

The AI Divide

As artificial intelligence reshapes the global economy, communities without broadband access face permanent exclusion from the AI powered future.

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No Broadband. No AI. No Future Economy.

The compounding effect of digital exclusion in the AI era

10.6pp

AI adoption gap
Global North vs South

78%

Organizations using
AI in 2024

39%

Of workers' skill sets transformed
or outdated, 2025-2030

92M

Jobs displaced by 2030
(170M created)

Global North generative AI
use (working age)

24.7%

Global South generative AI
use (working age)

14.1%

51% of U.S. adults do not use AI chatbots (Pew, 2026)

Communities without broadband cannot participate in the AI economy: creating a compounding disadvantage across workforce, education, and economic opportunity

Closing the AI Readiness Gap

- **Launch a national AI literacy initiative** targeting underserved communities, ensuring every American has baseline understanding of AI tools, risks, and opportunities.
- **Require AI competency in workforce development programs** that receive federal funding, integrating AI readiness into existing job training and reskilling pipelines.
- **Create public access AI labs** in libraries, community centers, and HBCUs, providing hands on AI experience to populations that lack personal access to advanced computing resources.
- **Fund AI readiness research** to measure community level AI preparedness, track adoption disparities, and identify targeted interventions that close the AI divide.
- **Incentivize private sector AI equity partnerships** through tax credits and grants for companies that deploy AI training and tools in underserved communities.

How AGI Affinity Can Help

AGI Affinity specializes in assessing community AI readiness using the **TSDOH Assessment Matrix**. We help municipalities, workforce boards, and educational institutions develop AI integration strategies that align with local economic conditions, ensuring no community is left behind in the AI transition.

SOURCES

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