



Quarterly Market Indicators Report

Q4 2024



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Main Telecom Market Indicators (Q4 2023 – Q4 2024)



	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
Mobile subscribers	2,415,715	2,490,932	2,538,453	2,516,482	2,563,824
Mobile penetration	153%	154%	158%	156%	161%
Mobile prepaid subscriptions	1,561,966	1,559,011	1,598,997	1,567,349	1,596,876
Mobile postpaid subscriptions	853,748	890,717	905,797	912,991	966,948
Average outgoing minutes from mobile (Domestic & Inter.)	140	122	121	111	112
Fixed telephony subscriptions	212,204	210,358	209,822	210,358	210,572
Fixed telephony penetration (Excluding ISDN)	13.4%	13.3%	13.3%	13.2%	13.2%
Domestic monthly average minutes per line*	53	50	50	47	47
(Mobile)	185,562,210	173,367,504	171,564,023	164,950,106	144,403,145
(Fixed telephony)	1,427,326	1,329,043	1,292,542	1,206,334	1,131,485
Mobile broadband subscriptions	2,317,171	2,334,647	2,397,786	2,388,169	2,433,567
Mobile broadband penetration rate	147%	151%	154%	152.6%	153.2%
Fiber broadband subscriptions	178,862	179,111	179,690	181,503	181,607
Fiber broadband penetration per household**	63%	63%	63%	64%	64%
Total data usage (Petabyte)	474	475	502	508	513
Average total data usage per month per subscription	63	62	64	65	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 Q4 2024



Mobile subscribers: 2,563,824 Penetration: 161%

Average Int. & Domestic minutes per <u>month</u> per mobile subscription: 112

Average data usage per mobile broadband subscription*: 26

Fixed telephony subscriptions (Excl. ISDN): 210,572

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: 181,607

Fiber Broadband penetration rate per household: 64%**



Mobile Prepaid subscriptions: 1,596,876

Mobile postpaid subscriptions: 966,948

% of prepaid out of Mobile market subscriptions: **62**%

% of postpaid out of Mobile market subscriptions : **38**%

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Domestic monthly average minutes per line: 47

International Outgoing Minutes (Mobile): 144,403,145

International Outgoing Minutes (Fixed telephony): 1,131,485



Total Data Usage: 513 Petabyte

Fiber Broadband Traffic: 286 Petabyte

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

Avg. Fiber Broadband Traffic per month: 525 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 & penetration

153%

854

1,562

Postpaid subscribers - Residential

756

349

267

139

Q4 2023

Zain Batelco STC ---- Total

Q3 2023 Q4 2023

Prepaid

146%

793

1,506

Q2 2023

701

336

251

113

Q2 2023

148%

816

1,513

721

333

262

126

Q3 2023

3,000

2,500

2,000

1,500

1,000

500

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800

600

400

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136%

705

1.447

Q1 2023

614

253

249

112

Q1 2023

Thousands

Postpaid — Penetration

157%

932

1,559

Q1 2024

831

347

293

191

Q1 2024

1**60**%

939

1,599

Q2 2024

841

344

300

197

Q2 2024

158%

949

1,567

Q3 2024

848

343

300

204

Q3 2024



Number of Mobile subscriptions (End of Q4 2024) 2,563,824 Subscriptions

Q4 2024

2,563,824

161% Penetration rate

Q4 2023 **2,415,715**







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

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

161%

967

1.597

Q4 2024

160%

140%

120%

100%

863

351

302

210

Q4 2024

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

*** Source: IGA

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Mobile services: Subscriptions (2/2)











Number of Accepted Mobile Porting Requests

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



Total Outgoing Traffic in Minutes (Domestic + International)

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

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





Prepaid International Outgoing traffic (minutes) - residential







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

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







No. of fixed telephony subscriptions (Excluding ISDN)

