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Washington, D.C. Fast Facts

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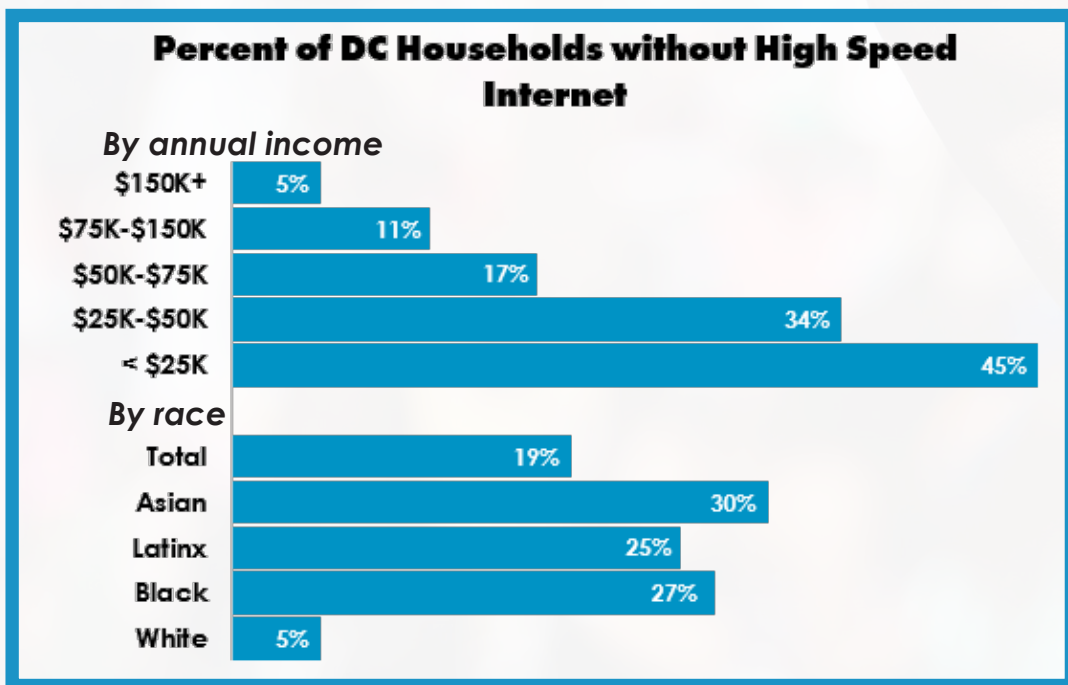
Digital Inclusion

When all individuals and communities have access to affordable broadband internet, internet-enabled devices, digital literacy training, quality technical support, and applications and online content designed to enable and encourage self-sufficiency, participation, and collaboration.

Digital Equity

When all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy, and economy.

What We're Facing

Percent of DC Households without High Speed Internet

By annual income

Income	Percent
$150K+	5%
$75K-$150K	11%
$50K-$75K	17%
$25K-$50K	34%
< $25K	45%

By race

Race	Percent
Total	19%
Asian	30%
Latinx	25%
Black	27%
White	5%

36,460 households don't have an internet subscription

16,288 households don't have a computer

55% of households in Ward 7 don't have broadband

52% of households in Ward 8 don't have broadband

What You Can Do

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What is Digital Literacy?

In order to function in today's virtual environments, individuals need foundational computer skills to access and consume digital content, create it, and share it. As technology constantly evolves, so do the skills needed, and continuing training is needed to stay digitally literate.
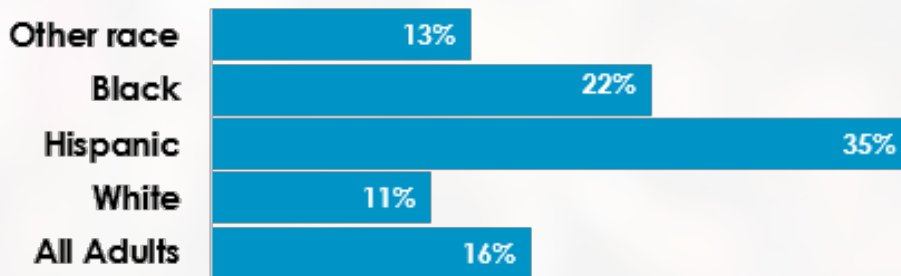
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One-third of American workers lack the digital skills required for work, school, and life. **50% of Black workers** and **57% of Latino** workers need digital skills

16% of adults nationally are not digitally literate – that's almost **32 million Americans** who do not have sufficient comfort or competence with technology to use a computer.

An unemployed person who has Internet at home will be employed **seven times faster** than one who does not and will earn **$5,000 more per year.**

> *"I felt like technology had grown up around me, and I was losing the battle."*
> **Demika, Byte Back Graduate**

Adults who are NOT Digitally Literate by Race/Ethnicity

Other race	13%
Black	22%
Hispanic	35%
White	11%
All Adults	16%

> *"During Covid - gaining digital literacy enabled me to communicate with people in the outside world. Digital literacy helped me to reach out on Zoom and see people, attend a virtual funeral, and see what was going on out in the world. Having the computer was important as a place to learn and a virtual classroom, as to have appointments and a virtual medical facility."*
> **Waltina, Capital Clubhouse Member & Byte Back Graduate**

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