YES
Provided Typical Upload Speed: YES
Provided Middle Mile: NO
Provided Last Mile: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category
5	3

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: 5, 3

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: 1, with 2 spectrums

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 24,101 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	1,087
Kent	3,969
Newport	2,201
Providence	12,789
Washington	4,055

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 8, 7

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: No speed tests were taken

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 5, 5

Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 66

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 0

Count of FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 171

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 0



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%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census blocks served	29
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	1
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	24,101
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	<1%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: [StarBand Communications, Inc.](#)
DBA: [StarBand Communications, Inc.](#)

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0005087457
Type of Data Submitted: Satellite
Census Block Count: N/A
Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
Provided Spectrum Used: YES
Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
Provided Typical Download Speed: NO
Provided Typical Upload Speed: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category
3	2

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: [Not reported](#)

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: [1, with 1 spectrum](#)

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 25,181 census blocks are served:

County	Census Block per County
Bristol	1,092
Kent	4,183
Newport	2,452
Providence	13,157
Washington	4,297

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed test: [No speed tests were taken](#)
Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed test: [No speed tests were taken](#)
Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed test: [No speed tests were taken](#)

Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 0
Count of FCC ² speed tests: 0
Count of FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed test: 0

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 0



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%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	0
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	25,181
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	0%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: T-Mobile USA, Inc.
DBA: T-Mobile

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0006945950
Type of Data Submitted: Wireless
Census Block Count (unique): N/A
Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
Provided Spectrum Used: YES
Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
Provided Typical Download Speed: NO
Provided Typical Upload Speed: NO
Provided Middle Mile: YES
Provided Last Mile: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Technology	Max Download Category	Max Upload Category
80	7	4

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: Not provided

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: 1, with 1 spectrum

Total count of Middle Mile facilities: 3

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 24,627 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	1,088
Kent	4,018
Newport	2,351
Providence	12,935
Washington	4,235

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: No speed tests were taken

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: 3, 2

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: 5, 3

Count of RIEDC 2010 ² speed tests: 0

Count of FCC 2010 ³ speed tests: 1

Count of FCC 2010 Mobile Applications ⁴ speed tests: 26

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 0



Middle mile facilities outside of reported service area: [The two facilities are within the reported service area.](#)

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census blocks served	24
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	24,627
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	<1%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: **Verizon New England Inc.**
DBA: **Verizon**

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0003628971

Type of Data Submitted: Census Blocks, Road Segments

Census Block Count (unique): 18,518

Road Segment Count (unique): 664

Provided Technology of Transmission: YES

Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES

Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES

Provided Typical Download Speed: NO

Provided Typical Upload Speed: NO

Provided Middle Mile: NO

Provided Last Mile: NO

Provided Road Segments for census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles: YES

Provided Address Points for census blocks greater than 2 sq. miles: NO

Provided End User Category: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Technology	Max Download Category	Max Upload Category	Count
10	6	3	10,288
50	9	7	14,194

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: **Not provided**

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: **2**

Total count of Middle Mile facilities: **Not provided**

End user Category: **Not provided**

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 18,546 census blocks are served (18,518 by census block data and 28 by road segment service data).

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	894
Kent	3,236
Newport	1,638
Providence	10,231
Washington	2,547



Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC 2010 ¹ speed tests: 10, 7

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC 2010 ² speed tests: 8, 7

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC 2010 ³ Mobile Application speed tests: 8, 7

Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 444

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 80

Count of FCC Mobile Application ⁴ speed tests: 214

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 0

%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	478
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	00
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	18,546
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	3%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Provider Name: Wild Blue Communications, Inc.
DBA: Wild Blue Communications, Inc.

Data Characteristics

FRN: 0007843766
Type of Data Submitted: Satellite
Census Block Count (unique): N/A
Provided Technology of Transmission: YES
Provided Spectrum Used: YES
Provided Max Advertised Download Speed: YES
Provided Max Advertised Upload Speed: YES
Provided Typical Download Speed: NO
Provided Typical Upload Speed: NO

Maximum advertised down/upload speeds reported by provider:

Max Download Category	Max Upload Category
4	2

Typical down/upload speeds reported by provider: Not provided

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: 1, and 1 spectrum

Data Verification:

Counties served by provider and number of census blocks with service. A total of 25,049 census blocks are served.

