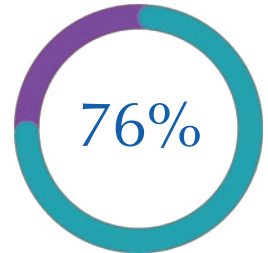


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As young people face myriad challenges, we explore how youth philanthropy can best engage young people of all socioeconomic backgrounds in grantmaking.

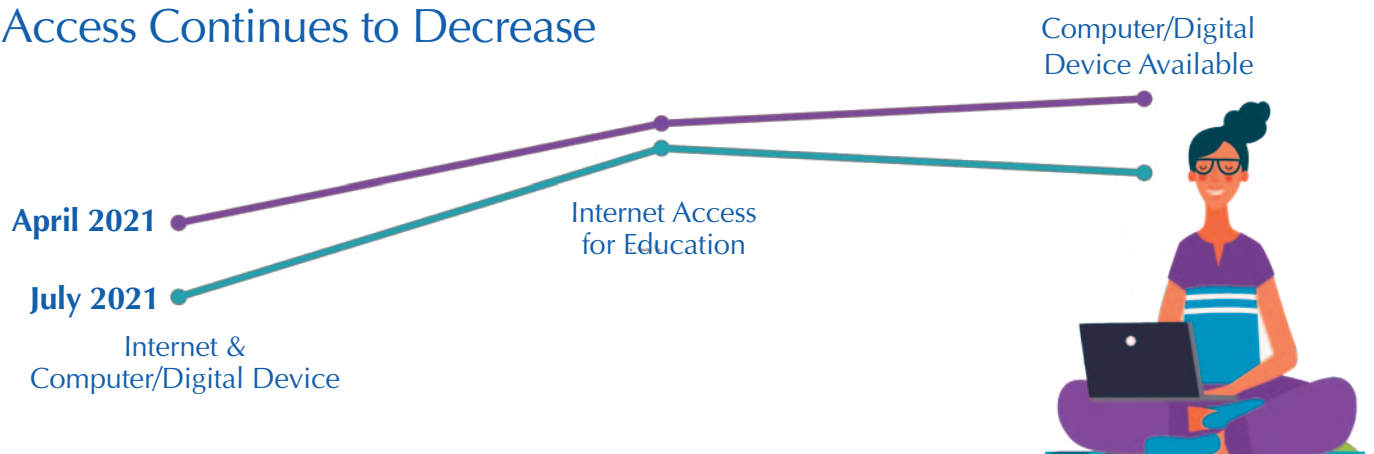
# The Link Between Technology Access and Engaged Youth Philanthropists

76% of youth philanthropy programs want to continue with hybrid programming



Yet, in 2021, more than 10 percent of youth philanthropy program organizers reported that access to technology was a barrier for youth participation in programming.

## Access Continues to Decrease



## Youth without technology access face barriers to education

YouthTruth's student survey showed that **lack of access to technology prevented students from "doing their best in school."**



A household may or may not have broadband or internet due to:



High Cost



Weak or no connectivity



No service available



To ensure equity and access to youth philanthropy, program organizers should **provide students access to necessary technology**. This might include paying for **internet service** and **video conferencing platforms**, **grant application software**, and **file sharing**

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