

West Virginia and United States Falling Behind

We need high speed Internet for our homes, schools, hospitals, and the work places of the future. But countries like Canada, Sweden and South Korea have better, faster Internet connections. People in Japan can download an entire movie in just two minutes--it can take two hours or more in the United States--but they pay the same as we do in the U.S. for their Internet connection.

Not only do they have higher speeds, but a larger percentage of people in those countries have access to high speed connections. The United States has fallen to 16th behind other industrialized nations in high speed Internet access.

West Virginia Speed Test Results

Over the last few months, people who live in West Virginia have gone to the speedmatters.org site to take an Internet speed test and measure how fast their computers can upload and download data. The results of the speed test show that the Internet speeds of people who live in West Virginia, like those of the entire country, lag behind.

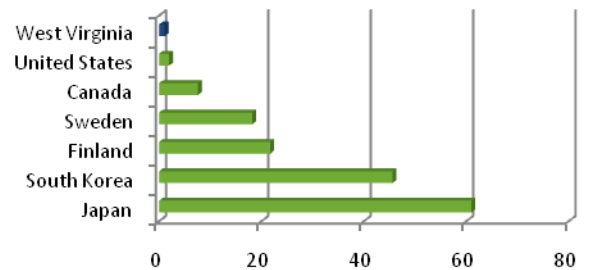
West Virginia Internet Speed Test

| Location | Median Download Speed (megabits per second) |
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| Japan | 61.00 |
| South Korea | 45.60 |
| Finland | 21.70 |
| Sweden | 18.20 |
| Canada | 7.60 |
| United States | 1.97 |
| West Virginia | 1.12 |

International data from the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation. U.S. data from speedmatters.org test results. Most test participants had DSL or cable modem connections.

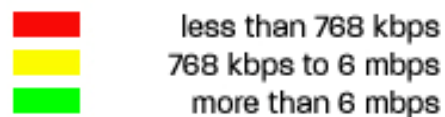
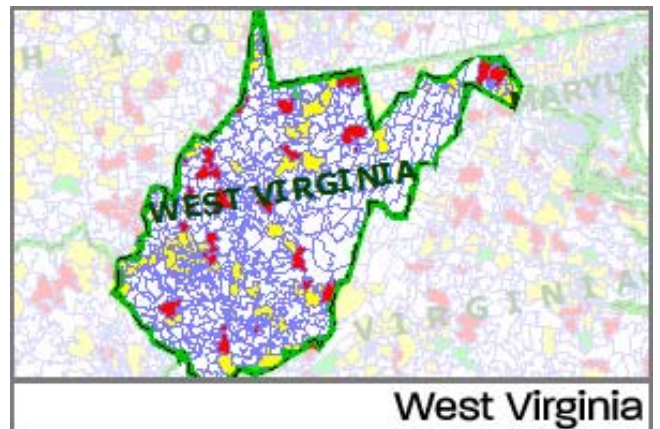
West Virginia Quick Stats

Median Download Speed (megabits per second)



The median upload speed in West Virginia is 288 kbps, about 7 times slower than in Japan.

Average download speed by zip code for West Virginia. There were no tests in unshaded areas.



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