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ICT Sector's Infrastructure Indicators

The ICT Sector's Role in Development

Indicators in Brief

Data Item	Unit	January - March 2020	July - December 2020	October - March 2021	Quarterly growth rate (%)	Annual growth rate (%)
ICT Sector: Infrastructure Indicators						
Mobile subscriptions	Million	96.42	95.357	99.82	4.683	3.53
Mobile penetration*	%	96.01	93.65	97.59	3.94	1.59
Fixed line subscriptions	Million	9.52	9.85	10.05	1.98	5.48
Fixed line penetration*	%	7.72	7.73	7.45	-0.28	-0.27
Mobile Internet subscriptions	Million	40.70	52.40	55.98	6.83	37.54
USB Modem subscriptions	Million	2.43	4.04	3.30	-18.30	36.17
ADSL subscribers	Million	7.53	8.81	9.26	5.09	22.9
International Internet Bandwidth**	Gbps	2,373.07	2,576.30	2,565.78	-0.41	7.04
Number of post offices	Post office	3986	4026	4044	0.45	1.46
ICT Sector's Role in Development						
Capacity building program provided by ITIDA	Thousand Graduates	25,23	28.47	29,93	5.13	18.63

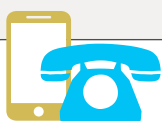
* Growth rates are calculated according to the difference between penetration rates in different time intervals.

** (October – December) Data

■ The proportion of individuals using internet reached 57.3% according to ICT access and use by households and individuals 2020/2019

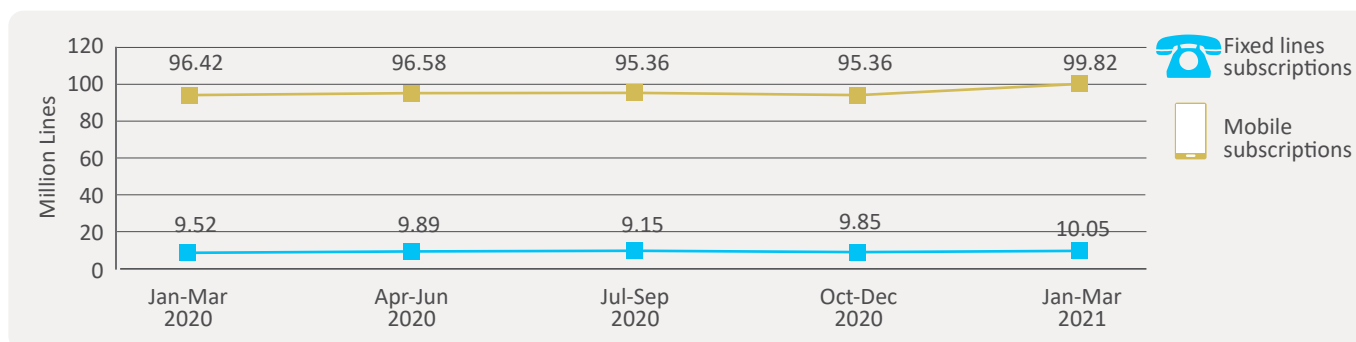
ICT Sector's Infrastructure Indicators

- Mobile subscriptions (January - March 2021) : 99.82 million
- Mobile penetration (January - March 2021) : 97.59%
- Fixed line subscriptions (January - March 2021): 10.05 million
- Fixed line subscriptions in urban areas(January - March 2021) : 7.91 million, rural areas 2.14 million.
- Internet users through mobile(January - March 2021): 55.98 million .
- USB Modem users(January - March 2021) : 3.30 million users.
- ADSL subscribers (January - March 2021) : 9.26 million.
- International Internet bandwidth (January - March 2021): 2,565.78 Gbps.
- Number of post offices (January - March 2021): 4044 Post offices.
- Number of beneficiaries of pensions' payment service through post offices (January - March 2021) : 3.86 million beneficiary



Fixed Lines and Mobile Subscriptions

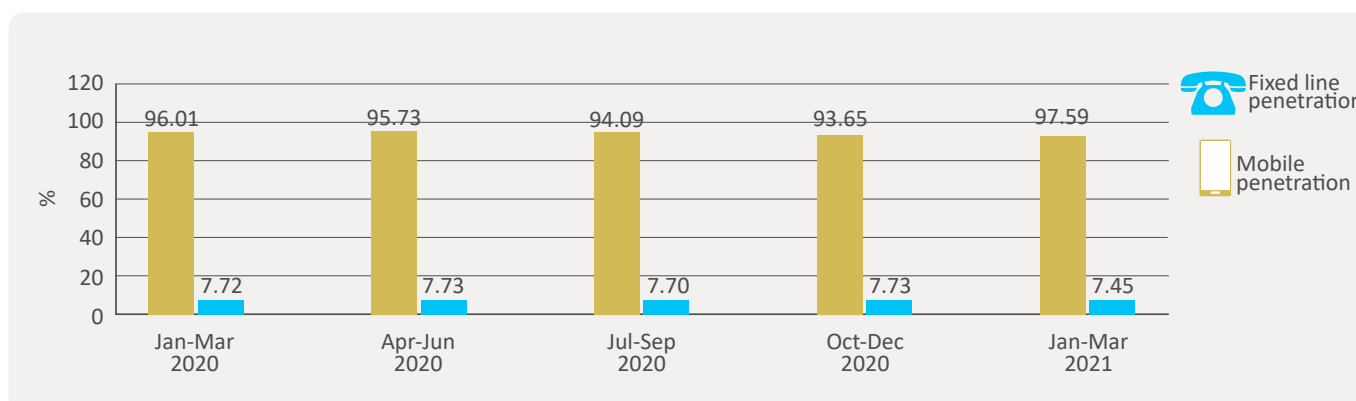
- The number of fixed line and mobile subscriptions was 109.87 million at the end of January - March 2021, compared to 105.94 million at the end of January - March 2020.
- The number of mobile subscriptions was 99.82 million at the end of January - March 2021, compared to 96.42 million at the end of January - March 2020. The mobile subscriptions recorded 91% of total telephone service.



