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## FCC RELEASES 2009 INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC DATA

Washington, D.C. - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released an annual report entitled *2009 International Telecommunications Data* regarding international message telephone, private line and miscellaneous services between the United States and other countries.

### Statistical Findings

- International “U.S.-billed” traffic – primarily traffic originating in the U.S. – decreased 2.7%, from 74.9 billion minutes in 2008 to 72.9 billion minutes in 2009.
- The per-minute charge to U.S. consumers for this traffic fell 7.5% from 2008 to 2009. From 2000 to 2009, the charge has decreased 83%, from \$0.47 per-minute to \$0.08 per-minute.
- Landline carriers indicate various reasons for the decrease in their U.S. billed minutes. The economy and competition from Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers continue to be major influences.
- U.S.-billed revenues for international telephone, private line and other miscellaneous services decreased collectively 10%, from \$7.3 billion in 2008 to \$6.6 billion in 2009.

### **International Services Billed Revenues** (Shown in Thousands of Dollars)

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	\$6,458,745	\$5,816,590	-9.9%
<b>Private Line and Other Miscellaneous</b>	816,334	734,050	-10.1%
<b>Total Billed Revenues</b>	\$7,275,079	\$6,550,640	-10.0%

- U.S. carriers’ net settlement payments (amounts they pay to terminate traffic overseas, less settlement amounts received from foreign carriers) decreased 23.5%. Retained international revenues (revenues after settlement payments are made) increased 1.5% from 2008 to 2009.

**Total Billed Revenues,  
Net Settlement Payments, and  
Retained Revenues**  
(Shown in Thousands of Dollars)

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Total Billed Revenues</b>	\$7,275,079	\$6,550,640	-10.0%
<b>Net Settlement</b>	(3,329,107)	(2,545,137)	-23.5%
<b>Retained</b>	\$3,945,972	\$4,005,503	1.5%

- Pure resale traffic decreased 4.7%, from 86.7 billion minutes in 2008 to 82.6 billion minutes in 2009. Billed revenues for resale services decreased 12.9%, from \$8.5 billion in 2008 to \$7.4 billion in 2009. The total number of carriers reporting resale services increased 4.9%, from 1,175 in 2008 to 1,232 in 2009.

The report is available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center at 445 12th Street, S.W., Courtyard Level, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may be purchased by contacting the FCC's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington D.C. 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160, facsimile 202-488-5563, or via e-mail [www.bcpweb.com](http://www.bcpweb.com). The report can also be downloaded [file name: CREPOR09.ZIP or CREPOR09.PDF] from [www.fcc.gov/ib](http://www.fcc.gov/ib).

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