



ITU Telecommunication Indicators

Top 20 Public Telecommunication Operators

Ranked by 1999 revenue

Rank	Operator (Country)	Telecom revenue		Net income		Employees	
		Total (US\$ million)	Change (98-99)	Total (US\$ million)	Change (98-99)	Total (000s)	Change (98-99)
1	NTT (Japan) a	97'953	6.7%	2'821	-46.0%	223.9	-0.2%
2	AT&T (United States)	62'391	17.2%	3'428	-34.5%	147.8	37.1%
3	SBC (United States)	49'489	7.1%	8'159	6.1%	204.5	2.1%
4	MCI Worldcom (United States)	37'120	104.3%	3'941	‡	77.0	-
5	Deutsche Telekom (Germany)	35'750	1.1%	1'309	-40.9%	195.8	0.0%
6	BT (United Kingdom) a	34'955	20.2%	3'264	-31.9%	136.8	9.7%
7	Bell Atlantic (United States)	33'174	5.1%	4'202	41.7%	145.0	3.6%
8	China Telecom (China)	27'539	14.5%	444.5 *	...
9	France Télécom (France)	27'344	10.5%	2'786	20.5%	174.3	3.1%
10	Telecom Italia (Italy)	27'229	8.2%	1'745	-12.2%	122.7	-1.1%
11	GTE (United States)	25'336	-0.5%	4'033	85.7%	99.0	-17.5%
12	BellSouth (United States)	25'224	9.1%	3'448	-2.2%	96.2	8.7%
13	Telefónica (Spain)	23'051	31.4%	1'812	38.0%	118.8	14.6%
14	Sprint (United States)	19'928	18.0%	-935	‡	77.6	19.6%
15	DDI (Japan) a	14'396	22.4%	-99	‡	2.6	...
16	Vodafone AirTouch (UK)	14'183	26.6%	166	‡	29.5	...
17	US West (United States)	13'182	6.3%	1'342	-11.0%	58.3	7.0%
18	Telstra (Australia) b	12'046	5.3%	2'305	16.0%	52.8	-7.7%
19	Telmex (Mexico)	10'132	23.1%	2'643	53.2%	63.9 *	...
20	KPN (Netherlands)	9'169	14.9%	832	20.5%	34.8	6.8%
	Top twenty	599'591	12.9%	47'202	14.1%	2'506	4.3%

Note: United States dollar values are obtained by using operator supplied exchange rates or ending period exchange rate. Net income is after tax. ‡ indicates that Net Income was negative in 1997 and/or 1998. a Year beginning 1 April. b Year ending 30 June. * = 1997 data.

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