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SURVEY ON THE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES FROM THE HOUSEHOLDS, YEAR 2006

USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

The General Secretariat of National Statistical Service of Greece announces the results on the use of new technologies from the households and their members. The data come from the sample survey on the Use of Information and Communication Technologies from the Households, of the year 2006.

The survey has been conducted in a final sample of 4.896 private households and in equal to size members of these households, throughout the country, based on the condition that at least one member aged 16 – 74 lives in the household. Reference period is the A' quarter of the year 2006.

A. History and aim of the survey

With this survey analytical information is collected on the access of the households to selected information and communication technologies, e.g. to personal computer, mobile phone, digital TV, internet, etc. Also information is collected, at personal level, from the person having been pre-selected for interview, on the use of personal computer and on the internet access (interaction with public services via the internet, e-commerce, etc.), *e*-skills.

The survey has been conducted for the first time in the year 2002 and the results of it are totally harmonized with the results of the surveys of the rest EU member states, who also conduct the survey, as a commonly accepted questionnaire is being used.

B. Way of data collection

The CATI method is used for the data collection, and for only one randomly pre-selected person of the household, under the only condition his/her age, that is, his/her being 16 – 74 year old. Information is being collected concerning the whole household (household's synthesis, access to selected information and communication technologies, access to internet) as well as the pre-selected person him/herself. In the year 2006, also information has been collected for children aged 12 – 15 years old and old aged persons 75 – 84 years old, with specially formulated questionnaires.

For more data on the survey please visit cite <http://www.statistics.gr> (Statistical data/ Social statistics/ Information and Communication Technologies).

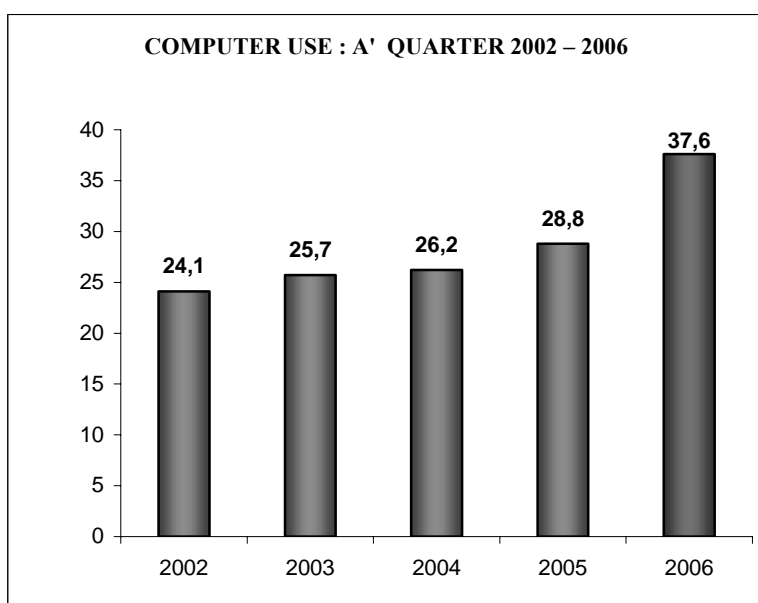
C. Main results

The results are presented as percentages of total population or total number of households of the country.

a. Computer Use

GRAPH 1

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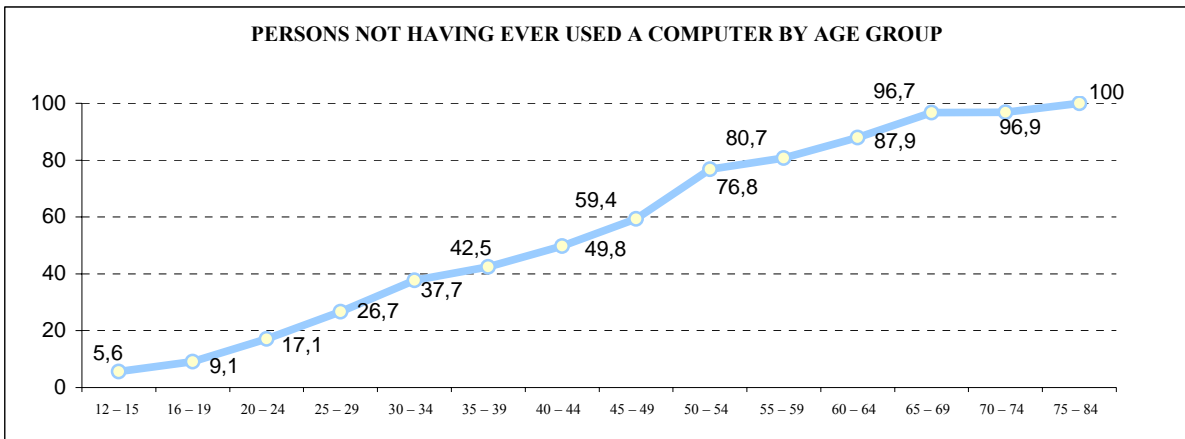


