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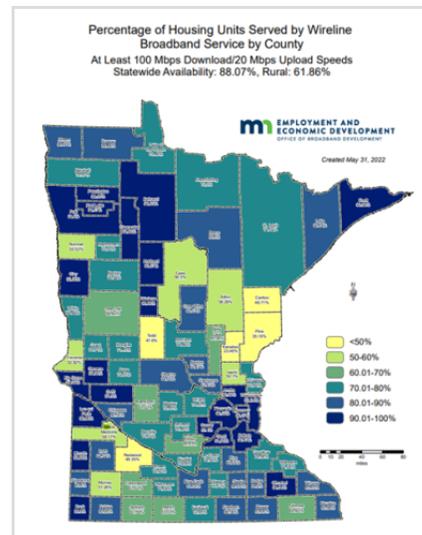
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## How does your MN County rank for access to broadband at 100/20?

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Later this year, I'll be writing broadband county profiles based on the upcoming mapping. Today I wanted to share ranking for [maps created over the summer](#). I am looking at how counties rank for percentage of households with access to broadband at speeds of 100 Mbps down and 20 up. You can find the full list below in alphabetical order.

Here are the top 10:



County	Percent	Rank
Lincoln County	99.99	1
Rock County	99.9	2
Lac qui Parle County	99.86	3
Ramsey County	99.57	4
<b>Wadena County</b>	<b>98.88</b>	<b>5</b>

Clearwater County	98.85	6
Beltrami County	98.83	7
Hennepin County	98.55	8
Pennington County	98.55	9
Swift County	97.5	10

[Compared to last year](#), there's a big upset with Lincoln County taking the top spot; a position Rock County has held for a couple years. But both are doing well with more than 99 percent coverage. Wadena is the only new entrant in the top 10. They were at rank 13 last year; so congrats to them as well. Want to call out Lincoln County for great strides made in a short time. They were in the bottom 10 list in 2020 and now they are top of the pops!

Here are the bottom 10:

County	Percent	Rank
<b>Cass County</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Norman County</b>	<b>55.52</b>	<b>79</b>
Traverse County	52.82	80
<b>Murray County</b>	<b>51.26</b>	<b>81</b>
Isanti County	50.1	82
Carlton County	48.71	83
Redwood County	48.35	84
Todd County	47.6	85
Pine County	35.16	86
Kanabec County	23.46	87

Cass and Murray Counties are new to the bottom 10. The others have been here before. Kanabec and Pine are hugging the bottom spot for the second year in a row.

What's striking is the difference between the top and bottom ranking counties. Kanabec has been working on better

broadband with the Blandin Foundation for years but only 23 percent of their county has broadband access at 100/20 while the top 23 counties have more than 90 percent coverage.

Here is the full list:

County	Percent	Rank
Aitkin County	58.29	76
Anoka County	96.59	14
Becker County	78.38	48
Beltrami County	98.83	7
Benton County	89.47	24
Big Stone County	97.09	11
Blue Earth County	81.76	40
Brown County	79.91	45
Carlton County	48.71	83
Carver County	93.1	19
Cass County	56.3	78
Chippewa County	80.55	42
Chisago County	73.76	58
Clay County	92.06	20
Clearwater County	98.85	6
Cook County	90.98	22
Cottonwood County	67.02	70
Crow Wing County	86.53	27
Dakota County	96.79	13
Dodge County	84.2	34
Douglas County	71.45	63

Faribault County	72.65	60
Fillmore County	64.85	74
Freeborn County	86.36	28
Goodhue County	78.56	47
Grant County	77.71	50
Hennepin County	98.55	8
Houston County	82.98	38
Hubbard County	90.07	23
Isanti County	50.1	82
Itasca County	85.5	30
Jackson County	61.79	75
Kanabec County	23.46	87
Kandiyohi County	67.02	71
Kittson County	84.17	35
Koochiching County	72.3	62
Lac qui Parle County	99.86	3
Lake County	84.14	36
Lake of the Woods County	73.46	59
Le Sueur County	74.92	56
Lincoln County	99.99	1
Lyon County	84.39	33
Mahnomen County	70.81	66
Marshall County	79.97	44
Martin County	67.03	69
McLeod County	75.46	54

Meeker County	72.45	61
Mille Lacs County	65.04	73
Morrison County	77.46	52
Mower County	83.26	37
Murray County	51.26	81
Nicollet County	77.29	53
Nobles County	80.26	43
Norman County	55.52	79
Olmsted County	94.34	17
Otter Tail County	69.42	68
Pennington County	98.55	9
Pine County	35.16	86
Pipestone County	80.6	41
Polk County	94.9	15
Pope County	79.15	46
Ramsey County	99.57	4
Red Lake County	94.37	16
Redwood County	48.35	84
Renville County	70.79	67
Rice County	85.24	31
Rock County	99.9	2
Roseau County	88.48	25
Scott County	91.95	21
Sherburne County	82.83	39
Sibley County	65.63	72

St. Louis County	74.14	57
Stearns County	84.72	32
Steele County	88.29	26
Stevens County	97.08	12
Swift County	97.5	10
Todd County	47.6	85
Traverse County	52.82	80
Wabasha County	71.24	64
Wadena County	98.88	5
Waseca County	75.12	55
Washington County	93.24	18
Watonwan County	71.06	65
Wilkin County	77.48	51
Winona County	85.65	29
Wright County	77.92	49
Yellow Medicine County	58.17	77

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