

## Telecom at a Glance

S.No.	Title	As on March 31st					As on September 30th, 2025
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
1	<b>Telephones and teledensity in the country</b>						
	i)Telephones (In Million)	1200.88	1166.84	1172.32	1198.75	1201.67	1228.94
	ii)Teledensity (Per 100 Inhabitants)	88.15	84.87	84.51	85.65	84.83	86.65
2	<b>No. of Subscribers ( In Million)</b>						
	i)Landline	20.24	24.82	28.36	32.89	43.81	58.50
	ii)Mobile subscribers	1180.64	1142.02	1143.96	1165.86	1157.86	1170.44
3	<b>Telephone Subscribers in India (In Million)</b>	1200.88	1166.84	1172.32	1198.75	1201.67	1228.94
	i)Rural	537.11	519.63	518.42	533.34	534.11	539.83
	ii)Urban	663.76	647.21	653.90	665.41	667.56	689.11
	iii)Public	131.16	127.10	115.44	98.96	103.25	102.02
	iv)Private	1069.72	1039.74	1056.89	1099.79	1098.41	1126.92
4	<b>Telephone Subscribers in India (%age share)</b>						
	Wireline	1.69	2.13	2.42	2.74	3.65	4.76
	Wireless	98.31	97.87	97.58	97.26	96.35	95.24
	Rural	44.73	44.53	44.22	44.49	44.45	43.93
	Urban	55.27	55.47	55.78	55.51	55.55	56.07
	Public	10.92	10.89	9.85	8.26	8.59	8.30
	Private	89.08	89.11	90.15	91.74	91.41	91.70
5	<b>Teledensity (Per 100 Inhabitants)</b>	88.15	84.87	84.51	85.65	85.10	86.65
	Wireline	1.49	1.81	2.04	2.35	3.10	4.12
	Wireless	86.66	83.07	82.46	83.30	82.00	82.53
	Rural	60.17	57.98	57.61	59.03	58.88	59.52
	Urban	141.29	135.23	134.18	134.13	132.21	134.76
	Public	9.63	9.25	8.32	7.07	7.31	7.19
	Private	78.52	75.63	76.19	78.58	77.79	79.46
6	<b>Internet Subscribers in India (In Million)</b>	825.30	824.89	881.25	954.40	969.10	1017.81
	Narrowband	47.21	36.59	34.69	30.34	24.98	22.18
	Broadband	778.09	788.30	846.57	924.07	944.12	995.63
	Wired	26.00	27.27	33.94	40.27	41.41	44.42
	Wireless	799.31	797.62	847.31	914.13	927.70	973.39
	Urban	502.53	493.08	523.26	556.05	561.42	590.11
	Rural	322.77	331.81	357.99	398.35	407.69	427.70
7	<b>Internet Subscribers in India (Per 100 Inhabitants)</b>	60.73	60.00	63.53	68.19	68.63	71.76
	Urban	107.30	102.82	107.11	111.75	110.79	115.40
	Rural	36.24	37.06	39.84	44.16	45.03	47.16
8	<b>Revenue from Telecom Services (₹ crore)</b>						
	Telecom Sector						
	Gross Revenue	273,458.00	278,183.00	333,697.00	336,066.00	372,097.00	99,828.00
	Adjusted Gross Revenue	186,045.00	218,882.00	249,909.00	270,504.00	303,025.00	82,348.00
	Wireless Data Revenue	118,250.00	143,169.00	174,144.00	186,226.00	215,078.00	-
	Access Services-ARPU per month	104 <sup>a</sup>	114 <sup>a</sup>	139 <sup>a</sup>	150 <sup>a</sup>	174	190.99
	Licence Fee	15,273.59	16,614.00	20,316.00	36,363.00	25,989.00	7,625.00
	Spectrum Usage Charges	7,992.00	8,197.00	6,502.00	13,695.96	4,273.00	1,127.00
	Spectrum Auction Related Proceeds	21,949.00	60,841.00	37,816.00	42,617.89	54,500.00	62,303.00
9	<b>Telecom Usage Parameters</b>						
	Traffic (MOU) (minutes of use/subscriber/month)						
	GSM	818	955	946	995	1026	1005
	CDMA						
	Wireless Data Usage per subscriber per month (in GB)	12.11	14.89	17.02	19.30	21.53	25.24
	Minutes of usages for internet Telephony (Million)	174.89	137.74	78.08	93.47	70.90	67.63
	Wireless data usage (in PB per year)	104,207	137,459	160,054	194,774	228,779	69,090
10	<b>FDI EQUITY INFLOWS (US\$ In Million)</b>	59,636	58,773	46,034	44,423	50,018	35,180
	Telecommunication Sector	392	668	713	282	746	94
	Share of Telecommunication Sector	0.66%	1.14%	1.55%	0.63%	1.49%	0.27%
11	<b>GVA (In Crore) (At constant price) (As per NAS)</b>	₹ 12,687,345	₹ 13,876,840	₹ 14,878,028	₹ 16,151,477	-	-
	GVA Telecom Sector	₹ 145,573	₹ 156,702	₹ 173,599	₹ 192,427	-	-
	Share of Telecom Sector	1.15%	1.13%	1.17%	1.19%	-	-
12	<b>Number of Mobile Towers</b>	645,814	710,040	754,067	796,773	824,280	840,167
13	<b>No. of Base Transceiver Stations(BTS)</b>	2,240,276	2,332,550	2,542,213	2,918,413	3,002,519	3,125,468

Source: DoT, TRAI, TSPs, MOSPI

## Definitions

1. **Subscribers:** SUBSCRIBER means any person or legal entity, which subscribes to / avails of the service from the Licensee. 'Subscriber' is used interchangeably with 'customer'.
2. **Service:** SERVICE means collection, carriage, transmission and delivery of messages over Licensee's network in Service Area as per authorization under the License e.g. Wireline, Wireless and Internet – Broadband, Narrowband etc.
3. **Tele-density (Per 100 Inhabitants):** Tele-density is Telephone (Wireline & Wireless) subscribers per 100 inhabitants.
4. **Traffic:** Telecommunication traffic that originates in one place and terminates in another. Traffic may be **International** (Traffic originating in one country and terminating in another country, where one of the countries is India), **Inter-Circle** (Originates in one Telecom Circle and terminates in another circle) and **Intra-Circle** (Originates and terminates within the same telecom circle).
5. **Traffic Minutes of Usage (MOU):** Traffic Minutes of Usage is minutes of use per subscriber per month
6. **Wireless data usage per subscriber per month:** Wireless Data Usage is the average amount of data (in GB) consumed per wireless subscriber per month across all users on the network.
7. **Average Revenue Per User (ARPU):** The Average Revenue Per User (ARPU) quantifies the amount of revenue generated on average per customer.
8. **License Fee:** License Fee means a fee payable by Licensee at prescribed intervals and rates for the period of the License.
9. **Spectrum Usage Charges (SUC):** Spectrum Usage Charges (SUC) are annual fees paid by telecommunications licensees and cover the right to use the radio frequency spectrum allocated to them.

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