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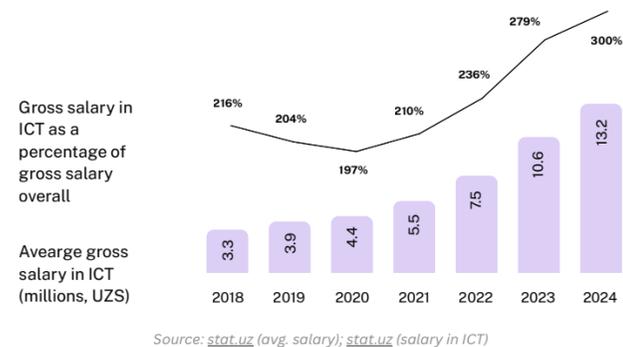
UZBEKISTAN



OVERVIEW

Population (million)	Employed population (million)	GDP nominal (billions, USD)	GDP per capita (USD)	GDP change 2001-2024 (%)	Inward FDI (millions, USD)
37.5	14.2	115	3,162	909%	2,840
Uzbekistan's position in international rankings					
Index of Economic Freedom (of 184)	Social Progress Index (of 170)	PISA Mathematics 2022 (of 80)	Human Development Index (of 193)	EF English Proficiency Index (of 116)	Online Service Index (of 193)
100	76	71	107	98	59

ICT GROSS SALARY IN 2018-24



Uzbekistan is a double landlocked country in the Central Asia, with a population of approximately 37.5 million. Uzbek is the official state language, and ethnic Uzbeks constitute around 84.4 percent of the population.

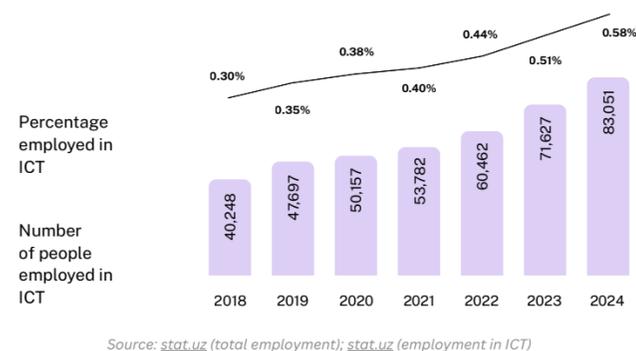
The country has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing its ICT industry, with strategic priorities focused on increasing ICT service exports and cultivating a highly skilled IT workforce. In recent years, Uzbekistan has made notable progress in developing its start-up ecosystem and fostering talent, particularly within the ICT sector, positioning itself as a growing player in the regional digital economy.

According to the 2025 Global Startup Ecosystem Report, Uzbekistan has transformed from a nascent digital economy in 2020 into a dynamic and promising startup hub by 2024. Early-stage funding surged from modest \$0.3 million in 2020 to an impressive \$69.5 million in 2024—a more than 230-fold increase. Driving this remarkable growth was Uzum, the country's first fintech unicorn, which raised \$52 million in a Series A round in 2024 at a valuation of \$1.16 billion. This milestone significantly boosted the ecosystem's overall valuation, which stood at under \$1 million in the 2021 edition of the Global Startup Ecosystem Report, to more than \$1.2 billion in 2025—a transformational leap in just four years¹.

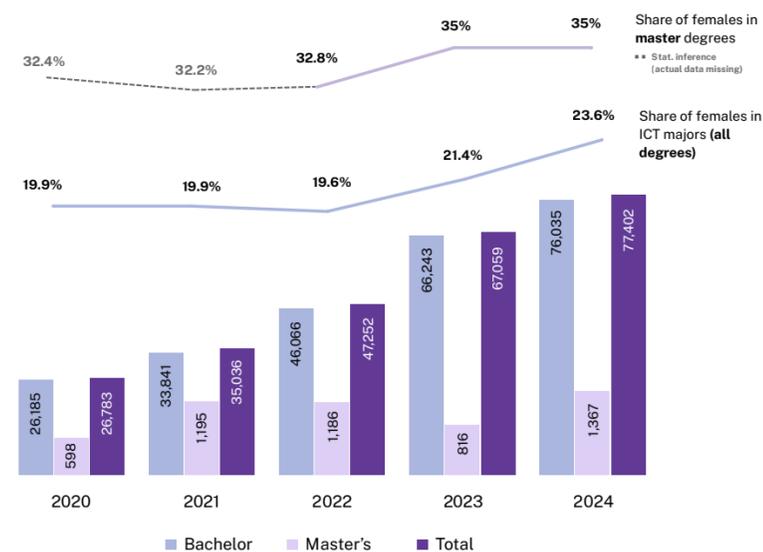
Uzbekistan secured 98th place in the Global Startup Ecosystem Index by StartupBlink, marking its first-ever entry into the global Top 100. The country recorded growth of over 132%, the highest in Central Asia and the second-highest worldwide.

Tashkent was recognized as the fastest-growing city in Central Asia, with its startup ecosystem expanding by 132%. According to the 2025 Global Startup Ecosystem Index, the city entered the global Top 400 for the first time, ranking 350th. This milestone underscores Tashkent's growing role as a regional startup hub and its potential to further strengthen its position in the global innovation landscape.

