



# Information & Communication Technology Stats Brief Q4, 2020

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Stats Brief presents Botswana Information and Communications Technology Statistics for Q4 2020. It contains statistics relating to ICT infrastructure and services, as well as the contribution of Information and Communication Technology Sector to the economy.

Fixed telephone line subscriptions increased by 0.5 percent in Q4 2020 to 140,003, compared to 139,281 in Q3 2020. Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions increased by 0.4 percent from 3,813,195 recorded in Q3 2020 to 3,829,408 in Q4 2020. Internet subscriptions increased as well, by 6.8 percent in Q4 2020, from 2,144,247 in Q3 2020 to 2,290,332.

In Q4 2020, fixed telephone to mobile telephone domestic calls traffic rose by 11.0 percent while mobile telephone to fixed telephone domestic calls traffic decreased by 38.7 percent. Outgoing international calls from fixed telephones went up by 13.4 percent, while those from mobile telephones increased by 52.9 percent.

The contribution of Postal and Communications Services Sector to the economy stood at 3.0 percent of Gross Domestic Product at current prices in Q4 2020. The sector's value added at current prices amounted to P1, 444.0 million.

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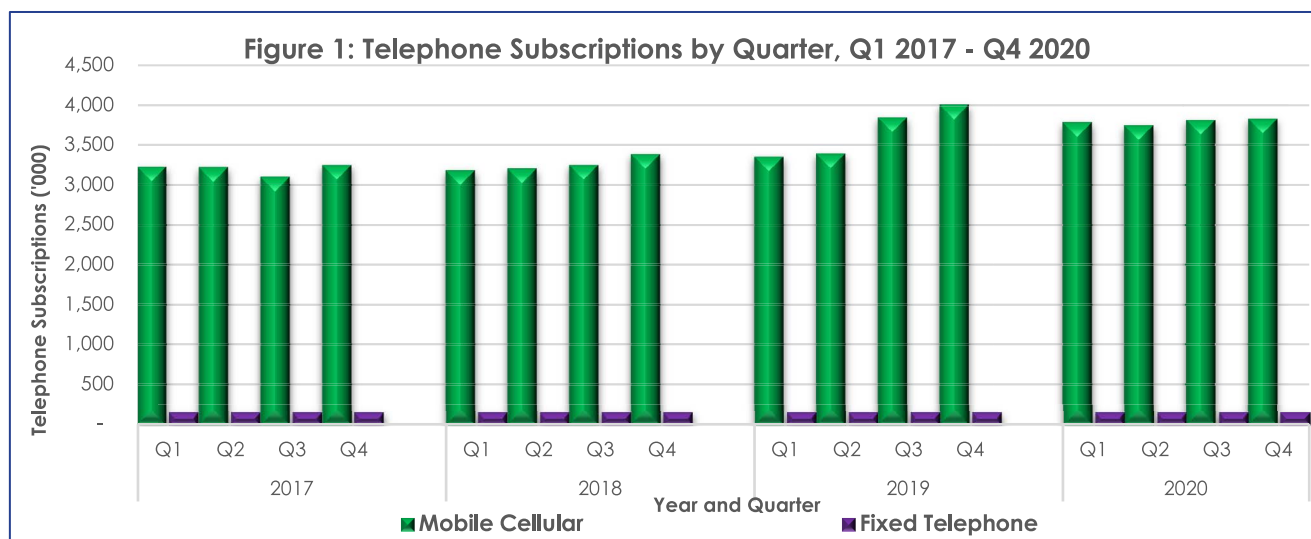
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## 2. TELECOMMUNICATION

### 2.1 Fixed Telephone Lines and Mobile Cellular Telephone Subscriptions



Fixed telephone lines subscriptions slightly increased by 0.5 percent in Q4 2020. They rose from 139,281 subscriptions registered in Q3 2020 to 140,003 in Q4 2020. Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions realized a marginal increase as well to 3,829,408 from 3,813,195 in Q3 2020, an increase of 0.4 percent. Comparing Q4 2020 to the same quarter of 2019 (Q4 2019), both fixed telephone lines and mobile cellular telephone subscriptions went down by 1.3 and 4.2 percent respectively. This is illustrated in [Figure 1](#) above and [Table 2.1](#) below. More details are shown in [Table 1](#) in the [Appendix](#).

