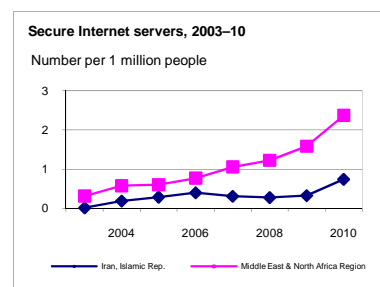
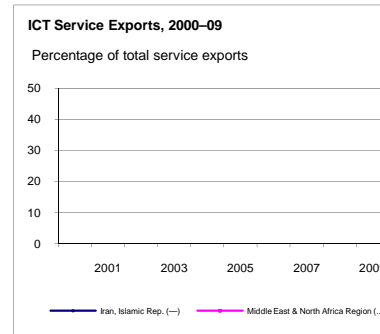
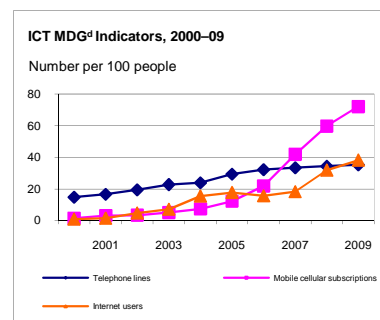
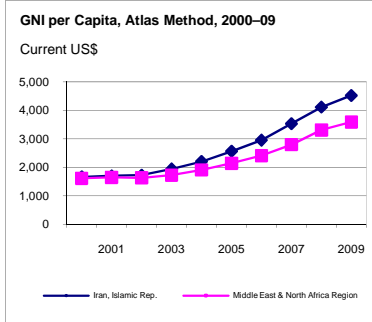


Iran, Islamic Rep.

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	2000	2009	2009	2009
Economic and social context				
Population (total, million)	64	73	1,002	331
Urban population (% of total)	64	69	75	58
GNI per capita, World Bank Atlas method (current US\$)	1,670	4,530	7,502	3,597
GDP growth, 1995–2000 and 2000–09 (avg. annual %)	3.7	5.4	4.4	4.7
Adult literacy rate (% ages 15 and older)	77	85	92	74
Gross primary, secondary, tertiary school enrollment (%)	72	77	82	69
Sector structure				
Separate telecommunications regulator	—	Yes		
Status of main fixed-line telephone operator	<i>Public</i>	<i>Mixed</i>		
Level of competition ^a				
International long distance service	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>		
Mobile telephone service	<i>M</i>	<i>C</i>		
Internet service	<i>M</i>	<i>C</i>		
Sector efficiency and capacity				
Telecommunications revenue (% of GDP)	1.1	1.4	3.3	3.1
Mobile cellular and fixed-line subscribers per employee	221	913	576	880
Telecommunications investment (% of revenue)	6.0	74.5	18.0	23.6
Sector performance				
Access				
Telephone lines (per 100 people)	14.8	35.4	22.1	15.8
Mobile cellular subscriptions (per 100 people)	1.5	72.1	100.6	67.4
Fixed Internet subscribers (per 100 people)	0.4	—	19.4	2.0
Personal computers (per 100 people)	6.3	10.6	11.2	5.7
Households with a television set (%)	—	—	93	—
Usage				
International voice traffic, total (minutes/person/month) ^b	—	—	—	—
Mobile telephone usage (minutes/user/month)	—	—	145	—
Internet users (per 100 people)	1.0	38.3	34.6	21.5
Quality				
Population covered by mobile cellular network (%)	32	95	94	93
Fixed broadband subscribers (% of total Internet subscribers)	0.1	—	41.6	22.6
International Internet bandwidth (bits/second/person)	1	151	1,120	323
Affordability				
Residential fixed line tariff (US\$/month)	—	0.2	10.0	3.0
Mobile cellular prepaid tariff (US\$/month)	—	3.6	8.8	6.3
Fixed broadband Internet access tariff (US\$/month)	—	30.5	18.8	22.7
Trade				
ICT goods exports (% of total goods exports)	0.0	0.1	12.2	—
ICT goods imports (% of total goods imports)	5.5	1.9	15.1	—
ICT service exports (% of total service exports)	—	—	5.4	—
Applications				
E-government Web measure index ^c	—	0.26	0.35	0.22
Secure Internet servers (per 1 million people, December 2010)	0.0	0.7	32.2	2.4



Sources: Economic and social context: UIS and World Bank; Sector structure: ITU; Sector efficiency and capacity: ITU and World Bank; Sector performance: IMF, ITU, Netcraft, TeleGeography, UN Comtrade, UNDESA, UNPAN, Wireless Intelligence and World Bank. Produced by the Transport, Water, and Information Communication Technologies Department and the Development Economics Data Group. For complete information, see Definitions and Data Sources.

Notes: Use of italics in the column entries indicates years other than those specified. — Not available. GDP = gross domestic product; GNI = gross national income; ICT = information and communication technology; and MDG = Millennium Development Goal. a. C = competition; M = monopoly; and P = partial competition. b. Outgoing and incoming. c. Scale of 0–1, where 1 = highest presence. d. Millennium Development Goal indicators 8.14, 8.15, and 8.16.