

## INTRODUCTION

One year on, the Czech Statistical Office has again issued the publication **Information Society in Figures**, this time with the year 2014 in the title. The aim of this publication is to provide readers with up-to-date basic statistical information about the development of use 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 about broadband subscriptions by speed tiers are included here.
- B. The **Households** chapter contains information on households' access to selected ICT. Information about ICT household consumption expenditure 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 buying online. Information about use of mobile devices to access the Internet is newly included here.
- D. The **Enterprises** chapter provides an overview on ICT use by enterprises with a main focus on e-commerce activities. New information related to usage of social media by enterprises is also added.
- E. The **Public Authorities** chapter provides information on ICT use by public authorities, on the provision of services via websites of public authorities and on the use of the Internet for interaction with public authorities by individuals and enterprises.
- F. The **Health establishments** chapter gives an overview of how well equipped independent physicians' offices are with information technologies. Data on the selected Internet activities of independent physicians and information on the use of the Internet by individuals for seeking health-related information are also included here.

Presented data on ICT development and use **are further classified** for households and individuals according to their main socio-demographic characteristics, data related to enterprises according to their main economic activity (industry) and size. Data on ICT use in public authorities and health establishments are available according to their types.

In addition to data for the Czech Republic, in the majority of cases this publication also presents data for **other states of the European Union**.

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 based on freely available Eurostat, OECD or ITU data sources.

For further information, please visit our website titled **Information society**: [http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/information\\_society](http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/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 annual publication **Information economy in figures** at: [http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/information\\_economy\\_in\\_figures](http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/information_economy_in_figures)

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