

Communications Usage Trend Survey in 2002

MPHPT has compiled the Communications Usage Trend Survey as of the end of CY2002 in order to grasp the usage trends in telecommunications and broadcasting services within households (those making up households), offices (establishments) and companies (enterprises).

<Outlines of the survey>

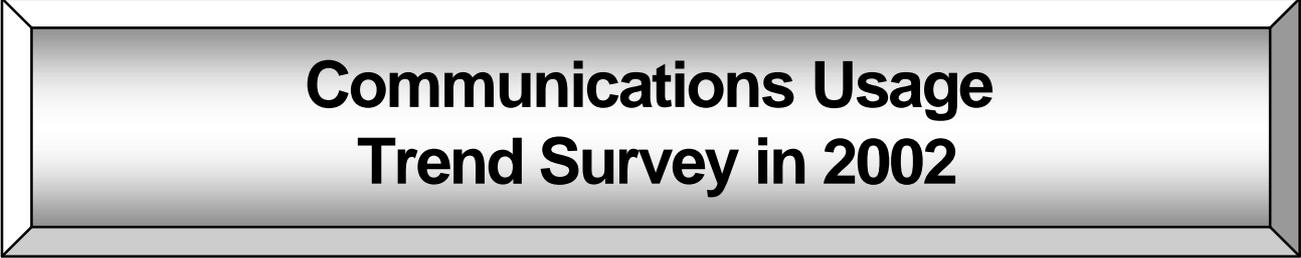
“Communications Usage Trend Survey”, which is composed with following 3 sections: “Households”, “Offices (establishments)” and “Companies (enterprises)”, has been conducted annually since 1990* as a statistics survey authorized by the MPHPT in accordance with the Statistical Report Coordination Law. In 2002, the survey conducted as indicated below:

(*The section “Companies (enterprises)”, which was conducted as the annual survey on “Corporation Networks” in 1993, 1995 and 1996 separately, has been added in 1997 as a section of “Communications Usage Trend Survey”.)

Section	Households	Offices (establishments)	Companies (Enterprises)
Survey area	Nationwide		
Survey period	December in 2002		
Purpose	The usage trends and demands of telecommunications services and broadcasting services by households, establishments and enterprises will be viewed through the survey. The findings will be considered as basic data for making future communications policy.		
Survey Subjects	Households (including single households) headed by someone aged 20 or older as of April 1, 2002	Establishments with more than 5 regular employees excluding the industries “Postal Services” and “Telecommunication” as defined in JSIC.	Enterprises with more than 100 regular employees excluding the industries “Agriculture”, “Forestry”, “Fisheries” and “Mining” as defined in JSIC.
Sample Size	6,400	5,600	3,000
Sampling Method	Random Sampling (Stratified Two-stage Sampling on city, town or village status)	Random Sampling (Systematic Sampling on regular employee size for each industry)	Random Sampling (Systematic Sampling on regular employee size for each industry)
Effective replies (Rate)	3,673 (57.4%)	3,354 (59.9%)	1,954 (66.5%)

NOTE: “JSIC” stands for “Standard Industrial Classification for Japan”

Highlights of the survey results have been released on the website “Information & Communications Statistics Database” at <http://www.johotsusintokei.soumu.go.jp/>. For your reference, followings are some of the highlights:



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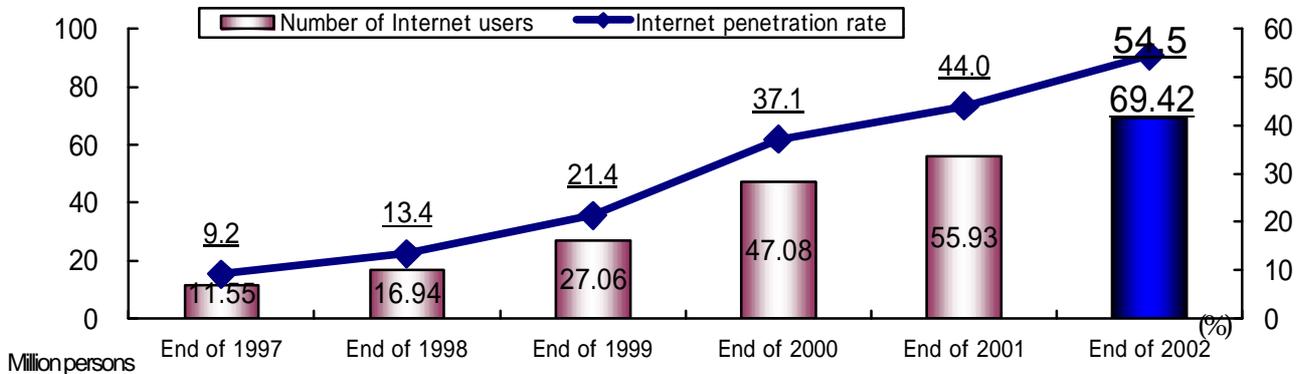


Key Survey Results

1. Internet Penetration

Number of Internet Users and Penetration Rate at the end of 2002

The number of Internet users increased by 13.49 million compared to 2001, reaching 69.42 million persons. The penetration rate is 54.5% (a 10.5 point year-on-year increase), surpassing 50% for the first time. More than one of every two people use the Internet.

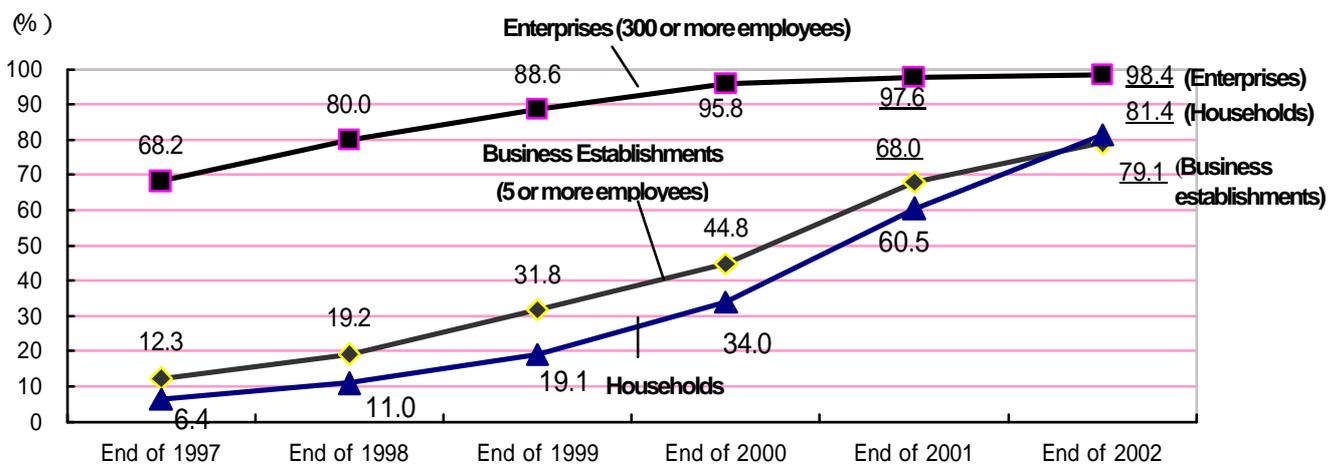


Notes

1. The number of Internet users includes persons six years old or older who use one or more PCs, mobile information terminals such as cell phones and PDAs, game devices, or television devices to access the Internet.
2. The domestic Internet penetration rate as of the end of 2002 (54.5%) was calculated based on the estimate from this survey of 69.42 million Internet users and the total population as of the end of 2002 of 127.38 million persons from the "Projected future population and proportion by age group, 2000-2050: Medium variant" by the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research.
3. The figures for 1997 to 2000 from the "2001 White Paper on Information and Communications in Japan" (Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications). The figures for 2001 are estimates from the 2001 Survey of Trends in Communications Usage.
4. Estimated figures for 2000 and earlier are not capable of direct comparisons because of increases in usage among senior citizens and elementary school students and expansion of the subject age groups (up to 1999, the subject age group was 15 to 69; in 2000 it was 15 to 79, and in 2001 it was 6 and older).

Internet Penetration Rates of Households, Business Establishments, and Enterprises

Internet penetration rates of households and business establishments increased rapidly to 81.4% (up 20.9 points from the previous year) and 79.1% (up 11.1 points), respectively. The enterprise penetration rate also increased to 98.4% (up 0.8 points).

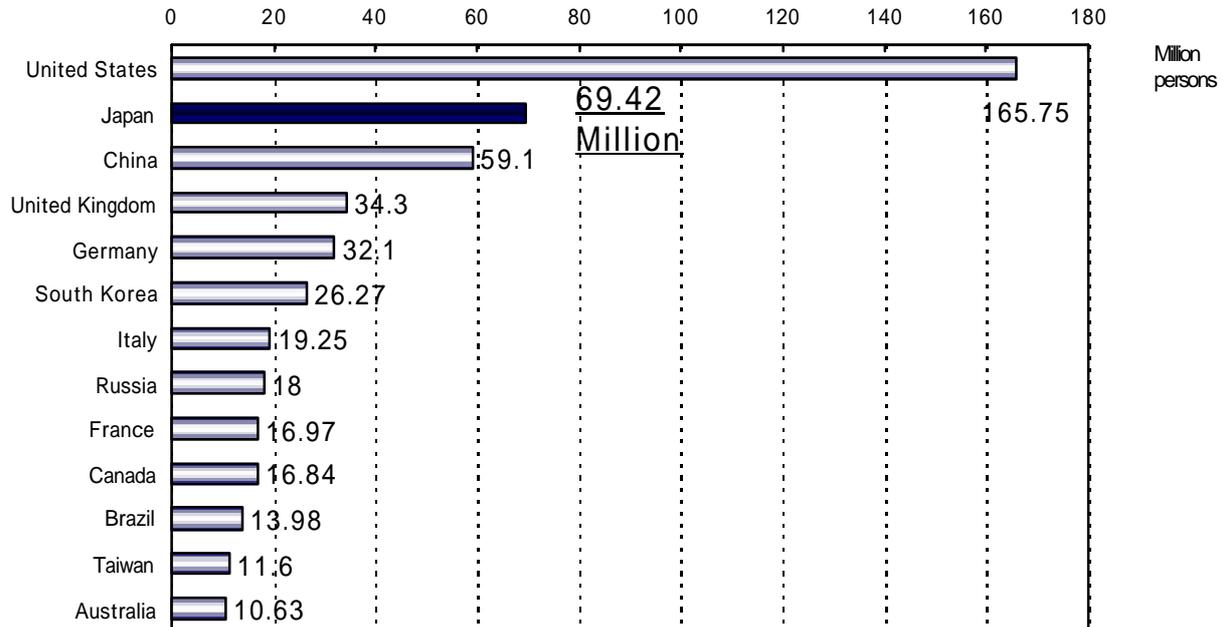


Note: The "household penetration rate" is the percentage of households where a household member uses a PC, cell phone, or other device to access the Internet for personal use from "home or other location."

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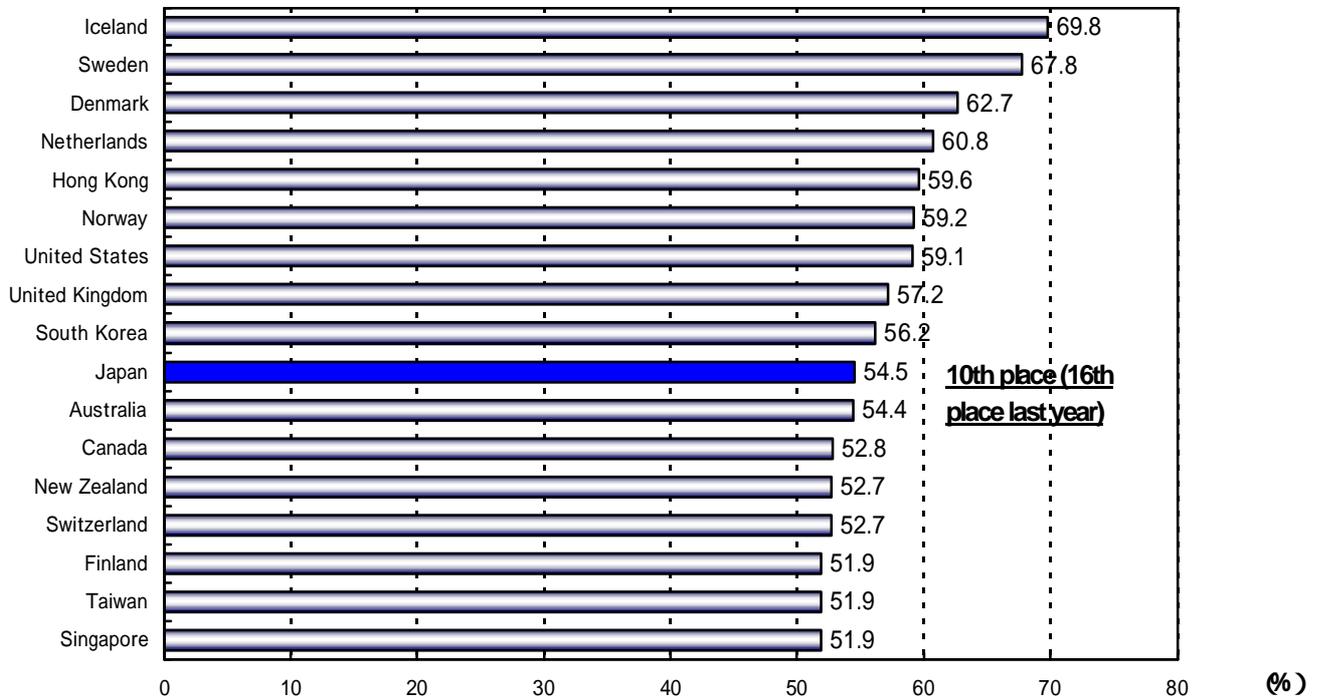
Countries and Territories with More than 10 million Internet Users

Japan is second only to the United States in the number of Internet users.



Countries and Territories with Internet Penetration Rates Higher than 50%

Japan's rank in Internet penetration rate is 10th, a substantial move up from 16th place last year.



Notes: The figures for Japan are from the results of the 2002 Survey of Trends in Communications Usage (as of the end of 2002). Figures for South Korea are publicly announced figures from the Ministry of Information and Communication, Republic of Korea and figures for China are from the China Internet Network Information Center (both as of the end of 2002). Figures for other countries were taken from public records of NUA surveys (NUA data is compiled from information released by survey and other organizations in each country and is published on the NUA Web site. Survey methods and timing may differ from country to country, so the figures are for comparison purposes only).

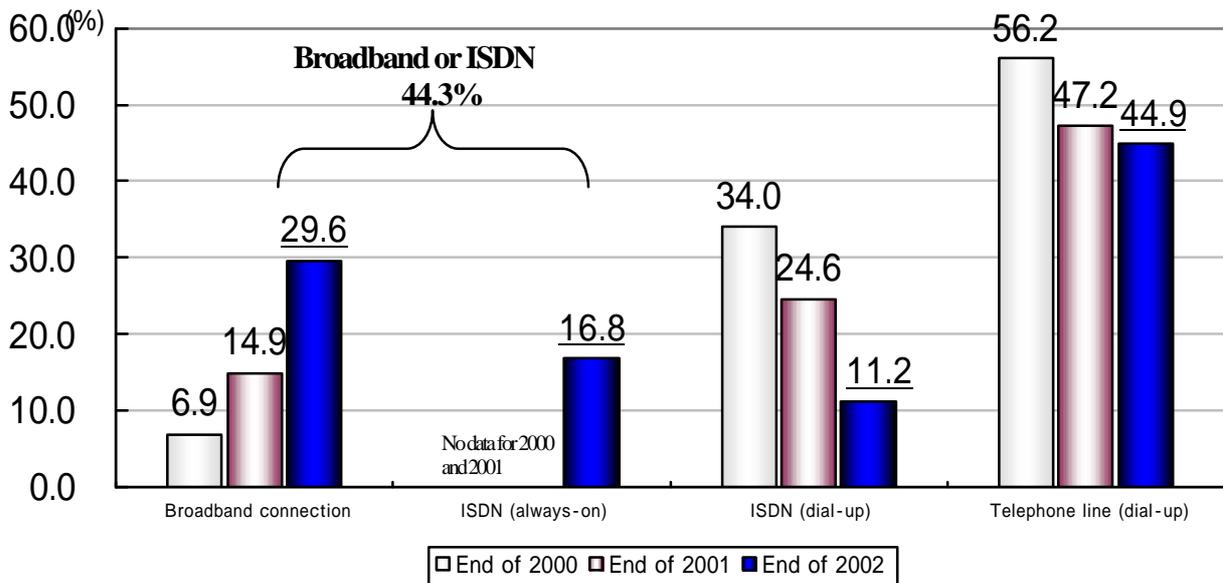
2. Broadband Penetration Rates Among Households and Individuals

Internet Connection Methods from PCs in Households

Broadband connections increased by 14.7 points from last year to reach 29.6%. Telephone lines (dial-up) were down 2.3 points to 44.9%.

Always-on connections (broadband and ISDN) are used in 44.3%, or just less than half, of all households.

Changes in Household Internet Connection Methods (among houses with a PC used to connect to the Internet) (multiple responses possible)



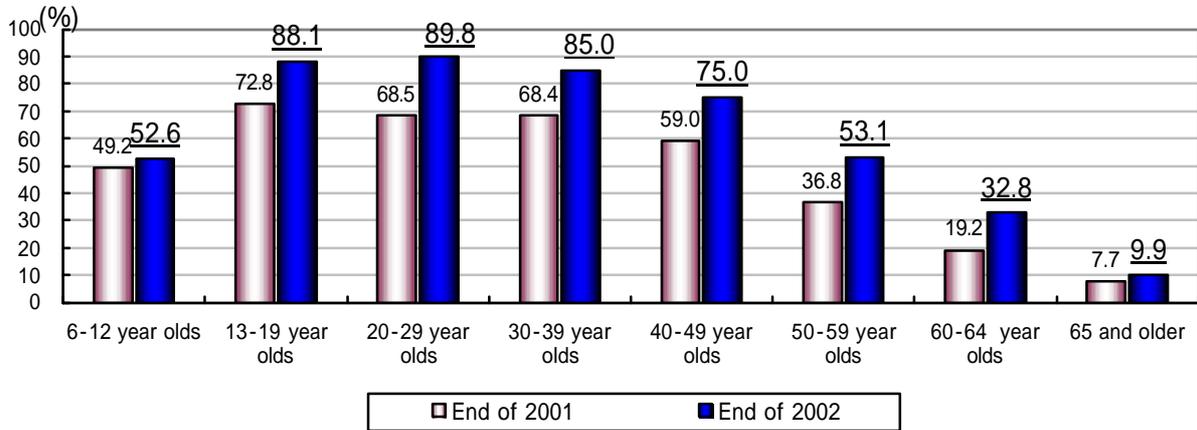
Notes: Broadband lines include DSL, cable Internet, wireless (fixed wireless access (FWA), etc.), and FTTH (fiber to the home) (FTTH has been included in the survey since 2001), ISDN (always-on) since 2002.

