

# Independent Investigation Shows the Cableopoly Isn't Using CBRS Spectrum

For years the Cableopoly has been demanding more CBRS spectrum. There's just one problem: **the Cableopoly doesn't use the CBRS spectrum it already has.**

And now there's more proof.

An independent investigation from LightReading turned up the truth.



## A Hunt for Cable's CBRS Deployments Turns Up ... Not Much

US cable companies Comcast and Charter Communications have long suggested that they will build their own small-scale public wireless networks using their 3.5GHz CBRS spectrum holdings... but so far there are few signs they're actually doing that.

OpenSignal shared... mobile customers of Comcast and Charter showed no additional time on CBRS.

Xfinity Mobile (Comcast) and Spectrum Mobile (Charter) customers spent about... [3% of their time]... on CBRS.

If Comcast and Charter had extensive CBRS operations... [studies would]... show much more time on CBRS.

And when the Cableopoly is asked about CBRS spectrum, they give the game away.

"[W]e **don't have to do CBRS** to make mobile work"  
– Charter CEO Tom Rutledge, 2022

"In 2024, Winfrey also said Charter is in **no rush** to deploy CBRS."

"**Nothing new to share** about CBRS at this moment,"  
a Comcast representative said."



So why does the Cableopoly continue to push for CBRS-style spectrum in other bands? It's all part of their game to starve 5G of the spectrum it needs to bring choice to more Americans. And it's part of their long-standing practice of hoarding all the spectrum it can for future profit. According to LightReading and Bloomberg, cable companies are already set to earn **\$7B** by selling warehoused spectrum.

**It's time to end Cable's Monopoly.**

