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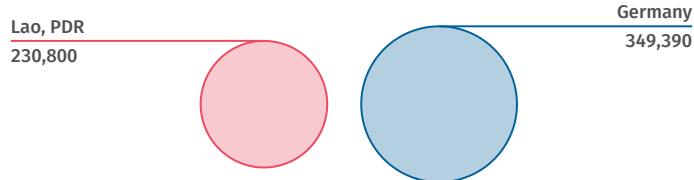
General information

Capital city
Vientiane

Official language
Lao

Currency
Kip

Land area in relation to Germany
km²



Source: WB-WDI



Economy and finance

Gross domestic product
(GDP), total
bn US\$

15

(2022)

Source: IMF-WEO

GDP,
real change
% since 2000

+284

(2022)

Source: IMF-WEO*

GDP
per capita
US\$

2,047

(2022)

Source: IMF-WEO

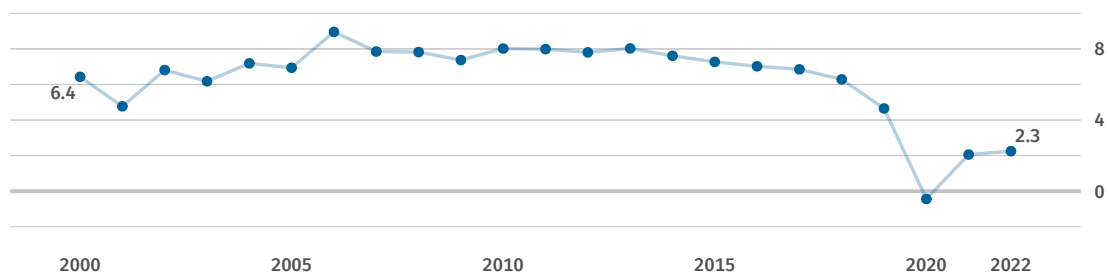
GDP
per capita
internat. US\$

9,207

(2022)

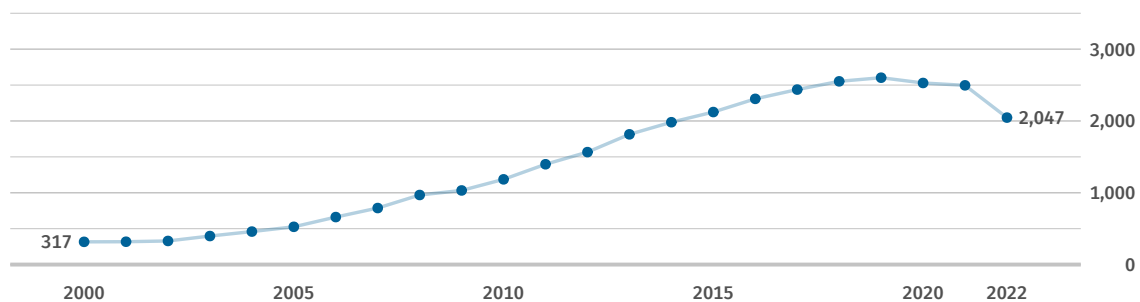
Source: IMF-WEO

Gross domestic product, real change
% on previous year



Source: IMF-WEO

Gross domestic product per capita
US\$



Source: IMF-WEO

Inflation rate
(change of consumer
price index)
% on previous year

+23.0
(2022)

Source: IMF-IFS

General government
gross debt

% of GDP
128.5
(2022)

