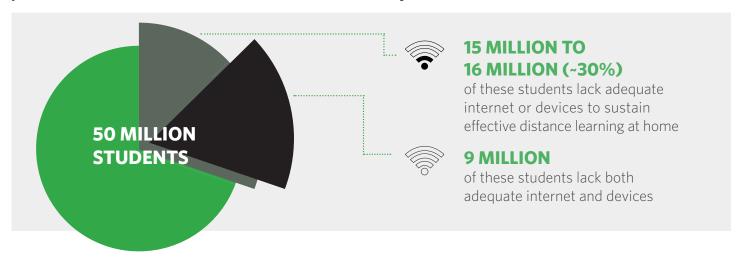
CLOSING THE K-12 DIGITAL DIVIDE IN THE AGE OF DISTANCE LEARNING





Due to COVID-19 school facility closures, 50 million K-12 public school students have had to learn remotely from home



The digital divide is a major problem across all 50 states

% OF STUDENTS WITHOUT ADEQUATE CONNECTIVITY

by geography

Urban 21%

Suburban 25%

Rural 37%

by race/ethnicity

White 18%

Latinx 26%

Black 30%

Native American 35%





Even in states with the smallest divides, ~1 IN 4 STUDENTS still lack adequate internet

For states with the largest divides, **~HALF OF STUDENTS** lack adequate internet



Furthermore, up to
400,000 TEACHERS
can't teach because of lack
of internet

Nearly all students in the US are expected to be learning remotely in the Fall; the digital divide will prevent many students from accessing the education they deserve

Where do we go from here? How do we close the digital learning divide once and for all?

Closing the student digital divide will require action from Congress to invest \$6 billion to \$11 billion in the first year, and an additional \$1B for teachers

