

## EXPORTS OF ICT EQUIPMENT

Information and communication (ICT) goods have been among the most dynamic components of international trade over the last decade.

### Definition

The ICT commodities trade list is defined according to the OECD definition (OECD, 2009b) based on the 2002 version of the World Customs Organisation's Harmonized System (HS). Data in this section refer to the value of ICT exports in US dollars.

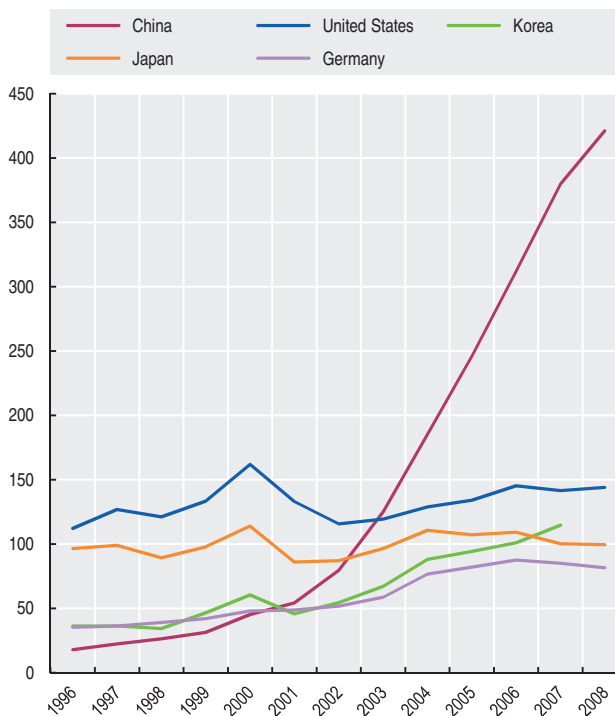
### Comparability

The data for this table are taken from the statistics on international trade. These are compiled according to internationally agreed standards and are generally considered to assure good comparability.

It is however difficult to compare values of OECD ICT goods trade in 2007 with those for earlier years owing to the new HS classification adopted in 2007, which differs radically from earlier revisions. The OECD is developing a correspondence between the HS 2002 and the HS 2007 for ICT goods. Further efforts will be also required to quantify and adjust for the impact of Missing Trader Intra-Community (MTIC) VAT Fraud from the mid-2000s, which mainly affected the movements of ICT goods within the EU.

### Exports of ICT equipment

Billion US dollars



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### Overview

Exports of ICT goods by all OECD countries reached a total of USD 815 billion in 2008. OECD countries can be divided into three groups; a first group includes the United States, Japan, Germany, Korea, the Netherlands and Mexico, countries with high exports of ICT goods; a second group includes the United Kingdom, France, Ireland, Hungary, Canada and the Czech Republic, with intermediate levels of their ICT exports; the last group includes all other countries, which are characterised by low values of ICT exports.

Growth of ICT exports has been steady for almost all OECD countries. This growth has been particularly strong for countries that started with a low base in 1998, in particular the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary.

China has experienced a spectacular growth in exports of ICT goods. Between 1998 and 2008, the value of ICT exports from China has been growing at an average rate of 31% per year. By 2004, China's ICT exports surpassed those from the United States.

### Sources

- ITCS International Trade by Commodity Statistics.

### Further information

#### Analytical publications

- OECD (2008), *OECD Information Technology Outlook 2008*, OECD, Paris.
- OECD (2009), *OECD Communications Outlook 2009*, OECD, Paris.

#### Methodological publications

- Guide to Measuring the Information Society, OECD, Paris, [www.oecd.org/dataoecd/41/12/36177203.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/41/12/36177203.pdf).

#### Web sites

- OECD Key ICT indicators, [www.oecd.org/sti/ictindicators](http://www.oecd.org/sti/ictindicators).



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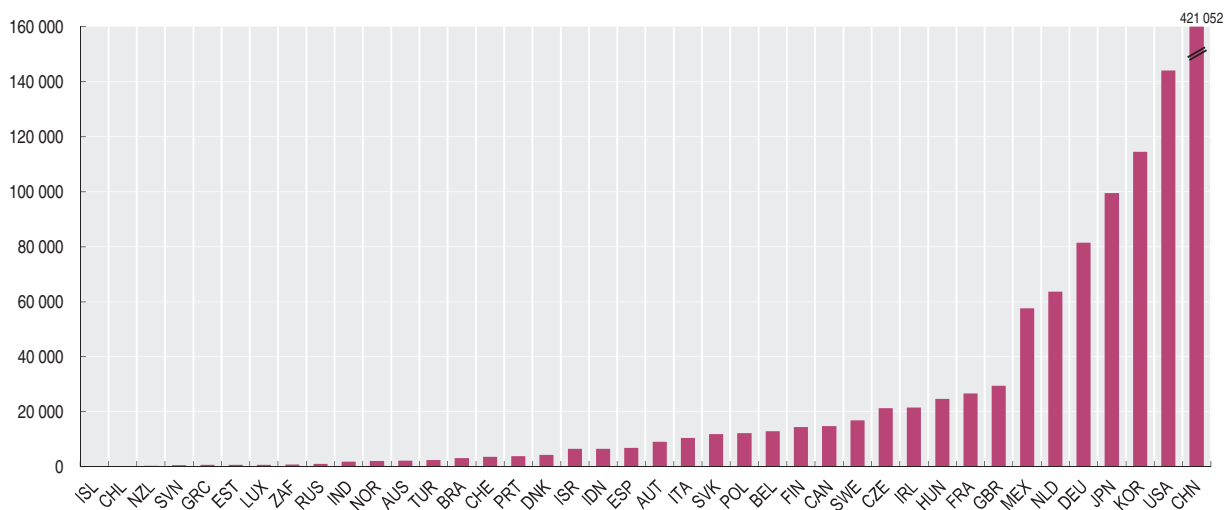
Million US dollars

