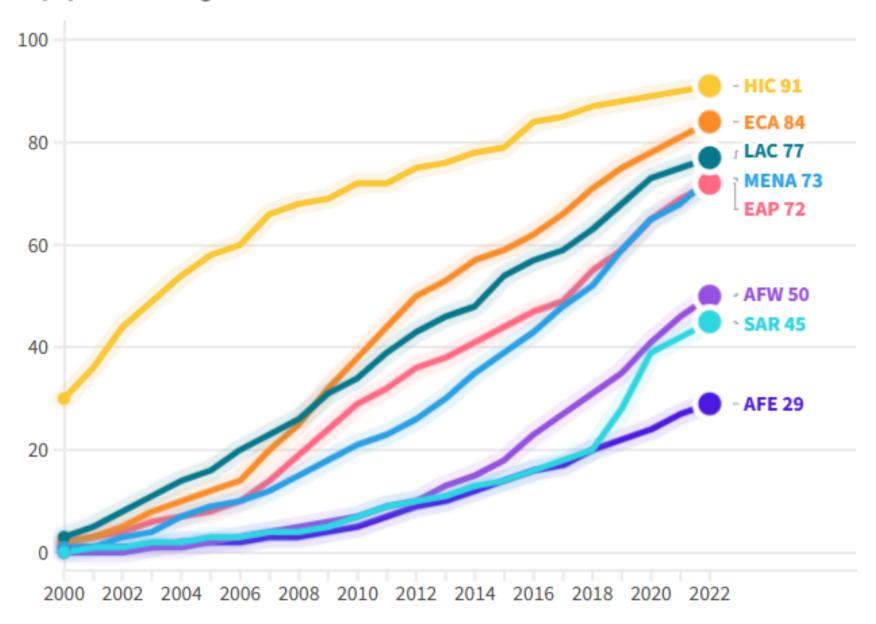




Widening gap in internet usage across regions

% population using the internet



Source: ITU and World Bank calculation

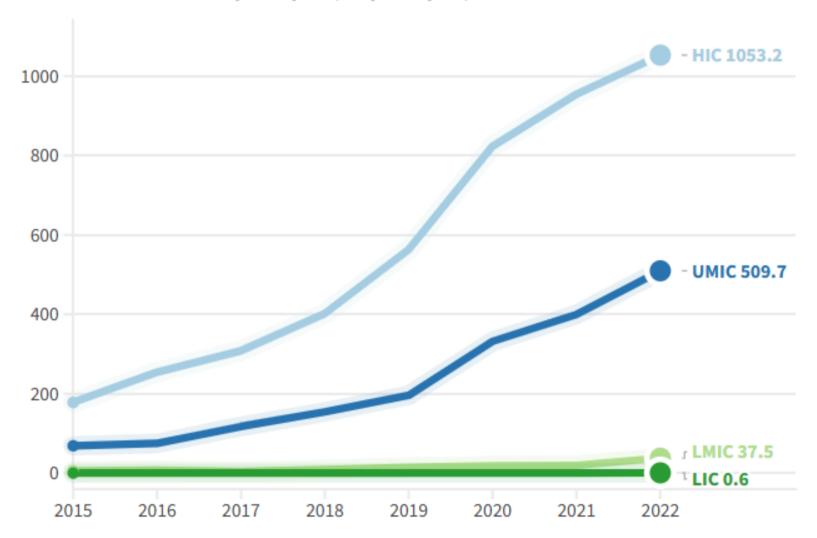




Widening gaps in internet traffic per capita across income groups

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Median internet traffic per capita (GB per capita)



