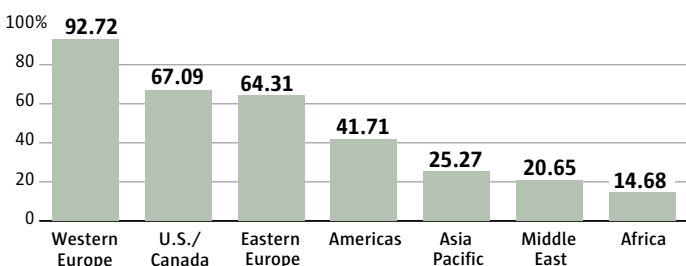


How the U.S. stacks up

When it comes to high-tech use, the U.S. is not the leader by several measures.

CELLPHONES

Percentage of residents with cellphones, by region (2005)



HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS

Percent of households with high-speed Internet access

2004 2005

RANK	COUNTRY	PERCENT
1	Hong Kong	66.3%
		73.0%
2	South Korea	70.1%
		71.8%
3	Taiwan	52.0%
		62.3%
4	Israel	51.7%
		60.5%
5	Netherlands	44.7%
		58.9%
6	Canada	47.0%
		55.0%
11	Finland	33.1%
		48.9%
12	Japan	38.7%
		46.4%
17	United Kingdom	24.2%
		38.6%
21	U.S.	29.5%
		34.7%

TEXT MESSAGES

The number of text messages a country sends has become a litmus test in determining how tech-savvy a nation now is at communicating by cellphone. The residents of the Philippines, with a much smaller population than the U.S., text message more heavily than most countries. The results here are based on the number of text messages sent by users of the largest carriers in each country. Data only available for select countries.

COUNTRY	2005
Philippines	87,751.0
U.S.	73,617.0
United Kingdom	32,238.0
France	12,891.2
Argentina	10,416.0
South Africa	6,759.6
Lithuania	4,934.4
Brazil	4,590.0
Canada	1,224.8
Kenya	830.7
Jordan	677.4

(In millions)