



# TURKEY

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

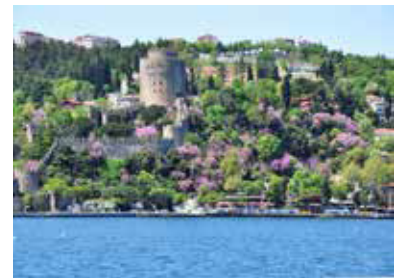
Turkey is one of the founding members of ITU and a contributing country since 1865. As a Member Country of the ITU Council continuously since 2002, Turkey has actively participated in and contributed to the work of the Council in close collaboration with all ITU Member States as well as the ITU management.

Turkey is also among the founder members of the UN, OECD, OIC, Council of Europe, OSCE, ECO, BSEC and G-20 Major Economies and is strongly committed to the values and principles that are shared by the international community.

Thanks to her unique position at the crossroads of three continents, Europe, Asia and Africa, Turkey serves as a bridge between various cultures and civilizations. Turkey's central location also allocates her the responsibility to connect the developing and the developed world to each other.

Turkey's Strategic Vision of 2023 sets very important goals, which attach special importance to ICTs as an accelerator for the achievement of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs. These goals include expanding the economy to rank among the global top ten; transformation to knowledge-based society; building an intercontinental hub for ICTs; providing an ICT-based economic growth, enhancing high speed broadband access for all.

In line with that vision, Turkey continues to taking strong steps in order to create a fully transformed digital economy and society through affordable and accessible ICTs. The IMT-Advanced auction held in 2015 represented an important milestone for Turkey's transition to 5G. Operators started to provide IMT-Advanced services since the beginning of April 2016 enhancing further the value added mobile services and applications in Turkey.



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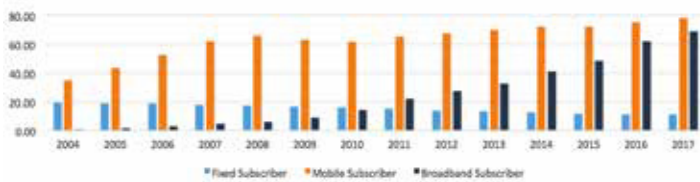
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## TURKEY IN NUMBERS AS OF 2017

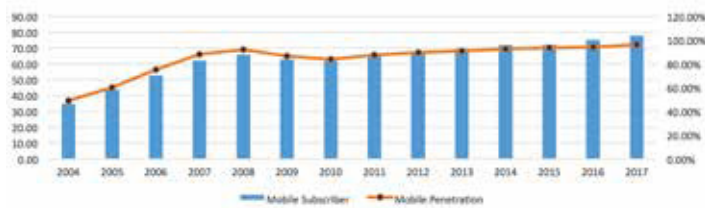
- ▶ There are 451 operators providing service in the ICT market with 801 authorizations.
- ▶ Total investments of mobile network operators are 15.96 in the year 2015, 5.72 in the year 2016 and 4.04 billion TL's for 2017.
- ▶ Mobile traffic volume is 256.7 billion minutes and fixed traffic volume is 7.6 billion minutes in 2017.
- ▶ There are 11.31 million fixed telephony subscribers and penetration rate is 14.2 %.\*
- ▶ The number of broadband subscribers, which was 6 million in 2008, has reached 68.87 million.
- ▶ The number of xDSL subscribers is realized as 8.7 million.
- ▶ The number of mobile broadband subscribers is around 57 million.

Mobile, Internet and Broadband Subscriber (in million)



- ▶ The number of cable internet subscribers reached to 827k.
- ▶ 8.3 million of fixed broadband subscribers in Turkey prefer 10-30 Mbps download speeds.
- ▶ 432k users connecting to mobile internet via computer have a data usage of 1 Gb and above.
- ▶ There are almost 77.80 million mobile subscribers corresponding to 96.30 % penetration rate.
- ▶ Number of 4.5 subscribers has reached to 64.56 million.
- ▶ As of 2017, total number of ported numbers reached to 112.3 million.
- ▶ M2M subscribers has reached to almost 4.5 million.
- ▶ Fiber optic length reached to 324.667 km.

Mobile Subscriber (in million) / Mobile Penetration (in percentage)



	Fixed Subscriber (in million)	Mobile Subscriber (in million)	Mobile Penetration (in percentage)	Broadband Subscriber (in million)
2004	19.13	34.70	49.00%	0.58
2005	18.98	43.60	60.00%	1.59
2006	18.83	52.70	75.00%	2.86
2007	18.20	62.00	88.00%	4.61
2008	17.49	65.80	92.10%	6
2009	16.53	62.80	86.50%	8.8
2010	16.20	61.80	83.80%	14.3
2011	15.21	65.30	87.40%	22.3
2012	13.86	67.70	89.50%	27.6
2013	13.55	69.70	90.90%	32.6
2014	12.53	71.90	92.50%	41.2
2015	11.49	72.20	93.50%	48.6
2016	11.08	75.10	94.00%	62.2
2017	11.31	77.80	96.30%	68.87

\*Considering the fact that average household size around 3.69, it can be concluded that fixed telephony services reach to a significant proportion of population.

## IN THE FRAMEWORK OF HER COMMITMENT TO ITU, TURKEY

- ▶ Hosted three major ITU Conferences, namely WRC-2000 in Istanbul (which is the first-ever WRC held in a venue other than Geneva), WTDC-2002 in Istanbul and PP-06 in Antalya as well as several other ITU meetings,
- ▶ Has actively participated in and contributed to the work of the ITU Council for 4 cycles since 2002 and chaired the Council in 2012,
- ▶ Provided her expertise through several positions for the work of the Union,
- ▶ Emphasized the importance and supported strengthening of regional presence,
- ▶ Supported initiatives and proposals to assist developing and least developed countries,
- ▶ Highlighted the importance of project execution function of the Union.

**Turkey has the honour to serve international telecommunication world as the ITU Council Member since 2002 and based on her commitment and performance as a Council Member, Turkey puts forward her candidature for the Council membership for the period of 2018-2022 from Region B - Western Europe**

## TURKEY ENVISAGES AN ITU, WHICH IS

- ▶ Leading and guiding the global telecommunication/ICT sector,
- ▶ Fostering international cooperation on telecommunication/ICT development issues,
- ▶ Promoting the creation of a more inclusive digital society,
- ▶ Undertaking more active and leading role regarding the Internet related public policy issues,
- ▶ Equipped with strong financial and human resources and
- ▶ Strengthened in terms of good governance, transparency and inclusiveness.

## TURKEY WILL CONTINUE TO COMMIT ITSELF TO FULLY SUPPORTING ITU ON

- ▶ Improvement of ITU's role as a leading UN Agency,
- ▶ Taking steps to ensure a digitally connected world,
- ▶ Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs,
- ▶ Bridging the digital gap,
- ▶ Identifying the Internet related public policy issues and strengthening the ITU's position,
- ▶ Supporting ITU's efforts to be more inclusive for all stakeholders,
- ▶ Efforts on skills development and capacity building in the Member Countries,
- ▶ Reaching all regions through strengthened regional presence,
- ▶ To improve its human and institutional capacity,
- ▶ Creation and development of new financial resources for the Union.