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Barometer of mobile Internet connections in Iraq

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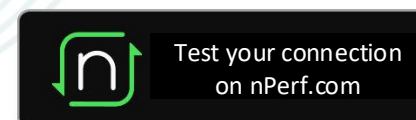
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2. Executive Summary



The subscribers of Asiacell enjoyed the best Mobile Internet performances in 2026 in Iraq.

Mobile Internet performance in Iraq

	Asiacell	Korek	Zain
▼ Download bitrates (Mb/s)	26.99	18.87	19.01
▲ Upload bitrates (Mb/s)	13.58	7.03	10.49
◀▶ Latency (ms)	127.03	98.24	157.38
🌐 Web browsing (%)	33.29	37.47	28.96
📺 Youtube streaming (%)	71.22	66.11	66.44
🏆 nPerf Score (nPoints)	41 409	36 534	33 564

Source : nPerf.com

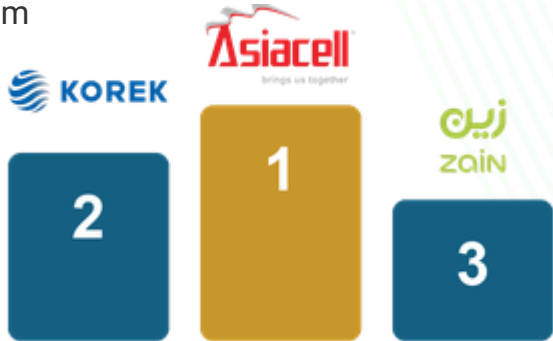


Best Mobile Internet performance
in 2026



Source : nPerf.com

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The subscribers of Asiacell enjoyed the best 4G Internet in 2026 in Iraq.

Mobile Internet performance in Iraq

	Asiacell	Korek	Zain
 Download bitrates (Mb/s)	28.57	22.21	22.19
 Upload bitrates (Mb/s)	14.39	8.25	12.20
 Latency (ms)	125.96	98.26	152.04
 Web browsing (%)	34.33	38.45	30.78
 Youtube streaming (%)	72.68	68.52	69.95
 nPerf Score (nPoints)	43 156	39 764	37 356

Source : nPerf.com

The best mobile Internet performance in Iraq has been measured by nPerf for the period April 2025 – March 2026, revealing a significant reshaping of the competitive landscape. This year's results highlight a remarkable rise by Asiacell, which has seized overall leadership, while Korek and Zain each demonstrate their own strengths across key indicators. The Iraqi mobile sector is showing clear signs of network maturity, with meaningful improvements recorded across Download speed and Latency (ms) for all three operators.

Asiacell: A Commanding Rise to the Top

Building on years of steady investment, Asiacell delivers a breakthrough performance in the April 2025 – March 2026 period. After ranking third overall in the previous year, Asiacell climbs two positions to claim the nPerf overall leadership – a result driven by an exceptional improvement in Download speed (Mb/s), which surged by +124% compared to the previous period, reaching 26.99 Mb/s. On 4G specifically, Asiacell leads all operators with a Download speed of 28.57 Mb/s and an Upload speed of 14.39 Mb/s, while also topping the Youtube streaming (%) category for the third consecutive year. With a total nPerf score of 41,409 overall and 43,156 on 4G, Asiacell establishes itself as the most well-rounded mobile network in Iraq this year.

Korek: Reliability and Consistency at Its Core

Korek has built a reputation for network consistency in Iraq, and the 2025–2026 results reinforce that positioning. The operator retains its title as the best performer for Latency (ms) across both overall and 4G categories – a distinction held for five consecutive years – and leads Web Browsing (%) for the second year in a row. More notably, Korek achieves a -20% reduction in Latency (ms) overall compared to the previous period, bringing it down to 98.24 ms, the lowest among all operators. While Korek's overall nPerf score of 36,534 places it second this year, it

maintains a strong 4G score of 39,764, demonstrating the quality of its network infrastructure. Its five-year upward trend in overall nPerf score further confirms the operator's long-term commitment to network improvement.

Zain: Steady Presence with Room to Grow

Zain enters the 2025–2026 period from a position of prior overall leadership, having ranked first in the previous year with a score of 33,201. While the operator holds its ground with a current overall score of 33,564 – a marginal increase – it now ranks third overall as competition has intensified. Zain does record a positive evolution in Upload speed (Mb/s) overall (+7% vs. the previous period, reaching 10.49 Mb/s), signaling continued network investment. On 4G, Zain scores 37,356, remaining competitive but trailing its peers.

What's at Stake for 2026–2027

The Iraqi mobile sector is entering a new phase of competition, and each operator faces distinct challenges heading into the next measurement period. Asiacell must now defend its overall leadership across all indicators – particularly maintaining its Download speed (Mb/s) gains and closing the gap on Latency (ms) and Web Browsing (%), where it currently ranks second. Korek should leverage its latency advantage and browsing excellence to push its Download and Upload speed (Mb/s) scores higher, as these remain areas where it trails Asiacell on 4G. Zain, meanwhile, faces perhaps the greatest pressure: having previously held the overall top position, it will need to address its Latency (ms) performance – currently the highest among all three operators at 157.38 ms – and reignite growth in Download speed (Mb/s), which declined significantly year-on-year. The competition in Iraq is intensifying, and nPerf will be closely monitoring each operator's network evolution in the months ahead.

4. Methodology



nPerf provides a free application to assess Internet connection quality via its website and mobile apps (Android, iOS). Daily, thousands of people rely on nPerf for speed tests in their country, contributing to a comprehensive crowdsourced database covering all operators.

The study employs a strong filtering method to reflect real customer experiences on a specific network (mobile or fixed line). Measures are taken to prevent probes and measurement robots from affecting the results.

We assess:

▼ Download bitrate

Indicates the amount of data your connection can receive in one second from the nPerf server. The highest the measured value, the best is the bitrate of your connection.

▲ Upload bitrate

Indicates the amount of data your connection can send in one second to the nPerf server. The highest the measured value, the best is the bitrate of your connection.

◄► Latency (ping)

It indicated the delay a small packet of data requires to make a round-trip from your computer to the nPerf server. The shorter the delay, the most reactive your connection is. The mean is the minimum value.

🌐 Browsing performance

The browsing test assesses the load time of the fully loaded pages, including images, javascript, CSS, and fonts, for the five most popular sites. This indicator reflects the perceived quality by the user.

