

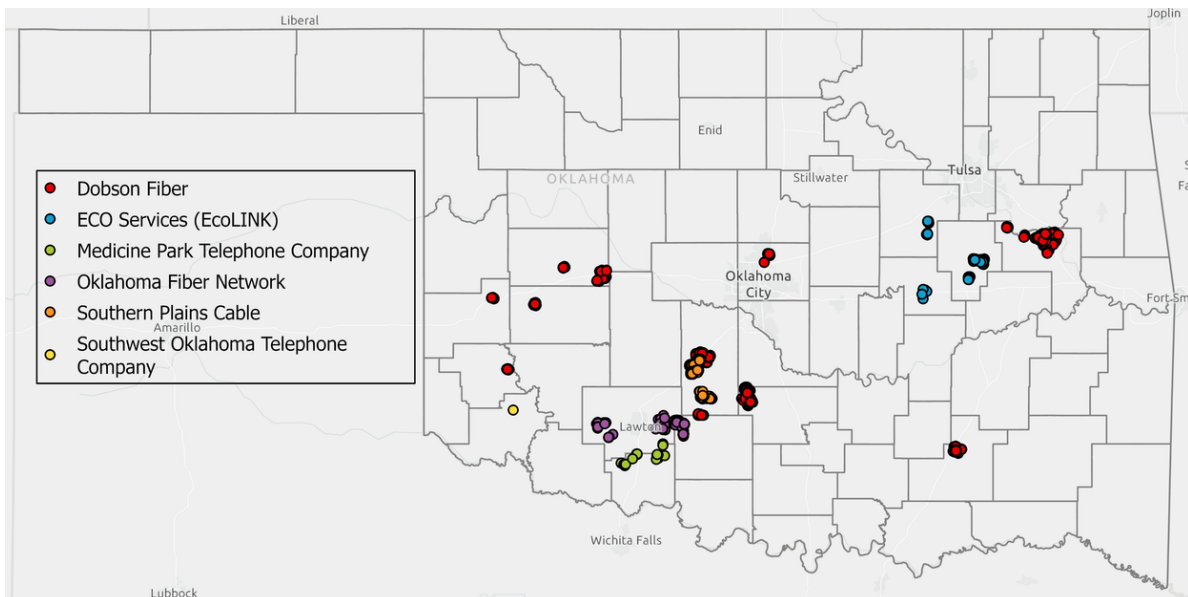


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Going Online

On January 25, 2024, the Oklahoma Broadband Governing Board tasked the Oklahoma Broadband Office with administering over \$300 million in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) grants to fund over 100 last-mile broadband projects spanning 57 counties, officially greenlighting the largest broadband infrastructure effort in state history.

This August, the office celebrated a major milestone, when Dobson Fiber became the first internet service provider to formally complete all its SLFRF projects.

In addition to Dobson, internet service providers like Ecolink Fiber, Oklahoma Fiber Network, Medicine Park Telephone Company, Southern Plains Cable, and

Southwest Oklahoma Telephone Company have also completed a number of SLFRF projects.

This first cohort of completions has connected 3,000 homes and businesses with high-speed internet in more than 20 Oklahoma communities spanning from Burns Flatt in the west, to Stringtown in the southeast.

The map above provides an overview of the project footprints and areas with increased service. The office encourages residents of these communities check their address in the [Availability Map](#) to see if they are now served.





BUILDING CONNECTIONS

From Promises to Powering Homes

*By Mike Sanders, Executive Director,
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Nearly two years ago, I stood in a grassy field just outside the town of Slick, Oklahoma, surrounded by state legislators, community members, and EcoLink Fiber team members preparing to break ground on a transformative broadband infrastructure project.

That afternoon, as dirt was turned, we made a promise to the people of Slick: distance and zip code would no longer dictate access to modern digital opportunity.

Today, I am thrilled to share that the very project we celebrated in Slick is among the first projects to be officially completed. Now families, school children, and business owners in Slick can work, learn, and connect with high-speed, reliable internet.

What began as a project plan on paper is now light moving through fiber optic cables, changing everyday Oklahoman's lives in real time.

This incredible progress vividly illustrates the potential of public-private partnerships. Government action alone cannot construct vast broadband networks, and private capital alone often cannot reach the most remote corners of our rural landscape.

