

Study Specifics



Sample & Methodology



1971 Respondents

Mobile Voice 1,000 (stc 600, Zain 200, Batelco 200)

Home Broadband 400

(stc 200, Zain 100, Batelco 100)

Mobile Broadband 400

(stc 200, Zain 100, Batelco 100)





Men & Women



Area of Residence

Residents of Bahrain



Methodology

Telephonic Interviews - CATI



Nationality

Bahrainis, Arab Expats & Other Expats



Questionnaire

Questionnaire duration ~25 minutes

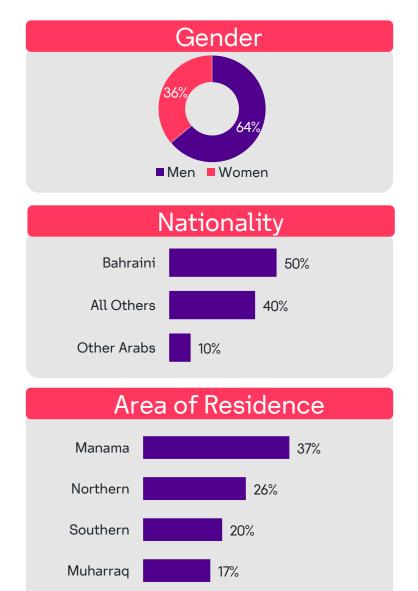


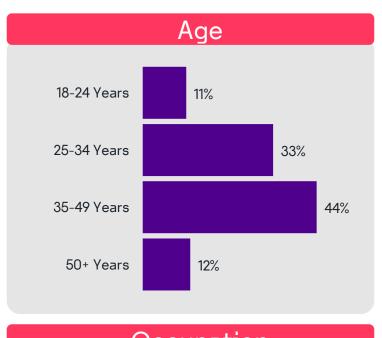
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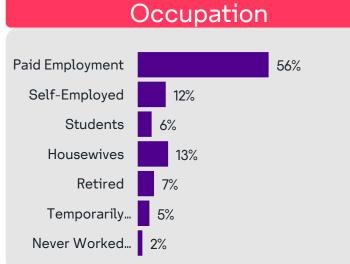
July - September 2022

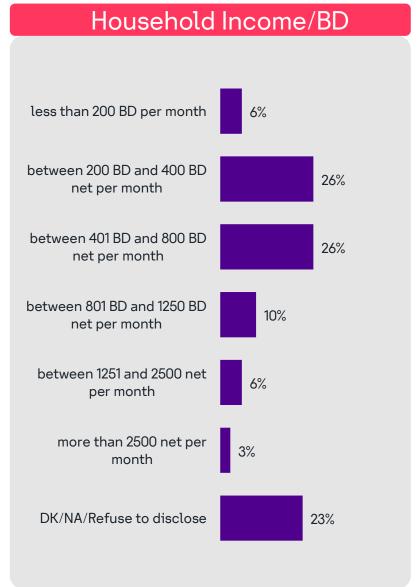
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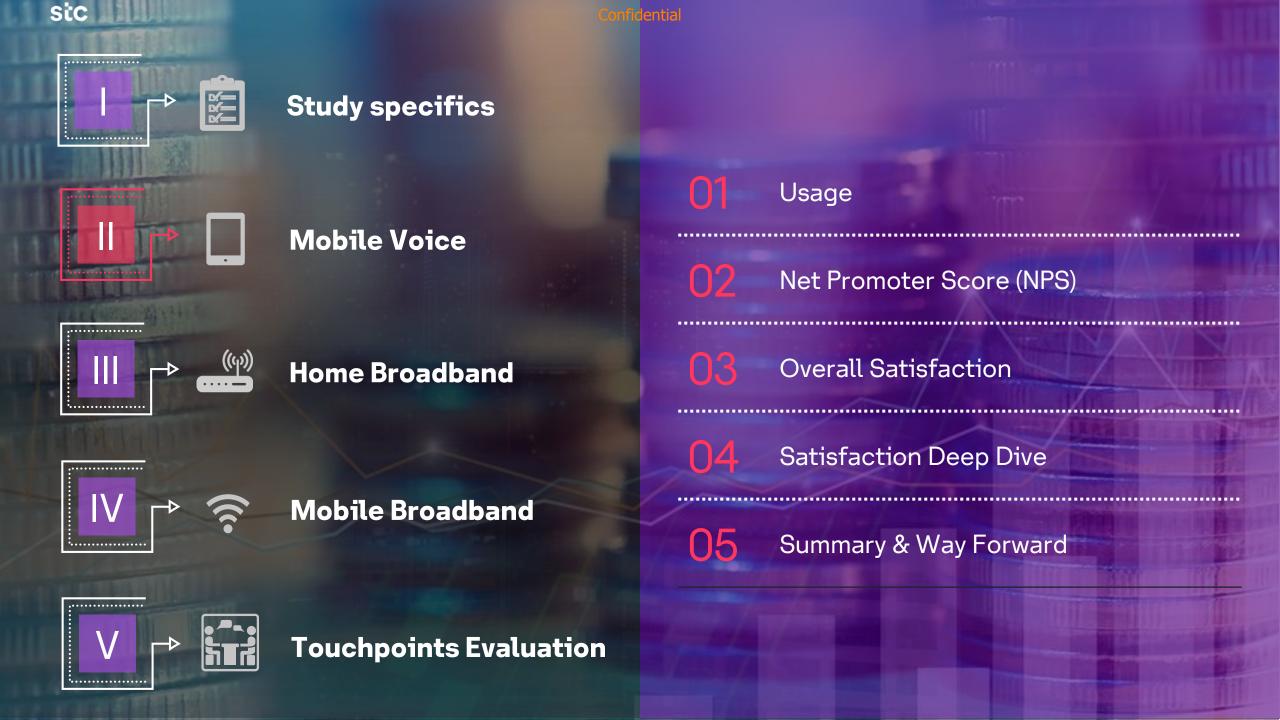
Demographics of Sample









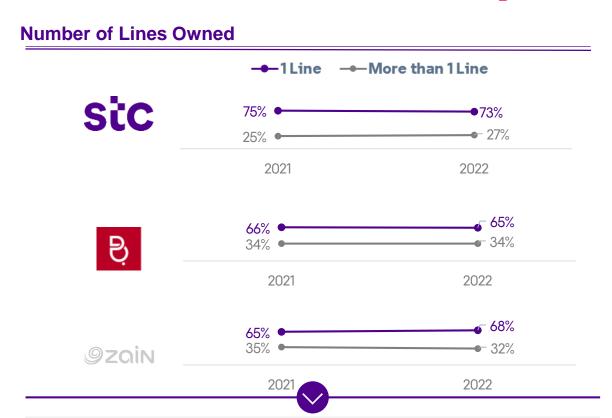


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Usage

Over 7 in 10 of stc users own one mobile line Most of mobile voice users also use data/mobile internet across all brands

Number of Mobile Connections and Usage of Data / Mobile Internet



Over 1/4th of stc users own more than 1 line which is significantly lower than competition.

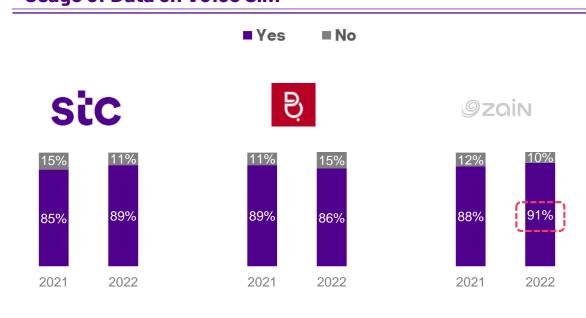
Base: 1016

A2. How many mobile connections are you currently using for voice calls?

A3. A. Are you currently using data/mobile internet on your main voice sim/connection?

A3. What is your main brand for voice call?

Usage of Data on Voice SIM



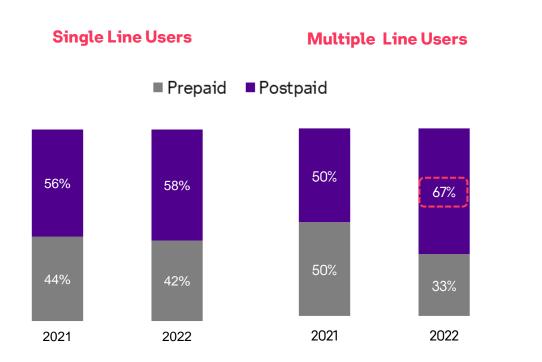
Zain has the highest segment of users who use data on voice SIM, followed by stc

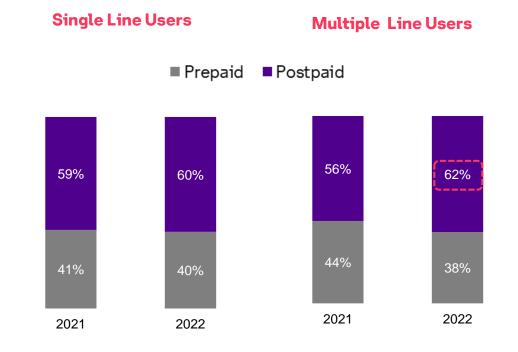
Incidence of postpaid connection is higher among Multi SIM users (Even true amongst stc users)

Mobile Voice Subscription

Multi Sim Usage - Overall

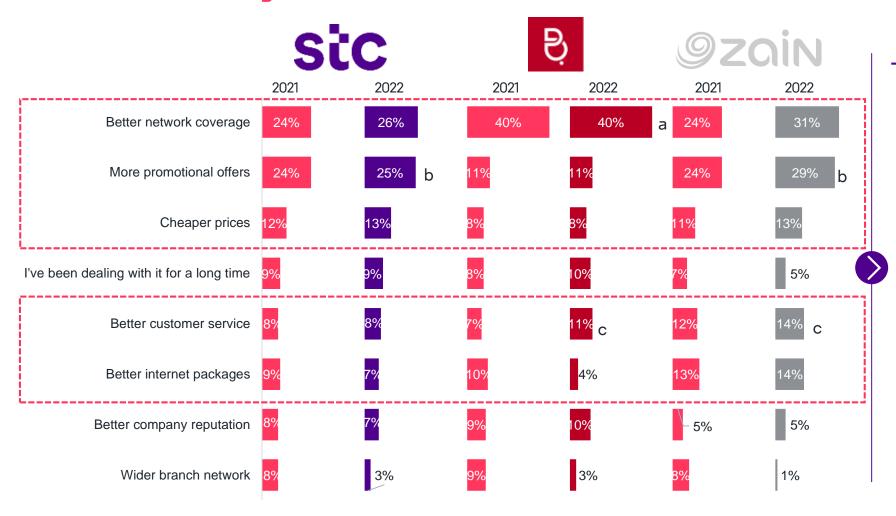
Multi Sim Usage - stc





stc has relatively low mentions on Network coverage and Customer service

Reasons of Selecting a Service Provider as Main Brand



Key Insights

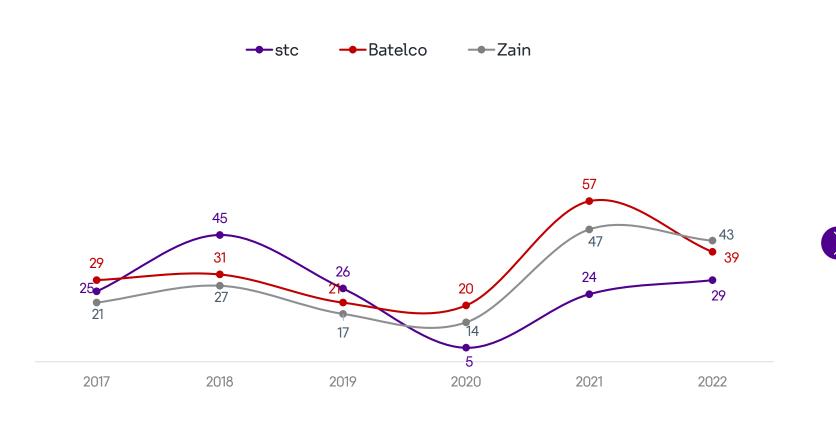
- Batelco has highest mentions for Better network coverage which is hygiene when it comes to telecom sector
- stc & Zain are doing well when it comes to promotional offers.
- Both Batelco and Zain has improved on Customer service whereas stc remained largely stable



NPS

stc is the only brand that witnessed an increase in terms of NPS score compared to the last year

Mobile Voice NPS Trends



Key Insights

- Batelco has experienced a significant decline in NPS as compared to last wave and became the second brand in the category
- Zain also witnessed a slight decline in NPS, however holds the first position in the category

stc Base: 601 Zain Base: 206 Batelco Base: 209

StC

stc has higher NPS amongst Men, 18-34 years old, Bahraini & Asians

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stc Mobile Voice Net Promoters Score (NPS) - Demographics

	% of Promoters (9s & 10s)	-	% of Detractors (0 through 6)	=	NPS 2021	NPS 2022
Overall	45%		17%		24	29
Men	47%		15%		19	32
Women	41%		20%		35	21
18-24 Years	40%		12 %		15	27
25-34 Years	51 %		14%		22	36
35-49 Years	41%		18%		31	23
50+ Years	37 %		22 %		24	15
Bahraini	48%		22%		18	26
Arab	38%		29 %		19	10
Asian/ Others	60%		13%		34	47
Manama	46%		12 %		29	35
Northern	44%		15%		18	29
Southern	34%		29 %		28	5
Muharraq	45%		15 %		20	30

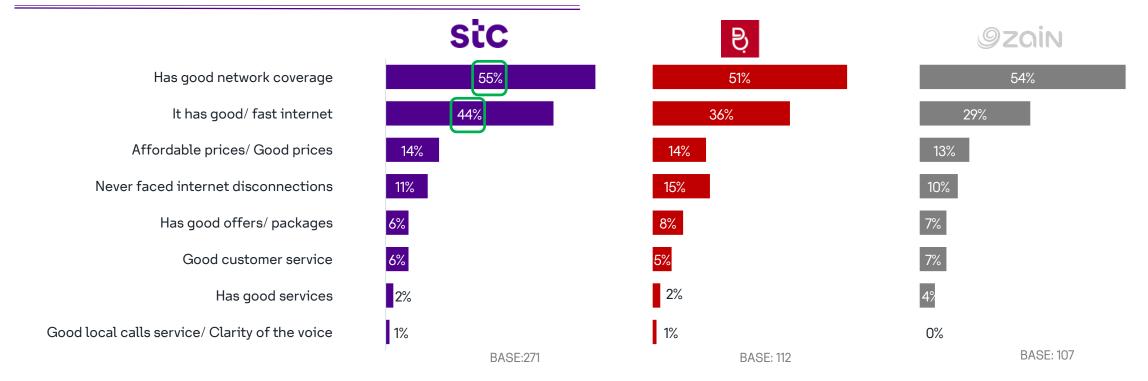
Key Insights

stc has low NPS scores amongst Women, Higher age groups (35+ years), Expat Arabs and Southern regions

stc has highest mentions for Network coverage and Fast internet

Reasons of Promoting - Mobile Voice

Promoters





Slow internet and Bad Network are the core reasons of detracting the brands

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Reasons of Detracting - Mobile Voice

