

What is MOREnet?

The Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet) is a consortium of schools, public libraries and higher education institutions, sponsored by a 19-year collaboration between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Secretary of State's Office and the Department of Higher Education. MOREnet, which operates as a separate business unit within the University of Missouri, was created to deliver secure, reliable and robust Internet connectivity to its member organizations.

Today, MOREnet has evolved from a focus of Internet service delivery to a consortium-driven organization deploying and supporting the technology resources members need to be successful. MOREnet provides such essential services as technical support, videoconferencing support, technical training and network security. From advanced communication tools and online resource databases, to network configuration and assessment, MOREnet is committed to supporting and enabling our members' missions through the use of technology to enhance opportunities for public access, learning and research.

Who Does MOREnet Serve?

Public schools

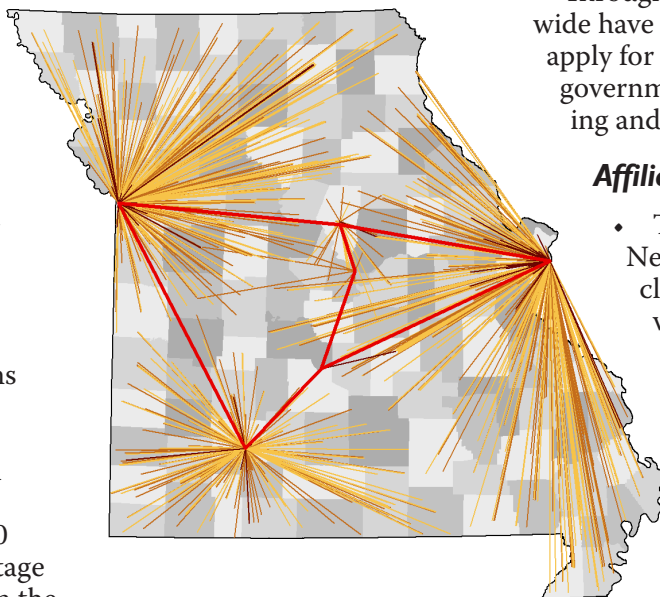
- We connect 864,000 students and 88,000 faculty and staff in 514 public school districts to essential resources.
- In FY09, the eMINTS National Center, affiliated with UM System and DESE, served more than 2,000 classrooms and 38,000 students with most classrooms connected through MOREnet.

Higher education

- We connect all 26 public higher education institutions and 96 percent of four-year independent higher education institutions to essential resources.
- 354,000 students and 49,000 faculty and staff take advantage of the resources available via the MOREnet network.

Public libraries

- We connect 319 public library buildings, serving 5.3 million Missourians, funded by HB12.
- Through public libraries, citizens statewide have access to online resources, can apply for jobs, submit online forms to the government, participate in online learning and perform extensive research.



Nearly 1,100 MOREnet-managed connections

Affiliates

- Through the Missouri TeleHealth Network we connect 150 hospitals, clinics and other health care providers to essential resources.
- Through the Office of Administration, we provide state agencies with Internet access and centralized videoconferencing services to support their day-to-day business operations.
- We connect 112 UM Extension offices that provide Missourians with a one-stop source for practical education.

MOREnet's Performance

"MOREnet has a well developed, targeted, and consistent method of evaluation and measuring its performance. Its inclusive decision-making and policy-setting model appears to be effectively incorporating the wide variety of entities using the service. In addition, its customer service feedback survey provides timely and specific feedback on its performance."