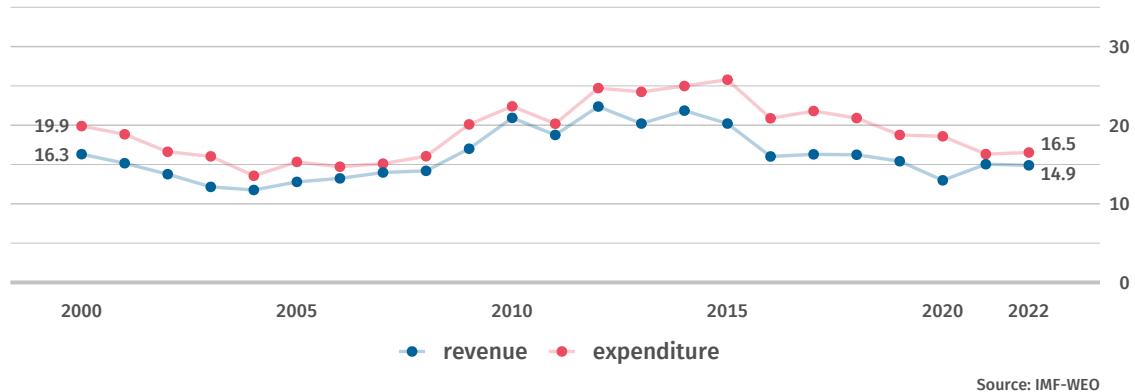
Source: IMF-WEO

General government
net lending / borrowing

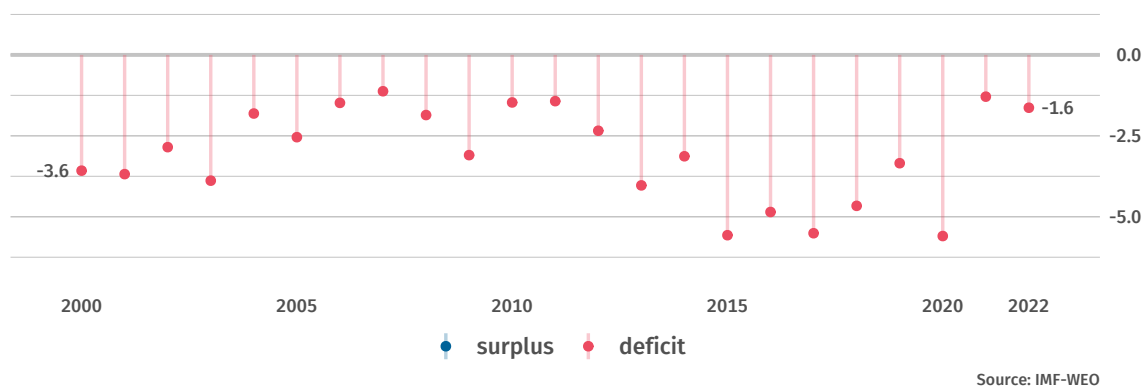
% of GDP
-1.6
(2022)

Source: IMF-WEO

General government revenue and expenditure % of GDP



General government net lending / borrowing % of GDP



Foreign direct
investment (FDI):
inward stocks

bn US\$
12.736
(2022)

Source: UNCTAD

Foreign direct
investment (FDI):
outward stocks

bn US\$
0.095
(2022)

Source: UNCTAD

Foreign direct
investment (FDI):
net flow, inward

bn US\$
0.528
(2022)

Source: UNCTAD

Foreign direct
investment (FDI):
net flow, outward

bn US\$
0.000
(2022)

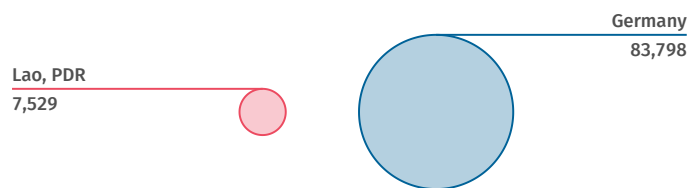
Source: UNCTAD



Population

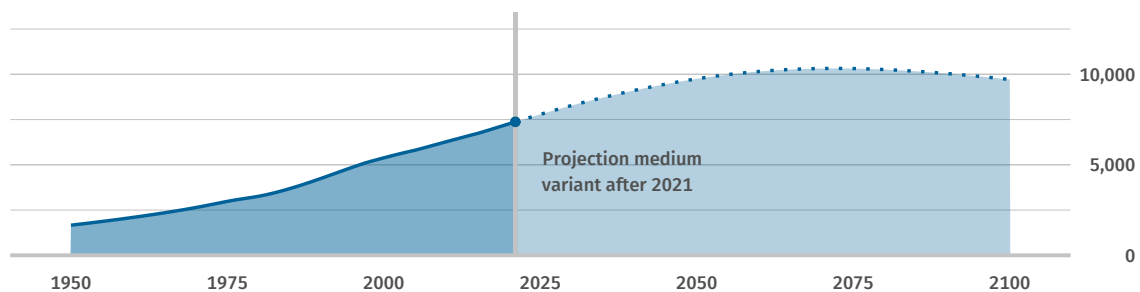
Population total 1,000 7,529 (2022) Source: WB-WDI	Population density inhabitants per km² 32 (2021) Source: WB-WDI	Life expectancy at birth (women) years 70.1 (2021) Source: WB-WDI	Life expectancy at birth (men) years 66.2 (2021) Source: WB-WDI
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Population in relation to Germany 2022 1,000



