



## ISPA BELGIUM INTERNET MARKET SURVEY N°43 Q1 - 2010

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**In the first quarter of 2010**, the number of Internet connections in Belgium increased by 1.59%. This increase was mainly due to the further development of broadband connections (cable and DSL) by 1.87%, despite a further decline in the number of dial-up connections.

**On the residential market**, the total number of connections rose to 2,609,029 thanks to a continuous increase (+2.01%) in broadband connections (50,319 new connections). Dial-up connections dropped during the last quarter by 11.55% bringing the total to 54,000 lines. Compared to the first quarter of the past two years, there is a downward trend in net growth. Broadband connections represent nearly 98% of all residential connections.

**On the business market**, the number of Internet connections increased also by 1.59% (542,508 new connections). This increase mainly resulted from the continued development of broadband lines. There remain only 8,800 classic dial-up connections compared to the massive proportion of broadband connections which count for 97% of all business connections.

**ISPA encourages** the initiatives planned by the government, which aim at stimulating both PCs and Internet penetration and focus on target groups, which do not have an internet connection yet.

**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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