

AN OVERVIEW OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS MARKET IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

The Second Quarter of 2020

The Overview presents the data for the second quarter of 2020 along with comparative data for the three previous quarters.

The presented data reflect the overall market status for each given quarter, including the actual quarterly data for the leading electronic communications operators in the Republic of Serbia, whereas the data for the rest of the market were estimated based on the data for 2019 collected in the annual questionnaires. Therefore, the total quarterly report may show discrepancies with respect to the data collected in the regular annual questionnaires. The Agency shall not be held responsible for the correctness of the data submitted by the operators in the quarterly and annual questionnaires.

Quarterly electronic communications market indicators referring to fixed telephony include the data on the operators that make up over 98% of the market, in terms of the number of subscribers. The data on the market situation include CDMA subscribers and the effectuated traffic.

Quarterly electronic communications market indicators referring to mobile telephony include the data on three mobile operators and, as of Q1 2019, the Agency also collects data on virtual mobile operators.

Quarterly electronic communications market indicators referring to Internet services include the data for the leading operators that make up approximately 90% of the market, in terms of the number of subscribers, whereas the data for the remaining 10% of the market were estimated based on the data for 2019 collected in the annual questionnaires.

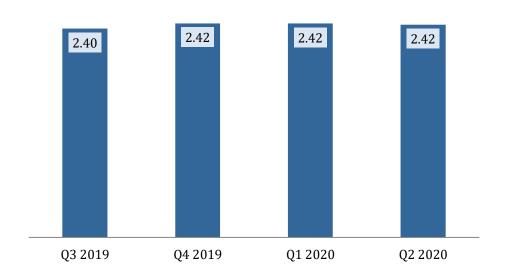
Quarterly electronic communications market indicators referring to media content distribution include the data for the leading operators that make up approximately 91% of the market, in terms of the number of subscribers, whereas the data for the remaining 9% of the market were estimated based on the data for 2019 collected in the annual questionnaires.

Quarterly electronic communications market indicators referring to bundled services include the data for the leading operators that make up approximately 95% of the market, whereas the data for the remaining 5% of the market were estimated based on the data for 2019 collected in the annual questionnaires.

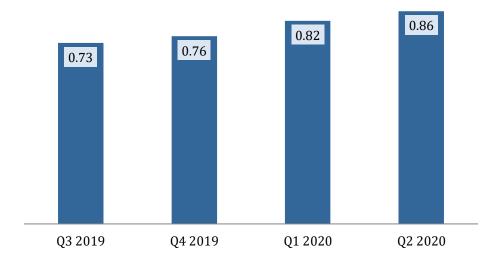
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The number of fixed telephony subscribers in Q2 2020 remained unchanged, whereas the generated traffic has slightly increased, compared to the previous quarter. Approximately 2.42 million fixed telephony subscribers generated approximately 860 million minutes of traffic in the last observed quarter, which means that a fixed telephony subscriber on average spent 3.9 minutes a day on calls.

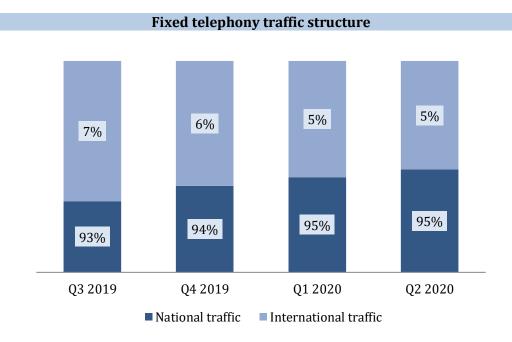
Number of fixed line subscribers (in million)



Total fixed telephony traffic (in billion minutes)



The subscriber structure has not changed over the observed quarters: natural persons i.e. private users remain to account for 88% of the fixed telephony subscribers in Q2 2020. In all observed quarters, the largest share of the fixed telephony traffic is accounted for by the national traffic, with 95% in Q2 2020.

