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SUMMARY

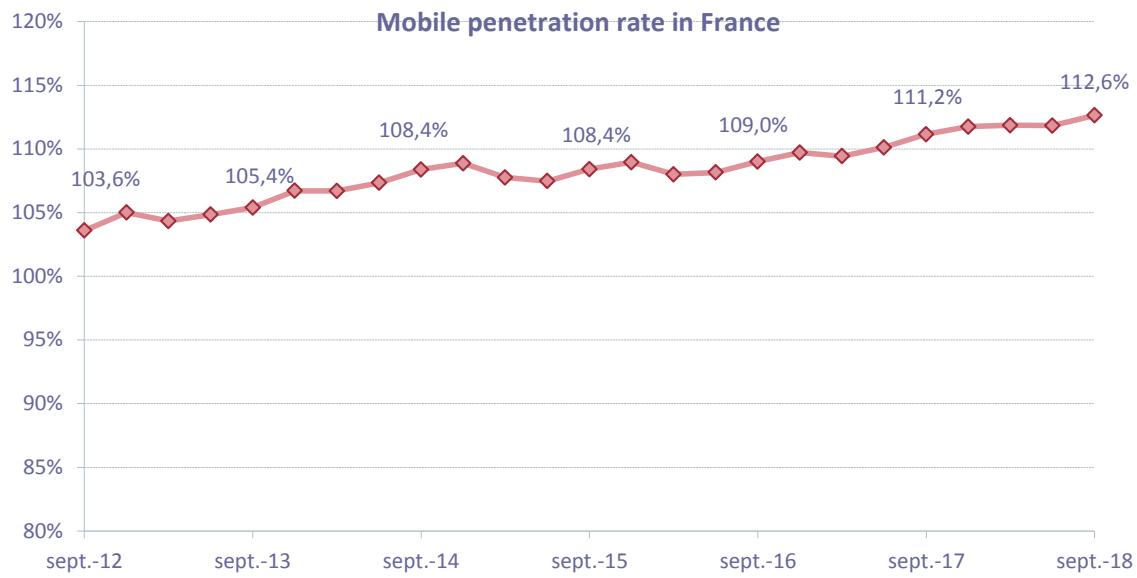
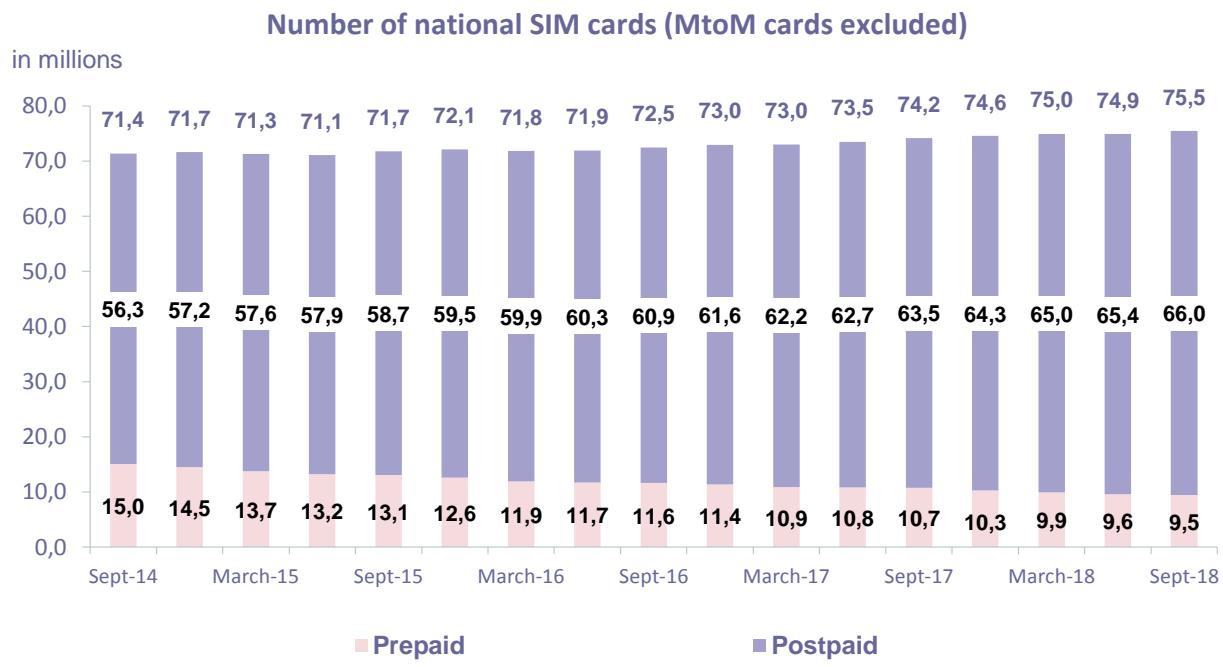
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A - Mobiles services market - MtoM SIM cards excluded

