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Highlights of Telecom Subscription Data as on 31st May, 2024

Particulars	Wireless	Wireline	Total (Wireless+ Wireline)
Broadband Subscribers (Million)	893.83	41.31	935.13
Urban Telephone Subscribers (Million)	634.10	31.78	665.89
Net Addition in May, 2024 (Million)	0.57	0.43	0.99
Monthly Growth Rate	0.09%	1.36%	0.15%
Rural Telephone Subscribers (Million)	534.85	2.95	537.80
Net Addition in May, 2024 (Million)	1.43	0.05	1.48
Monthly Growth Rate	0.27%	1.59%	0.28%
Total Telephone Subscribers (Million)	1168.95	34.73	1203.69
Net Addition in May, 2024 (Million)	2.00	0.47	2.47
Monthly Growth Rate	0.17%	1.38%	0.21%
Overall Tele-density*(%)	83.40%	2.48%	85.87%
Urban Tele-density*(%)	127.04%	6.37%	133.41%
Rural Tele-density*(%)	59.26%	0.33%	59.59%
Share of Urban Subscribers	54.25%	91.51%	55.32%
Share of Rural Subscribers	45.75%	8.49%	44.68%

- ❖ In the month of May, 2024, 12 million subscribers submitted their requests for Mobile Number Portability (MNP). With this, the cumulative MNP requests increased from 973.60 million at the end of April-24 to 985.60 million at the end of May-24, since implementation of MNP.
- Number of active wireless subscribers (on the date of peak VLR#) in May, 2024 was 1059.73 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. Broadband Subscriber

• As per the information received from 1,212 operators in May, 2024, in comparison to 1203 Operators in April 2024, the total Broadband Subscribers increased from 928.41 million at the end of April-24 to 935.13 million at the end of May-24 with a monthly growth rate of 0.72%. Segmentwise broadband subscribers and their monthly growth rates are as below: -

Segment-wise Broadband Subscribers and Monthly Growth Rate in the month of May, 2024

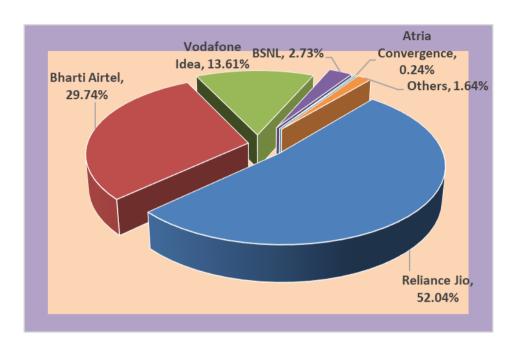
		Broadband subscribers (in million)						
Segment	As on 30 th April 2024	As on 31st May 2024	growth rate in the month of May, 2024					
Wired subscribers	40.71	41.31	1.46%					
Mobile devices users (Phones and dongles)	886.97	893.11	0.69%					
Fixed Wireless subscribers (Wi-Fi, Wi-Max, Point-to- Point Radio & VSAT)	0.73	0.71	-2.19%					
Total	928.41	935.13	0.72%					

As on 31st May, 2024, top five Broadband (Wired+Wireless) Service providers

S.No.	Name of the Service Provider	Subscriber base (In million)			
1.	Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd	486.62			
2.	Bharti Airtel Ltd.	278.10			
3.	Vodafone Idea Ltd.	127.27			
4.	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	25.54			
5.	Atria Convergence Technologies Limited	2.26			
	Share of Top Five Vs Total Broadband + Wireless)	98.36%			

• 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 31st May, 2024



As on 31st May, 2024, top five Wired Broadband Service providers

S.No.	Name of the Service Provider	Subscriber base (In million)
1.	Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd	12
2.	Bharti Airtel Ltd.	7.95
3.	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	4.18
4.	Atria Convergence Technologies Limited	2.26
5.	ONEOTT INTERTAINMENT LIMITED	1.18
Marke	t Share of Top Five Vs Total Wired Broadband	66.74%

