TELECOM STATISTICS

OF SRI LANKA – Q2 2026

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	2026 Q2
Fixed Access Telephone service	2
Cellular Mobile Telephone Service	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	4
Other Operators [Leased Circuit, (Satellite, Teleport, Number Portability) service]	4
17 B Licenses Telecommunication Infrastructure, Satellite Broadband Services	3
Total	26

Note: SLT PLC, Dialog Broadband are entitled to provide Pay phone, Data and International services according to their licenses.

1.1 Fixed Access Telephone Operators

No	Operator	Date of Issue	Period	Date of Expiry
1	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	09.02.2022	Ten Years (10)	08.02.2032
2	Dialog Broadband Networks (Pvt.) Ltd.	10.11.2025	Ten Years (10)	09.11.2035

1.2 Cellular Mobile Telephone Operators

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

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 Ltd.	06.06.2023	Ten Years (10)	05.06.2033

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
4	AK Cable Network (Pvt) Ltd	19.09.2024	Five Years (05)	18.09.2029

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

L.C - Leased Circuit, S.S. - Satellite Service, T.S. - Teleport Service

1.9.1. 17 B Telecommunication Infrastructure Services

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

1.9.2. 17 B Telecommunication Satellite Broadband Services

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

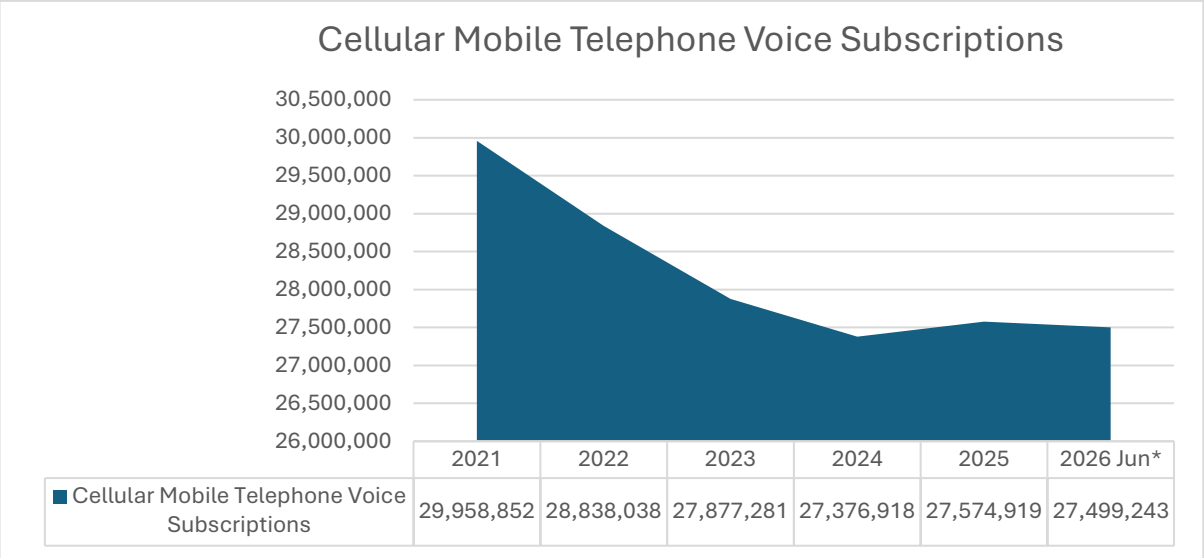
2. Statistical Overview of the Telecommunications Sector

Item	2026 Q2*
Number of Licenses	26
Fixed Access Telephone Subscriptions (Voice Only)	687,082
Fixed Access Telephone Subscriptions (Voice & Data)	928,964
Fixed Access Telephone Subscriptions (Data Only)	1,091,930
Total Fixed Access Telephone Subscriptions	2,707,976
Fixed Access Voice Telephone Density (Per 100 inhabitants) (Dec 2025) **	7.1
Fixed Access Telephone Density (Per 100 inhabitants) (Dec 2025) **	12.1
Cellular Mobile Telephone Subscriptions (Voice only)	5,130,188
Cellular Mobile Telephone Subscriptions (Voice & Data)	22,369,055
Cellular Mobile Telephone Subscriptions (Data Only)	1,920,046
Total Cellular Mobile Telephone Subscriptions	29,419,289
Cellular Mobile Voice Telephony Density (Per 100 inhabitants) (Dec 2025) **	126.7
Cellular Mobile Density (Per 100 inhabitants) (Dec 2025) **	135.5
Fixed Broadband Subscriptions	2,020,894
Fixed Broadband Density (Per 100 inhabitants) (Dec 2025) **	8.85
Mobile Broadband Subscriptions (3G, 4G,5G)	21,860,876
Mobile Broadband Density (Per 100 inhabitants) (Dec 2025) **	100.79
Total Satellite Broadband Subscriptions	8,455