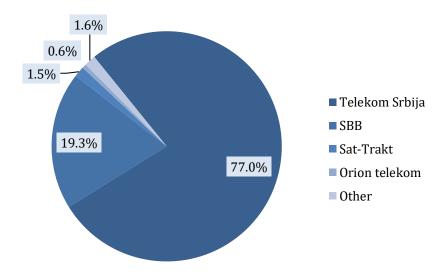


The outgoing calls from fixed network are mostly directed towards other fixed networks, while the international traffic is dominated by incoming calls.

Structure of national and international traffic in fixed telephony **Outgoing national traffic** International traffic 1% 1% 1% 1% 7% 7% 8% 9% 70% 69% 70% 72% 92% 92% 91% 90% 30% 31% 30% 28% Q3 2019 Q4 2019 Q1 2020 Q2 2020 Q3 2019 Q4 2019 Q2 2020 Q1 2020 ■ To short and non-geografic numbers ■ Incoming international traffic ■ To mobile networks ■ To fixed networks Outgoing international traffic

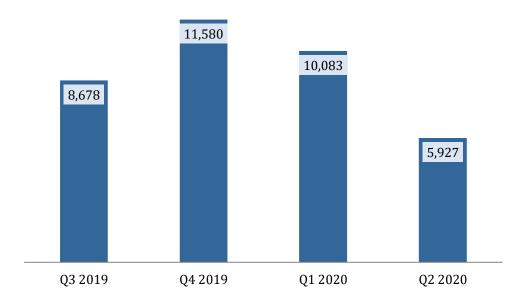
Below is shown the leading operators' market share in terms of the number of subscribers in Q2 2020.





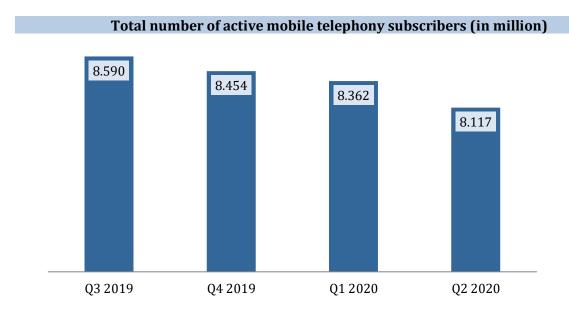
The number of portings in the second quarter of 2020 was approximately 5.9 thousand (almost 2 thousand a month), showing a decrease compared to the previous quarter.

Fixed telephony number portings per quarter

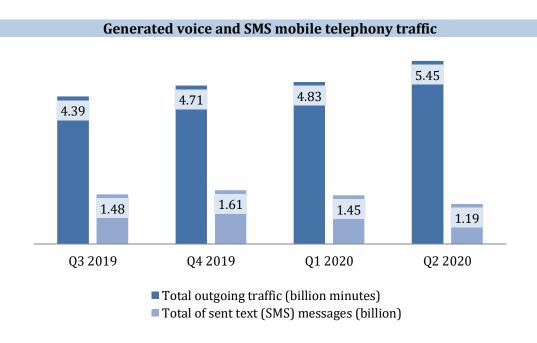


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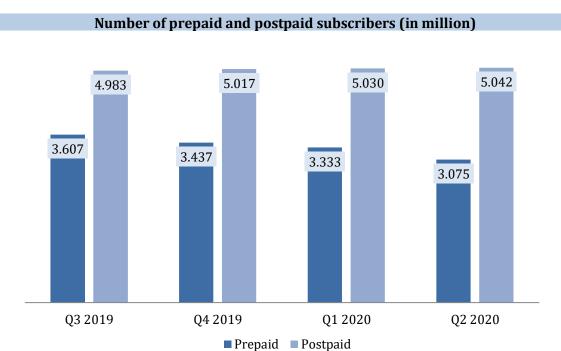
In Q2 2020, there were approximately 8.1 million active mobile telephony subscribers that generated approximately 5.5 billion minutes of national and international traffic and sent around 1.2 billion SMS messages. On average, in Q2 2020, a mobile user spent 7.4 minutes a day on calls and sent 1.6 text messages. On the mobile networks market, there has been a decrease in the number of active mobile telephony subscribers in Q2 2020, namely by almost 3% compared to the previous quarter.



