

Ireland Profile (Latest data available: 2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	38.1
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	103.5
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	26.9
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	104.1
Households with a computer (%)	84
Households with Internet access at home (%)	89
Individuals using the Internet (%)	84.5

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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Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2016)

Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Commission for Communications Regulation
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
Legal document creating the regulator	Communications (Regulation) Act 2002
Year separate regulator created	2002
Regulator also regulates other utilities	• Yes If Yes, specify utilities regulated: Post.,
Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]	Chairperson of Commission
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	• Licence fees, percentage: 59%, • Spectrum fees, percentage: 32%, • Regulated telecom operators • Regulated telecom operators percentage: 9%, percentage of operator revenue (turnover): .2%,
Reporting requirements of the regulator	• Report to Legislature/Parliament • Annual report to Sector Ministry • Other Indicate: Report to Comptroller and Auditor General,

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2016)

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 setting2010	O
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 approval2010	R
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring2015	R

Entity in charge of universal service/access	R
Quality of service standards setting2015	R
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	R
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	R
Entity in charge of Information Technology2008	M
Entity in charge of Internet content2010	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

Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2016)

Local Fixed Line Services	C*
Domestic fixed long distance	C*
International Fixed Long Distance	C*
Mobile	C*
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C*
Wireless Local Loop	C*
DSL	C*
Cable modem	C*
Fixed Wireless Broadband	C*
Leased Lines	C*
International Gateways	C*
Internet Services2010	C*
Cable Television	C*
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	C*
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	C*
VSAT	C*

M: Monopoly

P: Partial competition (year when competition was introduced)

C: Full competition (year when competition was introduced)

N: N/A

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

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	Yes
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice telephony services • Fixed line private residential service as part of universal service definition • Fixed line public payphone service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dial-up Internet access as part of universal service definition

Other services included in Universal service/access definition

- Services for impaired/ elderly
- Directory services as part of universal service definition
- Telecentres as part of universal service definition Explain: Affordability Measures,

Operators under universal access/service obligation • Incumbent fixed line operator(s)

Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices Yes

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

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations

- Universal service funds
- Other Explain: Requests by USP for funding received and being considered,

Operational Universal Service Fund No

If Yes, when? http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/ComReg1532.pdf 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.

Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF • None of the above, please identify: Under review,

Means of calculating USF contribution amounts • Other Indicate: Under review,

USF financed by other sources

USF budget financing by source (in percentage)

Regulator administrating USF Yes

If No, name the entity responsible [2003] Under review

Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service Yes

If Yes, please explain National Broadband Scheme to provide universal access to broadband