

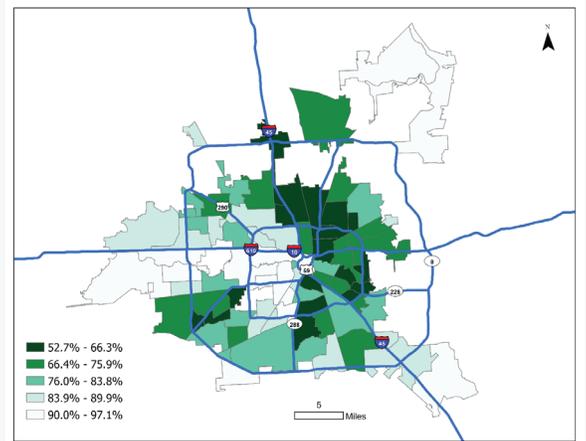
Internet Access in Harris County, Texas

Where are the households that can access the internet in Harris County?

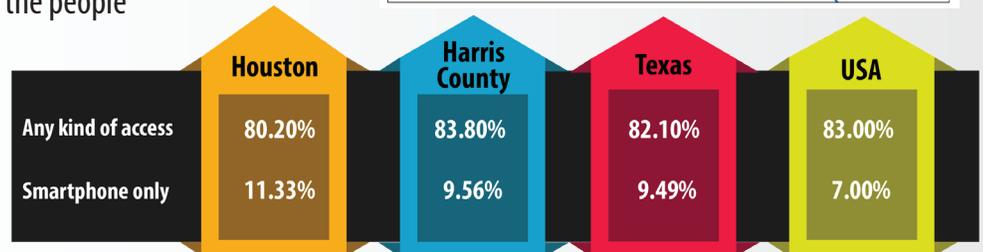
Households with limited access to the internet or smartphone apps also have limited access to important health care information. It is more difficult for people without internet access to take advantage of convenient telemedicine options, online benefit enrollment, and registering for emergency alert notifications. During the COVID-19 pandemic, lack of internet and technology access limited student engagement during virtual learning situations. Much of this can be addressed by expanding access to free or low-cost internet, whether at home or in a nearby community center. Emergency notifications (e.g. COVID-19, severe weather, etc.) must rely on a variety of channels to ensure all of the people affected see these messages quickly.



Map 1. Percentage of households that have Internet access by city of Houston super neighborhood



Level of internet access by city, county, state and nationally (2019)



Top ten City of Houston neighborhoods with the least internet access; population by race/ethnicity

Neighborhood	Computing %	Population by race/ethnicity - percentage				
		White	Black	Hispanic	ASIAN	Others
Eastex - Jensen	52.70%	5.67%	17.55%	76.10%	0.37%	0.30%
Gulfton	52.80%	6.22%	15.09%	72.39%	4.84%	1.46%
Independence Heights	54.40%	7.47%	33.10%	58.65%	0.53%	0.25%
Harrisburg / Manchester	56.80%	2.41%	11.56%	85.76%	0.25%	0.01%
Settegast	57.00%	1.86%	71.85%	26.29%	0.00%	0.00%
Northside / Northline	57.70%	5.16%	8.02%	85.85%	0.57%	0.40%
Kashmere Gardens	58.20%	2.44%	59.13%	36.28%	0.95%	1.20%
Westwood	59.50%	4.03%	20.49%	69.56%	4.55%	1.36%
Pecan Park	60.20%	2.16%	2.26%	93.64%	1.88%	0.07%
Clinton Park / Tri-Community	61.50%	5.82%	41.40%	52.13%	0.00%	0.65%

Source: American Community Survey Measurement period: 2015-2019 Maintained by: Conduent Healthy Communities Institute Last update: March 2021