

2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Ramsey County

Rank: 2 (out of 87) for 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.

Ramsey County: data and community action

Ramsey County is on track to meet the Minnesota speed goals for both 2022 and 2026.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
Ramsey	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	99.84	99.82	99.39
25/3 (2022 goal)	99.86	99.84	99.74

Ramsey County is a metro-based county where the market makes it feasible for broadband providers to serve broadband profitably. They have applied for state grants in the past. At one point they looked at a municipally supported network. But the market can take care of many of the needs.

Verizon recently announced plans for [5G expansion in St Paul¹](#). It's likely that won't impact their progress to speed goals, but it will offer a new option for the most urban areas.

Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 2 (no change)
- 25/3 ranking: 3
- Has worked with Blandin: no
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: no
- Household density: 1191.3
- Number of providers: 9

¹ <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2019/07/21/verizon-upgrades-parts-of-st-paul-to-5g/>



Details:

- Find more article on <https://bit.ly/2kgeboX>
- Districts: CD 4
Senate: 38, 41, 42, 43, 53, 64, 65, 66, 67
House: 38A, 41A, 41B, 42A, 42B, 43A, 43B, 53A, 64A, 64B, 65A, 65B, 66A, 66B, 67A, 67B
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Analysis: Code Red

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

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

