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Consumer Experience with the Main Telecommunications Providers- Business Users Report

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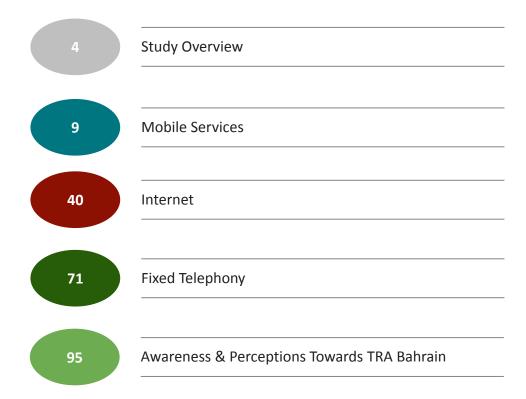
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Background

- The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain (TRA) was established in 2002. TRA is an
 independent body aiming at developing a competitive communication market & protecting the interests of
 subscribers and users.
- As part of its role, TRA wanted to gain insights on consumer experience with the main telecommunications providers. The key objectives was to assess the level of satisfaction of Mobile, Broadband, & Fixed telephony on the overall level, and across multiple touch points. Businesses awareness of TRA and its services was also a key objective of this study. Further, TRA wanted to determine development areas in order to enhance users' experience within telecommunications sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- In that respect, TRA contacted Ipsos Bahrain to carry out market research survey addressing the above needs.
- Ipsos conducted the research survey with both residential & business consumers. The report at hand presents the key findings and insights of the business users survey.
- The data collection was carried out during the November December 2015.



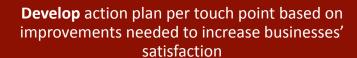
Research Objectives

Main objective

This study aims at assessing the business users' awareness of TRA and satisfaction level with Telecommunication Providers.

Measure businesses' satisfaction across multiple components (Primary & Secondary levels)

Identify the impact of each Primary & Secondary component on the overall satisfaction











Research Methodology

- The research was conducted through Pen & Paper Interviews (PAPI). All interviews were done Face-to-Face interviews with respondents at their convenience, using a structured questionnaire.
- Respondents were contacted prior the interview in order to confirm their eligibility and willingness to participate
 in the survey. An appointment is taken according to their convenience upon acceptance.
- A team of well-experienced and trained interviewers, met with respondents and carried-out the survey with them.
- After conducting the survey, a series of quality measures take place to ensure delivering highest quality, and error-free data. These measures are:
 - Editing & logical check for 100% of interviews
 - Back Checking of respondents' answers is done for at least 40% of interviews split across all interviewers
 - Ensure that each interviewer not exceed 8-10% of the total sample size
 - Quality control reports check by the Operation manager which they are reporting directly to him



Sample Design

The research followed a quantitative approach through conducting Face-to-face interviews with businesses using a structured questionnaire. Interviews were split as follows:

By Company Size	Counts	%
Large (50+ Employees)	50	10%
Medium (20-50 Employees)	200	40%
Small (Less than 20 Employees)	250	50%
Total	500	100%

By Sector	Counts	%
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	240	48%
Manufacturing	80	16%
Construction	80	16%
Real estate activities	40	8%
Accommodation and food service activities	40	8%
Financial and insurance activities	15	3%
Education	5	1%
Total	500	100%

All Interviews were conducted with Authorized Contact Persons (SPOC)





Satisfaction Approach

Delight, satisfaction and dissatisfaction – On questions asked to measure the satisfaction level of the respondents on a scale of 1-10, where 1 indicates complete dissatisfaction and 10 indicates complete satisfaction, the top rating points – **10 and 9** are combined to constitutes the 'delight' factor. It represents a very high level of customer satisfaction. Scores of **8 and 7** are to form the 'satisfaction' factor. This represents satisfaction among the respondents, but not to the level of delight. 'dissatisfaction' factors are the ones with scores of **6 and below** and they indicate a low level of satisfaction. For illustration purpose, they are color coded in the following manner:









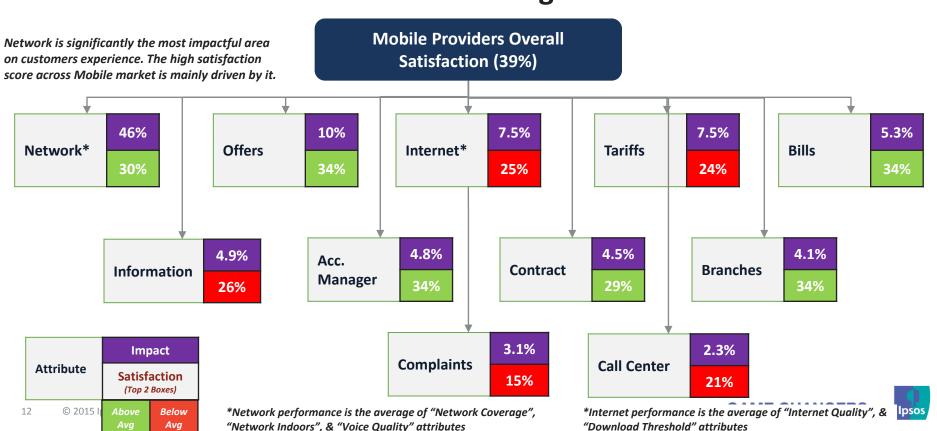
Summary Of Businesses' Experience With Mobile Operators

- Businesses were satisfied from their experience with Mobile Operators. Businesses subscribing with Zain were significantly less satisfied than others. Further, the satisfaction of Mobile services was driven by small business. The larger company size, the lower satisfaction score.
- Despite that businesses had high overall satisfaction scores, however the satisfaction was shifted when assessing the detailed experience aspects. This is mainly attributed to the impact of "Brand Perception" on the satisfaction.
- This satisfaction trend is driven by different experience touch points, mainly Network, Offers, Bills, Account Manager, Contract & **Branches.** The satisfaction of these aspects came above average.
- However, the experience bottlenecks came mainly across Internet. Businesses suffered from the unreliable internet connection, in addition to the download threshold.
- Mobile Tariffs is considered another key dissatisfaction area across businesses. Almost a third of mobile users suffered from the clarity of tariffs, and unavailability of key tariff information.
- Another challenges faced by businesses for their mobile experience are seen for Information Awareness, Complaints & Call Center. However, these aspects are with low impact on the satisfaction score.



