# Directing the Dollar: How Data Tools are Used to Inform Broadband Grants Allocation

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### **Broadband data in Georgia**

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### **Broadband Data at a Glance**

Over 5,380,000 locations in the state

In 2022 approximately 8.7% of the state was unserved

There are over 50 providers that provide data to Broadband project

There are multiple federal and state grant programs that must be considered

Additional federal and state grant programs in the near future

### First a glossary

FCC – Federal Communications Commission

GBDI – Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative

NTIA - National Telecommunications and Information Administration

USDA - United States Department of Agriculture BIP - Broadband Infrastructure Program

RDOF - Rural Digital Opportunity Fund

ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

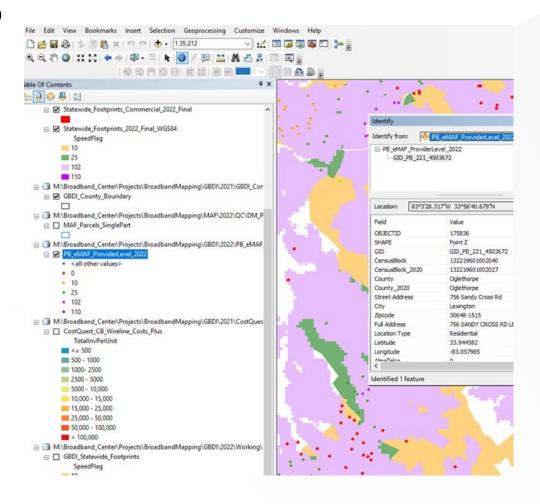
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BEAD - Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment



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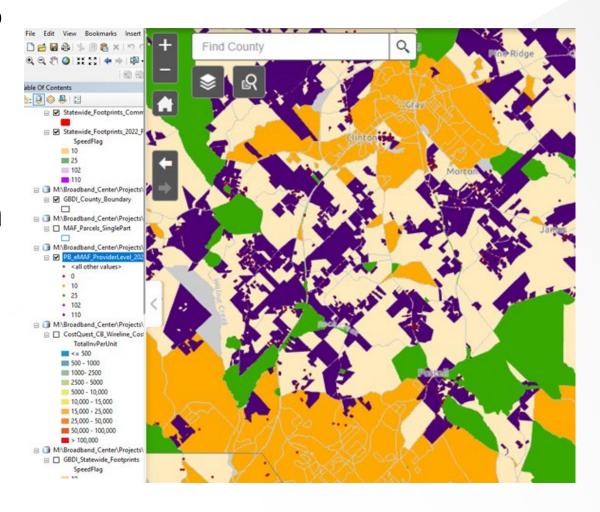
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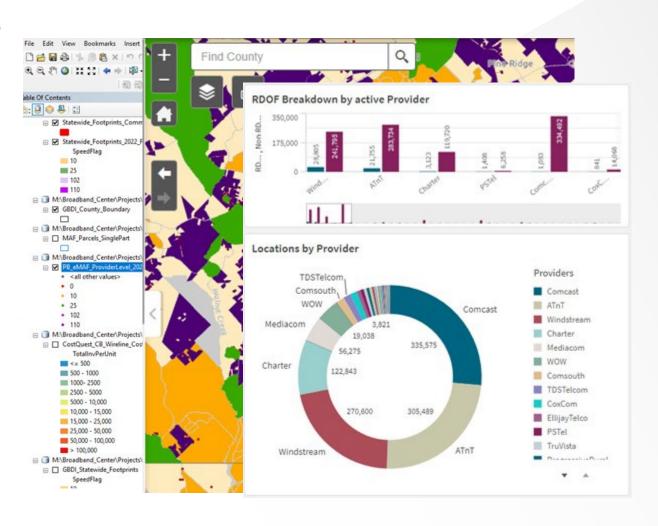


