



News Release

AT&T Invests More than \$60 Million Over Three-Year Period to Connect Local Customers in Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, RI, June 9, 2021, [AT&T*](#) is proud to connect customers across the country by continuing to grow the nation's best network¹. From 2018-2020, we expanded coverage and improved connectivity in more communities by investing more than \$60 million in our wireless network in Rhode Island.

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 also further improved critical communications for Rhode Island'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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island and ensuring that our customers and communities stay connected."

More details about our wireless coverage in Rhode Island 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 Newport County and Providence.

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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island

In addition to the programs mentioned above, AT&T's commitment to Rhode Island includes programs like:

- Over the past three years, AT&T Rhode Island and the AT&T Foundation have provided \$134,000 in community support to organizations across the state in order to support a variety of initiatives, including the **Rhode Island Community Food Bank, Clothes to Kids RI, The Rhode Island Foundation and the Nonviolence Institute**.
- AT&T is a strong supporter of Rhode Island students, including the **Rhode Island Academic Decathlon** and education efforts at the **Boys and Girls Club of Providence and the Greater Providence YMCA**.
- AT&T collaborated with Governor Dan McKee and the **Rhode Island Military Family Relief Fund** to provide emergency financial support for military families.

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¹ 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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