**Table 2.1: Telephone Subscriptions by Quarter and Year, Q1 2019 - Q4 2020**

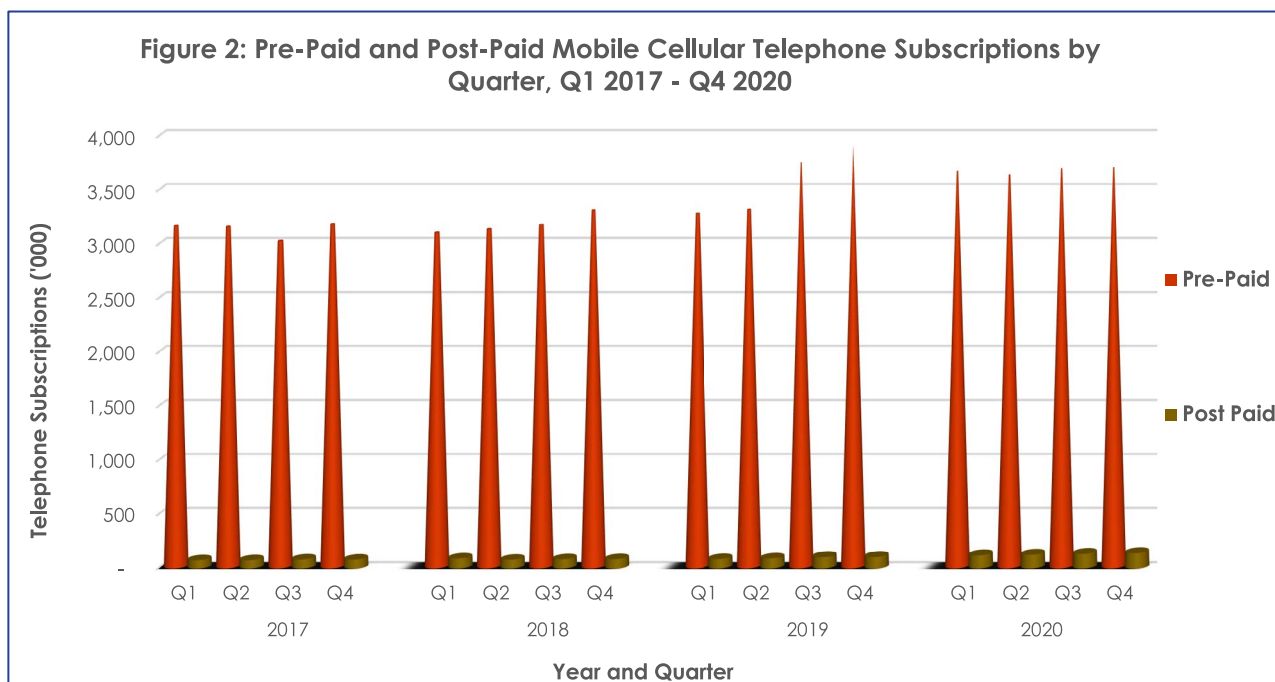
Telephone Subscriptions	2019				2020			
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
<b>Numbers</b>								
<b>Fixed Telephone</b>	140,202	138,831	140,491	141,896	140,722	140,055	139,281	140,003
<b>Mobile Cellular Telephone</b>								
<b>Pre-Paid</b>	3,266,527	3,300,897	3,733,341	3,891,733	3,656,209	3,620,072	3,678,386	3,688,472
<b>Post Paid</b>	86,810	92,571	106,677	107,511	122,492	127,250	134,809	140,936
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,353,337</b>	<b>3,393,468</b>	<b>3,840,018</b>	<b>3,999,244</b>	<b>3,778,701</b>	<b>3,747,322</b>	<b>3,813,195</b>	<b>3,829,408</b>
<b>Quarterly Percentage Change</b>								
<b>Fixed Telephone</b>	...	(1.0)	1.2	1.0	(0.8)	(0.5)	(0.6)	0.5
<b>Mobile Cellular Telephone</b>								
<b>Pre-Paid</b>	...	1.1	13.1	4.2	(6.1)	(1.0)	1.6	0.3
<b>Post Paid</b>	...	6.6	15.2	0.8	13.9	3.9	5.9	4.5
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>1.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>(5.5)</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>

**Source:** Information and Communication Technology Statistics, Statistics Botswana

**Note:** "..." denotes no data

## 2.2 Pre-paid and Post-paid Mobile Cellular Telephone Subscriptions

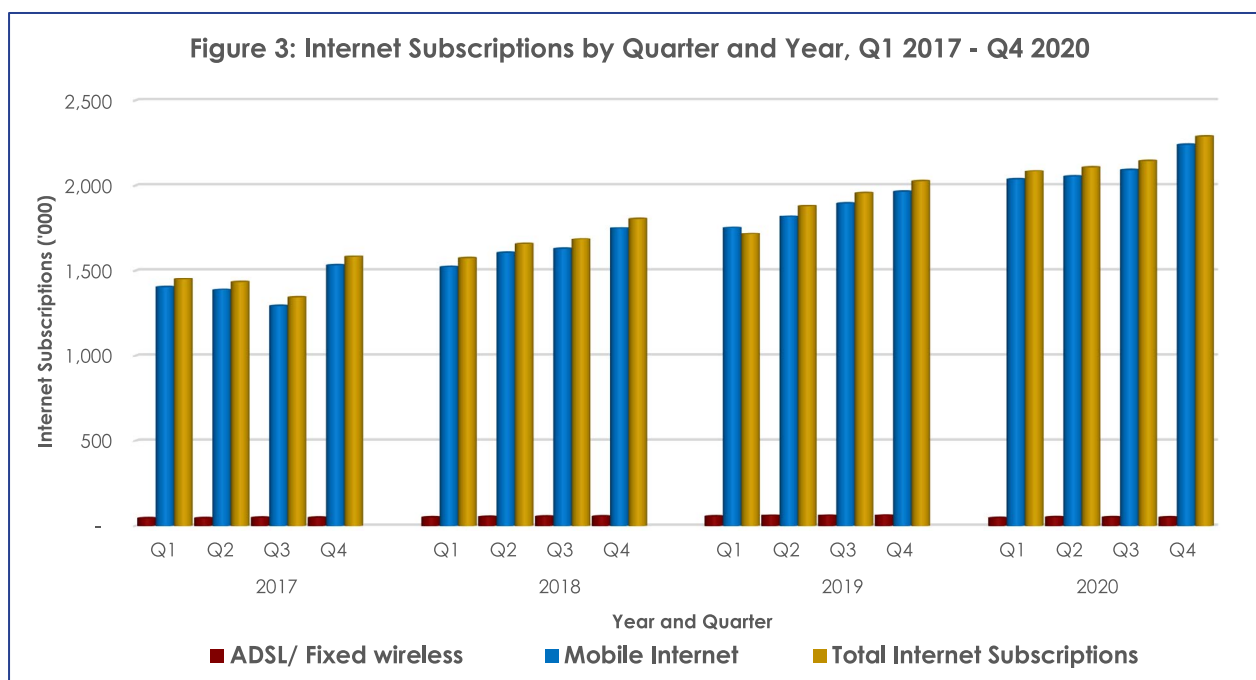
In Q4 2020, both pre-paid and post-paid mobile cellular telephone subscriptions increased. Pre-paid mobile cellular telephone subscriptions increased by 0.3 percent to 3,688,472 in Q4 2020 from 3,678,386 in Q3 2020. Post-paid mobile cellular telephone subscriptions rose by 4.5 percent to 140,936 from 134,809 recorded in Q3 2020. This is illustrated in [Figure 2](#) below and [Table 1](#) in the [Appendix](#).