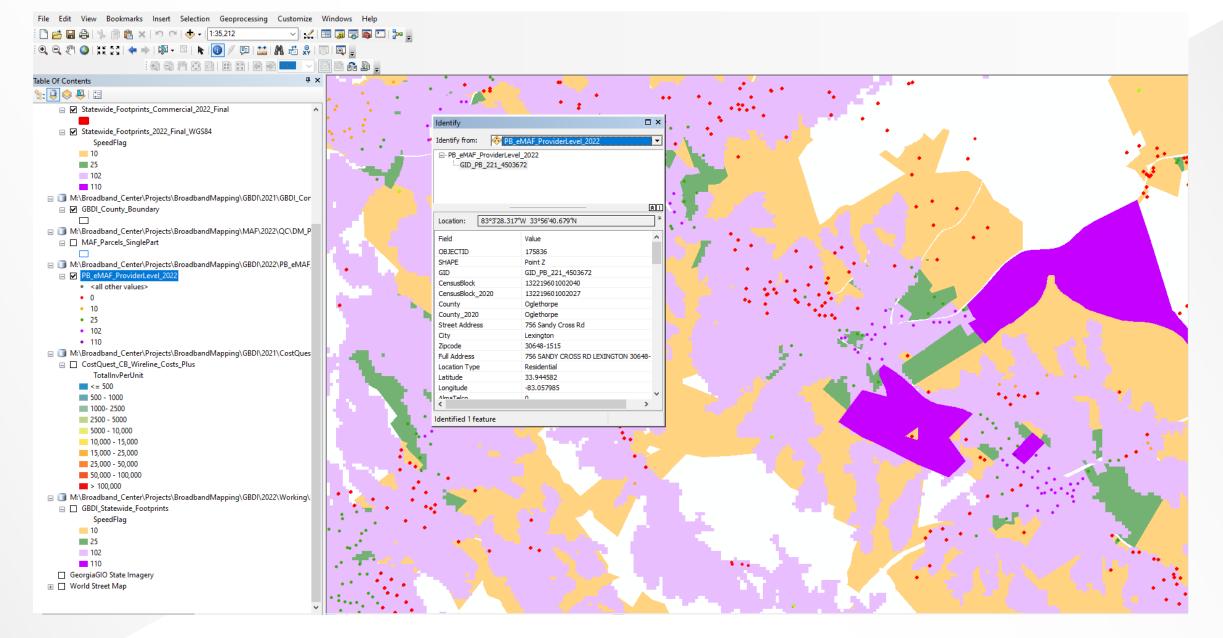
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Data visualization tools to allow fast analysis of volumes of data







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#### Legend

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#### Unserved Locations

Unserved at publication

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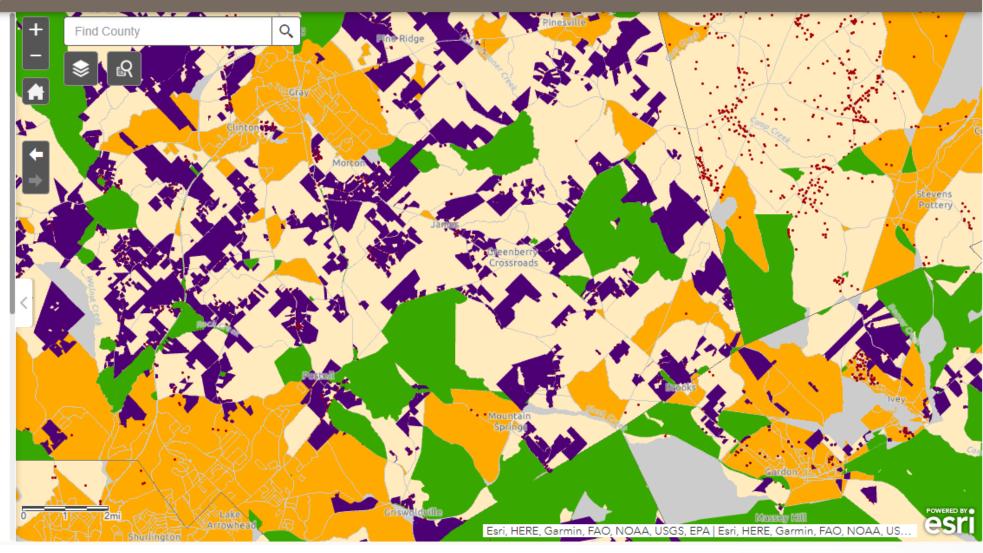
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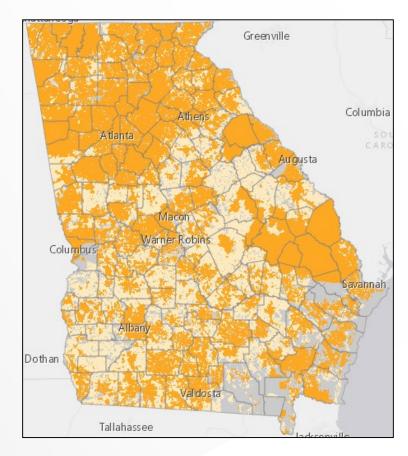
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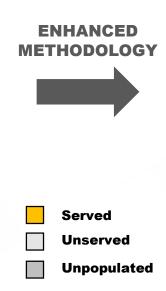