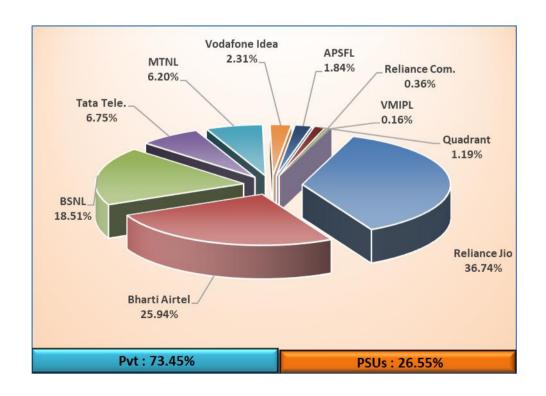
As on 31st May, 2024, top five Wireless Broadband Service providers

S.No.	Name of the Service Provider	Subscriber base (In million)
1.	Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd	474.62
2.	Bharti Airtel Ltd.	270.15
3.	Vodafone Idea Ltd.	127.26
4.	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	21.36
5.	Intech Online Pvt. Ltd.	0.24
Market	t Share of Top Five Vs Total Wireless Broadband	99.98%

II. Wireline Subscribers

- Wireline subscribers increased from 34.26 million at the end of April-24 to 34.73 million at the end of May-24. Net increase in the wireline subscriber base was 0.47 million with a monthly rate of growth 1.38%. The share of urban and rural subscribers in total wireline subscribers were 91.51% and 8.49% respectively at the end of May, 2024.
- The Overall Wireline Tele-density in India increased from 2.45% at the end of April-24 to 2.48% at the end of May-24. Urban and Rural Wireline Teledensity were 6.37% and 0.33% respectively during the same period.
- BSNL, MTNL and APSFL, the three PSUs access service providers, held 26.55% of the wireline market share as on 31st May, 2024. Detailed statistics of wireline subscriber base are available at **Annexure-I**.

Access Service Provider-wise Market Share of Wireline Subscribers as on 31st May, 2024



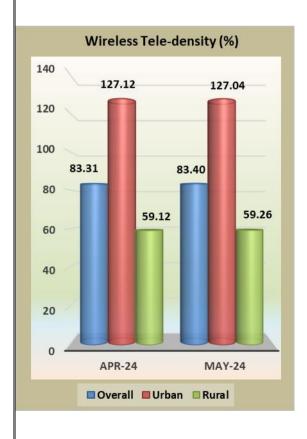
Access Service Provider-wise Net Addition/Decline in Wireline Subscribers during the month of May, 2024



III. Wireless subscriber

Total wireless subscribers increased from 1,166.96 million at the end of April-24, to 1,168.95 million at the end of May-24, thereby registering a monthly growth rate of 0.17%. Wireless subscription in urban areas increased from 633.53 million at the end of Apr-24 to 634.10 million at the end of May-24 and wireless subscription in rural areas also increased from 533.42 million to 534.85 million during the same period. Monthly growth of urban and rural wireless rate subscription 0.09% and 0.27% was respectively.

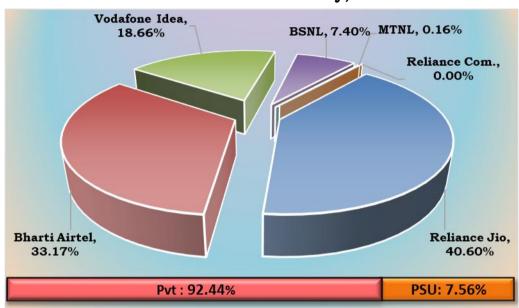




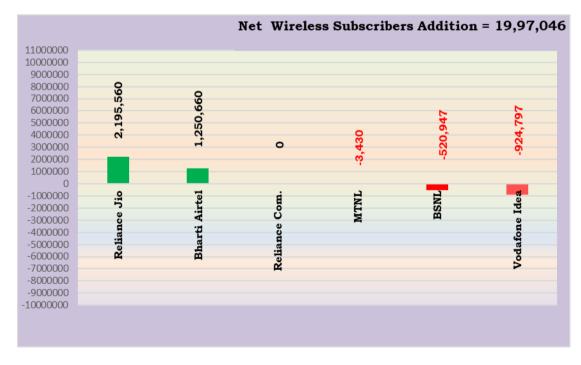
Wireless Tele-density in India increased from 83.31% at the end of April-24 to 83.40% at the end of May-24. The Urban Wireless Tele-density decreased from 127.12% at the end of April-24 to 127.04% at the end of May-24 however Rural Tele-density increased from 59.12% to 59.26% during the same period. The share of urban and rural wireless subscribers in total number of wireless subscribers was 54.25% and 45.75% respectively at the end of May-24. Detailed statistics of wireless subscriber base is available at Annexure-II.

