Illinois Broadband Mapping

Illinois Association of County Board Members Broadband Summit
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Broadband Mapping in Illinois

In Illinois,

- State in collaboration with mapping vendor, Connected Nation started creating our own state maps in 2021
  - Finer granularity than the census block level data

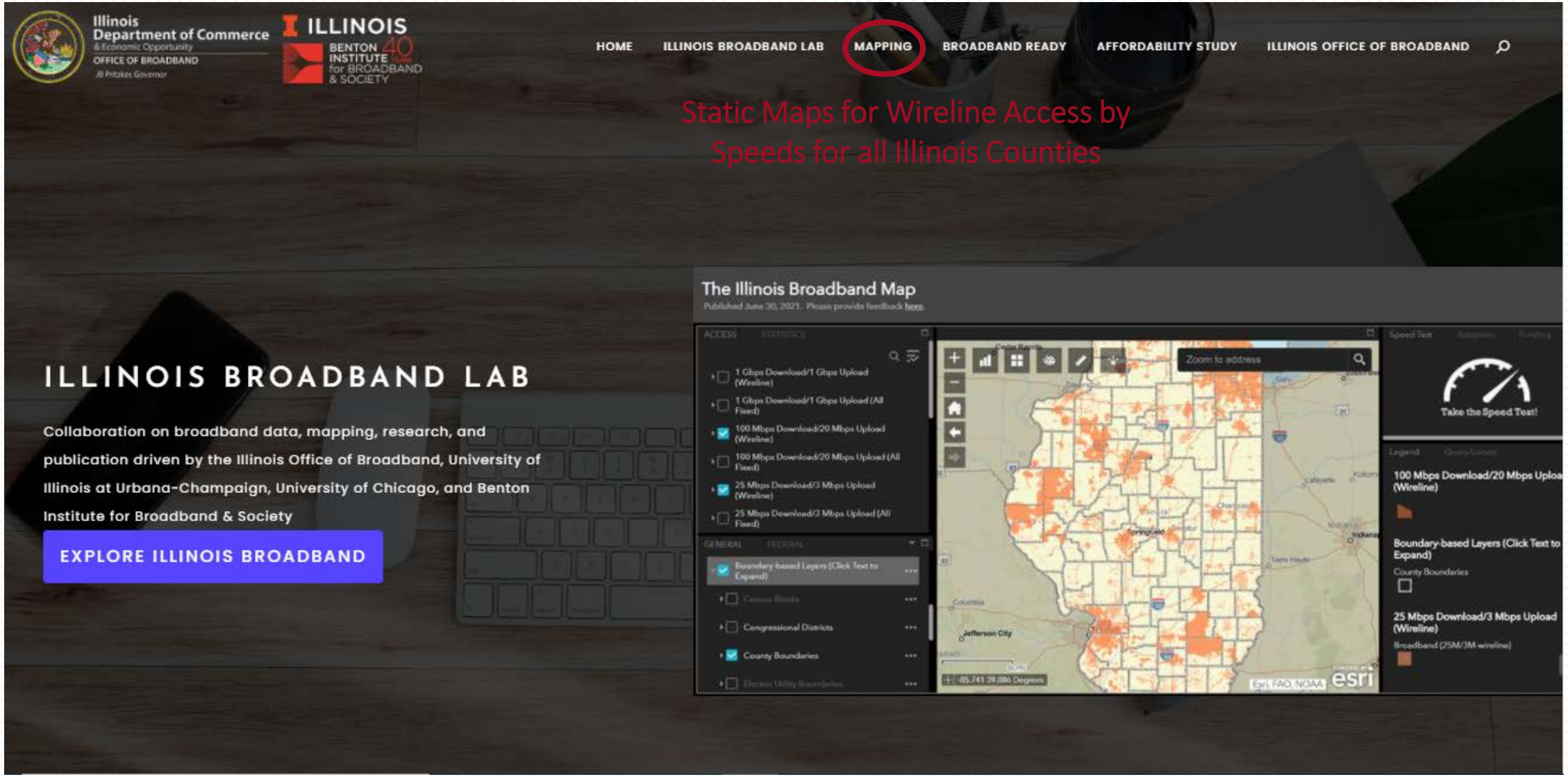
- First set of maps released in June 2021
- Revised every six months. The latest update was made on 31 May 2022. Next update scheduled for November 2022

Illinois Broadband Mapping Process

- **ISP Outreach-** Collect, Process, Analyze, and Clarify residential broadband access
- **Field Validation** for areas that need further investigation- for providers who did not provide granular access data, or for whom FCC Form 477 data had to be utilized, state funded projects that were completed

- The access data layers are the used to identify unserved and underserved areas further used to define eligibility for the state's Connect Illinois Infrastructure Grant

Illinois Broadband Lab



State and Federal Broadband Mapping efforts

Based on the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act (Broadband DATA Act), the FCC is required to its requirement to create a national broadband map, a critical component for determining how federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program infrastructure dollars will be distributed.

FCC's Process

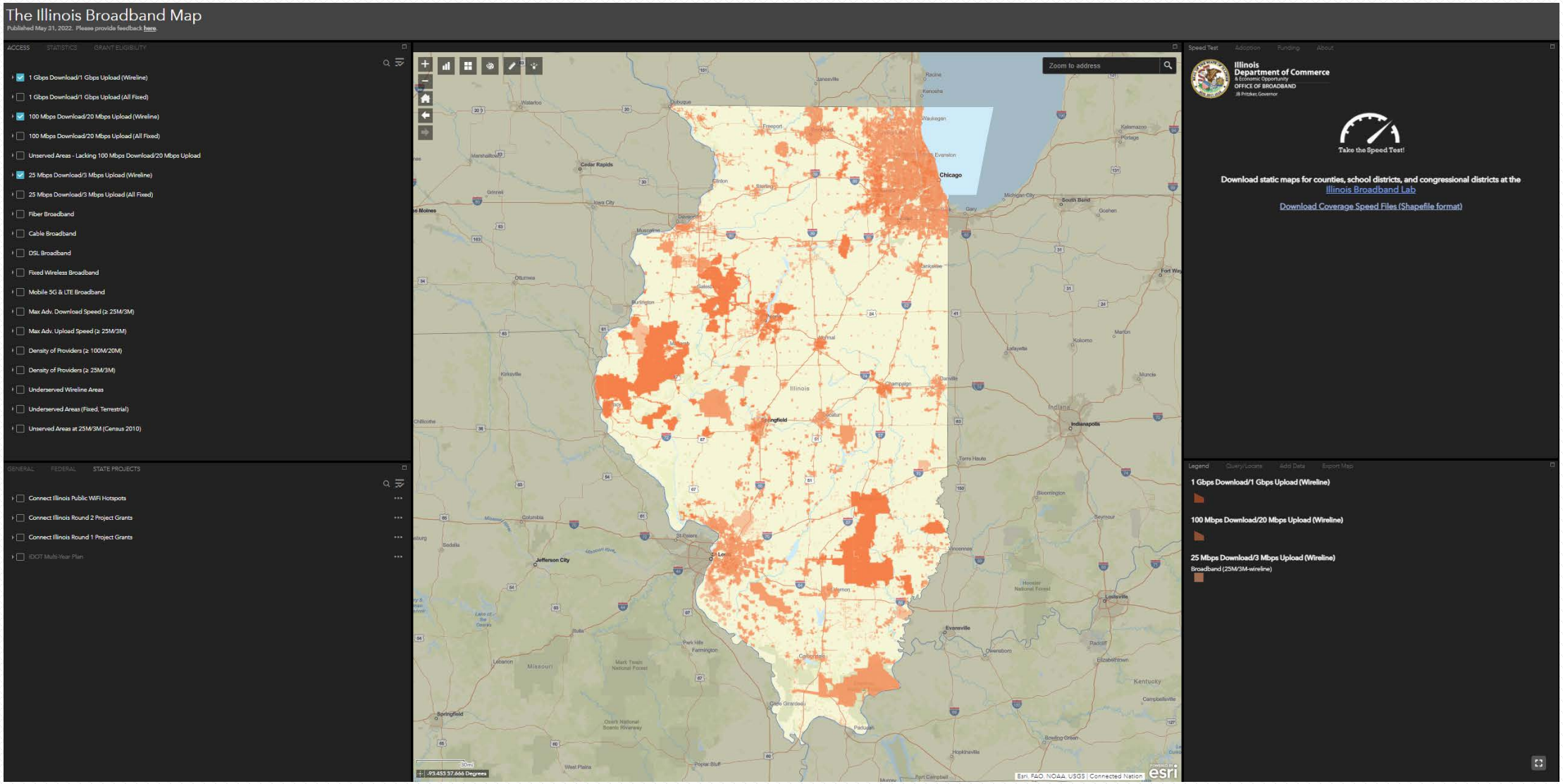
- The FCC opened the ISP access data filing process from June 30, 2022- September 1, 2022, using the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) platform.
- The FCC is expected to release the first set of new maps in mid-November 2022.
- At that point, there will be a challenge process to ensure the accuracy of the data shared by ISPs, which would incorporate challenges from individuals as well as communities.