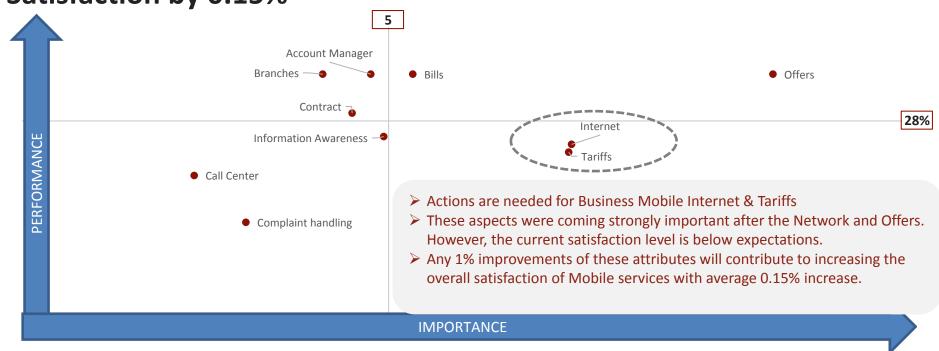


Tariffs & Mobile Internet Are Decreasing Customers' Satisfaction





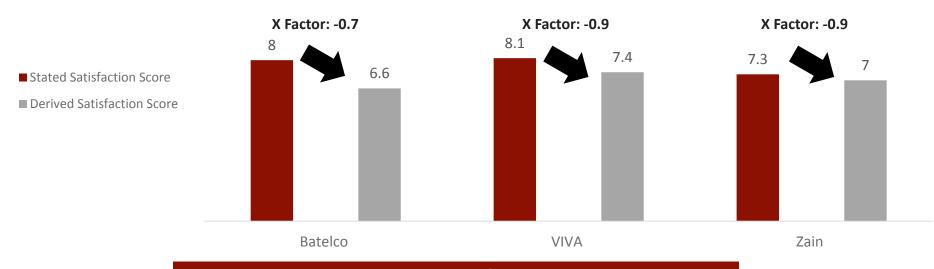
1% Improvements in Mobile Internet & Tariffs Will Increase Satisfaction by 0.15%





Business Perception Of providers Is Increasing Their Satisfaction

The relationship between Businesses & their providers is positively affecting the overall satisfaction score. Businesses are actually less satisfied from their experience of different functional touch points (Derived Satisfaction score), than what they expressed during the interview (stated satisfaction score). This **X Factor** is the impact of "**Brand Perception**" on the satisfaction score.



providers need to enhance their functional touch points to increase the actual satisfaction score



What Are Improvements Needed Across Below Average Attributes?

Based on the action matrix and the current performance level of Tariffs & Internet, we recommend the following:

> Network:

Maintain the high performance of mobile network attributes and ensure providing customers with best experience in coverage & voice quality

> Tariffs

Tariff Clarity Without Any Hidden Costs or Conditions is the key focus for current tariff scheme. providers should clearly communicate all tariff details to customers. Any 1% improvements in this aspect will increase market overall satisfaction score by 0.075% on average.

➤ Mobile Internet

■ The **Data Quality Experience** seems to be challenging, providers should focus on providing customers with the best data experience and maintain a high service stability level. Also providers are advised to increase the internet download limit for Businesses. Any 1% improvement improvements in this aspect will increase market overall satisfaction score by 0.075% on average.



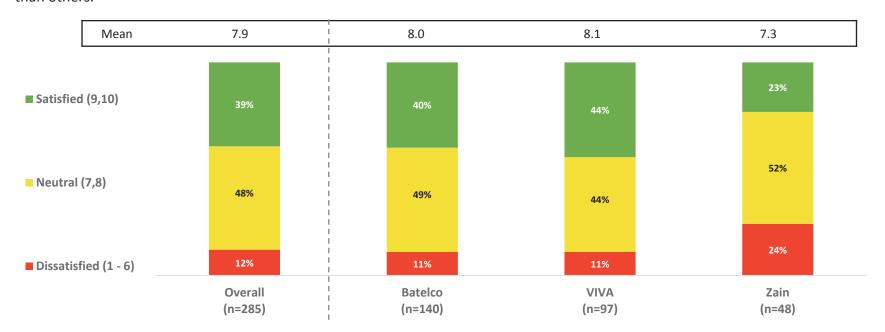
DETAILED FINDINGS OF MOBILE



OVERALL SATISFACTION OF MOBILE SERVICES

Businesses Are Satisfied From Their Experience With Mobile Operators

> This high satisfaction was coming across all providers. Though, Businesses subscribing with Zain scored lower satisfaction score than others.



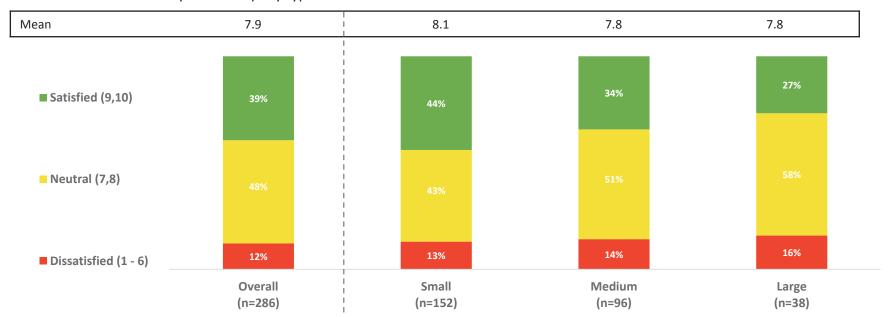




MOBILE OVERALL SATISFACTION BY COMPANY SIZE

Satisfaction Is Driven By Small Businesses

> The larger company size, the lower satisfaction score expressed from businesses. This is attributed to their needs and amount of Mobile services used by each company type.







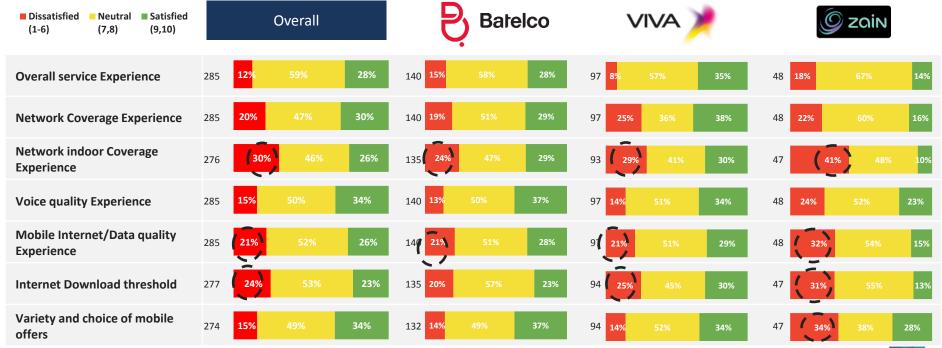




SATISFACTION OF TELECOM ASPECTS

Satisfaction Scores Across Attributes Shifted To Neutral

Network Coverage Indoors is a key concern across businesses. Further, Data Experience & Internet Threshold across Zain subscribers are key. dissatisfaction areas.





BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH MOBILE PROVIDERS' ACCOUNT MANAGERS



SATISFACTION OF PROVIDERS' ACCOUNT MANAGERS

34% of Businesses Are Satisfied From Providers' Account Managers

Dissatisfaction stems from the irregular visits of providers' AM. Another painful part in their experience with Account Manager is the time taken to address queries. Zain lags behind rivals in promptness of delivering services.

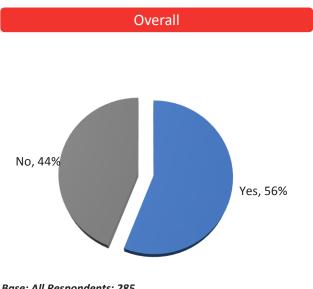




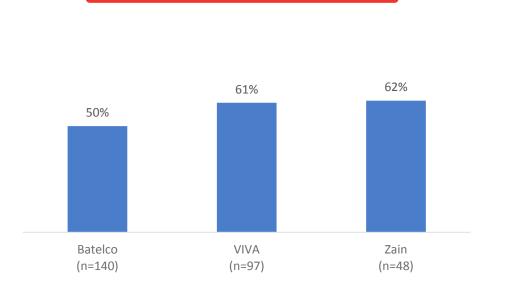
BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH MOBILE PROVIDERS' BRANCHES



More than Half Of Businesses Visited providers' Branches In Past 6 Months, Specially VIVA & Zain







By provider







SATISFACTION OF PROVIDERS' BRANCHES

Experience With Branches Are Average, Waiting Time Is An Issue

> Businesses are dissatisfied with the "Waiting Time". This is seen across all providers, specially those who visited VIVA.







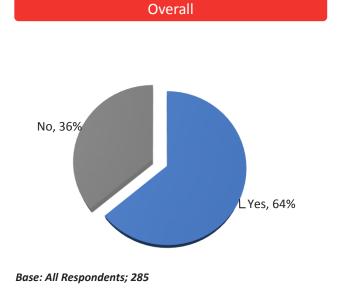
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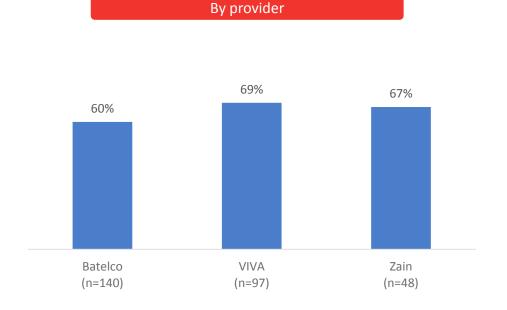




More Than Half Of Businesses Experienced Call Center In Past 6

Months





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Businesses Found Their Experience With Call Center Average

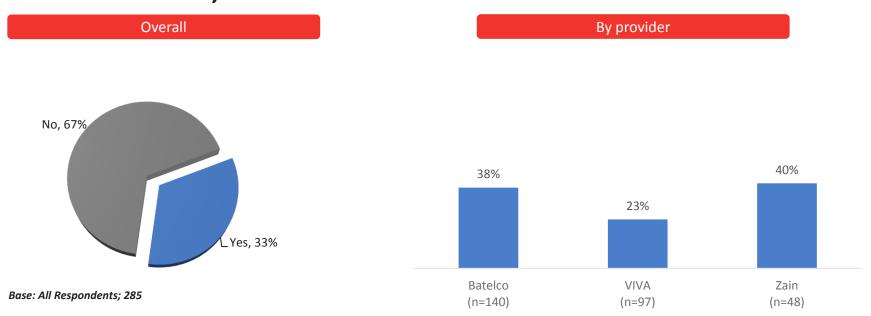
> This satisfaction is decreased by the waiting time. More than one third of businesses suffered from it.





BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH MOBILE PROVIDERS' COMPLAINT HANDLING

A Considerable number of Businesses Submitted Complaints To providers Before, around third of them.







SATISFACTION OF COMPLAINT HANDLING

Handling Businesses' Complaints Was Dissatisfying

> Around one third of businesses were dissatisfied from the way of handling their complaints across all aspects.









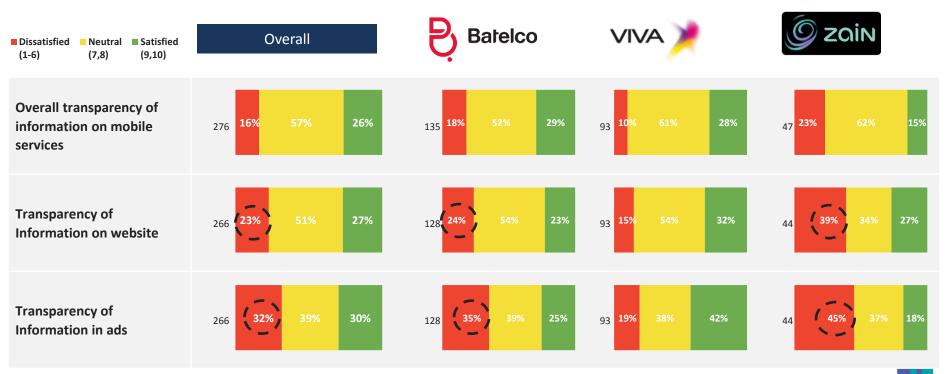
BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH MOBILE PROVIDERS' INFORMATION



SATISFACTION OF PROVIDERS' COMMUNICATION

Transparency Of Batelco & Zain Communication Ads Is Key Concern

> Business respondent fail to find the information they seek on providers' websites also; this is more true for Zain and Batelco subscribers than Viva.







BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH MOBILE PROVIDERS' TARIFFS



SATISFACTION OF TARIFFS | OVERALL

Businesses Opinions Are Split Over Mobile Business Tariffs

> Businesses subscribing with Zain are significantly more dissatisfied from their business tariffs. This dissatisfaction came across all tariff aspects.







SATISFACTION OF BILLS | OVERALL

Bills More Satisfying Than Tariffs; Confusion Leads To Believe Of Inaccuracy

> Businesses subscribing with Zain are unpleased with their bills more than other competitors; with their confusing bills that also lack details, leading to the suspicion of inaccuracies.

