

## Report: Valley lags state in high-speed Internet

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A new report by the U.S. Census Bureau showed high-speed Internet use lacking in the Central Valley compared to other parts of the state.

The [report](#), Computer and Internet Use in the United States: 2013, includes analysis of household computer ownership and Internet use by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin, income and education. It covers areas of the country with populations larger than 65,000.

Visalia had among the lowest rates of high-speed Internet use in the state, with only 61.9 percent of people having high-speed data connections defined as least 200 kilobits per second upstream speeds. Visalia was also low in computer ownership with a rate of 75.7 percent.

Fresno was higher with 69 percent having high-speed Internet and 82.3 percent owning a computer.

Hanford topped them both with 70.2 percent of residents using high-speed Internet and 81.6 percent owning a computer.

San Jose had one of the highest rates of high-speed Internet in the state at 88.5 percent, followed by San Francisco at 86.7 percent and Napa at 85.9.

About 80.5 percent of people in California reported having high-speed Internet in their homes last year while the U.S. rate stood at 78.1 percent.

As part of the 2008 Broadband Data Improvement Act, Congress mandated that the Census Bureau begin asking about computer and Internet use in the 2013 American Community Survey. Federal agencies will use these statistics to measure the nationwide development of broadband networks and to allocate resources intended to increase access to broadband technologies, particularly among groups with traditionally low levels of access.

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