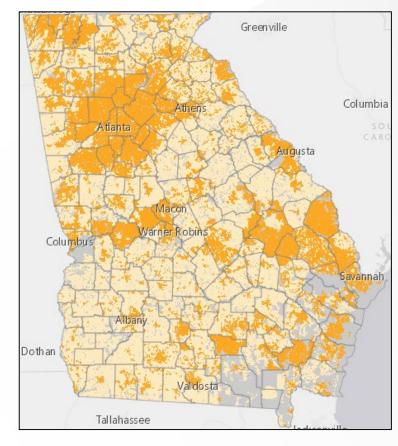


### **Broadband Availability Map Comparison**



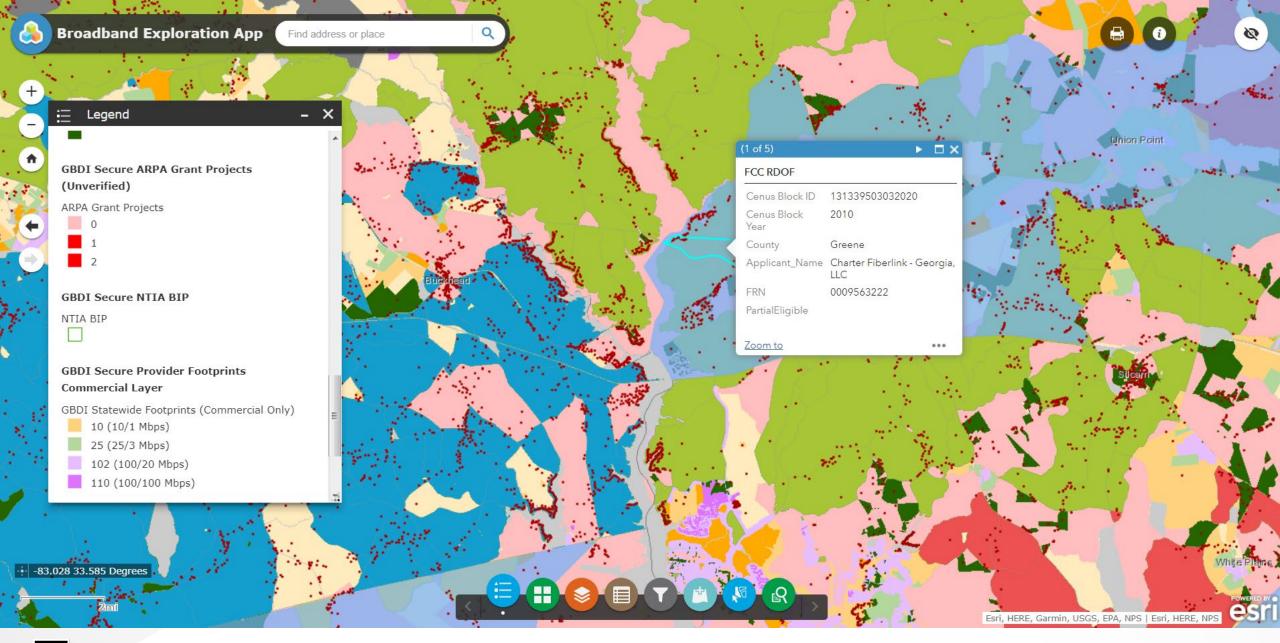
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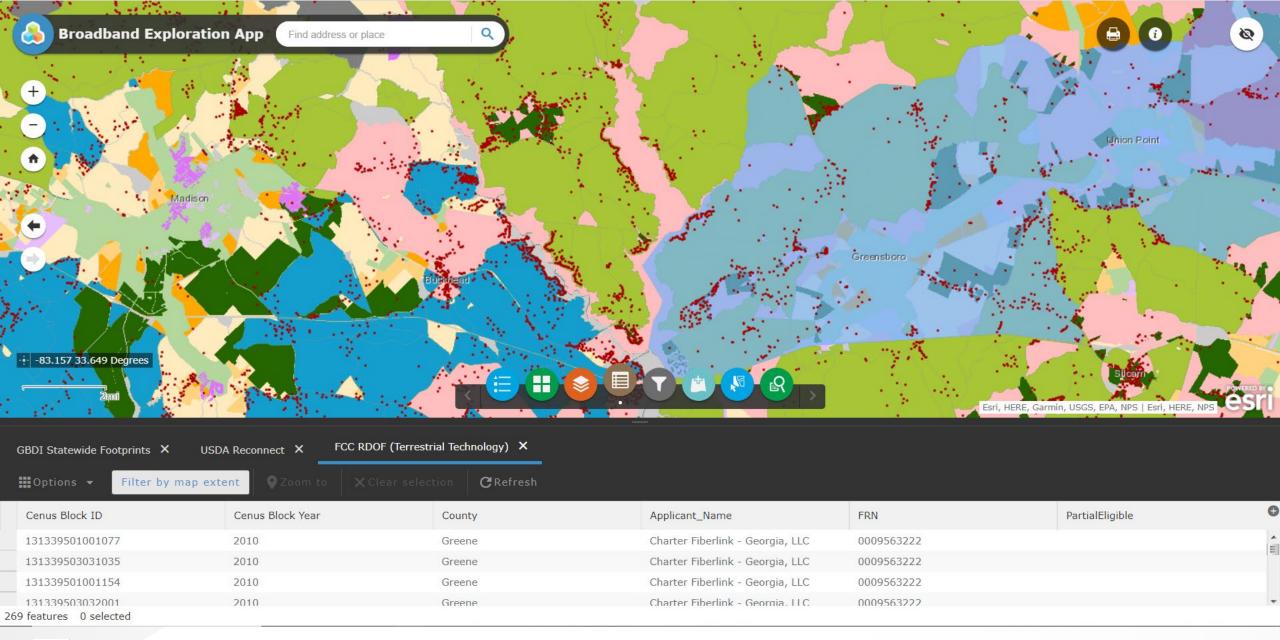