Batelco Overall Satisfied Dissatisfied Neutral (7,8)(9.10)(1-6)**Billing Overall** 123 76 241 22% 24% 35% 28% 28% **Bills Understanding** 24% Bill details **Bill Accuracy** 36

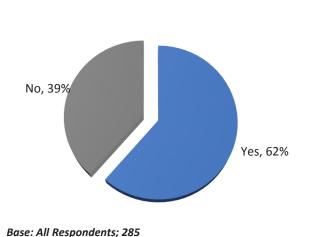


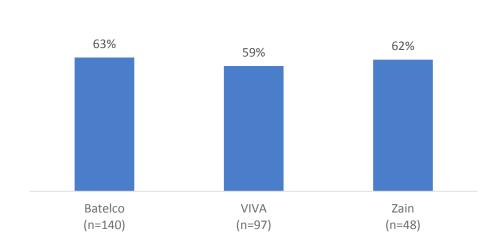
BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH MOBILE PROVIDERS' SERVICE AGREEMENT

Overall

Over Half Of Businesses Reviewed Mobile Services Agreement Before

Signing With providers





By provider



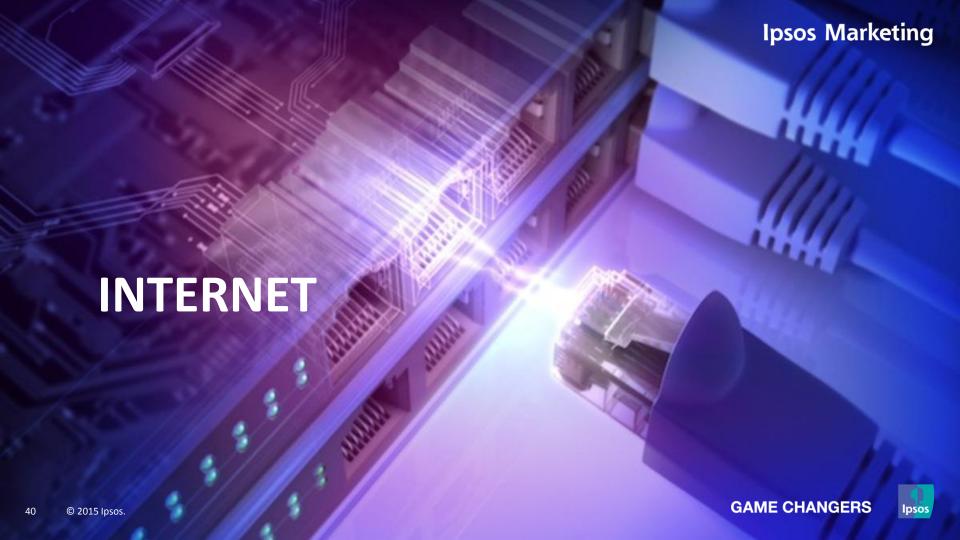
SATISFACTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT | POSTPAID CUSTOMERS

Businesses Are Indifferent To The Signed Service Agreement

> Businesses subscribing with VIVA were more satisfied from the service agreement than other operators.





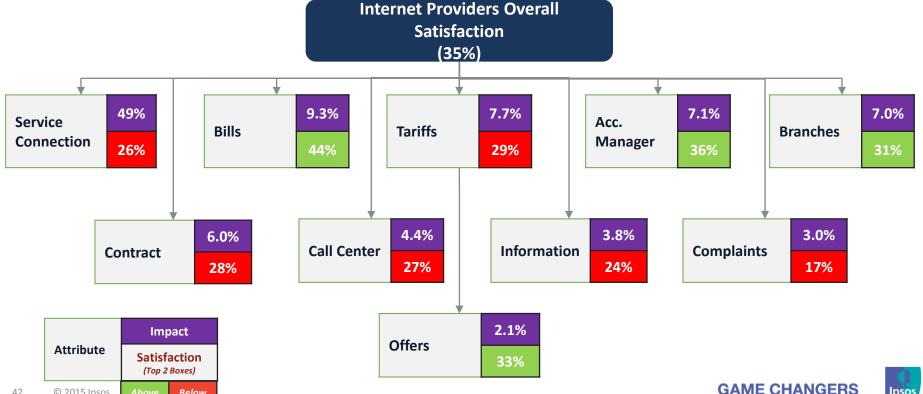


Summary Of Businesses' Experience With Internet providers

- > On the overall level, businesses expressed high satisfaction level for their experience with Internet services. VIVA services are more satisfying than other competitors. This high satisfaction level of internet services is driven by large Businesses.
- > Similar to Mobile market, businesses satisfaction was shifted when assessing detailed aspects.
- > Businesses' satisfaction trend is driven by different experience touch points, mainly Bills, Account Managers, Branches & Offers.
- However, their experience bottlenecks is significantly coming across **service connection**. Businesses suffered from the **unreliable internet connection**. Further, **internet speed** is claimed to be very slow. Another dissatisfactory area for businesses is the **download threshold** imposed on their usage.
- Another challenges faced by businesses for their internet services were discovered in the areas of **Tariffs, Contract, Call Center, Information Transparency, & Complaint handling.** However, these areas remained with low impact on businesses overall satisfaction compared to the **Internet Service Connection.**



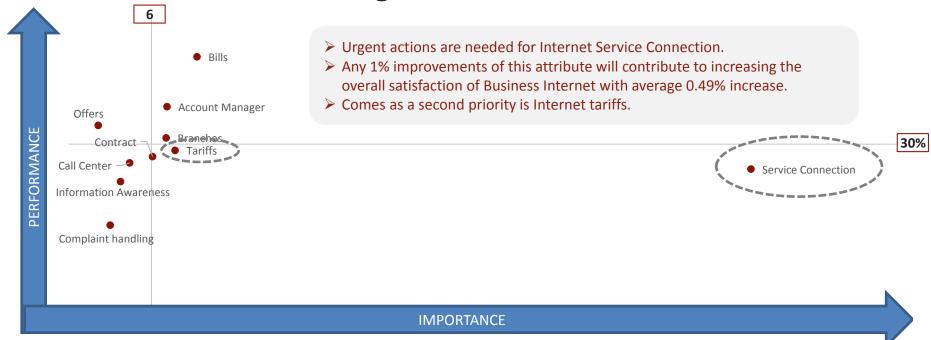
Internet Connection Stability Is The Key Challenge



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Internet Service Connection Is The Most Important Factor. Yet The Performance Is Below Average.

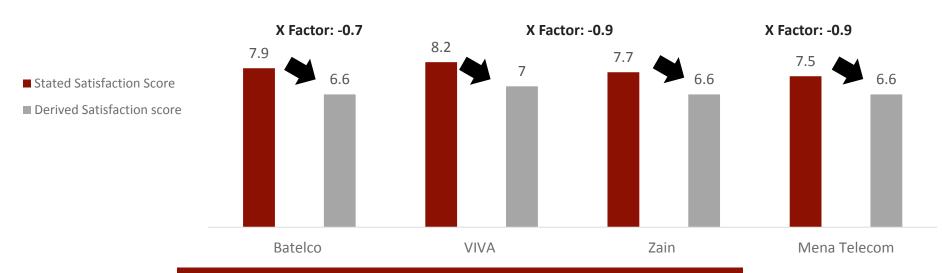




SATISFACTION DRIVERS OF BUSINESS INTERNET – SATISFACTION X FACTOR

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What Are Improvements Needed Across Below Average Attributes?

