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Broadband & USF Models

Network Models for Large-Scale Use. CACM being used as the FCC's CAF Phase II model, NBP U.S. (National Broadband Plan/FCC), SBCM (State Broadband Cost Model) used in many U.S. States, CPM Hong Kong, NUSC Australia, CostPro-Core New Zealand

Valuation & Appraisal

Property Tax, M&A and more. Support Fiber, Cable, Wireless, Mobile, and Tower Companies. AT&T, VZN, Comcast and others use CQA's Valuation and Appraisal Services. Also support Water/Waste Water Utilities.

RCN & Loop Models

CQRM is use by carriers with operations in over 40 states. It has been adopted and well received by commissions in all UNE and Tax proceedings

Wireless Work

Wireless Network/Cost Models, Geospatial Studies. Wireless Models NTIA, CTIA, Drive Testing Design and Reporting, Auction Assessment, GIS Analysis, Policy Support

Business Case/Profitability Models

GBCM (Gigabit City Model), COMPASS, MAPS, ProfitMap, CPMS, and MIDAS – economic based contribution models over various business dimensions.

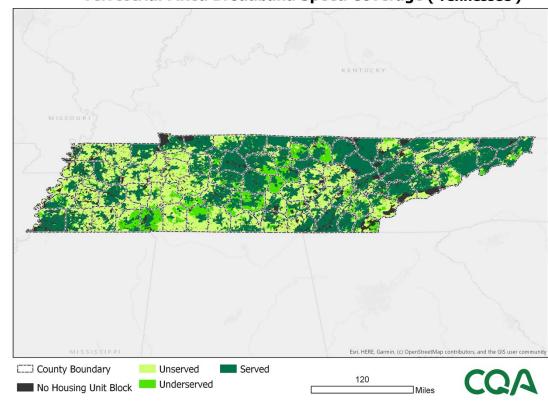




REPORTED COVERAGE IN TN - FCC 477

All but Satellite

Terrestrial Fixed Broadband Speed Coverage (Tennessee)

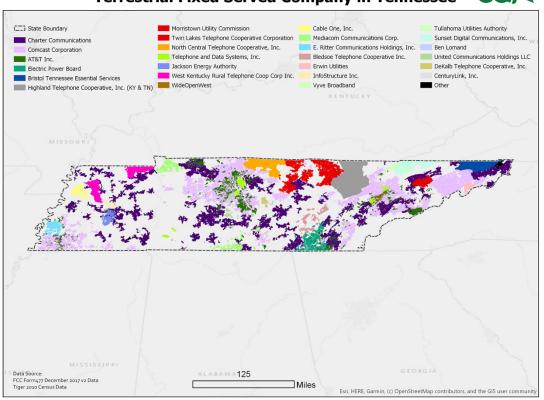




REPORTED COVERAGE IN TN – FCC 477 by Carrier

Terrestrial Fixed Served Company in Tennessee

- All but Satellite
- Served (>100Mbps)

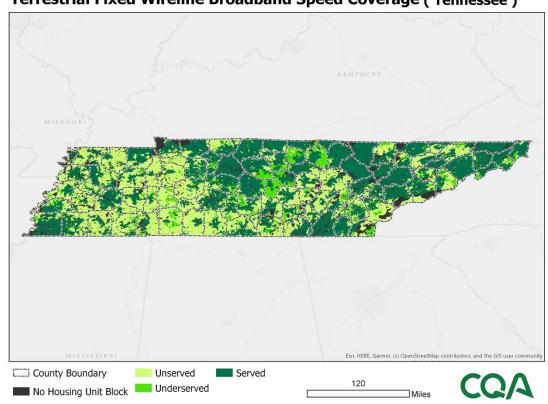




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Wireline

Terrestrial Fixed Wireline Broadband Speed Coverage (Tennessee)

