

# Communications

**Telephone system:** about 55,000 telephones; about 15 telephones/1,000 persons

*local:* primitive; about 11,000 telephones in Tirane, the capital city

*intercity:* obsolete wire system; no longer provides a telephone for every village; in 1992, following the fall of the communist government, peasants cut the wire to about 1,000 villages and used it to build fences

*international:* inadequate; carried through the Tirane exchange and transmitted through Italy on 240 microwave radio relay circuits and through Greece on 150 microwave radio relay circuits

## **Radio:**

*broadcast stations:* AM 17, FM 1, shortwave 0

*radios:* 515,000 (1987 est.)

## **Television:**

*broadcast stations:* 9

*televisions:* 255,000 (1987 est.)