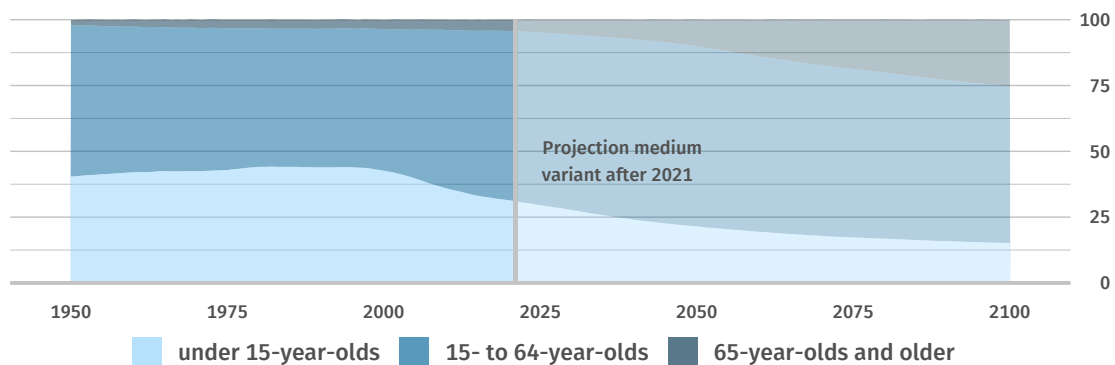
Source: WB-WDI

Population 1,000



Source: UN-POP

Population by age group proportion, %



Source: UN-POP



Health

Practising physicians per 1,000 inhabitants 0.4 (2020) Source: WHO	Hospital beds per 1,000 inhabitants 1.5 (2012) Source: WHO	Prevalence of raised blood pressure % 24.8 (2015) Source: WHO	Prevalence of obesity (BMI >= 30) % 5.3 (2016) Source: WHO
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Education

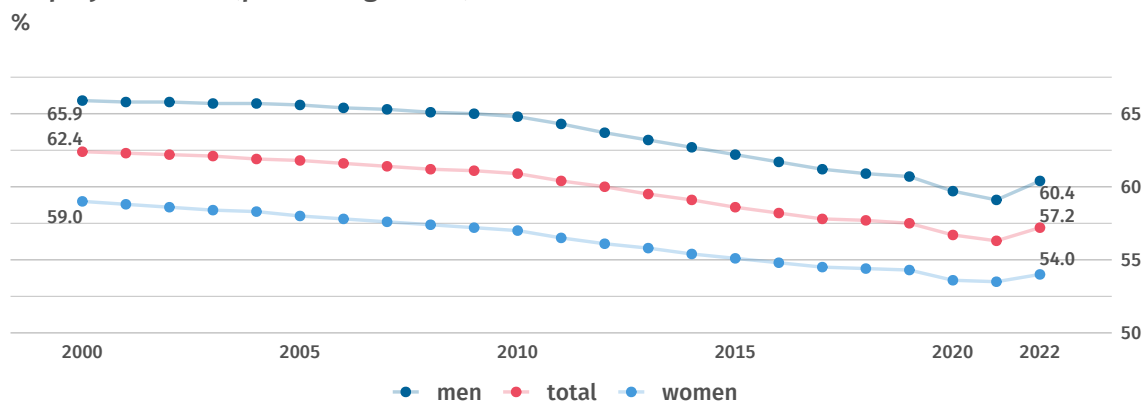
Government expenditure on education % of GDP 2.3 (2020) Source: UNESCO	Pupil-teacher ratio (primary education) number 24.8 (2018) Source: UNESCO	Pupil-teacher ratio (secondary education) number 18.2 (2018) Source: UNESCO	Students (tertiary education) per 100,000 inhabitants 1,414 (2019) Source: UNESCO*
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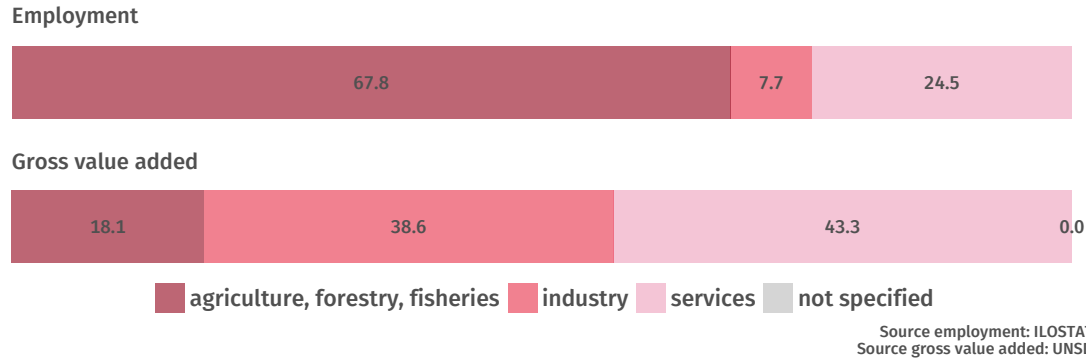
Labour force

