

TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA
New Delhi, 17th September, 2021

Corrigendum to press release no. 35/2021 dated 29th July, 2021

M/s Bharti Airtel Limited has reported an inadvertent error in its HLR for the month of May, 2021. Subsequent to the said change, the relevant extracts of Section I, II, III, IV, V and Annexure-I & Annexure-II of press release no. 35/2021, may be read as follows: -

Highlights of Telecom Subscription Data as on 31st May, 2021

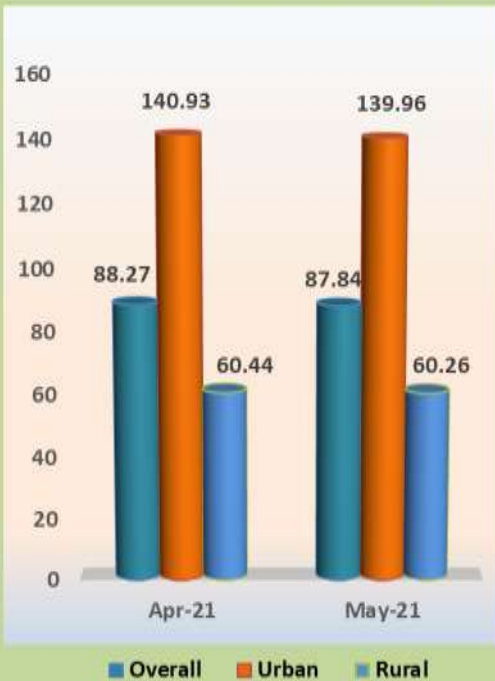
Particulars	Wireless	Wireline	Total (Wireless+ Wireline)
Urban Telephone Subscribers (Million)	641.12	19.70	660.82
Net Addition in May, 2021 (Million)	-4.50	0.98	-3.52
Monthly Growth Rate	-0.70%	5.25%	-0.53%
Rural Telephone Subscribers (Million)	535.72	1.96	537.69
Net Addition in May, 2021 (Million)	-1.77	0.32	-1.45
Monthly Growth Rate	-0.33%	19.51%	-0.27%
Urban Tele-density(%)	135.79%	4.17%	139.96%
Rural Tele-density(%)	60.04%	0.22%	60.26%
Share of Urban Subscribers	54.48%	90.93%	55.14%
Share of Rural Subscribers	45.52%	9.07%	44.86%

I. Total Telephone Subscribers

- The number of telephone subscribers in India decreased from 1,203.47 million at the end of April-21 to 1,198.50 million at the end of May-21, thereby showing a monthly decline rate of 0.41%. Urban telephone subscription decreased from 664.34 million at the end of April-21 to 660.82 million at the end of May-21 and the rural subscription also decreased from 539.14 million to 537.69 million during the same period. The monthly decline rates of urban and rural telephone subscription were 0.53% and 0.27% respectively during the month of May-21.