County	Census Blocks per County
Bristol	1,089
Kent	4,181
Newport	2,389
Providence	13,145
Washington	4,245

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed tests: No speed tests were taken

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed tests: No speed tests were taken

Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Application ³ speed tests: No speed tests were taken

Count of RIEDC ¹ speed tests: 0

Count of FCC ² speed tests: 0

Count of FCC Mobile Application ³ speed tests: 0

RIEDC and FCC speed tests outside of reported service area: 0



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%/# of census blocks verified by RIEDC and FCC speed tests:

Confirmation of census block served	0
Census blocks served, not reported by provider	0
Total number of served census blocks reported by provider	25,049
% of served census blocks confirmed by speed test	0%

Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Community Anchor Institutions: [All categories](#)

Data Characteristics

Type of Data Submitted:	Point
Feature Count:	983
Provided Technology of Transmission:	YES, INCOMPLETE (3386 of 983)
Provided Subscribe Downstream Speed:	YES, INCOMPLETE (368 of 983)
Provided Subscribe Upstream Speed:	YES, INCOMPLETE (810 of 983)
Provided Street Address:	YES, COMPLETE
Provide Public Wi-Fi:	YES, COMPLETE
Provided URL:	YES, INCOMPLETE (637 of 983)
Provided CAID:	YES, INCOMPLETE (651 of 983)

Count of Community Anchor Institutions by category:

CAI Category	Count of Features
1 – School K through Grade 12	518
2 - Library	91
3 – Medical/healthcare	56
4 – Public safety	242
5 – Univ., college, other post-secondary	24
6 – Other govt support - govt	48
7 – Other govt support - nongovt	4

Maximum Subscribe down/upstream speeds reported by institutions:

CAI Category	Max Downstream Category	Max Upstream Category	Count
1	10	10	1
2	10	10	1
3	11	11	3
4	10	10	3
5	11	11	2
6	11	11	1
7	7	6	1

Number of technology of transmission types reported by provider: [9](#)

Data Verification:

Greatest down/upload speed from RIEDC ¹ speed test: [10, 8](#)
 Greatest down/upload speed from FCC ² speed test: [7, 7](#)
 Greatest down/upload speed from FCC Mobile Applications ³ speed tests: [7, 7](#)

Count of RIEDC speed tests: [167](#)
 Count of FCC speed tests: [12](#)
 Count of FCC Mobile Applications speed tests: [25](#)



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Footnotes:

- 1 RIEDC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 3/1/2012
- 2 FCC Date Range: 3/1/2011 to 8/25/2011
- 3 FCC Mobile Application Date Range: 3/6/2011 to 8/31/2011



Section C: Data Processes and Submission Overview

Submission Summary

The Broadband Rhode Island Mapping (BBRI) Team, led by EA Engineering, Science & Technology, Inc. (EA), in its role as primary technical lead for the BBRI project, contacted 22 potential facilities-based broadband service providers (BSPs) and received data from 18 providers for this round of data collection. An overall summary of the data submission is described below:

- 22 potential facilities-based broadband service providers were contacted for this round of data collection
- 2 BSPs responded but did not provide data
- 2 BSPs were identified as resellers of data
- 18 BSPs responded and provided data

Of those that provided data:

- 8 provided only census block information
- 1 provided census blocks and addresses
- 1 provided census blocks and road segments
- 8 provided wireless coverage areas

In addition, 7 of the 18 responsive BSPs provided middle mile infrastructure points and 2 of 18 responsive BSPs provided last mile infrastructure points.

Besides the 22 providers contacted during the current round of broadband data collection, the BBRI team has previously reached out to an additional 121 potential broadband providers. These 121 broadband providers did not provide data because they were either broadband resellers, their data was being collected under a different provider's dataset, they were non-responsive, they chose not to participate, or they did not offer service in Rhode Island. The 121 providers previously researched and contacted are listed below:

1. 360 networks (USA) Inc.
2. A.R.C. Networks, Inc. / ATX Licensing, Inc. /
3. Access Point, Inc.
4. ACN Communication Services, Inc.
5. Ad-Base Systems Inc. (DBA GlobalPOPS)
6. Airespring, Inc.
7. AmeriVision Communications d/b/a Affinity 4
8. Apogee Telecom
9. ATC Outdoor DAS, LLC
10. Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC
11. BBN Communications



