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Barometer of mobile Internet connections in Kuwait

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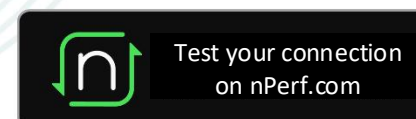
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2. Executive Summary



The subscribers of STC and Zain enjoyed the best Mobile Internet performances in 2026 in Kuwait.

Mobile Internet performance in Kuwait

	Ooredoo	STC	Zain
▼ Download bitrates (Mb/s)	85.67	116.31	129.92
▲ Upload bitrates (Mb/s)	14.53	21.89	20.30
◀▶ Latency (ms)	194.22	65.56	122.65
🌐 Web browsing (%)	63.60	61.45	65.75
🎥 Youtube streaming (%)	73.87	72.42	77.74
🏆 nPerf Score (nPoints)	65 655	75 237	77 030

Source : nPerf.com

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Best Mobile Internet performance
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The subscribers of STC and Zain enjoyed the best 4G Internet in 2026 in Kuwait.

Mobile Internet performance in Kuwait

	Ooredoo	STC	Zain
▼ Download bitrates (Mb/s)	39.16	59.74	55.00
▲ Upload bitrates (Mb/s)	12.14	16.13	17.12
◀▶ Latency (ms)	205.60	64.46	124.56
🌐 Web browsing (%)	61.26	57.88	60.68
🎬 Youtube streaming (%)	71.36	67.07	74.66
n nPerf Score (nPoints)	54 070	62 318	62 521

Source : nPerf.com

The best mobile Internet performance in Kuwait for 2026 reflects a dynamic and increasingly competitive landscape. Based on nPerf measurements collected between April 2025 and March 2026, Zain and STC emerge as co-leaders, while Ooredoo faces ongoing challenges in closing the gap. Across all operators, a clear upward trend in download speeds signals a sector-wide push toward better network performance – good news for Kuwaiti mobile users.

Zain: Consistent Quality and a Standout Year

Zain has been building momentum over five consecutive years of improving overall scores, and this cycle marks a clear acceleration. The operator claims co-leadership overall alongside STC, distinguishing itself as the top performer for Download speed (Mb/s) (+33% year-on-year, reaching 129.92 Mb/s), Web Browsing (%), and Youtube streaming (%) – both maintained over five years. On 4G, Zain shares top honours with STC, standing out for Upload speed (Mb/s) (a first), Web Browsing (%), and Youtube streaming (%). With an overall score of 77,030 and a 4G score of 62,521, Zain consolidates its position as the sector reference and visibly widens the gap over competitors compared to the previous period.

STC: Strong Gains and a Solid Co-Leadership

STC has demonstrated a constant upward progression in its overall score across five years, and this edition delivers its most competitive performance to date. The operator shares co-leadership overall with Zain, leading on Upload speed (Mb/s) for the first time (21.89 Mb/s) and retaining the top spot on Latency (ms) for a second consecutive year (65.56 ms). On 4G, STC also achieves co-leadership alongside Zain, excelling in Download speed (Mb/s) for a second year running

(59.74 Mb/s) and again on Latency (ms) (64.46 ms). A notable +8% improvement in overall Download speed (Mb/s) underlines the operator's continued network investment, bringing its overall score to 75,237.

Ooredoo: A Bright Spot Amid Ongoing Pressure

Ooredoo faces a more challenging picture in this edition, ranking third overall with a score of 65,655 – a significant drop from 75,810 the previous year. The operator records the highest Latency (ms) of the three (194.22 ms overall, 205.60 ms on 4G), which weighs heavily on the user experience. That said, Ooredoo retains a noteworthy achievement: it leads on Web Browsing (%) in the 4G segment for the third consecutive year, demonstrating consistent strength in this specific usage metric.

What to Watch in the Year Ahead

The Kuwaiti mobile sector is entering a phase where competition at the top is intensifying. For Zain, the priority will be maintaining its edge in content-driven metrics – Youtube streaming (%) and Web Browsing (%) – while managing the latency gap, which remains its clearest vulnerability. STC must build on its remarkable latency performance and first-time Upload speed (Mb/s) lead, while continuing to close the download speed gap with Zain to realistically challenge for outright leadership. Ooredoo, meanwhile, faces the most urgent task: a substantial reduction in latency is essential to remain competitive overall. Its strength in 4G Web Browsing (%) proves the network has potential – the challenge now is translating that into a broader, more consistent user experience across all metrics.

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

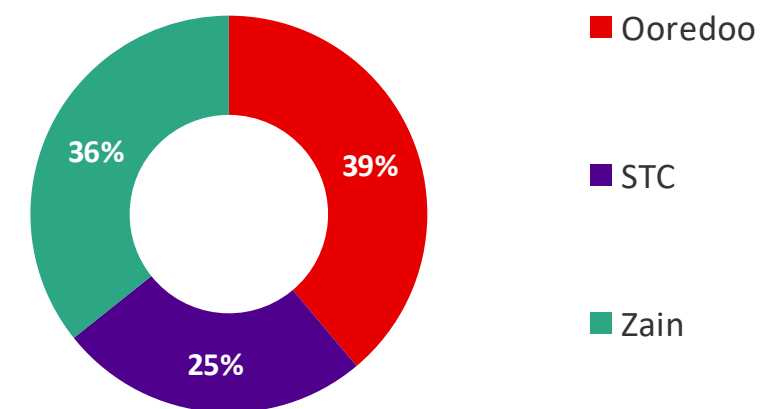
The video streaming test gauges the load time of a fully loaded video in three resolutions on YouTube, considering stalls during playback. This indicator reflects the perceived quality by the user.

