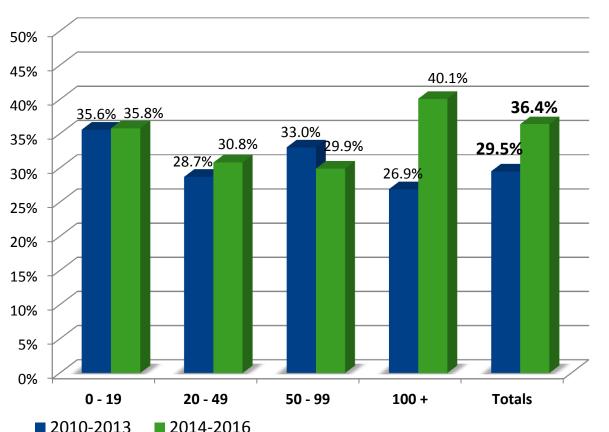
Connecting the Dots Between Broadband and Jobs





Broadband Means Jobs

Broadband enabled 36.4 % of <u>all</u> new jobs from 2014-16, up from 29.5% from 2010-13



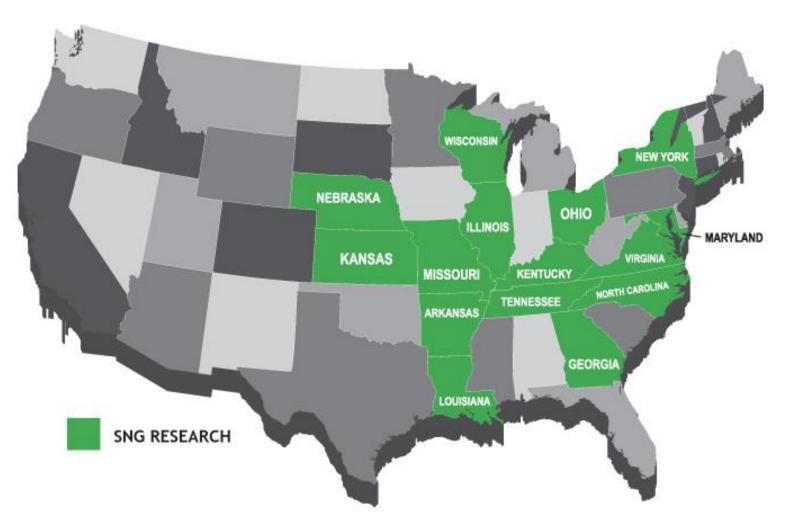
Impact of Internet on job creation has accelerated in the last three years

Internet Enabled New Jobs as Percent of all New Jobs Created by Businesses By Size of Employer Group

Strategic Networks Group, 2010-2016, n= 6,164



SNG research states





SNG: some of our clients











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Takeaway 1:

Broadband impacts are driven by meaningful use of Internet applications



Measuring Meaningful Use

Digital Economy index (DEi) is SNG's scoring system (0-10) of broadband use

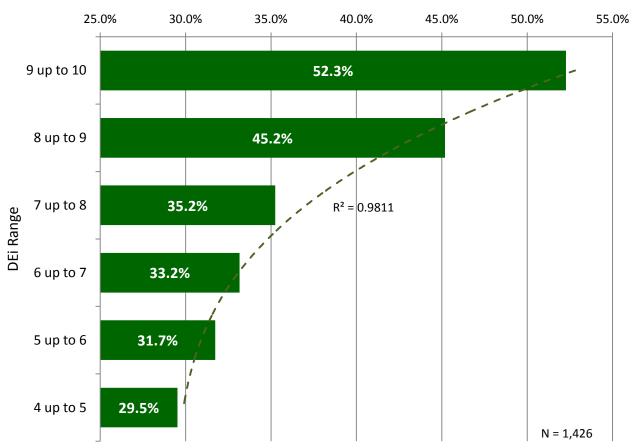
- Senchmark competitiveness against peers
- Personalize return on investment to business owners and managers
- Share with local economic development agencies for impact-based broadband planning