Source: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Telecom Egypt

Fixed Line and Mobile Penetration

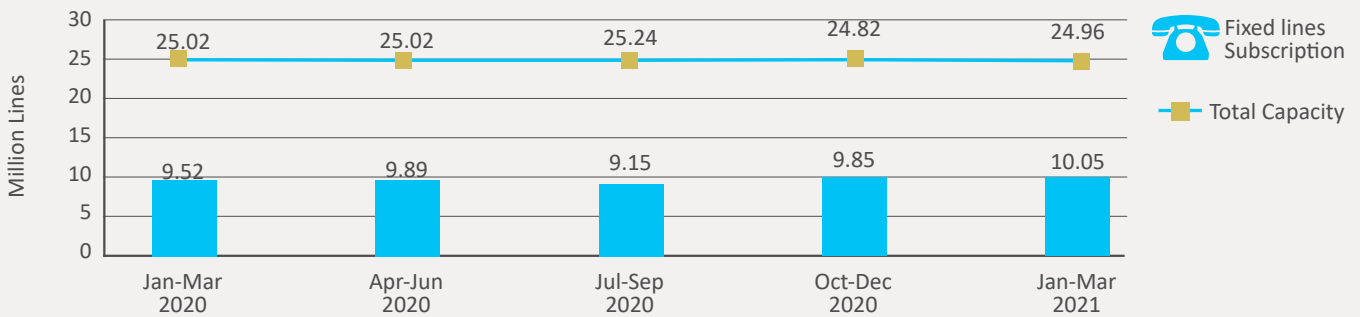
- Mobile penetration reached 97.59% at the end of January - March 2021, compared to 96.01% at the end of January - March 2020, representing an annual change rate of 1.59% . On the other hand, fixed line penetration reached about 7.45% by the end of January - March 2021.



Source: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Telecom Egypt

Fixed Lines Subscription and Local Exchange Capacity

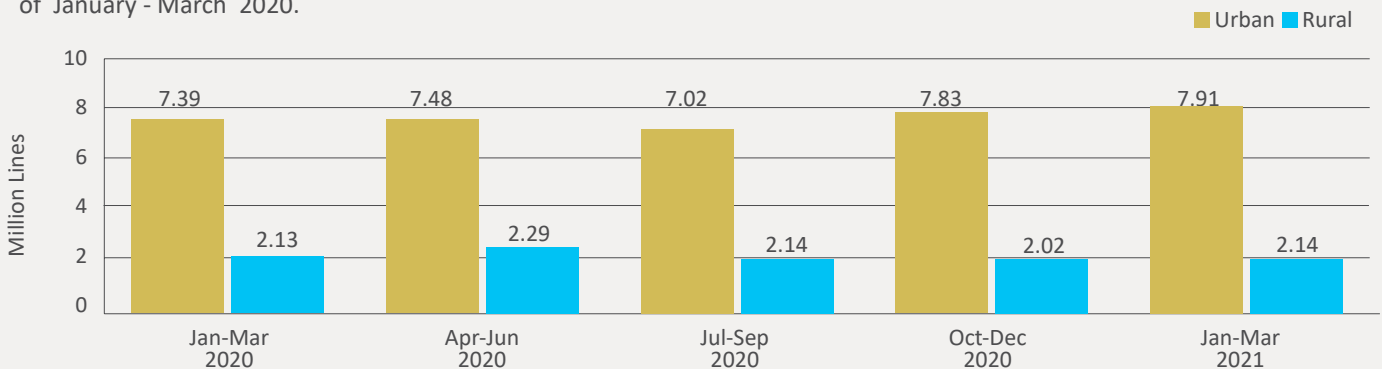
- Total number of fixed line subscriptions has reached 10.05 million subscriptions at the end of January - March 2021 compared to 9.52 million subscriptions at the end of January - March 2020.
- The capacity of local exchanges reached to 24.96 million lines at the end of January - March 2021, compared to 25.02 million at the end of January - March 2020. This represents an annual change of -0.06 million lines and an annual change rate of -0.22%.



Source: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Telecom Egypt

Fixed Lines Subscription (Urban - Rural)

- The number of fixed line subscribers in urban areas reached 7.91 million subscribers by the end of January - March 2021 compared to 7.39 million subscribers by the end of January - March 2020, while the number of fixed line subscribers in rural areas reached 2.14 million subscribers by the end of January - March 2021 compared to 2.13 million subscribers by the end of January - March 2020.

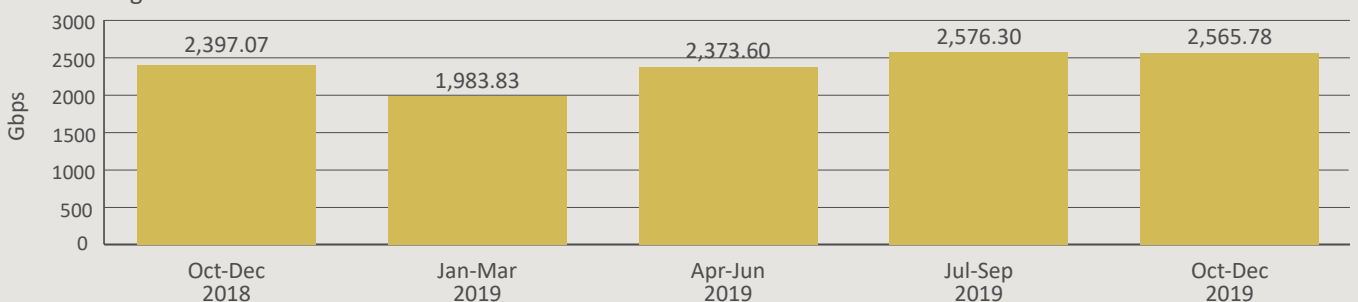


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International Internet Bandwidth