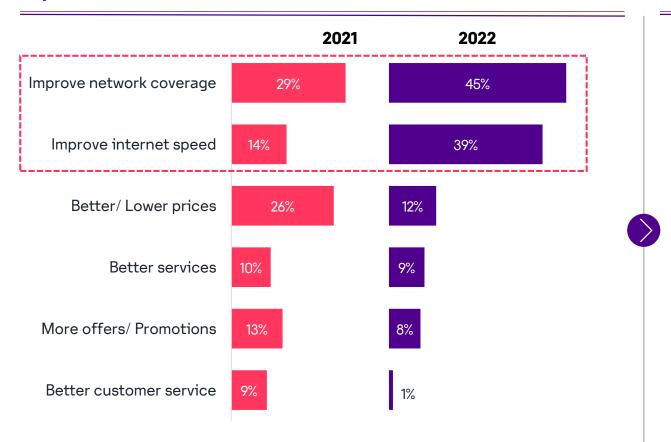
Detractors



Improvement in Network coverage and Internet speed may improve stc mobile voice NPS

Improvements on Mobile Voice NPS for stc

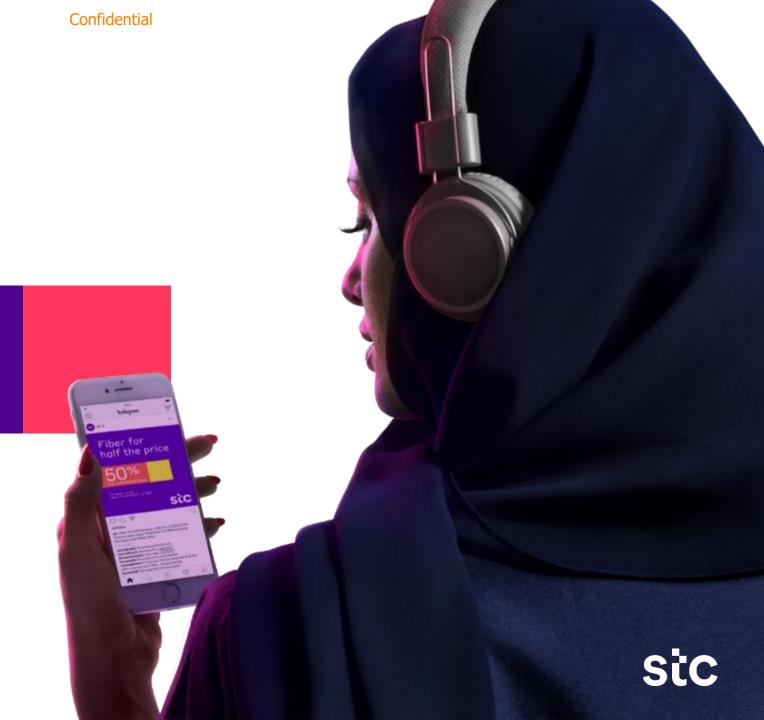
Improvement areas for a better NPS



Key Insights

 Mentions to improve Network coverage and Internet speed have further increased as compared to last wave

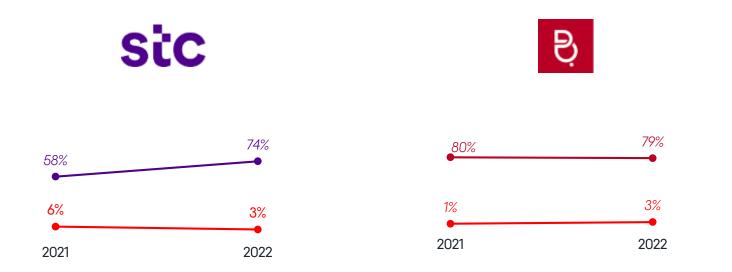
Overall Satisfaction

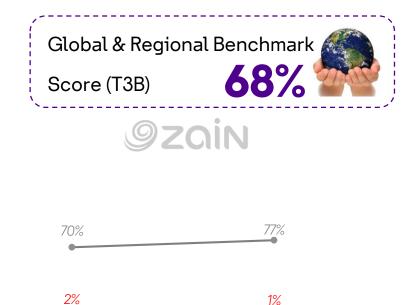


2022

stc stood 3rd in overall customer satisfaction where Batelco has the highest satisfactions

Overall Satisfaction – Trended (T3B/B3B Scores)





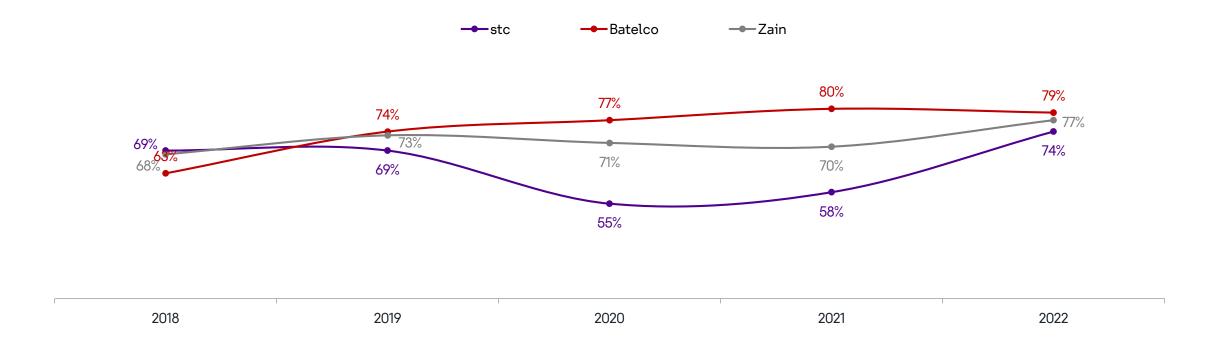
- Batelco has the highest T3B satisfaction and remained largely stable in this wave
- > stc & Zain satisfaction has significantly increased compared to the last year

2021

Satisfaction scores for stc & Zain have increased, where Batelco remained largely stable

Trended Overall Satisfaction (T3B) for Mobile Voice

Global & Regional Benchmark Score (T3B)



Batelco Base: 209 Zain Base: 206

stc has comparatively low satisfactions on category important attributes

Service Dimension Satisfaction Scores

	Satisfaction - Top 3 Box ratings	Importance	stc	Batelco	Zain
Journey points	Network	23.2	73%	83%	73%
	Payment methods	6.5	84%	85%	86%
	Offers and promos	7.9	65%	63%	67%
	Price & fee	17.4	60%	60%	65%
ū	Billing	8.0	71%	69%	62%
Touchpoints	Branch	5.7	73%	92 %	88%
	Call center	7.9	72%	79%	85%
	Shop/Retail stores	5.0	78%	70%	85%
	Digital support	2.3	76%	70%	81%
	Website	4.1	83%	84%	79%
	Mobile app	2.6	88%	76%	88%
	Social media	9.5	81%	68%	81%

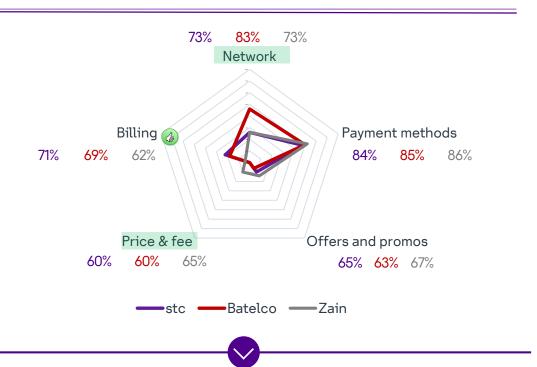
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Zain Base: 206

stc has higher satisfactions for Billing, Social Media and Mobile app

Satisfaction with Performance Attributes (T3B)

Journey Related Attributes - T3B Satisfaction



stc requires improvements on majority of journey related attributes

Touchpoints - T3B Satisfaction

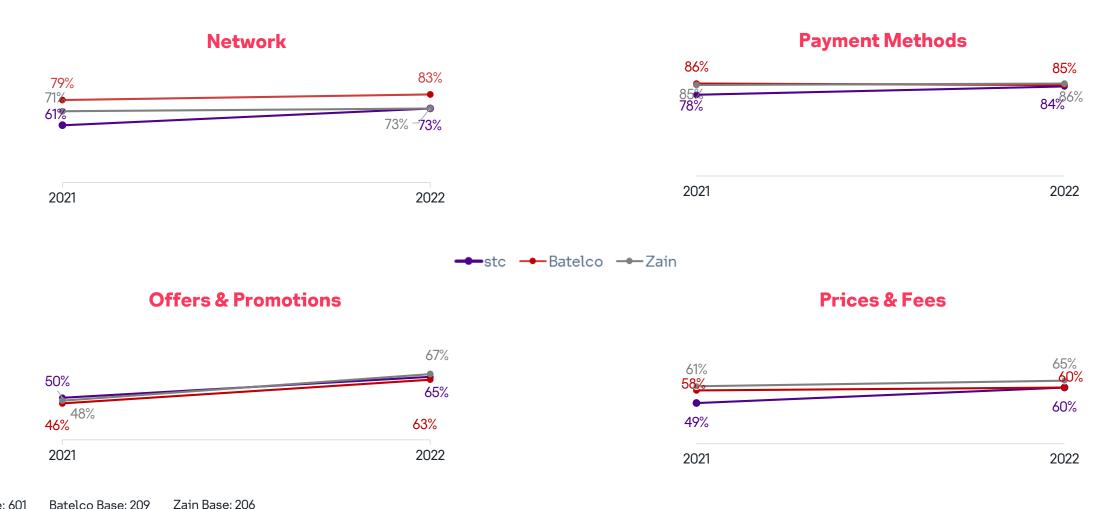


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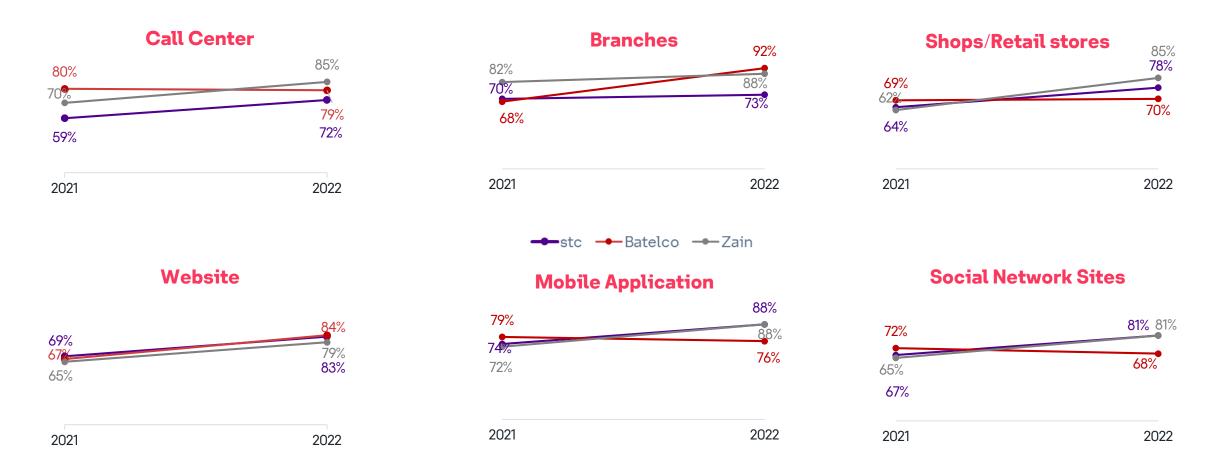
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Service Dimension Satisfaction Scores – Journey Points (T3B)



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Service Dimension Satisfaction Scores – Touch Points (T3B)

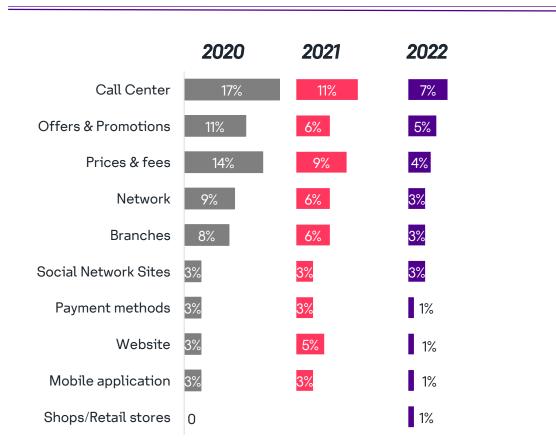


Though dissatisfactions for stc have dropped in this wave, however, call center owned the highest dissatisfactions

