## 10. Infrastructure

This section updates infrastructure data contained in section 8 of the May 1997 Monitoring Report in CC Docket No. 87-339, which had included data covering the years 1991 through 1995. The data are now filed each year at the beginning of April and are summarized from ARMIS Infrastructure filings of major carriers (FCC report 43-07). ${ }^{1}$ To date, information is available for the years 1989 through 1997. This summary covers the 5 -year period 1993 through 1997 and is intended to highlight underlying recent changes in the use of technology in the local telephone company plant.

The ARMIS 43-07 reports are filed only by those local exchange companies originally subject to mandatory price-cap regulation -- the Bell operating companies and the telephone operating companies owned by GTE. ${ }^{2}$ Together, these large companies provide service to more than $90 \%$ of the nation's telephone lines. The data are generally filed at the "study area" level (an operating company's operations within a state). The state-by-state data, including, in some cases, disaggregation into Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and non-MSA detail, are available from the FCC-State Link electronic bulletin board. ${ }^{3}$ They are also available on the ARMIS internet site (http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/armis/db/).

1 ARMIS, an acronym for Automated Reporting Management Information System, is a repository of financial, plant, demand, and quality of service data needed to administer various provisions of the Commission's Rules. Additional infrastructure data are contained in the ARMIS 43-08 report. See Statistics of Communications Common Carriers, published annually by the FCC (Industry Analysis Division) for a compilation of 43-08 infrastructure data.

2 See Policy and Rules Concerning Rates for Dominant Carriers, CC Docket No. 87-313, FCC Rcd 6786 (1990) (LEC Price Cap Order), Erratum, 5 FCC Rcd 7664 (Com. Car. Bur. 1990). See also Policy and Rules Concerning Rates for Dominant Carriers, CC Docket No. 87-313, 8 FCC Rcd 7474 (Common Carrier Bureau 1993).

3 Infrastructure summary reports released April 24, 1995 and March 13, 1997 are available from our FCC-State Link internet site (http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/stats) web page. The files are contained in the infrastructure section under the file names INFRA93.ZIP and INFRA95.ZIP, respectively. The raw data upon which the reports are based and the actual summary reports are also available on our dial-up FCC-State Link bulletin board system at (202) 418-0241. Raw data are contained on the BBS in a directory entitled ARMIS4307, and a spreadsheet template viewer file IVIEW2.ZIP can be downloaded to facilitate viewing the raw ASCII data files. Instructions for using the viewers are contained in a readme.txt file within the "zip" archive. This "zip" file contains two infrastructure data viewers, an executable program for translating the raw data files into ASCII output files with full annotations and data labels, and a second spreadsheet template for achieving the same goal by adding the annotations to the data using a spreadsheet template.

The information summarized in this section is arranged as two tables: Table 10.1 shows switching system data and Table 10.2 shows transmission system data. Each table contains segments for each of the regional Bell companies, one for the companies owned by GTE The data summarized for each holding company reflect the aggregate of data filed for individual states or study areas and should be useful in assessing overall trends. ${ }^{4}$

The data have been aggregated where region-wide or company-wide composites were not filed. Many of the company totals were recalculated to more effectively identify errors. ${ }^{5}$ Some of the data originally filed by the companies contained errors, particularly in the earlier years.

The full range of infrastructure data received in the ARMIS 43-07 reports and the items listed below that are contained in Tables 10.1 and 10.2 are described in the report entitled "Infrastructure of the Local Operating Companies Aggregated to the Holding Company Level" along with data qualifications and observations about the data itself. ${ }^{6}$ The user should also refer to the source data, which contain more detailed study area information. Further analysis supplemented with data from state regulatory commissions may be needed to address localized issues.

## Description of the Technologies and Data

The data in the Tables 10.1 and 10.2 provide a historical series for a variety of plant elements that illustrate the deployment of technology in the networks of the major local exchange carriers. The data items provide a picture of the key technologies presently in use. For example, although the issue of fiber in the local loop has gained a great deal of attention because of its potential for facilitating development of wideband video services, the progression of lower datarate digital technologies to greater numbers of customers through an increased use of digital local access has been occurring for some time now. Both switching and transmission technology

4 Due to the recent Bell Atlantic merger, facilities of NYNEX became part of a larger Bell Atlantic entity. Due to the large merged size of the new Bell Atlantic Entity and the fact that the merged entities operate in distinct regions of the country, the company still separates much of the filed data reflecting the the pre merger Bell Atlantic entity, now called Bell Atlantic South in some of its filings. To enable current data to be trended with the prior data series we have presented the old NYNEX data as Bell Atlantic North and the remaining Bell Atlantic data as Bell Atlantic South.

5 A number of obvious discrepancies in calculation of totals were corrected and may account for small differences between company-filed totals and the ones presented here. Most of these discrepancies were identified as being associated with cumulative effects of rounding, typically associated with data presented in thousands.

6 See Appendix A, Infrastructure of the :Local Operating Companies Aggregated to the Holding Company Level, released March 13, 1997.
provide the building blocks that make this possible. In the switch, Signalling System 7 (SS7) provides a means for networks and interoffice switches to communicate with each other. This system uses separate digital links outside the voice channel to accomplish this. Other elements in the data relating to equal access switches and touch-tone capable switches show that most switches now support equal access and that nearly all switches are equipped for touch-tone dialing.

A useful overall measure of company activity is gross capital expenditures. The data reported include all capital expenditures on both switching and transmission facilities. Capital expenditure levels should continue to be an important overall parameter in assessing deployment of new technology in the local service business and its relationship to future service quality.

Although there is considerable interest in digital switching, the term "digital switch" by itself is often misleading and does not address the important issues of switching capability and modularity. For example, while most network switches are presently classified as digital stored program controlled switches, this classification by itself does not indicate whether the switch has ISDN or SS7 capability and does not address the issue of modularity that allows lower-cost expansion. Therefore, measurement of digital switching proliferation requires one to look at more than a single statistic. While there are no across-the-board relationships between modularity and switch capability, many of the switches with ISDN capability also tend to be modular in design and can often be upgraded with software that can facilitate lower-cost expansion. The data presently being collected only cover circuit switches that provide a dedicated path through the network for the duration of a call, not routers or statistical switches that are used in internet services that are specifically designed to handle data packets.

