



V. CONCLUSION

In the last five years, Connect South Carolina has championed improved broadband access, adoption, and use for all South Carolinians. The state has seen significant technology gains during this time including new broadband build-out across South Carolina connecting 13,653 additional households at speeds of at least 768 Kbps download/200 Kbps upload since 2011. South Carolina communities have also taken note and actively pursued improved broadband resources through the Connected community certification process.

While South Carolina has a significant list and data points highlighting the marked improvement of broadband in South Carolina, a need for action remains. In light of the FCC's announcement of a new broadband standard of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload, South Carolina still has work to do with more than 337,000 households without adequate connectivity.

Connect South Carolina is excited to continue our work and be part of the solution to improve broadband access, adoption, and use. Communities are eager and poised to produce meaningful technology environments through meaningful planning.