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Highlights of Telecom Subscription Data as on 30th June, 2021

Particulars	Wireless	Wireline	Total (Wireless+ Wireline)
Total Telephone Subscribers (Million)	1180.83	21.74	1202.57
Net Addition in June, 2021 (Million)	3.99	0.07	4.06
Monthly Growth Rate	0.34%	0.33%	0.34%
Urban Telephone Subscribers (Million)	646.29	19.80	666.10
Net Addition in June, 2021 (Million)	4.81	0.10	4.91
Monthly Growth Rate	0.75%	0.52%	0.74%
Rural Telephone Subscribers (Million)	534.54	1.93	536.47
Net Addition in June, 2021 (Million)	-0.82	-0.03	-0.85
Monthly Growth Rate	-0.15%	-1.59%	-0.16%
Overall Tele-density*(%)	86.48%	1.59%	88.07%
Urban Tele-density*(%)	136.67%	4.19%	140.86%
Rural Tele-density*(%)	59.89%	0.22%	60.10%
Share of Urban Subscribers	54.73%	91.11%	55.39%
Share of Rural Subscribers	45.27%	8.89%	44.61%
Broadband Subscribers (Million)	769.26	23.52	792.78

- ❖ In the month of June, 2021, 12.27 million subscribers submitted their requests for Mobile Number Portability (MNP). With this, the cumulative MNP requests increased from 593.61 million at the end of May-21 to 605.88 million at the end of Jun-21, since implementation of MNP.
- Number of active wireless subscribers (on the date of peak VLR*) in June,
 2021 was 984.79 million.

Note:

- Information in this Press Release is based on the data provided by the Service Providers
- * Based on the projection of population from the 'Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections for India and States 2011 2036', which is available under the link https://main.mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Population%20Projection%20Report%202011-2036%20-%20upload_compressed_0.pdf
- # VLR is acronym of Visitor Location Register. The dates of peak VLR for various TSPs are different in different service areas.

I. Total Telephone Subscribers

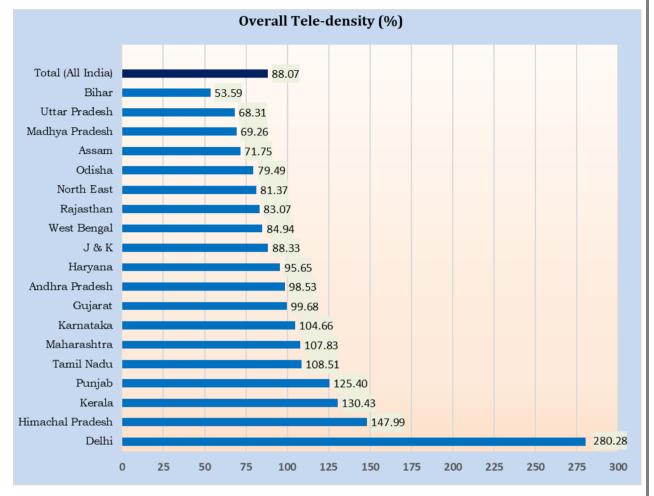
• The number of telephone subscribers in India increased from 1,198.50 million at the end of May-21 to 1,202.57 million at the end of June-21, thereby showing a monthly growth rate of 0.34%. Urban telephone subscription increased from 661.18 million at the end of May-21 to 666.10 million at the end of Jun-21, however, the rural subscription decreased from 537.32 million to 536.47 million during the same period. The monthly growth rates of urban and rural telephone subscription were 0.74% and -0.16% respectively during the month of June-21.





• The overall Tele-density in India increased from 87.84% at the end of May-21 to 88.07% at the end of Jun-21. The Urban Tele-density increased from 140.04% at the end of May-21 to 140.86% at the end of Jun-21, however Tele-density decreased Rural from 60.22% to 60.10% during the same period. The share of urban and rural subscribers in total number telephone subscribers at the end of June-21 was 55.39% and 44.61% respectively.