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12. BCN Telecom, Inc.
13. Bell South Long Distance, Inc.
14. Bellsouth.Net
15. BLC Management, LLC d/b/a Angles Communications Solutions
16. Broadview Networks, Inc.
17. Broadvox-CLEC, LLC
18. Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone
19. BullsEye Telecom, Inc.
20. CCG Communications, LLC d/b/a Verosity Technical Partners, Inc.
21. CERFnet
22. Charter Communications
23. Cleartel Telecommunications, Inc. (acquired by Birch)
24. CloseCall America, Inc.
25. Comcast Business Communications
26. Comcast Cable
27. CommPartners, LLC
28. Commrail (Access Northeast)
29. Computer Sciences Corporation
30. ComTech21, LLC
31. Comtel Telcom Assets LP d/b/a Clear Choice Communication
32. Conversent Communications (d/b/a Earthlink Business III)
33. Covista, Inc.
34. Cricket Communications
35. CTC Communications (d/b/a One Communications)
36. DSCI Corporation
37. DSL.net
38. EasyNet
39. Entelegent Solutions, Inc.
40. Ernest Communications, Inc.
41. Evercom Systems, Inc.
42. ExteNet Systems, Inc.
43. FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS
44. Global Capacity Group, Inc.
45. Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.
46. Global NAPS, Inc.
47. Granite Telecommunications, LLC
48. Hickory Tech. Corp. / Eventis Telecom, Inc.
49. Hosttech Communications, LLC
50. IDT America, Corp.
51. inContact, Inc. (f/k/a UCN, Inc.)
52. Intap, LLC (dba Big Dog Technologies, Inc.)
53. Internap Network Services
54. International Telecom, Ltd.



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55. Internet & Telephone, LLC
56. Intrado Communications, Inc.
57. ISP Alliance (ZCorum)
58. Key3Media Events (Media Live International)
59. LexMark International
60. Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC
61. Macross Information Systems
62. Magellan Hill Technologies, LLC
63. Masergy Communications
64. Matrix Telecom, Inc.
65. Meganet Communications
66. Melita PLC (fka Melita Cable Cable plc)
67. MetroCast Cablevision
68. Metropolitan Telecommunications of Rhode Island
69. Mitel NetSolutions, Inc.
70. Mobile Beacon
71. Mobilitie Investments, LLC
72. MTS Allstream
73. Mzima Networks
74. NationalNet
75. Navigator Telecommunications, LLC
76. "NEON Connect, Inc. / RCN New York Communications, LLC
77. Neutral Tandem – Rhode Island, LLC
78. New Edge Networks
79. New Horizons Communications Corp.
80. Nextel Communications
81. NextG Networks of NY
82. Nextira One, LLC d/b/a Black Box Network Services
83. Nextlink Wireless, Inc.
84. nFrame
85. Nortel Networks
86. North Atlantic Networks, LLC
87. Norwood Light Broadband
88. Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.
89. PAETEC
90. Pipeline Wireless LLC
91. Primus Telecommunications, Inc.
92. ProvDotNet LLC
93. Qwest Communications Company, LLC / Qwest Communications of Delaware
94. RCN Corporation
95. REON Broadband Corporation
96. RNK, Inc.
97. SAVVIS Communications Corporation



98. SBA Communications Corp. (acquired National Grid Communications)
99. SBC Internet Services
100. Secured Network Services
101. Serbia Broadband-Srpske Kablovske mreze dcc
102. SpeakEasy
103. Spectrotel, Inc.
104. STSN GENERAL HOLDINGS
105. TDS TELECOM
106. Telrite Corporation
107. Thames Valley Communications
108. The Internet Connection
109. Total Communications Inc.
110. Towerstream Inc.
111. Trans National Communications International
112. United Systems Access Telecom, Inc. d/b/a/ USA Telephone
113. Virgin Media
114. Wayport
115. Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc.
116. WiTel Communications Group, LLC
117. Wireless Data Service Provider
118. XO Communications Services, Inc.
119. Ymax Communications Corp.
120. Zone Four
121. Zone Telecom, Inc.

Rhode Island Broadband Mapping Data Processes

Data Received From Providers – The process begins by receiving data from each provider that offers service in the State of Rhode Island (RI). Broadband data is currently received from 18 broadband facility based service providers within the State who have signed Non-Disclosure Agreements with RIEDC. Once all of the available data is received from a provider it is reviewed and archived in its native format. While the same data is requested from each provider the information often comes in different formats and with missing attribute and or spatial data. If attributes are missing from the dataset the provider is contacted to see if the missing information is available.

