



ITU Telecommunication Indicators

Top 20 International Telecommunication Operators

Ranked by 1997 minutes of international outgoing traffic

Rank		Operator (Country)	International outgoing telephone traffic		International telephone revenue		
97	96		Minutes, million 1997	Change 1996-97	US\$ million 1997	Change 1996-97	As % of total revenue 1997
1	1	AT&T (United States)	10'290	7.8%	8'351	-2.4%	16%
2	2	MCI (United States)	5'907	10.0%	4'243	19.5%	22%
3	3	Deutsche Telekom (Germany)	4'813	1.1%	2'734	6.5%	7%
4	4	France Télécom	3'407	8.3%	2'110	-14.6%	8%
5	5	Sprint (United States)	2'759	0.5%	1'478	-1.0%	10%
6	6	BT (UK) a	2'683	3.5%	2'609	-14.2%	10%
7	7	Telecom Italia	2'315	9.0%	1'412	-0.3%	8%
8	8	Swisscom (Switzerland)	1'957	6.6%	941	2.2%	14%
9	9	Hongkong Telecom a	1'718	-1.2%	2'193	-2.3%	48%
10	11	China Telecom	1'632	13.9%	2'110	26.0%	11%
11	10	PTT Telecom (Netherlands)	1'535	3.0%	1'037	-4.4%	14%
12	12	Telefónica (Spain)	1'427	20.0%	795	-2.0%	8%
13	20	WorldCom (United States)	1'400	65.5%	500	37.4%	7%
14	13	Belgacom (Belgium)	1'340	9.1%	547	-6.5%	13%
15	17	Singapore Telecom a	1'161	23.3%	1'378	7.3%	41%
16	18	Teleglobe (Canada)	1'112	21.6%	755	1.4%	54%
17	14	KDD (Japan) a	1'105	0.2%	1'905	-5.0%	79%
18	15	Telmex (Mexico)	1'009	-5.8%	1'408	-20.4%	19%
19	16	PTA (Austria)	996	5.1%	492	1.7%	13%
20	20	Rostelecom (Russia)	939	10.3%	643	-6.8%	40%
TOP 20			49'505	9.9%	37'642	-0.3%	14%

Note: United States dollar values are obtained by using operator supplied exchange rate or ending period exchange rate. Change in revenue based on local currency. The definition of international telephone revenue differs among operators (i.e., retail, gross (including incoming settlement payments) or net (net of settlement payments)). Figures in italics are estimates. ^a Year beginning 1 April.

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