Employment rate (persons aged 15+) % 57.2 (2022) Source: ILOSTAT	Labour force (persons aged 15+) 1,000 3,106 (2022) Source: ILOSTAT	Labour force participation rate (persons aged 15+) % 59.5 (2022) Source: ILOSTAT	Self-employment (persons aged 15+) % 78.9 (2022) Source: ILOSTAT
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Employment rate (persons aged 15+)

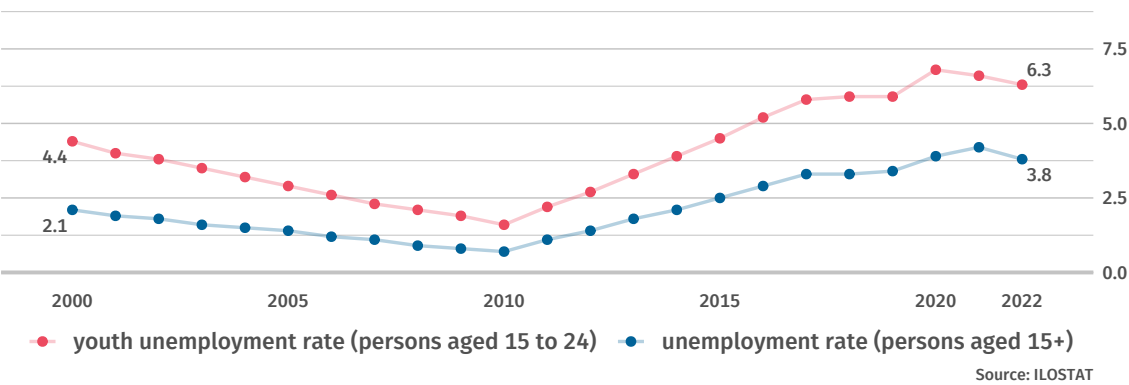


Employment and gross value added by sector 2021



Unemployment rate (persons aged 15+) %	Unemployment rate (persons aged 15 to 24) %	Long-term unemployment rate (persons aged 15+) % of unemployed persons
3.8 (2022)	6.3 (2022)	35.3 (2017)
Source: ILOSTAT	Source: ILOSTAT	Source: ILOSTAT

Unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate





Living conditions

Human Development
Index (HDI)

value (0 low to 1 high)

0.607

(2021)

Source: UNDP

Human Development
Index (HDI)

rank (of 191 countries)

140

(2021)

Source: UNDP

Income distribution:
Gini coefficient

value (0 to 100; 0=equal distribution)

38.8

(2018)

Source: WB-WDI



Production

Index of industrial production

2010=100

No data

Source: IMF-IFS



Agriculture and forestry

Change of agricultural
production

% since 2000

+237

(2021)

Source: FAO*

Agricultural
land

% of land area

8.8

(2021)

Source: FAO*

Forest
area

% of land area

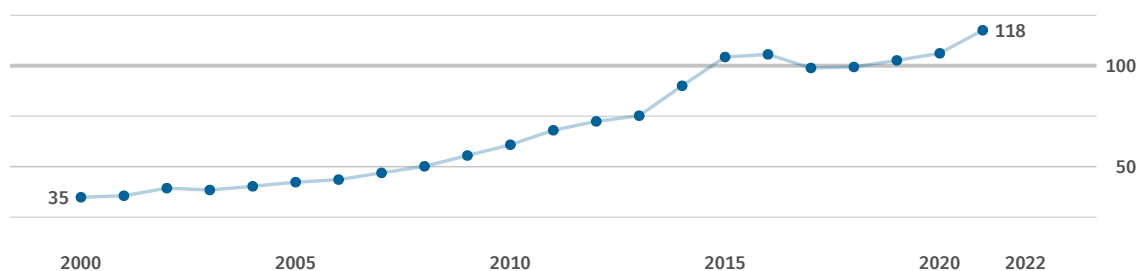
71.8

(2021)