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)



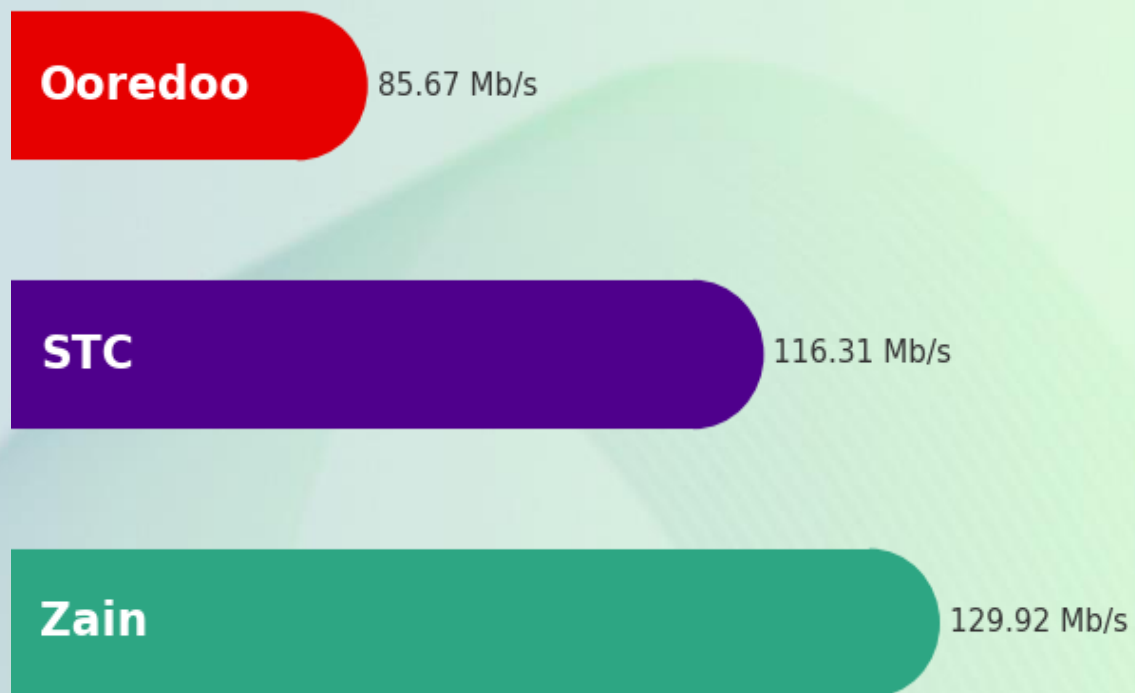
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Download Speed



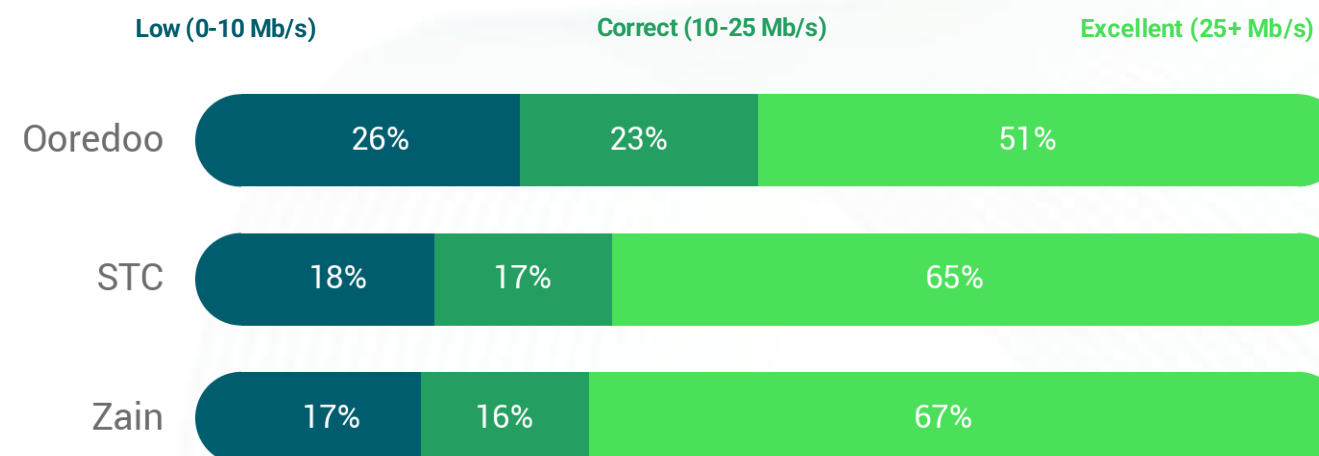
Download Speed (average)



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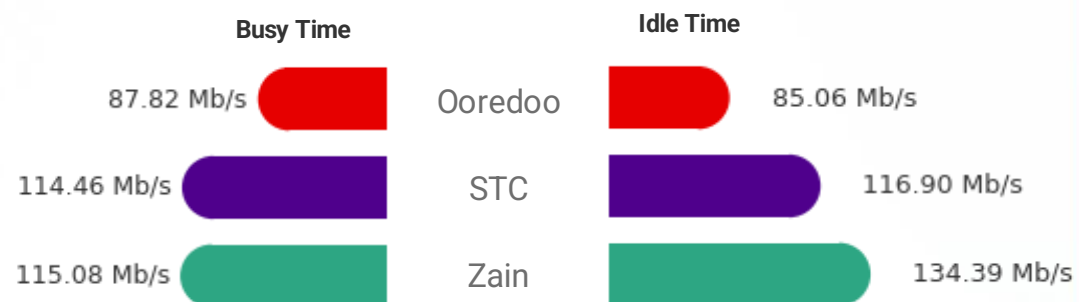
The subscribers of Zain enjoyed the best Mobile Internet Download Speed in 2026.

Download Speed results distribution (average)



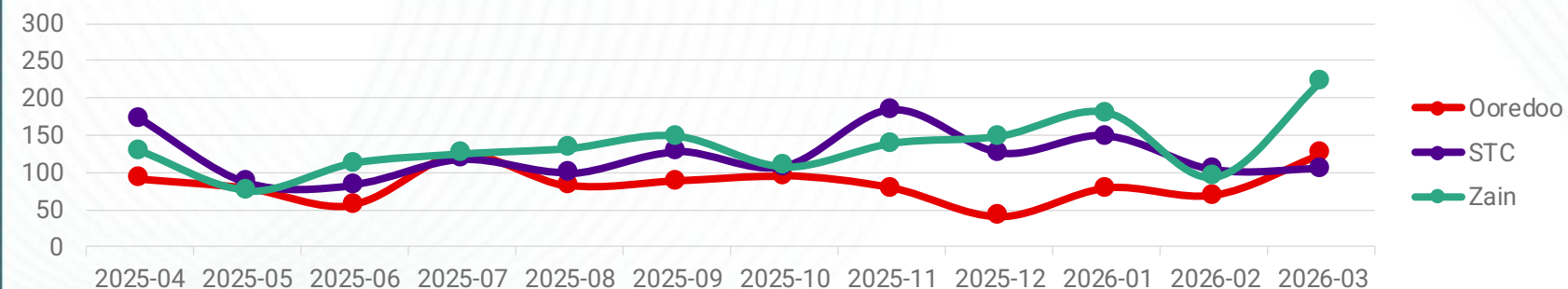
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Download Speed (average)



