

# **China Communications 5G base station power generation**





## Overview

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How many 5G base stations will China Mobile have in 2025?

China Mobile, the world's largest mobile carrier in terms of subscribers, had previously outlined plans to deploy 340,000 additional 5G base stations in 2025. With these new 5G deployments, China Mobile's total 5G base stations will reach nearly 2.8 million by the end of 2025.

How many 5G base stations are there in China?

2027 master plan - a second 'Set Sail' 5G expansion plan aims for 85% 5G penetration and 75% of network traffic on 5G. The total number of 5G base stations in China reached 4.486 million as of the end of May (2025), according to data released by the country's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT).

Does China have a 5G network?

Given that China currently has the largest 5G network in the world (~1.53 million base stations by the end of 2021, Table S1) and that base station number was projected by up to 6-8 million by 2030 (CCID Consulting, 2020), concerns are being expressed regarding 5G mobile networks' environmental effects and sustainability.

How much CO<sub>2</sub> will China's 5G network produce?

Under the model predicted 5G base stations, China's 5G network could yield 0.15-0.29 GtCO<sub>2</sub> /yr emissions subject to the nation's BDDL from 40 to 80 % by 2030. Both 5G base stations and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are significantly lower than the previous estimates.



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