3. The Personal Digital Divide

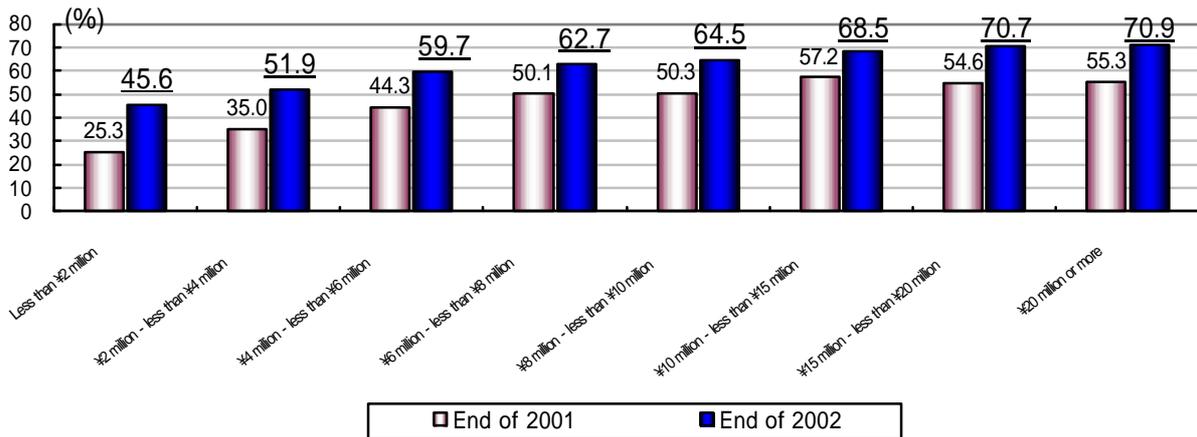
Internet Usage Rates by Personal Attributes

Usage rates increased for every attribute compared to last year (the increases were particularly large among persons in their 20s, persons with annual income of less than 2 million yen, and persons living in small towns). Nonetheless, the digital divide is still present.

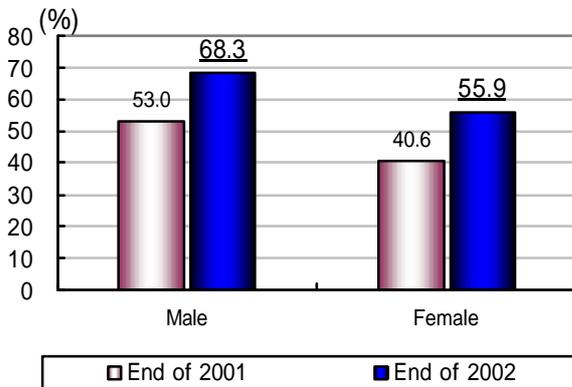
Internet Usage Rates by Age



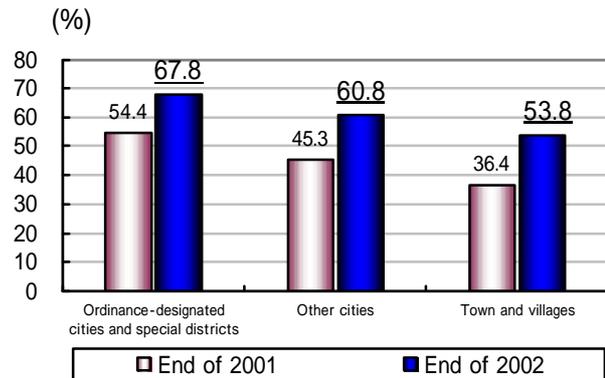
Internet Usage Rates by Annual Income



Internet Usage Rates by Gender



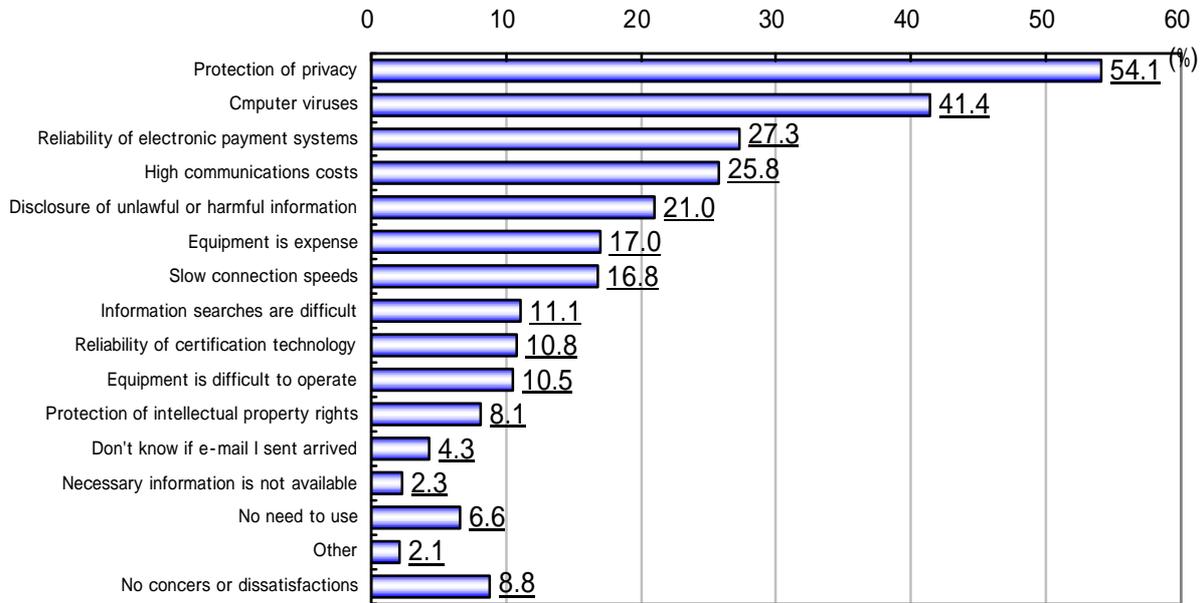
Internet Usage Rates by Size of Municipality



4. Concerns, Dissatisfaction, and Harm Among Individual Internet Users

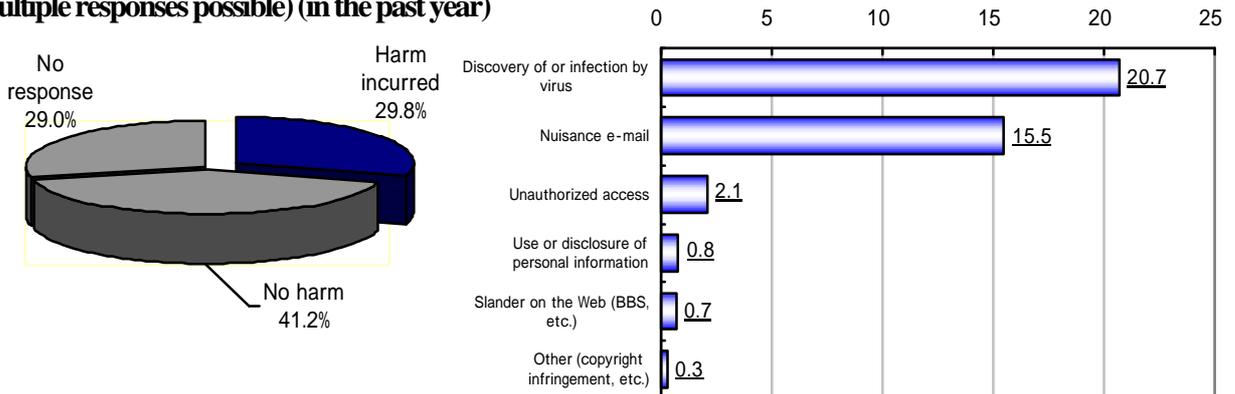
The most common concerns and areas of dissatisfaction by Internet users when using the Internet are “protection of privacy” (54.1%) and “infection by computer viruses (41.4%). Only 8.8% of users have no concerns or areas of dissatisfaction, and most Internet users use the Internet with some concerns and areas of dissatisfaction.

Concerns and Areas of Dissatisfaction When Using the Internet (multiple responses possible)



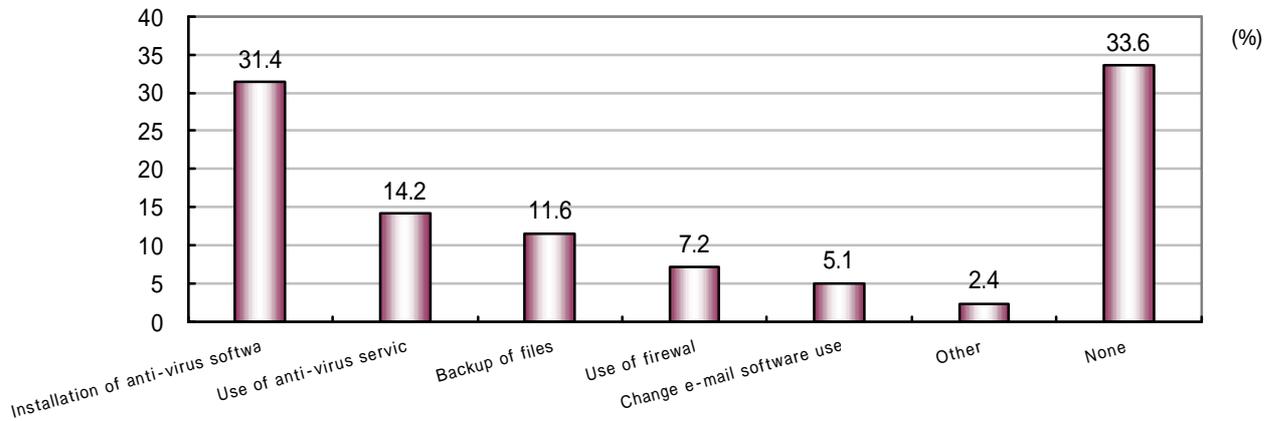
Of users who access the Internet from a PC, 29.8% have incurred some harm from nuisance e-mail, viruses, etc. (1) Of the harm incurred, “discovery of or infection by a virus” was the most common at 20.7% followed by “nuisance e-mail” at 15.5%. The percentage whose PCs were actually infected by a virus is 10.4%.

Percentage of Users who Incurred Harm from Internet Usage and Breakdown of the Types of Harm (multiple responses possible) (in the past year)



Security Countermeasures by Internet Users
Among all Internet users, 33.6% take “no measures.”
The most common countermeasure is “installation of anti-virus software” at 31.4%.

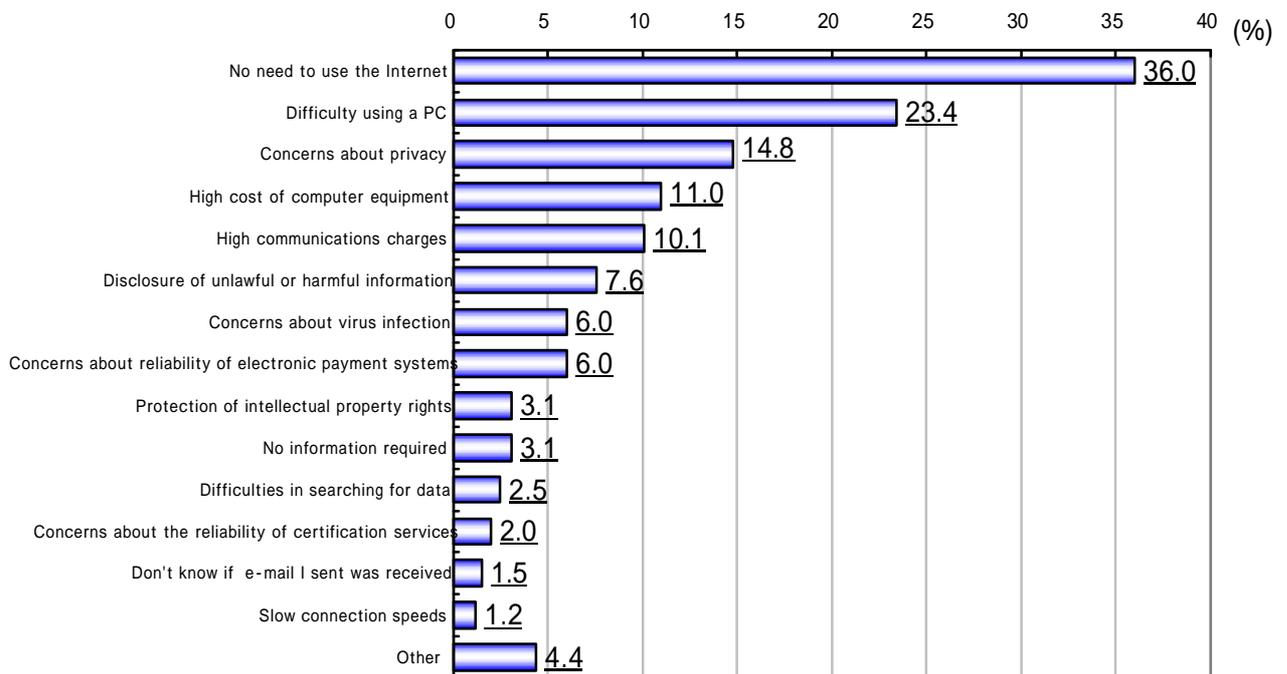
Virus and Unauthorized Access Countermeasures Taken by Internet Users (multiple responses possible)



5. Barriers to Internet Use among Non-Users

The most common response non-users gave for not using the Internet is “no need” at 36.0%, followed by “difficulty using a PC” at 23.4% and “concerns about protecting privacy” at 14.8%.

Barriers to Internet Use among Non-Users (multiple responses possible)



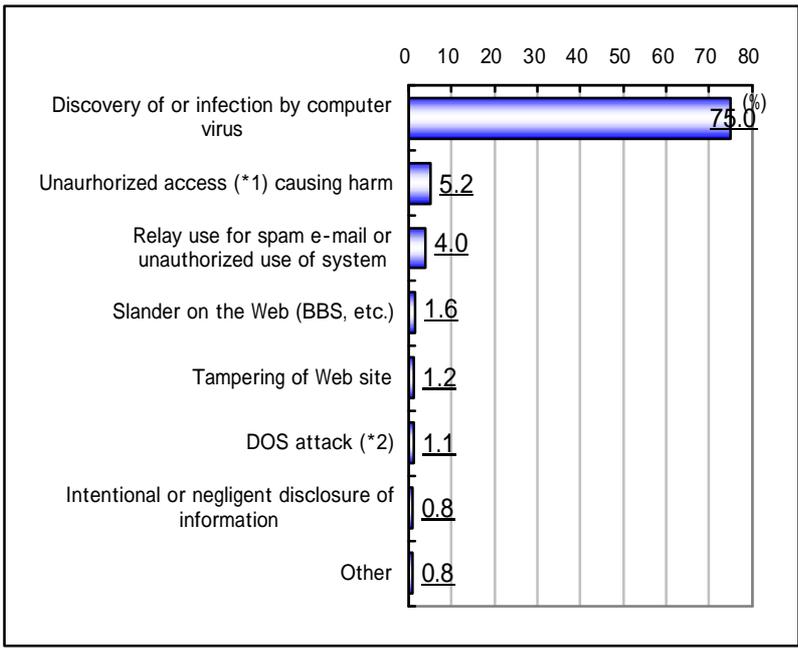
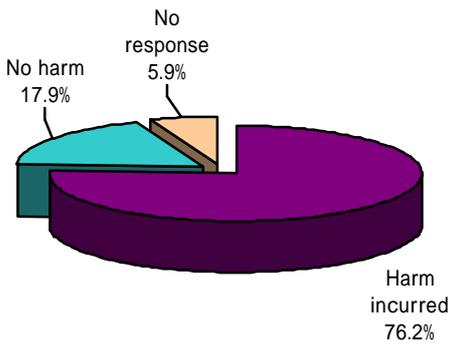
6. Harm to Corporate Information and Communications Systems and Countermeasures

Harm to corporate information and communications networks (Internet, corporate communications networks, etc.)

The percentage of companies reporting harm incurred rose to 76.2%.

The most common type of harm was ‘discovery or of infection by computer virus’ at 75.0%, while 43.5% of companies reported that they were actually infected by a virus.

Percentage of corporate information and communications networks incurring harm and types of harm (multiple responses possible) (in the past year)



*1. Unauthorized entry to a corporate or other computer system to cause problems to the system or engage in unauthorized use.

