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**Philadelphia Inquirer**

People in rural Pennsylvania are desperate for internet. Biden’s infrastructure bill could help.

MCCLURE, Pa. — The Landes family likes living off the map. But they hate living offline.

Their home here in central Pennsylvania’s Mifflin County is surrounded by lush green cornfields, with views of forests and mountains in the distance, but their connection to the internet has been a never-ending buffering wheel. If 9-year-old Angel tried to play Minecraft while her twin brother LJ watched Trolls, both connections froze. During the school year, it was hard to keep up with virtual classes and LJ’s speech therapy.

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## **TV Tech**

### **Bruce Leichtman: Pay TV subscription losses levelling off**

Pay-TV providers appear to be holding their own when it comes to losing subscribers, according to the latest report from Leichtman Research Group. LRG found that the largest pay-TV providers in the U.S—representing about 95% of the market—lost about 1,230,000 net video subscribers in 2Q 2021, compared to a pro forma net loss of about 1,505,000 in 2Q 2020. The top pay-TV providers now account for about 77.6 million subscribers—with the top seven cable companies having 42.6 million video subscribers, other traditional pay-TV services having about 28.2 million subscribers, and the top publicly reporting Internet-delivered (vMVPD) pay-TV services having about 6.8 million subscribers.

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### **T-Mobile Says Hackers Stole Information on More Than 40 Million People**

T-Mobile US Inc. said the [attack that breached its computer network](#) pulled Social Security numbers and other personal information of more than 40 million current and prospective customers. The cellphone carrier said the stolen data included first and last names, birth dates, Social Security numbers and driver's license information from a subset of current and potential customers. The victims included people who applied for credit with T-Mobile—regardless of whether they ended up doing business with the carrier—and about 7.8 million current subscribers with postpaid plans.

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