

TELECOM STATISTICS OF SRI LANKA – Q3 2025

Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

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1. Number of Licenses granted under Section 17 & 17B of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act

Category of Service	2025 Q3
Fixed Access Telephone service	3
Cellular Mobile Telephones	3
Data Communications (Facility based)	1
Data Communications (Non-facility based & Internet Service Providers (ISP))	3
International Telecommunication Operators	4
Direct-to-Home Satellite Broadcasting Service	2
Cable TV Distribution Network	3
Other Operators [Leased Circuit, (Satellite, Teleport, Number Portability) service]	4
17 B Licenses Telecommunication Infrastructure, Satellite Broadband Services	3
Total	26

Note: SLT PLC, Lanka Bell, Dialog Broadband are entitled to provide Pay phone and Data services according to their licences.

1.1. Fixed Access Telephone Operators

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
1	Dialog Broadband Networks (Pvt.) Ltd.	10.11.2015	Ten years (10)	09.11.2025
2	Lanka Bell Ltd.**	26.02.2016	Ten years (10)	25.02.2026
3	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	09.02.2022	Ten years (10)	08.02.2032

** - Not in operation

1.2. Cellular Mobile Telephone Operators

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
1	Dialog Axiata PLC	28.09.2023	Ten years (10)	27.09.2033
2	Hutchison Telecommunications Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd.	11.02.2022	Ten years (10)	10.02.2032
3	Mobitel (Pvt.) Ltd.	10.02.2023	Ten years (10)	09.02.2033

1.3. Data Communication (Facility Based) Operators

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
1	Lanka Communication Services (Pvt.) Ltd.	04.07.2021	Five years (05)	03.07.2026

1.4. Data Communication (Non-Facilities Based) - Internet Service Providers

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
1	Lanka Education and Research Network	01.09.2021	Five years (05)	31.08.2026
2	TATA Communications Lanka Ltd.	10.02.2025	Five years (05)	09.02.2030
3	Dialog Broadband Networks (Pvt.) Ltd.	05.12.2023	Five years (05)	04.12.2028

1.5. International Telecommunication Operators

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
1	Dialog Axiata PLC	28.02.2023	Ten years (10)	27.02.2033
2	Hutchison Telecommunications Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd.	28.02.2025	Ten years (10)	27.02.2035
3	Mobitel (Pvt.) Ltd.	07.03.2023	Ten years (10)	06.03.2033
4	TATA Communications Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd.	06.06.2023	Ten years (10)	05.06.2033

SLT PLC and Dialog Broadband (Pvt.) Ltd. are authorized to provide International Telecommunication Services under their main licence.

1.6. Direct-to-Home Satellite Broadcasting Services

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
1	Dialog Television (Pvt.) Ltd	01.02.2022	Five years (05)	31.01.2027
2	Free Sat Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd.,	18.10.2021	Five years (05)	17.10.2026

1.7. Cable TV Distribution Network Operators

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
1	Ask Cable Vision (Pvt.) Ltd.	01.03.2023	Five years (05)	29.02.2028
2	City Cables Links (Pvt.) Ltd.	01.06.2024	Five years (05)	31.05.2029
3	Trymas Media Network (Pvt.) Ltd.	02.11.2023	Five years (05)	01.11.2028

1.8. Other operator Services

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
1	Dialog Broadband Network (Pvt.) Ltd. (L.C.)	08.05.2025	Ten years (10)	07.05.2035
2	Supreme Sat (Pvt.) Ltd. (S.S.)	10.05.2023	Five years (05)	09.05.2028
3	Free Sat Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., (T.S.)	25.04.2024	Five years (05)	24.04.2029
4	Lanka Number Portability Services (Guarantee) Limited	01.07.2024	Ten Years (10)	30.06.2034

1.9.1. 17 B Telecommunication Infrastructure Services

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
01	EDOTCO SERVICES LANKA (PVT) LTD	29.07.2025	Five Years (05)	28.07.2030
02	SGH Towerco (Private) Limited	27.08.2025	Five Years (05)	26.08.2030

1.9.2. 17 B Telecommunication Satellite Broadband Service Providers

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
01	Starlink Lanka (Private) Limited	12.08.2024	Five Years (05)	11.08.2029