I. NATIONAL REPORT - total customers and active customers

	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
Total customers	74,192	74,589	74,952	74,935	75,466
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,696	0,397	0,363	-0,017	0,531
- Year on year net growth (in %)	2,3%	2,2%	2,6%	2,0%	1,7%
Penetration Rate	111,2%	111,8%	111,9%	111,8%	112,6%
<i>Population at January the 1st of previous year (source: Insee)</i>	66,744		67,004		
Postpaid customers	63,467	64,328	65,017	65,376	65,989
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,793	0,862	0,689	0,359	0,613
- Year on year net growth (in %)	4,3%	4,5%	4,6%	4,3%	4,0%
Prepaid customers	10,726	10,261	9,935	9,559	9,477
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,097	-0,465	-0,326	-0,376	-0,082
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-7,9%	-9,8%	-8,7%	-11,7%	-11,6%
	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
Total active customers	71,702	72,053	72,565	72,597	73,046
- as a % of total customers	96,6%	96,6%	96,8%	96,9%	96,8%
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,774	0,351	0,513	0,032	0,449
- Year on year net growth (in %)	2,0%	2,0%	2,9%	2,4%	1,9%
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II. METROPOLITAN REPORT

II.1 Total customers segmentation and total active customers (excluding MtoM SIM cards)

	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
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Total customers	71,585	71,982	72,344	72,333	72,866
among which Internet SIM cards	3,480	3,404	3,444	3,438	3,409
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,710	0,397	0,362	-0,011	0,533
- Year on year net growth (in %)	2,4%	2,3%	2,7%	2,1%	1,8%

Penetration Rate	110,9%	111,5%	111,6%	111,6%	112,4%
<i>Population at January the 1st of previous year (source: Insee)</i>	64,558		64,801		

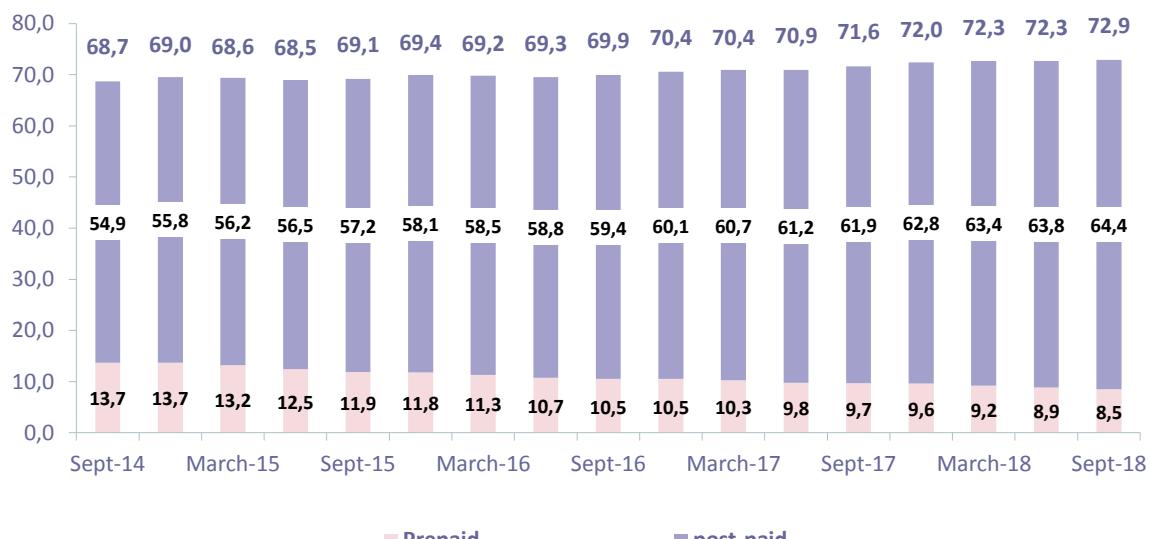
Postpaid customers	61,938	62,773	63,446	63,792	64,390
among which Internet SIM cards	2,749	2,725	2,817	2,834	2,856
- Quarterly gross sales	3,502	4,389	3,953	3,384	3,683
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,784	0,835	0,673	0,346	0,597
- Year on year net growth (in %)	4,3%	4,5%	4,6%	4,3%	4,0%

Prepaid customers	9,647	9,209	8,898	8,541	8,477
among which Internet SIM cards	0,730	0,679	0,628	0,604	0,553
- Quarterly gross sales	2,216	2,100	1,958	1,964	2,147
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,075	-0,438	-0,311	-0,357	-0,065
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-8,3%	-10,4%	-8,9%	-12,1%	-12,1%

Total active customers	69,373	69,688	70,201	70,247	70,709
- as a % of total customers	96,9%	96,8%	97,0%	97,1%	97,0%
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,800	0,314	0,513	0,046	0,462
- Year on year net growth (in %)	2,1%	2,1%	3,0%	2,4%	1,9%
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Number of metropolitan SIM cards

