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Rural Broadband: Another PEW Report

Not as exciting as the report on online romance, but just as well written, the new PEW report on [Home Broadband Adoption in Rural America](#) gives us an excellent look into the importance of broadband penetration and the wealth of services it brings to rural America.

Overall rural internet penetration has risen quickly in recent years, with 62% of adult rural Americans at the end of 2005 with internet access, compared with 70% of adults in urban and suburban locales. This 8 percentage point gap is about half the rural-non-rural gap at the end of 2003. Coupled with fast growth in broadband adoption, the internet profile of rural America is slowly becoming more like the rest of the nation.

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the conclusions of the report are encouraging but my own anecdotal experience is not as encouraging. I don't know if you have seen my postings on my blog about my rural broadband search but it is discouraging. I live in an area unserved by cable or DSL. Time-Warner will not come into my area because we have less than 30 houses per mile. Verizon DSL keeps telling me to check back

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