

Background on CTIA's Semi-Annual Wireless Industry Survey

CTIA-The Wireless Association®'s Semi-annual wireless industry survey develops industry-wide information drawn from operational member and non-member wireless service providers. It has been conducted since January 1985, originally as a cellular-only survey instrument, and now including PCS, ESMR, AWS and 700 MHz license holders. No break-out of results specific to spectrum bands or licenses is performed.

The information solicited from the service providers includes: direct employment, number of cell sites, total service revenues, roaming revenues as a subset of total service revenues, the average local monthly bill, and the average length of call. The average local monthly bill is developed on a weighted basis, to avoid skewing the figures. It is not an average of averages. No adjustments are made to these figures.

The CTIA survey also develops information on the number of reported wireless service subscribers or "connections" for the responding systems, and an estimated total wireless connections figure (taking into account non-responding systems). Because the CTIA survey is a voluntary survey, it cannot compel responses from wireless carriers. However, the survey has an excellent response rate. For the December 31, 2010, installment of the semi-annual survey, CTIA received responses from companies serving 96 percent of all estimated wireless subscribers.

Because not all systems do respond, CTIA develops an estimate of total wireless connections. The estimate is developed by determining the identity and character of non-responding markets (*e.g.*, RSA/MSA or equivalent-market designation, age of system, market population), and using surrogate penetration and growth rates applicable to similar, known systems to derive probable subscribership. These numbers are then summed with the reported subscriber connection numbers to reach the total estimated figures. No carrier-specific or market-specific information is maintained as a result of the survey. All such information is aggregated by an independent accounting firm to a nationwide level. The underlying source material for the survey is then destroyed per confidentiality agreements.

The following tables and charts reflect selected top-of-the-line data. Complete results of CTIA's semi-annual survey are available for purchase in the comprehensive report, *CTIA's Wireless Industry Indices: 1985 – 2010*, including data on revenues, subscriber usage, investment, and other operational indicators and ratios. The report is available for a member price of \$850 and a non-member price of \$1,075. Subsequent copies are available to members at \$475 each and to non-members at \$535 each. Annual subscriptions are available at a member price of \$1,445 and non-member price of \$1,825. The report may be ordered by contacting research@ctia.org or by ordering directly from CTIA's Research eStore at http://www.ctia.org/store/producttypeperesults.cfm?group_id=1. Order forms are also available on CTIA's web site, at http://files.ctia.org/pdf/Indices_Order_Form1.pdf.

CTIA-THE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION®
ANNUALIZED WIRELESS INDUSTRY SURVEY RESULTS - DECEMBER 1985 TO DECEMBER 2010

Date	Estimated Total Connections	Twelve-Month Total Service Revenues (in \$000s)	12-Month Roamer Revenues (in \$000s)	Cell Sites	Direct Service Provider Employees	Average Local Monthly Bill (Dec. Survey Periods)	Average Local Call Length (Dec. Survey Periods)
1985	340,213	\$482,428	N/A	913	2,727	N/A	N/A
1986	681,825	\$823,052	N/A	1,531	4,334	N/A	N/A
1987	1,230,855	\$1,151,519	N/A	2,305	7,147	\$96.83	2.33
1988	2,069,441	\$1,959,548	N/A	3,209	11,400	\$98.02	2.26
1989	3,508,944	\$3,340,595	\$294,567	4,169	15,927	\$89.30	2.48
1990	5,283,055	\$4,548,820	\$456,010	5,616	21,382	\$80.90	2.20
1991	7,557,148	\$5,708,522	\$703,651	7,847	26,327	\$72.74	2.38
1992	11,032,753	\$7,822,726	\$ 973,871	10,307	34,348	\$68.68	2.58
1993	16,009,461	\$10,892,175	\$1,361,613	12,824	39,810	\$61.49	2.41
1994	24,134,421	\$14,229,922	\$1,830,782	17,920	53,902	\$56.21	2.24
1995	33,785,661	\$19,081,239	\$2,542,570	22,663	68,165	\$51.00	2.15
1996	44,042,992	\$23,634,971	\$2,780,935	30,045	84,161	\$47.70	2.32
1997	55,312,293	\$27,485,633	\$2,974,205	51,600	109,387	\$42.78	2.31
1998	69,209,321	\$33,133,175	\$3,500,469	65,887	134,754	\$39.43	2.39
1999	86,047,003	\$40,018,489	\$4,085,417	81,698	155,817	\$41.24	2.38
2000	109,478,031	\$52,466,020	\$3,882,981	104,288	184,449	\$45.27	2.56
2001	128,374,512	\$65,316,235	\$3,752,826	127,540	203,580	\$47.37	2.74
2002	140,766,842	\$76,508,187	\$3,895,512	139,338	192,410	\$48.40	2.73
2003	158,721,981	\$87,624,093	\$3,766,267	162,986	205,629	\$49.91	3.07
2004	182,140,362	\$102,121,210	\$4,210,331	175,725	226,016	\$50.64	3.05
2005	207,896,198	\$113,538,221	\$3,786,331	183,689	233,067	\$49.98	3.00
2006	233,040,781	\$125,456,825	\$3,494,294	195,613	253,793	\$50.56	3.03
2007	255,395,599	\$138,869,304	\$3,742,015	213,299	266,782	\$49.79	N/A
2008	270,333,881	\$148,084,170	\$3,739,274	242,130	268,528	\$50.07	2.27
2009	285,646,191	\$152,551,854	\$3,061,344	247,081	249,247	\$48.16	1.81
2010	302,859,674	\$159,929,648	\$3,026,009	253,086	250,393	\$47.21	1.79