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Dissatisfaction - stc

Dissatisfaction (B3B) - Trended

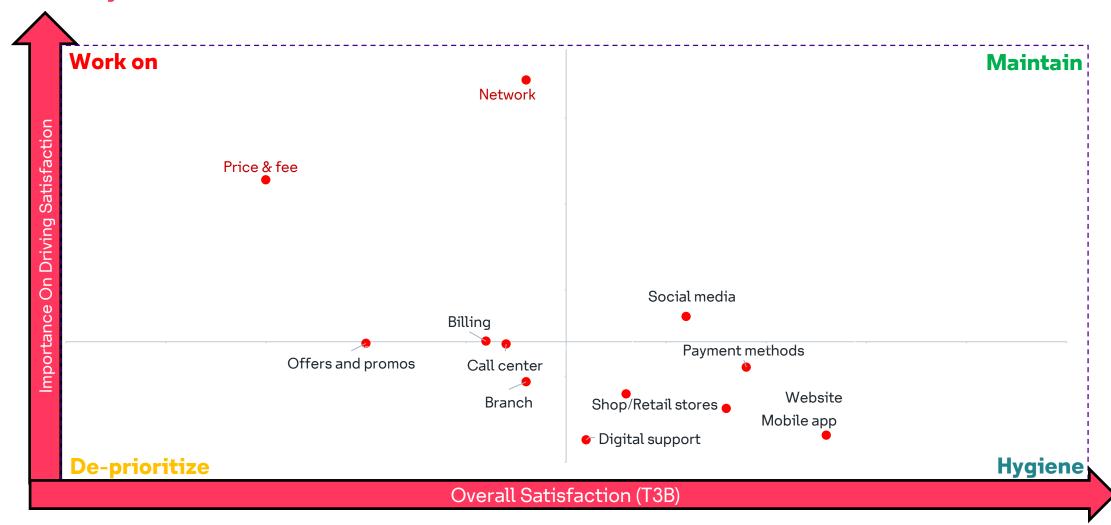


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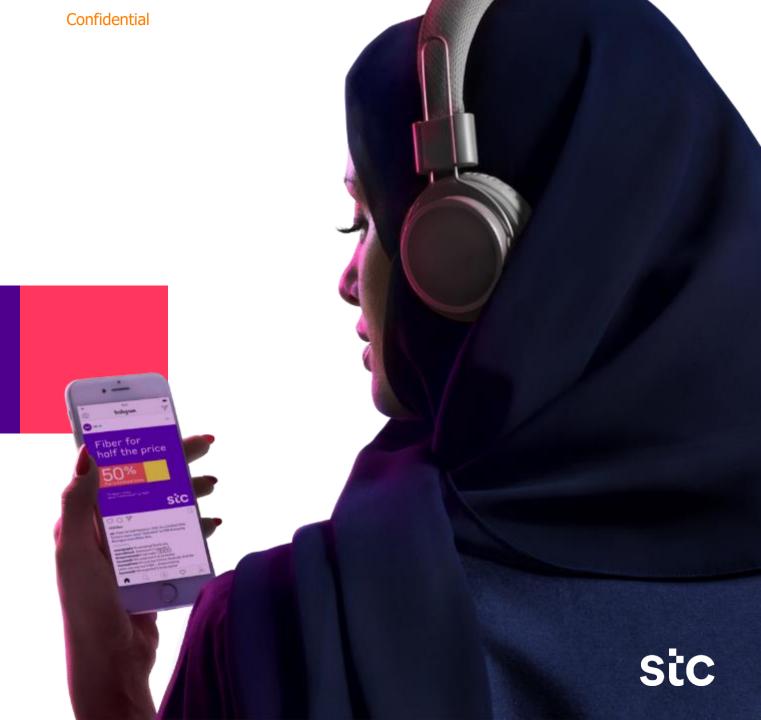
 Call center has the highest dissatisfaction scores followed by offers and promotions

stc needs improvements on Network and Price & fee

Quadrant Analysis – stc Mobile Voice



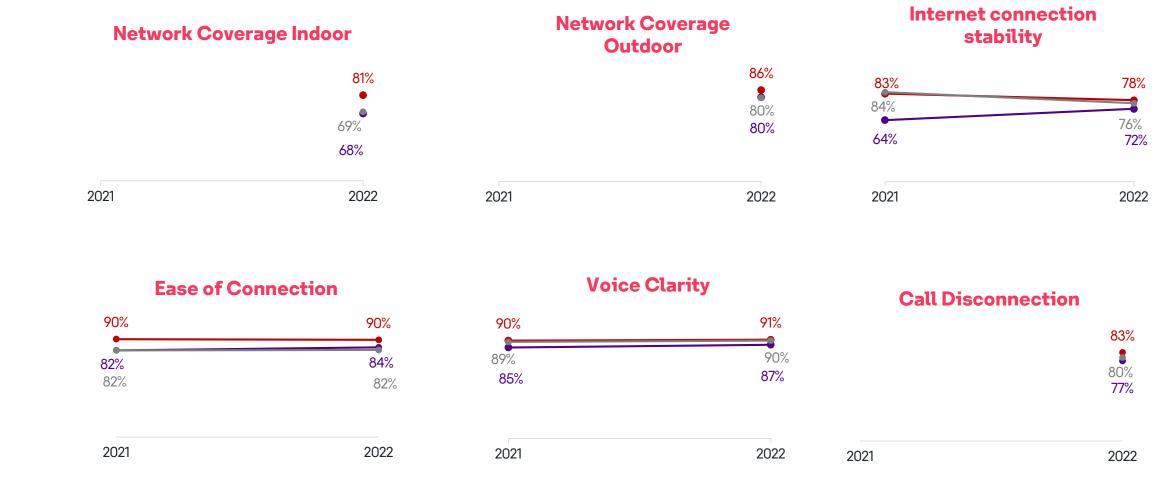
Satisfaction Deep Dive



StC

stc has improved on all network related sub-attributes but still remined third in the category

Satisfaction (T3B) with Network sub-attributes



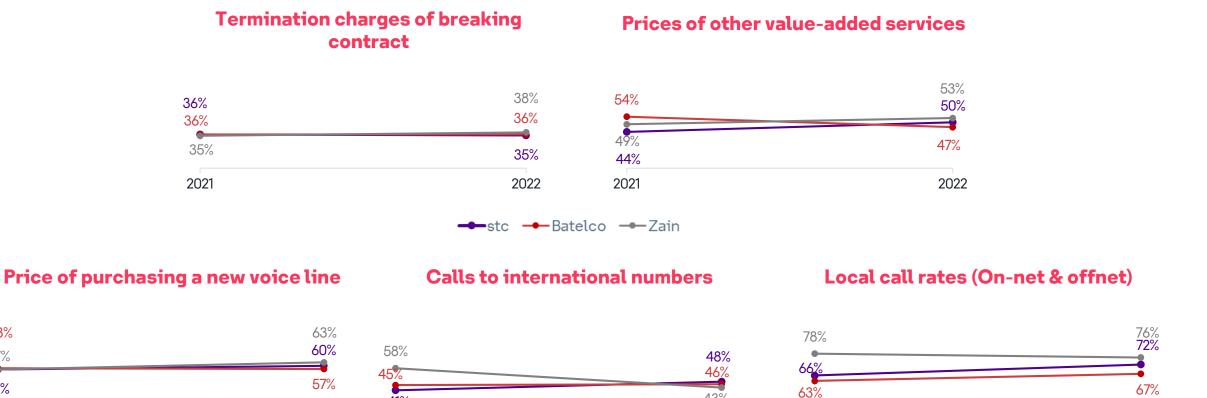
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Batelco Base: 209

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stc has improved on almost all the parameters of Price except 'Termination charges of breaking contract'

Satisfaction (T3B) with Prices & Fee sub-attributes



2022

2021

58%

57%

2021

Batelco Base: 209

2022

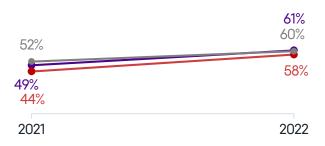
2021

2022

stc has improved on all parameters of Offers & Promos

Satisfaction (T3B) with Offers & Promotions sub-attributes

Variety of offers & promotions



Constant update of offers & promotions





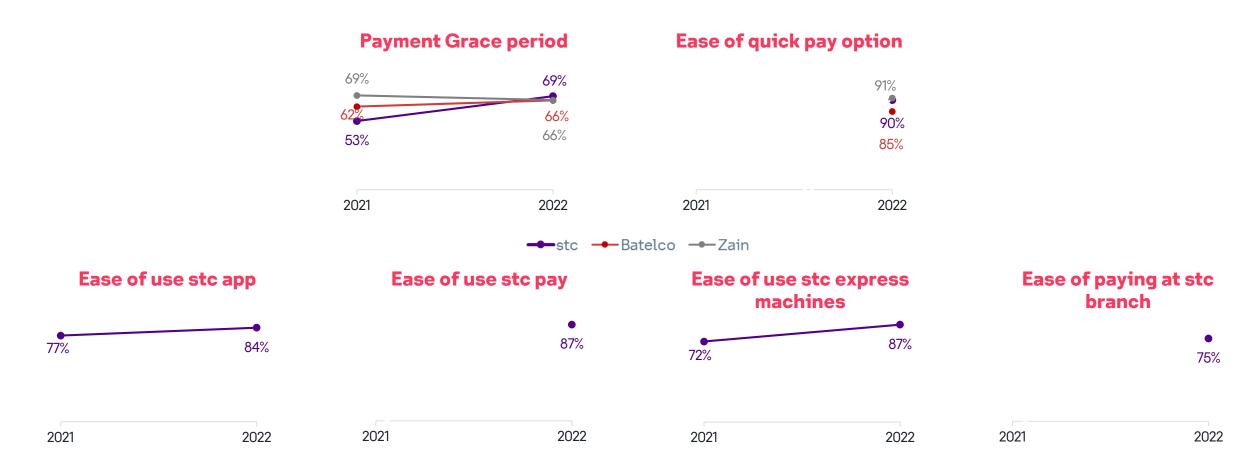
Suitability of offers & promotions



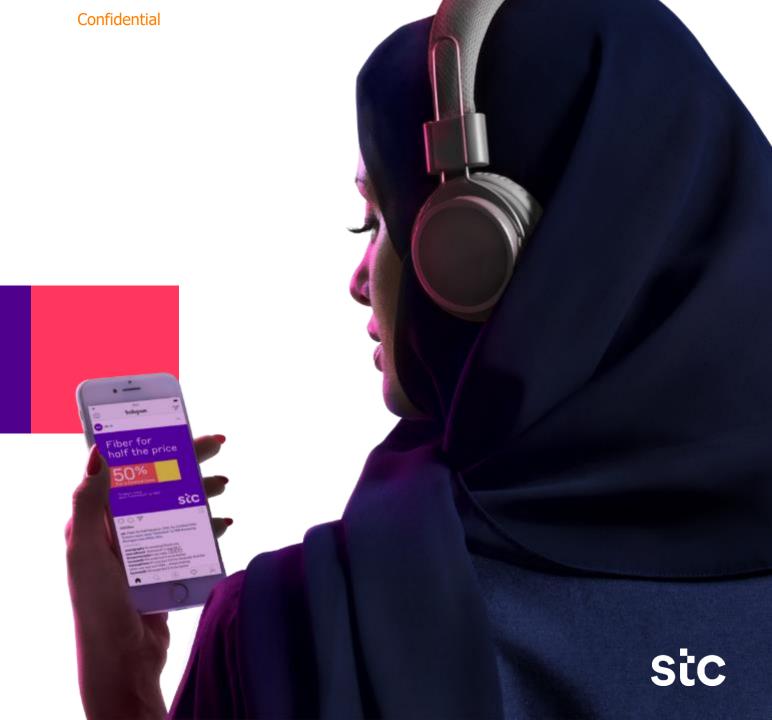
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stc has improved on all the payment method related attributes as compared to last wave

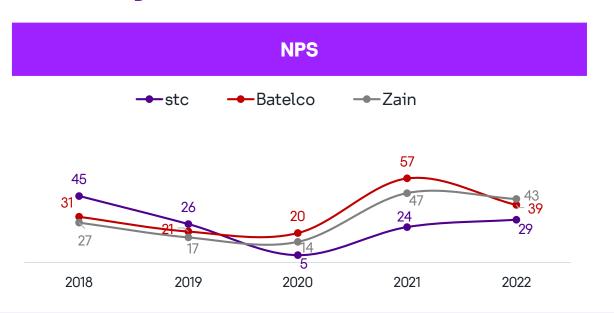
Satisfaction (T3B) Payment Methods sub-attributes

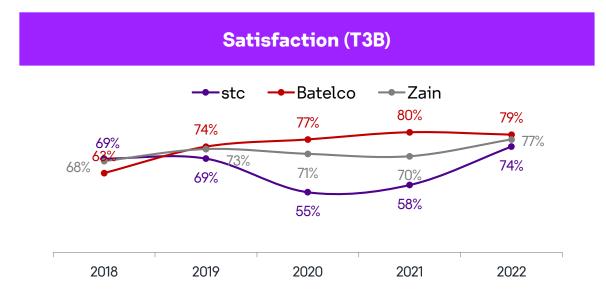


Summary & Way Forward



Summary Mobile Voice – NPS & Satisfaction

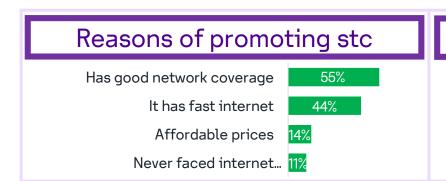




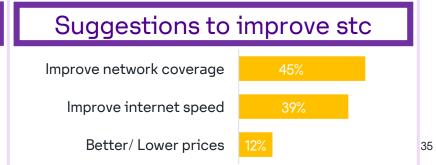
stc's satisfaction & recommendation is growing in Mobile Voice Segment

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- stc has shown improvements in Mobile voice segment through improving on both NPS and Satisfaction
- Network, Internet speed and Prices are the top factors of promoting, detracting and mentioned as areas of improvements for stc