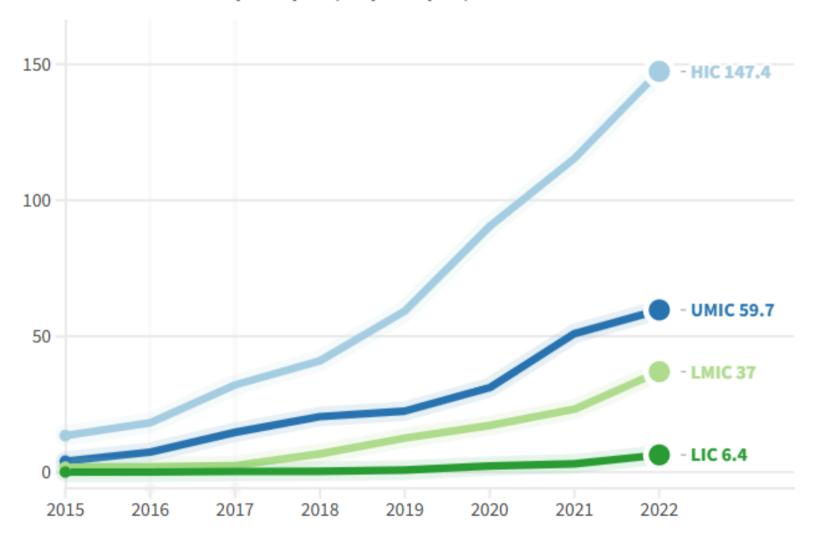
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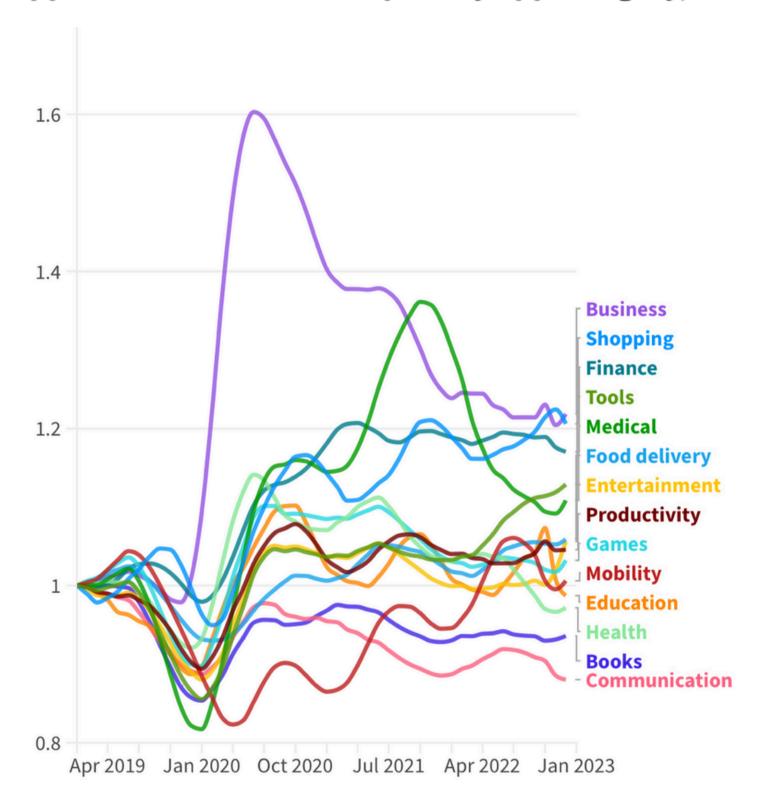


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Global App downloads and time spent by app category, 2019-2022



Source: Original calculations for this publication using Apptopia data for all active apps in Google Play and Apple Store globally. • Note: Values for time spent in January 2019 are normalized to 1, and values are smoothed over six months.