Georgia Broadband Availability Map (Mapping Methodology: Address Level)





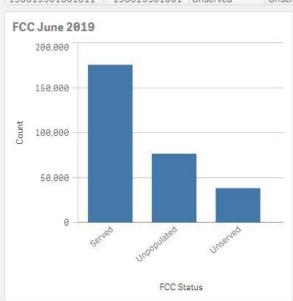


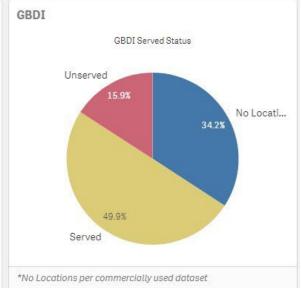


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130019501001003	130019501001	Unpopulated	No Locations	Appling	Eligible			
130019501001004	130019501001	Unpopulated	No Locations	Appling	Eligible			
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Locations in GBDI Unserved C... % of Total Unserved in Unserve...





Total Served 4,837,562

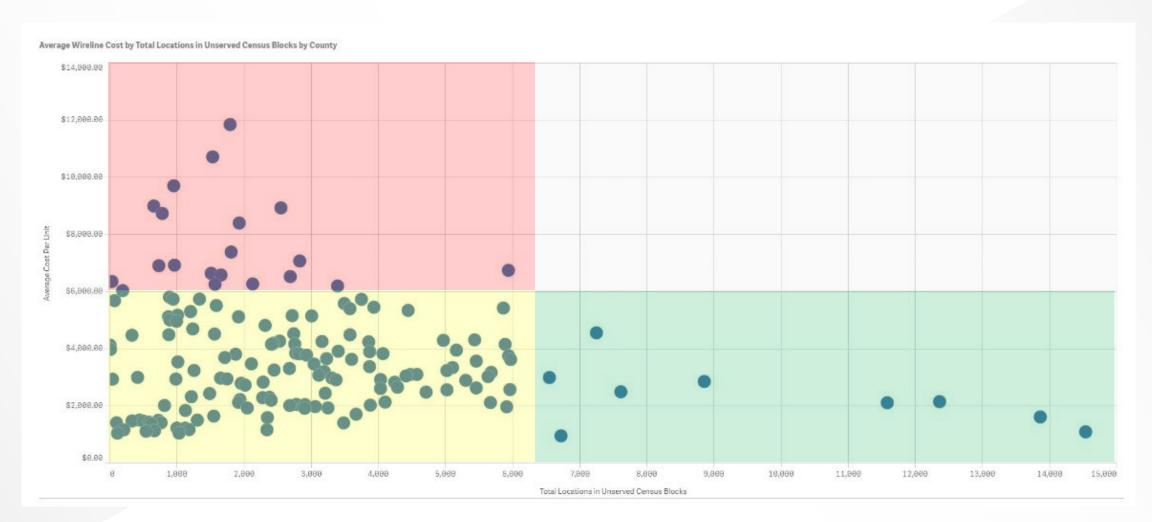
Total Locations **5,324,472** 

8.4% % Served 90.9%

Unserved Census Blocks 9,019



### **Data Driven Decisions**





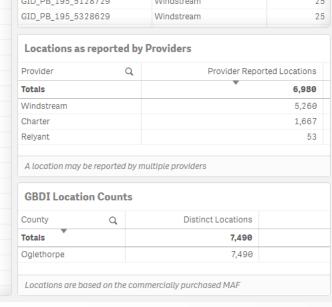
#### **Provider Details**

Provider	County	Location Type
Speed	City	

### Distinct Blocks 565

# **Distinct Providers**

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Selections

#### **Provider Focus**



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Albany

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Peachtree City

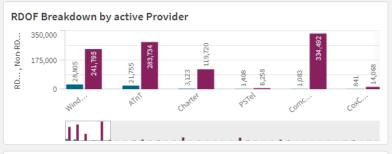
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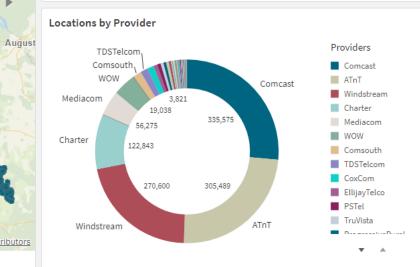