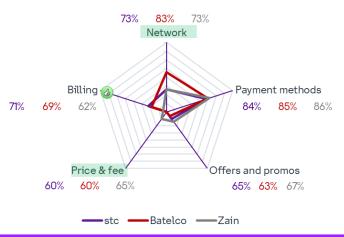


Reasons of detracting stc Slow internet 38% Bad network 36% High costs 16%

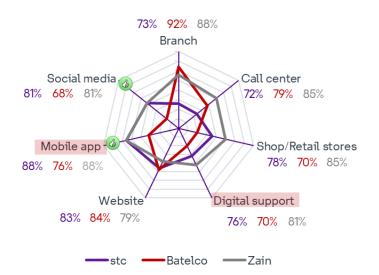


Summary Mobile Voice – Journey & Touchpoints performance

1 Performance on Customer Journey



Performance on Customer Touchpoints

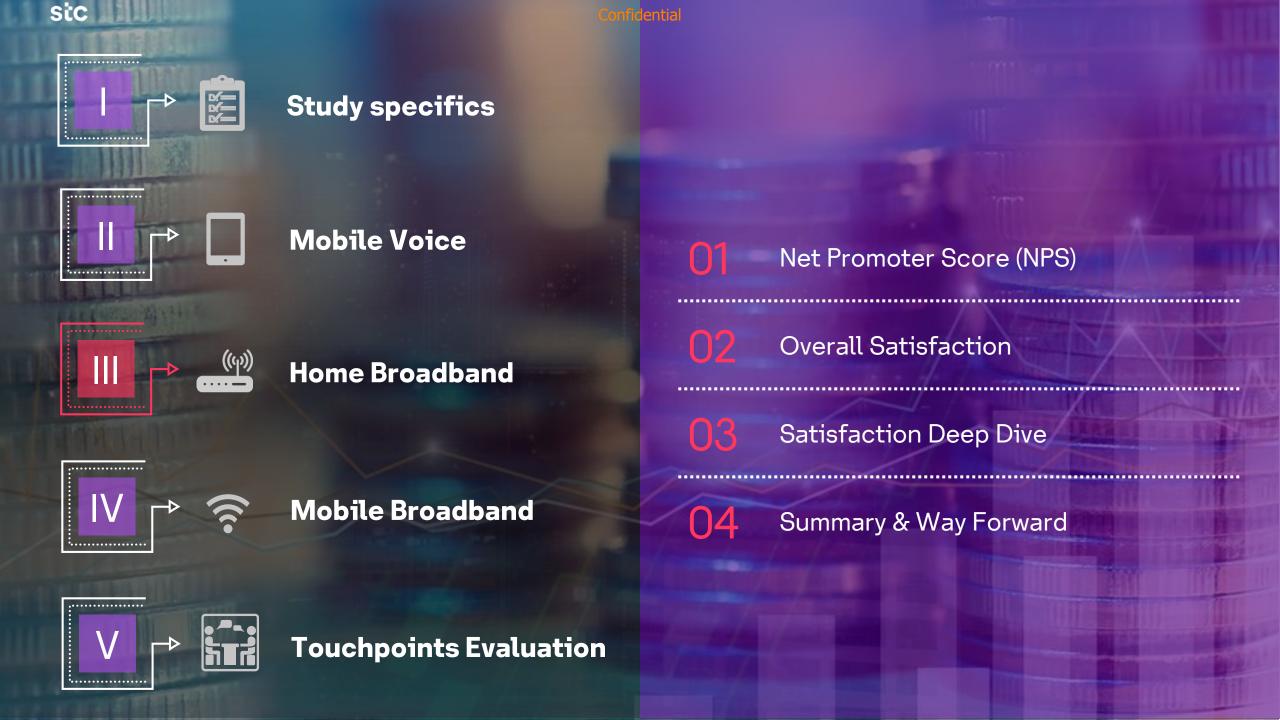


Findings

- In Mobile voice category, Network and Price & fee emerges as most important category attributes where stc has comparatively low satisfactions, however secured higher satisfactions on Billing
- 2. stc has comparatively **low satisfactions across touchpoints** except for **Social media** and **Mobile application**

Way forward

- stc needs to **improve on both Network** and **Prices & fee** in order to further enhance the satisfaction as well as NPS
- Since majority of customers are also using internet on their voice line, hence stc should improve on internet speed as well
- stc must **deliver a very good customer experience** on both Traditional as well as digital touchpoints

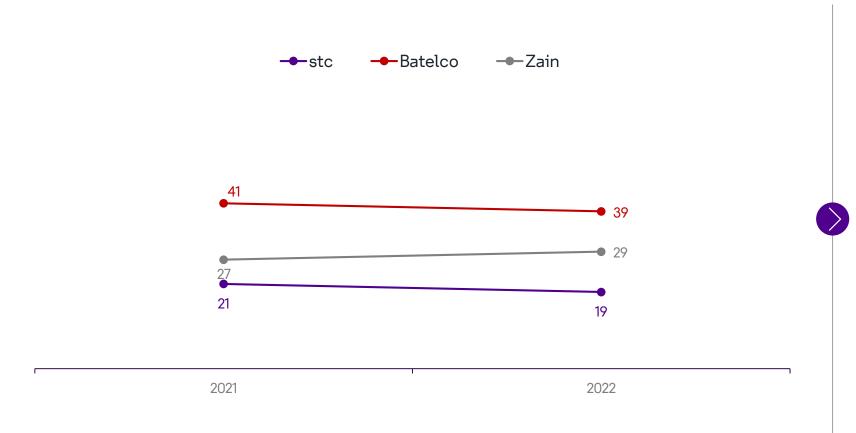




NPS

All brands remained largely stable

Home Broadband NPS Trends



Key Insights

No significant change has been observed for any of the brand

stc has low NPS among Women, Upper age bands and Asians as compared to last wave

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Home Broadband NPS Scores By Demographics – stc

	% of Promoters (9s & 10s)	-	% of Detractors (0 through 6)	=	NPS 2021	NPS 2022
Overall	38%		19 %		21	19
Men	38%		21 %		11	17
Women	37 %		15 %		33	22
18-24 Years	36%		23%		33	13
25-34 Years	43%		18%		22	25
35-39 Years	37 %		22 %		-8	15
40-49 Years	33%		16 %		24	17
50+ Years	39 %		20%		34	19
Bahraini	36%		21 %		3	15
Arab	52 %		19%		18	33
Asian/ Others	36%		16%		44	20
Manama	37%		20%		25	17
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Muharraq	37 %		20%		36	17

Key Insights

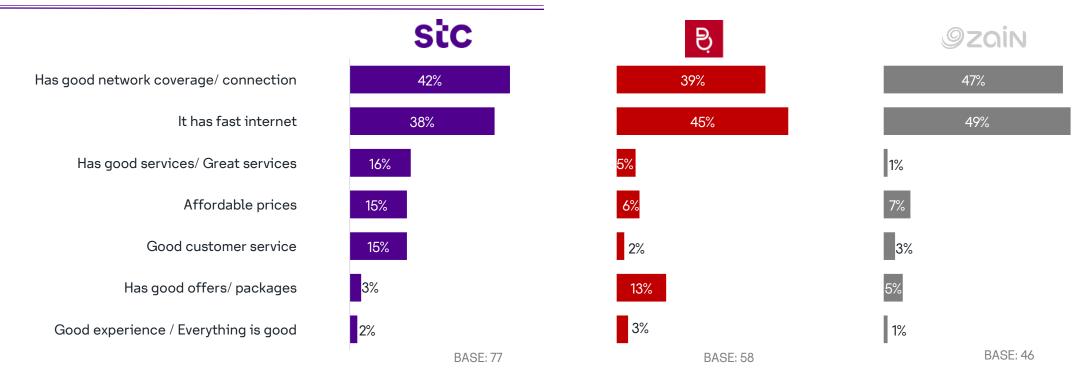
stc NPS has improved as compared last wave among Male, 25-39 years old, Bahraini & Arabs and residents of Northern region



Good network and Fast internet are the core reasons to recommend any brand

Reasons of Promoting - Home broadband

Promoters



StC

Bad internet connection and No coverage are the top mentioned attributes to detract any brand

Reasons of Detracting - Home broadband

Detractors



stc users are suggesting to improve Network coverage and Internet speed

Improvements on Home Broadband NPS for stc

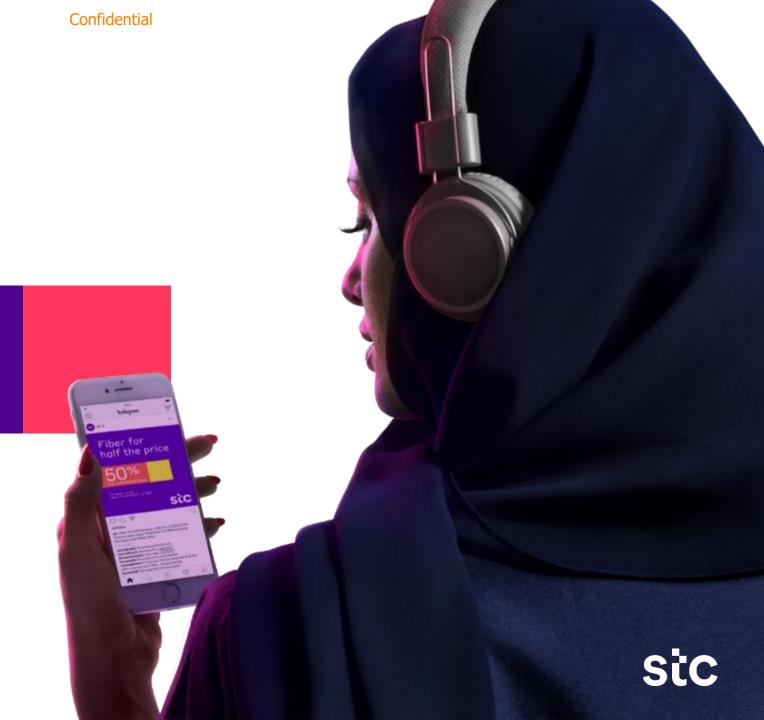
Improvement areas for a better NPS

2022 2021 To improve internet bundle/ speed 18% 40% To improve network coverage 30% 32% Better/ Lower prices 29% 10% Better offers/ promotions Shorter waiting time in the branch 3% Better customer service

Key Insights

 Internet speed/bundles and network coverage have higher mentions and increased in this wave

Overall Satisfaction



Almost 3/4th of the respondents are satisfied with their current brand

Overall Satisfaction – Trended













- > stc home broadband satisfaction scores has significantly increased and dissatisfaction scores are slightly decreased compared to the last year
- Batelco & Zain are highly competing in terms of satisfaction scores

2022

SiC

2021

stc has relatively low satisfactions on Network whereas higher satisfactions on Price & fee

Service Dimension Satisfaction Scores

	Satisfaction - Top 3 Box ratings	Importance	stc	Batelco	Zain
points	Network	21	72%	78%	70%
	Payment methods	9	86%	86%	88%
ey p	Offers and promos	7	68%	53%	59%
Journey	Price & fee	17	62%	58%	57%
	Billing	8	68%	72 %	68%
	Branch	5	73%	97%	67%
	Call center	9	64%	77%	69%
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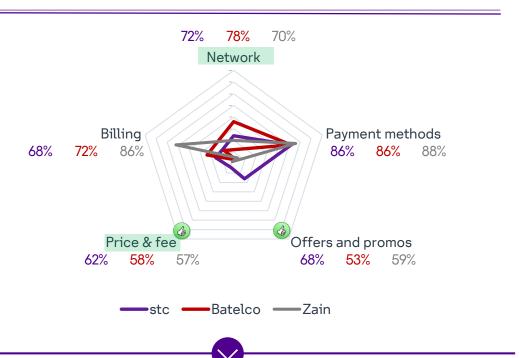
Batelco Base: 177

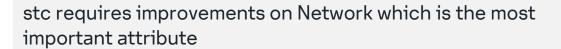
Zain Base: 131

stc has relatively low satisfactions on Network, Billing, Branch and Call center

Satisfaction With Performance Attributes (T3B)

Journey Related Attributes – T3B Satisfaction





Touchpoints – T3B Satisfaction



stc requires improvements primarily on traditional touchpoints



Though stc has improved across journey points as compared to last wave, however still behind the competition on Network and Payment methods

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Service Dimension Satisfaction Scores – Journey Points (T3B)



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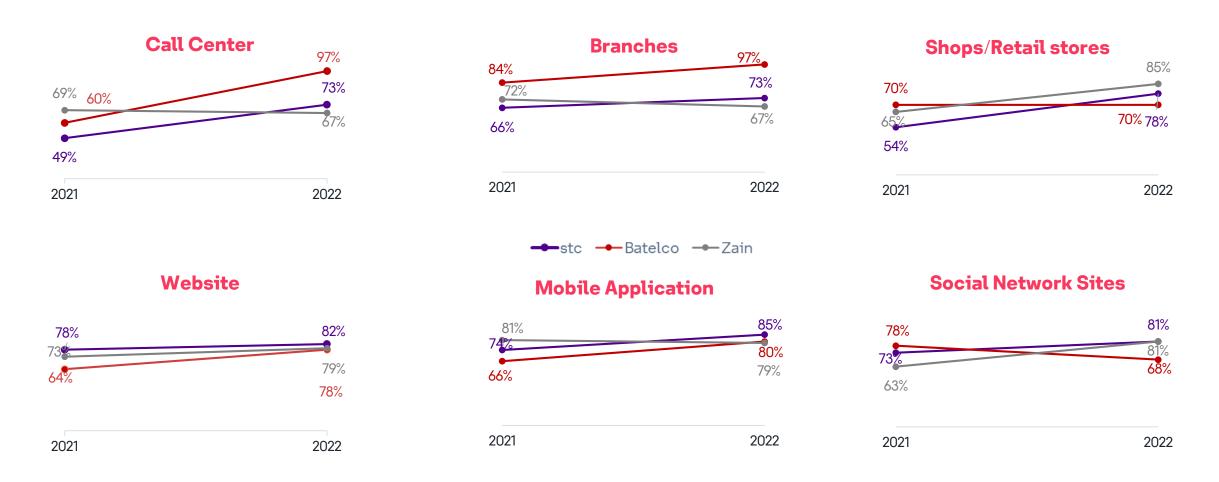
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stc has shown improvements across touchpoints as compared to last year

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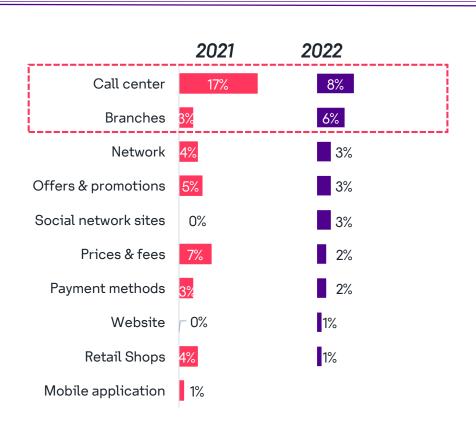


Though dissatisfactions for stc have dropped in this wave, however, call center owned the highest dissatisfactions, followed by branches

