Telecommunications market data tables Q1 2014

- 1 Market monitor
- 2 Fixed telecoms market data tables
- 3 Mobile telecoms market data tables

Published: 14 August 2014

1. Market monitor

In the following section we highlight some of the key trends emerging this quarter from the data we collect on the UK telecommunications sector.

Fixed voice services

- UK fixed voice services generated £2.1bn in revenue in Q1 2014, £65m (3.0%) less than they had done in Q1 2013. This fall was as a result of declining call revenues, as line rental revenue increased over this period.
- People in the UK made 21.9 billion minutes of outgoing fixed-originated calls in Q1 2014, 2.9 billion minutes (11.8%) less than in Q1 2013. BT's share of these call volumes was 40.0% during the period, a 0.7 percentage point increase compared to a year previously.
- The total number of PSTN lines and ISDN channels fell by 148,000 to 33.0 million in the year to Q1 2014. The majority of this decline was due to an 841,000 fall in the number of BT lines.

Fixed broadband

- There were 22.8 million residential and SME fixed broadband connections at the end of Q1 2014. This was an increase of 231,000 connections (1.0%) compared to the previous quarter, and 918,000 (4.2%) compared to Q1 2013.
- The number of 'other' connections (predominantly fibre connections) continued to increase during the quarter, and by the end of March 2014 these accounted for 11.9% of all residential and SME fixed broadband connections, up from 6.3% a year previously.
- BT's share of residential and SME fixed broadband connections was 31.4% at the end of Q1 2014, up from 29.8% at the end of Q1 2013.

Mobile services

- Estimated retail revenues generated by mobile telephony services fell by £176m (4.4%) to £3.8bn in the year to Q1 2014.
- Outgoing mobile call volumes decreased by 860 million minutes (2.5%) to 33.4 billion minutes from the previous guarter.
- Total SMS and MMS message volumes fell by 4.8 billion messages (13.9%) to 29.9 billion messages in the year to Q1 2014.
- The number of active mobile subscribers increased by 120,000 (0.2%) to 83.2 million compared to the previous quarter.
- The number of active dedicated mobile broadband subscriptions (excluding M2M connections) fell by 1.5% (80,000) to 4.9 million in the year to Q1 2014.

2. Fixed telecoms market data tables

Q1 2014 (January to March 2014)

Table

1	Network access and call revenues by operator	4
2	Exchange line numbers by operator	5
3	Call volumes by operator	5
4	Call revenues by call type	6
5	Call volumes by call type and operator	7
6	Residential network access and call revenues by operator	8
7	Residential exchange line numbers by operator	9
8	Residential call volumes by operator	9
9	Residential call revenues by call type	10
10	Residential call volumes by call type and operator	11
11	Business network access and call revenues by operator	12
12	Business exchange lines by operator	13
13	Business call volumes by operator	13
14	Business call revenues by call type	14
15	Business call volumes by call type and operator	15
16	Broadband internet subscribers	16

Note: The data in these tables are the most accurate currently available. Where historical restatements have occurred, this is due to either operator restatements or improvements in methodology.

Table 1
Summary of network access & call revenues by operator (£millions)

	All Operators	ВТ	Virgin Media	Other	BT share
Access & Calls	, ¹				
2012	8,583	4,041	1,066	3,476	47.1%
2013	8,438	3,903	1,021	3,515	46.2%
2013 Q1	2,151	996	263	893	46.3%
2013 Q2	2,117	971	261	885	45.9%
2013 Q3	2,085	956	258	870	45.9%
2013 Q4	2,085	979	239	867	47.0%
2014 Q1	2,086	997	232	858	47.8%
Access					
2012	5,346	2,639	677	2,030	49.4%
2013	5,540	2,572	703	2,265	46.4%
2013 Q1	1,398	659	177	561	47.2%
2013 Q2	1,389	641	182	566	46.1%
2013 Q3	1,367	624	179	563	45.7%
2013 Q4	1,386	647	164	574	46.7%
2014 Q1	1,413	669	162	582	47.4%
Calls ¹					
2012	3,237	1,402	389	1,445	43.3%
2013	2,899	1,331	318	1,250	45.9%
2013 Q1	753	336	85	331	44.7%
2013 Q2	728	330	79	319	45.4%
2013 Q3	718	332	79	307	46.3%
2013 Q4	699	332	75	293	47.4%
2014 Q1	674	328	70	276	48.6%

Excludes VAT; ¹ Revenue figures are not intended to include subscription revenues for internet access although some element may remain.

