



# News Release

## AT&T Invests Nearly \$600 Million Over Three-Year Period to Connect Local Customers in Massachusetts

BOSTON, MA, 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 \$600 million in our wireless network in Massachusetts.

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.

We 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 Massachusetts'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 Massachusetts to build state-of-the-art infrastructure that will keep people connected,” said Patricia Jacobs, President, AT&T Northern Region. “By continuing to improve our network at the state and local levels, we are helping businesses grow in Massachusetts and ensuring that our customers and communities stay connected.”

More details about our wireless coverage in Massachusetts, 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 also 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 Boston, Franklin, New Bedford, Pittsfield, Worcester, and Barnstable.

**AT&T 5G+** is our name for 5G delivered over a millimeter wave spectrum. Its super-fast speeds 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 Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts’ 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.

### **Our commitment to Massachusetts**

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

- Over the past three years, AT&T Massachusetts and the AT&T Foundation have provided more than **\$1.6 million in community support** to organizations and initiatives across Massachusetts in order to support a variety of causes, such as STEM, education, veterans and more.
- Collaborated with three of Boston’s top youth organizations – Camp Harbor View, The Base and the Boys & Girls Club of Boston – to launch AT&T Positively Digital, designed to equip students with leadership and online safety skills. AT&T provided nearly half a million dollars and collaborated to develop events, activities and curriculum, engaging teens in things like social media campaigns and virtual mentoring forums.
- AT&T has worked with local agencies on aging and local and state elected officials to host a series of Cyber Aware Tech Training workshops for older adults about scams, frauds and staying safe in our connected world in places like Quincy, Lowell, Pittsfield, Andover and Boston. Additionally, in 2020 AT&T collaborated with Boston’s Age Strong Commission and the nonprofit Tech Goes Home to provide \$30,000 in support for new devices and training



for 50 members of Boston's older adult community.

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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.

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