

THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

The gap between those who have access to high-speed internet – and those who don't

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Internet access is the divide between the haves and the have nots.
 Infrastructure Masons Advisory Council member



People earning > \$75,000

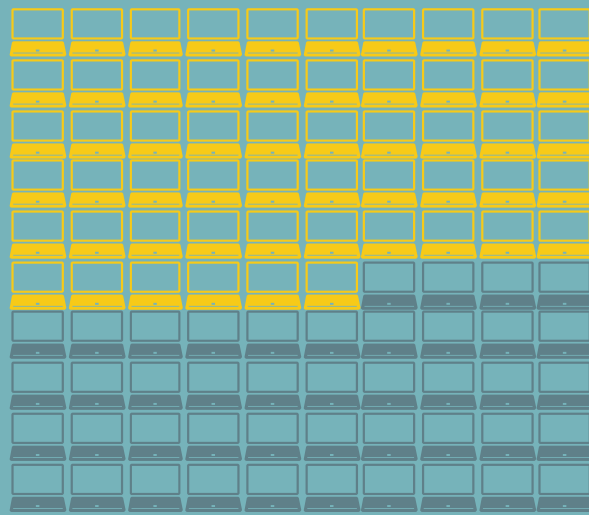
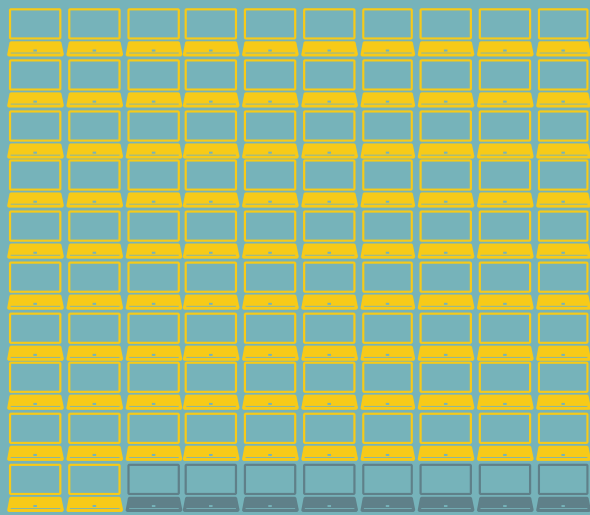
% of U.S. adults who are home broadband users



People earning < \$30,000

92%

56%



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IT'S A SHAME IT'S TAKEN A PANDEMIC FOR PEOPLE TO REALIZE IF YOU DON'T HAVE INTERNET ACCESS YOU'RE CUT OFF FROM PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY.

Gigi Sohn

Distinguished fellow at the Georgetown Law Institute for Technology Law and Policy



Occupations in the top 10% of earnings

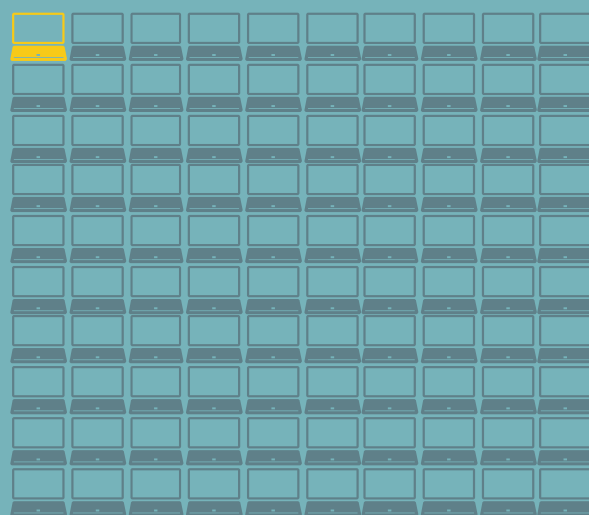
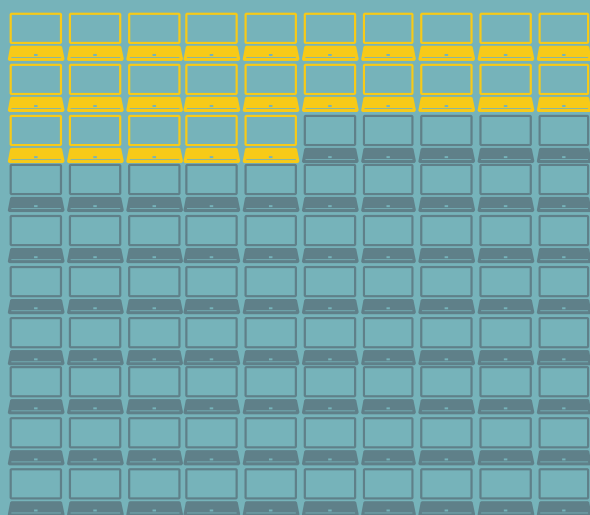
% of private-sector workers with access to telework (pre-COVID)



Occupations in the lowest 10% of earnings

25%

<1%



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WITHOUT A PROPER BROADBAND CONNECTION, COMMUNITIES CAN'T START OR RUN A MODERN BUSINESS, ACCESS TELEMEDICINE, TAKE AN ONLINE CLASS, DIGITALLY TRANSFORM THEIR FARM OR RESEARCH A SCHOOL PROJECT ONLINE.

Microsoft President Brad Smith



Upper income

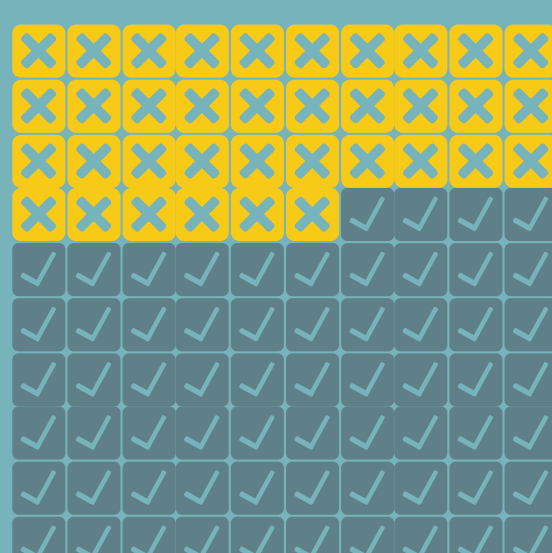
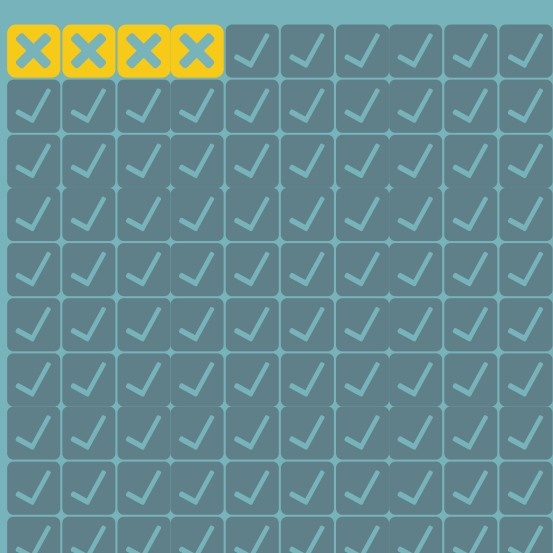
% of children unlikely to complete their schoolwork because they do not have access to a computer at home (post-COVID)



Lower income

4%

36%



SOURCES

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- Pew Research Center