

THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

“We are living in the age of technology where the mastery of these skills can lead our children into fulfilling and prosperous careers,” Lt. Governor Kottkamp.

Source: DOE Press Office. http://www.fldoe.org/news/2009/2009_09_24.asp

NATIONAL STATISTICS

Adults with low level literacy skills remain among the 44% of Americans least likely to have access to computers or use the Internet.

Source: Volunteer Literacy Task Force “Literacy is Good Business”

91% of households with a bachelor's degree or higher have a computer, compared to 39% of those households that have not completed high school.

29% of Americans who have not graduated from high school have access to the Internet, compared with 61% of high school graduates and 89% of college graduates.

Source: Pew Internet and American Life Project, (2004-2005)

Internet use by households earning less than \$25,000 is 62%. Internet access at home is 36% for both African Americans and Hispanics.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, (2003)

ACCESS SPEED DIVIDE

Sixty-two percent of home Internet users with a college or graduate degree have a high-speed connection at home. That is notably higher than the 44% of home Internet users with high school diplomas who have broadband connections.

Source: Pew Internet and American Life Project, (2004-2005)

SCHOOL DIVIDE

Wealthier schools are slightly more likely to be connected to the Internet than poorer schools - In wealthy schools (less than 11 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch), 95% of classrooms are connected to the Internet, compared to 90% for the poorest schools (75% or more of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch).

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, (February 2005)

U.S. Households with a Computer and Internet Access by Educational Attainment: 2003

Educational Attainment	Computer in Household	Internet Access
Less than high school graduate	28%	24%
High school graduate/GED	50%	49.5%
Some college or associate's degree	70%	68.9%
Bachelor's degree	82%	84%
Advanced degree	86%	81%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2003 & 2007)

FLORIDA STATISTICS

61% of households in Florida have a computer and 56% have Internet access. Florida is below the national average for households with a computer and Internet access.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2003)

Half of adults with below basic document literacy said job opportunity was limited by a lack of computer skills.

Source: CLASP state policy Academy on Adult Education

Households with Internet Access

Households with no internet access	45,120	38.3%
Households with internet access	72,721	61.7%

Source: US Census 2007

Number of people with internet access from some location

Internet access	10,858	62.1%
No internet access	12,155	69.5%

Source: US Census 2007