Dissatisfaction - stc

Dissatisfaction (B3B) - Trended





• Both Call center and Branches need improvements

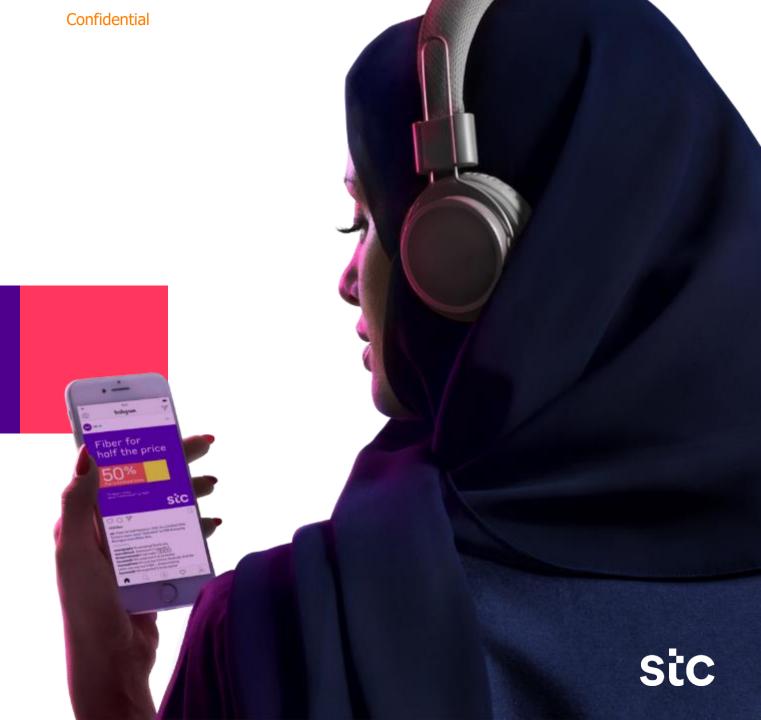
Home Broadband - Overall Satisfaction

stc needs improvements on Network, Price & fee and Call center

Quadrant Analysis – stc Home Broadband

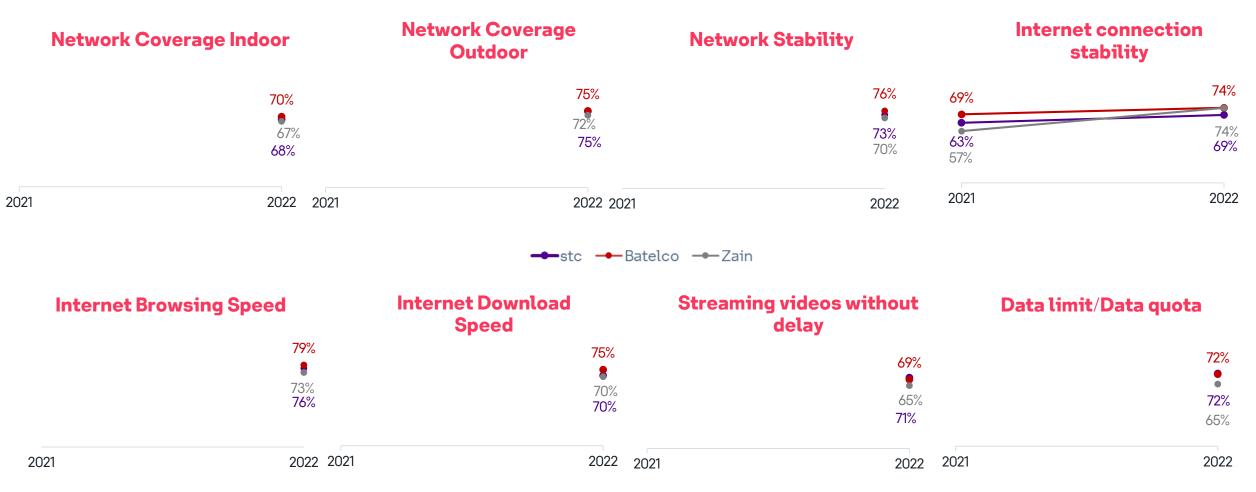


Satisfaction Deep Dive



stc stood third on majority of Network related attributes

Satisfaction (T3B) with Network sub-attributes



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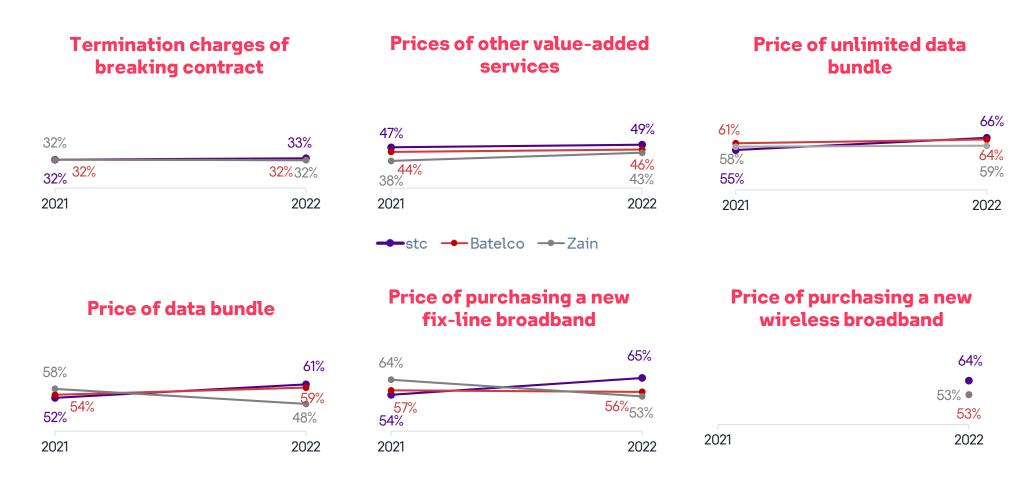
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Satisfaction (T3B) with Prices & Fee sub-attributes



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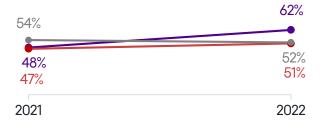
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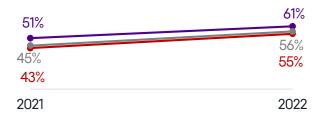
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Satisfaction (T3B) with Offers & Promotions sub-attributes

Variety of offers & promotions



Constant update of offers & promotions





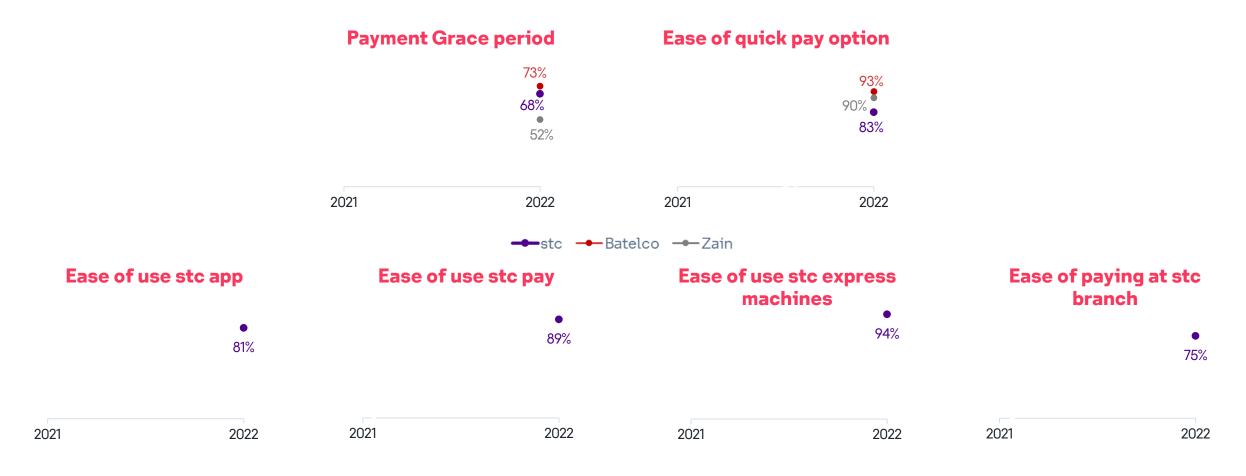
Suitability of offers & promotions



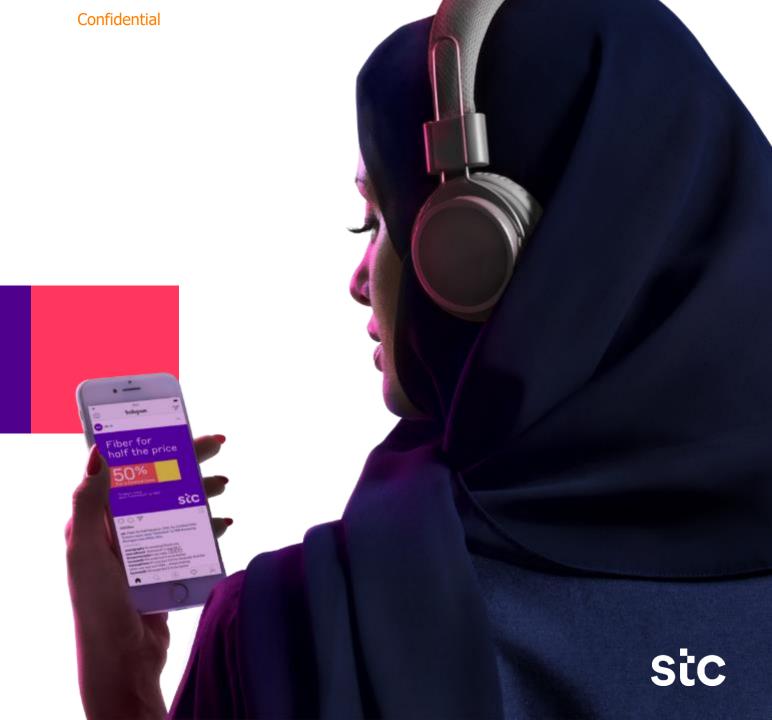
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stc is chasing competition on Payment grace period and Quick pay options

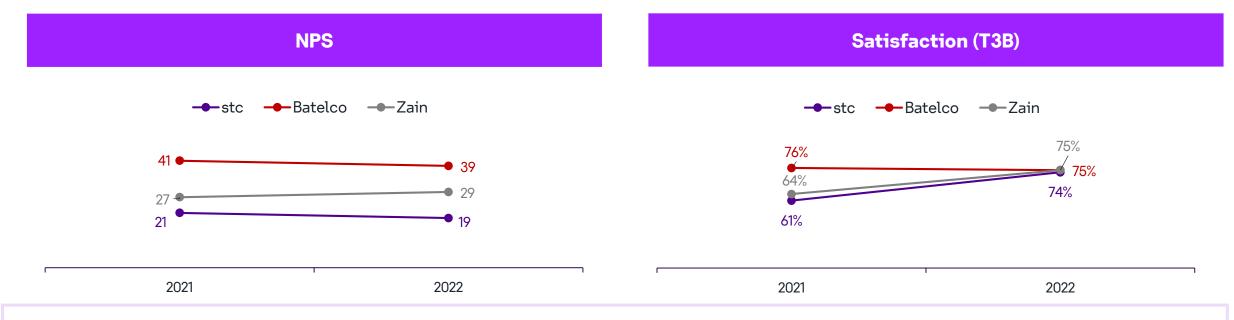
Satisfaction (T3B) Payment Methods sub-attributes



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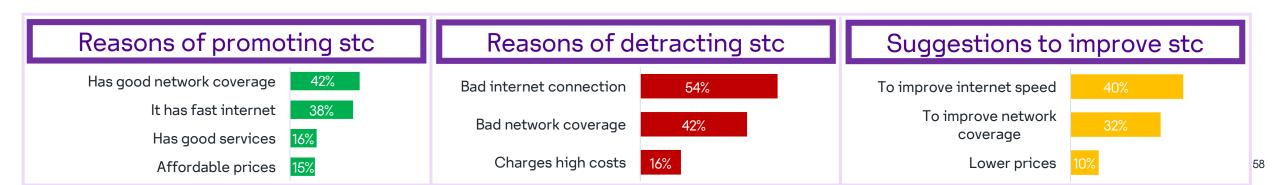


Summary Home Broadband – NPS & Satisfaction



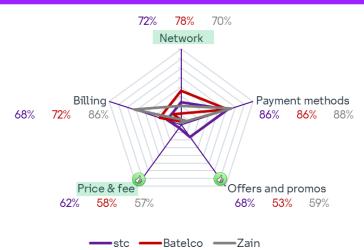
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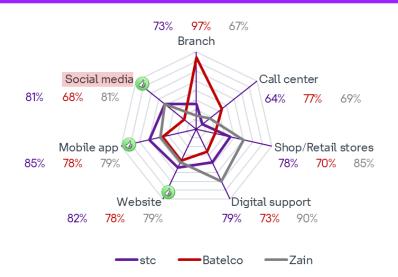


Summary Home Broadband – Journey & Touchpoints performance

1 Performance on Customer Journey



Performance on Customer Touchpoints

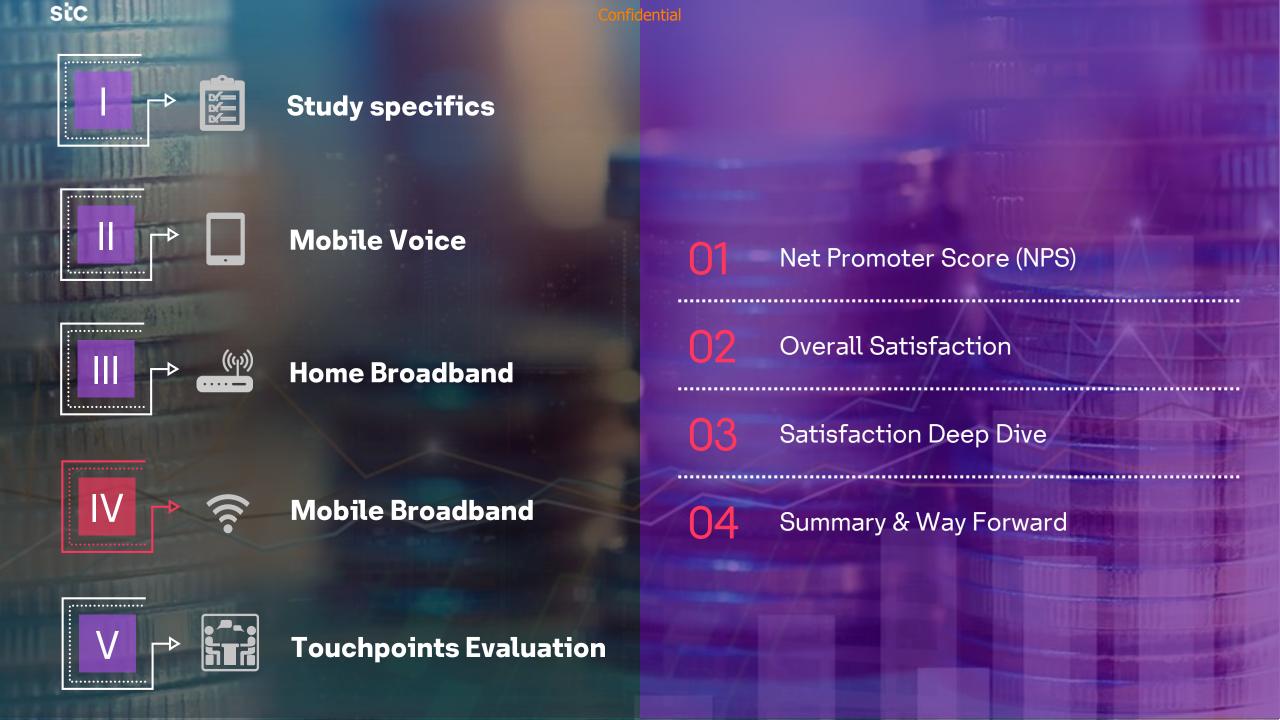


Findings

- In Home broadband category, Network and Price & fee emerges
 as most important category attributes where stc has
 comparatively low satisfactions on Network, however secured
 relatively higher satisfactions on Price & fee
- On Touchpoints, stc has comparatively low satisfactions on all traditional touchpoints and performing better than competition on Social media, Mobile application and Website

Way forward

- stc needs to **improve on Network** and **Internet speed** in order to further enhance the satisfaction as well as NPS
- stc needs to improve satisfaction on **traditional touchpoints**.

