

News Release

Brightspeed Reaches Major Milestone in Expanding High-Speed Fiber Internet Across the Greater Triangle Region and Rural Counties

Company's next-gen connectivity is fueling opportunity for Central North Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — **July 17, 2025** — <u>Brightspeed</u>, the nation's third-largest fiber broadband builder, is connecting thousands of homes and businesses in the Triangle's suburbs and rural communities in Central North Carolina to its state-of-the-art, high-speed fiber network. Now, roughly 50,000 homes and businesses in Johnston, Harnett, Vance, Person, Orange, Moore and Chatham 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, only 40% of people living in North Carolina have access to a fiber internet plan. That means that six out of ten homes and businesses in the state are missing out on the kind of connectivity they need to thrive in today's economy. Brightspeed is determined to close this digital divide for families, remote workers, students, and small businesses in Central North Carolina and beyond. Once the company's full buildout in Central North Carolina is complete, nearly 100,000 families and small businesses in that area—almost 70% 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
Smithfield	11,031	7,280
Dunn	9,069	6,107
Clayton	14,581	4,773
Henderson	13,763	11,421
Hillsborough	7,449	4,408
Southern Pines	11,307	4,905
Pittsboro	8,289	5,667
Siler City	4,842	4,327

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

Community	Planned Locations
Angier	5,981
Lillington	7,213
Roxboro	156
Pinehurst	5,932

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 North Carolina 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 Central 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 www.brightspeed.com.

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