

2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Fillmore County

Rank: 85 (out of 87) for broadband access at speeds of 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.

Fillmore County: data and community action

Fillmore County is not poised to meet either the 2022 or 2026 state speed goals. Their improvements over the years have been very incremental and not at pace with other counties.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
Fillmore	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	50.30	44.19	44.11
25/3 (2022 goal)	57.89	45.02	59

Fillmore has benefited from three state broadband grants:

- 2017 - Rushford Village/Rural Rushford Fiber Build – Grant \$2,011,628**
 Serving 226 unserved households, 20 unserved businesses, and 289 underserved households, 20 underserved businesses, and 2 underserved community anchor institutions in the Rushford Village/Rural Rushford exchange in Fillmore County with access of a minimum of 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) download and 100 megabits per second (Mbps) upload, exceeding the state speed goal set for the year 2026.
- 2017 - Mediacom Minnesota LLC - Fountain 2018 Broadband Build – GRANT \$202,125**
 Serving 161 unserved households and 20 unserved businesses, exceeding the 2022 state speed goal of 25 Mbps down and 3 Mbps up. The project will unlock opportunities for distance learning, telemedicine, and telecommuting and other increased business development.
- 2016 - ACEN TEK RURAL LANESBORO FIBER BUILD – GRANT: \$1,777,936**
 Serving 431 unserved households, 42 unserved businesses, and 1 community anchor institution in the rural Lanesboro area, including Whalan, Carrolton Township, and Holt Township with access, exceeding the 2026 state speed goal.



In [December, Mediacom](#)¹ announced completion of their project, because the maps and data were collected in December, it's difficult to know whether those households were included in the most recent numbers.

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

Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 70 (down from 58)
- 25/3 ranking: 85
- Has worked with Blandin: no
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: yes
- Household density: 9.9
- Number of providers: 7

Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Fillmore County. (<http://tinyurl.com/hxe6jal>)
- Districts: CD 1
Senate: 28
House: 28B
- [Find your reps](#)²

Analysis: Code Red

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

¹ <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2018/12/14/mediacom-extends-fiber-to-fountain-fillmore-county-with-mn-state-broadband-grant/>

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

