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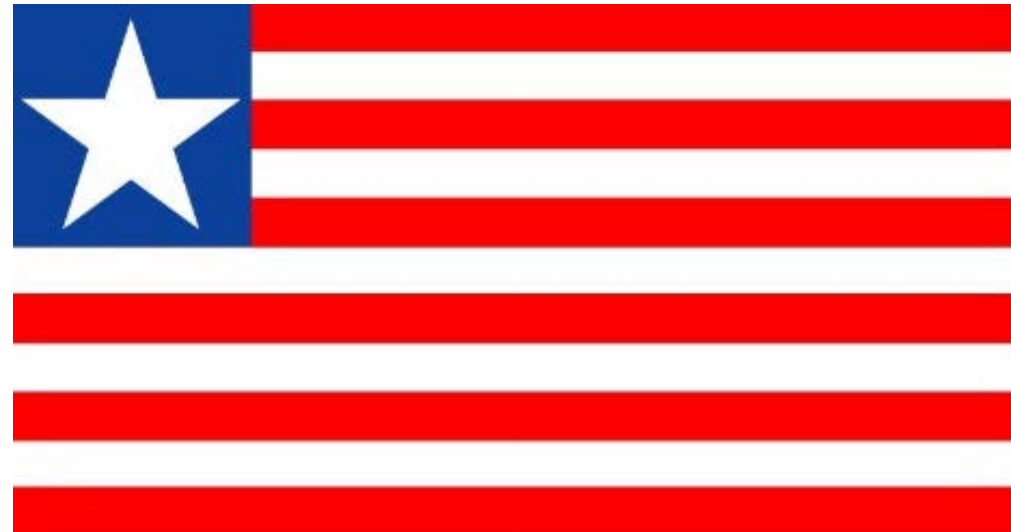
**Country Profile of Liberia**  
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## Liberia: Overview (1/2)

### Map of ECOWAS & Pictures



Liberia's first female president

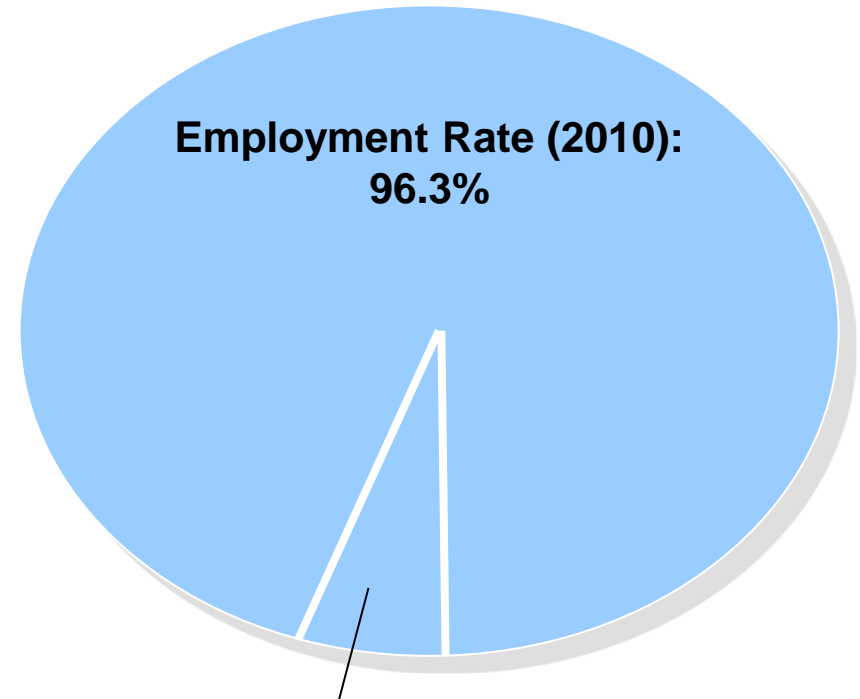


The flag of Liberia

## Liberia: Overview (2/2)

### Demography & Geography

Population	4.09 million
Capital	Monrovia
Type of government	republic
Year of independence	1847
Languages	English (official)
Religion	Christianity (85%) & others
Currency & Exchange rate (date)	Liberian Dollar (LRD) 1.00 € = 109 LRD (18.01.2015)



