

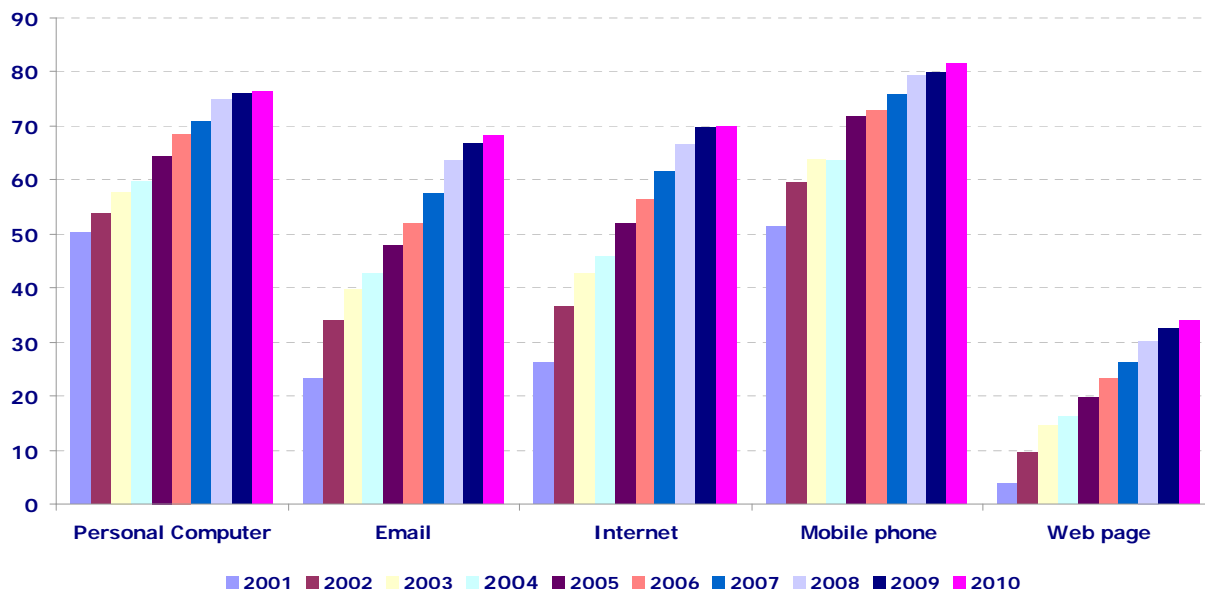
Basque companies continue to improve their information technology facilities in 2010

69.9% of companies have Internet access and nearly half of them have a website

The beginning of 2010 saw Basque companies continuing to improve their ICT –Information and Communication Technology– facilities, according to Eustat data. However, smaller companies are currently registering the greatest percentage growth, as practically all the largest companies already have this equipment.

Even though the growth rate has slowed down over recent years, as companies have acquired the equipment, this steady improvement means that, currently, 76.5% of establishments have a computer, up 0.5 percentage points on the previous year, 69% have Internet access (+0.3 points), and establishments with email now account for 68.3% of the total, up 1.4 points. The mobile phone, up 1.9 percentage points, continues to be the ICT equipment that is most widely used in the Autonomous Community, with 81.7% of Basque establishments having one.

Graph 1: Evolution of ICT facilities in Basque companies. (%)



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Furthermore, 33.9% of companies have a website, which is 1.5 points up on the previous year. This figure increases to 48.4% if we only take into account the companies that have Internet.

By province, even though the differences are not very significant, these technologies are more widely used in the establishments in Álava, followed by Gipuzkoa. However, the figures for these technologies are slightly lower in Bizkaia

Companies with 10 or more employees have also improved their ICT facilities, even though at a slower rate than smaller ones, as they have already nearly reached the availability threshold, except in the case of websites

These percentages are much higher in establishments with 10 or more employees, and range between the 75.4% that have a website and the 98.1% that have a computer. In addition, 93.4% of them have mobile telephones, 96.2% Internet access and 96.6% email.

Table 1: Establishments with ICT facilities, by province and size of establishment. 2010.

	Personal Computer		Email		Internet		Mobile phone		Web page	
	%	Variation*	%	Variation*	%	Variation*	%	Variation*	%	Variation*
Basque Country	76,5	0,5	68,3	1,4	69,9	0,3	81,7	1,9	33,9	1,5
Alava	80,9	2,9	71,6	3,3	73,4	2,4	84,0	2,4	35,6	0,9
Bizkaia	73,9	0,0	66,2	1,0	67,6	-0,3	81,0	1,5	33,3	1,6
Gipuzkoa	78,7	0,5	70,2	1,5	72,2	0,6	82,0	2,4	34,1	1,5
Employment stratum										
0 - 9	74,8	0,6	66,1	1,5	67,9	0,3	80,8	2,0	30,6	1,2
≥ 10	98,1	-0,1	96,6	0,6	96,2	0,3	93,4	1,3	75,4	3,6

* Difference in percentage points as regards the previous year

Source: EUSTAT. Information Society Survey - ESI-Companies

The percentage of companies that use these technologies has also increased slightly. Thus, 64.1% of employed personnel use a computer, 55.0% use email and 53.8% have Internet access.

