

## **News Release**

## Brightspeed Advances Rollout of High-Speed Fiber Internet in Coastal and Eastern North Carolina

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

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — **July 30, 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 of Eastern and Coastal North Carolina. Now, roughly 21,000 families and business owners across Morehead City, Beaufort, Newport and Washington, N.C., 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, six out of ten homes and businesses in North Carolina 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 Eastern North Carolina and beyond. Once the company's full buildout in the area is complete, nearly 38,000 families and small businesses – almost 85% 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
Morehead City	12,640	6,104
Beaufort	5,654	3,629
Newport	3,314	2,270
Washington	16,282	8,860

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 Brightspeed's representatives, who are knocking on doors in these areas to spread the word about the availability of Brightspeed Fiber Internet.

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 North Carolina can check if Brightspeed Fiber Internet is available in their area by visiting <a href="https://www.brightspeed.com">www.brightspeed.com</a>.

Fast, reliable internet isn't just about convenience; it's about creating opportunities. Brightspeed's expansion in Eastern North Carolina 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 <a href="https://www.brightspeed.com">www.brightspeed.com</a>.

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