

Peru Advances in digitisation

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- A country's digitisation process involves its citizens, companies and government. More digitised citizens have more tools available for their development. Digitised companies increase their efficiency. At the same time, the development of electronic government increases efficiency and benefits citizens
- According to the DiGiX Digitisation Index drawn up by BBVA Research, Peru ranks below its regional peers, largely because it falls short in Affordability and Infrastructure

Use

- Peru has low internet usage compared with other countries in the region. In spite of having improved in recent years, only 45% of Peruvians use the internet, and this figure hides considerable disparities:
 - In urban areas 54% of the population use the internet, whereas this figure drops to 14% in rural areas
 - Over 63% of the population in the province of Lima use the internet, whereas in Cajamarca, Huancavelica and Amazonas this rate is around 20%
 - Young people and those with a medium-to-high education level use the internet most



Key messages

- The Internet is mainly used over the mobile phone and from the home PC. The Internet is mainly used for communicating, obtaining information, and entertainment. E-banking and the purchasing of products/services are less used but are becoming increasingly important
- Some 76% of formal private companies use the internet, though in medium and large enterprises this figures rises to 97%. The main activities are communication, search for products/services and information and online banking. Consequently, online transfers are the most normal method of payment for both purchases and sales on the internet
- Moreover, the internet is a business advertising tool. Approximately 45% of the formal companies that advertise do so on the internet, while 30% have a website and use social media
- The government for its part has also made advances in its digitisation in recent years. At present, it has 59 web services and 87 apps for mobile phones, and it uses the State Interoperability Platform (which enables digital information to be shared among public institutions). Nevertheless, a comparison with its peers shows that there is still room for improvement in the online services offered by the Peruvian government



Key messages

Service provision

- In recent years, the concentration of companies offering internet services has fallen. In 2005, 95% of mobile phone lines were offered by two companies, whereas in 2017 these same operators account for just 73%. As regards fixed-line internet, the main operator has 76% of the market, whereas 10 years ago it had more than 90%
- Average internet speed has improved considerably over the last 5 years, reaching an average of 6.2 Megabytes per second. However, this is still low compared with other Latin American countries such as Chile, Mexico and Brazil
- As far as infrastructure is concerned, the construction of the Fibre Optic Backbone Network and the implementation of regional infrastructure has enabled Peru to hold its own in this area when compared with its peers. Nevertheless, there is still room to expand 3G and 4G mobile internet coverage



Key messages

Regulation and promotion of digitisation

- In Peru, the regulatory and political environment for the development of ICTs is not well perceived (Peru ranks 118th out of a total of 139 countries in this area according to the WEF). In line with this, there are legal inefficiencies as regards ICTs, on top of which software piracy is as much as 65%
- As far as the efforts to achieve greater digital inclusion are concerned, some progress can be discerned in the public sector. In addition to e-government and infrastructure support, some programmes have been developed, such as the Digital Kit for microbusinesses and permission to use electronic contracts and payments to comply with labour law
- As far as the private sector is concerned, some companies have joined forces with the government to develop programmes to improve connectivity, among which the following are particularly noteworthy: (i) the e-Wallet (an instrument that makes it possible to use e-money), (ii) help to improve the system for indicating at which polling station to vote in elections and (iii) some competitions that challenge citizens to get involved in digitisation and come up with solutions



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1. Digitisation





The digitisation process engages citizens, companies and the government.





According to the DiGiX 2017 Digitisation Index, Peru is behind other countries in the region

The DiGiX 2017 Digitisation Index drawn up by BBVA Research assesses the behaviour of the agents and institutions that make it possible for a country to leverage Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to improve competitiveness and well-being



DiGix 2017*

This index assesses the digital performance of 100 countries, including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru.

^{*} Please see Annexes for details of the composition. Source: BBVA Research



According to its dimensions it can be seen to be among the stragglers when it comes to Affordability and Infrastructure*

Affordability



ICT Regulation



Infrastructure



Use at individual level



Use at business level



Content





2. Use







2.a Individuals



More digitised citizens have better tools available for their development

Increases skills

- More information improves decision making
- Reduces gaps in access to ICTs
- Obliges them to search for information themselves
- Tool to handle their finances

More efficient purchases

- Reduces search time
- Affords a greater variety of products
- Less cost by comparing prices

Provides a greater volume of information at greater speed



More digitised citizens have better tools available for their development

Educational tool

- Greater access to information for teachers
- Reduces restrictions on local educational opportunities
- Access to virtual libraries
- Use of forums and access to more opinions (more critical attitude).
- Access to online courses

Enhances the search for job opportunities

- Reduces search time
- Chance to find more job offers
- Reduces the time involved in contacting and sending personal information

Provides a greater volume of information at greater speed



Peru has low internet usage compared with other countries in the region

Internet users and GDP per capita

(% population and purchasing power parity in dollars)



*Different measurements are used depending on the country. In some countries the ITU makes its own estimate, in others the official figure is taken, which is the case as regards Peru. Information for 2016.