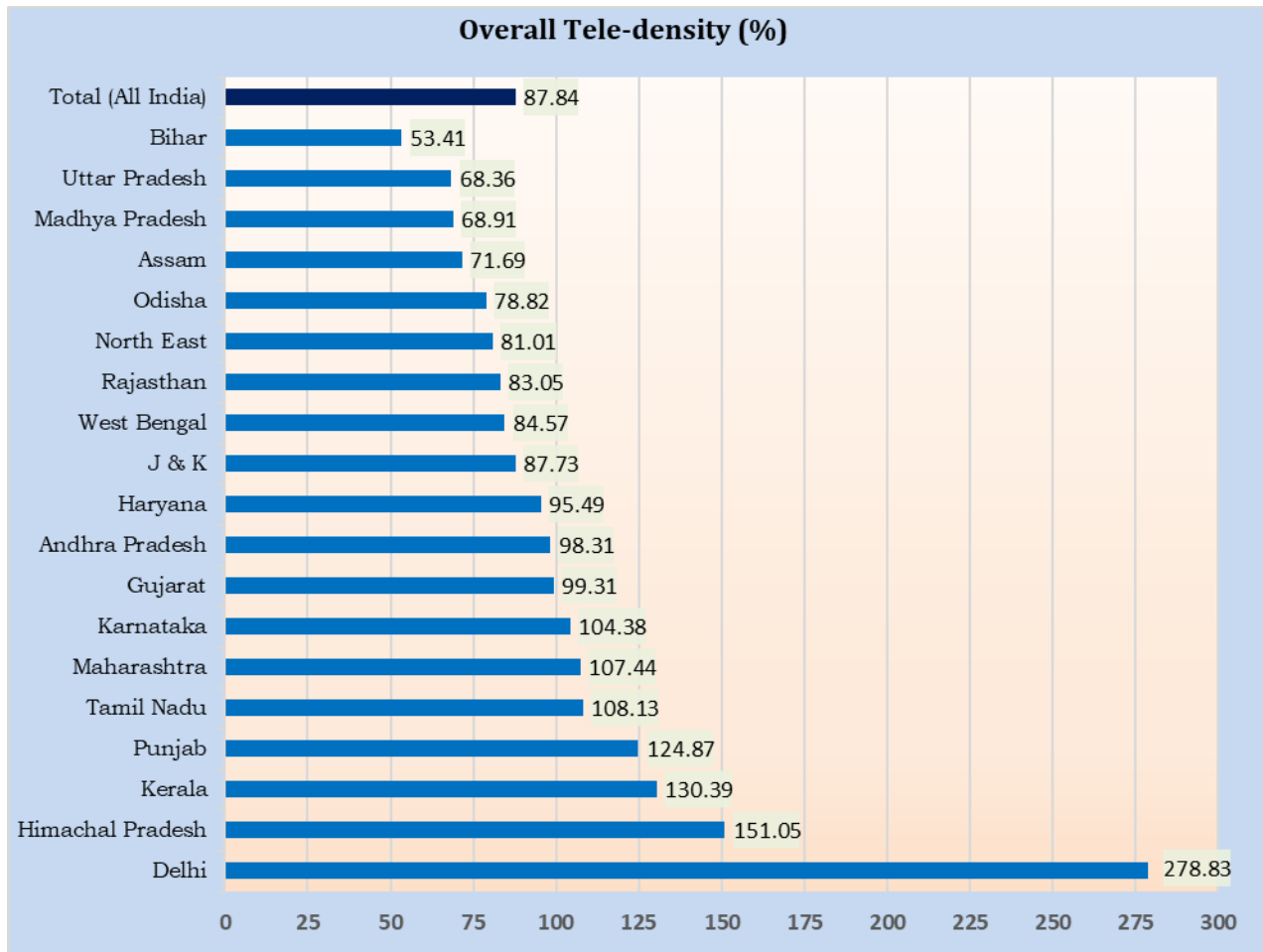


OVERALL TELE-DENSITY(%)



- The overall Tele-density in India decreased from 88.27% at the end of April-21 to 87.84% at the end of May-21. The Urban Tele-density decreased from 140.93% at the end of April-21 to 139.96% at the end of May-21 and Rural Tele-density also decreased from 60.44% to 60.26% during the same period. The share of urban and rural subscribers in total number of telephone subscribers, at the end of May-21, was 55.14% and 44.86% respectively.

Overall Tele-density (LSA Wise) – As on 31st May, 2021



- As may be seen in the above chart, nine states have less tele-density than the all India average tele-density at the end of May-21. Delhi service area has maximum tele-density of 278.83% and the Bihar service area has minimum tele-density of 53.41% at the end of May-21.

II. Category-wise Growth in subscriber base

Circle Category-wise Net Additions in Telephone Subscribers in the month of May 2021

Circle Category	Net additions in the month of May, 2021	Telephone Subscriber base as on 31 st May, 2021
Wireless segment		Wireless segment
Circle A	-3,227,768	401,349,469
Circle B	-1,465,473	477,175,094
Circle C	-499,650	1,811,12,047
Metro	-1,080,999	117,202,749
All India	-6,273,890	1,176,839,359

Circle Category-wise monthly and yearly Growth Rates in Telephone Subscribers in the month of May 2021

Circle Category	Monthly growth rate (%) (Apr-21 to May-21)	Yearly growth rate (%) (May-20 to May-21)
Wireless segment		Wireless segment
Circle A	-0.80%	2.48%
Circle B	-0.31%	3.00%
Circle C	-0.28%	3.77%
Metro	-0.91%	2.41%
All India	-0.53%	2.88%

- As can be seen in the above tables, in wireless segment, on monthly basis, Circle of all categories showed decline rate in their subscribers during the month of May, 2021. On yearly basis Circles of all categories have registered growth rate in their subscriber base.

III. Wireless subscriber

• Total wireless subscribers decreased from 1,183.11 million at the end of April-21 to 1,176.84 million at the end of May-21, thereby registering a monthly decline rate of 0.53%. Wireless subscription in urban areas decreased from 645.62 million at the end of April-21 to 641.12 million at the end of May-21 and wireless subscription in rural areas also decreased from 537.49 million to 535.72 million during the same period. Monthly decline rates of urban and rural wireless subscription were 0.70% and 0.33% respectively.



base is available at **Annexure-I**.

