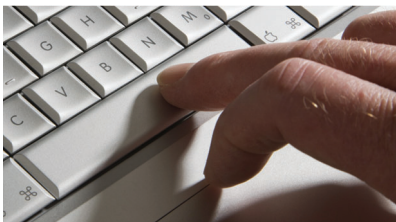


EU internet growth

An EU study shows that 56% of Europeans were regular internet users by 2008, up by a third since 2004. Half of all households and more than 80% of businesses made use of a broadband connection



INTERNET USERS (*% population using internet almost daily, 2008*)

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| 1. Denmark | 71 | 15. Slovenia | 40 |
| 2. Sweden | 69 | 16. Ireland | 39 |
| 3. Netherlands | 67 | 17. Lithuania | 38 |
| 4. Finland | 66 | 18. Malta | 36 |
| 5. Luxembourg | 65 | 19. Italy | 35 |
| 6. Britain | 53 | 20. Spain | 34 |
| 7. Belgium | 51 | 21. Poland | 32 |
| 8. Germany | 51 | 22. Czech Rep. | 30 |
| 9. Austria | 48 | 23. Portugal | 29 |
| 10. France | 47 | 24. Cyprus | 24 |
| 11. Estonia | 45 | 25. Greece | 23 |
| 12. Slovakia | 44 | 26. Bulgaria | 23 |
| 13. Hungary | 43 | 27. Romania | 15 |
| 14. Latvia | 42 | | |

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