

Table 1119. Telephone Systems—Summary: 1985 to 2004

[112 represents 112,000,000. Covers principal carriers filing annual reports with Federal Communications Commission]

Item	Unit	1985	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001 ¹	2002 ¹	2003 ¹	2004 ¹
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS²										
Carriers ³	Number	55	51	53	52	52	30	29	28	28
Access lines	Millions	112	130	166	228	245	253	262	268	270
Business access lines	Millions	31	36	46	57	58	54	54	49	46
Residential access lines	Millions	79	89	101	115	115	112	103	99	100
Other access lines (public, mobile, special)	Millions	2	6	19	55	72	87	105	120	124
Number of local calls (originating)	Billions	365	402	484	554	537	515	459	425	420
Number of toll calls (originating)	Billions	(NA)	63	94	102	106	98	90	81	92
Gross book cost of plant	Bil. dol.	191	240	284	342	362	360	367	368	(NA)
Depreciation and amortization reserves	Bil. dol.	49	89	127	176	190	194	210	222	(NA)
Net plant	Bil. dol.	142	151	157	166	172	166	157	146	(NA)
Total assets	Bil. dol.	162	180	197	204	214	208	195	182	(NA)
Total stockholders equity	Bil. dol.	63	74	72	67	72	66	58	47	(NA)
Operating revenues	Bil. dol.	73	84	96	113	117	109	103	108	(NA)
Local revenues ⁴	Bil. dol.	32	37	46	58	60	55	51	51	50
Operating expenses ⁴	Bil. dol.	48	62	72	79	81	77	79	83	(NA)
Net operating income ⁵	Bil. dol.	13	14	14	20	20	19	23	9	(NA)
Net income	Bil. dol.	9	11	11	13	15	11	8	4	(NA)
Employees	(1,000)	(NA)	569	447	436	434	386	333	303	(NA)
Compensation of employees	Bil. dol.	(NA)	23	21	24	24	23	23	23	23
Average monthly residential local telephone rate ⁶	Dollars	(NA)	19.24	20.01	19.93	20.78	22.62	23.38	24.31	24.52
Average monthly single-line business telephone rate ⁶	Dollars	(NA)	41.21	41.80	41.21	41.80	42.43	43.59	43.75	43.49
LONG DISTANCE CARRIERS										
Number of carriers with prescribed lines	Number	(NA)	325	583	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Number of presubscribed lines	Millions	(NA)	132	153	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Total toll service revenues ⁷	Bil. dol.	55	67	90	108	110	99	84	77	71
Interstate switched access minutes ⁸	Bil. min.	167	307	432	553	567	538	486	444	423
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICE⁸										
Number of U.S. billed calls	Millions	425	984	2,830	5,305	5,742	6,265	5,926	7,350	10,890
Number of U.S. billed minutes	Millions	3,446	8,030	15,889	28,515	30,135	33,287	35,063	42,664	63,553
U.S. billed revenues	Mil. dol.	3,487	8,059	14,335	14,980	14,909	11,380	9,773	8,944	9,178
U.S. carrier revenue net of settlements with foreign carriers	Mil. dol.	2,332	5,188	9,397	10,379	10,982	8,034	6,931	5,964	5,546
Revenue from private-line service	Mil. dol.	172	201	514	1,216	1,480	1,467	988	620	458
Revenue from resale service	Mil. dol.	(NA)	167	1,756	4,528	7,600	5,341	4,871	5,420	5,248

NA Not available. ¹ Beginning 2001, detailed financial data only filed by regional Bell-operating companies. Access lines and calls reported by 50 reporting companies. ² Gross operating revenues, gross plant, and total assets of reporting carriers estimated at more than 90 percent of total industry. New accounting rules became effective in 1990; prior years may not be directly comparable on a one-to-one basis. Includes Virgin Islands, and prior to 1995, Puerto Rico. ³ The reporting threshold for carriers is \$100 million in annual operating revenue. ⁴ Excludes taxes. ⁵ After tax deductions. ⁶ Based on surveys conducted by FCC. ⁷ Series revised to include all toll revenues: toll, wireless, ILECs, carriers (ILECs) and competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs). ⁸ Beginning 1995, data are for all U.S. points, and include calls to and from Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and offshore U.S. points. Beginning 1995, carriers first started reporting traffic to and from Canada and Mexico. Data for Canada and Mexico in prior years are staff estimates.

Source: U.S. Federal Communications Commission, *Statistics of Communications Common Carriers*, annual; *Trends in Telephone Service*, annual; and *Trends in the International Telecommunications Industry*, annual.