

Sector Structure - Private Sector Participation

The Americas

Country	What is the maximum foreign participation/ownership (in %) for:							
	facilities-based operators	spectrum-based operators	local service operators	long-distance service operators	international service operators	value-added service providers	Internet Service Providers (ISPs)	other categories
Antigua & Barbuda								
Argentina(1)	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
								Prestación de Servicios de Telecomunicaciones en general según lo establecido por el Decreto 764/2000.
Bahamas								
Barbados(1)								
Belize(1)								
Bolivia(2)								
								100%. 25 % en uso de radiodifusión.
Brazil(1)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
								Cable TV - 49%; Broadcasting - 30%; It is important to note that even for those services where no foreign capital restrictions apply, foreign companies entering the markets of collective interest services are required to incorporate a Brazilian holding company to control the operating company (General Telecommunications Law and Presidential Decree 2617/98). Any operator either of collective or restricted interest services must be a Brazilian company.
Canada	46.67	46.67	46.67	100	100	100	100	
Chile(1)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Colombia(1)								
Costa Rica	2	2	2			32		67
								TELEFONÍA IP
Cuba	49		49	49	49	49	49	49
Dominica	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Dominican Rep.	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Ecuador(2)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
								El acceso al servicio de internet se realiza a través de los operadores locales de telefonía fija para dial up, y a través de operadores de datos para accesos dedicados de mayor velocidad.
El Salvador(2)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

(1) - 2010 data; (2) - pre-2010 data

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Grenada	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Guatemala(2)	100	100	100	100	100			
Guyana(2)								
Haiti								
Honduras(1)	4	624	4	4	1	71	64	
Jamaica(1)								
Mexico(2)	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	
								Los concesionarios de telefonía celular tienen la posibilidad de participar con un porcentaje mayor al 49%
Nicaragua(2)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Panama(2)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Paraguay	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Peru	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
St. Lucia								
St. Vincent and the Grenadines(1)								
								There are no restrictions on the maximum ownership permitted for the categories mentioned
Suriname								
Trinidad & Tobago								
United States								
								There are no restrictions on foreign participation except for certain spectrum-based operators, which are set forth in Sections 310(a) and 310(b) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. Sec. 310) (the "Act"). On August 9, 2011, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that initiates a review of the FCC's policies and procedures that apply to foreign ownership of common carrier radio station licensees – e.g., companies using wireless licenses to provide phone service – and of aeronautical en route and aeronautical fixed radio station licensees pursuant to section 310(b) (4) of the Act. The text of the NPRM is available at http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0809/FCC-11-121A1.pdf
Uruguay(1)								
Venezuela(2)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	20
								Radiodifusión Sonoara y Televisión Abierta

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