

ISPA BELGIUM INTERNET MARKET SURVEY N°35

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The total number of active Internet connections in Belgium increased by 2.30% during the first quarter of 2008 and reached 2,708,004 connections.

The first trimester of 2008 was characterised by an overall increase of 2.30% of the number of Internet connections in Belgium. This increase is mainly due to the increase of broadband connections (cable and DSL) with an increase of 3.45% and a further drop in the number of dial-up connections

On the residential market, the total number of connections has increased to 2,221,481 (+ 2.11%) due to an ongoing increase in broadband connections (70,782 new connections). Dial-up connections decreased last trimester with a fall of 18.4% to a little more than 110,000 lines. This fall is larger than previous trimesters and that comes because dial-up connections are increasingly being removed from the list of services being offered by providers and replaced by broadband products. Broadband connections represent almost 95% of all residential connections.

On the business market, there was an increase of 3.19% (486,523 connections). This increase was primarily due to the ongoing increase in the broadband lines. Broadband connections now represent almost 97% of all company connections.

ISPA Belgium is the Belgian Internet Services providers association. Founded in 1997, ISPA aims to stimulate the growth of Internet and its related services in Belgium.

The following companies contributed to this survey:

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