



# ITU Telecommunication Indicators

## Top 20 Fixed-line Telecom Operators

Ranked by number of 1998 domestic main telephone lines

Rank 1998	Operator (Country)	Main telephone lines		Telephone service revenue		
		Total (000s)	Change 1997-98 (%)	Total US\$ Million	Change 1997-98 (%)	As % of total revenue
1	China Telecom (China)	87'421	24.3%	13'112	-3.7%	54%
2	<a href="#">NTT</a> (Japan) a)	60'186	-1.7%	26'902	-11.3%	38%
3	<a href="#">Deutsche Telekom</a> (Germany)	45'700	3.2%	22'830	-4.2%	57%
4	Bell Atlantic (United States)	41'637	4.1%	23'467	3.0%	74%
5	SBC (United States)	37'252	4.3%	19'967	5.6%	69%
6	<a href="#">France Télécom</a> (France)	34'000	0.9%	15'862	-3.7%	58%
7	BT (United Kingdom) b)	28'049	1.4%	16'526	3.7%	55%
8	Telecom Italia (Italy)	25'986	1.1%	16'197	1.4%	93%
9	BellSouth (United States)	24'025	3.6%	14'744	7.5%	64%
10	GTE (United States)	23'473	9.0%	11'989	2.7%	54%
11	Ameritech (United States)	20'968	2.3%	11'460	3.6%	67%
12	KT (Korea (Rep.))	20'089	-1.6%	6'418	14.0%	88%
13	<a href="#">Telefónica</a> (Spain)	17'406	4.0%	7'510	-0.6%	68%
14	Türk Telekom (Turkey)	16'960	7.7%	3'506	92.1%	99%
15	<a href="#">US West</a> (United States)	16'601	3.5%	9'942	6.6%	80%
16	DOT (India) a)	14'395	24.8%	3'568	18.5%	89%
17	Chungwa Telecom (Taiwan-China)	11'500	5.9%	4'455	10.8%	79%
18	<a href="#">Bell Canada</a> (Canada)	10'950	3.2%	6'038	0.9%	85%
19	<a href="#">Telmex</a> (Mexico)	9'927	7.3%	8'053	3.2%	95%
20	Ukranian Telecom (Ukraine)	9'698	3.1%	1'040	50.2%	84%
	<b>TOP 20</b>	<b>556'223</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>243'584</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>62%</b>

*Note:* Domestic main telephone lines only. Some operators include ISDN channels in total. a) Year ending 31 March. b) Year beginning 1 April.

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