

News Release

Brightspeed Ignites Fiber Future in Kansas: 13 Communities Can Access Multi-Gig-Speed Connectivity

Building Stronger, More Resilient Connectivity for Roanoke Valley Homes and Businesses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — November 5, 2025 — [Brightspeed](#), the nation's third-largest fiber broadband builder and provider of [the country's fastest internet service](#), as determined by HighSpeedInternet.com's Annual Service Provider Review 2025, has hit a major milestone — the completion of its fiber network in 13 Kansas communities. Now, nearly 29,000 families and businesses in Baldwin, Benedict, Ellinwood, Garnett, Garness, Hillsboro, Holton, Horton, Huntington, Junction City, Osage City, Osawatomie and Sterling have access to ultra-fast, ultra-reliable internet powering everything from remote work and online learning to telehealth and local business growth.

"For too long, many rural communities have been left behind without reliable, high-speed internet," said Carsi Mitzner, director of government affairs at Brightspeed. "Aging copper networks can't provide the speed and bandwidths needed for today's technology. That's why Brightspeed is working to deliver fiber networks with the speed and reliability these communities deserve. This investment isn't just about technology, it's about opening doors to better education, stronger local economies, improved healthcare access and new opportunities for families and businesses to grow and thrive."

Expanding access in Kansas

Brightspeed is rapidly transforming the digital landscape in Kansas where four in ten residents are unable to purchase a fiber internet plan.* Once fully deployed, the company's multi-gigabit fiber network will serve more than 49,000 locations across 23 counties in Kansas.

"Expanding access to high-speed fiber is one of the most impactful steps we can take to strengthen communities across Kansas," said Aaron Deacon, managing director at KC Digital Drive. "Brightspeed's investment brings critical infrastructure to places that have long lacked reliable connectivity. This kind of progress opens doors for education, economic development and digital inclusion — helping ensure that Kansans, no matter where they live, have the tools to participate fully in today's connected world."

Brightspeed fiber deployment by community

Fiber network rollout continues in the following communities.

Community	Planned Locations	Ready for Service
Altamont	504	Coming soon
Baxter Springs	2,398	1
Buffalo	231	Coming soon
Buhler	704	Coming soon
Burlingame	691	Coming soon
Burlington	1,714	Coming soon
Coyville	69	Coming soon

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Fredonia	1,854	1,356
Galena	1,716	Coming soon
Haven	632	Coming soon
Hesston	879	Coming soon
Hiawatha	1,805	Coming soon
Highland	601	Coming soon
Inman	758	303
Oskaloosa	631	Coming soon
Oswego	1,146	Coming soon
Riverton	432	Coming soon
St. John	855	773
Spring Hill	1,051	Coming soon
Valley Falls	548	Coming soon
Wellsville	980	Coming soon

Funding sparks expansion

Kansas awarded Brightspeed \$474,114 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that together with the company's investment of more than \$1.2 million will give more than 500 families and businesses in Wilson access to high-speed connectivity they don't have today.

Connecting communities, door to door

As part of its community-first, customer-friendly approach, Brightspeed representatives are currently visiting neighborhoods in St. John to share information about new fiber services.

Residents can expect:

- **Who:** Friendly, fully trained sales representatives wearing Brightspeed-branded apparel.
- **What:** Information about Brightspeed's fiber internet service, plan options and benefits.
- **Why:** To help bridge the digital divide by expanding access to fast, affordable, and reliable internet in areas where quality options have historically been limited.

* According to BroadbandNow

** Provisionally awarded pending approval by NTIA

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 nearly 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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