

News Release

Brightspeed Nears its Goal of Bridging the Digital Divide in Rural Ohio Communities with Fiber Internet

Company's next-gen connectivity is fueling opportunity for families and businesses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — **July 24, 2025** — <u>Brightspeed</u>, the nation's third-largest fiber broadband builder, is connecting thousands of homes and businesses to its state-of-the-art, high-speed fiber network in the rural communities surrounding Columbus and Dayton. Now, roughly 13,700 homes and businesses in Licking, Darke, Logan, Preble, and Knox Counties have access to <u>the country's fastest internet service</u>, as determined by HighSpeedInternet.com Annual Service Provider Review 2025.

According to Broadband Now, roughly 60% of people living in Ohio don't have access to a fiber internet plan, making it hard to thrive in today's economy. Brightspeed is determined to close this digital divide for families, remote workers, students and small businesses in communities surrounding Columbus, Dayton and beyond. Once the company's full buildout in the Western and Central Ohio communities it serves is complete, more than 43,000 families and small businesses—almost 73% of the combined population—will have access to Brightspeed's multi-gig-speed fiber internet service.

The table below illustrates the total number of homes and businesses that are ready to be connected.

Community	Planned Locations	Ready for Service
Hebron	4,831	502
Greenville	7.295	3,123
Russells Point	7,314	6,060
Eaton	4,414	4,018

And, the following communities have fiber planned soon for thousands more locations.

Community	Planned Locations
Mount Vernon	11,927
Pataskala	7,488

With super-fast speeds and cutting-edge technology, Brightspeed's fiber network is designed to empower how people work, learn, live and interact today. Residents will have the opportunity to meet with one of Brightspeed's representatives, who are knocking on doors in these areas to spread the word about the availability of Brightspeed Fiber Internet in the area.

Those who receive a visit from a Brightspeed team member should know:

- Who to expect: Fully trained Brightspeed sales representatives in company-branded attire, ready to share
 important information about the company's fiber internet service plan options.
- What's included: Information about new fiber internet services, the benefits of high-speed connectivity, and how residents can get started with Brightspeed's commitment-free service.
- Why it matters: Brightspeed's commitment to closing the digital divide means expanding the availability of affordable, high-quality internet to communities that lack quality connectivity options.

Check Availability & Get Connected

Brightspeed offers various internet speed plans to choose from. Residents and businesses in Ohio can check if Brightspeed Fiber Internet is available in their area by visiting www.brightspeed.com.

Fast, reliable internet isn't just about convenience; it's about creating opportunities. Brightspeed's expansion in rural Ohio helps ensure communities aren't left behind in today's digital world.

About Brightspeed

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C. and with assets and associated operations in 20 states, Brightspeed provides broadband and telecommunications services through a network platform capable of serving more than 7.3 million homes and businesses. Our 4,000 employees are committed to building a future where more communities benefit from a more connected life, deploying a state-of-the-art fiber network and a customer experience that makes being connected as simple as it should be. For more information, please visit www.brightspeed.com.

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