ISDN technology provides the service protocols and channel designations for digital services to customers and can convey voice, computer data or compressed video. Basic rate ISDN services are provided as two 64-kilobit data channels and one 16 -kilobit control channel associated with each basic-rate access line. The control channels allow the transfer of special information between the switch and the customer, unavailable with in-band signalling, as well as advanced network control features presently used in a number of enhanced services. Primary rate ISDN provides the capacity of twenty-three 64-kilobit data channels and one 64-kilobit control channel. Although these services can potentially provide for improved communication between computers, the lack of a critical mass of customers using ISDN was a stumbling block in the early proliferation of end-to-end digital services. Availability of the service is significant and expanding. There are, however, important regional and localized differences in investment and customer demand patterns that may require examination of data at a more localized level than presented here. ${ }^{7}$

[^0]The companies typically report the number of access lines that can be connected to ISDN service within each wire center or switch. In 1995 Bell Atlantic and NYNEX began to report all access lines that can receive ISDN service, even those requiring a foreign exchange link to another wire center. These companies were notified that their method of counting ISDN-capable access lines was inconsistent with the Commission's reporting requirements. ${ }^{8}$ As a result NYNEX subsequently refiled its 1995 data to address this problem. ${ }^{9}$

Because ISDN is a digital service, it is equipped to handle communication between computers without the need to first convert the signal to an analog form. Early on it was primarily marketed as a medium for enhanced voice services and was primarily targeted to business users. It has become an increasingly attractive alternative for residential customers and small businesses needing a second line for a computer and therefore its pricing in relation to the cost of two analog lines can significantly affect proliferation of the service. Many of the companies had installed digital switches in response to equal access requirements of divestiture. Almost all of the Bell company switching entities have equal access capability. The companies generally have been responding to increased interest in ISDN service and internet use by replacing or upgrading existing switches for ISDN capability. ${ }^{10}$

A number of transmission elements are included in the tables. These illustrate the rapid development of fiber capacity in terms of terminations, sheath-kilometers, and links. The tables

8 Continuing changes in demand patterns for new access lines and in the character of telephone traffic from pure voice traffic to a changing mix of voice and data underscore the desirability of targeted improvement to the switching infrastructure. Use of easily upgradable switching systems will be increasingly important.

9 Company totals have been recalculated to minimize errors in summing raw study-area data. In calculating industry totals, some adjustments may have been made to account for missing or irregular company data and for rounding errors. In certain instances, the classification "other" was used for adjustment purposes so that the respective totals would properly reflect the sum of their components.

10 Increased use of ISDN services for internet access could lead to a critical mass of residential users that would be mutually beneficial to customers and the companies by driving down ISDN per-unit costs further. While increased business use should continue to be an important revenue source and a driving force leading to improved efficiencies in providing ISDN service, new marketing, pricing and regulatory factors could make ISDN more attractive for residential customers. Competitive activity and interconnection should require incumbent carriers to pay greater attention both to strategic planning and customer service. In the short term, investment, packaging and pricing strategies for ISDN services that consider local and regional issues might facilitate overall service quality improvement by encouraging migration from analog to digital access services, leading to improvement of the switching infrastructure. Next-generation wideband capabilities will become increasingly important in the longer term.
also highlight the relative magnitude of equipped and working channels, providing an indication of termination equipment utilization. Declines in the number of analog links can be noted, and for some time the number of interoffice fiber carrier links has significantly exceeded the number of copper carrier links for all companies shown. Although data on links and channels show that circuits connecting local central offices could typically be provided on only two fibers, the economics of fiber deployment have resulted in deployments of typical fiber cables containing more than 35 fibers. This suggests that there is a significant amount of fiber capacity presently unused in the interoffice transmission plant. ${ }^{11}$

Although the overall level of growth in fiber has been high, its use in the local loop is presently relatively small. Since fibers are not necessarily in current use and since there is a greater potential for more than one access line to be provided on one fiber than on one copper pair, especially nearer to the central offices, the ultimate number of central office fiber terminations needed to equip all access lines for fiber is expected to be considerably lower than the present number of copper terminations. However, due to the fact that less sharing of transmission facilities is possible in the portion of plant closest to customers, the cost of providing loop capacity nearest to the customer is greatest.

11 A large portion of the cost of fiber deployment is associated with labor and installation rather than with the cable itself. Thus, the incremental cost of installing a larger fiber cable is typically relatively small. This suggests that the sheath-kilometer parameter shown in the attached tables may be a better measure of fiber coverage than fiber kilometers. In general, care should be exercised in interpreting aggregate fiber data when determining, for example, whether fiber is concentrated in certain parts of a company's service area with relatively little fiber elsewhere. See FCC Fiber Deployment Update End of Year 1997, released September 4, 1998.


|  | Table 10.1 Switching System Data <br> (b): Bell Atlantic - South |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Gross Plant Expenditures (In Millions \$) | 2,133 | 2,107 | 2,390 | 2,816 | 2,855 |
| Local Switches | 1,405 | 1,408 | 1,406 | 1,410 | 1,412 |
| Tandem Switches | 42 | 42 | 42 | 48 | 42 |
| Hosts | 194 | 199 | 202 | 210 | 212 |
| Remotes (Stand Alone Only) | 666 | 685 | 696 | 712 | 718 |
| Total Switching Entities | 1,421 | 1,422 | 1,420 | 1,430 | 1,426 |
| Electromechanical | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Control | 157 | 123 | 93 | 79 | 64 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Control | 1,264 | 1,299 | 1,327 | 1,351 | 1,362 |
| Total Access Lines (000) | 18,645 | 19,167 | 19,820 | 20,566 | 21,375 |
| Electromechanical Switches | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 5,627 | 4,769 | 3,607 | 3,022 | 2,607 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 13,018 | 14,398 | 16,213 | 17,544 | 18,768 |
| Touch Tone Capable Switches | 1,405 | 1,408 | 1,406 | 1,410 | 1,412 |
| T. Tone Capable Access Lines (000) | 18,645 | 19,167 | 19,820 | 20,566 | 21,375 |
| Equal Access Switches | 1,421 | 1,422 | 1,420 | 1,430 | 1,426 |
| Equal Access Lines (000) | 18,645 | 19,167 | 19,820 | 20,566 | 21,375 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-394) | 720 | 1,262 | 1,374 | 1,415 | 1,415 |
| SS7-394 Access Lines (000) | 13,240 | 18,118 | 19,709 | 20,469 | 21,325 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-317) | 1,359 | 1,374 | 1,373 | 1,426 | 1,426 |
| SS7-317 Access Lines (000) | 18,221 | 19,049 | 19,780 | 20,518 | 21,375 |
| ISDN Capable Switches | 515 | 592 | 671 | 722 | 734 |
| ISDN Access Line Capac. (000) | 9,923 | 11,750 | 13,919 | 15,534 | 16,754 |
| ISDN Basic Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 101,858 | 163,901 | 223,626 | 279,372 | 357,469 |
| ISDN Primary Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 121 | 5,311 | 9,185 | 17,724 | 31,171 |