📺 Streaming performance

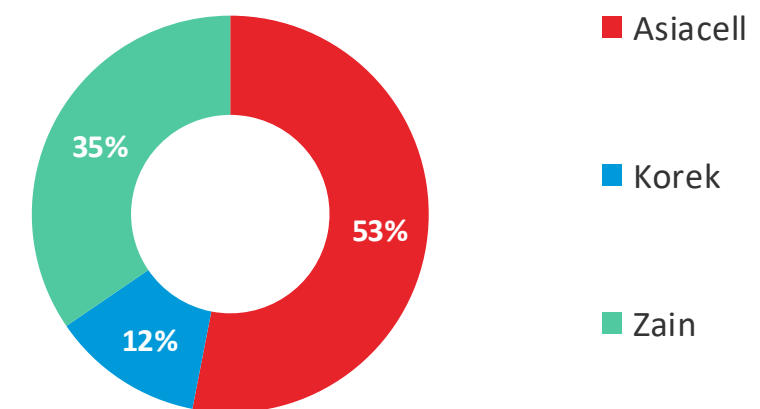
The video streaming test gauges the load time of a fully loaded video in three resolutions on YouTube, considering stalls during playback. This indicator reflects the perceived quality by the user.

Statistical precision is crucial in accurately determining winners. At nPerf, we prioritize test quality, precise reporting, and transparency. Analyzing a large volume of tests in this study, we've achieved 1.5% precision for absolute values and 1% point for percentage-based results, highlighting the reliability and accuracy of our data.

For a more comprehensive understanding of the user experience, our report takes into account test results during both Busy Hours (6 PM to 11 PM) and Idle Hours (the rest of the day). Busy Hours, marked by network strain, can impact user experience through congestion. This approach helps in understanding how network performance fluctuates throughout the day.

We only include national Internet service providers with test share above 5% share. The chart below shows the overall test distribution for each service provider.

Overall distribution of the tests per provider (ISPs Share)



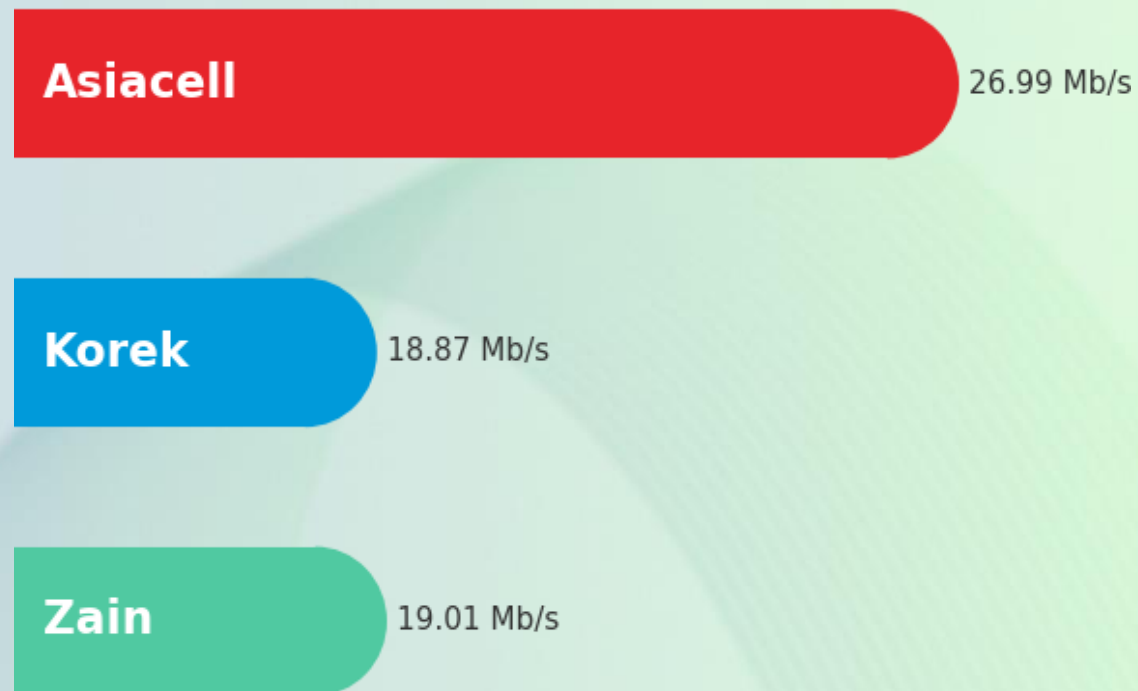
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Download Speed



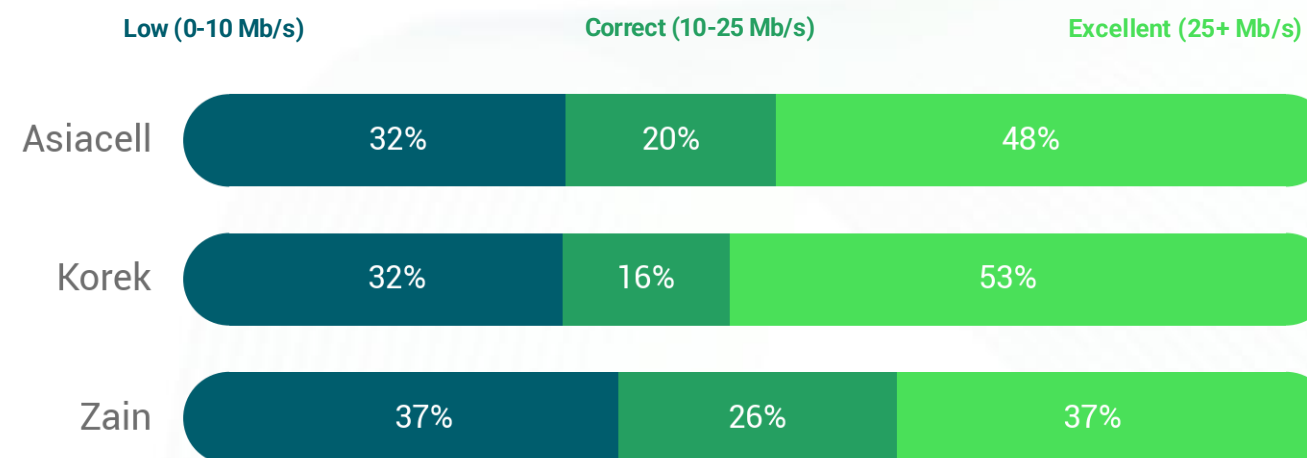
Download Speed (average)



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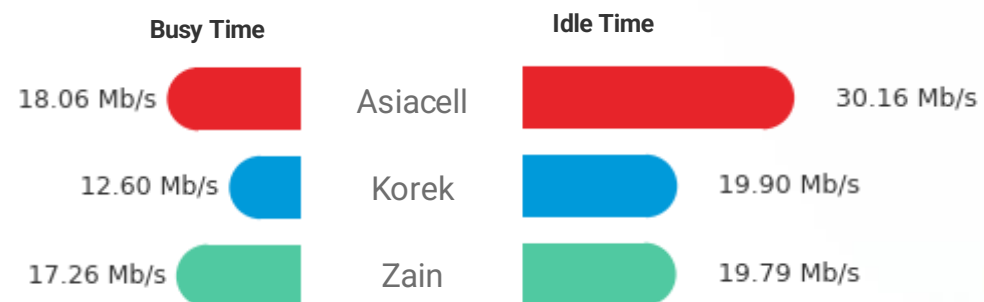
The subscribers of Asiacell enjoyed the best Mobile Internet Download Speed in 2026.