CTIA'S SEMI-ANNUAL WIRELESS INDUSTRY SURVEY RESULTS

DECEMBER 1985 – DECEMBER 2010

Date	Estimated Connections	Total Six-Month Revenues (\$000)	Roamer Service Revenues (\$000)	Cell Sites	Employees	Average Local Monthly Bill	Avg. Local Call Length (Min)	Avg. Roam Call Length
Dec-85	340,213	\$306,197	N/A	913	2,727	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jun-86	500,000	\$360,585	N/A	1,194	3,556	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dec-86	681,825	\$462,467	N/A	1,531	4,334	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jun-87	883,778	\$479,514	N/A	1,732	5,656	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dec-87	1,230,855	\$672,005	N/A	2,305	7,147	\$96.83	N/A	N/A
Jun-88	1,608,697	\$886,075	N/A	2,789	9,154	\$95.00	N/A	N/A
Dec-88	2,069,441	\$1,073,473	\$89,331	3,209	11,400	\$98.02	N/A	N/A
Jun-89	2,691,793	\$1,406,463	\$121,368	3,577	13,719	\$85.52	N/A	N/A
Dec-89	3,508,944	\$1,934,132	\$173,199	4,169	15,927	\$89.30	N/A	N/A
Jun-90	4,368,686	\$2,126,362	\$192,350	4,768	18,973	\$83.94	N/A	N/A
Dec-90	5,283,055	\$2,422,458	\$263,660	5,616	21,382	\$80.90	N/A	N/A
Jun-91	6,380,053	\$2,653,505	\$302,329	6,685	25,545	\$74.56	N/A	N/A
Dec-91	7,557,148	\$3,055,017	\$401,325	7,847	26,327	\$72.74	N/A	N/A
Jun-92	8,892,535	\$3,633,285	\$436,725	8,901	30,595	\$68.51	N/A	N/A
Dec-92	11,032,753	\$4,189,441	\$537,146	10,307	34,348	\$68.68	N/A	N/A
Jun-93	13,067,318	\$4,819,259	\$587,347	11,551	36,501	\$67.31	2.38	3.38
Dec-93	16,009,461	\$6,075,916	\$774,266	12,824	39,810	\$61.49	2.41	3.26
Jun-94	19,283,306	\$6,519,031	\$778,116	14,740	45,622	\$58.65	2.36	2.89
Dec-94	24,134,421	\$7,710,891	\$1,052,666	17,920	53,902	\$56.21	2.24	2.85
Jun-95	28,154,414	\$8,749,625	\$1,120,337	19,844	60,689	\$52.45	2.27	2.74
Dec-95	33,758,661	\$10,330,614	\$1,422,233	22,663	68,165	\$51.00	2.15	2.79
Jun-96	38,195,466	\$11,194,247	\$1,314,943	24,802	73,365	\$48.84	2.24	2.8
Dec-96	44,042,992	\$12,440,724	\$1,465,992	30,045	84,161	\$47.70	2.32	3.14
Jun-97	48,705,553	\$13,134,551	\$1,392,440	38,650	97,039	\$43.86	2.25	2.95
Dec-97	55,312,293	\$14,351,082	\$1,581,765	51,600	109,387	\$42.78	2.31	2.94
Jun-98	60,831,431	\$15,286,660	\$1,584,891	57,674	113,111	\$39.88	2.34	2.65
Dec-98	69,209,321	\$17,846,515	\$1,915,578	65,887	134,754	\$39.43	2.39	3.11