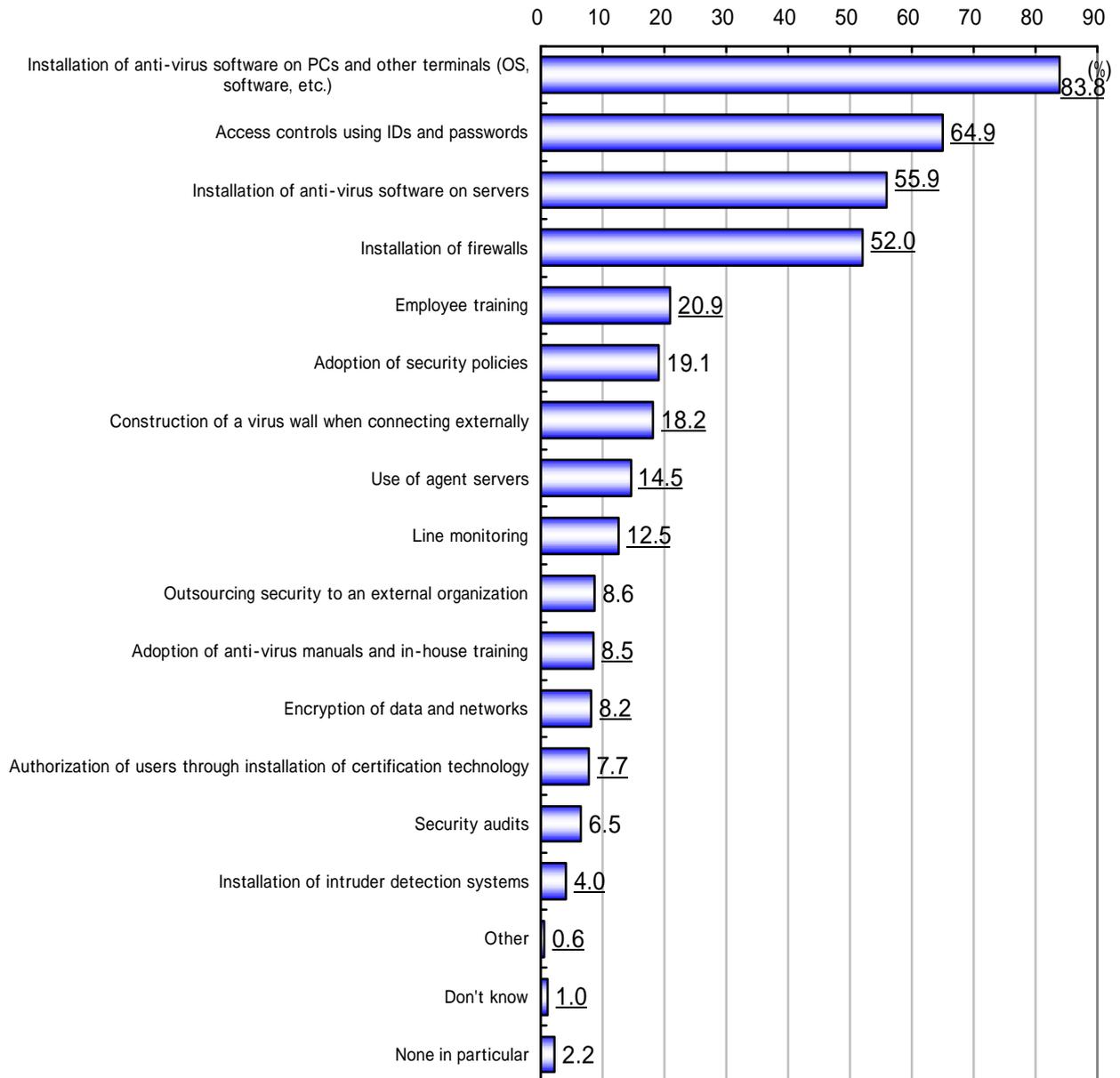
*2. An attack intended to interfere with the provision of services by, for example, sending large volume of e-mail to a mail server to cause the system to go down.

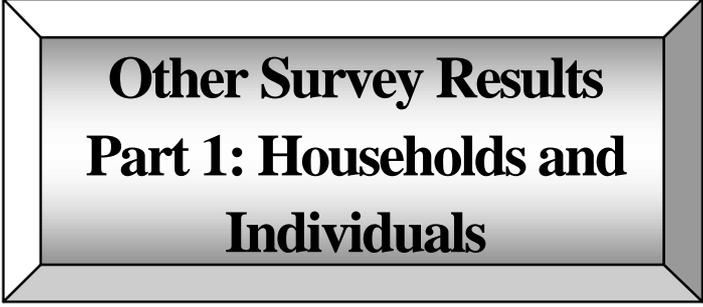
Corporate Security Measures

The most common response was “installation of anti-virus software on PCs” at 83.8%.

Only 2.2% of companies indicated that they take no measures; thus, almost all companies implement some type of security measures.

Corporate Information and Communications Network Security Measures (multiple responses possible)



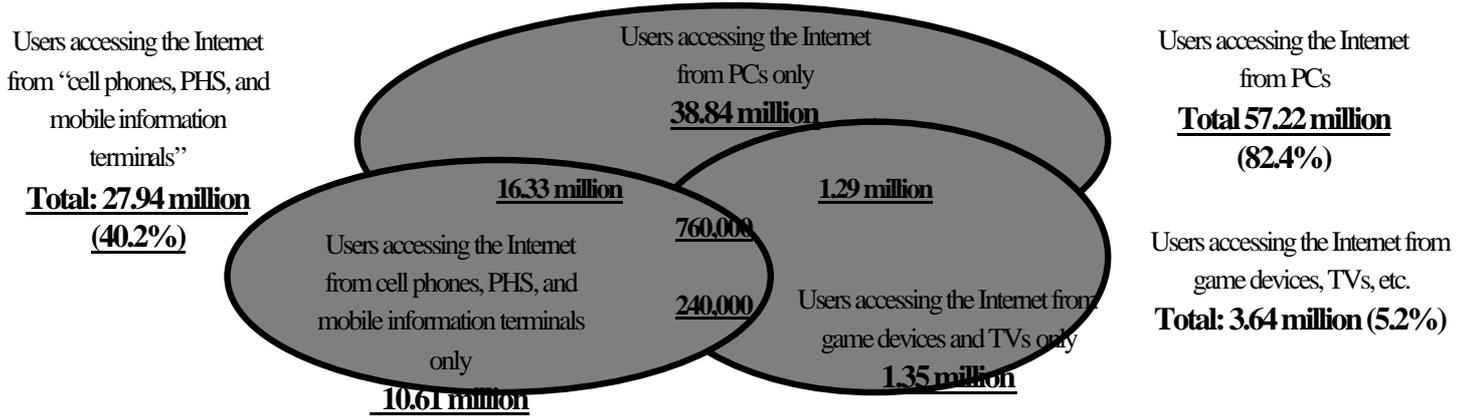


Other Survey Results
Part 1: Households and
Individuals

1. Internet Penetration Rates

Breakdown of Terminals Used by Individuals for Access to the Internet

“PC” is the most common type of terminal, used by 57.22 million people (82.4% of Internet users use PCs). Access from “cell phones, PHS (personal handyphone system), and mobile information terminals” is used by 27.94 million people.

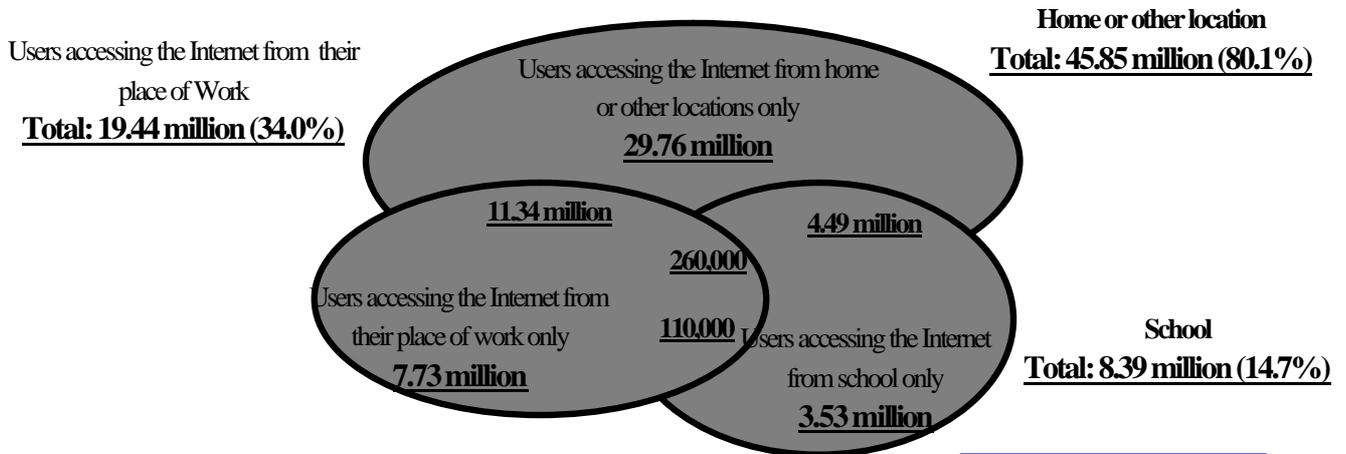


Note: Figures in parentheses indicate the percentage among all Internet users aged six years and older and do not add up to 100%. The numbers of users have been rounded off, which may result in discrepancies in the total.

Total: 69.42 million

Breakdown of locations where users access the Internet from PCs

“Home or other location” accounted for the greatest number of users at 45.85 million persons.



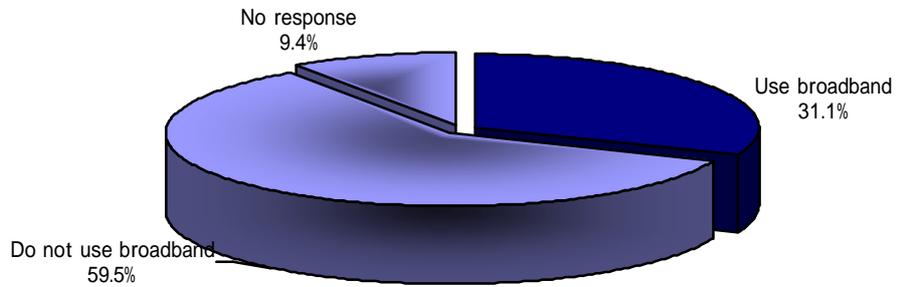
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Use of Broadband Connections by Individuals

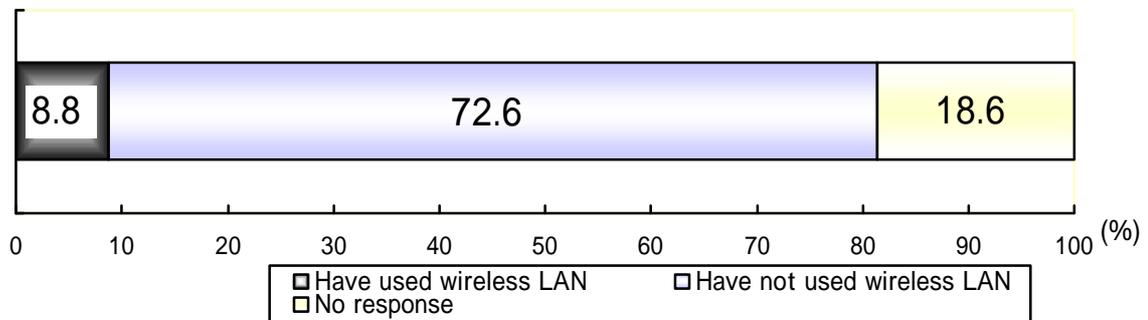
Of users who access the Internet from “home” using a “PC,” 31.1% use a broadband connection.

Use of Broadband Connections by Individuals (among users who access the Internet from “home” using a “PC”)



Use of Wireless LAN Services in Public Places (“hot spots”) by Individuals

Wireless LAN services in public places are used by 8.8% of Internet users.

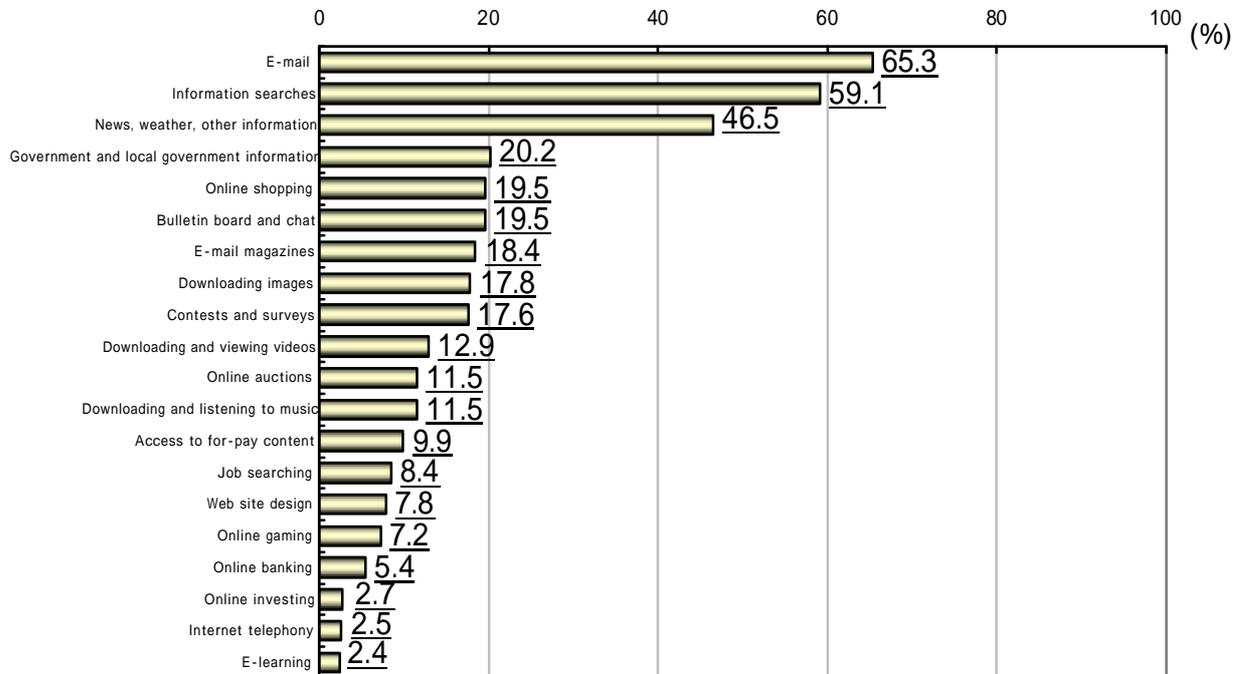


2. Internet Usage by Individuals

Breakdown of Internet Usage from PCs

‘E-mail is the most common use at 65.3%, followed by ‘information searching’ at 59.1%.

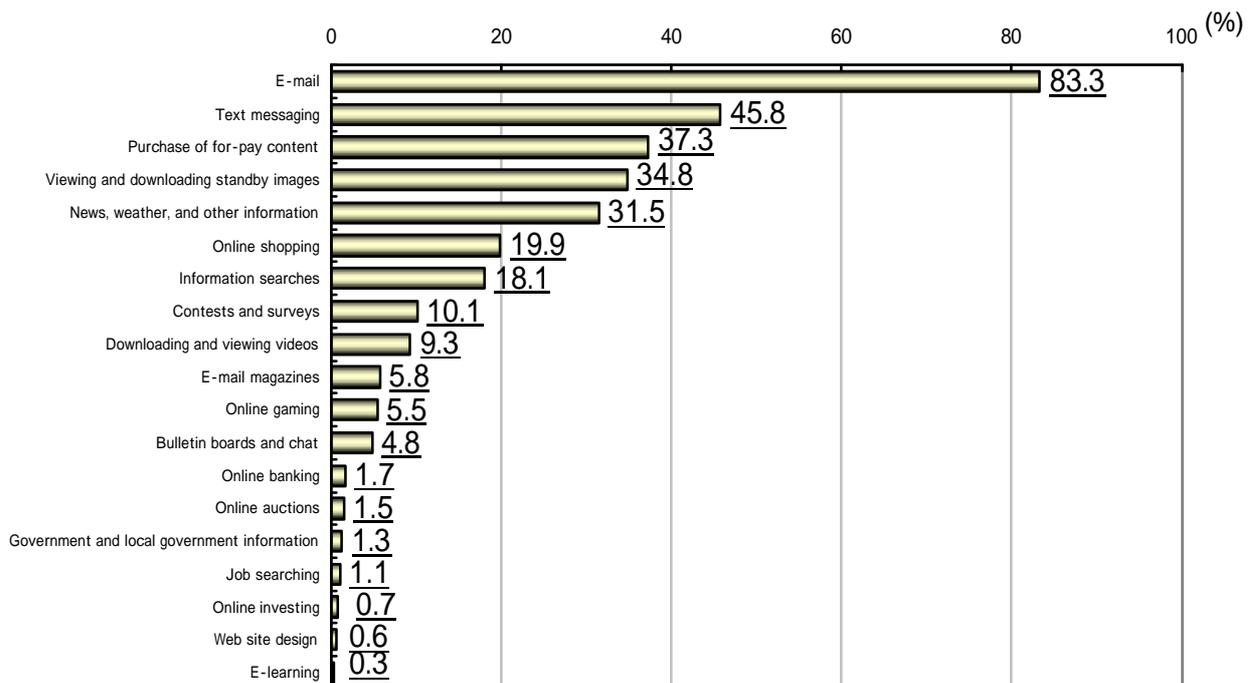
Breakdown of Internet Usage from PCs (multiple responses possible)



Breakdown of Internet Usage from Cell Phones

‘E-mail’ was the most common response at 83.3%, followed by ‘text messaging’ at 45.8%.

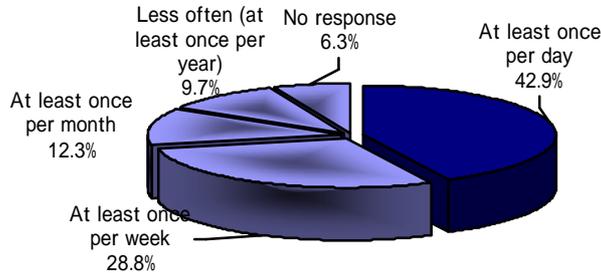
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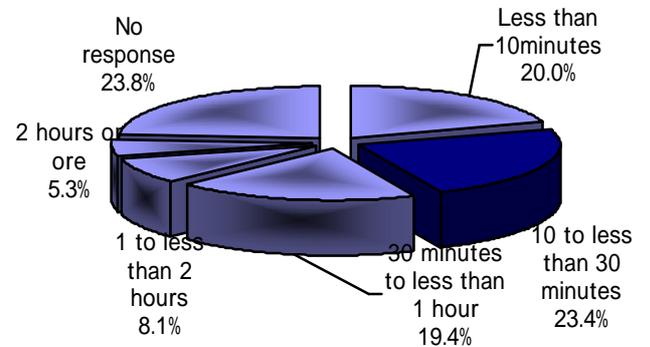
Frequency and Duration of Internet Use by Individuals

Among Internet users, the greatest number (42.9%) access the Internet at least once per day. The most common duration of use is 10 minutes to less than 30 minutes (23.4%)

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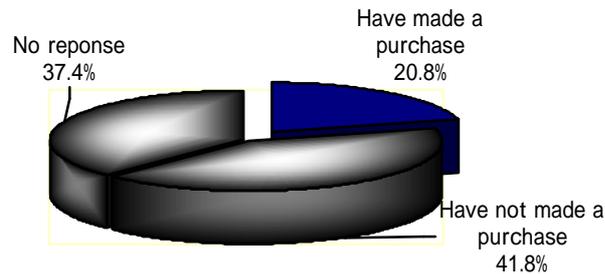
Duration of Internet Use (per use)



Online Shopping by Individuals

Of all Internet users, 20.8% use online shopping.

