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Overview

How many 5G stations are there in the UAE?

5G is well-deployed in major urban areas and along main transport routes, but less so in more rural areas. The UAE is estimated to have approximately 7,000 5G base stations, representing seven stations per 10,000 residents. The two principal network operators (Etisalat by e& and Du) as well as the main VMNO Virgin Mobile offer 5G connectivity.

When did 5G start in the UAE?

The first full commercial 5G mobile service in the MEA region was introduced by Etisalat in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in May 2019, followed closely by its domestic rival Du the following month. Etisalat switched on the region's first pre-commercial 5G networks in select Abu Dhabi and Dubai locations in January 2018.

Does Dubai have 5G?

In May 2019, with 5G-capable handsets now available to UAE customers, the Etisalat network was opened for full mobile use. By February 2023, the 5G network served all main urban areas and many connecting highways, including Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Fujairah, Ras Al-Kaimah, and Umm Al-Quwain, with a population coverage of 97%.

How many 5G networks are there in the Middle East?

This includes eight in the Middle East and 10 in Africa. The first full commercial 5G mobile service in the MEA region was introduced by Etisalat in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in May 2019, followed closely by its domestic rival Du the following month.

What is the UAE Strategy for 5G & beyond?

This is in line with the UAE Strategy for 5G and Beyond (2020-2025), which includes enabling and achieving long-term social and economic benefits in

various areas such as manufacturing, transportation, healthcare, and education. 6 The TDRA published a White Paper on 5G roles in Industry Digitalisation in the UAE in October 2022 (White Paper).

Who is the largest 5G provider in Saudi Arabia?

The largest 5G provider in Saudi Arabia—and the MEA region—is Saudi Telecom Company (stc), which claimed 5.6 million 5G subscriptions by December 2022. Having inked network rollout agreements with equipment suppliers like Huawei, Nokia, and Ericsson, stc has more than 75 cities and towns in its 5G footprint.

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