Overall Tele-density (LSA Wise) - As on 30th June, 2021



• As may be seen in the above chart, eight LSA have less tele-density than the all India average tele-density at the end of June-21. Delhi service area has maximum tele-density of 280.28% and the Bihar service area has minimum tele-density of 53.59% at the end of June-21.

Notes:

- 1. Population data/projections are available state wise only.
- Tele-density figures are derived from the telephone subscriber data provided by the access service providers and the projection of population from the "Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections for India and States 2011 2036, which is available under the link https://main.mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Population%20Projection%20Report%20
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- 3. Telephone subscriber data for Delhi, includes, apart from the data for the State of Delhi, wireless subscriber data for the areas served by the local exchanges of Ghaziabad & Noida (in Uttar Pradesh) and Gurgaon & Faridabad (in Haryana).
- 4. Data/information for West Bengal includes Kolkata, Maharashtra includes Mumbai and Uttar Pradesh includes UPE & UPW service area(s).
- 5. Data/information for Andhra Pradesh includes Telengana, Madhya Pradesh includes Chhatishgarh, Bihar includes Jharkhand, Maharashtra includes Goa, Uttar Pradesh includes Uttarakhand, West Bengal includes Sikkim and North-East includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura States.

II. Category-wise Growth in subscriber base

Circle Category-wise Net Additions in Telephone Subscribers in the month of June 2021

Circle	Net additions of June	in the month e, 2021	Telephone Subscriber base as on 30 th June, 2021				
Category	Wireline segment	Wireless segment	Wireline segment	Wireless segment			
Circle A	-3,307	925,047	8,277,175	402,720,796			
Circle B	13,511	1,750,257	4,915,163	478,410,559			
Circle C	30,876	899,680	1,213,025	181,761,634			
Metro	30,592	417,033	7,330,594	117,938,387			
All India	71,672	3,992,017	21,735,957	1,180,831,376			

Circle Category-wise monthly and yearly Growth Rates in Telephone Subscribers in the month of June 2021

Circle		rowth rate (%) to June-21)	Yearly growth rate (%) (June-20 to June-21)					
Category	Wireline Segment	Wireless Segment	Wireline Segment	Wireless Segment				
Circle A	-0.04%	0.23%	8.01%	3.48%				
Circle B	0.28%	0.37%	11.31%	3.30%				
Circle C	2.61%	0.50%	47.05%	4.14%				
Metro	0.42%	0.35%	6.14%	3.58%				
All India	0.33%	0.34%	9.72%	3.52%				

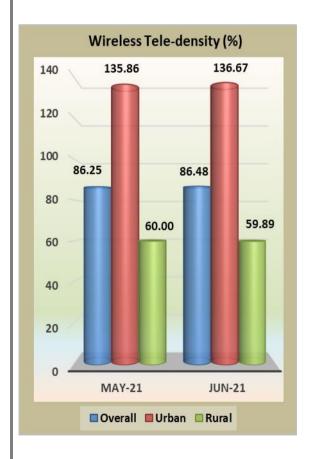
Note: Circle Category-Metro includes Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. Data for Chennai has been included in Circle Category-A, as part of TamilNadu.

- As can be seen in the above tables, in wireless segment, on monthly and yearly basis Circles of all categories have registered growth rate in their subscriber base.
- In Wireline segment, on monthly basis except Circle 'A', circle of all categories showed growth rate in their number of wireline subscribers during the month of June, 2021. On yearly basis, Circles of all categories have registered growth rate in their subscriber base.

III. Wireless subscriber

Total wireless subscribers increased from 1,176.84 million at the end of 21 to 1,180.83 million at the end of June-21, thereby registering a monthly growth rate of 0.34%. Wireless subscription in urban areas increased from 641.48 million at the end of May-21 to 646.29 million at the end of June-21 however, wireless subscription in rural areas decreased from 535.36 million to 534.54 million during the same period. Monthly growth rates of urban and rural wireless subscription were 0.75% and -0.15% respectively.