**Unemployment Rate (2010): 3.7%**

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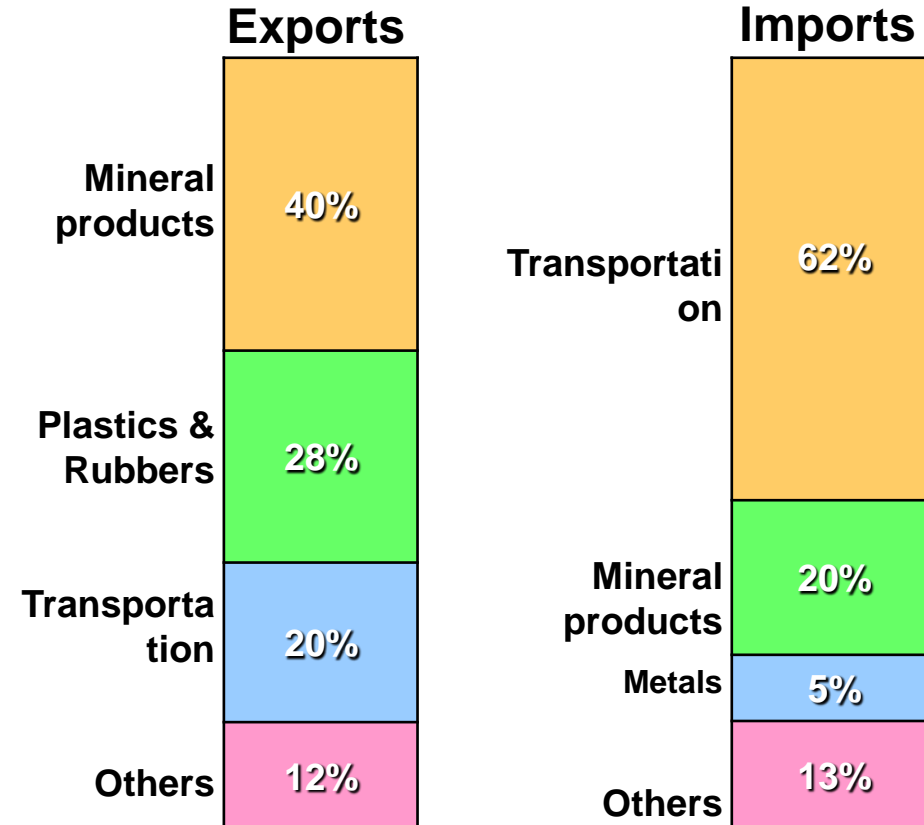
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## Liberia: Economy (1/3)

### GDP

<b>GDP</b>	1.95 billion US\$ (current US\$)
	3.77 billion US\$ (PPP)
<b>GDP growth</b>	+11.3 % (based on 2005 US\$)
<b>GDP per capita</b>	878 US\$ (PPP)

