Press release

#### FIXED BROADBAND AND SUPERFAST BROADBAND MARKET

# In 10 years, fibre subscriptions in France have increased from 1 million to 25.1 million

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Today, Arcep is publishing its scorecard for the fixed broadband and superfast broadband market in France as of the end of March 2025.

## <u>ROLLOUTS</u>: As of 31 March 2025, 92% of premises in Metropolitan France were eligible to subscribe to a fibre plan, with 3.7 million remaining to be passed

- At the end of March 2025, optical fibre coverage stood at 92%. Of the 44.8 million premises in Metropolitan France inventoried by operators, 41.1 million were passed for FttH, while 3.7 million still remained to be covered.
- The pace of rollouts held steady over the course of Q1 2025, with 500,000 additional premises passed for FttH – or 27% fewer than in Q1 2024.
  - 300,000 additional premises in lower density, public-initiative areas were rendered eligible for FttH access, with 1.8 million premises remaining to be covered.
  - 130,000 additional premises in lower density, private-initiative areas were rendered eligible for FttH access, with 1.3 million premises remaining to be covered.
  - 20,000 additional premises were passed for FttH in those areas covered by calls for expressions of local interest (called "zones AMEL" in French), with 160,000 premises remaining to be covered.
  - 50,000 additional premises in very high density areas were passed for FttH, with 470,000 premises remaining to be covered.
- As of 31 March 2025, 42.2 million premises (or 94% of inventoried premises) were covered by fixed superfast broadband services (Fibre, VDSL2, cable).

### Monitoring FttH rollouts in "AMII" and "AMEL" areas

Arcep is responsible for monitoring operators' compliance with the commitments <sup>1</sup> they have made, and publishes regular progress reports on their deployments.

At the end of March 2025, in those parts of the country where the Government has issued a call for investment letters of intent ("zones AMII"):

- around 93% of the premises for which Orange has made a commitment had been made eligible for fibre access;
- and around 97% of those in municipalities where SFR has made a commitment had been made eligible for fibre access.

Details regarding the progress of individual "AMEL" project commitments (i.e. legally binding FttH rollout commitments that certain operators<sup>2</sup> have made to local authorities, as part of calls for expressions of local interest) can be found in pages 19 to 23 of the publication.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.arcep.fr/la-regulation/grands-dossiers-reseaux-fixes/la-fibre/les-engagements-de-couverture-fibre-enzone-moins-dense.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Altitude Infra subsidiaries (Coraï, PIXL), Orange, XpFibre, and XpFibre subsidiaries (Saône-et-Loire THD, Savoie Connectée)

### Tracking FttH rollouts with "Ma connexion internet"

The "Déploiements fibre" maps on the "Ma connexion Internet" website (formerly cartefibre.arcep.fr) allow users to track the progress of FttH rollouts in a very detailed fashion.



The information associated with these rollout maps is available as open data.

## <u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>: As of end March 2025, 25.1 million internet subscriptions in France were to a fibre (FttH) plan, representing or 77% of all fixed plan subscriptions.

- Subscriptions to fibre plans grew by +740,000 in Q1 2025, compared to +810,000 in the first quarter of 2024. Despite a decrease in the pace of rollouts over the past three years, progress in subscription numbers remains steady. The number of FttH subscriptions thus stood at 25.1 million at the end of March 2025, which represents 77% all internet subscriptions and 91% of all superfast internet subscriptions
- The increase in FttH subscribers is the main reason for the ongoing growth of superfast broadband subscriptions (+ 650,000 in Q1 2025, compared to + 680,000 in Q1 2024). In addition to fibre, these subscriptions include VDSL2, cable, satellite, superfast wireless and fixed 4G and 5G plans. Superfast broadband subscriptions stood at 27.4 million as of 31 March 2025, or 84% of all internet subscriptions in Metropolitan France.
- The number of "classic" broadband subscriptions continues to shrink: 550,000 in Q1 2025, compared to
  610,000 in Q1 2024. Their numbers had dropped to 5.3 million as of end of March 2025.
- The number of broadband and superfast broadband subscriptions stood at 32.7 million as of 31 March 2025. This marks a slight uptick in the pace of internet subscription growth for the second quarter in a row, with 100,000 additional subscriptions recorded in Q1 2025, compared to + 70,000 in Q1 2024.

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### **Associated documents**

- > Scorecard for fixed broadband and superfast broadband services figures for Q1 2025
- > Maconnexioninternet.arcep.fr, to obtain detailed information on fixed internet access coverage, particularly thanks to FttH rollout maps (which are also still available at <a href="https://cartefibre.arcep.fr/">https://cartefibre.arcep.fr/</a>)
- > Open data: data on fibre and data on all access technologies

#### Arcep at a glance

The Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications, Postal Affairs and Print Media Distribution (Arcep), a neutral and expert arbitrator with the status of independent administrative authority (IAA), is the architect and guardian of internet, fixed and mobile electronic communications, postal and press distribution networks in France

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