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Global Approaches to Regulatory Challenges

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## Agenda

- Ookla Overview
- Select Use Cases
- Conclusion



## **About Ookla**





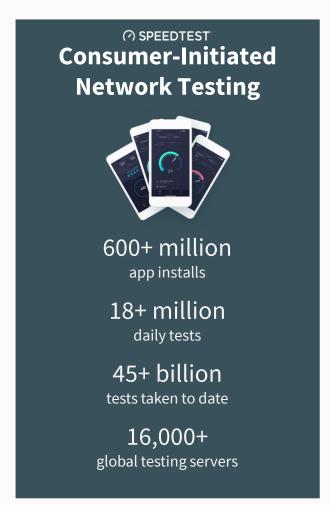
- Ookla's mission is measure, understand, and help improve connected experiences
- Global headquarters in Seattle, WA with offices in Dubai, Dublin, Denver, London and Memphis and employees in 28 countries
- Trusted data and software provider to CSPs, governments, NGOs, academic institutions, trade groups, and industry analysts
- Enterprise clients in 150 countries

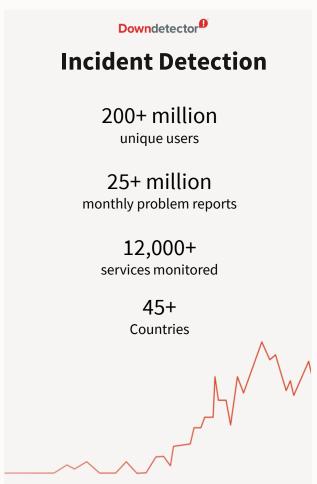




## Ookla is a bridge between consumers and the industry

Consumer engagement and crowdsourcing at global scale, leading in consumer brand trust and recognition





#### **Global Media Share** 48,000+ 330b+ 48.1% ARTICLES UNIQUE MONTHLY **SHARE OF VOICE PUBLISHED VIEWERS TO COMPARED TO ANNUALLY PUBLICATIONS CITING COMPETITORS IN THE** REFERENCING **OOKLA DATA INDUSTRY OOKLA BRANDS Radio Network & User Experience Insights**

800+

CDNs and cloud

providers

100+ billion

samples per day

1+ billion

unique devices



190+

countries

OOKLA

10.000+

content & app

providers

## **Government Use Cases**



## Reliable and Resilient Connectivity



- Early adopter of crowdsourced network intelligence
  - ITU SG12 E.806 and ITU SG12 E.812 recommendations
- Network resiliency during the pandemic
  - March 2020 spectrum allocation
  - Safely and remotely oversee all coverage and quality issues
    - Consumer problem mitigation
  - Prioritize remote coverage improvements
- Consumer connectivity environments
  - Indoor consumer connectivity experiences
  - Cross-border handoff improvements



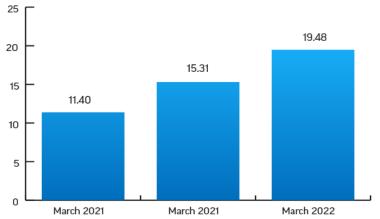
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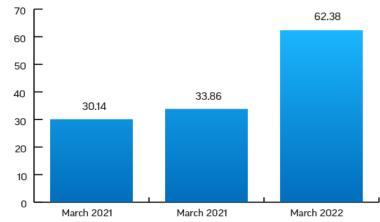


#### Key outcomes

- Cost and efficiency improvements with wellness in mind
- 97% consumer problem mitigation
- Monitoring of pandemic spectrum allocation
- Massive national broadband performance improvements

Jordan's Mobile Median Download Speed (Mbps) Speedtest Intelligence\* | March 2020 – March 2022 Jordan's Fixed Median Download Speed (Mbps)
Speedtest Intelligence\* | March 2020 - March 2022







#### Communications and Information Technology Commission – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

## Data-driven spectrum policy decisions



- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030
  - Supported by CITC fifth-generation (G5) ICT regulator
  - Broad use of network performance and radio engineering data
  - Focused on increasing competition and network performance
- Three-year spectrum roadmap
  - Evidence-based approach to spectrum assignment
  - Consultative approach to data analysis and market research
  - Spectrum utilization and performance assessments



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## Data-driven spectrum policy decisions



