

Verizon, AT&T say cell network back up after Sandy

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(AP)—Verizon and AT&T say their wireless networks are fully back up after Superstorm Sandy blew into the New York and New Jersey on Oct. 29.

[Verizon](#) says its network is at pre-storm levels, while AT&T says that "as of today, we're pretty much back to normal."

Federal regulators said Sandy knocked about 25 percent of cell towers belonging to all carriers in a coastal area spread over parts of 10 states.

Verizon appeared to do better than average, saying that 6 percent of its towers were out of action immediately after the storm. AT&T and T-Mobile USA joined in an "unprecedented" arrangement, letting their customers roam for free on both networks to make up for gaps in coverage due to blacked-out cell towers.

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