

GHANA

Joined Commonwealth: 1957

Joined Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation: 1983

CTO Representative: Ghana Telecommunications Company Ltd

Capital: Accra

The Republic of Ghana, formerly the Gold Coast, is a West African country lying on the Gulf of Guinea. It is surrounded (clockwise, from the west) by Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Togo.

Source: The Commonwealth Yearbook 1998

Other Websites:

[Official Ghana Website](#)

[Ghana Embassy website](#)

[Commonwealth Online - Country overview](#)

Policy making authority:

[Ministry of Transport and Communications](#)

Regulator:

National Communications Authority

Fixed network operator:

Ghana Telecom

- partially privatised in April 1997

Mobile cellular operators:

AGC Telesystems

Mobitel (analog mobile services)

Celltel (analog mobile services)

Scancom (GSM mobile services)

CTO National Bodies:

Ghana Telecommunications Company Ltd

Country Data	1996	1997	1998	1999
Population	17,832,000	18,497,000	19,162,000	19,678,280
Gross domestic product (GDP)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Key Telecommunications data	1996	1997	1998	
Main telephone lines in operation	77,886	105,534	144,218	
Main lines per 100 inhabitant	0.4	0.6	0.8	
% of digital main lines	90.9	93.8	70	
% of main lines equip. for direct int'l dialling	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Cellular mobile telephone subscribers	12,766	21,866	n/a	
Analog cellular subscribers	12,766	n/a	n/a	
Digital cellular subscribers	0.0	n/a	n/a	
Public packet data network subscribers	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Public pay phones	453	483	1,815	
International outgoing telephone traffic (million minutes)	20.8	21.9	n/a	
International incoming telephone traffic (million minutes)	64.0/a	79.2	n/a	
Estimated modems in use	n/a	n/a	n/a	

Number of internet hosts	203	252	192
Total telecom service revenue	163,580,002,304	272,524,001,280	337,552,998,400
Telecom revenue (US\$)	99,912,536	132,927,704	145,864,784

Source: [International Telecommunication Union: Online Subscriptions](#); [Development Sector](#); World Telecommunication Indicators

Liberalisation index (1998):

Local fixed service:	Competition
Long distance fixed service:	
International fixed service:	Competition
Leased lines:	Competition
Mobile cellular service, analog:	n/a
Mobile cellular service, digital:	n/a
Data service:	Competition

Source: [International Telecommunication Union: General Trends in Telecommunication Reform 1998, Africa Volume II](#)