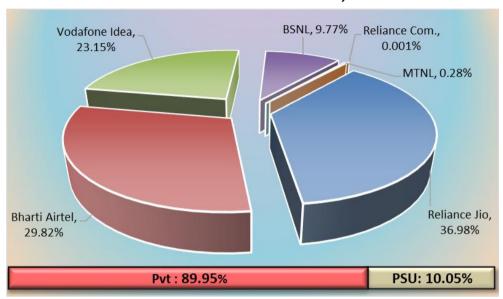




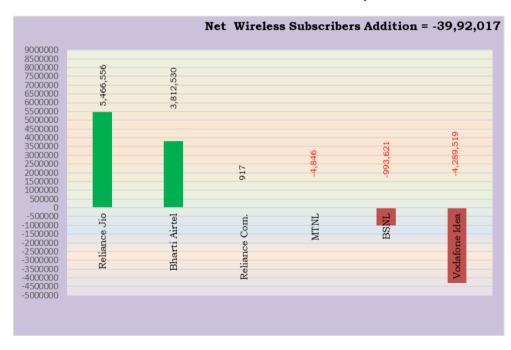
• The Wireless Tele-density in India increased from 86.25% at the end of May-21 to 86.48% at the end of June-21. The Urban Wireless Tele-density increased from 135.86% at the end of May-21 to 136.67% at the end of June-21 however, Rural Tele-density decreased from 60% to 59.89% during the same period. The share of urban and rural wireless subscribers in total number of wireless subscribers was 54.73% and 45.27% respectively at the end of June-21. Detailed statistics of wireless subscriber base is available at **Annexure-I**.

- As on 30th June, 2021, the private access service providers held 89.95% market share of the wireless subscribers whereas BSNL and MTNL, the two PSU access service providers, had a market share of only 10.05%.
- The graphical representation of access service provider-wise market share and net additions in wireless subscriber base are given below: -

Access Service Provider-wise Market Shares in term of Wireless Subscribers as on 30th June, 2021



Net Additions/decline in Wireless Subscribers of Access Service Providers in the month of June, 2021



Note: 1. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd has reported the wireless subscribers including the subscribers of M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.

2. Virtual Network Operator (VNO) of BSNL has started reporting of its subscribers from the month of October, 2018 and the same has been included in the subscriber base of BSNL.

IV. Growth in Wireless Subscribers

Access Service Provider-wise Monthly Growth Rate of Wireless Subscribers in the month of June, 2021



Note: BSNL includes its Virtual Network Operator (VNO).

Service Area-wise Monthly Growth Rate of Wireless Subscribers in the month of June, 2021

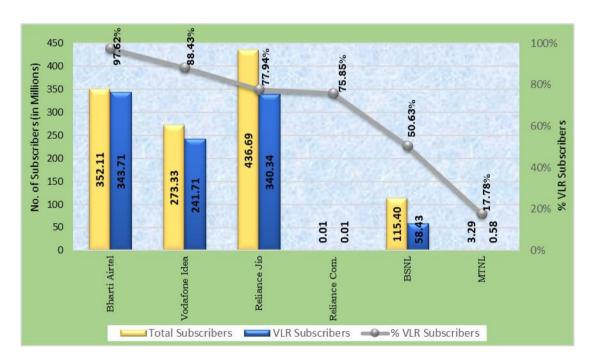


• Except Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh, all service areas showed growth in their wireless subscribers during the month of June-21.

