# Highlights of Telecom Subscription Data at the end of September 2026

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The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has released the Telecom Subscription Data till the month of September 2026. The report provides an overview of the country's telecom sector, covering the total number of telephone and broadband subscribers, growth in mobile and landline connections, and subscriber distribution across urban and rural areas. It also highlights telecom penetration, active mobile users, and requests for Mobile Number Portability (MNP).

| Particulars | Wireless* | Wireline | Total (Wireless+ Wireline) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Broadband Subscribers** with M2M cellular mobile connections (Million) | **1,058.79** | **48.89** | **1,107.68** |
| **Broadband Subscribers** without M2M cellular mobile connections (Million) | **964.98** | **48.89** | **1,013.87** |
| **Urban Telephone Subscribers** (Million) | **764.35** | **43.43** | **807.78** |
| Net Addition in September 2026 (Million) | 5.24 | 0.26 | 5.50 |
| Monthly Growth Rate | 0.69% | 0.61% | 0.69% |
| **Rural Telephone Subscribers** (Million) | **554.84** | **5.32** | **560.16** |
| Net Addition in September 2026 (Million) | 1.70 | 0.03 | 1.73 |
| Monthly Growth Rate | 0.31% | 0.50% | 0.31% |
| **Total Telephone Subscribers** (Million) | **1319.19** | **48.74** | **1367.93** |
| Net Addition in September 2026 (Million) | 6.94 | 0.29 | 7.23 |

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| Monthly Growth Rate | 0.53% | 0.60% | 0.53% |
| Share of Urban Subscribers | 57.94% | 89.09% | 59.05% |
| Share of Rural Subscribers | 42.06% | 10.91% | 40.95% |
| **Overall Tele-density[@]** with M2M cellular mobile connections | **92.12%** | **3.40%** | **95.52%** |
| Urban Tele-density[@] | 147.47% | 8.38% | 155.85% |
| Rural Tele-density[@] | 60.72% | 0.58% | 61.30% |
| **Tele-density[@]** without M2M cellular mobile connections | **82.00%** | **3.40%** | **85.41%** |

- In the month of September 2026, 16.77 million subscribers submitted their requests for Mobile Number Portability (MNP).
- The number of active wireless (mobile) subscribers (on the date of peak VLR[#]) in September 2026 was 1212.80 million.

**Note:**

* The wireless subscriber base comprises of wireless mobile telephone subscribers (including M2M cellular mobile connections), and FWA subscribers.

@ Tele-density has been computed on the basis of the projection of population from the 'Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections for India and States 2011 – 2036', published in September 2020.

# VLR is an acronym of Visitor Location Register. The dates of peak VLR for various Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) September be different in different service areas.

- Information in this press release is based on the data provided by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to TRAI.

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