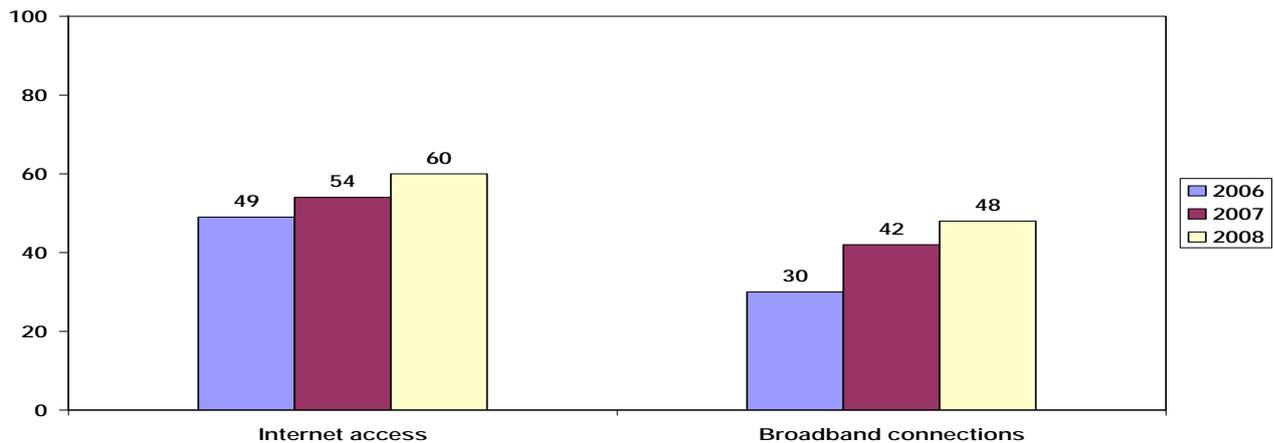


Internet usage in 2008 – Households and Individuals

Growth in Internet and broadband access by households continued in 2008

Figure 1: Internet access and broadband internet connections by households, EU27 (%)

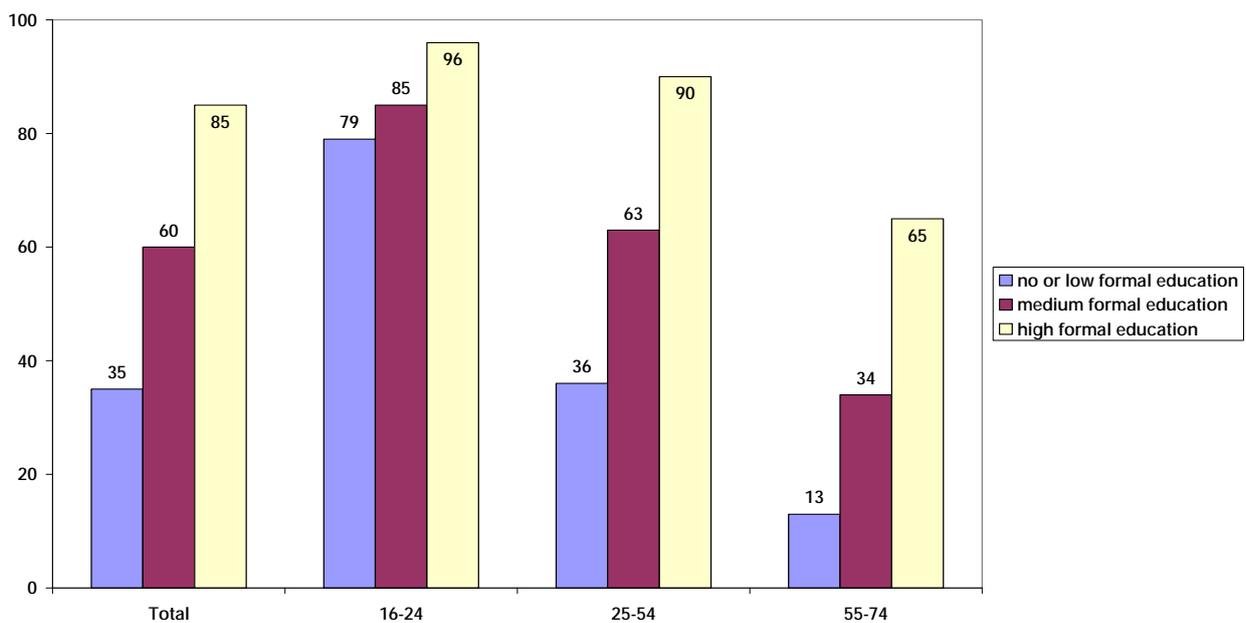


Source: Eurostat, ICT Statistics

Note: EU27 without BE in 2008

Large disparities in the regular use of the Internet by age and education

Figure 2: Individuals who used Internet on average at least once a week, by age and level of education, EU27, 2008 (%)