Table 2
Summary of exchange line numbers at end of quarter by operator (000's)

	All Operators	ВТ	Virgin Media	Other	BT share
	•				
2012	33,215	14,504	4,838	13,873	43.7%
2013	33,316	13,745	4,751	14,819	41.3%
2013 Q1	33,138	14,185	4,828	14,125	42.8%
2013 Q2	33,387	14,093	4,800	14,495	42.2%
2013 Q3	33,222	13,886	4,761	14,575	41.8%
2013 Q4	33,316	13,745	4,751	14,819	41.3%
2014 Q1	32,990	13,344	4,742	14,904	40.4%

Table 3
Summary of call volumes by operator (millions of minutes)

	All Operators	BT ¹	Virgin Media	Other Direct Access	Other Indirect Access	BT share
2012	103,136	39,728	12,712	25,888	24,808	38.5%
2013	92,014	35,646	11,199	25,717	19,452	38.7%
2013 Q1	24,845	9,753	3,059	6,620	5,413	39.3%
2013 Q2	23,174	9,078	2,698	6,335	5,064	39.2%
2013 Q3	22,110	8,537	2,663	6,317	4,592	38.6%
2013 Q4	21,885	8,278	2,779	6,445	4,382	37.8%
2014 Q1	21,922	8,769	2,674	6,320	4,158	40.0%

Table 4

Summary of call revenues by call type (£millions)

	All calls	UK geographic calls	International calls	Calls to mobiles	Other calls ¹
2012	3,237	988	330	1,032	887
2013	2,899	906	271	897	824
2013 Q1	753	246	71	230	207
2013 Q2	728	224	69	227	207
2013 Q3	718	221	67	225	206
2013 Q4	699	216	65	215	204
2014 Q1	674	206	61	203	204

Excludes VAT; ¹ Includes freephone, special services, premium rate, directory enquiries and all other call types. Figures are not intended to include subscription revenues for internet access although some element may remain.

Table 5
Summary of call volumes by call type and operator (millions of minutes)

	All Operators	ВТ	Virgin Media	Other Direct Access	Other Indirect Access	BT share
UK geographic	calls					
2012	69,030	27,162	9,387	17,263	15,217	39.3%
2013	60,857	23,711	8,145	16,920	12,081	39.0%
2013 Q1	16,562	6,519	2,289	4,367	3,387	39.4%
2013 Q1 2013 Q2	15,326	6,013	1,943	4,206	3,36 <i>1</i> 3,164	39.4%
2013 Q2 2013 Q3	14,392	5,580	1,862	4,129	2,821	38.8%
2013 Q4	14,577	5,599	2,051	4,217	2,710	38.4%
2014 Q1	14,093	5,346	1,975	4,151	2,620	37.9%
		0,040	1,570	4,101	2,020	37.570
International c		4.470	075	0.000	4 770	20.00/
2012	5,868	1,176	275	2,638	1,779	20.0%
2013	4,926	979	257	2,598	1,092	19.9%
2013 Q1	1,289	260	67	653	310	20.2%
2013 Q2	1,263	252	65	655	292	19.9%
2013 Q3	1,196	235	62	646	253	19.6%
2013 Q4	1,176	232	63	645	237	19.7%
2014 Q1	1,132	221	60	632	219	19.5%
Calls to mobile	es					
2012	9,391	3,622	801	1,862	3,107	38.6%
2013	8,374	3,148	920	1,862	2,444	37.6%
2013 Q1	2,175	838	196	468	673	38.5%
2013 Q1 2013 Q2	2,142	817	219	469	637	38.1%
2013 Q3	2,128	763	296	479	591	35.9%
2013 Q4	1,929	730	209	446	544	37.8%
2014 Q1	1,848	706	197	428	517	38.2%
Other calls ¹	,					
2012	18,848	7,768	2,249	4,126	4,705	41.2%
2013	17,857	7,808	1,877	4,337	3,835	43.7%
	,	,	•	,	,	
2013 Q1	4,819	2,136	507	1,133	1,043	44.3%
2013 Q2	4,443	1,996	471	1,004	972	44.9%
2013 Q3	4,393	1,959	443	1,063	928	44.6%
2013 Q4	4,202	1,717	456	1,138	892	40.9%
2014 Q1	4,849	2,496	442	1,109	802	51.5%

