



News Release

AT&T Invests Nearly \$80 Million Over Three-Year Period to Connect Local Customers in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, SD, June 10, 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 nearly \$80 million in our wireless and wireline networks in South Dakota.

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 South Dakota's first responders and improved public safety with [FirstNet](#)[®] – America's public safety network.

"With the help of private sector entities like AT&T, we're connecting South Dakotans across our state," said South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem. "South Dakotans shouldn't have to choose between connectivity and the way of life in their hometowns. AT&T's investment in South Dakota will help eliminate the need for such a choice, and their efforts to improve critical communications with [FirstNet](#)[®] will make our communities safer for years to come."

"From connecting family and loved ones to helping first responders during a crisis, AT&T is committed to investing in South Dakota to build state-of-the-art infrastructure that will keep people connected," said AT&T South Dakota President Cheryl Riley. "By continuing to improve our network at the state and local levels, we are helping businesses grow in South Dakota and helping to ensure that our customers and communities stay connected throughout the country."

More details about our wireless coverage in South Dakota, 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 Rapid City and Hanson, Kingsbury, Marshall and Sully counties.



- **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, such as stadiums, arenas, convention centers and airports.

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 South Dakota 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 FirstNet network determines the best route for data traffic with compatible devices, whether that's 5G+ or LTE spectrum.

The FirstNet network is providing South Dakota 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.

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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.

² Speeds vary and not guaranteed. Internet speed claims represent maximum network service capabilities and based on wired connection to gateway. Actual customer speeds may vary based on a number of factors and are not guaranteed. Download speeds for Internet 1000 are typically up to 940Mbps due to overhead capacity reserved to deliver the data. For more information, go to www.att.com/speed101.

³ Based on network availability.

⁴ Based on wired connection to the gateway.

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