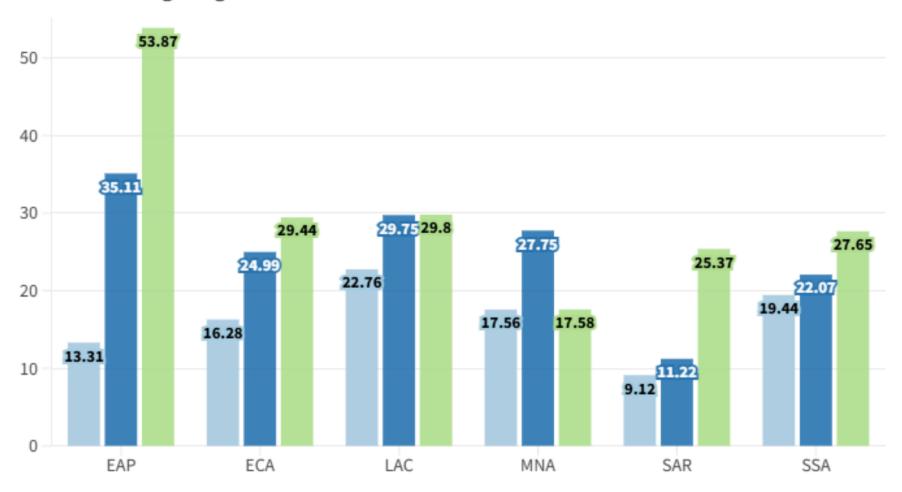




Share of firms investing in digital solutions quadrupled in EAP



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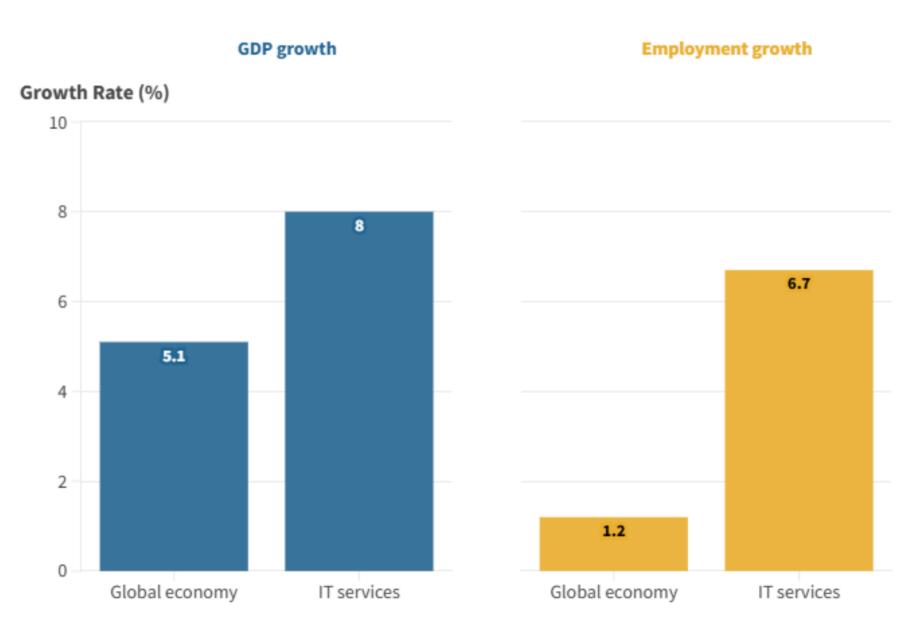


Source: World Bank Business Pulse Survey

Notes: East Asia and Pacific (EAP), Europe and Central Asia (ECA), Latin America and Caribbean (LAC), Middle East and North Africa (MNA), South Asia (SAR), Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).

Digital Services Sector Growth

IT services sector growing much faster than the global economy Compound Annual Growth Rate of Value Added and Employment, 20002022