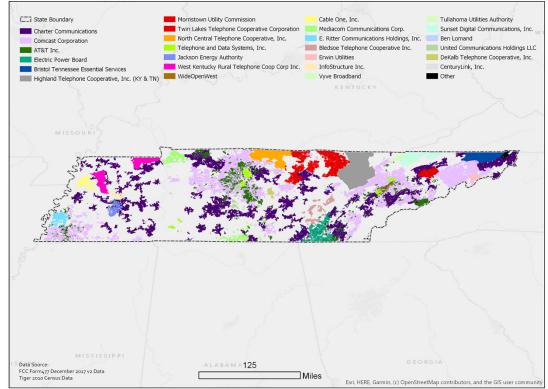




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- Wireline
- Served (>100Mbps)







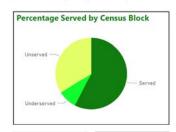


SIZING THE TN ISSUE – Based on 477 Coverage

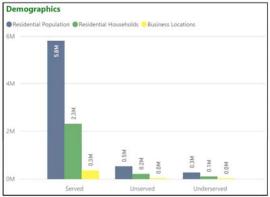
TN Demographics and Investment Cost

* Demographic data (Georesults) is through O3 of 2017. Some Census Blocks had no Financial data. Business locations does not include Small Offices or Home Offices.

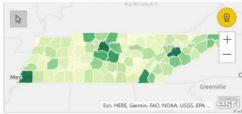
SpeedSource	Туре	CBs w/ HU	Total Investment	Residential Population	Residential Housing Units	Residential MDU	Business Locations*	
Served	R	65390	0	1,952,662	840,436	11,362	49,192	
Served	S	72331	0	3,813,001	1,690,256	48,475	179,626	
Served	U	457	0	56,576	31,293	1,609	4,050	
Underserved	R	18293	215,736,452	248,634	113,317	993	5,877	
Underserved	S	2208	16,984,075	19,387	8,978	253	6,949	
Underserved	U	12	122,472	56	19	3	101	
Unserved	R	68163	506,466,840	473,615	215,681	1,316	7,846	
Unserved	S	13083	35,325,843	41,743	18,770	655	14,402	
Unserved	U	179	1,197,808	3,211	921	22	600	
Total		240116	775,833,489	6,608,885	2,919,671	64,688	268,643	







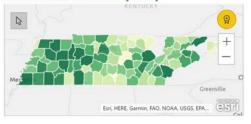
Residential Population by County



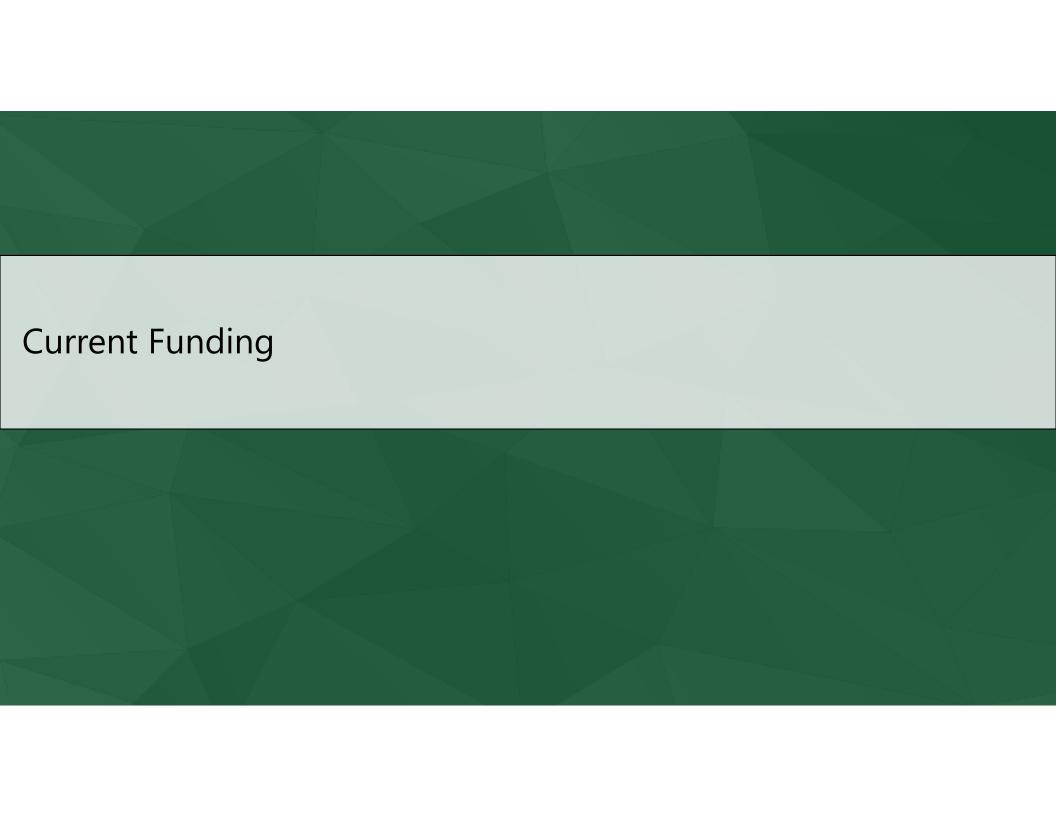
Business Locations by County



Total Investment for Unserved by County*





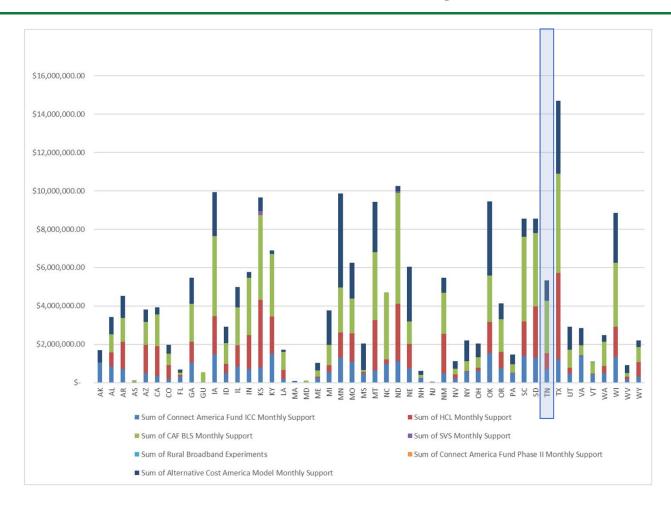


Current Federal Funding

State	SAC	Study Area Name	Revenue Type	Cost Type	ETC	Connect America Fund ICC Monthly Support	HCL Monthly Support	CAF BLS Monthly Support	Rural Broadband Experiments	Connect America Fund Phase II Monthly Support	Alternative Cost America Model Monthly Support	Total High Cost Monthly	Total High Cost Quarterly
TN		ARDMORE TEL CO	R	С	Y	\$ 24,131	•	\$ 82,461	•	'	\$ -	\$ 106,592	\$ 319,776
TN		BEN LOMAND RURAL	R	С	Y	\$ 51,238		\$ 490,182	,	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 640,220	\$ 1,920,659
TN		BLEDSOE TEL COOP	R	Α	Y	\$ 54,885		\$ 207,479		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262,364	\$ 787,092
TN		CONCORD TEL EXCHANGE	R	С	Υ	\$ 58,814	'	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,814	
TN		CROCKETT TEL CO	R	С	Υ	\$ 14,759		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	7,	\$ 190,394	\$ 571,181
TN		DEKALB TEL COOP	R	С	Υ	\$ 1,748		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 281,359	\$ 283,107	\$ 849,320
TN		HIGHLAND TEL COOP-TN	R	Α	Υ	\$ 127,405		\$ 294,848	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 422,253	\$ 1,266,758
TN	290566	HUMPHREY'S COUNTY	R	С	Υ	\$ 13,931	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,931	\$ 41,793
TN	290570	LORETTO TEL CO	R	Α	Υ	\$ 41,903	\$ 9,028	\$ 69,546	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,477	\$ 361,432
TN	290571	MILLINGTON TEL CO	R	С	Υ	\$ 7,054	\$ -	\$ 108,566	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 115,620	\$ 346,861
TN		NORTH CENTRAL COOP	R	С	Υ	\$ 65,257	\$ 359,227	\$ 452,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 877,129	\$ 2,631,387
TN	290574	CENTURYTEL-OOLTEWAH	Р	С	Υ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138,569	\$	\$ 138,569	\$ 415,707
TN	290575	TENNESSEE TEL CO	R	С	Υ	\$ 116,131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,131	\$ 348,393
