



AT&T Invests More Than \$1.9 Billion Over Three-Year Period to Keep Missouri Connected

ST. LOUIS, July 8, 2020 – AT&T* is proud to have the nation’s best and also fastest wireless network,¹ as well as the largest network in North America.² From 2017-2019, we invested more than \$1.9 billion in our wireless and wireline networks in Missouri, which includes more than \$1.7 billion in the St. Louis metropolitan area and \$350 million in the Kansas City metropolitan area, to expand coverage and improve connectivity in more communities.

That investment has increased reliability, coverage and overall performance for residents and businesses, which is essential for connecting our customers with family, friends and colleagues – no matter the distance. It’s also improved critical communications services for Missouri’s first responders using the [FirstNet](#) network.

“Connectivity in Missouri has never been more important for families, small businesses and our first responder community,” said Governor Mike Parson. “AT&T’s ongoing investment in communications infrastructure in our state strengthens our resilience and delivers opportunities in education, healthcare and economic development.”

Today, our 4G LTE network covers more than 330 million people.³ That’s more than 2.61 million square miles and over 99% of all Americans.⁴

“AT&T’s ongoing investment in our communications networks will play a crucial role in continuing economic recovery, and accelerating growth in our region,” said Tom Chulick, President and CEO of the St. Louis Regional Chamber. “Geospatial and information technology, defense, biotech and advanced manufacturing – all fast-growing areas of our regional economy – benefit from robust connectivity. These investments will not only support our economy today – they are helping to develop the tech-empowered workforce we need for our region's future.”

“AT&T is committed to keeping Missourians connected when and where they need it, especially during these challenging times,” said Craig Unruh, president of AT&T Missouri. “Our investments in Missouri are critical for public safety personnel, small businesses adjusting to new operational situations and families working to stay connected. We are proud to be part of the solution for our customers and communities.”

We also expanded access to high-speed internet in Missouri by building more than 390,000 additional fiber connections in St. Louis, Springfield and Kansas City.

“AT&T’s investment is the right idea at the right time,” said David Warm, Executive Director of Mid-America Regional Council. “The magnitude of this capital outlay will help propel our regional economy into recovery. Enhancing critical telecommunications infrastructure will position our region for long-term competitive growth. And extending access to more Kansas



Citizens will enable our success to be more inclusive at a moment when nothing is more important.”

More details about our wireless coverage in Missouri, and anywhere in the U.S., can be found on the [AT&T Coverage Viewer](#). For updates on the AT&T wireless network, please visit the [AT&T network news page](#).

Building the Future of Wireless Connectivity, Today

5G is the future of wireless technology and is poised to jumpstart the next wave of unforeseen mobile innovation. Missouri customers are already experiencing the power of 5G in cities like Kansas City, Springfield and St. Louis, and we’re committed to bringing next generation 5G coverage to more communities across the state as we build toward nationwide coverage this year. 5G over sub-6 spectrum is expected to enable faster responses over broader distances on new devices and is now available in 355 markets.

To learn more about AT&T 5G, visit our [AT&T 5G site](#).

FirstNet: Transforming Public Safety Communications

We’re honored to work with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) to build and manage FirstNet – the *only* nationwide, high-speed broadband communications platform dedicated to and purpose-built for America’s first responders and the extended public safety community. And we take our responsibility to deliver FirstNet seriously.

Building upon our current and planned investments in Missouri, we continue to extend the reach, and [increase the coverage](#), capacity and capabilities of the FirstNet network:

- **Purpose-built network enhancements** – Across Missouri, we’ve boosted the network with high-quality Band 14 spectrum in communities such as Saint Louis, Kansas City and Springfield. Band 14 is nationwide, high-quality spectrum set aside by the government specifically for FirstNet. We look at Band 14 as public safety’s VIP lane: in an emergency, this band – or lane – can be cleared and locked just for FirstNet subscribers. In addition, since beginning the FirstNet network expansion, we’ve launched new FirstNet cell sites in Howard, Washington, Putnam, Texas, Johnson, Caldwell, Camden, Clark, Crawford and Douglas counties.
- **Public safety-specific advanced capabilities** – FirstNet is providing Missouri public safety with dedicated access when they need it, as well as an entire communication ecosystem with unique benefits like mission-centric devices, certified applications, *always-on* priority and preemption and high-quality Band 14 spectrum. These advanced capabilities enable FirstNet to perform faster than any commercial network⁵ and bring its subscribers the unthrottled connectivity they need.
- **Unparalleled emergency support** – Missouri agencies on FirstNet also have 24/7 access to a nationwide fleet of 76 deployable network assets. These assets can either be deployed for planned events or called upon in [emergencies](#) at no additional charge to help first responders stay connected and operate faster, safer and more effectively



when lives are on the line. FirstNet Response Operations – led by a group of former first responders – guides the deployment of the FirstNet deployable assets based on the needs of public safety.

- **Free Smartphones for Life for Public Safety Agencies** – We have a responsibility to public safety unlike any other wireless carrier. That’s why Missouri agencies spanning law enforcement, fire, EMS, healthcare, hospital emergency departments, emergency management and 911 operations on FirstNet can stay up-to-date with [smartphones for life](#) at no additional cost.⁶ This means first responders across agencies of all sizes will have affordable access to *their* network.

The FirstNet network expansion across Missouri is being done with direct feedback from state and public safety officials. This helps ensure FirstNet meets the short- and long-term needs of the public safety community.

Go [here](#) for more FirstNet news. Or check out [FirstNet.com](#) to learn more about the program.

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² Based on comparison of carrier owned & operated networks. No AT&T on-net coverage in select countries, including Canada.

³ Coverage includes non-AT&T network areas covered by roaming agreements with third parties.

⁴ Based on overall coverage in U.S. licensed areas. Coverage not available everywhere. AT&T’s 4G LTE coverage is not equivalent to its overall network coverage.

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⁶ Available only to FirstNet first responder public safety entities for Primary Agency Paid User lines of service. Requires a new FirstNet Mobile - Unlimited for Smartphone line or eligible upgrade on a two-year service agreement or AT&T installment 30-month agreement. For two-year agreement, upgrade your smartphone with a new eligible smartphone every two years at no additional cost for as long as your service plan is in effect and in good standing. Pay \$.99 for eligible smartphone at purchase, credited back within three billing cycles. Upgrade requires new two-year agreement. For AT&T Installment 30-month agreement, upgrade your smartphone with a new eligible smartphone every time you satisfy your current AT&T Installment agreement and sign a new one for no additional cost for as long as your service plan is in effect and in good standing. For both plans, tax on full discount price (two-year agreement) or full retail price (AT&T Installment agreement) due at sale. Activation and other fees, taxes, charges and restrictions apply. See [firstnet.com/agencyoffers](#) for offer details.

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We help family, friends and neighbors connect in meaningful ways every day. From the first phone call 140+ years ago to mobile video streaming, we innovate to improve lives. We have the nation’s fastest wireless network.** And according to America’s biggest test, we have the nation’s best wireless network.*** We’re building [FirstNet®](#) just for first responders and creating next-generation mobile 5G. With a range of TV and video products, we deliver entertainment people love to talk about. Our smart, highly secure solutions serve nearly 3 million global businesses – nearly all of the Fortune 1000. And worldwide, our spirit of service drives employees to give back to their communities.

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