

Methodological explanations

The **data source** is the statistical survey on **Information and Communication Technology (ICT) usage in households and by individuals**, which is conducted on a yearly basis, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 October 2019 establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples.

The main objective of the survey on **Information and Communication Technology (ICT) usage in households and by individuals** is to provide data on the usually resident population's access to various information and communication technologies, as well as to the Internet, at their usual residence, through the use of any type of device, such as: personal computers, laptops, tablets, including mobile phones or smart phones.

The ICT survey is an annual sample survey carried out on a sample of 10188 dwellings. The statistical survey is addressed to the urban and rural households, in all the counties of the country and in the Bucharest Municipality, which are part of the dwellings included in the sample. The household members aged 16-74 years are subject to the survey.

Depending on the questions, the reference period used consisted of the last 3 months or the last 12 months preceding the survey. For the questions for which a specific period was not mentioned, 31 March 2023 was counted as the reference date.

The response rate was 89.7% (84.8% in the urban area and 95.7% in the rural area).

The next press release will be issued on **December 9, 2024**.