Illinois Office of Broadband Mapping Updates

- For the next update to Illinois Broadband Mapping, Illinois Office of Broadband has also recently completed their outreach to ISPs to receive the most current access data.
- FCC Serviceable Locations Fabric now available. Illinois has gotten access to their own and we are working with our Mapping Vendor CN on processing and analyzing the data in comparison to NextGen 911 Illinois data.

Illinois Broadband Map

MAPPING DEMONSTRATION

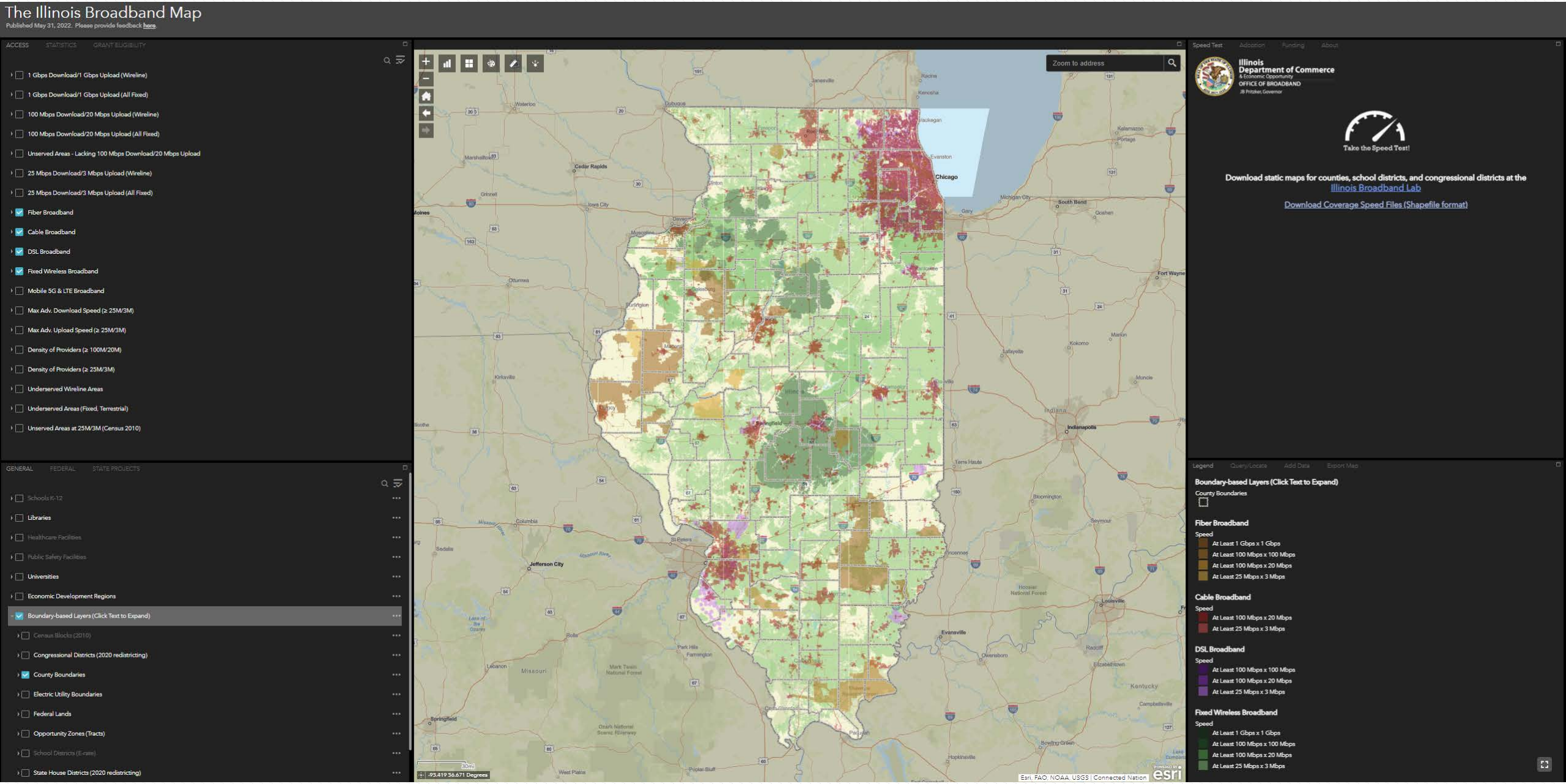


Illinois Broadband Map

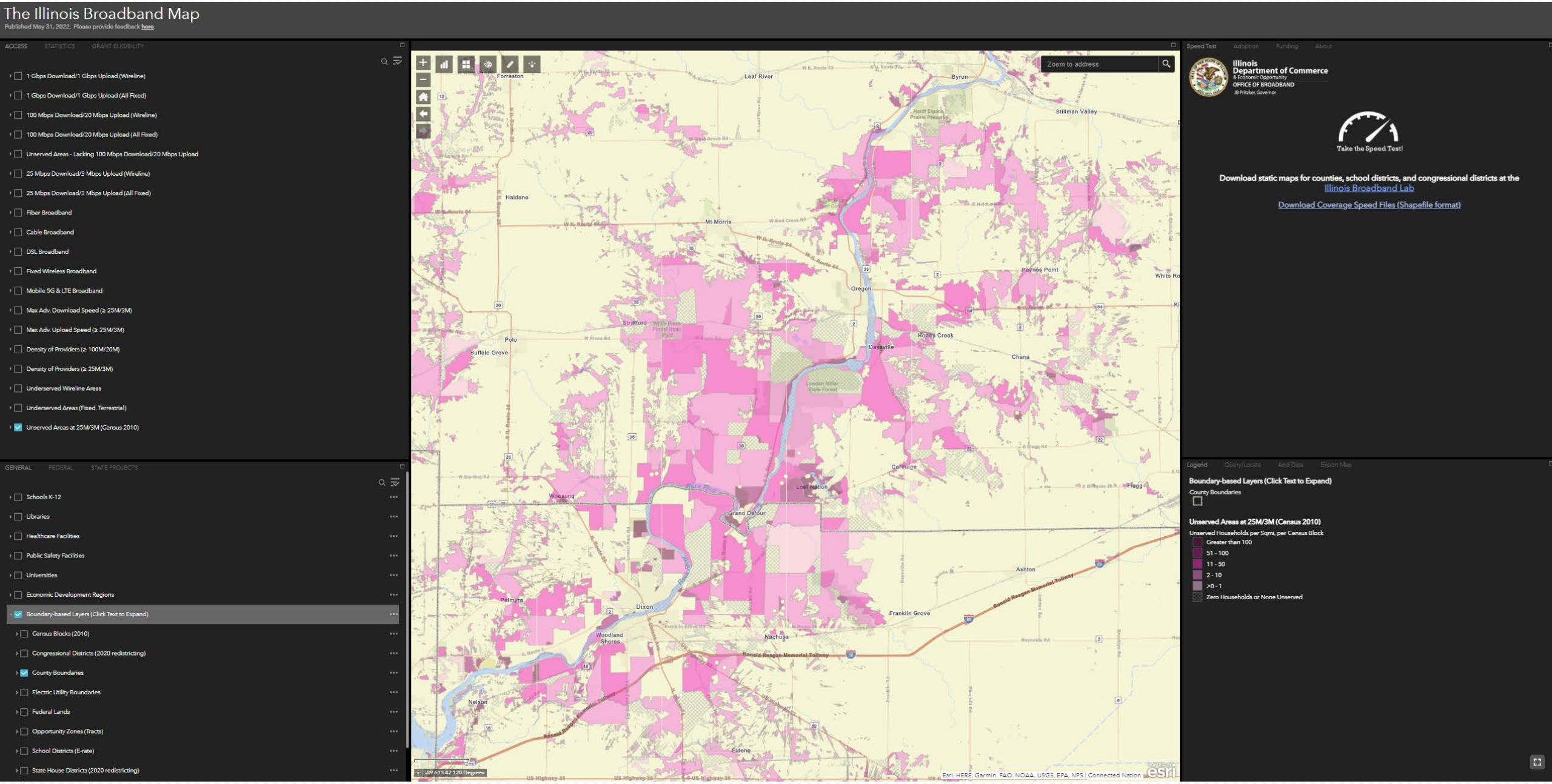
Other Useful Data layers:

- Access by Speed and Technology (Access Tab)
- Density of Providers (Access Tab)
- Density of households in Unserved Areas (Access Tab)
- Density of households without internet subscription/access (Adoption Tab)
- Connect Illinois Rd I & Rd II Funding (State Project Tab)
- Federal funding (Federal Tab)

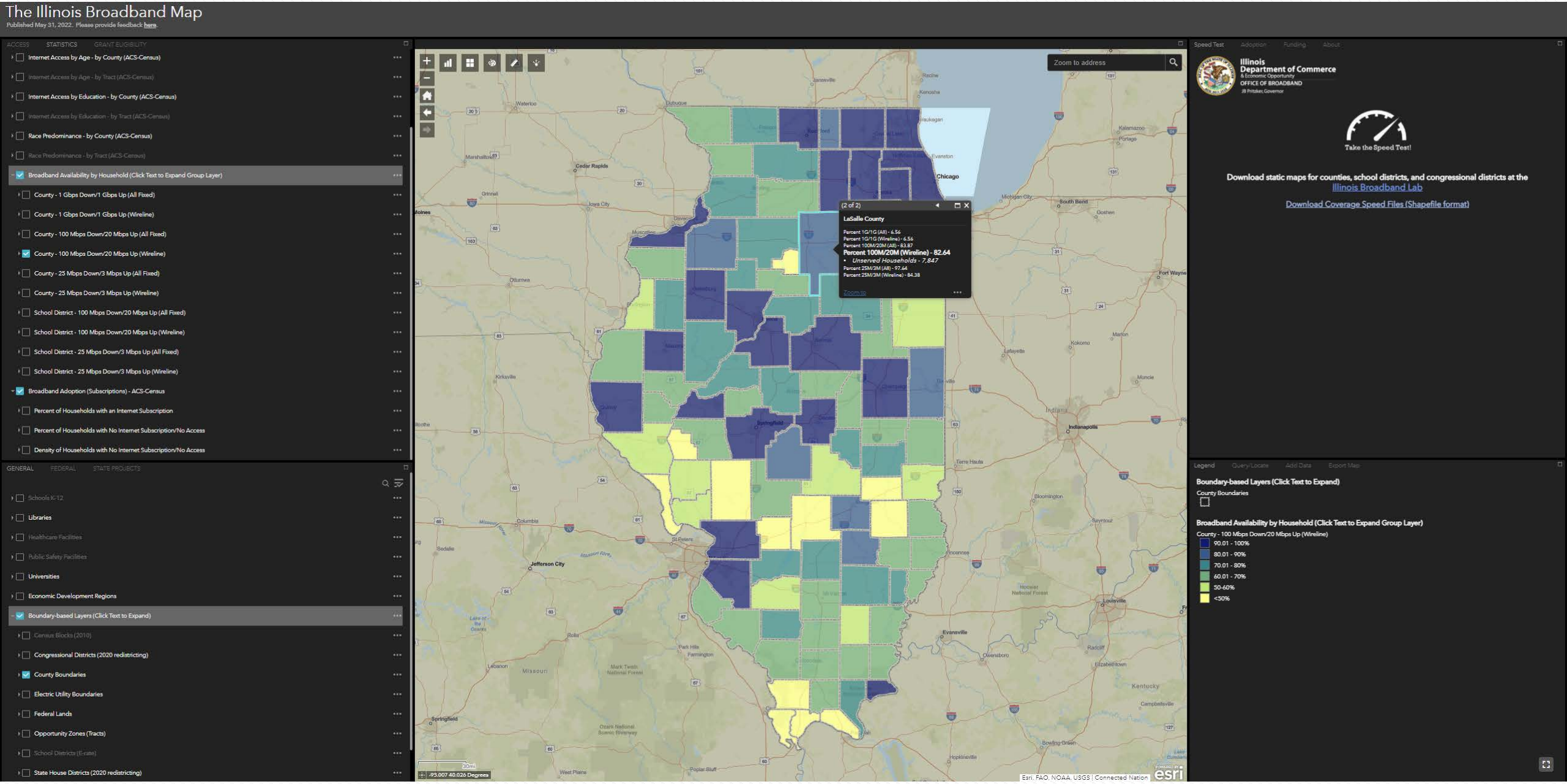
Access by technology types



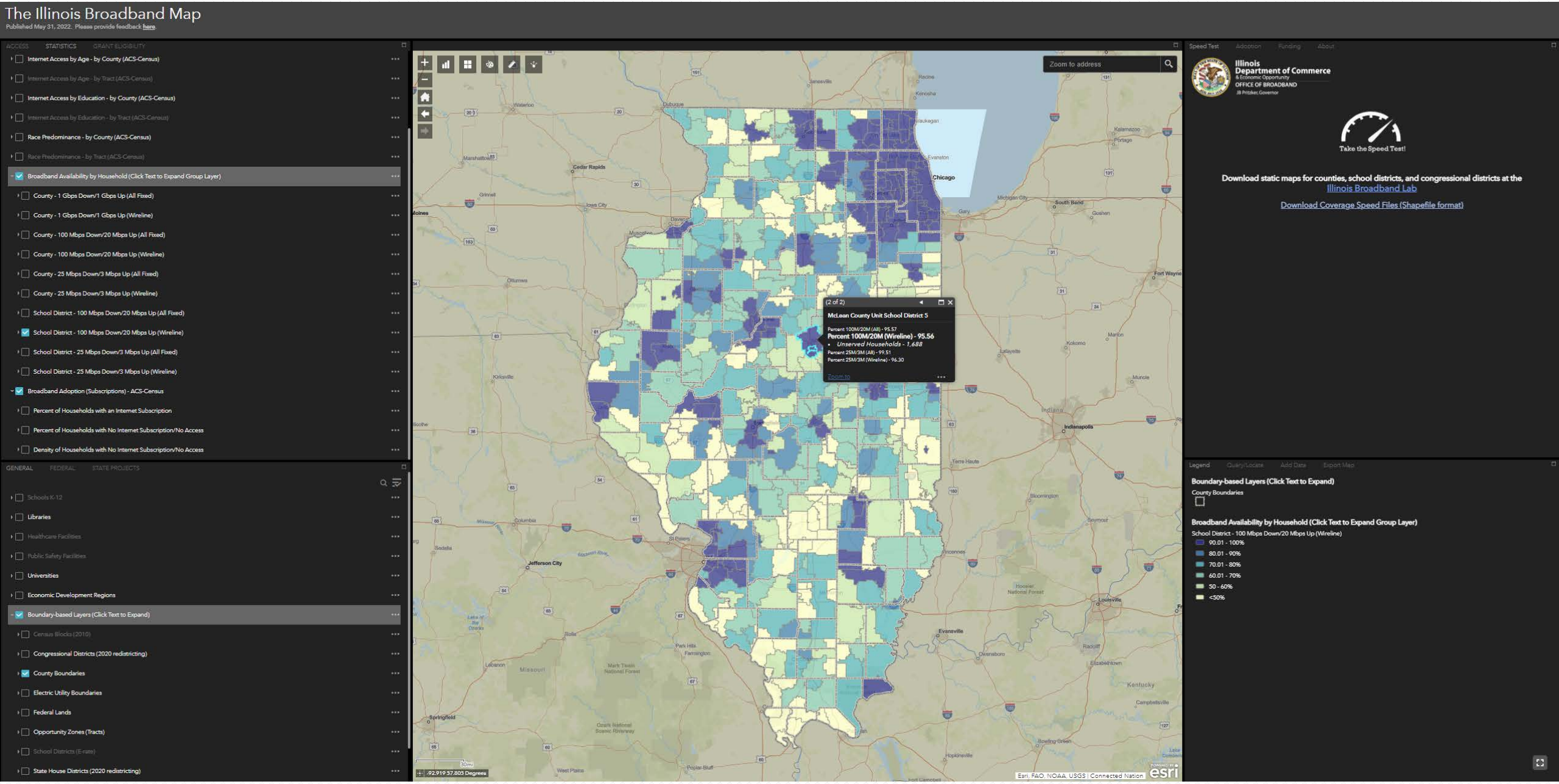
Density of Households in Unserved Areas



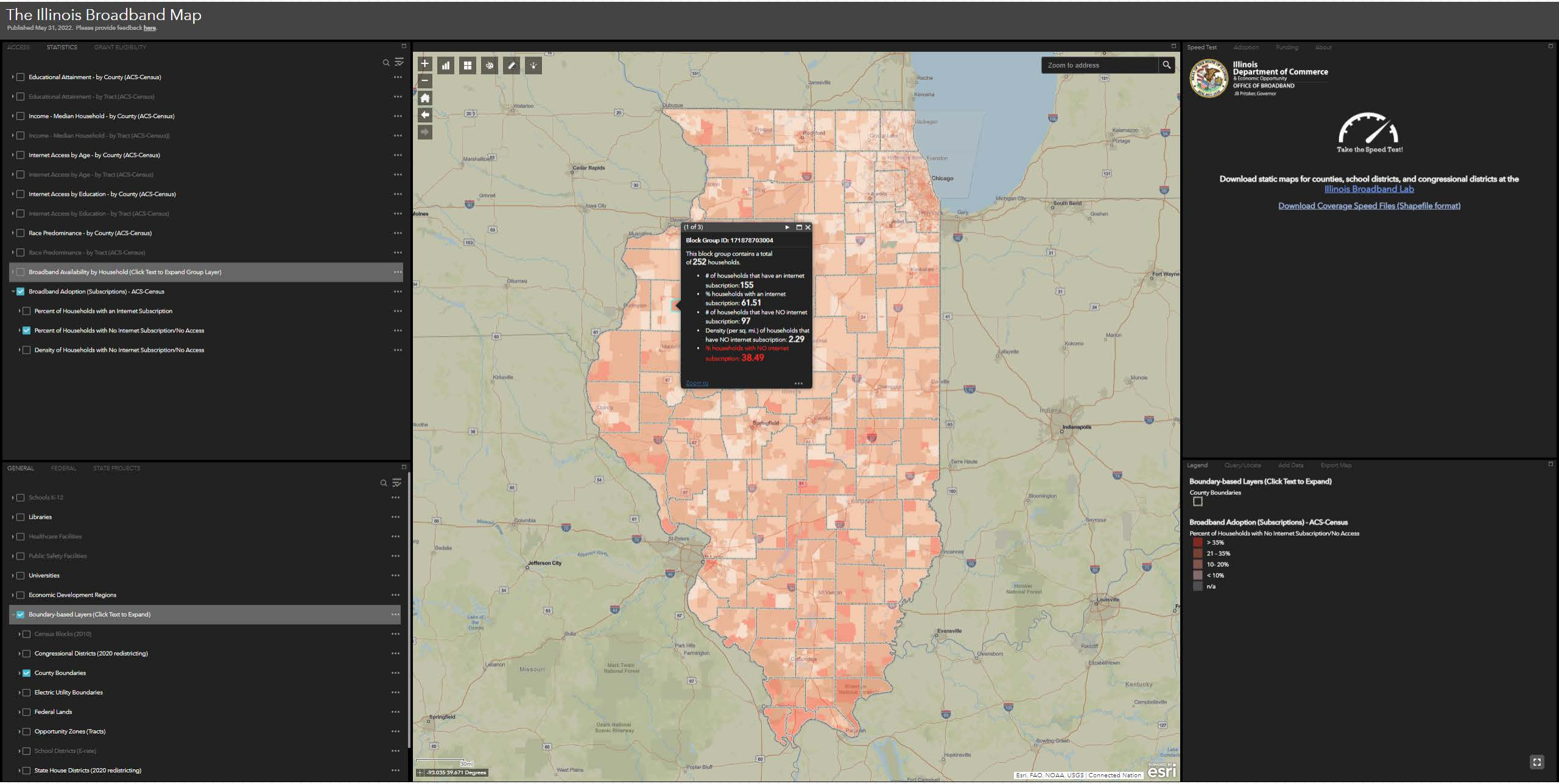
Access Statistics by County



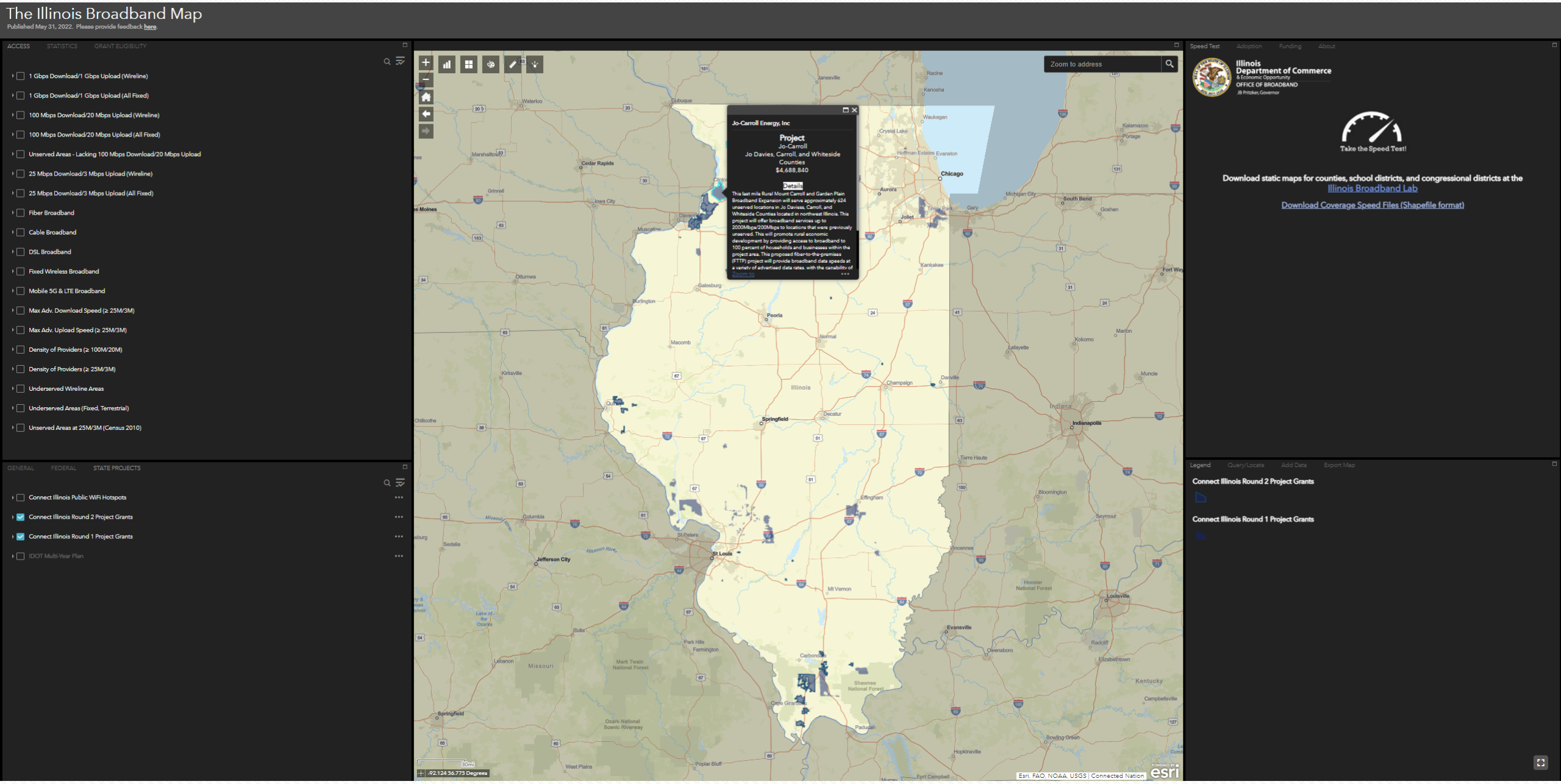
Access Statistics by School District



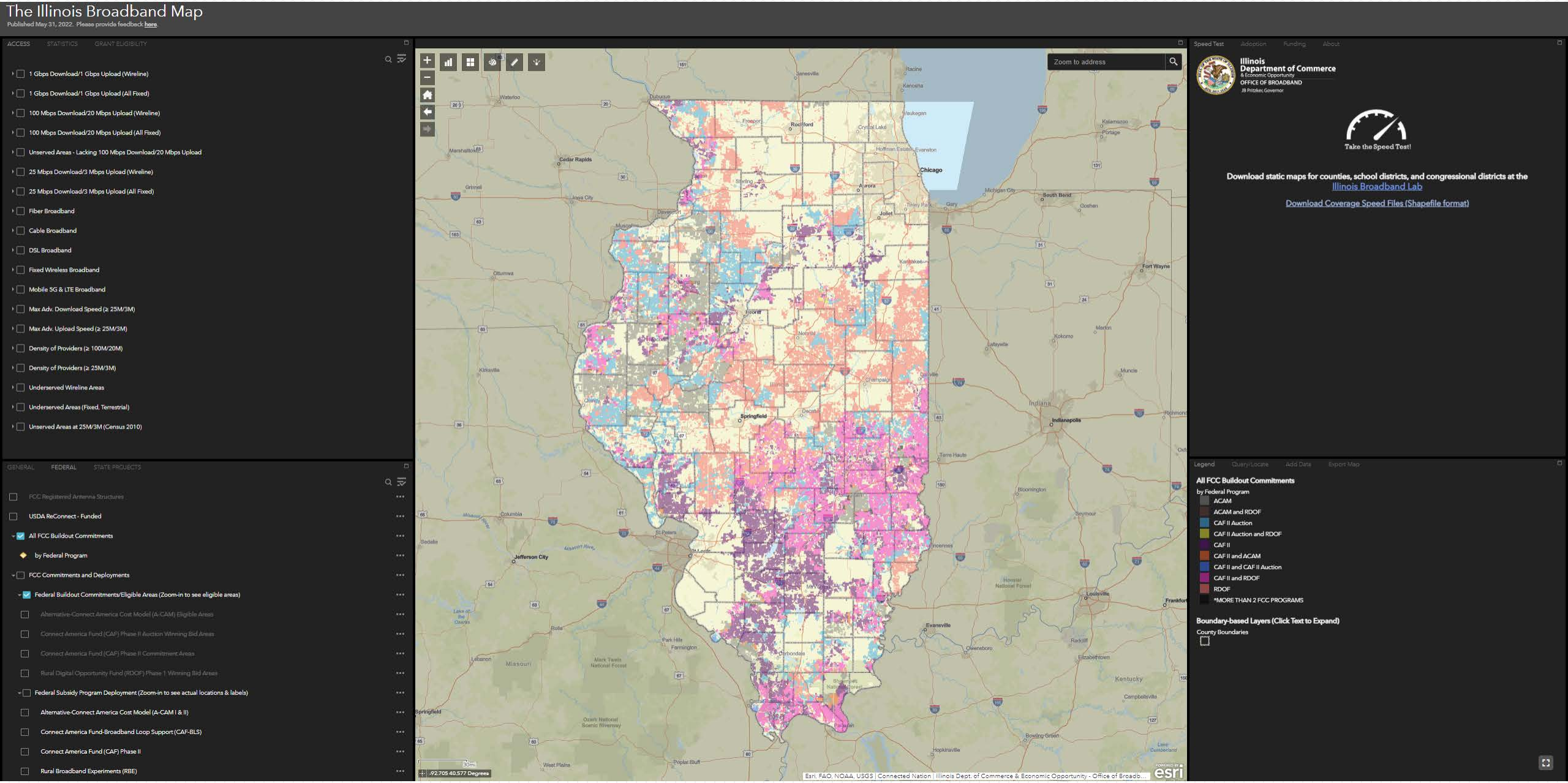
Adoption (ACS Census Data, Census Tract level)- % and Density of Households without an internet subscription



Connect Illinois Infrastructure Grant Funding



Federal Broadband Buildout Commitments/ Eligible Areas



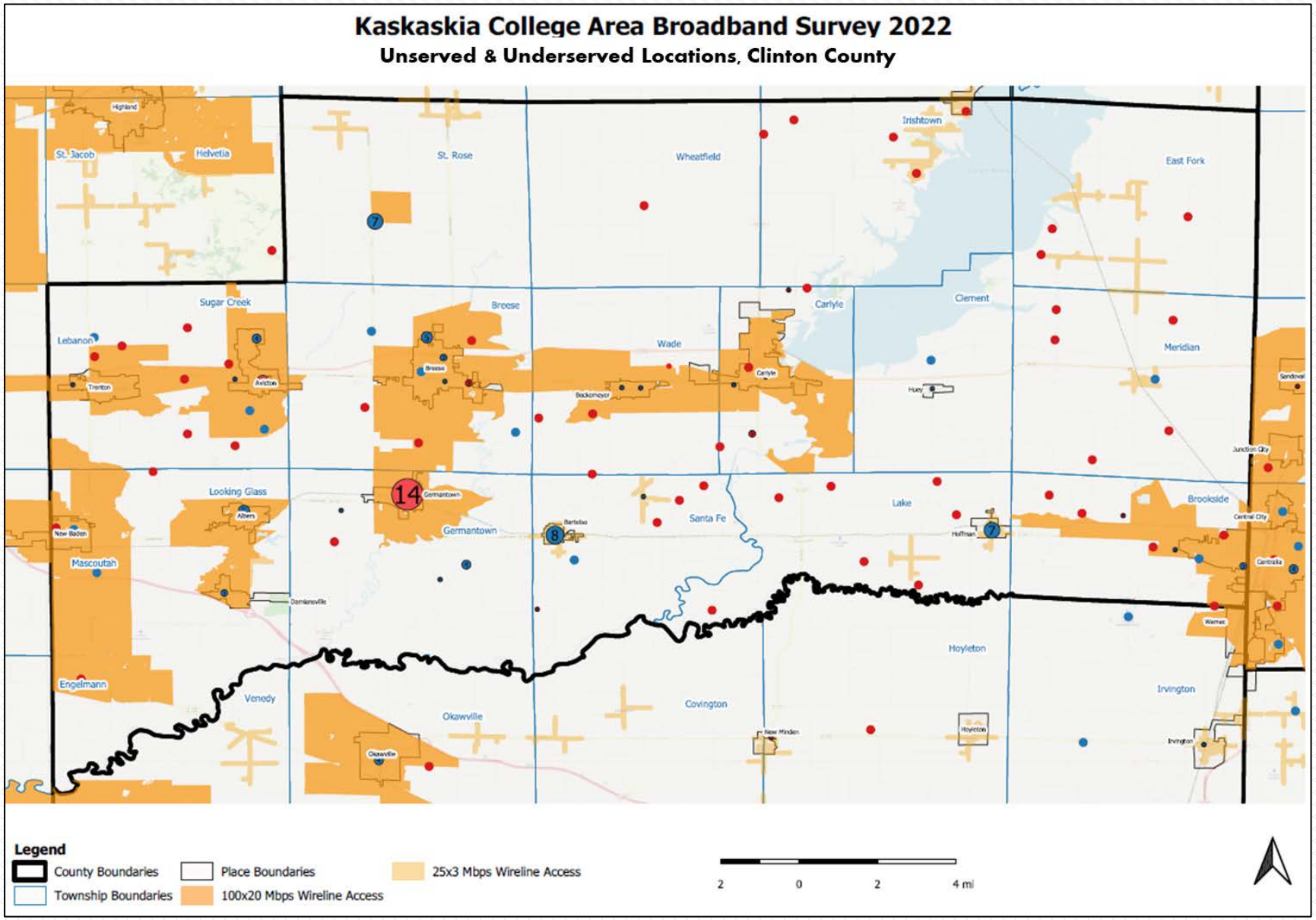