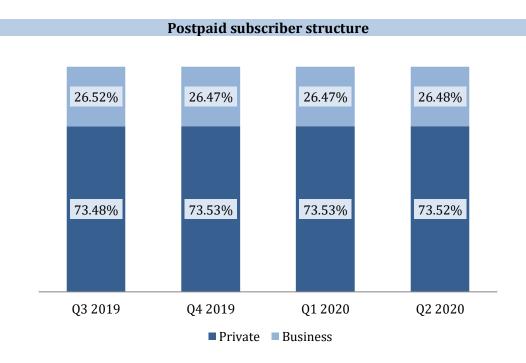
In Q2 2020, the effectuated voice traffic in mobile networks has increased, whereas the SMS traffic dropped in comparison to Q1 2020.



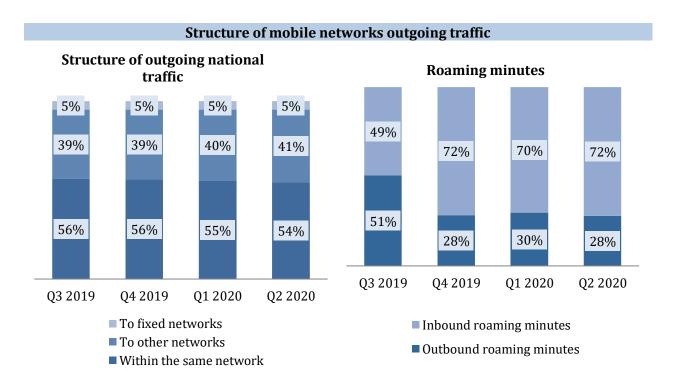
In Q2 2020, the number of postpaid subscribers slightly increased, whereas the number of prepaid subscriptions faintly dropped compared to the previous quarter.



The majority of postpaid subscribers are natural persons, accounting for around 74%, much the same as in other observed quarters.

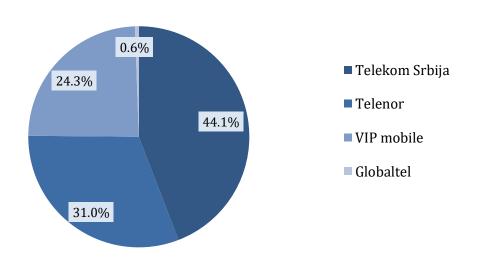


Most of the outgoing traffic in Q2 2020 has been generated within the same mobile network (54%). As for the roaming, the subscribers of foreign networks generated more traffic than the subscribers of national networks abroad.

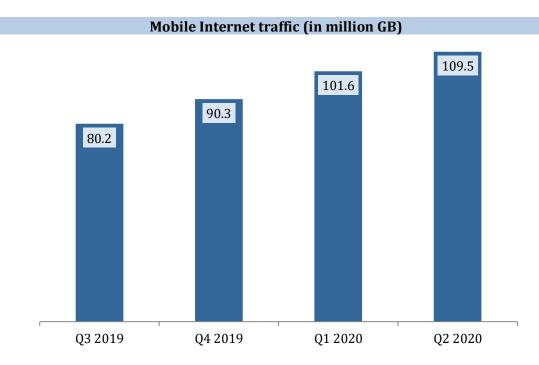


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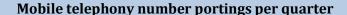
Market share in terms of number of users in Q2 2020

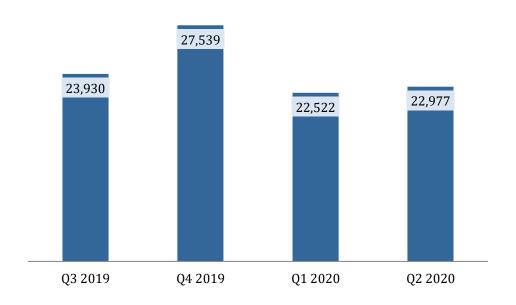


Data transmission over mobile network has shown growth in the analyzed period, amounting to 109.5 million GB in Q2 2020, which means that a mobile broadband subscriber used on average 199 MB daily, or around 6 GB a month.