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|  | Table 10.1 Switching System Data (d): Bell Atlantic - North (NYNEX) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Gross Plant Expenditures (In Millions \$) | 2,152 | 2,208 | 2,316 | 2,214 | 2,478 |
| Local Switches | 1,307 | 1,297 | 1,290 | 1,274 | 1,291 |
| Tandem Switches | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 25 |
| Hosts | 155 | 159 | 169 | 157 | 153 |
| Remotes (Stand Alone Only) | 699 | 722 | 728 | 732 | 729 |
| Total Switching Entities | 1,326 | 1,316 | 1,309 | 1,293 | 1,311 |
| Electromechanical | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Control | 192 | 123 | 101 | 58 | 22 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Control | 1,134 | 1,193 | 1,208 | 1,235 | 1,289 |
| Total Access Lines (000) | 16,129 | 16,578 | 17,139 | 17,739 | 18,339 |
| Electromechanical Switches | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 4,123 | 2,800 | 1,969 | 1,035 | 368 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 12,006 | 13,778 | 15,170 | 16,704 | 17,971 |
| Touch Tone Capable Switches | 1,307 | 1,297 | 1,286 | 1,274 | 1,291 |
| T. Tone Capable Access Lines (000) | 16,129 | 16,578 | 17,139 | 17,739 | 18,339 |
| Equal Access Switches | 1,307 | 1,316 | 1,308 | 1,293 | 1,311 |
| Equal Access Lines (000) | 16,077 | 16,578 | 17,139 | 17,739 | 18,339 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-394) | 970 | 1,119 | 1,203 | 1,235 | 1,292 |
| SS7-394 Access Lines (000) | 11,300 | 13,852 | 15,168 | 16,704 | 18,098 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-317) | 969 | 1,119 | 1,203 | 1,235 | 1,292 |
| SS7-317 Access Lines (000) | 11,300 | 13,832 | 15,168 | 16,704 | 18,098 |
| ISDN Capable Switches | 114 | 247 | 259 | 357 | 486 |
| ISDN Access Line Capac. (000) | 3,483 | 9,357 | 8,198 | 12,148 | 14,371 |
| ISDN Basic Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 62,522 | 118,150 | 139,694 | 226,280 | 303,073 |
| ISDN Primary Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 837 | 1,082 | 3,322 | 7,051 | 12,751 |


|  | Table 10.1 Switching System Data (e): SBC (Pacific Telesis) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Gross Plant Expenditures (In Millions \$) | 1,734 | 1,620 | 1,664 | 1,877 | 2,209 |
| Local Switches | 846 | 837 | 840 | 833 | 810 |
| Tandem Switches | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 21 |
| Hosts | 111 | 121 | 117 | 114 | 135 |
| Remotes (Stand Alone Only) | 302 | 320 | 316 | 310 | 364 |
| Total Switching Entities | 866 | 856 | 859 | 853 | 830 |
| Electromechanical | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Control | 176 | 109 | 87 | 72 | 49 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Control | 687 | 745 | 771 | 781 | 781 |
| Total Access Lines (000) | 14,971 | 15,384 | 15,984 | 16,460 | 17,155 |
| Electromechanical Switches | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 7,036 | 5,029 | 4,036 | 3,354 | 2,422 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 7,934 | 10,354 | 11,948 | 13,106 | 14,733 |
| Touch Tone Capable Switches | 846 | 837 | 840 | 833 | 810 |
| T. Tone Capable Access Lines (000) | 14,971 | 15,384 | 15,984 | 16,460 | 17,155 |
| Equal Access Switches | 844 | 834 | 838 | 852 | 810 |
| Equal Access Lines (000) | 14,949 | 15,360 | 15,966 | 16,460 | 17,155 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-394) | 522 | 764 | 772 | 794 | 791 |
| SS7-394 Access Lines (000) | 12,490 | 14,781 | 15,512 | 15,616 | 16,956 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-317) | 522 | 764 | 772 | 794 | 804 |
| SS7-317 Access Lines (000) | 12,490 | 14,781 | 15,512 | 15,616 | 16,956 |
| ISDN Capable Switches | 229 | 347 | 417 | 473 | 531 |
| ISDN Access Line Capac. (000) | 5,349 | 8,494 | 10,291 | 11,895 | 13,632 |
| ISDN Basic Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 65,683 | 115,146 | 171,305 | 304,182 | 314,003 |
| ISDN Primary Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 357 | 708 | 3,491 | 13,448 | 20,125 |