Source: International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and International Monetary Fund



Internet users

(% population 6 years old and over)

Despite improvements in recent years, only 45% of Peruvians use the internet



Internet users (millions of people)





There are regional disparities in the use of the internet





Over 63% of the population in the province of Lima use the internet, whereas in Cajamarca, Huancavelica and Amazonas this rate is around 20%



Information for 2016. Source: National Household Survey - INEI



The use of the internet is linked to educational level and age. Young people and the more educated use the internet most

Population

Internet users according to level of education

(% population 6 years old and over)

Population



Internet users by age

(% population 6 years old and over)

65 a más **10%** 7% 43% 60>.<=65 5% 21% 4% 55>.<=60 15% 27% 5% 22% 50>.<=55 31% 5% 6% 45>.<=50 25% 35% 40>.<=45 28% 39% 8% 35>.<=40 35% 45% 8% 30>.<=35 36% 51% 8% 8% 25>.<=30 47% 65% 9% 20>.<=25 59% **74%** 32% 6>.<=20 70% 57% 54% 48% Total



Internet is mainly used over the mobile phone. Use from the home PC comes in second place

Place where the internet was used*

(% of total number of users)

Device used to connect to the internet*

(% of total number of users)



* Multiple option. Information for 2016. Source: National Household Survey - INEI

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The foregoing is in line with the greater use of mobile telephones and the use of the internet on them. Fixed internet lines are also on the rise



Home fixed internet connections* (millions)



* Does not include commercial use. Source: Osiptel



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Activities carriedo ut using the internet* (% of total number of users)





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People that used e-banking

(% of the total of internet users)



People that bought products and services

(% of the total of internet users)







2.b Companies



Digitised companies increase their efficiency

Transfer of information

 Digitised information is easier to transfer among company areas

Digitisation of the supply chain

 Improved competitiveness in the world market. Integrates external suppliers and makes it possible to see product quality in real time

Facilitates international trade

 Enables communication between companies from different countries

Ease of financing

 Digitised information takes less time to assess (it goes hand in hand with bank digitisation)



Digitised companies increase their efficiency

Marketing

Digital campaigns and targeted marketing improve customer satisfaction and increase brand awareness, which has a positive impact on sales

Speed in marketing

Process automation and digital strategy integration make it possible to bring products to market more quickly

Encourages innovation

 Idea generation and accelerated development are enhanced by means of collaboration, interchange, remote meetings and conversations among employees



Nearly 85% of companies use a desktop PC or laptop

Availability of IT equipment in private companies

(% of formal private companies)¹



Multiple option.

1. % of companies responding. 85% of companies responded. Information for 2014. Latest information available. Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015



Over 40% of private companies use an IT system (software). They are mainly used for accounting-tax purposes

Use of a computerised management system (software) (% of formal private companies)¹



Multiple option.

% of companies responding. 85% of companies responded.
Other: Customs, maintenance, security, own software, others.

Information for 2014. Latest information available.

Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015

* Sales under 150 Tax Unit Amounts (UIT): 570,000 new soles per year.

** Sales from 150 to 1,700 UIT: from 570,000 to 6,460,000 new soles per year.

*** Sales over 1,700 UIT: 6,460,000 new soles.



76% of private companies use the internet. Nevertheless, only around one third of them have all their employees using it



Companies whose employees use the

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Information for 2014. Latest information available.

Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015



The main activities are communication, search for products/services and information and online banking

Use of the internet in private companies

(% of formal private companies that use the internet)



They conduct online banking transactions

Multiple option.

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Online transfers are the main method of payment for company purchases over the internet

Methods of payment for purchases over the internet

(% formal private companies that purchase over the internet)



Information for 2014. Latest information available. Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015

14% of formal private companies purchase over the internet

Difficulties in purchasing over the internet



Information for 2014. Latest information available. Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015

> Purchasing over the internet **does not present difficulties for companies**



Online transfers are the main method of payment for company sales over the internet

Methods of payment for internet sales

(% formal private companies that purchase over the internet)



Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015

7% of formal private companies sell over the internet

Difficulties in internet sales



Information for 2014. Latest information available. Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015

Sales over the internet present no difficulties



44% of companies that advertise use the internet

Use of advertising media

(% of formal private companies that advertise their business)



Multiple option.

Information for 2014. Latest information available. Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015

25% of formal private companies conduct sales promotion activities



30% of private companies have a website and use social media



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6,460,000 new soles per year.

soles.

Information for 2014. Latest information available. Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015



The main problem for companies that use the internet is the connection speed. While most companies that do not use the internet do not feel it is necessary

Problems detected when using the internet

(% of private companies)



Reasons why they do not use the internet

(private companies)



Multiple option. Information for 2014. Latest information available. Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015 Multiple option. Information for 2014. Latest information available. Source: INEI-Companies Survey 2015





2.c Government



The development of electronic government increases efficiency and benefits citizens





There has been progress in government digitisation in Peru over recent years

The E-Government Secretariat (SeGDi) is the body in charge of formulating and putting forward national and sector policies, national plans, standards, guidelines and strategies in e-government and IT matters

Achievements in E-Government



* Enables access to general public identification, civil status, legal and criminal records, educational certificates, among others. Source: E-Government Secretariat



Nevertheless, the online services provided by the government and their perceived benefits still lag its peers

Index Ranking for Online Government Service

(total of 193 countries)



Ranking drafted on the basis of the Online Service Index. The national portal of each country in its mother tongue is assessed. The national portal and government department websites are included.