* Provisional

**Note: 2025 Estimated Mid-year population = 21.757 million

3. Cellular Mobile Telephone Voice Subscriptions (2021– June 2026)*

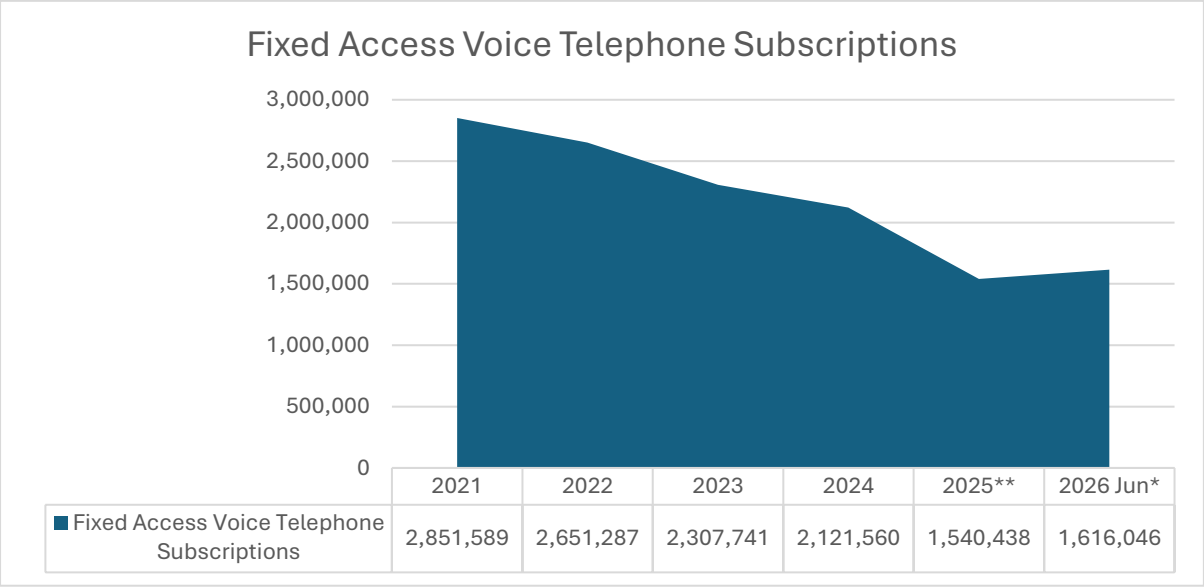


	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jun*
Cellular Mobile Telephone Voice Subscriptions	29,958,852	28,838,038	27,877,281	27,376,918	27,574,919	27,499,243

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

*- Provisional

4. Fixed Access Voice Telephone Subscriptions (2021 – June 2026) *



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025**	2026 Jun*
Fixed Access Voice Telephone Subscriptions	2,851,589	2,651,287	2,307,741	2,121,560	1,540,438	1,616,046

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

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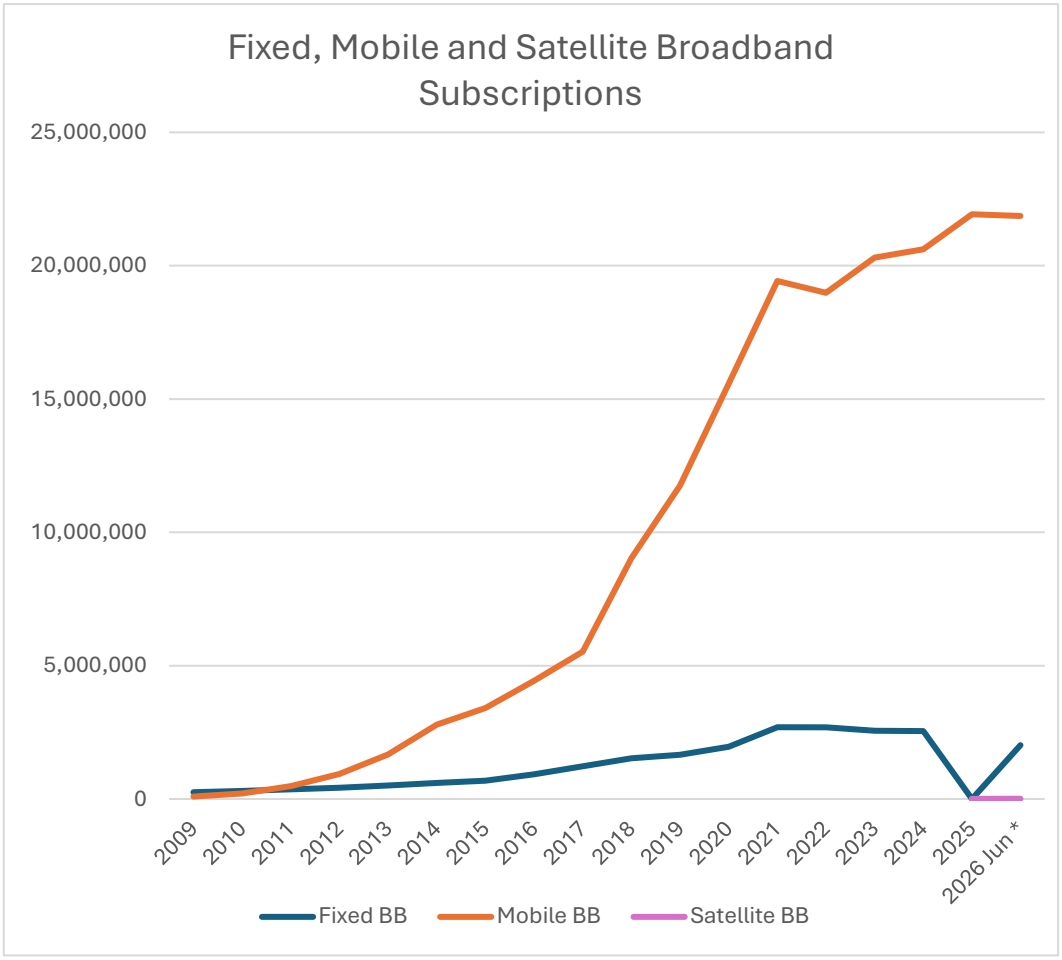
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5. Fixed, Mobile and Satellite Broadband Subscriptions

