

2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Hubbard County

Rank: 45 (out of 87) for access to broadband at 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.

Hubbard County: data and community action

Hubbard County looks likely to meet the 2022 goals and less likely to meet the 2026 goals. They are caught in a situation where they may appear to be in good shape because access to 25/3 Mbps is good but they are not on track for the 2026 goal. That said, they have made good strides in the last year moving from 46 percent to 74 percent access to 100/20 Mbps. They could do it again.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
Hubbard	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	74.21	46.41	46.43
25/3 (2022 goal)	97.97	95.65	87.42

Hubbard County has benefited from two Minnesota state grants:

- 2017 - Paul Bunyan Communications - North Central Fiber – GRANT \$802,620**
 Serving includes 657 unserved households, 29 unserved businesses, and 5 unserved community institutions, and 130 underserved households, 13 underserved businesses, and 1 underserved community institution near the communities of Park Rapids, Bigfork, and Side Lake, to locations in St. Louis, Itasca, and Hubbard Counties in northern Minnesota with service exceeding the 2026 state and current federal speed goals.
- 2016 - PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS HUBBARD, BECKER & ITASCA COUNTIES - GRANT: \$1,742,232**
 Serving 785 unserved households, 26 unserved businesses, 2 unserved community anchor institutions and 143 underserved households and 2 underserved businesses in a multi-county region in north central Minnesota with service exceeding the 2026 state speed goal of 100 Mbps by 20 Mbps.



Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 45
- 25/3 ranking: 14
- Has worked with Blandin: no
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: yes
- Household density: 8.7
- Number of providers: 8

Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Hubbard County. (<http://tinyurl.com/hy7et5e>)
- Districts: CD 8
Senate: 02 & 05
House: 2B, 5A
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Analysis: Code Yellow

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

¹ <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>