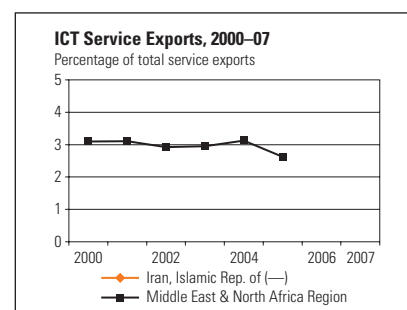
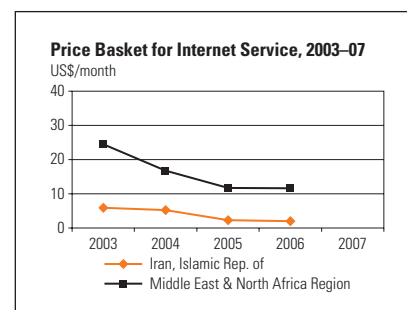
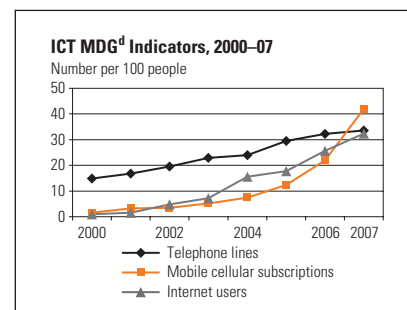
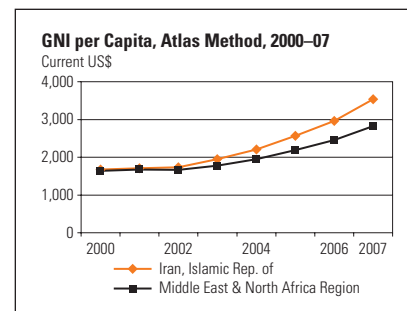


Iran, Islamic Republic of

	Iran, Islamic Rep. of		Lower-middle-income group	Middle East & North Africa Region
	2000	2007	2007	2007
Economic and social context				
Population (total, million)	64	71	3,435	313
Urban population (% of total)	64	68	42	57
GNI per capita, World Bank Atlas method (current US\$)	1,670	3,540	1,905	2,820
GDP growth, 1995–2000 and 2000–07 (avg. annual %)	3.7	5.9	8.0	4.4
Adult literacy rate (% of ages 15 and older)	77	82	83	73
Gross primary, secondary, tertiary school enrollment (%)	69	73	68	70
Sector structure				
Separate telecommunications regulator	—	Yes		
Status of main fixed-line telephone operator	Public	Public		
Level of competition ^a				
International long distance service	M	P		
Mobile telephone service	M	P		
Internet service	M	P		
Sector efficiency and capacity				
Telecommunications revenue (% of GDP)	1.1	1.4	3.1	3.1
Mobile and fixed-line subscribers per employee	221	913	624	691
Telecommunications investment (% of revenue)	6.0	74.5	25.3	21.7
Sector performance				
Access				
Telephone lines (per 100 people)	14.8	33.6	15.3	17.0
Mobile cellular subscriptions (per 100 people)	1.5	41.9	38.9	50.7
Internet subscribers (per 100 people)	0.4	—	6.0	2.4
Personal computers (per 100 people)	6.3	10.6	4.6	6.3
Households with a television set (%)	68	—	79	94
Usage				
International voice traffic (minutes/person/month) ^b	0.6	0.7	—	2.7
Mobile telephone usage (minutes/user/month)	—	—	322	—
Internet users (per 100 people)	1.0	32.4	12.4	17.1
Quality				
Population covered by mobile cellular network (%)	32	95	80	93
Fixed broadband subscribers (% of total Internet subscrib.)	0.1	—	40.4	—
International Internet bandwidth (bits/second/person)	1	153	199	186
Affordability				
Price basket for residential fixed line (US\$/month)	10.8	2.1	7.2	3.9
Price basket for mobile service (US\$/month)	—	2.7	9.8	6.5
Price basket for Internet service (US\$/month)	—	2.0	16.7	11.6
Price of call to United States (US\$ for 3 minutes)	7.65	0.55	2.08	1.45
Trade				
ICT goods exports (% of total goods exports)	0.0	0.1	20.6	—
ICT goods imports (% of total goods imports)	5.5	1.9	20.2	—
ICT service exports (% of total service exports)	—	—	15.6	2.6
Applications				
ICT expenditure (% of GDP)	—	3.5	6.5	4.5
E-government Web measure index ^c	—	0.26	0.33	0.22
Secure Internet servers (per 1 million people, Dec. 2008)	0.0	0.3	1.8	1.3



Sources: Economic and social context: UIS and World Bank; Sector structure: ITU; Sector efficiency and capacity: ITU and World Bank; Sector performance: Global Insight/WITSA, IMF, ITU, Netcraft, UN Comtrade, UNDESA, UNPAN, Wireless Intelligence and World Bank. Produced by the Global Information and 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.