Increasing Utilization

More Effective Internet Use Increases Revenues

Average % Revenue from Internet Use

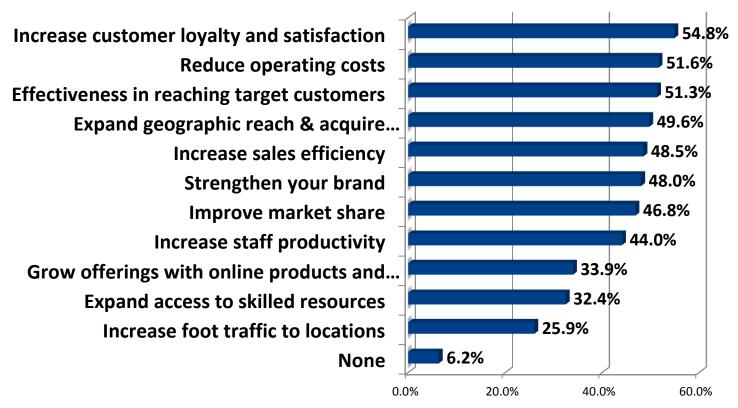




Benefits to Businesses

Businesses' Stated Goals for Going Online





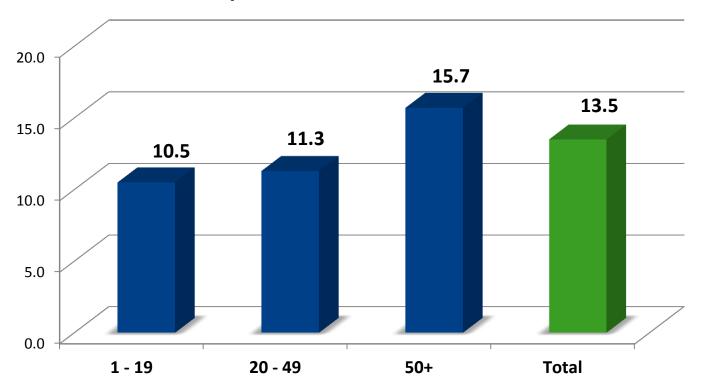
Strategic Networks Group, 2014-2016, n= 6,599



Jobs Gained from Internet Use

Technology Ratio: Net Jobs Gained From Internet Use Compared to Jobs Lost





Strategic Networks Group, 2014-2016, n= 1,805



Why Broadband Matters ...

- Improves business competitiveness, innovation, and growth... leading to job creation
- Key for business retention and expansion
- Enhances local quality of life
- Increases opportunities for new and better sources of household income

Community benefits are not considered by ISPs, as they are outside of their business case



Impacts from Driving Meaningful Use

Broadband Economic Impact Estimate for Kentucky

Measure	Impact		
Businesses Adopting	2,428		
New Revenues / Business	\$61,400		
Annual GDP	\$ 185.0 M		
Annual Tax Revenues	\$ 6.88 M		
Total New Jobs	2,726		



Impacts from Driving Meaningful Use - Regional -

Broadband Economic Impact Estimate for Kentucky River Area Development District

Measure	Impact		
Businesses Adopting	67		
New Revenues / Business	\$41,200		
Annual GDP	\$ 3.5 M		
Annual Tax Revenues	\$ 0.13 M		
Total New Jobs	52		