Download Speed results distribution (average)



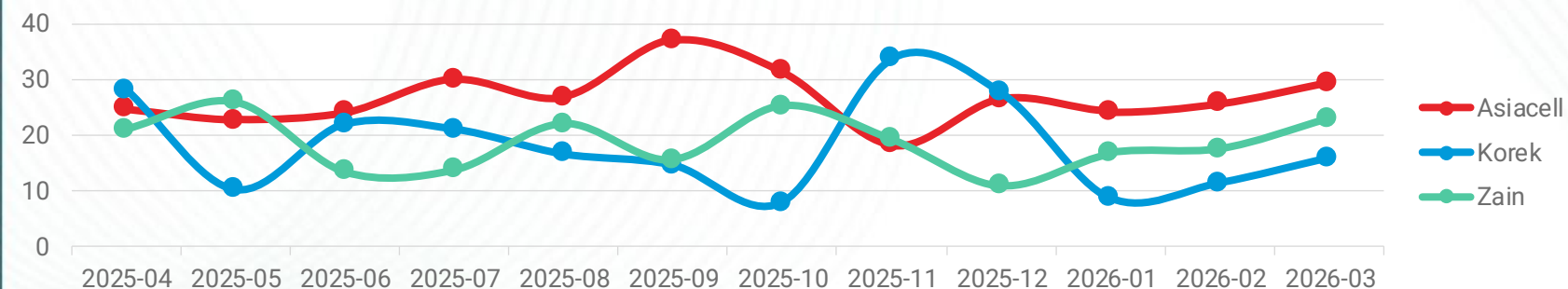
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Download Speed (average)



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Download Speed evolution over the year (average)



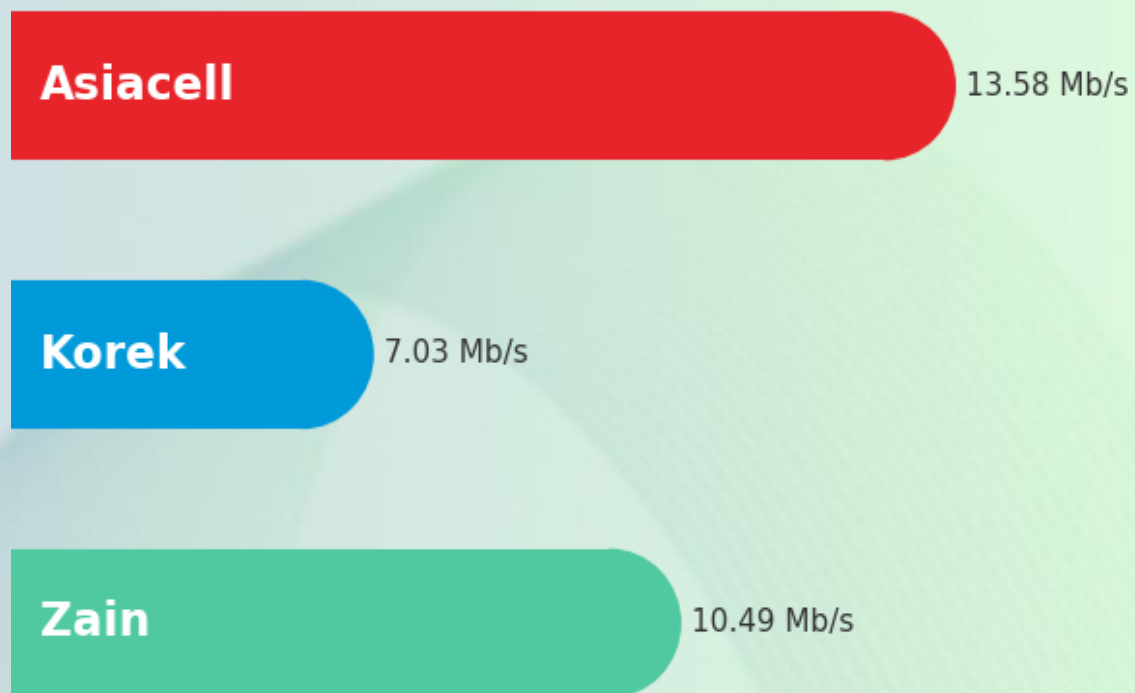
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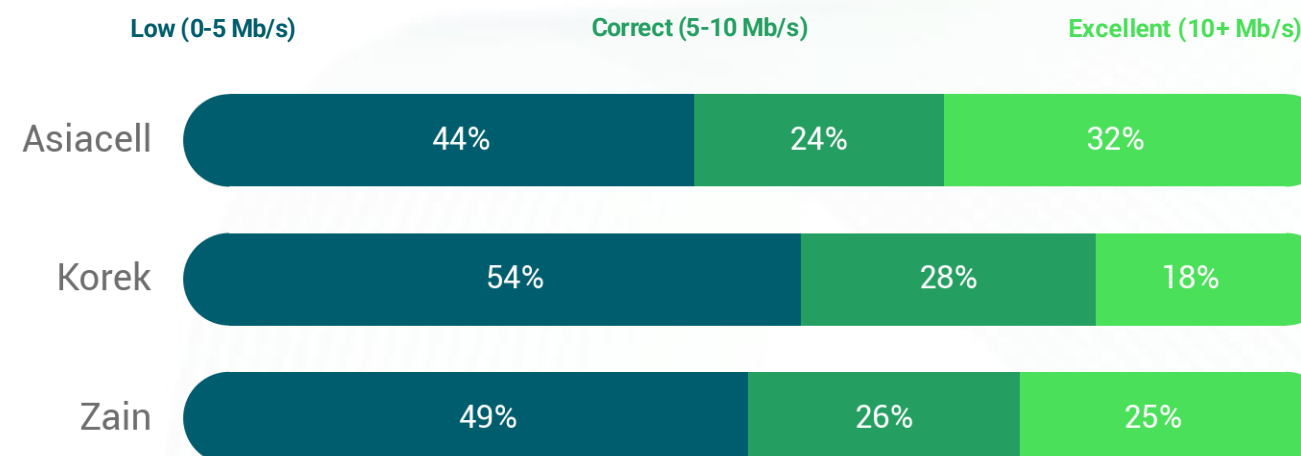
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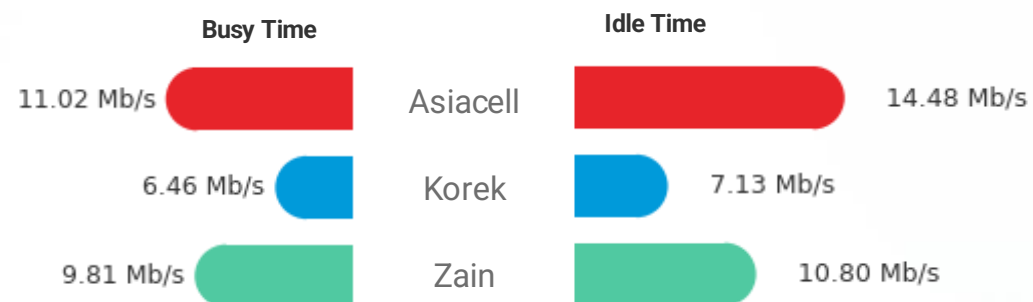
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Upload Speed results distribution (average)