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|  | Table 10.1 Switching System Data <br> (g): US West |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Gross Plant Expenditures (In Millions \$) | 2,210 | 2,359 | 2,570 | 2,995 | 2,540 |
| Local Switches | 1,841 | 1,738 | 1,641 | 1,521 | 1,441 |
| Tandem Switches | 51 | 51 | 51 | 51 | 51 |
| Hosts | 223 | 232 | 238 | 248 | 249 |
| Remotes (Stand Alone Only) | 880 | 984 | 961 | 852 | 781 |
| Total Switching Entities | 1,858 | 1,752 | 1,654 | 1,534 | 1,492 |
| Electromechanical | 210 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Control | 261 | 213 | 188 | 146 | 113 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Control | 1,387 | 1,519 | 1,465 | 1,387 | 1,379 |
| Total Access Lines (000) | 13,710 | 14,309 | 14,817 | 15,405 | 16,132 |
| Electromechanical Switches | 161 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 6,257 | 5,303 | 4,706 | 4,245 | 4,228 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 7,292 | 8,988 | 10,110 | 11,159 | 11,905 |
| Touch Tone Capable Switches | 1,841 | 1,738 | 1,641 | 1,521 | 1,441 |
| T. Tone Capable Access Lines (000) | 13,710 | 14,309 | 14,817 | 15,405 | 16,132 |
| Equal Access Switches | 1,636 | 1,724 | 1,638 | 1,520 | 1,492 |
| Equal Access Lines (000) | 13,529 | 14,287 | 14,816 | 15,404 | 16,132 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-394) | 620 | 819 | 1,116 | 1,143 | 1,305 |
| SS7-394 Access Lines (000) | 9,931 | 11,704 | 13,411 | 14,420 | 15,739 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-317) | 621 | 839 | 1,116 | 1,143 | 1,305 |
| SS7-317 Access Lines (000) | 9,931 | 11,663 | 13,411 | 14,420 | 15,739 |
| ISDN Capable Switches | 213 | 240 | 262 | 327 | 541 |
| ISDN Access Line Capac. (000) | 3,982 | 5,045 | 6,192 | 9,668 | 10,264 |
| ISDN Basic Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 108,775 | 120,058 | 126,530 | 146,570 | 162,953 |
| ISDN Primary Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 674 | 742 | 2,315 | 2,734 | 4,329 |


|  | Table 10.1 Switching System Data <br> (h): GTE/CONTEL Companies |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Gross Plant Expenditures (In Millions \$) | 2,748 | 2,719 | 2,555 | 2,628 | 3,021 |
| Local Switches | 6,164 | 5,976 | 6,119 | 6,498 | 6,453 |
| Tandem Switches | 149 | 142 | 157 | 165 | 165 |
| Hosts | 876 | 831 | 867 | 928 | 939 |
| Remotes (Stand Alone Only) | 1,618 | 1,702 | 1,970 | 1,925 | 2,143 |
| Total Switching Entities | 6,202 | 5,993 | 6,136 | 6,518 | 6,483 |
| Electromechanical | 1,115 | 893 | 649 | 393 | 168 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Control | 78 | 46 | 26 | 17 | 10 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Control | 5,009 | 5,054 | 5,461 | 6,108 | 6,305 |
| Total Access Lines (000) | 15,906 | 15,928 | 16,535 | 17,389 | 18,320 |
| Electromechanical Switches | 1,042 | 782 | 523 | 284 | 158 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 836 | 509 | 380 | 241 | 197 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 14,028 | 14,637 | 15,632 | 16,864 | 17,965 |
| Touch Tone Capable Switches | 6,164 | 5,976 | 6,119 | 6,498 | 6,453 |
| T. Tone Capable Access Lines (000) | 15,904 | 15,925 | 16,530 | 17,394 | 18,320 |
| Equal Access Switches | 4,983 | 5,010 | 5,497 | 6,121 | 6,309 |
| Equal Access Lines (000) | 14,774 | 15,081 | 16,015 | 17,099 | 18,153 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-394) | 1,990 | 2,234 | 2,907 | 3,897 | 4,215 |
| SS7-394 Access Lines (000) | 8,847 | 10,766 | 12,841 | 15,193 | 15,967 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-317) | 2,113 | 2,234 | 2,907 | 4,218 | 4,215 |
| SS7-317 Access Lines (000) | 9,676 | 10,766 | 12,841 | 15,438 | 15,967 |
| ISDN Capable Switches | 272 | 276 | 390 | 523 | 779 |
| ISDN Access Line Capac. (000) | 2,096 | 5,010 | 6,251 | 9,677 | 10,620 |
| ISDN Basic Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 30,741 | 63,012 | 91,326 | 98,145 | 126,946 |
| ISDN Primary Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 896 | 1,406 | 2,703 | 17,377 | 16,465 |



|  | Table 10.1 Switching System Data <br> (j): All Company Totals |  |  | 1996 | 1997 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |  |  |
| Gross Plant Expenditures (In Millions \$) | 17,432 | 17,386 | 17,991 | 20,122 | 21,234 |
| Local Switches | 16,083 | 15,838 | 16,002 | 16,266 | 16,186 |
| Tandem Switches | 466 | 455 | 470 | 483 | 481 |
| Hosts | 2,288 | 2,291 | 2,365 | 2,431 | 2,515 |
| Remotes (Stand Alone Only) | 6,235 | 6,641 | 7,079 | 7,098 | 7,347 |
| Total Switching Entities | 16,291 | 16,015 | 16,186 | 16,484 | 16,448 |
| Electromechanical | 1,411 | 988 | 709 | 394 | 168 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Control | 1,632 | 1,179 | 1,002 | 735 | 558 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Control | 13,248 | 13,848 | 14,475 | 15,355 | 15,722 |
| Total Access Lines (000) | 129,274 | 133,241 | 138,764 | 143,232 | 150,041 |
| Electromechanical Switches | 1,306 | 897 | 586 | 285 | 158 |
| Analog Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 42,748 | 33,700 | 29,411 | 24,800 | 21,414 |
| Digital Stored Pgm. Ctrl. Switches | 85,220 | 98,644 | 108,767 | 118,147 | 128,469 |
| Touch Tone Capable Switches | 16,130 | 15,885 | 15,998 | 16,266 | 16,186 |
| T. Tone Capable Access Lines (000) | 129,272 | 133,237 | 138,759 | 143,238 | 150,041 |
| Equal Access Switches | 14,680 | 14,944 | 15,474 | 16,012 | 16,245 |
| Equal Access Lines (000) | 127,767 | 132,347 | 138,225 | 142,942 | 149,874 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-394) | 7,993 | 10,342 | 11,867 | 13,171 | 13,879 |
| SS7-394 Access Lines (000) | 96,079 | 118,608 | 129,205 | 137,458 | 146,637 |
| Signal. Sys. 7 Switches (SS7-317) | 8,801 | 10,568 | 11,884 | 13,504 | 13,903 |
| SS7-317 Access Lines (000) | 102,169 | 120,231 | 129,409 | 137,781 | 146,672 |
| ISDN Capable Switches | 2,146 | 2,676 | 3,258 | 3,852 | 4,681 |
| ISDN Access Line Capac. (000) | 41,971 | 61,556 | 77,525 | 95,111 | 106,577 |
| ISDN Basic Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 591,561 | 801,518 | 1,043,617 | 1,436,927 | 1,797,254 |
| ISDN Primary Rate Interface Eq'pd. | 5,816 | 15,526 | 33,112 | 77,885 | 136,233 |