## 2.3 Internet Subscriptions

The total internet subscriptions (i.e. mobile internet plus fixed internet subscriptions) rose by 6.8 percent in Q4 2020 from 2,144,247 in Q3 2020 to 2,290,332. Analysis of the two types of internet subscriptions shows that mobile internet subscriptions increased by 7.0 percent from 2,093,386 in Q3 2020 to 2,240,166 in Q4 2020, while fixed internet subscriptions went down by 1.4 percent from 50,861 in Q3 2020 to 50,166 in Q4 2020.

Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, Q4 2020 registered an increase of 13.0 percent in total internet subscriptions. Mobile internet subscriptions increased by 14.0 percent while fixed internet subscriptions declined by 19.2 percent during this period. Details are as indicated in [Figure 3](#) below and [Table 2](#) in the [Appendix](#).





## 2.4 Telephone Traffic

Telephone traffic comprises of Domestic calls, International calls and Short Message Service (SMS).

On-net fixed telephone domestic calls traffic (Fixed telephones to fixed telephones) increased by 4.6 percent in Q4 2020; from 1,247.0 million calls made in Q3 2020 to 1,304.8 million.

Off net fixed telephone domestic calls traffic (Fixed telephones to mobile cellular telephones) went up by 11.0 percent in Q4 2020; from 1,630.5 million calls registered in Q3 2020 to 1,810.2 million.

With regard to mobile cellular telephone domestic calls traffic, on-net traffic increased by 3.2 percent in Q4 2020 while off-net traffic decreased by 20.8 percent. Mobile cellular telephone calls to fixed telephones traffic decreased by 38.7 percent in Q4 2020.

International calls outgoing from fixed telephones rose by 13.4 percent in Q4 2020, from 108.0 million in Q3 2020 to 122.5 million. Outgoing international calls from mobile cellular telephones increased by 52.9 percent in Q4 2020 compared to those made in Q3 2020, from 6.9 million to 10.5 million calls.

On-net and off-net short message services (SMS) went up by 3.5 and 2.8 percent respectively in Q4 2020. Details are shown in **Table 2.2** below and **Table 3** in the **Appendix**.

**Table 2.2: Domestic and International Telephone Traffic (Minutes) by Quarter, Q1 2019 - Q4 2020**

Telephone and Short Message Service Traffic	2019				2020			
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Numbers ('000 000)								
<b>Domestic Calls</b>								
From Fixed Telephones to Fixed Telephones	1,630.9	1,428.9	1,791.1	1,874.5	1,455.0	983.2	1,247.0	1304.8
From fixed Telephones to Mobile Cellular Telephones	1,894.4	1,729.2	2,038.5	1,670.0	1,812.3	1,462.7	1,630.5	1810.2
On Net Mobile Cellular Telephone Calls	1,143.2	1,285.6	1,011.1	985.4	1,100.3	1,644.4	1,777.2	1834.8
Off Net Mobile Cellular Telephone Calls	135.3	142.8	171.6	137.5	187.9	170.6	194.2	153.9
From Mobile Cellular Telephones to Fixed Telephones	9.7	8.3	9.4	9.8	63.0	47.5	59.1	36.2
<b>International Calls</b>								
Outgoing from Fixed Telephones	169.5	162.3	224.7	193.9	162.0	194.1	108.0	122.5
Incoming to Fixed Telephones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outgoing from Mobile Cellular Telephones	10.0	128.6	9.0	8.9	8.2	6.7	6.9	10.5
<b>Short Message Service</b>								
On Net	173.6	132.9	144.6	143.2	130.5	106.0	109.3	113.1
Off Net	131.2	144.6	91.6	157.9	80.3	63.6	66.0	67.9
<b>Quarterly Percentage Change</b>								
<b>Domestic Calls</b>								
From Fixed Telephones to Fixed Telephones	...	(12.4)	25.3	4.7	(22.4)	(32.4)	26.8	4.6
From fixed Telephones to Mobile Cellular Telephones	...	(8.7)	17.9	(18.1)	8.5	(19.3)	11.5	11.0
On Net Mobile Cellular Telephone Calls	...	12.5	(21.4)	(2.5)	11.7	49.4	8.1	3.2
Off Net Mobile Cellular Telephone Calls	...	5.5	20.2	(19.9)	36.6	(9.2)	13.9	(20.8)
From Mobile Cellular Telephones to Fixed Telephones	...	(14.4)	13.1	3.6	544.9	(24.6)	24.4	(38.7)
<b>International Calls</b>								
Outgoing from Fixed Telephones	...	(4.3)	38.5	(13.7)	(16.5)	19.8	(44.4)	13.4
Incoming to Fixed Telephones	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outgoing from Mobile Cellular Telephones	...	1,181.5	(93.0)	(1.7)	(7.3)	(17.9)	1.7	52.9
<b>Short Message Service</b>								
On Net	...	(23.5)	8.8	(1.0)	(8.8)	(18.7)	3.1	3.5
Off Net	...	10.2	(36.6)	72.2	(49.1)	(20.8)	3.8	2.8