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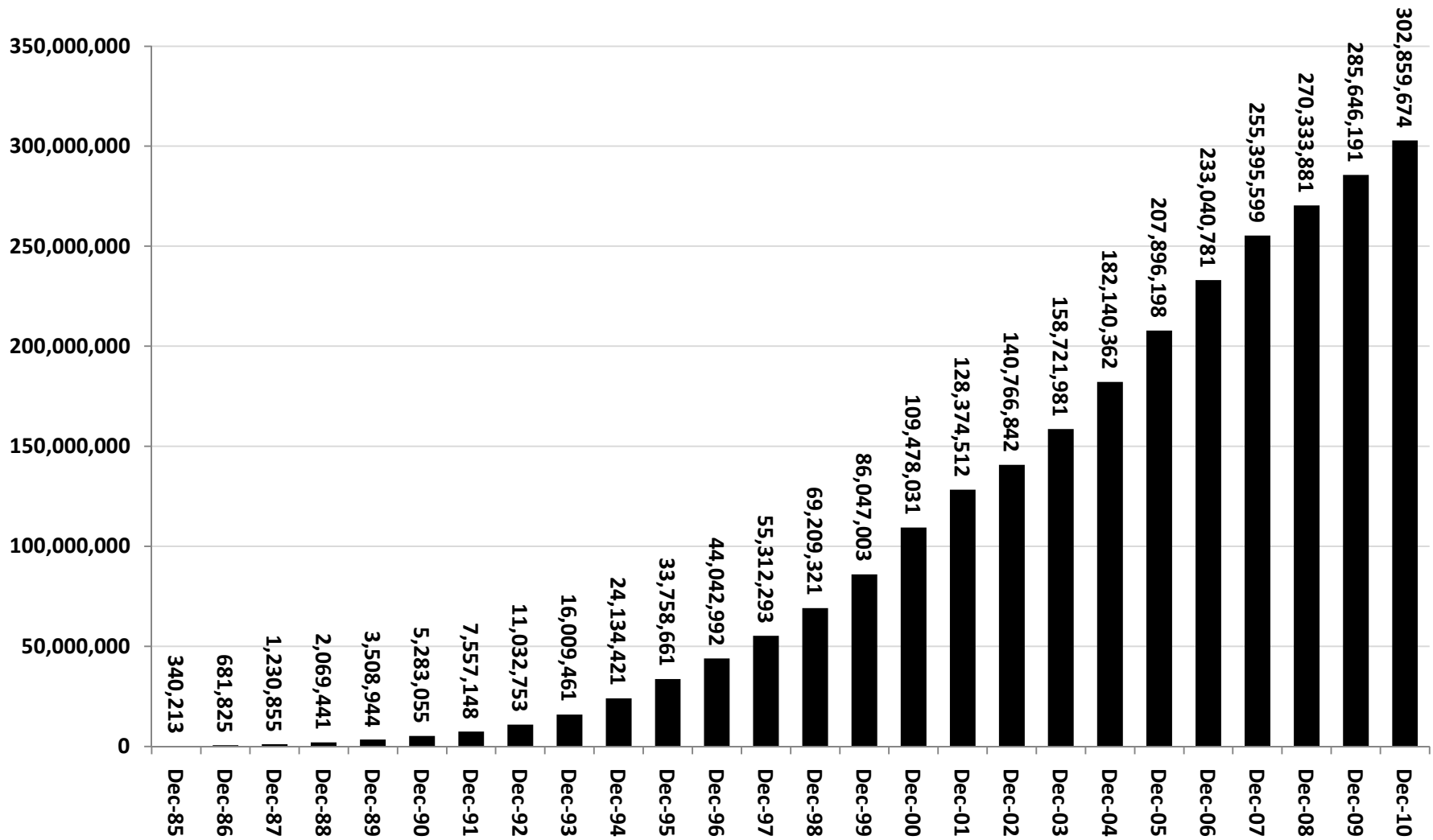
DECEMBER 1985 – DECEMBER 2010

