High-speed internet helped JDS Industries, an Oneida-based business supplying more than 10 million pieces of rubber or plastic parts annually to a range of industries, support locations in four states.
Source: HTC Highlander, March/April 2019

Plateau Pediatrics in Crossville combines an information-filled website, digital tools such as electronic medical records, and traditional face-to-face visits to provide quality patient care.
Source: Ben Lomand Connection, March/April 2019

Donna Summerford, owner of Aunt Dee’s Soaps & Lotions, successfully used the internet to first establish an outlet and then to expand the business she built in her rural DeKalb County home.
Source: The DTC Connection, November/December 2018

Omni Rehab in Dunlap connects to Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga through a fast internet connection, allowing it to provide services such as cardiac rehabilitation that are unavailable locally.
Source: The Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative Connection, May/June 2019

A fast fiber optic network helped the Martin Police Department make its investment in technology — including records management, mapping tools and more — pay off.
Source: The WK&T Connection, January/February 2018

Thanks to tunein.com and an active online audience for its football broadcasts, Ardmore radio station WSLV established a foothold in the digital age and is working to expand its presence.
Source: The Ardmore Connection, May/June 2017

The renovated and recently renamed Macon Community Hospital in Lafayette uses high-speed internet to offer telehealth, allowing patients access to a greater range of physicians and services.
Source: NCTC Connection May/June 2019

The Rutherford Farmers Co-op’s four locations are linked by the internet, allowing the creation of a system to better provide a range of agricultural products, services and expert advice to members.
Source: The DTC Connection, September/October 2018

The Tennessee Broadband Association member companies are Connecting Tennessee
Investing in broadband
Growing rural Tennessee

By investing in fiber networks across our great state, Tennessee Broadband Association members are investing in the lives of rural Tennesseans. Broadband supports education, health care, jobs and overall quality of life. We are leading efforts to connect every corner of Tennessee — no matter how rural.

Broadband accessibility grants
As of 2019, our member companies have been awarded more than $13 million in state broadband grants — leveraging millions of dollars in private-sector investment to deliver life-changing broadband access to thousands of Tennessee residents and businesses.

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Tennessee’s cooperative and independent telecommunications companies:

- Ardmore Telephone Company
- Ben Lomand Connect
- Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative
- Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc.
- DTC Communications
- Highland Telephone Cooperative
- Humphreys County Telephone Company
- Loretto Telecom
- North Central Telephone Cooperative
- Ritter Communications
- Scott County Telephone Cooperative
- Skyline Membership Corporation
- TDS TELECOM – Knoxville Office
- TEC/Bradford
- TEC/Erin
- TEC/Friendship Division
- Tellico Telephone Company
- Tennessee Telephone Company
- Twin Lakes
- United Communications
- WK&T Telecommunications Cooperative

$400 million
Amount Tennessee Broadband Association members will invest in fiber networks from 2019 to 2022

48,895
Miles of fiber

$1.57 billion
Investment in gross property, plant and equipment

$30 million
Annual taxes paid (includes property, sales, payroll, and state and county telecom taxes, along with franchise fees)

910
People employed locally by Tennessee Broadband Association members

All figures approximate as of December 2018