



Quarterly Market Indicators Report

Q3 2024



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Main Telecom Market Indicators (Q3 2023 – Q3 2024)



	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Mobile subscribers	2,328,750	2,415,715	2,449,728	2,504,794	2,480,340
Mobile penetration	148%	153%	154%	158%	156%
Mobile prepaid subscriptions	1,512,500	1,561,966	1,559,011	1,598,997	1,567,349
Mobile postpaid subscriptions	816,250	853,748	890,717	905,797	912,991
Average outgoing minutes from mobile (Domestic & Inter.)	136	140	125	123	113
Fixed telephony subscriptions	215,085	212,204	210,358	209,822	210,358
Fixed telephony penetration (Excluding ISDN)	13.6%	13.4%	13.3%	13.3%	13.2%
Domestic monthly average minutes per line*	53	53	50	50	47
(Mobile)	191,292,046	185,562,210	173,367,504	171,564,023	164,950,106
(Fixed telephony)	1,556,065	1,427,326	1,329,043	1,292,542	821,646
Mobile broadband subscriptions	2,314,646	2,317,171	2,375,854	2,431,445	2,423,677
Mobile broadband penetration rate	143.2%	147%	151%	1 54 %	152.6%
Fiber broadband subscriptions	177,935	178,862	179,111	179,690	181,503
Fiber broadband penetration per household**	62%	63%	63%	63%	64%
III Total data usage (Petabyte)	474	474	475	502	508
Average total data usage per month per subscription	63	63	62	64	65

*An operator restated for the year 2022-2023.

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**Fiber Broadband penetration is based on the latest available number of households provided by IGA in 2024.

Main Telecom Market Indicators for Q3 2024



Mobile subscribers: 2,480,340 Penetration: 156%

Average Int. & Domestic minutes per <u>month</u> per mobile subscription: 113

Average data usage per mobile broadband subscription*: 24.3

Fixed telephony subscriptions (Exclud. ISDN): 210,358

Penetration: 13.2%

Fixed Wired Telephony subscriptions **95%**

Fixed Wireless Telephony subscriptions: 5%





Mobile Broadband subscriptions: 2,605,180

Mobile Broadband penetration rate: 152.6%

Fiber Broadband subscriptions: 181,503

Fiber Broadband penetration rate per household: 64%**



Mobile Prepaid subscriptions: 1,567,349

Mobile postpaid subscriptions: 912,991

% of prepaid out of Mobile market subscriptions: **63**%

% of postpaid out of Mobile market subscriptions : **37**%

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Domestic monthly average minutes per line: 47

International Outgoing Minutes (Mobile): 164,950,106

International Outgoing Minutes (Fixed telephony): 821,646



Total Data Usage: 508 Petabyte

Fiber Broadband Traffic: 281 Petabyte

Avg. Traffic per broadband subscription per month: **65 GB**

Avg. Fiber Broadband Traffic per month: 516 GB

*Average data usage per mobile broadband subscription excludes Standalone subscribers' traffic.

** Based on latest available number of households provided by IGA.

*** Includes Broadband added to voice & Standalone mobile broadband.

Mobile services: Subscriptions* (1/2)



Number of Mobile subscriptions (End of Q3 2024) 2,480,340 Subscriptions

Q3 2024

2,480,340

156% Penetration rate

Q3 2023 2,299,208









Population***	2021	2022	2023	2024
By IGA	1,504,365	1,565,000	1,577,059	1,588,670

Q2 2023

Q1 2023

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* Data for Prepaid Non-residential subscribers not yet available for all MNOs.

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** Increase in prepaid and postpaid subscribers is due to operators activating voice on their standalone mobile broadband packages.

*** Source: IGA

Q2 2024

Q1 2024

Q4 2023

Q3 2023

Q3 2024

Mobile services: Subscriptions (2/2)











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Mobile services: Traffic* (Minutes) (1/2)



Total Outgoing Traffic in Minutes (Domestic + International)

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-----International & Domestic Monthly average minutes per user

* Historical data for Non-residential (Domestic & Intl.) Traffic is not unavailable.

Mobile services: Traffic*/** (Minutes) (2/2)





Prepaid International Outgoing traffic (minutes) - residential S Million

Q3 2022 Q4 2022 Q1 2023 Q2 2023 Q3 2023 Q4 2023 Q1 2024 Q2 2024 Q3 2024

Zain 📥 Batelco 🔤 STC ---- Total



Zain Batelco STC -Total

Millions



* Historical data for <u>Non-residential</u> (Domestic & Intl.) Traffic is not unavailable.

