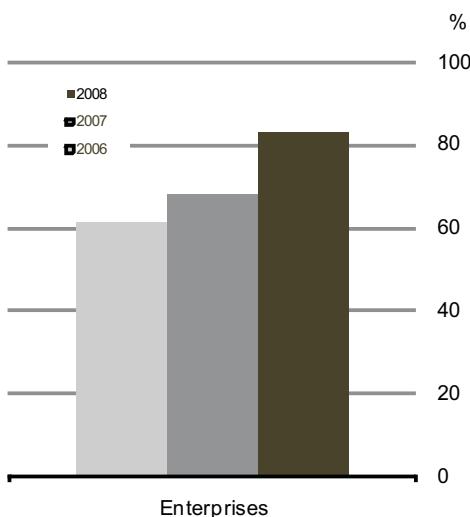


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% Use of broadband in enterprises



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Enterprise Statistics

Enterprises (10 or more employees)		
	Internet	Broadband
	%	%
2006	94	61
2007	95	68
2008	96	83

Increased uptake of broadband

Almost all Enterprises with 10 or more employees now connect to the internet. The proportion of all enterprises, having a computer connected to the internet continued to rise in 2008 reaching a level of 96%.

Access to the internet using broadband rose sharply in 2008, 83% of all enterprises with 10 or more employees had a broadband connection compared with 68% in 2007 and 61% in 2006. As a consequence there has been a sharp decline in the use of modems and ISDN to connect to the internet over the same period. The use of mobile internet connections has reached a level of 23% in 2008. *See Table 1.*

These results are based on the survey of e-Commerce and ICT usage by enterprises, which was conducted in the first half of 2008. A more detailed thematic report on ICT and Telecommunications will be issued in February 2009. *See Background Notes.*

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Table 1 Main trends in enterprise ICT use 2006 - 2008

	Unit	2006	2007	2008
All Enterprises with 10 or more persons engaged¹	No.	12,219	12,139	15,001
Enterprises with computers	No.	11,838	11,711	14,690
% of all enterprises	%	97	96	98
Enterprises with computers connected to Internet	No.	11,536	11,498	14,356
% of all enterprises	%	94	95	96
% of enterprises with computers	%	97	98	98
Type of Internet connection as a % of all enterprises²				
Modem	%	25	22	15
ISDN	%	31	33	22
Broadband	%	61	68	83
Mobile ³	%	n/a	21	23

¹ Includes data for the Construction, Services and Manufacturing Sectors (See background notes).

² Enterprises may have more than one Internet connection.

³Due to a change in the survey question, the data is not comparable between 2007 and 2008.

Source: Survey on e-Commerce and ICT 2008.

Background Notes

Introduction The enterprise survey of ICT and e-commerce usage is conducted to provide harmonised enterprise statistics at EU level on indicators required under the i2010 Initiative. The i2010: European Information Society 2010 is a European initiative to foster growth and jobs in the information society and media industries. The survey on ICT is carried out annually under EU Regulation (EC) No. 808/2004.

Enterprise survey This postal survey was first conducted by the CSO in October 2002 and since then has been conducted as a full survey in March of each year. The overall results are released by Eurostat on an EU27-wide basis. The first results presented in this release are from the March 2008 survey. The results cover enterprises with ten or more employees in the manufacturing, construction and selected services sectors. The results for 2006 and 2007 in this release have been updated to take account of this expanded coverage. Enterprises operating in the following NACE Rev1.1 classifications were included in the coverage of this survey.

NACE Rev. 1	
Section and Divisions	Description
D (15-37)	Manufacturing
F (45)	Construction
G (50-52)	Wholesale; retail; repairs
H (55)	Hotels, bars and restaurants (selected sectors)
I (60-64)	Transport, storage and communications
J (65-67)	Financial intermediation (selected sectors)
K (70-74)	Real estate, renting and business activities
O (92)	Recreational, cultural and sporting activities

Publications A more detailed thematic report on ICT and Telecommunications will be published in February 2009. This report will include a more detailed analysis of the surveys on ICT and e-commerce usage by enterprises and households. It will also provide information on the contribution of the ICT sector to the Irish economy, human resources in ICT, complementary administrative data from ComReg on ICT and the telecommunications sector in Ireland, and international comparisons.