Source: Information and Communication Technology Statistics, Statistics Botswana

Note: "-" denotes zero

"..." denotes no data

### 3. CONTRIBUTION OF POSTAL AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES TO GDP

**Table 3.1** below illustrates the contribution of Postal and Communication Services sector to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) over the years. In Q4 2020, the sector's value added amounted to P1, 444.0 million in current prices, which constituted 3.0 percent of total GDP. In real terms, the sector contributed P836.4 million which amounted to 3.4 percent of total GDP. This is shown in **Table 4** in the **Appendix**.

**Table 3.1: Contribution of Postal & Communication Services To GDP by Quarter and Year, Q1 2019 - Q4 2020**

	2019				2020			
Communication & Postal Services	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
<b>Current Prices</b>								
<b>Total GDP (P Million)</b>	<b>49,014.7</b>	<b>49,211.6</b>	<b>49,561.0</b>	<b>49,488.9</b>	<b>50,726.5</b>	<b>36,863.5</b>	<b>44,671.4</b>	<b>48,461.8</b>
<b>Postal &amp; Communication Services Value Added (P Million)</b>	1,279.1	1,293.1	1,334.5	1,355.9	1,387.0	1,345.4	1,438.2	1,444.0
<b>Postal &amp; Communication Services Contribution To GDP (%)</b>	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.6	3.2	3.0
<b>Postal &amp; Communication Services Annual Growth Rates (%)</b>	9.8	9.5	9.7	9.3	8.4	4.0	7.8	6.5
<b>Constant Prices</b>								
<b>Total GDP (P Million)</b>	<b>24,454.1</b>	<b>24,838.2</b>	<b>24,891.7</b>	<b>25,288.1</b>	<b>25,074.0</b>	<b>18,848.7</b>	<b>23,403.8</b>	<b>24,264.4</b>
<b>Postal &amp; Communication Services Value Added (P Million)</b>	760.8	763.3	780.8	791.9	809.1	783.0	835.8	836.4
<b>Postal &amp; Communication Services Contribution To GDP (%)</b>	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	4.2	3.6	3.4
<b>Postal &amp; Communication Services Annual Growth Rates (%)</b>	7.6	6.9	6.5	6.6	6.4	2.6	7.0	5.6