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Download Speed evolution over the year (average)



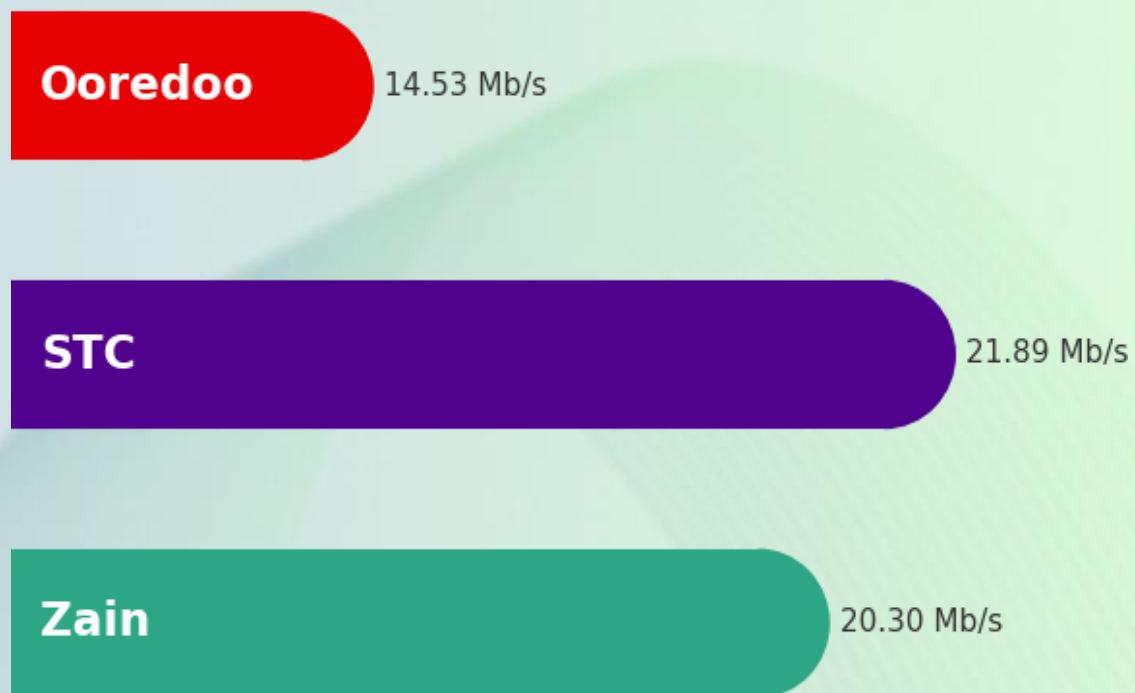
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Upload Speed



Upload Speed (average)



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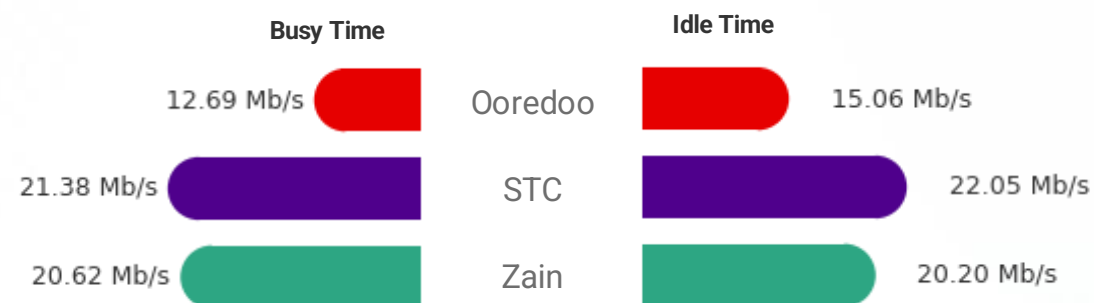
The subscribers of STC enjoyed the best Mobile Internet Upload Speed in 2026.

Upload Speed results distribution (average)



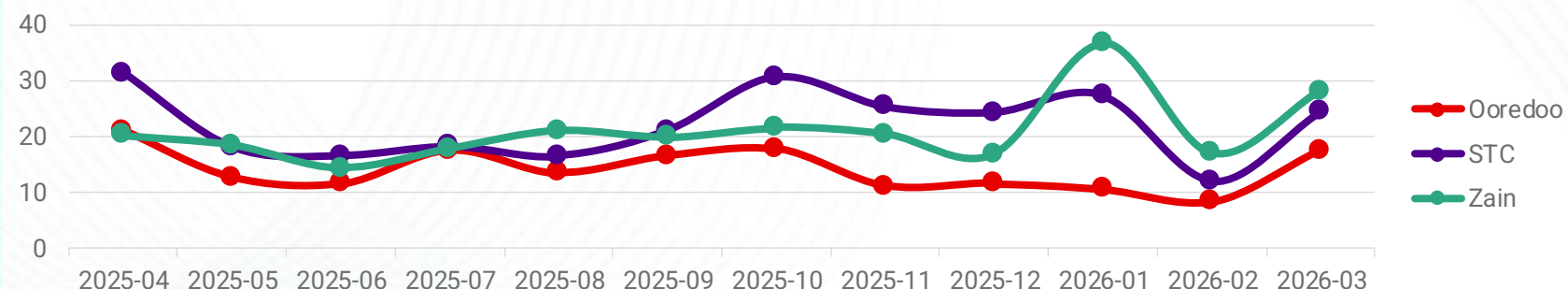
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Upload Speed (average)



