

## INTRODUCTION

This year the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) prepared again updated issue of the annual brochure: "The Information Society in Figures ". Just as in previous years, this brochure is conceived in such a way as to provide, in an easy-to-read form, a sufficient amount of official statistical data on developments in the information society in the Czech Republic and enable a comparison to be made with individual EU states.

This brochure is divided into the following seven chapters:

- A. The **ICT Infrastructure** chapter contains basic data on the available telecommunication and Internet infrastructure and traffic.
- B. The **Households** chapter contains information on households' access to fixed telephone line, mobile telephone, personal computer, Internet and broadband at home.
- C. The **Individuals** chapter contains basic information on ICT uptake by adult population. This basic information is supplemented with data on the place and frequency of computer and Internet use. Data on selected Internet activities undertaken by individuals with a focus on Internet shopping are also included in this chapter. Information about children using Internet at home is newly included here.
- D. The **Enterprises** chapter contains an overview on ICT use by enterprises with a main focus on e-commerce activities. New information related to usage of ICT by employees (incl. use of ICT for doing homeworking) is added here.
- E. The **Public Authorities** chapter provides information on the spread and the use of Internet among 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. In the **Schools** chapter the reader learns about how well equipped schools are with computers and Internet or about the percentage of students using Internet at all and for selected activities.
- G. The **Health establishments** chapter gives an overview of how well equipped establishments are with information technologies. Data on the use of Internet by independent physicians, and information on the use of the Internet by individuals for seeking health-related information are also included here.

Data on ICT use by individuals are further classified according to the main socio-demographic characteristics such as gender, age and education. Data related to enterprises are classified according to the industry or the size of the enterprises. Data on ICT use in schools and health establishments are available according to the types of these institutions.

Besides the above-mentioned classifications, most of the data contained in the brochure is available also in the form of regional and international comparison (EU27).

If you have any questions not answered there, please contact us directly. Your suggestions will be an incentive for further improvement of future releases.

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)

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