- As on 31st May, 2024, the private access service providers held 92.44% market share of the wireless subscribers whereas BSNL and MTNL, the two PSU access service providers, had a market share of only 7.56%.
- 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 31st May, 2024



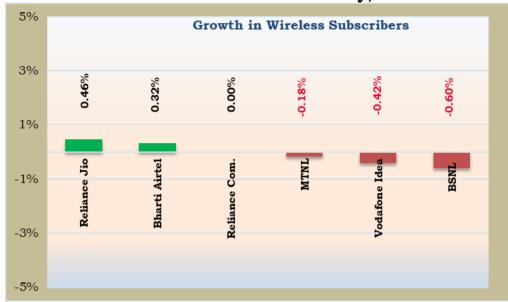
Net Addition in Wireless Subscribers of Access Service Providers in the month of May, 2024



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Growth in Wireless Subscribers

Access Service Provider-wise Monthly Growth Rate of Wireless Subscribers in the month of May, 2024



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

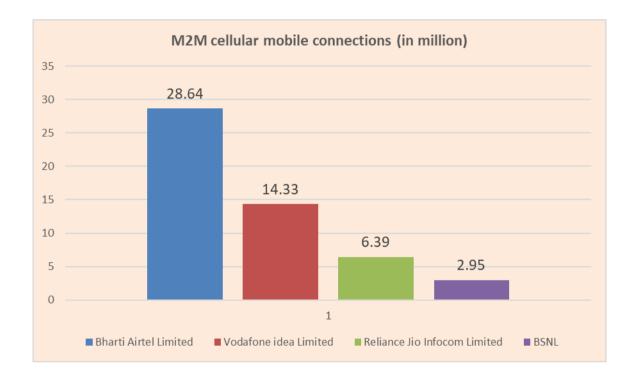
Service Area-wise Monthly Growth Rate of Wireless Subscribers in the month of May, 2024



• Except Kerala, Maharashtra, Kolkata, Mumbai, Haryana and Punjab, all other service areas have showed growth in their wireless subscribers during the month of May-24.

M2M cellular mobile connections

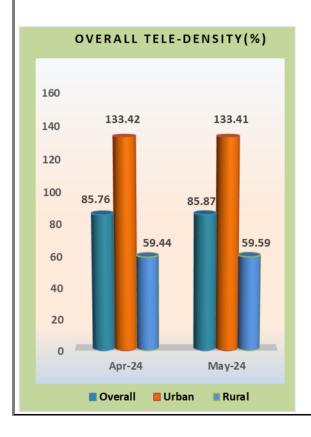
As on 31.05.2024, there were 52.30 million M2M cellular mobile connections. Bharti Airtel Limited has the highest number of M2M cellular mobile connections 28.64 million with a market share of 54.76% followed by Vodafone idea Limited, Reliance Jio Infocom Limited and BSNL with market share of 27.40%, 12.21% and 5.63% respectively.



IV. Total Telephone Subscribers

• The number of telephone subscribers in India increased from 1,201.22 million at the end of April-24 to 1,203.69 million at the end of May-24, thereby showing a monthly growth rate of 0.21%. Urban telephone subscription increased from 664.89 million at the end of April-24 to 665.89 million at the end of May-24 and the rural subscription also increased from 536.33 million to 537.80 million during the same period. The monthly growth rates of urban and rural telephone subscription were 0.15% and 0.28% respectively during the month of May-24.





• The Tele-density overall in India increased from 85.76% at the end of April-24 to 85.87% at the end of May-24. The Urban Tele-density decreased 133.42% at the end of April-24 to 133.41% at the end of May-24 however Rural Tele-density increased from 59.44% to 59.59% during the same period. The share of urban and rural subscribers in total number of telephone subscribers at the end of May-24 were 55.32% and 44.68% respectively.