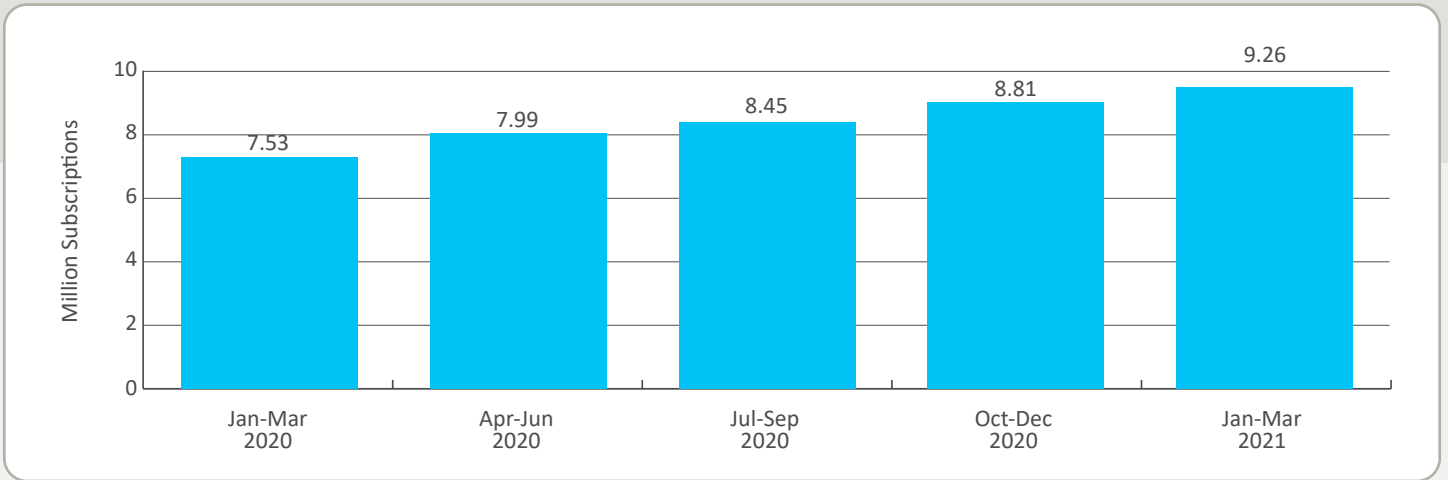
- International Internet bandwidth increased 2,565.78 Gbps at the end of October -December 2019 compared to 2,397.07 Gbps at the end of October - December 2018, representing an annual growth rate of 7.04%.
- The international Internet bandwidth per inhabitants reached 25,085.01 Bit/sec. per person at the end of October - December 2020 compared to 23,869.36 Bit/Sec. per person at the end October - December 2018 with an annual growth rate of 5.09%.



Source: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, National Telecom Regulatory Authority

ADSL Subscriptions

- The number of ADSL subscriptions reached 9.26 million subscriptions by the end of January - March 2021 compared to 7.53 million subscriptions at the end of January - March 2020 with an annual change 1.73 million and annual change rate 22.9 %.