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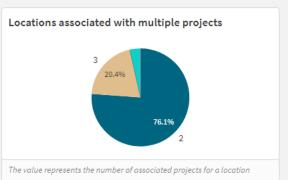
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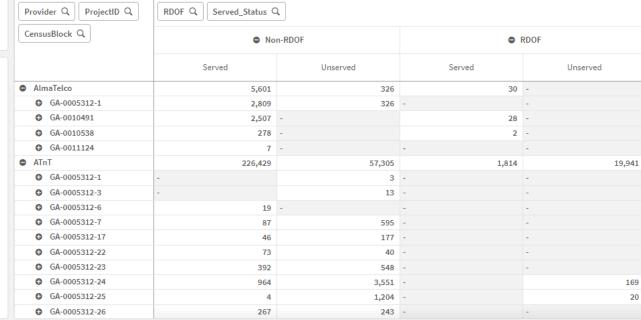








#### RDOF and Served Status by Provider and Project





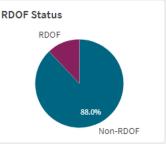
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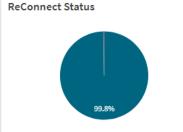
#### **Grant Overview**

ProjectID **RDOF Status** RDOF GrantStatus **RDOF** GeorgiaOne •••

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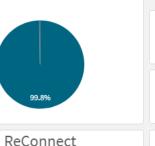


Locations 993,803 **Grant Details** 

ProjectID

Projects 283

Census Blocks 56,937



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Q Grantee

Q Grant Application Name

CITY OF ALLENTOWN

	RDOF
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Non-RDOF 874,088 GeorgiaOne Eligible 486,963

> Not Eligible 159,327

Non-ReConnect 991,465

2,338

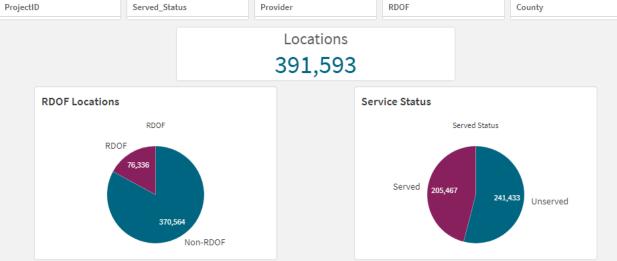
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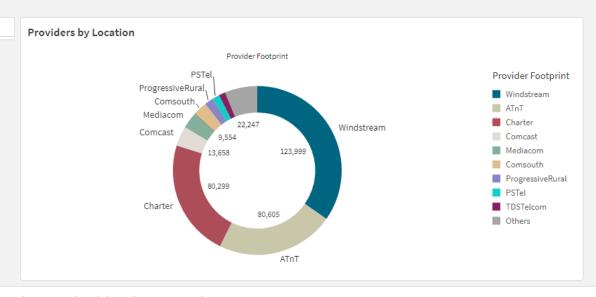
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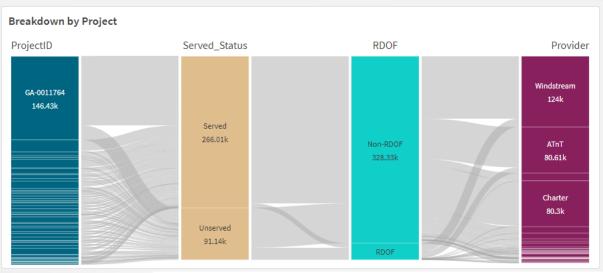
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#### Served and Unserved



