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California More Connected, But Digital Divide Persists



SAN JOSE (KCBS) -- Although the number of Californians with home computers and broadband Internet continues to grow, few Latino families have high speed Web access at home.

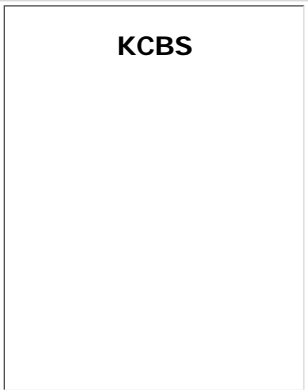
A survey by the Public Policy Institute of California finds only 39 percent of Latinos subscribe to some kind of broadband Internet service. That's compared to three quarters of whites and Asians and 62 percent of blacks.

KCBS' Matt Bigler reports

The number of Californians who use the Internet grew from 70 percent in 2008 to 76 percent now. Sixty-two percent of California households have adopted broadband, up from 55 percent in 2008.

The use of social networking sites grew 11 percent. About half of those surveyed said they access government services online. The survey finds more people are getting their news and shopping online as well.

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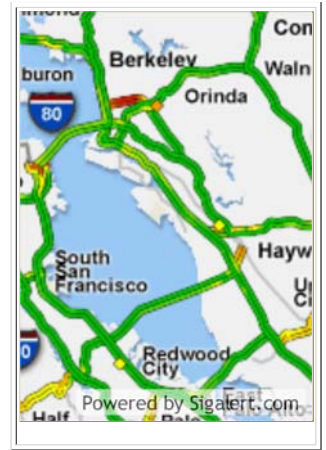
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