**Source:** National Accounts, Statistics Botswana

## APPENDIX

**Table 1: Telephone Subscriptions by Quarter and Year, Q1 2012 - Q4 2020**

Year/Quarter		Telephone Subscriptions						
		Mobile Cellular			Fixed Telephone	Mobile Cellular		
		Pre-Paid	Post Paid	Total		Pre-Paid	Post Paid	Total
		Numbers			Quarterly Percentage Change			
2012	Q1	2,893,480	59,636	<b>2,953,116</b>	150,549	...	...	...
	Q2	2,914,071	61,920	<b>2,975,991</b>	151,360	3.8	3.8	<b>0.8</b>
	Q3	2,928,017	62,514	<b>2,990,531</b>	159,182	1.0	1.0	<b>0.5</b>
	Q4	3,017,884	63,842	<b>3,081,726</b>	160,488	2.1	2.1	<b>3.0</b>
2013	Q1	3,032,563	68,839	<b>3,101,402</b>	162,718	0.5	7.8	<b>0.6</b>
	Q2	3,047,241	73,836	<b>3,121,077</b>	163,699	0.5	7.3	<b>0.6</b>
	Q3	3,139,210	76,409	<b>3,215,619</b>	170,910	3.0	3.5	<b>3.0</b>
	Q4	3,169,148	77,639	<b>3,246,787</b>	174,165	1.0	1.6	<b>1.0</b>
2014	Q1	3,126,346	78,523	<b>3,204,869</b>	174,992	(1.4)	1.1	<b>(1.3)</b>
	Q2	3,116,697	79,415	<b>3,196,112</b>	175,674	(0.3)	1.1	<b>(0.3)</b>
	Q3	3,137,570	81,690	<b>3,219,260</b>	168,817	0.7	2.9	<b>0.7</b>
	Q4	3,328,284	82,223	<b>3,410,507</b>	169,236	6.1	0.7	<b>5.9</b>
2015	Q1	3,324,654	81,233	<b>3,405,887</b>	169,474	(0.1)	(1.2)	<b>(0.1)</b>
	Q2	3,334,807	79,851	<b>3,414,658</b>	171,006	0.3	(1.7)	<b>0.3</b>
	Q3	3,361,527	78,150	<b>3,439,677</b>	172,920	0.8	(2.1)	<b>0.7</b>
	Q4	3,395,758	79,569	<b>3,475,327</b>	160,490	1.0	1.8	<b>1.0</b>
2016	Q1	3,379,127	81,204	<b>3,460,331</b>	161,641	(0.5)	2.1	<b>(0.4)</b>
	Q2	3,176,217	77,984	<b>3,254,201</b>	163,719	(6.0)	(4.0)	<b>(6.0)</b>
	Q3	3,194,444	80,678	<b>3,275,122</b>	141,954	0.6	3.5	<b>0.6</b>
	Q4	3,209,519	79,467	<b>3,288,986</b>	142,122	0.5	(1.5)	<b>0.4</b>
2017	Q1	3,150,273	76,116	<b>3,226,389</b>	140,873	(1.8)	(4.2)	<b>(1.9)</b>
	Q2	3,144,258	76,574	<b>3,220,832</b>	141,882	(0.2)	0.6	<b>(0.2)</b>
	Q3	3,013,825	83,092	<b>3,096,917</b>	142,816	(4.1)	8.5	<b>(3.8)</b>
	Q4	3,168,194	81,709	<b>3,249,903</b>	141,207	5.1	(1.7)	<b>4.9</b>
2018	Q1	3,089,505	92,086	<b>3,181,591</b>	141,835	(2.5)	12.7	<b>(2.1)</b>
	Q2	3,123,590	80,549	<b>3,204,139</b>	142,602	1.1	(12.5)	<b>0.7</b>
	Q3	3,161,505	84,928	<b>3,246,433</b>	143,213	1.2	5.4	<b>1.3</b>
	Q4	3,295,636	85,592	<b>3,381,228</b>	142,481	4.2	0.8	<b>4.2</b>
2019	Q1	3,266,527	86,810	<b>3,353,337</b>	140,202	(0.9)	1.4	<b>(0.8)</b>
	Q2	3,300,897	92,571	<b>3,393,468</b>	138,831	1.1	6.6	<b>1.2</b>
	Q3	3,733,341	106,677	<b>3,840,018</b>	140,491	13.1	15.2	<b>13.2</b>
