North Carolina Digital Equity Survey

Thank you for your participation. This survey will take approximately ten minutes to complete and focuses on the accessibility and affordability of digital devices and the internet as well as your digital skills. No data will be released or used that can identify you. Your participation in this evaluation is voluntary. You may choose not to answer any or all questions, and you may stop at any time. Your feedback and experience is very important to us and will help shape the development of North Carolina's Digital Equity Plan to better meet the needs of all North Carolinians

In which county do you live?

What is your 5-digit Zip Code?

How do you and other members of your household **primarily** connect to the internet in your home? (Select all that apply)

- O Home internet subscription (Like Spectrum, AT&T, etc.)
- O Pick up free Wi-Fi outside
- O Mobile data plan (phone, mobile hotspot)
- O Prepaid mobile data plan (phone, mobile hotspot)
- O Borrow a hot spot
- O Go elsewhere for internet access (library, restaurant, etc.)
- O Don't use the internet

If you don't have a home internet subscription, what is preventing you from connecting to the internet in your home through a service that isn't mobile? (Select all that apply)

- O Internet is too expensive
- O Internet is not available
- O Internet is available but does not work well enough for my needs
- O Don't know how to use the internet
- O Don't want internet at my house
- O Don't have a digital device to connect to the internet
- O Other, please specify: ____

How affordable is your monthly internet bill (Answer any that apply)?

	Not affordable	Somewhat affordable	Affordable	Don't have this service
Home Internet	0	0	0	0
Mobile (Phone) Internet	0	0	0	0

What is the **highest price per month** you would consider a subscription for **home** internet to be affordable? (Please enter only numbers)______

What is the **highest price per month** you would consider a subscription for **mobile** internet to be affordable? (Please enter only numbers)______







In the past year, have you used the internet to search for any of the following public resources or services? (Select all that apply)

- O Information about government services or resources (i.e., voter registration, DMV, property information/building permits
- O Recreational or tourist information
- O Information from public health services
- O Applying for or managing government benefits (e.g., SNAP, Work First, Social Security)
- O Enrolling in internet subsidy programs (Affordable Connectivity Program)
- O Not sure

Did your internet searches for public resources or services meet your needs?

- O Yes
- O Somewhat
- O Not really
- O Not at all
- O Some needs met, others not

If English is not your primary language, were you able to access these public resources in your language of choice?

- O Does not apply English is my language of choice
- O Yes
- O Sometimes
- O No
- O Not sure

How confident are you in your abilities for each of the following tasks or skills?

	Not at all confident	Not too confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident
Turning on a digital device	0	0	0	0
Installing apps on a device	0	0	0	0
Sending an email	0	0	0	0
Word processing, such as Google Docs or Microsoft Word	0	0	0	0
Searching for / applying for jobs	0	0	0	0
Accessing online banking	0	0	0	0
Accessing or applying for government services	0	0	0	0
Finding educational content such as taking a course	0	0	0	0
Using video applications, such as Zoom or FaceTime	0	0	0	0
Knowing how to keep yourself safe online	0	0	0	0
Protecting the privacy of your personal data	0	0	0	0





Does your household have enough working digital devices (computers, smart phones, tablets) available to meet the needs of everyone living in this home?

- O Yes
- O No
- O Not sure

In the past 6 months, if one of your digital devices failed to function, broke, or stopped working properly how did you deal with the problem you encountered? (Select all that apply)

- O Haven't had any problems with any devices
- O Contacted customer support for help
- O Fixed the problem myself
- O Fixed the problem with help from friends or family
- O Found help online
- O Went to a local computer store
- O Went to a community institution, such as a school, library, or church
- O Unable to fix one or more of the devices

How would you rate the affordability of the services you received?

- O Services were provided for free
- O Very affordable
- O Somewhat affordable
- O Not very affordable
- O Not affordable at all

In thinking about purchasing a computer or tablet that meets your needs, what is the highest price you would consider to be affordable? (Please enter only numbers)

If there is anything else you would like to tell us about how you access and use the internet and digital devices, please enter it here. Please *do not provide any personal information* such as health conditions, address, or phone number.

What is your age? (Please enter only numbers)





How many people currently live in your household, including yourself?

- O Adults_____
- O Children under the age of 18_____

What is the highest level of school you have completed?

- O Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)
- O High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)
- O High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)
- O Some college, no degree (includes community college)
- O College degree or higher
- O Prefer not to answer

Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply)

- O Asian or Asian-American
- O Black or African-American
- O Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native
- O Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
- O White or Caucasian
- O Hispanic/Latino
- O Some other race (please specify):__
- O Prefer not to answer

What is your total annual household income from all sources, and before taxes?

- O Less than \$15,000
- O \$15,000 to less than \$20,000
- O \$20,000 to less than \$25,000
- O \$25,000 to less than \$30,000
- O \$30,000 to less than \$40,000
- O \$40,000 to less than \$50,000
- O \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
- O \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
- O \$100,000 or more
- O Prefer not to answer





What language(s) do you speak at home? (Select all that apply)

- O English
- O Spanish
- O Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese)
- O Vietnamese
- O Arabic
- O French (including Cajun)
- O Korean
- O Other please specify_
- O Prefer not to answer

Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community?

- O Yes
- O No
- O Not sure
- O Prefer not to answer

If yes, which of the following do you identify as? (Select all that apply)

- O Lesbian
- O Gay
- O Bisexual
- O Transgender
- O Queer
- O Intersex
- O Other_____
- O Prefer not to answer

Do you have difficulty in any of the following areas? (Select all that apply)

- O Seeing even if wearing glasses
- O Hearing even if using a hearing aid
- O Walking or climbing steps
- O Remembering or concentrating
- O Self-care such as washing all over or dressing
- O Communicating verbally, for example understanding or being understood
- O Communicating through written language, for example reading or writing
- O Prefer not to answer





Are you a veteran of the US Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard?

- O Yes
- O No
- O Prefer not to answer

Have you been or are you currently incarcerated in a correctional facility?

- O No, I have never been incarcerated in a correctional facility
- O Yes, I am currently incarcerated in a non-Federal correctional facility
- O Yes, I have previously been incarcerated in a non-Federal correctional facility
- O Yes, I am currently incarcerated in a Federal correctional facility
- O Yes, I have previously been incarcerated in a Federal correctional facility
- O Prefer not to answer