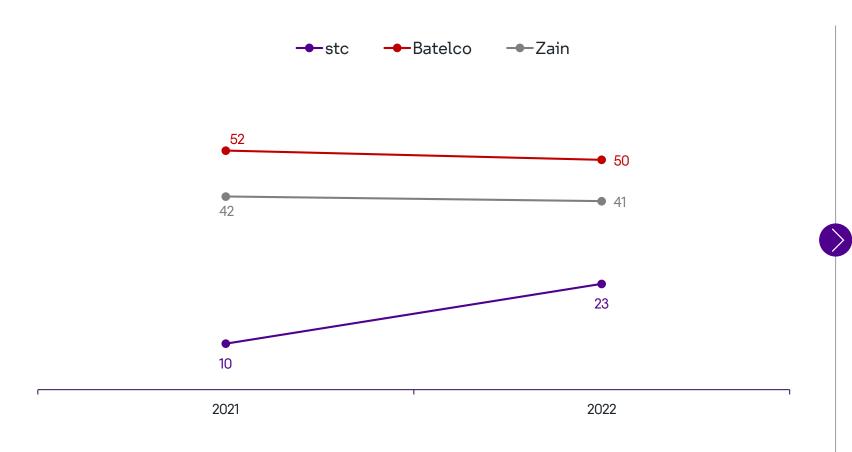




NPS

stc has improved in terms of NPS Both Batelco and Zain remained largely stable

Mobile Broadband NPS Trends



Key Insights

- stc NPS has significantly improved in this wave but still holds the third position within the category
- No significant change has been observed for both Batelco and Zain for their NPS

stc has relatively low NPS amongst Men, 25-34 years old and Northern region

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Women	47 %		11%		26	36	
18-24 Years	49%		7 %		-11	42	
25-34 Years	33%		26 %		12	7	
35-39 Years	50 %		20%		21	30	
40-49 Years	42%		18%		12	24	
50+ Years	50 %		10%		12	40	
Bahraini	42%		22%		1	20	
Arab	46%		24%		13	22	
Asian/ Others	42%		14%		20	28	
Manama	39%		17%		25	22	
Northern	32 %		29 %		-4	3	
Southern	49%		15%		15	34	
Muharraq	47 %		17 %		-4	30	

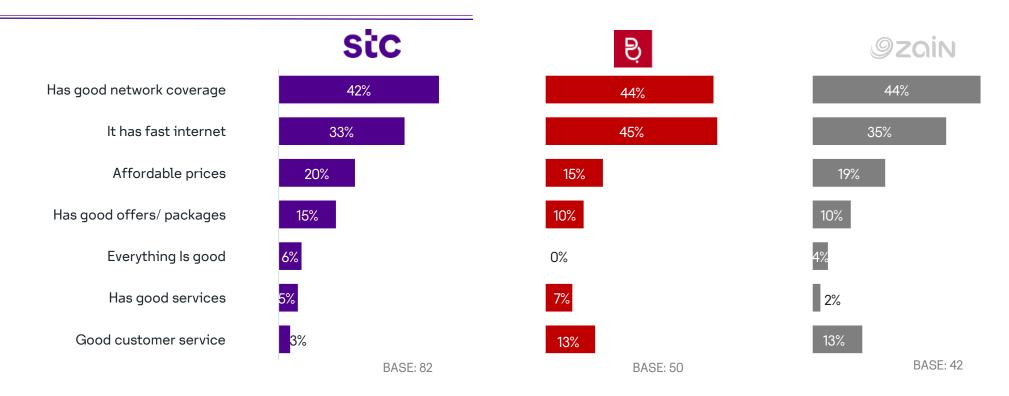
Key Insights

As compared 2021, NPS improved across segments except for the age group 25 – 34 and in Manama area

Key reasons for promoting the brand are Network & Internet Speed

Reasons of Promoting – Mobile broadband

Promoters



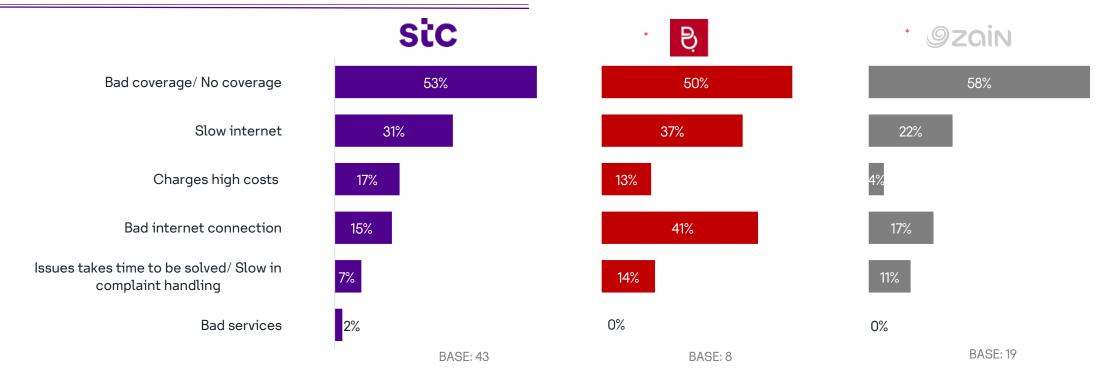


Amongst detractors Network and Internet Speed remained the top reasons across brands

Reasons of Detracting - Mobile broadband

Detractors

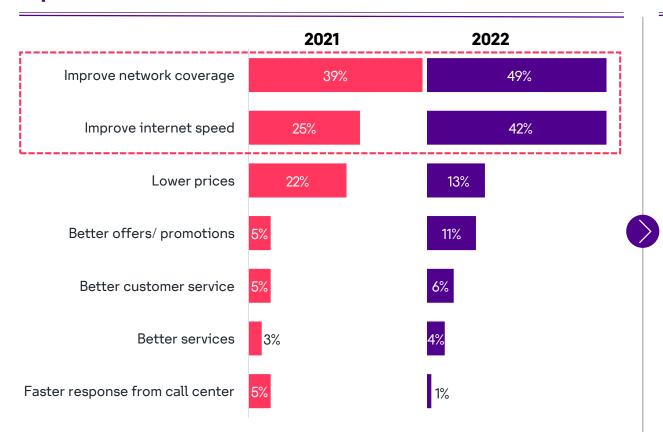
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stc users are suggesting to improve Network coverage and Internet speed

Improvements on Mobile Broadband NPS for stc

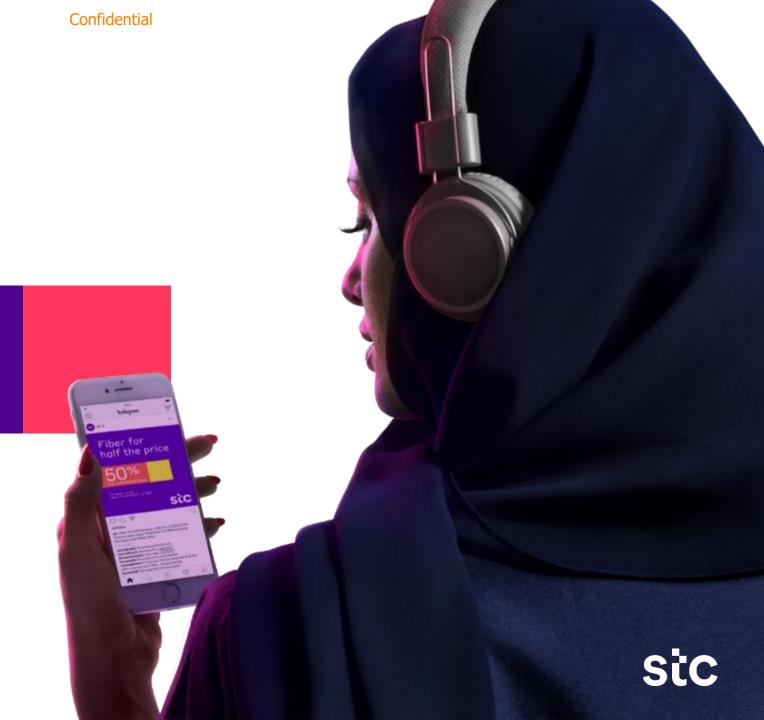
Improvement areas for a better NPS



Key Insights

 Network coverage and Internet speed have higher mentions and increased in this wave

Overall Satisfaction



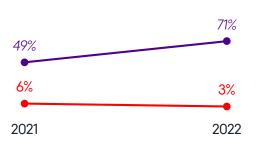
stc has improved significantly in terms of satisfactions, however still lower than the competition

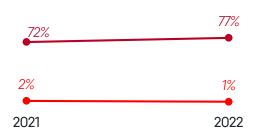
Overall Satisfaction – Trended

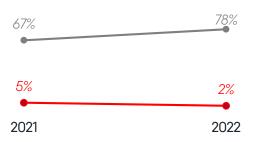












- > stc Mobile broadband satisfactions significantly increased and dissatisfaction are slightly decreased compared to the last year
- > Batelco & Zain are highly competing in terms of satisfaction scores

SiC

stc has relatively higher satisfactions on Network (An important category attribute) whereas relatively low satisfactions on Price & fee

Service Dimension Satisfaction Scores

	Satisfaction - Top 3 Box ratings	Importance	stc	Batelco	Zain
ey points	Network	23	86%	79%	77%
	Payment methods	5	87%	88%	81%
	Offers and promos	8	62%	56%	59%
Journey	Price & fee	16	55%	63%	59%
_	Billing	7	61%	60%	52%
	Branch	5	65%	92 %	86%
ints	Call center	9	65%	78%	70%
	Shop/Retail stores	6	65%	86%	82%
Touchpoints	Digital support	4	70%	65%	90%
Touc	Website	7	82%	76%	92%
	Mobile app	6	78%	83%	87%
	Social media	4	71%	92%	71%

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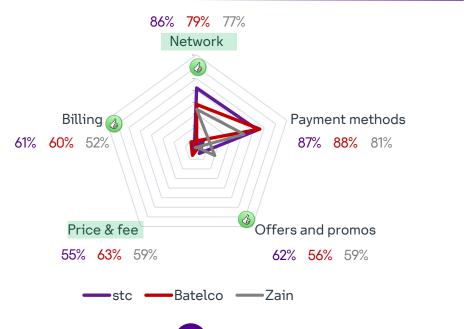
Batelco Base: 99

Zain Base: 99

stc has relatively low satisfactions on Prices & fee and across touchpoints

Satisfaction With Performance Attributes (T3B)

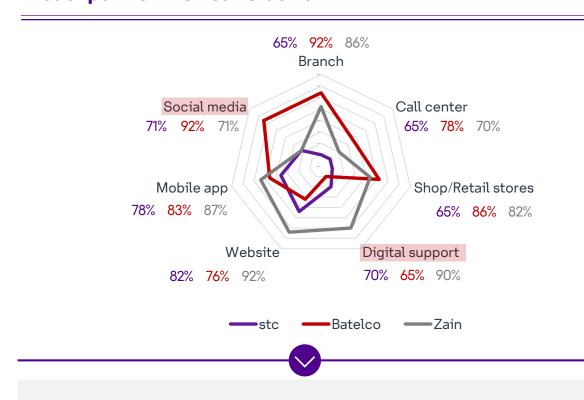
Journey Related Attributes – T3B Satisfaction





stc is doing better on Network in Mobile Broadband category

Touchpoints – T3B Satisfaction



stc requires improvements on majority of touchpoints



stc best in class

Low importance

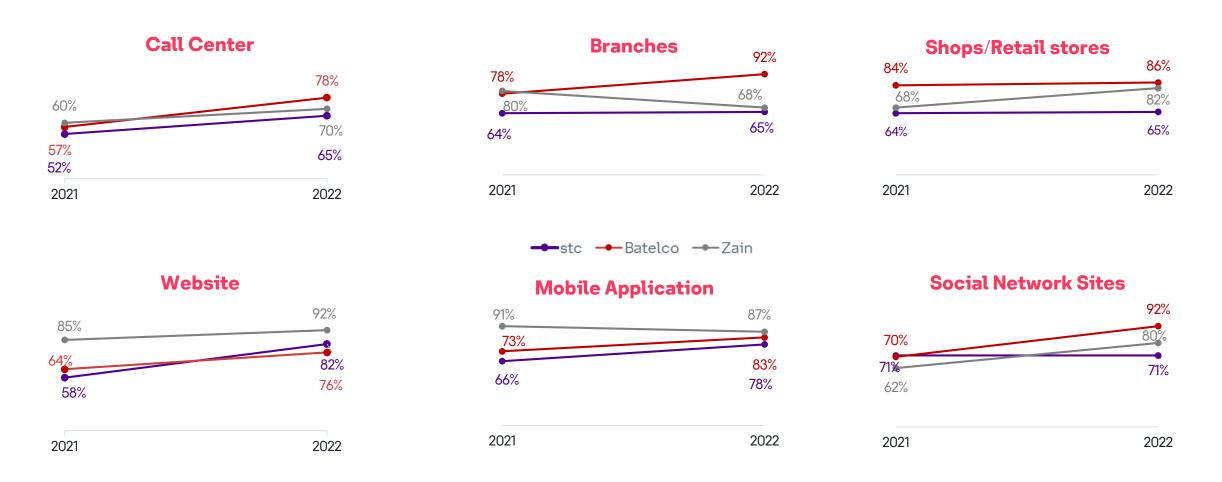
Though stc has improved across journey points as compared to last wave, however still behind the competition on Network and Payment methods and Prices & fee