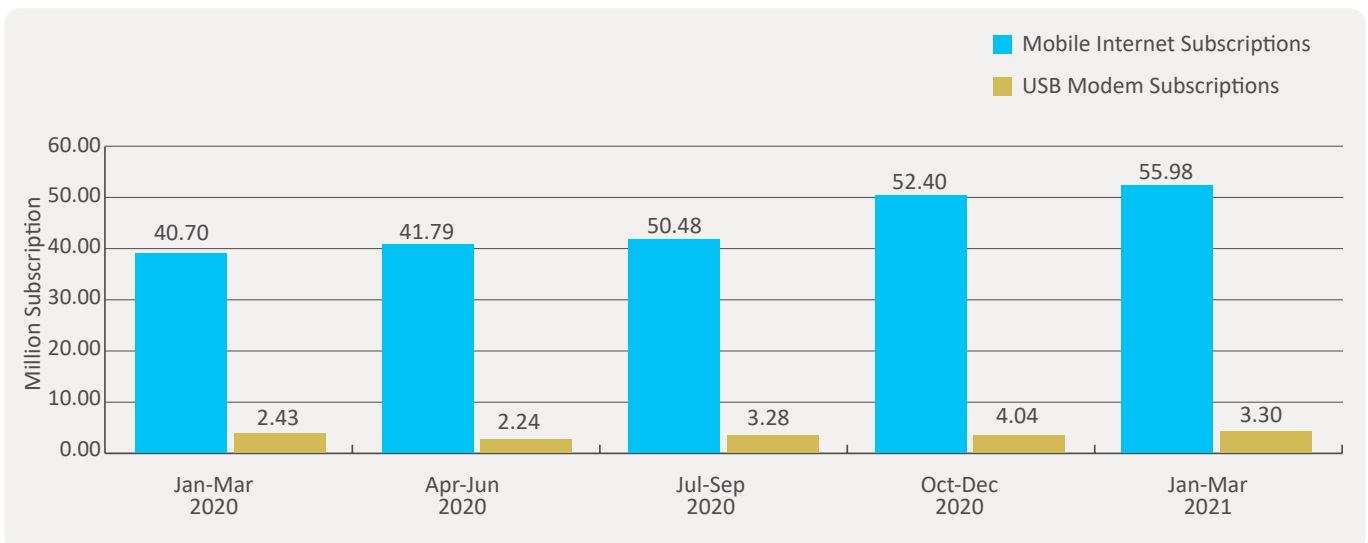


Source: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology



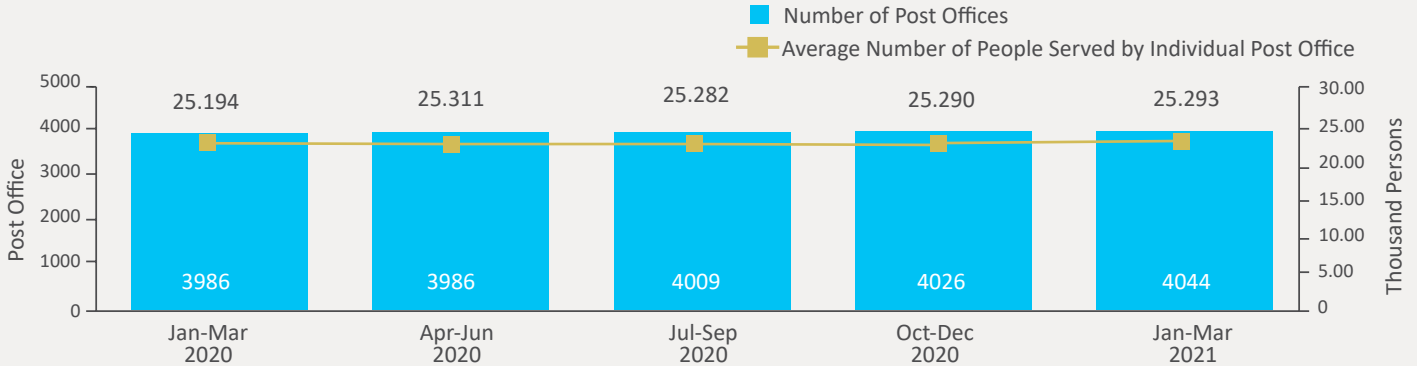
Mobile Internet and USB Modem Subscriptions

- The number of mobile internet subscriptions reached 55.98 million subscriptions by the end of January-march 2021 compared to 40.70 million subscriptions at the end of January-march 2020
- The number of USB Modem subscriptions reached 3.30 million subscriptions by the end of January-march 2021 compared to 2.43 million subscriptions at the end of January-march 2020.



Source: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

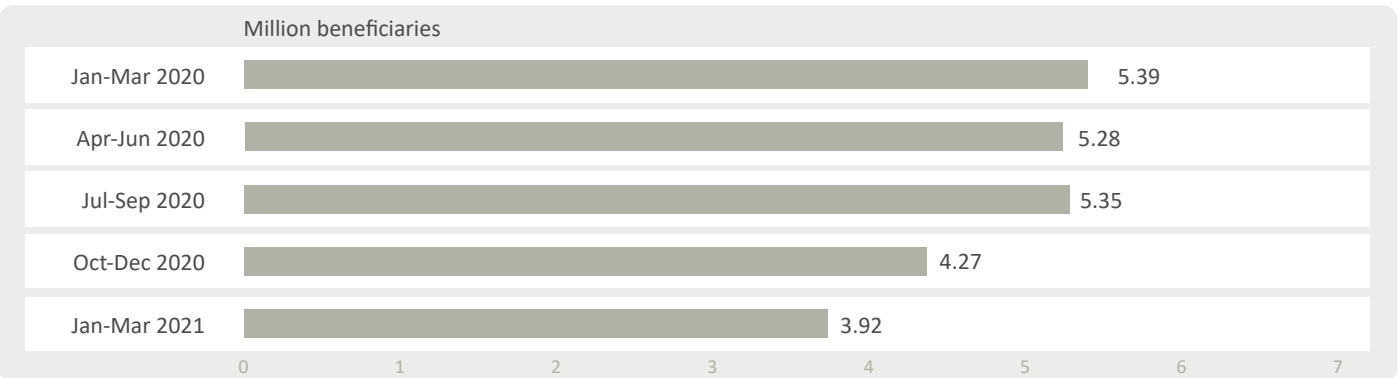
- The total number of post offices increased to 4044 at the end of January - March 2021, compared to 3986 at the end of January - March 2020, reflecting an annual growth rate of 1.46%.
- The average number of people served by individual post offices was 25,293 thousand persons at the end of January - March 2021, compared to 25,194 thousand persons at the end of January - March 2020, representing an annual growth rate of 0.39%.



Source: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt Post

Number of Pensions Distributed through Post Offices

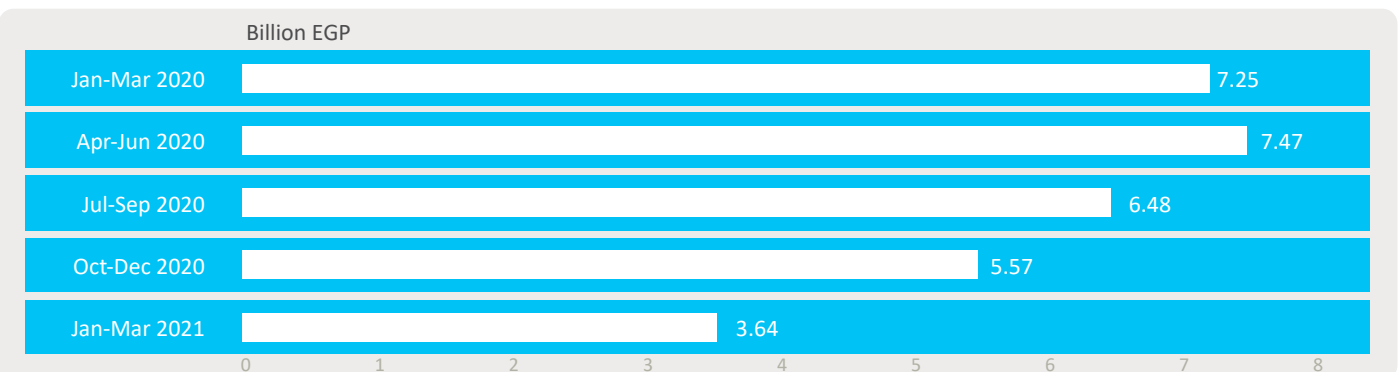
- Number of beneficiaries of pensions distributed through postal offices has increased to about 3.92 million beneficiaries in January - March 2021 compared to 5.39 million beneficiaries in January - March 2020.