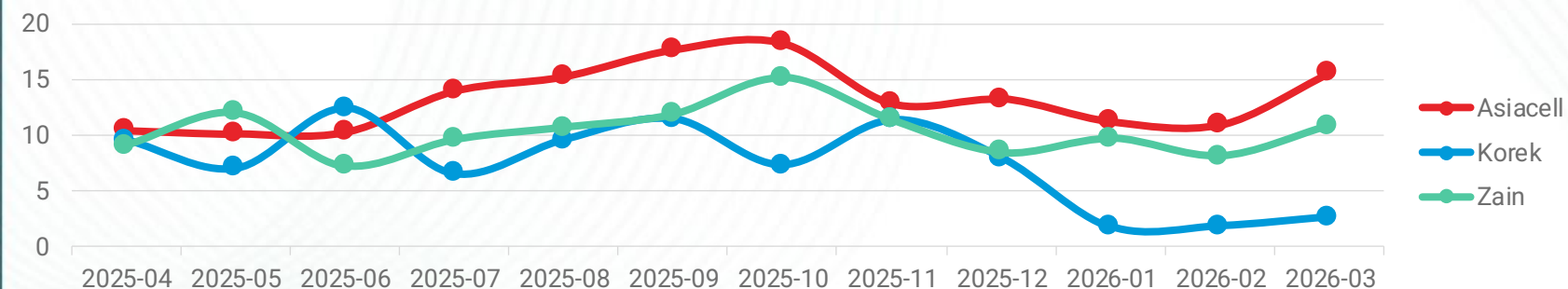
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Upload Speed (average)



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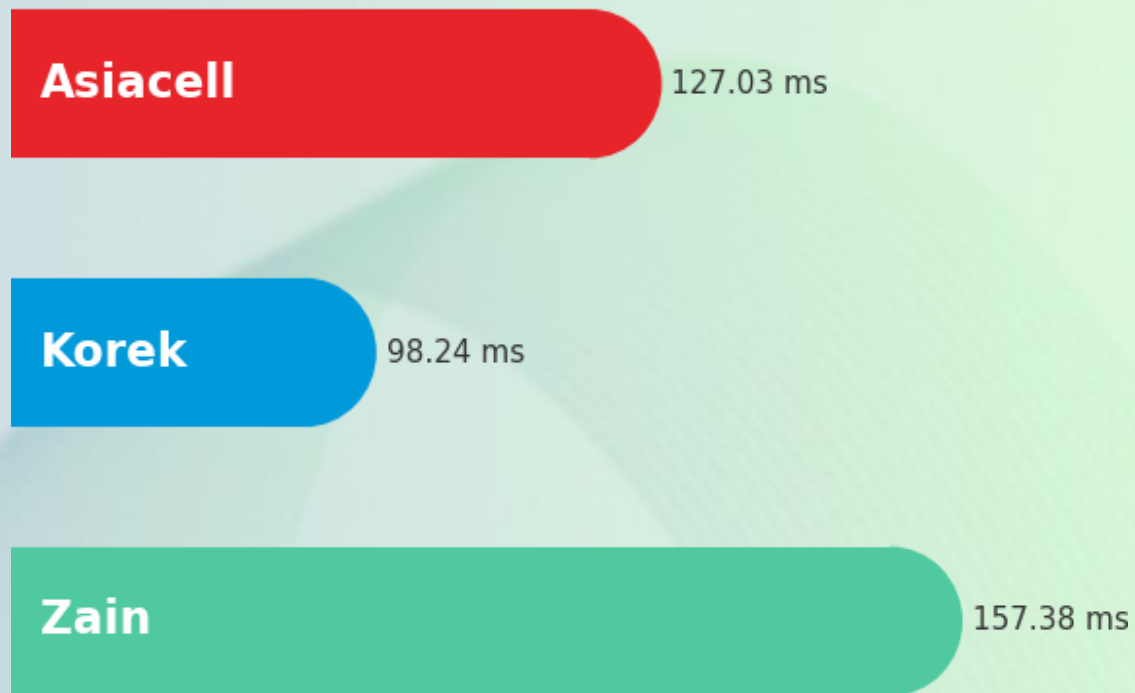
Upload Speed evolution over the year (average)



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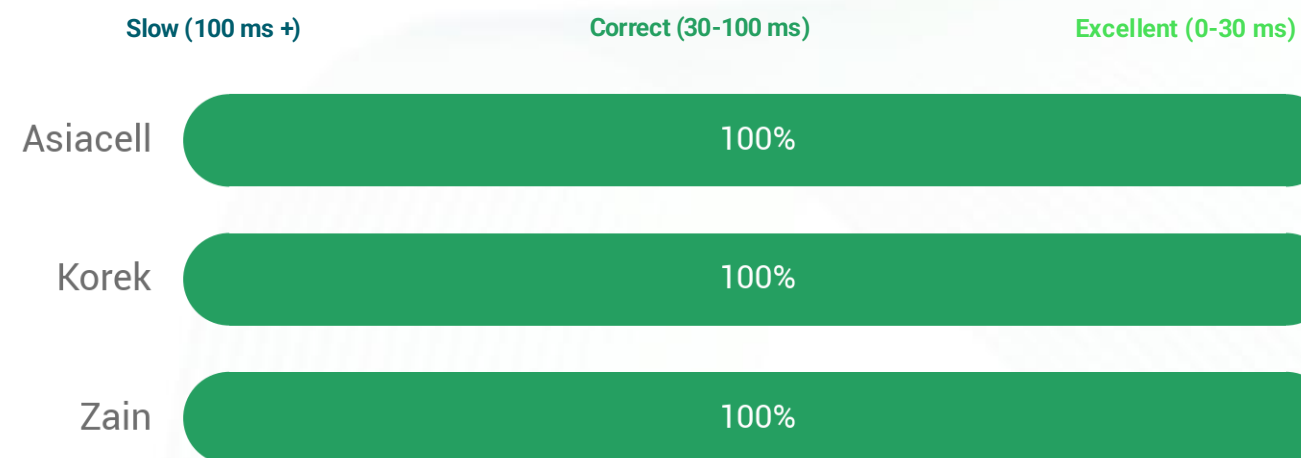
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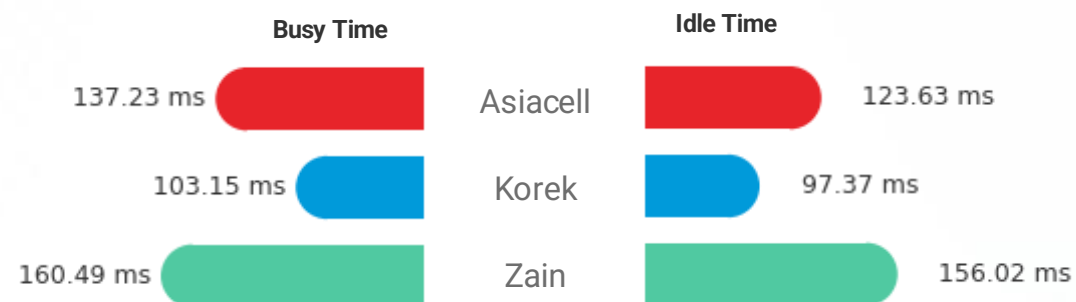
The subscribers of Korek enjoyed the best Mobile Internet Latency in 2026.

