

# REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

**Joined Commonwealth:** 1990

**Capital:** Windhoek

Namibia is in the south-west of Africa and is bounded by the South Atlantic Ocean on the west, Angola to the north, Botswana to the east and South Africa to the south. The Caprivi Strip, a narrow extension of land in the extreme north-east, connects it to Zambia.

*Source:* The Commonwealth Yearbook 1998

**Policy making authority:**  
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

**Regulator:**  
Namibia Communications Commission

**Fixed network operator:**  
Telecom Namibia  
- national operator owned by state Posts and Telecom Holdings.

**Mobile cellular operators:**  
Mobile Telecom Ltd

**CTO National Bodies:**  
None

Country Data	1996	1997	1998	1999
Population	1,575,000	1,613,000	1,660,000	1,694,500
Gross domestic product (GDP)	13,886,000,128	n/a	n/a	n/a
Key Telecommunications data	1996	1997	1998	
Main telephone lines in operation	85,549	92,829	113,881	
Main lines per 100 inhabitants	5.4	5.8	6.9	
% of digital main lines	89.1	93	98	
% of main lines equip. for direct int'l dialling	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Cellular mobile telephone subscribers	6,644	12,500	19,500	
Analog cellular subscribers	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Digital cellular subscribers	6,644	12,500	19,500	
Public packet data network subscribers	311	766	n/a	
Public pay phones	1,450	1,649	2,163	
International outgoing telephone traffic (million minutes)	44.6	47.8	61.9	
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Estimated modems in use	n/a	431	60	
Number of internet hosts	262	640	2,654	
Total telecom service revenue	330,588,992	373,400,000	454,000,000	

*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:	Monopoly
Mobile cellular service, analog:	n/a
Mobile cellular service, digital:	Competitive
Data service:	Competitive

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