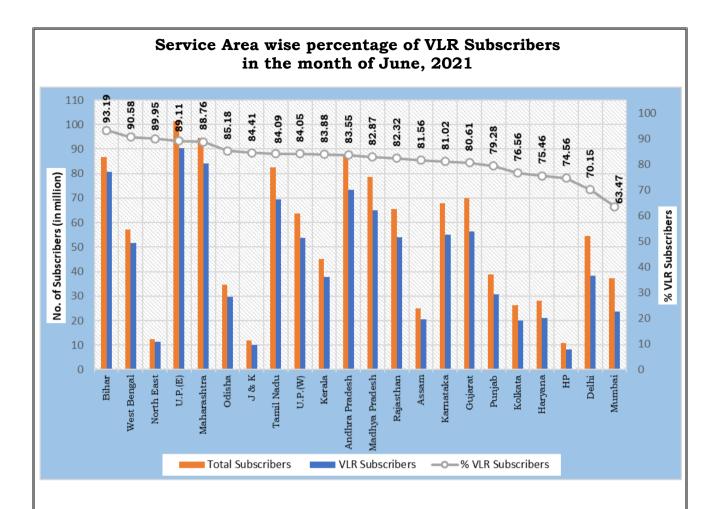
V. Active Wireless Subscribers (VLR Data)

- Out of the total wireless subscribers (1,180.83)million), 984.79 million wireless subscribers were active on the date of peak VLR in the month of June-21. The active wireless proportion of subscribers approximately was 83.40% of the total wireless subscriber base.
- The detailed statistics on proportion active of wireless subscribers (also referred to as VLR subscribers) on the date of peak VLR in the month of June-21 is available at Annexure-II and the methodology used for reporting **VLR** subscribers is available at Annexure-IV.

Access Service Provider-wise Percentage of VLR Subscribers in the month of June, 2021



- Bharti Airtel has the maximum proportion (97.62%) of its active wireless subscribers (VLR) as against its total wireless subscribers (HLR) on the date of
- VLR in the month peak of June-21 and MTNL has the minimum proportion of **VLR** (17.78%) of its HLR during the same period.



VI. Mobile Number Portability (MNP)

- Intra-service area Mobile number portability (MNP) was implemented first in Haryana service area w.e.f. 25.11.2010 and in the rest of the country w.e.f. 20.01.2011. Inter-Service Area MNP has been implemented in the country w.e.f. 03.07.2015. Now, the wireless telephone subscribers can retain their mobile numbers when they relocate from one service area to another.
- During the month of June-21, a total of 12.27 million requests were received for MNP. Out of total 12.27 million new requests, 7.31 million requests received from Zone-I and 4.95 million requests received from Zone-II. The cumulative MNP requests increased from 593.61 million at the end of May-21 to 605.88 million at the end of June-21, since the implementation of MNP.
- In MNP Zone-I (Northern and Western India), the highest number of requests till date have been received in Maharashtra (about 49.68 million) followed by Rajasthan (about 44.09 million) service area.

• In MNP Zone-II (Southern and Eastern India), the highest number of requests till date have been received in Karnataka (about 49.04 million) followed by Andhra Pradesh (about 47.16 million).

Service Area Wise MNP Status										
Zo	ne -1		Zone – 2							
Service Area	Number of Requests (i		Service Area	Number of Porting Requests (in Million)						
	May-21	June-21		May-21	June-21					
Delhi	29.25	29.74	Andhra Pradesh	46.69	47.16					
Gujarat	39.69	40.61	Assam	4.23	4.27					
Haryana	20.27	20.54	Bihar	27.72	28.68					
Himachal Pradesh	2.79	2.83	Karnataka	48.66	49.04					
Jammu & Kashmir	1.34	1.35	Kerala	15.72	16.07					
Maharashtra	48.57	49.68	Kolkata	12.81	12.94					
Mumbai	25.75	25.93	Madhya Pradesh	42.25	43.37					
Punjab	22.61	22.93	North East	1.59	1.60					
Rajasthan	43.37	44.09	Odisha	11.66	11.85					
U.P.(East)	40.21	41.99	Tamil Nadu	45.62	45.98					
U.P.(West)	32.34	2.34 33.82 West Ber		30.47	31.43					
Total	306.19 313.5		Total	287.42	292.38					
Total (Zone-1 +	Zone-2)			593.61	605.88					
Net Addition (June,			12.27	million						