Data Evaluated & Processed – The EA project team gives the data spatial attributes through geocoding to the RI E911 data or by joining the data to the 2010 census block data. The attribute data is then formatted so that the database can easily be entered in the Broadband Rhode Island geodatabase. Speeds reported below broadband levels are removed from the dataset and archived. Data that is located in census blocks great than 2 square miles are loaded into either the address or street segment feature classes. All remaining data is loaded into the census block feature class. The data is loaded using Esri tools and software. The Broadband Rhode Island, or our data analysis geodatabase, stores the most recent broadband information.



Data is extracted from this geodatabase and formatted as needed to be used for the State’s web map and our biannual NTIA submittals. Data is pulled from this analysis database, formatted to meet the web and NTIA formatting requirements, and loaded into either the NTIA transfer database or the web mapping database using custom built data extraction and loading tools.

- **Community Anchor Institute (CAI) Data:** The initial list of CAIs were received from the University of Rhode Island and populated into the BBRI database. This data was then compared to and updated using 3rd party datasets in order to create the most comprehensive CAI list available for RI. In order to collect the broadband data for the CAIs, the BBRI Team utilized a top down approach. The agencies that oversaw a large number of CAIs such as RINET and OSHEAN were contacted regarding the data collection. CAIs that still had missing attribute data after contacting these agencies were contact directly via phone and email. Once contacted, the CAIs were directed to an online survey. The online survey walked the user through a short questionnaire that collected the required CAI broadband data. At the end of the survey the user was directed to take a speed test in order to help with the data collection and verification process.

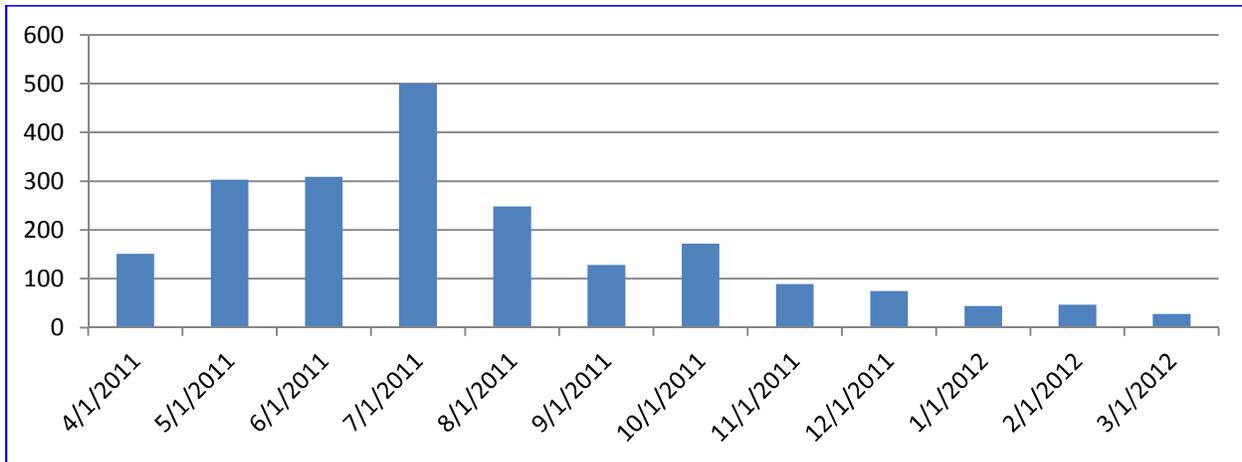
Data Verification – Once the data is loaded into the geodatabase the verification process can begin. This process is comprised of several steps to ensure that the actual facilities and services provided to the public match the provider’s data being reported. The steps are listed below, followed by a detailed description of each step.

1. Compared to Available Datasets
 - a. Speed test
 - b. User feedback
 - c. 3rd party dataset analysis
 2. Spatial Analysis of Coverage Area
 3. Physical Infrastructure Survey
 4. Provider Meetings
 5. 3rd Party Verification
- Compared to Available Datasets -
 - Speed test – Using Ookla’s speed test application, EA has been collecting speed test data for RI since March 2010. A breakdown of speed tests collected over the past year by EA, displayed by month, can be found in the table below. EA uses both the FCC speed tests collected for RI and the speed tests collected on the RI broadband website to get a better view of the actual speeds and coverage area providers are offering the public. The speed tests are geocoded and mapped by provider. (FCC speed test providers are identified by the speed test’s IP address) Each provider’s speed test data is compared to their stated coverage area. Discrepancies are noted and reported back to the provider. The provider either



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gives a reason for the discrepancy or instructs us to modify their coverage area to match the speed test data.



