

## 2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Olmsted County

Rank: 15 (out of 87) broadband speeds 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.

### Olmsted County: data and community action

Olmsted County looks poised to meet both the 2022 and 2026 speed goals, although they will need to work to get there. They saw a huge increase in access to 100/20 Mbps in the last year; hopefully they can build on that progress.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
Olmsted	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	92.66	41.29	34
25/3 (2022 goal)	94.63	93.70	93.27

Olmsted has benefited from a state broadband grant:

- **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 with service levels to 1 Gigabit.

There are two factors that seem to have led to increase in 100/20 Mbps access – the KMTelecom grant and [Mediacom's 2017 announcement it would<sup>1</sup>](#) expand service to Chatfield, Dover Township. That that there are at least two providers in the area interested in providing 100/20 Mbps. The county needs to encourage those providers to expand or other providers to upgrade to the state goals.

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

- 100/20 ranking: 15 (up from 62)
- 25/3 ranking: 19
- Has worked with Blandin: no
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: yes

<sup>1</sup> <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2017/04/02/mediacoms-minnesota-1-gig-upgrade-schedule-is-out/>



- Household density: 87
- Number of providers: 14

Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Olmsted County (<http://tinyurl.com/gmslyhe>)
- Districts: CD 1  
Senate: 25, 26  
House: 25A, 25B, 26A, 26B
- [Find your reps<sup>2</sup>](#)

**Analysis: Code Green**

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

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

