

South Asia Mobile Prices

Monthly mobile price comparisons are done using the OECD basket methodology. The 2nd generation Mobile Price Baskets for South Asia can be found at <http://www.lirneasia.net/projects/benchmarks/>. 3rd generation Mobile Price Baskets will be added shortly.

Telephone and Broadband Penetration in South Asia

Countries	Fixed phones per 100 people ³¹	Mobile SIMs per 100 people ³²	Broadband connections per 100 people ³³
Afghanistan ³⁴	0.24 ³⁵	8.14 ³⁵	0.00073
Bangladesh ³⁶	0.61 ³⁷	12.71 ³⁷	-
Bhutan	4.5 ³⁸	11.72 ³⁸	-
India	3.64 ³⁹	13.52 ³⁹	0.11780
Maldives	10.88 ⁴⁰	87.88 ⁴⁰	-
Nepal	2.46 ⁴¹	4.03 ⁴¹	-
Pakistan	0.61 ⁴²	31.07 ⁴²	0.02800
Sri Lanka	9.55 ⁴³	27.26 ⁴³	0.12580

1. Annual prices for a Domestic Private Leased Circuit not inclusive of installation charges, modem/ router charges, any discounts, VAT or other taxes; 2. Also known as a tail cost; 3. Cost of two tail charges + 96km link charge 4. p.a. = per annum; 5. Prices quoted in local currencies converted to US Dollars based on rates from <http://www.greenwichmeantime.com/timezone/asia/bangladesh/currency.htm> as at 27/07/2007; 6. Rates obtained from ATRA; 7. N/O = No Offering of this capacity is available at time of publishing; 8. BTTB rates; 9.(-) = Information unavailable at time of publishing; 10. Based on Sirius Broadband packages; 11. from BTL; 12. from BSNL, rates for 5km, does not take into account the 25% discount given; 13. from BSNL, does not take into account any discounts; 14. from BSNL; 15. from MTNL; 16. from TAM; 17. from Dhirragu; 18. provided by PTA; 19. from PTCL. Offering does not differentiate between corporate and residential customers; 20. from SLT rates for 33km link; 21. cost of SLT 33km link + 33-99km link; 22. from SLT; 23. from SLT. At this speed, offering does not differentiate between corporate and residential customers; 24. from NTC; 25. from PLDT; 26. from Indosat; 27. from PT Telkom; 28. from "European Electronic Communications Regulation & Markets 2005 11th Report"; 29. Calculated average, weighted by number of subscribers. Subscriber data from ITU 2005. Prices from "European Electronic Communications Regulation & Markets 2005 11th Report"; 30. Calculated average, weighted by number of subscribers. Subscriber data from ITU 2005. Prices from "European Electronic Communications Regulation & Markets 2005 11th Report". Does not differentiate between corporate and residential offerings; 31. Data for Dec 2006, except for Afghanistan (May 2007), Maldives (Mar 2007) and Nepal (Jan 2007); 32. Data for Dec 2006 except for Bangladesh (Sept 2006), Maldives (Mar 2007), Nepal (Jan 2007). Maldives calculated using TAM and MPND data. Sri Lanka calculated using CBSL data; 33. from ITU, 2005; 34. Population figures from CIA Factbook 2005; 35. from ATRA; 36. Population figures from the World Bank (2006); 37. from BTTB; 38. from BICMA; 39. from TRAI; 40. from TAM; 41. from NTA; 42. from PTA; 43. from CBSL