

# Samoa Profile (2018)

## Various statistics (Latest data available: 2017)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	4.32757
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	63.5832
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.866129
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	26.1559
Households with a computer (%)	24
Households with Internet access at home (%)	32.7
Individuals using the Internet (%)	33.6109

## Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Lefaoalii Unutoa Auelua-Fonoti
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	The Regulator
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Office of the Regulator

## 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 Communication Information and Technology
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## Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2018)

Cable modem	N
Cable Television	P
Data2012	C*
Domestic fixed long distance	P
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	P
Fixed Wireless Broadband	M
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2010	N
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C
International Gateways	M
International Fixed Long Distance	P
Internet Services	C
Leased Lines	P
Wireless Local Loop	N
Local Fixed Line Services	P
Mobile	C
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	N
Paging2005	C
VSAT	N
DSL	P

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)

<b>Regulator autonomous in decision making</b>	Yes
<b>Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]</b>	Ministry of Finance
<b>Legal document creating the regulator</b>	Telecommunication Act, Electricity Act, Broadcasting Act, Postal Act
<b>Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source</b>	• Government appropriation, percentage: 100%,
<b>Regulator also regulates other utilities</b>	• Yes If Yes, specify utilities regulated: Posts, Broadcasting, Electricity,
<b>Reporting requirements of the regulator</b>	• Annual report to the public • Report to Legislature/Parliament • Annual report to Sector Ministry
<b>Year separate regulator created</b>	2006

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

<b>Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority</b>	Lefaoalii Unutoa Auelua-Fonoti
<b>Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.</b>	The Regulator
<b>Regulator is a collegial body</b>	Yes
<b>If Yes, please provide the total number of members/commissioners (including the Head).</b>	
<b>Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters?</b>	No
<b>What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority? [2011]</b>	3 Years Contract
<b>Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.</b>	21

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

<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 setting</b>	R
<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>	S R
<b>Entity in charge of type approval</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of service quality monitoring</b>	O R
<b>Entity in charge of universal service/access</b>	R
<b>Quality of service standards setting</b>	R Op
<b>Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations</b>	R
<b>Broadcasting (sound transmission)</b>	R Op
<b>Entity in charge of broadcasting content</b>	Op
<b>Entity in charge of Information Technology</b>	S
<b>Entity in charge of Internet content</b>	Op

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>	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>• 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> <li>• Broadband 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>• Schools ;,</li> <li>• Health centres ;,</li> </ul>
<b>Operators under universal access/service obligation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile operators</li> <li>• Mobile operators with SMP</li> <li>• ISPs</li> </ul>
<b>Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices</b>	No

### 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>	• Pay or play
<b>Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service</b>	No
<b>If Yes, please explain [2007]</b>	policy under development - due 4th qtr 2007
<b>Operational Universal Service Fund</b>	No
<b>If Yes, when? [2011]</b>	FY 2011-2012
<b>Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF</b>	
<b>Means of calculating USF contribution amounts</b>	• Percentage of total gross revenues (turnover) Percentage: to be determined under policy being developed,
<b>USF financed by other sources</b>	Yes
<b>USF budget financing by source (in percentage)</b>	• Funding from international agencies percentage: seed funds from Telecom Sector Reform Project,
<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>	• Asymmetric
<b>If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?</b>	# of subscribers and the revenue

### 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** • Implementation

**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** 2013 No

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

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