

United States

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2006.....	301.0
GDP (PPP) per capita (US\$), 2006.....	43,223.5
Internet users per 100 inhabitants, 2006	69.1
Internet bandwidth (mB/s) per 10,000 inhabitants, 2004.....	33.1

Networked Readiness Index

Year (number of economies)	Rank
2007–2008 (127)	4
2006–2007 (122)	7
2005–2006 (115)	1

Global Competitiveness Index 2007–2008 (131)	1
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Environment component 5

Market environment 3

1.01 Venture capital availability, 2007.....	1
1.02 Financial market sophistication, 2007	5
1.03 Availability of latest technologies, 2007	6
1.04 State of cluster development, 2007.....	2
1.05 Utility patents, * 2006	1
1.06 High-tech exports, * 2005	11
1.07 Burden of government regulation, 2007	40
1.08 Extent and effect of taxation, 2007.....	46
1.09 Total tax rate, * 2007	67
1.10 Time required to start a business, * 2007.....	6
1.11 No. of procedures required to start a business, * 2007	19
1.12 Intensity of local competition, 2007	8
1.13 Freedom of the press, 2007.....	27
1.14 Accessibility of digital content, 2007.....	8

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2.02 Laws relating to ICT, 2007.....	12
2.03 Judicial independence, 2007	37
2.04 Intellectual property protection, 2007	22
2.05 Efficiency of legal framework, 2007.....	30
2.06 Property rights, 2007.....	30
2.07 Quality of competition in the ISP sector, 2007	13
2.08 No. of procedures to enforce a contract, * 2007	29
2.09 Time to enforce a contract, * 2007	18

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3.01 Telephone lines, * 2006.....	7
3.02 Secure Internet servers, * 2006.....	2
3.03 Electricity production, * 2004.....	8
3.04 Availability of scientists and engineers, 2007	12
3.05 Quality of scientific research institutions, 2007	2
3.06 Tertiary enrollment, * 2005.....	4
3.07 Education expenditure, * 2005.....	42

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4.01 Quality of math and science education, 2007	43
4.02 Quality of the educational system, 2007.....	17
4.03 Internet access in schools, 2007.....	12
4.04 Buyer sophistication, 2007	12
4.05 Residential telephone connection charge, * 2005	7
4.06 Residential monthly telephone subscription, * 2005	34
4.07 High-speed monthly broadband subscription, * 2006.....	2
4.08 Lowest cost of broadband, * 2006	3
4.09 Cost of mobile telephone call, * 2005.....	30

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5.01 Extent of staff training, 2007.....	11
5.02 Local availability of research and training, 2007	2
5.03 Quality of management schools, 2007	6
5.04 Company spending on R&D, 2007.....	2
5.05 University-industry research collaboration, 2007.....	1
5.06 Business telephone connection charge, * 2005	12
5.07 Business monthly telephone subscription, * 2005	39
5.08 Local supplier quality, 2007	11
5.09 Local supplier quantity, 2007.....	9
5.10 Computer, comm., and other services imports, * 2005	51

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6.01 Government prioritization of ICT, 2007.....	18
6.02 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products, 2007	5
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7.02 Personal computers, * 2004	8
7.03 Broadband Internet subscribers, * 2006	17
7.04 Internet users, * 2006	7
7.05 Internet bandwidth, * 2004	19

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8.01 Prevalence of foreign technology licensing, 2007.....	23
8.02 Firm-level technology absorption, 2007	4
8.03 Capacity for innovation, 2007	9
8.04 Availability of new telephone lines, 2007.....	22
8.05 Extent of business Internet use, 2007	6

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9.01 Government success in ICT promotion, 2007.....	21
9.02 Availability of government online services, 2007	10
9.03 ICT use and government efficiency, 2007.....	20
9.04 Presence of ICT in government offices, 2007	18
9.05 E-Participation Index, * 2007.....	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.