



# News Release

## AT&T Invests More than \$50 Million Over Three-Year Period to Connect Local Customers in Vermont

MONTPELIER, VT, 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 more than \$50 million in our wireless network in Vermont.

AT&T's commitment to communities across the country continues and spans all layers of our network—from fiber to 5G to [FirstNet](#)<sup>®</sup>. 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.

In 2020, AT&T's investment allowed the company to add 62 cell sites in 52 towns across Vermont. From Castleton to Bristol to Sheldon, these newly added sites helped improve coverage for residents, businesses and communities across the state. In many cases, these cell sites bring service to previously unserved or underserved areas.

AT&T 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 Vermont's first responders and improved public safety with [FirstNet](#)<sup>®</sup> – 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 Vermont to build state-of-the-art infrastructure that will keep people connected," said Owen Smith, President, AT&T Vermont. "By continuing to improve our network at the state and local levels, we are helping businesses grow in Vermont and connecting customers and communities throughout the country."

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

### 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 Vermont 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 Vermont 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 Vermont**

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

- Over the past three years, AT&T Vermont and the AT&T Foundation have provided **more than \$138,000 in community support** to organizations across the state of Vermont in order to support a variety of initiatives, including the **Vermont Food Bank and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Burlington**.
- AT&T and our *It Can Wait* program supports and collaborates with the **Vermont Highway Safety Alliance**, most recently sponsoring a video PSA contest for teens to promote safe driving.
- AT&T collaborated with **Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging** and the **Brain Injury Association of Vermont** to host virtual workshops for older adults about scams, frauds and staying safe in our connected world.

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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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