Broadband Mapping in the Accelerate Program

Data Packets: Access by Speeds and Technology; List of incumbent providers

Demonstration of the Illinois Broadband Map

Broadband Survey

Survey Response Clusters; Unserved & Underserved Location Clusters; ISP Clusters



Example of a post-survey map created for Clinton County (Kaskaskia College Area)- Unserved and Underserved Locations

County Broadband Dashboard Demonstration

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
OFFICE OF BROADBAND

Illinois Office of Broadband Programs Dashboard

Instructions: The home page of this dashboard represents broadband programs and statistics for the entire state.
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A. Broadband Adoption

Devices by PCs for People (June'21-May'22) 6.8k

Smartphone dependent Households 399.5k

Households without a computer 415.5k

Cellular Data dependent Households 547.4k

Households Without Internet Subscription 701.4k

B. Federal Broadband

Devices Claimed by ACP as of Sept'22 6.9k

Total ACP Subscribers as of Sept'22 302k

C. State Digital Equity Programs

Illinois Connect Communities (Round1, Round2) — 20 grant(s)
- McKinley Park Development Council
- Village of Flanagan

Regional Engagement for Adoption+Digital Equity (READY) — 10 grant(s)
- University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign
- Eastern Illinois University

Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infra Planning Program Grants — 12 grant(s)
- Ogle & Partners- Ogle, Boone, Lee, Putnam
- Kaskaskia College Area- Clinton, Washington, Marion

D. State Infrastructure Funding Programs

Connect Illinois Broadband Infrastructure projects (Round1, Round2) — 26 project(s), $34.4M
- Jersey County Fiber Project ($1,483,007)
- Mediacom Edgewood ($249,424)
- Mediacom Franklin ($210,831)

