

Index	:	<b>ICT Development Index</b>
Release Date	:	November 2017
Countries Covered	:	176 countries for 2017
Frequency	:	Annual
Producer	:	International Telecommunications Union
Description	:	The ICT Development Index (IDI) is a tool for monitoring the progress towards a global information society. It is a composite index combining 11 indicators into one composite benchmark measure that serves to monitor and compare developments in information and communication technology (ICT) across countries. The latest IDI ranks the performance of 176 economies with regard to ICT infrastructure, use and skills, allowing for comparisons to be made between countries and over time.
Highlights	:	In the 2017 report, the Philippines improves its score/ value from 4.52 in 2016 to 4.67 in 2017, however its ranking decreased from rank 100 to rank 101 (down by one rank). This may be due to other countries' performance surpassing the Philippines.

According to the 2017 ICT Development Index Report<sup>1</sup>, the number of participating countries was updated from 175 in 2016 to 176 in 2017. Iceland takes the top spot followed by South Korea in 2017 with a score of 8.98 and 8.85 respectively.

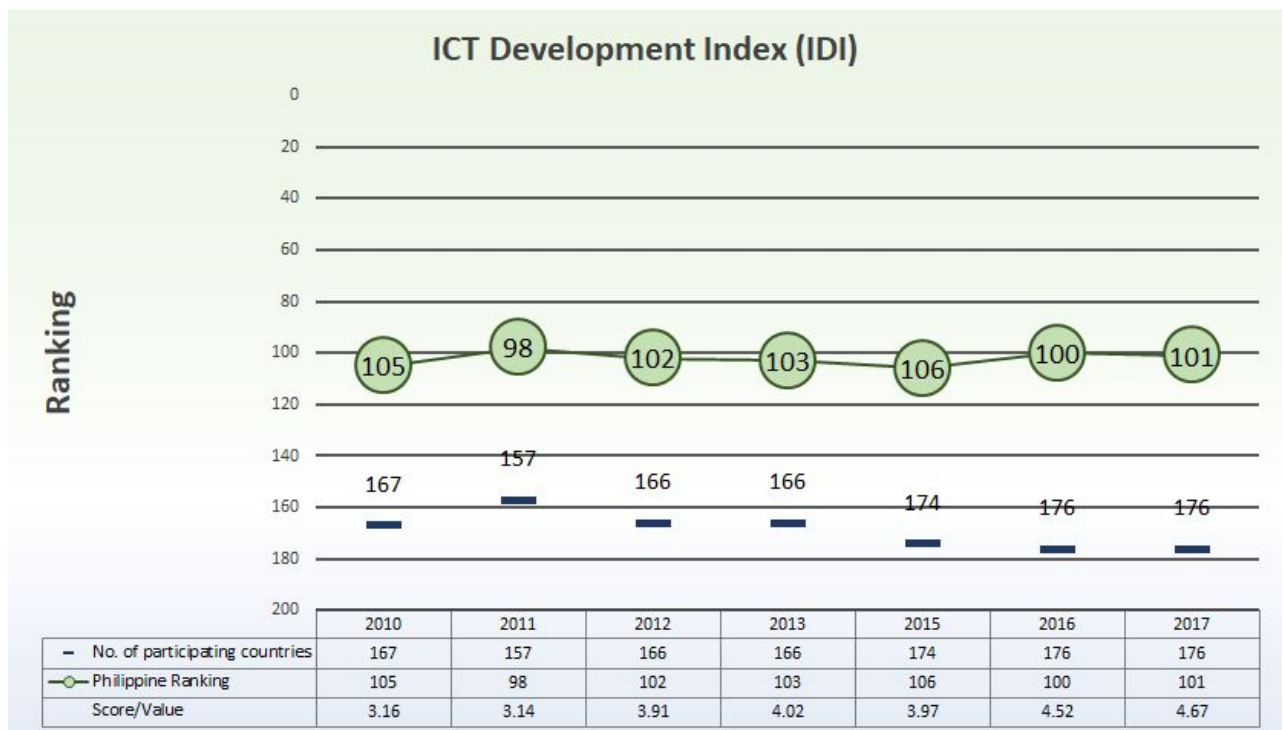
Other relevant highlights:

- The access sub-index score of the country improved from 4.81 to 4.87 however it is down by 1 spot.
- The country's use sub-index increased its score from 3.44 to 3.70 in 2017 nonetheless decreased its ranking from 96 to 99.
- Although the country's rank went down from 85 to 86, its skills sub-index advanced its score to 6.20.
- Other countries may have improved their scores thereby affecting the rankings in the above components.

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/publications/misr2017/MISR2017\\_Volume1.pdf](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/publications/misr2017/MISR2017_Volume1.pdf)

**Figure 1. Philippine ICT Development Index Ranking**



**Table 1. ICT Development Sub-Index- Philippines**

Sub-Index	2016		2017	
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score
ICT Access	103	4.81	104	4.87
ICT Use	96	3.44	99	3.70
ICT Skills	85	6.11	86	6.20

**Comparison within ASEAN**

Among the ASEAN member states, Singapore was the leading country, followed by Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia. Although the Global ranking of the Philippines went down by 1 spot, its ASEAN ranking remained at rank 5 outperforming Vietnam, Indonesia and Cambodia for both years.

**Table 2. ASEAN Global Competitiveness Index Ranking**

<b>Economy</b>	<b>ASEAN Rank 2016</b>	<b>IDI 2016</b>	<b>ASEAN Rank 2017</b>	<b>IDI 2017</b>	<b>Global Rank Change 2016-2017</b>
Singapore	1	7.85	1	8.05	+2
Brunei Darussalam	2	6.56	2	6.75	+1
Malaysia	3	6.22	3	6.38	-1
Thailand	4	5.31	4	5.67	+1
Philippines	5	4.52	5	4.67	-1
Viet Nam	6	4.18	6	4.43	-
Indonesia	7	3.85	7	4.33	+3
Cambodia	8	3.04	8	3.28	-
Myanmar	9	2.59	9	3.00	+5
Lao P.D.R.	10	2.43	10	2.91	+5

**Conclusion** : Despite its rank falling from rank 100 to 101, the Philippines' score/ value improved to 4.67 from 4.52. Based on the 2017 report, the Philippines, among others, recorded significant increase in the number of fixed-telephone subscribers per 100 population.

**Sources:**

2016 ICT Development Index Report -

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