Source: FAO*

Index of agricultural production

2014 to 2016 = 100



Source: FAO



Foreign trade

Export of goods

bn US\$

7.165

(2021)

Source: UN Comtrade

Import of goods

bn US\$

5.871

(2021)

Source: UN Comtrade

Trade balance, goods

bn US\$

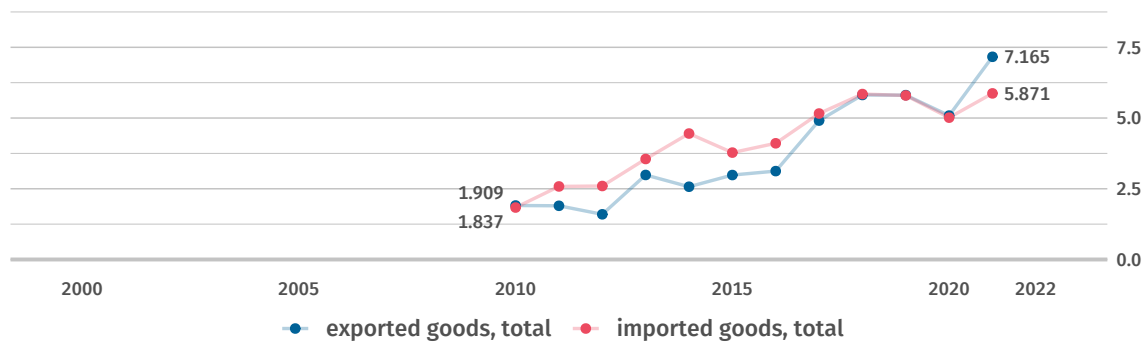
+1.293

(2021)

Source: UN Comtrade*

Export and import of goods

bn US\$



Source: UN Comtrade

Foreign trade balance

bn US\$



Source: UN Comtrade

Goods exported to Germany

mn US\$

77.8

(2021)

Source: UN Comtrade

Goods exported to Germany

% of all goods exported

1.1

(2021)

Source: UN Comtrade*

Goods imported from Germany

mn US\$

18.4

(2021)

Source: UN Comtrade

Goods imported from Germany

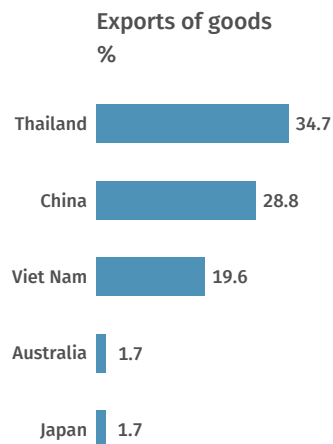
% of all goods imported

0.3

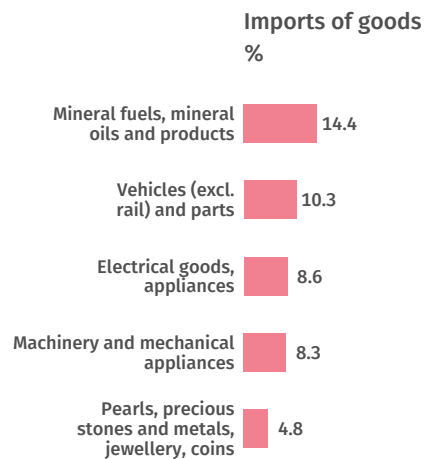
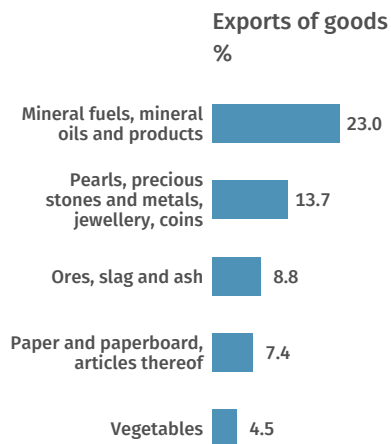
(2021)

Source: UN Comtrade*

Main trading partners 2021



Main commodities traded 2021



Source: UN Comtrade*

Classification of commodities: Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems (HS2).