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Australia	2 081	2 162	1 733	1 708	1 893	1 772	1 546	1 672	1 820	1 912	1 927	2 067	2 230
Austria	2 747	3 353	4 097	4 320	4 888	5 040	5 790	6 404	7 199	7 883	8 013	8 895	9 140
Belgium	..	..	..	9 253	11 147	11 885	10 137	12 051	13 029	13 908	12 739	12 201	12 954
Canada	13 043	13 927	13 663	15 015	22 425	14 071	10 693	10 557	12 387	14 581	15 409	15 577	14 813
Czech Republic	711	..	1 074	807	1 396	2 651	4 252	5 312	8 079	8 952	12 778	17 352	21 368
Denmark	2 618	..	3 319	3 536	3 739	3 623	4 878	4 443	4 826	6 019	5 493	5 040	4 393
Finland	5 281	6 213	7 888	8 541	10 783	8 591	8 965	10 082	10 465	13 293	13 310	14 060	14 471
France	23 209	25 344	29 264	29 368	32 673	27 089	24 574	24 344	27 977	28 420	32 678	27 493	26 677
Germany	35 374	36 250	38 905	41 942	48 027	48 794	51 777	58 715	76 444	82 070	87 620	85 045	81 490
Greece	154	195	249	309	476	366	341	425	558	522	668	611	721
Hungary	498	3 079	4 445	5 602	7 289	7 286	8 841	10 948	15 757	16 005	17 926	21 397	24 656
Iceland	..	..	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	4	6	8	10
Ireland	16 590	19 012	21 712	27 079	29 455	32 011	28 676	23 868	24 922	26 107	25 473	24 527	21 592
Italy	10 886	9 730	9 871	9 852	10 836	10 774	9 432	10 030	11 637	11 791	11 579	11 394	10 508
Japan	96 553	99 060	89 345	97 610	113 763	86 088	87 088	96 460	110 610	107 101	109 099	100 255	99 471
Korea	36 246	36 244	34 300	46 452	60 317	45 721	54 407	66 996	88 118	94 141	100 879	114 521	..
Luxembourg	..	..	..	985	1 015	1 467	1 248	1 068	1 167	1 303	1 000	1 099	784
Mexico	15 497	18 975	22 910	27 858	35 251	35 440	33 763	32 352	37 558	39 036	47 385	48 346	57 642
Netherlands	25 170	31 781	31 278	35 157	39 594	34 010	29 508	44 478	55 612	60 981	64 275	70 103	63 687
New Zealand	203	241	231	213	242	235	256	293	361	380	385	430	421
Norway	989	1 133	1 171	1 179	1 134	1 209	996	1 052	1 210	1 335	1 536	1 732	2 174
Poland	627	850	1 230	1 175	1 357	1 638	2 011	2 453	2 989	3 745	5 786	8 210	12 275
Portugal	1 145	1 098	1 166	1 494	1 527	1 746	1 736	2 391	2 578	2 993	3 699	4 073	3 867
Slovak Republic	..	234	327	358	395	496	503	861	1 708	3 024	5 259	8 478	11 869
Spain	4 326	4 521	5 042	5 481	5 457	5 433	5 234	6 757	7 228	7 411	7 516	6 861	..
Sweden	10 683	11 868	12 471	12 912	15 593	8 771	9 854	10 687	14 275	15 294	15 891	15 365	16 911
Switzerland	2 649	2 433	2 649	3 055	3 356	2 895	2 269	2 577	3 074	3 682	3 292	3 338	3 687
Turkey	447	588	976	870	1 029	1 071	1 623	2 016	2 956	3 248	3 202	2 907	2 433
United Kingdom	40 596	43 794	44 857	45 302	51 693	49 509	48 491	38 940	39 706	42 926	49 944	31 525	29 495
United States	112 123	126 869	121 198	133 271	161 976	133 096	115 633	119 332	128 915	133 928	145 195	141 610	144 033
OECD total	460 450	498 951	505 372	570 704	678 728	582 783	564 522	607 567	713 165	751 996	809 963	804 517	815 153
Brazil	..	1 035	1 014	1 269	2 253	2 349	2 197	2 130	2 042	3 735	4 004	2 676	3 168
Chile	..	42	45	52	47	60	60	41	43	53	57	82	92
China	17 854	22 357	26 356	31 354	45 317	54 144	79 637	125 015	185 002	245 943	311 858	379 690	421 052
Estonia	151	322	429	410	969	854	581	824	1 026	1 337	1 278	722	729
India	747	675	451	511	737	911	842	1 095	1 235	1 327	1 536	1 793	1 849
Indonesia	3 250	2 885	2 338	3 091	7 620	6 163	6 331	5 707	6 550	6 971	6 170	6 053	6 540
Israel	3 078	3 732	4 159	4 891	6 806	5 913	4 506	4 382	5 248	3 367	3 638	1 564	6 524
Russian Federation	..	677	370	538	521	436	403	421	548	516	888	916	1 098
Slovenia	193	172	175	135	174	212	232	273	292	249	308	411	644
South Africa	..	..	..	..	422	447	399	471	594	609	760	859	817

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