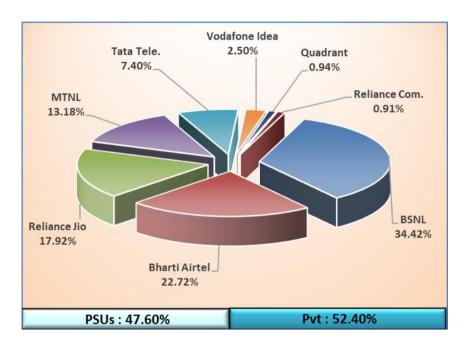
VII. Wireline Subscribers

- Wireline subscribers increased from 21.66 million at the end of May-21 to 21.74 million at the end of June-21. Net increase in the wireline subscriber base was 0.07 million with a monthly growth rate of 0.33%. The share of urban and rural subscribers in total wireline subscribers were 91.11% and
- 8.89% respectively at the end of June, 2021.
- The Overall Wireline Tele-density in India, at the end of Jun-21, remained same i.e. 1.59%, as was at the end of May-21. Urban and Rural Wireline Tele-density were 4.19% and 0.22% respectively during the same period.

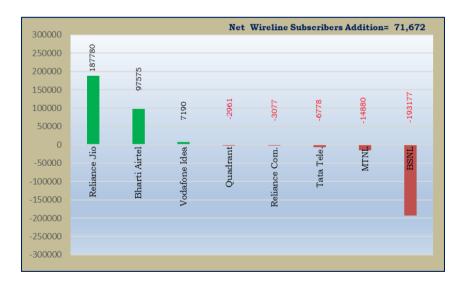
• BSNL and MTNL, the two PSU access service providers, held 47.60% of the wireline market share as on 30th June, 2021.

Detailed statistics of wireline subscriber base are available at **Annexure-III**.

Access Service Provider-wise Market Share of Wireline Subscribers as on 30th June, 2021



Access Service Provider-wise Net Additions/Decline in Wireline Subscribers during the month of June, 2021



VIII. Broadband (≥ 512 Kbps download)

 As per the reports received from 440 operators in the month of June, 2021, the number of broadband subscribers increased from 780.27 million at the end of May-21 to 792.78 million at the end of June-21 with a monthly growth rate of 1.60%. Segment-wise broadband subscribers and their monthly growth rates are as below: -

Segment-wise Broadband Subscribers and Monthly Growth Rate in the month of June, 2021

	Broadband s	Monthly growth rate in	
Segment	As on 31 st May, 2021	As on 30 th June, 2021	the month of June-21
Wired subscribers	22.74	23.52	3.42%
Mobile devices users (Phones and dongles)	756.88	768.61	1.55%
Fixed Wireless subscribers (Wi-Fi, Wi-Max, Point-to- Point Radio & VSAT)	0.65	0.65	0.21%
Total	780.27	792.78	1.60%

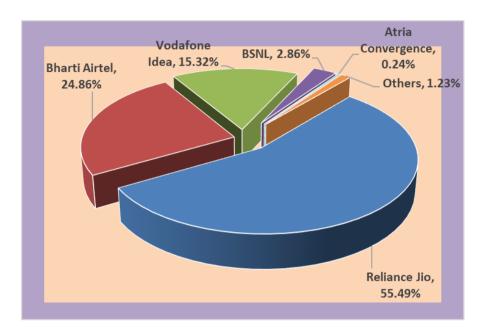
• Top five service providers constituted 98.77% market share of the total broadband subscribers at the end of June-21. These service providers were Reliance Jio

Infocomm Ltd (439.91 million), Bharti Airtel (197.10 million), Vodafone Idea (121.42 million), BSNL (22.69 million) and Atria Convergence (1.91 million).

Note: Some wireless service providers exclude incidental data users from their subscriber base, based on minimum usage decided by them.

• The graphical representation of the service provider-wise market share of broadband services is given below: -

Service Provider-wise Market Share of Broadband (wired + wireless) Services as on 30th June 2021



As on 30th June, 2021, the top five Wired Broadband Service providers were **BSNL** (6.03)Bharti Airtel million), (3.37)million), Reliance Jio Infocomm (3.22)Ltd million), Atria Convergence Technologies (1.91 million) and Hathway Cable & Datacom (1.06 million).

