

Number of subscribers (valid SIM cards) reached 115.8 mln as of October 31, 2005, up 4.0 mln compared to the previous month. The growth is 41.4 mln subscribers since December 2004 and 53.5 mln since October 2004.

Penetration in Russia almost reached 80% (up 3% from August 2005, 29% from December 2004, 37% from October 2004). There were 130 and 113 SIM cards in use per 100 of population in Moscow and St.Petersburg respectively as of October 31, 2005. In October 2005 MTS outperformed its rivals in terms of net additions in Moscow and regions, while Vimpelcom did better than competition in St.Petersburg.

Russian Mobile Subscribers

Mobile Subscribers	October 31, 2005	September 30, 2005
Total Russia	115,760,000	111,740,000
Penetration*	79.7%	77.0%
Moscow	22,026,696	21,625,285
Penetration*	129.7%	127.3%
St.Petersburg	7,171,757	7,077,535
Penetration	113.1%	111.6%
Subscribers outside Moscow and St.Pete	86,561,547	83,037,180
Penetration	71.0%	68.1%

* Please note that penetration figures are calculated based on official data from 2002 population census (17 mln for Moscow and 6.3 mln for St.Pete). Reportedly, the population in Moscow License Area reaches as high as 23-25 mln while St.Pete License Area population figure is above 7 mln.

Russian Mobile Subscribers Growth

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