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## Life in the slow lane

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As the crossroads of the nation's long-haul communications lines, Chicago is swimming in fiber-optic cable. But it's strictly Nowheresville when it comes to average broadband speeds available to residents. Chicago ranks 20th of the top 25 markets with the most IP addresses, behind Midwest neighbors Minneapolis and Indianapolis. And Illinois is also a laggard among states, tied for 35th place with Alabama, Georgia and Oklahoma.

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