As on 30th June, 2021, the top five Wireless Broadband Service providers were Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd (436.69 million), Bharti Airtel (193.74 million), Vodafone Idea (121.41 million), BSNL (16.67 million) and Tikona Infinet Ltd. (0.31 million).

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	Wireless Subscriber Base										Ar	Annexure-I					
Circle	Bharti Airte	el cluding Tata	Relianc	ce Com.	Vodafor	ne Idea	BS	SNL	BSNL (VNO's)	мт	NL	Relian	ce Jio	То	tal	Net
Onoic	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	Addition
Andhra Pradesh	30910121	31207814	938	936	15315444	15084844	9192651	9140635				,	32146712	32245396	87565866	87679625	113759
Assam	9255195	9396665			3129613	3060431	3057755	3065743					9450522	9538264	24893085	25061103	168018
Bihar	35665088	36148989	153	145	11662759	11303641	5736135	5645664				ı ı	33067494	33575643	86131629	86674082	542453
Delhi	16130132	16216300	440	440	15978312	15925885	ıl				2160035	2159136	19981390	20132835	54250309	54434596	184287
Gujarat	12011680	12109206	189	189	25022251	24784722	5891951	5767026				,l	26797458	27341384	69723529	70002527	278998
Haryana	5506028	5563549	71	71	8226254	8085635	5010614	4981792				,	9272994	9409915	28015961	28040962	25001
Himachal Pradesh	3258052	3289031	96	96	646962	631358	2995317	2683988					4201402	4250862	11101829	10855335	-246494
J & K	5459282	5503692	. 0	0	484944	473157	1272874	1269448					4647452	4665785	11864552	11912082	47530
Karnataka	29978857	30184161	1744	1739	8849389	8564344	7156832	7145249				,	21847733	21921576	67834555	67817069	-17486
Kerala	6724552	6838692	2 444	430	17021822	16732881	10896006	10838814					10395303	10680602	45038127	45091419	53292
Kolkata	5733488	5774553	3 27	27	6621148	6535798	2466608	2404595				,	11438926	11551066	26260197	26266039	5842
Madhya Pradesh	15261811	15407691	337	270	21110885	20855780	6200881	6108851				,	35538446	36109079	78112360	78481671	36931
Maharashtra	19097058	19373348	332	320	31283854	30711593	6743800	6748783				<u> </u>	37069773	37793654	94194817	94627698	43288
Mumbai	9548361	9609501	814	1962	11106524	11155817		' '			1130785	1126838	15224364	15343634	37010848	37237752	226904
North East	5363803	5415783	3 0	0	1348960	1325196	1369472	1367453				<u> </u>	4335591	4383650	12417826	12492082	74256
Odisha	11047738	11160980	191	191	2253847	2189554	6409243	6421333				 	14742014	14994892	34453033	34766950	31391
Punjab	11426774	11518485	338	335	8609759	8501752	5505616	5425005				 	13240912	13452454	38783399	38898031	11463
Rajasthan	21519647	21740227	7 295	284	11973038	11776030	6170809	6051660				,	25886616	25984290	65550405	65552491	208
Tamil Nadu	27017998	27217937	+		19014909	18652929	10659589	10789760	51054	51076			25732759	25881565	82476982	82593877	11689
U.P.(E)	35216994	35771527			21949776	21345731	11260414	11204795	<u> </u>	!	$oxed{oxed}$	<u> </u>	32473715	33094058	100901218	101416408	51519
U.P.(W)	17009243	17319169	250		19183593	19084492	5796235	5748559	<u> </u>	!			21516605	21641370	63505926	63793817	28789
West Bengal	15155590	15342722	911	910	16827402	16550356	2551036	2541042	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	22217967	22700730	56752906	57135760	38285
Total	348297492	352110022	8562	9479	277621445	273331926	116343838	115350195	51054	51076	3290820	3285974	431226148	436692704	1176839359	1180831376	399201
Net Addition		3812530		917	<u> </u>	-4289519		-993643	<u> </u>	22	$oxed{oxed}$	-4846	<u> </u>	5466556	0	3992017	
Rural Subscribers	172497615	171728397	7 0	0	142210565	139608331	37094370	36630876	0	0	45145	45126	183509862	186524950	535357557	534537680	-81987

Note: 1. The subscribers of M/s Bharti Airtel includes subscribers of M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.

