

State lags behind neighbors in broadband lines for business

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According to a 2008 report by the Federal Communications Commission, Wisconsin had 550,000 high-speed lines providing businesses with broadband Internet connectivity in 2008. That compares to only 50,000 in 2005.

The growth represents a significant improvement in broadband access. However, the FCC report reveals that Wisconsin still lags neighboring states in the number of high-speed lines added for business use since 2005 and the percentage of total high-speed lines dedicated to business use.

Iowa, with a little over half the population of Wisconsin, added 426,000 high-speed

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business lines between 2005 and 2008. Minnesota, with a population similar in size to Wisconsin, added 796,000 business lines during the same period.

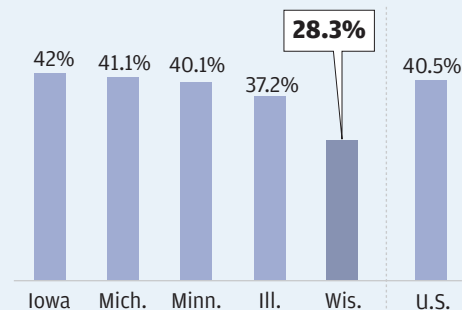
In Wisconsin, 28.3 percent of all high-speed lines were for business use in 2008. That compares to 40.5 percent in the U.S.

The following chart shows the percentage of high-speed lines dedicated to business use in the five-state region and the U.S.

More information is available in the FCC report, High Speed Service for Internet Access at: www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2009/db0723/DOC-292191A1.pdf.

High-speed business lines

Percentage of high-speed lines providing broadband connectivity for businesses use in 2008.



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