#### **CITC Spectrum Planning Roadmap**

	2019	2020	2021	2022 & Beyond	
<b>5G spectrum</b> available to Saudi operators	~ 200 MHz* (FR1)	~ 200 MHz (FR1)	~ 300 MHz (FR1)	~ 300 MHz (FR1), ~ 1000 MHz (FR2)	
<b>5G bandwidth</b> capabilities of commercially available 5G devices	100 MHz (FR1)	100 MHz (FR1)	200 MHz (FR1)	300 MHz (FR1), 1000 MHz (FR2)	
Examples of 5G-capable devices/modems	Huawei Mate 20 X 5G (HiSilicon Balong 5000), Samsung Galaxy Note 10+ 5G (Exynos 5100), ZTE Axon 10 Pro 5G (Qualcomm X50)	Apple iPhone 12 (Qualcomm X55), Samsung Galaxy S20 Ultra 5G (Exynos 990)	Huawei CPE Pro 2 (HiSilicon Balong 5000), Samsung Galaxy Fold 3 5G (Qualcomm X60)	Qualcomm X65	

<sup>\*</sup> Since 2019, stc: 200 MHz (n40, n78); Mobily: 200 MHz (n41, n78); Zain: 190 MHz (n41, n78). Zain implemented 5G CA for their n41 and n78 5G carriers.

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#### Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission - Malaysia

## National Fiber Optics and Connectivity Plan (NFCP)



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- National Aspirations
  - Gigabit access for fixed broadband
  - 100 Mbps mobile broadband
  - 100% 4G coverage
- Initial NFCP Goals
  - Accelerate infrastructure development; balanced urban / rural
  - NFCP performance and implementation monitoring
- JENDELA Project Targets 2020-2022
  - 83% premises nationwide with gigabit fixed broadband access
  - Increase mobile 4G coverage from 91.8% to 96.9%
  - Increase mobile broadband speed from 25 Mbps to 35 Mbps
  - 3G sunset, upgrade of 4G and fiberisation



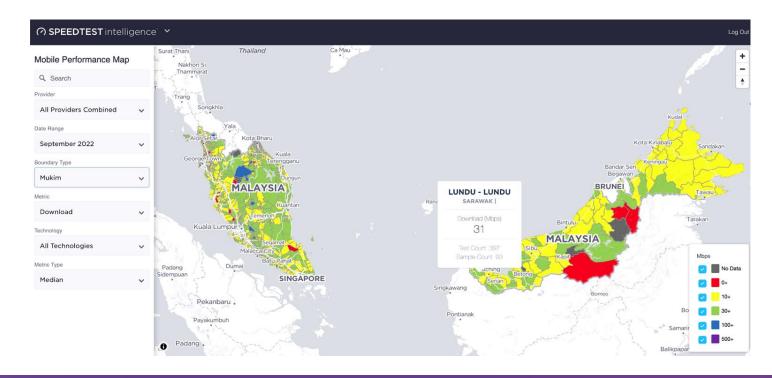
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## National Digital Infrastructure Plan (JENDELA)



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- JENDELA Broadband Mapping Efforts
  - Internal regulatory mapping and data visualization
  - Custom Speedtest Intelligence SaaS





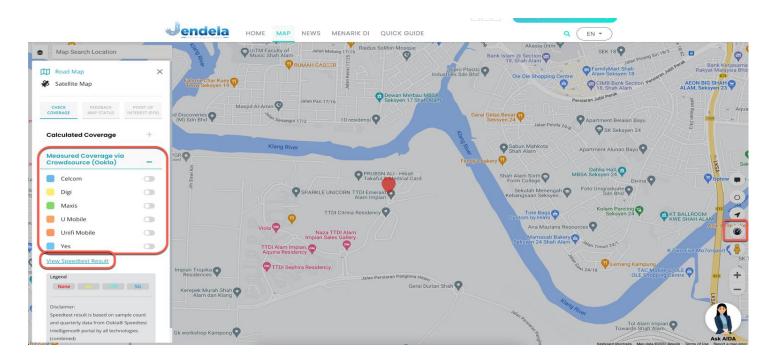
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  - Public network availability maps
  - Network performance, coverage, measurement and feedback





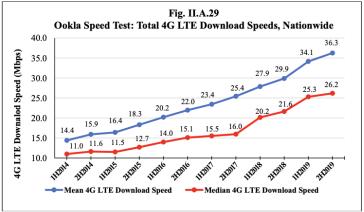
## FCC Communications Reporting / Broadband Funding

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Ookla Speedtest - Estimated 4G LTE Upload Speeds by Service Provider, Nationwide

