

Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

Country Page – Bahamas

ICT Sector Information

Sector	Electronic Communications Sector
Minister	The Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie, M.P - Prime Minister & Minister of Finance (Minister Responsible for The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited)
Principal Institution	Office of the Prime Minister
Regulator	Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA)
Other Departments/Agencies in the Portfolio	The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited (BTC)

Mobile Operators

Operator	Technology
BTC	GSM - 850/1900

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Broadband

National Policy Documents	Draft Electronic Communications Sector Policy , 2013
Agency	The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited (BTC) Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA)

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	0.18	1.76	7.90	8.04			

¹ ITU statistics

Fixed Broadband Subscriptions per 100 inhabitants		1.37	2.47	3.53	4.07	4.19	5.12	6.23	7.64	9.34	7.20	4.46	2.76
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Cybersecurity & Cybercrime

Agency	Central Detective Unit, Royal Bahamas Police Force
Projects	Launch of a Cybercrime Investigations Unit (CIU) at CDU to focus exclusively on Computer, Internet and other forms of Hi-Tech crimes
Other Resources	Cybersecurity Forum

E-Education Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Policy Documents	10 Year Education Plan Policy Statement on Electronic Commerce and the Bahamian Digital Agenda
Agency	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Projects	ICT Programme: The Ministry of Education has spent \$2.2 million over the past four months to improve the technological infrastructure of 76 Primary and Secondary Public Schools throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Regulatory Environments including convergence and digital broadcasting switchover

Policy Documents	The Communications Act, 2009 The Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) Act, 2009 The Utilities Appeal Tribunal (UAT) Act, 2009 Draft Electronic Communications Sector Policy , 2013
Agency	Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA)

Youth and ICTs

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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	114,347	123,302	126,556	131,856	139,936	133,074	131,564	132,854	132,756	128,964	129,314	132,995	137,000
Fixed telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	38.42	40.88	41.39	42.51	44.46	41.67	40.60	40.40	39.79	38.11	37.71	38.31	39.00
Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions	31,524	60,555	121,759	122,228	186,007	227,771	252,987	373,999	358,050	358,812	428,377	298,790	254,000
Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	10.59	20.08	39.82	39.40	59.10	71.32	78.07	113.73	107.31	106.05	124.94	86.06	72.31
Estimated Internet Users per 100 inhabitants	8.00	11.80	18.00	20.00	22.00	25.00	26.00	27.00	31.54	33.88	43.00	65.00	71.75

² ITU statistics