Source: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt Post

Value of Pensions Distributed through Post Offices

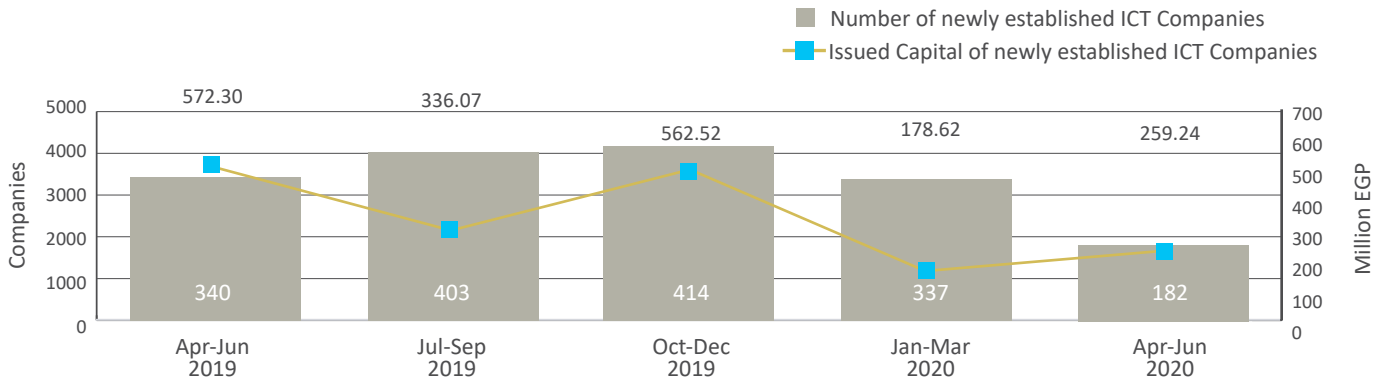
- The value of pensions distributed through postal offices reached 3.64 billion EGP beneficiaries in January - March 2021 compared to 7.25 billion EGP in January - March 2020.



Source: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt Post

Number of Newly Established ICT Companies and Issued Capital

- The number of newly established ICT companies reached 182 in April – June 2020, compared to 340 companies in April – June 2019.
- The value of issued capital of newly established ICT companies reached EGP 259.24 million in April – June 2020, compared to EGP 572.30 million in April – June 2019.

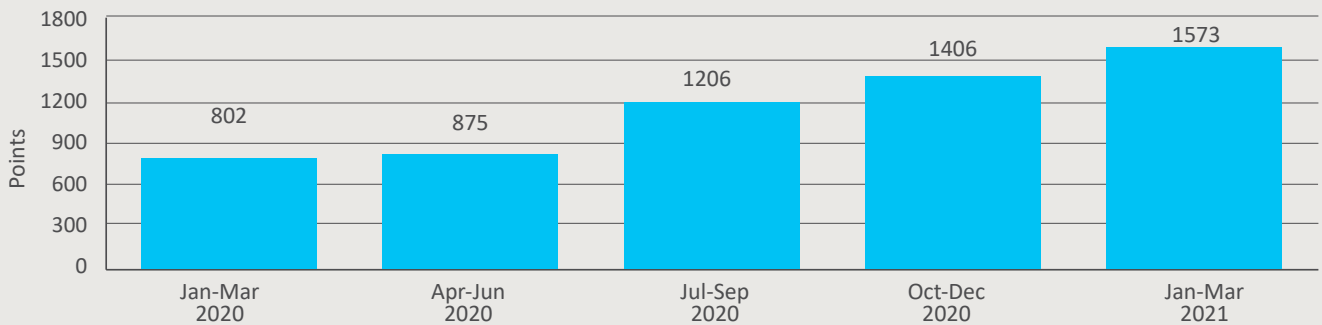


Source: Ministry of Investment, General Authority for Investment and Free Zones



Egypt's Stock Exchange Telecommunications Index *

- The Telecommunications Index in Egypt's Stock Exchange reached 1573 points during January - March 2021, compared to 802 points during January - March 2020.



Index includes 4 companies: Raya Contact Center, Fawry for Banking Technology and Electronic Payment, Egyptian Media Production City and Telecom Egypt.

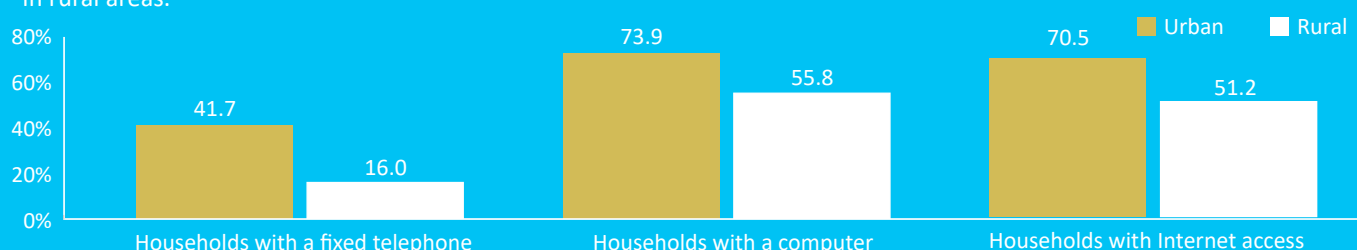
Source: Egypt's Stock Exchange

The ICT Sector's Role in Development

- Proportion of households owning computers in urban areas: 73.9%
- Proportion of households accessing Internet from home in urban areas: 70.5%
- Proportion of households with fixed (wired) broadband in urban areas: 59%
- Proportion of households with mobile broadband in urban areas: 52.9%
- Proportion of households owning computers in rural areas: 55.8%
- Proportion of households accessing Internet from home in rural areas: 51.2%
- Number of graduates to receive software training by ITIDA till March 2021: 29.93 thousand trainees
- Number of graduates of ITI till March 2021: 13.99 thousand trainees.

