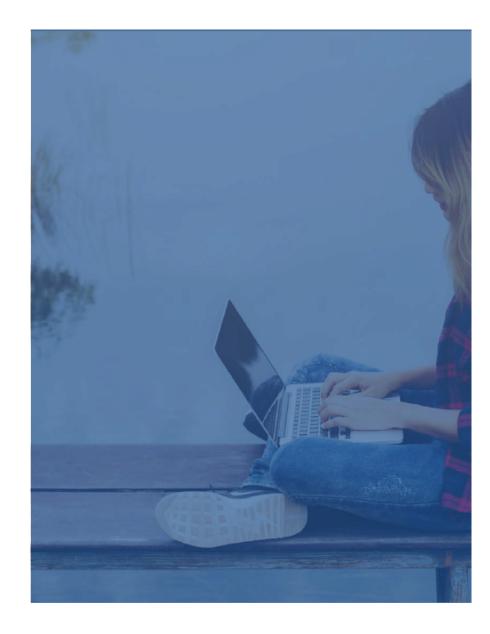
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Connectivity

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Broadband



Broadband services are characterized as services that don't move with you. When you are out of range of your home WiFi, you lose your connection.

Cellular



Cellular services are characterized by internet access that moves with you. Your connection is moved on the network (one cell tower to another) as you move—and you remain connected.

As internet technologies evolve, and evolve rapidly, the distinction between these types of services are starting to blur. Today, large internet providers are deploying technologies that can deliver both broadband and cellular services—reducing some infrastructure costs. However, very few Internet Service Providers (ISPs) provide cellular services.

Homes

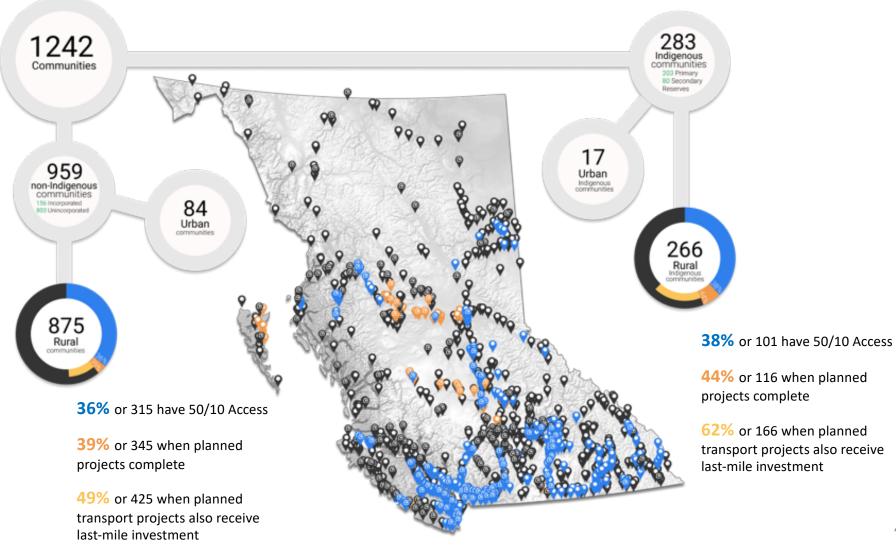


94% of BC households have access to 50/10 Mbps internet speeds (CRTC)

Communities



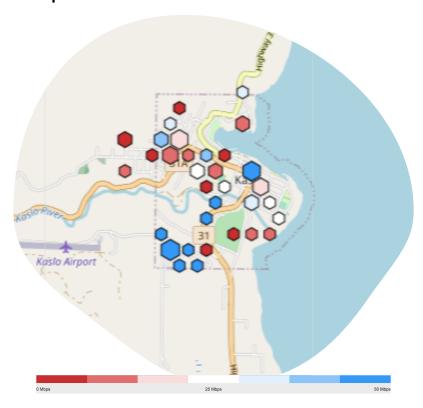
36% of rural BC communities have access to 50/10 Mbps internet speeds



Federal tools to assess available internet infrastructure & service performance



Broadband Accessibility Map (ISED)



Internet Performance Test (CIRA)



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