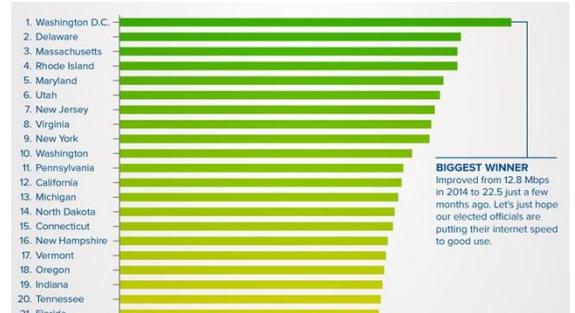
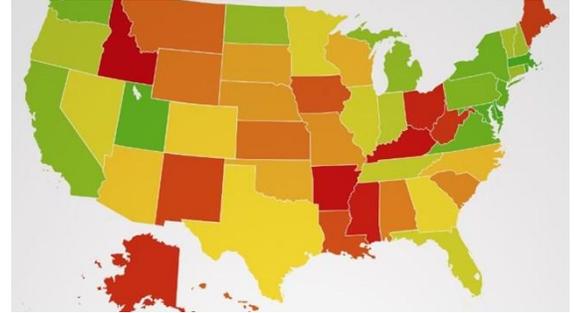


Idaho has slowest internet speeds, report says

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BOISE - Idaho has the slowest internet in the United States, according to a new report by Broadview Networks, an internet cloud provider on the East Coast.

According to the report, the Gem State ranks dead last in the nation with an average internet speed of just 10.6 megabits per second.

The report notes that Idaho improved from 7.7 Mbps in 2014 but still dropped from 42nd place to 50th place, indicating that the states below Idaho in the 2014 report showed better improvement on their speeds.

While Idahoans living in populated areas like the Treasure Valley generally have decent internet speeds, service can be spotty, if not nonexistent, in some rural areas of the state.

The nation's best internet speeds were in Washington, DC where residents enjoy an average of 22.5 Mbps. Delaware, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maryland round out the top five.

The difference between first and last place? 11.9 Mbps.

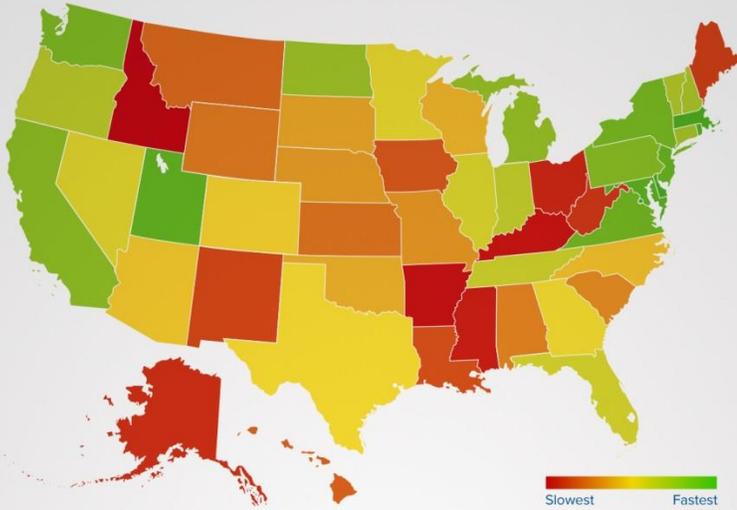
[According to Broadview](#), the only state that did not improve from 2014 to 2017 was Ohio, which fell from 19th to 47th place.

Several of Idaho's neighbors fared much better in the report, with Utah (6th), Washington (10th), Oregon (18th) all landing in the top 20. Nevada came in at 23rd, Wyoming at 37th, and Montana at 39th.