Source: United Nations, E-Government Survey 2016

Impact of the use of ICT on government efficiency*

(total of 139 economies)

1 United Arab Emirates



The following aspects are considered: speed in delivery time, error reduction, implementation of new online services, increase in transparency, among others

^{*} The ranking is based on: How does the use of ICT by a country's government affect the quality of its services for its citizens? [1 = no improvement; 7 = there have been considerable improvements]. Source: World Economic Forum 2016



3. Service provision



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3.a Companies that provide connectivity services



In recent years, the concentration of companies offering internet services has fallen



Mobile telephony operator companies (number of lines)

Fixed internet operator companies

(number of connections)



* Virgin Mobile announced that it was leaving the Peruvian market in September 2017. It was sold to Inkacel (another virtual mobile operator).

Source: Supervisory body for private investments in telecommunications (OSIPTEL)

* There are over 30 operators in Others, including: Star Global Com, Americatel, Olo and Entel.

Source: Supervisory body for private investments in telecommunications (OSIPTEL)



Despite the fact that the average internet speed has improved considerably over the last 5 years, it is still low



Information for the first quarters of 2017. Source: Akamai



The development of apps is a essential to boosting the use of the internet

Though internationally developed apps can be easily used, the increase of Peruvian apps that meet local needs could encourage more people to sign up to digitisation





3.b Infrastructure



Peru is ranked in mid-table as regards IT infrastructure

IT Infrastructure Ranking*

(ranking)



The ranking takes the following into account: electricity production, mobile network coverage rate, international bandwidth for internet and secure internet servers.

Source: World Economic Forum 2016



National Fibre Optic Backbone Network **Coverage (RDNFO)**

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Deployed fibre optic (km)

Company	Length
Viettel	20,958
TVAzteca (RDNFO)*	13,571
América Móvil	10,193
Telefónica	7,168
Others*	9,583
Total	61,473

*Includes: Americatel, Fiberlux, Intermexa, Level 3, Moche, Netline, Optical, OLO, Winner and World's TV.

With information from Osiptel 2016.

Source: Apoyo Consultoría

Regional projects to extend broadband services

8 projects in progress

11.7 thousand km of FO

575 district capitals connected with FO

13 projects pending implementation

18.4 thousand km of FO

575 district capitals connected with FO

Network



Nevertheless, there is still room to expand 3G and 4G mobile internet coverage

Mobile coverage of at least 1 operator



Digital technology that transfers data and sends text messages



Technology that enables internet navigation. Can reach up to 20Mbps Improvement in 3G version speed, call sound quality, among others



4. Regulation and promotion







4.a Regulation



ICT development in Peru is not well perceived

Political and regulatory environment to develop ICT (ranking)





In a context in which it is considered that ICT laws are inefficient and the level of piracy high



Software piracy level

(ranking) % installed software)





4.b Promotion of digitisation



Some efforts can be seen to promote digitisation in the public sector

E- government



Administrative simplification in labour compliance



Employers can use digitisation technologies to replace physical documents and signatures

For:

- Contracts
- Payments

Digital Kit for Microbusinesses



- Ministry of Production Platform
- Provides:
 - Digital tools for e-commerce
 - Courses and tutorials
 - List of businesses in the country



Some efforts can also be seen in the private sector to help to improve connectivity



Mobile wallet

- Union of 34 financial institutions to build a shared platform to increase financial inclusion nationwide
- Use of e-money
- Enables the sending and receiving of money through mobile phone text messages

Microsoft

For elections: helped the ONPE with the information cloud to improve the allocation of polling stations where to vote in elections

Telefónica: D Challenge

- Search for digital solution proposals in four areas: water and drainage, public safety, corruption and disaster prevention
- Public competition for citizens and companies



5. Annexes





Composition of the DiGiX 2017 Digitisation Index

DiGiX is structured on six main dimensions: infrastructure, home adoption, business adoption, costs, regulation and content. Each dimension is in turn divided into a series of individual indicators

- 3G or higher coverage Competitiveness of the Internet and Infrastructure telephony market (% companies) Accessibility Bandwidth speed Broadband tariffs (\$, PPP) No. of secure servers • 7 Firms' Government Content % of firms that interact with other firms online adoption % of firms accepting online orders Index of e-government services % of firms employing ICT • specialists User adoption Regulation Mobile subscriptions (% of persons) No. of laws relating to ICT • ٠ Pirated software ratio Broadband subscriptions (% of households) ٠ Judicial independence index Use of social media (% of persons) ٠
 - Legal efficiency index

- Households with internet access (%)
- Use of the internet by individuals (% people)

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