Note: EU27 without BE

Source: Eurostat, ICT Statistics

Table 1: Internet access and broadband connections by households in EU27, 2006-2008 (%)

	Internet access			Broadband connections		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
EU27*	49	54	60	30	42	48
BE	54	60	:	48	56	:
BG	17	19	25	10	15	21
CZ	29	35	46	17	28	36
DK	79	78	82	63	70	74
DE	67	71	75	34	50	55
EE	46	53	58	37	48	54
IE	50	57	63	13	31	43
EL	23	25	31	4	7	22
ES	39	45	51	29	39	45
FR	41	49	62	30	43	57
IT	40	43	42	16	25	31
CY	37	39	43	12	20	33
LV	42	51	53	23	32	40
LT	35	44	51	19	34	43
LU	70	75	80	44	58	61
HU	32	38	48	22	33	42
MT	:	54	59	:	44	55
NL	80	83	86	66	74	74
AT	52	60	69	33	46	54
PL	36	41	48	22	30	38
PT	35	40	46	24	30	39
RO	14	22	30	5	8	13
SI	54	58	59	34	44	50
SK	27	46	58	11	27	35
FI	65	69	72	53	63	66
SE	77	79	84	51	67	71
UK	63	67	71	44	57	62
IS	83	84	:	72	76	:
NO	69	78	84	57	67	73
HR	:	41	45	:	23	27

excluding BE in 2008

: not available

Source: Eurostat, ICT Statistics

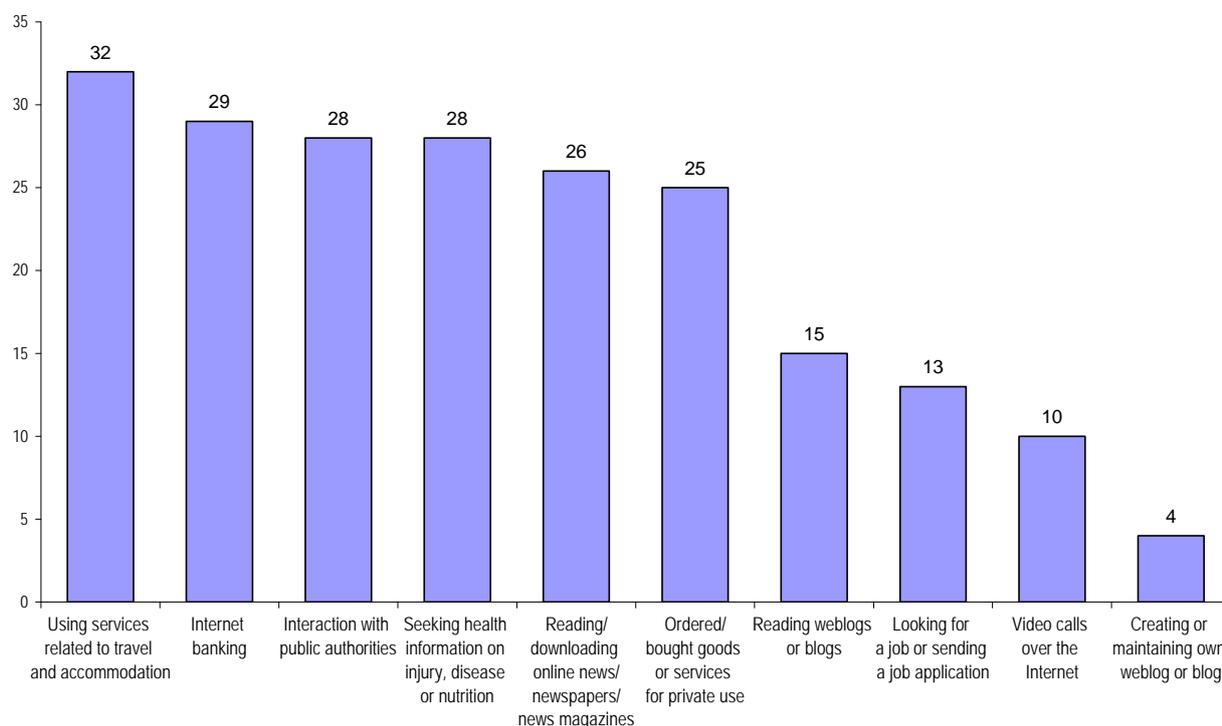
Table 2: Reasons for not having access to Internet at home, 2008 (% of households not having access to Internet at home)

