| **Factor** | **Options** | **Points** | **Score** |
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| 1. How many broadband providers have fiber optic backbone networks connecting your community to national network centers like the 511 building in Minneapolis? | 3 or more210 | 5310 |  |
| 2. Are primary community institutions (government, health care and education) connected to the Internet via fiber? | For each sector, award one point if their primary facility is connected by fiber. If all significant facilities in all sectors are fiber connected, award 2 bonus points. | 53210 |  |
| 3. Are fiber connections readily available to businesses (no or short fiber construction required)? | All businesses have ready access to fiberDowntown and industrial parks onlyFiber to the node for key business areasFiber is generally not available | 5310 |  |
| 4. How many wired providers are competing for business and institutional customers in your community? | 3 or more210 | 5310 |  |
| 5. How many wired broadband providers are competing for residential customers in your community? | 3 or more210 | 5310 |  |
| 6. What is the fastest broadband Internet download connection offered and readily available to residential customers in your community? | 1 Gb100 Mb50 Mb20 Mb10 MbLess than 10 Mb | 543210 |  |
| 7. What is the fastest broadband Internet upload connection offered and readily available to residential customers in your community? | 1 Gb100 MbBetween 10 Mb and 50 Mb10 Mb5 MbLess than 5 Mb | 543210 |  |
| 8. Based on state data sources, what percentage of your county residents have access to wireline broadband services that meets the 2022 state broadband goal and current FCC standard of 25 Mb/3 Mb?\*<https://mn.gov/deed/assets/county-wireline_tcm1045-255857.pdf>  | 100%90 – 99%80 - 89%70 - 79%50 – 69%Less than 50% | 543210 |  |
| 9. Based on state data sources, what percentage of your county residents have access to wireline broadband services that meets the 2026 state broadband goal of 100 Mb/20 Mb?\*<https://mn.gov/deed/assets/county-wireline-only_tcm1045-255859.pdf>  | 100%90 – 99%80 - 89%70 - 79%50 – 69%Less than 50% | 543210 |  |
| 10. Do you consider one or more of your broadband providers to be a community partner for community and economic development? | Strong partnerOccasional partnerProvides information on requestUnresponsive | 5310 |  |
| **\* Fiber-fed fixed wireless service is increasingly available, but quality coverage data is unreliable. Communities may choose to use a local fixed wireless company website and reputation for service to award points for their coverage.** | **Total Score** |  |

**Scoring**

**40 and above** Excellent and ubiquitous broadband infrastructure and services offered in a competitive environment. Broadband is an asset for economic and community development.

**30 – 40** Average broadband offerings that neither distinguishes or disqualifies your community as a tech hub. While most businesses and residents can get by with existing offerings, some firms and residents will feel constrained by the lack of broadband. Tech-oriented firms may find reasons to eliminate your community as a prospective location.

**20 – 30** Deficiencies in broadband offerings will inhibit economic and community vitality. Broadband offerings in the rural countryside may stifle the attractiveness of the area for 2nd homes, agriculture and general residential development.

**19 and below** Significant deficiencies will increasingly curb economic and community vitality, affecting the delivery of health, education, government and business services.