

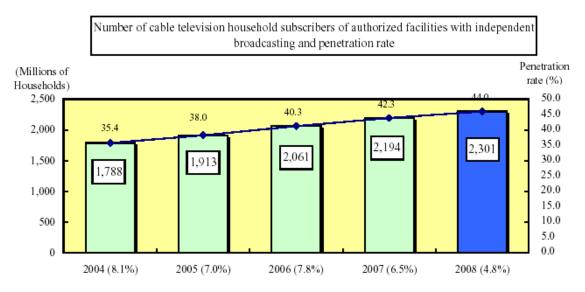
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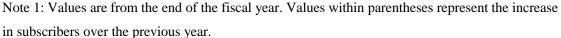
# **State of Cable Television Penetration**

The state of cable television penetration has been put together as of the end of March, 2009. The number of cable television household subscribers of authorized facilities (With over 501 terminals) with independent broadcasting continues to rise, totaling 23.01 million households, or a 4.8% increase compared to the previous year, with a household penetration rate of 44.0%, or a 1.7% increase over the preceding year.

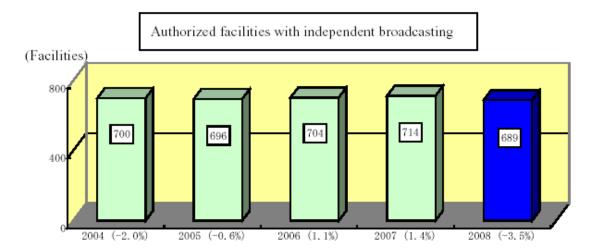
Note: The number of households who have cable television that are capable of viewing digital broadcasting is 22.50 million, and has surpassed the immediate penetration goal set by the Action Plan for the Promotion of Digital Broadcasting (9<sup>th</sup>) of 22.40 households by September 2009.

Furthermore, there are 686 facilities (decrease of 3.5% over the previous year) and 531 operators (no change from the previous year) respectively which are authorized facilities with independent broadcasting or operators of authorized facilities.

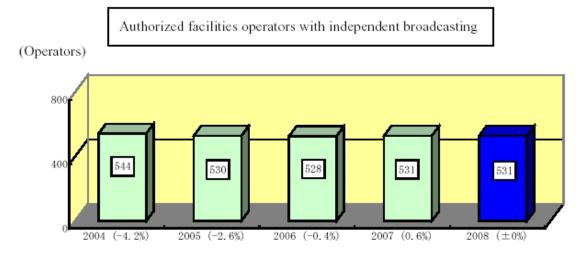




Note 2: The penetration rate is derived from the Basic Resident Register for the end of the fiscal year. (Numbers of households for FY 2008 use numbers FY from 2007.)

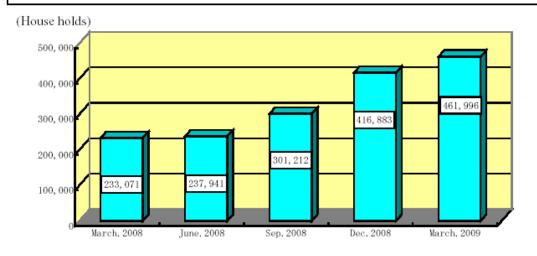


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Note 2: Authorized facilities includes broadcasts from accompanying broadcast systems with authorized facilities of the Cable Television Broadcast Act using equipment of persons who have received entry in the Telecommunications Service Use Act.



Number of household subscribers of operators who broadcast using the IP multicast system of the telecommunications service use broadcasts (closed circuit service use broadcast)

Note 1: The total household values are based on the end of fiscal year report of 5 operators broadcasting using the IP multicast system who are Telecommunications Services Use Broadcasting operators (closed circuit service use broadcasters) Note 2: The number of household subscribers is the number of households with IP broadcasts and excludes households with only VOD services.

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## **State of Cable Television Penetration**

### 1. Number of households with cable television

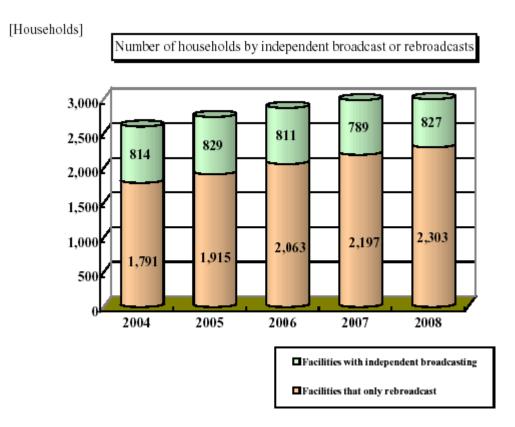
There are 31.30 million household subscribers, which is a 4.8% increase over the

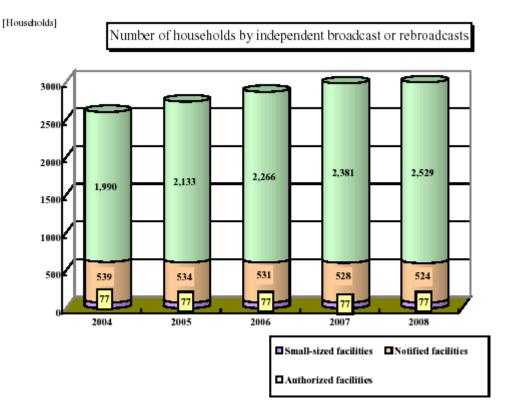
previous year.

