

2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Stevens County

Rank: 10 (out of 87) for broadband speeds at 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.

Stevens County: data and community action

Stevens County is poised to meet the Minnesota broadband speed goals for both 2022 and 2026. But they will need to make a final push for ubiquitous coverage.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	96.74	96.74	96.73
25/3 (2022 goal)	99.22	99.22	99.21

[Stevens County](#)¹ has been involved with broadband for a while. They were members of the 2009-2012 Minnesota Intelligent Rural Communities (MIRC) program led by Blandin Foundation and federally funded through American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). It was an effort to promote use of broadband across rural Minnesota.

Stevens County has benefited from two state broadband grants:

- 2017 - Advantenon - Rural Grant, Stevens and Wilkin Counties – Grant \$316,554**
 Serving 528 unserved households, 132 unserved businesses, and 8 unserved community anchor institutions in eligible in Grant, Stevens and Wilkin Counties with service levels to 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload, exceeding the state speed goal set for the year 2026.
- 2014 - Otter Tail Telcom, Swan Lake West**
 Award: \$438,937. Total project cost: \$877,874. Impact: Service to 110 unserved locations near Swan Lake, on the outskirts of Fergus Falls.

¹ <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2012/07/20/mirc-community-update-stevens-county/>



Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 10 (down from 7)
- 25/3 ranking: 9
- Has worked with Blandin: yes
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: yes
- Household density: 6.5
- Number of providers: 10

Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Stevens County (<http://tinyurl.com/joutu2h>)
- Districts: CD 7
Senate: 12
House: 12A
- [Find your reps²](#)

Analysis: Code Green

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

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