Based on the action matrix and the current performance of the internet service connection, we recommend the following:

> Internet Service Connection

Businesses suffered from the internet service connection across all attributes, with the majority scoring in the neutral boxes. The below improvements are recommend:

- providers should enhance the internet connection speed delivered to Businesses
- Ensure providing a reliable service connection without any disconnections
- **Increase** the **download threshold** and **limit** imposed on Business internet connections.





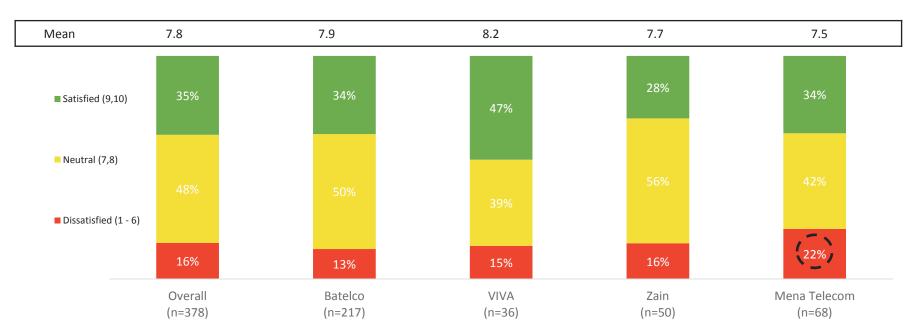
DETAILED FINDINGS OF BUSINESS INTERNET



OVERALL SATISFACTION OF INTERNET SERVICES

Businesses Are Highly Satisfied From Their Internet Services.

- > The satisfaction varied across providers. However, they are all scoring close to each other on the mean score.
- > VIVA is the best internet provider for businesses.



*LightSpeed service provider was excluded due to insufficient base

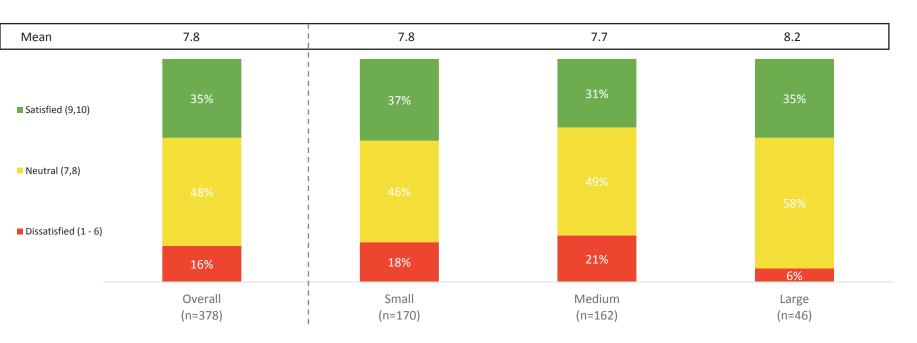




OVERALL SATISFACTION OF INTERNET SERVICES BY COMPANY SIZE

On Average Satisfaction Of Internet Services Is Driven By Large Businesses

> Dissatisfaction from internet services is seen across Small & Medium businesses.







BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNET PROVIDERS' SERVICE AND NETWORK



SATISFACTION OF INTERNET ASPECTS

Businesses Satisfaction of Internet Aspects Shifted

> Main driver of dissatisfaction is the download threshold followed by internet reliability issues.







BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNET PROVIDERS' ACCOUNT MANAGERS



SATISFACTION OF PROVIDERS' ACCOUNT MANAGERS

Businesses Are Satisfied By providers' Account Managers

- Lots of attributes drove this satisfaction across providers.
- > However, regular visits of Account Manager across most providers is a dissatisfaction area.





BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNET PROVIDERS' BRANCHES



Like Mobile Services, Waiting Time Is Key Dissatisfactory Aspect From Branches.





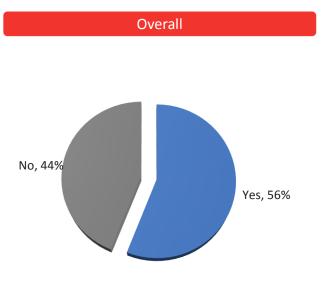


BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNET PROVIDERS' CALL CENTER

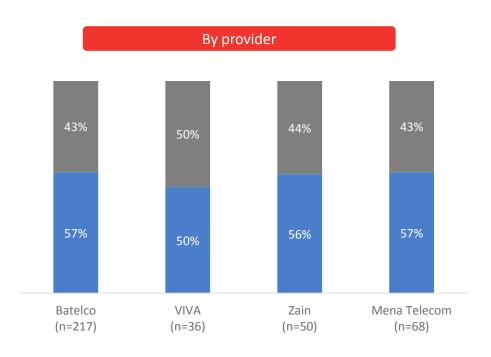




Over Half of Internet Subscribers Experienced Call Center













SATISFACTION OF PROVIDERS' CALL CENTER

Call Center Is A Key Dissatisfactory Area, Specially Waiting Time

> Secondary concern is Agent's inability to solve their problems from 1st time.



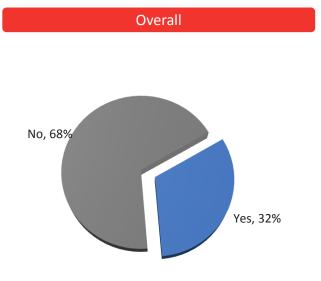




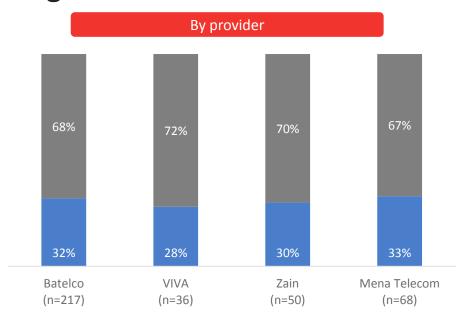
BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNET PROVIDERS' COMPLAINT HANDLING



Similar To Mobile, Around A Third Of Businesses Submitted Complaints To Providers Concerning Their Internet Services.