However, when public investment is paired with the innovation, agility, and technical skill of our ISPs, we can move mountains.

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I want to personally commend the internet service providers that have finished their projects and extend my gratitude to the many companies still hard at work across the state.

To the engineers, fiber splicers, project managers, and field crews: you are the muscle bridging the digital divide in Oklahoma.

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Your diligence, technical excellence, and collaboration are essential to ensure no Oklahoman is left on the wrong side of the digital divide.

To all Oklahomans, I encourage you to check your address on our [Availability Map](#) to see if high-speed service has arrived at your door.

In the coming months, service will reach many more communities as remaining projects are finalized by the end of the year. Together, we are building a fully connected Oklahoma.

BITS AND BYTES

Access Through the Years

When the Oklahoma Broadband Office was created by the Legislature in 2022, the goal was to get 95% of the state access to high-speed internet.

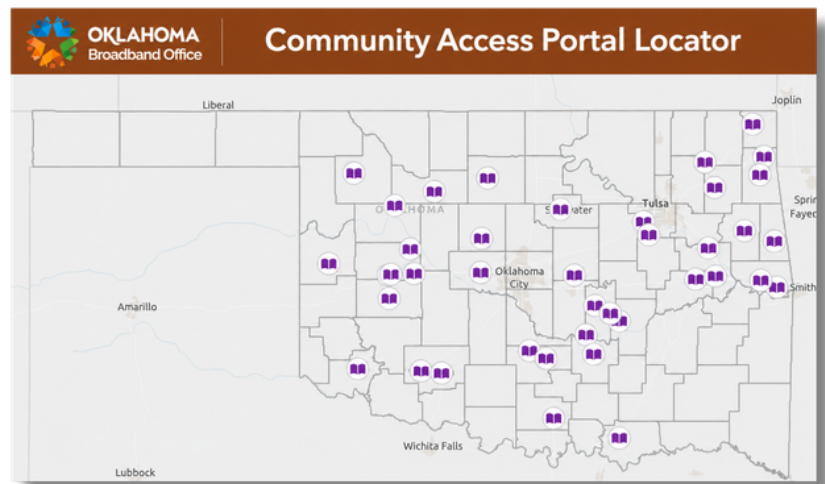
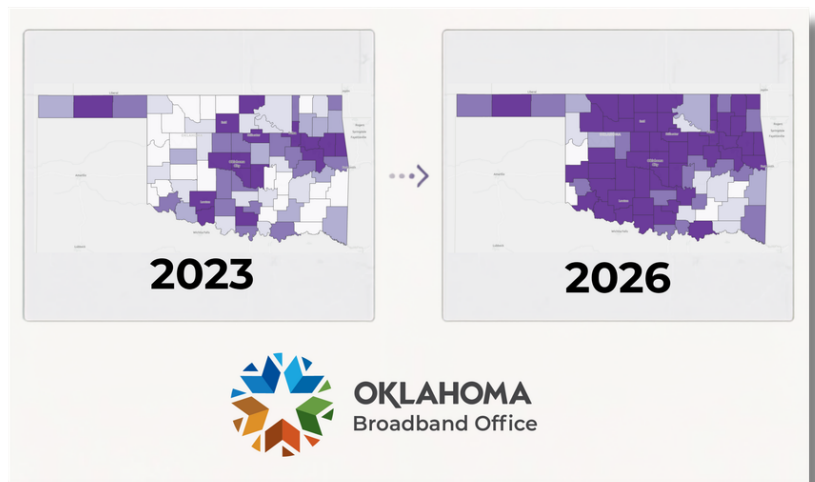
Over the last three years, the state has jumped from 85% up to 94%. Increasing from only 16 counties above 90% to 48 counties over 90%.

Once projects from ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Capital Projects Fund programs are complete, the office will have met its legislative mandate.

Community Access Portals

In June, the office opened the Community Access Portal Program. The Portals are a tool for Oklahomans to access telehealth services, workforce needs, and educational opportunities from a quiet and secure station.

As of today, 45 libraries have ordered 66 Portals. CareerTechs and Community Colleges are also available to participate. Find out if a nearby institution has placed an order on our [Portal Locator](#).



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