

### **SA Digital Connects (SADC)**

- Built public-private-community collaboration that developed the San Antonio and Greater Bexar County Digital Equity Plan
- Implement our community's Digital Equity Plan and partner with City/County officials to designate local, state, and federal funding for initiatives to close the digital divide
- Track and report progress in un/underserved areas, impacting households, students, older adults, veterans, people living with disabilities, workforce, telemedicine, small business and e-justice

# Census: San Antonio remains most impoverished major U.S. city despite some gains



**SADC's Aspiration**: Affordable and quality internet is foundational to reducing systemic inequities and driving the next generation of societal and economic development.

#### Achieving our Goals: The Path to \$600M

Public sector investment needed to fully close the digital divide is an estimated \$600 million over the next 3 years, which will cover infrastructure expenses, devices, and digital literacy. SADC will not receive any funds for implementation.

Operations Funding San Antonio and Bexar County private sector partners stepped up to invest in the development and implementation of our Community's Digital Equity Plan. These funders include:

The Digital Divide affects more than 20% of San Antonio and Greater Bexar County households. SADC Goals for every household:

- Availability & Affordability: Reliable access to speeds of 100/100 Mbps with committed service levels at prices households can afford
- **Device access:** Access to connected devices that meet technical requirements
- Adoption support: Everyone knows how to get access and feels smart, safe, and secure online

## Texas leaders must close the digital divide



















#### **How to Support**

- The private sector powers & funds SA Digital Connects
- Bring awareness by influencing & leveraging relationships business, political, neighborhood, etc.
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