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ITU SOURCE FOR GLOBAL ICT STATISTICS

ITU STATISTICS

ICTs are a driver for social development and economic growth and there is a need for reliable, comparable and timely statistics to support public and private sector decisions.

As the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies, ITU is the only official source for global ICT statistics. Data are collected from national ICT ministries, telecommunication regulatory authorities and national statistical offices.



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GLOBAL FORUM

WTIS

The **World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS)** is the key global forum to discuss telecommunication/ICT measurement issues. The Symposium takes place annually and is open to the ITU membership. It is targeted to those responsible for ICT statistics in relevant ministries, regulatory agencies, national statistical offices, telecommunication operating companies and experts in the subject of information society measurement.

EGTI&EGH

ITU develops international standards on ICT statistics through its **Expert Groups** which are open to the ITU membership and to experts in the field of ICT statistics. The outcomes of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) are submitted to WTIS for adoption.



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

ITU assists developing countries in the production and dissemination of ICT data. Support is provided through **awareness raising, technical training, practical tools**, and national and regional **workshops** for national agencies in charge of producing ICT data. Guided by ITU experts, countries exchange experiences and discuss methodologies, definitions, survey vehicles and other matters related to the collection of ICT statistics.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

ITU works closely with other international and regional organizations in the area of ICT measurement. ITU...

... is a founder of and key partner in the **Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development**, the international, multistakeholder initiative to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries. Through the Partnership, ITU helps track the **World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)** targets.

... is a member of the **UN Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA)**, a forum to foster good practices in the statistical activities of international organizations, and contributes to the **UN Statistical Commission** in the field of ICT statistics.

... helps track the goals set by the **Broadband Commission for Digital Development**, a group of global government and business leaders fostering the expansion of broadband access.

... contributes to the tracking of the **UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)** and the Post-2015 Development Agenda.



PRODUCTS



The **ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (WTI) Database** includes more than 100 statistical indicators from over 200 economies worldwide for over 50 years. Examples of ICT data that are covered include: mobile networks, Internet use, broadband, prices, household access, gender and investment.



The **Measuring the Information Society (MIS) report** features two authoritative benchmarking tools to monitor information society developments worldwide, and track and explain differences among countries and within regions: the **ICT Development Index (IDI)** and the **ICT Price Basket (IPB)**.



The **Yearbook of Statistics** presents 10-year time-series for key ICT statistics for some 190 economies worldwide. It shows the evolution of the telecommunication sector, the availability of ICTs in households and the usage of ICTs by individuals.



The **ITU Handbook for the Collection of Administrative Data on Telecommunications/ICT** and the **ITU Manual for Measuring ICT Access and Use by Households and Individuals** include definitions, standards and methodologies to measure the information society and economy.



ITU statistics, trends and estimates are presented in the **ICT Facts and Figures** brochure and the **StatShot** – the bi-monthly statistical newsletter.

