ICT professionals have the capability to specify, design, develop, install, operate, support, maintain, manage, evaluate and research ICT and ICT systems. They also develop and put in place the ICT tools for others. It includes following tasks:

- business software development, programming, web development, database development, communication network development, systems integration and installation,
- technical support, user help and support, network administration, web administration, database administration.

ICT professionals are **defined** as persons employed in the national economy whose principal activity comes within the following two main occupations groups expressed in terms of the current International Standard Classification of Occupations 1998 (CZ-ISCO-88 in the Czech Republic):

CZ-ISCO 213 - Computing professionals

- 2131 Computer systems designers and analysts
- 2132 Computer programmers
- 2139 Computing professionals not elsewhere classified

CZ-ISCO 312 – Computer associate professionals

- 3121 Computer assistants
- 3122 Computer equipment operators
- 3123 Industrial robot controllers
- 3129 Computer associate professionals not elsewhere classified

Computing professionals conduct research, plan, develop and improve computer based information systems, software and related concepts, develop principles and operational methods as well as maintain data dictionary and management systems of databases to ensure integrity and security of data.

Computer associate professionals provide assistance to users of computers and standard software packages, control and operate computers and peripheral equipment and carry out limited programming tasks connected with the installation and maintenance of computer hardware and software.

The Czech Labour Force Survey (VŠPS) is used as a data source for ICT professionals in the Czech Republic (since 1993). It provides population estimates of ICT professionals for the main socio-demographic characteristics, such as sex, age, education and regions of residence. ICT professionals can be further breakdown according by employment according to industry (CZ- NACE activity) classification and by occupation categories according to CZ-ISCO 88 classification.

Note: Presented data are always average numbers for each year. Generally in the whole chapter, the annual averages lower than 3 000 persons must be considered as a data with very low reliability. In real terms it means that their relative standard error (i.e. coefficient of variation) is higher than 20%. For more information about data reliability see: Labour Market in the CR 1993 – 2006; Code: 3103-07 http://www.czso.cz/csu/2007edicniplan.nsf/engp/3103-07

The European Union Labour Force Survey (EU LFS) was used as a data source for an international comparison. http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/employment/info/data/eu_lfs/index.htm

Table A1 ICT professionals part 1.

			thousand	persons
	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	72.8	78.7	87.6	96.3
by gender				
Male	61.0	66.1	74.6	84.1
Female	11.9	12.6	13.0	12.2
by age groups				
15-24 years	8.8	7.1	6.9	9.1
25-34 years	31.6	34.5	42.3	42.6
35-44 years	17.3	19.2	21.2	23.4
45-54 years	10.9	12.7	10.6	15.3
55-64 years	4.4	5.1	6.1	5.7
65+ years	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.2
by qualification				
Tertiary	31.6	35.6	38.8	42.4
of which in Computing	5.1	7.0	7.0	7.3
Upper secondary	35.4	37.3	42.1	45.3
of which in Computing	3.4	2.3	2.7	3.1
Other	5.8	5.8	6.6	8.6
of which in Computing				
by occupation				
Computing professionals	36.5	36.8	40.0	44.8
Computer associate professionals	36.4	41.9	47.6	51.5

Figure A1 ICT professionals

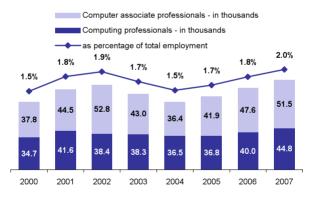
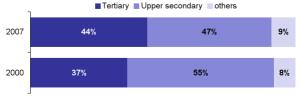
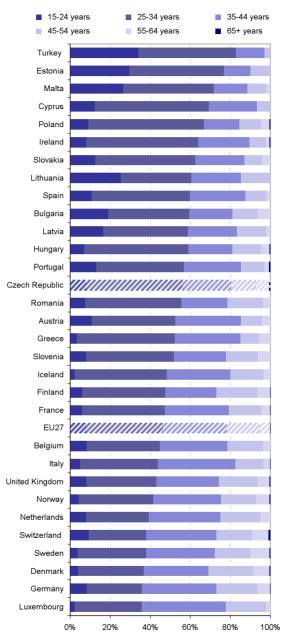


