



# INFORMATION

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## DSL Subscribers to 31 December 2004 - FACTS

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### Fact Sheet - 1

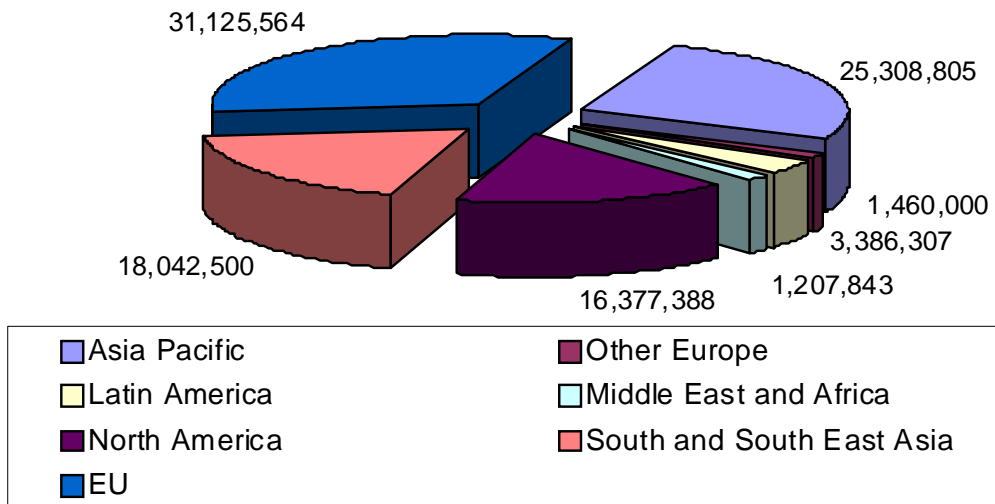
*All data prepared for the DSL Forum by Point Topic*

Global growth in DSL subscribers in 2004 was 35.5 million, to reach a total of 96.9 million.

REGION	Q0403	Q0404	000's Growth in the period	% Growth in the period
Asia Pacific	20,079,299	25,308,805	5,229,506	26.04
Other Europe	862,800	1,460,000	597,200	69.22
Latin America	1,661,871	3,386,307	1,724,436	103.76
Middle East and Africa	544,337	1,207,843	663,506	121.89
North America	11,569,171	16,377,388	4,808,217	41.56
South and South East Asia	9,239,824	18,042,500	8,802,676	95.27
EU	17,404,010	31,125,564	13,721,554	78.84
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>61,361,312</b>	<b>96,908,407</b>	<b>35,547,095</b>	<b>57.93</b>

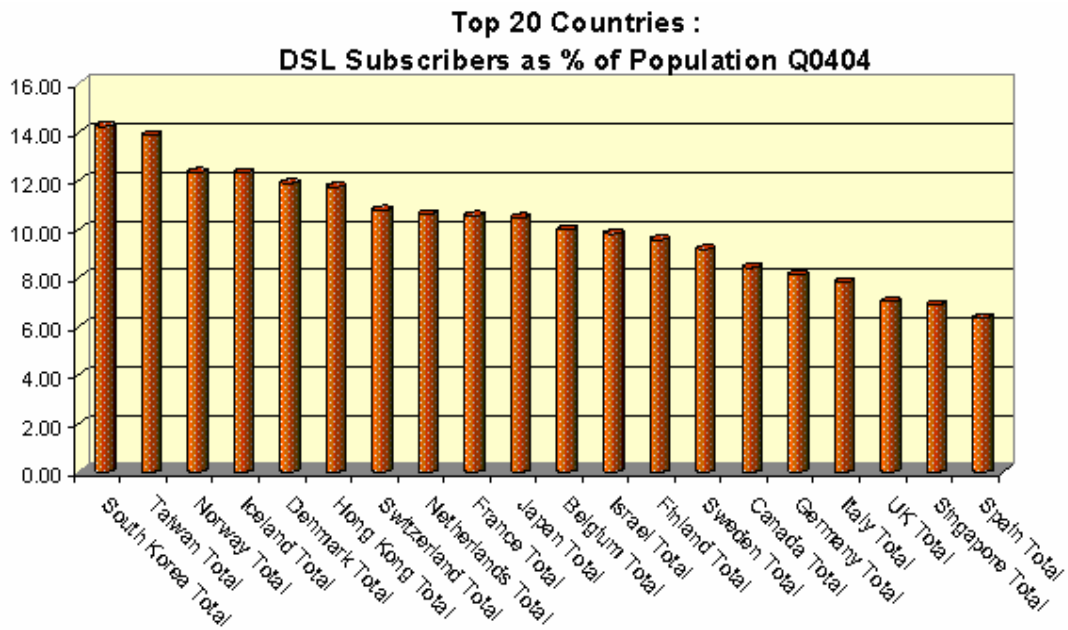
Fastest growing regions were Middle East and Africa and Latin America, both at over 100%. At a global level, the growth rate was almost 58%.