Service Dimension Satisfaction Scores – Journey Points (T3B)



stc has shown improvements across touchpoints as compared to last year, however still need improvements in order to beat the competition

Service Dimension Satisfaction Scores – Touchpoints (T3B)

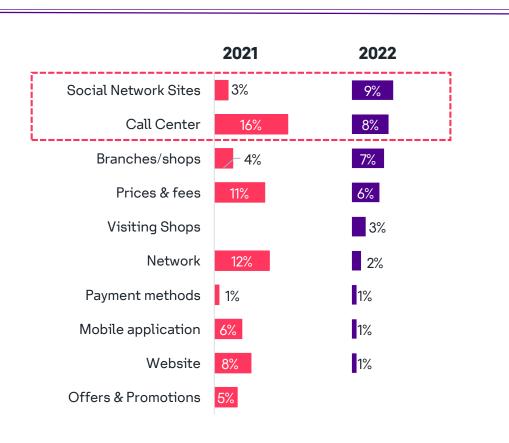


Dissatisfactions for stc dropped for Call center and Prices & fee, however increased for both Social Media and Branches as compared to last wave

Dissatisfaction - stc

Dissatisfaction (B3B) - Trended

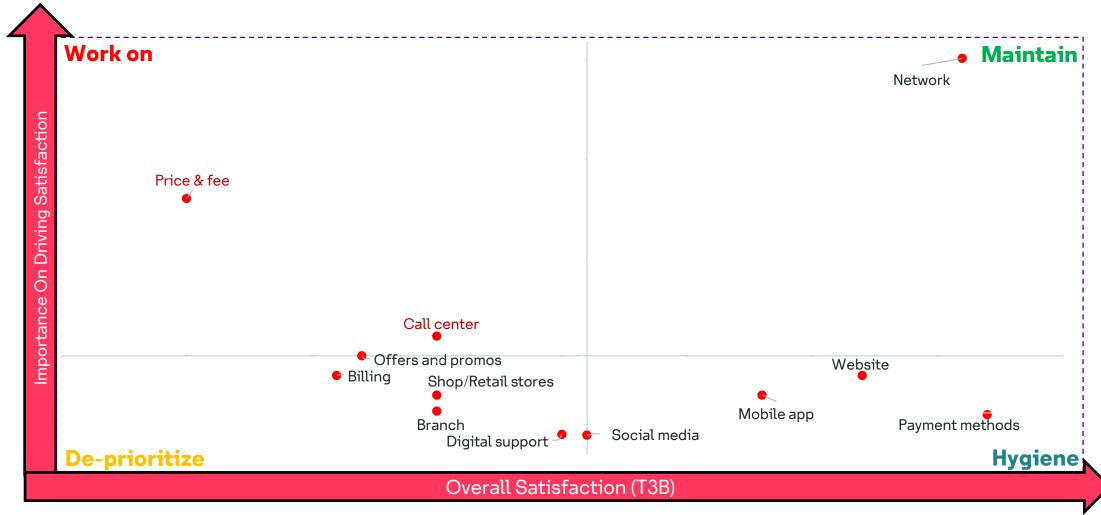




• Both Call center and Branches need improvements

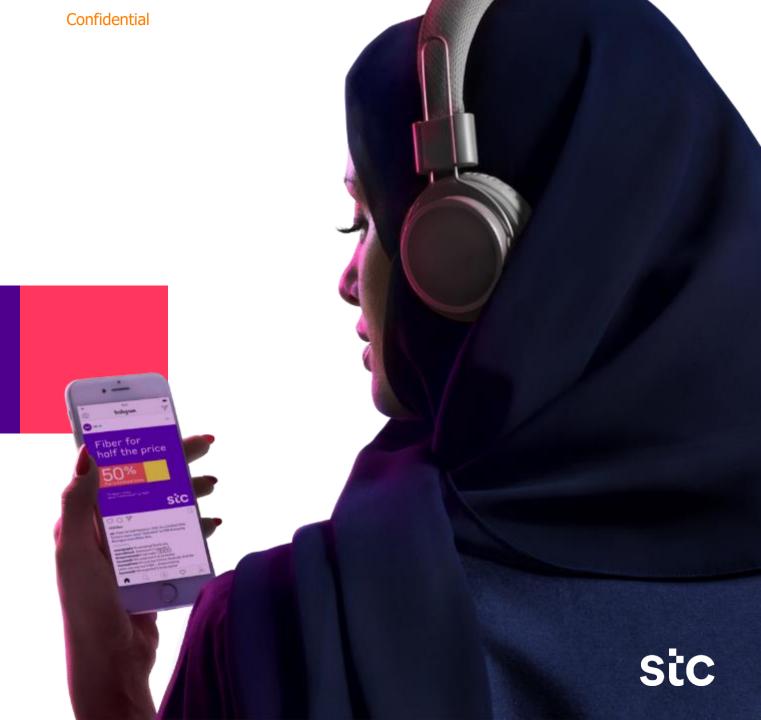
stc needs improvements on Prices & fee and Call center

Quadrant Analysis – stc Mobile Broadband



Base: 199

Satisfaction Deep Dive

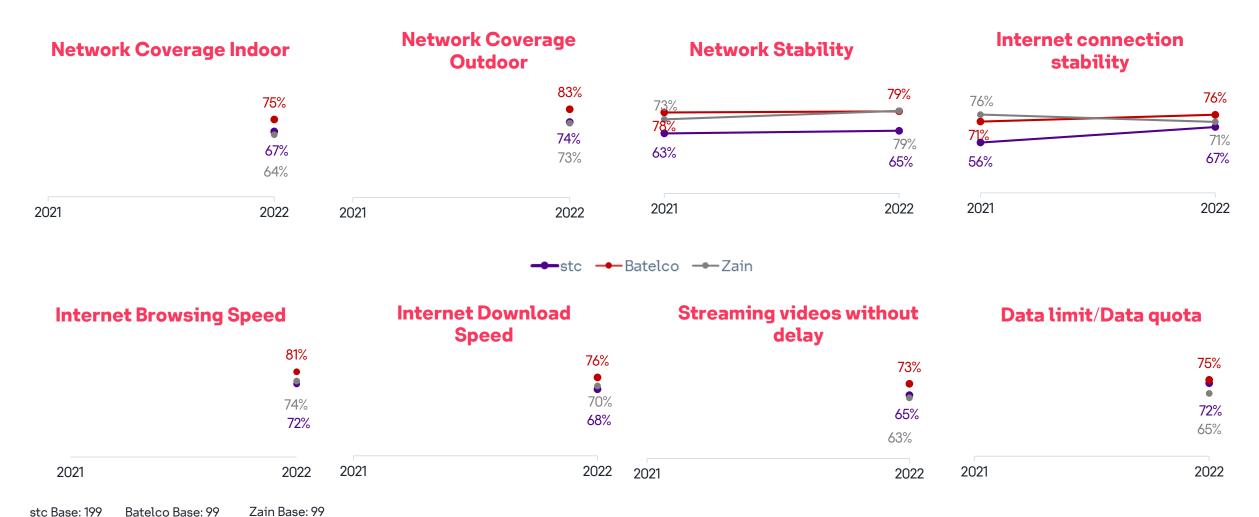


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stc is lower then the competition on all the network related sub-attributes

Satisfaction (T3B) with Network sub-attributes

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stc has improved on Price of data bundle

Satisfaction (T3B) with Prices & Fee sub-attributes

Termination charges of breaking contract

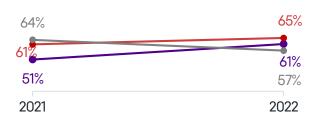


Prices of other value-added services





Price of data bundle

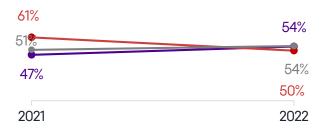


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stc has improved on all parameters of Offers & Promos

Satisfaction (T3B) with Offers & Promotions sub-attributes

Variety of offers & promotions



Constant update of offers & promotions



→stc → Batelco → Zain

Suitability of offers & promotions



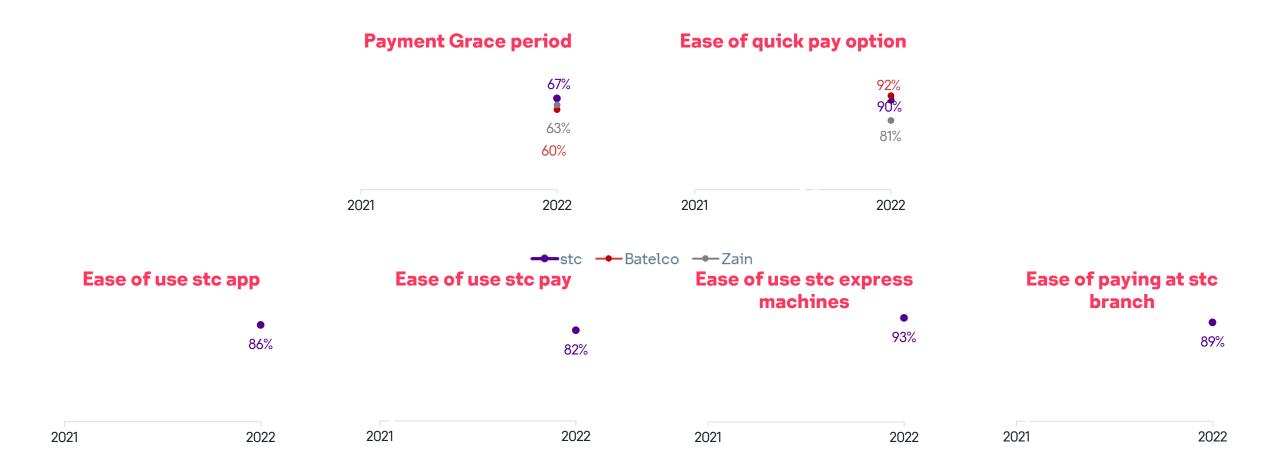
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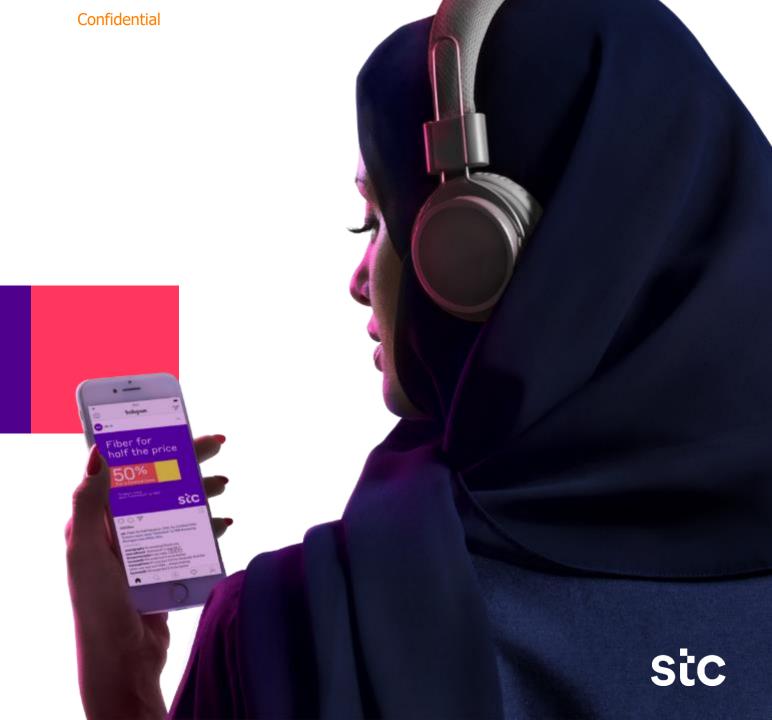
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stc has highest satisfactions on Payment grace period

Satisfaction (T3B) Payment Methods sub-attributes



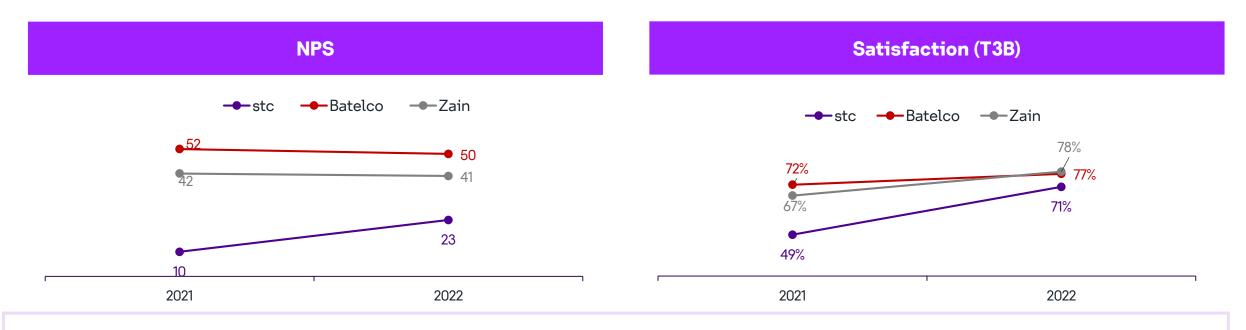
Summary & Way Forward





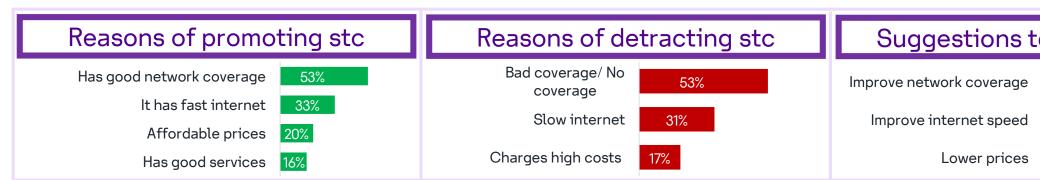


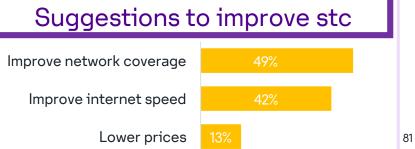
Summary Mobile Broadband – NPS & Satisfaction



stc's satisfaction as well as NPS improved significantly in this wave

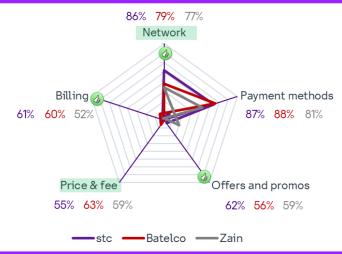
• Network, Internet speed and Prices are the top factors of promoting, detracting and mentioned as areas of improvements for stc