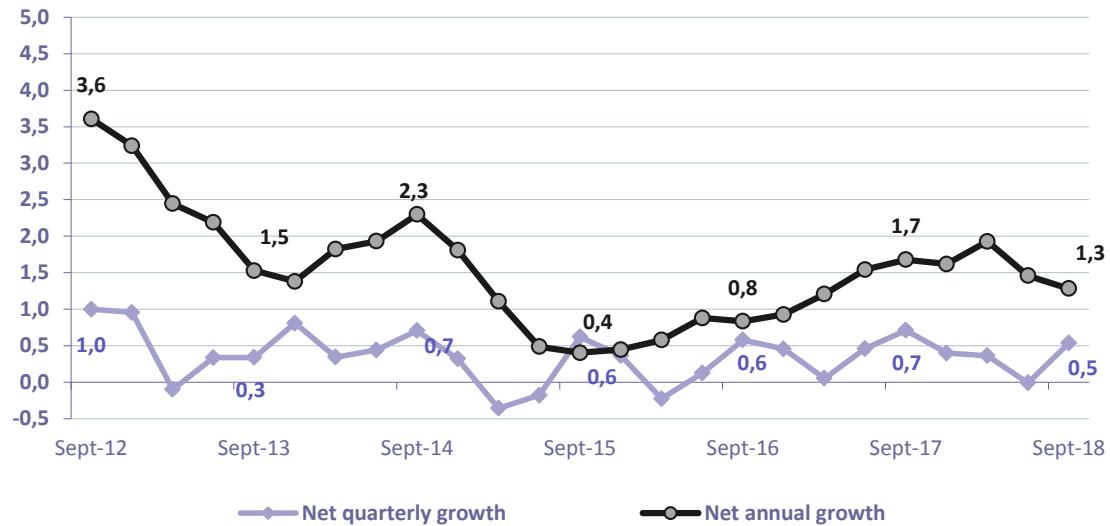
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■ Prepaid ■ post-paid

Net quarterly and annual growths of the total metropolitan customers (MtoM cards excluded)

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II.2 Virtual mobile network operators (MVNO) market share

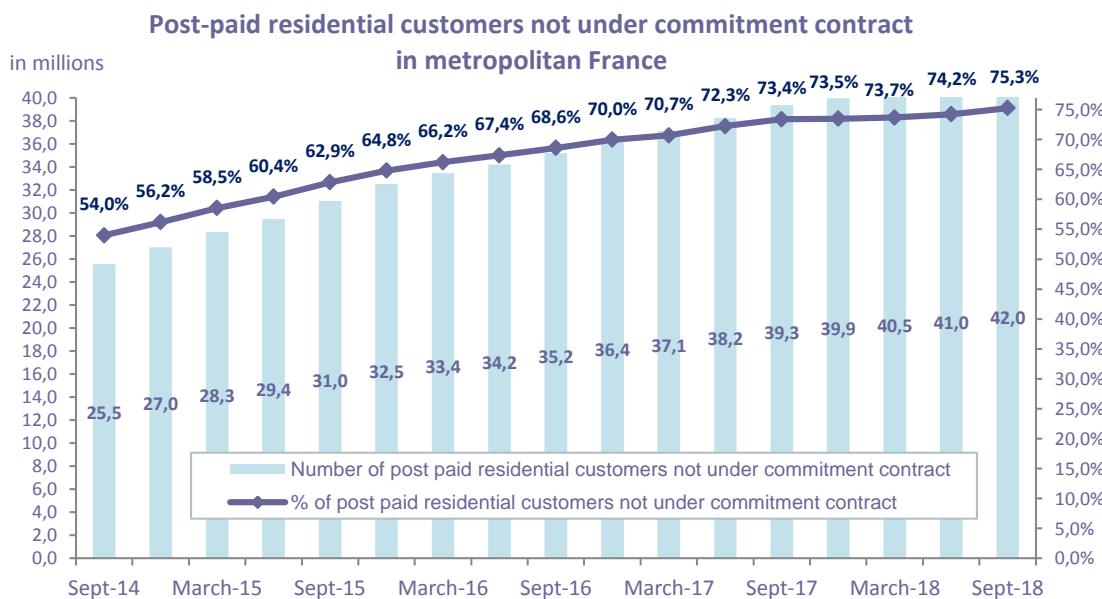
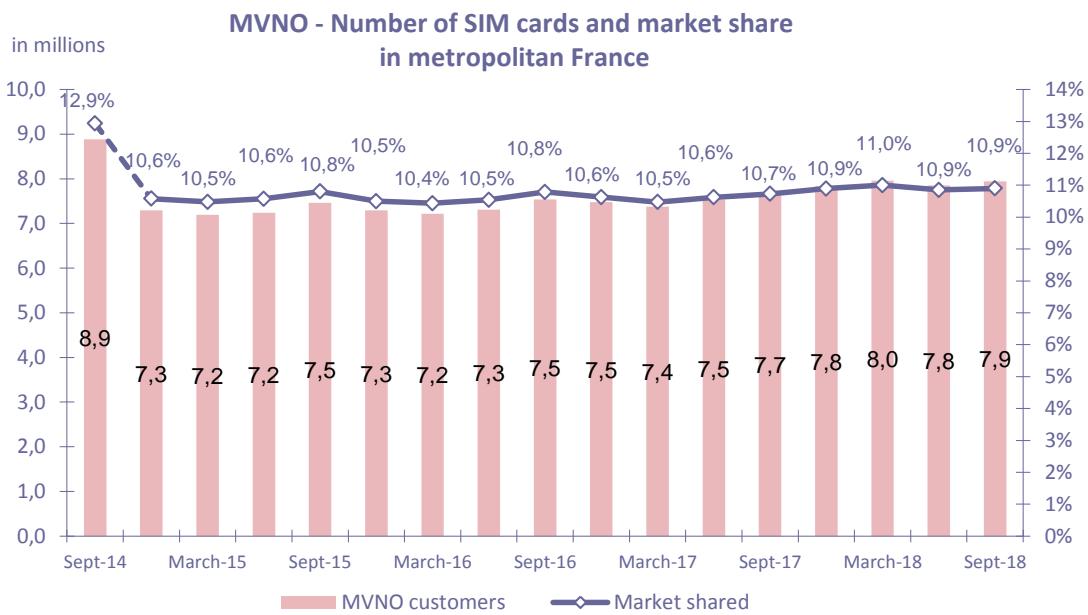


