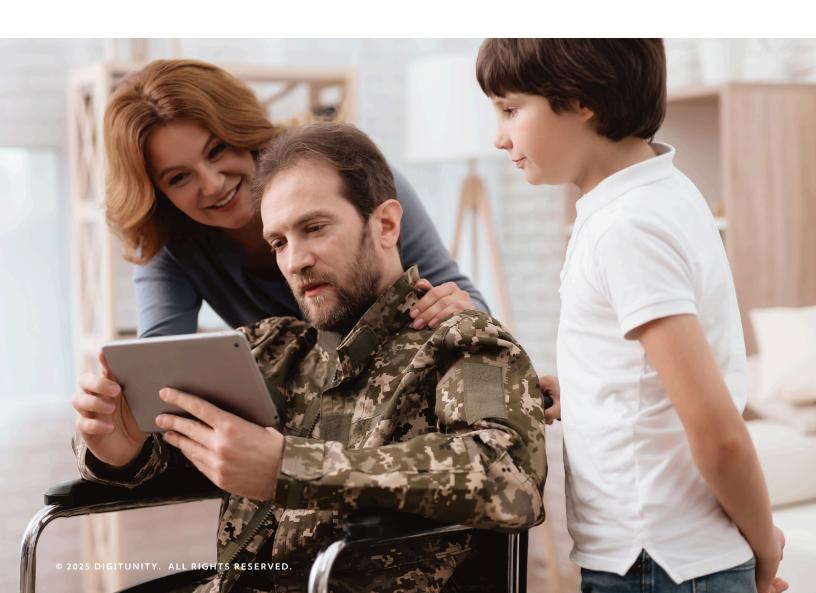


One third of low-income veterans do not have internet service at home. 40% don't own a computer.



THE FACTS

- Almost 1.4 million veterans live in poverty.
- In 2025, about 226,000 veterans are unemployed, representing 2.9% of the 7.8 million veterans in
- the workforce.
- 4.7 million veterans (around 25–30%) live in rural areas where reliable, high-speed broadband connectivity is limited.
- 80% of America's rural population have been recognized by the federal government as medically underserved.
- The rapid expansion of telehealth has amplified systemic healthcare inequities across the country.
- About 41% of post-9/11 veterans reported a service-connected disability rating.
- About 25% of veterans qualify for the Americans with Disabilities Act.



I am a 100% disabled veteran. My laptop enables me to use the internet to follow up with my VA appointments, benefits, and other veteran-related programs. It also allows me to see my doctor virtually.

LARRY, ATLANTA

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Veterans returning from service have valuable social and employment skills, but may lack the technology knowledge needed to succeed in the workplace.
- Computers help veterans access educational information and resources for transitioning back to society.
- After protracted deployments, returning veterans can suffer a general lack of skills necessary to keep up with current trends in information and technological advancement.
- The Veterans Administration (VA) conducts approximately 45,000 telehealth appointments per day.



SUPPORTING VETERANS

- <u>Donate your used technology.</u> Donations are tax deductible. They can be directed to a veteran in need.
- Spread the word about organizations that offer free or low-cost computers, tablets, and other accessories and serve veterans. Some have online stores. Many offer community events for service members.
- Volunteer with a veteran serving organization to help veterans get access to and use technology so they can attend telehealth appointments, apply for jobs, or attend online schooling.

One Computer Provides Hope

DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY NETWORK

These are some veteran serving organizations in Digitunity's network of nonprofit partners working with veterans to eliminate the technology gap. For more information about these organizations and others like them, as well as <u>veteran computer resources</u>, visit our <u>website</u>.

- Achieve Enterprise Services, Yuma, AZ*
- AHEPA I Apartments, Columbia, SC
- ALS Association, Rockville, MD
- Armed Services YMCA, El Paso, TX
- Augusta Warrior Project, Augusta, GA
- Austin Free Net, Austin, TX*
- BusiNeighbor, Stone Mountain, GA
- Catholic Charities of Newark, Newark, NJ
- Comal County Veteran Council, New Braunfels, TX
- Computer Corps, Manchester, NH
- Computers for the Blind, Richardson, TX*
- Computer Reach, Pittsburgh, PA*
- Disability Partners, Asheville and Sylva, NC
- Disability Resources, Inc., Sparks, NV
- Disabled Veterans Committee on Housing, All States
- Embrace Community Center, Keystone Heights, FL
- Heroes Deserve Help, San Dimas, CA*
- Hospital Veterans Outreach, KY
- Lena's House, Atlanta, GA and Hubbard, OH
- Southwest Veterans' Business Resource Center, Temecula, CA
- Still Serving Veterans, Huntsville, AL
- Swords to Plowshares Veterans Academy | Computer Learning Center, San Francisco, CA
- Tech for Troops, Richmond, VA*
- Touch The Future Inc., Anderson, SC
- Veterans Center, Atlanta, GA
- Workshops for Warriors, San Diego, CA



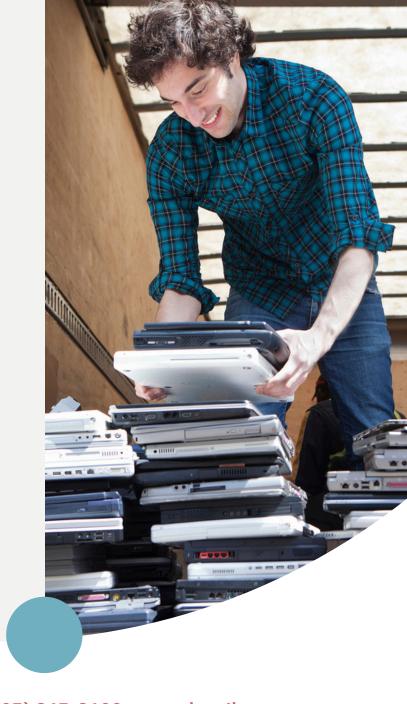


About Digitunity

Digitunity's mission is to ensure everyone who needs a computer has one, along with robust internet connectivity and digital skills.

We do this at scale by aligning and connecting multiple organizations and resources needed to help people thrive in our connected society today and in the future.

Digitunity's work has advanced digital inclusion since the 1980s, connecting donors of technology with organizations serving marginalized people in need.



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Resources & Citations

- 1 Alabama State Program
- ² Department of Labor Unemployment Stats
- ³ Digital Divide Fact Sheet
- ⁴ VA Conducting Telehealth Appointments

- 5 Lena's House Recipient
- 6 Scholarly Article on Digital Divide
- 7 Veterans Income Stats
- 8 ADA, Veterans and Employers