	Have access to Internet elsewhere	Don't want Internet ¹	Don't need Internet ²	Equipment costs too high	Access costs too high ³	Lack of skills	Privacy or security concerns	Physical disability
EU27*	14	14	37	25	21	23	5	2
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BG	5	5	32	26	15	34	1	5
CZ	16	3	37	35	27	32	2	2
DK	6	1	57	5	9	10	0	3
DE	32	7	51	34	32	31	18	:
EE	31	46	48	58	51	62	4	:
IE	15	15	28	15	7	20	1	0
EL	12	20	45	14	9	30	2	1
ES	14	20	56	20	20	26	2	1
FR	20	33	45	41	37	37	13	5
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CY	14	17	52	13	12	41	7	1
LV	33	23	49	52	43	48	4	4
LT	8	1	69	18	12	7	0	2
LU	9	17	53	7	3	16	4	0
HU	26	25	49	49	34	28	6	7
MT	3	15	33	7	4	34	1	2
NL	12	27	40	10	8	17	2	1
AT	20	19	49	15	14	17	:	:
PL	8	5	45	29	26	23	:	2
PT	8	45	72	51	47	62	9	3
RO	9	11	25	35	26	20	0	1
SI	13	15	61	35	32	39	10	7
SK	24	6	40	18	15	19	1	0
FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	29	42	42	25	26	40	7	2
UK	13	21	30	19	13	13	4	:
NO	12	4	35	10	10	13	2	1

¹because content harmful, etc. ²because not useful, not interesting, etc. ³telephone, etc. *EU27 excluding BE, IT, FI. : Not available
 Source: Eurostat, ICT Statistics

More than one fourth of individuals read online news via the Internet

Figure 3 - Table 3: Activities carried out on the internet in the last 3 months for private purposes (in % of all individuals), EU27, 2008



Source: Eurostat, ICT Statistics

Note: EU27 without BE

	Ordered/bought goods or services for private use	Internet banking	Interaction with public authorities	Creating or maintaining own weblog or blog	Reading weblogs or blogs	Video calls (via webcam) over the Internet	Seeking health information on injury, disease or nutrition	Using services related to travel and accommodation	Looking for a job or sending a job application	Reading / downloading online news / newspapers / news magazines
EU27*	25	29	28	4	15	10	28	32	13	26
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BG	1	1	8	1	5	10	6	5	6	13
CZ	13	14	14	3	8	6	14	26	5	33
DK	47	61	44	8	18	13	36	47	23	52
DE	42	38	33	2	13	5	41	42	16	21
EE	7	55	34	4	16	9	25	27	15	54
IE	30	28	27	3	9	4	19	41	9	17
EL	6	5	10	2	10	6	10	17	5	19
ES	13	20	29	5	18	10	25	35	12	27
FR	28	40	43	7	25	21	39	38	17	22
IT	7	13	15	3	12	7	16	20	7	17
CY	7	11	16	1	5	6	12	18	4	23
LV	10	39	16	4	9	11	24	25	16	33
LT	4	27	20	1	10	15	21	15	10	43
LU	36	48	48	10	28	19	44	50	12	41
HU	8	13	25	2	19	13	29	23	14	33
MT	16	25	20	2	9	7	23	22	10	27
NL	43	69	54	10	26	11	46	50	17	43
AT	28	34	39	3	13	5	32	32	9	30
PL	12	17	16	1	7	10	19	14	8	19
PT	6	14	18	5	21	9	22	12	8	20
RO	3	2	9	1	5	7	11	7	3	14
SI	12	21	31	2	17	6	27	26	10	34
SK	13	24	30	3	11	14	25	29	13	34
FI	33	72	53	4	31	8	51	58	26	57
SE	38	65	52	5	32	9	32	46	22	45
UK	49	38	32	5	16	9	26	48	20	37
NO	46	75	62	7	30	14	41	61	22	73
HR	5	13	12	3	18	6	20	15	11	28

*EU27 excluding BE : not available

Source: Eurostat, ICT Statistics

Methodology

Data presented in this publication are based on the results of the Community survey on ICT usage in households and by individuals.

The survey covered households containing at least one person aged 16-74, and individuals aged 16-74. Households were asked about internet access by any member of the household at home. Individuals were asked about activities they had carried out on the internet in the last three months prior to the survey at home or at any other location. The main reference period was the first quarter of 2008.

Broadband internet connections include DSL (e.g. ADSL, SHDSL, etc.) and other broadband connections (e.g. cable, UMTS, etc.).

Activities related to interaction with public authorities include obtaining information from public authorities' websites, downloading official forms, and/or sending filled in forms.

Internet banking includes electronic transactions with a bank for payment etc. or for looking up account information. Share purchases are not included in internet banking but in the activity on ordering or buying goods or services.

The definition of education levels is: high (tertiary education, ISCED 5 or 6) medium (upper secondary education, ISCED 3 or 4), low (no formal education completed, primary or secondary education, ISCED 0, 1 or 2).

Sample sizes (EU-27 excluding BE): 148 604 households and 211 651 individuals.

The full set of data can be found on the Eurostat web site, under Data / Science and Technology / Information Society Statistics and in the dedicated section on information society statistics: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ict>

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