

2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Steele County

Rank: 22 (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.

Steele County: data and community action

Steele County is not poised to meet the Minnesota broadband speed goals for either 2022 or 2026. Their numbers aren't too far off the mark, but there is limited community involvement and visible momentum in that direction.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	86.86	56.61	95.64
25/3 (2022 goal)	88.44	87.79	99.86

[Representative Daniels¹](#) is a spokesperson for broadband, but action is limited.

Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 22
- 25/3 ranking: 35
- Has worked with Blandin: no
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: no
- Household density: 33.1
- Number of providers: 7

¹ <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2017/08/08/representative-daniels-notes-that-technology-friendly-policy-is-important-to-mn-economic-development/>



Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Steele County (<http://tinyurl.com/zd4ghbu>)
- Districts: CD 1
Senate: 24, 27
House: 24A, 24B, 27A
- [Find your reps²](#)

Analysis: Code Red

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

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