

## **HughesNet**

### **High Speed Satellite Internet in Washington**

A clear view of the southern skies is all that's needed, Washington residents, to give you access to high speed satellite internet and the rest of the world. You'll no longer need to tie up phone lines then crawl down the information highway. Instead you'll be blazing along at download speeds of 5000 Kbps to 5.0 Mbps (5000 Kbps) — with no busy signal to slow you down.

No DSL or cable is no barrier to rural internet. With satellite internet, rural areas can now be a part of the global online world. You can now take part without interrupting your phone service or waiting for a connection. Worry-free installation happens within days of placing your order for one of the many packages designed to suit your budget and speed requirements.

### **Access to High Speed Satellite in Washington**

Broadband development is moving slowly throughout Washington, and only 170 towns will benefit from the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) project now in progress. Residential zoning would benefit least, leaving many people still without broadband. However, satellite internet is an option for those who want a high speed connection but don't have access to either cable or DSL. Especially considering 39% of people surveyed said that having high speed internet was "very important".

In a recent study conducted for the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, only 32% of those surveyed in rural counties have high speed broadband compared to 58% statewide and 54% nationally. 34% of those surveyed claimed they used dial-up as opposed to DSL or cable. The main reason for their dial-up usage was that neither DSL nor cable were available in their area.

Even in more populated cities, such as Seattle and Tacoma, there are only about three top residential providers to choose from. These providers don't always offer high speed connections such as DSL and cable in certain areas.

For Washington residents who want to keep up with the rest of the world, but who don't have other high speed broadband options, they can now connect with satellite internet through primary providers such as HughesNet and WildBlue. When residents connect, they have just as much access as their DSL and cable counterparts.