



Section 8

Trends Abroad

1. Information and communications market abroad

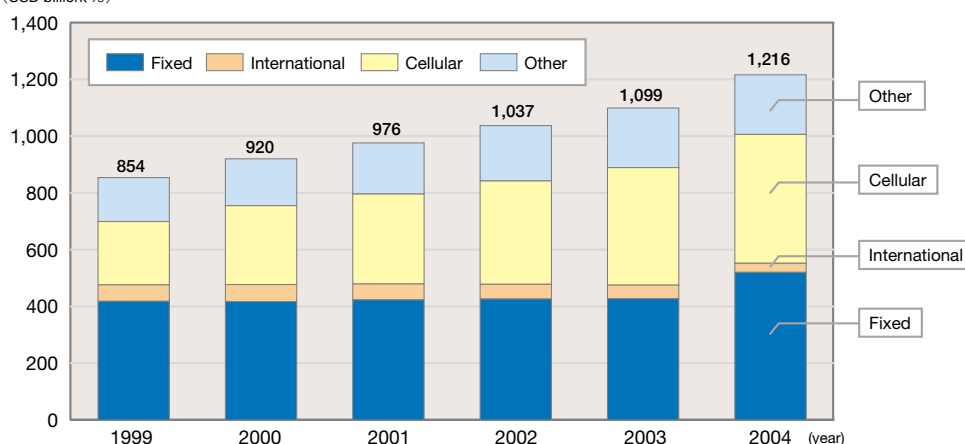
In 2004, total sales of telecommunications services worldwide reached 1.2160 trillion yen (up 10.6 from the previous year), showing a constant growth (**Graph 2-12**).

2. Diffusion of telephones and the Internet

The number of subscribers to cellular phones has been on the increase, having been continuously exceeding the number of subscribers to fixed phones since 2002. The number of Internet users has also been on the rise, reaching 965 million in 2005 (up 11.8% from the previous year) (**Graph 2-13**).

Graph 2-12 Sales of telecommunications services

(USD billion, %)

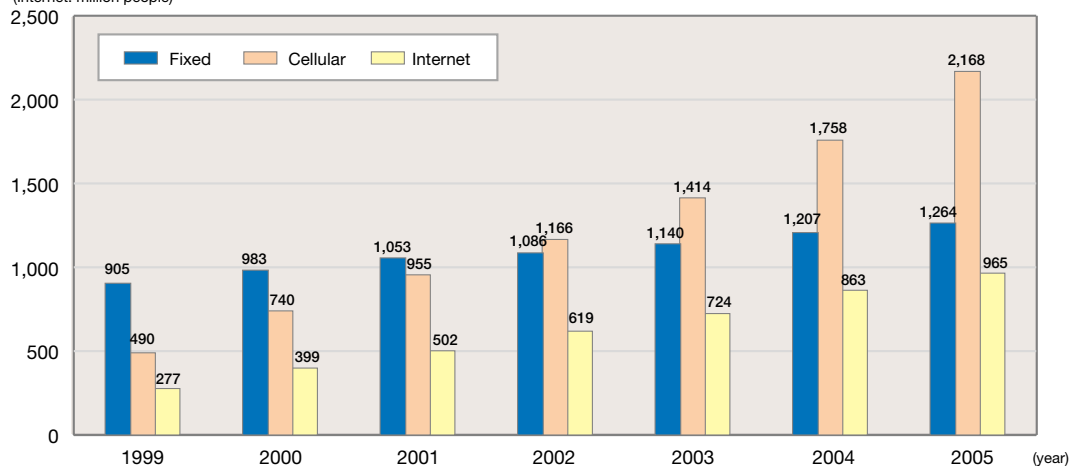


* International call is excluded from the value of fixed communications.

Based on the ITU website.

Graph 2-13 Numbers of subscriptions to fixed phones and cellular phones, and number of internet users

(Phone: million lines)
(Internet: million people)



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