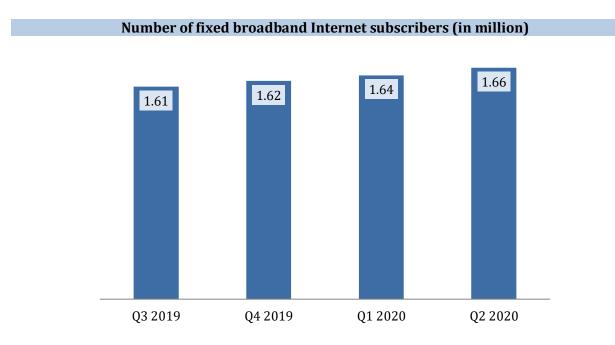
The number of mobile telephony number portings was almost 23 thousand in the second quarter of 2020, or around 7.7 thousand per month, representing an increase compared to the previous quarter.



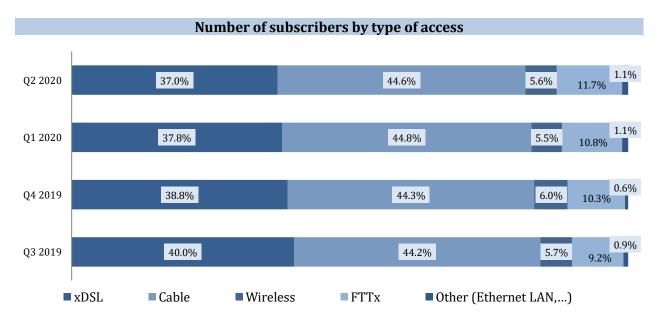


Broadband Internet Access

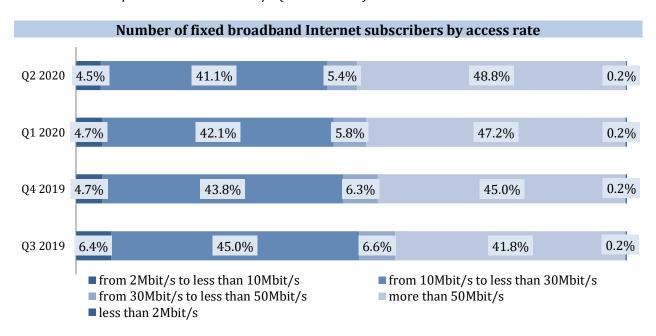
Compared to the previous quarter, the number of fixed broadband Internet access users in Q2 2020 slightly increased, amounting to approximately 1.66 million subscribers.



Most fixed broadband Internet subscribers have xDSL or cable access and their number has been marked by a slight drop in Q2 2020.

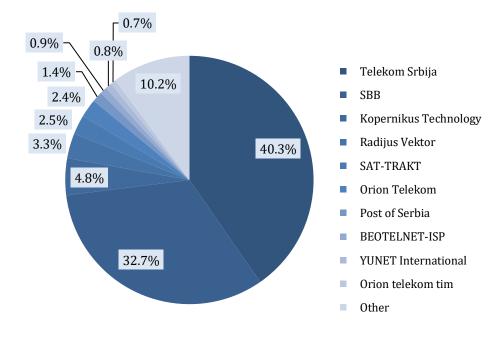


In Q2 2020, the majority of subscribers used Internet access rate over 50 Mbit/s (around 49%) and between 10 Mbit/s to less than 30 Mbit/s (around 41%).

