

# Ireland Profile (2018)

## Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	37.9594
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	103.171
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	29.6794
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	103.754
Households with a computer (%)	85.68
Households with Internet access at home (%)	89.09
Individuals using the Internet (%)	84.5223

## Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2016)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Jeremy Godfrey
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chairperson
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Commission for Communications Regulation

## Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2016)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment
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## Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2016)

Cable modem	C*
Cable Television	C*
Data2010	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 Services2010	C*
Leased Lines	C*
Wireless Local Loop	C*
Local Fixed Line Services	C*
Mobile	C*
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	C*
Paging2006	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: 2016)

<b>Regulator autonomous in decision making</b>	Yes
<b>Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]</b>	Chairperson of Commission
<b>Legal document creating the regulator</b>	Communications (Regulation) Act 2002
<b>Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licence fees, percentage: 59%,</li> <li>• Spectrum fees, percentage: 32%,</li> <li>• Regulated telecom operators • Regulated telecom operators percentage: 9%, percentage of operator revenue (turnover): .2%,</li> </ul>
<b>Regulator also regulates other utilities</b>	• Yes If Yes, specify utilities regulated: Post.,
<b>Reporting requirements of the regulator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to Legislature/Parliament</li> <li>• Annual report to Sector Ministry</li> <li>• Other Indicate: Report to Comptroller and Auditor General,</li> </ul>
<b>Year separate regulator created</b>	2002

### Structure Regulator (Latest data available: 2016)

<b>Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority</b>	Jeremy Godfrey
<b>Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.</b>	Chairperson
<b>Regulator is a collegial body</b>	Yes
<b>If Yes, please provide the total number of members/commissioners (including the Head). [2013]</b>	3
<b>Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters?</b>	Yes
<b>What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority? [2010]</b>	4 years (which can be renewed once)
<b>Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.</b>	115

### Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2016)

<b>Entity in charge of licensing</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of interconnection rates</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of price regulation</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of technical standards setting2010</b>	O
<b>Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment</b>	R
<b>Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of numbering</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of type approval2010</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of service quality monitoring2015</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of universal service/access</b>	R
<b>Quality of service standards setting2015</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations</b>	R
<b>Broadcasting (sound transmission)</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of broadcasting content</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of Information Technology2008</b>	M
<b>Entity in charge of Internet content2010</b>	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>	Yes
<b>Universal access/service policy adopted</b>	Yes
<b>Voice services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice telephony services</li> <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> </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>• Services for impaired/ elderly</li> <li>• Directory services as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Telecentres as part of universal service definition Explain: Affordability Measures,</li> </ul>
<b>Operators under universal access/service obligation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incumbent fixed line operator(s)</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>• Universal service funds</li> <li>• Other Explain: Requests by USP for funding received and being considered,</li> </ul>
<b>Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service</b>	Yes
<b>If Yes, please explain</b>	National Broadband Scheme to provide universal access to broadband
<b>Operational Universal Service Fund</b>	No
<b>If Yes, when?</b>	<a href="http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/ComReg1532.pdf">http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/ComReg1532.pdf</a> A funding mechanism will be established when ComReg ascertains that a net cost arising from the provision of universal service obligations represents an unfair burden. So far, an unfair burden has not been found and therefore no fund has been established to date. ComReg is currently drawing together the principles and methodologies of a suitable sharing mechanism for Ireland. In the instance an unfair burden is found, ComReg will establish a suitable sharing mechanism. which considers who and to what extent will contribute towards the fund.
<b>Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF</b>	• None of the above, please identify: Under review,
<b>Means of calculating USF contribution amounts</b>	• Other Indicate: Under review,
<b>USF financed by other sources</b>	
<b>USF budget financing by source (in percentage)</b>	
<b>Regulator administrating USF</b>	Yes
<b>If No, name the entity responsible [2003]</b>	Under review

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

<b>Interconnection charging principle adopted</b>	• Symmetric
<b>If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?</b>	Number of minutes

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

**Approach used to regulate fixed termination rates**      LRIC

**Approach used to regulate mobile termination rates**      O\*              O: glide path approach

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**      • Implementation

**Cost model used (or planned) to calculate costs/tariffs of NGN Services**      • Other please specify,.

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

**Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Data Services**      I

**Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Voice Services**      USO I

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