

Any definition that essentially describes the current offerings of any broadband provider is useless, and will result in a finding that "broadband" is ubiquitous in the US. The only useful definition of "broadband" is a connection that allows two-way streaming of video and audio content with quality and picture size that would be deemed acceptable by the majority of the public. Any link capable of providing this service would be capable of satisfactory operation of most applications. Any link not capable will soon be obsolete as many current and new applications requiring internet communication will require at least this capacity. Furthermore, what the public deems acceptable today may not be in the future and the public gets used to "high-definition" video. The minimum throughput for "broadband" communications would thus be about 1 Mbps in both directions with acceptable QOS to eliminate pixellation and other image problems.