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**SAMSUNG GALAXY S II IS CONSUMERS' TOP HANDSET FOR FIFTH  
CONSECUTIVE MONTH**

- **Five month run at the top of the charts for Samsung Galaxy S II**
- **iPhone 4 sales up 10% and market share increases by 39% as networks offer last minute deals ahead of new iPhone**
- **Sony Ericsson re-enters the top ten for the first time since April with the XPERIA Arc**

Samsung's Galaxy S II handset has clung onto the top spot for a fifth consecutive month despite a strong challenge from the iPhone 4, according to the latest data from independent price comparison and switching service, [uSwitch.com](http://uSwitch.com).

The [uSwitch.com Mobile Tracker](http://uSwitch.com/MobileTracker), which ranks the most popular phones based on live searches and sales also saw a boost in popularity in the iPhone 4. Sales of the phone were up **10%** on last month and market share boosted to **17%** - a significant 39% increase since August.

Sony Ericsson, which has not seen any of its handsets place in the top ten since the XPERIA Arc launched back in April this year, managed to sneak ahead of the original HTC Desire into ninth place.

Meanwhile, HTC's Android-powered phones still dominate the market with the Desire S, Sensation and Wildfire S all ensuring that the Taiwanese manufacturer secures an impressive six slots in the chart.

In the battle between the operating systems, Google's Android platform maintains its position of smartphone supremacy powering an impressive nine of the top ten handsets.

**Number one handset for August 2011** – Samsung's flagship Galaxy S II cements its position as the nation's number one mobile for another month, with the iPhone 4 and Samsung Galaxy Ace holding on to the second and third spots.

**Biggest climber** – The HTC Sensation climbed three places to number four, in a mixed week for the manufacturer. Sony Ericsson re-entered the charts after a five month hiatus.

**Biggest faller** – HTC's Wildfire, Wildfire S and Desire all lost ground in September, following a strong performance in August. The HTC Desire HD has fallen out of the top ten altogether.

**Top 10 handsets (tracked by live sales and searches on uSwitch.com) – correct on 30th September 2011**

#	Handset	Powered by	Movement
1	Samsung Galaxy S II	Android	No change
2	Apple iPhone 4 (16GB)	Apple	No change
3	Samsung Galaxy Ace	Android	No change
4	HTC Sensation	Android	↑ Up 3 places
5	HTC Wildfire S	Android	↓ Down 1 place
6	HTC Desire S	Android	No change
7	HTC Wildfire	Android	↓ Down 2 places
8	Samsung Galaxy S i9000	Android	No change
9	Sony Ericsson Xperia Arc	Android	↑ Up 2 places
10	HTC Desire	Android	↓ Down 1 place

Source: uSwitch.com

**Ernest Doku, technology expert at [uSwitch.com](http://uSwitch.com), says:** “Samsung has covered all its bases with the Galaxy S II and the Galaxy Ace. A mixture of affordability and capability, it’s no surprise that these two handsets continue to occupy two of the top three spots for the second month in a row.

“It’s been a mixed bag for HTC this September. Whilst their range of devices continue to perform well and are occupying five spots on the top ten, three of them have recently lost ground to competitors.

“Recent announcements including a new entry level Android phone with the Explorer, audio driven devices in the Sensation XE and Rhyme as well as the interesting Windows Phone-powered Titan and Radar shows that HTC is poised to refresh their entire range with a strong line-up ahead of Christmas.

“Sony Ericsson’s return to the chart is largely due to recent discounts for the XPERIA Arc across retailers, with the Android smartphone now free on a contract from just £20 per month.

“The iPhone 4 has been an extremely strong contender this month, despite the imminent unveiling of a new device from Apple.

With Three’s One Plan offering unlimited data and texts, 2,000 minutes for only £30 as well as recent price drops on the device from a number of networks, the headline-grabbing iPhone 4 has understandably seen a recent resurgence. However, dedicated Apple fans will be holding out for the new model, and it will be interesting to see the impact a brand new iPhone has on the charts next month.”

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