

The number of ported mobile numbers kept increasing in 2018

Suomen Numerot Numpac Oy provides services to the telecommunications operators required under the number porting regulation and other legislation.

Numpac's range of services includes, for example, Number Portability Services for mobile and fixed communications networks, Call Routing Services, Number Query Services for mobile telephone service providers for finding the current mobile operator and ported number Information Services for consumers.

Number porting is implemented with the MASTER System, a database software managed by Numpac. The system contains all ported mobile and fixed communications network numbers. The Master System's data on ported numbers is used for routing calls in telecommunications networks.

The number of ported mobile numbers in 2018

- In 2018, the number of ported mobile numbers increased by 2.4% which means a monthly average of 72,537 ported numbers.

As of 25 July 2003, the EU legislation has required that consumers must be provided with portability services for mobile numbers. By the end of 2018, already 11.6 million mobile numbers have been ported using the Master System.

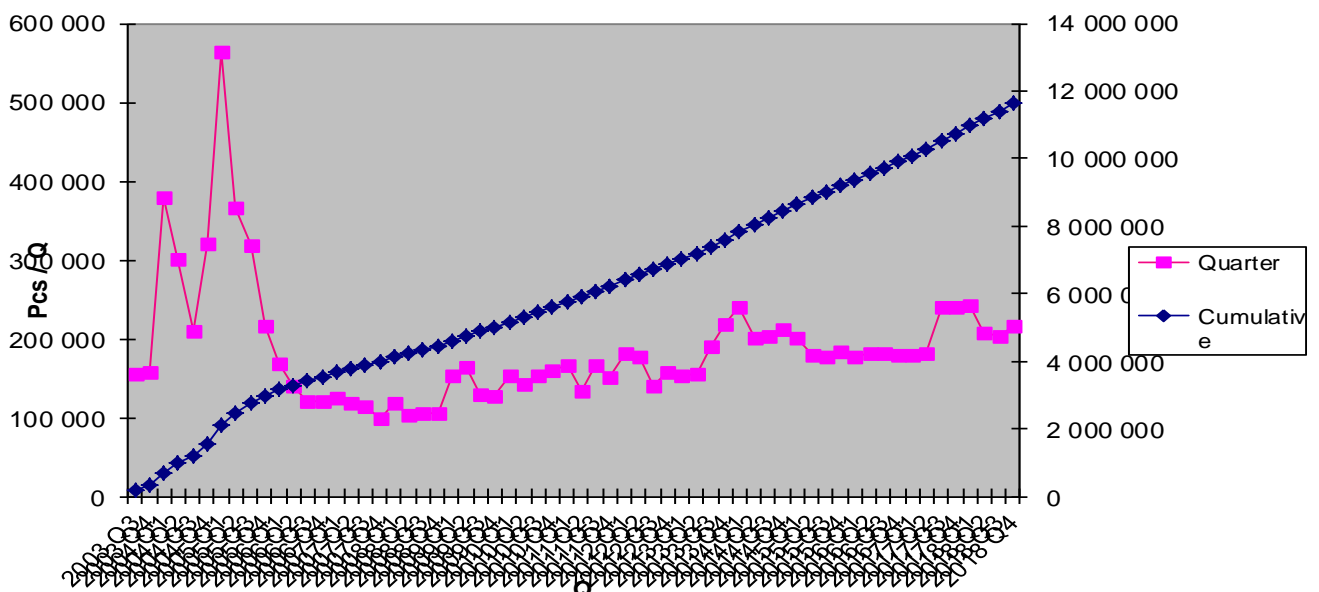


Figure 1. The number of ported mobile numbers by quarter.

According to Numpac’s data, 870,444 mobile numbers were ported in 2018. Thus, the monthly average of ported numbers was 72,537 which is 2.4% higher than in 2017.

The number of ported mobile numbers was 216,305 in the fourth quarter of 2018. In comparison to the fourth quarter of 2017, the number of ported numbers decreased by 31,899.

More than 2,253,000 Finnish mobile subscription customers have switched their operator once. Approximately 1,254,000 customers have switched operator twice and more than 1,647,000 customers have switched operator at least three times.

The number of ported fixed communications network numbers in 2018

Fixed communications network porting actions include the porting of telecommunications area-specific subscriber numbers, 071-prefixed numbers, national service numbers, reachability service numbers and company numbers.