Millions

** Mobile-voice traffic is under review and is therefore subject to change.

Fixed telephony services: Subscriptions (PSTN & Fixed wireless)*







No. of fixed telephony subscriptions (Excluding ISDN)

End of Q3 2023				End of	Q3 2024	
215,085				210	,358	
13.7% Penetration rate				13.2% Pe	netration r	ate
	2022	20	23	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
	217,077	212,	204	210,358	209,822	210,358
% of Fixed Wired	94%	95	%	95%	95%	95%
% of Fixed Wireless	6%	5%	6	5%	5%	5%







* Includes VoIP as of 2021 but excludes ISDN.

Fixed telephony services: Traffic (PSTN & Wireless - Minutes)*





Total fixed domestic outgoing traffic in minutes



* Includes VoIP and ISDN traffic.

Broadband services: Subscriptions* (1/2)



No. of broadband subscriptions (End of Q3 2024) 2,605,180 164% Penetration rate



5%

Q3 2023Q3 20242,492,5812,605,180



* Doesn't include M2M.

** Mobile broadband data is currently under review.

*** Includes residential Fiber, Fixed Terrestrial and Mobile Home BB. Drop in Home Broadband subscriptions is due to activation of voice service.

**** Number of households is based on the latest IGA data in 2024.

Broadband services: Subscriptions (2/2)









Mobile Standalone Broadband Market Share

Broadband services: Data Traffic 1 of 2



5%



Home Broadband Traffic* (Including Wired & Wireless) ⁵⁰
³⁰⁰
²⁹⁶
²⁷⁴
²⁷⁴
²⁷⁴
²⁸⁶
²⁸⁶
²⁸⁴
²⁹⁴
²⁶²



* Includes residential Fiber, Fixed Terrestrial and Mobile Home BB.

Broadband services: Data Traffic 2 of 2







Home Broadband Market Share (inlcuding Fixed wired, Fixed Wireless, Mobile Home BB)



M2M Subscribers & Traffic











Definitions

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Fixedtelephone subscriptions

Fixed-telephone subscriptions refers to the sum of all active

i) analogue fixedfelephone lines,

ii) voice-over-IP (VoIP) subscriptions,

iii) fixed wireless local loop (WLL) subscriptions, iv) ISDN voice-channel equivalents,

v) fixed public payphones and vi) satellite-based subscriptions

provided to fixed locations that allow for a voice communication. This indicator was previously

called Main telephone lines in operation.

*Active lines are those that have registered an activity in the past three months.

mobilecellular telephone subscriptions

Prepaid

Prepaid mobilecellular telephone subscriptions (ITU code i271p) refers to the total number of mobile-cellular telephone subscriptions that use prepaid refills. These are subscriptions where, instead of paying an ongoing monthly fee, users purchase blocks of usage time. Only active subscriptions should be included (those used at least once in the last three months for making or receiving a call or carrying out a nonvoice activity such as sending or reading an SMS or accessing the Internet).

Postpaid mobilecellular

telephone subscriptions

cellular telephone subscriptions Refers to the total number of mobile-cellular subscriptions where subscribers are billed after their use of mobile services, at the end of each month. The postpaid service is provided on the basis of a prior arrangement with a mobile cellular operator. Typically, the subscriber's contract specifies a limit or allowance of minutes, text messages, etc. The subscriber will be billed at a flat rate for any usage equal to or less than that allowance. Any usage above that limit incurs extra charges. Theoretically, a subscriber in this situation has no limit on use of mobile services and, as a consequence, unlimited credit.

Postpaid mobile-

Active mobilebroadband subscriptions

Active mobile-broadband subscriptions refers to the sum of active handsetbased and computer-based (USB/dongles) mobile-broadband subscriptions that allow access to the Internet. It covers actual subscribers, not potential subscribers, even though the latter may have broadband-enabled handsets. Subscriptions must include a recurring subscription fee or if in the prepayment modality, pass a usage requirement – users must have accessed the Internet in the last three months. Clarification: For mobile data subscription to be considered broadband, the operator must advertise a connection that will be capable of using at least a 3G/UMTS network, so that a nominal downloading speed of 256 kbit/s is at a

minimum expected. Hence, subscriptions that are only to use GPRS and EDGE technologies are to be excluded. A contract (post pay) subscription pays a recurrent bill with a predetermined frequency. It should be counted as an active mobile broadband subscription no matter the effective data consumption realized by the user. A prepayment or a pay-as-you-go subscription needs to pass the activity criterion to be considered as 'active': a billable Internet connection must have occurred in the last three months. Note that for a mobile subscription to be considered broadband it must allow access to the public open Internet, hence, any subscription that limits access only to walled garden or services provided in exclusivity by the mobile operator, are not counted as access to the open Internet, and hence, are not 'broadband'. Several cases are defined below. (See Table 4 in ITU document)



