

# USING BROADBAND DATA TO ACCELERATE COMMUNITY PLANNING

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#### WHAT IS M-LAB?

- <u>People/Organization</u>: A joint initiative between staff at Code for Science & Society, Google, and Princeton PlanetLab
- <u>Data</u>: An open repository of user-contributed, longitudinal, open-source derived Internet infrastructure data
- <u>Infrastructure</u>: A global infrastructure deployed, built, and run to aid in the creation of that data repository





#### **MEASUREMENT LAB'S MISSION**

Measure the internet.

Save the data.

Make it universally accessible and useful.

Note: we don't measure the internet by ourselves -- people measure the Internet, using their own computers/phones and our servers, and we collect the data, and support them in their measurements

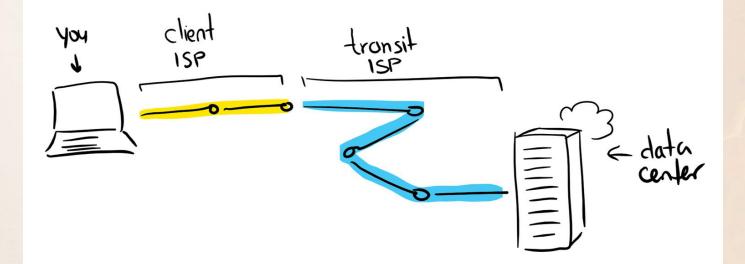




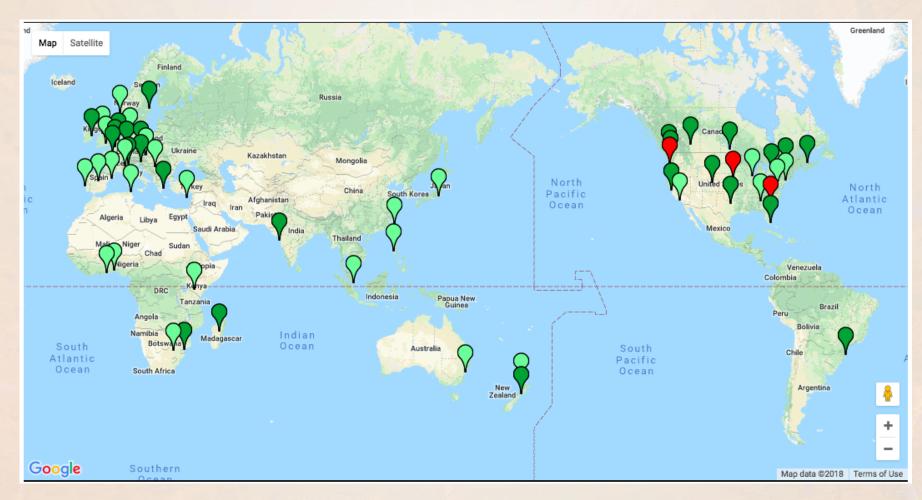
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#### M-LAB PLATFORM

- High capacity servers placed next to content
- M-lab measures user experience of the full route from user to content







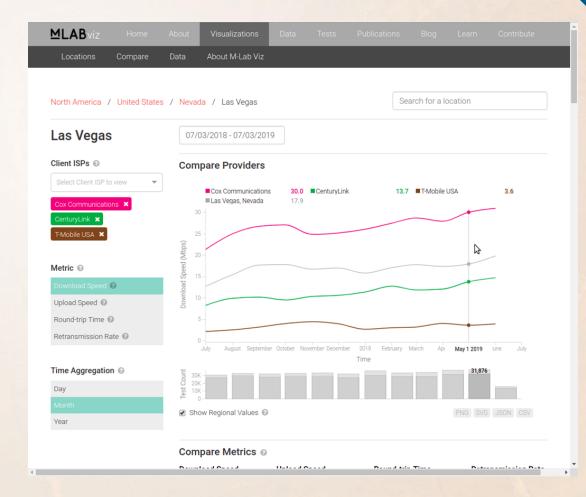


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#### M-LAB DATA

- Source data (raw packet traces & metadata)
- Visualization website
- **BigQuery** (parsed data)
- Other M-Lab & communitydeveloped applications



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## MEASURING LIBRARIES BROADBAND NETWORKS

- Partnership with Simmons University and Internet2 Project, funded by IMLS
- Goal: Study how and if study broadband measurement tools aid libraries to best serve communities digital demands
- Our part: Enable tools for the collection of continuous measurements to understand their broadband service on an ongoing basis



#### MEASURING LIBRARIES BROADBAND NETWORKS

- Partnering with libraries to install small measurement computers in 1-2 places
- Requires a small time commitment
- Please let me know if you'd like more information on how to get involved!