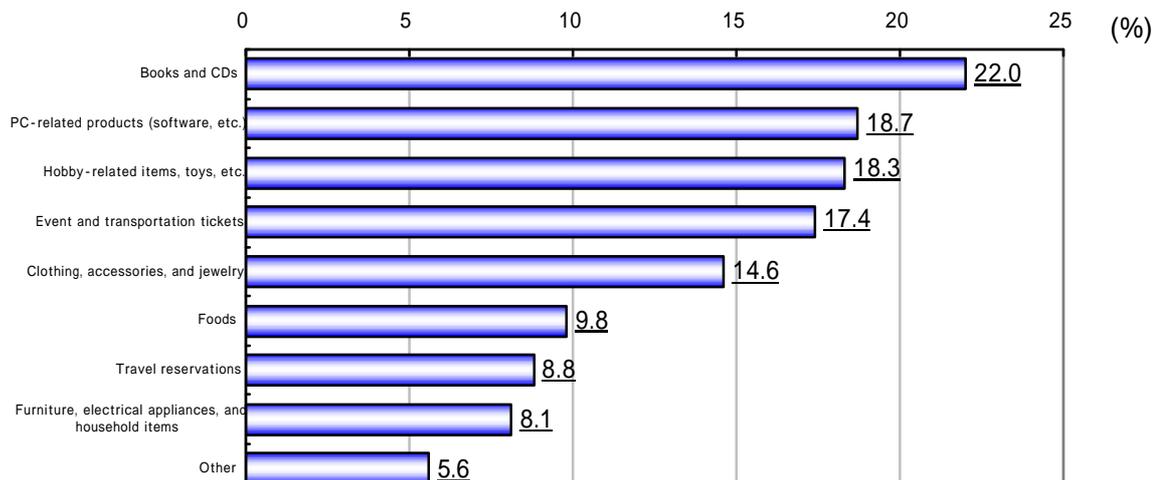
Use of Online Shopping (in the past year)



Breakdown of Online Shopping Purchases by Individuals

The most common response was "books and CDs" at 22.0%.

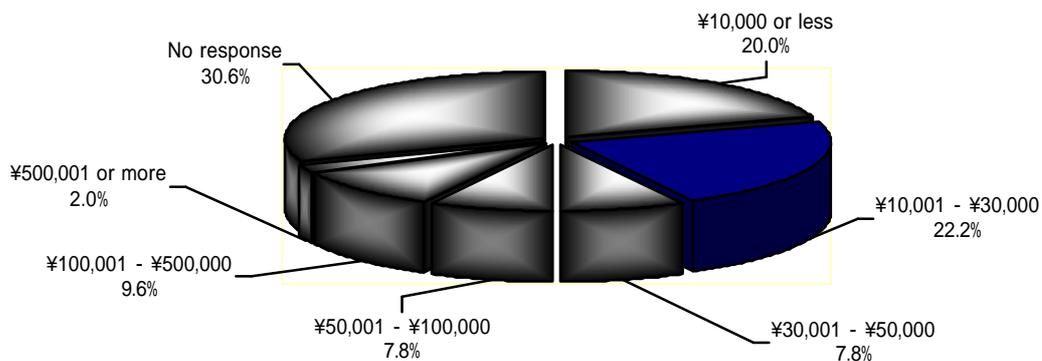
Breakdown of Online Shopping Purchases (multiple responses possible)



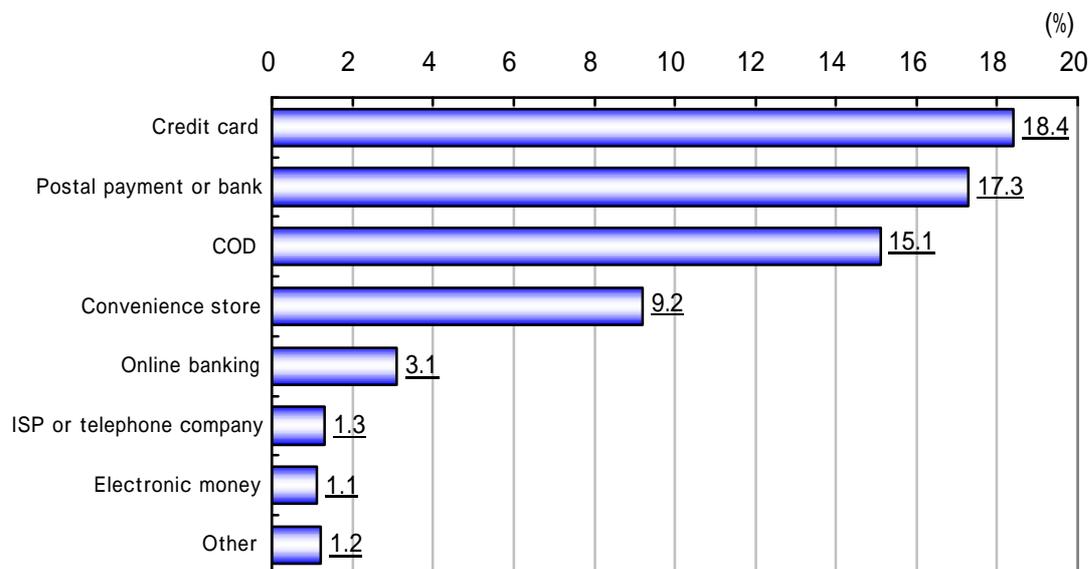
Online Shopping Purchase Amounts and Payment Methods Used by Individuals

The most common online shopping purchase amount (annually) was “more than ¥10,000 to ¥30,000” at 22.2%. The most frequently-used payment method was “credit card” at 18.4%.

Online Shopping Purchase Amounts



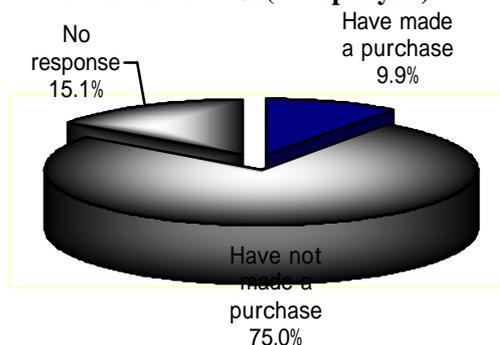
Payment Methods Used for Online Shopping (multiple responses possible)



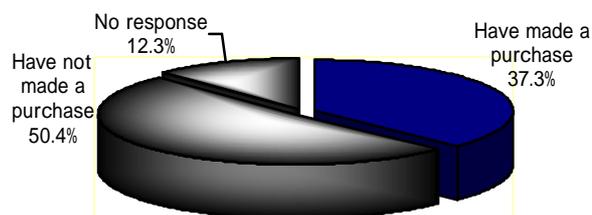
3. Purchase of For-Pay Content by Individuals

Among users who access the Internet from PCs, 9.9% have purchased for-pay content. The most common type of content purchased is “software” at 30.0% of purchasers, followed by “music and videos” at 22.7%. Among users who access the Internet from cell phones, 37.3% have purchased for-pay content, and the most common content purchased is “games” at 81.2% followed by “text messaging” at 50.8%.

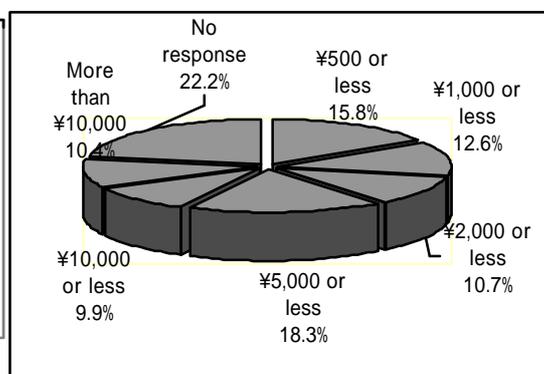
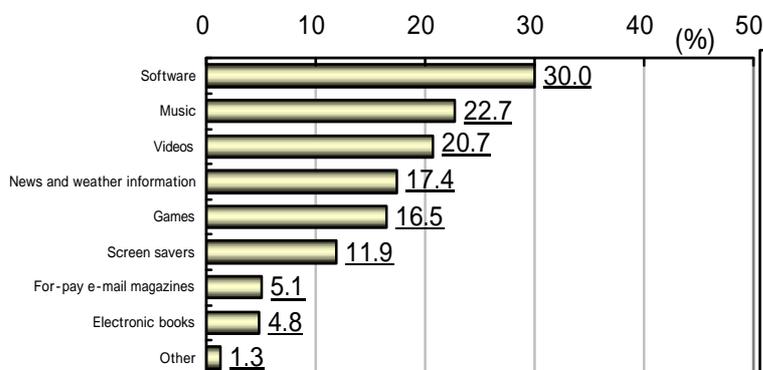
Purchase of For-Pay Content by Internet Users who Access the Internet from PCs (in the past year)



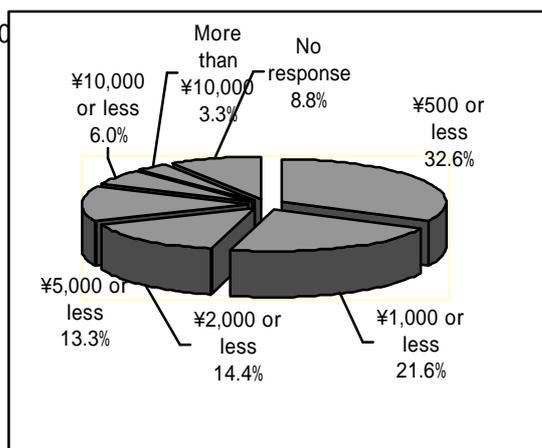
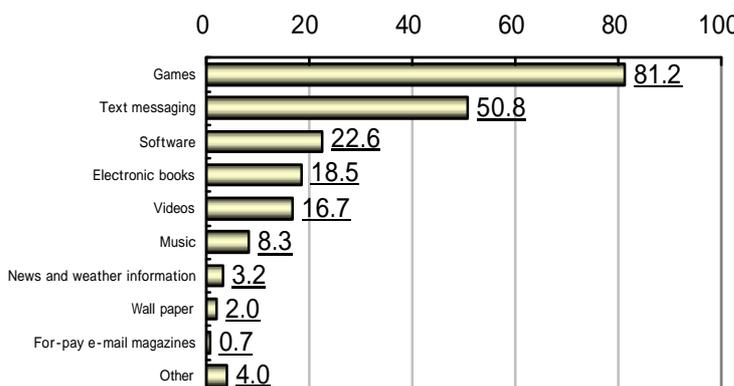
Purchase of For-Pay Content by Internet Users who Access the Internet from Cell Phones (in the past year)



Breakdown of Content Purchased (multiple responses possible) and Purchase Amounts (total in the past year) by Users who Access the Internet from PCs



Breakdown of For-Pay Content Purchased (multiple responses possible) and Purchase Amounts (total in the past year) by Users who Access the Internet from Cell Phones

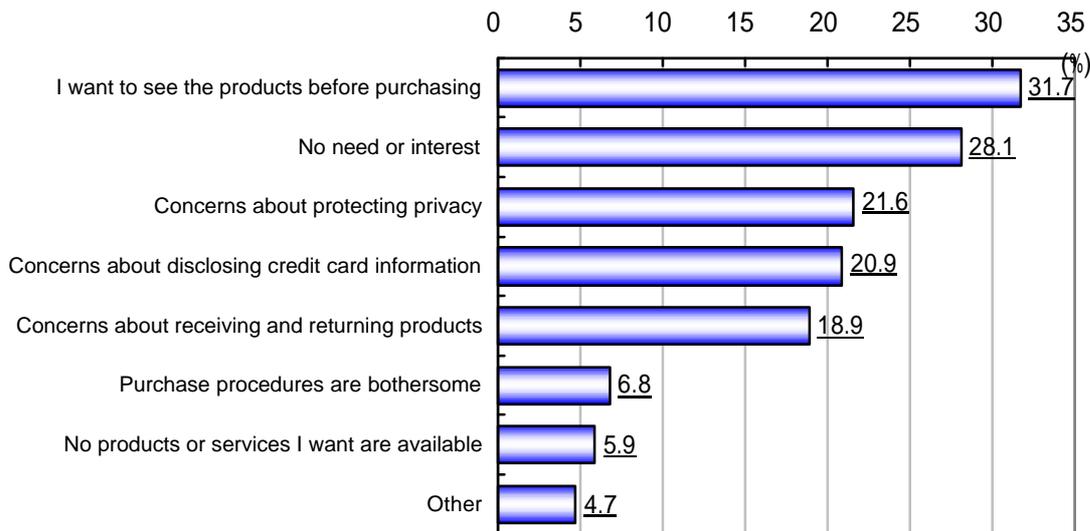


4. Concerns, Areas of Dissatisfaction, and Harm Incurred by Individuals

Reasons why Individuals Do Not Use Online Shopping

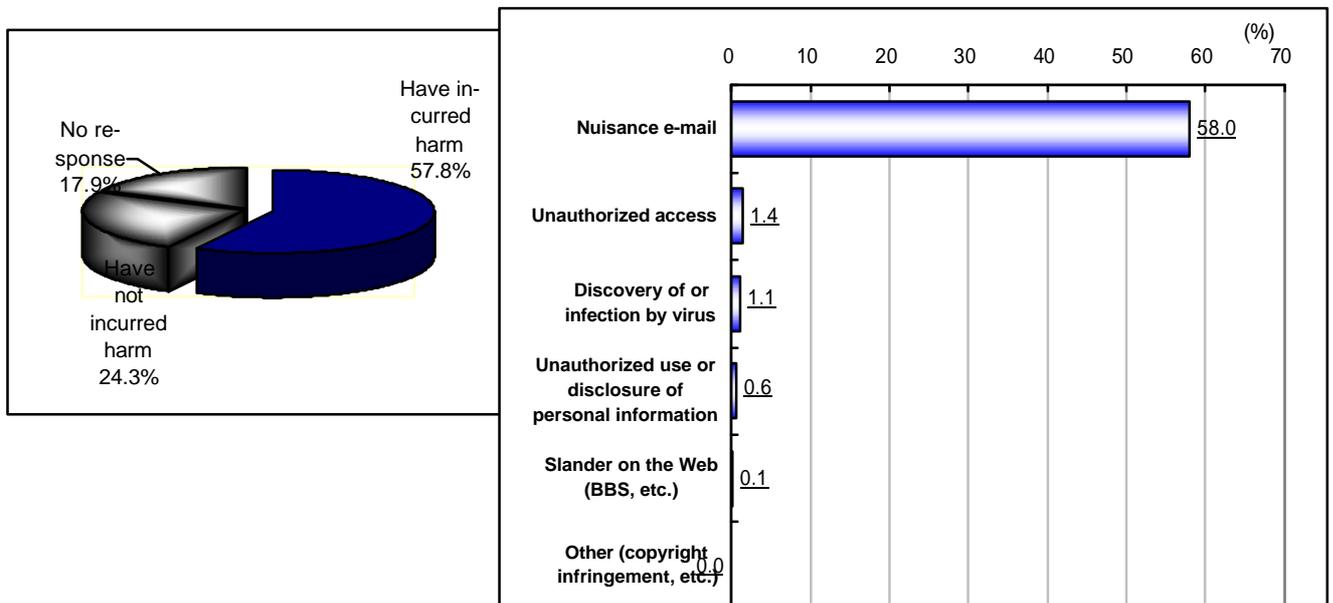
The most common reason why individuals do not use online shopping is that they “want to see the products before purchasing” at 31.7% followed by “no need or interest” at 28.1%.

Reasons for Not Using Online Shopping by Internet Users (multiple responses possible)



Among users who access the Internet from cell phones, 57.8% have incurred some type of harm such as nuisance e-mail or viruses. The most common type of harm is nuisance e-mail at 58.0%.

Users who have Incurred Harm from Internet Access from a Cell Phone and Types of Harm Incurred (in the past year) (multiple responses possible)

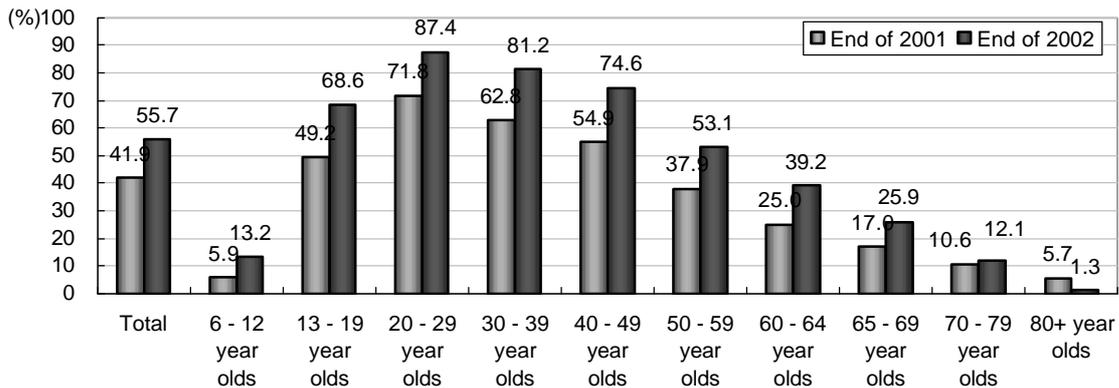


5. Use of Information and Communications Devices by Individuals

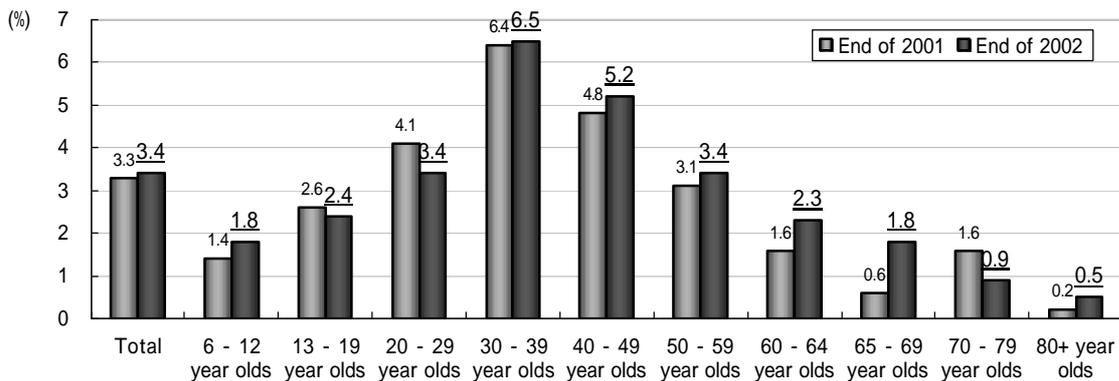
Use of Information and Telecommunications Devices by Individuals Broken Down by Age

Use of cell phones and PCs increased in all age groups from last year. The digital divide, however, is still present.