	Q4	3,891,733	107,511	<b>3,999,244</b>	141,896	4.2	0.8	<b>4.1</b>
2020	Q1	3,656,209	122,492	<b>3,778,701</b>	140,722	(6.1)	13.9	<b>(5.5)</b>
	Q2	3,620,072	127,250	<b>3,747,322</b>	140,055	(1.0)	3.9	<b>(0.8)</b>
	Q3	3,678,386	134,809	<b>3,813,195</b>	139,281	1.6	5.9	<b>1.8</b>
	Q4	3,688,472	140,936	<b>3,829,408</b>	140,003	0.3	4.5	<b>0.4</b>

**Source:** Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority

**Note:** "..." denotes no data

**Table 2: Internet Subscriptions by Quarter and Year, Q1 2011 - Q4 2020**

Year/ Quarter		Internet Subscriptions					
		ADSL/ Fixed wireless	Mobile Internet	Total	ADSL/ Fixed wireless	Mobile Internet	Total
		Numbers			Quarterly % Change		
2011	Q1	14,082	189,803	203,885	...	...	...
	Q2	14,419	200,198	214,617	2.4	5.5	5.3
	Q3	14,474	224,474	238,948	0.4	12.1	11.3
	Q4	15,707	238,942	254,649	8.5	6.4	6.6
2012	Q1	16,298	263,131	279,429	3.8	10.1	9.7
	Q2	17,204	294,548	311,752	5.6	11.9	11.6
	Q3	18,166	509,926	528,092	5.6	73.1	69.4
	Q4	18,838	769,805	788,643	3.7	51.0	49.3
2013	Q1	19,388	958,074	977,462	2.9	24.5	23.9
	Q2	23,224	1,098,523	1,121,747	19.8	14.7	14.8
	Q3	25,309	1,259,561	1,284,870	9.0	14.7	14.5
	Q4	27,819	1,444,207	1,472,026	9.9	14.7	14.6
2014	Q1	22,740	1,655,921	1,678,661	(18.3)	14.7	14.0
	Q2	24,800	1,898,671	1,923,471	9.1	14.7	14.6
	Q3	26,836	2,177,007	2,203,843	8.2	14.7	14.6
	Q4	27,867	2,496,146	2,524,013	3.8	14.7	14.5
2015	Q1	34,435	1,188,640	1,223,075	23.6	(52.4)	(51.5)
	Q2	35,641	1,245,994	1,281,635	3.5	4.8	4.8
	Q3	36,272	1,295,663	1,331,935	1.8	4.0	3.9
	Q4	36,845	1,384,146	1,420,991	1.6	6.8	6.7
2016	Q1	37,366	1,360,236	1,397,602	1.4	(1.7)	(1.7)
	Q2	38,622	1,272,521	1,311,143	3.4	(6.4)	(6.2)
	Q3	39,174	1,340,549	1,379,723	1.4	5.3	5.2
	Q4	41,833	1,409,274	1,451,107	6.8	5.1	5.2
2017	Q1	45,793	1,404,065	1,449,858	9.5	(0.4)	(0.1)
	Q2	46,191	1,388,359	1,434,550	0.9	(1.1)	(1.1)
	Q3	48,811	1,294,764	1,343,575	5.7	(6.7)	(6.3)
	Q4	48,901	1,532,954	1,581,855	0.2	18.4	17.7
2018	Q1	50,514	1,523,545	1,574,059	3.3	(0.6)	(0.5)
	Q2	53,057	1,605,727	1,658,784	5.0	5.4	5.4
	Q3	54,687	1,630,364	1,685,051	3.1	1.5	1.6
	Q4	55,390	1,749,059	1,804,449	1.3	7.3	7.1
2019	Q1	55,565	1,752,547	1,716,229	0.3	0.2	(4.9)
	Q2	60,944	1,818,007	1,878,951	9.7	3.7	9.5
	Q3	61,271	1,896,424	1,957,695	0.5	4.3	4.2
	Q4	62,058	1,965,456	2,027,515	1.3	8.4	8.2
2020	Q1	47,042	2,037,359	2,084,401	(24.2)	3.7	2.8
	Q2	51,221	2,055,764	2,106,985	8.9	4.4	4.5
	Q3	50,861	2,093,386	2,144,247	(0.7)	1.8	1.8
	Q4	50,166	2,240,166	2,290,332	(1.4)	7.0	6.8

