

## Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Carver County

Rank: 23 (out of 87) for access to 100/20 broadband megabits per second (Mbps)

### Background

Every year since 2017 Blandin Foundation has contracted with Ann Treacy of Treacy Information Services to synthesize data from the Minnesota Office of Broadband Development and broadband news from communities across the state to gauge progress toward the state broadband goals (2022: 25 Mbps down and 3 Mbps up and 2026: 100 Mbps down and 20 Mbps up).

Leaders can use this information to plan and act to improve broadband access and use in their communities.

### Carver County: data and community action

Carver County is a fairly metro county so the market will take care of most of the county, but they will need help in areas with lower population density. It seems likely that they will meet the 2022 speed goals; the 2026 goals are not as certain.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
Carver	2019	2018	2017
<b>100/20 (2026 goal)</b>	<b>92.14</b>	<b>89.81</b>	<b>98.51</b>
<b>25/3 (2022 goal)</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>98.87</b>	<b>97.56</b>

Carver County has had the underpinnings of a strong broadband county since 2013. They received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for [Carverlink<sup>1</sup>](#), a publicly owned 89-mile base ring with 33 miles of lateral lines. It was completed in Fall of 2013.

Carverlink has left them in good shape, but not enough has happened since then. They will need to make a concerted effort to get to ubiquitous coverage.

Carver County could benefit from future state grants. In 2019, Jaguar Communications and Winsted Telephone Company applied for a state grant to upgrade service in Carver. (That doesn't mean they will get the grant; they have only applied.)

<sup>1</sup> <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2013/09/13/carver-county-unveils-arra-funded-fiber-ring/>



Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 23 (up 6 places)
- 25/3 ranking: 28
- Has worked with Blandin: no
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: no
- Household density: 87.4
- Number of providers: 16

Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Carver County. (<http://tinyurl.com/jxj9v9x>)
- Districts: CD 3 & 6  
Senate: 33 & 47  
House: 33B, 47A, 47B
- [Find your reps<sup>2</sup>](#)

Analysis: **Code Yellow**

- Red (action needed)
- Yellow (warning – ramp up efforts)
- Green (good shape)

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>