¹ Includes freephone, special services, premium rate, directory enquiries and all other call types.

Table 6
Summary of residential network access & call revenues by operator (£millions)

	All Operators	ВТ	Virgin Media	Other	BT share
		ы	Wieula	Other	Di Silale
Access & Calls					
2012	5,851	2,603	976	2,272	44.5%
2013	5,900	2,541	937	2,422	43.1%
2013 Q1	1,502	649	241	611	43.2%
2013 Q2	1,480	629	241	610	42.5%
2013 Q3	1,469	631	236	602	43.0%
2013 Q4	1,449	631	218	600	43.5%
2014 Q1	1,482	662	212	608	44.7%
Access					
2012	3,706	1,591	639	1,476	42.9%
2013	3,963	1,589	668	1,707	40.1%
2013 Q1	994	404	168	421	40.7%
2013 Q2	997	395	174	428	39.6%
2013 Q3	992	395	170	426	39.9%
2013 Q4	981	393	155	432	40.1%
2014 Q1	1,029	426	154	449	41.4%
Calls ¹					
2012	2,145	1,012	337	796	47.2%
2013	1,936	952	269	715	49.2%
2013 Q1	507	245	73	190	48.3%
2013 Q1 2013 Q2	483	234	67	182	48.5%
2013 Q2 2013 Q3	477	235	66	176	49.3%
2013 Q3 2013 Q4	469	238	63	168	50.7%
2014 Q1	453	236	58	159	52.0%
2017 01	400	200	50	100	32.070

Excludes VAT; ¹ Revenue figures are not intended to include subscription revenues for internet access although some element may remain.

Table 7
Summary of residential exchange line numbers at end of quarter by operator (000's)

	All		Virgin		
	Operators	ВТ	Media	Other	BT share
2012	24,462	10,341	4,322	9,799	42.3%
2013	24,970	9,957	4,245	10,768	39.9%
2013 Q1	24,616	10,184	4,316	10,116	41.4%
2013 Q2	24,677	10,034	4,294	10,349	40.7%
2013 Q3	24,796	10,028	4,258	10,510	40.4%
2013 Q4	24,970	9,957	4,245	10,768	39.9%
2014 Q1	24,846	9,729	4,241	10,876	39.2%

Summary of residential call volumes by operator (millions of minutes)

	All		Virgin		
	Operators	BT ¹	Media	Other	BT share
2012	71,503	28,310	10,614	32,579	39.6%
2013	63,678	25,218	9,450	29,010	39.6%
2013 Q1	17,321	6,934	2,547	7,840	40.0%
2013 Q2	15,945	6,371	2,333	7,241	40.0%
2013 Q3	15,252	5,995	2,271	6,986	39.3%
2013 Q4	15,160	5,918	2,299	6,943	39.0%
2014 Q1	15,099	6,127	2,227	6,745	40.6%

Table 9

Summary of residential call revenues by call type (£millions)

	All calls	UK geographic calls	International calls	Calls to mobiles	Other calls ¹
2012	2,145	723	198	566	659
2013	1,936	673	155	488	620
2013 Q1	507	184	42	127	155
2013 Q2	483	166	39	122	155
2013 Q3	477	164	38	122	154
2013 Q4	469	160	36	117	155
2014 Q1	453	152	34	109	157

Excludes VAT; ¹ Includes freephone, special services, premium rate, directory enquiries and all other call types. Figures are not intended to include subscription revenues for internet access although some element may remain.