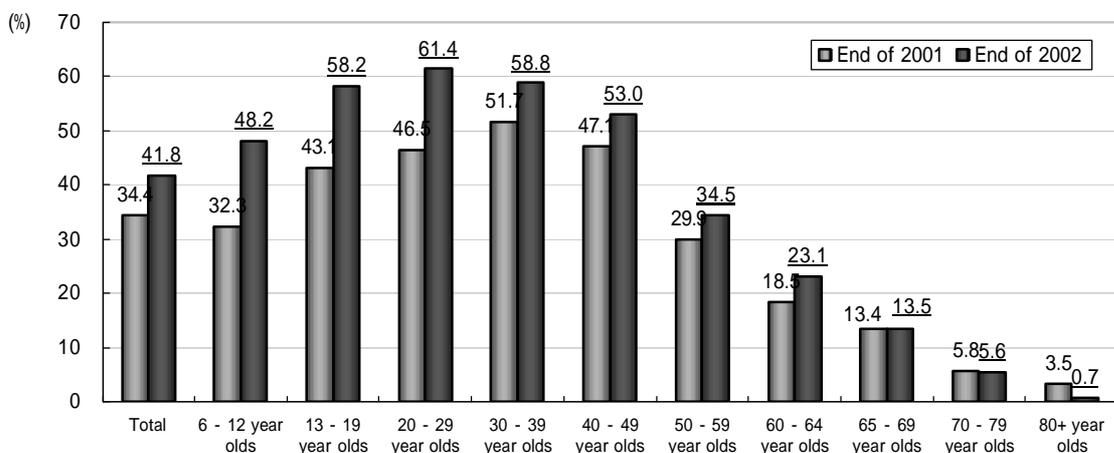
(1) Use of Cell Phones by Individuals



(2) Use of PHS by Individuals

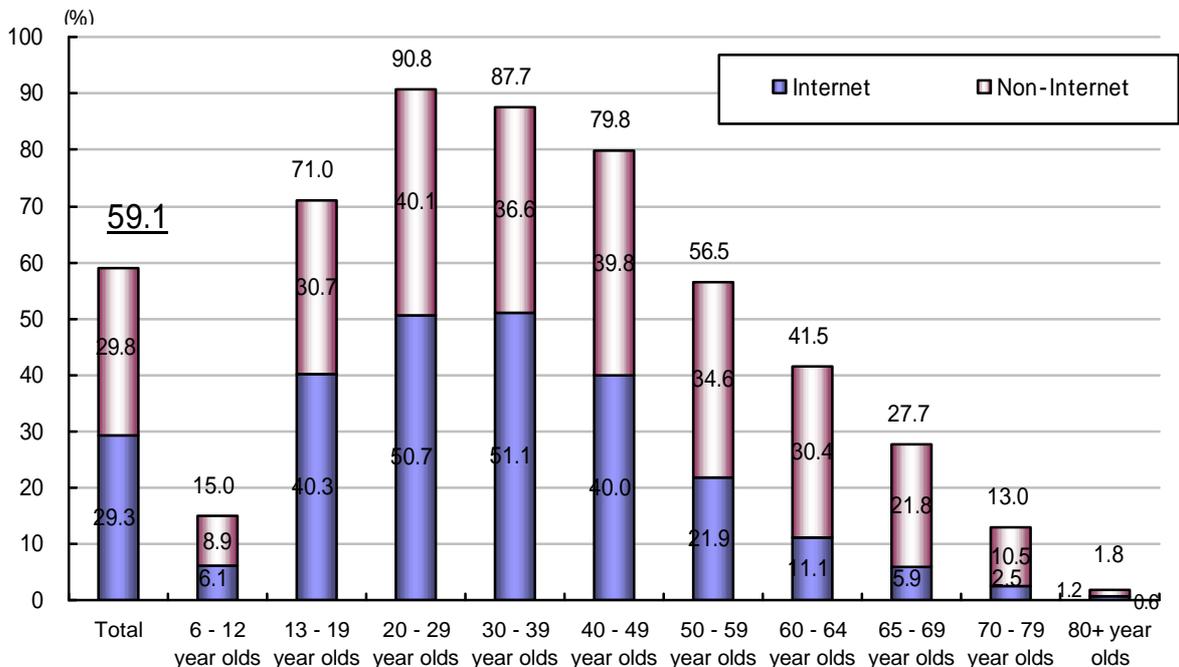


(3) Use of PCs by Individuals



Use of Cell phones and PHS by Individuals (percentage of Internet use from cell phones and PHS)

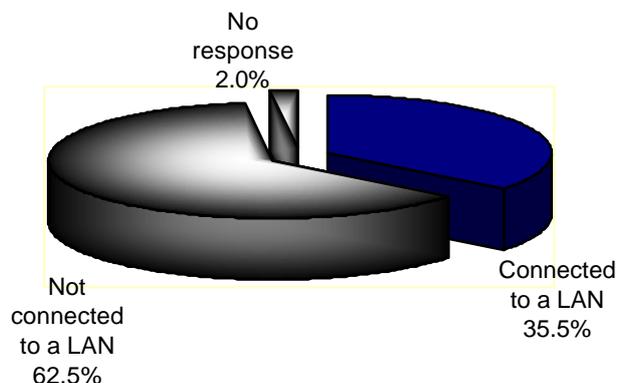
The rate of cell phone and PHS use is 59.1%. Of these users, 49.6% have Internet-compatible devices. In the 13 to 49 year old age groups, use of Internet-compatible devices exceeds use of non-Internet compatible devices, but in the 50 year old and older age groups, the use of non-Internet compatible devices is higher.



6. Ownership of Information and Communications Devices and Use of Broadcasting Services by Households

Use of Household LANs

Among households with two or more PCs (25.7% of all households), 35.5% use a household LAN.

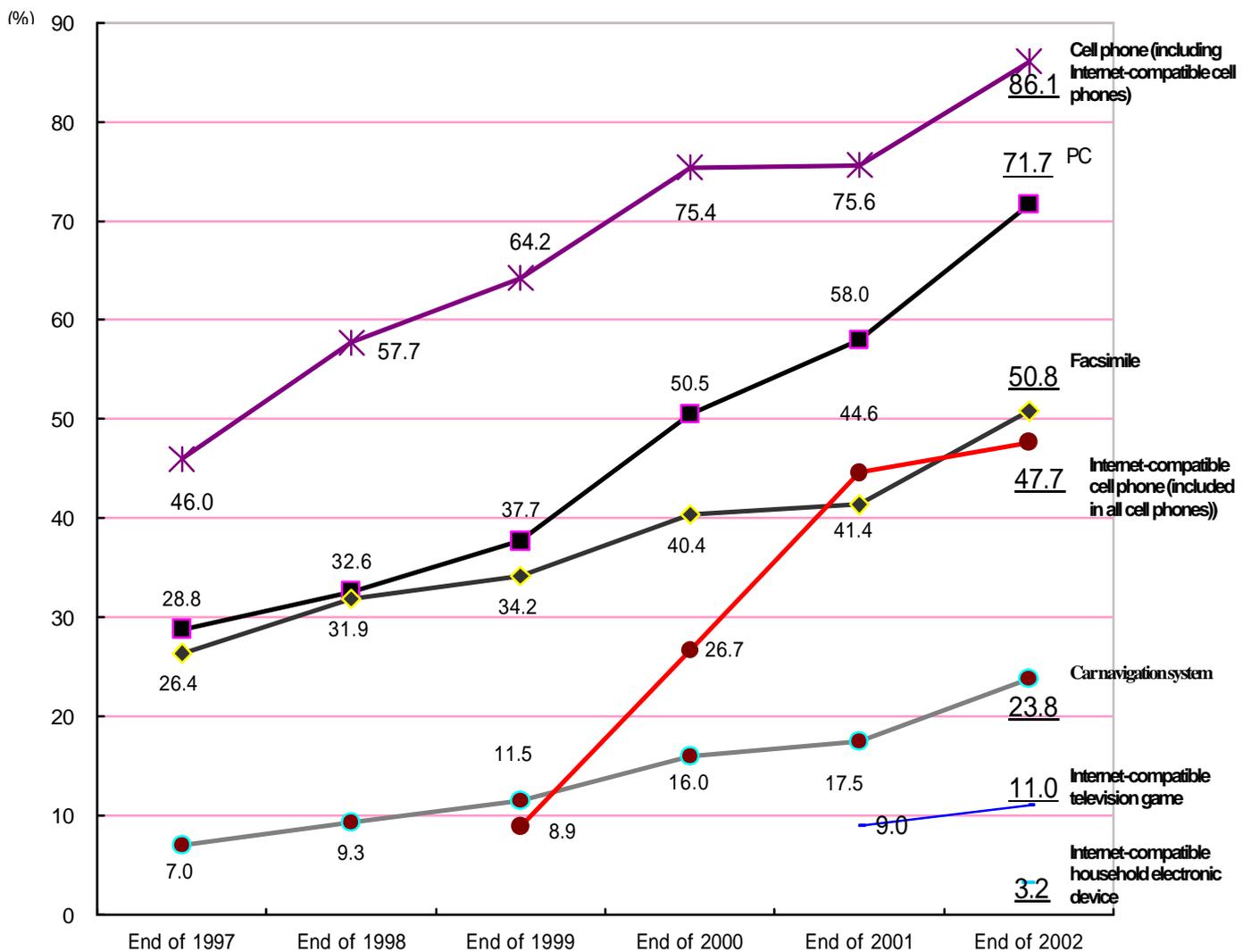


Ownership of Information and Communications Devices by Households

Ownership of cell phones by households increased by 10.5 points from the previous year to 86.1%.

Of those households with cell phones, 47.7% have Internet-compatible phones, an increase of 3.1 points. Also, PC ownership increased by 13.7 points from the previous year to 71.7%. Thus, the use of information technology and devices by households is increasing steadily.

The rate of ownership of household electronic devices that can connect to the Internet is 3.2%.

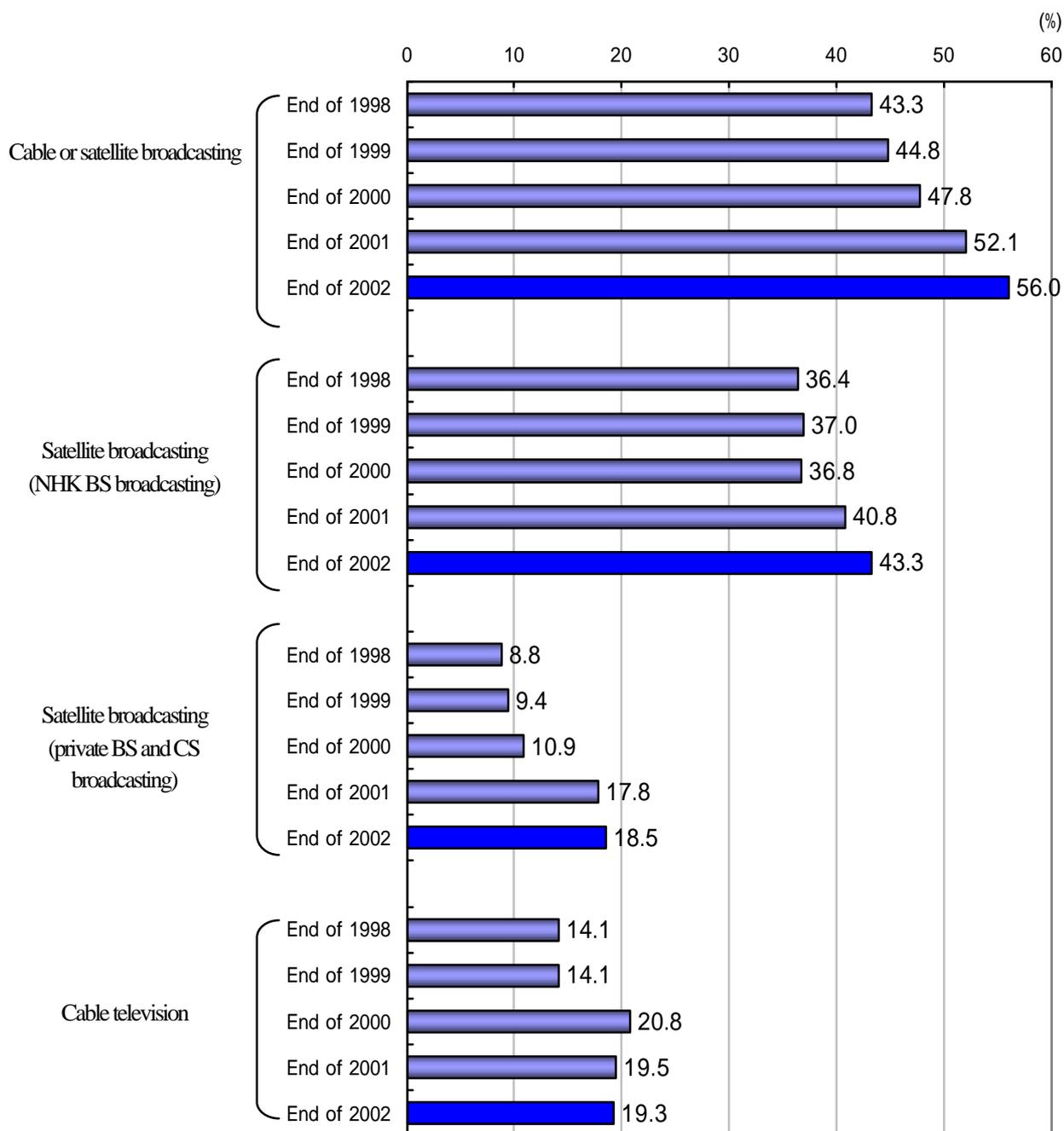


Note: Internet-compatible cell phones have been included in the survey since 1999, Internet-compatible televisions games since 2001, and Internet-compatible household electronic devices since 2002.

Use of Broadcasting Services by Households

Households that use cable television or satellite broadcasting increased by 3.9 points from the previous year, reaching 56.0%.

The percentage of households that use broadcast satellite (BS) digital broadcasting is 11.7%.





Other Survey Results
Part 2: Enterprises

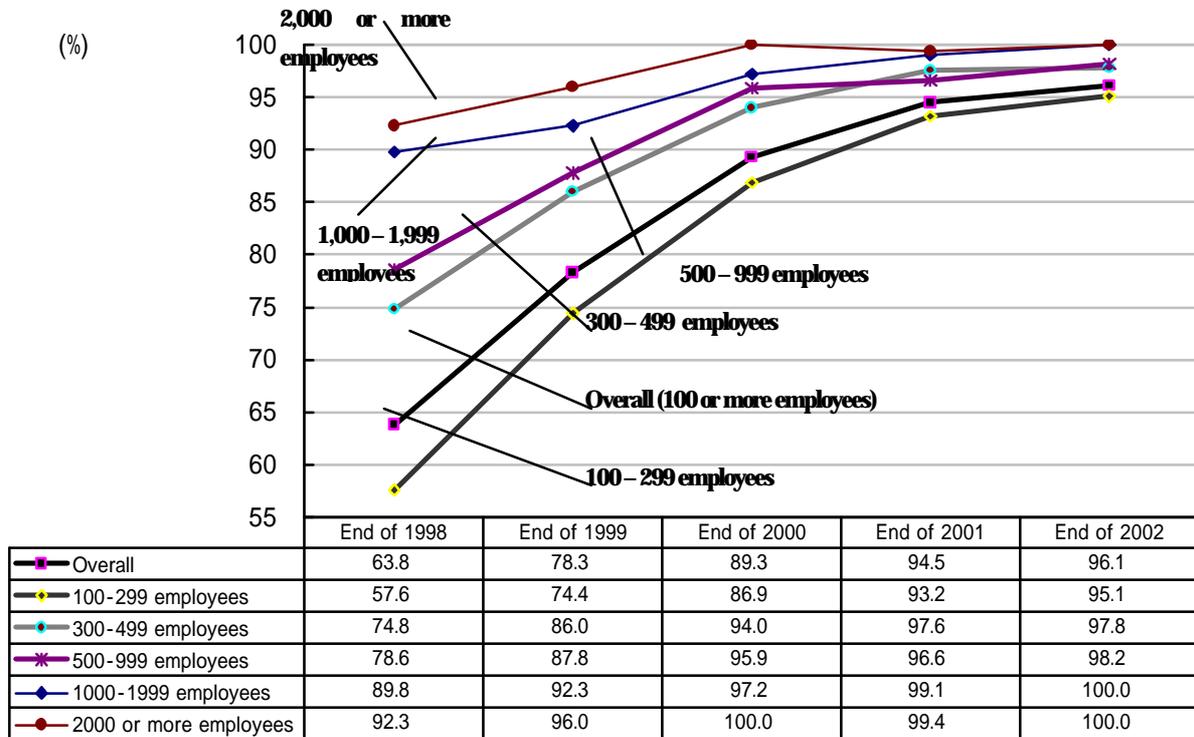
1 .Internet Usage by Enterprises

Internet Usage by Enterprises

Internet use is increasing among enterprises in all categories of number of employees.

The differences among enterprises with different numbers of employees is decreasing every year.

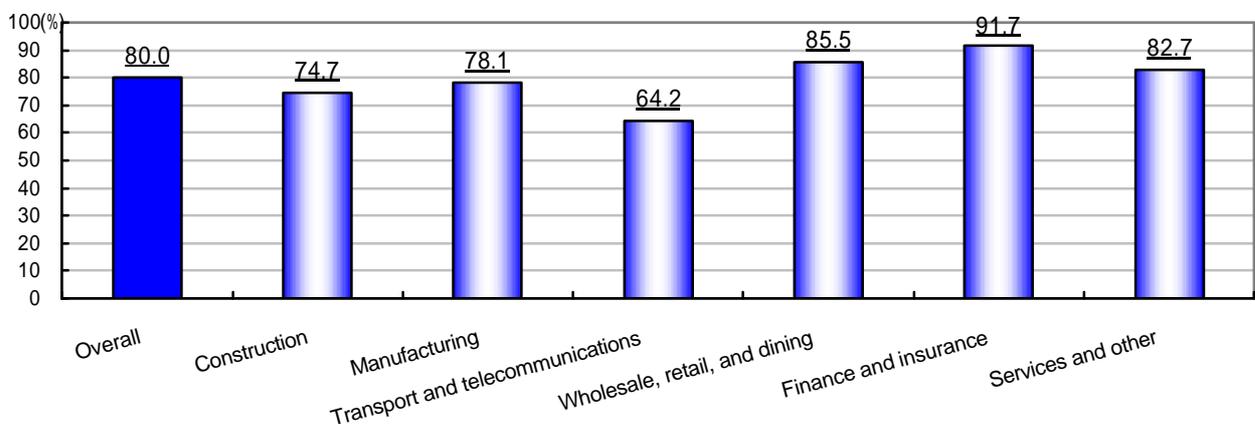
Internet Usage by Enterprises (by number of employees)



Note: The Internet usage rate among enterprises with 300 or more employees was 98.4% at the end of 2002.

