

Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

Country Profile Tonga

ICT Sector Information

Sector	Information & Communications
Minister	Lord Tu'ivakano, the Prime Minister of Tonga
Principal Institution	Ministry of Information and Communications
Regulator	Department of Communications of the Ministry of Information and Communications,

Mobile Operators

Operator's Name	Technology
Digicel Tonga	900 MHz GSM
Tonga Communications Corporation	900 MHz GSM

CTO Niche Areas

Broadband

National Policy Documents	National ICT Policy Communications Policy Communications Act 2000
Agency	Ministry of Information and Communications
Projects	Pacific Regional Connectivity Project Rural Internet Connectivity System (RICS) TonFon's wireless IP network

Broadband Indicators¹

Indicators	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mobile broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Fixed Broadband Subscriptions per 100 inhabitants		0.00	0.01	0.02	0.33	0.64	0.62	0.76	0.70	0.97	1.06	1.24	1.43

Cybersecurity & Cybercrime

Policy	Computer Crimes Act 2003 Evidence Act
Agency	Ministry of Information and Communications Tonga Police Department, Ministry of Police
Projects	Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Workshops - One week session hosted by the Ministry of Information and Communications on the 18 th -22 nd March 2013.
Publications	Tonga's Cybercrime Legislation
Other Resources	Cybersecurity Forum

E-Education Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Policy Documents	Tonga Government Strategic Development Plan 2001–2004 Tonga's Strategic Development Plan 9 2009–2013
Agency	Minister for Education and Training

¹ ITU statistics

Projects	Rural Internet Connectivity System (RICS) project One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) project
Publications	ICT Use in Education – Tonga

ICT For Disabilities

Policy Documents	
Agency	
Projects	

Regulatory Environments including convergence and digital broadcasting switchover

Policy Documents	National ICT Policy Communications Policy Communications Act 2000
Agency	Department of Communications, Ministry of Information and Communications

Youth and ICTs

Policy Documents	Tonga Government Strategic Development Plan 2001–2004 Tonga’s Strategic Development Plan 9 2009–2013
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ICT Sector Indicators

Indicators on ICT infrastructure and access - ²

Indicators	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Fixed telephone subscriptions (M)	9,700	10,800	11,201	12,000	13,000	13,746	18,447	21,034	25,536	31,000	31,000	30,000	30,000
Fixed telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	9.90	10.97	11.31	12.04	12.96	13.62	18.16	20.57	24.81	29.95	29.79	28.71	28.60
Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions	180	236	3,354	11,200	16,400	29,872	30,051	46,525	50,472	53,000	54,300	55,000	56,000
Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.18	0.24	3.39	11.24	16.35	29.60	29.58	45.50	49.04	51.20	52.18	52.63	53.39
Estimated Internet Users per 100 inhabitants	2.43	2.83	2.91	2.99	3.95	4.91	5.85	7.18	8.11	10.00	16.00	25.00	34.86

ICT Publications from Other International Organisations

Source Organisation	Title of Publication
UNESCO	ICT Use in Education – Tonga

² ITU statistics