Infrastructure for the Use of Communications and Information Technology in Egyptian Household

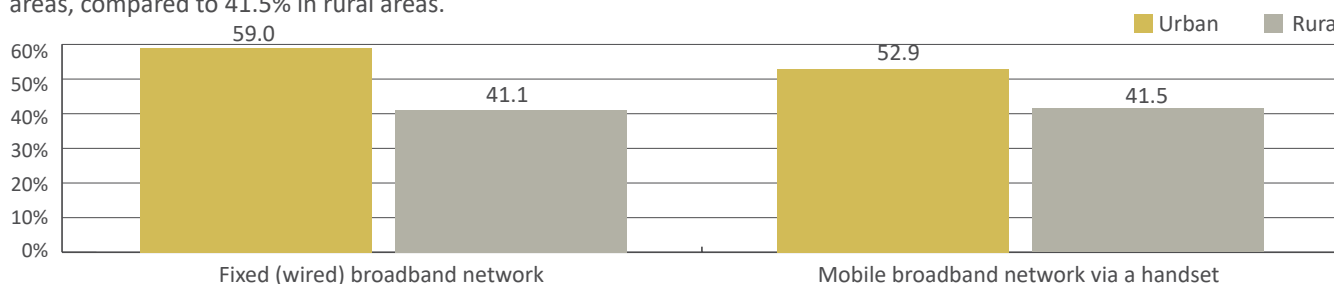
- By comparing the uses of ICT tools in Egyptian households in urban and rural areas, the percentage of households that own a fixed phone was 41.7% in urban areas, compared to 16% in rural areas, while households that own a computer were 73.9% in urban areas, compared to 55.8% in rural areas. The use of Internet from home was 70.5% in urban areas, compared to 51.2% in rural areas.



Source: Survey of "ICT usage in households and individuals", conducted by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) in cooperation with the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), 2019/2020.

Households Internet Access at Home by Type of Access Mode

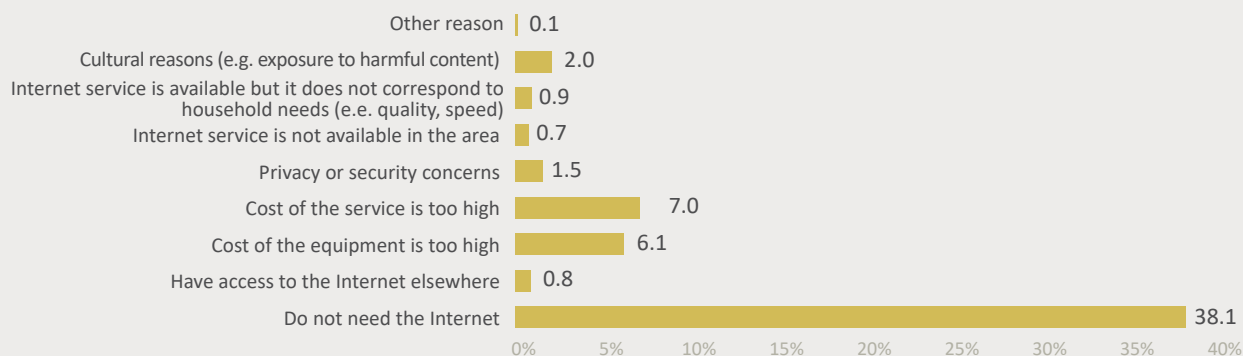
- Comparing the percentages of Egyptian families connected to Internet from home according to the means of communication at urban and rural areas, the percentage of households using fixed (wired) broadband network in urban areas was 59%, compared to 41.1% in rural areas, followed by 52.9% of households using mobile broadband network via a handset in urban areas, compared to 41.5% in rural areas.



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Reasons for Not Having Internet Access

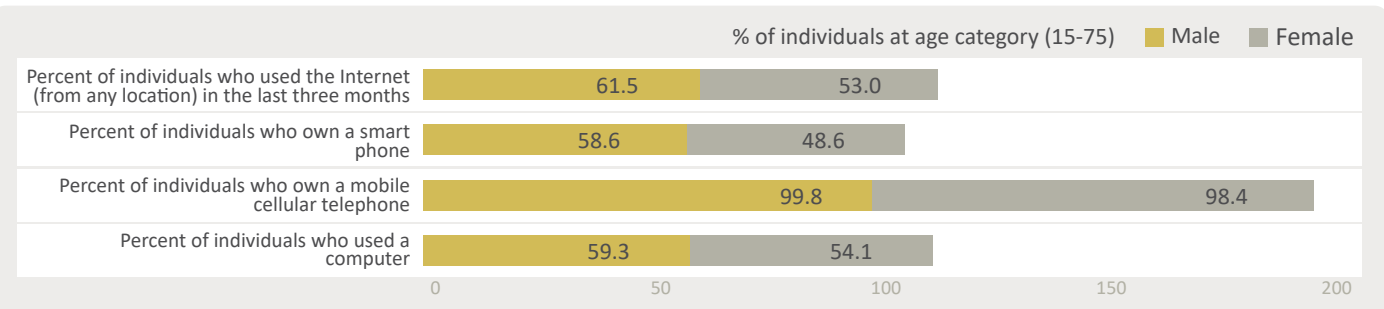
- One of the most important reasons of not using Internet from home is that families do not need Internet from home by 38%, followed by the high cost of service and equipment cost, 7% and 6.1% respectively. Other reasons range from 0.1 to 2%.



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ICT usage for individuals by gender

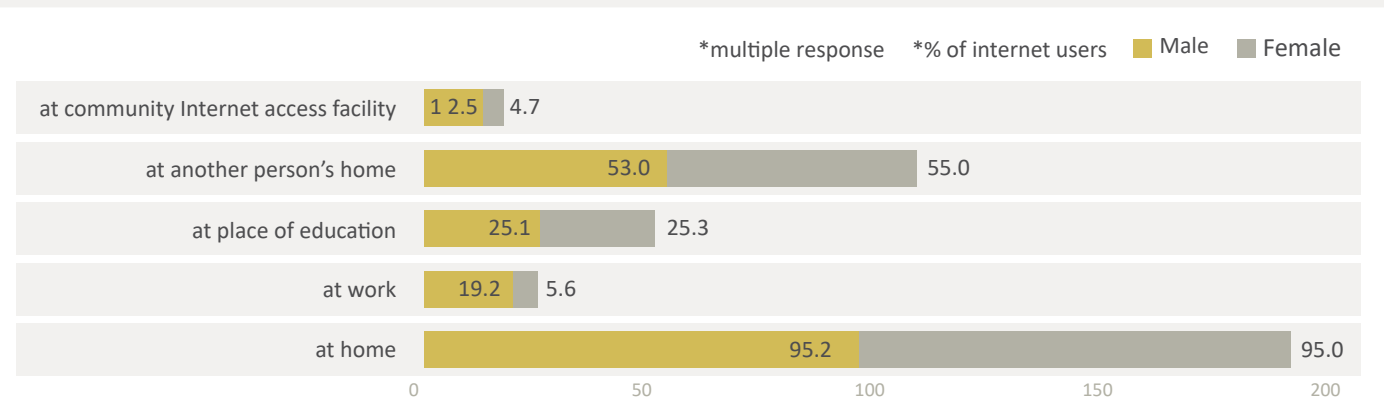
- By comparing the uses of communications and information technology of Internet users, we found that the uses of males are superior to that of females. The percentage of computer use was 59.3% for males, compared to 54.1% for females; Internet usage was 61.5% for males, compared to 53% for females; and owning a smart phone was 58.6% for males compared to 48.6% for females, while the rates of usage were close in the indicator of mobile ownership between males and females, with 99.8% and 98.4% respectively.