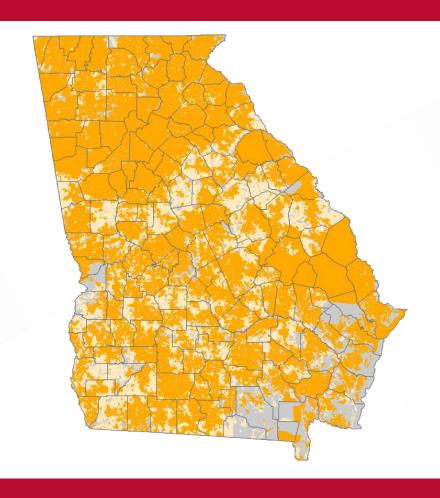




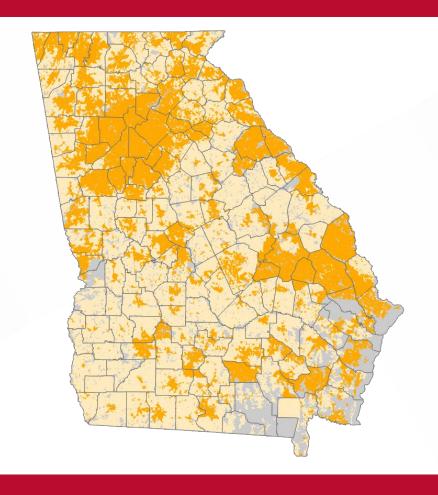
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• GA-0005312-9	302	2
GA-0005312-17	122	1
• GA-0005312-19	975	
GA-0005312-20	36	-
GA-0005312-22	2095	1
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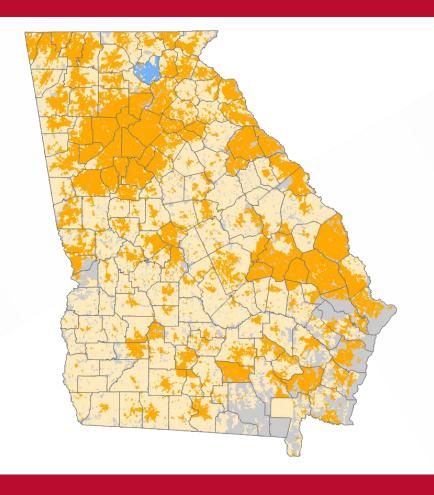
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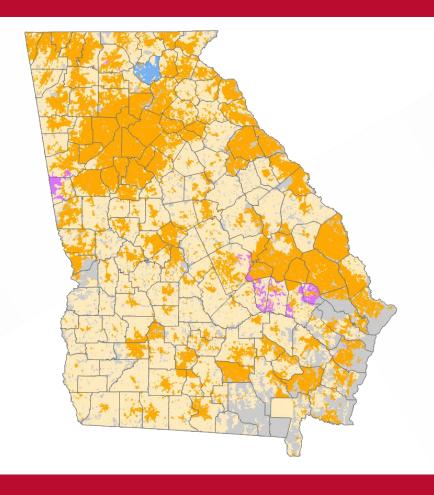
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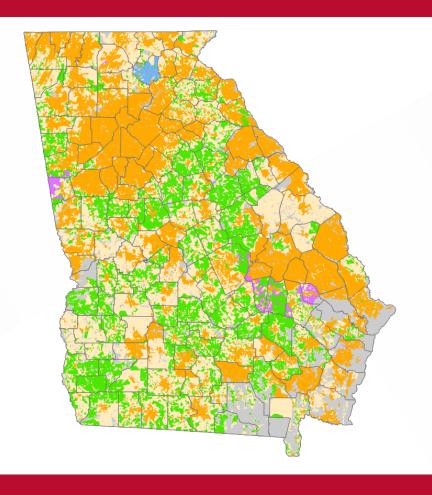
### **GBDI with NTIA BIP added**