Service Provider	2H2018			1H2019			2H2019		
	Mean Upload Speed (Mbps)	Median Upload Speed (Mbps)	Number of Tests ('000s)	Mean Upload Speed (Mbps)	Median Upload Speed (Mbps)	Number of Tests ('000s)	Mean Upload Speed (Mbps)	Median Upload Speed (Mbps)	Number of Tests ('000s)
AT&T	7.88	5.34	2,642	9.18	6.90	3,167	9.89	7.93	3,188
Sprint	3.28	2.48	1,794	3.61	2.70	1,594	4.18	3.15	1,441
T-Mobile	11.75	9.54	3,052	12.98	10.40	2,688	14.23	11.61	3,180
Verizon Wireless	9.90	6.99	3,886	10.48	7.52	3,419	10.94	7.81	3,708

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- Biennial Communications Marketplace Report
  - Assesses the competitive state
  - Data sources pan-government, mobile operators, ISPs, crowdsourced and controlled measurements
  - Drives regulatory decisions to improve competition and consumer experiences
- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program
  - Provides \$42.45 billion to expand high-speed internet
  - Required by Congress to include crowdsourced data in determining underserved and unserved areas
  - Crowdsourced data will also be used for challenges and compliance purposes



## U.S. Department of Commerce - NTIA



- Works jointly with the FCC to distribute Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) funding
- National Broadband Availability Map
  - Directed by Congress to acquire and utilize 3rd-party data
  - Works closely with states, territories, tribes and enterprises
  - Evaluated 10 years of Ookla Speedtest fixed and mobile data to establish historical performance benchmarks
  - Leverages predicted mobile network coverage and RF network quality data
  - Internal government resource identifying 'areas of need'



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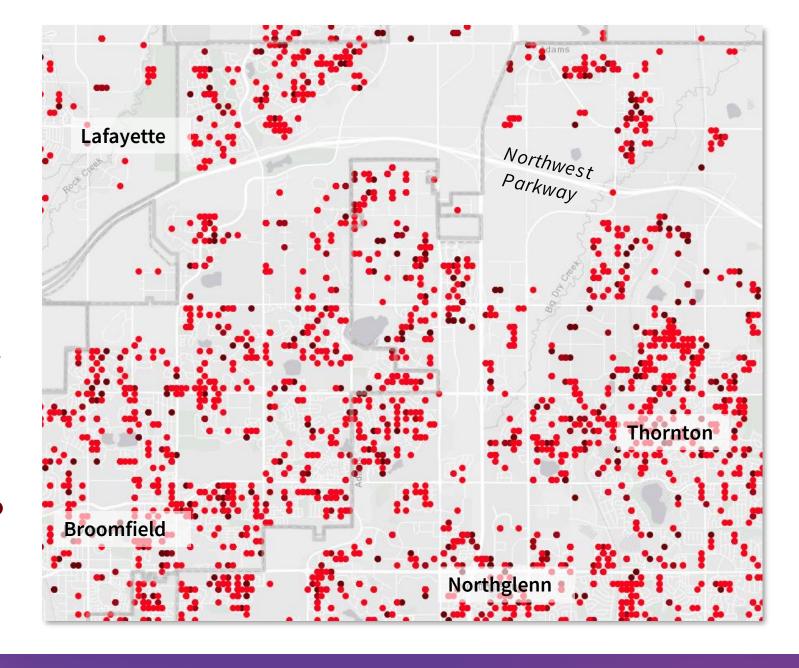
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- Filtered for records with GPS-provided longitude and latitude
- Layering with the fastest tests on top provides evidence for where broadband speeds are being met and where they are not
- Areas with significant evidence of being underserved can be targeted for investment

