

United States

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2007.....	301.6
GDP (PPP) per capita (int'l \$), 2007	45,725
Internet users per 100 population, 2007	71.9
Internet bandwidth (mB/s) per 10,000 population	n/a
Mobile telephone subscribers per 100 population, 2007	83.5

Networked Readiness Index

Edition (number of economies)	Rank
2008–2009 (134)	3
2007–2008 (127)	4
2006–2007 (122)	7

Global Competitiveness Index 2008–2009 (134)	1
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Environment component 3

Market environment 2

1.01 Venture capital availability.....	1
1.02 Financial market sophistication	3
1.03 Availability of latest technologies	5
1.04 State of cluster development.....	2
1.05 Utility patents, 2007*	2
1.06 High-tech exports, 2006*	12
1.07 Burden of government regulation	50
1.08 Extent and effect of taxation	56
1.09 Total tax rate, 2007*	68
1.10 Time required to start a business, 2008*	9
1.11 No. of procedures required to start a business, 2008*	26
1.12 Intensity of local competition	4
1.13 Freedom of the press.....	24
1.14 Accessibility of digital content.....	7

Political and regulatory environment 19

2.01 Effectiveness of law-making bodies.....	33
2.02 Laws relating to ICT	9
2.03 Judicial independence	23
2.04 Intellectual property protection	18
2.05 Efficiency of legal framework.....	28
2.06 Property rights.....	26
2.07 Quality of competition in the ISP sector	6
2.08 Number of procedures to enforce a contract, 2008*	31
2.09 Time to enforce a contract, 2008*	17

Infrastructure environment 3

3.01 Number of telephone lines, 2007*.....	12
3.02 Secure Internet servers, 2007*	2
3.03 Electricity production, 2005*	8
3.04 Availability of scientists and engineers.....	6
3.05 Quality of scientific research institutions	1
3.06 Tertiary enrollment, 2006*.....	6
3.07 Education expenditure, 2006*	45

Readiness component 6

Individual readiness 14

4.01 Quality of math and science education	48
4.02 Quality of the educational system.....	19
4.03 Internet access in schools.....	11
4.04 Buyer sophistication	5
4.05 Residential telephone connection charge, 2006*	9
4.06 Residential monthly telephone subscription, 2006*	45
4.07 High-speed monthly broadband subscription, 2006*	3
4.08 Lowest cost of broadband, 2006*	3
4.09 Cost of mobile telephone call, 2005*	39

Business readiness 3

5.01 Extent of staff training.....	6
5.02 Local availability of research and training services.....	1
5.03 Quality of management schools.....	3
5.04 Company spending on R&D.....	3
5.05 University-industry research collaboration.....	1
5.06 Business telephone connection charge, 2006*	16
5.07 Business monthly telephone subscription, 2006*	46
5.08 Local supplier quality	7
5.09 Local supplier quantity.....	6
5.10 Computer, comm., and other services imports, 2007*	47

Government readiness 6

6.01 Government prioritization of ICT	18
6.02 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products.....	4
6.03 Importance of ICT to government vision of the future	28
6.04 E-Government Readiness Index, 2008*	4

Usage component 5

Individual usage 10

7.01 Mobile telephone subscribers, 2007*	61
7.02 Personal computers, 2006*	6
7.03 Broadband Internet subscribers, 2007*	20
7.04 Internet users, 2007*	8
7.05 Internet bandwidth*	n/a

Business usage 5

8.01 Prevalence of foreign technology licensing.....	14
8.02 Firm-level technology absorption	3
8.03 Capacity for innovation	6
8.04 Availability of new telephone lines	15
8.05 Extent of business Internet use	1

Government usage 5

9.01 Government success in ICT promotion.....	21
9.02 Availability of government online services	10
9.03 ICT use and government efficiency	18
9.04 Presence of ICT in government offices.....	16
9.05 E-Participation Index, 2008*	1

* Hard data

Note: For further details and explanation, please refer to the section "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles" at the beginning of this chapter.