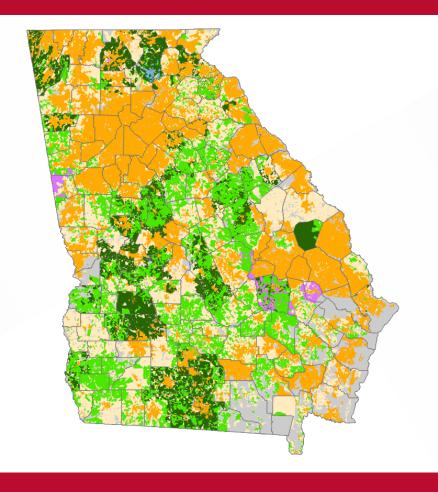
### **GBDI + NTIA + USDA Reconnect**



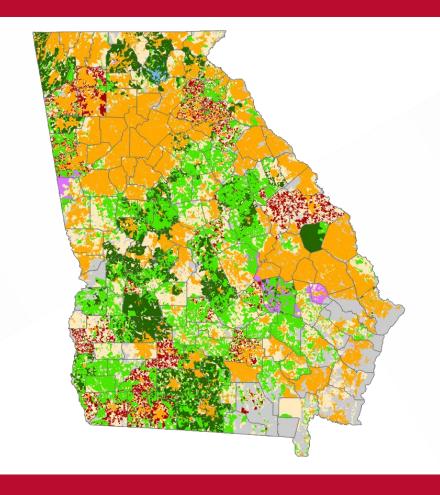
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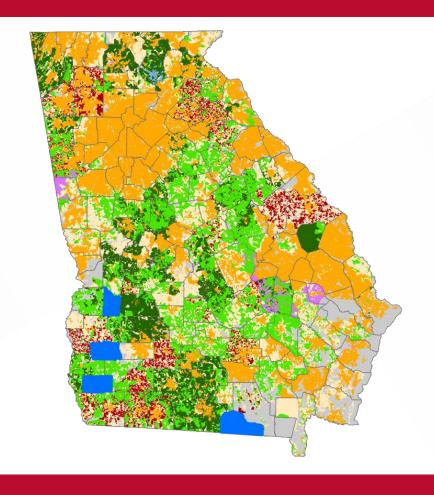
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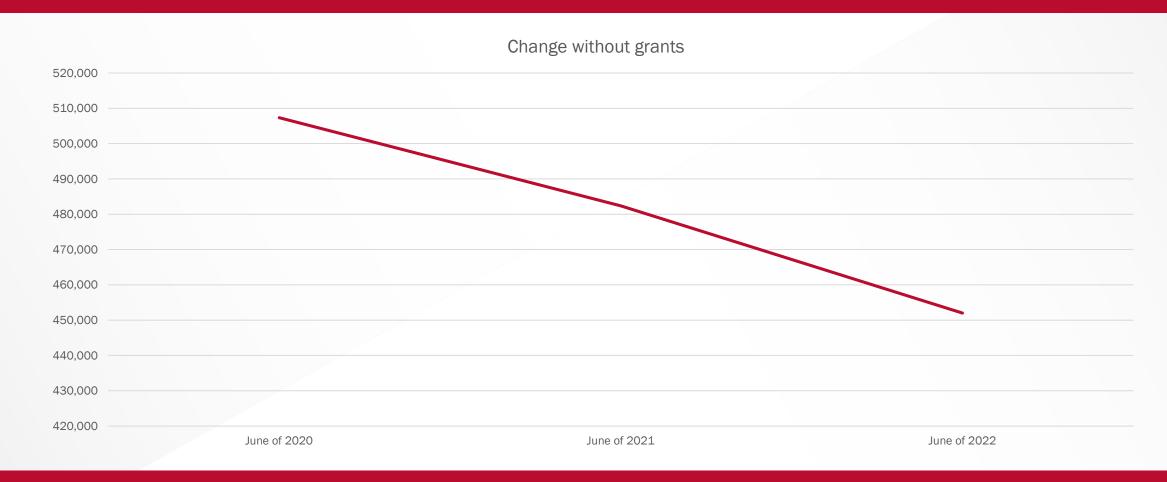
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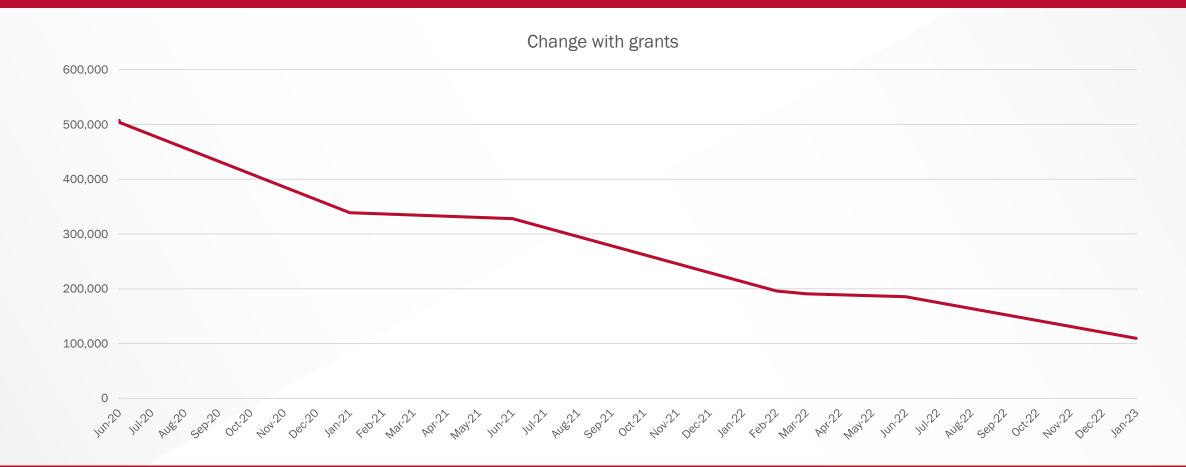
### **Change over time (without grants)**