House and Senate Appropriations staff review, 2006

Economic Impact and Market Leverage

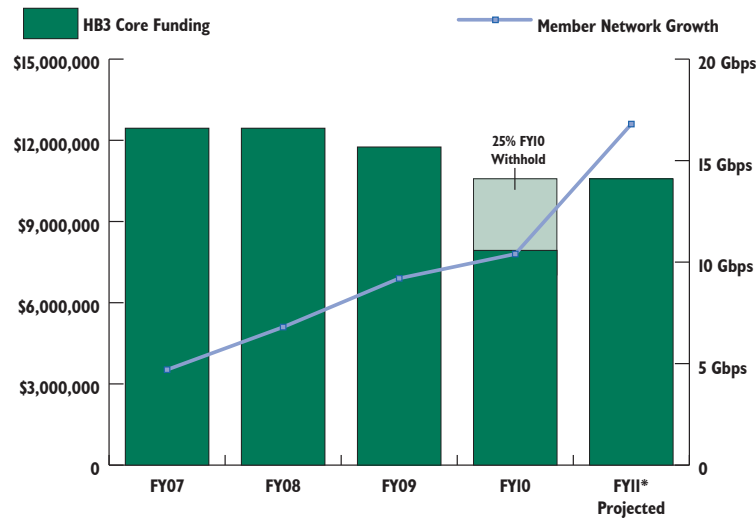
MOREnet purchases services on behalf of almost 800 education and research institutions across the state. This creates significant cost savings not only for MOREnet members, but for Missouri taxpayers. More than 60 percent of MOREnet's annual budget is spent with telecommunication companies doing business in Missouri.

Network Demand — 35 Percent Increase in FY09

MOREnet members increased their network bandwidth by 35 percent in FY09. Trends impacting network demand include increased use of videoconferencing for distance learning and initiatives such as eMINTS and METS. In addition, as schools seek to decrease operational costs, they turn to web-hosted systems, driving up network demand even further.

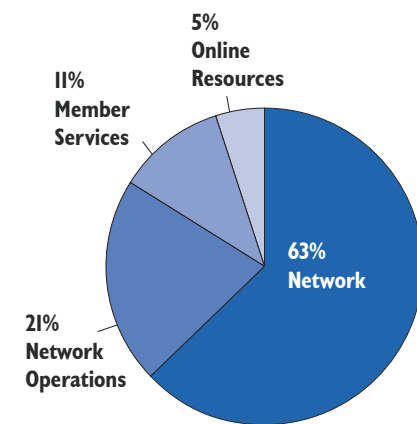
Member bandwidth continues to grow across all MOREnet member groups. To address the 25 percent FY10 withhold announced in October 2009, MOREnet is temporarily suspending member bandwidth upgrades that increase direct costs. With this suspension, today more than ever, schools must carefully schedule or manage their Internet usage to conserve bandwidth.

HB3 Core Decreases as Member Network Demand Increases



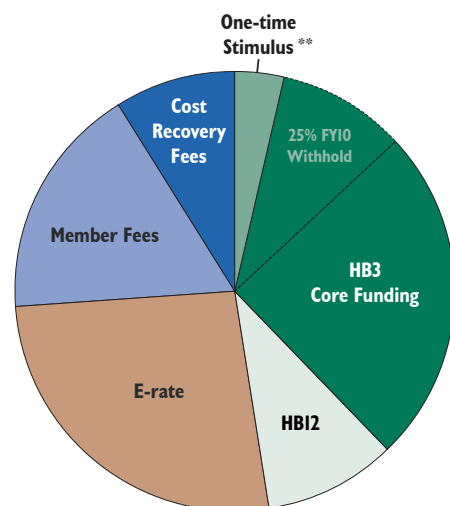
*Assumes flat funding for FY11

FY10 MOREnet Expenditures



More than 60 percent of MOREnet's budget is spent with telecommunication companies doing business in Missouri promoting economic growth in our home state.

FY10 MOREnet Total Funding



**Federal Budget Stabilization Fund

Impact of 25 Percent FY10 Withhold

To address the 25 percent FY10 withhold announced in October 2009, MOREnet has reduced or suspended critical services and programs that serve all MOREnet members. This includes temporarily suspending network tail circuit bandwidth upgrades that increase direct costs, suspending regional member trainings and deferring the replacement of critical network equipment. In addition, MOREnet eliminated vacant staff positions from several service areas.

Impact of 10 Percent FY10 Core Cut

MOREnet will be entering FY11 with a core reduction of 10 percent. While this cut was mitigated with one-time stimulus funding in FY10, the continued increase in member network demand will make additional core cuts detrimental.