### Total Trade of merchandise & commercial services (2012)



### Trade Value



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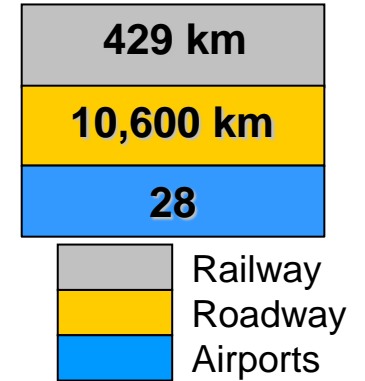
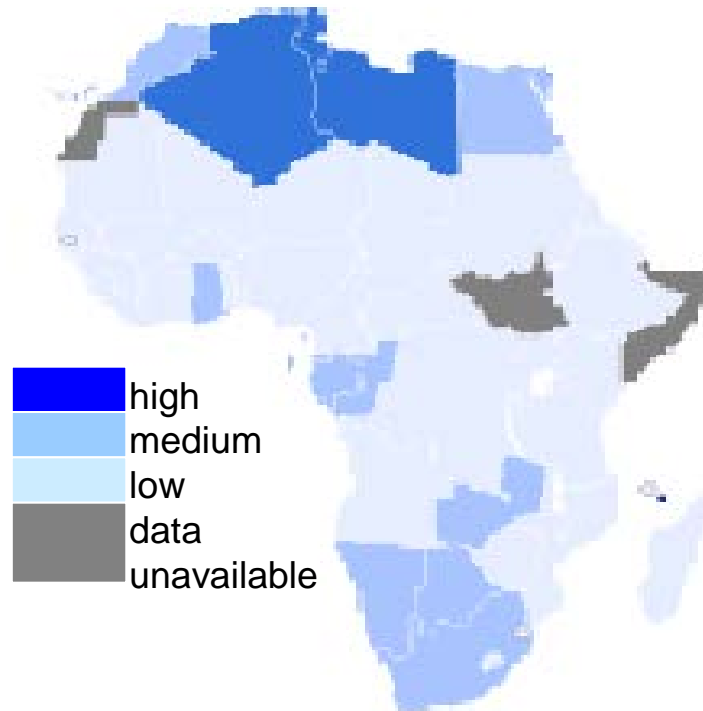
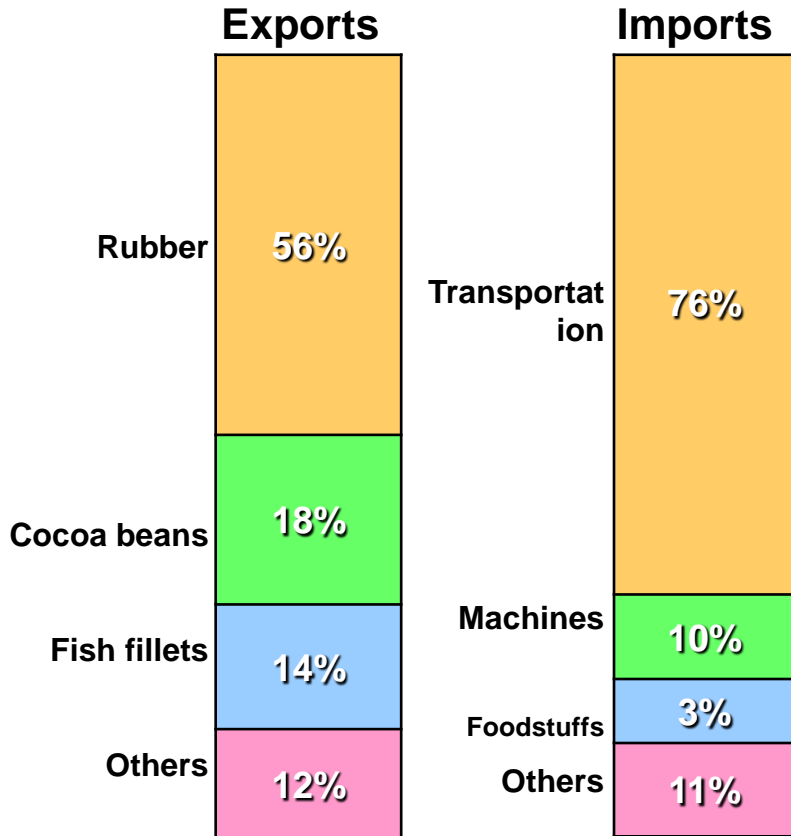
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## Liberia: Economy (2/3)

### Trade of merchandise & commercial services with Germany (2012)

Human Development Index  
HDI: 0.412 (Rank: 175)

