

# Belize Profile (2018)

## Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	5.44782
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	85.527
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	6.43693
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	38.0167
Households with a computer (%)	36.6813
Households with Internet access at home (%)	36.0591
Individuals using the Internet (%)	47.0826

## Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	John Avery
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chairman (Commissioner)
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Public Utilities Commission

## Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Ministry of Public Service, Energy& Public Utilities
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## Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2016)

Cable modem	P*	P: Based on population centers
Cable Television	P*	P: Based on population centers
Data2014	C*	
Domestic fixed long distance	M	
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	N	
Fixed Wireless Broadband	P*	P: Based on population centers
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2000	P	
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C	
International Gateways2014	M	
International Fixed Long Distance2014	C	
Internet Services	P*	P: Based on population centers
Leased Lines	M	
Wireless Local Loop	C	
Local Fixed Line Services	M	
Mobile	C	
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	N	
Paging2000	M	
VSAT	N	
DSL	M	

M: Monopoly  
P: Partial competition (year when competition was introduced)  
C: Full competition (year when competition was introduced)  
N: N/A

### Institutional Details (Latest data available: 2018)

Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]	PUC Commission
Legal document creating the regulator	Public Utilities Commission Act
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licence fees, percentage:;</li> <li>• Spectrum fees, percentage:;</li> <li>• Regulatory fees, percentage:;</li> <li>• Other • Other, Source: Any other sums designated by the National Assembly, percentage:;</li> </ul>
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to Legislature/Parliament</li> </ul>
Year separate regulator created	1999

### Structure Regulator (Latest data available: 2018)

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Regulator is a collegial body	Yes
If Yes, please provide the total number of members/commissioners (including the Head). [2010]	6
Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters?	Yes
What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority? [2010]	One Year
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.	22

### Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

Entity in charge of licensing	R	
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R	
Entity in charge of price regulation	R	
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	R	
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	R	
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	R	
Entity in charge of numbering	R	
Entity in charge of type approval	R	
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	R	
Entity in charge of universal service/access	R	
Quality of service standards setting	R	
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R	
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	R	
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	M*	M: Belize Broadcasting Authority
Entity in charge of Information Technology	M*	M: CITO (Government IT only)
Entity in charge of Internet content	N	

S: Sector Ministry  
 O: Other Ministry or Government body  
 R: Regulatory Authority  
 Op: Operator  
 N: Not regulated  
 M: If more than one entity or another body is involved in this function, please explain

### Universal Service - services covered and operator obligations (Latest data available: 2016)

<b>Definition of universal service/access exists</b>	No
<b>Universal access/service policy adopted</b>	No
<b>Voice services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed line private residential service as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Fixed line public payphone service as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Individual mobile cellular service as part of universal service definition</li> </ul>
<b>Internet services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dial-up Internet access as part of universal service definition</li> </ul>
<b>Other services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telecentres as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Emergency services as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Directory services as part of universal service definition</li> </ul>
<b>Operators under universal access/service obligation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All operators</li> </ul>
<b>Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices</b>	Yes

### Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2016)

<b>Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-subsidy between own services</li> </ul>
<b>Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service</b>	No
<b>If Yes, please explain</b>	
<b>Operational Universal Service Fund</b>	No
<b>If Yes, when? [2014]</b>	POSSIBLY BY 2015
<b>Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF</b>	
<b>Means of calculating USF contribution amounts</b>	
<b>USF financed by other sources</b>	
<b>USF budget financing by source (in percentage)</b>	
<b>Regulator administrating USF</b>	
<b>If No, name the entity responsible</b>	

### Interconnection issues (Latest data available: 2018)

<b>Interconnection charging principle adopted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symmetric</li> </ul>
<b>If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?</b>	Number of subscribers, revenue generated by each company, investments are not similar, each company customer base differs.

### Approach used to regulate interconnection prices (Latest data available: 2014)

<b>Approach used to regulate fixed termination rates</b>	LRIC
<b>Approach used to regulate mobile termination rates</b>	LRIC

LRIC: LRIC cost model  
 FDC: FDC cost model  
 B: Benchmarking  
 O: Other  
 N: None

## NGN (Latest data available: 2018)

**Stage of introduction of NGN system by operators** • Planning

**Cost model used (or planned) to calculate costs/tariffs of NGN Services** • None

## NGN - Regulation of IP networks (Latest data available: 2018)

**Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Data Services** No

**Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Voice Services** No

USO: Regulatory arrangements subject to universal service obligations

I: Regulatory interconnection arrangements with networks using switching circuits

B: Banning of services based on IP

No: No regulatory arrangements defined at present

O: Other