• The Wireless Tele-density in India decreased from 86.78% at the end of April-21 to 86.25% at the end of May-21. The Urban Wireless Tele-density decreased from 136.96% at the end of April-21 to 135.79% at the end of May-21 and Rural Tele-density also decreased from 60.26% to 60.04% during the same period. The share of urban and rural wireless subscribers in total number of wireless subscribers was 54.48% and 45.52% respectively at the end of May-21. Detailed statistics of wireless subscriber

IV. Growth in Wireless Subscribers

Service Area-wise Monthly Growth Rate of Wireless Subscribers in the month of May, 2021

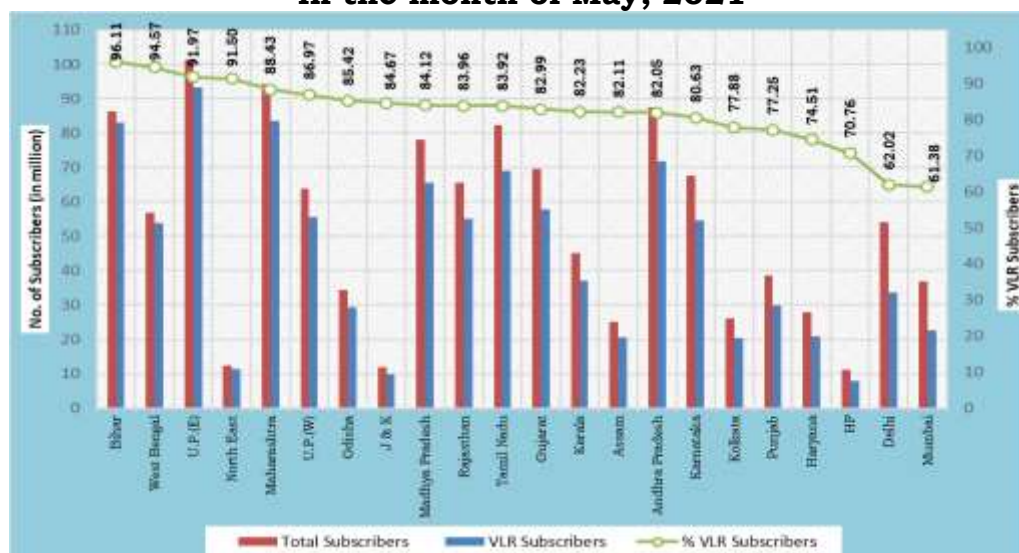


- Except Assam and West Bengal service area, all service areas showed decline in their wireless subscribers during the month of May-21.

V Active Wireless Subscribers (VLR Data)

The detailed statistics on proportion of active wireless subscribers (also referred to as VLR subscribers) on the date of peak VLR in the month of May-21 is available at **Annexure-II**

Service Area wise percentage of VLR Subscribers in the month of May, 2021



NOTE: All other tables/charts/text shall however remain unaltered as thereof in press release no. 35/2021 dated 29th July, 2021.

