

Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

Country Page – Lesotho

ICT Sector Information

Sector	Communications, Science and Technology
Minister	Hon. Tseliso Mokhosi
Principal Institutions	Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology
Regulator	Lesotho Communications Authority

Mobile Operators

Operator	Technology
Vodacom Lesotho	GSM, GPRS, EDGE, UMTS, HSDPA, HSUPA, WiMax
Econet Ezi-Cel	GSM

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Broadband

National Policy Documents	ICT Policy for Lesotho 2005
Agency	Lesotho Communications Authority
Projects	Broadband Wireless 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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.13

Cybersecurity & Cybercrime

Policy Documents	Draft Lesotho Computer Crime and Cybercrime Bill
Projects	Harmonization of the ICT Policies in Sub-Sahara Africa (HIPSSA)
Publications	Overview of Draft Lesotho Computer Crime and Cybercrime Bill
Other Resources	Cybersecurity Forum

E-Education Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Policy Documents	ICT Policy for Lesotho 2005 Education Sector Strategic Plan 2005-2015
Agency	The Ministry of Education and Training
Internet access in schools, out of a 1–7 (best) scale	2.4
Projects	NEPAD eSchools Demo Project
Publications	ICT in Education in Lesotho - infoDev

¹ ITU statistics

Regulatory Environments: Convergence and Digital Broadcasting Switchover

Policy Documents	Telecommunication Policy of 1999 Telecommunications Act of 2000 ICT Policy for Lesotho 2005
Agency	Lesotho Communications Authority

Youth and ICTs

Policy Documents	ICT Policy for Lesotho 2005 Education Sector Strategic Plan 2005-2015
Agency	The Ministry of Education and Training
Projects	NEPAD eSchools Demo Project
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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	22,200	21,382	28,603	35,101	37,230	47,964	53,136	47,582	41,190	40,000	38,612	38,579	43,097
Fixed telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	1.13	1.08	1.42	1.73	1.82	2.32	2.55	2.26	1.94	1.86	1.78	1.76	1.94
Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions	21,600	57,000	137,953	125,950	196,213	249,786	357,913	482,455	593,216	661,000	987,448	1,232,354	1,311,730
Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions per	1.10	2.87	6.86	6.21	9.59	12.09	17.16	22.91	27.88	30.76	45.48	56.17	59.17

² ITU statistics

100 inhabitants														
Estimated Internet Users per 100 inhabitants	0.21	0.26	1.08	1.53	2.18	2.58	2.98	3.45	3.58	3.72	3.86	4.22	4.59	

Related ICT Publications

Source Organisation	Title of Publication
Infodev	ICT in Education in Lesotho - infoDev