



News Release

AT&T Invests Nearly \$550 Million Over 3-Year Period To Boost Local Networks in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. Sept. 12, 2018 — At [AT&T](#)¹, we've invested nearly \$550 million in our Arkansas statewide wireless and wired networks during 2015-2017.

These investments boost reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance for residents and businesses. They also improve critical services that support public safety and first responders.

“Thanks to Arkansas state leadership that embraces legislation that encourages companies to invest more in wireless infrastructure, we’re now speeding our wireless build out plans in Arkansas with tens of millions of dollars dedicated to improving its mobile network,” said AT&T Arkansas State President Ronnie Dedman. “This investment will also pave the path to 5G mobile services in the years ahead.”

Also, since the formation of the FirstNet public-private partnership a little over a year ago, governors from all 50 states, 5 territories and D.C. recognized the value of FirstNet, joining in its mission to strengthen and modernize public safety’s communications capabilities.

FirstNet is a new nationwide communications platform dedicated to America’s public safety community. As we build, deploy and evolve FirstNet, we will build upon our current and planned investments in Arkansas to help ensure public safety’s network delivers the coverage and cutting-edge capabilities first responders expect – today and for decades to come.

For the 4th year in a row, AT&T earned the top spot in the telecommunications industry on FORTUNE’s Most Admired Companies list in 2018. We also placed No. 49 among the 50 most admired companies across all industries.

We were ranked first or second in all 9 attributes used to compile the list, including innovation, people management, quality of management, long-term investment value, quality of products/services and global competitiveness.

To learn more about our coverage in Arkansas, 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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