

Dispatches from the Digital Planet

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RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT



Turning America's Digital Divide into Digital Dividends – Policy Recommendations for the Biden-Harris Administration

The unequal state of digital inclusion in the US—and the resulting impact on work, schooling, economic participation, and access to vital services—was laid bare by the pandemic. Explore the interactive analyses and recommendations on how the Biden-Harris administration can harness digital technologies to ‘build back better.’

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PERSPECTIVES

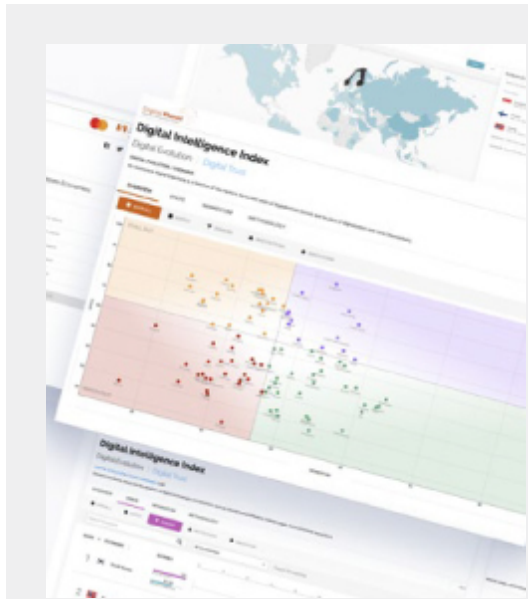


Biden's Plan for Broadband isn't Bold Enough

Bloomberg

Broadband is infrastructure. It's unacceptable that American schoolchildren have to piggyback on the Wi-Fi provided by fast-food restaurants to submit homework, and adults have uneven internet access as they hold down remote jobs, apply for jobs, or make Covid vaccine appointments. The problem needs fixing — and soon.

ONGOING RESEARCH

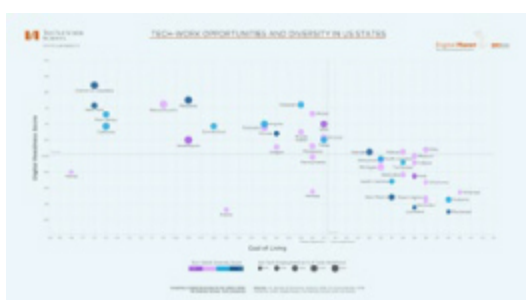


Digital Intelligence Index

The index offers data, insights, and international comparisons to guide decision-makers to chart a path out of the near-term challenges toward a data-enabled, artificial intelligence-augmented, and inclusive digital future. Explore the interactive to analyze the digital competitiveness of 90 global economies plotted on their current state of digitalization against the pace of digitalization over a twelve-year period.

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OFF THE CHARTS



The Shifting Geography of Talent

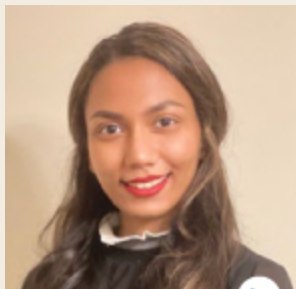
The potential for a redistribution of tech jobs to new corners of the country presents an opportunity for tech companies to prioritize diversity and inclusion. How do STEM talent, diversity and internet readiness across 60 US metro areas stack up, and what are the gaps?



Pride and Prejudice

Affiliation with LGBTQ+ varies by profession and age groups. Women are more likely than men to profess their association in their professional online presence. How do differences in sexual orientation or gender identity create obstacles or harbor prejudice in STEM sectors?

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I'VE BEEN WORKING ON

Analyzing global gender-based digital gaps through a set of select digital behavioral tendencies.

AN INSIGHT I DISCOVERED

While there may be a sizable amount of digital penetration in a country, there may not necessarily be an equivalent level of digital participation, the latter of which is key to achieving a more digitally inclusive state of being. Also, cultural notions coupled with digital literacy efforts play a rather important role in digital independence, particularly when it comes to gender.

I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT

Using digital evolution as a means to transition to a more equitable society

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