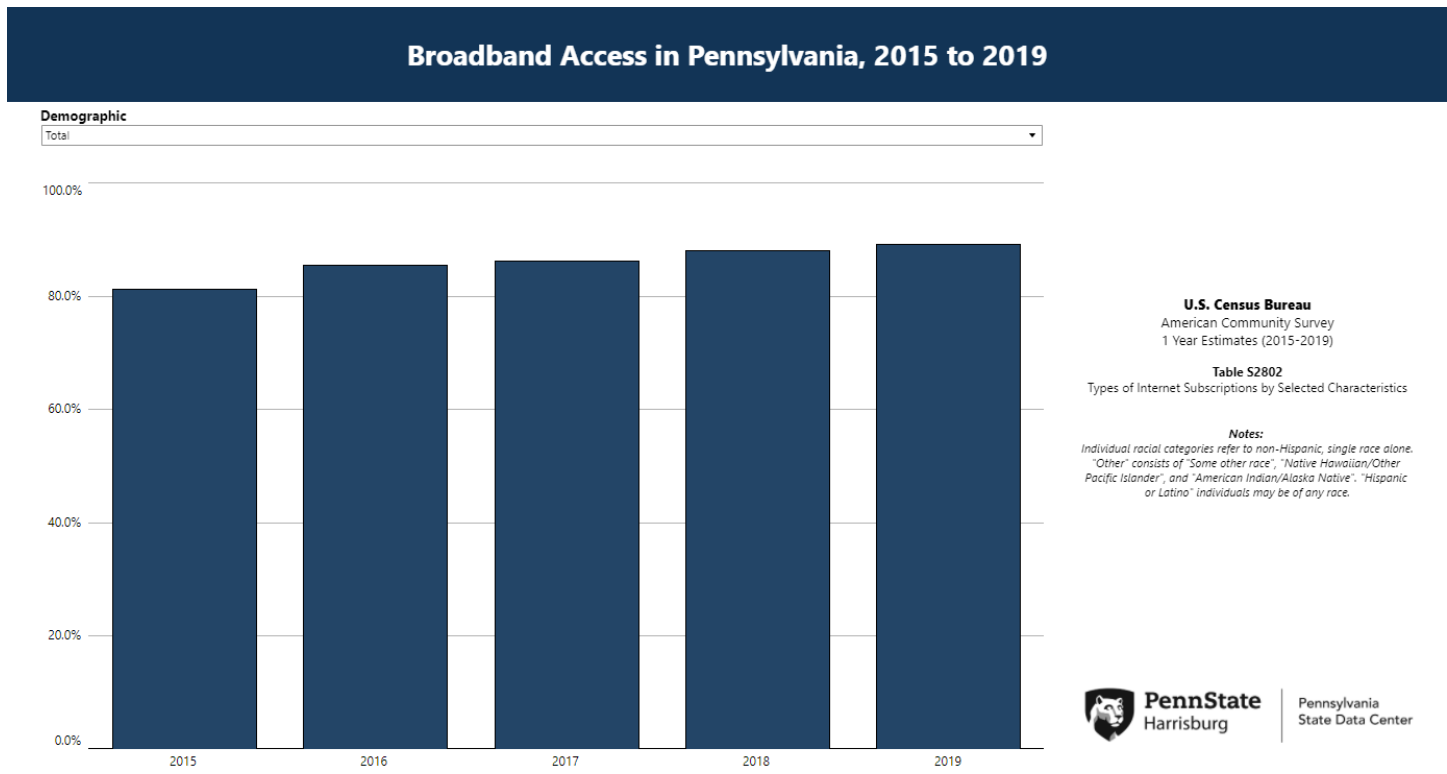


Broadband Internet Access

HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau today released the 2019 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates for the nation’s geographic areas exceeding 65,000 in population. The American Community Survey (ACS) provides updated information about the nation’s changing and diverse population every year. This year’s release provides the fifth data point for broadband internet subscription access.

Access to Broadband Internet

Access to broadband internet subscriptions increased for the general population in Pennsylvania from 2015 (81.2%) to 2019 (89.0%). By 2019, access to broadband was comparable for those under 18 years of age and those 18 to 64 years of age (93.2% and 92.1%, respectively). Pennsylvania’s seniors, or those age 65 years and over, still had lower access to broadband in comparison (74.3%).



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Multiracial, or those who reported two or more races, and Asian Pennsylvanians had the highest access to broadband in 2019 at 93.9% and 92.9%, respectively. Among the remaining racial groups ranked highest to lowest based on their rates of broadband access were White (89.4%), Hispanic or Latino (87.6%), Black or African American (86.2%), and Other (82.4%).

Note: Individual racial categories refer to non-Hispanic, single race alone. "Other" consists of "Some other race", "Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander", and "American Indian/Alaska Native". "Hispanic or Latino" individuals may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1 Year Estimates (2015-2019).

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