

United States Census Bureau Releases Home Broadband Adoption Data for South Carolina

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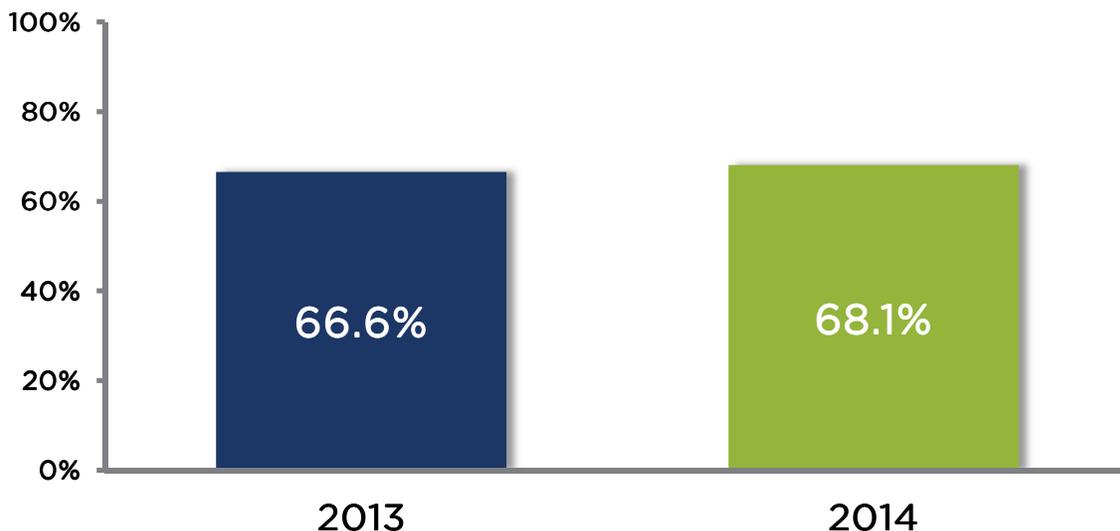


On September 17, 2015, the [United States Census Bureau](#) released new information on home Internet adoption across the United States and Puerto Rico. The report is based on findings from the 2014 American Community Survey (ACS), an ongoing survey that reaches out to approximately 295,000 American households each month. The findings are based on data collected from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

As part of the ACS, the Census Bureau asked, “At this household, apartment, or mobile home, do you or any member of this household subscribe to the Internet using... [Dial-up service, DSL service, Cable modem service, Fiber-optic service, Mobile broadband plan for a computer or cell phone, Satellite Internet service, or Some other service]?” Households with broadband include those that gave any response other than dial-up service alone and include those who said that their only home Internet subscription is through a mobile broadband plan for a computer or cell phone.

According to these findings, 68.1% of South Carolina households subscribe to home broadband service, an increase of more than one percentage point from 2013, when the Census Bureau found that 66.6% of households subscribed to broadband.¹

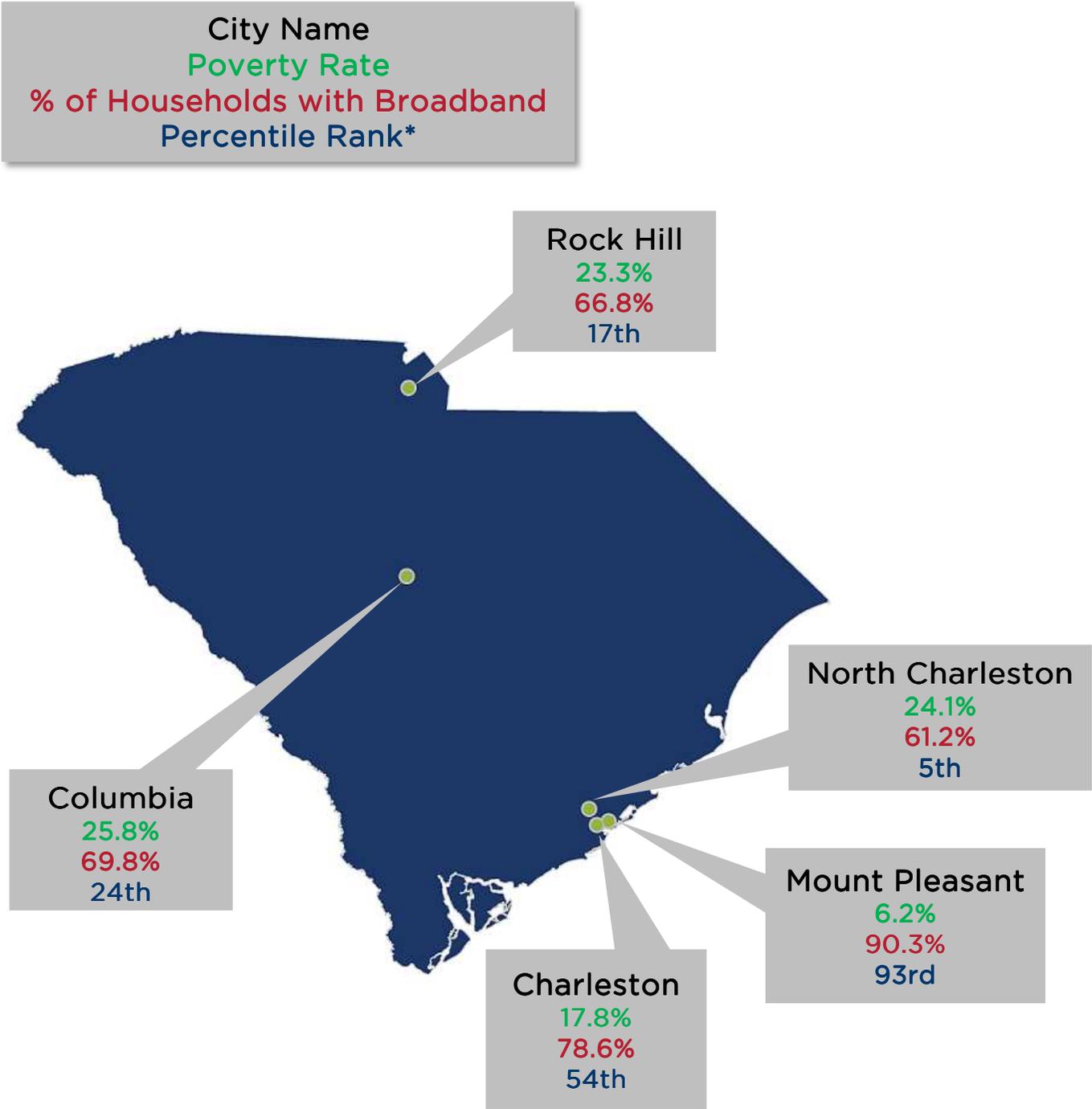
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By comparison, Connect South Carolina’s 2014 Residential Technology Assessment found that 69% of households subscribed to home broadband service.

¹ Source: United States Census, 2013 and 2014 American Community Surveys

Urban areas (places with 50,000 or more residents) with lower poverty rates tend to fare better than those where the poverty rate is higher. While Mount Pleasant is among the top cities in terms of home broadband adoption, many South Carolina cities rank much lower.



*Percentiles are measured against the 591 urban areas in the United States and Puerto Rico with populations of 50,000 or more. For example, a city in the 10th percentile has a broadband adoption rate lower than 90% of those 591 cities.

Connect South Carolina continues to work to increase broadband access, adoption, and use across the state. To learn more, visit our website at <http://www.connectsc.org/> and follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).