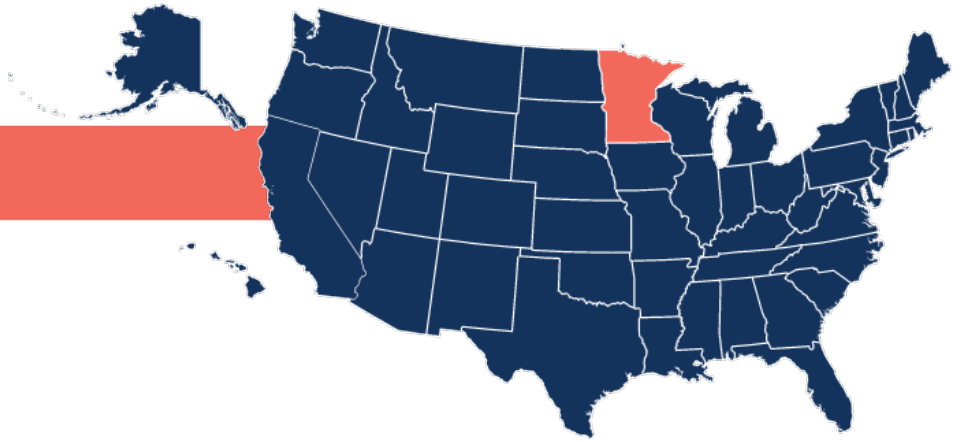


MINNESOTA



STATEWIDE

Population: **5,714,300**

Households without a computer: **5.5%**

Households without Internet: **10.3%**

Persons in Poverty: **9.6%**

Broadband Programs

- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Office of Broadband Development
- Minnesota Releases Draft Digital Opportunity Plan Minnesota Office of Broadband Development
- New DEED commissioner on Greater Minnesota's economy and implementing 'massive' new spending (Walker Orenstein, MinnPost, Sept. 27, 2023)
- Governor Walz (D-MN) Signs Broadband Bill Into Law Minnesota Office of the Governor
- Minnesota broadband director talks weather and topography challenges, funding strategies (Masha Abarinova, FierceTelecom, March 24, 2023)
- 2022 Annual Report of Minnesota Governor's Task Force on Broadband | Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
- New MDH study shows potential for more accessible health care through telehealth | Minnesota Department of Health
- MN Broadband Development Office Holds Listening Sessions on Digital Opportunity Plan (Breanna Vinkemeier, Lakeland PBS, Sep. 29, 2023)

Community Perspectives

- **Le Sueur County** | In southern Minnesota, maneuvering for broadband cash starts at the county fair (Walker Orenstein, Minn Post, Aug. 24, 2023)
- Minnesota regulators suspend crucial designation for controversial LTD Broadband (Walker Orenstein, Star Tribune, Nov. 16, 2023)
- Why Minnesota is unlikely to meet its broadband expansion goals on time, despite influx of federal cash (Walker Orenstein, Minn Post, July 2023)
- Influx in broadband funds to Minnesota will open the door to more telehealth options (Caroline Cummings, WCCO, July 7, 2023)
- Broadband access for rural health (Carrie Henning-Smith, University of Minnesota, June 29, 2023)
- White House looks to Minnesota as a model for infrastructure (Briana Bierschbach, Rochelle Olson, Star Tribune, June 22, 2023)
- 2022 Minnesota Broadband County Profiles From Aitkin to Yellow Medicine (Ann Treasy, Blandin Foundation, Dec. 28, 2022)

MOWER COUNTY

Population: **40,140**

Households without a computer: **6.9%**

Households without Internet: **13.1%**

Persons in Poverty: **9.5%**

MONTICELLO CITY

Population: **14,804**

Households without a computer: **5.4%**

Households without Internet: **10.5%**

Persons in Poverty: **9.2%**

DULUTH CITY

Population: **86,619**

Households without a computer: **6.3%**

Households without Internet: **12.2%**

Persons in Poverty: **17.5%**

SIBLEY COUNTY

Population: **14,955**

Households without a computer: **9.8%**

Households without Internet: **17.6%**

Persons in Poverty: **8%**

COTTONWOOD COUNTY

Population: **11,356**

Households without a computer: **9.3%**

Households without Internet: **17%**

Persons in Poverty: **13.2%**

Data from US Census Bureau. Population estimates from July 1, 2022. Computer and Internet Use and Poverty data from American Community Survey (ACS), 5-Year Estimates (2022).



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