| Segment          | 2007       | 2008       | Increase in | Percent  |
|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|
|                  |            |            | subscribers | increase |
| Cable television | 29,862,388 | 31,302,315 | 1,439,927   | 4.8%     |

| Those       | Authorized     | 21,944,829 | 23,007,196 | 1,062,367 | 4.8%  |
|-------------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| performing  | facilities     |            |            |           |       |
| Independent | [Over 501      |            |            |           |       |
| broadcasts  | terminals]     |            |            |           |       |
|             | Notified       | 24,251     | 23,592     | -659      | -2.7% |
|             | facilities     |            |            |           |       |
|             | [Less than 500 |            |            |           |       |
|             | terminals]     |            |            |           |       |
|             | Total          | 21,969,080 | 23,030,788 | 1,061,708 | 4.8%  |

| Those        | Authorized     | 1,860,797 | 2,279,908 | 419,111 | 22.5% |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|
| performing   | facilities     |           |           |         |       |
| Rebroadcasts | [Over 501      |           |           |         |       |
|              | terminals]     |           |           |         |       |
|              | Notified       | 5,260,363 | 5,219,369 | -40,994 | -0.8% |
|              | facilities     |           |           |         |       |
|              | [Less than 500 |           |           |         |       |
|              | terminals]     |           |           |         |       |
|              | Small-sized    | 772,148   | 772,250   | 102     | 0.0%  |
|              | facilities     |           |           |         |       |
|              | [Less than 50  |           |           |         |       |
|              | terminals]     |           |           |         |       |
|              | Total          | 7,893,308 | 8,271,527 | 378,219 | 4.8%  |





## 2. Number of facilities and operators with cable television

# (1) Number of facilities

There were 74,957 facilities, or a 0.15% increase over the previous year.

| Segment          | 2007   | 2008   | Increase in | Percent  |
|------------------|--------|--------|-------------|----------|
|                  |        |        | subscribers | increase |
| Cable television | 74,841 | 74,957 | 116         | 0.15%    |

| Those       | Authorized     | 714 | 689 | -25 | -3.5% |
|-------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| performing  | facilities     |     |     |     |       |
| Independent | [Over 501      |     |     |     |       |
| broadcasts  | terminals]     |     |     |     |       |
|             | Notified       | 210 | 213 | 3   | 1.4%  |
|             | facilities     |     |     |     |       |
|             | [Less than 500 |     |     |     |       |
|             | terminals]     |     |     |     |       |
|             | Total          | 924 | 902 | -22 | -2.4% |
|             |                |     |     |     |       |

| Those        | Authorized     | 1,101  | 1,076  | -25  | -2.3% |
|--------------|----------------|--------|--------|------|-------|
| performing   | facilities     |        |        |      |       |
| Rebroadcasts | [Over 501      |        |        |      |       |
|              | terminals]     |        |        |      |       |
|              | Notified       | 37,214 | 36,890 | -324 | -0.9% |
|              | facilities     |        |        |      |       |
|              | [Less than 500 |        |        |      |       |
|              | terminals]     |        |        |      |       |
|              | Small-sized    | 35,602 | 36,089 | 487  | 1.4%  |
|              | facilities     |        |        |      |       |
|              | [Less than 50  |        |        |      |       |
|              | terminals]     |        |        |      |       |
|              | Total          | 73,917 | 74,055 | 138  | 0.2%  |

## (2) Number of operators

There were 44,337 operators using facilities with cable television, and this is a 6.7% increase over the previous year.

| Segment          | 2007   | 2008   | Increase in | Percent  |
|------------------|--------|--------|-------------|----------|
|                  |        |        | subscribers | increase |
| Cable television | 41,555 | 44,337 | 2,782       | 6.7%     |

| Those       | Authorized     | 531 | 531 | 0  | 0.0%  |
|-------------|----------------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| performing  | facilities     |     |     |    |       |
| Independent | [Over 501      |     |     |    |       |
| broadcasts  | terminals]     |     |     |    |       |
|             | Notified       | 102 | 136 | 34 | 33.3% |
|             | facilities     |     |     |    |       |
|             | [Less than 500 |     |     |    |       |
|             | terminals]     |     |     |    |       |
|             | Total          | 633 | 667 | 34 | 5.4%  |
|             |                |     |     |    |       |

| Those        | Authorized     | 511    | 519    | 8     | 1.6% |
|--------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| performing   | facilities     |        |        |       |      |
| Rebroadcasts | [Over 501      |        |        |       |      |
|              | terminals]     |        |        |       |      |
|              | Notified       | 17,570 | 18,525 | 955   | 5.4% |
|              | facilities     |        |        |       |      |
|              | [Less than 500 |        |        |       |      |
|              | terminals]     |        |        |       |      |
|              | Small-sized    | 22,841 | 24,626 | 1,785 | 7.8% |
|              | facilities     |        |        |       |      |
|              | [Less than 50  |        |        |       |      |
|              | terminals]     |        |        |       |      |
|              | Total          | 40,922 | 43,670 | 2,748 | 6.7% |

| Reference<br>Cable television | Facilities with independent broadcasti   | ng | Authorized facilities, 689 facilities  |
|-------------------------------|--|----|--|
| (End of 2008)                 | 902 facilities<br>(667 operators, 23.03 mill<br>households)  |    | (531 operators, 23.01 million<br>households)   |
|                               |  |    | Notified facilities, 213 facilities<br>(136 operators, 20,000 households)                |
| L_                            | Facilities which only rebroadcast, 74,0<br>facilities<br>(43,670 operators, 8.27 mill<br>households) |    | Authorized facilities, 1076 facilities<br>(519 operators, 2.28 million households)       |
|                               |  |    | Notified facilities, 36,890 facilities<br>(18,525 operators, 5.22 million<br>households) |
|                               |  |    | Small-sized facilities, 36,089 facilities<br>(24,626 operators, 770,000 households)      |