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Is du deploying 5g-a Technology in the UAE?

Du launched its 5G SA technology in 2023 and has made significant strides in deploying 5G-Advanced (5G-A) technology in the UAE. Du is reported to have already installed hundreds of 5G-A base stations after carrying out 5G-A trials in October 2023, which paved the way for initial commercial launch of the technology in January 2024.

How many 5G stations are there in the UAE?

5G is well-deployed in major urban areas and along main transport routes, but less so in more rural areas. The UAE is estimated to have approximately 7,000 5G base stations, representing seven stations per 10,000 residents. The two principal network operators (Etisalat by e&and Du) as well as the main VMNO Virgin Mobile offer 5G connectivity.

Does Dubai have 5G?

In May 2019, with 5G-capable handsets now available to UAE customers, the Etisalat network was opened for full mobile use. By February 2023, the 5G network served all main urban areas and many connecting highways, including Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Fujairah, Ras Al-Kaimah, and Umm Al-Quwain, with a population coverage of 97%.

When did 5G start in the UAE?

The first full commercial 5G mobile service in the MEA region was introduced by Etisalat in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in May 2019, followed closely by its domestic rival Du the following month. Etisalat switched on the region's first pre-commercial 5G networks in select Abu Dhabi and Dubai locations in January 2018.

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By leveraging commercial CPE for real-world deployment, e& UAE is unlocking the full potential of these spectrum bands to complement its existing 5G network. This initiative ...

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Du and Nokia deploy 5G Cloud RAN in Abu Dhabi, combining cloud-native and purpose-built infrastructures.

To demonstrate these use cases to enterprise customers, a 5G private wireless network based on the Nokia DAC platform has been installed at the Etisalat Innovation Centre ...

Our 5G locations are set to grow to more locations with our intensive rollout by the end of the year.



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