

Press release

FIXED BROADBAND AND SUPERFAST BROADBAND MARKET

Optical fibre: 90% of premises passed

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Today, Arcep is publishing its scorecard for the fixed broadband and superfast broadband market in France as of the end of September 2024.

ROLLOUTS: As of 30 September 2024, close to 40 million premises in Metropolitan France were eligible to subscribe to a fibre plan, with around 4.6 million remaining to be passed

- At the end of Q3 2024, of the 44.5 million premises in Metropolitan France inventoried by operators, 39.9 million were passed for FttH, and 4.6 million still need to be covered. Fibre coverage now stands at 90%.
- The pace of rollouts continued to slow over the course of Q3 2024: 605,000 additional premises were passed for FttH – or 27% fewer than in Q3 2023.
 - 380,000 additional premises in lower density, public-initiative areas were rendered eligible for FttH access, with 2.4 million premises remaining to be covered.
 - 140,000 additional premises in lower density, private-initiative areas were rendered eligible for FttH access, with 1.5 million premises remaining to be covered.
 - 50,000 additional premises were passed for FttH in those areas covered by calls for expressions of local interest (called "zones AMEL" in French), with 200,000 premises remaining to be covered.
 - 35,000 additional premises in very high density areas were passed for FttH, with 500,000 premises remaining to be covered.
- As of 30 September 2024, 41 million premises were covered by fixed superfast broadband services (Fibre, VDSL2, cable) which translates into a 92% rate of coverage.

Monitoring FttH rollouts in “AMII” and “AMEL” areas

Arcep is responsible for monitoring operators' compliance with the commitments¹ they have made, and publishes regular progress reports on their deployments.

At the end of Q3 2024, in those parts of the country where the Government has issued a call for investment letters of intent ("zones AMII"):

- around 91% of the premises for which Orange has made a commitment had been made eligible for fibre access;
- and around 96% of those in municipalities where SFR has made a commitment had been made eligible for fibre access.

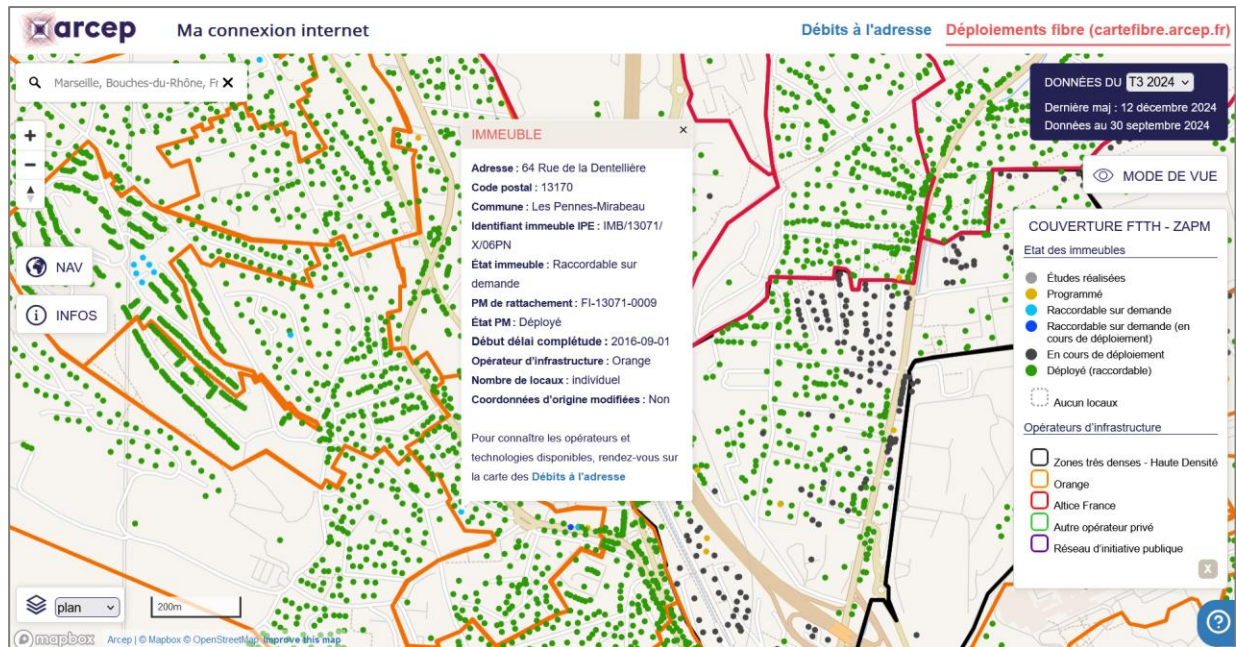
Details regarding the progress of individual “AMEL” project commitments (i.e. legally binding FttH rollout commitments that certain operators² have made to local authorities, as part of calls for expressions of local interest) can be found in pages 18 to 22 of the publication.

¹ <https://www.arcep.fr/la-regulation/grands-dossiers-reseaux-fixes/la-fibre/les-engagements-de-couverture-fibre-en-zone-moins-dense.html>

² Altitude Infra subsidiaries (Corai, PIXL), Orange, XpFibre, and XpFibre subsidiaries (Saône-et-Loire THD, Savoie Connectée)

Tracking FttH rollouts with “Ma connexion internet”

The “Déploiements fibre” maps on the “[Ma connexion Internet](https://www.maconnexioninternet.fr)” website (formerly cartefibre.arcep.fr) allow users to track the progress of FttH rollouts in a very detailed fashion.



The information associated with these rollout maps is available as open data.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: As of 30 September 2024, eight out of ten internet subscriptions were superfast broadband plans. Close to three quarters of them are FttH subscriptions (73%)

- Subscriptions to fibre plans grew by +675,000 in Q3 2024, compared to + 780,000 in the third quarter of 2023. Despite a decrease in the pace of rollouts over the past three years, progress in subscription numbers remains steady. The number of FttH subscriptions thus stood at 23.7 million at the end of Q3 2024, which represents 73% all internet subscriptions and 91% of all superfast internet subscriptions
- The increase in FttH subscribers is the main reason for the ongoing growth of superfast broadband subscriptions (+ 565,000 in Q3 2024, compared to + 630,000 in Q3 2023). In addition to fibre, these subscriptions include VDSL2, cable, satellite, superfast wireless and fixed 4G and 5G plans. Superfast broadband subscriptions stood at 26.1 million as of 30 September 2024, or 80% of all internet subscriptions in Metropolitan France.
- The number of “classic” broadband subscriptions continues to shrink: - 515,000 in Q3 2024 compared to - 545,000 in Q3 2023. Their numbers had dropped to 6.4 million as of 30 September 2024.
- The number of broadband and superfast broadband subscriptions stood at 32.5 million at the end of Q3 2024. Growth has been slowing steadily for close to three years. Their numbers grew by 50,000 over the course of Q3 2024, compared to + 90,000 in Q3 2023.

Associated documents

- > [Scorecard for fixed broadband and superfast broadband services – figures for Q3 2024](#)
- > [Maconnexioninternet.arcep.fr](https://maconnexioninternet.arcep.fr), to obtain detailed information on fixed internet access coverage, particularly thanks to FttH rollout maps (which are also still available at <https://cartefibre.arcep.fr/>)
- > Open data: [data on fibre](#) and [data on all access technologies](#)

Arcep at a glance

The Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications, Postal Affairs and Print Media Distribution (Arcep), a neutral and expert arbitrator with the status of independent administrative authority (IAA), is the architect and guardian of internet, fixed and mobile communications, postal networks and press distribution in France.