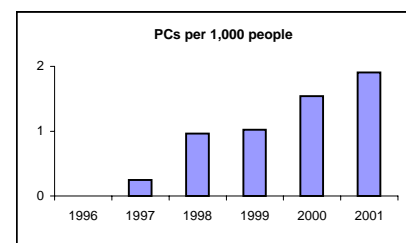
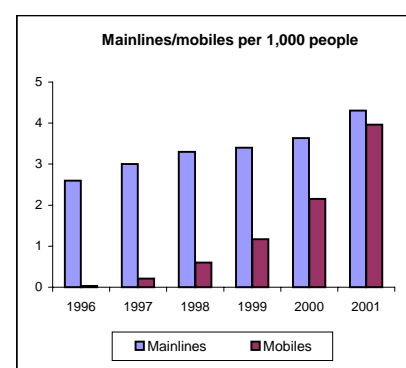
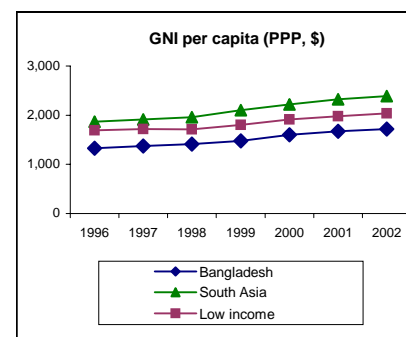


ICT at a glance

Bangladesh

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	Bangladesh		South Asia	Low income
Country background information	1995	2002	2002	2002
Population, mid year (millions)	120.1	135.7	1,401.1	2,495.0
Poverty (% of population below \$1 a day)	..	36.0	..	..
Adult literacy rate (% ages 15 and over)	37.1	41.1	56.1	62.7
Urban population (% of total population)	22.3	26.1	28.0	30.5
GNI per capita (Atlas method, \$)	330.0	360.0	460.0	430.0
GNI per capita (PPP, \$)	1,280.0	1,720.0	2,390.0	2,040.0
GDP growth (1990-95 and 1995-2002, %)	4.4	5.2	5.2	3.9
Scientists and engineers in R&D (per mill. people)	50.8	..	157.8	..
Expenditures for R&D (% of GDP)	..	..	1.2	..
ICT infrastructure & access	1995	2001	2001	2001
Telephone mainlines				
Per 1,000 people	2	4	32	26
In largest city (per 1,000 people)	19	30	127	130
Waiting list (thousands)	154	199	2,624	3,663
Revenue per line (\$)	780	593	222	258
Cost of local call (\$ per 3 minutes)	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.05
Mobile phones (per 1,000 people)	0	4	6	10
International telecommunications				
Outgoing traffic (minutes per subscriber)	116	77	58	114
Cost of call to U.S. (\$ per 3 minutes)	..	2.47	2.66	5.27
Daily newspapers (per 1,000 people)	8	53	60	40
Radios (per 1,000 people)	47	49	112	139
Television sets (per 1,000 people)	7	17	81	91
Computers & the Internet	1995	2001	2001	2001
Personal computers				
Per 1,000 people	..	1.9	5.3	5.9
Installed in education (thousands)	..	..	..	..
Internet				
Users (thousands)	..	250.0	7,973.0	15,332.3
Monthly off-peak access charges				
Service provider charge (\$)	..	17.3	12.6	33.8
Telephone usage charge (\$)	..	0.33	0.18	0.36
ICT expenditures	1995	2001	2001	2001
Total ICT (\$, millions)	..	..	..	..
ICT as % of GDP	..	..	..	..
ICT per capita (\$)	..	..	..	..
ICT business & government environment (ratings from 1 to 7; 7 is highest/best)	1995	2002	2002	2002
Broadband internet access availability	..	2.2	3.0	..
Local specialized IT services availability	..	2.8	4.2	..
Competition in ISPs	..	4.2	4.2	..
Government online services availability	..	1.5	1.9	..
Laws relating to ICT use	..	2.1	3.3	..
Government prioritization of ICT	..	4.4	4.9	..
Secure servers	..	1 ^a	135 ^a	234 ^a



Notes: Figures in italics refer to an earlier year. a. Data refer to 2001.

Sources: **Country background information**, UNESCO and World Bank; **ICT infrastructure and access**, ITU and UNESCO; **Computers and the Internet**, ITU and WITSA; **ICT expenditures**, WITSA; **ICT business & government environment**, World Economic Forum's *Global Competitiveness Report 2002-2003* and *Global Information Technology Report 2002-2003* (ratings) and Netcraft (secure servers). See Definitions and Sources for more complete information.