Latency results distribution (average)



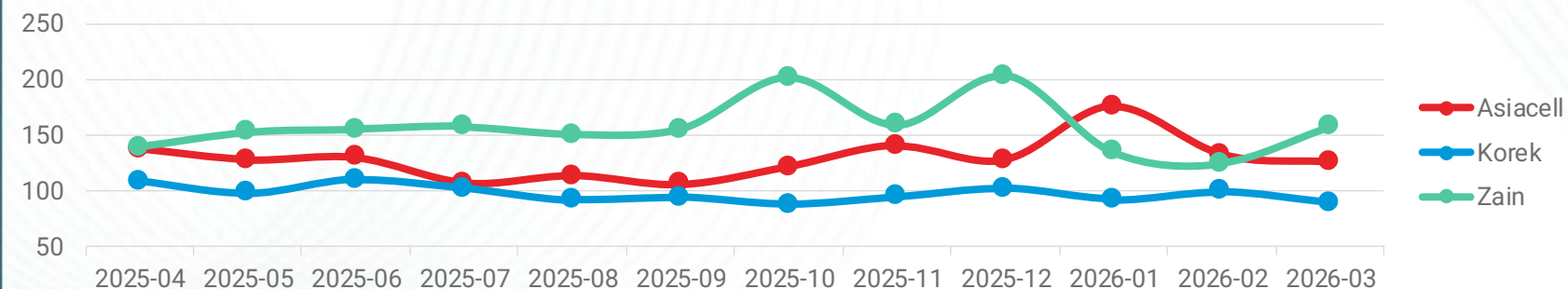
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Latency (average)



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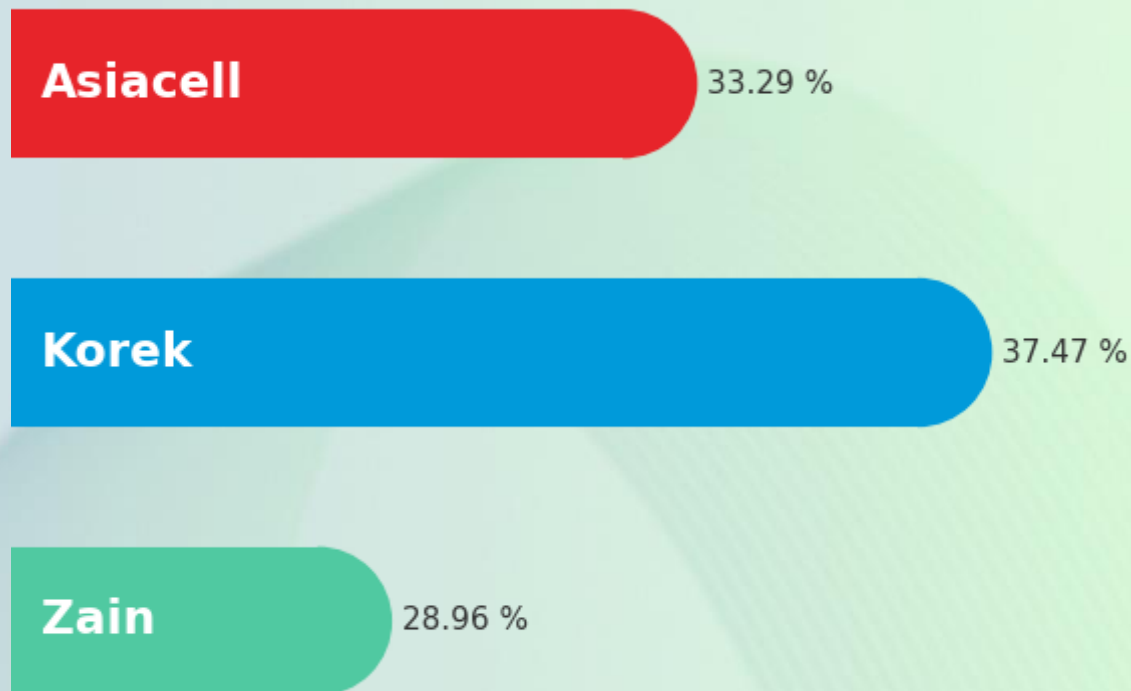
Latency evolution over the year (average)



