

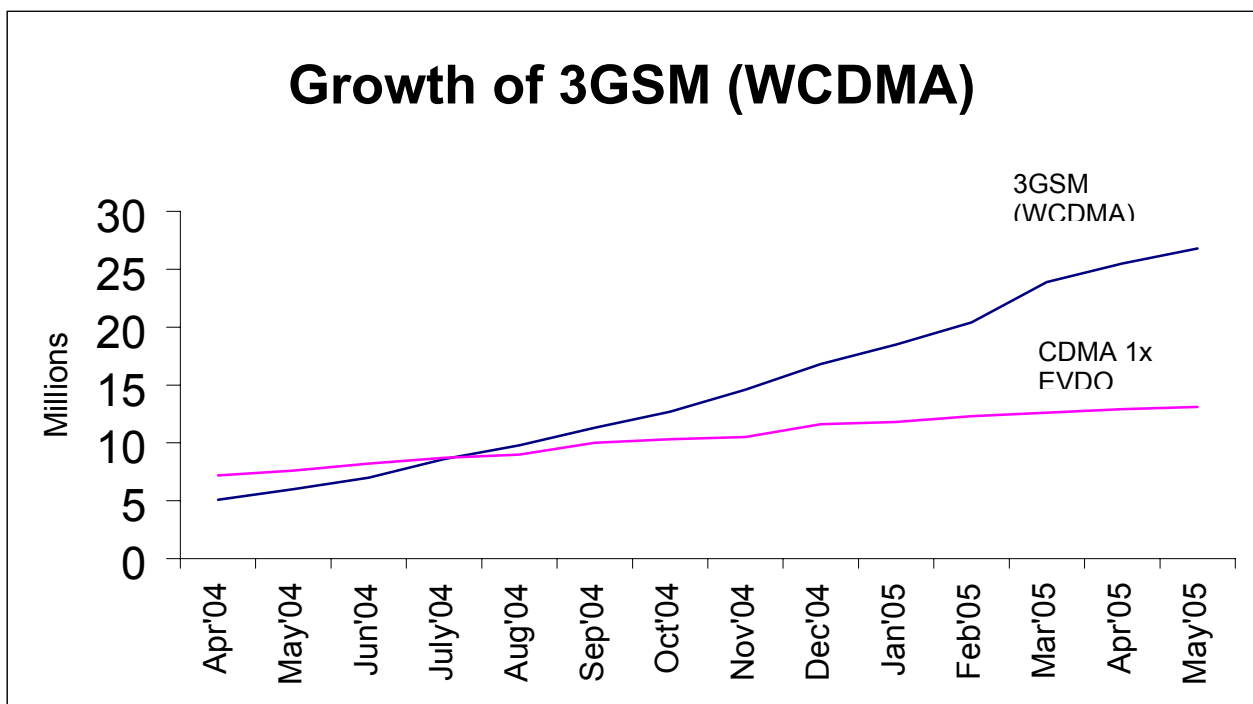
# News Flash



## Rapid Growth of 3GSM (WCDMA)

The shift to 3G with 3GSM (WCDMA) is at an advanced phase. There was a 46% increase in the number of 3GSM (WCDMA) subscribers during the first four months of 2005 and the number was 24.1 million subscribers as on April 30, 2005.

The 3GSM (WCDMA) - EVDO crossover took place in July 2004. Since then there has been a rapid growth in the subscriber numbers of 3GSM (WCDMA) as compared to EVDO. The graph below shows the gap between subscribers of the two, which has been widening since the crossover took place.



At present there are 71 commercial (3GSM) WCDMA operators in 33 countries and 134 3GSM (WCDMA) licenses have been awarded in 48 countries. There are 166 3GSM (WCDMA) devices in the market. The growth in 3GSM (WCDMA) terminal models has been at a rapid pace as shown below:

