

Telecommunications

- Faster transmission of data through digital subscriber lines, cable modems, wireless, satellite services and voice over Internet Protocol are emerging as primary modes of telecommunications.
- As of June 30, 2004, 50 facilities-based competitors were offering services in Tennessee; these competitors serve 696,218 lines, an increase of 24% from the previous year.
- In 2003, total regulated and unrelated telecommunications revenue in Tennessee was \$5.5 billion, a 57% increase over 1995 telecommunications revenues.
- As of June 30, 2005, there were 104 companies providing local telecommunications services:
 - Incumbent providers – 28
 - Competitive local exchange carriers or CLECs – 50.
 - Resellers of local telephone services – 26.
- Tennessee households statistics:
 - Telephone service – 90.5% as of 3/31/05 (U.S. average 92.4%).
 - Internet access – estimated 68% (U.S. average 73%).
 - High-speed or broadband Internet access – 23.3% as of 12/31/04 (U.S. average 28.3%).
- As of June 30, 2004, 58% of Tennesseans had wireless and mobile phones (U.S. average 61%).
- As of December 31, 2004, 3.3 million regulated wired telephone lines were in service in Tennessee with 732,087 or 22% of those lines being provided by CLECs.
- CLECs statistics:
 - Service in 93 of Tennessee's 95 counties; 69% of CLEC lines are in the four largest metropolitan areas. (6/05)
 - 76% of lines are business; 24% are residential. (6/05)
 - Since 1996, \$616 million invested in Tennessee facilities. (6/04)
- Three municipal electric utilities provide telecommunications in the state:
 - Chattanooga Electric Power Board
 - Memphis Light, Gas and Water (through Memphis Network)
 - Jackson Energy Authority

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