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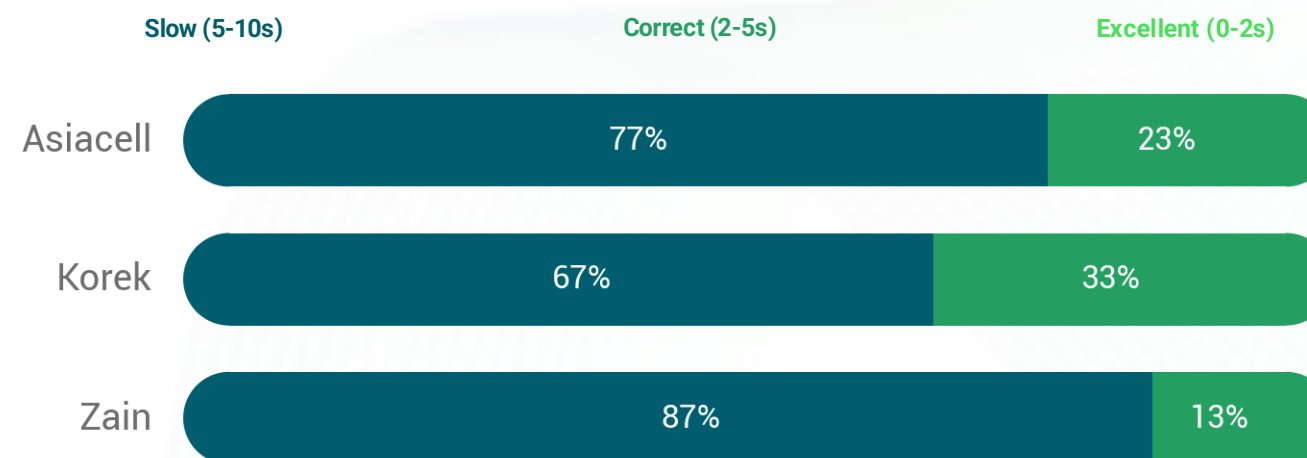
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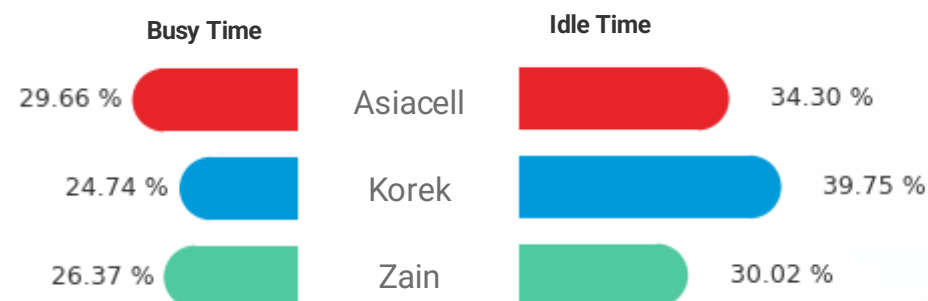
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Browsing Performance results distribution (average)



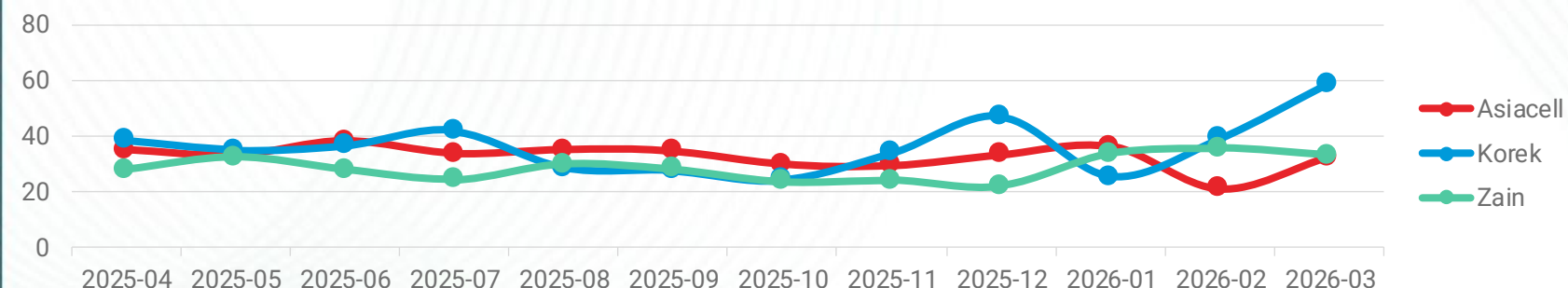
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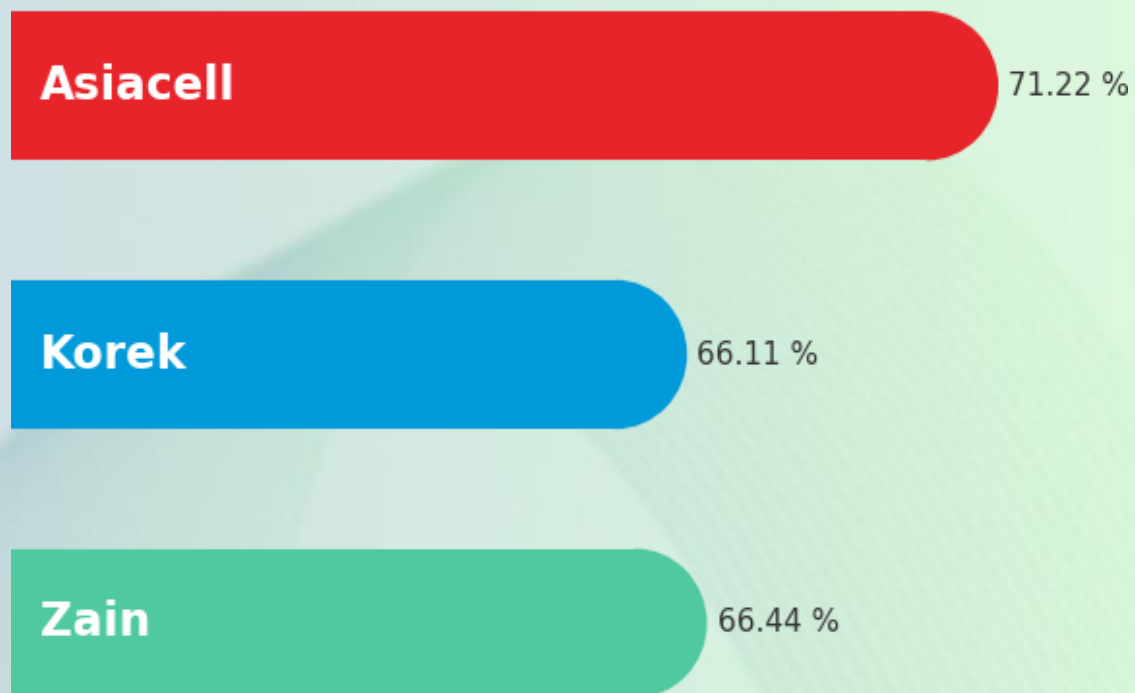
Browsing Performance evolution over the year (average)