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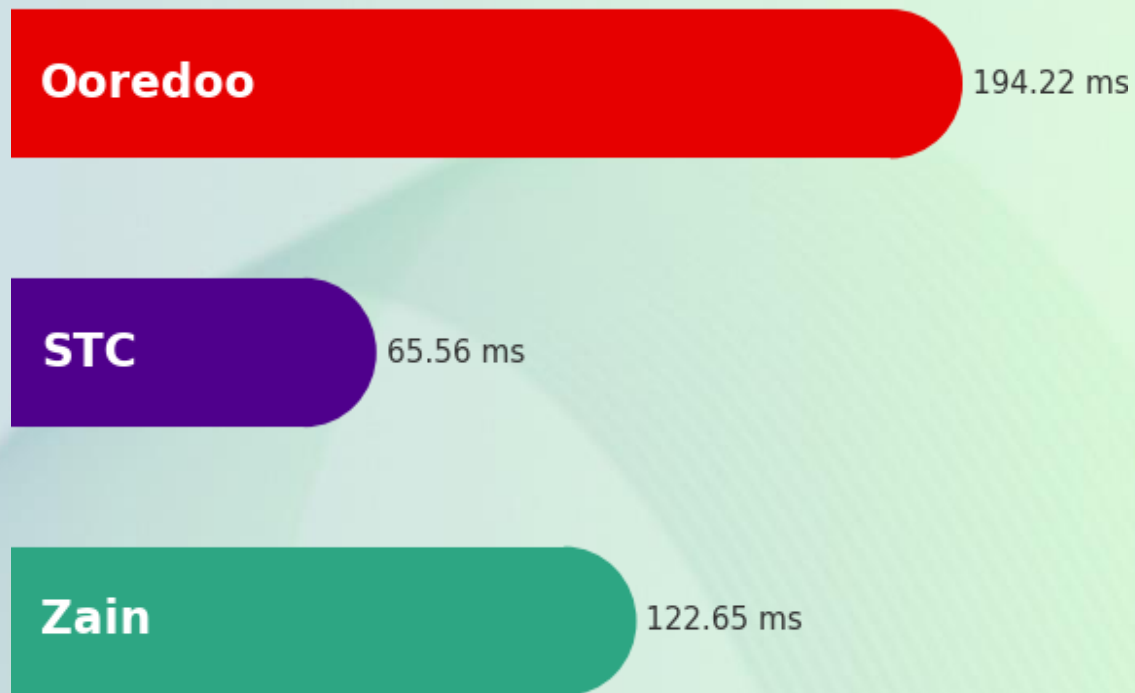
Upload Speed evolution over the year (average)



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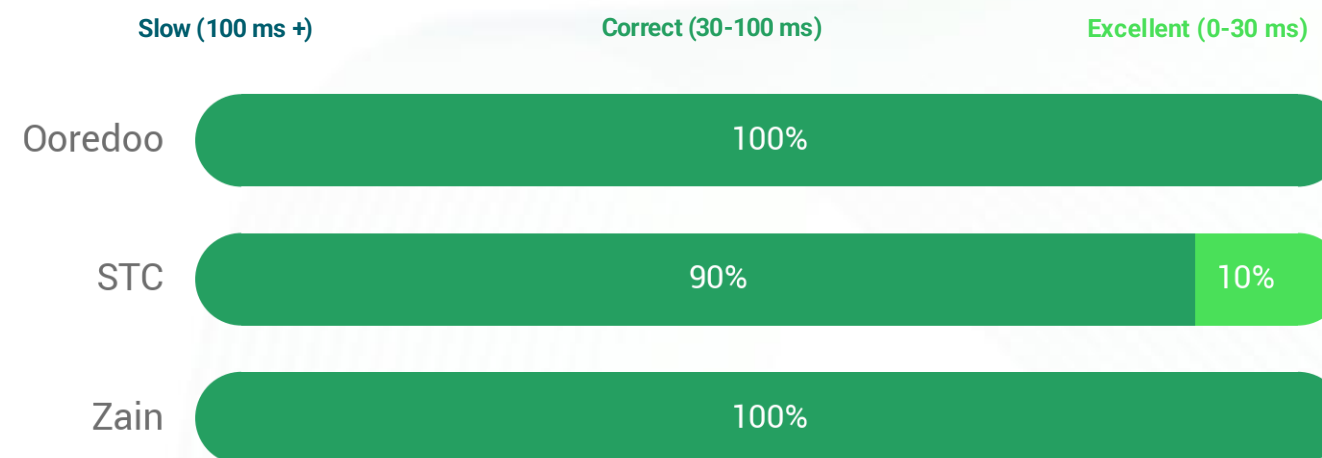
Latency (average)



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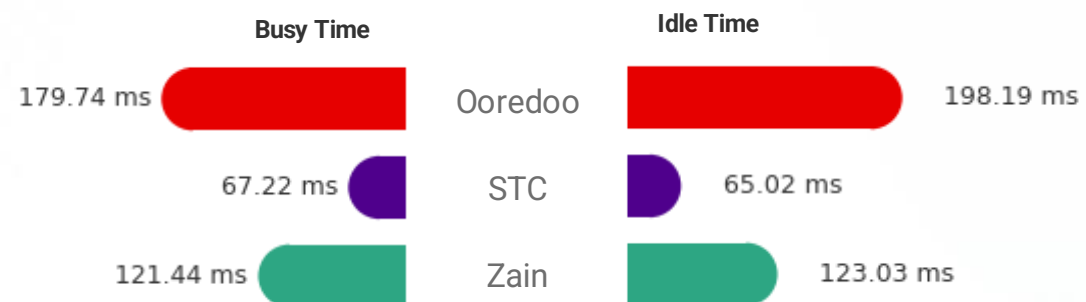
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Latency results distribution (average)



