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## **Status of Numbers of Subscribers to Telecommunication Services**

(As of end of March 2007)

MIC has compiled the numbers of contracts for fixed-line telecommunications and mobile telecommunications and other items of information that were reported by telecommunications businesses as of the end of March 2007, as mandated by the Rules for Reporting on Telecommunications Business (Posts and Telecommunications Ministry Ordinance No. 46 of 1968).

An overview of the result is shown in the following.

### **1. Subscription telephones and ISDN**

The total number of subscription contracts as of the end of March 2007 for subscription telephones and ISDN was 55.155 million, a 5.0% year-on-year decrease, and this declining trend continues.

### **2. Number of IP phone users**

The number of IP phone users as of the end of March 2007 is 14.331 million. This is a 25.1% increase from the same period last year, and this increasing trend continues. The increase in the number of IP phone users with a 0AB to 0AJ prefix is especially remarkable, a 189.8% year-on-year increase.

### **3. Mobile phones and PHS**

The number of contracts for mobile phones and PHS as of the end of March 2007 surpassed the 100 million mark and totaled 116.98 million. This number represents a 5.4% year-on-year increase, and this steady increasing trend continues.

(in millions)

	Subscription telephone + ISDN	Total	IP phone		Mobile phone + PHS
			0AB to 0AJ number portion	050 number portion	
End of March 2007	55.155	14.331	4.126	10.206	101.698
End of March 2006	58.053	11.457	1.424	10.033	96.484
Number changes (Change rate)	- 2.898 (- 5.0%)	2.874 (25.1%)	2.702 (189.8%)	0.173 (1.7%)	5.214 (5.4%)

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