Overall Tele-density (LSA Wise) - As on 31st May, 2024



• 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 May-24. Delhi service area has maximum tele-density of 280.83% and the Bihar service area has minimum tele-density of 57.45% at the end of May-24.

Notes: -

- 1. Population data/projections are available state wise only.
- 2. 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 2011-2036%20-%20upload_compressed_0.pdf
- 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.

V. Category-wise Growth in subscriber base

Circle Category-wise Net Additions in Telephone Subscribers in the month of May, 2024

Circle	Net additions of May	in the month , 2024	Telephone Subscriber base as on 31st May, 2024					
Category	Wireline segment	Wireless segment	Wireline segment	Wireless segment				
Circle A	183117	679747	13523949	388706624				
Circle B	153814	800214	9353763	475421381				
Circle C	76976	559229	2761586	190264490				
Metro	57462	-42144	9093907	114562371				
All India	471369	1997046	34733205	1168954866				

Circle Category-wise monthly and yearly Growth Rates in Telephone Subscribers in the month of May, 2024

Circle		owth rate (%) to May-24)	Yearly growth rate (%) (May-23 to May-24)					
Category	Wireline Segment	Wireless Segment	Wireline Segment	Wireless Segment				
Circle A	1.37%	0.18%	21.49%	1.28%				
Circle B	1.67%	0.17%	24.88%	2.63%				
Circle C	2.87%	0.29%	26.98%	3.51%				
Metro	0.64%	-0.04%	6.14%	1.97%				
All India	1.38%	0.17%	18.28%	2.25%				

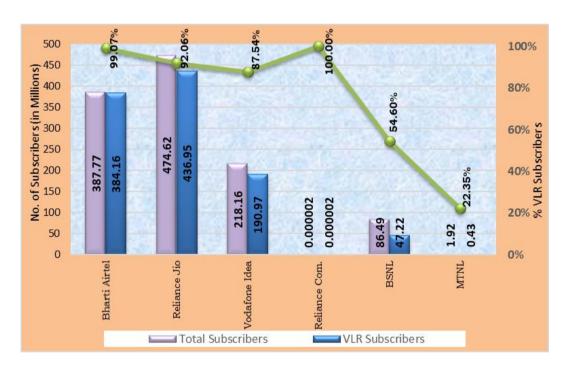
Note: Circle Category-Metro includes Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. Data for Chennai has been included in Circle Category-A, as part of TamilNadu.

- As can be seen in the above tables, in wireless segment, during the month of May, 2024, on monthly basis except Circle 'Metro, all other circles have registered growth rate in their subscriber base. On yearly basis all circles have registered growth rate in their subscriber.
- In Wireline segment, during the month of May, 2024, both on monthly and yearly basis, all circles have registered growth rate in their subscriber base.

VI. Active Wireless Subscribers (VLR Data)

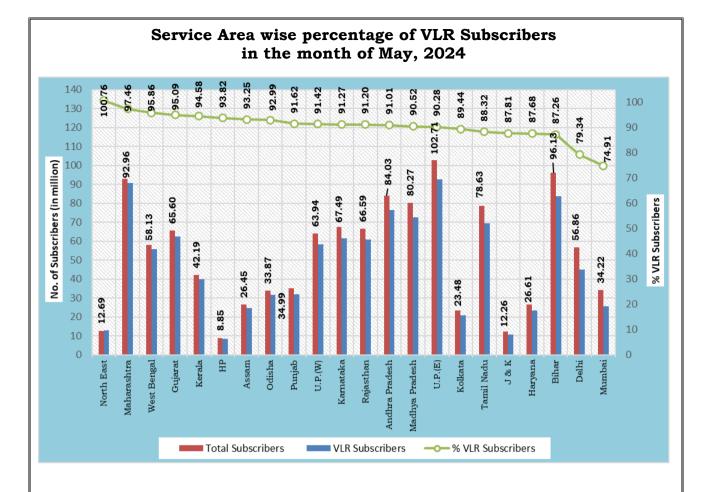
- Out of the total 1,168.95 million wireless subscribers. 1059.73 million wireless subscribers were active on the date of peak VLR in the month of May-24. The proportion active wireless of subscribers approximately was 90.66% of wireless the total subscriber base.
- detailed • The statistics on proportion of active wireless subscribers (also referred to as VLR subscribers) on the date of peak VLR in the month ofMay-24 is available at Annexure-III and the methodology used for subscribers reporting VLR is available at Annexure-IV.

