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Information Society statistics

The OECD defined in 1998 the **ICT sector** (Information and Communication Technologies), according to International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC). The definition includes Manufacturing industries and services industries that promote, by electronics means, the preparation, processing, transmission and presentation of information and excludes industries that create information.

Israel CBS publish on a regular basis, ICT's business indicators (GDP, Output, employment, Labour cost, exports & imports, R&D expenses and also international comparison data) in the statistical yearbook, press announcements and in statistilite (attached). ICT household indicators are also available.

We also publish on a regular basis indicator for Manufacturing Industries by **Technological Intensity** (based on OECD definition in 1997).

High-tech services

There is an intention to adopt Eurostat's definition of Knowledge-Intensive Services (KIS) and to publish statistics related to "high-tech" services - Computer and related services, Research and development and Telecommunication. Post sector is detracted from KIS due to the fact that Knowledge-Intensive in Post services is more low then high.

Short term indicators

Business-economics department has developed a new short term indicator: **credit card purchase index**. The information for that index is being collected from all credit card companies and reflects domestic expenses of Israeli population (excluded business) in credit card. The credit card indicator is being published on a monthly basis and it is an indicator for private consumption. Credit card purchase indicator is divided to groups: food, wearing, furniture, insurance, flights services, computers and software, fuel, municipality and government services etc.