

2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Grant County

Rank: 75 (out of 87) for broadband 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.

Grant County: data and community action

Grant County is not likely to make the speed goals for either 2022 or 2026. They are particularly behind when it comes to access to 100/20 Mbps and there has been little movement in the past few years.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
Grant	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	43.02	39.93	39.93
25/3 (2022 goal)	87.85	87.85	75.73

In 2010, Grant County was part of an unsuccessful attempt by Federated Telephone to get federal (ARRA) funding. At about the same time (2013), the Minnesota Broadband Task Force heard from a librarian in Grant County about broadband access. So, although they have been aware of and working on the broadband issue for a while, recently there hasn't been much movement forward.

Grant County is in a precarious position for two reasons: more than 10 percent of the county is unserved and more than 50 percent is underserved. This will have an impact on what [kind of homework¹](#) teachers can assign, the ability to [start a home business²](#) and [home resale value³](#).

¹ <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2012/01/30/stillwater-doing-flipped-math-good-bad-unfair/>

² <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2016/03/25/comcast-explains-why-41-may-not-be-enough-for-your-home-business/>

³ <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2016/10/30/house-buyers-look-at-broadband-need-lower-prices-without-it/>



Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 75 (down from 65)
- 25/3 ranking: 40
- Has worked with Blandin: no
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: no
- Household density: 4.5
- Number of providers: 9

Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Grant County. (<http://tinyurl.com/z9n7ea6>)
- Districts: CD 7
Senate: 12
House: 12A
- [Find your reps⁴](#)

Analysis: Code Red

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

⁴ <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>