



A Broadband Awareness Initiative from the [Iowa Communications Network](#)



## CYBERSECURITY

### Iowa Law Safeguards Insurance Consumers' Private Data

Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a bill to set data and cybersecurity standards, which will be overseen by the state insurance commissioner, to protect insurance consumers' private information.

Source: Government Technology

## Government

### [State CIOs Look to Future With Digital Services, Hybrid Work](#)

NASCIO Midyear wraps up with a look at the new reality of part remote, part in-person work, & an exploration of the massive gains in digital service delivery during the pandemic.

Source: Government Technology

## Education

### [Not Just STEM: Digital Teaching Materials for the Arts, Too](#)

Milwaukee Public Schools has partnered with The Art of Education University to provide digital curriculum and professional development tools for visual arts teachers.

Source: Government Technology

### [My Math Academy Improving Early Childhood Math Skills](#)

Math teachers in Texas are seeing student grades improve through the use of My Math Academy, a game-based educational platform that tracks real-time progress.

Source: Government Technology

## Digital Divide

### [Rural connectivity 'critical' to drawing guests to new Amana hotel](#)

In a part of eastern Iowa not known for having the most modern touch, rural broadband is critical for both working and learning from home as well as tourism.

Source: KCCI

### [Iowa Expands Broadband Funding](#)

The primary goal will be to ensure that all Iowans, particularly those living in rural areas, are provided with an internet connection of 25 Mbps download, and 3 Mbps upload.

Source: Broadband Census

### [Collaboration Key to Broadband Expansion, State IT Experts Agree](#)

If state IT leaders want to close the broadband divide, they need to work with Federal, state, and local governments, as well as private sector partners to get it done.

Source: MeriTalk

## Healthcare

### [Health Report Finds Nearly One In Five Iowa Households Without Broadband Access](#)

Access to the internet fits into one of these health factors because it helps people apply for jobs and stay socially connected for their mental health.

Source: Iowa Public Radio

### [Telehealth Is Here to Stay](#)

The past year saw a massive application of telehealth. Suddenly, virtual visits weren't just a nice add-on, they were the only way to reach some patients.

Source: HomeCare Magazine

## Public Safety

### [Experience FirstNet: How priority and preemption help public safety connect when they need it most](#)

Priority and preemption allow first responders to communicate with minimal or no interruption, cutting through network congestion.

Source: FirstNet Authority

## Cybersecurity

### [Cyber Safety Series](#)

The latest Cyber Safety Series video gives helpful tips on how to keep safe on social media. Follow these recommendations and take proactive steps to secure your private life in the virtual world.

Source: Cyber.org

### [JBS cyberattack attracts concern from state and federal officials](#)

Iowa State University professor and cybersecurity expert Doug Jacobson said "They love to go after hospitals. They're now moving more into critical infrastructure."

Source: KCCI

### [Identity, credentials and behavior are critical to network protection](#)

Does government lack the technology knowledge and refined processes needed to spot a breach.

Source: GCN

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