

## 2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Mahnomen County

Rank: 86 (out of 87) for broadband 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.

### Mahnomen County: data and community action

Mahnomen County is not poised to meet the speed goals for either 2022 or 2026. They are at the very bottom of the county rankings, and without a concerted effort, will not meet state speed goals.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
Mahnomen	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	17.31	13.53	13.03
25/3 (2022 goal)	89.87	76.93	72.42

Mahnomen has decent coverage for 25/3 Mbps access, which may leave residents to think that they are not in need of improvement, but they are not in line to meet the 2026 goals.

They have benefited from one Minnesota broadband grant:

- **2017 - Garden Valley Telephone Company – Bejou – GRANT \$1,304,421**  
Serving 214 unserved households, 17 unserved businesses, and 7 unserved community anchor institutions in Bejou and surrounding rural areas within Mahnomen County, including portions of the White Earth Reservation with service levels to 1 Gbps down and 1 Gbps up.

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

Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 86
- 25/3 ranking: 34
- Has worked with Blandin: no
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: yes
- Household density: 3.5
- Number of providers: 9

Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in McLeod County (<https://bit.ly/2kgeboX>)
- Districts: CD 7  
Senate: 18  
House: 18A, 18B
- [Find your reps<sup>1</sup>](#)

**Analysis: Code Red**

- Red (yikes)
- Yellow (warning)
- Green (good shape)

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