Date	Estimated Connections	Total Six-Month Revenues (\$000)	Roamer Service Revenues (\$000)	Cell Sites	Employees	Average Local Monthly Bill	Avg. Local Call Length (Min)	Avg. Roam Call Length
Jun-99	76,284,753	\$19,368,304	\$1,922,416	74,157	141,929	\$40.24	2.40	2.96
Dec-99	86,047,003	\$20,650,185	\$2,163,001	81,698	155,817	\$41.24	2.38	3.11
Jun-00	97,035,925	\$24,645,365	\$1,971,625	95,733	159,645	\$45.15	2.48	3.19
Dec-00	109,478,031	\$27,820,655	\$1,911,356	104,288	184,449	\$45.27	2.56	3.23
Jun-01	118,397,734	\$30,905,721	\$1,727,058	114,059	186,317	\$45.56	2.62	3.01
Dec-01	128,374,512	\$34,410,513	\$2,205,768	127,540	203,580	\$47.37	2.74	2.94
Jun-02	134,561,370	\$36,707,086	\$1,846,267	131,350	186,956	\$47.42	2.60	3.07
Dec-02	140,766,842	\$39,801,101	\$2,049,245	139,338	192,410	\$48.40	2.73	3.11
Jun-03	148,065,824	\$41,384,171	\$1,825,243	147,719	187,169	\$49.46	2.63	3.15
Dec-03	158,721,981	\$46,239,922	\$1,941,024	162,986	205,629	\$49.91	3.07	3.45
Jun-04	169,467,393	\$49,275,671	\$2,015,799	174,368	212,186	\$49.49	3.06	3.45
Dec-04	182,140,362	\$52,845,539	\$2,194,532	175,725	226,016	\$50.64	3.05	2.80
Jun-05	194,479,364	\$55,689,208	\$1,941,960	178,025	225,162	\$49.52	3.04	2.66
Dec-05	207,896,198	\$57,849,013	\$1,844,371	183,689	233,067	\$49.98	3.00	3.36
Jun-06	219,652,457*	\$60,450,669	\$1,713,680	197,576	238,236	\$49.30	2.94	3.40
Dec-06	233,040,781	\$65,006,156	\$1,780,614	195,613	253,793	\$50.56	3.03	3.47
Jun-07	243,428,202	\$67,887,668	\$1,830,435	210,360	257,401	\$49.94	3.13	3.35
Dec-07	255,395,599	\$70,981,636	\$1,911,579	213,299	266,782	\$49.79	N/A	3.40
Jun-08	262,720,165	\$72,728,764	\$1,778,519	220,472	267,855	\$48.54	2.43	3.16
Dec-08	270,333,881	\$75,355,406	\$1,960,755	242,130	268,528	\$50.07	2.27	3.27
Jun-09	276,610,580	\$75,848,319	\$1,585,993	245,912	261,453	\$49.57	2.03	3.39
Dec-09	285,646,191	\$76,703,534	\$1,475,351	247,081	249,247	\$48.16	1.81	3.30
Jun-10	292,847,098	\$79,109,620	\$1,382,667	251,618	235,021	\$47.47	1.67	3.28
Dec-10	302,859,674	\$80,820,028	\$1,643,341	253,086	250,393	\$47.21	1.79	3.28

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Estimated Subscriber Connections

