

WIRELESS QUICK FACTS

(Current as of October 2005)

Topic	Statistic
Wireless Subscribers ¹	194.5 million U.S. Subscribers
Wireless Penetration	Over 65 percent of total U.S. Population
Wireless-Only Households ²	6 percent of U.S. Households
Wireless Providers	More than 180 facilities based carriers
Jobs	More than 225,000 Direct Carrier jobs
Annual Wireless Carrier Payroll ³	\$10 billion in Direct Carrier wages
Total Wireless Revenues	\$55.7 billion for first six months of 2005, up 13% from \$49.3 billion in first six months of 2004
Wireless Data Revenues	\$3.7 billion for first six months of 2005, up 85% from first half of 2004
Total Cumulative Capital Investment as of Year-End 2004	\$174 billion
Incremental Capital Investment in 2005	Another \$13 billion in capital invested in first six months of 2005
Minutes of Use (MOUs)	Customers used 675 billion MOUs in the first six months of 2005, up 31% from first half of 2004
Monthly SMS Messages	7.3 billion messages in the month of June 2005, up 154% from 2.9 billion messages in June 2004
Six Month SMS Messages	32.5 billion SMS messages in first six months of 2005, up 32% from 24.7 billion in last six months of 2004
Cell Sites	178,025
E 9-1-1 Calls ⁴	More than 224,000 a day

¹ By the close of 2005, wireless subscriptions will hit nearly 2 billion on a worldwide basis, with cellular mobile dominating the wireless technology field, according to a trends study from Deloitte Research.

² Tenth Report, Implementation of Section 6002(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993; Annual Report and Analysis of Competitive Market Conditions With Respect to Commercial Mobile Services, WT Docket No. 05-71, FCC 05-173, released Sept. 30, 2005, at page 73.

³ BLS Series data.

⁴ CTIA Wireless 9-1-1 and Distress Calls.