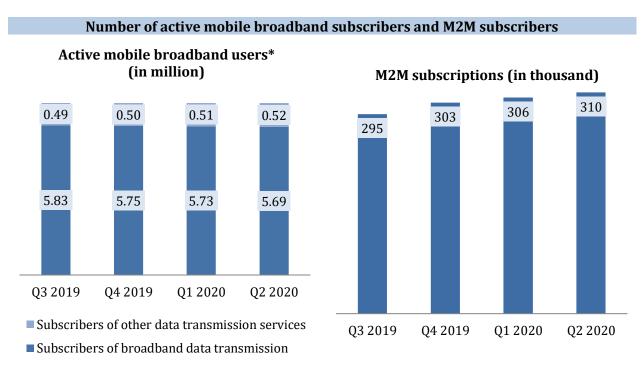


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Market share in terms of number of fixed broadband subscribers in Q2 2020



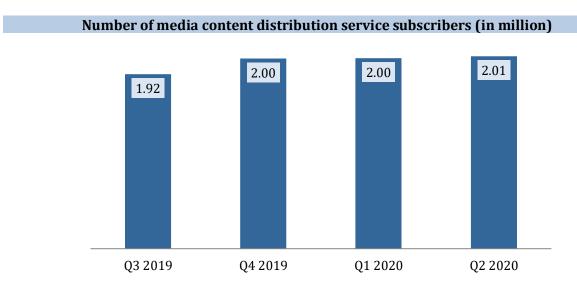
The number of active mobile broadband subscribers in Q2 2020 has not significantly changed compared to the previous quarter and amounts to 6.21 million. The number of M2M subscriptions has, on the other hand, increased reaching 310 thousand in the second quarter.



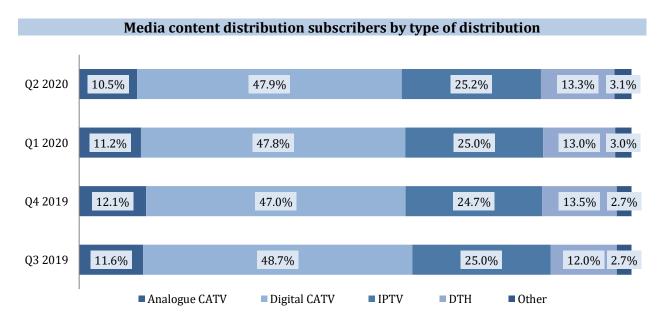
^{*}Active mobile broadband subscribers include subscribers of data transmission services contracted together with voice services, or as an additional package to the voice tariff plan, whereas subscribers of other data transmission services represent mobile broadband transfer users with single service agreement, separate from voice service (data card subscriptions, USB modem/dongle subscriptions, tablet subscriptions and similar).

Media Content Distribution

The number of media content distribution service subscribers in Q2 2020 has remained on the same level as in the previous period, amounting to approximately 2.01 million.

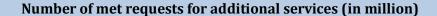


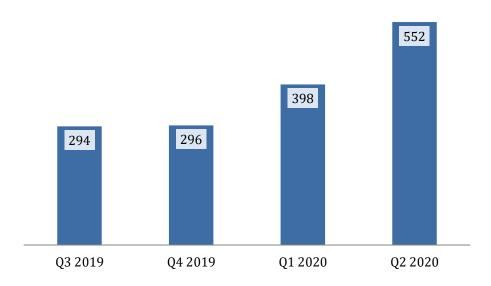
In Q2 2020, most subscribers used CATV distribution, either analogue or digital (around 58%). Both the numbers of IPTV and DTH subscribers have slightly increased, while wireless network and Internet media content distribution were the least used.



The number of met requests for additional services, such as video on demand (VoD), content recording, TV on mobile devices, playback etc, has increased in Q2 2020 compared to Q1 2020,

amounting to approximately 552 million requests, or some 118 requests a month per user. The number of met VoD requests in Q2 2020 was around 13.4 million.