Access Service Provider-wise Percentage of VLR Subscribers in the month of May, 2024



 Reliance Communications has the maximum proportion 100% of its active wireless subscribers (VLR) as against its total wireless subscribers (HLR) on the date of

VLR in the month peak of May-24 and **MTNL** has the minimum proportion of VLR 22.35% of its HLR during the same period.



VII. 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 May-24, a total of 12 million requests were received for MNP. Out of total 12 million, new requests received from Zone-I & Zone-II were 6.79 million and 5.21 million respectively. The cumulative MNP requests increased from 973.60 million at the end of April-24 to 985.60 million at the end of May-24, since the implementation of MNP.
- In MNP Zone-I (Northern and Western India), the highest number of requests till date have been received in Uttar Pradesh-East (about 93.42 million) followed by Maharashtra (about 80.77 million) service area.

• In MNP Zone-II (Southern and Eastern India), the highest number of requests till date have been received in Madhya Pradesh (about 76.35 million) followed by Karnataka (about 67.80 million).

Service Area Wise MNP Status								
Zo	ne-I	Zone-II						
Service Area	Number o Requests (Service Area	Req	of Porting luests Iillion)			
	Apr-24	Apr-24 May-24		Apr-24	May-24			
Delhi	46.81	47.39	Andhra Pradesh	65.57	66.11			
Gujarat	66.44	67.22	Assam	6.99	7.10			
Haryana	30.88	31.23	Bihar	53.95	54.84			
Himachal Pradesh	4.17	4.21	Karnataka	67.26	67.80			
Jammu & Kashmir	2.51	2.58	Kerala	23.64	23.85			
Maharashtra	79.88	80.77	Kolkata	18.06	18.23			
Mumbai	33.36	33.61	Madhya Pradesh	75.28	76.35			
Punjab	32.68	32.98	North East	2.23	2.26			
Rajasthan	66.73	67.42	Odisha	17.23	17.43			
U.P.(East)	91.77	93.42	Tamil Nadu	62.54	63.10			
U.P.(West)	69.79	70.98	West Bengal	55.83	56.74			
Total	525.01 531.8		Total	448.58	453.79			
Total (Zone-I + 2	Zone-II)			973.60	985.60			
Net Addition (May, 2	2024)		12 million					

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									Wirel	ine Subsc	riber Bas	se										Annexure-I	
Service Area	BS	NL	M	rnl	Bharti	i Airtel	Relian	ce Com.	Tata	Tele.	Qua	drant	Vodafo	ne Idea	Relia	nce Jio		bile & Infra Ltd.	APS	SFL	To	tal	Net Addition
	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Addition
Andhra Pradesh	549191	545190			679611	691981	18399	18380	252483	260368			85765	93585	1477482	1526833			640555	639952	3703486	3776289	72803
Assam	92,132	91,771			33640	35046	0	0	0	0			2520	2520	203476	210170					331768	339507	7739
Bihar	164,102	163,065			217468	242182	9	9	10861	10892			5410	5440	601490	624048					999340	1045636	46296
Delhi	0	0	989708	986617	2138138	2152970	17147	16937	214106	217325			82721	83231	1028449	1049105					4470269	4506185	35916
Gujarat	301304	301179			277686	282378	3041	2770	180612	178581			99932	104496	753606	773520					1616181	1642924	26743
Haryana	214588	215925			190527	194241	0	0	40926	40325			420	420	160691	170759					607152	621670	14518
Himachal Pradesh	91745	90931			9018	10384	0	0	1465	1461			90	90	67300	70392					169618	173258	3640
J & K	70475	69348			115856	118691	0	0	0	0			30	30	223743	229733					410104	417802	7698
Karnataka	527085	520752			1230339	1239819	16546	16229	458022	454702			152220	152070	1043423	1064193					3427635	3447765	20130
Kerala	1083071	1081500			106867	108028	3128	3030	18175	18190			6570	6490	328346	338065					1546157	1555303	9146
Kolkata	180857	182219			211866	209002	4899	4943	65327	64244			15570	15450	544008	555892					1022527	1031750	9223
Madhya Pradesh	241560	239802			577785	571587	5	5	52737	47121			66630	67130	843684	870676					1782401	1796321	13920
Maharashtra	555477	550958			506512	514832	7875	7661	213400	222739			20508	20116	354548	378562					1658320	1694868	36548
Mumbai	3561	3561	1172983	1165615	609770	613152	36788	35859	611597	620063			179014	179094	929936	938628					3543649	3555972	12323
North East	72074	65766			0	0	0	0	0	0			510	510	194674	199409					267258	265685	-1573
Odisha	144840	145016			55922	58258	4	4	12314	12889			3540	3570	289902	299961					506522	519698	13176
Punjab	507336	508274			289104	300157	1849	1847	16282	16402	414437	414969	1590	1590	416400	439716	53338	53998			1700336	1736953	36617
Rajasthan	255876	253405			276297	280790	3376	3367	24172	24100			12205	11885	462942	482421					1034868	1055968	21100
Tamil Nadu	908953	907324			923076	929198	14904	14758	131873	132621			33193	33093	923211	945109					2935210	2962103	26893
U.P.(E)	125499	121482			220572	224652	34	34	10480	10998			17310	17330	596993	619659					970888	994155	23267
U.P.(W)	180642	177125			168702	171936	8	8	7108	7269			4111	4111	666173	687466					1026744	1047915	21171
West Bengal	192614	195390			57760	59882	47	26	2644	2674			150	150	278188	287356					531403	545478	14075
Total	6462982	6429983	2162691	2152232	8896516	9009166	128059	125867	2324584	2342964	414437	414969	790009	802401	12388665	12761673	53338	53998	640555	639952	34261836	34733205	471369
Net Addition		-32999		-10459		112650		-2192		18380		532		12392		373008		660		-603		471369	
Rural Subscribers	2111220	2124267	32	32	2489	2526	358	357	7476	7124	22203	39095	0	0	284604	301649		0	474011	473564	2902393	2948614	46221

