



## News Release

### **AT&T Invests Nearly \$1.4 Billion Over 3-Year Period to Boost Local Networks in St. Louis**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 6, 2018 — At [AT&T](#)<sup>1</sup>, we've invested nearly \$1.4 billion in our St. Louis 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.

"Recent legislation in Missouri encourages companies to invest more in network infrastructure," said Craig Unruh, president of AT&T Missouri. "Our customers expect to have access at any moment, from almost any device – almost anywhere. And we're investing heavily to deliver faster, more reliable, highly secure connectivity to meet - and exceed - those expectations. This investment will pave the path to 5G mobile services in the years ahead."

In 2017, AT&T made more than 50 wireless network upgrades in the St. Louis area, including the launch of a new cell site, boosting network capacity at existing cell sites, and upgrading Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS).

"AT&T's ongoing commitment to invest in state-of-the-art technology helps St. Louis thrive and attract new jobs and innovation," said Tom Chulick, president and CEO of the St. Louis Regional Chamber. "AT&T's network not only provides crucial high-tech infrastructure that makes business growth possible, it also ensures that residents have the tools to stay connected and entertained."

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

- The launch of 1 new cell site.
- Carrier additions to expand capacity at more than 50 existing cell sites.
- The launch of 1 new Distributed Antenna System (DAS) and upgrades to 3 existing DAS at major public venues.
- Continued expansion of our AT&T Fiber footprint, which now offers ultra-fast internet service to more than 200,000 customer locations in the area.

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 Missouri 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 to more than 200,000 customer locations in the St. Louis 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 St. Louis 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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<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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