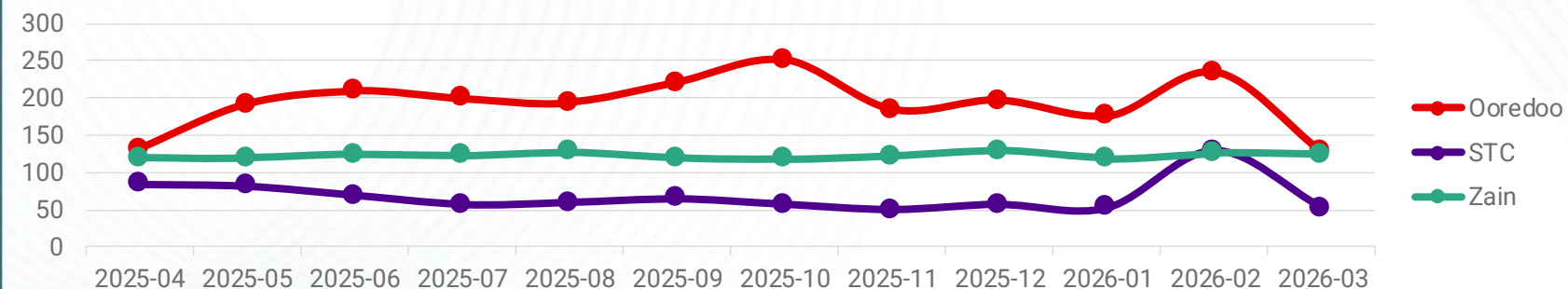
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Latency (average)



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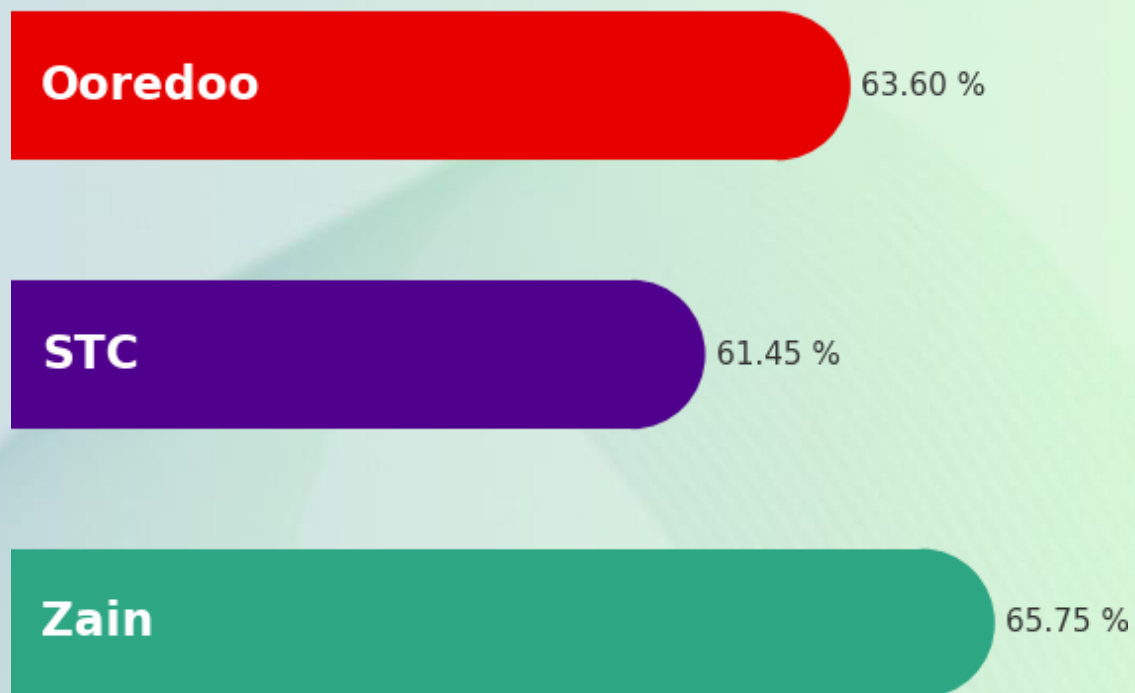
Latency evolution over the year (average)



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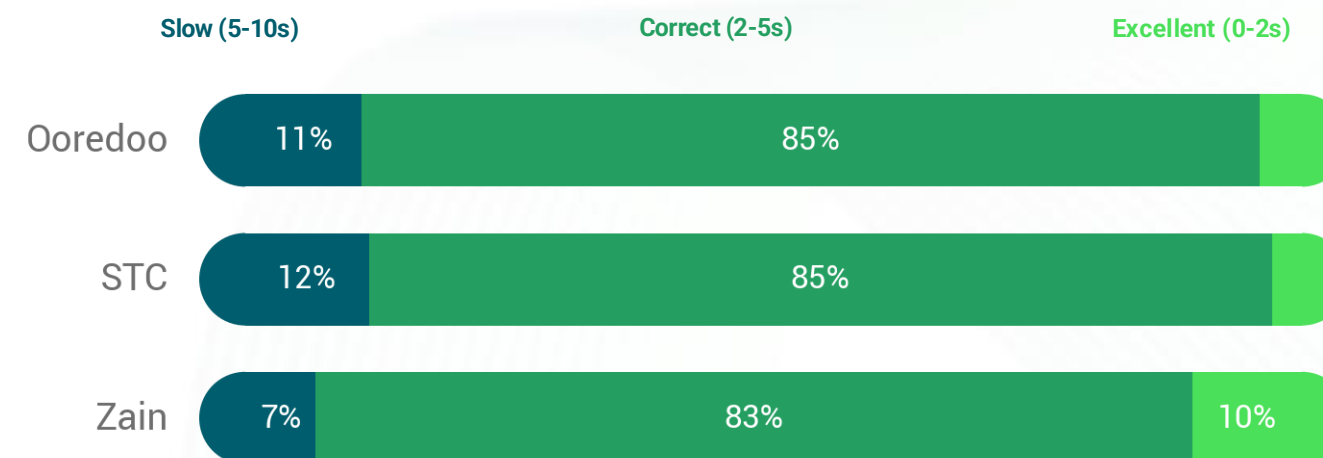
Browsing Performance (average)



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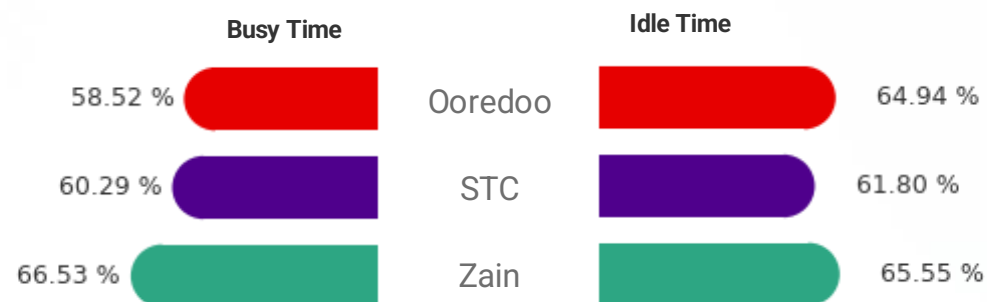
The subscribers of Zain enjoyed the best Mobile Internet Browsing Performance in 2026.

