



News Release

AT&T Invests Nearly \$2.3 Billion Over 3-Year Period to Boost Local Networks in Illinois

AT&T Has Invested More Than \$8 Billion in Our Illinois Networks Since 2010

SPRINGFIELD, IL., Sept. 28, 2018 — At [AT&T](#)¹, we've invested nearly \$2.3 billion in our Illinois 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.

AT&T has invested more than \$8 billion in our Illinois networks since 2010.

In 2017, AT&T made significant investments in Chicago, Springfield and beyond, which involved 1,154 enhancements to our network, including new cell sites, the addition of network capacity and network upgrades.

From 2010 to 2017, AT&T has invested more than \$8 billion in our Illinois networks. We also continue to make additional investments in Illinois in 2018.

"The state's new small cell law encourages companies to invest in wireless infrastructure, and we're now speeding our plans to invest even more in our wireless network," said Paul La Schiazza, president of AT&T Illinois. "This investment will also pave the path to 5G mobile services in the years ahead."

"For Illinois to continue to thrive and attract new jobs and innovation, sustained investment by the private sector is crucial," said Todd Maisch, Illinois Chamber of Commerce President & CEO. "The state's improved communications laws are important to attract big investment. By continuing to build state-of-the-art infrastructure in our state, AT&T is making business growth possible and assuring that our residents and public safety responders can stay connected."

The AT&T LTE network now covers more than 400 million people in North America. Notable Illinois network enhancements in 2017 included:

- Making more than 1,038 capacity upgrades
- Adding 41 new cell sites
- Expanding 4G LTE to 54 cell sites
- Improving 21 DAS networks



By building out our 4G LTE network, we're laying the foundation for 5G, the next advance in network technologies. We're boosting network speeds and capacity, as we continue to expand the availability of our network using the latest technology.

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 Illinois 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 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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