

INTRODUCTION

One year on, the Czech Statistical Office has again issued the publication **Information Society in Figures**, this time titled with the year 2015. The aim of this publication is to provide readers with up-to-date basic statistical information about the development in usage of modern information and communication technologies (ICT) in the main areas of our society.

The brochure consists of the following six chapters:

- A. The **ICT Infrastructure** chapter contains basic data on the available telecommunication and broadband infrastructure. New data on registered national domains is available here.
- B. The **Households** chapter contains information on households' access to selected ICT. New data about number of mobiles phones and computers used by households is also included here.
- C. The **Individuals** chapter includes basic information on ICT uptake by adult population. This basic information is supplemented with data on selected Internet activities with a main focus on online shopping. Information about use of Internet storage space is newly included.
- D. The **Enterprises** chapter provides an overview on ICT use by enterprises with main focus on e-commerce activities. New data about use of paid cloud computing services or social networks is also added.
- E. The **eGovernment** chapter provides information on use of the Internet in interaction with public authorities by individuals and enterprises. New data about Czech Point services and Electronic submissions for the Financial Administration (e-Tax) are introduced.
- F. The **eHealth** chapter gives an overview of independent physicians' offices equipment with information technologies. Data on the selected Internet activities of independent physicians and information on the usage of the Internet by individuals for seeking health-related information and making an appointment with a practitioner via a website are also included.

Data on ICT use and development presented **are further categorized**. Households and individuals are broken down by the main socio-demographic characteristics. Data related to the enterprises are divided according to their size and main economic activity (industry).

In addition to data for the Czech Republic, data for other **member states of the European Union** are also presented.

Data given in this brochure were acquired, in most cases, from the **official surveys or databases** of the Czech Statistical Office. **International comparisons** were compiled by the Czech Statistical Office from using freely available data sources of the Eurostat, the European Commission, the OECD or the ITU.

For further information, please visit **Information society** website at https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/information_society

For information on the production and the supply of advanced ICTs, including data on investments, trade or qualified human resources in this field see our publication **Information economy in figures**.

If you needed any further information, do not hesitate to contact us directly. Your suggestions help us improve our further releases.

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