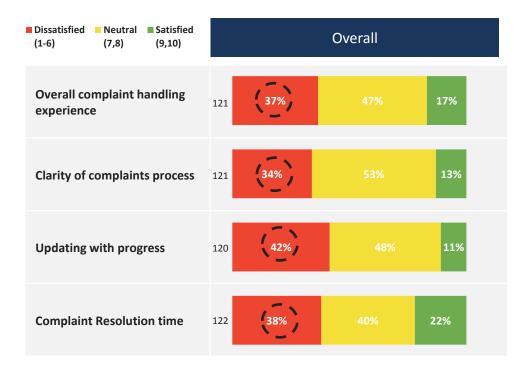






Dissatisfaction Trend Seen Across Who Submitted Complaints

> Complaint handling is a dissatisfactory experience on all aspects.







BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNET PROVIDERS' INFORMATION





SATISFACTION OF INTERNET INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PROVIDERS

VIVA Subscribers Are Most Satisfied With Its Communication

> Some businesses have doubts concerning the transparency of information provided in providers' ads.







BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNET PROVIDERS' TARIFFS





Businesses Are Indifferent Towards providers' Internet Tariffs

> Viva subscribers are satisfied with their internet tariff, but other providers are faring worse.







Most Businesses Are Satisfied With Their Bills

> Few voiced concerns regarding details and clarity of bills received



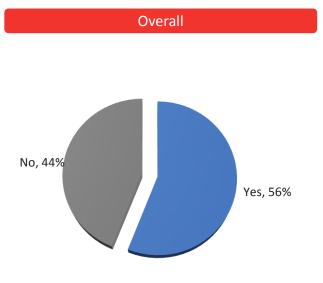




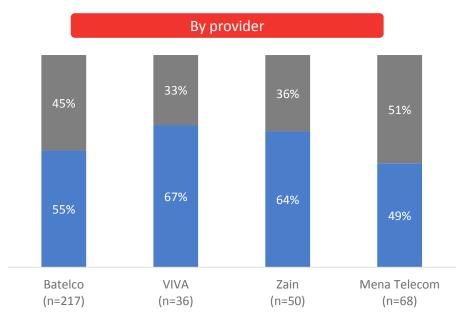
BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNET PROVIDERS' SERVICE AGREEMENT



Over Half Of Internet Subscribers Have Read The Service Agreement Before Signature.













SATISFACTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT

Similar To Mobiles, Businesses Are Indifferent To Signed Agreement

> Viva subscribers are highly satisfied with their service agreement.

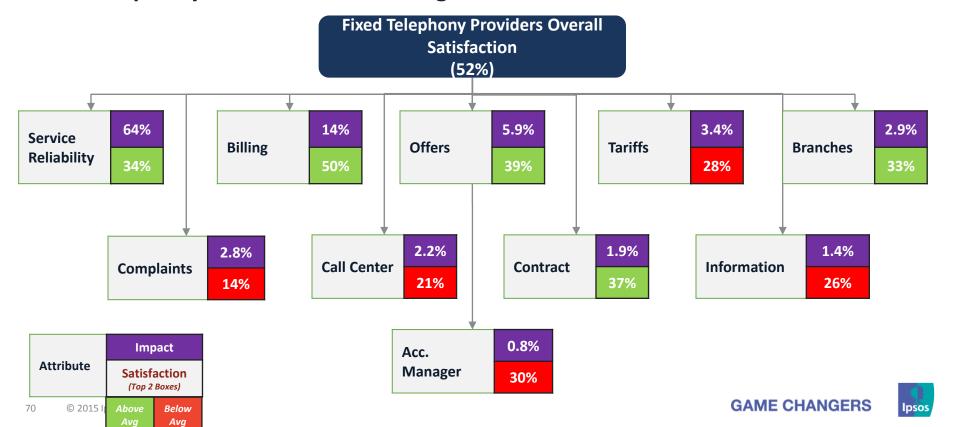






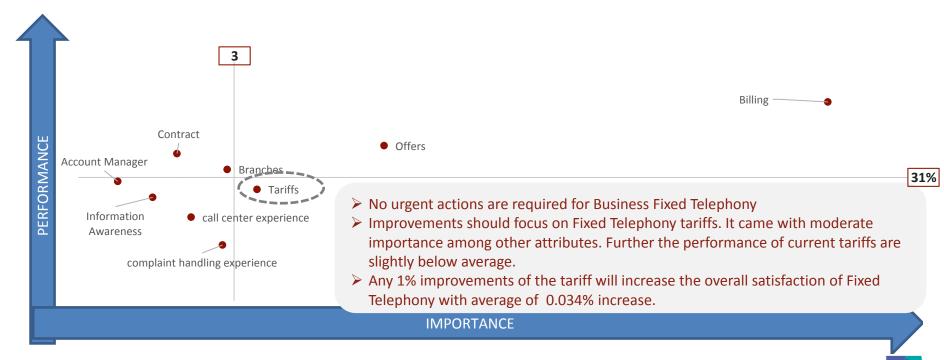


Fixed Telephony Tariffs Are Decreasing Customers' Satisfaction Score





In The Business Fixed Telephony Market, Actions Should Focus On Tariffs



What Are Improvements Needed Across Below Average Attributes?

Based on the action matrix and the current performance level of Fixed Telephony Tariffs, we recommend the following:

> Tariffs

<u>Tariff Clarity Without Any Hidden Costs or Conditions</u> is the key focus for current tariff scheme. providers should clearly communicate all tariff details to customers. Any 1% improvements in this aspect will increase market overall satisfaction score by 0.034% average increase.

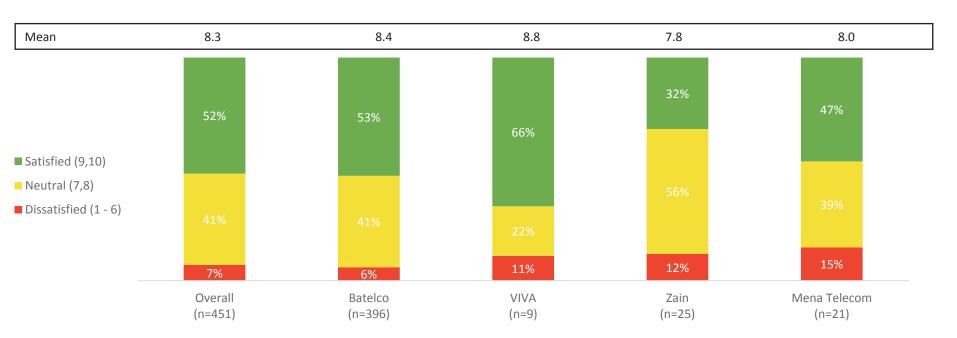




DETAILED FINDINGS OF FIXED TELEPHONY



Over Half Of Businesses Are Highly Satisfied From Their Experience With Fixed Telephony Services