In 2006 an increase of 30,6% has been observed in the computer use, being the largest in the last 5 years.

- During the A' quarter of the year 2006, the percentage of persons using a computer was **37,6%**. It is clarified that use of the computer can be done from any place, that is from home, workplace, education, friends' home, internet cafés etc.
- In relation to 2005 data, the population aged 16 – 74, not having ever used a computer, decreased by 9 percentage units. In the following graph 2, presented are the ages of persons not having ever used a computer.

GRAPH 2

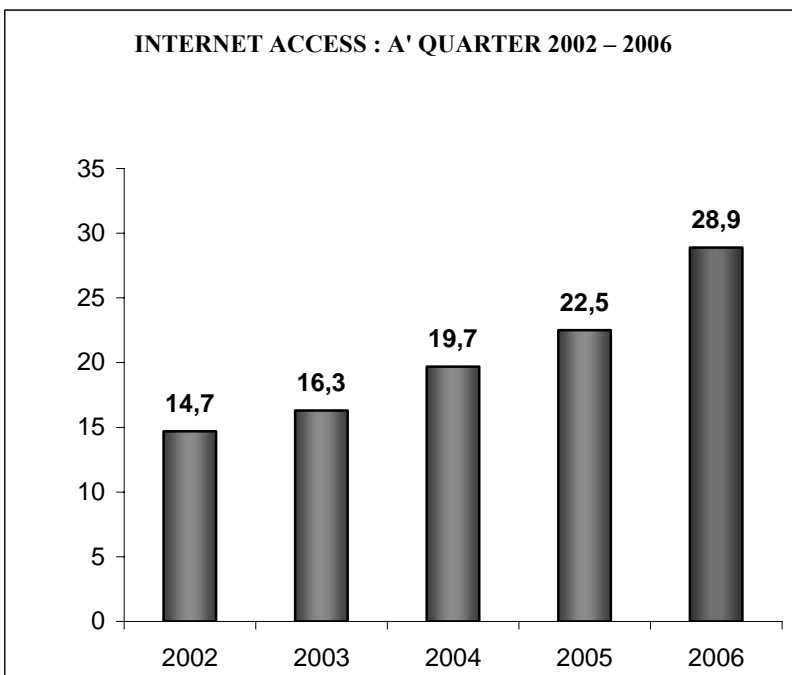
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b. Internet Access