**Source:** Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority

**Note:** "..." denotes no data



**Table 3: Domestic and International Telephone Traffic (Minutes) by Quarter and Year, Q1 2012 - Q4 2020**

Year/ Quarter		Telephone and Short Message Service Traffic									
		Domestic Calls					International Calls			Short Message Service	
		From Fixed Telephones to Fixed Telephones	From fixed Telephones to Mobile Cellular Telephones	On Net Mobile Cellular Telephone Calls	Off Net Mobile Cellular Telephone Calls	From Mobile Cellular Telephones to Fixed Telephones	Outgoing from Fixed Telephones	Incoming to Fixed Telephones	Outgoing from Mobile Cellular Telephones	On Net	Off Net
2012	Q1	44,807,471	32,067,146	305,145,554	127,875,946	86,208,330	6,895,539	3,833,461	14,943,619	188,337,052	104,721,472
	Q2	46,165,242	28,438,798	378,223,041	92,329,860	6,156,853	5,576,032	2,649,892	12,170,992	182,518,901	100,177,330
	Q3	46,058,747	33,049,118	384,652,300	126,175,464	13,173,891	4,256,524	1,466,323	16,394,509	217,903,594	121,996,704
	Q4	42,992,250	27,222,676	408,930,424	151,690,137	12,449,792	6,383,477	2,058,108	17,028,469	224,910,519	134,605,875
2013	Q1	40,847,222	25,433,762	415,805,694	130,302,022	10,494,493	6,313,054	-	14,312,615	205,754,037	72,501,473
	Q2	42,084,988	22,555,971	515,384,517	94,081,552	749,499	4,819,138	-	19,279,307	199,397,837	69,355,442
	Q3	41,987,906	41,135,405	524,145,328	128,569,278	1,603,712	7,227,225	-	20,024,820	238,054,826	84,461,578
	Q4	39,192,437	41,135,405	557,227,843	154,568,018	1,515,564	7,147,494	-	16,831,081	245,709,736	93,191,244
2014	Q1	22,992,190	27,010,100	455,270,768	141,011,907	11,881,057	2,060,221	-	15,687,913	199,930,668	129,240,709
	Q2	2,369,077,575	1,697,253,376	494,674,723	151,200,137	11,691,792	19,296,867	-	15,661,291	212,301,376	135,407,579
	Q3	39,113,572	29,184,702	528,763,242	168,612,126	12,121,336	4,198,532	-	16,605,584	226,876,144	160,659,629
	Q4	424,793,378	390,589,346	538,595,573	178,652,457	12,105,602	671,227,267	-	16,990,114	226,930,504	146,297,194
2015	Q1	38,354,146	6,327,160	520,550,402	152,171,070	6,665,492	5,553,381	-	12,818,574	206,479,961	146,257,918
	Q2	36,861,131	6,122,266	522,684,176	160,042,387	11,454,538	5,399,350	-	15,468,748	201,630,906	152,963,487
	Q3	37,557,267	29,923,404	1,867,212,151	209,491,965	11,259,715	5,525,421	-	15,857,336	196,945,120	139,614,378
	Q4	2,067,470,773	399,920,925	525,492,538	176,298,042	9,356,236	929,767,092	-	15,426,446	209,840,809	157,962,098
2016	Q1	34,965,488	6,949,306	480,585,051	154,869,695	8,737,525	4,953,934	-	13,161,451	157,239,036	93,681,272
	Q2	1,331,557,873	2,041,660,546	653,014,162	262,630,413	9,703,623	306,014,551	-	14,112,699	183,691,703	138,911,604
	Q3	2,042,864,630	2,110,094,413	476,676,551	125,662,178	8,352,695	296,405,140	-	12,267,683	184,225,029	164,463,245
	Q4	1,995,163,417	2,158,781,171	525,492,538	176,298,042	9,356,236	272,672,930	-	15,426,446	209,840,809	157,962,098
2017	Q1	1,996,616,714	2,175,125,352	353,714,166	101,619,312	5,355,226	263,327,903	-	6,945,727	133,355,242	176,904,690
	Q2	1,995,163,417	2,158,781,171	403,115,950	100,591,502	5,587,481	272,672,930	-	7,405,278	124,428,020	106,809,711
	Q3	1,839,716,566	1,862,241,472	604,005,497	157,577,607	9,423,562	238,735,341	-	11,846,344	175,981,585	164,526,833
	Q4	1,925,384,926	1,880,086,902	316,560,889	169,337,479	10,077,726	217,171,325	-	10,825,559	166,743,720	178,144,293
2018	Q1	1,743,088,946	1,870,056,276	583,152,907	135,349,759	9,727,092	204,672,812	-	10,579,435	121,595,497	151,872,112
	Q2	1,995,163,467	2,282,620,465	248,849,839	38,528,098	3,217,349	242,964,024	-	3,885,730	84,284,330	82,126,432
	Q3	1,743,088,946	1,870,056,276	730,436,647	165,312,108	6,737,448	238,735,341	-	13,482,935	174,420,541	177,695,619
	Q4	1,824,257,738	1,532,059,547	711,914,725	132,472,504	6,981,007	206,052,643	-	6,891,130	172,698,636	137,566,702
2019	Q1	1,630,877,925	1,894,426,304	1,143,172,248	135,349,759	9,727,092	169,539,136	-	10,037,404	173,606,036	131,228,779
	Q2	1,428,923,713	1,729,158,938	1,285,607,439	142,798,477	8,329,621	162,257,133	-	128,628,861	132,886,661	144,579,482
	Q3	1,791,070,062	2,038,453,064	1,011,056,590	171,590,589	9,422,874	224,689,042	-	9,015,650	144,579,482	91,645,479
	Q4	1,874,473,146	1,670,020,051	985,418,896	137,503,751	9,763,511	193,929,272	-	8,858,345	143,152,172	157,855,498
2020	Q1	1,455,039,053	1,812,340,439	1,100,308,384	187,889,689	62,961,837	161,973,703	-	8,216,079	130,492,293	80,274,410
	Q2	983,190,446	1,462,730,934	1,644,389,257	170,571,174	47,483,422	194,070,891	-	6,748,608	106,028,158	63,583,841
	Q3	1,246,969,527	1,630,499,844	1,777,231,669	194,247,474	59,059,963	107,965,302	-	6,865,472	109,272,506	66,012,639
	Q4	1,304,819,807	1,810,236,918	1,834,846,762	153,902,944	36,178,480	122,456,543	-	10,500,370	113,108,834	67,882,148