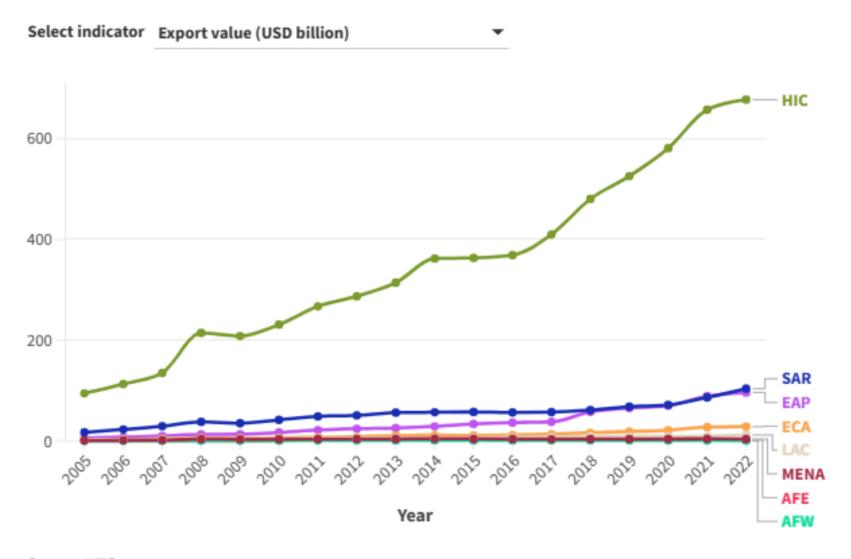
Source: Digital Progress and Trends Report 2023





ICT services exports show high growth in developing countries but still dominated by high-income countries

ICT services export by region, 2005-2022



Source: WTO

Notes: High Income Countries (HIC), South Asia (SAR), East Asia and Pacific (EAP), Europe and Central Asia (ECA), Latin

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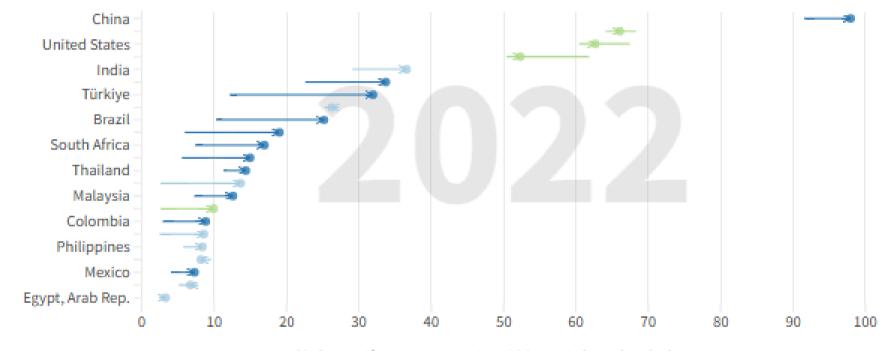




Local apps are becoming more popular in most economies Share of domestic apps among top 100 most download apps



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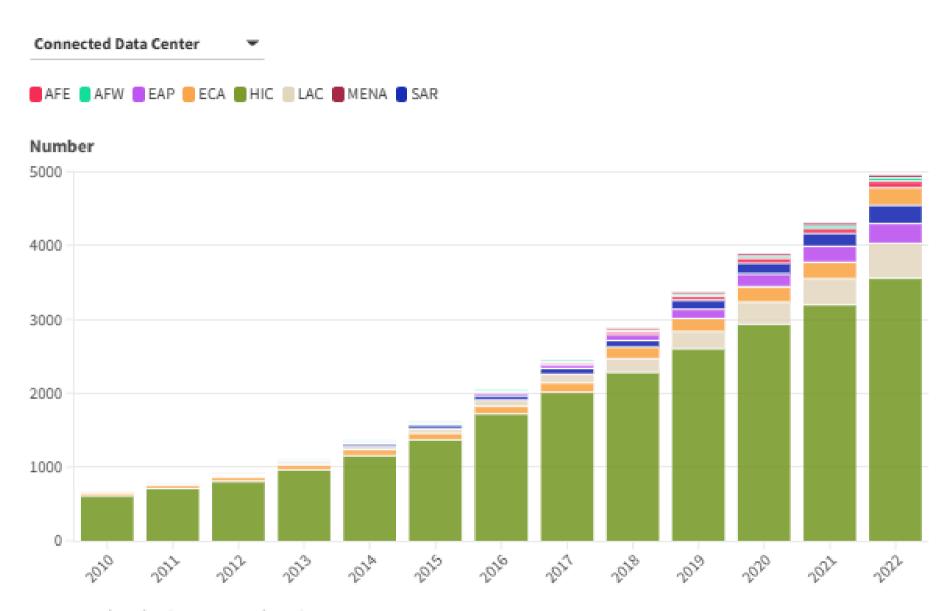
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Source: World Bank calculation based on Apptopia data • Data for additional countries can be found in the report