Browsing Performance results distribution (average)



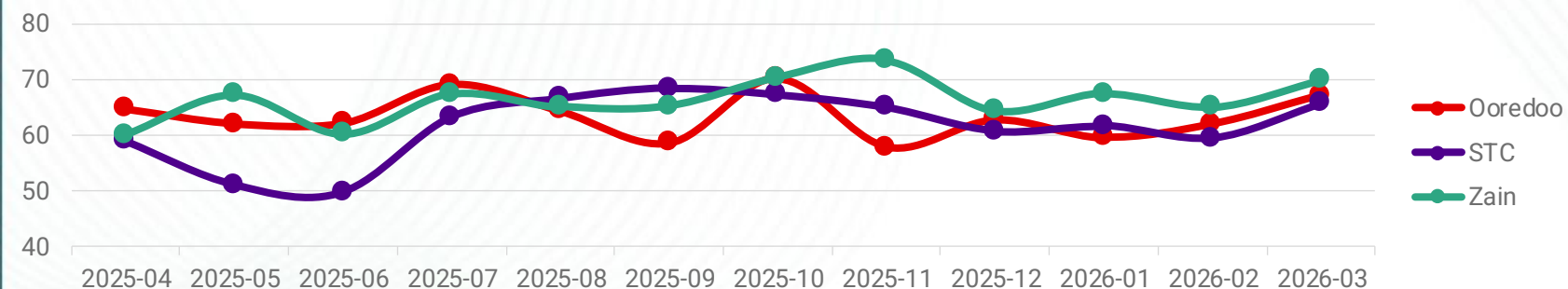
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Browsing Performance (average)



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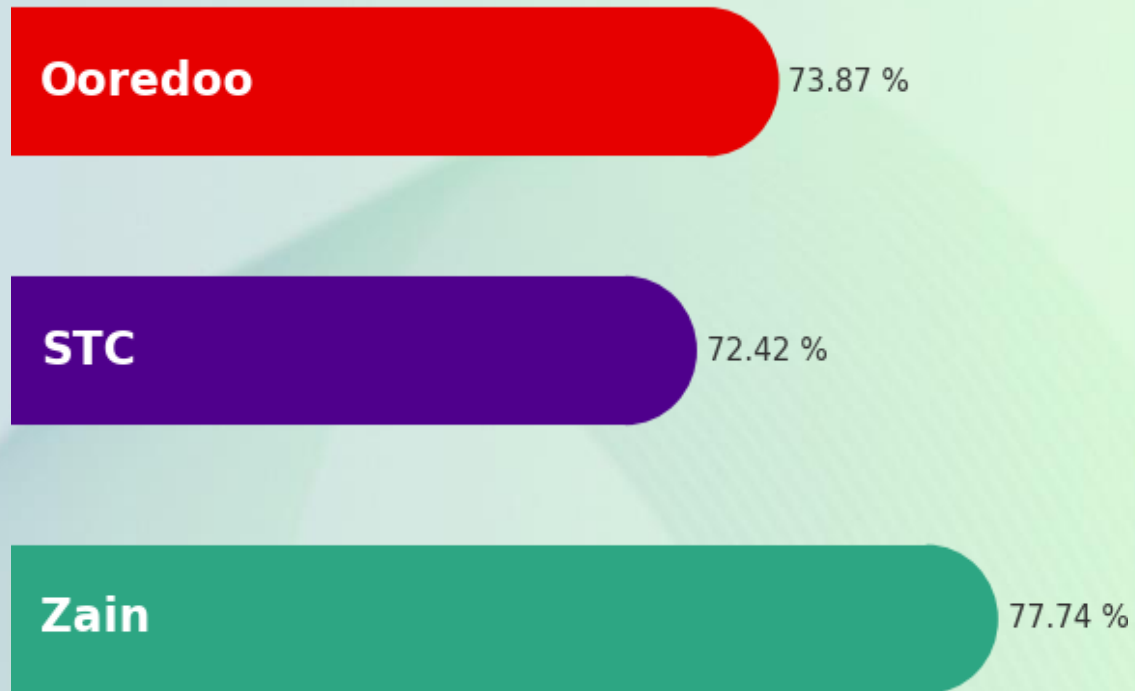
Browsing Performance evolution over the year (average)



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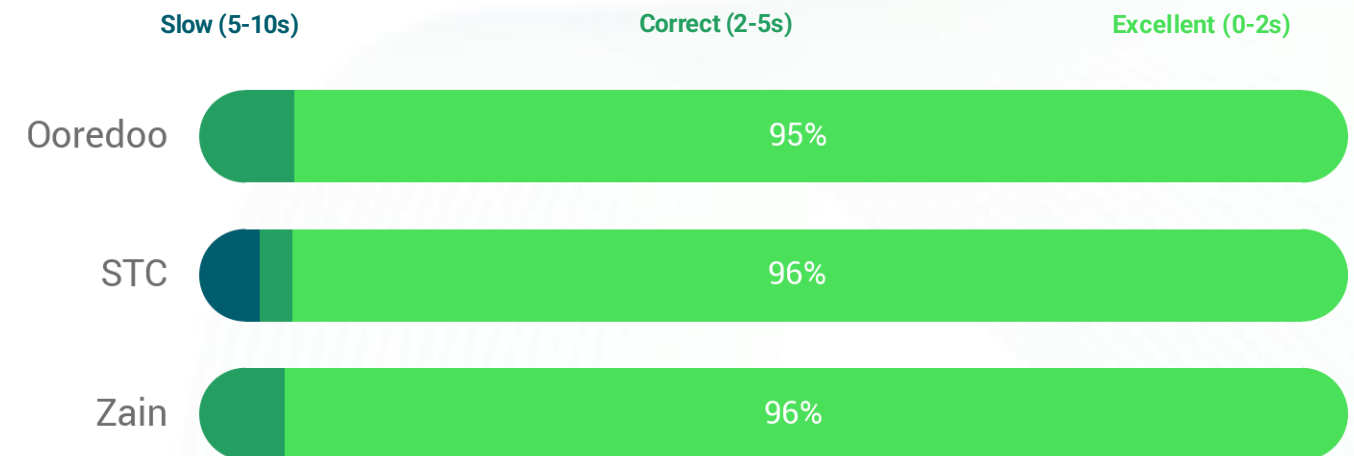
Streaming Performance (average)