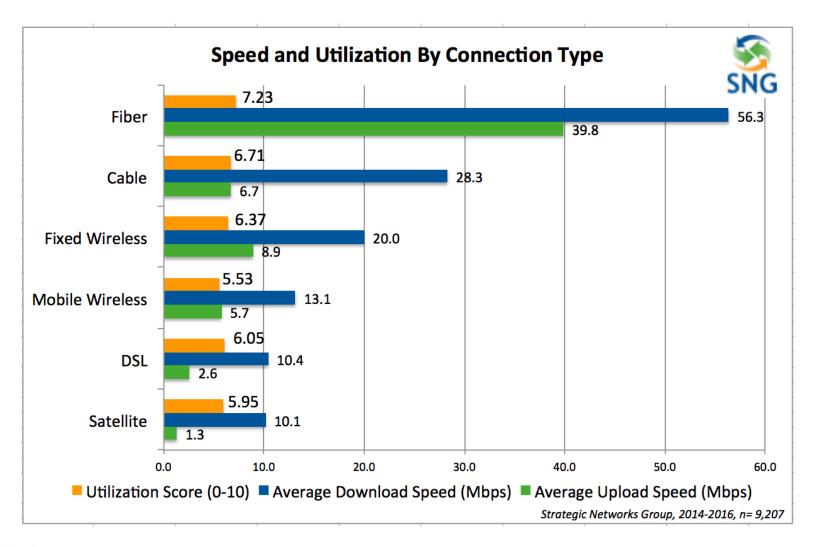


Takeaway 2:

It's more than just availability/speed...



Relationship between Utilization and Speed

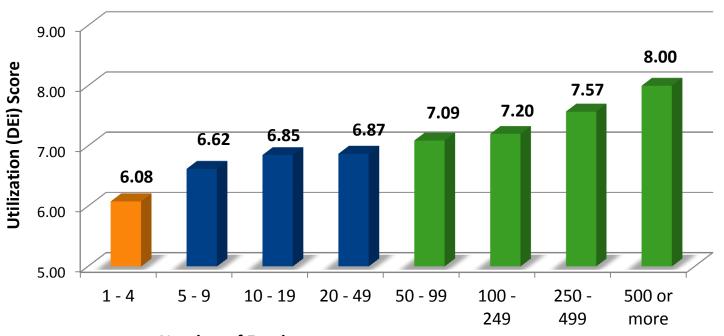




Challenge: The Smaller the Business, the Lower the Internet Utilization

The Small Business Digital Divide





Number of Employees

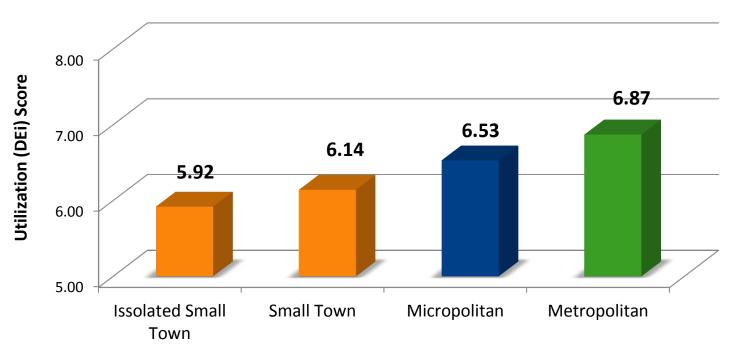
Strategic Networks Group, 2012-2016, n= 20,420