Table 10
Summary of residential call volumes by call type and operator (millions of minutes)

	All Operators	ВТ	Virgin Media	Other	BT share
UK geographic	calls				
2012	51,985	21,051	8,062	22,872	40.5%
2013	46,191	18,388	7,202	20,601	39.8%
2013 Q1	12,611	5,084	1,963	5,564	40.3%
2013 Q2	11,625	4,626	1,774	5,225	39.8%
2013 Q3	10,912	4,300	1,715	4,897	39.4%
2013 Q4	11,043	4,378	1,750	4,915	39.6%
2014 Q1	10,815	4,129	1,838	4,848	38.2%
International ca	alls				
2012	4,111	743	239	3,129	18.1%
2013	3,455	622	221	2,612	18.0%
2013 Q1	921	166	58	697	18.0%
2013 Q2	882	160	55	667	18.1%
2013 Q3	830	148	53	629	17.8%
2013 Q4	822	148	55	619	18.0%
2014 Q1	796	137	53	606	17.2%
Calls to mobile	s				
2012	3,902	1,598	453	1,851	41.0%
2013	3,351	1,326	445	1,580	39.6%
2013 Q1	878	351	108	419	40.0%
2013 Q2	858	342	110	406	39.8%
2013 Q3	828	323	113	392	39.0%
2013 Q4	787	310	114	363	39.4%
2014 Q1	736	284	109	343	38.6%
Other calls ¹					
2012	11,506	4,918	1,860	4,728	42.7%
2013	10,681	4,882	1,582	4,217	45.7%
2013 Q1	2,911	1,333	418	1,160	45.8%
2013 Q2	2,580	1,243	394	943	48.2%
2013 Q3	2,682	1,224	390	1,068	45.6%
2013 Q4	2,508	1,082	380	1,046	43.1%
2014 Q1	2,752	1,577	227	948	57.3%

¹ Includes freephone, special services, premium rate, directory enquiries and all other call types.

Table 11
Summary of business network access & call revenues by operator (£millions)

	All	DT	Virgin	Othor	DT above
	Operators	ВТ	Media	Other	BT share
Access & Calls	1				
2012	2,696	1,402	90	1,203	52.0%
2013	2,507	1,330	84	1,093	53.1%
2013 Q1	642	339	21	282	52.8%
2013 Q2	629	334	20	275	53.1%
2013 Q3	608	317	22	269	52.2%
2013 Q4	628	340	20	267	54.2%
2014 Q1	598	328	20	250	54.9%
Access					
2012	1,640	1,048	38	554	63.9%
2013	1,576	983	35	558	62.4%
2013 Q1	404	255	9	140	63.1%
2013 Q1 2013 Q2	392	233	9	138	62.7%
2013 Q2 2013 Q3	392 375	229	9	138	60.9%
2013 Q3 2013 Q4	405	254	9	143	62.7%
2013 Q4 2014 Q1	383	243	8	132	63.3%
Calls ¹	363	243	0	132	03.376
2012	1,056	354	52	649	33.6%
	931				
2013	931	347	49	535	37.3%
2013 Q1	238	84	13	142	35.3%
2013 Q2	237	88	12	137	37.2%
2013 Q3	233	89	13	131	38.1%
2013 Q4	223	86	12	125	38.6%
2014 Q1	214	85	11	118	39.8%

Excludes VAT; ¹ Revenue figures are not intended to include subscription revenues for internet access although some element may remain.

Table 12
Summary of business exchange line numbers at end of quarter by operator (000's)

	All		Virgin		
	Operators	ВТ	Media	Other	BT share
2012	8,754	4,162	517	4,074	47.6%
2013	8,345	3,788	507	4,051	45.4%
2013 Q1	8,522	4,001	512	4,009	47.0%
2013 Q2	8,711	4,059	506	4,146	46.6%
2013 Q3	8,426	3,858	503	4,065	45.8%
2013 Q4	8,345	3,788	507	4,051	45.4%
2014 Q1	8,144	3,615	501	4,028	44.4%

Table 13

Summary of business call volumes by operator (millions of minutes)

