MNET
Minnesota’s Network for Enterprise Telecommunications

A Public-Private Partnership Delivering an Integrated Statewide Network

- In operation since 1993, MNET supports Minnesota’s Governmental Operations
  - Public Safety
  - Learning
- MNET has grown to about 1909 locations today
- 32 Regional Network Hubs aggregate capacity
- Minnesota State and University of Minnesota campuses host most regional network hubs
- Over 97 private sector providers furnish services
- Over 1,400 leased line circuits are purchased
- Services are in place in over 459 cities across Minnesota
- Approximately 375 public sector entities are MNET partners

MNET partners include:
- All Minnesota counties
- All public higher education
- All state government
- Many cities and governmental units
- Many school districts, libraries and private colleges
- Tribal Government

MNET has three main purposes:

1. Procurement, aggregation and integration of private sector telecommunications services for use by government and education
2. Support for secure, reliable and seamless intra- and inter-organizational networking of data, video and voice services among Minnesota’s branches and levels of government
3. Provision of high-speed, reliable and secure access to the worldwide Internet, national networks, and private provider networks, to enable public access to e-learning and e-government services

This map illustrates the current statewide telecommunications network that connects Minnesota’s branches and levels of government on a managed secured network cloud that delivers converged data, video and voice communication services to Minnesota’s public sector in an effective, timely and cost-effective manner. It also shows the extent to which private sector telecommunications service providers are involved. MNET, managed by Minnesota IT Services (MNITS), is comprised of leased circuits, network hardware and management systems that have been purchased through competitive bidding, from service providers working throughout Minnesota. The network portrayed on this map is the current and proposed plan as of January 2020. However, the Statewide Network is an evolving infrastructure and this map may not be all-inclusive. This map shows representation of each city that has a connection to MNET. Multiple connections may occur within a city, but are not shown here.

Tribal boundaries data source: DOT, as per US Census Data September 2019

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

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