Digital Infrastructure

Data centers and IXPs are highly concentrated in high-income countries



Source: Packet Clearing House and PeeringDB

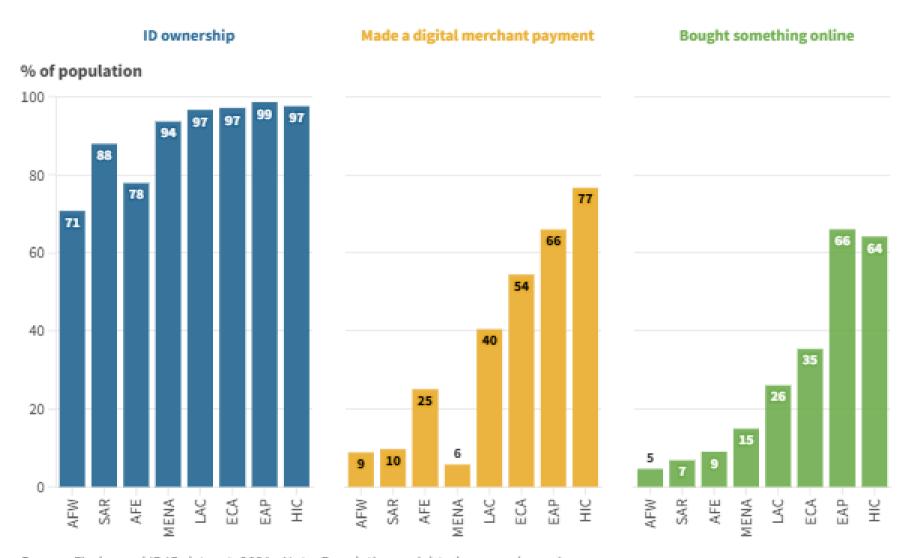
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Identification and Digital Finance

