2024 Report

Digital Needs Assessment

County-Wide Findings

579

⊗80%

Of respondents reported having some form of internet in their homes Median household income

63%

Of respondents make below 50% of the county's AMI (\$48,450)

Over 100/20 MBPS 40%



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Average household size

888 57%

Less than 25/3 MBPS

20%

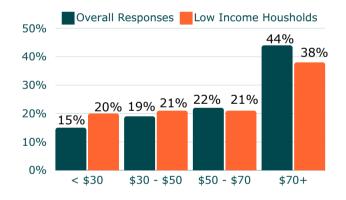
60% Below

State/Fed Min.

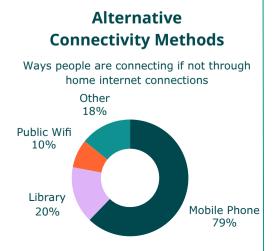
Of respondents identify as Latino/Hispanic. 30% identify as White

Internet Cost

Percent of Responses by Cost (USD)



67% of all survey respondents reported their internet bill being too high. However, **80%** of Low Income Households are paying more than \$30 per month on internet, despite being eligible for low income internet plans.



Devices



44% of respondents reported having no devices or only a smartphone to access the internet.Although, that number jumps up to53% when isolating for households with school-aged children.

The State and Federal minimum standard for internet speeds to be considered Broadband is **100/20 MBPS**, and yet **60%** of respondents reported speeds below that threshold.

Btwn 25/3 and 100/20 MBPS 40%

Digital Needs



Internet Speed

Measured in Megabits Per Second (MBPS)

The most reported uses for the internet was for **Work 63%** and **School 49%**



Seniors reported needing Digital Skills Trainings in Cyber Security 60% and Telehealth 55%



Parents of school-aged children reported needing Trainings in Email 64% and Cyber Security 50%

Data By Survey Area

Cloverdale Area

Total Respondents: **116** Avg. Household: **3.5** Median Income: **\$30K** Households with School-Aged Children: **41%** Respondents Over 60 Years Old: **15%** Consider Current Service Reliable: **65%** Reported Internet Cost is too High: **64%** No Device or Phone Only: **68%**

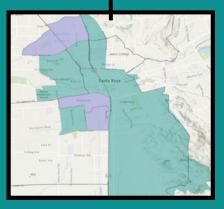


Santa Rosa Area

Total Respondents: **143** Avg. Household: **3.9** Median Income: **\$40.8K** Households with School-Aged Children: **52%** Respondents Over 60 Years Old: **7%** Consider Current Service Reliable: **71%** Reported Internet Cost is too High: **64%** No Device or Phone Only: **42%**

Rohnert Park and Cotati

Total Respondents: **88** Avg. Household: **2.7** Median Income: **\$37K** Households with School-Aged Children: **28%** Respondents Over 60 Years Old: **20%** Consider Current Service Reliable: **63%** Reported Internet Cost is too High: **72%** No Device or Phone Only: **32%**





Legend

Portrait of Sonoma County - Disadvantaged Communities

- Health Action Together Call to Action Areas
- Other Low-Income Areas

Guerneville, Monte Rio and Forestville

Total Respondents: **125** Avg. Household: **1.9** Median Income: **\$25K** Households with School-Aged Children: **6%** Respondents Over 60 Years Old: **82%** Consider Current Service Reliable: **54%** Reported Internet Cost is too High: **74%** No Device or Phone Only: **28%**



Sonoma Valley

Total Respondents: **100** Avg. Household: **4** Median Income: **\$36K** Households with School-Aged Children: **57%** Respondents Over 60 Years Old: **11%** Consider Current Service Reliable: **63%** Reported Internet Cost is too High: **62%** No Device or Phone Only: **52%**