# COMMUNITY STORY-TELLING USING BROADBAND DATA

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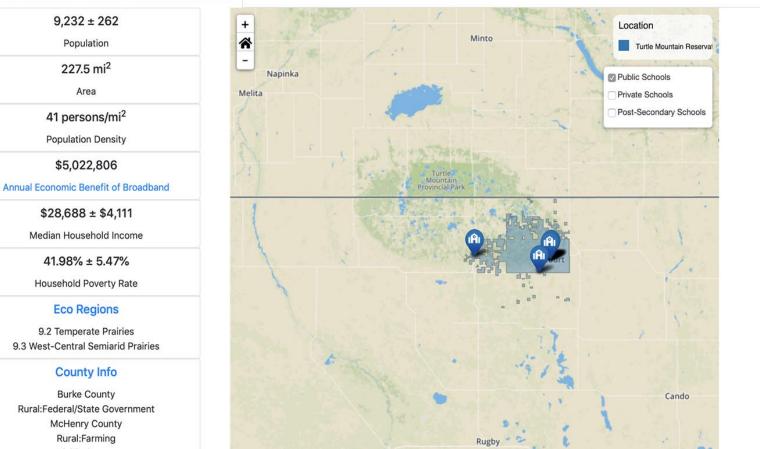


## **I3 Connectivity Explorer**

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Turtle Mountain Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Lands



#### **USERS**:

- Digital Equity Teams
- Libraries
- County and community
  planners

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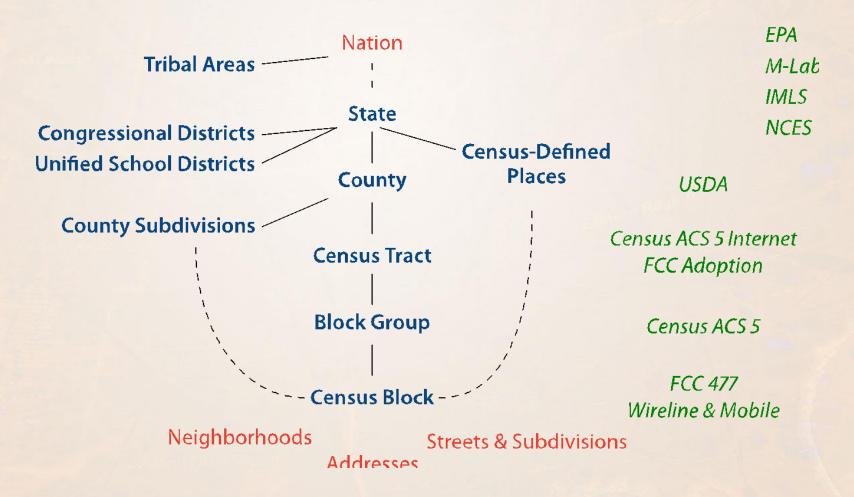
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## Data & Geography

