Indicator 6: The state shares digital inclusion data with the community and uses it to inform its work

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Access to data is essential for understanding the digital inclusion needs of communities, creating measurable goals, and tracking progress towards those goals. States can support digital inclusion practitioners and other stakeholders by consolidating digital inclusion data and making it available on public platforms in a format that allows for rich analyses.

Well-designed data visualization tools shed light on where digital access gaps exist and the demographics of the communities most impacted. Understanding the social determinants of digital equity, such as disability, education level, and income, is critical for designing targeted strategies to address digital equity barriers.

The most impactful digital inclusion strategies are informed by routine collection and evaluation of data.

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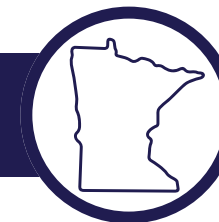
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WASHINGTON

Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) hosts digital equity data through Equity Dashboards that allow the public to access credible and authoritative information about digital access trends across the state. The interactive maps allow users to explore relationships between demographic variables of interest and quality of internet service, broadband deployment, and funding across geographic areas.

MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Department of Education annually collects digital inclusion data for all K-12 districts and charter schools in the state. The data is publicly available and gives a breakdown of internet and device access along regional, economic, and other demographic variables.