

Norway

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2006.....	4.6
GDP (PPP) per capita (US\$), 2006.....	44,648.1
Internet users per 100 inhabitants, 2005	58.5
Internet bandwidth (mB/s) per 10,000 inhabitants, 2005.....	93.5

Networked Readiness Index

Year (number of economies)	Rank
2007–2008 (127)	10
2006–2007 (122)	10
2005–2006 (115)	13

Global Competitiveness Index 2007–2008 (131)	16
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1.02 Financial market sophistication, 2007	19
1.03 Availability of latest technologies, 2007	9
1.04 State of cluster development, 2007	25
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1.13 Freedom of the press, 2007.....	5
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2.03 Judicial independence, 2007	9
2.04 Intellectual property protection, 2007	16
2.05 Efficiency of legal framework, 2007.....	8
2.06 Property rights, 2007.....	12
2.07 Quality of competition in the ISP sector, 2007	10
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4.02 Quality of the educational system, 2007.....	10
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4.05 Residential telephone connection charge, * 2005	22
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7.02 Personal computers, * 2005	15
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7.04 Internet users, * 2005	15
7.05 Internet bandwidth, * 2005	11

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8.03 Capacity for innovation, 2007	15
8.04 Availability of new telephone lines, 2007	12
8.05 Extent of business Internet use, 2007	15

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* 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.