E. Public WiFi Hotspots

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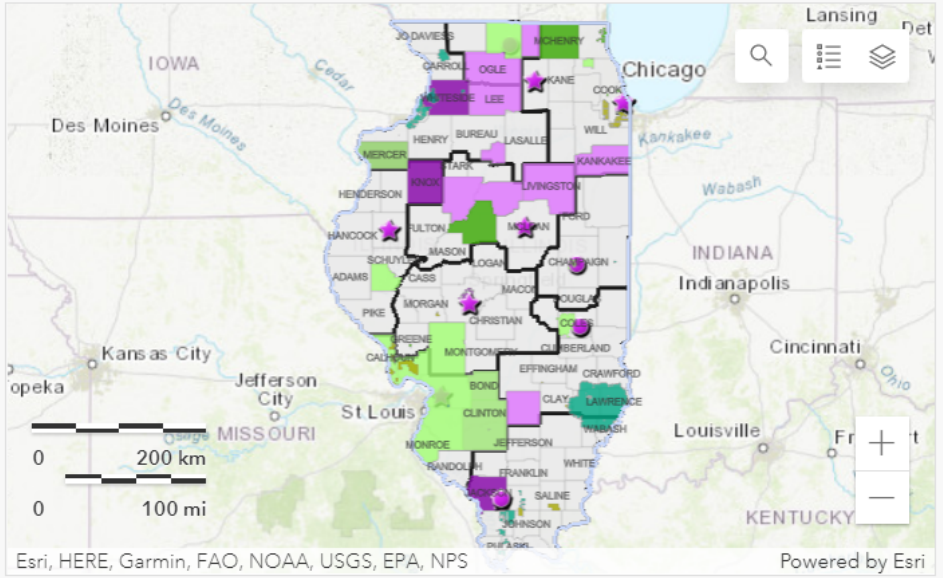


Map Legend

Illinois State Boundary

Drive Up WiFi Hotspots
Drive Up WiFi Hotspots

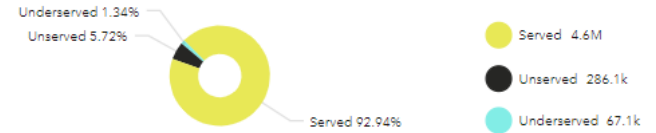
Connect Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Projects
Year

F. Broadband Access by Speeds

4.998M Households

Median Household Income ($) 58.1k

Unserved & Underserved Households (Wireline Broadband)



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Households without a computer 171.9k

Cellular Data dependent Households 218k

Households Without Internet Subscription 299k

B. Federal Broadband

Devices Claimed by ACP as of Sept'22 3.4k

Total ACP Subscribers as of Sept'22 150.2k

C. State Digital Equity Programs

Illinois Connect Communities (Round1, Round2) — **7** grant(s)
- McKinley Park Development Council
- Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15

Regional Engagement for Adoption+Digital Equity (READY) — **1** grant(s)
- Chicago State University

Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infra Planning Program Grants — **0** grant(s)

Opportunity to explore Illinois Office of Broadband's Connect Illinois Broadband Infrastructure funding

D. State Infrastructure Funding Programs

Connect Illinois Broadband Infrastructure projects (Round1, Round2) — **2** project(s)
- Chicago Southland Fiber Network Expansion ($1,876,581)
- Palantine ($101,387) — **$2M**

E. Public WiFi Hotspots

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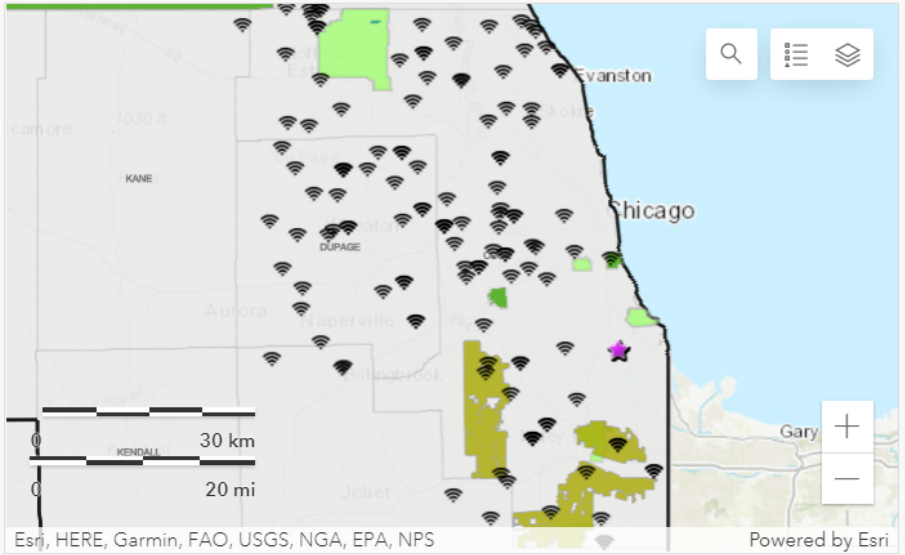

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Drive Up WiFi Hotspots
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Connect Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Projects

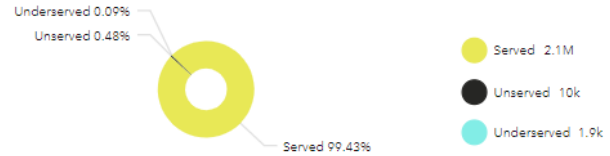
Year
- 2020
- 2021

F. Broadband Access by Speeds

2.087M Households

Median Household Income ($) 67.9k

Unserved & Underserved Households (Wireline Broadband)



Illinois Office of Broadband Programs

- Connect Illinois Infrastructure Funding
- Illinois Connected Communities
- Broadband Regional Engagement for Adoption + Digital Equity (READY)
- Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning Programs

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Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program

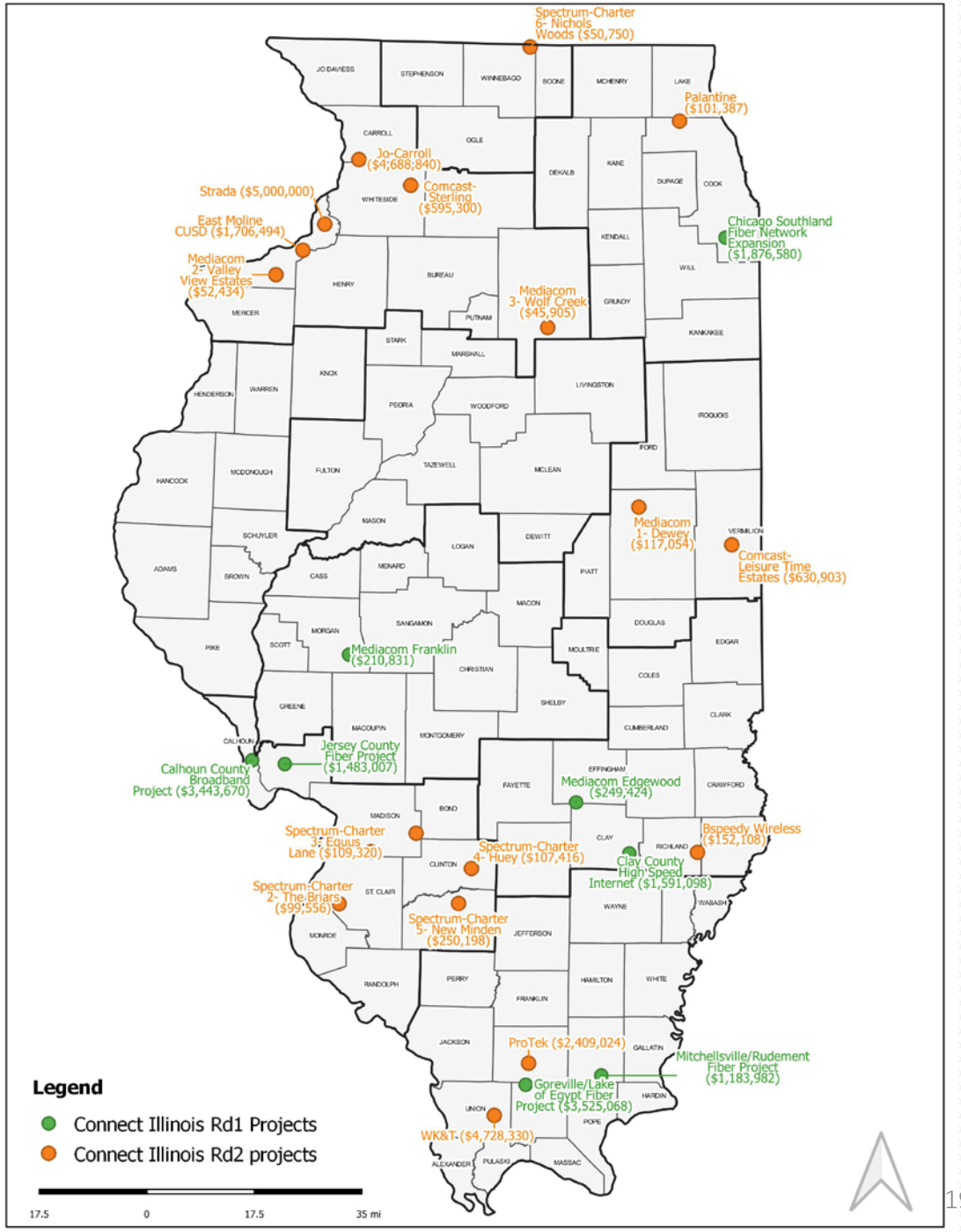
Rd1- $13,563,660.48 for 8 projects

Rd2- $20,874,574.00 for 18 projects

Rd3- Accepting applications. Will begin merit review process and allocate funds after the rule making process*