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Individuals Who Used Internet in Last Three Months by Location of Use % of Internet Users by Gender

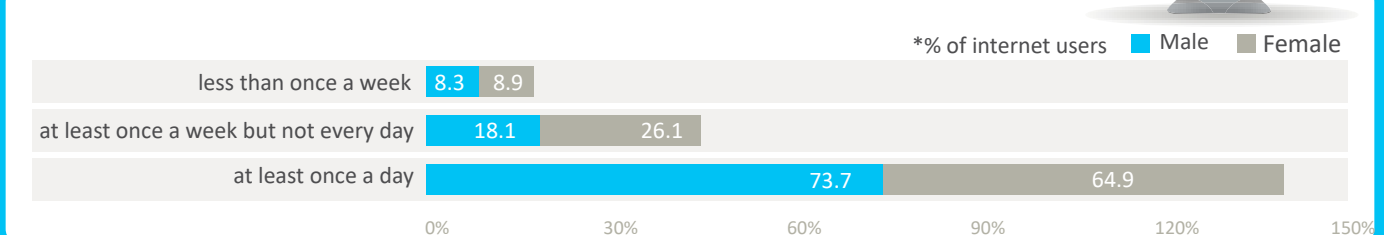
- By comparing the places where people use Internet, we found that the ratios between males and females are similar in some indicators. The percentage of Internet usage from home was 95.2% for males, compared to 95% for females; the percentage of usage through educational institutions was 25.1% for males, compared to 25.3% for females, and the percentage of usage through neighbors or friends was 53% for males, compared to 55% for females. The percentages vary from males to females in the indicator of using Internet from workplace, 19.2% for males, compared to 5.6% for females, and the indicator of using Internet at community Internet access facility is 12.5% for males, compared to 4.7% for females.



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Individuals Who Used the Internet (From any location) in the Last Three Months, by Frequency % of Internet Users by Gender

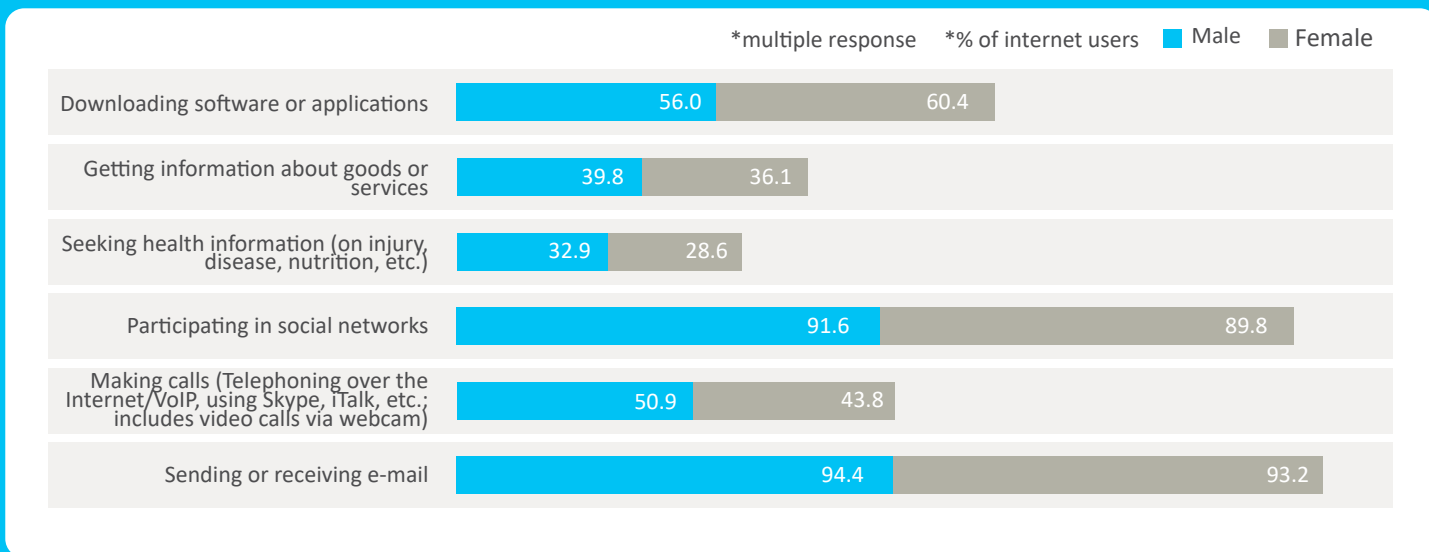
- By comparing the frequencies of dealing with Internet between male and female, the indicator of dealing with Internet on daily basis was 73.7% for males, compared to 64.9% for females. While the percentage of dealing on weekly basis was 18.1% for males, compared to 26.1% for females, while dealing less than once a week was the least 8.3% for males, versus 8.9% for females.



