

Saudi Arabia Profile (Latest data available: 2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	9.3
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	123.1
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	22.3
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	90
Households with a computer (%)	73
Households with Internet access at home (%)	93
Individuals using the Internet (%)	82.1

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 Communications and Information Technology
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Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC)
Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Dr. ABDULAZIZ ALRWAIIS
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Governor
Legal document creating the regulator	The Council of Ministers Decision No. (74) dated 5/3/1422H
Year separate regulator created	2001
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2008]	The CITC board of directors
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award/auction of other licence, percentage: 20, • Licence fees, percentage: 6, • Numbering fees, percentage: 1, • Spectrum fees, percentage: 71, • Regulatory fees, percentage: 1, • Fines/penalties, percentage: 1,
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report to the public • Report to Board of ICT regulator • Report to President/Head of State • Report to Legislature/Parliament • Annual report to Sector Ministry • Other Indicate: Annual Report to Council of Ministers & Majlis Ash-Shura,

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

Entity in charge of licensing	R M*	M: CITC
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R M*	M: CITC
Entity in charge of price regulation	R M*	M: CITC
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	R M*	M: CITC
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	R M*	M: CITC
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	R M*	M: CITC

Entity in charge of numbering	R M*	M: CITC
Entity in charge of type approval	R M*	M: CITC
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	R M*	M: responsibility for quality monitoring is mainly under CITC mandate,
Entity in charge of universal service/access	R M*	M: CITC
Quality of service standards setting	R M*	M: CITC
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R M*	M: CITC
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	R M*	M: General Commission for Audiovisual Media
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	R M*	M: saudi broadcasting corporation
Entity in charge of Information Technology	S R M*	M: CITC is the ICT regulator authority, one of its main tasks is to provide an attractive environment to enable information technology. For example, CITC annually organize the E-Commerce Forum which aims to promote using information technology to develop e-commerce industry and discuss the challenges with SMEs and other stakeholders. MCIT in its turn works to enable Digital Transformation to make people, businesses and government of Saudi Arabia (e.g. E-government) to take advantage of the opportunities of the digital age.
Entity in charge of Internet content	R M*	M: CITC

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: 2018)

Local Fixed Line Services	P*	P: 2008
Domestic fixed long distance	P*	P: 2008
International Fixed Long Distance	P*	P: 2008
Mobile	P*	P: 2004
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	P*	P: 2004
Wireless Local Loop	P*	P: 2004
DSL	P*	P: 2005
Cable modem	N	
Fixed Wireless Broadband	P*	P: 2005
Leased Lines	P*	P: 2004
International Gateways	P*	P: 2004
Internet Services	C*	
Cable Television	N	
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: 2018)



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"> • Fixed line private residential service as part of universal service definition • Individual mobile cellular service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband as part of universal service definition
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telecentres as part of universal service definition • Schools ;, • Health centres ;, • Emergency services as part of universal service definition • Services for impaired/ elderly • Directory services as part of universal service definition • Telecentres as part of universal service definition Explain: The USF applies the technology and service neutrality concept. The services included in the definition are: Universal service to voice, Universal Access to voice, Universal Service to Broadband Internet, and Universal Access to Broadband Internet.,
Operators under universal access/service obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None of the above, please explain: Facility-based Fixed or Mobile Service providers with an individual licensed in KSA,
Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	Yes

Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2018)	
Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal service funds
Operational Universal Service Fund	Yes
If Yes, when? [2008]	in 2009
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Indicate: the Kingdom to support the USF's projects,
USF financed by other sources	Yes
USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other • Other percentage:, please specify: Government Subsidy,
Regulator administrating USF	Yes
If No, name the entity responsible [2010]	Universal Service Fund
Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	Yes
If Yes, please explain	1% OF THE OPREATORS NET REVENU