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Five Million Cell Phone Lines Active in Cuba

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Cuba's Telecommunications Company ETECSA announced on Thursday that the number of active cell phone lines has reached five million thus confirming the increase of that service over the past few years.

According to statistics released by the company, some 43 thousand cell phone lines were active in December 2003, a figure that increased to 223 thousand by April 2008.

The numbers grew to reach one million lines in June 2010, two million in March 2014 and three million in April 2015, while in December 2016, the figure reached four million active lines.

The Telecom company has noticeably expanded its services including internet rooms and wifi hotspots throughout the island, as well as still limited home-based adsl connections.

Along with the state services, private workers have spread cell phone repair and sale businesses in many areas, what has helped Cubans enjoy the use of smart phones for their communication in different modalities.