

# Number of telephone mainlines per 1 000 people

## Dimension - Science & Technology

Associated Key Factor:

### Diffusion and uptake of technologies by the market

**Data Source:**

United Nation Development Programm

[http://www.undp.org/hdr2003/indicator/indic\\_99\\_1\\_1.html](http://www.undp.org/hdr2003/indicator/indic_99_1_1.html)

<http://undp.org>

**General Availability:**

Reporting unit: mainline

Reporting level: national

Reporting period: annually

Data available from 1990 to 2003

**Availability by country:**

1990 - 2003: EU-15+AC

**The indicator:**

Number of telephone mainlines per 1000 inhabitants

**Description**

Mainlines are telephone lines connecting a customer's equipment to the public switched telephone network.

**How is it measured?**

Data aggregated from telecommunication companies and infrastructure projects.

**What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?**

It does not give any information on access the user (gender, social class, age etc.) or type of use.

**What is the policy relevance of the indicator?**

Telephone mainline connection is a basic technology and in some places considered a right by law. It is used by the Human Development Report to give an indication of poverty.

**The Indicator is relevant for the following pathways of the FORESIGHT FOR TRANSPORT exercise:**

	Transport Impact	External Determining Variable	Intermediate Variable	Contextual Information
Technological innovation and diffusion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>