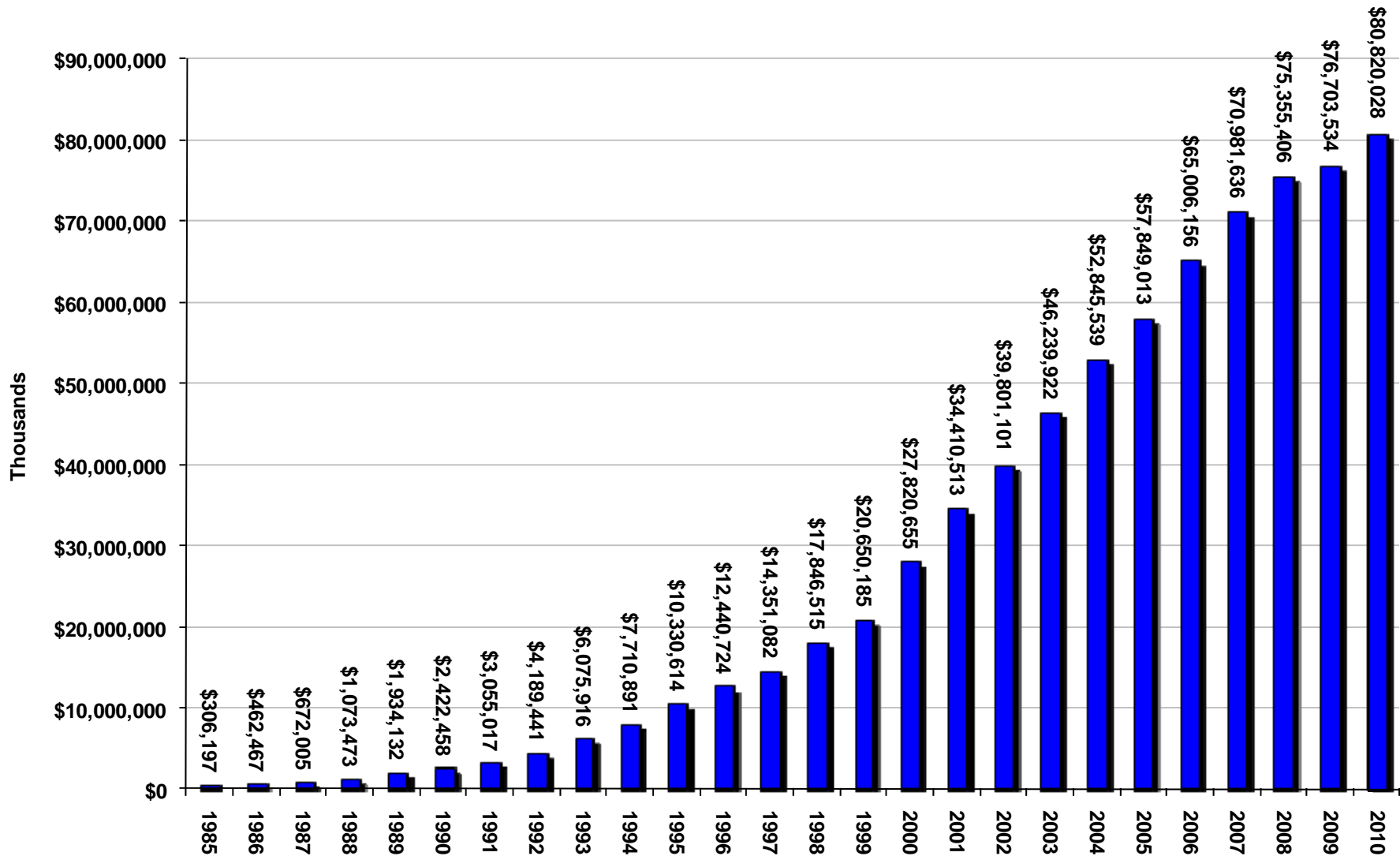


Year-End 2010 Estimated Wireless Connections Up More than 17 Million from December 2009

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Total Six-Month Service Revenues (000s)