Porting an individual number or a number block containing several numbers is reported as a single porting action.

The Master System has been used for porting fixed communications network numbers since April 2005.

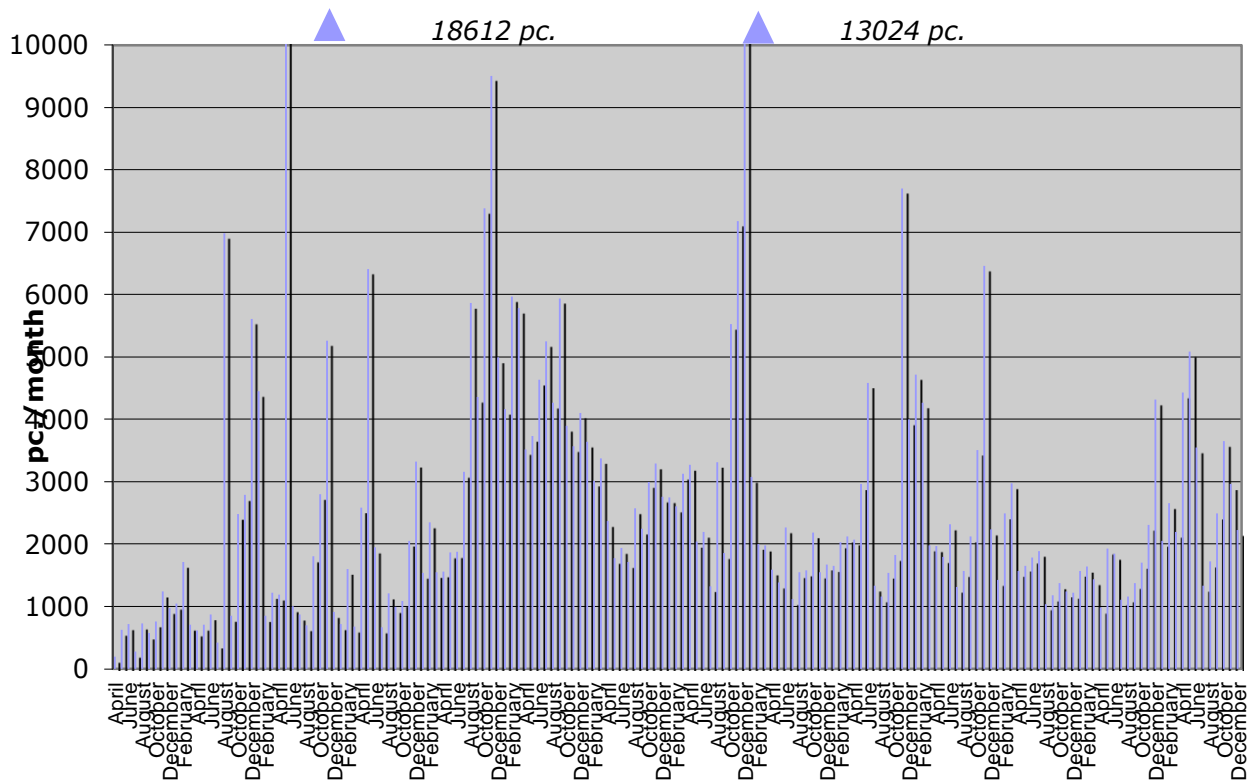


Figure 2. Porting actions of fixed communications network numbers per month in 2005–2018.



In 2018, the number of ported fixed communications network numbers increased by 12,964, and the total number of porting actions was 34,371. The number of ported fixed communications network numbers has stabilised on this level in recent years. The number of fixed communications network number porting actions was 8,842 in the fourth quarter of 2018. More than 435,000 fixed communications network numbers have been ported since 2005.

Graphs and statistical data on ported numbers are available at www.numpac.fi.

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Suomen Numerot Numpac Oy enables effective number portability. The company, which is jointly owned by three Finnish telecom operators, assists telecom operators in fulfilling their statutory number portability and routing obligations. Numpac provides mobile and fixed network Number Portability Services, Call Routing Services as well as Number Query Services and Information Services concerning ported numbers. Numpac was established in 2003, and it operates in Helsinki. Further information www.numpac.fi.