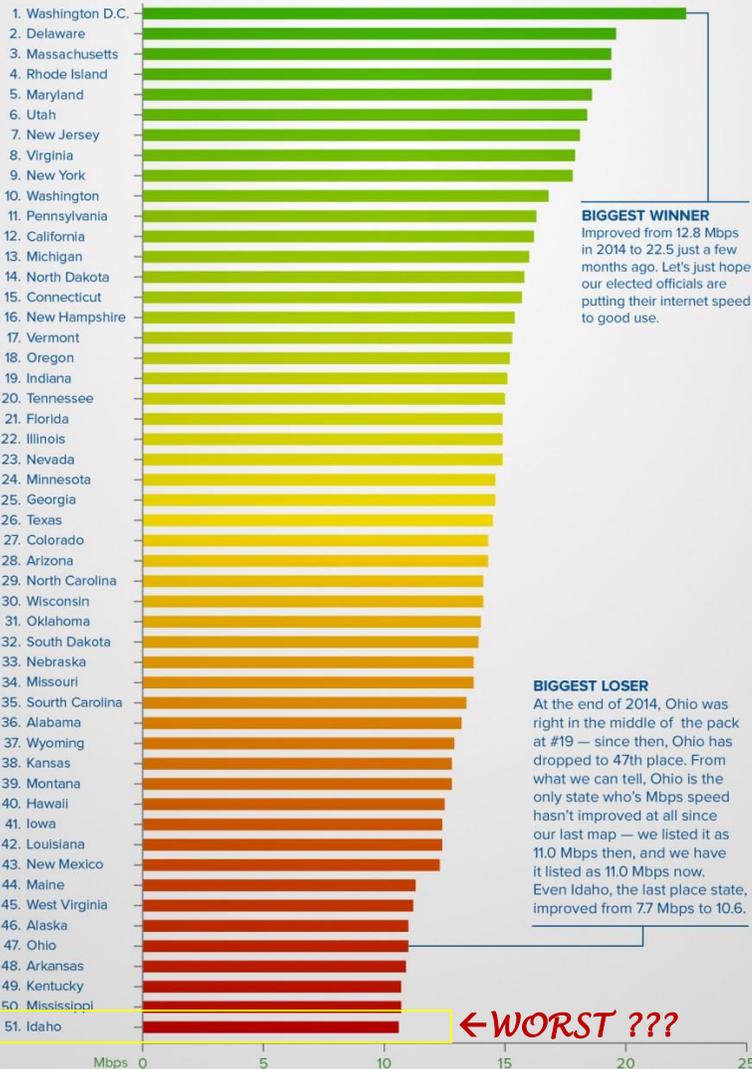
A map showing the best and worst internet speeds in the United States. Green indicates better speeds, while red indicates worse speeds. (Photo: Broadview Networks)

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FASTEST INTERNET BY STATE



STATES (AND D.C.) RANKED FROM FASTEST TO SLOWEST



Washington D.C. has the fastest internet in the United States—is anyone surprised?

We dug into Akamai's [State of the Internet Report](#) to bring you some interesting numbers, and believe it or not, an **11.9 Mbps difference separates the nation's fastest and slowest internet connections (D.C. and Idaho).**

With roughly **90 percent** of American adults surfing the web, you'd think fast nationwide connectivity would be a given. We've discovered otherwise. If you live in D.C.*, Delaware, or Massachusetts, you probably enjoy great internet day in and day out. If you hail from Mississippi or Idaho—well, your east coast friends might have a better streaming experience for the next episode of *Stranger Things*.

Our last [Internet Speeds by State Map](#) went live in 2014, so we thought it was high-time to create a new one and make some comparisons. Some states improved in the rankings, and some plummeted.

**Akamai considers Washington D.C. as a state for research purposes; we've followed suit.*

The Losers

Ohio: At the end of 2014, Ohio was right in the middle of the pack at #19—since then, Ohio has dropped to 47th place. From what we can tell, Ohio is the only state who's Mbps speed *hasn't improved at all* since our last map—we listed it as 11.0 Mbps then, and we have it listed as 11.0 Mbps now.

Idaho: The last place state has to be a loser right? They moved from 42nd place in 2014 to dead last this year. At least their overall internet speed has improved from 7.7 Mbps to 10.6.

Wisconsin: The Badger State dropped from 13th place in 2014 to 30th place this time around.

The Winners

Washington D.C.: The winner takes all. We can only assume that our elected officials are using their 22.5 Mbps internet connection wisely.