TN	290576	PEOPLES TEL CO	R	С	Υ	\$ 27,140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,140	\$ 81,420
TN	290578	TELLICO TEL CO	R	С	Υ	\$ 34,692	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 598,005	\$ 632,697	\$ 1,898,091
TN	290579	TWIN LAKES TEL COOP	R	С	Υ	\$ 25,457	\$ 300,809	\$ 763,493	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,089,759	\$ 3,269,276
TN	290580	CTZENS-FRNTR-VOL ST	Р	С	Υ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177,217	\$ -	\$ 177,217	\$ 531,651
TN	290581	UTC OF TN	R	С	Υ	\$ 7,843	\$ 57,208	\$ 225,165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290,216	\$ 870,648
TN	290583	WEST TENNESSEE TEL	R	С	Υ	\$ 15,318	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,318	\$ 45,954
TN	290584	YORKVILLE TEL COOP	R	Α	Υ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TN	290598	WEST KENTUCKY RURAL TELEPHONE	R	Α	Υ	\$ 6,993	\$ 13,953	\$ 38,136	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,082	\$ 177,246
TN	295185	SO. CENTRAL BELL -TN	Р	С	Υ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,178,155	\$ -	\$ 2,178,155	\$ 6,534,466
						\$ 694,699	\$ 839,024	\$ 2,732,522	\$ -	\$ 2,493,941	\$ 1,054,998	\$ 7,815,184	\$ 23,445,553



Comparison of Current Federal Funding







Broadband Deployment and Hurdles

- Broadband Technologies, Owners, and Issues
 - Copper based, DSL
 - Existing phone company plant, augmented to provide broadband service
 - In many deployments, speed limitations exist
 - Aging plant quality issues
 - Cable HFC, Fiber Deep (Docsis.x)
 - Cable companies
 - Typically deployed in non-Rural areas
 - Aging plant
 - Fiber
 - Cable and Phone companies, new entrants, Electric coops, municipalities
 - New build with Financial hurdles
 - Fixed Wireless
 - Phone companies, WISPs, new entrants,
 - Capacity/speed limitations
 - Coverage issues
 - Satellite
 - · Hughes and Viasat
 - Capacity/speed limitations
 - Latency issues
 - WiFi
 - · Any of the above
 - Limited deployment/coverage
 - Mobility LTE and 5G
 - Mobility companies
 - Coverage issues both geographically and inside the home
 - LTE has speed limitiations