	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
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Mobile networks operators (MNOs) customers	63,907	64,142	64,388	64,484	64,926
- Among which postpaid customers	58,352	59,100	59,661	59,951	60,521
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,558	0,236	0,245	0,096	0,442
- Year on year net growth (in %)	2,5%	2,0%	2,1%	1,8%	1,6%
MVNOs customers	7,678	7,840	7,957	7,850	7,941
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,151	0,161	0,117	-0,107	0,091
- Year on year net growth (in %)	1,8%	4,9%	7,9%	4,3%	3,4%
MVNO Market share	10,7%	10,9%	11,0%	10,9%	10,9%
MVNO Market share of gross postpaid sales	7,0%	7,0%	8,4%	8,2%	7,4%
MVNO Market share of gross prepaid sales	58,4%	63,0%	64,2%	64,4%	62,3%

II.3 Market fluidity

	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
Quaterly postpaid cancellation rate	4,4%	5,7%	5,2%	4,8%	4,8%
Quaterly prepaid cancellation rate	23,6%	26,9%	25,0%	26,5%	26,0%
Numbers ported during the quarter	1,766	2,453	2,137	2,065	2,108
- Year on year net growth (in %)	21,4%	5,8%	36,8%	14,8%	19,4%
Post-paid residential customers not under commitment	39,345	39,948	40,516	41,013	41,994
- % of customers not under commitment contract	73,4%	73,5%	73,7%	74,2%	75,3%
Post-paid customers not under commitment contract	42,442	43,164	43,765	44,429	45,480
- % of customers not under commitment contract	68,5%	68,8%	69,0%	69,6%	70,6%
Adjusted figure					



III. METROPOLITAN RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS MARKET



III.1 Residential market - Total customers segmentation

	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
Total residential customers	63,261	63,577	63,878	63,802	64,268
- Quarterly Net Adds	2,266	2,184	2,223	2,205	2,177
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,632	0,317	0,301	-0,076	0,466
- Year on year net growth (in %)	2,3%	2,2%	2,7%	1,9%	1,6%
Postpaid residential customers	53,614	54,369	54,981	55,261	55,791
- Quarterly gross sales	3,173	3,948	3,557	3,026	3,341
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,707	0,755	0,612	0,280	0,530
- Year on year net growth (in %)	4,5%	4,7%	4,8%	4,4%	4,1%
Prepaid residential customers	9,647	9,209	8,898	8,541	8,477
- Quarterly gross sales	2,216	2,100	1,958	1,964	2,147
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,075	-0,438	-0,311	-0,357	-0,065
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-8,3%	-10,4%	-8,9%	-12,1%	-12,1%