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Annex A

Mobile subscriptions – raw data



Prepaid <u>residential</u> subscribers				Prepaid non- <u>residential</u> subscribers*						
	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Batelco	609,640	630,755	610,892	648,126	627,135	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Zain	430,924	463,812	497,767	494,880	504,525	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STC	471,936	467,399	450,349	455,991	435,685	N/A	1	3	N/A	4
Total	1,512,500	1,561,966	1,559,008	1,598,997	1,567,345	0	1	3	0	4
Postpaid <u>res</u>	<u>idential</u> subsci	ribers				Postpaid non- <u>residential</u> subscribers				
	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Batelco	262,205	267,218	292,698	299,533	300,463	39,561	40,252	40,597	41,146	41,264
Zain	126,083	139,471	149,593	163,369	167,775	27,784	28,240	29,900	25,573	26,615
STC	333,155	349,165	347,210	344,453	343,249	27,462	29,402	30,719	31,723	33,625
Total	721,443	755,854	789,501	807,355	811,487	94,807	97,894	101,216	98,442	101,504

*An operator amended their reporting of prepaid non-residential subscribers starting Q3 2023.

Fixed line subscriptions – raw data



Fixed line subscriptions – PSTN & VoIP (residential)							
	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024		
Batelco	125,047	122,374	121,662	120,859	120,228		
Zain	15,673	16,467	17,235	18,072	18,930		
STC	7,850	7,298	7,105	7,000	6,951		
Fixed line subscrip	otions – PSTN & VoIP <u>(n</u>	<u>on-residential)</u>					
Batelco	52,065	51,369	49,347	48,695	48,767		
Zain	1,825	1,944	2,177	2,359	2,648		
STC	2,909	3,036	3,116	3,121	3,118		
OLOs*	9,716	9,716	9,716	9,716	9,716		
Total**	215,085	212,204	210,358	209,822	210,358		

* Includes residential & non-residential

** Excluding ISDN.

	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Basic-rate ISDN	833	788	726	707	696
Primary-rate ISDN	1,455	1,408	1,382	1,356	1,344
Total	2,288	2,196	2,108	2,063	2,040

Fiber Broadband subscriptions – raw data



Fiber Broadband subscriptions – <u>(residential)</u>								
	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024			
Batelco	126,908	126,394	125,958	125,740	125,853			
Zain	14,901	15,711	16,502	17,362	18,243			
STC	14,162*	14,466*	13,976	13,649	13,237			
OLOs	5,629	5,855	5,855	5,855	5,855			
Total	161,600	162,426	162,291	162,606	163,188			

Fiber Broadband subscriptions – <u>(non-residential)</u>							
	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024		
Batelco	1,341	1,214	1,165	1,085	1,045		
Zain	1,596	1,723	1,963	2,148	2,437		
STC	2,297	2,487	2,790	3,007	4,052		
OLOs	2,297	2,326	2,326	2,326	2,326		
Total	7,531	7,750	8,224	8,566	9,860		
GRAND TOTAL	169,131	170,176	170,515	171,172	173,048		

*STC figures amended for Q3-Q4 2023.

Total Mobile Broadband subscriptions* – raw data



Mobile Broadband subscriptions – <u>(Prepaid)</u>						
	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	
Batelco	609,640	630,755	610,892	648,126	627,135	
Zain	349,554	344,437	368.943	361,249	367,675	
STC	364,645	368,735	359,752	371,892	363,945	
Mobile Broadband subscrip	tions – (Postpaid)					
Batelco	358,302	366,998	369,968	372,920	374,941	
Zain	187,256	185,787	218,848	224,873	231,247	
STC	437,174	420,459***	447,451	452,385	458,734	
Total**	2,314,646	2,317,171	2,375,854	2,431,445	2,423,677	

* Excluding M2M

** Increase in BTC prepaid Mobile BB is due to BTC revising definition to reflect subscriptions that had access to Internet in the last 90 days rather than 30 days previously (i.e. ITU definition).

*** STC Postpaid data amended from Q2 – Q4 2023.