Transport

Passenger cars
per 1,000 inhabitants
No data

Source: OICA*

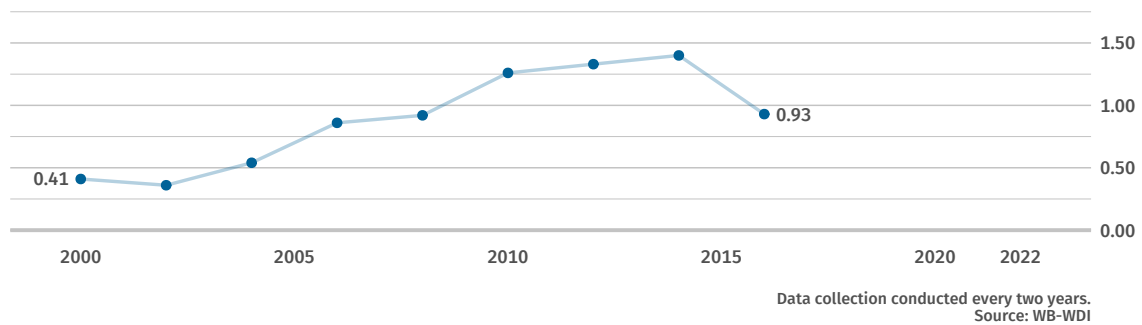
Total rail network
km per 1 mn inhabitants
No data

Source: WB-WDI*

Air transport, passengers
per 1,000 inhabitants
21
(2021)

Source: WB-WDI*

Gasoline price at the pump US\$ per litre



Environment and energy

Carbon dioxide
emissions
tonnes per capita

2.7
(2022)

Source: EDGAR

Total primary
energy supply
kg oil equivalent per capita

No data

Source: WB-WDI

Gross electricity
consumption
kWh per capita

No data

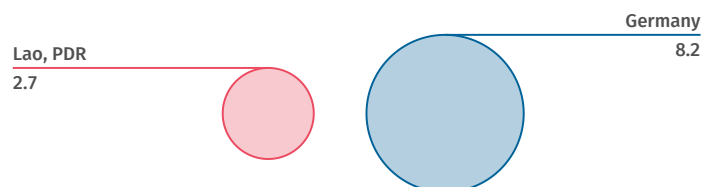
Source: WB-WDI

Renewable
energy
% of total final energy
consumption

50.0
(2021)

Source: WB-WDI

Carbon dioxide emissions in relation to Germany 2022 tonnes per capita



Source: EDGAR



Science, research, technology

Gross domestic
expenditure on R&D

% of GDP

0.0

(2002)

Source: UNESCO

Researchers

per 1 mn inhabitants

16

(2002)

Source: UNESCO

Resident patent
applications

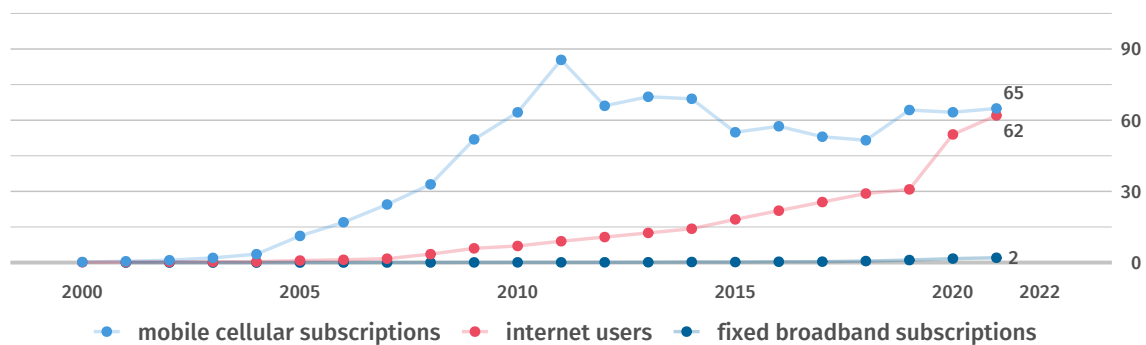
per 1 mn inhabitants

1

(2006)

Source: WIPO

Dissemination of modern communication technology per 100 inhabitants



Source: ITU



Sources

EDGAR	Emissions Database for Global Atmospheric Research, European Commission
FAO	United Nations, Food and Agricultural Organization
ILOSTAT	International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT - Database
IMF-IFS	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
IMF-WEO	International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook
ITU	United Nations, International Telecommunication Union
OICA	International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers
UN Comtrade	United Nations, Comtrade Database
UNCTAD	United Nations, Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNPOP	United Nations, Population Division
UNSD	United Nations, Statistics Division
WB-WDI	World Bank, World Development Indicators
WHO	World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization

* Own calculations based on the original data source.

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