

# Georgia Profile (2018)

## Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	14.5077
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	133.398
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	20.9996
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	45.2633
Households with a computer (%)	62.1134
Households with Internet access at home (%)	69.523
Individuals using the Internet (%)	63.9686

## Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Kakhi Bekauri
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	The Chairman of the National Communications Commission Of Georgia
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Georgian National Communications 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 Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
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## Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2018)

Cable modem	C*
Cable Television	C*
Data2012	C*
Domestic fixed long distance	C*
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	C*
Fixed Wireless Broadband	C*
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2010	C*
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C*
International Gateways	C*
International Fixed Long Distance	C*
Internet Services	C*
Leased Lines	C*
Wireless Local Loop	C*
Local Fixed Line Services	C*
Mobile	C*
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	C*
Paging2002	C
VSAT	C*
DSL	C*

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]	GNCC
Legal document creating the regulator	The Law of Georgia on Post and Telecommunications
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory fees, percentage;</li> <li>• Regulated telecom operators • Regulated telecom operators percentage; percentage of operator revenue (turnover);</li> <li>• Other • Other, Source: Contribution from Broadcasters, percentage;</li> </ul>
Regulator also regulates other utilities	• No
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report to the public</li> <li>• Report to President/Head of State</li> <li>• Report to Legislature/Parliament</li> <li>• Report to Government</li> <li>• Other Indicate: Annual Report to the President and the Parliament of Georgia,</li> </ul>
Year separate regulator created	2000

### 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). [2013]	5
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? [2011]	6 years
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.	106

### 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 setting2017	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 approval2017	N	
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	R	
Entity in charge of universal service/access2007	N	
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	N M*	M: Braodcasting content is regulated in terms of copyright
Entity in charge of Information Technology2017	S N	

<b>Entity in charge of Internet content</b>	R
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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: 2018)

<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>• Public mobile payphone service as part of universal service definition</li> </ul>
<b>Internet services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	
<b>Other services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
<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: 2018)

<b>Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal service funds</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?</b>	
<b>Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All operators</li> </ul>
<b>Means of calculating USF contribution amounts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Indicate: 80% of license fees,</li> </ul>
<b>USF financed by other sources</b>	Yes
<b>USF budget financing by source (in percentage)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proceeds from spectrum auctions percentage: 20,</li> <li>• Proceeds from telecommunication licence/concession payments percentage: 20,</li> </ul>
<b>Regulator administrating USF</b>	Yes
<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, Cost

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

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

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** • Completed

**Cost model used (or planned) to calculate costs/tariffs of NGN Services** • LRIC model

### 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