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Panelists

Kristen Corra, J.D.
Policy Council
Schools, Health & Libraries
Broadband Coalition
(SHLB)

Amina Fazlullah
Head of Tech Policy Advocacy
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Leadership Support Coordinator
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Panelists & Moderator

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Director of Projects & Initiatives
State Educational Technology
Director Association (SETDA)

Moderator

Why Digital Access for All (DA4A)

Connectivity
Availability
Affordability
Reliability
Speed

Skills/Support
Digital Literacy
Skills-Building
Ongoing Support

Devices
Capability
Affordability
Accessibility

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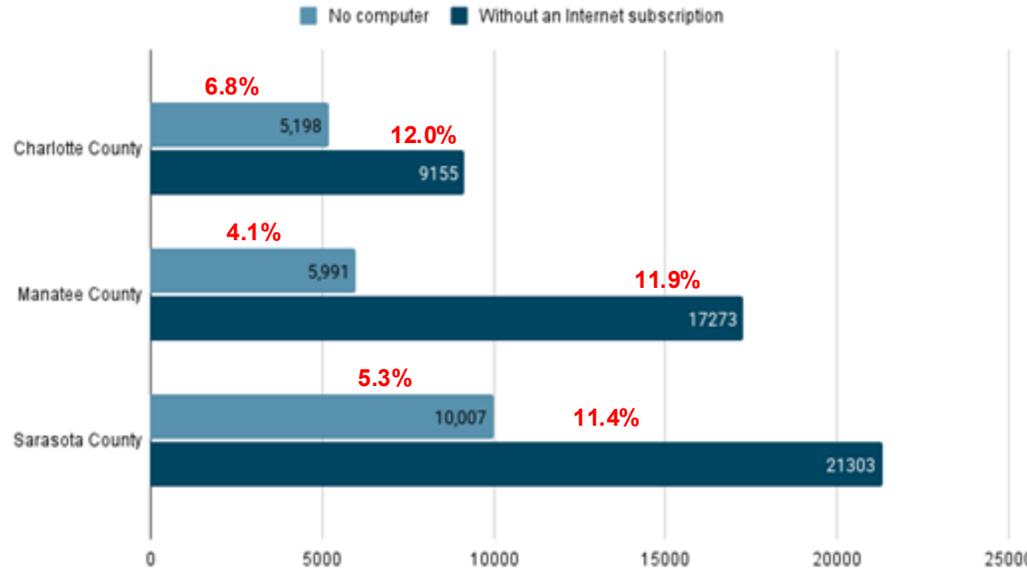# Our Local Landscape in the Suncoast Region

2019 Total Households
Charlotte County: 76,589 | DeSoto County: Not provided.
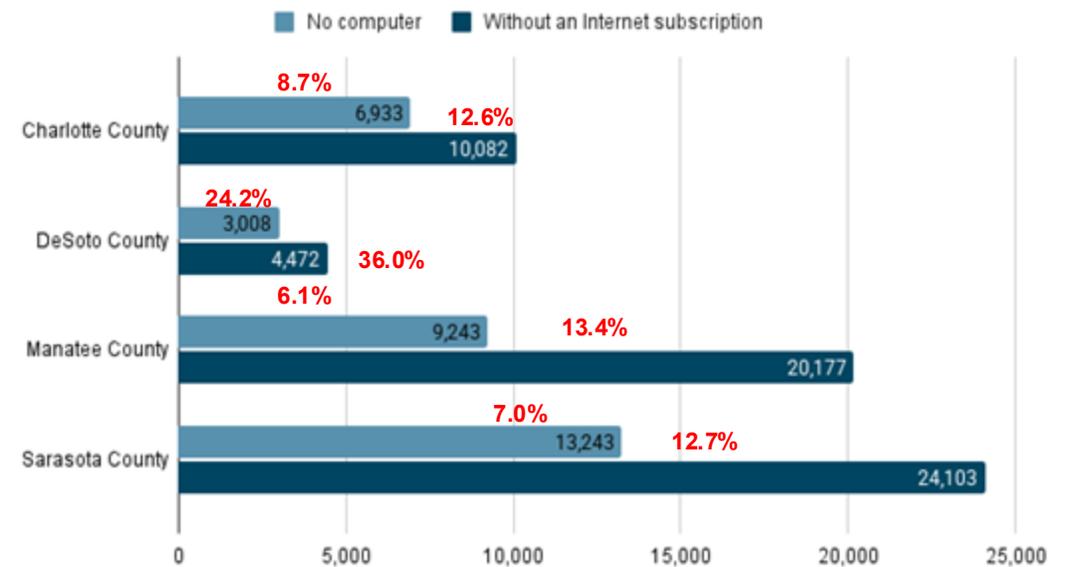Manatee County: 145,171 | Sarasota County: 187,411

2020 Total Households
Charlotte County: 79,789 | DeSoto County: 12,421
Manatee County: 150,345 | Sarasota County: 189,228

Number of Households Without a Computer & Internet Subscription (2019)

Legend: ■ No computer   ■ Without an Internet subscription

Charlotte County
- 6.8% — 5,198
- 12.0% — 9155

Manatee County
- 4.1% — 5,991
- 11.9% — 17273

Sarasota County
- 5.3% — 10,007
- 11.4% — 21303

Number of Households Without a Computer & Internet Subscription

Legend: ■ No computer   ■ Without an Internet subscription

Charlotte County
- 8.7% — 6,933
- 12.6% — 10,082

DeSoto County
- 24.2% — 3,008
- 36.0% — 4,472

Manatee County
- 6.1% — 9,243
- 13.4% — 20,177

Sarasota County
- 7.0% — 13,243
- 12.7% — 24,103

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Source: 2019 & 2020 American Community Survey

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Closing The Gap in our Four County Region

The Digital Navigator Program

	Nonprofits	Week of Implementation	# of Digital Navigators Trained	People Impacted by Digital Navigation
Cohort 1	3	12	9	510
Cohort 2	3	12	11	920
Cohort 3	2	14	15	672

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Total nonprofit organizations who volunteered for the Digital Navigator Program: **8**
- Total Digital Navigators cross-trained from local nonprofits: **35**
- Total Weeks of implementation from cohorts 1-3: **38**
- Total number of individuals who interacted with a Digital Navigator: **2,597**

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Upcoming GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinars:

CRUCIBLE OF PRACITCE SALON

Accelerating What Work in Rural Communities

Tuesday, June 10, 12:30−2 p.m. ET/9:30−11 a.m. PT

LEARNING LOSS RECOVERY CHALLENGE

More Hopeful Futures of Children as Collateral Damage: SNAP's Far-Reaching Benefits for Children

Tuesday, June 10, 3−4:30 p.m. ET/12−1:30 p.m. PT

FUNDER-TO-FUNDER CONVERSATION

Still Ready to Learn: Philanthropic Support for Children's Multimedia Programming

Tuesday, June 17, 12:30−2 p.m. ET/9:30−11 a.m. PT

LEARNING LOSS RECOVERY CHALLENGE

Material Hardship Matters: Parent Voices from the RAPID Survey

Tuesday, June 17, 3−4:30 p.m. ET/12−1:30 p.m. PT

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