End of Q4 2023			End c	of Q4 202	4		
212,204			210,572				
13.4% Penetration rate			13.2% P	enetration	rate		
	2022	2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	
	217,077	212,204	210,358	209,822	210,358	210,572	
% of Fixed Wired	94%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	
% of Fixed Wireless	6%	5%	5%	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 Q4 2024) 2,615,174 165% Penetration rate ميئة تنظيم الاتصالات TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY Kingdom of Bahrain - مملكة البحرين

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Q4 2023Q4 2024**2,496,0332,615,174**



* 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

Batelco Zain STC



Broadband services: Data Traffic 1 of 2





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

Broadband services: Data Traffic 2 of 2







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

■Batelco ■Zain ■STC ■OLOs



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*						
	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
Batelco	630,755	610,892	648,126	627,135	626,584	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Zain	463,812	497,767	494,880	504,525	518,412	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STC	467,399	450,349	455,991	435,685	451,880	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1,561,966	1,559,008	1,598,997	1,567,345	1,596,876	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Postpaid <u>res</u>	idential subsci	ribers				Postpaid non- <u>residential</u> subscribers				
	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
Batelco	267,218	292,698	299,533	300,463	301,861	40,252	40,597	41,146	41,264	41,771
Zain	139,471	190,800	197,028	203,921	210,094	28,240	29,900	25,573	26,615	27,720
STC	349,165	347,210	344,453	343,249	350,693	29,402	30,719	31,723	33,625	34,809
Total	755,854	830,708	841,014	847,633	862,648	97,894	101,216	98,442	101,504	104,300

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

Fixed line subscriptions – raw data



Fixed line subscriptions – PSTN & VoIP (residential)								
	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024			
Batelco	122,374	121,662	120,859	120,228	119,271			
Zain	16,467	17,235	18,072	18,930	20,010			
STC	7,298	7,105	7,000	6,951	6,824			
Fixed line subscrip	Fixed line subscriptions – PSTN & VoIP <u>(non-residential)</u>							
Batelco	51,369	49,347	48,695	48,767	48,541			
Zain	1,944	2,177	2,359	2,648	3,095			
STC	3,036	3,116	3,121	3,118	3,115			
OLOs*	9,716	9,716	9,716	9,716	9,716			
Total**	212,204	210,358	209,822	210,358	210,572			

* Includes residential & non-residential

** Excluding ISDN.

	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
Basic-rate ISDN	788	726	707	696	641
Primary-rate ISDN	1,408	1,382	1,356	1,344	1,282
Total	2,196	2,108	2,063	2,040	1,923

Fiber Broadband subscriptions – raw data



Fiber Broadband subscriptions – <u>(residential)</u>							
	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024		
Batelco	126,394	125,958	125,740	125,853	125,681		
Zain	15,711	16,502	17,362	18,243	19,345		
STC	14,466*	13,976	13,649	13,237	12,886		
OLOs	5,855	5,855	5,855	5,855	5,855		
Total	162,426	162,291	162,606	163,188	163,767		

Fiber Broadband subscriptions – <u>(non-residential)</u>							
	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024		
Batelco	1,214	1,165	1,085	1,045	986		
Zain	1,723	1,963	2,148	2,437	2,540		
STC	2,487	2,790	3,007	4,052	3,550		
OLOs	2,326	2,326	2,326	2,326	2,326		
Total	7,750	8,224	8,566	9,860	9,402		
GRAND TOTAL	170,176	170,515	171,172	173,048	173,169		

*STC figures amended for Q3-Q4 2023.

Total Mobile Broadband subscriptions* – raw data



Mobile Broadband subscriptions – <u>(Prepaid)</u>						
	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	
Batelco	630,755	610,892	648,126	627,135	626,584	
Zain	344,437	368.943	361,249	367,675	374,718	
STC	368,735	359,752	371,892	363,945	351,006	
Mobile Broadband subscrip	tions – (Postpaid)					
Batelco	366,998	369,968	372,920	374,941	378,205	
Zain	185,787	177,641	191,214	195,739	236,106	
STC	420,459***	447,451	452,385	458,734	460,878	
Total**	2,317,171	2,334,647	2,397,786	2,388,169	2,433,567	

* 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.