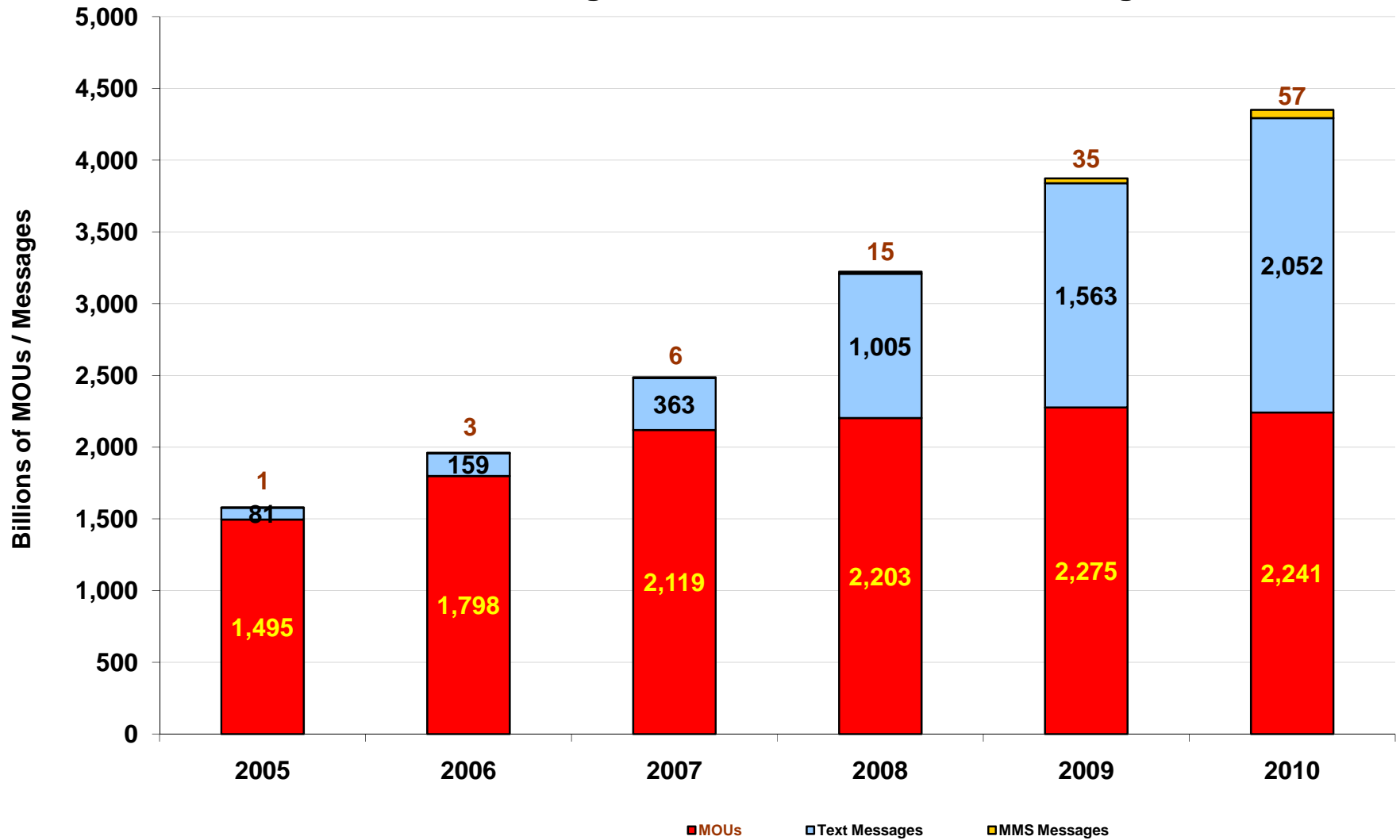


**Wireless Service Revenues Reach More Than \$80.8 billion for the Last Six Months of 2010
- Total Twelve-Month Revenues Reach Almost \$160 Billion in 2010**

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Minutes and Messages as a Measure of Wireless Usage