						Wirele	ss Subscri	iber Base								Annexure-II	
Circle		i Airtel g Tata Tele.)	Relian	ce Com.	Vodafone	e Idea	BSI	NL	BSNL (V	VNO's)	мт	rnl	Reliar	nce Jio	То	tal	Net
	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	M ay-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Apr-24	May-24	Addition
Andhra Pradesh	33802990	34010404	0	0	10751901	10727601	6298530	6295338					32902714	32994663	83756135	84028006	271871.00
Assam	11,842,815	11,905,489	0	0	1556432	1544938	2997110	2977451					9999391	10024600	26395748	26452478	56730
Bihar	41,479,959	41,474,249	0	0	7723950	7713573	5243821	5256069					41499744	41687594	95947474	96131485	184011
Delhi	18236749	18281949	0	0	16469388	16500155					1685302	1685013	20303751	20388694	56695190	56855811	160621
Gujarat	11899129	11924385	0	0	20594935	20479326	2663437	2675956					30368938	30516865	65526439	65596532	70093
Haryana	7055277	7028290	0	0	6747231	6728877	4151046	4055885					8785964	8796184	26739518	26609236	-130282
Himachal Pradesh	3580137	3581035	0	0	399085	395676	1499470	1507563					3358689	3365275	8837381	8849549	12168
J & K	6034748	6096286	0	, 0	297655	293024	775479	775103	Ţ				5064589	5099769	12172471	12264182	91711
Karnataka	32235233	32384375	2	. 2	6445140	6442419	4167414	4174103					24376370	24484441	67224159	67485340	261181
Kerala	8652608	8746805	0	, 0	13605281	13561115	8950516	8795341					11021013	11083502	42229418	42186763	-42655
Kolkata	5667019	5660012	. 0	, 0	5281561	5263082	1671358	1573316					10918229	10986067	23538167	23482477	-55690
Madhya Pradesh	16188116	16228824	0	, 0	15505081	15436309	4714048	4659304					43450326	43944459	79857571	80268896	411325
Maharashtra	21831018	21919771	0	, 0	22100999	21981186	5633705	5655254					43523793	43407659	93089515	92963870	-125645
Mumbai	10074700	10117220	0	, 0	10877588	10705134					236821	233680	13182049	13168049	34371158	34224083	-147075
North East	6329479	6348113	0	, 0	752436	744341	1,237,585	1,233,208					4312212	4366518	12631712	12692180	60468
Odisha	11643237	11631129	0	, 0	1429455	1416414	5,340,098	5,334,229					15307685	15492844	33720475	33874616	154141
Punjab	12643439	12609543	0	, 0	6457103	6444950	3,903,491	3,720,785					12231491	12216608	35235524	34991886	-243638
Rajasthan	23370326	23474299	0	, 0	10648894	10551397	5,507,916	5,521,645					26961003	27037993	66488139	66585334	97195
Tamil Nadu	29488741	29681291	0	0	15518545	15495199	7,439,395	7,419,439	175,938	167,635			25808010	25869312	78430629	78632876	202247
U.P.(E)	37338963	37426815	0	0	17309359	17245091	7,447,567	7,475,025		<u> </u>			40237859	40563725	102333748	102710656	376908
U.P.(W)	18918229	18962036	0	0	15552927	15510494	4,883,224	4,890,092		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		24387588	24574153	63741968	63936775	194807
West Bengal	18204620	18275872	0	0	13057527	12977375	2,313,911	2,331,371		<u> </u>			24419223	24547217	57995281	58131835	136554
Total	386517532	387768192	2	2	219082473	218157676	86839121	86326477	175938	167635	1922123	1918693	472420631	474616191	1166957820	1168954866	1997046
Net Addition		1250660	<u> </u>	0		-924797		-512644		-8303	<u> </u>	-3430		2195560	0	1997046	
Rural Subscribers	190,421,486	190,924,927	0	ol	107355447	107195606	27,266,245	27,230,804	0	0	35223	35217	208344758	209466901	533423159	534853455	1430296

Proport	Proportion of VLR on the date of Peak VLR in the month of May-24 (%) Annexure-III								
Circle	Bharti	BSNL	Vodafone Idea	MTNL	Reliance Com.	Reliance Jio	Total		
Andhra Pradesh	97.81	63.01	90.15		-	89.62	91.01		
Assam	102.04	29.72	95.22		-	101.37	93.25		
Bihar	91.59	35.26	88.00		-	89.38	87.26		
Delhi	93.24		58.33	15.37	-	89.16	79.34		
Gujarat	106.09	67.57	94.44		-	93.64	95.09		
Haryana	105.07	29.52	91.73		-	97.51	87.68		
Himachal Pradesh	104.71	54.82	111.09		-	97.68	93.82		
J & K	93.80	64.78	85.31		-	84.31	87.81		
Karnataka	97.78	59.82	81.39		100.00	90.61	91.27		
Kerala	102.29	95.56	93.05		-	89.58	94.58		
Kolkata	94.49	56.52	90.98		-	90.82	89.44		
Madhya Pradesh	103.49	44.31	84.84		-	92.62	90.52		
Maharashtra	108.04	63.88	91.35		-	99.59	97.46		
Mumbai	77.61		67.53	72.72	-	78.86	74.91		
North East	105.64	51.89	94.45		-	108.55	100.76		
Odisha	104.78	48.74	96.71		-	99.04	92.99		
Punjab	104.44	47.00	92.45		-	91.55	91.62		
Rajasthan	100.37	41.47	92.10		-	93.04	91.20		
Tamil Nadu	97.37	73.22	89.58		-	81.61	88.32		
U.P. (E)	98.12	34.33	90.74		-	93.16	90.28		
U.P. (W)	102.96	36.28	98.74		-	88.86	91.42		
West Bengal	104.80	66.14	89.09		-	95.60	95.86		
Total	99.07	54.60	87.54	22.35	100.00	92.06	90.66		

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.

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.