

## 2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Rice County

Rank: 28 (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.

### Rice County: data and community action

Rice County could reach the state broadband goals for both 2022 and 2026 with a concerted effort. The momentum and growth in the last year is part of optimism of reaching the goals.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
	2019	2018	2017
<b>100/20 (2026 goal)</b>	<b>82.47</b>	<b>32.63</b>	<b>48.85</b>
<b>25/3 (2022 goal)</b>	<b>92.36</b>	<b>93.20</b>	<b>87.37</b>

The anomaly in mapping is due to broadband provider Nuvera delving deeper into the DLS stats. So they really did experience an overwhelming upgrade throughout most of the county with broadband.

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

### Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 28 (up from 74)
- 25/3 ranking: 27
- Has worked with Blandin: no
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: no
- Household density: 43.2
- Number of providers: 12



Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Rice County (<http://tinyurl.com/jg6q8gs>)
- Districts: CD 1  
Senate: 20, 24  
House: 20B, 24B
- [Find your reps<sup>1</sup>](#)

**Analysis: Code Yellow**

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

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

