

Illinois and United States Falling Behind

We need high speed Internet for our homes, schools, hospitals, and workplaces. But most U.S. Internet connections are far too slow to send and receive large files for medical monitoring, to run a home-based business, or for multi-media distance learning. America is falling behind our industrialized peers at a time when we should be growing our competitiveness with the rest of the world.

The United States is 15th behind other industrialized countries in high speed Internet adoption, and 28th in Internet speeds.

Illinois Speed Test Results

Over the last year, people who live in Illinois have gone to speedmatters.org to see the speed of their Internet connection. The results show that people who live in Illinois, like those of the entire country, lag behind. The results also show that there is a digital divide in high-speed Internet connections.

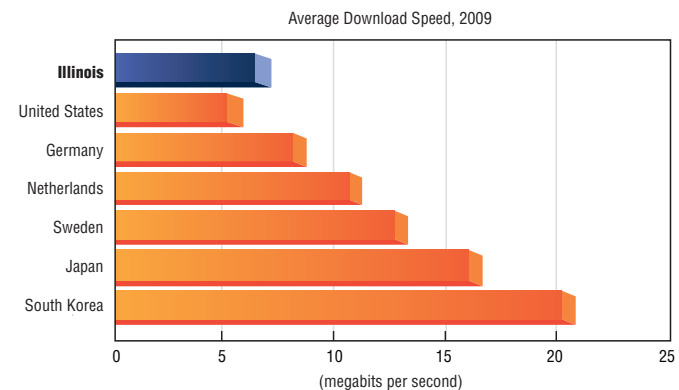
Illinois Internet Speed Test

World Ranking		Average Download Speed (megabits per second)
1	South Korea	20.4
2	Japan	15.8
5	Sweden	12.8
9	Netherlands	11.0
13	Germany	8.3
28	United States	5.1
ILLINOIS		6.4

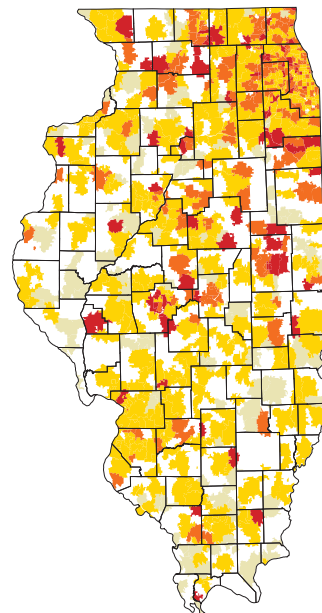
Most Illinois Residents Have Slow Speed

Download Speed Range	% of Illinois
Less than 768 kbps	18%
768 kbps to 6 mbps	49%
6 to 10 mbps	13%
10 to 25 mbps	17%
Greater than 25 mbps	3%

Illinois Quick Stats



The average upload speed in Illinois is 1.6 mbps.



U.S. data from speedmatters.org test results.
 International data from speedtest.net.

The Federal Communications Commissions defines basic broadband as speeds greater than 768 kbps in one direction.

- Less than 768 kbps
- 768 kbps to 6 mbps
- 6 mbps to 10 mbps
- More than 10 mbps
- County boundaries