

TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER BASE REACHES 581.81 MILLION

19.90 MILLION NEW ADDITIONS IN WIRELESS

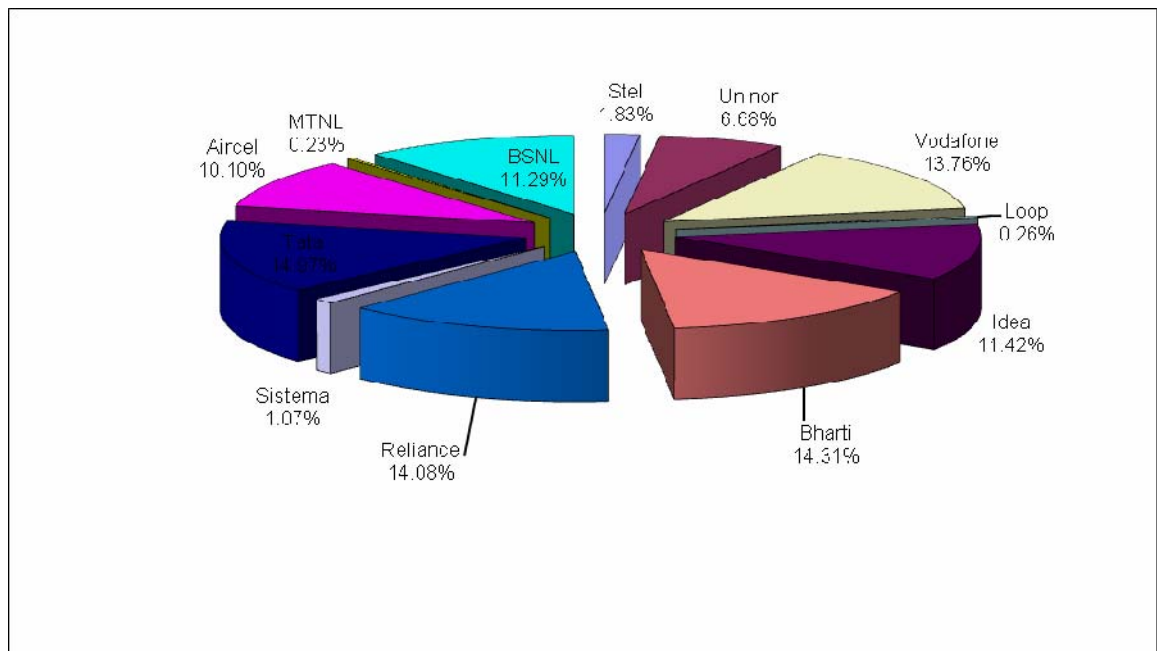
The number of telephone subscribers in India increased to **581.81** Million at the end of January-2010 from 562.21 Million in December-09, thereby registering a growth rate of 3.49%. With this, **the overall Tele-density in India reaches 49.50.**

Wireless Segment (GSM, CDMA & FWP)

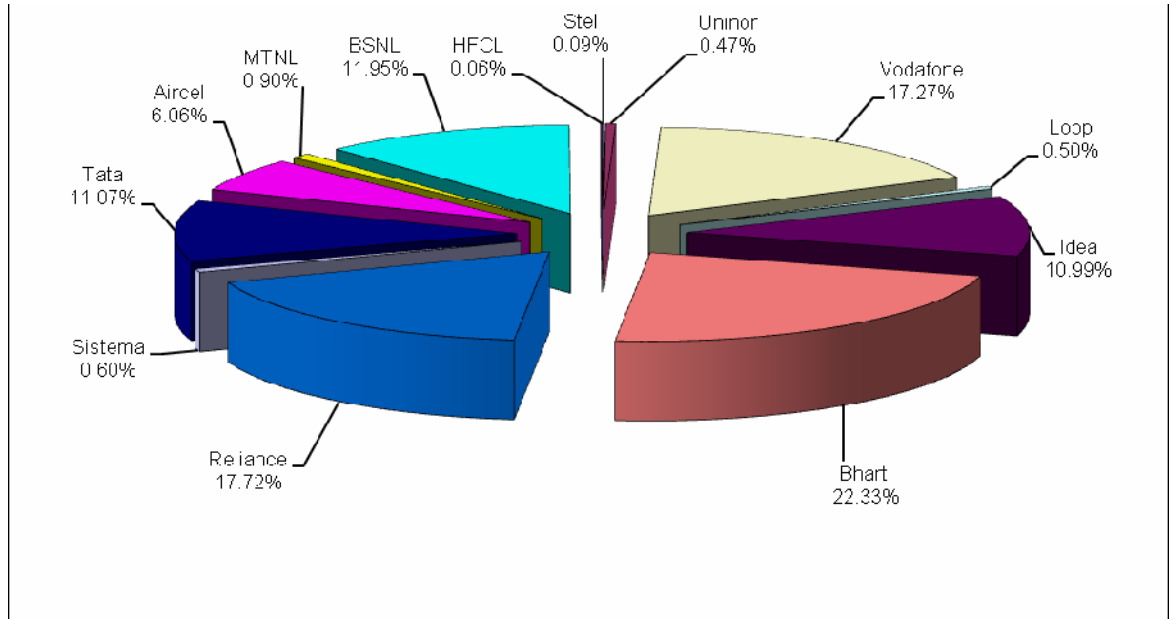
Wireless subscriber base increased from 525.15 Million in December-09 to 545.05 Million at the end of January-2010 at a monthly growth rate of 3.79%. Wireless Tele-density stands at 46.37.

