

Internet traffic increases to 10.14 million users

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Mobile Internet subscriptions reached 13.38 million at the end of June 2008

The number of active Internet users in Taiwan totaled 10.14 million at the end of June, or 44 users per 100 people, an industry report said.

The number represents a slight increase from the end of December last year, when there were 10.03 million active users, said the report, which was released by Foreseeing Innovative New Digiservices (FIND), a Web site run by the Institute for Information Industry that provides data on Internet demographics and trends.

At the end of June, broadband subscriptions totaled 4.7 million, up 40,000 quarter-on-quarter, while mobile Internet subscriptions reached 13.38 million, up 920,000 quarter-on-quarter.

Meanwhile, dial-up subscriptions stood at 690,000.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mobile Internet subscriptions accounted for the largest portion of commercial subscriptions at 71 percent, followed by digital subscriber line (xDSL) subscriptions at 18 percent, fiber-to-the-home/business (FTTH/B) subscriptions at 4 percent, dial-up subscriptions at 4 percent and cable modem subscriptions at 3 percent.

Of the 13.38 million mobile Internet subscriptions, 8.55 million were through the 3G data service, increasing 990,000 from the previous quarter and accounting for 64 percent of all mobile Internet subscriptions.

GPRS

Meanwhile, more than 3.3 million subscribers were using the general packet radio service (GPRS), a drop of 70,000 quarter-on-quarter, accounting for 25 percent of all mobile Internet subscriptions.

Those using the personal handy-phone system (PHS) totaled 1.49 million, up 10,000 quarter-on-quarter, accounting for 11 percent of all mobile Internet subscriptions.

Only 20,000 subscribers used the wireless application protocol (WAP) network.

Among broadband subscriptions, xDSL users totaled 3.42 million at the end of June, declining 3.7 percent quarter-on-quarter and accounting for 73 percent of all broadband users.

The number of cable modem users stood at 480,000, up 5 percent quarter-on-quarter.

The FTTH/B service, which provides faster transmission speed and better quality than the xDSL, recorded 800,000 subscriptions at the end of June, up 23 percent quarter-on-quarter and accounting for 17 percent of all broadband subscriptions.

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