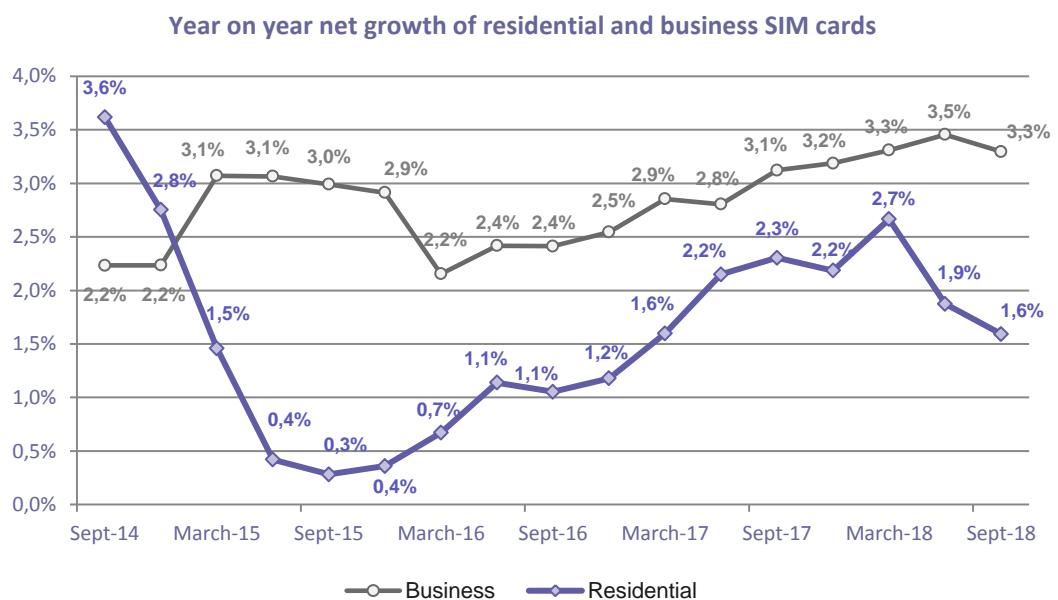
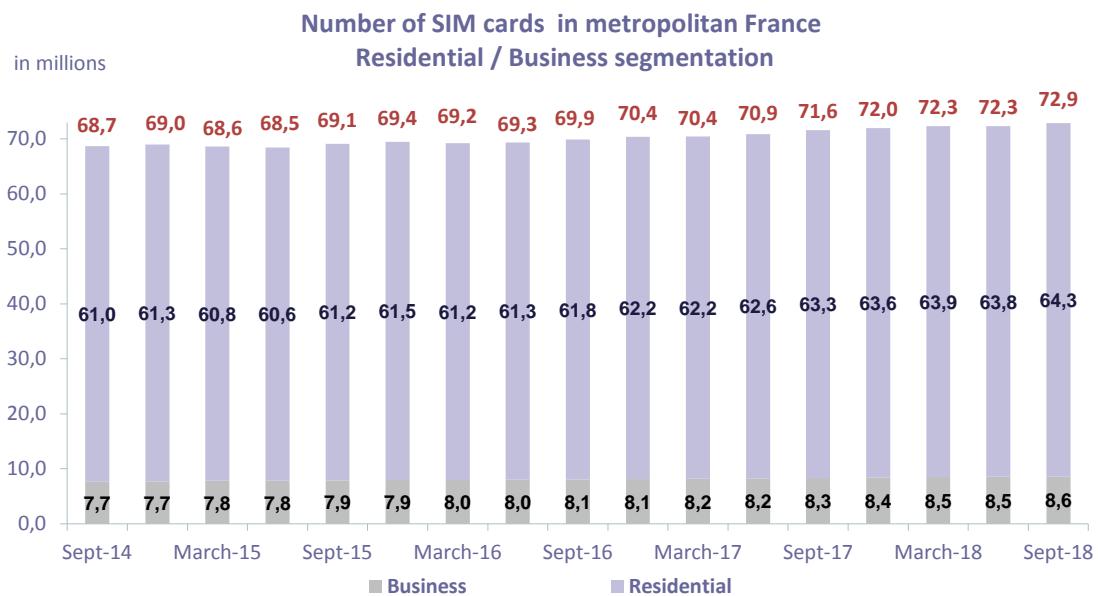
III.2 Residential market - Mobile Virtual Network Operators market share

	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
MNOs	55,873	56,037	56,225	56,260	56,634
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,493	0,164	0,188	0,035	0,375
- Year on year net growth (in %)	2,4%	1,9%	2,0%	1,6%	1,4%
MVNOs	7,387	7,540	7,654	7,543	7,633
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,139	0,153	0,113	-0,111	0,091
- Year on year net growth (in %)	1,5%	4,6%	7,8%	4,1%	3,3%
MVNO Market share	11,7%	11,9%	12,0%	11,8%	11,9%
MVNO Market share of gross postpaid sales	7,3%	7,3%	8,8%	8,7%	7,9%
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III.3 Business market - total customers MtoM SIM cards excluded

