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Reading the Pulse

Measuring the Health and Resilience of the Internet with Internet Society Pulse.



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Sneak peak into upcoming areas of focus: IXP Dashboard, 50/50 KTL, historical data.



- Launched December 2020.
- We curate Internet measurement data from trusted sources to help everyone gain deeper, data-driven insight into the Internet.

Trusted data from multiple sources:

- **Benefit:** Helps to assess whether efforts to ensure that the Internet remains open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy are working.
- **Benefit:** Allows policymakers, researchers, journalists, network operators, civil society groups, and others to better understand the health, availability, and evolution of the Internet.



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Focus Areas



Internet Shutdowns



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Pulse: Internet Resilience and Internet Shutdowns

Resilience: How robust is the Internet ecosystem? Includes tracking:

- **Concentration:** How much are services concentrated in the hands of a few?
- **Technologies:** What is the state of deployment of technologies critical for the evolution of the Internet?
- **Country Reports:** Consolidate and illustrate critical Internet health metrics
 - Coming soon: IXP Dashboard and tracking the proportion of local traffic.

Shutdowns: Where do Internet Shutdowns take place and what is the economic cost?

- **Shutdown pages.**
- **NetLoss Calculator**



Across 2023, Pulse recorded

18

Countries experienced
an intentional Internet
shutdown

124

Shutdown events
ranging from 2 hours
to months

2370

Total number of days
of disruption

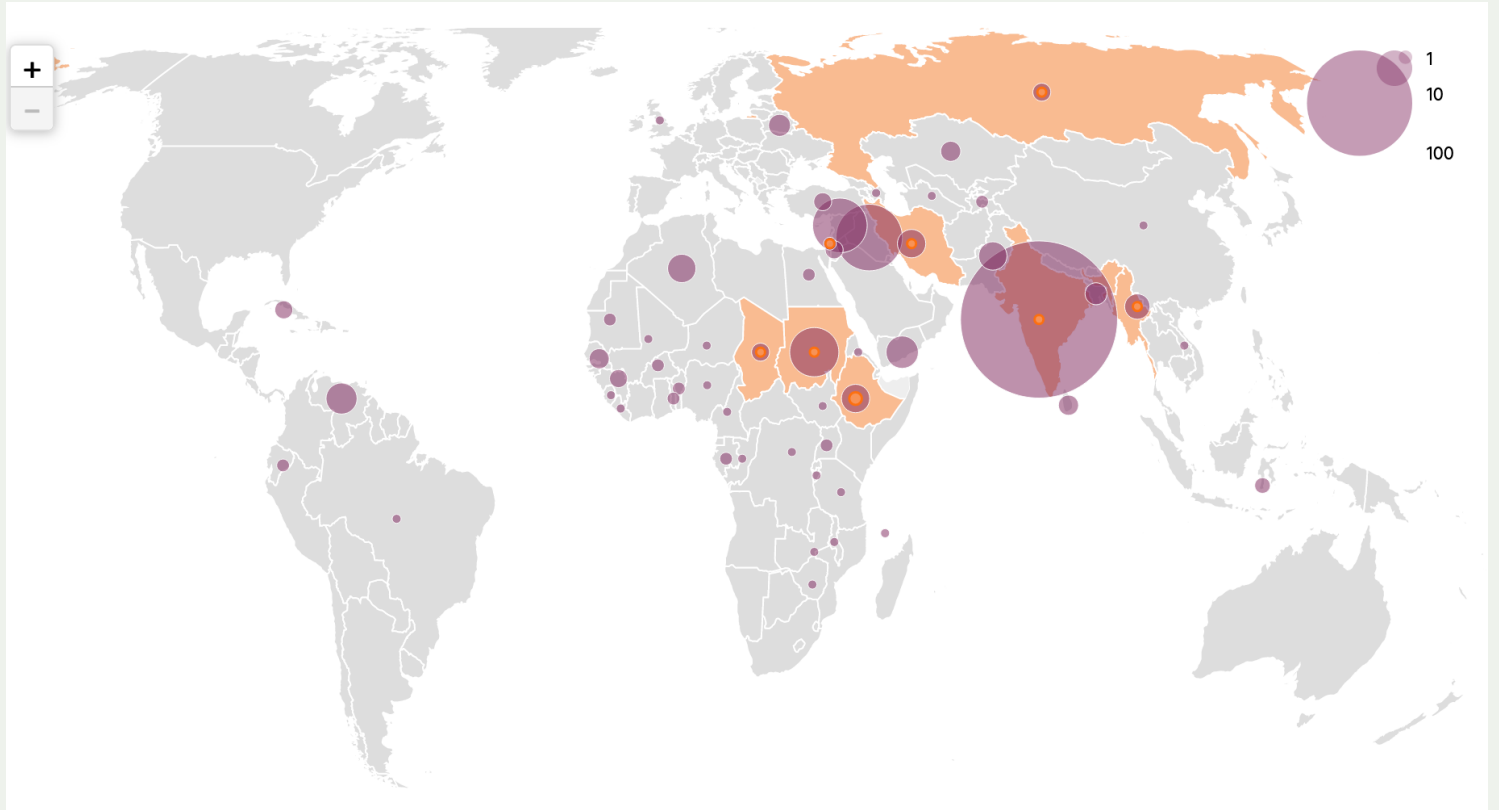


Global Shutdown Trends

Shutdowns tend to occur in response to several factors:

- Civil unrest and protests
- Armed conflict
- Elections
- National or regional exams

Shutdowns tend to be performed at the national level, although in India shutdowns are often ordered by regional governments.



