Texas Benefits from 9,000 New Kinetic Fiber Builds

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Rapid Q1 2026 expansion benefits communities and customers by enabling remote work, gaming, streaming, agriculture and telehealth

SUGAR LAND, Texas, May 13, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Kinetic today announced a major broadband expansion in Texas, delivering multi-gig fiber internet to an additional 9,000 homes across 100 communities in the first quarter of 2026. The expansion highlights Kinetic's commitment to delivering better technology, at a better value for customers.

Texas is the 8th largest economy in the world and will continue to grow in various industries like aerospace, manufacturing, technology, and more. Kinetic's fast, 99.95% reliable internet can help support this growth in tech, as well as help enhance work, school, streaming, and everyday life for residents.

"We love the service so far; everything has gone smoothly. We have been very impressed with Kinetic," said Tracey Maney, a Kinetic customer in Kerrville, Texas.

In the first quarter of 2026, Kinetic continued building in Sugar Land, Texarkana, Whitney, Pineland, New Boston, Maud, Kerrville, Garrison, Fairmount, Denver City, Clyde, Brownfield, Abernathy and more.

To date, more than 225,000 homes and businesses across the Lone Star 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 powering the next generation of opportunity, and as more of our daily activities happen online, we're focused on ensuring more communities have access to the reliable, high-speed connectivity they need to thrive," said Stacy Hale, Kinetic's state operations president. "We're committed to building a future-proof infrastructure to help more residents, business owners, students and families stay connected and prepared both now and for many years to come."

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 Texas 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 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 Texas in 2026. With approximately 11.5 million fiber strand miles and approximately 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.

"We're investing in communities and rapidly expanding our fiber-optic network, reaching farther and moving faster, to deliver technology that better supports entertainment, rising entrepreneurship, digital work and economic opportunity," said Hale.

Residents interested in Kinetic Fiber Internet can check service availability and construction updates at www.gokinetic.com or call 1- 877-90-FIBER (877-903-4237).

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.