^{2.} Virtual Network Operator (VNO) of BSNL has reported its subscriber number from the month of October, 2018.

Proportion of VLR on the date of Peak VLR in the month of June-21 (%) Annexure-II												
Circle	Bharti	BSNL	Vodafone Idea	MTNL	Reliance Com.	Reliance Jio	Total					
Andhra Pradesh	97.62	58.99	89.12		117.31	74.29	83.55					
Assam	99.29	45.80	87.83		-	73.56	81.56					
Bihar	99.32	47.37	89.39		109.32	95.57	93.19					
Delhi	87.34		69.43	10.48	79.89	63.28	70.15					
Gujarat	95.84	45.55	89.34		79.89	73.35	80.61					
Haryana	108.41	34.11	88.65		78.87	66.52	75.46					
Himachal Pradesh	105.65	39.38	106.02		32.29	68.06	74.56					
J & K	95.83	55.14	83.90		-	78.97	84.41					
Karnataka	91.99	47.71	83.47		80.85	75.83	81.02					
Kerala	103.43	66.97	93.75		52.33	73.07	83.88					
Kolkata	91.32	41.95	85.46		-	71.34	76.56					
Madhya Pradesh	95.79	43.50	84.69		122.59	82.96	82.87					
Maharashtra	101.00	56.06	94.10		134.38	83.98	88.76					
Mumbai	76.29		70.95	31.75	55.71	52.33	63.47					
North East	103.18	63.40	87.11		-	82.75	89.95					
Orissa	99.90	58.18	91.79		24.61	84.82	85.18					
Punjab	103.33	41.97	89.16		38.81	67.48	79.28					
Rajasthan	97.49	43.99	89.56		51.41	75.27	82.32					
Tamil Nadu	94.38	64.99	91.91		182.79	75.63	84.09					
U.P. (E)	103.48	36.41	97.27		57.91	86.16	89.11					
U.P. (W)	103.96	39.99	88.07		11.89	76.27	84.05					
West Bengal	98.77	70.58	91.42		20.33	86.69	90.58					
Total	97.62	50.63	88.43	17.78	75.85	77.94	83.40					

Note: Peak VLR figures in some circles of some of the service providers are more than their HLR figures due to a large number of inroamers.

