

History & Timeline

Verizon Communications Inc., based in New York City and incorporated in Delaware, was formed on June 30, 2000, with the merger of Bell Atlantic Corp. and GTE Corp. Learn more about the history of Verizon Communications by viewing our corporate history brochure (/about/sites/default/files/Verizon_Corporate_History.pdf) and interactive timeline below.

2007

Verizon Acquires Cybertrust

With the acquisition of Cybertrust, Verizon Enterprise Solutions becomes the leading provider of managed security services to business and government customers worldwide.

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2006

Verizon Acquires MCI

Verizon acquires MCI, forming Verizon Business, which allow it to better deliver the benefits of converged communications, information and entertainment to medium and large businesses and government customers.


2005

Verizon Launches FiOS All-Fiber Broadband and TV Service

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2005
Verizon and the Next Generation

On September 22, 2005, Verizon begins taking orders for FiOS TV in Keller, TX, and in Herndon, VA, on November 21, 2005. FiOS is a fiber to the premises (FTTP) telecommunications service. Availability of the Internet service has expanded to Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, Florida, California, Oregon, and Washington. The FiOS TV service has launched in some of these states and will continue to expand its reach.



2004

Verizon Joins the Dow

As a result of its size and industry influence, Verizon becomes a component of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, one of the most closely watched U.S. benchmark indices tracking targeted stock market activity.

2004
Another Industry Bellweather

Due to its size and industry influence, Verizon becomes the second spin-off of the old AT&T to join the Dow Jones Industrial Average index, following SBC Communications Inc., added in 1999.



2003

Verizon Wireless Removes Barriers to Switching Carriers

Verizon Wireless takes a leadership role in promoting Local Number Portability - a new process that allows wireless customers to keep their phone number when changing carriers.

2002

Verizon Wireless Launches the 3G Network

Verizon Wireless launches its 3G (third generation) network in the United States. This revolutionary

customers the power of high-speed wireless broadband to surf the web, stream music and videos, and download and send files from their mobile device.



2000

Verizon Communications Was Created

Bell Atlantic merged with GTE and changed its name to Verizon Communications Inc. The \$52 billion merger took almost two years to close, following approvals by Bell Atlantic and GTE shareowners, 27 state regulatory commissions and the FCC, and clearance from the U.S. Department of Justice and various international agencies. Vodafone AirTouch and Bell Atlantic Corp. received regulatory approval to combine their U.S. wireless assets, Bell Atlantic Mobile and AirTouch Communications. This \$90-billion joint venture began operations as Verizon Wireless.



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