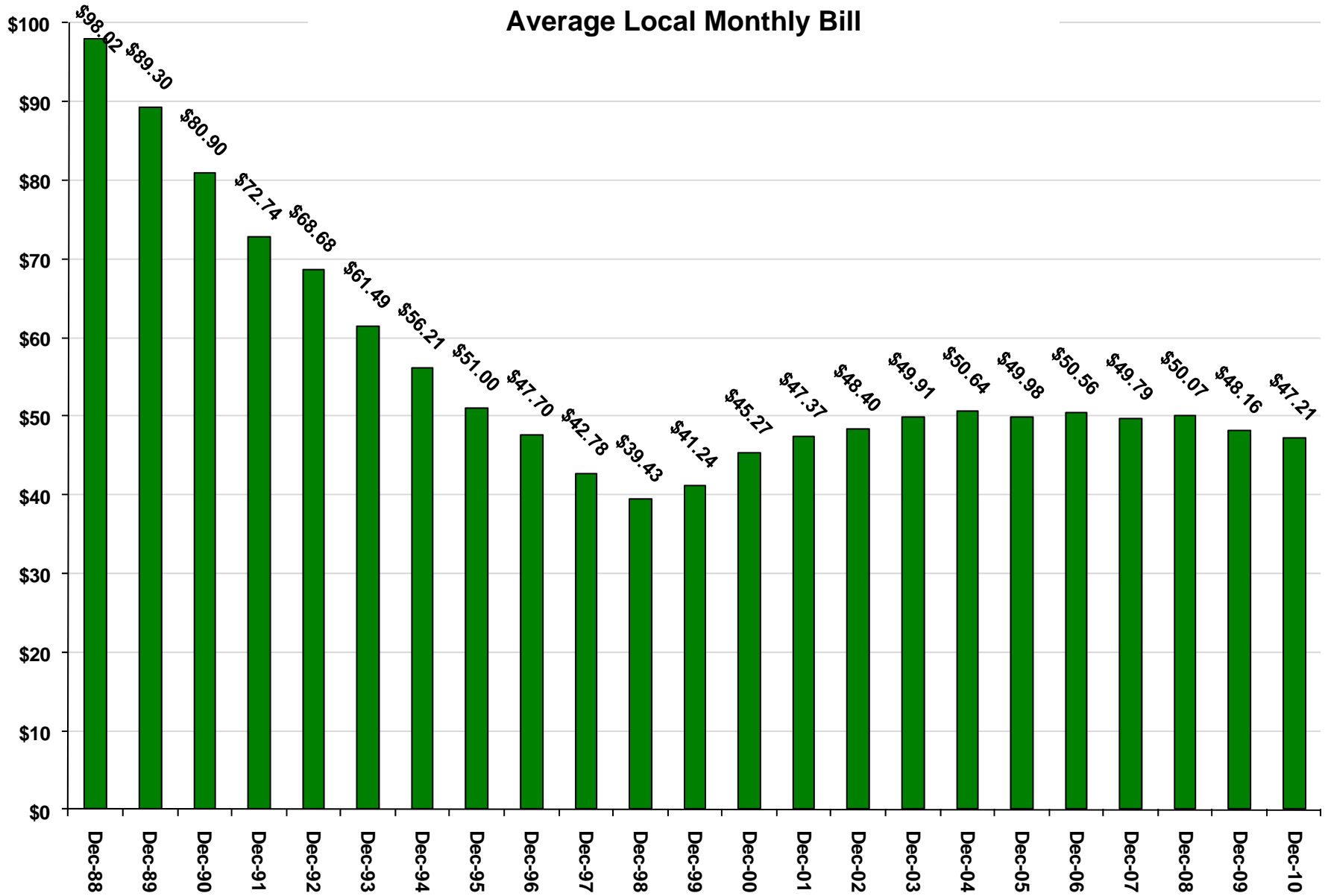


Combined Minutes and Messages Rise More than 12% Year-Over-Year

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Average Local Monthly Bill

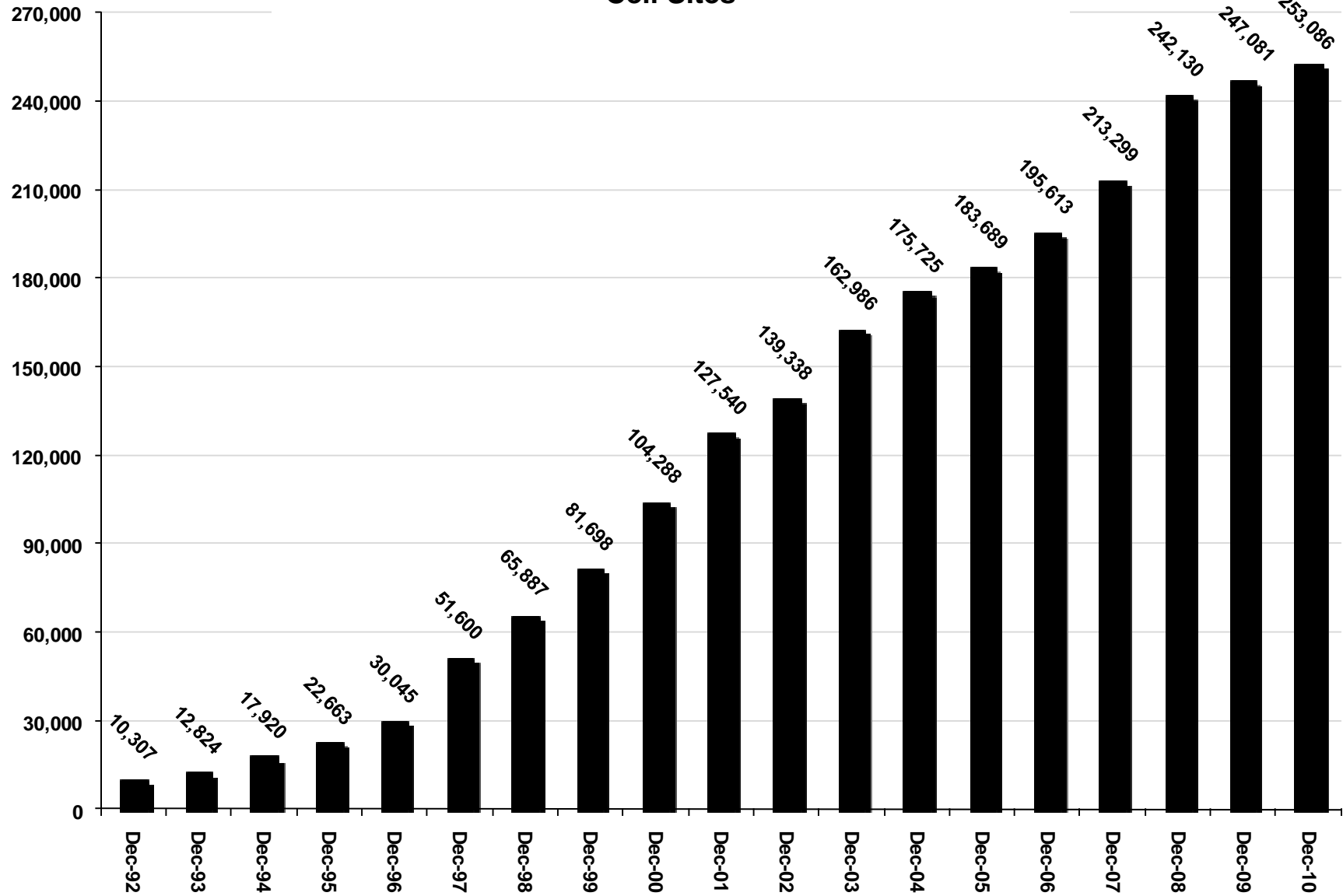


Average Local Monthly Bill Down 2% Year-over-Year

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Cell Sites