Wireless Service:

A. Service Providers' share in net additions during the month



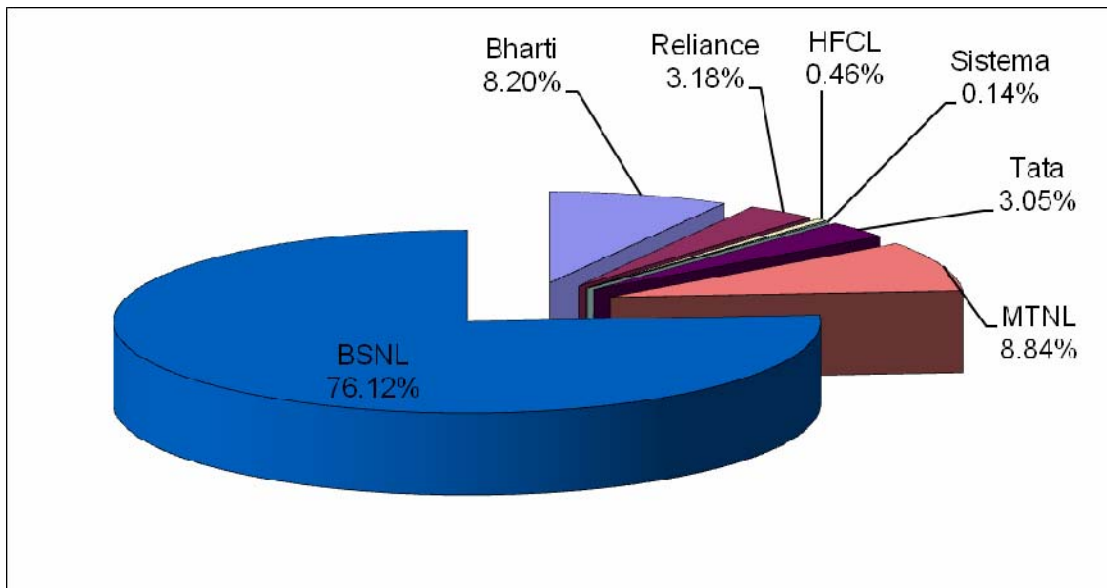
B. Service Provider wise Market Share as on 31-1-2010



Wireline Segment

Wireline subscriber base declined from 37.06 Million in December-2009 to 36.76 Million at the end of January-2010. BSNL/MTNL, two PSU operators hold 84.96% of the Wireline market share. However, they lost 0.36 Million subscribers in the month of January-2010. Overall Wireline teledensity is 3.13.

Service Provider wise Market Share as on 31-1-2010



Category wise Net Additions during the Month of January-2010

Category	Net Additions	
	Wireline	Wireless
Circle A	-43759	6716357
Circle B	-32613	7429517
Circle C	-2476	3850059
Metro	-227435	1904281
All India	-306283	19900214

Category-wise Growth Rate in Access Service

Category	Monthly Rate of Growth (December-2009 to January-2010)		Yearly rate of growth (January-2009 to January-2010)	
	Wireline	Wireless	Wireline	Wireless
Circle A	-0.35%	3.7%	-3.8%	47.7%
Circle B	-0.25%	3.7%	-3.9%	52.9%
Circle C	-0.08%	5.8%	-3.2%	71.8%
Metro	-2.66%	2.5%	1.5%	35.7%
All India	-0.83%	3.79%	-2.6%	50.4%

Broadband (≥ 256 Kbps download)

Total Broadband subscriber base has increased from 7.83 million in December-09 to 8.03 million in January-2010, there by showing a growth of 2.42%.

Note: Information in the Press Release is based on the data provided by the Service Providers/ Service Providers' Association.

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