Speedtest® Measurements

Less than 25 Mbps





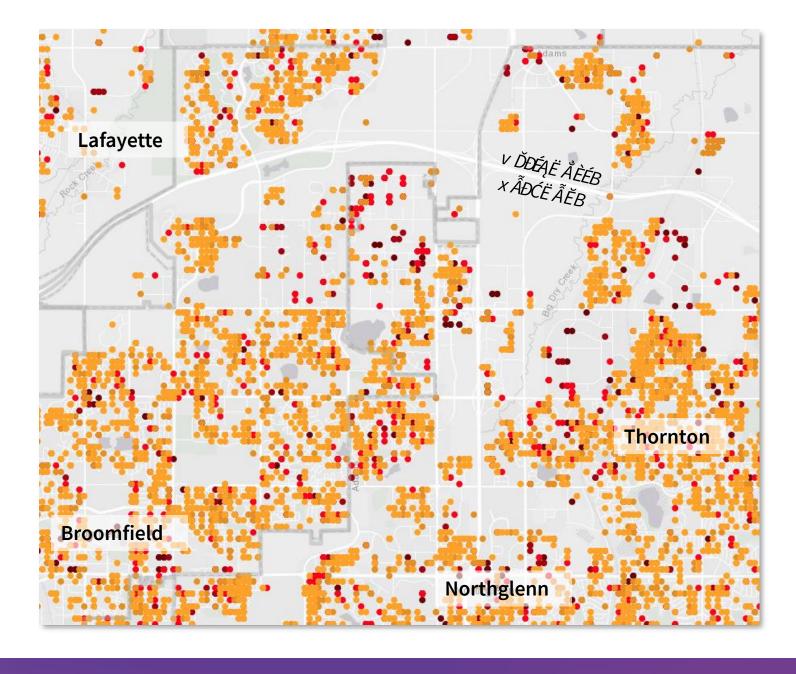


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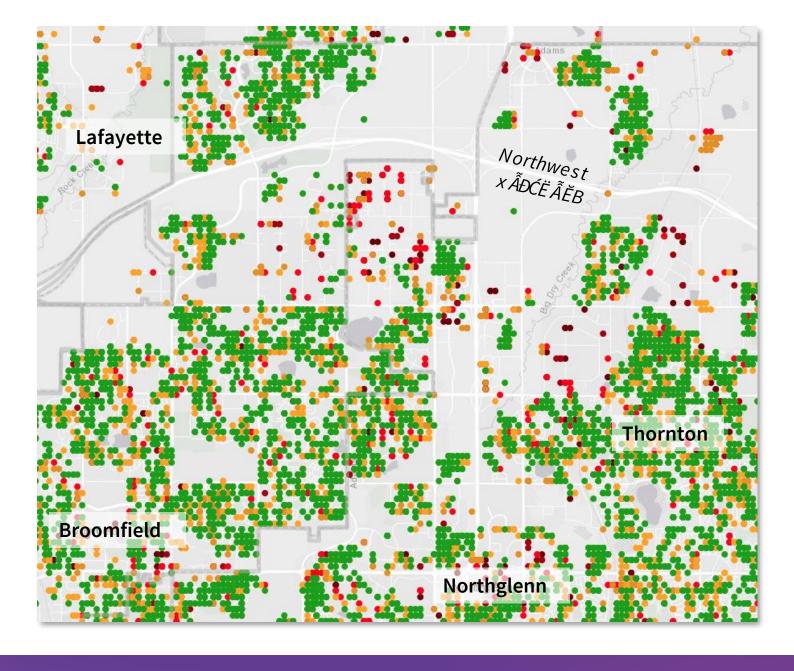
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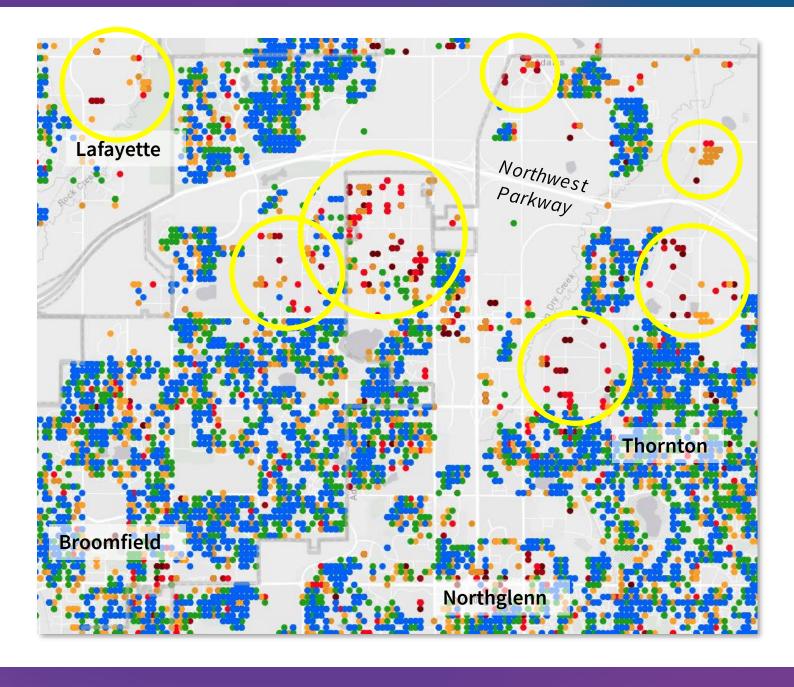
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## Critical Care and Route Connectivity