	All Operators	BT ¹	Virgin Media	Other Direct Access	Other Indirect Access	BT share
2012	31,571	11,354	2,098	8,504	9,615	36.0%
2013	28,290	10,383	1,749	8,247	7,910	36.7%
2013 Q1	7,509	2,804	512	2,095	2,097	37.3%
2013 Q2	7,229	2,707	365	2,131	2,027	37.4%
2013 Q3	6,843	2,527	392	1,991	1,933	36.9%
2013 Q4	6,709	2,345	480	2,031	1,853	35.0%
2014 Q1	6,810	2,629	447	1,959	1,775	38.6%

Table 14

Summary of business call revenues by call type (£millions)

	All calls	UK geographic calls	International calls	Calls to mobiles	Other calls ¹
2012	1,056	265	132	466	193
2013	931	233	116	408	173
2013 Q1	238	62	29	103	44
2013 Q2	237	58	30	105	44
2013 Q3	233	57	29	103	44
2013 Q4	223	56	29	97	41
2014 Q1	214	54	27	93	40

Excludes VAT; ¹ Includes freephone, special services, premium rate, directory enquiries and all other call types. Figures are not intended to include subscription revenues for internet access although some element may remain.

Table 15
Summary of business call volumes by call type and operator (millions of minutes)

	All Operators	ВТ	Virgin Media	Other Direct Access	Other Indirect Access	BT share
UK geographi	ic calls					
2012	17,045	6,110	1,325	4,893	4,717	35.8%
2013	14,666	5,323	943	4,586	3,813	36.3%
2013 Q1	3,951	1,435	326	1,165	1,026	36.3%
2013 Q2	3,701	1,387	169	1,168	977	37.5%
2013 Q3	3,480	1,280	147	1,126	927	36.8%
2013 Q4	3,534	1,221	301	1,128	884	34.6%
2014 Q1	3,440	1,218	282	1,101	839	35.4%
International	calls					
2012	1,756	433	36	890	398	24.7%
2013	1,470	357	36	853	224	24.3%
2013 Q1	368	94	9	209	57	25.5%
2013 Q2	382	92	10	221	59	24.1%
2013 Q3	366	87	9	215	55	23.7%
2013 Q4	354	84	8	209	54	23.7%
2014 Q1	336	84	7	198	48	25.0%
Calls to mobil	les					
2012	5,490	2,024	348	1,024	2,094	36.9%
2013	5,023	1,823	475	1,053	1,672	36.3%
2013 Q1	1,296	487	88	265	456	37.6%
2013 Q2	1,283	475	109	268	431	37.0%
2013 Q3	1,302	441	183	274	404	33.9%
2013 Q4	1,142	420	95	246	380	36.8%
2014 Q1	1,112	422	88	245	357	37.9%
Other calls*						
2012	7,280	2,787	389	1,698	2,406	38.3%
2013	7,130	2,880	295	1,755	2,200	40.4%
2013 Q1	1,893	788	89	457	559	41.6%
2013 Q2	1,863	753	77	474	559	40.4%
2013 Q3	1,695	719	53	376	547	42.4%
2013 Q4	1,680	620	76	448	535	36.9%
2014 Q1	1,921	905	70	415	531	47.1%

¹ Includes freephone, special services, premium rate, directory enquiries and all other call types.

Table 16
Summary of residential and small business broadband connections at end of quarter (000's)¹

	Total	Non-LLU ADSL	LLU ADSL	Cable	Other (inc. FTTx)	BT retail share
2012	21,668	7,499	8,777	4,290	1,101	29.5%
2013	22,577	6,580	9,241	4,394	2,362	30.7%
2013 Q1	21,890	7,333	8,850	4,328	1,380	29.8%
2013 Q2	22,090	7,101	8,958	4,325	1,706	30.0%
2013 Q3	22,284	6,878	9,025	4,355	2,027	30.3%
2013 Q4	22,577	6,580	9,241	4,394	2,362	30.7%
2014 Q1	22,808	6,353	9,301	4,435	2,719	31.4%

¹ Figures exclude corporate broadband connections. Connection numbers have been adjusted to exclude corporate broadband based on Ofcom estimates.

