

Key Telecommunications Statistics

Telecommunications Services	Quantity
Mobile network operators (May 2004)	6
Wireline-based local fixed telecommunications network services (FTNS) operators (May 2004)	9
Wireless-based local FTNS operators (May 2004)	1
Paging service operators (May 2004)	8
FTNS operator over the Hybrid Fibre Coaxial Cable Network of Hong Kong Cable Television Ltd (May 2004)	1
FTNS operators for distribution of domestic free TV programme service (May 2004)	2
Satellite-based external FTNS operators (May 2004)	5
Cable-based external FTNS operators (May 2004)	18
External telecommunications services operators (May 2004)	223
Fixed line penetration per population (April 2004)	55.7%
Mobile subscriber penetration per population (April 2004)	108.7%
Mobile subscribers (March 2004)	7,349,202
Internet	
Internet service providers (May 2004)	196
Registered customer accounts with dial-up access (estimated) (April 2004)	1,059,978
Registered customer accounts with broadband access (estimated) (April 2004)	1,280,001
Household broadband penetration rate (April 2004)	53.7%

Last update: 21 June 2004

**Telecommunication Indicators in Hong Kong
submitted to ITU for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2003**

DEMOGRAPHY , ECONOMY	
Population	6.786 Million
Households	2.158 Million
TELEPHONE NETWORK	
Main telephone lines in operation	3.832 Million
% digital main lines	100%
% residential main lines	55.58%
Public payphones	9,059
MOBILE SERVICES	
Cellular mobile telephone subscribers	6.396 Million
Digital cellular subscribers	6.396 Million
Percentage of population (%)	94.3%
OTHER SERVICE	
ISDN subscribers	11,821
ISDN B channel equivalents	79,946
TRAFFIC	
International outgoing telephone (minutes)	3.981 Billion
International incoming telephone (minutes)	1.745 Billion
International bothway telephone (minutes)	5.726 Billion
STAFF	
Full-time telecommunication staff*	17,756
TARIFFS	
Connection fee for residential telephone service (HK\$)	475
Connection fee for business telephone service (HK\$)	475
Monthly subscription for residential telephone service (HK\$)	110
Monthly subscription for business telephone service (HK\$)	128.8
REVENUE	
Total telecom services revenue (HK\$) <i>(for the period from 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2002)</i>	48,789 Million
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	
Annual telecom investment (HK\$) <i>(for the period from 1 Jan to</i>	8,307 Million

31 Dec 2002)	
BROADCASTING	
Cable TV subscribers	615,111
Home satellite antennas	1,918

* The decline in 2002/03 is due to the fact that a major telecommunications operator outsourced part of its operation and the number of staff involved is around 3000. The sub-contractor is classified as "Engineering and Technical Services related to Computer and Telecommunications Equipment" according to C&SD.