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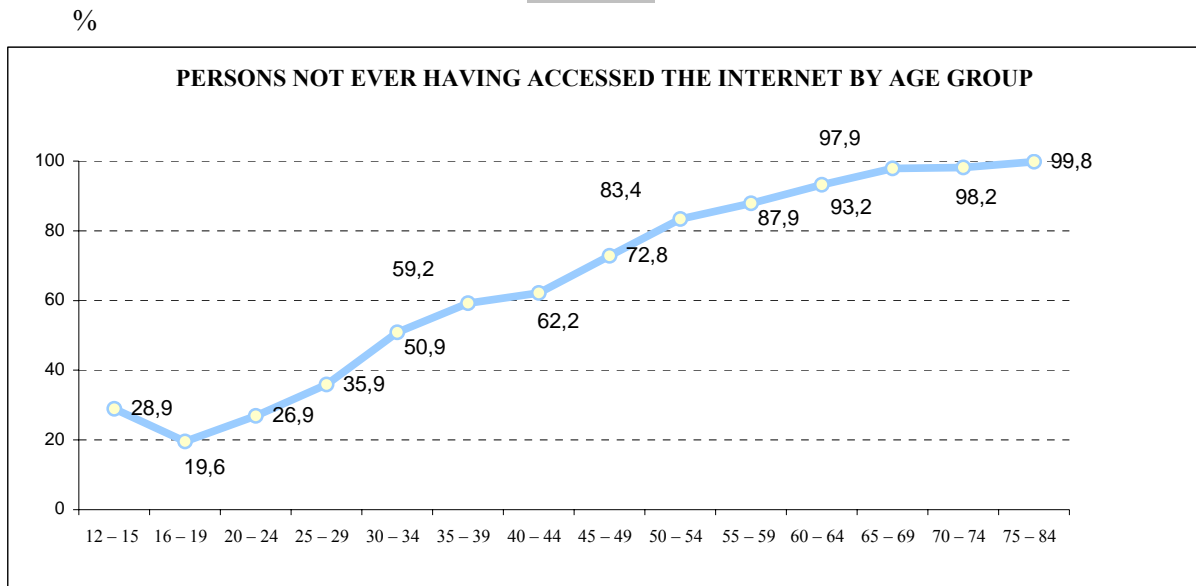
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In 2006 an increase of 28,4% has been observed in internet access.

- During the A' quarter of the year 2006, the percentage of persons having internet access, from any place, was **28,9%**. It is clarified that use of the computer can be done from any place, that is from home, workplace, education, friends' home, internet cafés etc.
- In relation to 2005 data, the population aged 16 – 74, not having ever accessed internet, decreased by 8 percentage units. In the following graph 4, presented are the ages of persons not having ever accessed the internet.

GRAPH 4



c. Internet activities

From the data results that the main reasons for internet access (in % percentages) are the following:

1. Finding information about goods and services, **78,9**.
2. Sending / receiving e-mails, **58,5**.
3. Reading or downloading online newspapers / new magazines, **48,0**.
4. Using services related to travel and accommodation, **40,2**.
5. Playing or downloading games, images or music, **38,7**.

More specifically:

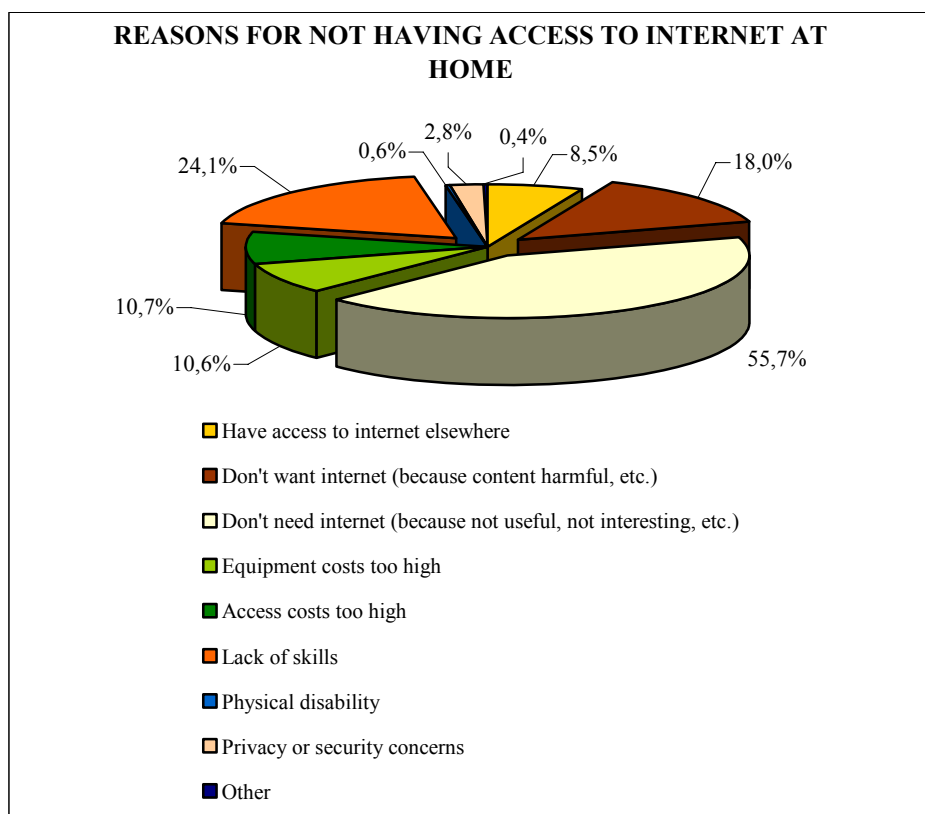
- 69% of young persons 16 – 19 years old mostly uses the internet for playing or downloading games, images, or music.
- For young persons aged 20 – 24 main reason for accessing the internet is sending/receiving e-mails.
- For persons aged 25 – 69 the main reason for accessing the internet is finding information about goods and services.

