

## 1. Introduction

Not only internet access and access to other modern information and communication technologies (hereinafter referred to as the “ICT”), but primarily the motivation and ability of individuals to use efficiently the applications and services offered through these technologies is currently considered as one of the key factors of economic, social, and political development of society.

The variety of uses show that the share of the population using the internet does not fully reflect the extent to which people use the internet for important daily tasks and also does not capture the sophistication with which people navigated the internet. Whereas internet usage in general is affected mainly by age, income or education, activities carried out on the internet are also affected by the cultural context, infrastructure, and availability of individual services and applications online. Gender is also an important factor that affects the level of ICT use and especially activities performed on the Internet

The aim of this publication is to bring statistical information on the development and use of ICT among men and women, both in the Czech Republic and in the countries of the European Union. The data were obtained from two regular statistical surveys of the CZSO, primarily from the annual Survey on the use of ICT in households and among individuals, as well as from the Labour Force Sample Survey. Other sources of information were the Structural wage statistics and the register of students of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.

We believe that the statistics provided here will provide readers with valuable information. If you have any questions or comments about the published data, please do not hesitate to contact us. We also welcome any suggestions for improving our statistics.

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