

High-speed Internet Observatory – 2nd Quarter 2008 Provisional results

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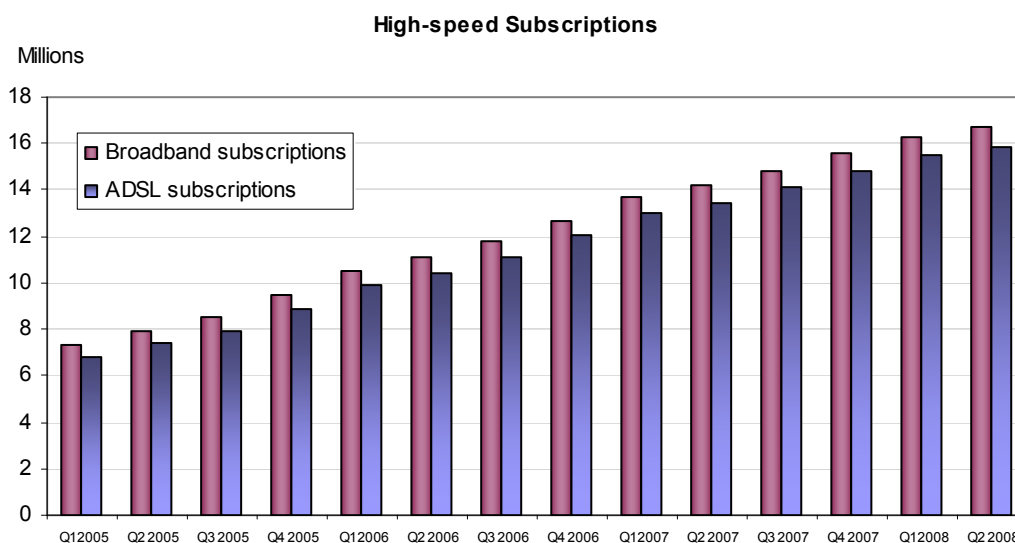
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1) High-speed Internet figures for the 2nd quarter 2008 – provisional results

Millions of units, at end of quarter	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2006	Q1 2008	Q2 2008*
Number of high-speed subscriptions	14,170	14,812	15,551	16,252	16,700
Number of ADSL subscriptions	13,455	14,090	14,805	15,479	15,875
<i>Changes of the number of high-speed subscriptions</i>					
Millions of units over one year	3,078	3,018	2,856	2,576	2,530
% over one year	27,7%	25,6%	22,5%	18,8%	18%

*rounded-off

At 30 June 2008, there were 16.7 million subscriptions to high-speed internet in France, of which 15.875 million subscriptions were ADSL. The number of ADSL subscriptions increased by about 450 000 throughout the quarter (+2,8%). The increase is about 2.5 million over one year (18%). The rate of annual growth weakens since the third quarter of 2006.



2) Methodology notes

- These figures are provisional. They are based on data received from major Internet access providers (IAPs). Missing data is sometimes replaced with estimates.
The data published are round to about twenty five thousand lower or higher nearest, that is to say a margin of rounded more or less 12.500.
ARCEP will publish the final results for the second quarter in its Market Observatory on 30 October 2008.
- The number of Internet subscriptions refers to xDSL access, cable modem, optical fiber, WLL, satellite and wifi.
- The number of Internet subscriptions take both into account residential and companies subscriptions.
- Data refers to Metropolitan France and the overseas “départements”.
- There may be time lags between when intermediate offers are delivered (unbundling and bitstream) and when they are effectively put into service on the end market. Data for these two markets may reflect this gap.