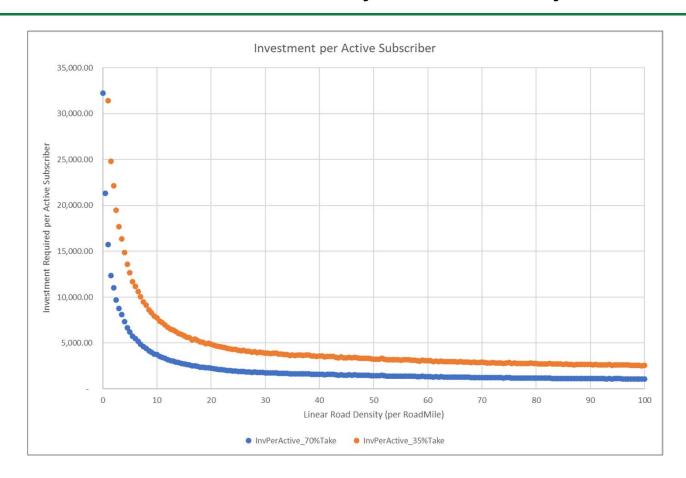


Broadband Hurdles

- Deployment hurdles
 - Governmental
 - Regulations
 - Requirements/Funding/Commitments
 - Permitting/Environmental
 - Reconstruction
 - Limitations (e.g., no Muni owned networks)
 - Access
 - ROW
 - Pole/Conduit
 - Capital/Funding
 - Market
 - Competition
 - Cost
 - Cost to deploy
 - Linear Density
 - Operation cost
 - Revenue
 - Market adoption rates
 - Carrier take rates
 - Services offered

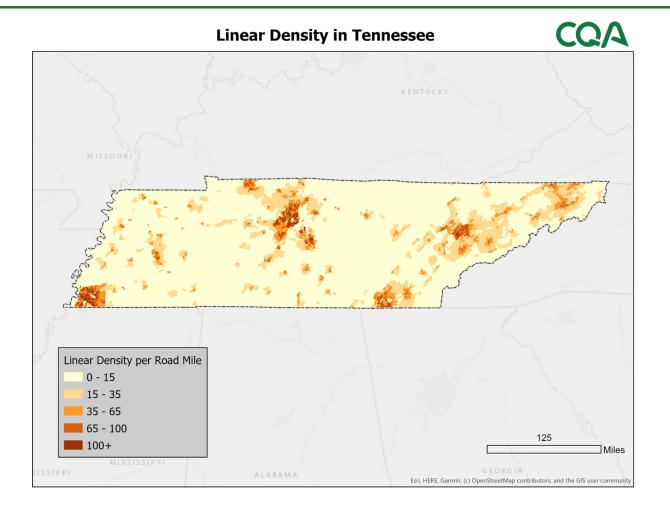


Cost per sub versus Linear Density - Nationally





Linear Density in Tennessee

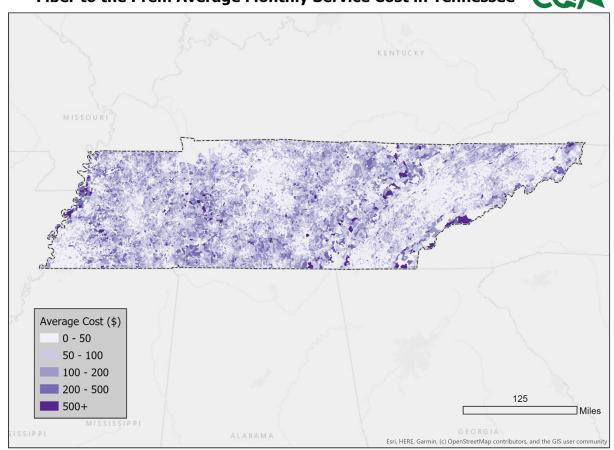




FTTp Average Monthly Service Cost in Tennessee











Upcoming Federal Programs

- Remote Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF")
 - Future of CAF
 - \$21,781,550 that AT&T in TN receives annually will be put out for competitive bid
 - 2 auctions, offering 10-year funding, up to \$20B in total funding
 - Potentially \$210M in TN
 - CBs that are currently unserved at 25/3 +++
- Digital Opportunity Data Collection ("DODC")
 - Potential replacement of the FCC 477 reporting
 - Move from carriers filing at the CB level to coverage polygons
 - Potential tie to the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric
 - Lat/Lon level



Estimate of RDOF Areas in Tennessee