|  | Table 10.2 Transmission System Data <br> (a): Ameritech |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Total Sheath-Kilometers | 556,814 | 537,133 | 562,934 | 575,407 | 586,712 |
| Copper Sheath-Kilometers | 521,187 | 498,238 | 519,775 | 526,955 | 533,491 |
| Fiber Sheath-Kilometers | 34,655 | 37,980 | 42,370 | 47,676 | 52,450 |
| Other Sheath-Kilometers | 972 | 915 | 789 | 776 | 771 |
| Total Carrier Links | 452,276 | 535,085 | 715,434 | 915,547 | 1,084,957 |
| Copper Links | 69,609 | 55,193 | 46,806 | 36,261 | 29,355 |
| Fiber Links | 377,963 | 475,981 | 667,746 | 878,959 | 1,055,285 |
| Radio Links | 4,704 | 3,911 | 882 | 327 | 317 |
| Total Circuit Links | 2,800,655 | 2,964,296 | 3,278,058 | 3,577,253 | 4,118,183 |
| Baseband Links | 59,460 | 56,164 | 56,287 | 53,688 | 47,196 |
| Analog Links | 468 | 440 | 189 | 38 | 38 |
| Digital Links | 2,740,727 | 2,907,692 | 3,221,582 | 3,523,527 | 4,070,949 |
| Equipped Channels (000) | 30,818 | 31,848 | 31,957 | 33,366 | 34,741 |
| Copper | 29,549 | 29,483 | 29,125 | 29,571 | 29,797 |
| Fiber | 1,269 | 2,365 | 2,832 | 3,795 | 4,944 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Working Channels (000) | 18,611 | 19,106 | 19,714 | 20,506 | 21,152 |
| Copper | 17,812 | 18,096 | 18,479 | 18,896 | 19,083 |
| Fiber | 799 | 1,010 | 1,236 | 1,610 | 2,069 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper Pair Sw. Term.-Loop | 28,687,860 | 28,645,732 | 28,217,638 | 28,693,472 | 28,970,660 |
| Fiber Cent. Ofc. Loop Termin. | 56,834 | 66,035 | 79,661 | 103,648 | 123,302 |
| DS-1 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 23,675 | 26,660 | 31,941 | 39,124 | 46,366 |
| DS-3 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 2,434 | 2,755 | 3,192 | 3,874 | 4,453 |


|  | Table 10.2 Transmission System Data <br> (b): Bell Atlantic - South |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Total Sheath-Kilometers | 507,245 | 514,377 | 518,999 | 524,759 | 534,981 |
| Copper Sheath-Kilometers | 461,040 | 461,558 | 460,772 | 462,019 | 465,471 |
| Fiber Sheath-Kilometers | 45,402 | 52,014 | 57,425 | 62,740 | 69,509 |
| Other Sheath-Kilometers | 803 | 805 | 802 | 0 | 1 |
| Total Carrier Links | 252,108 | 278,199 | 303,468 | 342,525 | 373,549 |
| Copper Links | 62,122 | 63,297 | 66,127 | 72,045 | 76,842 |
| Fiber Links | 182,816 | 207,750 | 230,335 | 265,219 | 291,883 |
| Radio Links | 7,170 | 7,152 | 7,006 | 5,261 | 4,824 |
| Total Circuit Links | 2,550,021 | 2,604,573 | 2,766,872 | 2,935,557 | 3,248,498 |
| Baseband Links | 105,941 | 73,773 | 42,296 | 35,110 | 29,036 |
| Analog Links | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Digital Links | 2,444,080 | 2,530,800 | 2,724,576 | 2,900,447 | 3,219,462 |
| Equipped Channels (000) | 50,194 | 52,800 | 56,614 | 42,917 | 44,864 |
| Copper | 33,723 | 33,569 | 34,269 | 33,740 | 34,259 |
| Fiber | 16,471 | 19,231 | 22,344 | 9,177 | 10,604 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Working Channels (000) | 21,354 | 22,146 | 23,515 | 25,271 | 27,328 |
| Copper | 18,641 | 18,513 | 19,068 | 19,361 | 20,019 |
| Fiber | 2,713 | 3,633 | 4,447 | 5,911 | 7,309 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper Pair Sw. Term.-Loop | 30,504,712 | 30,479,864 | 30,444,724 | 30,488,288 | 30,645,886 |
| Fiber Cent. Ofc. Loop Termin. | 129,509 | 416,307 | 490,314 | 564,146 | 595,890 |
| DS-1 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 25,922 | 37,197 | 47,737 | 72,187 | 86,820 |
| DS-3 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 437 | 731 | 970 | 1,683 | 2,523 |

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|  | Table 10.2 Transmission System Data <br> (c): BellSouth |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Total Sheath-Kilometers | 993,633 | 1,005,397 | 1,020,809 | 1,034,601 | 1,050,186 |
| Copper Sheath-Kilometers | 927,265 | 930,812 | 937,626 | 943,090 | 951,758 |
| Fiber Sheath-Kilometers | 65,100 | 73,370 | 82,012 | 90,093 | 96,852 |
| Other Sheath-Kilometers | 1,268 | 1,215 | 1,171 | 1,418 | 1,576 |
| Total Carrier Links | 991,365 | 1,035,404 | 1,210,164 | 1,490,563 | 1,873,566 |
| Copper Links | 86,390 | 52,813 | 48,503 | 69,210 | 66,326 |
| Fiber Links | 877,770 | 958,357 | 1,145,268 | 1,414,411 | 1,805,158 |
| Radio Links | 27,205 | 24,234 | 16,393 | 6,942 | 2,082 |
| Total Circuit Links | 2,935,064 | 4,287,654 | 4,756,430 | 5,245,925 | 6,107,816 |
| Baseband Links | 17,575 | 14,713 | 9,985 | 16,635 | 12,054 |
| Analog Links | 99 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Digital Links | 2,917,390 | 4,272,891 | 4,746,445 | 5,229,290 | 6,095,762 |
| Equipped Channels (000) | 33,070 | 34,670 | 36,022 | 37,867 | 39,551 |
| Copper | 29,291 | 29,996 | 30,352 | 30,903 | 31,271 |
| Fiber | 3,778 | 4,673 | 5,670 | 6,963 | 8,279 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Working Channels (000) | 21,276 | 23,285 | 24,683 | 26,230 | 27,921 |
| Copper | 18,289 | 19,284 | 19,871 | 20,318 | 20,709 |
| Fiber | 2,987 | 4,001 | 4,812 | 5,912 | 7,212 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper Pair Sw. Term.-Loop | 26,433,408 | 26,451,200 | 26,527,292 | 26,342,776 | 26,703,440 |
| Fiber Cent. Ofc. Loop Termin. | 59,663 | 73,260 | 106,710 | 138,364 | 157,957 |
| DS-1 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 9,078 | 13,941 | 19,132 | 27,482 | 36,911 |
| DS-3 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 3,294 | 4,034 | 4,559 | 5,353 | 6,847 |


|  | Table 10.2 Transmission System Data <br> (d): Bell Atlantic - North (NYNEX) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Total Sheath-Kilometers | 451,030 | 452,707 | 454,149 | 454,905 | 457,989 |
| Copper Sheath-Kilometers | 416,312 | 414,170 | 412,025 | 409,965 | 408,112 |
| Fiber Sheath-Kilometers | 33,013 | 37,118 | 41,000 | 44,401 | 49,478 |
| Other Sheath-Kilometers | 1,705 | 1,419 | 1,124 | 539 | 399 |
| Total Carrier Links | 442,636 | 459,959 | 467,055 | 525,240 | 765,039 |
| Copper Links | 50,392 | 51,873 | 45,579 | 26,365 | 27,652 |
| Fiber Links | 389,124 | 406,135 | 420,415 | 498,082 | 737,291 |
| Radio Links | 3,120 | 1,951 | 1,061 | 793 | 96 |
| Total Circuit Links | 2,609,151 | 2,596,631 | 2,446,475 | 2,421,465 | 2,605,246 |
| Baseband Links | 310,515 | 244,437 | 170,517 | 152,279 | 118,376 |
| Analog Links | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Digital Links | 2,298,636 | 2,352,194 | 2,275,958 | 2,269,186 | 2,486,870 |
| Equipped Channels (000) | 32,787 | 33,222 | 33,494 | 34,371 | 35,464 |
| Copper | 31,400 | 31,707 | 31,394 | 31,594 | 32,167 |
| Fiber | 1,387 | 1,515 | 2,101 | 2,777 | 3,297 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Working Channels (000) | 18,869 | 18,776 | 20,176 | 20,157 | 21,272 |
| Copper | 18,136 | 17,875 | 18,860 | 18,638 | 19,410 |
| Fiber | 733 | 902 | 1,316 | 1,519 | 1,862 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper Pair Sw. Term.-Loop | 30,053,156 | 30,097,348 | 30,190,922 | 30,253,844 | 30,697,008 |
| Fiber Cent. Ofc. Loop Termin. | 143,770 | 188,194 | 214,587 | 240,641 | 276,320 |
| DS-1 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 21,911 | 28,732 | 30,529 | 31,120 | 45,009 |
| DS-3 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 869 | 1,036 | 1,363 | 1,698 | 1,571 |


|  | Table 10.2 Transmission System Data <br> (e): SBC (Pacific Telesis) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Total Sheath-Kilometers | 351,695 | 343,658 | 346,127 | 349,697 | 363,726 |
| Copper Sheath-Kilometers | 334,674 | 324,942 | 325,537 | 327,040 | 339,207 |
| Fiber Sheath-Kilometers | 15,814 | 17,598 | 19,472 | 21,513 | 23,375 |
| Other Sheath-Kilometers | 1,207 | 1,118 | 1,118 | 1,144 | 1,144 |
| Total Carrier Links | 890,851 | 962,858 | 1,383,705 | 2,545,435 | 3,281,078 |
| Copper Links | 335,250 | 153,493 | 123,014 | 117,895 | 110,874 |
| Fiber Links | 546,847 | 801,638 | 1,252,043 | 2,417,461 | 3,159,510 |
| Radio Links | 8,754 | 7,727 | 8,648 | 10,079 | 10,694 |
| Total Circuit Links | 2,137,179 | 2,568,706 | 2,646,904 | 2,240,779 | 3,369,967 |
| Baseband Links | 66,642 | 42,095 | 35,016 | 30,232 | 27,020 |
| Analog Links | 609 | 451 | 256 | 297 | 263 |
| Digital Links | 2,069,928 | 2,526,160 | 2,611,632 | 2,210,250 | 3,342,684 |
| Equipped Channels (000) | 26,287 | 26,447 | 26,850 | 27,732 | 28,635 |
| Copper | 25,860 | 25,915 | 26,179 | 26,952 | 27,549 |
| Fiber | 428 | 533 | 671 | 780 | 1,086 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Working Channels (000) | 15,841 | 16,110 | 16,878 | 17,720 | 18,254 |
| Copper | 15,556 | 15,759 | 16,448 | 17,213 | 17,569 |
| Fiber | 285 | 351 | 430 | 507 | 685 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper Pair Sw. Term.-Loop | 24,632,896 | 24,577,002 | 24,619,462 | 25,055,624 | 25,412,880 |
| Fiber Cent. Ofc. Loop Termin. | 39,830 | 33,538 | 34,692 | 37,156 | 88,192 |
| DS-1 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 701 | 756 | 655 | 719 | 762 |
| DS-3 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 2,410 | 3,108 | 4,047 | 3,113 | 6,145 |