Wireline Subscriber Base											Anne	xure-III							
	BS	NL	M	rnl	Bharti	Airtel	Relianc	e Com.	Tata	Tele.	Quad	rant	Vodafor	ne Idea	ea Reliance Jio		Total		Net
Service Area	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-21	Addition
Andhra Pradesh	667510	666598			280160	283986	21650	21514	157929	157413			60480	60585	405915	430973	1593644	1621069	27425
Assam	99667	100,503											3420	3450	55937	60021	159024	163974	4950
Bihar	169197	172,598					19	20	7519	7879			1740	1740	124307	138265	302782	320502	17720
Delhi			1314010	1311468	1553509	1580518	31862	31437	137656	136165			89304	91069	439849	439383	3566190	3590040	23850
Gujarat	463174	439640			125291	128028	4245	4014	79482	79571			40337	40757	248807	263360	961336	955370	-5966
Haryana	162476	159000			31850	35798	2	2	35011	35195			360	360	42631	45284	272330	275639	3309
Himachal Pradesh	87497	86867			0	0	0	0	1608	1619			30	30	14989	16705	104124	105221	1097
J & K	114091	109641			17391	17996	0	0	0	0			0	0	90849	95686	222331	223323	992
Karnataka	828621	826670			796527	805018	25552	25143	247906	245123			91642	94472	286142	295018	2276390	2291444	15054
Kerala	1196304	1159092			66923	67874	5431	5376	18856	18536			8570	8570	80093	88288	1376177	1347736	-28441
Kolkata	314803	311405			150655	151434	7553	7545	46278	46260			14990	15230	151839	159565	686118	691439	5321
Madhya Pradesh	302625	289803			272082	284282	5	5	11236	11410			2505	2535	199128	215855	787581	803890	16309
Maharashtra	819997	745862			170004	177703	12084	11941	223049	221850			27583	27793	107877	113095	1360594	1298244	-62350
Mumbai			1565053	1552715	409095	416301	62143	60712	483987	481892			109915	110665	417501	426830	3047694	3049115	1421
North East	86515	83514											330	330	42259	46431	129104	130275	1171
Odisha	191609	191356					6	6	8122	8153			6570	6570	58477	63645	264784	269730	4946
Punjab	258917	252516			159399	162000	1747	1734	12714	12702	208308	205347	2175	2235	105982	110368	749242	746902	-2340
Rajasthan	296917	284323			84644	89485	4255	4176	11732	11615			13010	13010	135440	141653	545998	544262	-1736
Tamil Nadu	1024230	1024626			580347	586977	25092	24946	117493	118144			35955	36595	305401	319760	2088518	2111048	22530
U.P.(E)	184513	176504			86020	90562	23	22	7882	8065			20580	20580	159996	170319	459014	466052	7038
U.P.(W)	182456	176413			57711	61221	8	8	4312	4313			6760	6870	162058	175279	413305	424104	10799
West Bengal	224564	225575					13	12	2313	2402			120	120	70995	78469	298005	306578	8573
Total	7675683	7482506	2879063	2864183	4841608	4939183	201690	198613	1615085	1608307	208308	205347	536376	543566	3706472	3894252	21664285	21735957	71672
Net Addition		-193177		-14880		97575		-3077		-6778		-2961		7190		187780		71672	
Rural Subscribers	1869204	1836351	0	0	0	0	210	210	39600	39399	27076	26350	0	0	28544	31060	1964634	1933370	-31264

Note: - BSNL-FTTH Voice-connections have also been incorporated from the month of May 2021

VLR Subscribers in the Wireless Segment

Home Location Register (HLR) is a central database that contains details of each mobile phone subscriber that is authorized to use the GSM core network. The HLRs store details of every SIM card issued by the service provider. Each SIM has a unique identifier called an International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI), which is the primary key to each HLR record. The HLR data is stored for as long as a subscriber remains with the service provider. HLR also manages the mobility of subscribers by means of updating their position in administrative areas. It sends the subscriber data to a Visitor Location Register (VLR).

Subscriber numbers reported by the service providers is the difference between the numbers of IMSI registered in service provider's HLR and sum of other figures as given below: -

1	Total IMSI's in HLR (A)
2	Less: $(B = a + b + c + d + e)$
a.	Test/Service Cards
b.	Employees
c.	Stock in hand/in Distribution Channels (Active Card)
d.	Subscriber Retention period expired
e.	Service suspended pending disconnection
3	Subscribers Base (A-B)

Visitor Location Register (VLR) is a temporary database of the subscribers who have roamed into the particular area, which it serves. Each base station in the network is served by exactly one VLR; hence a subscriber cannot be present in more than one VLR at a time.

If subscriber is in active stage i.e. he is able to send/receive calls/SMSs he is available both in HLR and VLR. However, it may be possible that the subscriber is registered in HLR but not in VLR due to the reason that he is either switched-off or moved out of coverage area, not reachable etc. In such circumstances he will be available in HLR but not in VLR. This causes difference between subscriber number reported by the service providers based on HLR and numbers available in VLR.

The VLR subscriber data calculated here is based on active subscribers in VLR on the date of Peak subscriber number in VLR of the particular month for which the data is being collected. This data is to be taken from the switches having the purge time of not more than 72 hours.