Information and communications (NACE J61, J62, J63)

OVERVIEW

► In 2018 information and communications sector generated about 4.9 % of GDP. At the beginning of 2020 the industry has employed around 27.2 thousand persons or 2.8% of total employment.

► 2679 enterprises were active in the sector at the beginning of 2020, 99.4% of them were small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) with 1-249 persons employed.

Indicator	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of enterprises	2,236	2,402	2,441	2,543	2,679
Number of employees	21,857	23,827	24,955	26,382	27,213

Source: Statistics Lithuania.

► Sales of ICT service sector are growing steadily since 2011 and in 2019 it reached the value of 2.4 billion EUR (VAT excluded), which was 14.0% larger than in 2018.

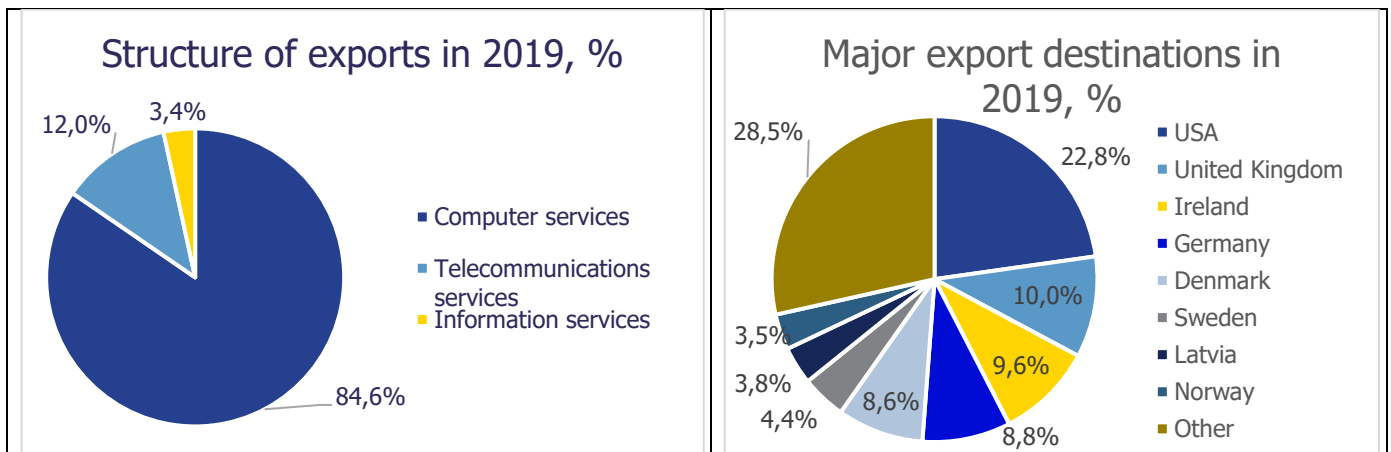| Indicator	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Sales of ICT service enterprises (VAT excluded, million EUR)	1,467.4	1,570.5	1,983.7	2,078.3	2,368.8
Export of services (million EUR)	240.8	298.5	488.9	554.9	675.2

Source: Statistics Lithuania; Bank of Lithuania.

► In 2019 was the fourth largest category (after transport, travel and other business services) in exports of services and its share in total exports of services has been growing steadily from 4.0% in 2015 to 5.7% in 2019.

► In 2019 export value of ICT services amounted to 675.2 million EUR which was 21.7% more than in 2018. The exports value of ICT services between 2015 and 2019 grew on average 29.4% every year.

► In 2019 exports of ICT services consisted mainly of computer services – comprised 84.6% of the total export value. The increase in exports of ICT services in 2019 was also driven by the growth of computer services, especially computer software services. During 2019 the export value of computer services increased by 116.2 million euros (or 25.5%) to 571.1 million euros.

Exports of Lithuanian ICT services

ICT services	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total (million EUR)	**240.8**	**298.5**	**488.9**	**554.9**	**675.2**
Telecommunications services	76.2	57.9	98.1	77.7	81.0
Computer services	158.9	234.7	372.9	454.9	571.1
Information services	5.6	5.8	17.9	22.3	23.1

Source: Bank of Lithuania.

► In 2019 ICT sector exported it`s production and provided services to more than 90 countries around the world. The most important export markets for the sector were USA (22.8%), United Kingdom (10.0%), Ireland (9.6%), Germany (8.8%) and Denmark (8.6%). Countries in the European Union accounted for 60.3% of exports value of ICT services. The export of ICT services in 2019 has grown most significantly to the USA (export value increased by 31.2 million euros or 25.7% to 152.6 million euros) and Germany (increased by 16.7 million euros or 39.8% to 58.7 million euros), whereas the largest decrease was registered for Ireland (export value decreased by 5.9 million euros or 8.4% to 64.5 million euros.

Source: Bank of Lithuania.