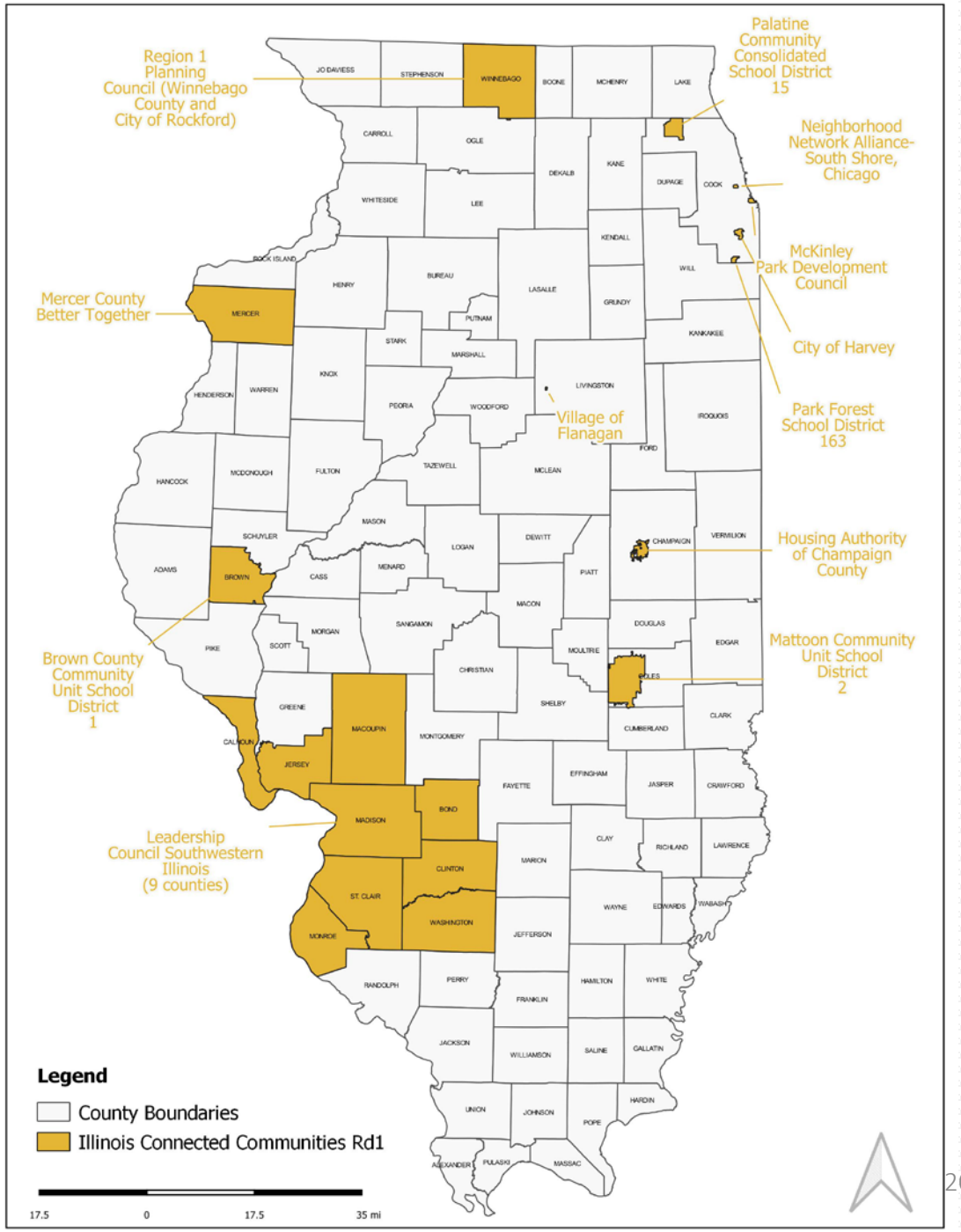
Estimated Total Program Funding	$350,000,000
Award Range	$0 - $10,000,000
Source of Funding	Federal and State
Application Date Range	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

* The 2022 Illinois General Assembly enacted the Broadband Infrastructure Advancement Act (P.A. 102-0699). The Act requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish procedural rules for broadband grant administration.



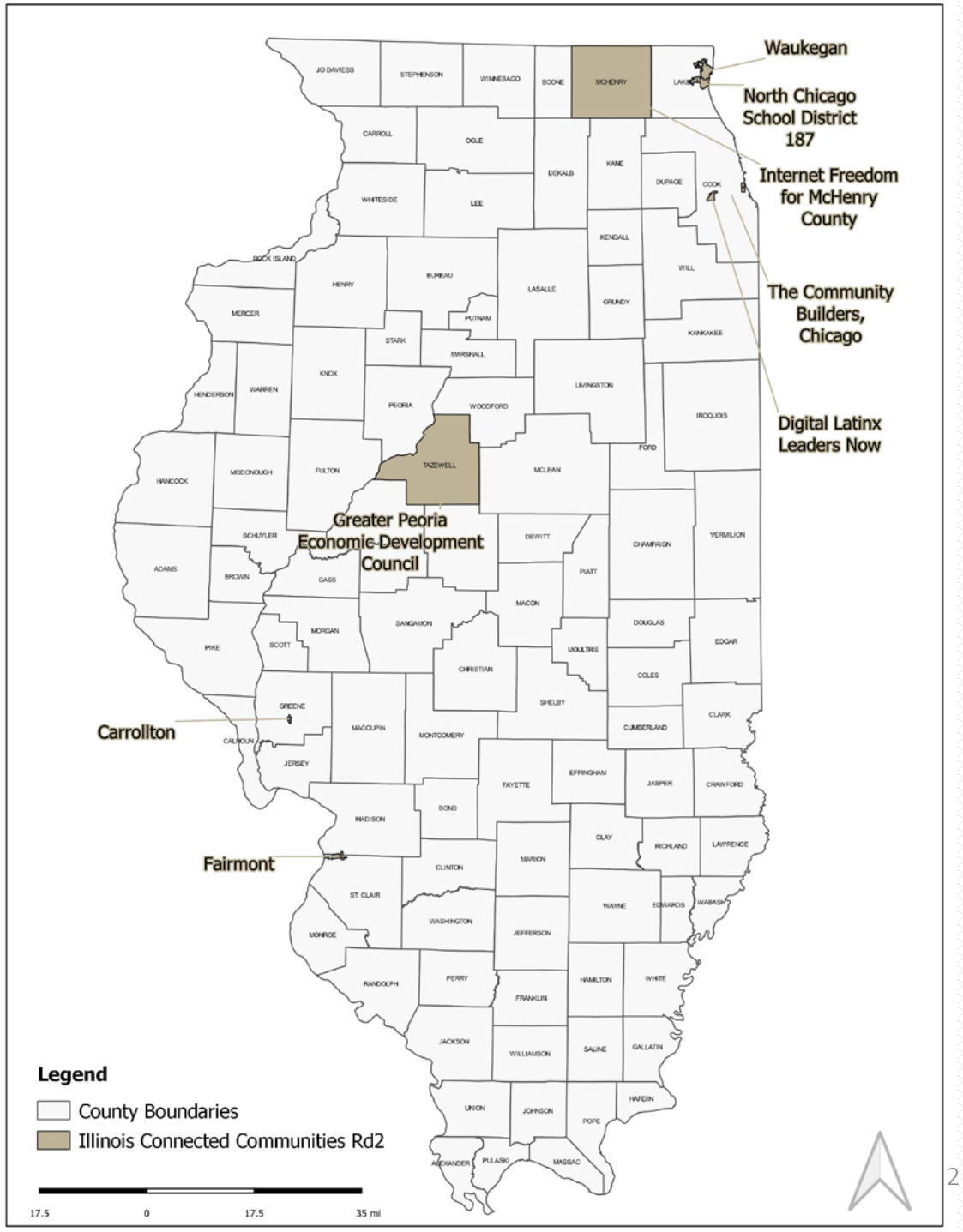
Illinois Connected Communities Rd I

- A partnership among the Illinois Office of Broadband, Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, and local philanthropy
- Communities choose if they want to work on broadband access, adoption, or use
- Well-rounded and committed team is the foundation to make the program work
- 12-month program + 50 hours of expert consultation + state grant of up to $15,000



