

News Release

Brightspeed Fiber Expansion Races Ahead in NJ: Five Communities Fiber Ready, Dozens More Coming Online

Helping bridge digital divide in a state where four in ten residents do not have access to fiberoptic service*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — September 8, 2025 — <u>Brightspeed</u>, the nation's third-largest fiber broadband builder and provider of <u>the country's fastest internet service</u>, as determined by HighSpeedInternet.com's Annual Service Provider Review 2025, announced the completion of its fiber network build in Belvidere, Clinton, Flemington, Frenchtown and Lebanon, New Jersey. With this milestone, more than 21,000 families and businesses in those communities now have access to reliable, blazing-fast connectivity empowering them to work remotely, learn online, participate in e-commerce, receive telehealth services and thrive in today's hyperconnected world.

"At Brightspeed, we know that staying connected means more than just having service, it's about unlocking opportunity," said John Mizerak, director of government affairs at Brightspeed. "By replacing outdated copper with our advanced fiber network, we're giving families, students and businesses in rural and underserved communities the reliable, high-speed internet they need to learn, work and thrive today and for years to come."

Brightspeed fiber network deployment

Brightspeed is on a mission to expand access to reliable, high-speed connectivity across the Garden State. Already, more than 42,000 locations are fiber enabled across the company's footprint in that state and once the company's full fiber network buildout in New Jersey is complete, nearly 96,500 families and businesses will have access to Brightspeed's multi-gig-speed fiber internet service.

The table below illustrates the total number of locations where the company plans to deploy its fiber network and the number of locations that are ready to be connected immediately to its super-fast internet service in each New Jersey county.

County	Planned Locations	Ready for Service
Hunterdon	25,504	15,142
Morris	2,396	841
Somerset	14,862	5,711
Sussex	42,650	17,912
Warren	11,044	2,780

The company <u>recently announced</u> that it has secured \$37,500 in federal Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program funding** to augment its private investment in building the fiber network in New Jersey to reach another 112 locations.

Connecting with the community door to door

As part of its community-first, customer-friendly approach, Brightspeed representatives are currently visiting neighborhoods across the following New Jersey communities to share information about the availability of its fiber internet service: Annadale, Belvidere, Flemington, Frenchtown, Glen Gardner, Hamburg, Hampton, High Bridge, Lafayette, Newton and Sussex.

Here's what 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.

To learn more about Brightspeed's services or check availability, visit www.brightspeed.com.

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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^{*} According to BroadbandNow
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