North Carolina Benefits from 7,600 New Kinetic Fiber Builds

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Rapid Q4 2025 expansion benefits communities, customers by enabling remote work, gaming, streaming, agriculture and telehealth

CONCORD, N.C., April 13, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Kinetic today announced a major broadband expansion in North Carolina, delivering multi-gig fiber internet to an additional 7,600 homes across 40 communities in the fourth quarter of 2025. The expansion highlights Kinetic's commitment to delivering better technology, at a better value, for customers.

North Carolina is the third fastest-growing state in the U.S., and experts forecast a 2.6% increase in GDP in 2026. Kinetic's fiber network, with 99.95% reliability, can help support this growth and enhance work, school, streaming, and everyday life.

"Kinetic has great friendly staff and awesome service. My representative is always available with any questions I may have. Love my Kinetic service," said Pamela Osborne, a Kinetic customer in Matthews.

In the fourth quarter of 2025, Kinetic added fiber locations in Albemarle, Broadway, Concord, Granite Quarry, Hemby Bridge, Indian Trail, Kannapolis, Lexington, Morven, Pine Bluff, Sanford, Tryon, Wingate, and more. A portion of these locations were supported by funds awarded to the State of North Carolina by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

To date, more than 176,000 homes and businesses across the Tar Heel State have access to Kinetic's high-speed, next-generation connectivity.

Research shows that fiber-connected communities experience 213% higher business growth, 10% higher self-employment and a 14-17% increase in home values. Fiber is also significantly more sustainable and uses up to 95% less energy per gigabit. It requires less maintenance over time, which reduces environmental impacts and community disruptions.

"Fiber is the foundation of a more productive digital future, and our investment in North Carolina gives residents and businesses the fast, reliable connectivity their daily routines depend on," said Stacy Hale, Kinetic's state operations president. "We're focused on helping our customers make the most of their time online, and that starts with a connection they can count on."

Kinetic fiber customers can benefit from seamless 4K+ streaming across multiple devices with no data caps and no usage charges. Multi-gigabit connections support remote work, online learning and low-latency gaming, and, through partnerships with YouTube TV, AT&T for cellular bundles, and Signal for reliable VoIP, households and businesses receive a unified high-performance connectivity experience.

More North Carolina residents and businesses now have access to:

- **Wi-Fi 7** – The newest, most advanced secure connection with equipment from manufacturers like eero, an Amazon company. Wi-Fi 7 delivers faster speeds and lower latency and supports up to 200+ connected devices at the same time, creating a better internet experience with wall-to-wall coverage and less tech stress.
- **Whole-Home Wi-Fi Set-Up** – Professional new fiber installs coupled with the **Kinetic Promise** ™, which is a pledge that technicians will not leave the home until Wi-Fi works in every area and on every device where needed.
- **Business Ready Internet** – A unified fiber connectivity service for small businesses that offers up to 1 Gig speeds with integrated security and managed Wi-Fi to keep daily operations efficient and secure.

Kinetic, which was named CNET's Best Rural Fiber Internet Provider in 2026, will continue expanding its future-proof fiber network in NC in 2026. With 11.2 million fiber strand miles and 1.9 million homes passed to date across its 18-state footprint, Kinetic's network is expected to reach 3.5 million homes and businesses by 2029.

"Kinetic is investing today to expand multi-gig capability and stay ready for what's next," added Hale. "We remain committed to challenging the status quo for customers, understanding their specific needs, putting them first and helping them to live their best lives with fiber technology."

Residents interested in Kinetic Fiber Internet can check service availability and construction updates at www.gokinetic.com or call 1-800-347-1991.

About Kinetic: Kinetic, a business unit of Uniti (NASDAQ: UNIT), is a premier insurgent provider of multi-gigabit fiber internet, whole-home Wi-Fi, internet security, and voice services in 1,400 markets across 18 states in the Southwestern, Southeastern, Midwestern, and Northeastern U.S. Additional information is available at gokinetic.com.

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99.9% Network Reliability: *Kinetic Network Reliability based on monthly service availability scores from March 2023 to March 2024 as measured by the Kinetic Network Operations Center using the formula Available Customer Hours divided by Total Customer Hours (Available Customer Hours plus Customer Outage Hours). Customer Outage Hours does not include planned maintenance, emergency events (hurricanes, winter storms, mass flooding, etc.).*

Kinetic Promise ™ *relies on reasonable effort to confirm Wi-Fi works in living spaces where customer grants technician access. Wi-Fi coverage & performance vary by layout, building materials, interference, & device capability. Not a guarantee of uniform coverage, speed, or error-free service. Add. equipment or wiring may be required & incur charges; certain areas/devices (e.g., detached structures or outdoor spaces) may be excluded. Customer may cancel any time.*