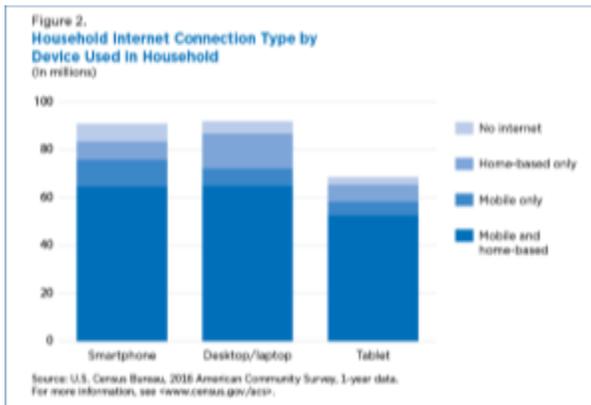




Coastline County Population Continues to Grow

Recent decades have seen costly and damaging hurricanes in the Atlantic and Gulf Coast regions. However, these areas have also continued to experience population growth. The U.S. Census Bureau’s 2016 population estimates show that coastline counties contain some of the country’s largest centers of population and economic activity. Their combined population increased from 51.9 million in 2000 to 59.6 million in 2016. The Gulf Coast’s high rate of population growth, along with post-hurricane rebuilding efforts, have contributed to a robust construction industry. According to the American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-year estimates, about 8.4 percent of the area’s workforce was employed in construction industries, a higher rate than the other coastline regions (6.2 percent in the Atlantic region and 5.8 percent in the Pacific region) and the United States as a whole (6.3 percent). To learn more or learn more on the announce data, click the link [here](#).

More Than Two-Thirds Access Internet on Mobile Devices



New American Community Survey questions revised in 2016 show a stunning increase in reported mobile broadband usage – strong evidence that previous questions were not adequately capturing how U.S. households access the Internet. The improved set of questions show that mobile broadband is accessed in 68 percent of households rather than the 38 percent previously reported.

Overall, most households combine mobile broadband (cellular data plans) with home-based internet connections, which include both wired connections (cable, DSL, or fiber-optic) and satellite, dialup or other types of service.

This combination represents 71 percent of smartphone users, 71 percent of desktop/laptop users, and 77 percent of tablet users. As one might expect, people who use only one type of broadband connection (mobile or home-based) are likely to use one that matches the type of device they have. Home-based connections were the only connection for 16 percent of desktop/laptop households, compared with 8 percent of smartphone households and 10 percent of tablet-owning households. To learn more or learn more on the announce data, click the link [here](#).

Department of Energy to Fund 15 Tribal Energy Infrastructure Deployment Projects

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recently announces nearly \$9 million in funding for 15 tribal energy infrastructure projects, including two USET member Tribal nations. This funding through the DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs will help Native American and Alaska Native communities harness their vast undeveloped energy resources to reduce or stabilize energy costs, as well as increase energy security and resilience.

“This funding opportunity was the first time the Office of Indian Energy has solicited fuel- and technology-neutral projects, which expands the potential for tribes to utilize the particular resources they have available on their lands,” said U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry. “These new projects exemplify this Administration’s all-of-the-above energy policy and principles of true tribal sovereignty.”

Penobscot Indian Nation, Indian Island, ME To further its long-term strategic energy plan, the Penobscot Indian Nation will install EEMs and a rooftop solar PV array during the construction of its new tribal administration building in Maine. The EEMs are estimated to save approximately \$46,312 per year, and the 100-kW PV system will generate an estimated savings of \$233,807 over a 25-year period.

Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood, FL Under the Seminole Rural Reservation Resiliency Initiative, 563 kW of solar PV and approximately 700 kWh of battery storage, along with transfer switches and control systems, will be installed on the rural Reservations of Brighton and Big Cypress to service eight essential community facilities. The integrated system is intended to provide reliable energy during repeated grid outages and other failures caused by major storms or other events, and to lower energy costs in this high-energy-cost rural area. Specifically, the project is expected to reduce Tribal utility energy costs by approximately \$4,908,291 over the 35-year life of the system, save the Tribe several thousands of dollars per year in costs for the existing diesel generators, and create jobs.

To learn more about this DOE program and other recipients, click the link [here](#).

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USET ED&E Committee Conference Call September 11, 2018 9:30am Eastern/8:30 am Central	20th Annual American Indian Tourism Conference (AITC) Isleta, NM September 17-20, 2018
First Nations L.E.A.D. Conference Cabazon, California September 26-27, 2018	IEDC Annual Conference Atlanta, GA September 30 – October 3, 2018

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Niagara, NY

October 8-11, 2018

[Investing for the Future Train-the-Trainer Workshop](#)

Airway Heights, WA

October 16 – 17, 2018

[The Business of Indian Agriculture Training Workshop](#)

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November 6-8, 2018

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Crystal City, VA

March 3-7, 2019

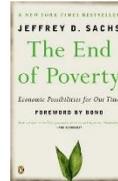


Quote of the Month

*“Courage is the enforcing
virtue, the one that makes
possible all the other virtues
common to exceptional leaders:
honesty, integrity, confidence,
compassion and humility.”*

- John McCain

Book of the Month



*“The End of Poverty” by
Jeffrey D. Sachs*