



ITU Telecommunication Indicators

Top 20 Mobile Cellular Operators

Ranked by 1999 subscribers

Rank		Operator (Country)	Cellular subscribers ¹		Mobile revenue ²		
99	98		1999 (000s)	CAGR (98-99)	1999 (US\$ m)	CAGR (98-99)	% of total
1	2	China Telecom (China)	39'096	65.9%	<i>7'956</i>	...	29%
2	1	NTT DoCoMo ^{3,9}	30'800	22.0%	35'081	19.2%	100%
3	3	TIM (Italy)	18'527	29.6%	7'484	21.2%	100%
4	5	SBC (USA) ⁴	11'151	28.4%	5'851	11.1%	12%
5	9	Omnitel (Italy)	10'418	68.3%	3'733	62.1%	100%
6	6	AirTouch (USA) ^{3,5,6}	10'082	21.0%	<i>4'028</i>	...	53%
7	10	SK Telecom (Korea (Rep.))	10'077	68.9%	3'741	20.9%	100%
8	14	France Télécom (France)	10'051	81.4%	3'989	42.8%	15%
9	7	AT&T (USA)	9'600	33.4%	7'627	41.1%	12%
10	4	DDI Group (Japan) ^{3,8,9}	9'523	8.8%	<i>8'574</i>	...	100%
11	11	Mannesmann (Germany) ⁷	9'500	61.0%	5'147	37.0%	22%
12	12	Deutsche Telekom (Germany)	9'200	57.5%	3'947	28.0%	11%
13	15	Telefónica (Spain)	9'052	85.0%	3'754	32.9%	16%
14	13	Vodafone (UK) ³	8'791	57.8%	4'630	39.0%	100%
15	8	Bell Atlantic Mobile (USA) ⁶	7'700	16.3%	4'564	20.2%	14%
16	18	BT Cellnet (UK) ³	7'404	63.7%	3'463	55.0%	100%
17	20	SFR (France)	7'224	72.0%	<i>3'113</i>	...	100%
18	16	GTE (USA) ⁶	7'146	48.3%	3'745	22.0%	15%
19	23	Sprint PCS (USA)	5'723	121.2%	3'180	159.6%	16%
20	25	Turkcell (Turkey)	5'466	134.6%	1'581	119.1%	100%
Top twenty			236'531	46.8%	125'187	29.3%	31%

Note: Figures in italics are estimates or refer to previous year. Financial data converted by end of period exchange rates. ¹Equity-based domestic subscribers. ²Domestic wireless revenue. ³Financial year beginning 1 April. ⁴Merged with Ameritech in 1999. ⁵Part of Vodafone AirTouch Group. ⁶To be spun-off into Verizon in 2000. ⁷Purchased by Vodafone AirTouch in 2000. ⁸Total subscribers of holdings in 17 companies. ⁹Including Personal Handyphone System (PHS).

Source: International Telecommunication Union, PTO database.

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