



News Release

AT&T Invests Nearly \$375 Million Over 3-Year Period to Boost Local Networks in Minnesota

AT&T Has Invested More Than \$1 Billion in Our Minnesota Networks Since 2010

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 4, 2018 — At [AT&T](#)¹, we've invested nearly \$375 million in our Minnesota wireless and wired networks during 2015-2017, including more than \$275 million in the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Bloomington areas. 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 significant investments in the Twin Cities to prepare for the 2018 Big Game and beyond, including [investing \\$40 million](#) in our Minneapolis wireless networks and launching [5G Evolution](#) in parts of the city. 5G Evolution offers customers a taste of the future of entertainment and connectivity on their devices.

In addition, in 2017, we made 976 network enhancements in 299 communities across Minnesota, including new cell sites, the addition of network capacity and network upgrades.

From 2010 to 2017, AT&T has invested more than \$1 billion in our Minnesota networks, with our investments continuing in 2018. Expanding our network in the area has given AT&T the most wireless coverage in Minnesota.

"We are proud of the significant investments we have made in our networks across Minnesota, especially the upgrades we have made to prepare Minneapolis for the future of next generation connectivity," said Paul Weirtz, state president, AT&T Minnesota. "The investments we're making prepare us for the future of 5G and innovations like smarter cities, telemedicine and virtual reality."

"For Minnesota to continue to thrive and attract new jobs and innovation, sustained investment by the private sector is crucial," said Doug Loon, president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. "By continuing to build state-of-the-art infrastructure in our state, AT&T is not only helping to boost Minnesota's competitiveness, but also providing residents with access to the latest technologies they want to stay connected and entertained."

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

- Launching 5G Evolution in parts of Minneapolis to provide AT&T's latest network technology;



- Upgrading the Distributed Antenna System (DAS) at the football stadium in Minneapolis to now offer nearly 220% more LTE capacity than at the start of the 2017 pro football season. We also added more than 800 antennas hidden throughout the stadium to help manage heavy wireless traffic and give fans strong coverage throughout game day;
- Upgrading or installing new DAS at 16 locations throughout the Minneapolis area, including upgrading the DAS at the airport and installing a new DAS at the convention center in Minneapolis, to provide better, faster wireless coverage; and
- Completing 178 new or enhanced cell sites in the Minneapolis area to improve coverage.

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 Minnesota 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 Minnesota, 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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