Percentage of Enterprises with a Web Site

More than 80% of enterprises have a Web site. By industry, the highest percentage is in the finance and insurance sector at 91.7%.

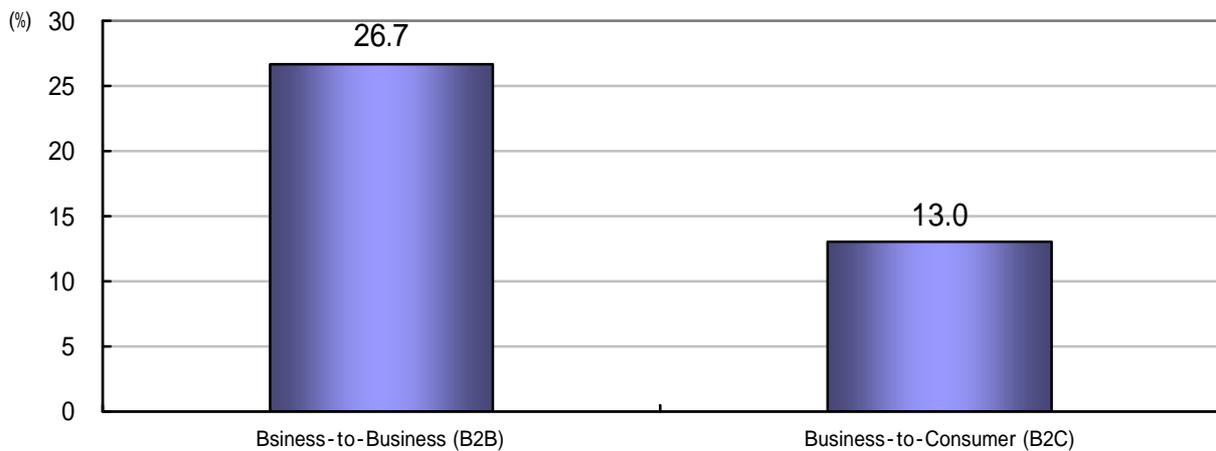


Use of Electronic Commerce by Enterprises

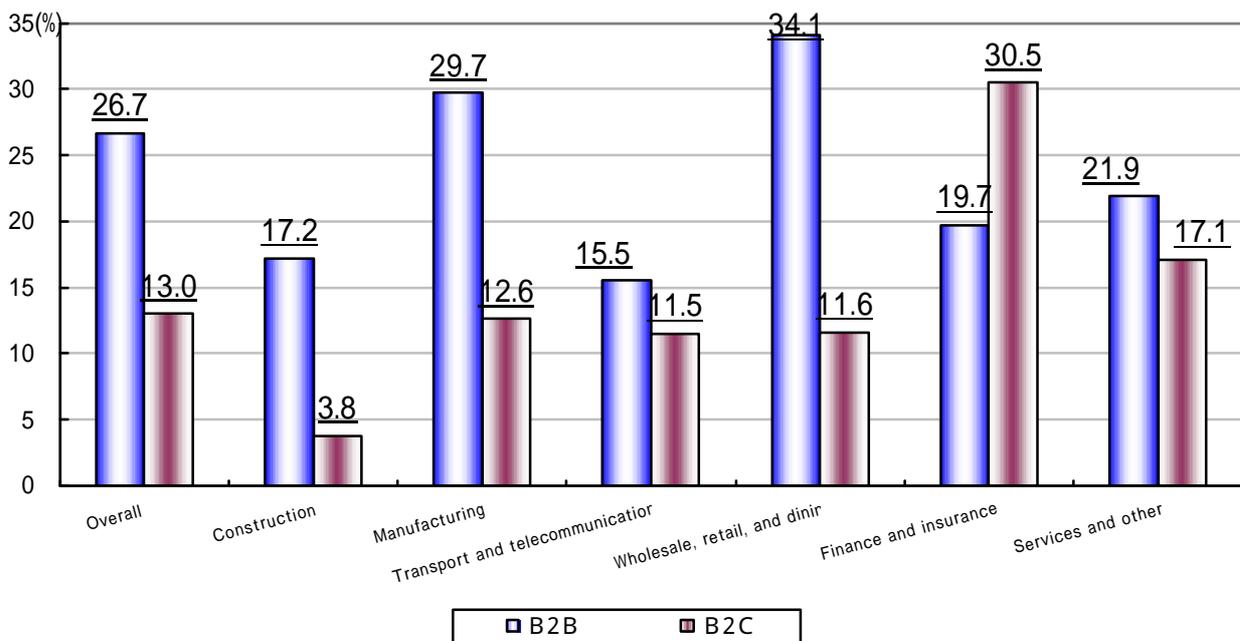
The percentage of enterprises that conduct business-to-business (B2B) electronic commerce is 26.7%, while 13.0% of enterprises engage in business-to-consumer (B2C) electronic commerce.

By industry, the “wholesale, retail, and dining” sector has the highest rate of B2B electronic commerce at 34.1%, while the “finance and insurance” sector has the highest rate of B2C electronic commerce at 30.5%.

Use of Electronic Commerce by Enterprises (multiple responses possible)



Use of Electronic Commerce Broken Down by Industry (multiple responses possible)



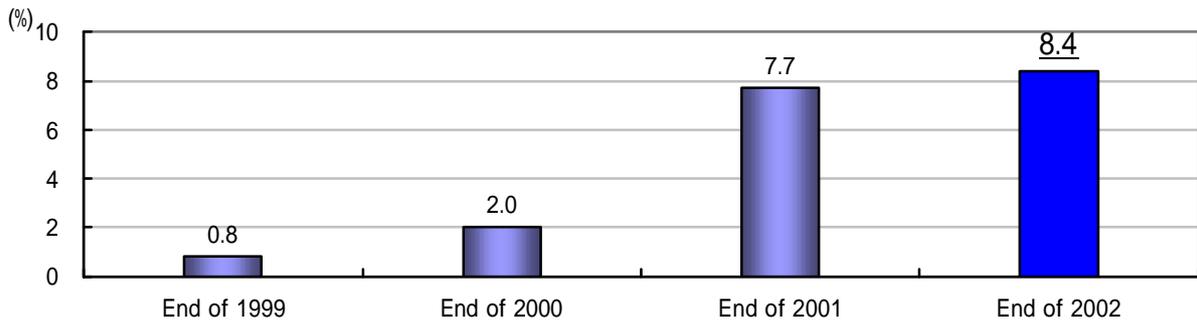
Introduction of Telecommuting by Enterprises

Enterprises that have introduced telecommuting was up 0.7 points from the previous year to 8.4%.

The most common purpose of introducing telecommuting was “to increase efficiency (productivity) of standardized work” at 60.4% followed by “to reduce employee commuting times” at 46.7%.

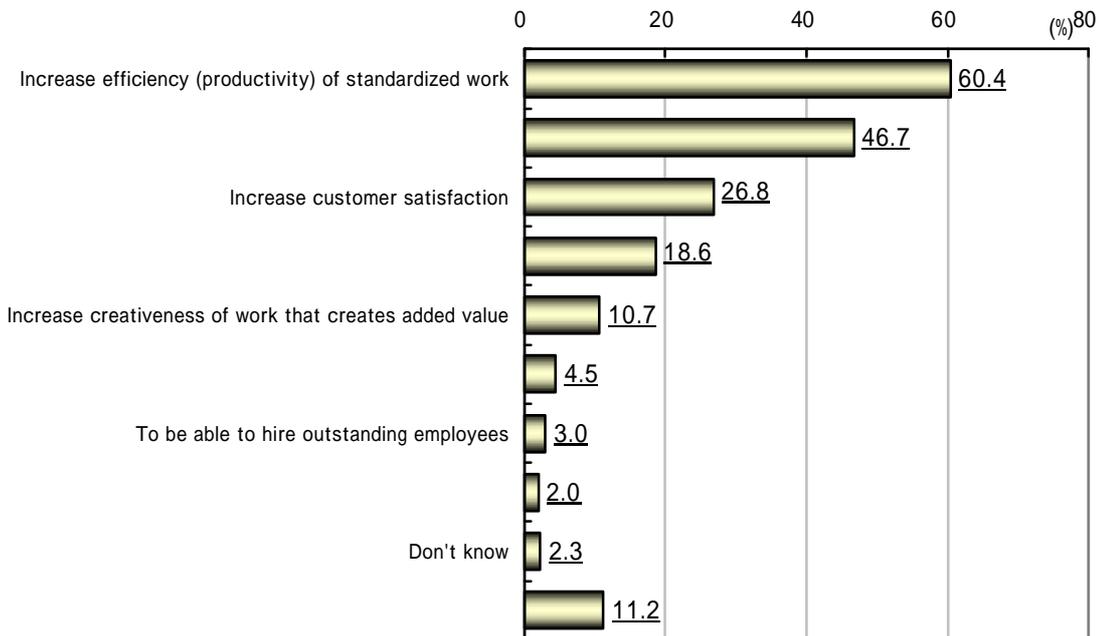
Of the enterprises that have introduced telecommuting, 95.8% responded that “it has produced effects.”

Enterprises that have Introduced Telecommuting

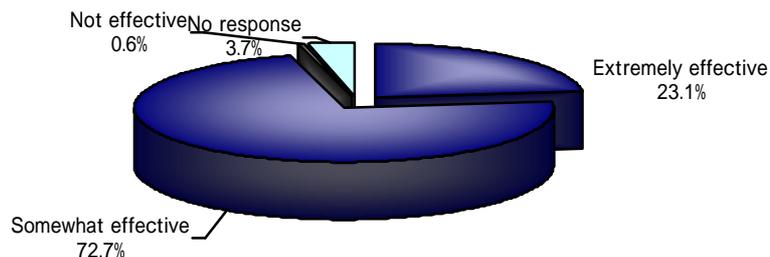


Note: Telecommuting refers to a form of working whereby communications networks are used to create an environment at a location outside the office that allows employees to work as if they were in the office. Telecommuting includes work at home, mobile work (e.g., working at various locations while conducting marketing), and work in satellite offices (work sites at locations other than the company’s offices).

Objectives in Introducing Telecommuting (multiple responses possible)



Effects of Introducing Telecommuting

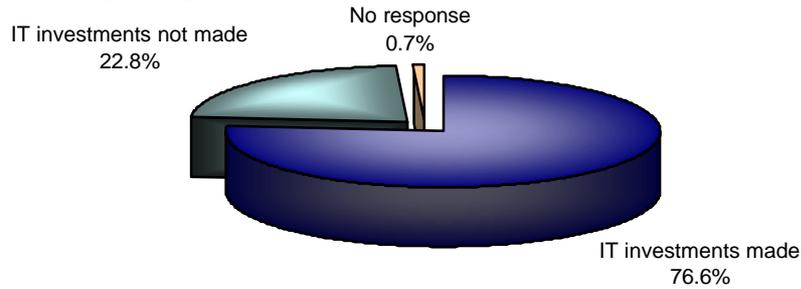


2. IT Investment By Enterprises

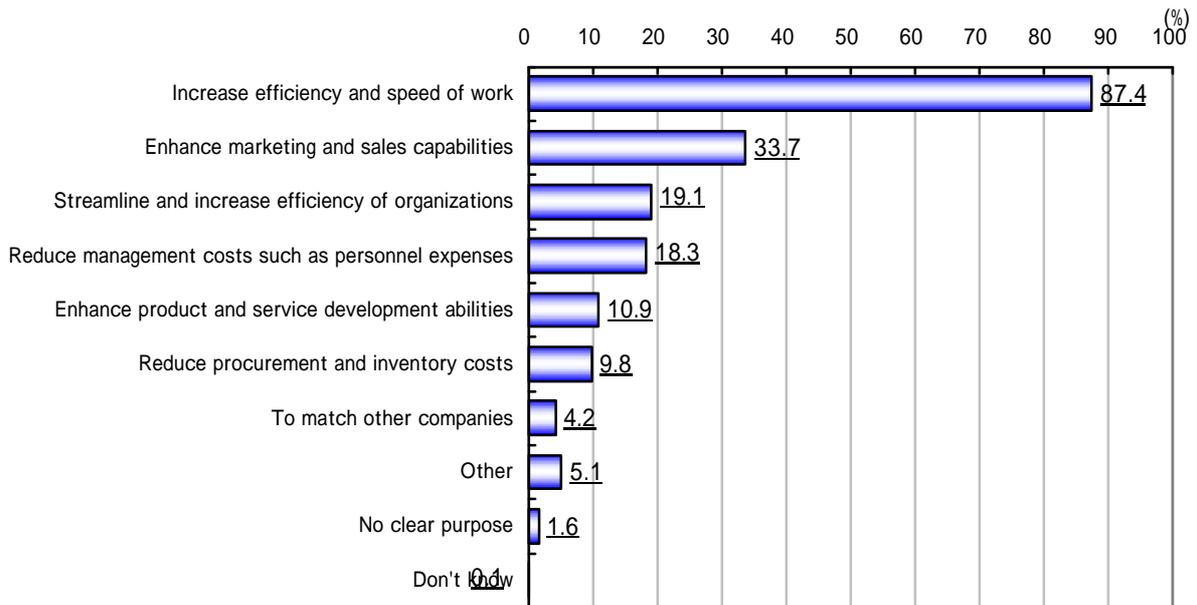
IT Investment by Enterprises

In the past year, 76.6% of enterprises made some IT investments such as purchasing PCs. The most common purpose of IT investment was to “increase efficiency and speed of work” at 87.4%.

IT Investment by Enterprises (past year)



Purposes of IT Investment by Enterprises (multiple responses possible)

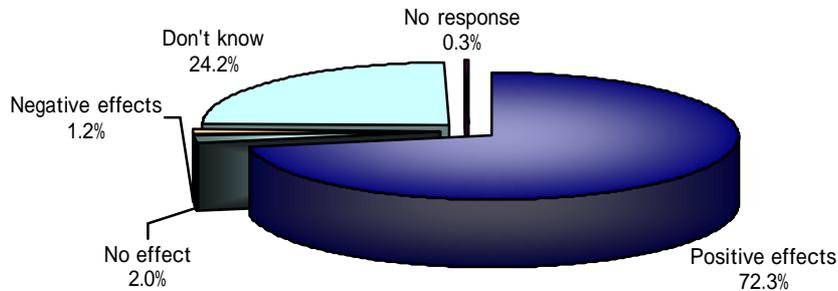


Effects of IT Investment by Enterprises

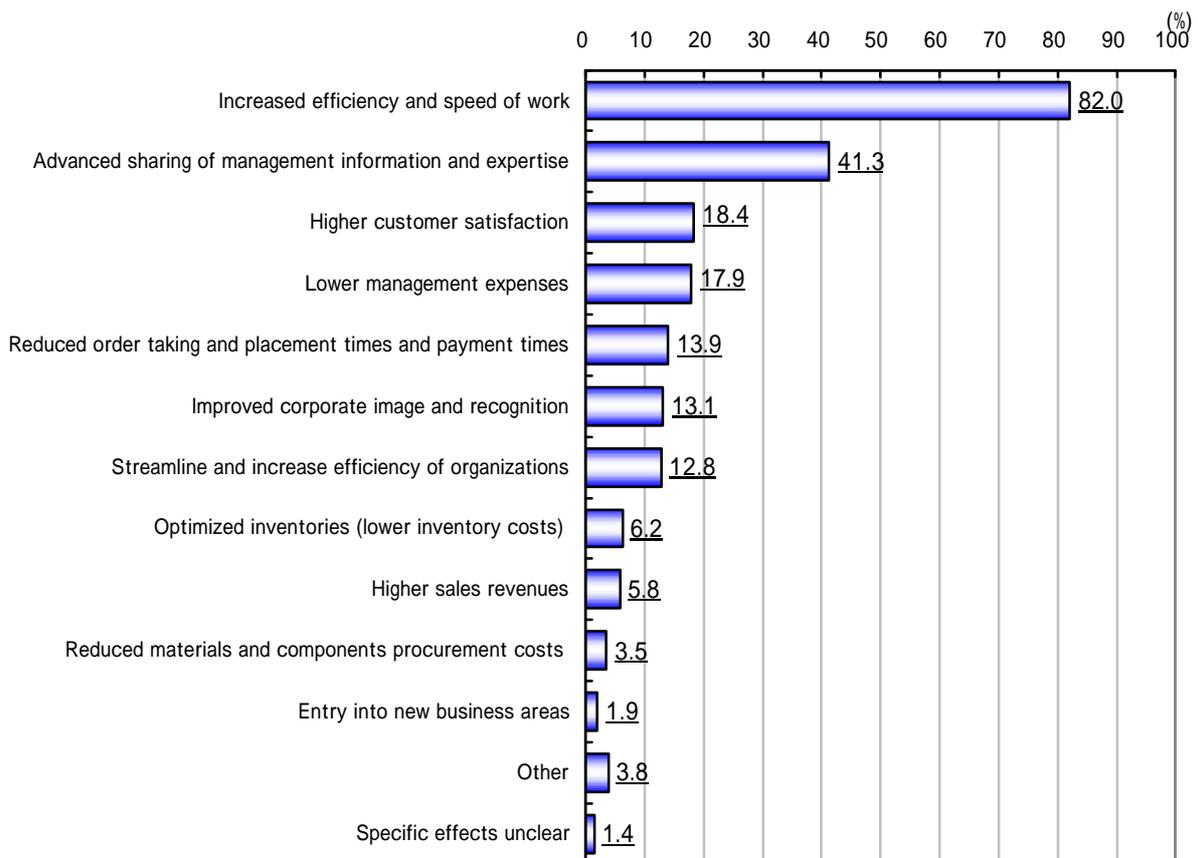
Of companies that invested in IT, 72.3% responded that it had an effect on operations.

Among the effects, the most common was “increased efficiency and speed of work” at 82.0%, followed by “advanced sharing of information and expertise” at 41.3%.