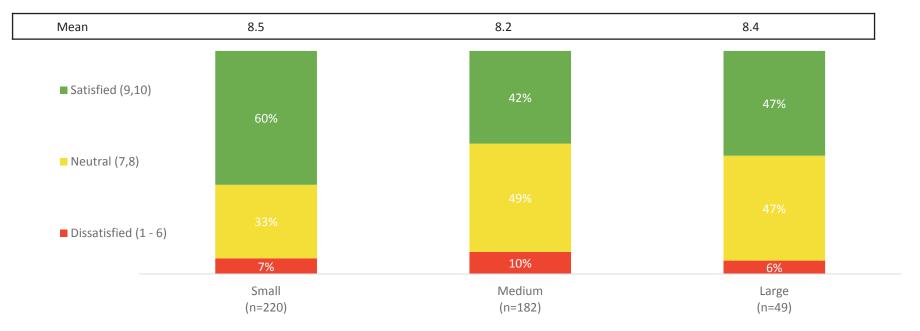




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The Satisfaction Is More Clear Among Small Businesses.







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Business Subscribers Are Satisfied With The Service Reliability Along With Offers Provided By providers



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BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE
WITH FIXED TELEPHONY
PROVIDERS' ACCOUNT
MANAGERS



SATISFACTION OF PROVIDERS' ACCOUNT MANAGERS

Average Satisfaction From Account Managers

> Businesses had concerns about Account Managers, mainly on the regular visits. Improvements are needed also for their ability to understand business needs and time needed to address their queries.

Overall





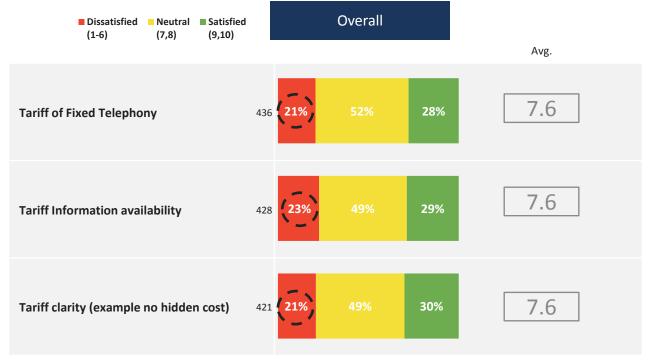




BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH FIXED TELEPHONY TARIFFS & BILLS



Businesses Are Indifferent Towards Fixed Telephony Tariffs. Yet Some Are Dissatisfied







But Bills Are Satisfying Businesses





BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH FIXED TELEPHONY PROVIDERS' BRANCHES





Similarly To Mobile & Internet, Waiting Time Is A Dissatisfactory Aspect For Branch Experience.





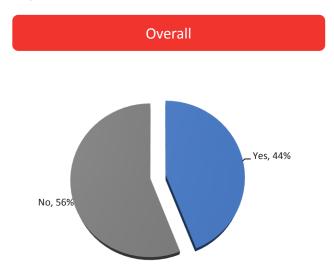


BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH FIXED TELEPHONY PROVIDERS' CALL CENTER





Almost Half of The Subscribers Have Called The Call Center, Their **Experience Suffered From The Waiting Time & Resolution.**





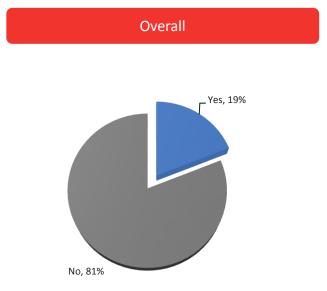


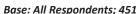


BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH FIXED TELEPHONY PROVIDERS' COMPLAINT HANDLING



Few Subscribers Submitted Complaints Regarding Their Fixed Telephony Services. They Aren't Happy With The Whole Experience.









BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH FIXED TELEPHONY **PROVIDERS' INFORMATION**



Transparency Of Fixed Telephony Services Is Average.



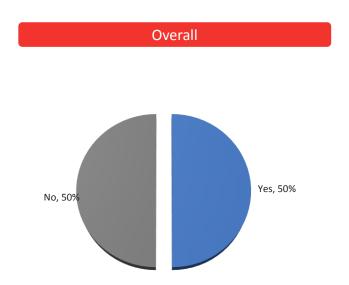




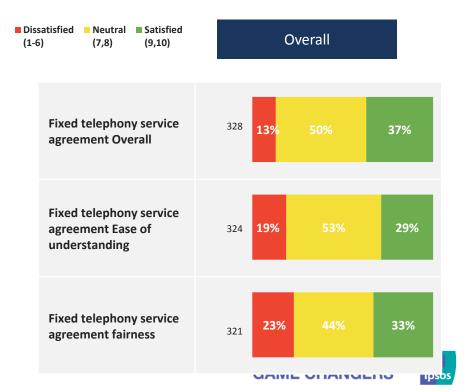
BUSINESSES' EXPERIENCE WITH FIXED TELEPHONY PROVIDERS' SERVICE AGREEMENT

Half Of The Subscribers Have Read The Fixed Telephony Contract.

> Split opinions on the fairness of the agreement



Base: All Respondents; 451



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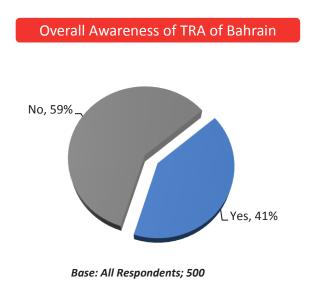


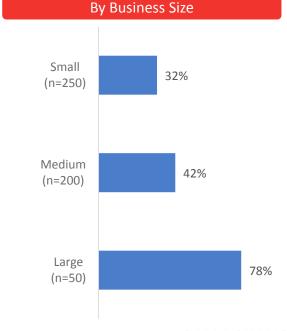


DETAILED FINDINGS OF TRA BAHRAIN

More Than 40% Of Businesses Are Aware Of TRA Bahrain

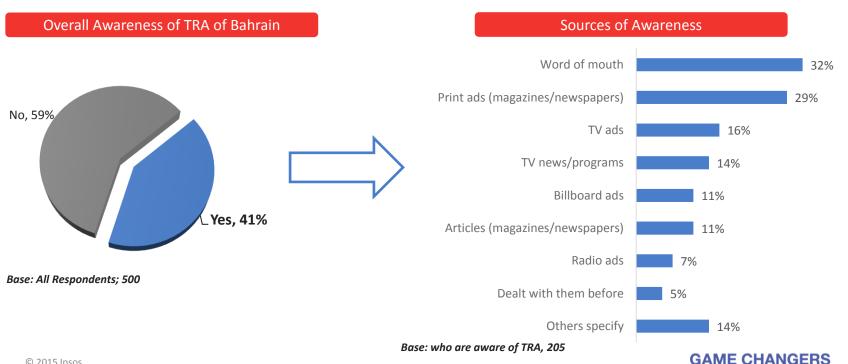
> Awareness of TRA Bahrain varied across businesses. Large Businesses have significantly higher awareness level than Small & Medium Businesses.