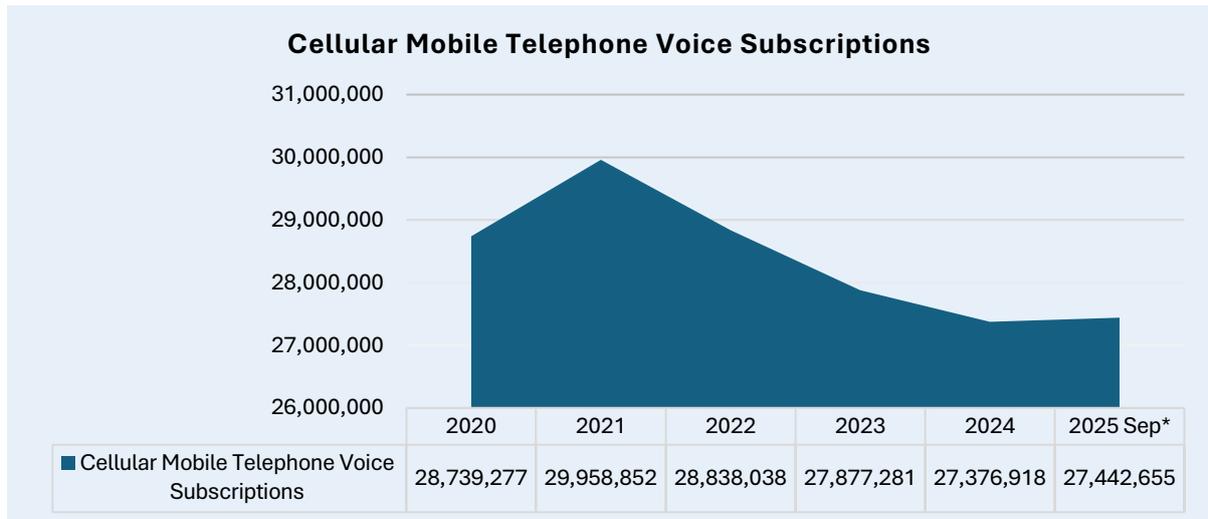
2. Statistical Overview of the Telecommunications Sector

Item	2025 Q3*
Number of System Licenses	26
Fixed Access Telephone Subscriptions (Voice Only)	891,531
Fixed Access Telephone Subscriptions (Voice & Data)	1,279,247
Fixed Access Telephone Subscriptions (Data Only)	1,325,176
Total Fixed Access Telephone Subscriptions	3,495,954
Fixed Access Voice Telephone Density (Per 100 inhabitants) (Dec 2024)	9.7
Fixed Access Telephone Density (Per 100 inhabitants)	15.7
Cellular Mobile Telephone Subscriptions (Voice only)	5,731,302
Cellular Mobile Telephone Subscriptions (Voice & Data)	21,711,353
Cellular Mobile Telephone Subscriptions (Data Only)	1,824,060
Total Cellular Mobile Telephone Subscriptions	29,266,715
Cellular Mobile Voice Telephony Density (Per 100 inhabitants) (Dec 2024)	124.9
Cellular Mobile Density (Per 100 inhabitants)	131.5
Fixed Broadband Subscriptions	2,604,423
Mobile Broadband Subscriptions (3G, 4G)	21,491,144