Figure A2 Qualification distribution of ICT professionals





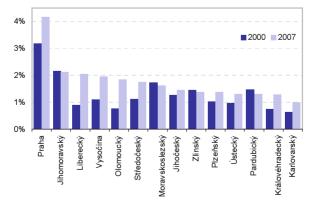


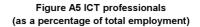
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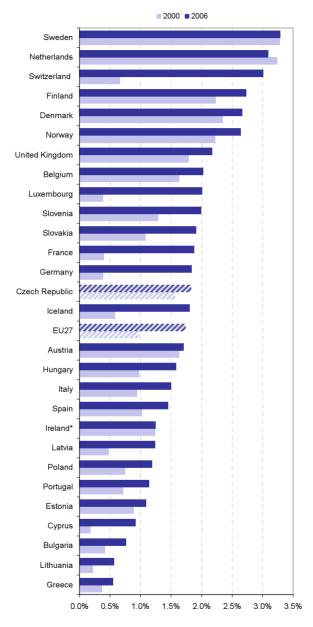
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	thousand persons			persons
	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	72.8	78.7	87.6	96.3
by Industry (CZ-NACE)				
A+B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5
C Mining and quarrying	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.3
D Manufacturing	18.2	20.7	23.6	25.7
E Electricity, gas and water supply	1.1	1.8	2.5	1.5
F Constructions	1.6	0.8	1.2	1.2
G+H Trade, hotels, restaurants	3.7	3.1	5.6	7.0
I Transport and communications	4.4	5.0	4.5	5.4
J Financial intermediations	2.8	4.2	3.4	3.6
K Business activities	31.6	32.1	36.7	42.2
L Community service activities	5.8	7.2	6.2	5.8
M Education	1.8	1.5	2.1	2.4
N Health and social Services	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.4
O-Q Other Services	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.5
by regions				
Praha	19.0	20.6	23.6	26.4
Středočeský	8.5	9.5	10.6	10.3
Jihočeský	3.1	3.1	4.1	4.6
Plzeňský	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.8
Karlovarský	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.5
Ústecký	4.4	4.4	3.4	4.8
Liberecký	2.3	2.5	2.6	4.1
Královéhradecký	4.0	3.7	4.2	3.4
Pardubický	4.5	3.3	3.5	3.1
Vysočina	2.4	2.8	3.3	4.9
Jihomoravský	8.0	11.3	11.5	11.3
Olomoucký	2.9	2.7	4.1	5.5
Zlínský	3.1	3.7	3.0	3.9
Moravskoslezský	6.0	6.7	9.2	8.9

Figure A4 ICT professionals by regions (as a percentage of total employment in a given region)







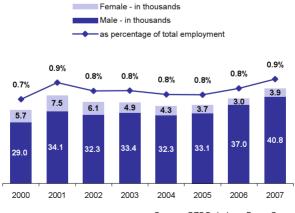
* only for Computing professionals

Source: Eurostat, European Labour Force Survey

Table A3 Computing professionals

	thousand persons			
	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	36.5	36.8	40.0	44.8
by gender				
Male	32.3	33.1	37.0	40.8
Female	4.3	3.7	3.0	3.9
by age groups				
15-34 years	17.8	18.5	22.4	22.1
35-54 years	16.6	16.3	14.8	19.7
55+ years	2.2	2.0	2.8	2.9
by qualification				
Tertiary	22.9	24.6	26.0	29.2
of which in Computing	4.0	5.6	5.2	6.3
Upper secondary	12.8	11.5	13.0	15.1
of which in Computing	1.8	0.7	1.4	1.1
Other	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.4
of which in Computing				
by Industry (CZ-NACE)				
Agriculture	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5
Industry	7.5	7.8	10.6	10.6
Services	28.7	28.6	29.1	33.6
by regions (NUTS 2)				
Praha	12.8	12.0	12.2	12.7
Střední Čechy	3.1	2.6	3.3	3.8
Jihozápad	2.8	2.8	3.5	4.0
Severozápad	2.4	2.1	1.8	2.0
Severovýchod	4.6	3.6	4.1	5.1
Jihovýchod	5.6	6.8	7.6	8.5
Střední Morava	2.4	3.0	3.0	4.4
Moravskoslezsko	2.8	4.0	4.6	4.1

