



News Release

AT&T Invests Nearly \$35 Million Dollars Over 3-Year Period to Boost Local Networks in Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, RI., August 1, 2018 — At [AT&T](#)¹, we've invested nearly \$35 million dollars in our Rhode Island 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.

In 2017, AT&T made 61 wireless network upgrades in Rhode Island. We added bandwidth, additional carriers, and a new transmission site.

Following the passage of recent state legislation, AT&T will continue its investment in Rhode Island with additional upgrades.

“Governor Raimondo and the state legislature have passed legislation that encourages companies to invest more in wireless infrastructure. We're now speeding our wireless build out plans in Rhode Island with tens of millions of dollars dedicated to improving its mobile network,” said Patricia Jacobs, President of AT&T New England. “This investment will also pave the path to 5G mobile services in the years ahead.”

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

- 3 new bandwidth expansions,
- 57 new additional carriers
- 1 new transmission site.

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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island or anywhere in the U.S., go to the [AT&T Coverage Viewer](#). For updates on the AT&T wireless network, please go to the [AT&T network news page](#).

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