Location of Shutdowns from 10/2019 to 3/2024




NetLoss: Calculating the Cost of Shutdowns

Our NetLoss tool allows users to estimate the economic cost of an Internet shutdown in a country or territory.

NetLoss helps Internet advocates make the point to governments that shutting down the Internet is harmful to their economy.

Important notes:

- NetLoss uses an economic framework to estimate the impact of Internet shutdowns on a range of economic, social, and other outcomes and uses econometric tools to provide a rigorous estimate of the economic impact of a given shutdown. But it is an estimate.
- Estimates the cost of national shutdowns, not regional shutdowns.

Country	Start Date	End Date
United States of America (the)	13 Mar 2024	13 Mar 2024
Type of Shutdown		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Internet Shutdown		
<input type="radio"/> Service Blocking		
<button>CALCULATE</button>		
 United States of America (the)		
GDP (PPP) Loss		Shutdown Risk
USD \$76,548,692		0.52%
FDI Loss		
USD \$21,272,259		
Unemployment Increase (persons)		
109		



Health of the Internet



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Tracking the health of the Internet

- Pulse tracks the health and resiliency of the Internet by curating data on several areas:
 - The implementation of enabling technologies
 - The concentration of services on the Internet
 - Close to 30 individual metrics that we use to calculate our Internet Resiliency Index, and
 - Country reports highlighting key insights from the data
- Coming soon:
 - Internet Exchange Point Dashboard, tracking key data about IXPs
 - Pulse 50/50, tracking the proportion of traffic staying local
 - The ability to see historical data, allowing for analysis of how resilience has changed.
 - Improved usability and APIs



Enabling Technologies



HTTPS
96%



Current percentage of top 1000 websites globally that support HTTPS.



IPv6
48%



Current percentage of top 1000 websites globally that support IPv6.



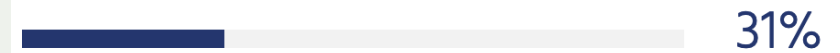
TLS 1.3
81%



Current percentage of top 1000 websites globally that support TLS 1.3.