|  | Table 10.2 Transmission System Data <br> (f): SBC (Southwestern Bell) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Total Sheath-Kilometers | 646,283 | 652,224 | 662,108 | 676,945 | 685,526 |
| Copper Sheath-Kilometers | 608,238 | 609,725 | 612,764 | 617,776 | 622,960 |
| Fiber Sheath-Kilometers | 35,548 | 40,621 | 47,530 | 57,228 | 60,561 |
| Other Sheath-Kilometers | 2,497 | 1,878 | 1,814 | 1,941 | 2,005 |
| Total Carrier Links | 661,969 | 717,489 | 1,116,226 | 1,236,940 | 1,510,028 |
| Copper Links | 114,280 | 119,709 | 120,615 | 44,723 | 35,548 |
| Fiber Links | 532,317 | 584,519 | 982,517 | 1,187,045 | 1,467,224 |
| Radio Links | 15,372 | 13,261 | 13,094 | 5,172 | 7,256 |
| Total Circuit Links | 2,132,469 | 2,271,891 | 2,583,685 | 2,887,611 | 3,374,225 |
| Baseband Links | 42,930 | 32,798 | 26,474 | 21,045 | 19,123 |
| Analog Links | 2,080 | 827 | 97 | 26 | 11 |
| Digital Links | 2,087,459 | 2,238,266 | 2,557,114 | 2,866,540 | 3,355,091 |
| Equipped Channels (000) | 22,802 | 23,675 | 23,990 | 23,766 | 26,003 |
| Copper | 21,895 | 22,011 | 23,357 | 22,976 | 24,957 |
| Fiber | 906 | 1,664 | 634 | 789 | 1,046 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Working Channels (000) | 13,431 | 15,446 | 15,918 | 16,580 | 16,306 |
| Copper | 12,704 | 14,047 | 15,376 | 15,937 | 15,532 |
| Fiber | 728 | 1,400 | 541 | 643 | 773 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper Pair Sw. Term.-Loop | 21,379,496 | 22,010,904 | 21,990,828 | 22,185,268 | 22,926,816 |
| Fiber Cent. Ofc. Loop Termin. | 56,560 | 66,497 | 124,026 | 189,365 | 193,409 |
| DS-1 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 38,568 | 44,622 | 48,552 | 77,598 | 77,545 |
| DS-3 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 1,916 | 2,566 | 2,733 | 4,365 | 5,039 |

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|  | Table 10.2 Transmission System Data <br> (g): US West |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Total Sheath-Kilometers | 757,869 | 750,757 | 753,942 | 722,753 | 717,085 |
| Copper Sheath-Kilometers | 707,384 | 694,797 | 691,844 | 660,393 | 653,205 |
| Fiber Sheath-Kilometers | 50,485 | 55,960 | 62,098 | 62,360 | 63,880 |
| Other Sheath-Kilometers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Carrier Links | 471,975 | 508,530 | 633,861 | 901,580 | 1,180,771 |
| Copper Links | 89,849 | 73,050 | 35,964 | 68,779 | 67,240 |
| Fiber Links | 357,269 | 412,014 | 575,849 | 816,218 | 1,094,250 |
| Radio Links | 24,857 | 23,466 | 22,048 | 16,583 | 19,281 |
| Total Circuit Links | 2,315,598 | 2,569,216 | 2,802,203 | 3,178,552 | 3,561,748 |
| Baseband Links | 27,397 | 24,530 | 27,184 | 27,472 | 25,547 |
| Analog Links | 12,879 | 5,702 | 4,376 | 1,762 | 1,115 |
| Digital Links | 2,275,322 | 2,538,984 | 2,770,643 | 3,149,318 | 3,535,086 |
| Equipped Channels (000) | 23,877 | 24,089 | 24,247 | 25,284 | 24,894 |
| Copper | 23,171 | 23,394 | 23,561 | 23,501 | 23,194 |
| Fiber | 704 | 695 | 686 | 1,783 | 1,700 |
| Other | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Working Channels (000) | 14,809 | 15,322 | 15,347 | 16,359 | 17,195 |
| Copper | 14,359 | 14,863 | 14,873 | 15,232 | 16,114 |
| Fiber | 449 | 459 | 474 | 1,127 | 1,082 |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper Pair Sw. Term.-Loop | 22,128,232 | 22,179,410 | 22,168,428 | 22,291,698 | 20,463,592 |
| Fiber Cent. Ofc. Loop Termin. | 73,993 | 83,313 | 81,953 | 112,185 | 123,691 |
| DS-1 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 20,010 | 24,386 | 28,875 | 30,109 | 46,296 |
| DS-3 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 1,066 | 1,297 | 1,339 | 1,223 | 1,142 |

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| Table 10.2 Transmission System Data <br> (h): GTE/CONTEL Companies |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Total Sheath-Kilometers | 1,522,253 | 1,276,369 | 1,209,595 | 1,248,505 | 1,268,110 |
| Copper Sheath-Kilometers | 1,218,440 | 1,214,758 | 1,143,855 | 1,177,702 | 1,188,835 |
| Fiber Sheath-Kilometers | 66,610 | 61,611 | 65,740 | 70,803 | 79,275 |
| Other Sheath-Kilometers | 237,203 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Carrier Links | 407,237 | 499,678 | 606,202 | 765,541 | 1,136,757 |
| Copper Links | 118,074 | 118,858 | 118,686 | 290,257 | 448,534 |
| Fiber Links | 275,733 | 368,202 | 475,876 | 467,328 | 680,858 |
| Radio Links | 13,430 | 12,618 | 11,640 | 7,956 | 7,365 |
| Total Circuit Links | 3,019,378 | 3,424,887 | 4,100,441 | 1,900,698 | 2,461,398 |
| Baseband Links | 61,703 | 58,835 | 55,704 | 43,652 | 40,770 |
| Analog Links | 6,727 | 4,736 | 3,729 | 1,375 | 833 |
| Digital Links | 2,950,948 | 3,361,316 | 4,041,008 | 1,855,671 | 2,419,795 |
| Equipped Channels (000) | 27,930 | 27,878 | 30,431 | 30,129 | 30,279 |
| Copper | 26,323 | 26,125 | 28,564 | 28,147 | 27,710 |
| Fiber | 1,598 | 1,749 | 1,863 | 1,979 | 2,559 |
| Other | 8 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| Working Channels (000) | 18,321 | 18,719 | 19,653 | 20,422 | 20,654 |
| Copper | 17,212 | 17,553 | 18,387 | 18,982 | 18,850 |
| Fiber | 1,108 | 1,163 | 1,264 | 1,439 | 1,802 |
| Other | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Copper Pair Sw. Term.-Loop | 27,735,992 | 25,933,740 | 28,562,746 | 27,804,888 | 29,713,976 |
| Fiber Cent. Ofc. Loop Termin. | 38,282 | 55,365 | 71,687 | 80,372 | 93,238 |
| DS-1 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 6,532 | 7,941 | 14,613 | 16,469 | 23,480 |
| DS-3 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 3,813 | 4,436 | 4,546 | 11,043 | 2,173 |