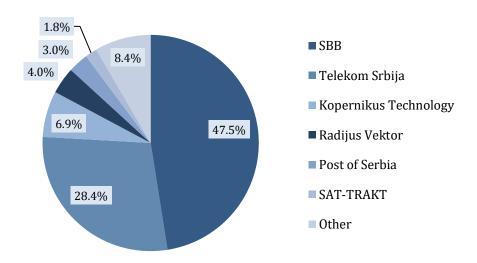




In Q2 2020, around 31% of media content distribution subscribers with the possibility to have additional channels, subscribed to such programmes.

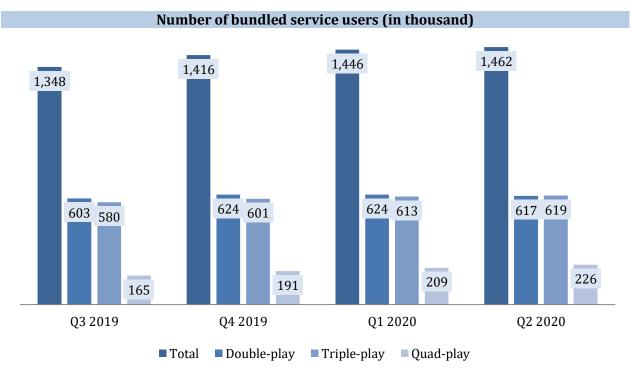
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Operators' market share in terms of number of subscribers in Q2 2020



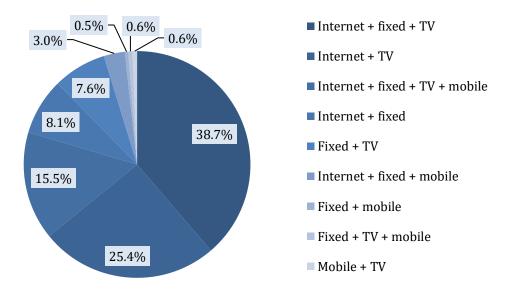
Bundled Services

The number of bundled service subscribers in Q2 2020 has increased compared to the previous quarter, amounting to approximately 1.46 million. Packages offering three services were most used, whereas least used were packages with four services.

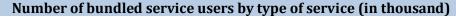


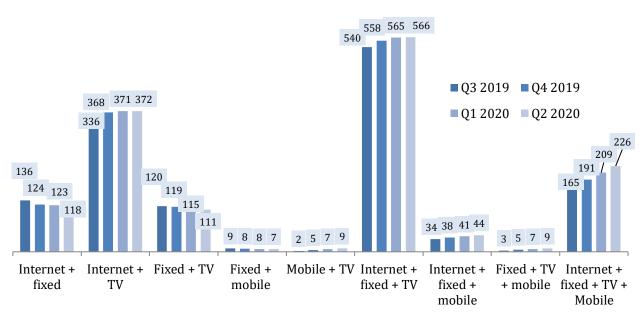
Of all bundled services offered by operators in Q2 2020, the most popular was the package with broadband Internet access, fixed telephony and TV, followed by a double-play offering broadband Internet access and TV, as well as the only available quad-play package including broadband Internet access, fixed telephony, TV and mobile telephony. These packages also have continued to have the highest subscriber growth rate in Q2 2020, with the quad-play service growing the fastest. A triple-play offering fixed and mobile telephony and TV, bundled service with fixed and mobile telephony, as well as a recently introduced package including mobile telephony and TV have had the lowest number of subscribers. The shares of different bundled services in terms of the number of subscribers are given below.

Share of bundled services in Q2 2020



Changes in different packages' number of subscribers can be seen below.





Broadband Internet access is mostly purchased as a bundled service, whereas mobile telephony is generally purchased as a stand-alone service.

Share of stand-alone and bundled services purchased in Q2 2020