	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
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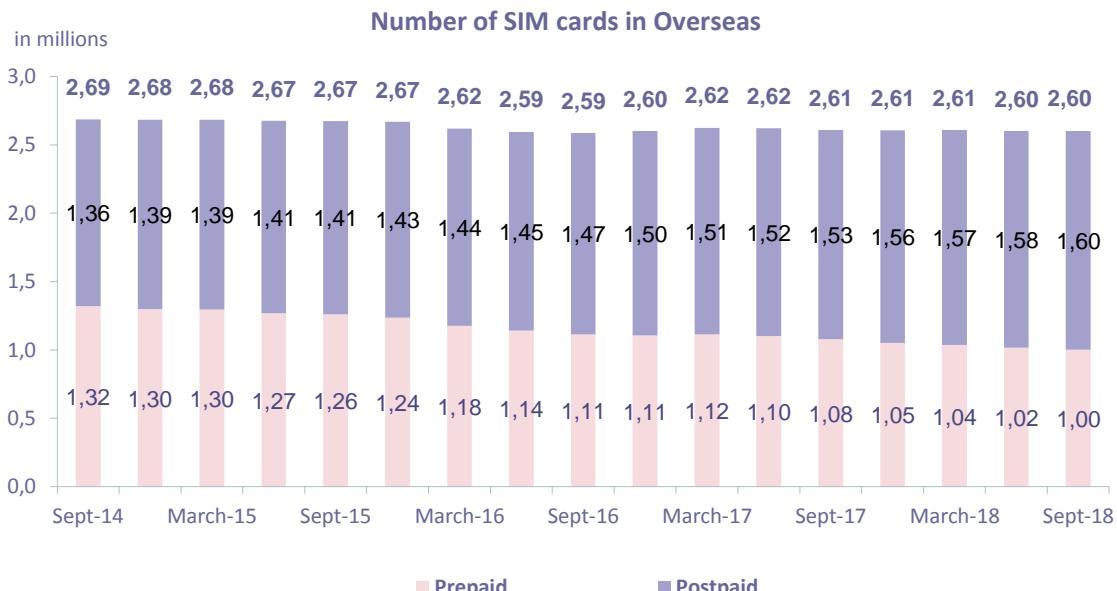
Postpaid business customers	8,324	8,405	8,466	8,531	8,598
among which Internet SIM cards	1,214	1,220	1,221	1,232	1,232
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,078	0,081	0,061	0,065	0,067
- Year on year net growth (in %)	3,1%	3,2%	3,3%	3,5%	3,3%



IV. OVERSEAS REPORT : DOM, Saint-Martin, Saint-Barthélemy, Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon

IV.1 Overseas départements: total customers and total active customers segmentation

	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
Total customers	2,608	2,607	2,608	2,602	2,600
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,014	0,000	0,000	-0,006	-0,001
- Year on year net growth (in %)	0,8%	0,2%	-0,6%	-0,8%	-0,3%
Penetration Rate	119,3%	119,3%	118,4%	118,1%	118,0%
<i>Population at January the 1st of previous year (source: Insee)</i>	2,186		2,203		
Postpaid customers	1,529	1,555	1,570	1,584	1,600
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,009	0,026	0,015	0,013	0,016
- Year on year net growth (in %)	3,8%	4,0%	4,0%	4,2%	4,6%
Prepaid customers	1,079	1,052	1,037	1,018	1,001
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,023	-0,027	-0,015	-0,019	-0,017
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-3,2%	-4,9%	-7,0%	-7,6%	-7,2%
Total active customers	2,328	2,365	2,365	2,351	2,337
- as a % of total customers	89,3%	90,7%	90,7%	90,3%	89,9%
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,026	0,037	0,000	-0,014	-0,013
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-0,5%	0,1%	0,1%	-0,2%	0,4%



IV.2 Guadeloupe, St-Martin, St-Barth. total customers and active customers segm.



	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
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Total customers	0,632	0,626	0,631	0,623	0,620
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,001	-0,006	0,005	-0,008	-0,002
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-1,3%	-1,3%	-1,6%	-1,6%	-1,9%
Penetration Rate	143,8%	142,3%	144,0%	142,1%	141,6%
<i>Population at January the 1st of previous year (source: Insee)</i>	0,440		0,438		
Postpaid customers	0,344	0,349	0,352	0,355	0,356
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,002	0,004	0,004	0,002	0,001
- Year on year net growth (in %)	3,5%	3,2%	3,4%	3,5%	3,2%
Prepaid customers	0,288	0,277	0,278	0,268	0,265
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,003	-0,011	0,002	-0,010	-0,003
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-6,6%	-6,5%	-7,1%	-7,7%	-7,9%
Total active customers	0,558	0,559	0,558	0,548	0,536
- as a % of total customers	88,2%	89,4%	88,5%	88,0%	86,4%
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,010	0,002	-0,001	-0,010	-0,012
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-1,1%	-1,0%	-2,8%	-3,5%	-3,8%

IV.3 Guyane: total customers and total active customers segmentation



	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
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Total customers	0,299	0,296	0,294	0,297	0,295
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,001	-0,003	-0,002	0,004	-0,002
- Year on year net growth (in %)	4,4%	1,2%	-1,2%	-0,8%	-1,2%
Penetration Rate	112,0%	110,8%	107,1%	108,4%	107,6%
<i>Population at January the 1st of previous year (source: Insee)</i>	0,267		0,274		
Postpaid customers	0,120	0,122	0,124	0,125	0,125
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,001	0,003	0,001	0,001	0,000
- Year on year net growth (in %)	2,5%	3,6%	3,9%	4,8%	4,6%
Prepaid customers	0,179	0,173	0,170	0,172	0,170
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,002	-0,006	-0,003	0,002	-0,003
- Year on year net growth (in %)	5,7%	-0,4%	-4,6%	-4,5%	-5,1%
Total active customers	0,262	0,260	0,259	0,260	0,258
- as a % of total customers	87,8%	87,9%	88,4%	87,6%	87,5%
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,001	-0,002	-0,001	0,001	-0,002
- Year on year net growth (in %)	0,1%	-2,4%	-0,5%	-0,5%	-1,6%