Figure A6 Computing professionals



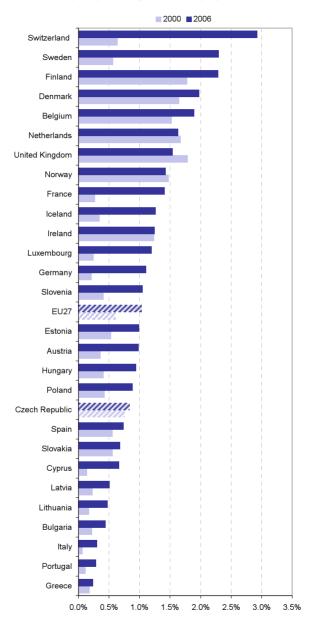


Figure A7 Computing professionals (as a percentage of total employment)

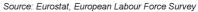
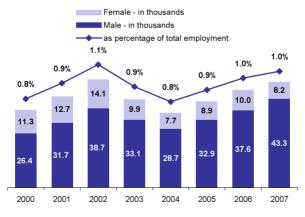
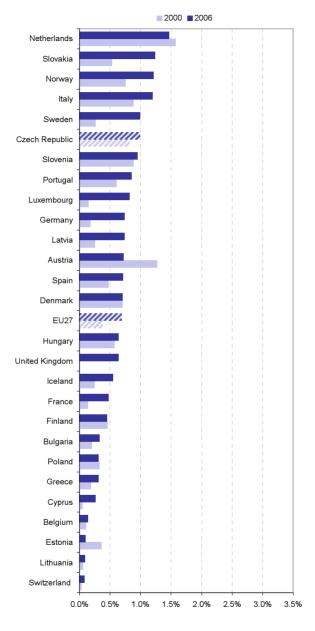


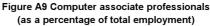
Table A4	Computer	associate	professionals
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Table A4 Computer associate pro			thousand	l persons
	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	36.4	41.9	47.6	51.5
by gender				
Male	28.7	32.9	37.6	43.3
Female	7.7	8.9	10.0	8.2
by age groups				
15-34 years	22.6	23.1	26.8	29.6
35-54 years	11.6	15.6	17.0	19.0
55+ years	2.2	3.2	3.7	3.0
by qualification				
Tertiary	8.7	11.0	12.8	13.1
of which in Computing	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.0
Upper secondary	22.6	25.9	29.2	30.2
of which in Computing	1.6	1.5	1.3	2.0
Other	5.0	5.1	5.6	8.2
of which in Computing				
by Industry (CZ-NACE)				
Agriculture	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Industry	13.3	15.4	16.7	17.7
Services	22.9	26.3	30.8	33.6
by regions (NUTS 2)				
Praha	6.2	8.7	11.4	13.6
Střední Čechy	5.4	7.0	7.3	6.5
Jihozápad	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.3
Severozápad	3.0	3.1	2.6	4.2
Severovýchod	6.2	5.9	6.1	5.6
Jihovýchod	4.8	7.3	7.2	7.6
Střední Morava	3.6	3.5	4.2	4.9
Moravskoslezsko	3.2	2.7	4.5	4.8

Figure A8 Computer associate professionals







Source: Eurostat, European Labour Force Survey

Table A5 ICT professionals by occupation (ISCO 88)

			thousand	persons
	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	72.8	78.7	87.6	96.3
by occupation				
Computing professionals	36.5	36.8	40.0	44.8
Com. systems designer and analysts	5.3	4.4	4.5	6.8
Computer programmers	23.7	25.2	28.0	28.0
Com. prof. not elsewhere classified	7.2	6.7	7.4	9.5
Computer associate professionals	36.4	41.9	47.6	51.5
Computer assistants	8.8	10.3	12.4	12.8
Computer equipment operators	17.6	19.6	22.0	23.5
Industrial robot controllers	3.0	4.7	5.9	7.0
Other computer associate prof.	6.7	6.2	5.7	7.2

Table A6 Computer programmers

			thousand	l persons
	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	23.7	25.2	28.0	28.0
by gender				
Male	21.0	23.3	26.4	26.1
Female	2.7	1.8	1.6	2.0
by age groups				
15-34 years	12.1	14.5	17.4	14.9
35-54 years	10.1	9.6	9.5	10.6
55+ years	1.4	1.1	1.1	2.5
by qualification				
Tertiary	14.2	15.8	16.5	15.9
Upper secondary	9.1	8.9	10.6	11.8
Other	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3

Figure A10 Computer programmers

