

**Speed Matters – CWA's Campaign  
For High Speed Internet for All.**

**How fast is your  
home internet  
connection?**

**Take the CWA  
Speed Test and  
find out.**

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Every American needs access to a powerful, nationwide high speed network. CWA is fighting for the public policy to make that happen and fighting for the jobs that will create and maintain that network. Over the next year we're going to ask you to participate in a number of activities to make high speed Internet for all a reality. Start by finding out how your own connection measures up. Take the Speed Test. It's easy, it's free and it's fast.



### **What is the CWA Speed Test?**

The CWA Speed Test is a fun online activity to see how fast (or slow) your Internet connection is. You can compare your speed with other countries. You'll be surprised at how slow we are.

### **Why should I take the CWA Speed Test?**

First, you can compare your *actual* speed to the *advertised* speed. Second, you'll be able to send a message to Congress asking our leaders to keep the U.S. from falling further behind.

### **Should I take the test if I have dial-up?**

Yes! In fact, in order for our test results to be representative of the country as a whole, we encourage people who have dial-up access to take the test.

### **Why should I care about the speed of my Internet connection?**

Speed Matters on the Internet. Speed determines how fast you can open a web site, download music or a movie, upload a video to YouTube, play an interactive online game, take a distance learning class, or monitor your medical condition in real-time with your doctor online.

### **What is CWA's Speed Matters: High-Speed Internet for All Campaign?**

For 50 years, we've had a policy of universal telephone service. It's now time to make sure that every American has affordable high-speed Internet access that is built, maintained, and serviced by skilled union workers. We've fallen to 16th in the world in Internet access. We need high-speed networks for economic development, job growth, telemedicine, distance learning, and much more. CWA's Speed Matters campaign aims to encourage our employers to deploy 21st century networks, to ensure the jobs on the new networks are held by union workers and to encourage government to adopt policies to make sure that no one is left behind.

### **Will Speed Matters help protect my job?**

Telecommunications companies must be able to deliver high-speed Internet and video to compete. Verizon's FIOS and AT&T's U-Verse networks are 10 to 50 times faster than today's DSL and cable modems. With these high-speed networks, our jobs will be more secure.

### **But if Verizon and AT&T are building high-speed networks, what's the problem?**

First, we have to join together to make sure that the jobs on the new networks are Union jobs. Second, Verizon and AT&T aren't deploying high-speed networks everywhere, nor are all telephone companies building high-speed networks. Rural and poor neighborhoods are being left out. Verizon, for example, wants to sell its rural lines in New England and elsewhere, leaving those areas without 21st century Internet. Qwest, Embarq, CenturyTel, Citizens and Windstream haven't fully committed to building truly high-speed networks. We need government policies to make sure the richest country in the world has high-speed Internet for all.

### **Why do we need high-speed Internet?**

We need it to promote job security. The future of the wire to the home will be high-speed data. Public policies must encourage investment. This means government rules must let the telephone companies provide video more readily to encourage the investment in our infrastructure and keep good jobs in our communities.

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