

2019 Annual Minnesota Broadband Profiles | Washington County

Rank: 12 (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.

Washington County: data and community action

Washington County is poised to meet the state speed goals for both 2022 and 2026; but they will need to make a concerted effort to get there.

Percentage of Served Population by Speed and Date			
Washington	2019	2018	2017
100/20 (2026 goal)	95.80	96.10	94.97
25/3 (2022 goal)	98.44	97.21	96.52

Washington County has some metro areas and some rural areas. Unlike some of the more rural counties there is a business case for providers to come into the Washington County market. They are also fortunate in that they have been part of multi-county [government networks led by Dakota County¹](#) that provides a middle mile base from which other providers can build.

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

Checklist:

- 100/20 ranking: 12 (down from 9)
- 25/3 ranking: 13
- Has worked with Blandin: yes
- Has received a MN Broadband grant: no
- Household density: 207.8
- Number of providers: 12

¹ <https://blandinonbroadband.org/2013/11/14/dakota-county-extends-to-goodhue-and-washington-counties/>



Details:

- Find more articles on broadband in Washington County (<http://tinyurl.com/z4dwzy>)
- Districts: CD 2, 4, 6
Senate: 38, 39, 43, 53, 54
House: 38A, 38B, 39A, 39B, 43A, 43B, 53A, 53B, 54A, 54B
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Analysis: Code Green

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

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