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# **Current Status of Telecommunications Numbers in Use**

As of the end of FY2007

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) discloses the current status of telecommunications numbers in use (as of the end of FY2007).

In providing telecommunications services, telecommunications numbers allow users, upon making calls, to identify the circuit or terminal, or to easily identify the type or details of the service, of the call recipients.

MIC has received reports from telecommunications carriers on the status of telecommunications numbers in use as of the end of FY2007 (March 31, 2008), pursuant to Article 8 of the Rules for Reporting on Telecommunications Business (MPT Ordinance No. 46 of 1988), and has compiled and hereby releases the figures pursuant to Article 10 of the Rules.

Compared with the figures as of the end of FY2006, the numbers in use have increased and decreased, particularly in the following categories:

"0AB–J" numbers for fixed telephones: Approximately 70.63 million numbers (down about 11.44 million from the previous year)

"050" numbers for IP telephony: Approximately 9.69 million numbers (down about 0.6 million from the previous year)

"070" numbers for PHS: Approximately 4.75 million numbers (down about 0.42 million from the previous year)

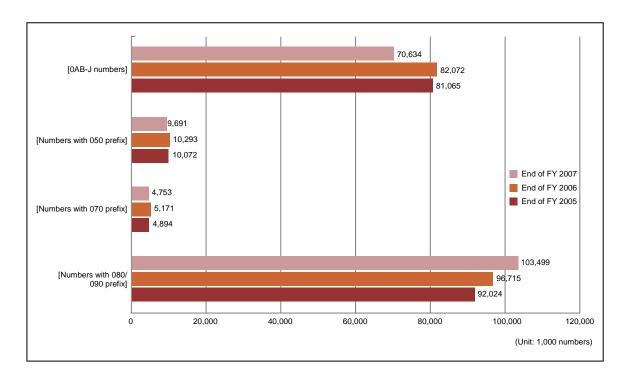
"080/090" numbers for cellular telephones: Approximately 103.5 million numbers (up about 6.79 million from the previous year)

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### **Usage of Key Telecommunications Numbers**

#### [0AB-J numbers: fixed telephones]

	No. of designated	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Year-on-year change in	Usage
	carriers	used*	unused*	suspended*	designated*	the numbers used*	rate (%)
End of FY 2007	41	70,634	161,316	7,100	239,050	-11,438	29.5
End of FY 2006	42	82,072	165,642	5,696	253,410	1,007	32.4
End of FY 2005	43	81,065	165,285	6,099	252,450	—	32.1

#### [Numbers with 050 prefix: IP telephony]

	No. of designated	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Year-on-year change in	Usage
	carriers	used*	unused*	suspended*	designated*	the numbers used*	rate (%)
End of FY 2007	27	9,691	8,823	1,346	19,860	-602	48.8
End of FY 2006	28	10,293	8,473	1,074	19,840	221	51.9
End of FY 2005	29	10,072	8,239	889	19,200	-	52.5

#### [Numbers with 070 prefix: PHS]

	No. of designated	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Year-on-year change in	Usage
	carriers	used*	unused*	suspended*	designated*	the numbers used*	rate (%)
End of FY 2007	2	4,753	8,873	1,274	14,900	-418	31.9
End of FY 2006	12	5,171	8,141	1,288	14,600	277	35.4
End of FY 2005	14	4,894	9,402	1,405	15,700	-	31.2

#### [Numbers with 080/090 prefix: mobile phones]

	No. of designated carriers	Numbers used*	Numbers unused*	Numbers suspended*	Numbers designated*	Year-on-year change in the numbers used*	Usage rate (%)
	Carriers	useu	unuseu	suspenueu	uesignateu		Tale (70)
End of FY 2007	13	103,499 *(4,464)	30,102	6,098	139,700	6,785	74.1
End of FY 2006	13	96.715 *(1,970)	28,883	5,702	131,300	4,691	73.7
End of FY 2005	12	92,024	26,830	6,147	125,000	-	73.6
	*Relate	ed to the number	portability			*(Unit: 1,000 number	s)

Note: The figures for "numbers used," "numbers unused," "numbers suspended," "numbers designated," and "year-on-year change in the numbers used"

are rounded off to the nearest thousand.

## **Usage of Other Telecommunications Numbers**

	No. of designated	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Year-on-year change in	Usage
	carriers	used	unused	suspended	designated	the numbers used	rate (%
nd of FY 2007	2	46,265	1,146,105	7,630	1,200,000	-78,764	3
nd of FY 2006	11	125,029	5,750,856	24,115	5,900,000	-204,438	2
nd of FY 2005	11	329,467	5,558,943	11,590	5,900,000	-	5
umbers with 060	No. of designated	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Year-on-year change in	Usage
	carriers	used	unused	suspended	designated	the numbers used	rate (%
nd of FY 2007	1	37,208	2,662,792	0	2,700,000	-28,783	1
nd of FY 2006	1	65,991	1.769.489	864,520	2,700,000	-864,316	2
nd of FY 2005	1	930,307	1,769,489	204	2,700,000	_	34
Numbers with 091	prefix: telephone services	that do not use N	ITT's local circui	ts (leased line)]			
	No. of designated	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Year-on-year change in	Usage
	carriers	used	unused	suspended	designated	the numbers used	rate (%
nd of FY 2007	2	27	19,973	0	20,000	0	(
nd of FY 2006	2	27	19,973	0	20,000	0	(
nd of FY 2005	2	27	19,973	0	20,000	-	(
Jumbers with 012	20 prefix: toll free (10 digit)]						
	No. of designated	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Year-on-year change in	Usage
	carriers	used	unused	suspended	designated	the numbers used	rate (%
nd of FY 2007	18	587,071	343,144	62,785	993,000	-8,884	59
nd of FY 2006	18	595,955	299,674	86,371	982,000	-21,263	60
nd of FY 2005	20	617,218	302,172	59,610	979,000	-	63
Numbers with 080	00 prefix: toll free (11 digit)]						
	No. of designated	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Year-on-year change in	Usage
	carriers	used	unused	suspended	designated	the numbers used	rate (%
nd of FY 2007	8	482,549	2,209,874	7,577	2,700,000	-169,412	17
nd of FY 2006	8	651.961	2,004,903	3.136	2,660,000	-1,372,397	24
nd of FY 2005	10	2,024,358	643,764	1,878	2,670,000	-	75
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<Notes>

• "Numbers used" represents the designated telecommunications numbers that are being provided to end users.

• "Numbers unused" represents the designated telecommunications numbers that are not being provided to end users, minus the designated telecommunications numbers suspended.

• "Numbers suspended" represents the designated telecommunications numbers that are no longer used by end users and not being provided to other users

for a certain period in order to avoid confusion among users.