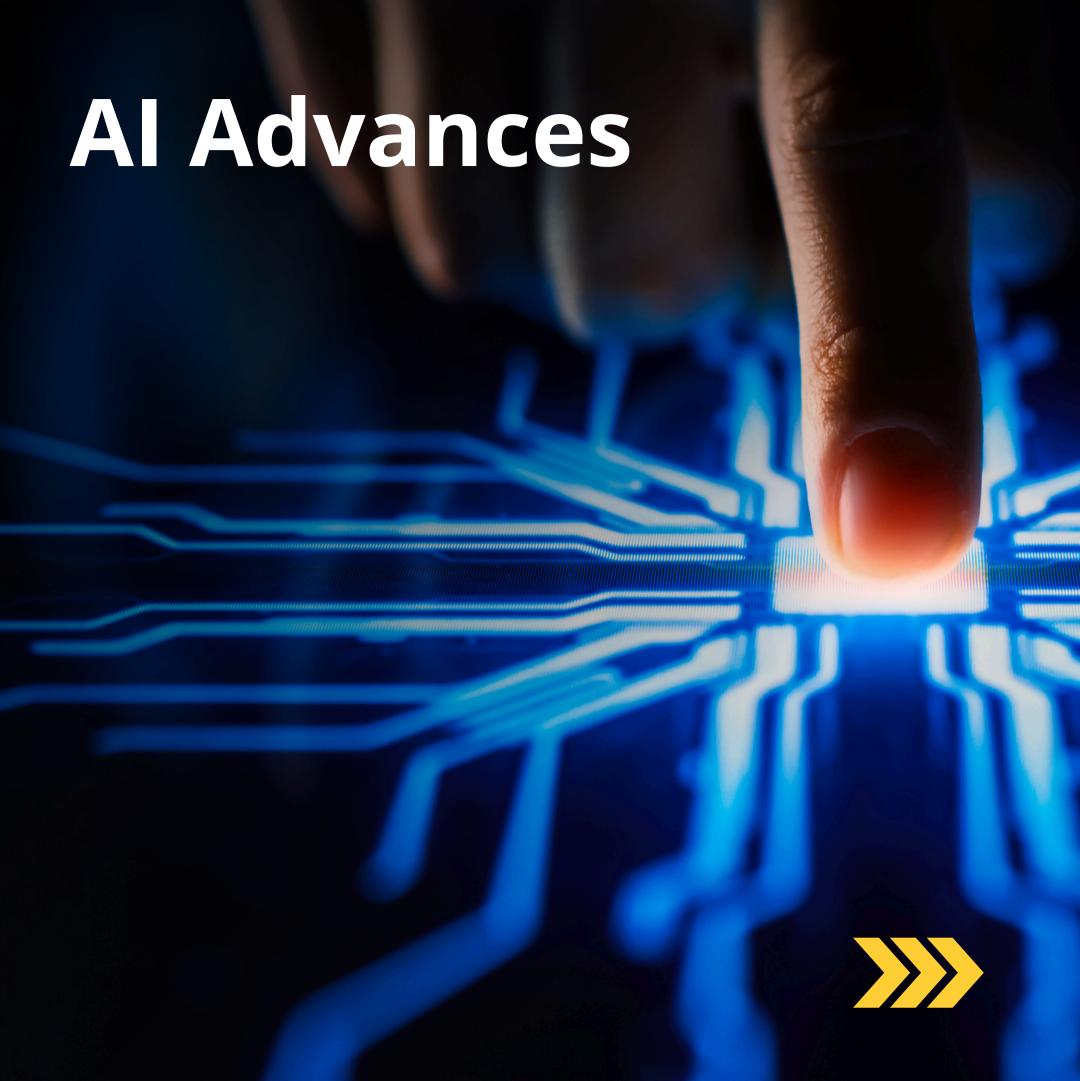
Untapped potential in digital services Identification and digital payment, 2021



Source: Findex and ID4D dataset, 2021 • Note: Population-weighted average by region.

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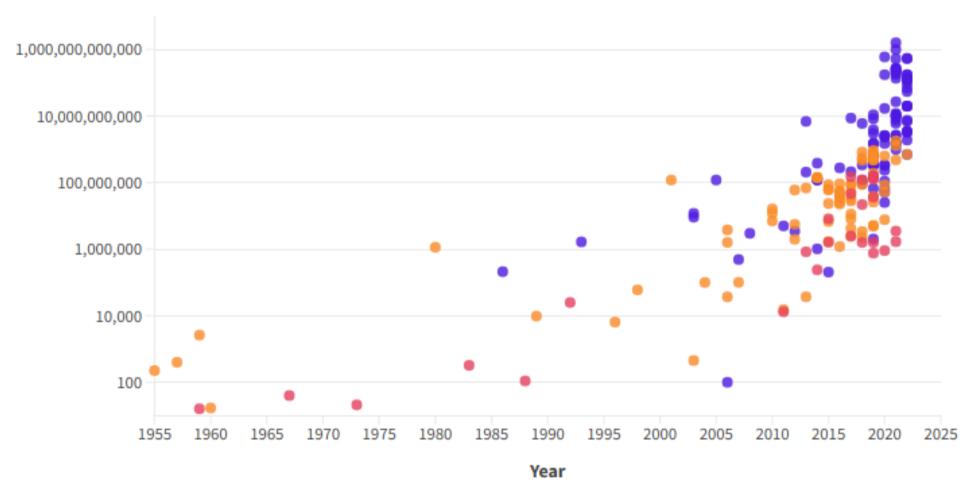




AI model complexity growing exponentially



AI model parameters



Source: Epoch, 2022