3. Mobile telecoms market data tables

Q1 2014 (January to March 2014)

Table

1	Estimated retail revenues generated by mobile telephony	18
2	Call and message volumes by call type	18
3	Subscriber numbers by type	19
4	Average monthly retail revenue per subscriber	19
5	Interconnection call volumes	20

Note: The data in these tables are the most accurate currently available. Where historical restatements have occurred, this is due to either operator restatements or improvements in methodology.

Table 1
Estimated retail revenues generated by mobile telephony (£millions)

	Total	Access and bundled svcs	UK fixed calls	On-net mobile calls	Off- net mobile calls	Int'l calls	Other calls	SMS and MMS	Data services
2012	15,905	7,311	639	420	924	594	1,093	2,420	2,506
2013	15,585	7,812	608	320	700	638	1,003	1,825	2,680
2013 Q1	3,980	1,877	144	83	184	155	236	590	712
2013 Q2	3,826	1,943	142	84	178	160	251	421	647
2013 Q3	3,858	1,951	142	77	173	164	271	413	667
2013 Q4	3,923	2,041	180	76	165	160	245	402	654
2014 Q1	3,804	2,042	146	68	151	148	221	350	680

Note: Includes estimates where Ofcom does not receive data from providers; excludes revenues from interconnection.

Table 2
Call and message volumes by call type (billions of minutes/messages)

	All calls	UK fixed calls	On-net mobile calls	Off- net mobile calls	Int'I calls	Calls when roaming	Other calls	SMS & MMS messages
2012	132.29	31.47	41.62	43.60	7.86	1.68	6.06	171.88
2013	134.10	32.43	39.75	47.19	7.93	1.74	5.06	129.92
2013 Q1	33.33	8.13	10.17	11.35	2.10	0.39	1.20	34.66
2013 Q2	32.98	7.89	9.82	11.66	2.02	0.44	1.16	32.27
2013 Q3	33.48	8.00	9.81	11.77	1.96	0.53	1.40	31.91
2013 Q4	34.30	8.41	9.95	12.41	1.84	0.38	1.31	31.08
2014 Q1	33.44	8.03	9.68	12.41	1.76	0.33	1.23	29.86

Note: Includes estimates where Ofcom does not receive data from providers.

Table 3

Subscriber numbers by type (millions)

	Conns during period	Total subs at end of period	Post- pay subs at end of period	Pre- pay subs at end of period	Net change during period	Proportion post-pay	Mobile b'band subs at end of period
2012	34.15	83.40	43.54	39.86	1.02	52.2%	5.07
2013	32.89	83.05	46.92	36.14	-0.35	56.5%	4.91
2013 Q1	7.96	83.13	44.43	38.69	-0.27	53.5%	4.98
2013 Q2	8.06	82.70	45.21	37.49	-0.43	54.7%	4.92
2013 Q3	8.62	83.25	46.07	37.18	0.54	55.3%	4.95
2013 Q4	8.24	83.05	46.92	36.14	-0.19	56.5%	4.91
2014 Q1	7.25	83.18	47.52	35.66	0.12	57.1%	4.91

Note: Includes estimates where Ofcom does not receive data from providers; excludes M2M connections.

Table 4
Average monthly retail revenue per subscriber (£ per month)

	All subscribers	Post- pay contract	Pre- pay
2012	16.13	26.09	5.92
2013	15.63	24.01	5.49
2013 Q1	15.93	24.77	5.52
2013 Q2	15.38	23.79	5.48
2013 Q3	15.50	23.70	5.47
2013 Q4	15.72	23.80	5.49
2014 Q1	15.26	23.03	5.03

Note: Revenues are only from those services detailed in Table 1 and do not include those generated by incoming calls or VAT.

Table 5

Interconnection call volumes (billions of minutes)

	All operators
2012	59.15
2013	56.98
2013 Q1	15.06
2013 Q2	14.98
2013 Q3	13.53
2013 Q4	13.42
2014 Q1	13.11

Note: Shows the number of call minutes terminating on mobile networks which originate on other networks.