* Provisional

Note: 2024 Mid-year population = 21.916 million

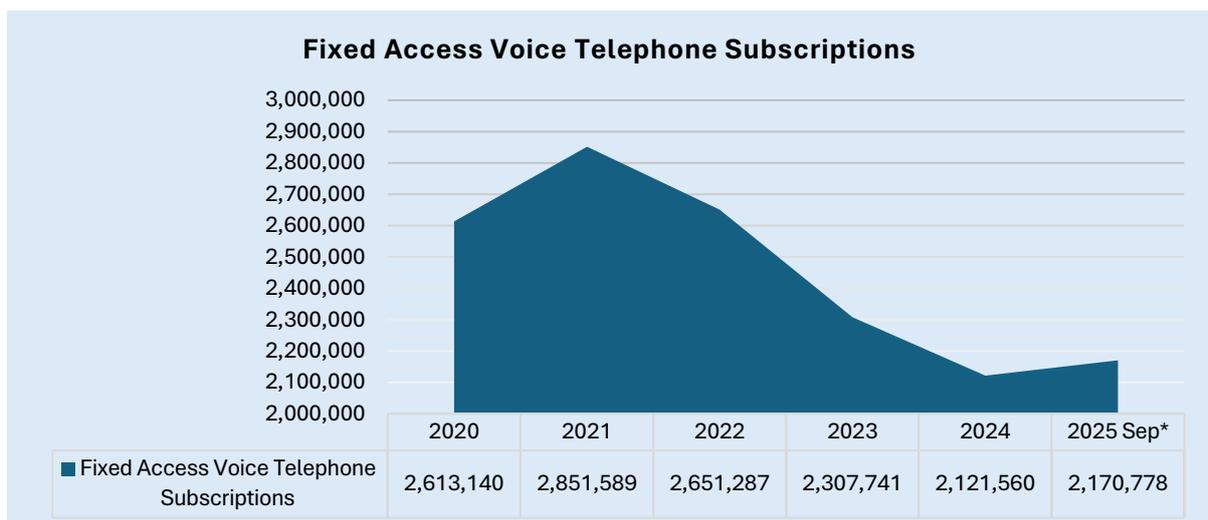
3. Cellular Mobile Telephone Voice Subscriptions (2020– 2025 Q3*)



Note: Mobile Data Only Subscriptions not included, for easy comparison

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4. Fixed Access Voice Telephone Subscriptions (2020 – 2025 Q3*)



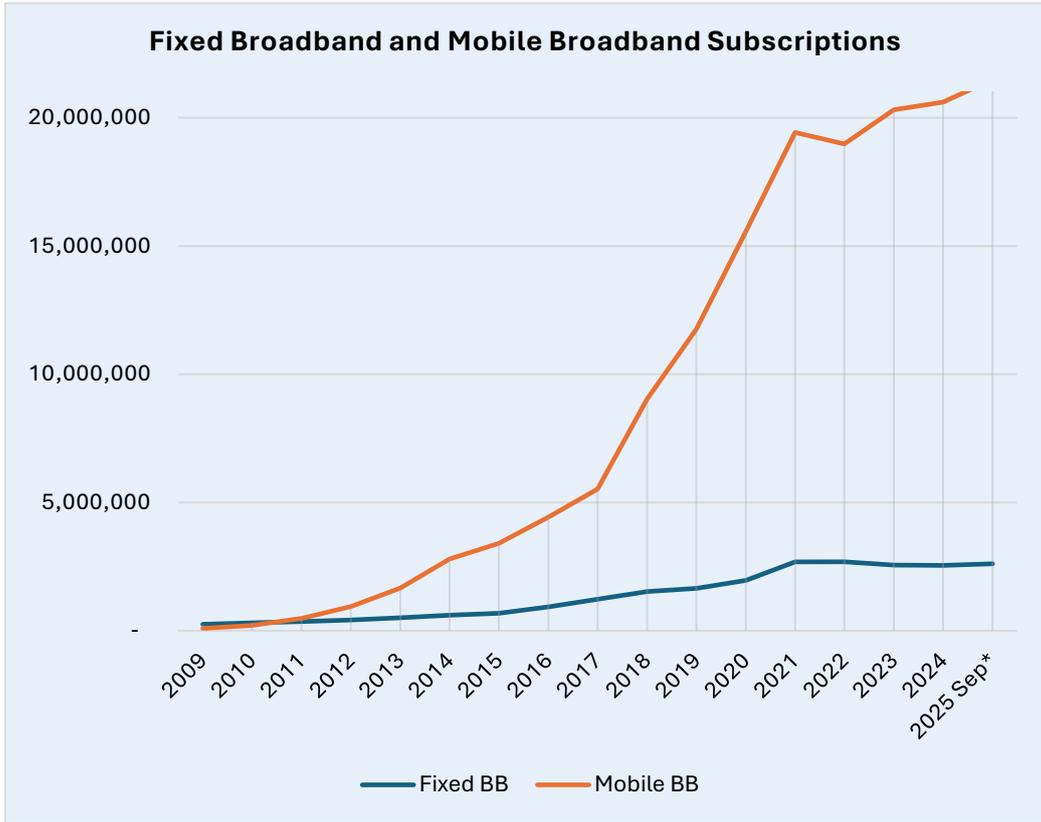
Note: Fixed Data Only Subscriptions not included, for easy comparison