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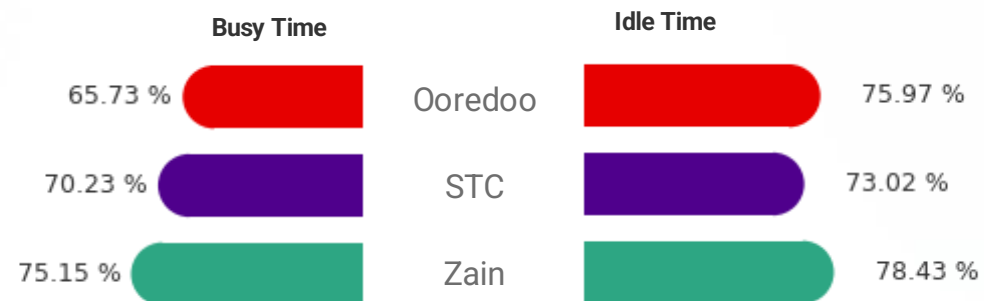
The subscribers of Zain enjoyed the best Mobile Internet Streaming Performance in 2026.

Streaming Performance results distribution (average)



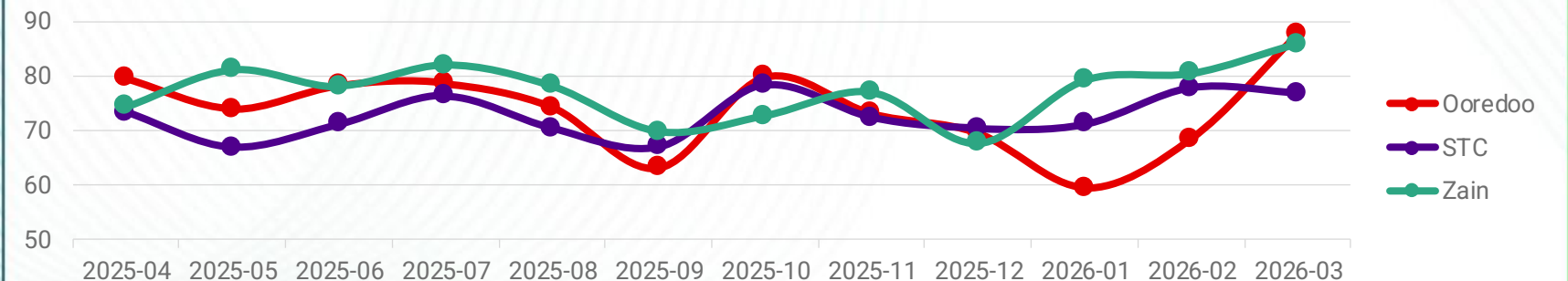
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Streaming Performance (average)



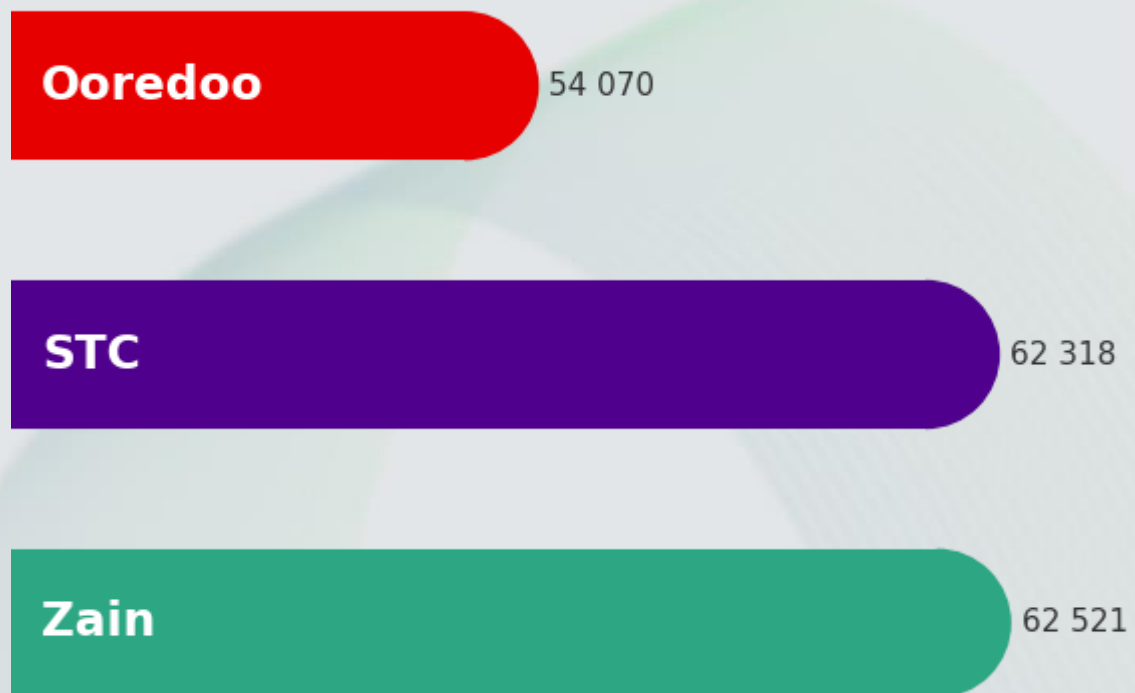
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Streaming Performance evolution over the year (average)



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nPerf Score (nPoints)



Source : nPerf.com

The subscribers of STC and Zain enjoyed the best 4G Internet in 2026.