Effects of IT Investment on Operations



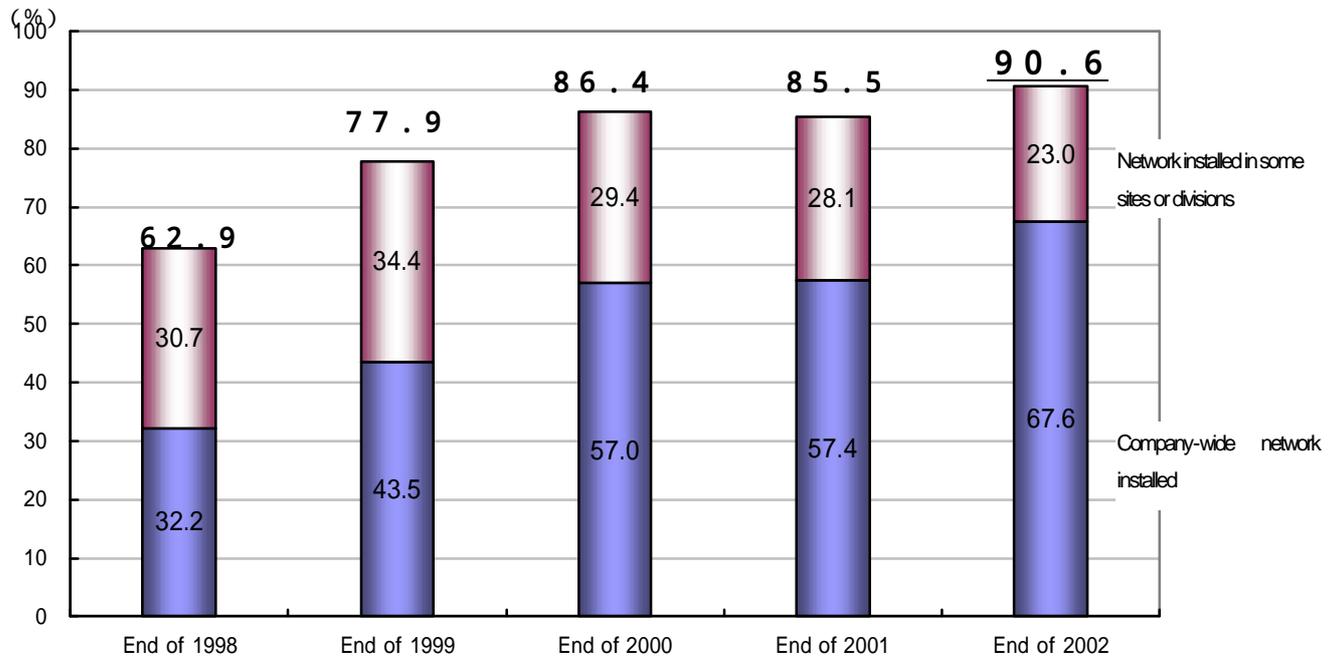
Details of Effects of IT Investment (multiple responses possible)



3. Installation of Communications Networks by Enterprises

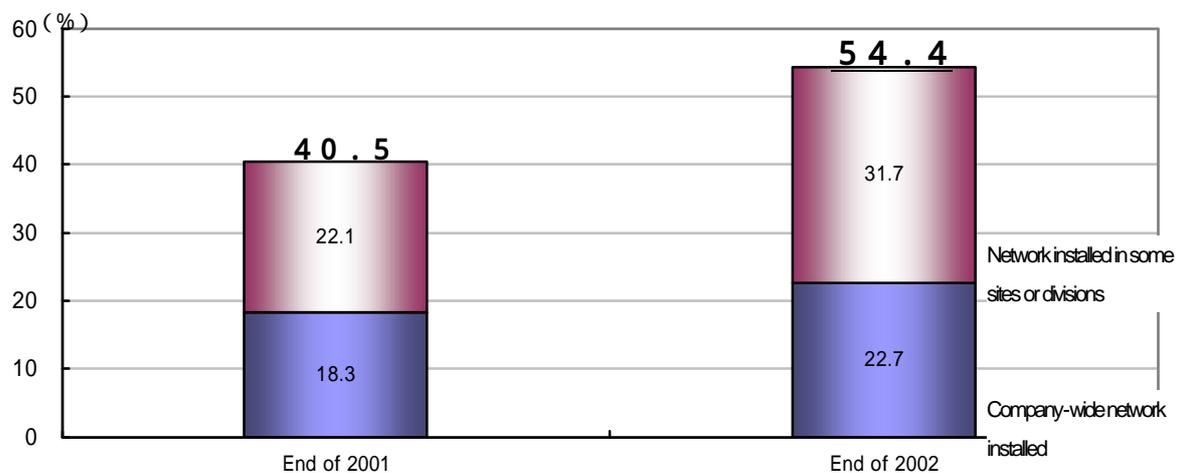
Installation of Intra-Company Communications Networks (LANS, etc.) by Enterprises

Enterprises that have installed intra-company communications networks increased by 5.1 points from the previous year to 90.6%.



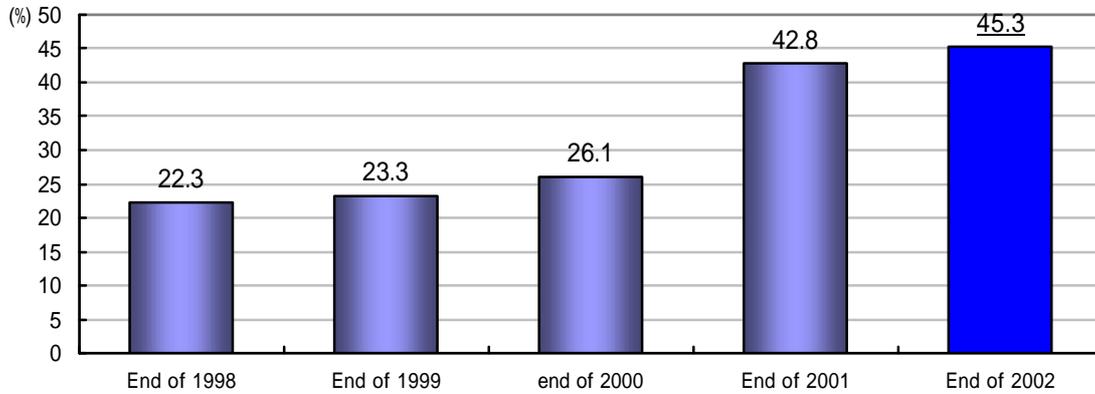
Installation of Inter-Company Networks (WANs, etc.) by Enterprises

Enterprises that have installed inter-company communications networks increased by 13.9 points from the previous year to surpass 50% and reach 54.4%.



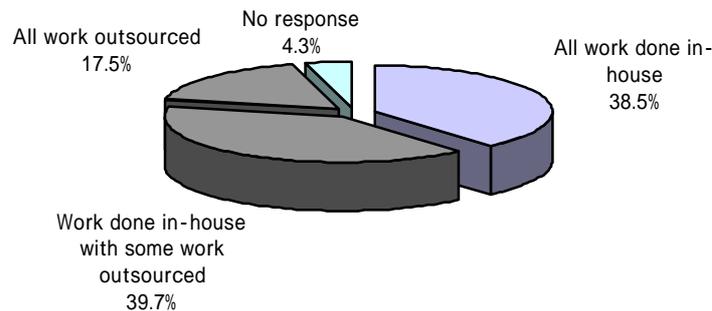
**Percentage of Companies that Allow External Connections to Corporate Communications Networks
(Intra-Company and Inter-Company Networks)**

The percentage of companies that “allow external connections to corporate communications networks” from PCs, cell phones, and mobile terminals increased 2.5 points to 45.3%.



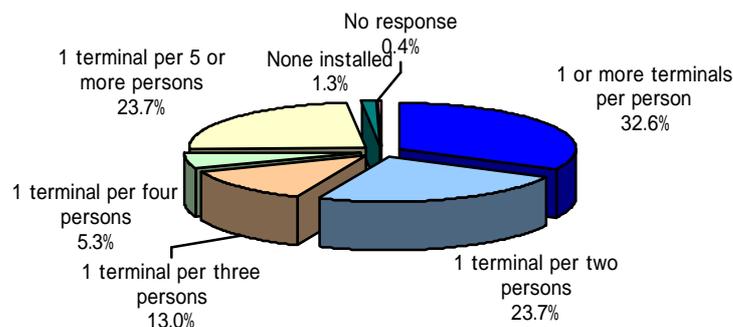
Methods of Installing Corporate Communications Networks

A majority of enterprises—57.2%—outsource “all” or “part” of the work of installing communications networks.



Installation of Terminals for Connecting to the Internet and Corporate Communications Networks by Enterprises

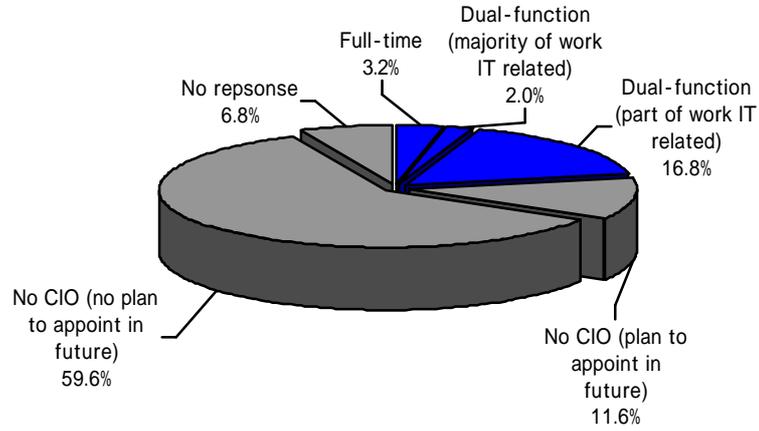
The most common responses was “one or more terminals per person” at 32.6%.



4. IT Organizations within Enterprises

Appointment of Chief Information Officer (CIO)*

A “full-time CIO” has been appointed by 3.2% of enterprises, while 22.0% of enterprises have a “dual-function” CIO.



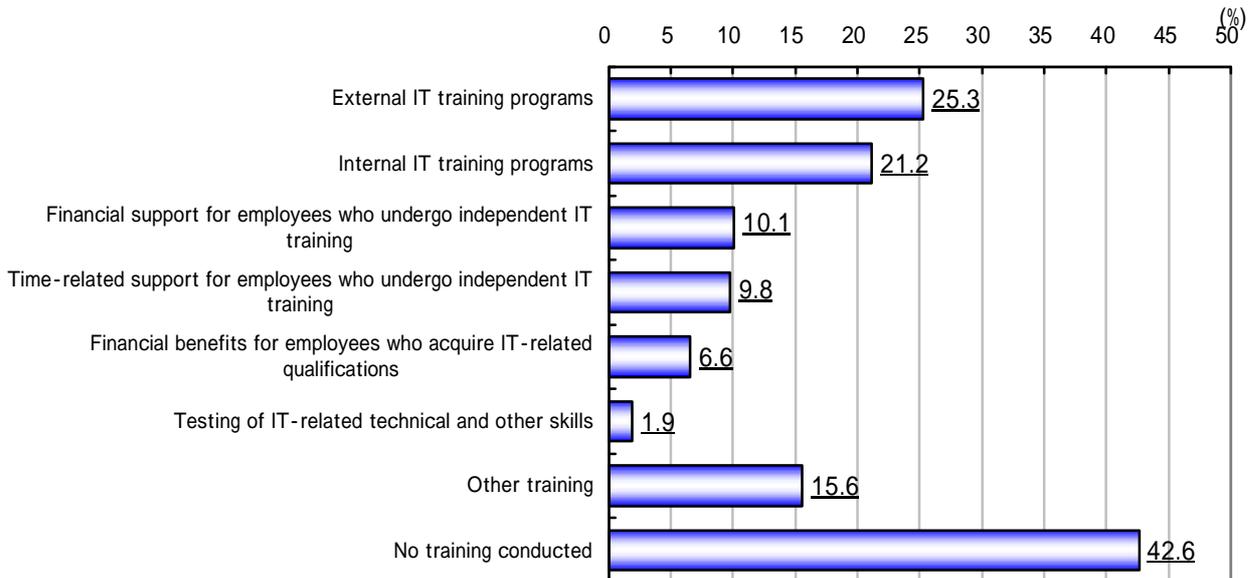
Note: A Chief Information Officer is an officer who coordinates and oversees management strategies and information and communications strategies.

IT Training For Employees in Enterprises

The most common responses is that “IT training is not conducted” at 42.6%.

Among enterprises that conduct IT training, many have “external” or “internal” IT-related training programs.

IT Training For Employees in Enterprises (multiple responses possible)



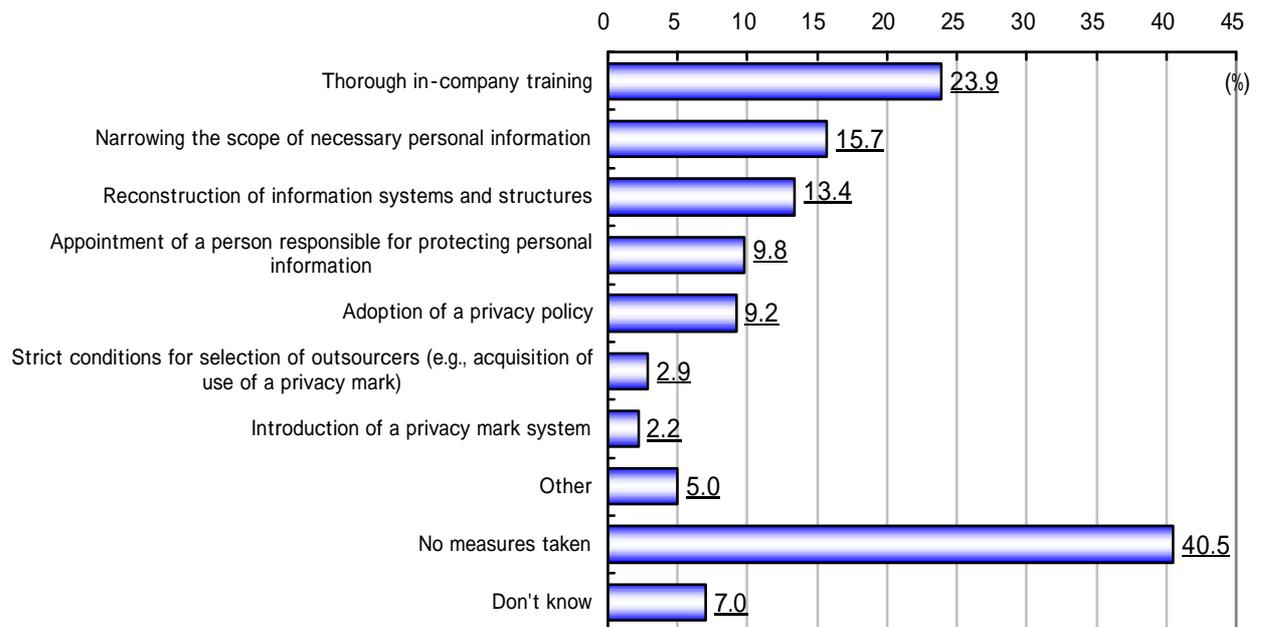
5. Measures Taken by Enterprises to Protect Personal Information

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The most common response was “no measures taken” at 40.5%.

The most common type of measure is “thorough in-company training” at 23.9% followed by “narrowing the scope of necessary personal information at 15.7%.

Breakdown of Measures Taken to Protect Personal Information (multiple responses possible)

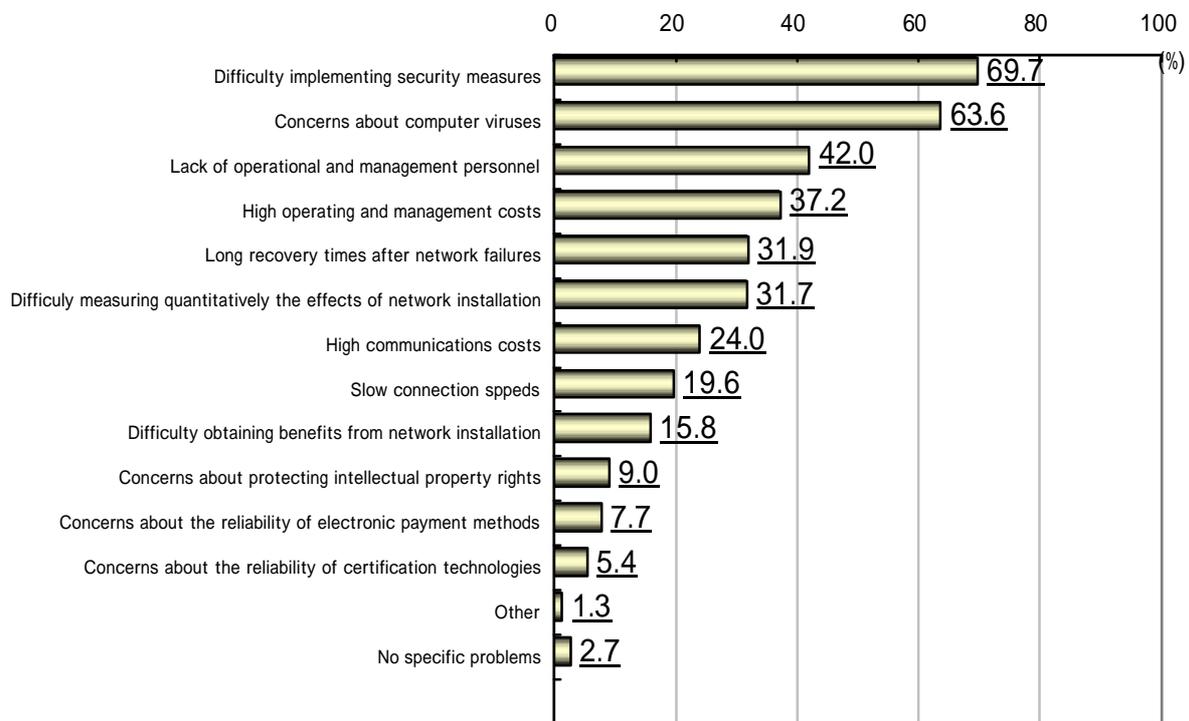


6. Problems Concerning Use of Corporate Information and Communications Networks

Problems Concerning the Use or that Interfere with the Use of Corporate Information and Communications Networks

The most common response was “implementing security measures is difficult” at 69.7% followed by “concerns about computer viruses” at 63.6%. Thus, security-related issues are the highest ranking problems.

