

2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Todd County

Rank: 79 (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.

Todd County: data and community action

Todd County is not poised to meet the Minnesota state speed goals for either 2022 or 2026.

| Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
| 100/20 (2026 goal) | 38.68 | 17.58 | 2.86 |
| 25/3 (2022 goal) | 71.91 | 67.96 | 46.01 |

Todd County has benefited from a state broadband grant:

- **2017 - WCTA (West Central Telephone Association) - Northern Todd County – GRANT \$902,695**
Serving 209 unserved households and 6 unserved businesses within portions of Staples Township and Villard Township in Todd County with service levels to 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) down and 1 Gbps up.
- **2014 - Arvig (Mainstreet Communications LLC), Sauk Lake area**
Award: \$536,702. Total project cost: \$1.07 million. Impact: Service to 217 unserved premises.

Todd County was part of Region 5 (the Resilient Region) focusing on broadband improvements and was a [Blandin Broadband Community](#)¹.

Working with the [Blandin Foundation, Todd County](#)² has been focused on better broadband for a long time. They may get some help in the near future. In May 2019, [CTC announced plans](#)³ to build out to Todd County. That would help a lot and might build momentum.

Todd County could benefit from future grants. In 2019, Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association (WCTA) applied to upgrade service in Todd. (That doesn't mean they will get the grant; they have only applied.)

¹ <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2015/01/12/cass-county-broadband-2014-update-working-through-the-resilient-region/>

² <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2012/05/11/6549/>

³ <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2019/05/27/ctc-starts-building-better-broadband-to-parts-of-todd-county/>



Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 79 (up from 81)
- 25/3 ranking: 72
- Has worked with Blandin: yes
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: yes
- Household density: 10
- Number of providers: 9

Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Todd County (<http://tinyurl.com/gl47tgg>)
- Districts: CD 7
Senate: 09
House: 09A, 09B
- [Find your reps⁴](#)

Analysis: Code Red

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

⁴ <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>

