

KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

Joined Commonwealth: 1966

Joined Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation: 1984

CTO Representative: Lesotho Telecoms Corporation

Capital: Maseru

The Kingdom of Lesotho is a small landlocked country entirely surrounded by South Africa. It is known as the 'Mountain Kingdom', the whole country being over 1,000m in altitude.

Source: The Commonwealth Yearbook

Other Websites:

[Lesotho Gateway](#)

[WoYaa! - Lesotho](#)

[Commonwealth Online - Country overview](#)

Policy making authority:

Ministry of Transport and Communications

Mobile cellular operators:

VCL Communications

Regulator:

Lesotho Telecommunications Corporation

CTO National Bodies:

Lesotho Telecommunications Corporation

Fixed network operator:

Lesotho Telecommunications Corporation
- is the public monopoly PSTN national operator

Country Data	1996	1997	1998	1999
Population	2,078,000	2,120,000	2,062,000	2,107,631
Gross domestic product (GDP)	4,766,000,128	5,347,400,192	n/a	n/a
Key Telecommunications data	1996	1997	1998	
Main telephone lines in operation	15,975	20,400	20,100	
Main lines per 100 inhabitants	0.8	1.0	1.0	
% of digital main lines	97	99	99	
% of main lines equip. for direct int'l dialling	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Cellular mobile telephone subscribers	1,262	3,500	9,831	
Analog cellular subscribers	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Digital cellular subscribers	1,262	3,500	9,831	
Public packet data network subscribers	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Public pay phones	n/a	n/a	n/a	
International outgoing telephone traffic (million minutes)	24.2	32.5	n/a	
International incoming telephone traffic (million minutes)	21.9	n/a	n/a	
Estimated modems in use	n/a	n/a	n/a	

Number of internet hosts	1.0	0.0	19
Total telecom service revenue	63,780,000	67,030,000	76,030,000
Telecom revenue (US\$)	14,855,734	14,546,567	13,752,921

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

Liberalisation index (1998):

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

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