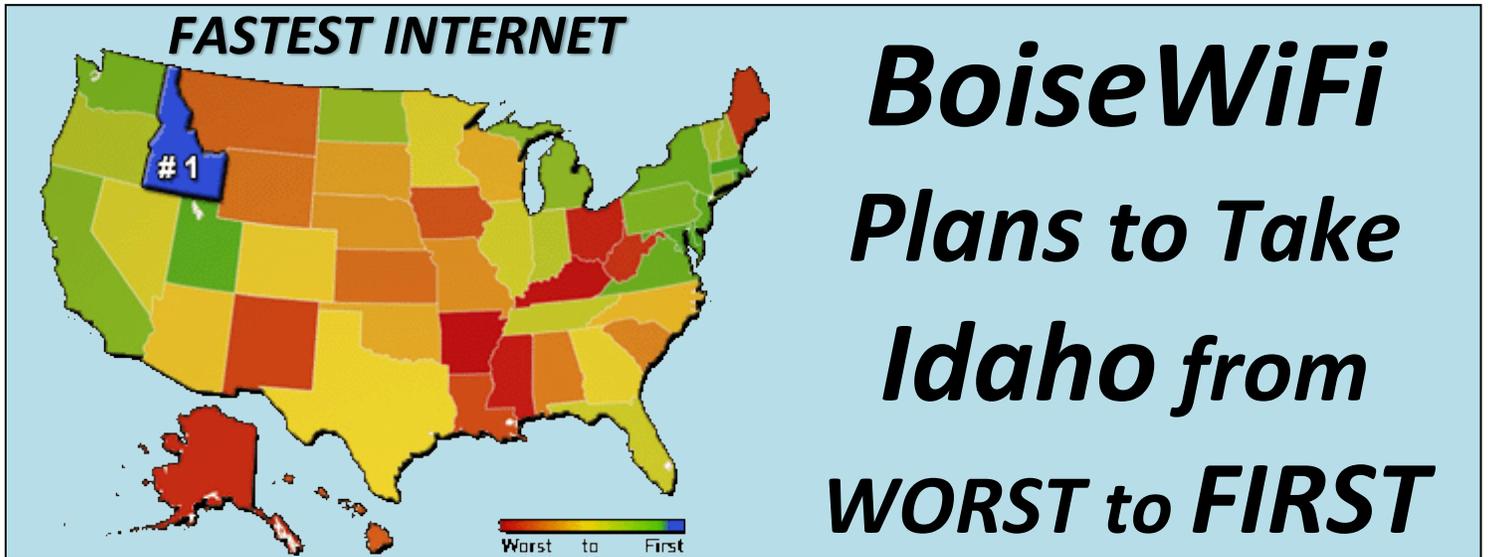
New Jersey: The Garden State jumped from 17th place (and a Mbps speed of 11.2) to 7th place and 18.1 Mbps.

Illinois: A large jump from 33rd place to 22nd doesn't free Illinois from the confines of the middle, but its citizens certainly aren't complaining about the improved internet speed.

Alaska: 46th place isn't great, but it is a huge improvement over being dead last in 2014.

We look forward to seeing how the internet speeds for each state measure up in the future.

BoiseWiFi, a Fixed Wireless Internet Service Provider, based in Boise, has the solution to take Idaho from worst to first; from #51 to #1



BoiseWiFi says their Fixed Wireless Internet Solution is the fastest and most cost effective way to change Idaho's Internet speed ranking from worst to first.

BoiseWiFi plans to work with many of Idaho's top businesses, as well as State and local governments and other Internet service providers around the state to attack and change the Internet playing field.

"We recognize the need and value of having the FASTEST INTERNET can have on attracting new businesses, keeping and growing existing businesses, education, healthcare, public safety, tourism and commerce. We believe moving Idaho from worst to first may just be the most compelling reason to come to or stay in Idaho to do business with the world." said Byron Ryals of BoiseWiFi.

The speed of business has changed dramatically over the past few years. To compete and be successful in today's economy requires businesses to use the fastest Internet and tools they can afford. Business communication has taken on a multidimensional function. To engage customers now involves multiple layers of interaction. It wasn't that long ago potential customers shopped for goods and services by "letting their fingers do the walking through the yellow pages". Now your customers search, find, compare and purchase most times without ever emailing or even talking to you. Because you are competing globally you need the fastest Internet and best communication tools you can afford.

Google's trend analytics show how technology has changed the playing field. Here are a few to think about: How do people search for your brand? For your goods & services? For your community? What time of the day do searches spike? With mobile devices now accounting for 80% of the searches vs computers? How will this affect you and your business? Is your web site mobile ready?

"Our vision of life on Main Street, in parks, on playing fields, walk ways, public areas, shopping and restaurants; in the suburbs and even on the commute; shows everyone connected and fully engaged with the world around them. We are planning for the future where no one thinks about how they connect, they simply are. Their devices choose the best, fastest and most reliable connections available. We believe Idaho has the potential to draw millions more per year to come and enjoy the life and lifestyle we have to offer for business, family and individuals. We want the experience here to compel everyone to stay. However, It is no longer an "if you build it they will come" world. We have to build the very best we can while planning and preparing to do the updates we will need to stay on top. We believe having the fastest Internet in the country will at least get us in the game. The rest is up to you."

Will you join us as we build the future in Idaho? Together we will do great things.