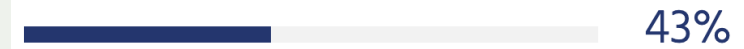
Network name ↑	IPv6 deployment	ASN(s)
3 Scandinavia	77%	44034
A DO NASCIMENTO SANT...	15%	267343
AAISP	21%	20712
achermann consulting ag	10%	43291
Active Network S.p.A.	1%	197075
ADDIX Internet Services	33%	25415
Airtek Solutions	8%	61461
Alcom	45%	3238
Altibox AS	57%	29695

DNSSEC



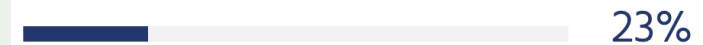
Percentage of ccTLD registries with operational DNSSEC and global DNSSEC validation rate (data sources: DNS, APNIC)

ROA Coverage



Percentage of address space covered by ROA (data source: APNIC)

HTTP/3



HTTP/3 adoption (data source: Mozilla Firefox Telemetry)



Concentration

- **Market Concentration:** The concentration of providers in a given market
- **Country Market Shares:** The jurisdiction of providers in a given market.



The Internet Resiliency Index (IRI)

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The framework collates around 30 sets of public metric data that relate to **four pillars** of a resilient Internet:

Infrastructure

The existence and availability of physical infrastructure that provides Internet connectivity.

Performance

The ability of the network to provide end-users with seamless and reliable access to Internet services.

Security

The ability of the network to resist intentional or unintentional disruptions through the adoption of security technologies and best practices.

Market Readiness

The ability of the market to self-regulate and provide affordable prices to end-users by maintaining a diverse and competitive market.



Methodology: <https://pulse.internetsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Internet-Society-Pulse-IRI-Methodology-July-2023-v2.0-Final-EN.pdf>

