

INTRODUCTION

One year on, the Czech Statistical Office has issued again the publication **Information Society in Figures**, this time titled with the year 2018. 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 publication consists of the following seven chapters:

- A. The **ICT Infrastructure** chapter contains basic data on the available telecommunication and broadband fixed and mobile infrastructure measured mainly by number of subscribers using this infrastructure.
- B. The **Households** chapter contains information on households' access to a fixed phone, to a mobile phone, to a computer by its type, and to the internet by type of connection used.
- C. The **Individuals** chapter includes basic information on internet users with focus on type of devices used to access the internet by different categories of individuals. This basic information is supplemented with data on selected activities carried out by individuals over the internet for communication, information search or entertainment purposes. Detailed information on purchasing over the internet is also included here.
- D. The **Enterprises** chapter provides an overview on ICT use by enterprises. Detailed information on e-Commerce activities is also included as well as the data on use of social media by enterprises, about paid cloud computing services or electronic invoicing.
- E. The **eGovernment** chapter provides information on use of the internet in interaction with public authorities by individuals and enterprises. Data about Czech Point services, electronic submissions for the Financial Administration (eTax), and electronic Data Boxes is also introduced here.
- F. The **Education and digital skills** chapter gives an overview of ICT devices used in schools. Data on selected digital skills provide information on special types of computer software use by individuals. This chapter also presents the data about university students and graduates of ICT and data about ICT professionals.
- G. The **eHealth** chapter gives an overview of ICTs used by independent physicians. 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.

The presented data on ICT development and use is **further classified** for households and individuals according to their main socio-demographic characteristics, data related to enterprises according to their main economic activity (industry) or size.

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

Data given in this brochure was 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.

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