### Transport

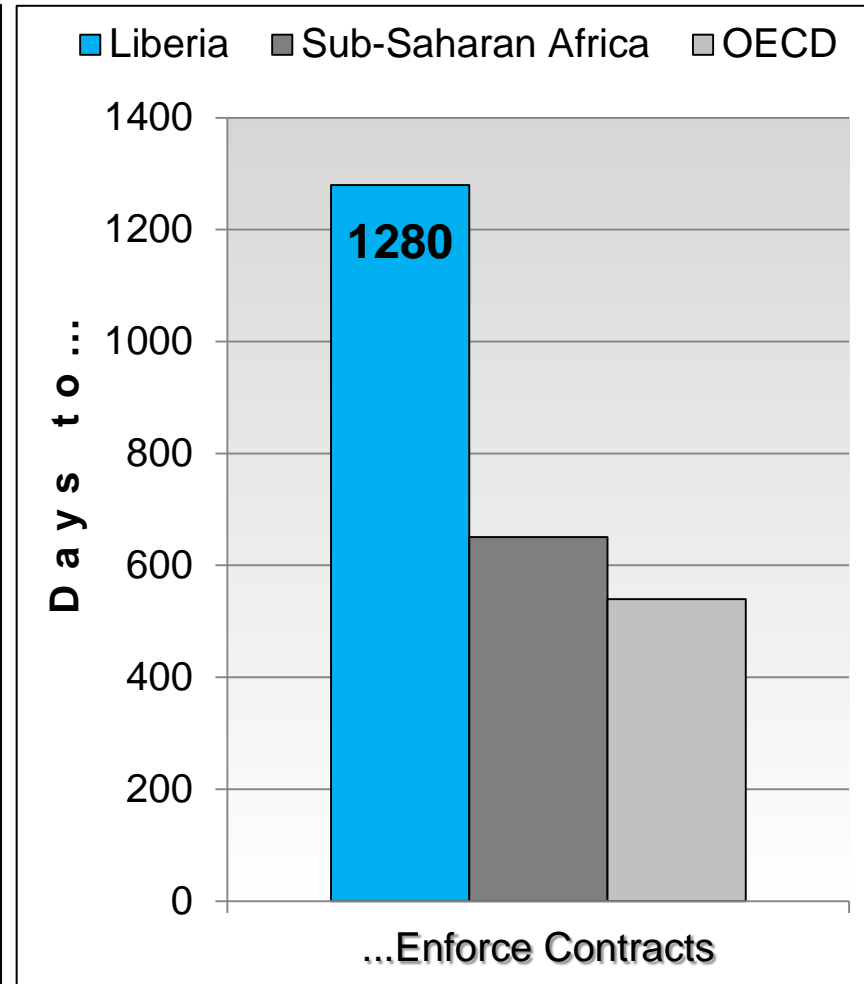
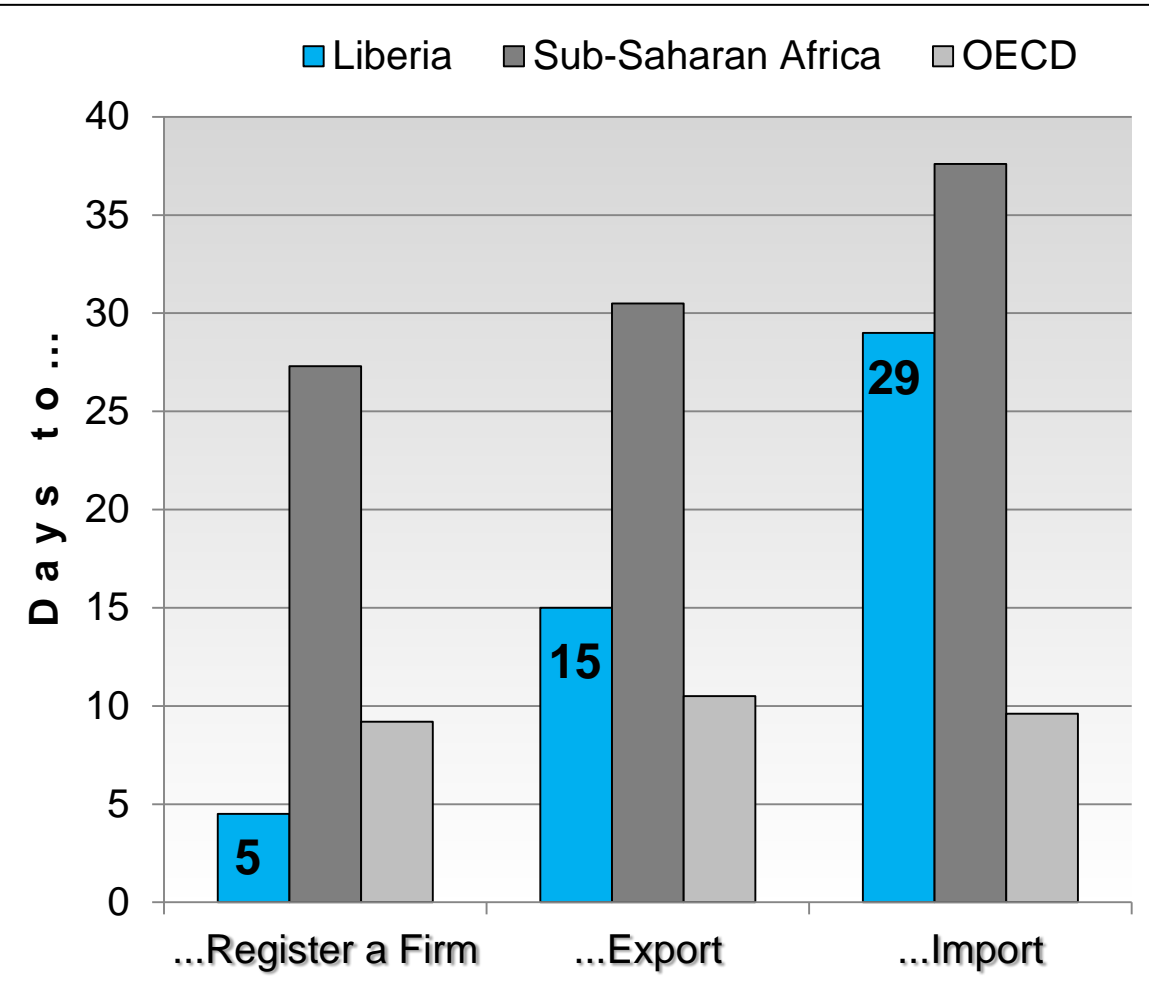