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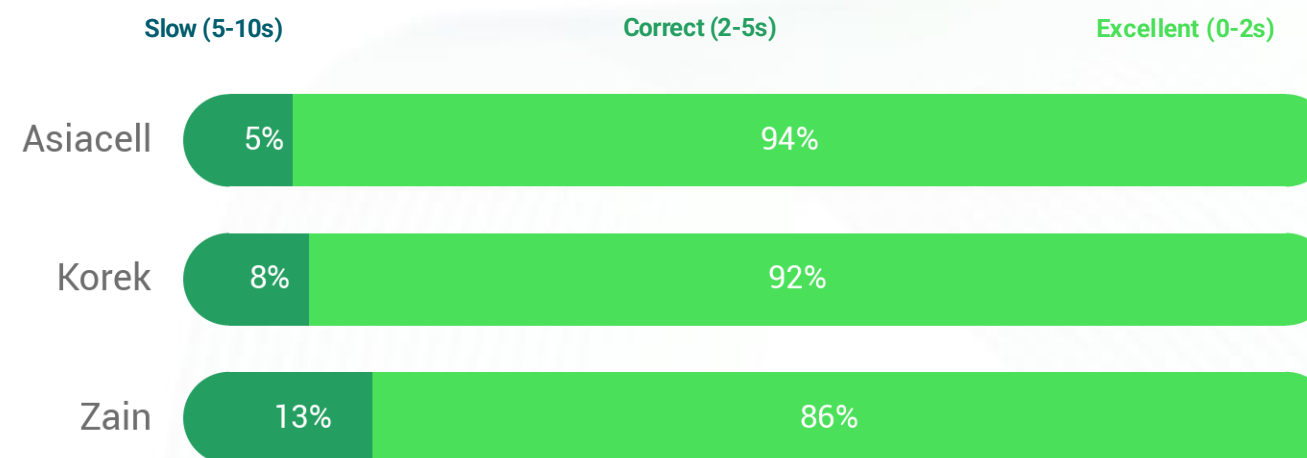
Streaming Performance (average)



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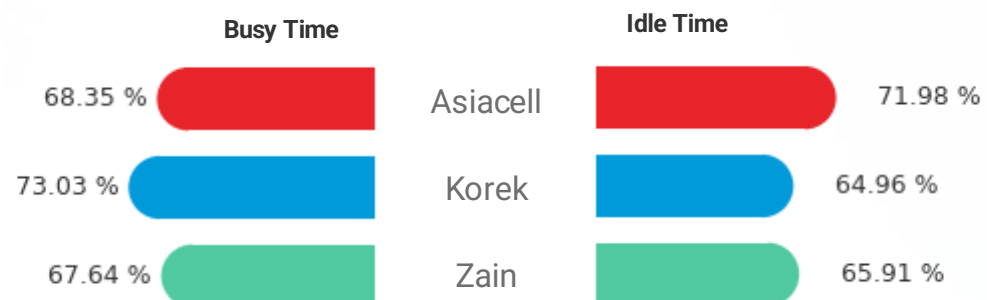
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Streaming Performance results distribution (average)



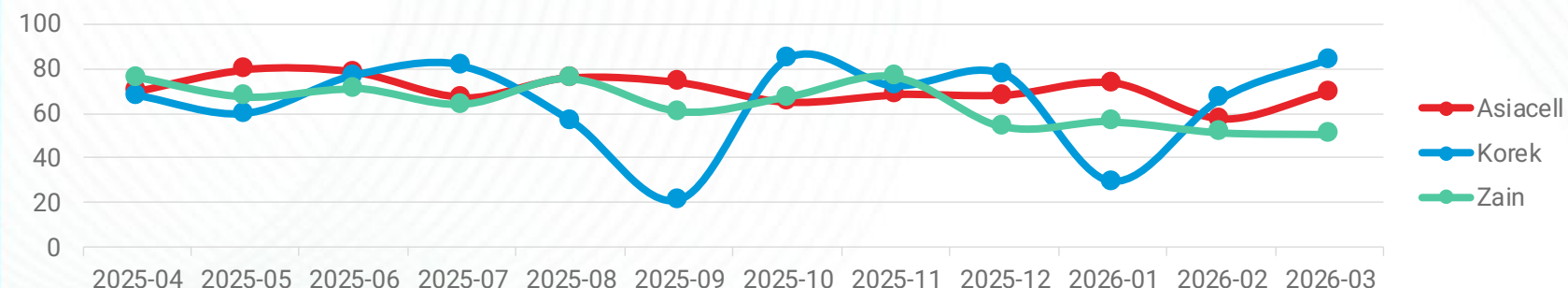
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Streaming Performance (average)



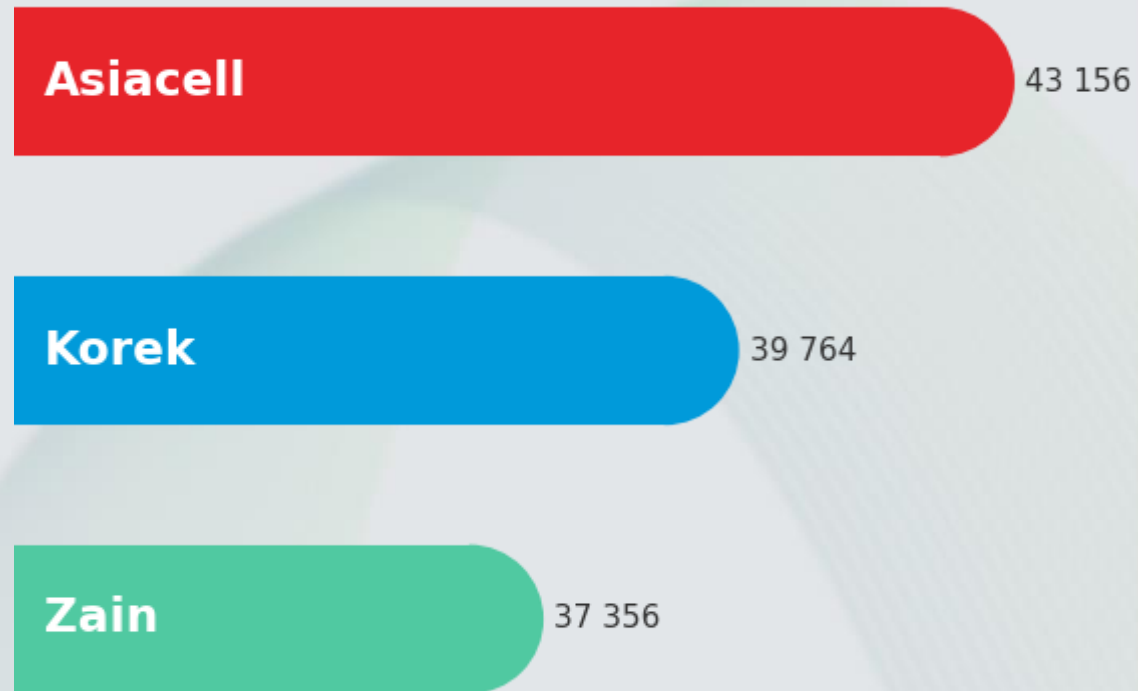
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Streaming Performance evolution over the year (average)



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nPerf Score (nPoints)



Source : nPerf.com

The subscribers of Asiacell enjoyed the best 4G Internet in 2026.

