

# How many kilowatts does a 5g base station consume





## Overview

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Are 5G base stations causing more energy consumption?

However, Li says 5G base stations are carrying five times the traffic as when equipped with only 4G, pushing up power consumption. The carrier is seeking subsidies from the Chinese government to help with the increased energy usage.

How much power does a 5G base station consume?

That's almost a threefold increase compared to 4G (5). One 5G base station is estimated to consume about as much power as 73 households (6), and 3x as much as the previous generation of base stations (5), (7).

How will 5G affect the energy consumption of mobile operators?

Edge compute facilities needed to support local processing and new internet of things (IoT) services will also add to overall network power usage. Exact estimates differ by source, but MTN says the industry consensus is that 5G will double to triple energy consumption for mobile operators, once networks scale.

Does 5G use more energy than 4G?

Carriers have been looking at energy efficiency for a few years now, but 5G will bring this to top of mind because it's going to use more energy than 4G. Telcos spend on average 5% to 6% of their operating expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization, on energy costs, according to MTN Consulting.



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### Power Consumption: 5G Basestations Are Hungry, Hungry...



5G basestations are pushing up power requirements by three times, as MIMO and more digital circuitry require more power.

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