



Africa, Telecom projections, 1995-2005

	Actual								Estimate	Forecast	
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Main telephone lines (000s)	12'550	13'663	15'043	16'719	18'631	19'799	21'377	22'832	25'180	27'900	31'000
North	5'860	6'476	7'208	8'094	9'158	10'230	11'478	12'333	14'151	16'200	18'600
South Africa	4'002	4'259	4'645	5'075	5'493	4'962	4'924	4'844	4'800	4'800	4'800
Sub-Saharan	2'687	2'929	3'190	3'550	3'980	4'607	4'975	5'655	6'230	6'900	7'600
Per 100 inhabitants	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.5
North	4.6	5.0	5.5	6.1	6.8	7.4	8.2	8.6	9.6	10.7	12.0
South Africa	10.1	10.6	11.3	12.0	12.8	11.4	11.1	10.7	10.4	10.1	9.9
Sub-Saharan	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1
Mobile cellular subscribers (000s)	652	1'166	2'289	4'207	7'586	15'723	25'804	38'020	51'678	61'200	67'000
North		69	175	284	1'007	3'947	8'105	11'788	16'455	19'700	21'700
South Africa	535	953	1'836	3'337	5'188	8'339	10'789	13'814	16'860	18'700	19'800
Sub-Saharan	72	144	278	586	1'390	3'437	6'911	12'418	18'363	22'800	25'500
Per 100 inhabitants	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.0	2.0	3.2	4.6	6.1	7.1	7.6
North	0.04	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	2.9	5.8	8.2	11.2	13.0	13.9
South Africa	1.4	2.4	4.5	7.9	12.0	19.1	24.2	30.4	36.4	39.5	41.0
Sub-Saharan	0.01	0.03	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	1.1	2.0	2.8	3.4	3.8
Total telephone subscribers (000s)	13'202	14'829	17'332	20'926	26'216	35'523	47'181	60'852	76'858	89'100	98'000
North	5'905	6'545	7'383	8'378	10'165	14'177	19'583	24'121	30'606	35'900	40'300
South Africa	4'537	5'212	6'481	8'412	10'681	13'301	15'713	18'658	21'660	23'500	24'600
Sub-Saharan	2'759	3'073	3'468	4'136	5'370	8'045	11'885	18'073	24'593	29'700	33'100
Per 100 inhabitants	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.8	3.5	4.5	5.9	7.4	9.1	10.3	11.1
North	4.6	5.0	5.6	6.3	7.5	10.3	14.0	16.8	20.8	23.7	25.9
South Africa	11.5	12.9	15.7	20.0	24.8	30.4	35.3	41.0	46.7	49.7	51.0
Sub-Saharan	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.9	2.9	3.8	4.5	4.9
Internet users (000s)	307	430	867	1'646	2'816	4'586	6'247	10'238	13'857	16'600	18'600
North	23	45	73	156	467	1'060	1'620	3'731	4'890	5'600	6'100
South Africa	280	355	700	1'266	1'820	2'400	2'890	3'100	3'300	3'500	3'700
Sub-Saharan	4	30	94	224	529	1'126	1'737	3'407	5'667	7'500	8'800
Per 100 inhabitants	0.04	0.06	0.12	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.6	1.9	2.1
North	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.1	0.3	0.8	1.2	2.6	3.3	3.7	3.9
South Africa	0.71	0.88	1.70	3.0	4.2	5.5	6.5	6.8	7.1	7.4	7.7
Sub-Saharan	0.001	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.09	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.3

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