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5. Fixed Broadband and Mobile Broadband Subscriptions

Year	Fixed BB	Mobile BB
2009	249,756	91,359
2010	302,000	200,000
2011	359,000	485,000
2012	423,194	942,461
2013	507,845	1,664,003
2014	606,100	2,790,195
2015	682,512	3,408,408
2016	929,089	4,429,344
2017	1,221,960	5,525,194
2018	1,530,099	9,032,576
2019	1,654,237	11,754,166
2020	1,956,325	15,567,665
2021	2,684,307	19,422,091
2022	2,686,955	18,980,661
2023	2,556,911	20,307,262
2024	2,543,248	20,612,470
2025 Sep*	2,604,423	21,491,144

Note: * Provisional, BB - Broadband



*-Provisional

6. Monthly Traffic Origination & Termination

6.1. Year 2023

2023	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
January	5,939,253,910	18,510,915	5,936,699,029	3,755,519
February	5,391,251,991	16,166,278	5,390,577,923	3,305,157
March	6,085,569,815	18,254,776	6,062,412,737	3,681,773
April	5,534,529,028	16,814,119	5,538,739,043	3,432,822
May	5,999,708,050	16,936,055	5,995,258,723	3,300,689
June	5,899,884,857	16,114,246	5,889,862,710	3,361,153
July	6,011,956,974	16,334,771	6,009,844,074	3,798,067
August	6,181,876,955	16,345,027	6,182,667,636	3,466,641
September	6,051,630,454	15,144,856	6,049,873,547	3,105,421
October	6,165,514,905	15,770,092	6,153,720,079	3,197,924
November	6,100,784,559	15,719,862	6,094,369,807	3,005,935
December	6,224,701,760	12,911,920	6,227,342,264	2,752,569

6.2. Year 2024 (Jan – Dec)

2024	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
January	6,316,991,869	16,816,022	6,312,762,371	3,356,016
February	6,064,082,425	15,935,757	6,060,247,032	3,079,166
March	6,439,432,377	16,364,213	6,437,765,213	3,083,044
April	6,000,344,590	15,691,716	5,998,112,067	2,865,663
May	6,346,824,381	15,393,338	6,345,572,499	2,866,491
June	6,475,273,728	16,118,988	6,363,587,291	3,431,394
July	6,672,995,520	14,570,210	6,666,561,432	2,576,102
August	6,725,243,405	14,359,336	6,662,960,420	2,661,707
September	3,453,840,242**	14,477,187	6,652,985,124**	2,228,196
October	6,630,281,372	14,148,675	6,658,134,912	1,462,395
November	5,971,988,998	14,671,989	6,003,453,613	2,371,143
December	5,819,135,920	11,913,040	5,819,591,183	1,132,018

6.3.1. Year 2025 (Jan – Sep)* Traffic Mobile

2025	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
January	5,892,481,085	10,072,607	5,955,843,154	2,127,477
February	5,242,619,467	9,209,313	5,300,017,907	1,791,657
March	5,883,694,482	9,690,094	5,948,016,944	1,639,775
April	5,217,162,672	9,140,759	5,274,132,846	1,637,318
May(e)	5,554,577,361	8,967,048	5,555,174,370	1,958,680
June(e)	5,459,037,332	9,140,911	5,442,139,897	1,661,182
July*	6,008,373,008	8,918,748	5,883,894,738	1,658,452
August*	5,853,814,844	8,497,697	5,848,511,285	1,661,487
September*	5,689,324,033	7,953,993	5,802,295,534	1,355,353