Best performances 4G: Asiacell

Fastest performances (Download Speed) 4G: Asiacell

Fastest performances (Upload Speed) 4G: Asiacell

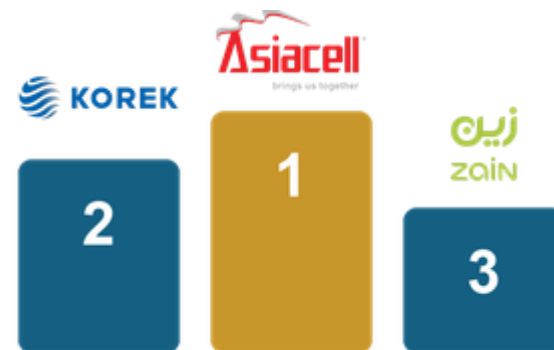
4G connections with the lowest latency: Korek

Best web browsing performances 4G: Korek

Best streaming performances 4G: Asiacell

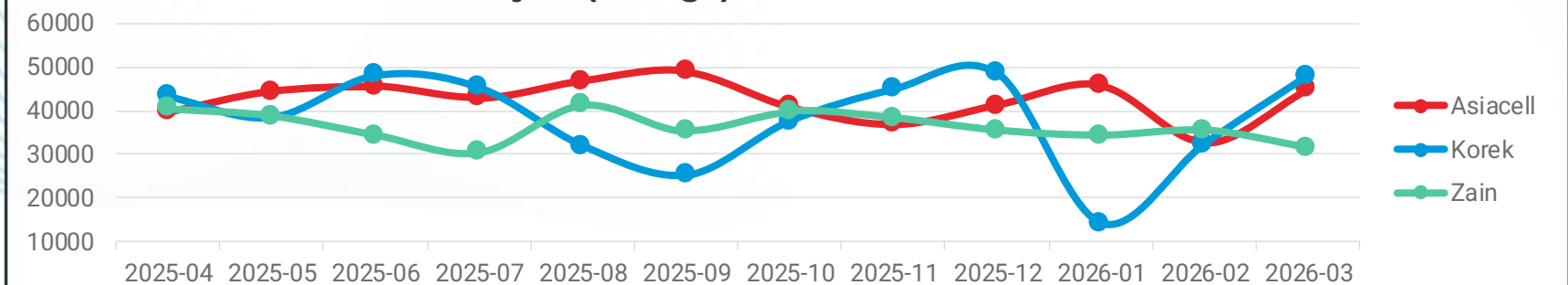
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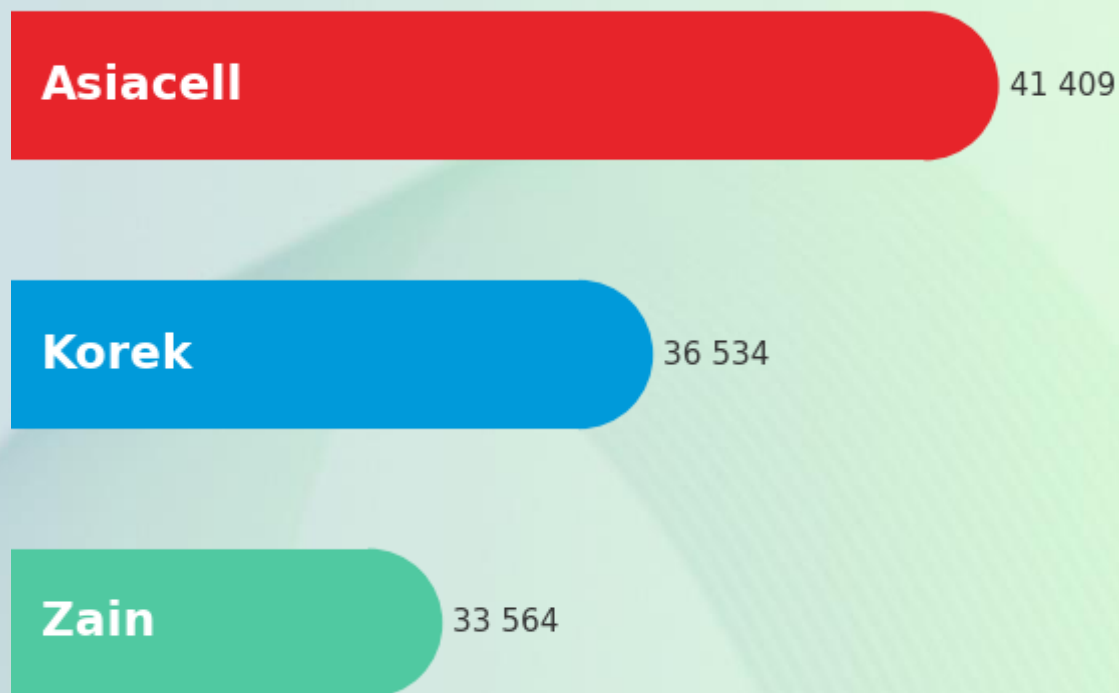
nPerf Score evolution over the year (average)



Source : nPerf.com



nPerf Score (nPoints)



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The subscribers of Asiacell enjoyed the best Mobile Internet performances in 2026.

The nPerf score takes into account the measured bitrates, the latency and the QoE tests. The value of the points for the rates and the latency is calculated on a logarithmic scale, to better represent the perception of the user. Thus, this score reflects the overall quality of the connection experienced by the user.

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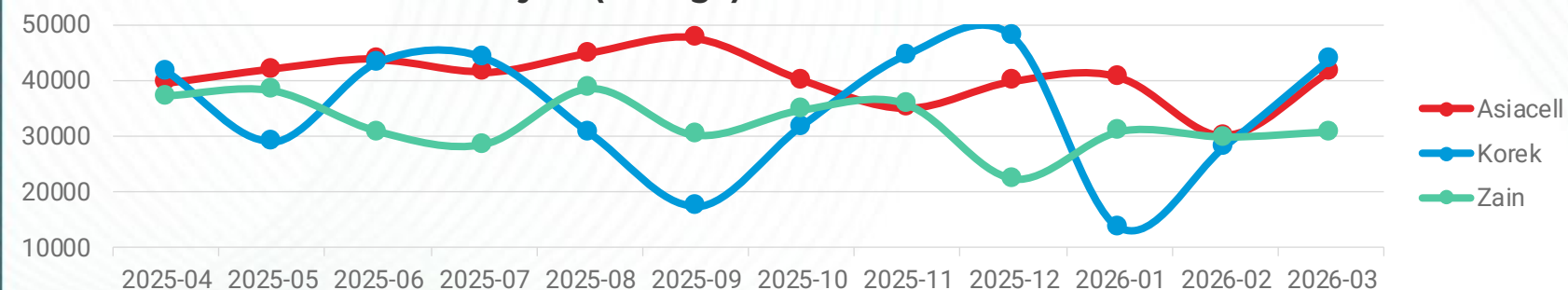
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nPerf Score evolution over the year (average)



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