Compounding Challenge: Rural Businesses Lag Farther Behind

The Rural Business Digital Divide



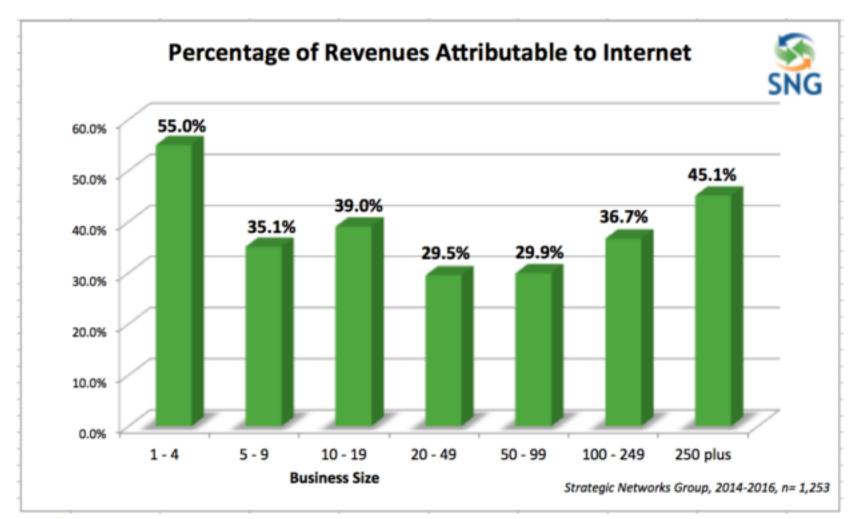


Community Type

Strategic Networks Group, 2012-2016, n= 23,845

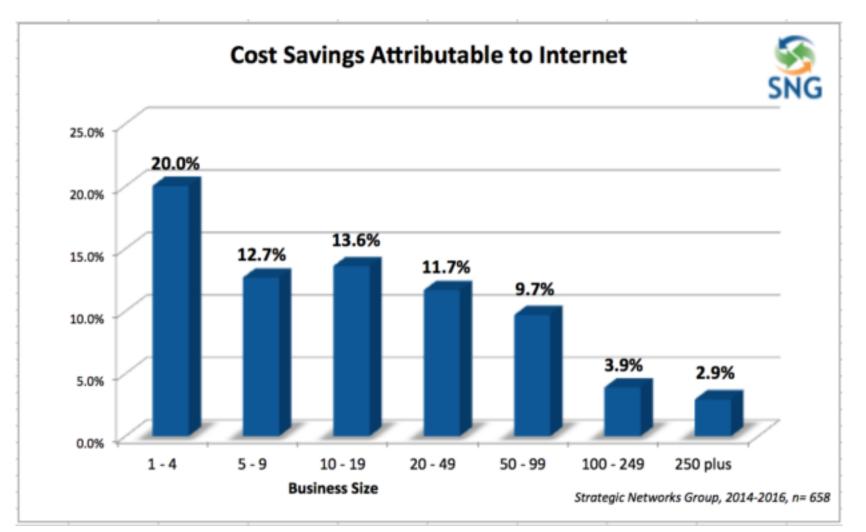


This is Troubling as Small Businesses Have Much to Gain in Terms of Revenues...





...And Cost Savings!





What's Preventing Businesses from Meaningful Use?

Barriers to Acquiring Internal Expertise



Higher priorities to focus on

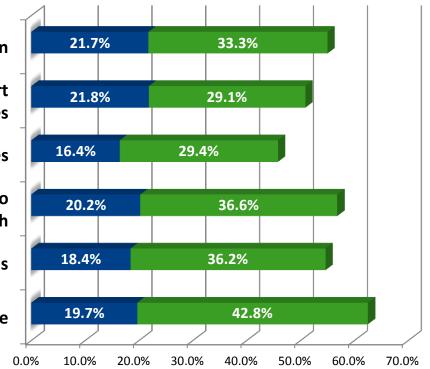
Affordability of local external support resources

Lack of local external support resources

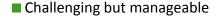
Too much information - not enough time to research

Lack of internal resource with necessary skills

Time and effort required to develop expertise







Drive more effective internet utilization





Personalize the Value of Broadband to Local Businesses



Help them understand the **benefits** of going online – not just 'nice to have'



Provide information and tools to **drive meaningful use** of Internet applications



Develop a **business case** for each business to take action



Personalized Incentives: DEi Scorecard

A DEi Scorecard is delivered to each business and organization

- Individualized 'broadband assessment' that:
 - benchmarks competitiveness against peers (by size and industry sector)
 - estimates ROI from increased utilization
 - provides links to local advisors and support
- Data based on the individual's current broadband utilization against industry average
- Shared with local economic development agencies so they can raise awareness, increase adoption, and drive utilization



This scorecard compares your current level of Internet use to other organizations of similar size in your industry sector. The Digital Economy index (DEI) is a score based on the Internet-enabled applications (esolutions) that you use.

By using this scorecard you can uncover additional esolutions that can bring the greatest polential impact to your organization through improved efficiencies, innovation, and increased profitability.

Acme Parts Supply MANASSAS PARK VA Industry sector: Manufacturing / Processing

20 - 49 employees

Opportunities to improve your score

Organization size:

Increasing use of e-solutions (and your DEi score) improves your organization's productivity, competitiveness, and bottom-line - and how you rank against your peers.