IV.4 Martinique: total customers and total active customers segmentation



	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
Total customers	0,529	0,525	0,527	0,527	0,527
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,004	-0,004	0,002	0,000	0,000
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-2,5%	-2,1%	-2,3%	-1,2%	-0,4%
Penetration Rate	139,9%	138,8%	140,6%	140,6%	140,6%
<i>Population at January the 1st of previous year (source: Insee)</i>	0,378		0,375		
Postpaid customers	0,319	0,322	0,324	0,326	0,326
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,001	0,003	0,002	0,001	0,000
- Year on year net growth (in %)	1,7%	2,3%	2,4%	2,4%	2,1%
Prepaid customers	0,210	0,202	0,203	0,201	0,201
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,006	-0,007	0,000	-0,001	0,000
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-8,3%	-8,5%	-9,0%	-6,5%	-4,2%
Total active customers	0,458	0,460	0,459	0,453	0,445
- as a % of total customers	86,5%	87,8%	87,1%	85,9%	84,5%
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,003	0,003	-0,001	-0,006	-0,008
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-3,0%	-2,2%	-1,1%	-1,7%	-2,8%

IV.5 Mayotte: total customers and total active customers segmentation



	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
Total customers	0,277	0,281	0,280	0,281	0,283
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,000	0,005	-0,002	0,001	0,002
- Year on year net growth (in %)	12,7%	8,9%	4,6%	1,4%	2,2%
Penetration Rate	115,5%	117,5%	112,2%	112,6%	113,5%
<i>Population at January the 1st of previous year (source: Insee)</i>	0,240		0,249		
Postpaid customers	0,066	0,065	0,066	0,065	0,065
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,000	-0,001	0,001	0,000	0,000
- Year on year net growth (in %)	7,2%	3,1%	1,7%	0,1%	-0,8%
Prepaid customers	0,211	0,216	0,214	0,215	0,218
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,001	0,005	-0,002	0,001	0,002
- Year on year net growth (in %)	14,5%	10,8%	5,6%	1,7%	3,1%
Total active customers	0,224	0,236	0,241	0,241	0,242
- as a % of total customers	80,8%	83,8%	86,4%	85,8%	85,6%
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,006	0,012	0,006	-0,001	0,001
- Year on year net growth (in %)	4,7%	6,4%	6,9%	4,9%	8,2%

IV. 6 Réunion: total customers and total active customers segmentation



	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
Total customers	0,866	0,875	0,871	0,869	0,870
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,007	0,009	-0,003	-0,003	0,001
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-0,2%	-0,3%	-0,5%	-0,5%	0,5%
Penetration Rate	101,2%	102,2%	101,2%	100,9%	101,1%
<i>Population at January the 1st of previous year (source: Insee)</i>	0,856		0,861		
Postpaid customers	0,675	0,692	0,700	0,709	0,723
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,005	0,017	0,008	0,009	0,014
- Year on year net growth (in %)	4,6%	5,0%	5,2%	5,7%	7,1%
Prepaid customers	0,191	0,183	0,172	0,160	0,147
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,012	-0,008	-0,011	-0,011	-0,013
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-14,2%	-16,3%	-18,4%	-21,0%	-22,9%
Total active customers	0,822	0,845	0,842	0,843	0,851
- as a % of total customers	94,9%	96,6%	96,6%	97,1%	97,8%
- Quarterly Net Adds	-0,008	0,023	-0,003	0,002	0,007
- Year on year net growth (in %)	-0,3%	1,0%	1,1%	1,7%	3,5%

B - Internet of things : MtoM SIM cards

I. MtoM CARDS OF FRENCH OPERATORS

	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
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MtoM SIM cards	14,272	14,899	15,685	16,561	17,246
-Gross sales for the quarter	0,735	0,738	0,918	1,012	0,838
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,588	0,626	0,786	0,876	0,685
- Year on year net growth (in %)	30,6%	26,9%	23,8%	21,0%	20,8%