- User feedback - user feedback information is captured by both the FCC and RI's broadband mapping website. This information is reviewed on a case by case basis. Changes are made as needed to the data and reported to the provider, similar to the speed test data update process.
- Best practices for final data quality checks include the review and comparison to 3rd party datasets (such as the FCC's 477 data) with the information received from the providers. The FCC's data is used to check for previously unknown providers, perform spatial analysis and comparisons on the data, and to give a better understanding of our confidence in the data. Since FCC data is broken out by census tract the provider's data must be converted to the tract level in order to perform a full data comparison.
- Spatial Analysis of Coverage Area— Spatial Analysis is performed on each provider's data set. The analysis checks for small areas in populated sections of the state that are surrounded by coverage areas but do not show coverage. These "donut holes" in the data are reviewed and reported to the provider if we feel they have a high probability of actually being covered by the providers' broadband services.
- Physical Infrastructure Survey - As part of the expanding need to verify broadband coverage within RI, a physical infrastructure survey pilot project was performed for the Town of Foster. The physical infrastructure survey verified the physical broadband facilities present within the Town. EA performed the survey utilizing GPS equipment and industry knowledge to capture the actual location of strategic infrastructure facilities throughout Foster. The data was then mapped and analyzed to determine where wireline broadband service is theoretically available within the town. Structures



outside of the identified theoretical service area were mailed surveys to determine if broadband was actually available at their location as well as collect additional broadband usage information from the residents.

- **Provider Meetings** - The BBRI Team held conference calls with broadband providers that had significant changes in their current data submittals or had identified issues that required a review. These conference calls were used as working sessions to review reasoning behind changes being made, discuss findings, address questions, and review edits being made to the provider's submitted dataset. Following the meetings, edits to the data were made final based on the information agreed upon. The reason for making each edit to the data was documented in case issues or questions arose in the future.
- **3rd Party Verification** – A 3rd party, Mapping & Planning Services (M&PS), is used to do provide an independent review and a report on the status of each provider's data. These reports summarize the data collected and provide a second review of the verification steps listed above.

Data Analysis – In addition to the data verification steps, a complete summary of each provider's data and static broadband coverage maps are created for RIEDC. These maps are used to analyze existing data availability and plan for future broadband development and outreach projects.

Geodatabase Checks– Once the data is processed and verified the database is checked prior to submittal to the NTIA. This process is comprised of several steps to ensure that the information in the geodatabase is as accurate and complete and possible.

- **Visual Checks** - These visual checks inspect the data to ensure completeness, accuracy, and engineering logic. The visual inspection process employs random sampling techniques to validate feature placement and attribution. The random sampling is performed in accordance with ANSI standards for attribute inspection.
- **Automated Checks** – These checks are performed on 100% of the data. ESRI's Production Line Tool Set (PLTS) and the NTIA's QC toolbox are utilized for the automated check of the data. PLTS check for both schema and logical errors in the data. The following checks are performed on the data.
 - **Geodatabase Format** - Verify that the geodatabase's name and feature classes are correct per the corresponding RIEDC data model and NOFA requirements.
 - **Coordinate System Errors** - Check for proper projection definition.
 - **Validity Checks** - Verify the attribution fields in the tables and field values fall within the domain specified in the geodatabase.
 - **Duplicate Item Values** - Verify the uniqueness of attribute values within a user-specified item (such as Feature IDs).



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- Invalid Item Values - Checks for invalid codes using discrete values and ranges defined in the appropriate domain tables.
- Spatial Logic Checks - Checks the geodatabase to validate minimum size polygons, minimum length lines, and dangles in line feature classes.
- If the geodatabase has passed all tests listed above, and has met the acceptance criteria, the dataset is considered passed and can be processed for delivery to RIEDC and the NTIA. If the geodatabase fails any test and does not meet acceptance criteria, the data is considered failed and will be returned with error reports to the data processing team for correction. Additional follow-up with the providers may be necessary to correct the issue(s). Once edits are completed or exceptions are documented, the geodatabase will be returned to the QC team for an additional sequence of all QC procedures. This process will be repeated until all tests have received a passing status or exceptions have been documented.