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## State of Mobile Internet Connectivity 2022

Latin America & Caribbean Key Trends



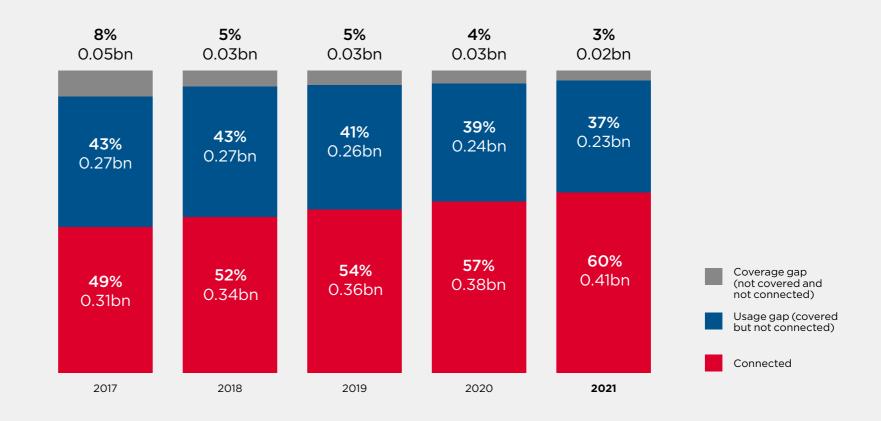
### Mobile internet connectivity in Latin America & Caribbean

- Nearly 250 million people are still not using mobile internet despite living within mobile broadband coverage.
- The biggest country in the region, Brazil, accounted for more than a third of new mobile internet users in the region.

Source: GSMA Intelligence.

'Usage gap' refers to populations that live within the footprint of a mobile broadband network but who are not using mobile internet. 'Coverage gap' refers to populations that do not live within the footprint of a mobile broadband network (3G or above).

NB: Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



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### **Coverage and download speeds in Latin America & Caribbean**

- Nearly all the region is covered by 3G and 4G networks.
- Average download speeds continue to improve.





# Affordability of data plans and cheapest internet-enabled handsets across LMICs in Latin America & Caribbean

- Affordability of 1GB and 5GB data bundles continue to improve, on par with the LMIC average.
  - In 2021, excluding high income countries, Latin America and Caribbean was the region with the most affordable handsets. The cheapest internet-enabled handset cost 10% of monthly income on average in the region.

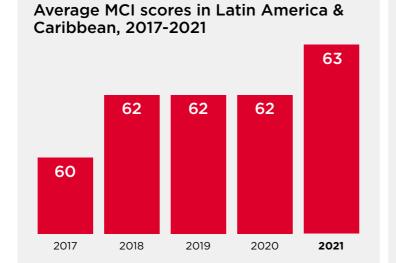
Cost of 1GB and 5.0% -5GB of data as 4.4% 4.0% -4.1% % of monthly 3.9% **GDP** per capita 3.2% 3.0% -2 9% 2.8% 2.3% 1GB 2.1% 2.0% -1.9% 1.7% 5GB 1.0% -0.0% -2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 Cost of cheapest 14% internet-enabled 12% handset as % of 10% -10% monthly GDP per 8% capita 6% -4% — 2% — 0% 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

**NB:** Percentages are rounded. 'LMICs' refer to low- and middle-income countries.



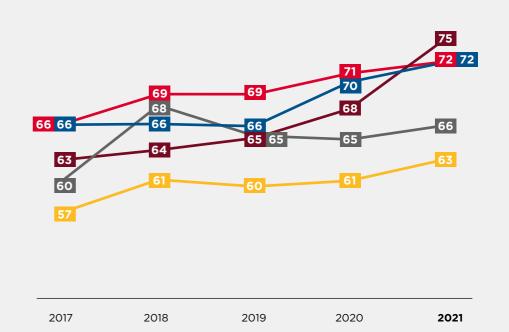
### Mobile Connectivity Index scores in Latin America & Caribbean

The Mobile Connectivity Index (MCI) measures the performance of 170 countries against the four key enablers of mobile internet adoption: infrastructure; affordability; consumer readiness; and content and services. The index is built up through 41 indicators feeding into 14 dimensions that are aggregated to give a score for four enablers. Scores fall within a range of 0-100.



Countries at the top of the MCI in Latin America & Caribbean in 2021	
1	Uruguay
2	Chile
3	Brazil
4	Mexico
5	Costa Rica
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MCI scores of most improved countries in Latin America & Caribbean between 2017 and 2021



Costa Rica

Dominican Republic

Mexico

Paraguay

https://www.mobileconnectivityindex.com/

Brazil

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