

2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Waseca County

Rank: 42 (out of 86) for broadband access 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.

Waseca County: data and community action

Waseca County is not poised to meet the broadband goals for either 2022 or 2026.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	75.20	75.06	98.75
25/3 (2022 goal)	82.19	75.30	98.75

It's difficult to track the progress in Waseca because the numbers from 2017 include wireless access and the subsequent numbers include wireline only. Regardless, Waseca has not seen improvement in the last two years and with no broadband grants in the works, it seems unlikely that they will see an increase soon.

To meet the speed goals Waseca would need to develop a relationship with a provider and build a momentum.

Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 42 (down from 25)
- 25/3 ranking: 52
- Has worked with Blandin: yes
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: no
- Household density: 16.08
- Number of providers: 11



Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Waseca County (<http://tinyurl.com/z845jwy>)
- Districts: CD 1
Senate: 23, 24
House: 23B, 24A
- [Find your reps¹](#)

Analysis: Code Red

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

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