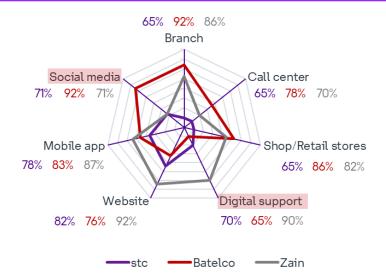


Summary Mobile Broadband – Journey & Touchpoints performance

1 Performance on Customer Journey



Performance on Customer Touchpoints

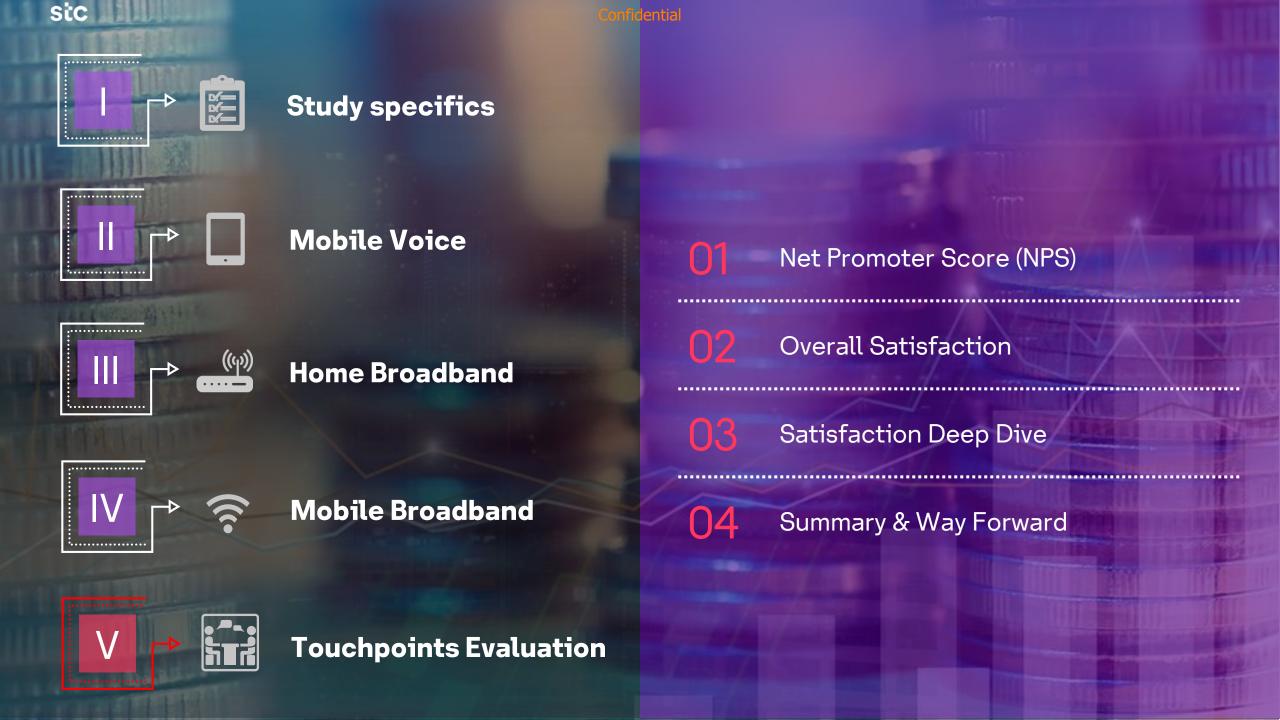


Findings

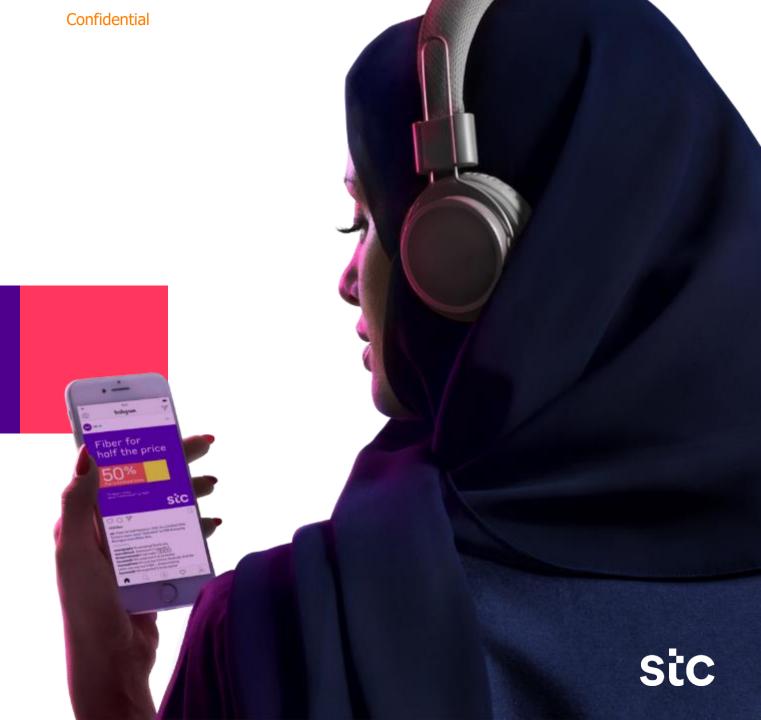
- In Mobile broadband category, Network and Price & fee emerges
 as most important category attributes where stc has
 comparatively low satisfactions on Price & Fee, however
 secured higher satisfactions on Network
- 2. On Touchpoints, stc has comparatively low satisfactions on both traditional and digital touchpoints

Way forward

- stc needs to **continue its performance on Network**, However need to **improve on Internet speed** in order to further enhance the satisfaction as well as NPS
- stc must **deliver a very good customer experience** on both Traditional as well as digital touchpoints



Touchpoints Evaluation



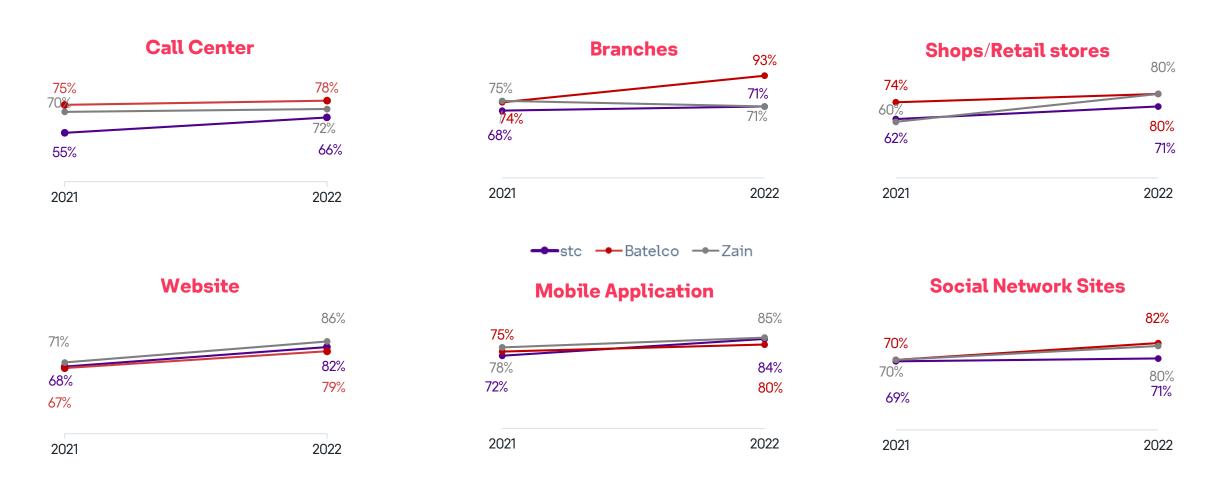
Call center has higher incidence among stc users and Mobile app among Zain users

Mediums Used To Contact Main Service Provider

Medium Used	stc	Batelco	Zain
Call Center	22%	20%	19%
Branches	15%	12%	11%
Visiting shops/ retail outlets/ mobile shops	8%	5%	7%
Mobile App	21%	22%	26%
Website	16%	20%	16%
Social media	10%	13%	12%
Digital support	7%	8%	9%

stc has improved on all the traditional as well as digital touchpoints compared to last wave, however still behind the competition

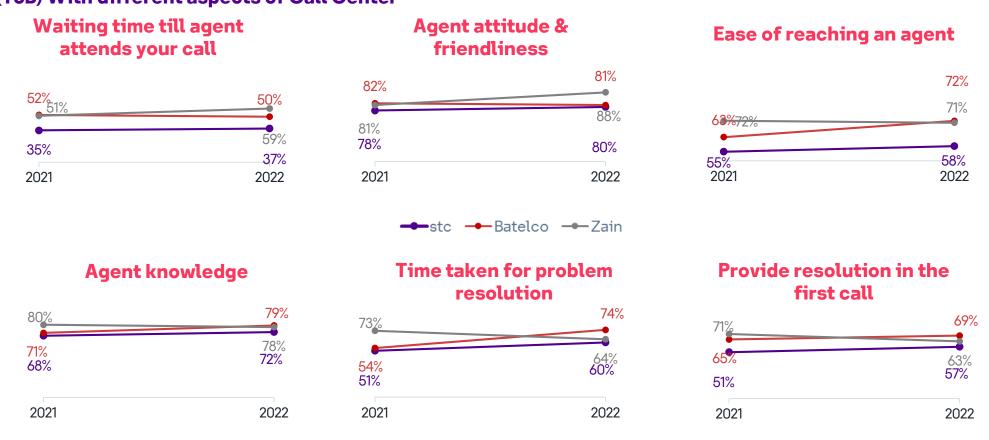
Service Dimension Satisfaction Scores – Touch Points (T3B)



Touchpoint Evaluation —

stc has improved on all the call center related attributes as compared to last wave, however long way to cross the competition on all the attributes except Agent attitude and friendliness **Deep Dive - Call Center**

Satisfaction (T3B) With different aspects of Call Center



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stc is behind the competition on all the branch related attributes

Deep Dive – Branch

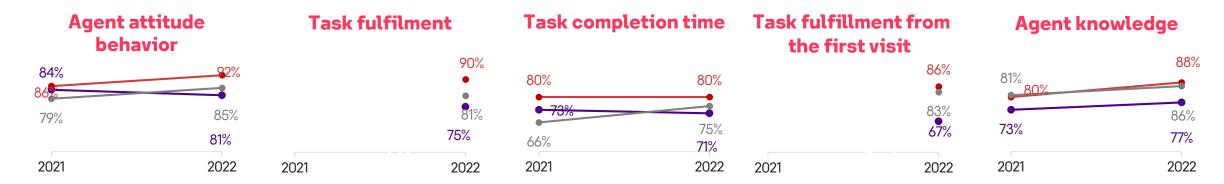
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Satisfaction (T3B) With different aspects of branch visits



Satisfaction (T3B) With different aspects of Agent interaction

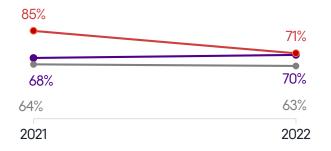


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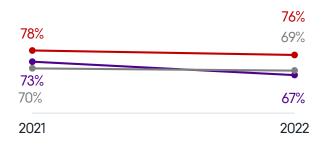
B14c. For each of the following criteria regarding the branches/shops, I want you to tell us how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the criterion?
B14d. For each of the following criteria regarding your interaction with any of the agents, I want you to tell me how satisfied are you with each of the criterion?

Satisfaction (T3B) With different aspects of retail outlet/shop visits

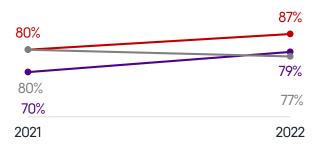
Availability of Products



Buying Experience



Activation of products





SiC

stc has the highest satisfactions on Ease of navigation and Clarity of content, however need improvements on Enough information that was required

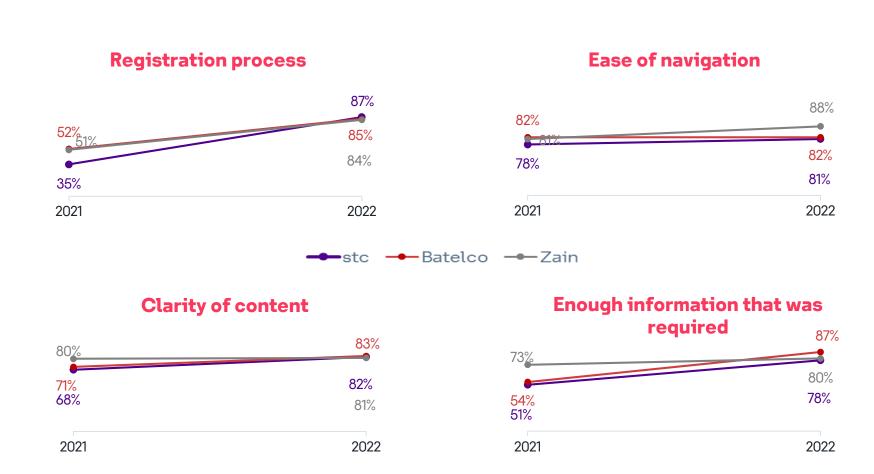
Satisfaction (T3B) With different aspects of Website



Touchpoint Evaluation —

StC

stc has highest satisfaction on Registration process and almost at parity on Clarity of content, however low satisfactions for Ease of navigation and Enough information that was required **Deep Dive - Mobile Application**



At overall level, stc should deliver good customer experience at both Traditional as well as digital touchpoints

Touchpoints Deep Dive – Summary

	Touchpoint	stc	Batelco	Zain	Sub-attributes for stc to improve on
Traditional	Call Center	Third	First	Second	Waiting time to connect agent Ease of reaching agent Time taken for problem resolution Provide solution in first call
	Branches	Second	First	Second	Task fulfilment Task fulfilment from first visit Agent knowledge
	Shops/ retail outlets/ mobile shops	Second	First	First	Buying experience
Digital	Mobile App	Second	Third	First	
	Website	Second	Third	First	
	Social media	Third	First	Second	