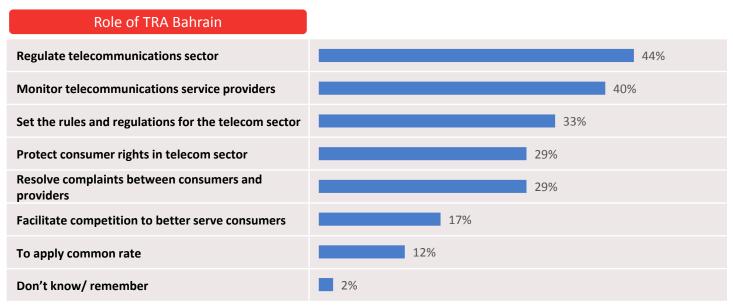
Word Of Mouth And Print Ads Are Key Sources Of Awareness For TRA **Bahrain Across Businesses.**





ROLE OF TRA BAHRAIN

TRA Bahrain Is Well Known For Regulating And Monitoring The Telecommunication Sector.



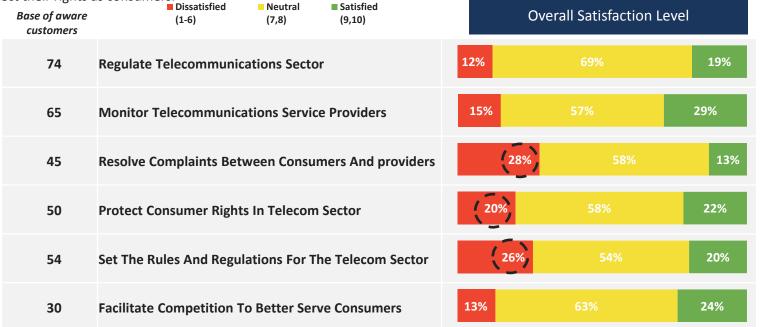
Base: who are aware of TRA Bahrain, 205





Businesses expressed average satisfaction from the current role of TRA Bahrain

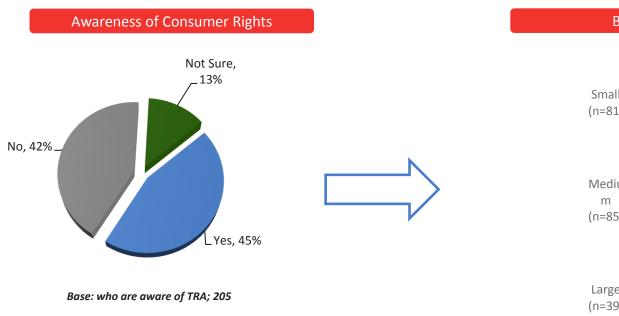
Some businesses see that TRA Bahrain can do more to solve problems between providers and businesses, to set the governing rules, and, to protect their rights as consumers.

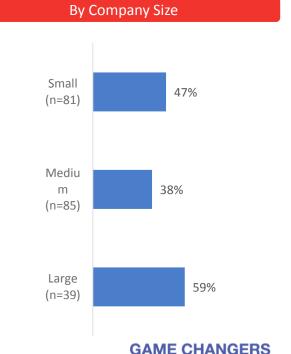




Only 45% Of Businesses Claimed To Know Their Rights As Consumers

Large Businesses are the most aware of their consumer rights.

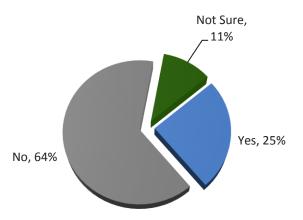




TRA Bahrain Awareness Campaigns Reached 25% Of Businesses.

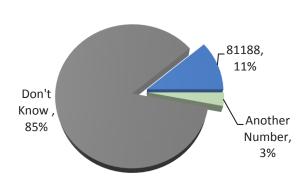
➤ Moreover, Few businesses are aware of the Call Center Number

Seeing TRA Awareness Campaigns



Base: who are aware of TRA; 205

Awareness of TRA Call Center Number

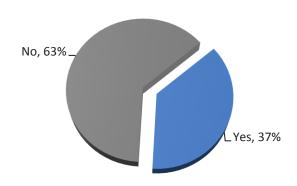




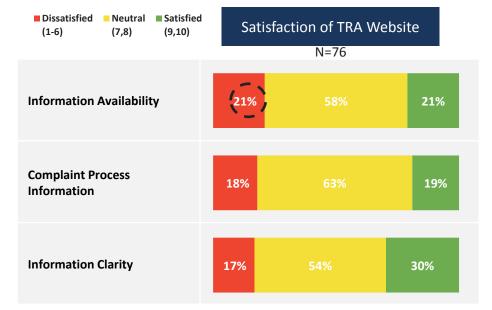
37% of Businesses Are Aware Of TRA Website

> Those who surfed the website before, wish to see more information and how the complaint process would be like.

Awareness of TRA Website



Base: who are aware of TRA; 205





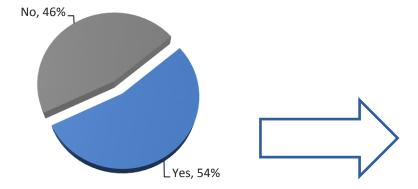


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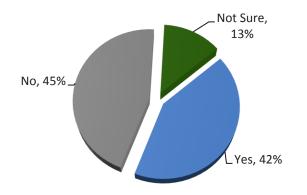


Around Half Of Businesses Are Aware Of The Ability & The Process Of Submitting Complaints Against Their Service Provider

Awareness Of The Ability To Submit Complaints With TRA against providers



Awareness Of The Complaint Process



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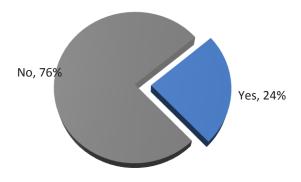
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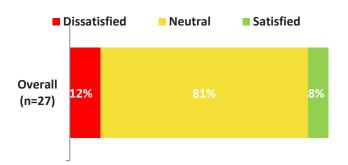
However, only 24% actually submitted complaints to TRA Bahrain.

> Unfortunately, they are not satisfied with the way of handling their complaints by TRA Bahrain

Submitting Complaints against providers

Satisfaction of Complaint handling from TRA Bahrain





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what extent are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your experience of making a complaint to Bahrain Telecom Regulatory Authority?





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