*-Provisional

6.3.2. Year 2025 (Jan – Sep)* Traffic Fixed

2025	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
January	142,164,579	1,372,846	78,636,323	499,948
February	126,665,264	1,201,034	69,950,043	582,257
March	139,574,317	1,253,897	76,772,864	612,053
April	134,770,277	1,159,398	71,485,759	548,031
May (e)	132,230,533	1,154,833	70,615,083	464,674
June (e)	133,128,888	1,057,949	70,728,903	579,098
July(e)	137,388,829	1,195,003	72,357,858	667,433
Aug	126,452,423	1,158,639	63,094,820	505,610
Sep	125,645,966	1,145,030	61,908,763	483,458

*- Provisional, ** - Corrected , (e) – estimated

1. Quarterly Basis Traffic Distribution

2023	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
Q1	17,416,075,716	52,931,971	17,389,689,691	10,742,451
Q2	17,434,121,935	49,864,420	17,423,860,476	10,094,664

Q3	18,245,484,383	47,824,654	18,242,385,257	10,370,129
Q4	18,491,001,224	44,401,874	18,475,432,150	8,956,428
Total	71,586,663,258	195,022,919	71,531,367,574	40,163,672
2024	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
Q1*	18,820,506,671	49,115,992	18,810,774,616	9,518,226
Q2*	18,822,442,699	47,204,042	18,707,271,857	9,163,548
Q3*	16,852,079,166**	43,406,734	19,982,506,976**	7,466,006
Q4*	18,421,406,209	40,733,704	18,481,179,708	4,965,556
2025	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
Q1*Fixed	408,404,160	3,827,777	225,359,230	1,694,258
Q1*Mobile	17,018,795,035	28,972,013	17,203,878,005	5,558,911
Q2*Fixed (e)	400,129,699	3,372,180	212,829,745	1,591,803
Q2*Mobile	16,230,777,365	27,248,718	16,271,447,112	5,257,180
Q3*Fixed(e)	389,487,219	3,498,672	197,361,441	1,656,501
Q3*Mobile	17,551,511,885	25,370,438	17,534,701,557	4,675,292

*-Provisional ** - Corrected , (e) - estimated

8. Yearly Basis Traffic Distribution

Year	Incoming		Outgoing	
	Local	International	Local	International
2011	37,683,542,412	1,977,309,199	37,248,089,885	694,065,674
2012	41,578,695,297	2,023,274,456	41,424,867,030	711,226,467
2013	41,633,469,455	1,935,790,037	41,043,805,496	687,196,312
2014	43,435,808,621	1,933,590,274	43,616,401,855	656,391,458
2015	44,756,667,740	1,592,185,803	44,757,983,247	575,842,588
2016***	44,692,460,946	1,083,162,252	44,436,980,225	393,460,496
2017	44,696,707,013	736,184,103	45,068,049,316	244,301,480
2018	46,151,666,021	668,694,184	46,222,656,234	216,599,916
2019	55,963,712,985	589,061,117	56,130,538,862	156,210,896
2020	61,464,764,054	393,330,936	62,093,672,517	122,164,287
2021	68,060,699,315	300,016,376	68,059,201,603	77,640,796
2022	68,356,777,180	247,230,352	68,357,687,402	60,441,257
2023	71,586,663,258	195,022,919	71,531,367,574	40,163,672
2024*	72,916,434,827	180,460,472	75,981,733,157	31,113,336

***From 2016 onwards transit traffic is not included in international incoming minutes. *-Provisional

9. No. of Direct Employment in Telecommunication Sector

Category of Service	Fixed Access Telephony – SLT	WLL (DBN + Lanka Bell)	Mobile	Total
2011	6,150	1,995	4,353	12,498
2012	6,061	1,524	4,559	12,144
2013	5,905	1,459	4,744	12,108
2014	5,824	1,407	4,714	11,945
2015	5,805	1,398	5,037	12,240
2016	5,720	1,352	5,163	12,235
2017	5,440	1,335	5,044	11,819
2018	5,405	1,280	5,217	11,902
2019	5,351	1,273	4,929	11,533
2020	6,746	1,010	4,412	12,168
2021	6,572	977	4,413	11,962
2022	6,663	853	4,235	11,751
2023	6,223	853	3,491	10,567
2024	5,958	108	3,362	9,428
2025 Sep*	5,818	107	3,174	9,099