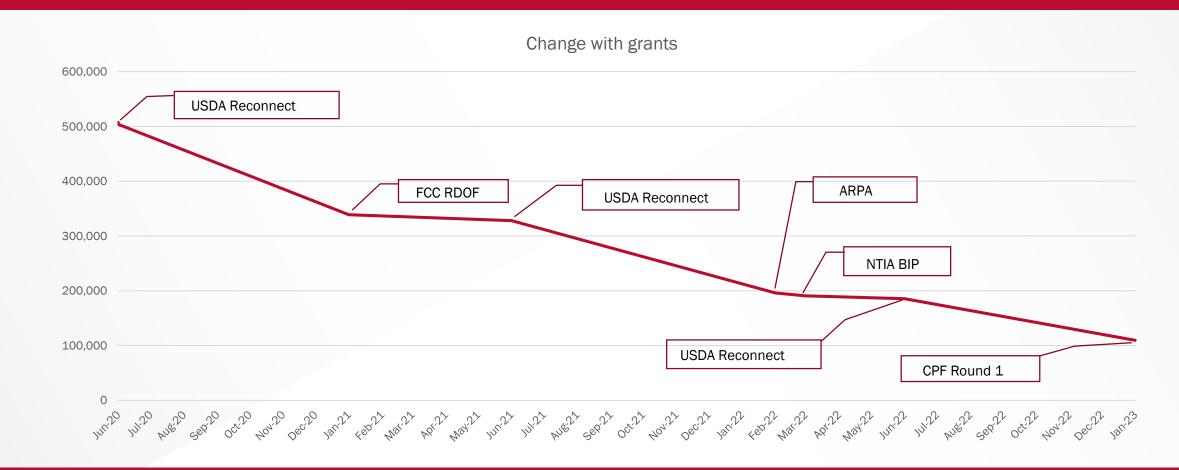
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### Georgia's Growing Population

The number of locations in the state of Georgia is in a constant flux. Homes and businesses are being built as well as demolished on a daily basis.

The served/unserved numbers change constantly as well since providers are increasing and decreasing their networks on a daily basis.

Currently, it is estimated that the total number of unserved locations after grants in Georgia is approximately 199,000 locations.

### **Dollars brought into Georgia**

\$1,060,541,391 has been brought into Georgia, not including provider match dollars

\$418,541,391 was directed either local grant applicants or direct federal funding (no state input)

\$642,000,000 was provided by the federal government but dollars were directed by the state

### **Numbers in Georgia**

Federal programs without state input have funded 189,877 unserved locations throughout the state

Programs that the state directed the federal dollars have funded 208,050 unserved locations

Two remaining programs included Capital Project Funds Round 2 and Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

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