The Internet Resiliency Index — Performance

Infrastructure

Performance

Security

Market Readiness

Cable
Infrastructure

Mobile
connectivity

Enabling
infrastructure

10 km Fiber reach

Network Coverage

Spectrum allocation

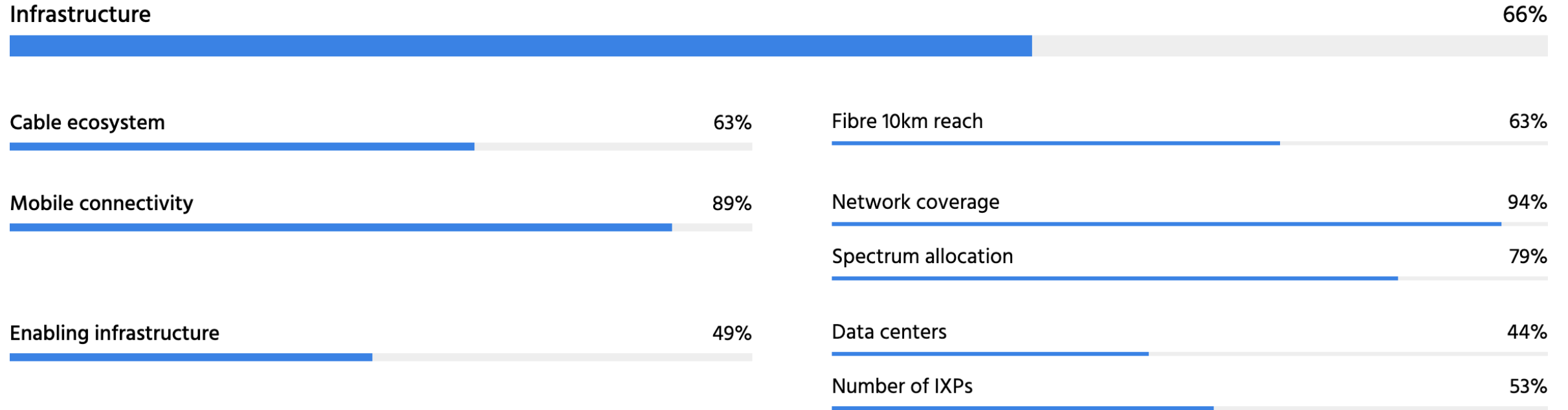
Number of IXPs

Datacenters





Poland



The Internet Resiliency Index — Infrastructure

Infrastructure

Performance

Security

Market Readiness

Fixed networks

Mobile networks

Latency

Upload

Download

Jitter

Latency

Upload

Download

Jitter



Performance

48%

Fixed networks

56%

Fixed download

42%

Fixed jitter

88%

Fixed latency

69%

Fixed upload

41%

Mobile networks

43%

Mobile download

39%

Mobile jitter

56%

Mobile latency

41%

Mobile upload

40%



The Internet Resiliency Index — Security

Infrastructure

Performance

Security

Market Readiness

Enabling technologies

DNSSEC

Routing hygiene

Security Threat

Secure web traffic (Webpage loads using HTTPS. Source Mozilla

IPv6 adoption. Source APNIC Labs

DNSSEC adoption, i.e., is ccTLD signed. Source: ICANN

DNSSEC validation, i.e., Users validating DNSSEC.
Source: APNIC Labs

MANRS score.. Source: MANRS

Upstream redundancy i.e., Avg # of upstream providers.
Source: CAIDA

DDoS Protection.. Source: Cybergreen

Global cybersecurity index score.
Source: ITU

Secure Internet Servers
Source: World Bank



Security

72%

Security: The ability of the network to resist intentional or unintentional disruptions through the adoption of security technologies and best practices

Enabling technologies

70%

Secure web traffic

91%

IPv6 adoption

22%

Domain name system security

68%

DNSSEC adoption

100%

DNSSEC validation

36%

Routing hygiene

72%

MANRS

71%

Upstream redundancy

73%

Security threat

80%

DDoS protection

60%

Global cybersecurity

94%

Secure Internet servers

81%



The Internet Resiliency Index — Market Readiness

Infrastructure

Performance

Security

Market Readiness

Market structure

Traffic Localization

Affordability

Market concentration

AS Hegemony

Peering efficiency

Domain count

E-Government Development Index



Market readiness

64%

Market structure

67%

Traffic localization

61%

Affordability

95%

Upstream provider diversity

49%

Market diversity

60%

Domain count

96%

EGDI

85%

Peering efficiency

18%



Country Reports: Open Internet

Country Report

 **Poland**
Europe, Eastern Europe

Search for countries




Open Internet Environment

Internet Use

Individuals using the Internet as a percentage of the total population

87%
Regional
Rank: 29

89%
Europe avg.



Internet Resilience Score

A resilient Internet connection is one that maintains an acceptable level of service in the face of faults and challenges to normal operation

63%
Regional
Rank: 20

60%
Europe avg.


[See details](#)



Transit Provider Diversity

More diversity in routes to the global Internet improves connection resilience


Fair



Retail ISP Diversity

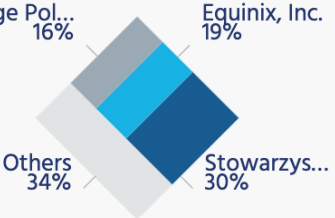
Diversity of retail Internet providers improves resilience and user choice

Excellent



IXP Operator Market

A measure of the diversity and concentration of the local market for Internet Exchange Point operations



Operator	Percentage
Orange Pol...	16%
Equinix, Inc.	19%
Stowarzys...	30%
Others	34%



Globally Connected Infrastructure

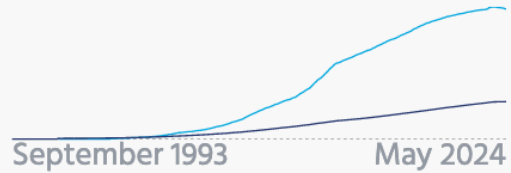
Networks Assigned

A measure of how many Internet networks are active here

2,508
Regional Rank: 4

723

Europe avg.



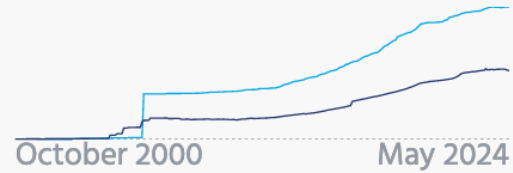
Addresses Assigned IPv6

A measure of how many Internet addresses are assigned here

406.8M
Regional Rank: 8

211.1M

Europe avg.