I.1 MtoM CARDS OF FRENCH OPERATORS - METROPOLITAN

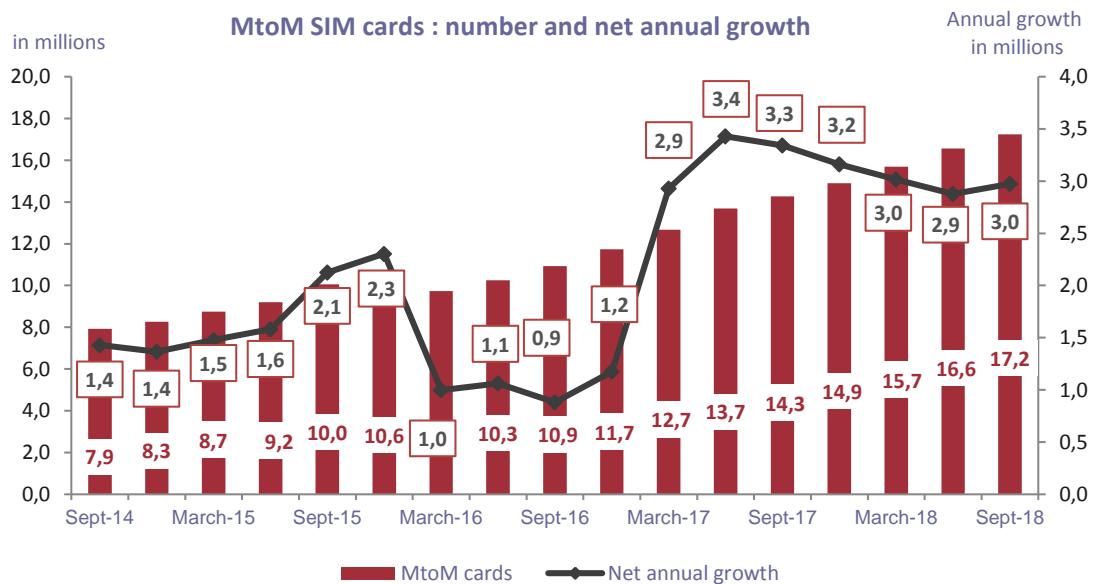
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MtoM SIM cards	14,247	14,873	15,659	16,535	17,220
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,588	0,626	0,786	0,876	0,685
- Year on year net growth (in %)	30,7%	27,0%	23,9%	21,1%	20,9%

I.2 MtoM CARDS OF FRENCH OPERATORS - OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS

	Sept-17	Dece-17	March-18	June-18	Sept-18
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MtoM SIM cards	0,025	0,025	0,026	0,026	0,026
- Quarterly Net Adds	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000
- Year on year net growth (in %)	1,5%	-0,7%	1,0%	3,2%	3,0%



Appendix: DEFINITIONS

Total SIM cards: Total SIM cards registered with an operator's Home Location Register (HLR) or in the Home Subscriber Server (HSS) at the date in question. So, for business clients, each line is considered as a post-paid contract. Post-paid cards are those whose service is invoiced regularly (packages, metered offers, blocked accounts, etc.). By default, any non-post-paying client is considered to be a pre-paying client.

Internet SIM cards: number of SIM cards sold by mobile operators (flat rates or prepaid cards), to be used solely for accessing the Internet (PCMCIA cards, 3G/4G USB keys). These cards cannot be used to make voice calls.

Gross sales: total SIM cards at the end of the quarter which are registered with the HLR/HSS during the quarter. They exclude migrations: pre-paid to post-paid migration corresponds to clients asking their operator to replace their pre-paid offer in force at the beginning of the quarter with a post-paid offer; conversely, post-paid to pre-paid migration corresponds to clients asking their operator to replace their post-paid offer in force at the beginning of the quarter with a pre-paid offer.

Cancellation: Total SIM cards at the beginning of the quarter whose registration in the HLR/HSS was deleted during the quarter. Modifications to the registration in the HLR/HSS are not cancellations. So, this definition does not cover changes in offers within a line, or pre- to post-paid migrations or post- to pre-paid migrations, or service suspensions.

Penetration rate: Penetration rate: it is obtained by dividing the total number of clients by the population. The reference population is 1st January of the year N-1 published by Insee on the 1st January of the year N. The reference population in 2017, comes from estimates published in January 2017 (and therefore of the population for January 1st, 2016).

Customers not under commitment contract: a client under a commitment contract is any client having taken out or renewed a contract (out of all or part of the contracts related to mobile service) for a minimum period not having expired at the date in question. A client not under commitment contract is any client not having a contract.

Total active customers: the number of active clients equals to all post-paid customers under contract and pre-paid customers under contract having made or received a telephone call, whether free or paid, sent a SMS, MMS used a multimedia (e-mail, internet) service during the past three months (not including incoming SMS).

Number of ported numbers : is calculated as half of the volume of numbers of "in" porting and "out" porting done by all operators. "In" porting is considered to be an effective porting from the receiving operator's point of view. "Out" porting is an effective porting from the donor operator's point of view.

Total MtoM cards: number of SIM cards used for communication between remote equipment (remote management of equipment, terminals and servers, fixed or mobile). The communications from these cards are generally carried out without human intervention. These cards are used for example for tracking of objects and tools (fleets of vehicles, machinery, etc.), for purposes of updating of data (surveys at distance of meters, sensors...), for the identification and monitoring of all kinds (alarms, remote actions...), the list of those uses where communication is from "machine to machine" is not limited. Are taken into account the MtoM SIM cards, the communication was done only in downstream, only upstream or both. The cards used for interpersonal communication and exclusive internet cards are not included here.

Operators

- Metropolitan mobile network operators: Bouygues Telecom, Free mobile, Orange, Société Française du Radiotéléphone (SFR).
- Overseas mobile network operators : Dauphin Telecom, Digicel AFG, Globaltel, Orange Caraïbes, Orange Réunion, Outremer Telecom, SAS SPM, Société Réunionnaise du Radiotéléphone (SRR), Telco OI, UTS Caraïbe.
- Mobile Virtual Network Operators independent of mobile network operators active on the quarter.