However, it should be pointed out that the percentages of employees using these technologies are very similar, regardless of the size of the establishment, due, among other reasons, to the greater progress made in small establishments and to the fact that not all employees have access to these technologies in the larger ones Elsewhere, it can be seen that Bizkaia has the greatest percentage of employees using these technologies, followed by Gipuzkoa and Álava.

Table 2: Employees who use ICT facilities, by province and size of establishment. 2010

	Personal Computer		Email		Internet	
	Total establishments	With 10 or more employees	Total establishments	With 10 or more employees	Total establishments	With 10 or more employees
Basque Country	64,1	64,5	55,0	56,3	53,8	53,4
Alava	63,2	63,5	52,9	53,2	49,7	48,2
Bizkaia	64,5	66,2	56,0	58,5	55,1	56,3
Gipuzkoa	63,9	62,5	54,5	54,6	53,7	51,6

Source: EUSTAT. Information Society Survey - ESI-Companies

Internet access for Basque companies is largely through ADSL

The number of Basque companies with Internet access currently accounts for 69.9% of the total, following an increase of 0.3 percentage points on the previous year. The most common means of accessing the net continues to be ADSL lines, which now accounts for 85.7% of the total number of companies with access. However, for the first time, its use has fallen by one percentage point, as mobile and cable (fibre optic) connections have increased significantly.

The percentages for the other types of connections are much lower. Thus, 23.5% access Internet by cable, 23.0% by mobile connection (mobile telephone, PDA, USB modem, GSM, GPRS, etc.), RDSI lines account for 10.5%, by modem 7.2% and other landline connections account for 2.3%.

Table 3: Establishments with Internet access and means of access. (%)

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Total									
% Establishments	69,9	69,6	66,4	61,6	56,4	51,9	45,9	42,7	36,5
Modem	7,2	9,0	19,8	23,3	26,1	38,0	42,0	49,3	58,4
RDSI	10,5	7,3	6,2	8,2	9,2	10,4	11,6	15,3	23,1
ADSL	85,7	86,7	85,9	81,4	71,1	61,7	53,3	40,3	26,2
(*) Cable	23,5	16,4	13,8						
Mobile connection	23,0	16,3	11,4	6,4	4,1	3,9	2,2	2,0	2,5
(*) Other landline connections	2,3	1,9	1,5	8,2	6,5	5,2	3,2	2,8	2,2
With 10 or more employees									
% Establishments	96,2	95,9	94,4	93,5	93,0	91,1	88,1	86,7	80,8
Modem	6,3	7,3	11,7	12,9	13,3	19,8	24,4	25,5	37,5
RDSI	13,8	10,7	8,7	14,3	13,7	14,4	16,8	25,4	36,2
ADSL	90,3	90,6	90,7	87,1	82,3	77,5	70,2	58,4	37,2
(*) Cable	27,7	19,9	16,0						
Mobile connection	39,5	26,3	19,6	11,4	6,1	5,3	3,5	3,2	3,0
(*) Other landline connections	6,3	5,5	2,5	13,4	11,1	10,1	7,7	8,0	6,5

(*) Cable from Others has been separated since 2008

Source: EUSTAT. Information Society Survey - ESI-Companies

Among companies with 10 or more employees, 96 2% have Internet access. ADSL lines are also the most common type of access for companies of this size, used by 90.3%. Then, and also at quite a distance behind, there are the mobile connections (39.5%), cable (27.7%), RDSI lines (13.8%), the modem (6.3%) and other landline connections (6 3%).

As far as the main reasons for the companies using Internet are concerned, these include searching for information, obtaining financial or banking services and carrying out administrative tasks.

75.4% of Basque companies with 10 or more employees are present on the Internet through a website

Companies are increasingly more aware of the importance of being present online through a website. In the last year, companies who are present on the net accounted for 33.9% of the total, following an increase of 1.5 percentage points, while in the case of companies with 10 or more employees, this figure came to 75.4%, up 3.6 points. If we only take into account companies that have Internet connections, these percentages increase to 48.4% for the total and 78.4% in the case of companies with 10 or more employees.

