



# ITU Telecommunication Indicators

## Top 20 International Telecommunication Operators

Ranked by 1999 outgoing minutes

Rank	Operator (Country)	Fiscal year	International outgoing telephone traffic			International telecom revenue		
			(Million)		Change 1998-99 (%)	(M US\$)	Change 1998-99 (%)	As % of total telecom revenue
1	AT&T (United States)	31.Dec.	10'900.0		4.3%	4'921.0	-7.7%	7.9%
2	MCI WorldCom (United States)	31.Dec.	8'306.0		15.4%	3'489.0	27.1%	8.6%
3	Deutsche Telekom (Germany)	31.Dec.	3'860.0		-18.1%	1'493.5	-53.1%	8.0%
4	Sprint (United States)	31.Dec.	3'640.0		24.8%	825.0	-10.5%	4.1%
5	France Télécom (France)	31.Dec.	3'200.0		-5.9%	1'333.5	-24.7%	4.6%
6	BT (United Kingdom)	*1.Apr.	2'679.0		-3.9%	1'143.5	-10.9%	4.6%
7	Telecom Italia (Italy)	31.Dec.	2'390.0		2.2%	1'359.2	-9.4%	4.7%
8	Telefónica (Spain)	31.Dec.	1'935.0		14.5%	836.4	7.8%	3.4%
9	China Telecom (China)	31.Dec.	1'760.0		2.8%	1'703.5	-26.2%	6.2%
10	Hongkong Telecom (Hongkong Sar)	*1.Apr.	1'668.3		-0.8%	2'005.7	-17.9%	55.0%
11	KPN (Netherlands)	31.Dec.	1'625.0		1.6%	756.5	-6.1%	7.8%
12	Swisscom (Switzerland)	31.Dec.	1'440.0		-24.3%	875.3	-2.5%	11.8%
13	Belgacom (Belgium)	31.Dec.	1'288.0		1.3%	601.9	-11.5%	14.6%
14	PTA (Austria)	31.Dec.	1'178.0		4.2%	386.7	-4.3%	9.8%
15	Teleglobe (Canada)	31.Dec.	1'130.0		-1.3%	423.3	-32.8%	-
16	KDD (Japan)	*1.Apr.	1'096.2	[98]	-1.4%	1'458.8	-19.3%	27.8%
17	Telmex (Mexico)	31.Dec.	1'063.1		3.9%	1'206.9	27.2%	12.0%
18	Etisalat (United Arab Emirates)	31.Dec.	963.3		10.1%	583.4	14.3%	34.6%
19	STC (Saudi Arabia)	31.Dec.	932.6	[98]	16.4%	-	-	-
20	Chungwa Telecom (Taiwan-China)	30.Jun.	897.5		8.7%	1'303.1	55.4%	21.2%
	<b>TOP 20</b>		<b>51'952.0</b>		<b>2.7%</b>	<b>26'706.2</b>	<b>-10.3%</b>	<b>8.1%</b>

*Note:* All fiscal year dates show the ending period except those preceded by an asterisk which show the beginning period.

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