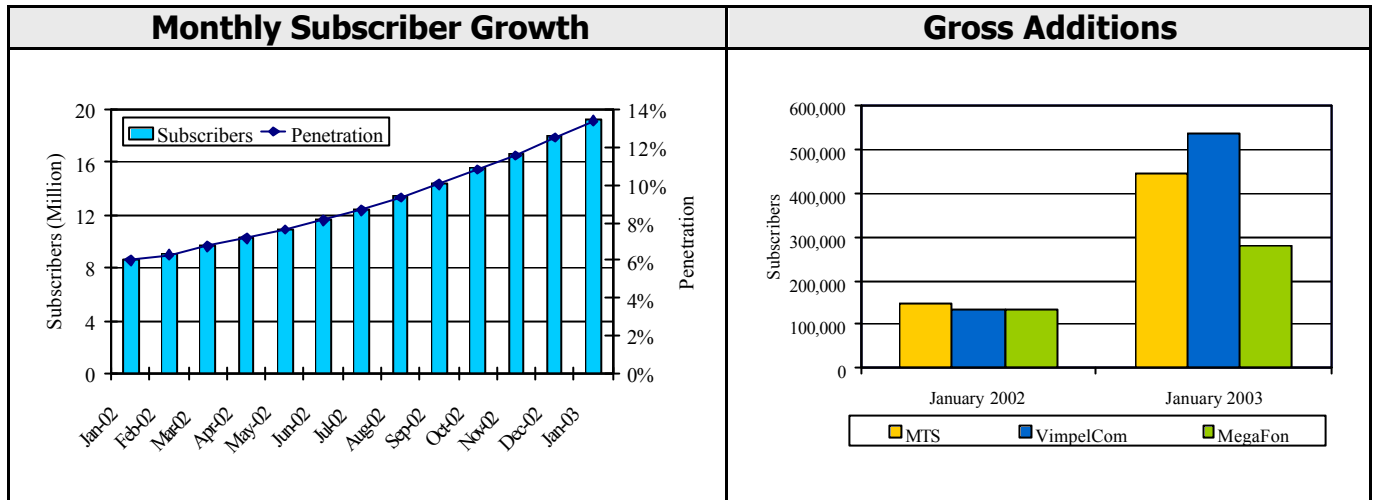


Russian Cellular Market Watch

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Statistics: In January, the number of cellular subscribers in Russia (GSM, TDMA/DAMPS, NMT, IS-95) rose 6.9% reaching **19.28 million**.



Sources: J'son & Partners; Sotovik

Additions: Gross additions in January were 1.25 million subscribers. The overall penetration in Russia reached almost 13.4% of the population. The penetration in Moscow License Area¹ (MLA) broke 50% at the end of this month.

Top 10 Cellular Operators:

Operator	Total Subs as of January 31	Moscow Subs as of January 31
1. MTS	7,058,000	3,240,000
2. VimpelCom*	5,620,000	3,880,000
3. MegaFon	3,231,751	361,118
4. SMARTS Group	590,000	n/a
5. Uralsvyazinform**	471,600	n/a
6. TAIF-Telcom	296,375	n/a
7. N. Novgorod Cellular	180,000	n/a
8. Tatincom	119,081	n/a
9. Tomsk Cellular Communications	107,216	n/a
10. Delta Telecom	101,000	n/a

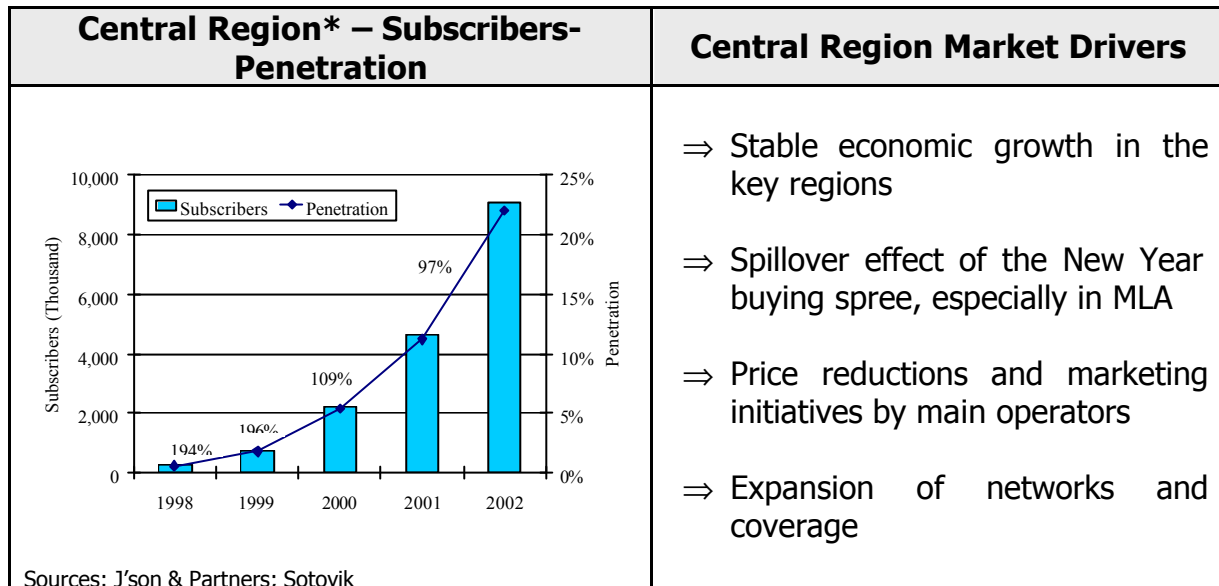
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* including StavTeleSot

** consolidated all regions and standards

¹ Moscow License Area (MLA) includes Moscow and Moscow oblast.

Regional Snapshot: The Central Region with its current population of 41.3 million has the highest level of penetration in Russia. The Moscow Licensed Area still accounts for the majority of subscribers and gross additions. The total subscriber base in the Central Region reached 9.5 million by the end of January, bringing the penetration level to 23%. Not counting Moscow and Moscow region, the overall penetration level drops to a mere 6.6%.



* The Central Region: Belgorod Oblast, Bryansk Oblast, Ivanovo Oblast, Kaluga Oblast, Kostroma Oblast, Kursk Oblast, Lipetsk Oblast, Moscow, Moscow Oblast, N. Novgorod Oblast, Oryol Oblast, Ryazan Oblast, Smolensk Oblast, Tambov Oblast, Tula Oblast, Tver Oblast, Vladimir Oblast, Voronezh Oblast, Yaroslavl Oblast

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