**Regional Breakdown of DSL Subscribers Q0404**



European Union countries represent the largest regional DSL population in the world, followed by Asia Pacific, South and South East Asia and North America.

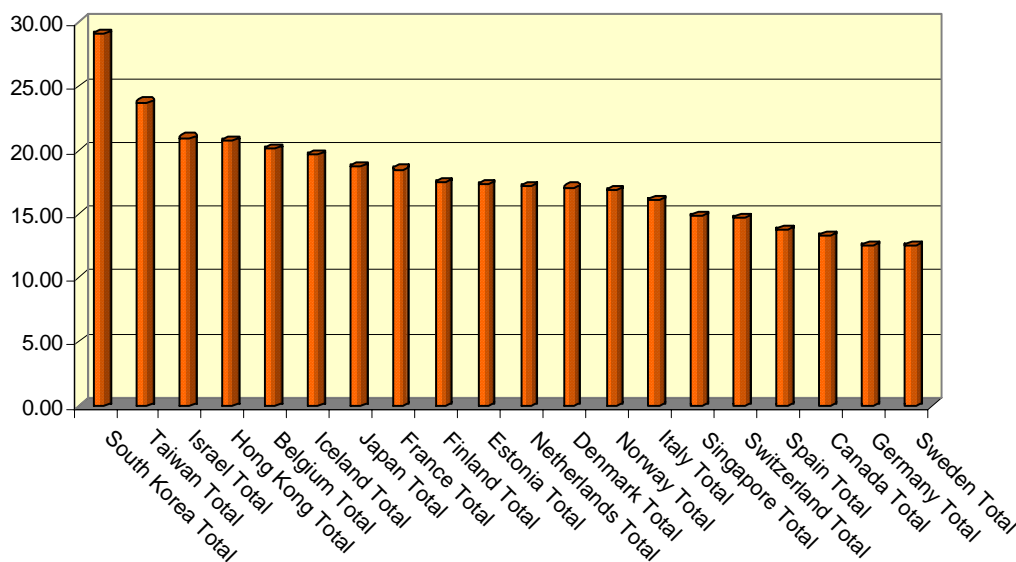
Region	Q04 04 Total	% of total DSL Subscribers by Region
<b>EUROPEAN UNION</b>	31,125,564	32.12
<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>	25,308,805	26.12
<b>SOUTH &amp; SE ASIA</b>	18,042,500	18.62
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>	16,377,388	16.90
<b>LATIN AMERICA</b>	3,386,307	3.49
<b>OTHER EUROPE</b>	1,460,000	1.51
<b>MIDDLE EAST &amp; AFRICA</b>	1,207,843	1.25
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>96,908,407</b>	<b>100.00</b>



In 20 countries, at least six in every hundred people are broadband DSL subscribers and in eleven countries, this rises to at least ten in every hundred.

In five countries, over 20 per cent of main telephone lines are delivering broadband DSL services and in a further nine countries, penetration of telephone lines is over 15 per cent.

**Top 20 Countries by Pen of Tel Lines Q04 04**



### **About the DSL Forum**

**The DSL Forum** is an international industry consortium of over 200 leading service providers, equipment manufacturers and other interested parties, focused on developing the full potential of broadband DSL to meet the needs of the mass market. It works to streamline processes, develop specifications and share best practices that set the stage for effective deployments, and explosive global DSL growth. It has set a target of 500 million broadband DSL subscribers by 2010. By developing new standards and embracing new applications, DSL Forum is tailoring DSL to meet the needs of the next generation of multi-media services and the online community. Established in 1994, more information about the DSL Forum is available from its industry site [www.dslforum.org](http://www.dslforum.org). Information tailored to end-users is available on [www.dsllife.com](http://www.dsllife.com).

DSL - more than a phone line - it's a global solution.

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