Wireless Subscriber Base

Annexure-I

Circle	Bharti Airtel (including Tata Tele.)		Reliance Com.		Vodafone Idea		BSNL		BSNL (VNO's)		MTNL		Reliance Jio		Total		Net Addition
	Apr-21	May-21	Apr-21	May-21	Apr-21	May-21	Apr-21	May-21	Apr-21	May-21	Apr-21	May-21	Apr-21	May-21	Apr-21	May-21	
Andhra Pradesh	31318378	30821388	1013	938	15587525	15315444	9608341	9192651					32100593	32146712	88615850	87477133	-1138717
Assam	9379532	9386855			3165463	3129613	3048464	3057755					9384721	9450522	24978180	25024745	46565
Bihar	36139628	35825350	154	153	12007372	11662759	5746822	5736135					32664356	33067494	86558332	86291891	-266441
Delhi	16341350	15945920	443	440	16132680	15978312					2160448	2160035	19911558	19981390	54546479	54066097	-480382
Gujarat	12169824	11939094	193	189	25172519	25022251	5896003	5891951					26511698	26797458	69750237	69650943	-99294
Haryana	5578327	5458223	72	71	8241187	8226254	5013897	5010614					9193650	9272994	28027133	27968156	-58977
Himachal Pradesh	3300897	3234545	96	96	663238	646962	3012651	2995317					4180766	4201402	11157648	11078322	-79326
J & K	5531037	5417132	0	0	498872	484944	1272918	1272874					4646477	4647452	11949304	11822402	-126902
Karnataka	30372948	29751883	1757	1744	9094320	8849389	7152543	7156832					21797029	21847733	68418597	67607581	-811016
Kerala	6813547	6718649	448	444	17218904	17021822	10888112	10896006					10339374	10395303	45260385	45032224	-228161
Kolkata	5809009	5701421	27	27	6974869	6621148	2446659	2466608					11368418	11438926	26598982	26228130	-370852
Madhya Pradesh	15462632	15160967	344	337	21481650	21110885	6210167	6200881					35052363	35538446	78207156	78011516	-195640
Maharashtra	19351657	19220915	380	332	31824364	31283854	6743455	6743800					36824238	37069773	94744094	94318674	-425420
Mumbai	9673482	9446035	861	814	11165679	11106524					1132808	1130785	15165457	15224364	37138287	36908522	-229765
North East	5434984	5373803	0	0	1376369	1348960	1352812	1369472					4308701	4335591	12472866	12427826	-45040
Odisha	11194259	11061566	191	191	2314933	2253847	6391505	6409243					14594479	14742014	34495367	34466861	-28506
Punjab	11577153	11352886	339	338	8720556	8609759	5656446	5505616					13029017	13240912	38983511	38709511	-274000
Rajasthan	21803772	21449996	298	295	12160871	11973038	6300409	6170809					25830189	25886616	66095539	65480754	-614785
Tamil Nadu	27373468	26836154	697	673	19270695	19014909	10728154	10659589	101058	51054			25574387	25732759	83048459	82295138	-753321
U.P.(E)	35688683	35610112	389	319	22362088	21949776	11362370	11260414					31938287	32473715	101351817	101294336	-57481
U.P.(W)	17239660	17395330	256	250	19499892	19183593	5842598	5796235					21380480	21516605	63962886	63892013	-70873
West Bengal	15356786	15189268	913	911	16968931	16827402	2550322	2551036					21875188	22217967	56752140	56786584	34444
Total	352911013	348297492	8871	8562	281902977	277621445	117224648	116343838	101058	51054	3293256	3290820	427671426	431226148	1183113249	1176839359	-6273890
Net Addition		-4613521		-309		-4281532		-880810		-50004		-2436		3554722	0	-6273890	
Rural Subscribers	173615546	172860926	0	0	144754607	142210565	37465532	37094370	0	0	45153	45145	181613634	183509862	537494472	535720868	-1773604

Note: 1. The subscribers of M/s Bharti Airtel includes subscribers of M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.

2. Virtual Network Operator (VNO) of BSNL has reported its subscriber number from the month of October, 2018.

Proportion of VLR on the date of Peak VLR in the month of May-21 (%)							Annexure-II
Circle	Bharti	BSNL	Vodafone Idea	MTNL	Reliance Com.	Reliance Jio	Total
Andhra Pradesh	97.10	58.93	89.67		117.16	70.59	82.05
Assam	99.69	45.97	88.89		-	74.11	82.11
Bihar	104.61	48.10	92.84		109.32	96.39	96.11
Delhi	77.10		63.83	8.82	79.89	54.28	62.02
Gujarat	90.99	49.00	88.08		79.89	82.16	82.99
Haryana	104.15	34.56	88.64		78.87	66.11	74.51
Himachal Pradesh	103.61	35.78	98.75		32.29	66.09	70.76
J & K	97.91	55.26	84.52		-	77.30	84.67
Karnataka	92.05	48.89	84.02		80.68	74.10	80.63
Kerala	100.73	66.35	94.13		51.13	67.43	82.23
Kolkata	89.31	41.33	86.47		-	75.10	77.88
Madhya Pradesh	96.23	43.31	85.26		99.70	85.40	84.12
Maharashtra	97.76	57.08	91.52		129.82	86.69	88.43
Mumbai	70.26		69.33	31.85	108.23	52.26	61.38
North East	103.92	63.59	88.37		-	85.90	91.50
Orissa	101.34	59.28	92.15		24.61	83.80	85.42
Punjab	98.98	42.17	88.99		38.76	65.57	77.25
Rajasthan	99.29	46.40	91.83		49.83	76.58	83.96
Tamil Nadu	94.67	66.76	92.13		166.57	73.78	83.92
U.P. (E)	109.01	37.02	96.35		55.17	89.38	91.97
U.P. (W)	107.39	41.78	92.89		11.60	77.35	86.97
West Bengal	102.25	73.01	99.50		20.42	88.05	94.57
Total	97.99	51.31	88.82	16.73	81.80	78.37	83.79

Note: Peak VLR figures in some circles of some of the service providers are more than their HLR figures due to a large number of inroamers.