

Kenya's mobile internet is the fastest in Africa and is faster than access in the US

In the first quarter of 2017, Kenya had the world's 14th-fastest mobile internet speed at almost twice as fast as the global average and the fastest in Africa. At 13.7 megabits per second (Mbps), Kenya's average mobile internet speed was faster than that of the United States (US) Russia, China, South Africa, Brazil and India. Kenya's high internet speeds have been attributed to successful implementation of the National Broadband Strategy that provided a clear framework for private-public sector collaboration and partnership.

In 2015, 46% of Kenya's population were using the internet, up from only 0.3% in 2000. Up to 90% of all internet users access the internet through their mobile phones. The uptake of mobile services by Kenyans continues to grow with mobile subscriptions reaching about 81 per 100 inhabitants in 2015 compared to only 0.4 in 2000. Mobile services uptake in Kenya continues to grow, supported by the availability of affordable mobile phones and data plans and the popular use of mobile money platforms such as M-Pesa.

