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# Where are the 5G base stations in South Africa



## Overview

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Where is 5G available in South Africa?

Vodacom was the first to launch commercial mobile 5G services in the country in June 2020. At the end of 2024, its 5G network reached over 50% of the South African population, up from 30% a year ago. That means its 5G network is available where roughly 32 million South Africans live.

Which mobile operators offer 5G services in South Africa?

As of December 2024, there were three operators offering 5G mobile services in South Africa — Vodacom, MTN, and Telkom. Vodacom was the first to launch commercial mobile 5G services in the country in June 2020. At the end of 2024, its 5G network reached over 50% of the South African population, up from 30% a year ago.

How is 5G deployment progressing in South Africa?

In South Africa, 5G deployment has been progressing steadily. Major telecom operators like Vodacom, MTN, and Rain have been rolling out 5G services across various cities. As to SA 5G networks, the deployment is still in the early stages.

Does MTN South Africa have a 5G network?

Its 5G network's download and upload speeds also jumped 21% and 16%, respectively. MTN South Africa told MyBroadband that increasing its 5G footprint was one of its main focuses for 2025, while it was also exploring the possibilities of 5.5G technology.

What percentage of South Africa's population is covered by 5G?

More than half of South Africa's population is now covered by a 5G wireless network, according to a new report. More than half of South Africa's population is now covered by a 5G wireless network.

## Is South Africa ready for 5G expansion?

This milestone signals a transformative period for the sector, with further network expansions projected over the next five years. Africa Analysis' 2025 SA 5G Report reveals that South Africa reached 10.8 million 5G subscribers by December 2024, a figure combining mobile users and fixed wireless access (FWA) customers.

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