

Worldwide Internet usage

The number of people with Internet access has been growing rapidly. At the end of 1997, only 1.7 per cent of the world's population -70 million people- had access to the Internet. A decade later, that number has risen to an estimated 1,348,572,040 users. Asia has the highest number of internet users, with an estimated 568.7 million people, followed by the Americas, with 377.9 million. Europe is third with 335.9 million. Africa and Oceania close the rank with 51.8 million and 14 million users respectively.

Top Ten Internet Users

United States	220 million
China	210 million
Japan	88.1 million
India	81 million
Brazil	53.1 million
United Kingdom	40.2 million
Germany	39.1 million
Republic of Korea	35.5 million
Italy	32 million
France	31.5 million

Top Ten Broadband-Connected Countries

United States	73.2 million
China	66.4 million
Japan	28.28 million
Germany	19.6 million
United Kingdom	15.6 million
France	15.5 million
Republic of Korea	14.7million
Italy	10.8 million
Canada	9 million
Spain	8 million

Internet connectivity in India

In 2007, there were about 13.5 million Internet subscribers in India, representing 1.15 per 100 inhabitants. Broadband subscribers accounted for over 3.1 million of these, or 0.27 per 100 inhabitants. The number of users - those who report that they have online access, but do not themselves subscribe - was far greater: some 81 million, or 6.93 users per 100 inhabitants.

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