

## Speed Test - FAQ

1. What is a speed test?
  - Speed tests measure how fast your device can upload and download information using the device's internet connection. It tests how swift your internet connection is relative to nearby test servers.

Why is it important to Brown County (or your organization)?

- By taking the [speed test](#), you can compare your speed test to the map of the rest of the county. The more number of tests ran by your family, friends, and the community, the more accurate the data map. With this data, the county will be able to show state officials where there is or isn't service thus helping the community with grant funding.

2. Are you or your child constantly fighting over who gets to use the internet? Tired of getting disconnected in the middle of a Zoom meeting? Are internet problems getting you or someone you know down? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then why not take the Geo Software Speed test?

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3. Calling all adults and those with children, please take a second to take this internet [speed test](#).

This test will help determine your internet speeds relative to nearby test servers. With this information, the county will be able to map out areas of the community that are unserved or underserved. This data will then be used in grant funding to help increase broadband speeds for those areas that are still lacking adequate speeds.

\*Please note that you will be required to provide an address in order to test your internet speeds. Providing your name is optional but in order to obtain the most accurate data an address is required.

4. Brown County is working to improve Broadband throughout Brown County. We want to increase the internet speed for everyone we can. To do that we need people to voluntarily share internet speed information.

If you choose to participate in the speed test please make sure:

- 1) VPN is turned off
- 2) no heavy load is on your internet link (internet TV, or gaming, virtual school)
- 3) take the test more than once at different times and days of the week

[Take the Test!](#)

You can choose to share address information or not. Sharing the address allows the County to pinpoint poor service areas.

For general information about Brown County Broadband and the Broadband committee visit Brown County's broadband [webpage](#).