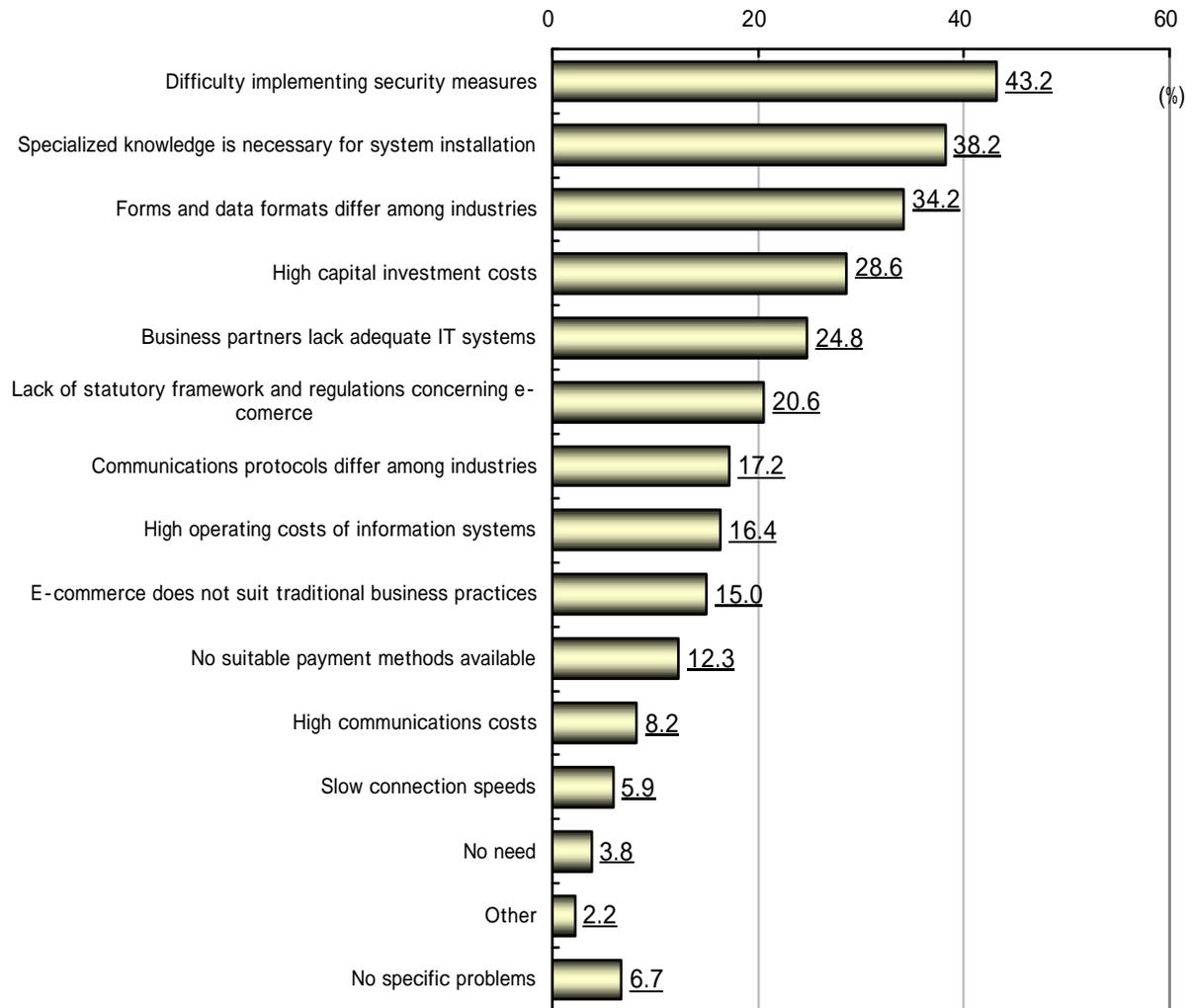
Problems that Interfere with the Use of Information and Communications Networks (corporate communications networks, the Internet, etc.) (multiple responses possible)



Problems Concerning the Use of Electronic Commerce by Enterprises

The most common response was “difficulty implementing security measures” at 43.2% followed by “specialized knowledge is necessary for system installation” at 38.2%.

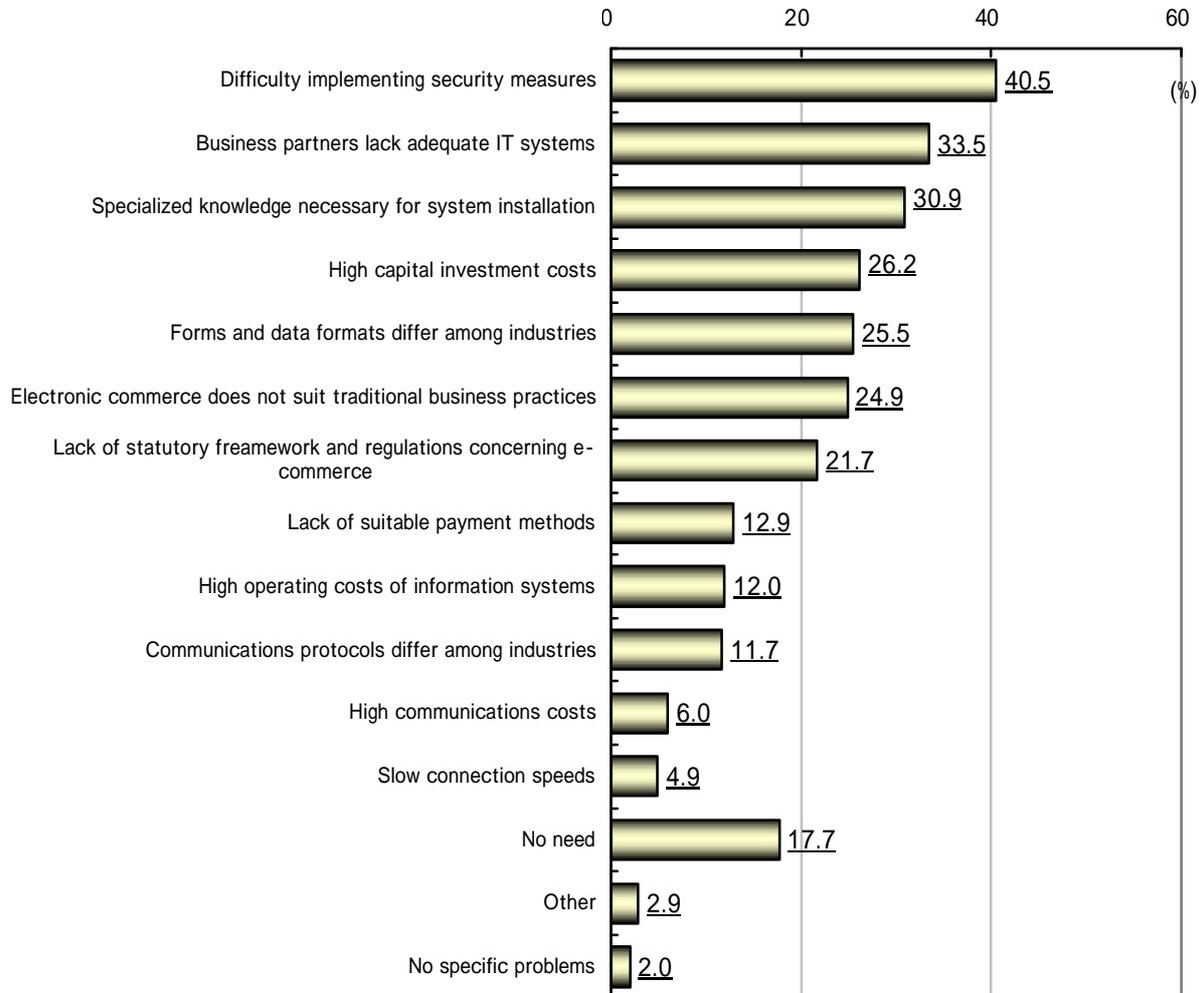
Problems Concerning the Use of Electronic Commerce Reported by Enterprises Engaged in Electronic Commerce (multiple responses possible)



Reasons for Not Engaging in Electronic Commerce by Enterprises

The most common response was “inadequate security measures” at 40.5% followed by “business partners lack adequate IT systems” at 33.5%. “No particular need” was reported by 17.7% of the respondents.

Reasons for Not Engaging in Electronic Commerce among Enterprises Currently Not Engaging in Electronic Commerce (multiple responses possible)





Other Survey Results
Part 3: Business Establishments

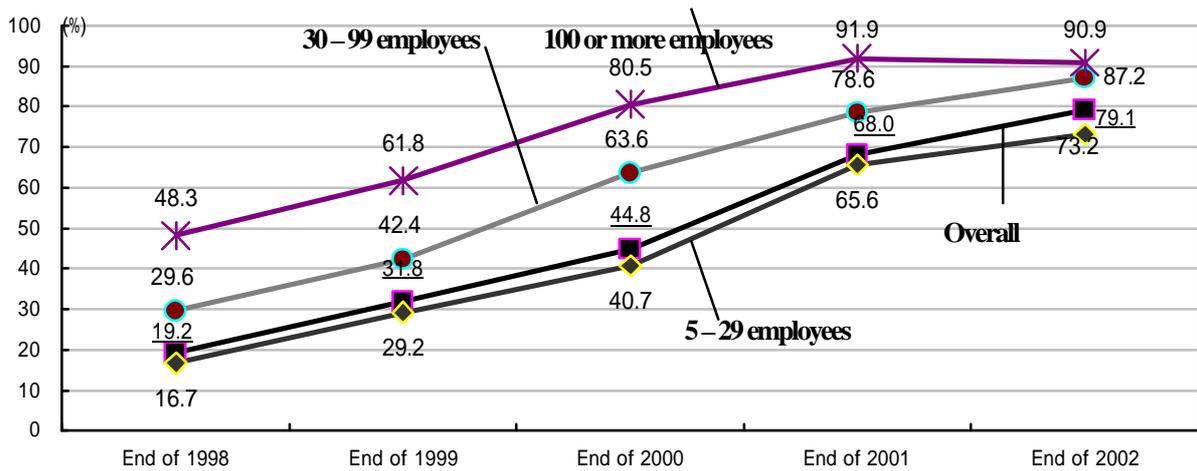
1. Internet Usage by Business Establishments

Internet Usage by Business Establishments

Internet usage is increasing among business establishments in all categories of number of employees.

The usage rates are highest among business establishments with higher numbers of employees.

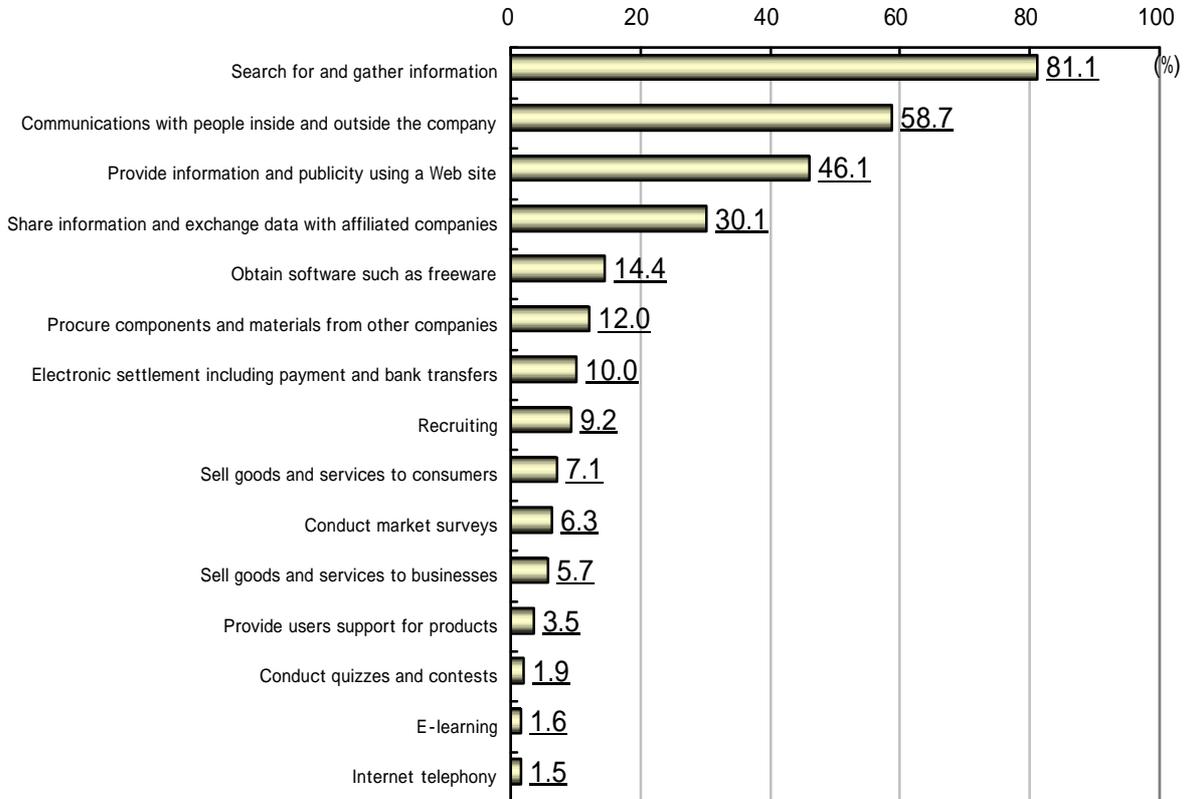
Internet Usage by Business Enterprises according to Number of Employees



Purposes of Internet Use by Business Establishments

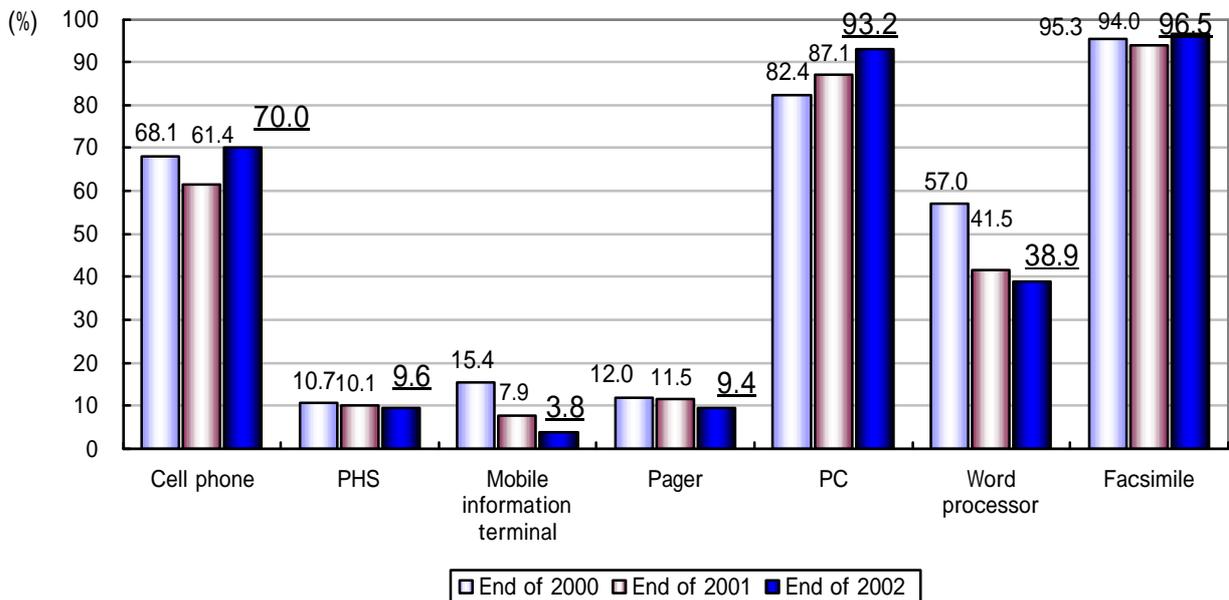
The most common response was “search for and gather information” at 81.1% followed by “communications with people inside and outside the company” at 58.7%.

Purposes of Internet Use by Business Establishments (multiple responses possible)



Ownership of Information and Communications Equipment by Business Establishments

PCs are owned by 93.2% of all business establishments and facsimiles by 96.5%—almost all business establishments.



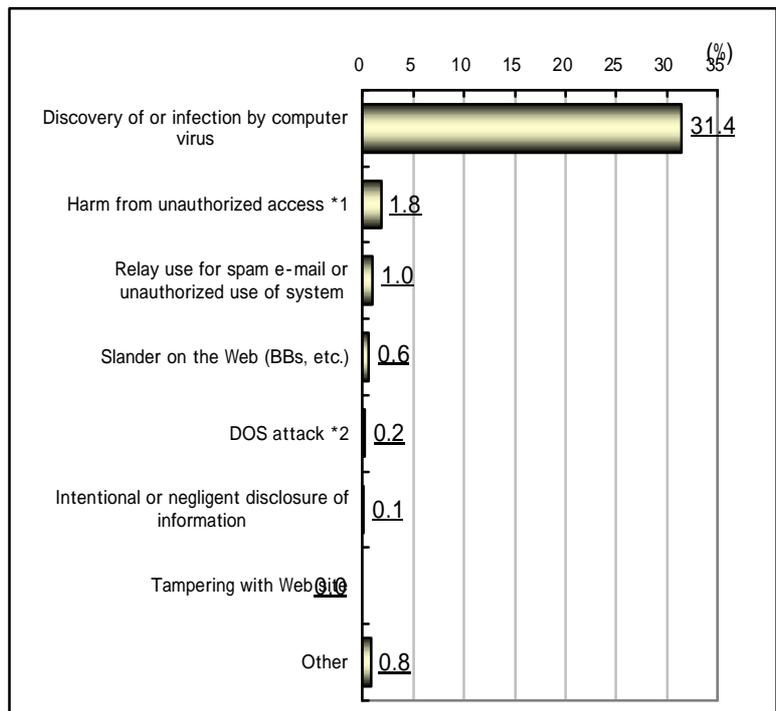
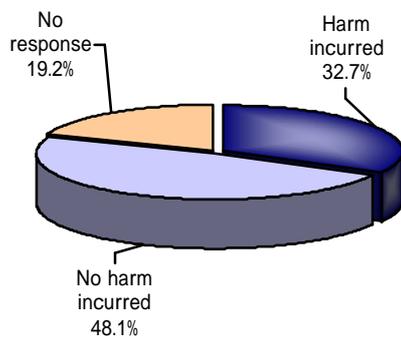
2. Harm Incurred from Use of Information and Telecommunications Networks and Countermeasures Implemented by Business Establishments

Harm Incurred by Business Establishments from Use of Information and Communications Networks

Harm was incurred by 32.7% of business establishments.

The most common type of harm was “discovery of or infection by computer virus” at 31.4%.

Harm Incurred by Business Establishments from Use of Information and Telecommunications Networks (in the past year) (multiple responses possible)



Notes

*1. Unauthorized entry to a corporate or other computer system to cause problems to the system or engage in unauthorized use.

*2. An attack intended to interfere with the provision of services by, for example, sending large volume of e-mail to a mail server to cause the system to go down.