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## Liberia: Economy (3/3)

### Ease of Doing Business



Source: <http://www.doingbusiness.org/rankings>

## Liberia: Consumption (1/2)

### Energy Consumption

Energy	Liberia	Croatia (Population: 4.28 million)	Measuring Unit
Petroleum	4	84	Thousand Barrels per Day
Natural Gas	0.00	115	Billion Cubic Feet
Coal	0.00	1.4	Million Short Tons
Electricity	0.3	20	Billion kWh

### Household Consumption Expenditure (2009)

<b>Food &amp; Beverages: 30%</b>	<b>Housing: 16%</b>	<b>Education: 10%</b>
<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear: 15%</b>	<b>Furnishings: 6%</b>	<b>Miscellaneous good &amp; service: 8%</b>
<b>Others: 15%</b>		

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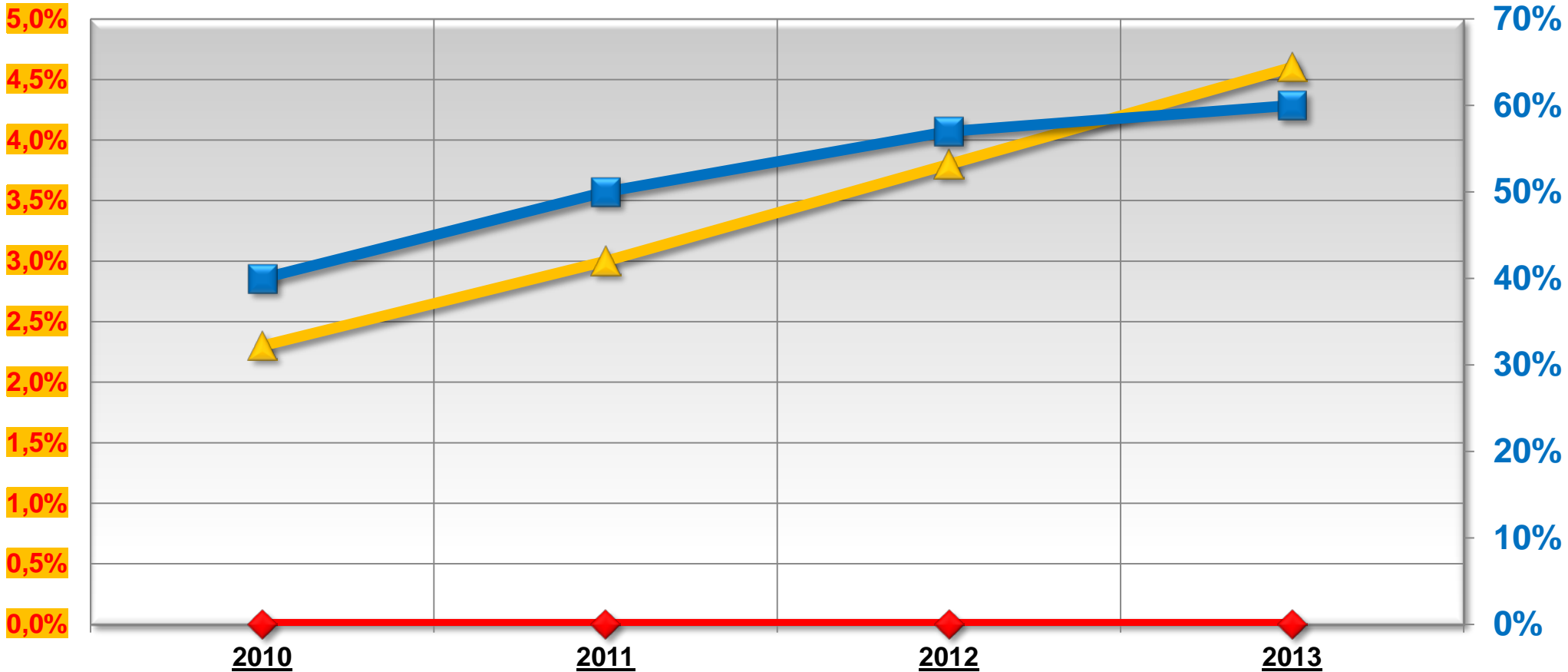
## Liberia: Consumption (2/2)

### Penetration of communication tools

Telephone lines & Internet

Mobile subscriptions

◆ Telephone lines    ▲ Internet users    ■ Mobile cellular subscriptions



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