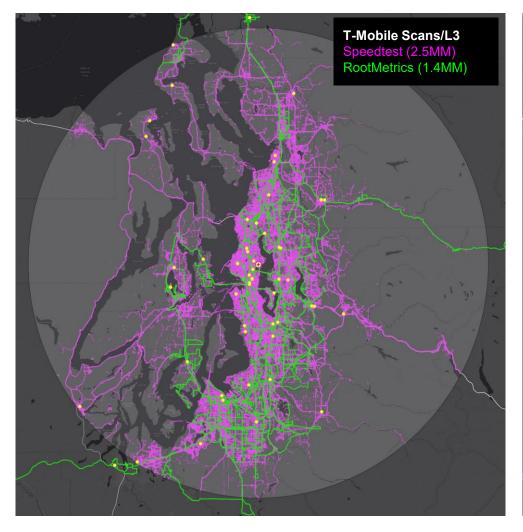


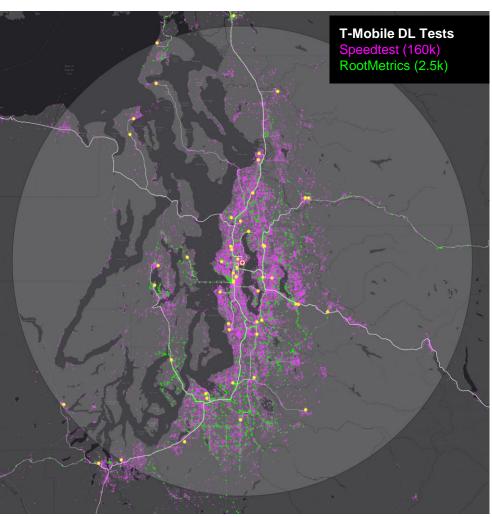




- 1. Problem Statement
  - a. Ambulances route from rural hospitals to critical care facility
  - b. En route Which operator supports video the best?
- 2. Data Sources
  - a. Speedtest Intelligence® & RootMetrics® (prior 2 quarters)
  - b. Active Downlink performance & Signal Scans
- 3. Route Performance & Radio Frequency Analysis
  - a. Maps, Comparison by Route

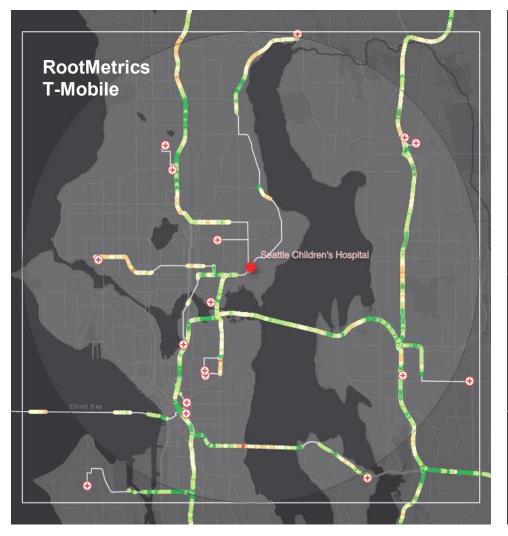
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#### Seattle Children's Hospital and the University of Washington - United States

### Critical Care and Route Connectivity

#### Conclusions

- Large amounts of data exist for this sort of route-profile use case
- Speedtest Intelligence & RootMetrics (or other drive test data) are complimentary and compensate for weaknesses
- Download performance
  - Averaged over all routes/data, T-Mobile > Verizon > AT&T/FirstNet 95% of the time, though all
    operators have speeds to manage video streaming
  - 90% of the time, T-Mobile's speeds are 50-100%+ higher than the next best operator
  - With routes within a total routed distance of 10mi of Seattle Children's Hospital
    - T-Mobile has speeds that might impact video < 1-2% of the time</li>
    - For longer ranges (15 mi +), all the operators are similar
- RF Signal Strength
  - AT&T and T-Mobile are similar, 90% of the time having RSRP that would be considered reasonable to excellent (> -105 dBm)
  - Verizon typically had 3-5 dBm lower signal strength, but that is but one piece of quality of service



### Measure, understand, and help improve connected experiences



- Crowdsourced data is proven
  - Relevant to consumers
  - Adopted by the global marketplace
  - Supports QoS and user experience needs
  - Additive to other data sets
- Embraced by governments
  - Consistent competitive benchmarks
  - Flexible data collection and visualization options
  - Efficiently assess operator compliance
- Be aspirational
  - Take advantage of analytical competencies
  - Ookla and regulators have mission alignment



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