Reference year is the A' quarter of 2006 and internet access can be done in any place.

d. Reasons for not having internet access at home

In relation to the data of the year 2005, the reasons the households' claim for not having internet access at home, remain the same. Main reason, with 55,7%, remains the perception that useful information does not exist in the internet, and then follows with 24,1% the lack of skills and with 18,0% the perception of people that content is harmful. However, a high decrease is recorded in equipments' and access' costs, reasons being main during the first years of the survey conduction (**2002** : 21,0% and 17,0%, respectively, and **2006** : 10,6% and 10,7%, respectively).

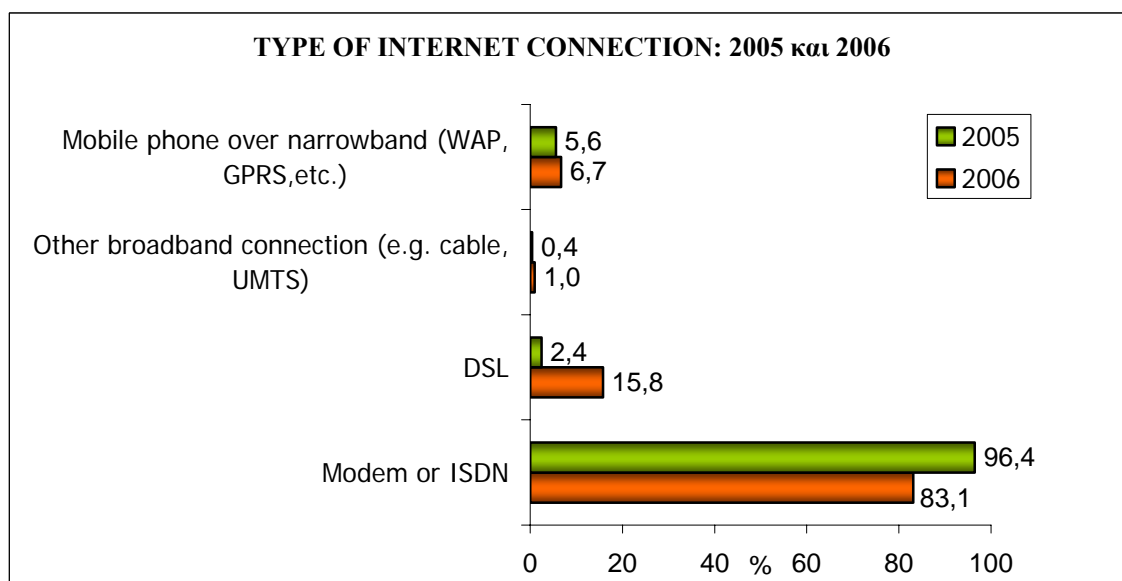
GRAPH 5



e. Internet connection at home - Type of connection

23% of households have access to the internet at home, regardless of whether it is used. The majority (83%) of the households uses modem (dial-up access over normal telephone line) or ISDN. Compared to 2005, a large increase has been recorded in the use of broadband DSL connections (16%) by approximately 13 percentage units.