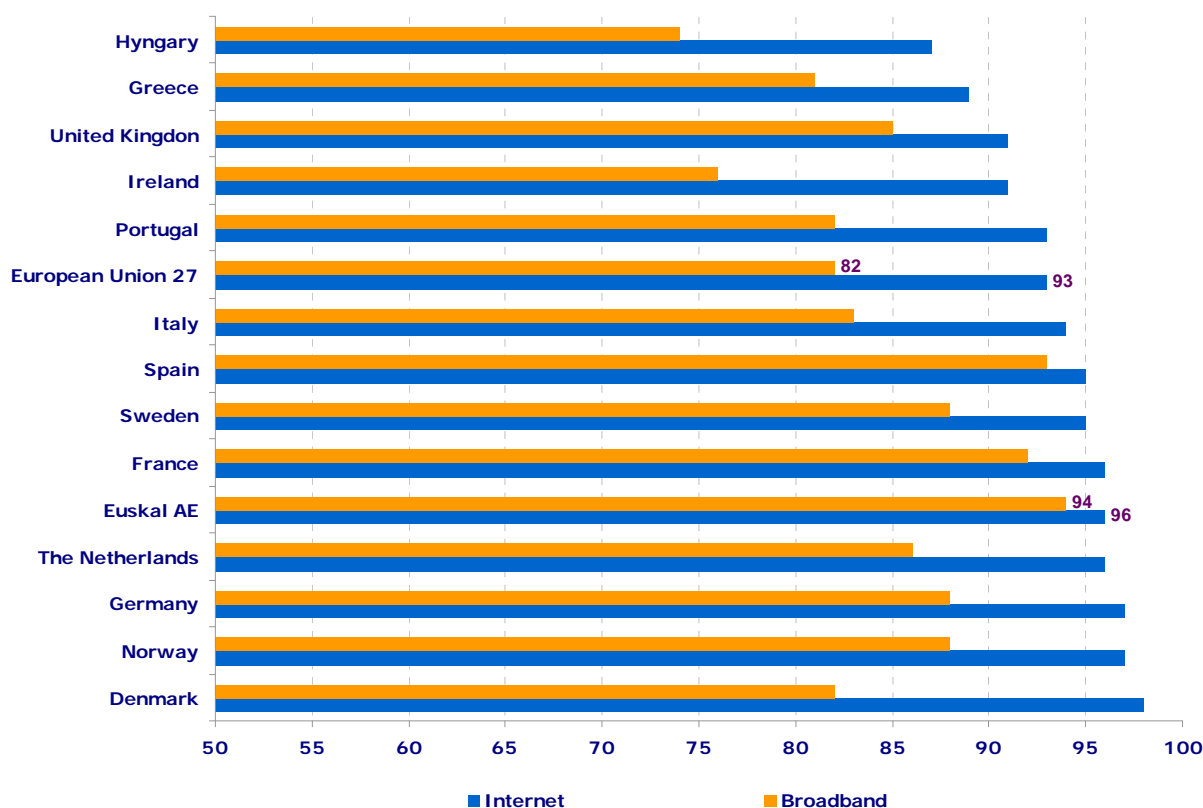
These websites chiefly contain general information concerning the company itself and a list of products and services offered, disclaimers, after-sales services and job opportunities.

As regards the languages in which it can be accessed, Spanish was most outstanding, in 98.9% of cases, in Basque, 36.7%, in English 28.1% and in other languages 14.0%.

Internet access in Basque companies with 10 or more employees is greater than the EU-27 average

Internationally, and comparing homogenous activity and employment data, Basque companies obtain Internet access percentages (96%) that are higher than the average for the European Union (93%), as well as having a high percentage of broadband use (94% compared to 82%).

Graph 2: Establishments with 10 or more employees by Internet access and use of broadband. January 2009. (%)



Source: EUSTAT. Information Society Survey - ESI-Companies.
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23.7% of Basque companies with 10 or more employees used e-commerce in 2009

In 2009, 14.9% of Basque establishments performed e-commerce operations, following a decrease of 0.1 points with respect to the previous year. This figure was mainly due to the 13.8% who purchased online, down 0.1 percentage points, and, to a lesser extent, those who used this method for sales, representing a mere 3.4%, which was a decrease of 2008 points.

These figures were greater in companies with 10 or more employees, where the proportion of those that carried out purchases or sales through the net or via other electronic systems (EDI, Electronic Data Interchange), stood at 23.7%, following growth of 1.5 points. Here too, the greater part of this total was due to those who made electronic purchases, which accounted for 20.2%, up 1.1 points as regards the previous year and, to a lesser extent, due to those who carried out sales using the same channels, which came to 8%, which was the same as in 2008.

Methodological note: To publish the data for the Information Society Survey - ESI - Companies 2010, the Basque Statistics Office (EUSTAT) has used the new **National Classification of Economic Activities 2009 (CNAE-2009)**. The data published until the ESI-Companies 2009 used the National Classification of Economic Activities 1993 (CNAE-93). This change has meant nine divisions being created in the classification of economic activities that appear in the published tables and these breakdowns are no longer comparable with previous years.

[CNAE-93 and CNAE-2009 classification of activities](#)

The 2001-2009 series are published in the databank on the EUSTAT website using the CNAE-93 and the 2010 data with the new CNAE-2009.

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