|  | Table 10.2 Transmission System Data <br> (i): Bell Company Totals |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Total Sheath-Kilometers | 4,264,569 | 4,256,253 | 4,319,068 | 4,339,067 | 4,396,205 |
| Copper Sheath-Kilometers | 3,976,100 | 3,934,242 | 3,960,343 | 3,947,238 | 3,974,204 |
| Fiber Sheath-Kilometers | 280,017 | 314,661 | 351,907 | 386,011 | 416,105 |
| Other Sheath-Kilometers | 8,452 | 7,350 | 6,818 | 5,818 | 5,896 |
| Total Carrier Links | 4,163,180 | 4,497,524 | 5,829,913 | 7,957,830 | 10,068,988 |
| Copper Links | 807,892 | 569,428 | 486,608 | 435,278 | 413,837 |
| Fiber Links | 3,264,106 | 3,846,394 | 5,274,173 | 7,477,395 | 9,610,601 |
| Radio Links | 91,182 | 81,702 | 69,132 | 45,157 | 44,550 |
| Total Circuit Links | 17,480,137 | 19,862,967 | 21,280,627 | 22,487,142 | 26,385,683 |
| Baseband Links | 630,460 | 488,510 | 367,759 | 336,461 | 278,352 |
| Analog Links | 16,135 | 7,470 | 4,918 | 2,123 | 1,427 |
| Digital Links | 16,833,542 | 19,366,987 | 20,907,950 | 22,148,558 | 26,105,904 |
| Equipped Channels (000) | 219,835 | 226,750 | 233,175 | 225,302 | 234,151 |
| Copper | 194,889 | 196,073 | 198,236 | 199,237 | 203,193 |
| Fiber | 24,943 | 30,675 | 34,937 | 26,063 | 30,956 |
| Other | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Working Channels (000) | 124,191 | 130,192 | 136,231 | 142,824 | 149,429 |
| Copper | 115,496 | 118,437 | 122,975 | 125,595 | 128,436 |
| Fiber | 8,694 | 11,755 | 13,255 | 17,228 | 20,992 |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper Pair Sw. Term.-Loop | 183,819,760 | 184,441,460 | 184,159,294 | 185,310,970 | 185,820,282 |
| Fiber Cent. Ofc. Loop Termin. | 560,159 | 927,144 | 1,131,943 | 1,385,505 | 1,558,761 |
| DS-1 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 139,865 | 176,294 | 207,421 | 278,339 | 339,709 |
| DS-3 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 12,426 | 15,527 | 18,203 | 21,309 | 27,720 |


|  | Table 10.2 Transmission System Data <br> (j): All Company Totals |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Total Sheath-Kilometers | 5,786,822 | 5,532,622 | 5,528,663 | 5,587,572 | 5,664,315 |
| Copper Sheath-Kilometers | 5,194,540 | 5,149,000 | 5,104,198 | 5,124,940 | 5,163,039 |
| Fiber Sheath-Kilometers | 346,627 | 376,272 | 417,647 | 456,814 | 495,380 |
| Other Sheath-Kilometers | 245,655 | 7,350 | 6,818 | 5,818 | 5,896 |
| Total Carrier Links | 4,570,417 | 4,997,202 | 6,436,115 | 8,723,371 | 11,205,745 |
| Copper Links | 925,966 | 688,286 | 605,294 | 725,535 | 862,371 |
| Fiber Links | 3,539,839 | 4,214,596 | 5,750,049 | 7,944,723 | 10,291,459 |
| Radio Links | 104,612 | 94,320 | 80,772 | 53,113 | 51,915 |
| Total Circuit Links | 20,499,515 | 23,287,854 | 25,381,068 | 24,387,840 | 28,847,081 |
| Baseband Links | 692,163 | 547,345 | 423,463 | 380,113 | 319,122 |
| Analog Links | 22,862 | 12,206 | 8,647 | 3,498 | 2,260 |
| Digital Links | 19,784,490 | 22,728,303 | 24,948,958 | 24,004,229 | 28,525,699 |
| Equipped Channels (000) | 247,765 | 254,628 | 263,606 | 255,430 | 264,429 |
| Copper | 221,213 | 222,198 | 226,800 | 227,384 | 230,903 |
| Fiber | 26,541 | 32,424 | 36,800 | 28,042 | 33,515 |
| Other | 10 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| Working Channels (000) | 142,512 | 148,910 | 155,884 | 163,246 | 170,083 |
| Copper | 132,708 | 135,990 | 141,362 | 144,577 | 147,286 |
| Fiber | 9,802 | 12,918 | 14,519 | 18,666 | 22,794 |
| Other | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Copper Pair Sw. Term.-Loop | 211,555,752 | 210,375,200 | 212,722,040 | 213,115,858 | 215,534,258 |
| Fiber Cent. Ofc. Loop Termin. | 598,441 | 982,509 | 1,203,630 | 1,465,877 | 1,651,999 |
| DS-1 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 146,397 | 184,235 | 222,034 | 294,808 | 363,189 |
| DS-3 Term.- Cust. Prem. Fiber | 16,239 | 19,963 | 22,749 | 32,352 | 29,893 |


[^0]:    7 Individual study-area data are also available to address more localized issues that will become increasingly important in the coming years. This information is available by dialup access described in footnote 3. A new viewer in executable format also described in footnote 3 has been created to further facilitate examination of the raw data files.

