

1999	• Wi-Fi Alliance founded by six companies: 3Com, Aironet, Intersil, Lucent Technologies, Nokia and Symbol Technologies
	• Wi-Fi® brand adopted for technology based upon IEEE 802.11 specifications
	• Wi-Fi standard is ratified (802.11b), delivering 11 Mbps raw data rates on 2.4 GHz frequency band
2000	• Wi-Fi CERTIFIED™ interoperability testing begins for 802.11b-based products
	• Wi-Fi Alliance membership roster reaches 36 companies
2001	• 200th product certification completed
	• Wi-Fi chipset shipments reach 7.5M units
2002	• Wi-Fi Alliance membership roster reaches 100 companies
	• Wi-Fi CERTIFIED interoperability testing begins for 802.11a-based products, bringing 54 Mbps raw data rate to commercial products operating in 5GHz
2003	• Wi-Fi CERTIFIED interoperability testing begins for 802.11g-based products, bringing 54 Mbps raw data rate to commercial products operating in 2.4 GHz and catalyzing broad market uptake
	• Wi-Fi Protected Access® (WPA) certification addresses legacy security concerns and enables broad Wi-Fi adoption across enterprise and consumer markets
	• Wi-Fi Alliance completes 1000th product certification
2004	• Wi-Fi Alliance membership roster reaches 200 companies
	• Wi-Fi Protected Access 2 (WPA2) certification program introduces advanced encryption and brings state-of-the-art security technology to the mass market
	• Wi-Fi Multimedia (WMM®) certification begins, delivering support for the best user experience with gaming, video, and other multimedia applications
	• First Wi-Fi CERTIFIED handset and Wi-Fi CERTIFIED television enter the market
2005	• Wi-Fi becomes an official part of the English language: Merriam-Webster dictionary adds the term
	• Wi-Fi chipset shipments top 100M annually
	• First Wi-Fi CERTIFIED gaming device and digital still camera enter the market
	• Wi-Fi Alliance membership roster reaches 300 companies
2006	• Wi-Fi consumer affinity continues to deepen. In a consumer poll, nearly nine out of ten Americans surveyed say they would rather do without Starbucks for a year than give up their Wi-Fi connection
	• Total number of Wi-Fi product certifications reaches 3,000
	• Collaboration with CTIA results in the Converged Wireless RF testing program, providing essential RF metrics to carriers evaluating Wi-Fi-enabled mobile phones
2007	• Wi-Fi Protected Setup™ brings industry-wide simple method for setup and protection of home and small office Wi-Fi networks
	• Wi-Fi CERTIFIED 802.11n draft 2.0 testing begins, uniting the Wi-Fi industry around the core set of next-generation Wi-Fi technology features and bringing up to 250 Mbps raw data rate
	• Wi-Fi chipset shipments top 300M units
2008	• Wi-Fi CERTIFIED Voice-Personal program launches to certify products for the ability to deliver good voice call quality. First performance test in Wi-Fi CERTIFIED portfolio
	• Total number of Wi-Fi product certifications reaches 5,000
	• Explosion of Wi-Fi CERTIFIED consumer electronics: Blu-Ray players, televisions, audio systems, and media centers
	• Nearly 70M Wi-Fi enabled handsets are sold
2009	• One billionth Wi-Fi chipset is sold
	• Total number of Wi-Fi CERTIFIED handsets passes 350
	• Wi-Fi Alliance updates Wi-Fi CERTIFIED program for 802.11n without sacrificing interoperability
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