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Individuals Who Used Internet in Last Three Months by Type of Activity % of Internet Users by Gender

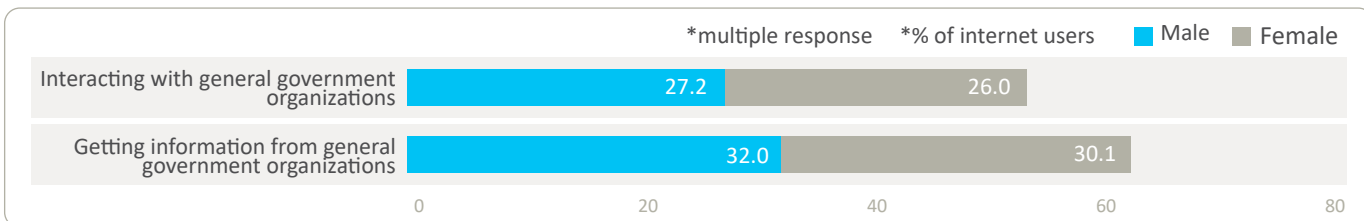
- Comparison of Internet usage between males and females: Sending and receiving e-mails came in first place, 94.4% for males, compared to 93.2 for females; the social media participation indicator was 91.6% for males, compared to 89.8 for females, followed by downloading programs and applications, 56% for males, compared to 60.4% for females; and making Internet calls, 50.9% for males, compared to 43.8 for females. Finally, obtaining information on goods and services is 39.8% for males, compared to 36.1% for females, and searching for health information is 32.9% for males, compared to 28.6 for females.



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E-government Fields

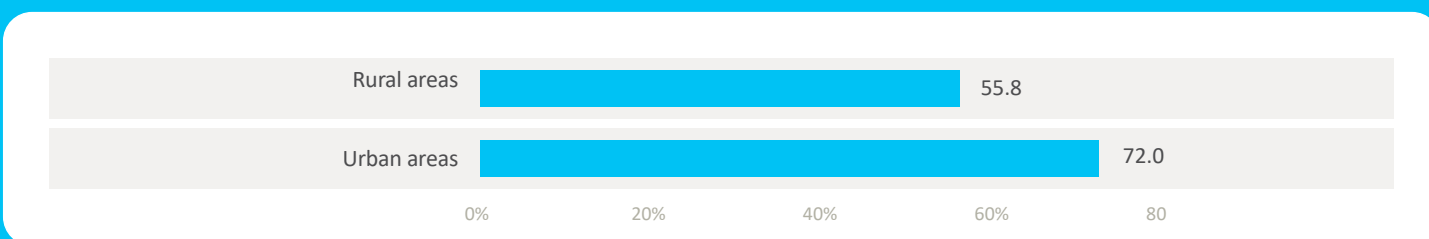
- By comparing the use of e-government between males and females, we found a convergence in the percentages of usage between males and females. The indicator of obtaining information from general government agencies was 32% for males, compared to 30.1% for females, followed by dealing with government institutions via Internet, 27.2% for males, compared to 26% for females.



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Households with Computer According to (Urban/Rural)

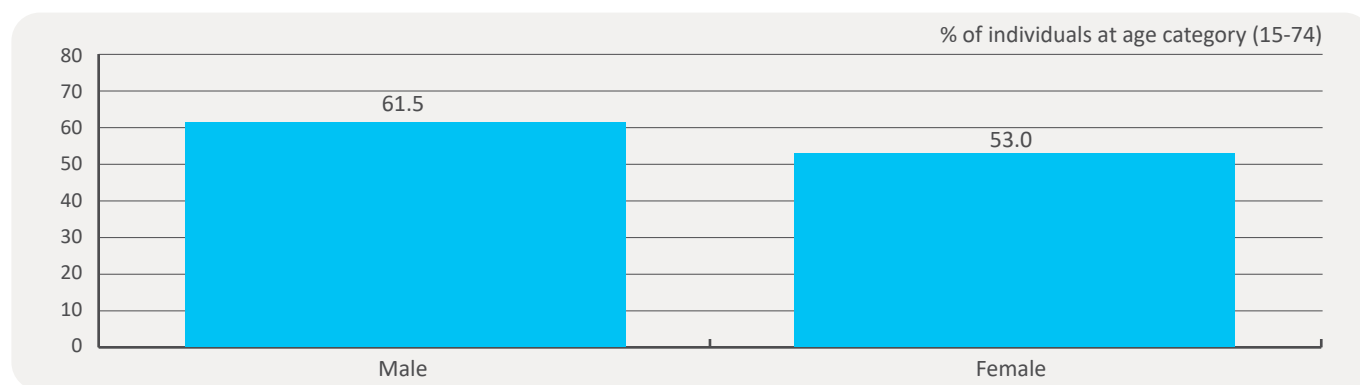
- The proportion of households with computer in urban areas is 72%, while the proportion of household in rural areas is 55.8%.



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Internet Using According to Gender

- The proportion of males who use Internet is 61.5%, while the proportion of females is 53%.



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Number of Graduates of Capacity Building Program Provided by Information Technology Institute (ITI)

Training Track		Graduates
Professional Web Development & BI		166
Open Source Development		116
Mobile Applications Development		80
Embedded Systems		56
Enterprise and Web Applications Development		47
Systems Administration		30
Software Testing and Quality Assurance		30
User Interface Development		26
Cloud Platform Development		22
Software Architecture		20
Wireless Communications		19
Web and User Interface Development		17
Geoinformatics		17
3D Art		16
Cloud Architecture		16
Civil Engineering Informatics		16
2D Animation and Motion Graphics		16
IOT Applications Development		16
Cyber Security		16
VFX and Compositing		15
Mechatronics		15
ERP Consulting		15
Data Science		15
Telecom Applications Development		15
Game Art		14
Industrial Automation		13
Data Management		13
Digital IC Design		12
Game Programming		12
Grand Total		881

Source: Ministry of Communications and Information Technology - Information Technology Institute.

*According to the latest figures.

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ICT Sector's Role in Development

- Proportion of households owning computers in urban areas 72% while Proportion of households owning computers in rural areas: 55.8%.
- The proportion of males using internet reached 61.5% while the proportion of females reached 53%.
- The proportion of males using internet for sending and receiving emails reached 94.4% while the proportion of females reached 93.2%
- The number of ITI graduates till January - March 2021 reached 13.99 thousand trainees.
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