

# Glossary: EU survey on the use of ICT in households and by individuals

Statistics Explained

The **EU survey on the use of ICT in households and by individuals** is an annual survey conducted since 2002, collecting data on the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in [households](#) and by individuals, e.g. the internet, [e-commerce](#), [e-government](#), privacy and protection of personal data, [Internet of Things \(IoT\)](#), Green ICT and [digital skills](#).

Its main characteristics:

- *statistical unit* : individuals, [households](#) ;
- *reference period* : first quarter of the [reference year](#) for most variables, 12 months prior to the survey for e-government, current situation for IoT;
- *recommended survey period* : second quarter of the reference year;
- *scope/target population* :
  - individuals: individuals aged 16 to 74 years;
  - households: households with at least one member in the age group 16 to 74 years old;

## Further information

- [Individuals' level of digital skills](#) (ESMS metadata file — isoc\_sk\_dskl\_i21)
- [ICT usage in households and by individuals](#) (ESMS metadata file — isoc\_i)
- [Digital economy and society - dedicated section](#)

## Related concepts

- [EU survey on ICT usage and e-commerce in enterprises](#)
- [e-government](#)
- [e-commerce](#)
- [digital skills](#)
- [Internet of Things \(IoT\)](#)

## Statistical data

- [Digital economy and society statistics - households and individuals](#)