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DSL Shows Growth Spurt Worldwide

With growth of 36 percent over the first six months of 2002, deployments of DSL worldwide now stand at 25.58 million, according to figures from analyst firm **Point Topic**, working with the **DSL Forum**. At least 6.8 million subscribers were added in the first and second quarters of 2002, 1 million of those in the United States. The DSL Forum predicts that, by 2005 there will be 200 million DSL subscribers worldwide.

Growth was highest for the six months in South and South East Asia (124 percent), Middle East & Africa (123 percent) and in Latin America (63.13 percent) but each of these regions had less than half a million DSL lines at the end of 2001.

At the end of the first half of 2002, the Asia Pacific region had 42 percent of DSL subscribers, North America had 26 percent and Western Europe had 25%. Subscriber growth in Western Europe was higher than 50 percent in the six-month period, compared to 19.2% in North America.

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