

WHAT IS DIGITAL INEQUITY?

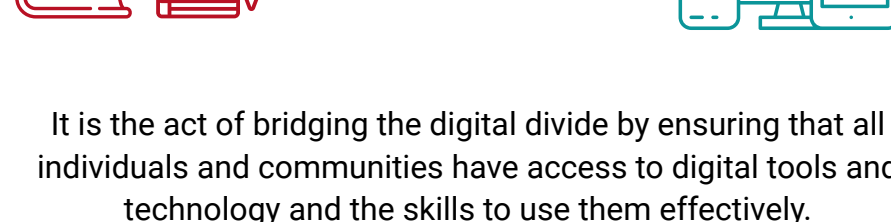


Digital inequity is the disparity in access, knowledge, and ability to use digital tools and technology, particularly harming lower income individuals and minority communities.

WHAT DOES DIGITAL INCLUSION MEAN FOR DIGITAL INEQUITY?

Digital Inclusion

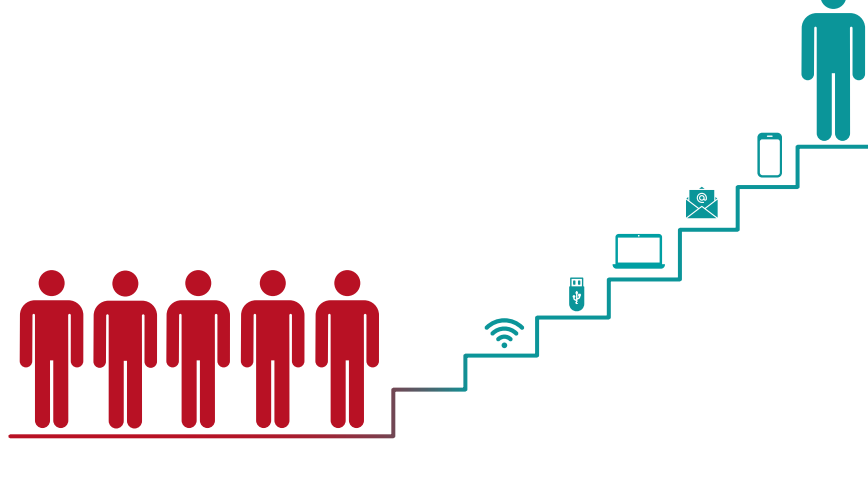
leads to digital resilience



It is the act of bridging the digital divide by ensuring that all individuals and communities have access to digital tools and technology and the skills to use them effectively.

Digital Inclusion

must evolve as technology advances



If not, the digital divide will continue to grow and the most vulnerable members of society will be in danger of being left behind.

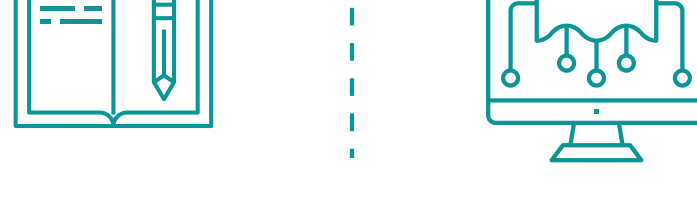
ON-RAMPS TO DIGITAL INCLUSION

Access to Internet



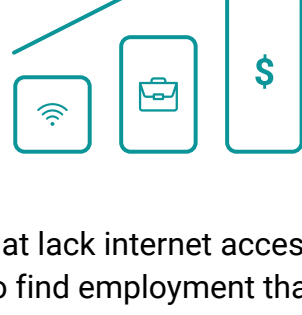
Internet access is a necessity and a basic right

Homework Gap



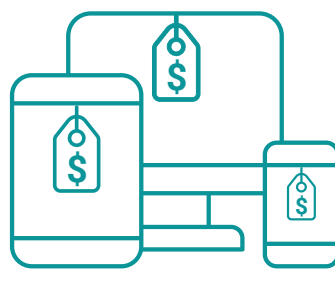
Without internet access, many students are falling behind due to online learning or an inability to complete schoolwork, known as the "homework gap."

Workforce

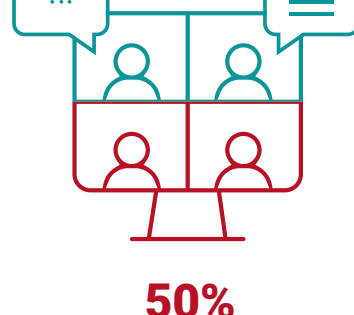


Adults that lack internet access are less likely to find employment than those with internet access.

Access to Digital Devices



The cost of digital devices is a major barrier to ownership



50%

of low-income families lack sufficient devices at home to access distance learning.

The Education Trust



Without federal funding, it's unlikely that schools in low-income areas will have sufficient funding to provide all students with digital devices.

EdSurge



Desktop or laptop ownership in communities

80%

of white adults

69%

of Black adults

67%

of Hispanic adults

Pew Research

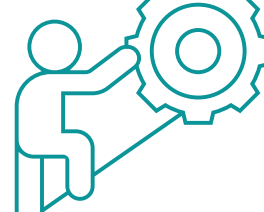
Access to Digital Literacy



Lack of access to digital training is a barrier to adoption which leads to opportunity gaps



A lack of digital literacy shows up disproportionately in vulnerable communities.



This lack of digital literacy then compounds the existing challenges faced by vulnerable communities.

In Summary

The ability to access and make use of online services is transformational in:



Finding employment



Taking advantage of telehealth



Expanding educational opportunities



Increasing financial opportunities

RESOURCES

Additional resources and information for your use



Example City Proclamation of DIW



Social Media Content



Digital Inclusion Academy Toolkit



Technology Devices Donation Toolkit

For more resources visit digitalinclusion.org