**Source:** Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority

**Note:** "-" denotes zero

**Table 4: Contribution of Communication & Postal Services To Gross Domestic Product by Quarter and Year, Q1 2013 - Q4 2020**

Year/Quarter	Current Prices				Constant Prices			
	Total GDP (P Million)	Postal & Communication Services Value Added (P Million)	Postal & Communication Services Contribution To GDP (%)	Postal & Communication Services Annual Growth Rates (%)	Total GDP (P Million)	Postal & Communication Services Value Added (P Million)	Postal & Communication Services Contribution To GDP (%)	Postal & Communication Services Annual Growth Rates (%)
<b>2013 Q1</b>	<b>28,425.6</b>	626.6	2.2	6.7	<b>20,507.5</b>	485.3	2.4	5.7
<b>Q2</b>	<b>32,462.8</b>	648.5	2.0	8.8	<b>20,931.5</b>	501.5	2.4	8.0
<b>Q3</b>	<b>31,665.7</b>	664.7	2.1	10.4	<b>20,917.2</b>	508.6	2.4	8.5
<b>Q4</b>	<b>32,604.2</b>	704.6	2.2	15.8	<b>21,724.5</b>	522.7	2.4	10.7
<b>2014 Q1</b>	<b>34,508.4</b>	739.8	2.1	18.1	<b>21,190.8</b>	544.2	2.6	12.1
<b>Q2</b>	<b>37,718.4</b>	762.0	2.0	17.5	<b>21,887.7</b>	552.4	2.5	10.1
<b>Q3</b>	<b>36,155.6</b>	778.0	2.2	17.0	<b>22,178.7</b>	563.2	2.5	10.7
<b>Q4</b>	<b>37,486.0</b>	778.5	2.1	10.5	<b>22,312.2</b>	554.5	2.5	6.1
<b>2015 Q1</b>	<b>36,570.3</b>	817.4	2.2	10.5	<b>21,769.4</b>	573.7	2.6	5.4
<b>Q2</b>	<b>37,329.7</b>	850.1	2.3	11.6	<b>21,814.9</b>	587.2	2.7	6.3
<b>Q3</b>	<b>37,240.2</b>	892.6	2.4	14.7	<b>20,971.5</b>	607.0	2.9	7.8
<b>Q4</b>	<b>34,783.2</b>	905.1	2.6	16.3	<b>21,525.0</b>	604.0	2.8	8.9
<b>2016 Q1</b>	<b>39,499.5</b>	916.0	2.3	12.1	<b>22,277.1</b>	597.3	2.7	4.1
<b>Q2</b>	<b>42,440.5</b>	973.7	2.3	14.5	<b>22,666.8</b>	626.0	2.8	6.6
<b>Q3</b>	<b>44,090.6</b>	1,025.3	2.3	14.9	<b>22,409.5</b>	653.7	2.9	7.7
<b>Q4</b>	<b>43,657.4</b>	1,041.7	2.4	15.1	<b>22,421.6</b>	654.1	2.9	8.3
<b>2017 Q1</b>	<b>43,645.6</b>	1,062.5	2.4	16.0	<b>22,465.4</b>	661.4	2.9	10.7
<b>Q2</b>	<b>43,005.2</b>	1,073.1	2.5	10.2	<b>22,886.1</b>	664.3	2.9	6.1
<b>Q3</b>	<b>44,963.3</b>	1,116.1	2.5	8.9	<b>22,659.7</b>	685.9	3.0	5.0
<b>Q4</b>	<b>46,653.0</b>	1,136.1	2.4	9.1	<b>23,896.6</b>	695.3	2.9	6.3
<b>2018 Q1</b>	<b>46,156.5</b>	1,164.5	2.5	9.6	<b>23,545.0</b>	707.0	3.0	6.9
<b>Q2</b>	<b>47,362.7</b>	1,180.9	2.5	10.0	<b>24,099.0</b>	714.3	3.0	7.6
<b>Q3</b>	<b>48,699.3</b>	1,216.3	2.5	9.0	<b>24,126.2</b>	733.1	3.0	6.9
<b>Q4</b>	<b>48,491.6</b>	1,240.6	2.6	9.2	<b>24,850.9</b>	742.8	3.0	6.8
<b>2019 Q1</b>	<b>49,014.7</b>	1,279.1	2.6	9.8	<b>24,454.1</b>	760.8	3.1	7.6
<b>Q2</b>	<b>49,211.6</b>	1,293.1	2.6	9.5	<b>24,838.2</b>	763.3	3.1	6.9
<b>Q3</b>	<b>49,561.0</b>	1,334.5	2.7	9.7	<b>24,891.7</b>	780.8	3.1	6.5
<b>Q4</b>	<b>49,488.9</b>	1,355.9	2.7	9.3	<b>25,288.1</b>	791.9	3.1	6.6
<b>2020 Q1</b>	<b>50,726.5</b>	1,387.0	2.7	8.4	<b>25,074.0</b>	809.1	3.2	6.4
<b>Q2</b>	<b>36,863.5</b>	1,345.4	3.6	4.0	<b>18,848.7</b>	783.0	4.2	2.6
<b>Q3</b>	<b>44,671.4</b>	1,438.2	3.2	7.8	<b>23,403.8</b>	835.8	3.6	7.0
<b>Q4</b>	<b>48,461.8</b>	1,444.0	3.0	6.5	<b>24,264.4</b>	836.4	3.4	5.6

Source: National Accounts, Statistics Botswana

## DEFINITIONS

### 1.1 Fixed Telephone

Fixed telephone lines refer to a telephone line connecting a customer's terminal equipment (e.g. telephone set, facsimile machine) to the public switched telephone network (PSTN) and which has a dedicated port on a telephone exchange. This term is synonymous with the terms main station or Direct Exchange Line (DEL) that are commonly used in telecommunication documents. It may not be the same as an access line or a subscriber.

### 1.2 Mobile Cellular Phone

A mobile cellular phone refers to a portable telephone subscribing to a public mobile telephone service using cellular technology, which provides access to the PSTN. This includes analogue and digital cellular systems, as well as IMT-2000 (3G). Users of both post-paid subscriptions and pre-paid accounts are included.

### 1.3 Internet

A world-wide public computer network which provides access to a number of communication services including services including the World – Wide Web and carries email, news, entertainment and data files. Access may be any device enabling internet access (not only a computer). It may also be by mobile phone. PDA, Games Machine, Digital TV etc.

### 1.4 Asymmetric Digital Subscriber line (ADSL)

Asymmetric digital subscriber line (ADSL) is a type of Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) technology, a data communications technology that enables faster data transmission over copper telephone lines.

### 1.5 Domestic Fixed Telephone Traffic (Minutes)

It consists of effective (completed) fixed telephone line traffic exchanged within the local charging area in which the calling station is situated. This is the area within which one subscriber can call another on payment of the local charge (if applicable). This indicator should be reported in the number of minutes.

### 1.6 National (fixed) Trunk Telephone Traffic (Minutes)

National (fixed) trunk (toll) traffic consists of effective (completed) fixed national telephone traffic exchange with a station outside the local charging area of the calling station. The indicator should be reported as the number of minutes of traffic.

### 1.7 International Outgoing Fixed Telephone Traffic (Minutes)

This covers the effective (completed) fixed traffic originating in a given country to destinations outside that country. The indicator should be reported as the number of minutes of traffic.

### 1.8 International Incoming Fixed Telephone Traffic (Minutes)

Effective (completed) fixed traffic originating outside the country with a destination inside the country. The indicator should be reported as the number of minutes of traffic.

### 1.9 Outgoing National Mobile Telephone Traffic (Minutes)

Total number of minutes made by mobile subscribers within a country (including minutes to fixed lines and minutes to other mobile subscribers).

### 1.10 SMS Traffic

Total number of mobile Short Message Service (SMS) sent, both to national and international destinations





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