Below are the top three e-solutions identified for your organization where the opportunity to drive new revenues and/or cost savings are the most significant.

	Annual Impacts*	
e-Solution	Percent	Amount
Selling goods or services		\$ 561,880
New revenues	8.1%	\$ 560,640
Cost savings	0.03%	\$1,240
DEi increase		0.78
Advertising and promotion		\$ 345,460
New revenues	4.9%	\$ 343,370
Cost savings	0.05%	\$2,090
DEi increase		0.58
Customer service and support		\$ 278,400
New revenues	3.6%	\$ 253,750
Cost savings	0.56%	\$ 24,650
DEi increase		0.78
Total annual impacts from		1 185 7/0

Total annual impacts from \$1,185,74

NEW e-solutions per year

* Based on averages for your industry and size. Actual results may

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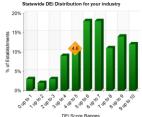
DEi Digital Economy Index
Scorecard

The Digital Economy index (DEi) measures your current use of Internet-enabled applications (esolutions) on a scale from 0 (none) to 10 (maximum)

Your DEi score:



Your Industry Sector Sector D
Manufacturing / Processing 6.2



Percentage of organizations your industry sector with a higher DEi score

81.0%

Getting started

To get started now, please contact

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vour business adviser with our partner

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For 'actionable' background information on how you can benefit from e-solutions, please follow the link below:

Actionable Information

To take the next step please follow the link below and an advisor will contact you.

Request for follow-up by an advisor

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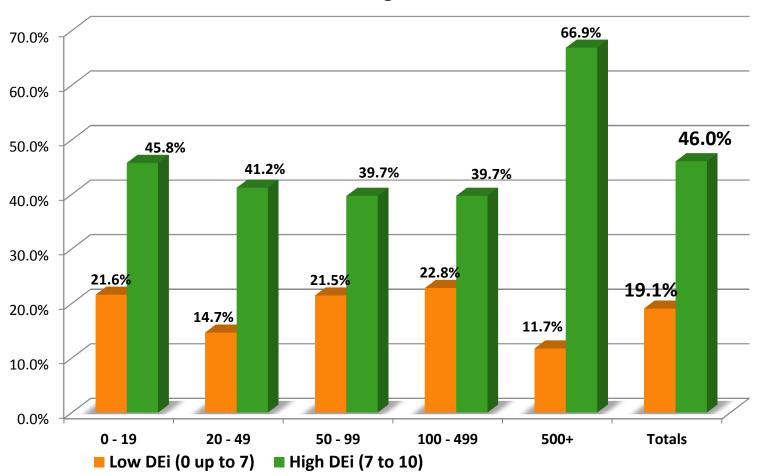
All Internet Applications Are Not Equal

Quick to Adopt Slow to Adopt Need awareness and support 'Laissez-faire' approach **BIGGEST Business Applications Business Applications BENEFITS** Selling Online **Buying Online Basic Website** Online media (video) Teleworking Research and accessing information **Delivering Content and** e-mail **Services** Document transfer **Social Networking**



The Payoff from Driving Utilization

New Jobs, Low versus High Internet Utilization



Benefits to Local Business Retention and Expansion

For a business, increasing utilization by 10%:

- **™** Increases revenues 24%
- **Decreases costs 7%**



Benefits to Community / Regional Economy and Workforce

For a region, increasing utilization:

- Drives business competitiveness, increasing retention and expansion
- Creates a demand for high-skilled workers and well-paying jobs
- Adds fiscal revenues
- SGrows markets for service providers



Tips and Tools to Drive Economic Development through Broadband

- Understand how to assess current broadband availability and use at the micro-level
- Solution

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- Find out the tried and true services that drive local growth and improve the quality of life in your community



The Win-Win-Win



Local business retention and expansion through better use of technology





New good-paying local jobs in technology and media





Investments that maximize local economic growth



Thank you. Now let's connect.



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