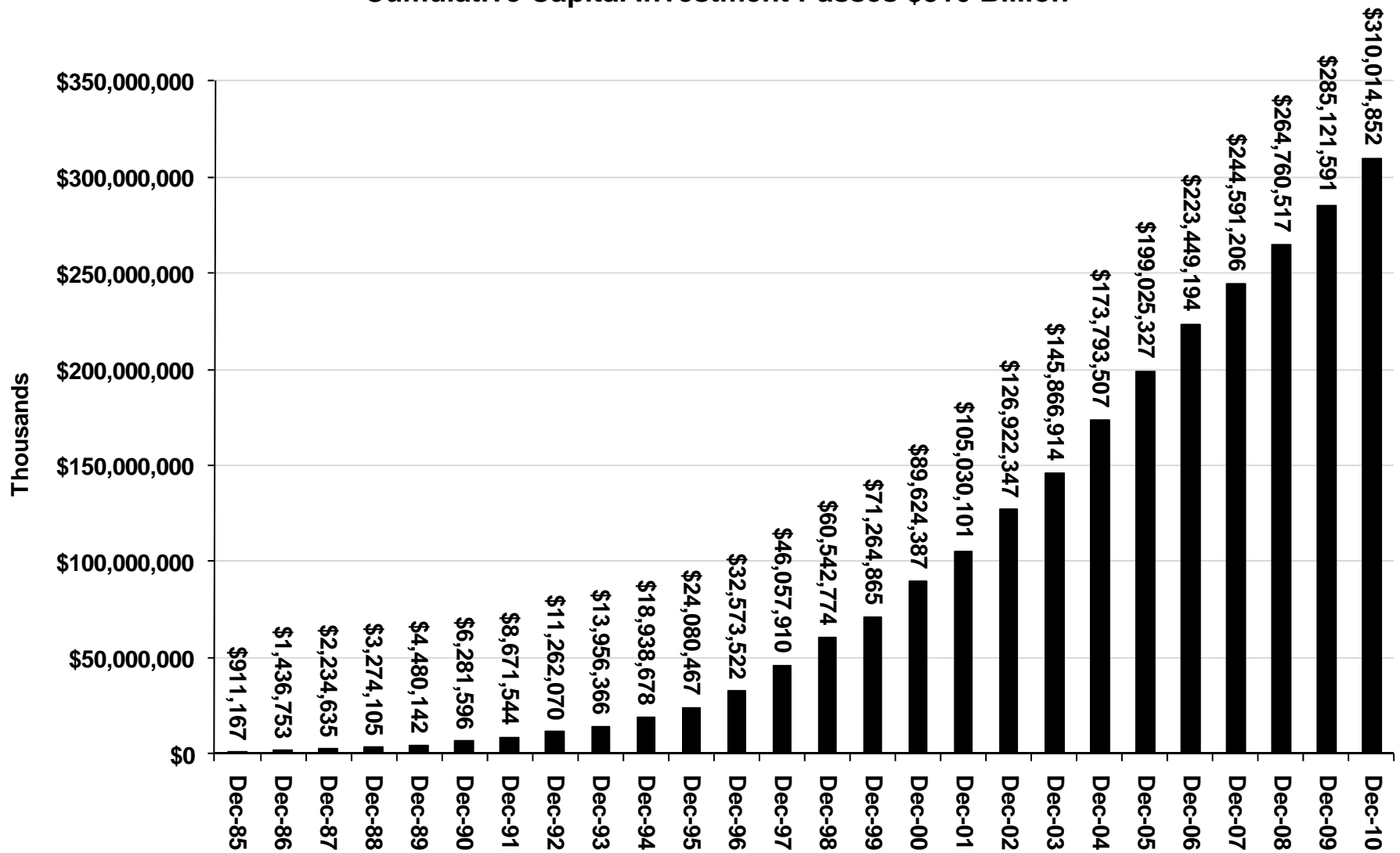


Reported Cell Sites in Service are Up 2% Year-Over-Year

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Cumulative Capital Investment Passes \$310 Billion



Cumulative Capex Rises 8.7% Year-Over-Year

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