

Barbados Profile (Latest data available: 2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	44.5
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	122.7
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	27.4
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	44.3
Households with a computer (%)	72.5
Households with Internet access at home (%)	70
Individuals using the Internet (%)	81.8

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2014)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs Telecommunications and Investment
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Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2014)

Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Fair Trading Commission
Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Ms Peggy Griffith
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chief Executive Officer
Legal document creating the regulator	Fair Trading Commission Act
Year separate regulator created	2001
Regulator also regulates other utilities	• Yes If Yes, specify utilities regulated: Electricity.,
Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]	Ministry of Finance
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	• Government appropriation, percentage: Govt. drawdown, • Other • Other, Source: Levies on regulated operators, percentage:,
Reporting requirements of the regulator	• Annual report to Sector Ministry

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2014)

Entity in charge of licensing	O
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R
Entity in charge of price regulation	R
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	O
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	O
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	O
Entity in charge of numbering	O
Entity in charge of type approval	O
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	R
Entity in charge of universal service/access	O

Quality of service standards setting	R
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	O
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O
Entity in charge of Information Technology	S
Entity in charge of Internet content	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: 2014)

Local Fixed Line Services ²⁰¹⁰	M
Domestic fixed long distance ²⁰¹⁰	N
International Fixed Long Distance	P
Mobile	C*
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.) ²⁰⁰⁷	P
Wireless Local Loop ²⁰¹⁰	P
DSL	P
Cable modem ²⁰⁰⁷	N
Fixed Wireless Broadband	P
Leased Lines ²⁰¹⁰	C*
International Gateways ²⁰⁰⁷	P
Internet Services	C*
Cable Television ²⁰⁰⁷	P*
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS) ²⁰⁰⁷	P
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS) ²⁰⁰⁷	P
VSAT ²⁰⁰⁷	P

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: 2014)

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	Yes
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	• Fixed line public payphone service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	• Emergency services as part of universal service definition • Directory services as part of universal service definition
Operators under universal access/service obligation	• Incumbent fixed line operator(s)
Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	No



Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2014)

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations	• Other Explain: Policy is not in force.,
Operational Universal Service Fund	No
If Yes, when? [2007]	Unknown
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All network/facilities-based operators • All service-based providers
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	• Other Indicate: Current legislation (which is under review) states that each licensee is supposed to pay a contribution based on the formula : Universal Service Cost X Eligible Revenue of Licensee/Total Eligible Revenue of all licensees,
USF financed by other sources	No
USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	
Regulator administrating USF	No
If No, name the entity responsible [2006]	Telecom Unit , Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development
Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	No
If Yes, please explain	