Year	Fixed BB	Mobile BB	Satellite 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	1,926,215**	21,928,644	4,471
2026 June*	2,020,894	21,860,876	8,455

Note- * Provisional, BB – Broadband

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6. Monthly Traffic Origination & Termination

6.1. Year 2025

2025	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
January	6,034,645,664	11,445,453	6,034,479,477	2,627,425
February	5,369,284,731	10,410,347	5,369,967,950	2,373,914
March	6,023,268,799	10,943,991	6,024,789,808	2,251,828
April	5,351,932,949	10,300,157	5,345,618,605	2,185,349
May (e)	5,686,807,894	10,121,881	5,625,789,453	2,423,354
June (e)	5,592,166,220	10,198,860	5,512,868,800	2,240,280
July (e)	6,145,761,837	10,113,751	5,956,252,596	2,325,885
August	5,980,267,267	9,656,336	5,911,606,105	2,167,097
September	5,814,969,999	9,099,023	5,864,204,297	1,838,811
October	5,956,256,136	10,639,005	5,867,384,805	1,878,450
November	5,775,511,738	10,815,383	5,670,526,098	1,877,367
December	6,142,157,094	10,190,292	6,030,783,452	1,714,262

(e) – estimated

6.2.1 Year 2026* Traffic Mobile

2026	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
January	5,742,987,872	8,397,102	5,984,152,938	1,098,114
February	5,205,468,614	7,734,280	5,390,373,242	986,878
March	6,101,045,855	8,467,536	6,052,291,162	1,310,199
April	5,468,261,877	7,880,755	5,410,558,197	750,493
May	5,832,160,916	8,238,168	5,766,456,326	1,031,392
June	5,769,799,107	8,873,952	5,704,660,557	1,022,884

*- Provisional

6.2.2 Year 2026* Traffic Fixed

2026	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
January	131,304,813	1,535,749	59,991,154	853,532
February	116,968,916	1,385,119	53,779,575	956,015
March	130,015,393	1,561,888	57,940,049	951,797
April	119,231,707	1,524,866	51,359,937	1,031,870
May	124,902,666	1,285,326	54,205,479	608,703
June	125,327,946	1,736,273	55,289,977	676,448

*- Provisional

7. Quarterly Basis Traffic Distribution

2025	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
Q1	17,427,199,195	32,799,790	17,429,237,235	7,253,169
Q2 (e)	16,630,907,064	30,620,898	16,484,276,857	6,848,983
Q3 (e)	17,940,999,104	28,869,110	17,732,062,998	6,331,793
Q4	17,873,924,967	31,644,680	17,568,694,354	5,470,079

2026	Local Incoming	International Incoming	Local Outgoing	International Outgoing
Q1	17,070,221,900	29,081,674	16,881,675,080	6,156,536
Q2*Fixed	369,462,319	4,546,465	160,855,393	2,317,021
Q2*Mobile	17,070,221,900	24,992,875	16,881,675,080	2,804,769

*-Provisional, (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
2025	69,873,030,327	123,934,479	69,214,271,443	25,904,020
2026 June*	34,509,906,119	58,621,014	33,924,205,553	11,278,326