Best performances 4G: STC and Zain

Fastest performances (Download Speed) 4G: STC

Fastest performances (Upload Speed) 4G: Zain

4G connections with the lowest latency: STC

Best web browsing performances 4G: Ooredoo and Zain

Best streaming performances 4G: Zain

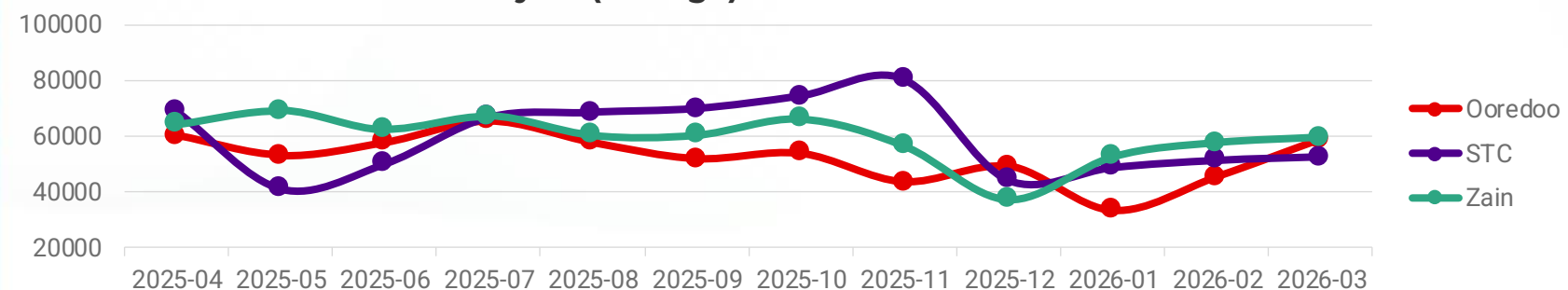
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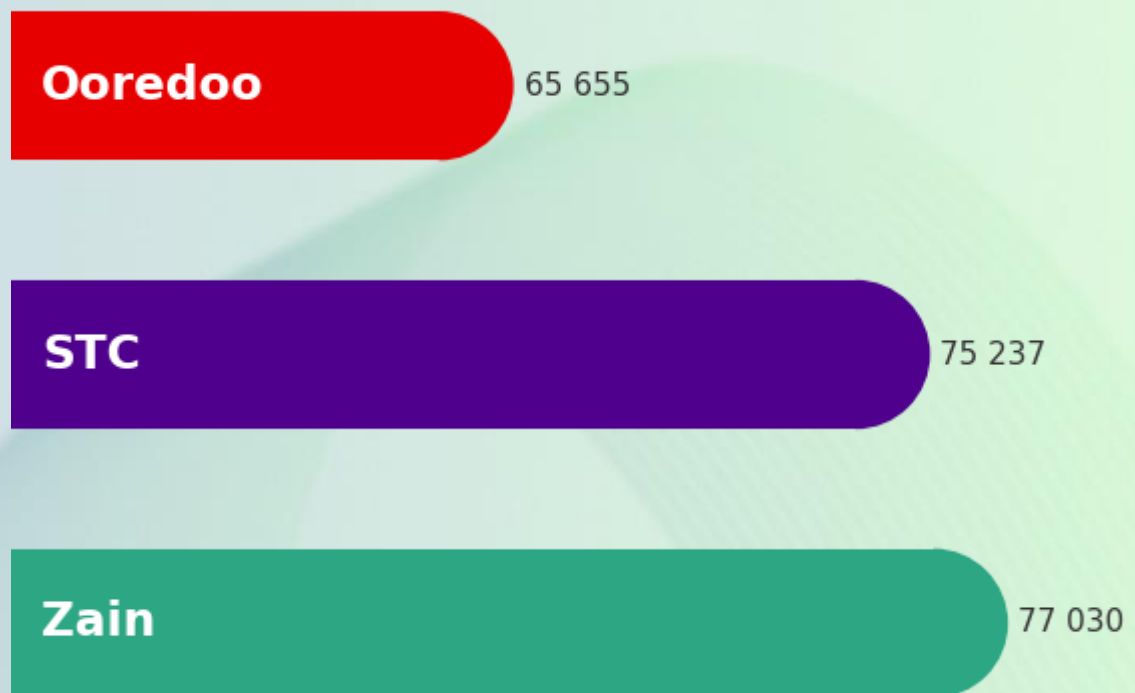
nPerf Score evolution over the year (average)



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nPerf Score (nPoints)



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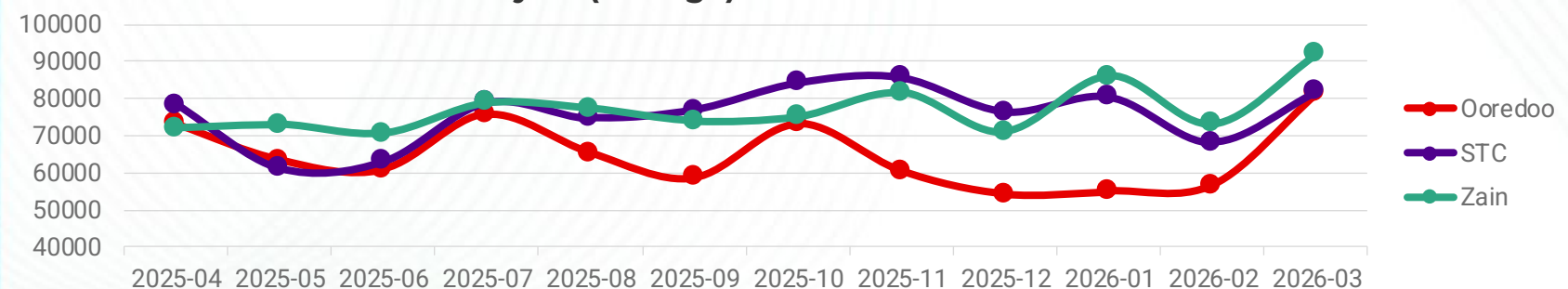
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The nPerf score takes into account the measured bitrates, the latency and the QoE tests. The value of the points for the rates and the latency is calculated on a logarithmic scale, to better represent the perception of the user. Thus, this score reflects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

Source : nPerf.com



nPerf Score evolution over the year (average)



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