



News Release

AT&T Invests More Than \$3-Billion Over 3-Year Period to Enhance Local Networks in Illinois

CHICAGO. July 19, 2015— At [AT&T](#)¹, we invested more than \$3-billion in our Illinois wireless and wired networks during 2013 - 2015.

These investments drive a wide range of upgrades to reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance for residents and businesses. They also enhance critical services that support public safety and first responders.

“We’re committed to providing our customers fast, reliable, highly secure connectivity throughout the state. We want them to be able access the Internet at any moment, from almost any device and anywhere,” said Paul La Schiazza, president, AT&T Illinois. “Our continued investment in Chicago, the suburbs and downstate brings a host of new, innovative opportunities for Illinois residents and businesses.”

“In order for Illinois to continue to thrive and serve its residents, it’s important that we have companies willing to invest in our state to bring innovation and opportunity,” said Congressman John Shimkus. “Private investment in communications networks helps provide residents and businesses the tools to compete and grow.”

“Modern communications networks are essential for how we live today. They help our citizens learn, find a job, connect with family and friends and contact public safety officials and other emergency responders,” said Congressman Adam Kinzinger. “The continued private investment coming into Illinois will improve our citizens’ lives and our businesses’ ability to compete. This is great news.”

Notable Illinois network enhancements in 2015 included:

- AT&T enhanced wireless high-speed internet in Chicago buildings including: CTA, O’Hare Airport, Midway Airport and Union Station.
- LTE expansions to improve data speeds were made in the following counties:
 - LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, DeKalb, Iroquois, Cook, Will, DuPage, Coles, Montgomery, Macoupin, Tazewell, Christian, Effingham and Sangamon.
- LTE capacity was added to hundreds of sites to increase access to those improved data speeds (like adding lanes to a highway).
- AT&T U-verse with GigaPower was launched in Chicago and several other Illinois communities



In 2016, for the second year in a row, FORTUNE magazine recognized AT&T as the Most Admired Telecommunications Company in the world. We also placed #48 among the Top 50 World's Most Admired companies. This is our third year in a row on the Top 50 list – AT&T is the only communications company on the list. We ranked #1 in all 9 attributes. This included innovation, financial soundness and quality of products/services. FORTUNE's Most Admired Companies lists are among the most highly respected indicators of corporate performance and reputation.

We offer Internet customers a great combination of speed and price. Additionally, AT&T high-speed Internet² customers have access to our entire national AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spot Network at no additional charge³. We also offer our award-winning DIRECTV® service to eligible locations. Customers may be eligible for AT&T U-verse TV service, a 100% digital service available over our advanced network. In 2015, Woman's Choice Awards® named AT&T U-verse TV “America's Most Recommended Brand among women for Broadband, Television and Phone Service.”

[AT&T GigaPower](#) offers our fastest Internet speeds, up to 1Gbps⁴ over a 100% fiber network to more than 1.6 million locations across 22 major metro areas. We've announced plans to expand the availability of Internet speeds up to 1Gbps to homes, apartments and small businesses in parts of 34 additional cities across the U.S. – which will total at least 56 metros served.

We plan to continue to roll out our fastest Internet services over a 100% fiber network to reach more than 14 million additional residential and commercial locations.

We have big plans for 2016. We'll be giving you the ability to access and stream [DIRECTV](#) video services over a wired or wireless Internet connection from any provider and from virtually any device – smartphone, tablet, Smart TV, streaming media hardware or PC. We plan for each service to come with a set number of simultaneous sessions. These services will not require annual contracts, satellite dishes or set-top boxes.

We have an extensive Wi-Fi network with more than 40,000 AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spots at popular restaurants, hotels, bookstores and retailers. We provide access to Wi-Fi at more than 1 million Hot Spots around the world. Most AT&T smartphone and home Internet customers get access to our entire national Wi-Fi network at no additional cost. Wi-Fi usage doesn't count towards customers' monthly wireless data plans.⁵

To learn more about our coverage in **Illinois**, or anywhere in the U.S., visit the AT&T Coverage Viewer. For updates on the AT&T wireless network, please visit the AT&T network news page.



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³ Access includes AT&T Wi-Fi Basic. Wi-Fi enabled device required. Other restrictions apply. See www.attwifi.com for details and locations.

⁴ Internet speed claims represent maximum network service capability speeds. Actual customer speeds may vary based on factors including site traffic, content provider server capacity, internal network management factors, and device capabilities and are not guaranteed. For more information, go to att.com/speed101.

⁵ A Wi-Fi enabled device required. Other restrictions apply. See attwifi.com for details and locations.