10. Data Usage – Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 -2024, Q1-Q2-Q3-2025

1. Q1-2024

Industry	January 2024 (TB)	February 2024 (TB)	March 2024 (TB)	Total (TB) Q1 – 2024
Mobile	204,264	192,310	203,971	600,545
Fixed	100,865	94,378	97,145	292,388
Total	305,129	286,688	301,116	892,933

2. Q2 - 2024

Industry	April 2024 (TB)	May 2024 (TB)	June 2024 (TB)	Total (TB) Q2 – 2024
Mobile	205,539	219,578	215,853	640,970
Fixed	96,253	102,197	101,164	299,614
Total	301,792	321,775	317,017	940,584

3. Q3 - 2024

Industry	July 2024 (TB)	Aug 2024 (TB)	Sep 2024 (TB)	Total (TB) Q3 – 2024
Mobile	227,376.4	237,323.9	233,529.9	698,230.2
Fixed	104,190	107,591	107,901	319,682
Total	331,566.4	344,914.9	341,430.9	1,017,912.2

4. Q 4 - 2024

Industry	Oct 2024 (TB)	Nov 2024 (TB)	Dec 2024 (TB)	Total (TB) Q4 – 2024
Mobile	243,832	242,174	250,061	736,067
Fixed	110,592	110,117	114,271	334,980
Total	354,424	352,291	364,332	1,071,047

5. Q 1 – 2025*

Industry	Jan 2025 (TB)	Feb 2025 (TB)	Mar 20245(TB)	Total (TB) Q1 – 2025
Mobile	247,120	225,407	258,904	731,431
Fixed	113,079	105,699	115,762	334,540
Total	360,199	331,106	374,666	1,065,971

6. Q2 – 2025*

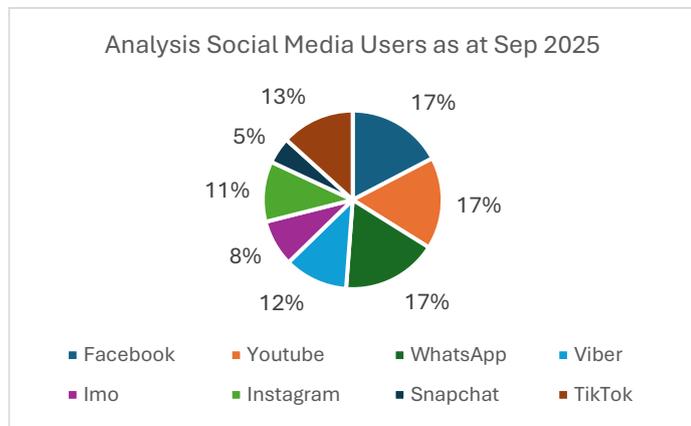
Industry	Apr 2025 (TB)	May 2025 (TB)	Jun 20245(TB)	Total (TB) Q2 – 2025
Mobile	254,256	270,404	261,976	786,636
Fixed	116,325	123,429	117,857	357,611
Total	370,581	393,833	379,833	1,144,247

7. Q3 – 2025*

Industry	Jul 2025 (TB)	Aug 2025 (TB)	Sep 20245(TB)	Total (TB) Q3 – 2025
Mobile	271,627	247,211	278,559	797,397
Fixed	108,901	125,203	124,005	358,109
Total	380,528	372,414	402,564	1,155,506

11. Social Media Users as of 30th Sep. 2025*

Name of Social Media	No of Users
Facebook	15,779,819
YouTube	15,193,011
WhatsApp	15,724,317
Viber	10,468,439
Imo	7,651,056
Instagram	9,992,934
Snapchat	4,354,880
Tik Tok	12,075,093



12. End Equipment as of 30th Sep 2025*

Customer End Equipment	No of Equipment	%
Basic / Feature Phones	6,484,326	24.9
Smart Phones / Tab	18,163,229	69.6
Dongles / Routers	412,751	1.6
Others	1,038,346	3.9
Total	26,098,652	100

13.Fixed Access Technology based Connections as of 30th Sep 2025*

Type	No of Connection	%
Copper Line	395,829	11
ADSL	181,354	5
Fiber	500,887	14
LTE	2,189,750	63
Other	228,134	7
Total	3,495,954	100