Nebraska Broadband Initiative

Through the Nebraska Broadband Initiative, the University of Nebraska Extension, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Nebraska Information Technology Commission, Nebraska Library Commission, and USDA are leveraging their resources and working cooperatively to advance broadband development in Nebraska. Current projects are described below:

Digital Readiness Survey. The University of Nebraska Extension, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and Nebraska Library Commission have partnered with the Purdue Center for Regional Development to conduct a statewide Digital Readiness survey.

Building Partnerships with Schools to Improve Library Broadband. The Nebraska Library Commission, in partnership with the Nebraska Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), has received a $25,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Through the grant, the local school districts and public libraries in Bancroft, Genoa, Imperial, Verdigre, and Wymore will work together as partners to increase Internet speeds at the public library using fixed wireless technology to provide additional Internet to the library, augmenting existing Internet service.

Nebraska Rural Poll (ruralpoll.unl.edu). The 2018 Nebraska Rural Poll conducted by the UNL Department of Agricultural Economics in cooperation with the NU Rural Futures Institute includes a number of questions on broadband subscription, limitations, and economic impact.

Nebraska Broadband Blog (nitc.ne.gov/news/community). Check out the Nebraska Broadband Blog to learn more about broadband availability and updates on broadband-related activities.

Nebraska Broadband Map (broadbandmap.nebraska.gov). The Nebraska Public Service Commission’s Broadband Map) provides information on broadband availability in Nebraska. The composite map below shows how broadband deployment has advanced since 2010.