

## Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Dodge County

Rank: 41 (out of 87) for broadband access to 100/20 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.

### Dodge County: data and community action

Dodge County is not on track to meet either the 2022 or 2026 speed goals. The numbers over time are too unreliable to gauge a history, but they need a real effort to get to goal speeds.

They are in better shape for the 2026 goal since the percentage covered is fairly close for both speeds. One benefit of having comparable levels of access to both 100/20 Mbps and 25/3 Mbps is that part of the community will not need to deal with legacy broadband; at least part of their job is done.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
Dodge	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	77.08	74.59	94.9
25/3 (2022 goal)	82.78	76.40	99.37

Dodge County benefited from two state broadband grants:

- 2017 - KMTelecom - Rural Kasson Fiber Build – GRANT \$606,108**  
 Serving 149 unserved households and 9 unserved businesses in the rural Canisteo and Ashland Townships located south of Kasson in Dodge County in southeastern Minnesota. KMTelecom will improve broadband service levels to 1 Gbps down and 1 Gbps up, exceeding the 2026 state speed goal.
- 2016 - KMTELECOM RURAL MANTORVILLE – GRANT: \$764,663**  
 Serving 195 unserved households, 9 unserved businesses, and 1 unserved community anchor institution near Mantorville in east central Dodge County, with a small section of west central Olmsted County, in southeastern Minnesota. In a funding partnership with the State of Minnesota, KMTelecom will improve unserved levels to 1 Gigabit per second up and down, exceeding the 2026 state speed goal.

They hosted a [broadband meeting with the FCC](#)<sup>1</sup> in June 2019.

<sup>1</sup> <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2019/06/25/fccs-consumer-outreach-team-visits-minnesota/>



Dodge County could benefit from future grants. In 2019, KMTelecom applied to upgrade service in Dodge. (That doesn't mean they will get the grant; they have only applied.)

Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 41 (down 15 places)
- 25/3 ranking: 50
- Has worked with Blandin: no
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: yes
- Household density: 16.9
- Number of providers: 9

Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Dodge County. (<http://tinyurl.com/znplfr>)
- Districts: CD 1 / 21, 24, 25 & 27
- [Find your reps<sup>2</sup>](#)

**Analysis: Code Red**

- 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/>