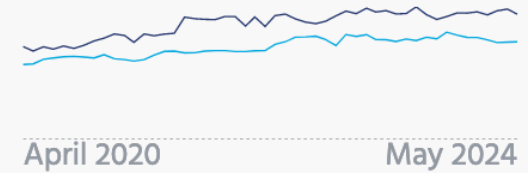
IPv6 Adoption

Enabling the Internet to support more users and more uses

16%
Regional Rank: 22

21%

Europe avg.



Internet Exchange Points

IXPs help strengthen local Internet connectivity, develop local Internet industry, improve competitiveness, and serve as a hub for technical activity

16
Regional Rank: 9

10

Europe avg.



Addresses Assigned IPv4

A measure of how many legacy addresses are assigned here

20.0M
Regional Rank: 10

16.1M

Europe avg.



Peering Networks

Peering networks help to keep Internet traffic local, provide faster connections, and improve the experience of the people relying on them

764
Regional Rank: 5

274

Europe avg.



Secure and Trustworthy Internet

A secure Internet is resistant to attacks on its infrastructure, delivering a robust service to its user community. A trustworthy Internet meets the expectations of its users by offering a resilient and reliable base for applications and services.

Naming Security Status

Adopting DNSSEC improves trustworthiness of Internet communications



Naming Security Coverage

A measure of how much local web content supports DNSSEC for improved trustworthiness

16%

Regional
Rank: 14

14%
Europe avg.



Naming Security Adoption

A measure of how much local Internet users are protected by DNSSEC

45%

Regional
Rank: 21

44%
Europe avg.



Routing Security Adoption

A measure of how much local Internet providers are checking validity of connectivity information they receive from other networks

38%

Regional
Rank: 23

35%
Europe avg.



Routing Security Coverage IPv4

One measure of how much local Internet network providers are securing their infrastructure

85%

Regional
Rank: 20

74%
Europe avg.



Routing Security Coverage IPv6

One measure of how much local Internet network providers are securing their infrastructure

76%

Regional
Rank: 24

67%
Europe avg.



Use Cases

How can Pulse help you if you are:

- Decision Maker
- Journalist
- In charge of network provisioning
- In charge of implementing enabling technologies



The API

- How to get access: email us at pulse@isoc.org.



Challenges and Discussion



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Challenges

- The data is pulled from external public sources which are not always up-to-date.
- Some countries are missing due to a lack of data.
- Without in-country measurements, it's difficult to validate the data.
 - RIPE Atlas and OONI are doing great work in this area, but more is needed.
- Some of the data undergoes processing, normalization, and weighing, we use a methodology that is reproducible.
- Ultimately, the Index benchmarks countries with one another and helps decision makers recognize gaps and weaknesses to conduct further study into validating these and work towards addressing them.



IXP Dashboard

Under development.

Peering

Peering dashboard for team discussion.

IXP name: Filter

Angola-IXP

ANG-IXP

Country: Angola
 City: Luanda
 Website: <http://www.angola-ixp.ao/>
 Members: 12 ([View members](#))

Members by Country of Registration

► Explanation

Country	Count
AO	6
US	5
CZ	1

Members by AS Type

► Explanation

AS Type	Count
access	4
content	3
NREN	2
Route Server	1
not-disclosed	1
transit	1

Count of Visible AS Numbers

► Explanation

Reporting Date	Visible ASNs
Jun 2023	41
Jul 2023	39
Aug 2023	37

Count of Visible IPv4 Prefixes

► Explanation

Reporting Date	Visible Prefixes
Jun 2023	340
Jul 2023	335
Aug 2023	280

Membership

► Explanation

Year	Total
2015	3
2016	4
2018	7
2019	8
2020	10
2021	11
2022	12

Capacity

► Explanation

Year	Total (Gbps)
2015	20
2016	30
2018	33
2019	33
2020	35
2021	55
2022	65



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