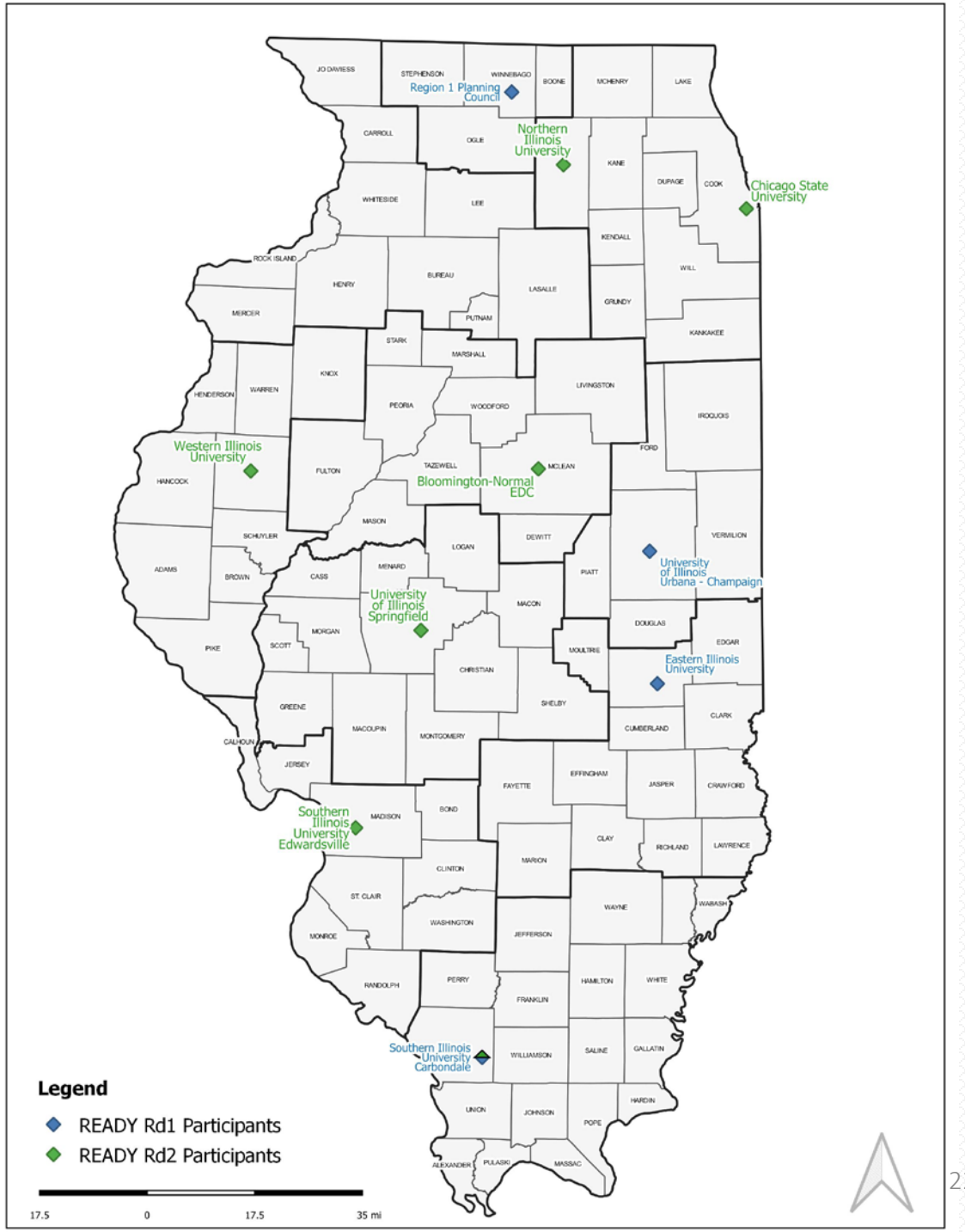
Illinois Connected Communities Rd II

By the end of the program, each Illinois Connected Community completes a community-driven, **broadband strategic plan-** community's broadband vision and an action plan for progress toward improved broadband access, adoption, or use.



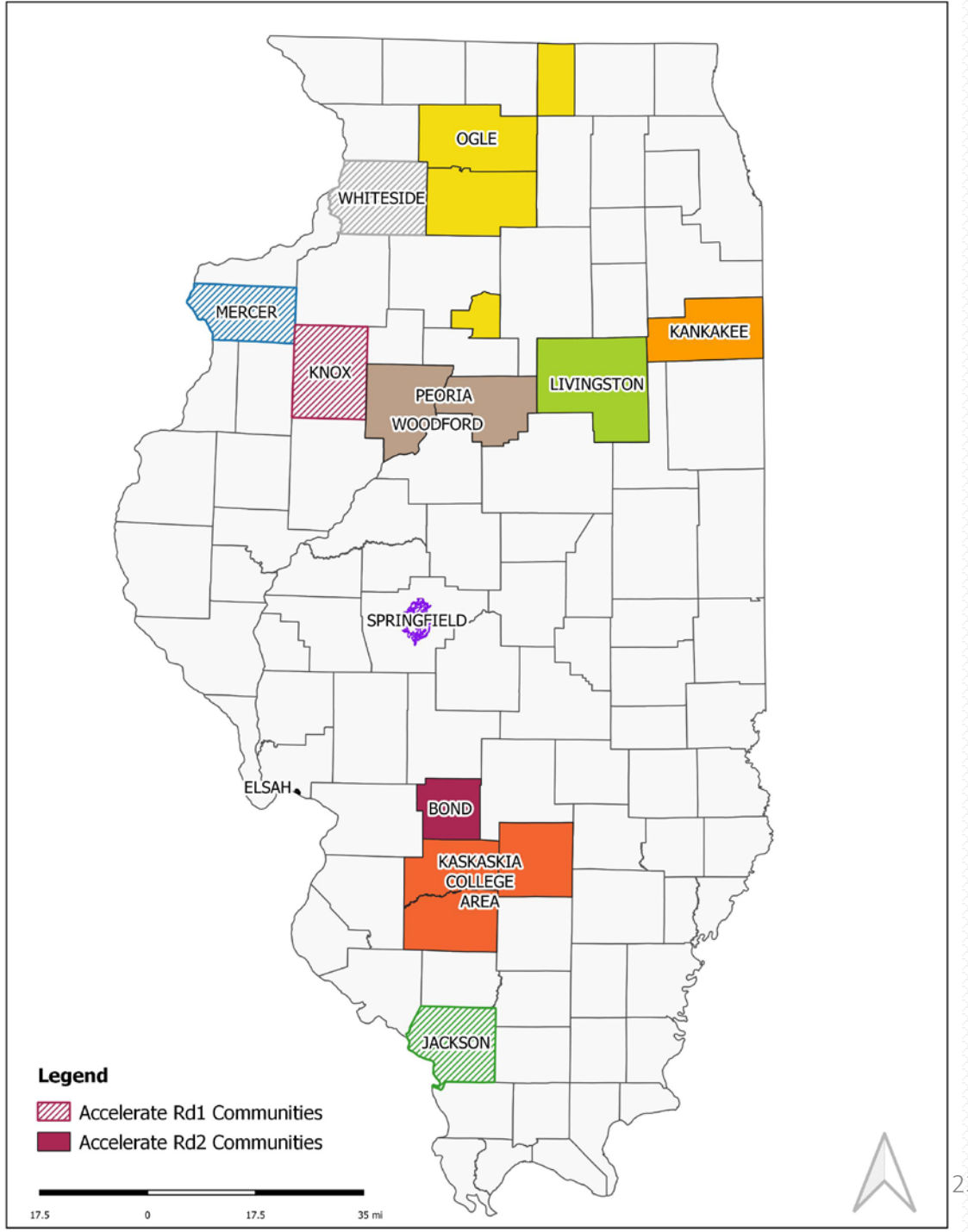
Broadband READY

- Regional Engagement for Adoption + Digital Equity
- Program Summary
  - Align local and regional efforts toward shared goals in broadband access, adoption, and utilization
  - Drive broadband collaboration among stakeholders
  - Efforts seek to ensure affordable in-home broadband service, access to personal computers, digital literacy training, and ongoing technical support
  - + identify best practices, key digital indicators
- Grant Amount
  - Up to $50,000 per region



Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning Programs

- Collaboration among the Illinois Office of Broadband, the Benton Institute for Broadband and Society, Heartland Forward, and the University of Illinois Extension.
- 14-week community engagement + 30-plus hours of expert consultation and best-practices
- The objective is for communities to build partnerships and efficiently utilize the state's Connect Illinois and federal broadband funding for broadband infrastructure expansion.



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