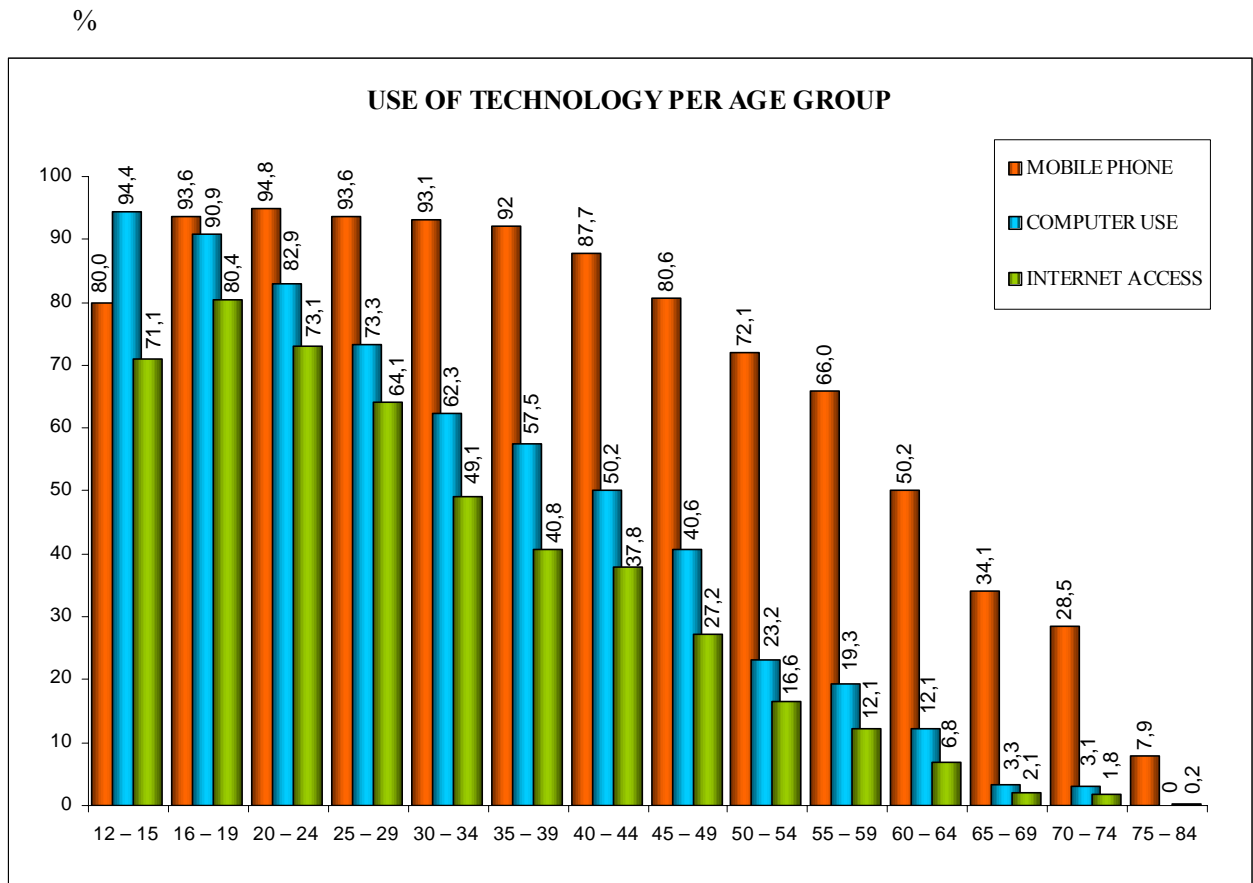
GRAPH 6



f. Use of technology per age group

Following graph 7 presents the percentages for the use of mobile phone, computer and internet access, for all age groups (12 – 84 years old).

GRAPH 7



More specifically :

- 8 out of 10 children aged 12 – 15 use mobile phone (80,0%)
- 9 out of 10 children aged 12 – 15 have used a computer (94,4%).
- 7 out of 10 children aged 12 – 15 ετών have accessed the internet (71,1%).
- 9 out of 10 young persons aged 16 – 19 have used a computer (90,9%).
- 8 out of 10 young persons aged 16 – 19 have accessed the internet (80,4%).
- 3 out of 10 persons aged 60 – 84 have use mobile phone (29,1%).

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