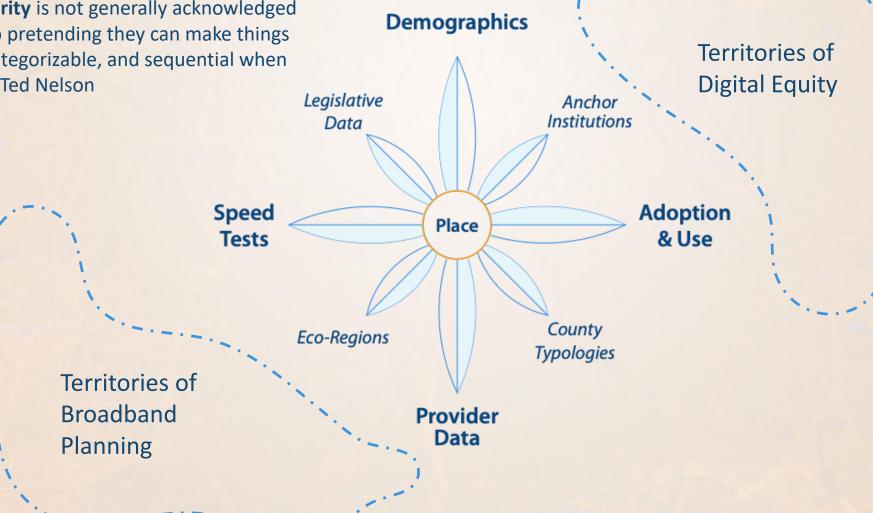




#### WAYFINDING



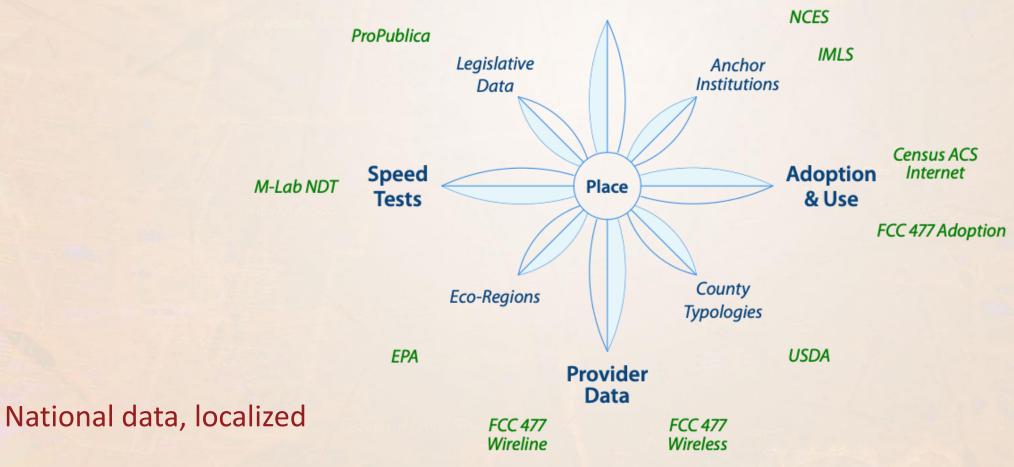
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#### **Data Sources**

U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) FCC Block-Level Population Estimates

#### Demographics



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### WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

• National data, localized, helps to set the context

- Every data set has its limits and its imperfections
- Understanding those limits helps you to pose meaningful questions about the data
- Local data and local insights are critical for planning
  - Broadband planning and action teams are effective for local planning
  - Different communities have different needs
- The data is not the story
  - Your local needs, goals, and aspirations provide the real story

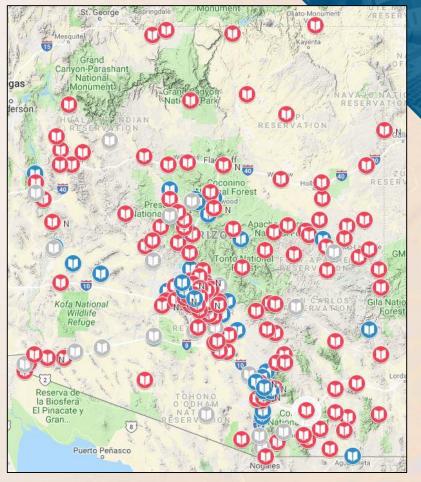


## PUBLIC LIBRARY CONNECTIVITY DATA

#### **Annual Public Library Statistics (self-reported)**



"Leaners": People outside using the library's wifi after hours



Arizona Public Library outlets that do not meet the FCC 2014 E-Rate Modernization Order bandwidth targets

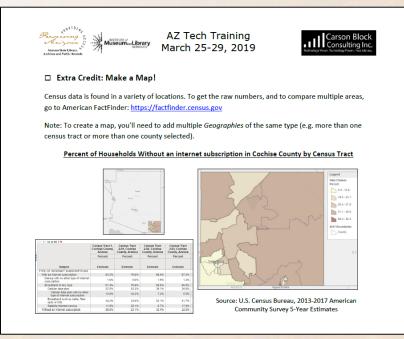


## EMPOWERING LIBRARIES TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR VALUE

#### COMMUNITY SURVEYS

Q8 Without the mobile hotspot, where do you access the Internet? Answered: 521 Skipped: 28 100% 80% 60% 40% 20% 0% At At the Ata Ata At work Other I pay N/A for school library business friend (please Internet (Starbuc or specify) at home ks,.... relat ....

#### TRAINING ON USING NATIONAL DATA

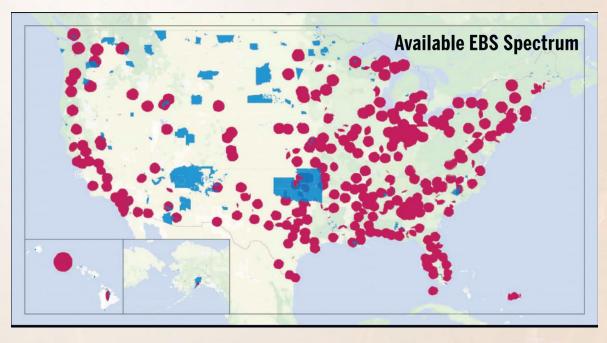




## FCC ORDER : NATIVE NATIONS CAN CLAIM UNLICENSED EBS SPECTRUM OVER RURAL TRIBAL LANDS

EBS spectrum is in the 2.5 GHz band which is ideal for rural broadband deployments

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