



- In 2017, Kentucky was ranked 47th in the nation for access to high-speed broadband
- The Kentucky Communications Network Authority (aka KentuckyWired) is constructing the fiber optic “interstate highway” or “middle-mile” across Kentucky with “off ramps” in all 120 counties
- Unfortunately, the project has experienced some significant challenges and delays, but the construction of the middle-mile and off ramps is now nearing completion
- In spite of the pandemic, KentuckyWired crews have now completed more than 95% of the construction of over 3,300 miles of high-speed fiber optic cable across the Commonwealth

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- In our opinion, broadband internet is now considered basic infrastructure – just like water, sewer, and other utilities – for today’s world
- The Coronavirus pandemic has highlighted Kentuckians' critical need for reliable, high-speed broadband access for education, healthcare, economic development, public safety, and many other community and citizen needs
- Final completion of the network is expected late this year/early next year
- State Government offices (42 to date) are currently transitioning (migrating) over to the KentuckyWired network and employees are very pleased with the faster speeds (at least five times) and reliability they now have in order to perform their jobs and assist Kentucky citizens

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- OpenFiberKY is the wholesale partner for extending local access to communities across the Commonwealth with a significant revenue share of all sales coming to the state to help fund the cost of the project
- Faster internet speeds and competitive pricing will help make it more economically feasible for current and new internet service providers (ISPs) to extend broadband services in rural and underserved areas of Kentucky
- Cellular providers can also connect to the KentuckyWired network and expand their cellular networks around the state, benefitting all Kentuckians
- Constantly exploring current and new technologies to enhance affordable, residential and commercial connectivity options



Fiber Construction

- Completed (~95)
- In Progress
- Pending Contract
- ★ Nodes





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