



## News Release

### **AT&T Invests More Than \$1.2 Billion Over 3-Year Period to Boost Local Networks in Tennessee**

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 22, 2018 — At [AT&T](#)<sup>1</sup>, we've invested more than \$1.2 billion in our Tennessee 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 more than 1450 wireless network upgrades in Tennessee. Notable network enhancements included 10 new cell sites across the state, two small cells in and around Lower Broadway in Downtown Nashville, and 6 new Distributed Antenna Systems in Davidson, Knox, Shelby, and Williamson Counties. These upgrades included boosting network capacity and expanding LTE coverage.

The AT&T LTE network now covers more than 400 million people in North America. 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.

"We're now speeding our wireless build out plans in Tennessee with millions of dollars dedicated to improving its mobile network," said Joelle Phillips, president of AT&T Tennessee. "This investment will also pave the path to 5G mobile services in the years ahead."

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 Tennessee 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Our internet offerings**

We continue to expand the scope of our ultra-fast internet powered by [AT&T Fiber](#). We now market our ultra-fast internet service powered by AT&T Fiber more than 400,000 customer locations in the Tennessee area.

We have the largest fiber network within our 21-state wireline footprint.<sup>2</sup> And AT&T is the largest U.S.-based provider of fiber for business services, creating an unparalleled ability to serve businesses of all sizes.

We also now market a 1 gigabit connection<sup>3</sup> on our 100% fiber network to 9 million locations across 71 major metro areas nationwide. We plan to reach at least 14 million locations across at least 84 metro areas by mid-2019 for consumers.

To learn more about our coverage in Tennessee, 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](#).

<sup>1</sup> AT&T products and services are provided or offered by subsidiaries and affiliates of AT&T Inc. under the AT&T brand and not by AT&T Inc.

<sup>2</sup> Based on publicly available data for the top fiber providers in the AT&T operating footprint.

<sup>3</sup> Actual customer speeds may vary. Download speeds are typically up to 940Mbps due to overhead capacity reserved to deliver the data.

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