



# News Release

## AT&T Invests Nearly \$150 Million Over Three-Year Period to Connect Local Customers in Maine

AUGUSTA, ME, June 9, 2021- AT&T\* is proud to connect customers across the country by continuing to grow the nation's best network<sup>1</sup>. From 2018-2020, we expanded coverage and improved connectivity in more communities by investing nearly \$150 million in our wireless network in Maine.

AT&T's commitment to communities across the country continues and spans all layers of our network—from fiber to 5G to [FirstNet®](#). These investments are essential to connecting our customers with their family, friends and colleagues by increasing the network's speed, reliability, coverage and overall performance.

AT&T's commitment to communities continues across the country. We also recently announced that AT&T will invest \$2 billion over the next 3 years to help address the digital divide nationwide. AT&T further improved critical communications for Maine's first responders and improved public safety with [FirstNet®](#) – America's public safety network.

"From connecting family and loved ones to helping first responders during a crisis, AT&T is committed to investing in Maine to build state-of-the-art infrastructure that will keep people connected," said Owen Smith, President, AT&T Maine. "By continuing to improve our network at the state and local levels, we are helping businesses grow in Maine and ensuring strong connections for our customers and communities."

More details about our wireless coverage in Maine, 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](#).

### Bringing fast, reliable, secure AT&T 5G to more Americans

AT&T is unlocking the power of 5G for consumers, businesses and first responders through both AT&T 5G and AT&T 5G+:

**AT&T 5G**, delivered over sub-6 spectrum sets us up to offer a better wireless experience with greater capacity to enable faster responses on capable devices. AT&T offers fast, reliable and secure 5G to 240 million people in 14,000 cities and towns nationwide, including in Portland and York County, Maine.

**A&T 5G+** is our name for 5G delivered over a millimeter wave spectrum. Its super-fast speeds (up to 1 Gbps) make it ideal for high-traffic areas and places like stadiums, arenas, school campuses, hospitals and will help unlock unprecedented experiences in iconic destinations and key venues. AT&T 5G+ is currently available in parts of 38 cities and more than 20 venues across the country.

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



## **FirstNet: Dedicated to America's First Responders**

We are committed to improving public safety infrastructure. As a part of that commitment, we have invested and built FirstNet in public-private partnership with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) – an independent agency within the federal government. FirstNet is the *only* nationwide, high-speed broadband communications platform dedicated to and purpose-built for America's first responders and the extended public safety community.

- **Expanding to serve:** FirstNet focuses on where first responders need connectivity. We've moved quickly to deliver more coverage, boost capacity and drive new capabilities for first responders. Using all AT&T LTE commercial spectrum as well as high-quality Band 14 spectrum, FirstNet covers **2.71 million square miles nationwide**. And we're actively extending the reach of FirstNet in Maine to give agencies large and small the reliable, unthrottled connectivity and modern communications tools they require.
- **First responder-centric 5G:** FirstNet subscribers in parts of 38 cities and more than 20 venues now have access to AT&T 5G+. Our **approach to 5G** for public safety is unlike anything else. We've upgraded the dedicated FirstNet network core to enable 5G connectivity that is being built to intuitively optimize the experience for America's first responders. First responders maintain voice communications with *always-on* priority and preemption on LTE, while the FirstNet network determines the best route for data traffic with compatible devices, whether that's 5G+ or LTE spectrum.

The FirstNet network is providing Maine public safety with truly dedicated coverage and capacity when they need. These advanced capabilities enable FirstNet to help fire, EMS, and law enforcement personnel save lives and protect their communities.

In 2020, new purpose-built FirstNet cell sites launched in **Aroostook, Penobscot, Oxford, Somerset, Hancock, Kennebec and Knox counties**. First responders identified these locations as coverage priorities.

Additionally, 150 recently acquired cell sites across central and northern Maine were upgraded with Band 14 spectrum, which is the high-quality spectrum set aside by the federal government specifically for FirstNet.

### **Our commitment Maine**

In addition to the programs mentioned above, AT&T's commitment to Maine extends into the community:

- Over the past three years, AT&T Maine and the AT&T Foundation have provided **more than \$222,000 in community support** to organizations across the state of Maine in order to support a variety of initiatives like education, STEM, hunger relief and more.
- Maine's 4-H Clubs & Affiliated 4-H Organizations have been awarded a \$15,000 contribution over the past two years from the AT&T Foundation to support the organization's leadership



and STEM programs.

- AT&T Maine became a Founding Member of the Maine Racial Justice Fund, launched in 2020 by the Maine Justice Foundation.
- AT&T has been a longstanding supporter of Jobs for Maine Grads, a statewide, private nonprofit working with students who face barriers to education. In addition to providing financial support, our local team has worked with JMG on specific initiatives and career training opportunities.

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<sup>1</sup> GWS awarded AT&T Best Network OneScore 2020. GWS conducts drive tests for AT&T and uses the data in its OneScore analysis. **\*About AT&T Communications**

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