***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 (Wired + Wireless)	Mobile	Total
2011	8,145	4,353	12,498
2012	7,585	4,559	12,144
2013	7,364	4,744	12,108
2014	7,231	4,714	11,945

2015	7,203	5,037	12,240
2016	7,072	5,163	12,235
2017	6,775	5,044	11,819
2018	6,685	5,217	11,902
2019	6,624	4,929	11,533
2020	7,756	4,412	12,168
2021	7,549	4,413	11,962
2022	7,516	4,235	11,751
2023	7,076	3,491	10,567
2024	6,066	3,362	9,428
2025	5,925	3,141	9,066
2026 June	5,915	3,159	9,074

10. Quarterly Data Usage 2025 – June 2026

1. Q 1 – 2025

Industry	January 2025 (TB)	February 2025 (TB)	March 2025 (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

2. Q2 – 2025

Industry	Apr 2025 (TB)	May 2025 (TB)	Jun 2025(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

3. Q3 – 2025

Industry	Jul 2025 (TB)	Aug 2025 (TB)	Sep 2025(TB)	Total (TB) Q3 – 2025
Mobile	271,627	247,211	278,559	797,397
Fixed	108,901	125,203	124,005	358,109
Satellite Broadband	75	451	728	1,254
Total	380,603	372,865	403,292	1,156,760

4. Q4 – 2025

Industry	Oct 2025 (TB)	Nov 2025 (TB)	Dec 2025(TB)	Total (TB) Q4 – 2025
Mobile	291,419	289,673	311,244	892,336
Fixed	129,809	131,093	138,908	399,810
Satellite Broadband	1,054	1,837	2,571	5,462
Total	422,281	422,603	452,723	1,297,608

5. Q1 – 2026

Industry	Jan 2026 (TB)	Feb 20265 (TB)	Mar 2026(TB)	Total (TB) Q1 – 2026
Mobile (c)	313,144	292,380	331,825	937,349
Fixed	137,219	136,121	140,822	414,162
Satellite Broadband	3,244	3,448	3,893	10,585
Total	453,607	431,949	476,540	1,362,096

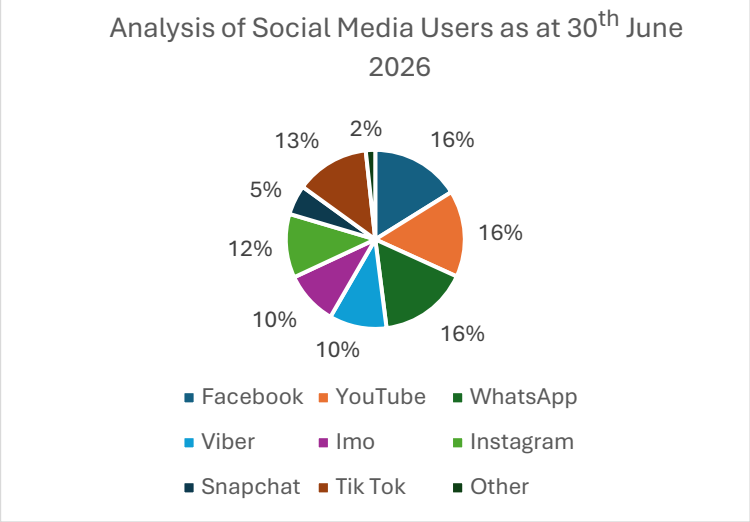
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6. Q2 – 2026

Industry	Apr 2026 (TB)	May 2026 (TB)	Jun 2026(TB)	Total (TB) Q2 – 2026
Mobile	324,735	354,066	351,993	1,030,794
Fixed	136,925	148,248	146,964	432,137
Satellite Broadband	3,971	4,461	4,686	13,118
Total	465,630	506,775	503,642	1,476,047

11.Mobile Social Media Users as of 30th June 2026*

Social media	No of users
Facebook	16,497,878
YouTube	15,996,442
WhatsApp	16,541,754
Viber	10,595,548
Imo	9,909,724
Instagram	11,792,640
Snapchat	5,504,397
Tik Tok	13,606,651
Other	1,745,415



* Provisional

12. Mobile End Equipment as of 30th June 2026*

Customer End Equipment	No of Equipment	%
Basic / Feature Phones	5,607,065	24
Smart Phones / Tab	17,590,316	67
Dongles / Routers	475,619	3
IoT Devices	267,458	2
Others	877,469	4
Total	24,817,927	100

* Provisional

13.Fixed Access Technology based Connections as of 30th June 2026*

Type	No of Connection	%
Copper Line	370,224	14
ADSL	150,702	6
Fiber	526,969	19
LTE	1,620,791	60
Other	39,290	1
Total	2,707,976	100

* Provisional