ICT EMPLOYMENT IN 2018-24



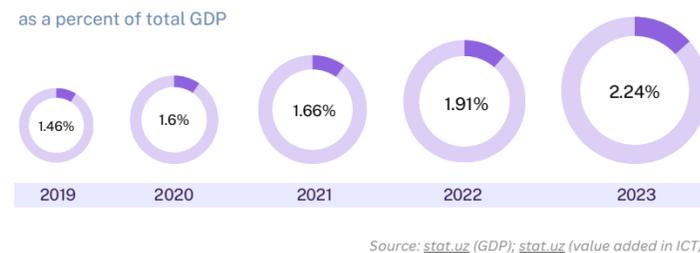
ICT STUDENTS



The ICT sector is rapidly evolving into a significant driver of Uzbekistan's economic growth and development. The number of ICT specialists employed in the country has steadily increased from 33,400 in 2015 to over 83,000 in 2024, accounting for 0.58 per cent of total employment². The export of ICT services is also growing, with an overall growth of 299 per cent from 2018 to 2024. By the end of 2024, the number of companies operating in the ICT sector had reached 10,551.

Established in 2019, IT Park Uzbekistan has emerged as a national hub for software development and IT services. It hosts more than 2,500 resident companies, including over 600 with foreign capital, among them globally recognized companies such as EPAM Systems, EXADEL, ITechArt, Vention, and iTransition. This diverse mix of local and international players underscores IT Park's role as a catalyst for innovation, technology transfer, and the integration of Uzbekistan into global digital value chains³.

VALUE ADDED IN ICT



Uzbekistan is well-positioned to advance its digital transformation agenda. According to DataReportal, as of early 2025 the country had 33.9 million cellular mobile connections, equivalent to 92.2 per cent of the total population. Internet usage reached 32.7 million individuals, with an online penetration rate of 89.0%⁴.

To further drive sector growth, the government launched the Digital Uzbekistan – 2030 Strategy, a comprehensive national plan adopted in 2020 to accelerate digital transformation across all sectors of the economy and society. The strategy focuses on developing high-quality, affordable internet and mobile communication infrastructure, building a modern and innovative digital government, and enhancing digital literacy and education. It also prioritizes the digitalization of preschool, secondary, and higher education to cultivate a competitive workforce for the digital economy.

In the field of education, Uzbekistan has seen a sharp rise in the number of students and graduates in IT-related disciplines over the past five years. In 2020, IT program enrollment stood at around 27,000 students, but by 2024 this figure had nearly tripled to 77,400. A similar upward trend is evident in graduation rates: the number of IT graduates increased from 4,100 in 2020 to 7,400 in 2024.

In the 2025 Index of Economic Freedom, the country ranked 100th out of 184 economies, reflecting its continued progress in fostering a more conducive climate for investment and growth. Uzbekistan's position in the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) has improved markedly in recent years. According to the 2024 Global Cybersecurity Index published by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the country is classified in the "Advancing" category (T2), reflecting its active efforts to develop and strengthen its national cybersecurity framework⁵.

IT SERVICES EXPORT

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024*
Export of IT Services (millions, USD)	207.5	227.6	406.3	696.3	869.7

Source: National Statistics Committee, *Ministry of Digital Technologies

Cross Country Comparison



Uzbekistan

Area: 448,978 km²



Belarus

Area: 207,600 km²



Georgia

Area: 69,700 km²



Moldova

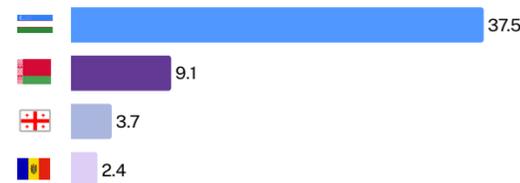
Area: 33,850 km²

Demographic and macroeconomic data

For the year of 2024

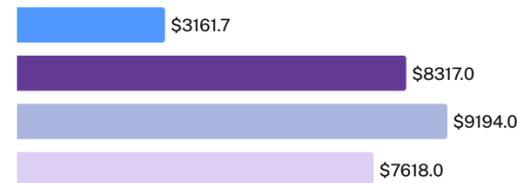
Total Population

in millions



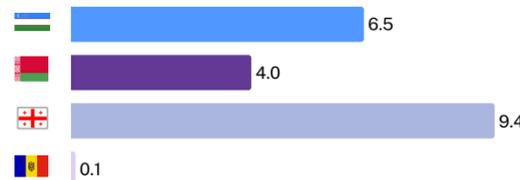
GDP Per Capita

Current prices, USD



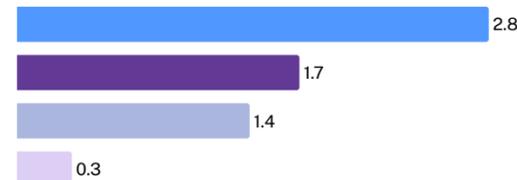
GDP Growth

Annual (%), 2024



FDI Inflow (net inflows)

Current prices, billions USD



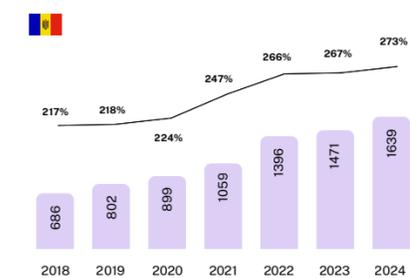
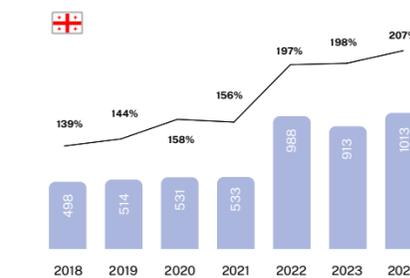
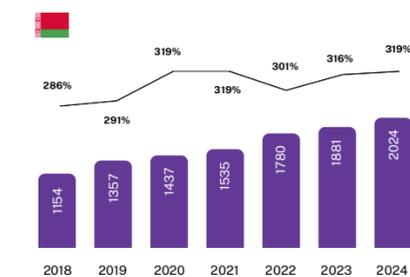
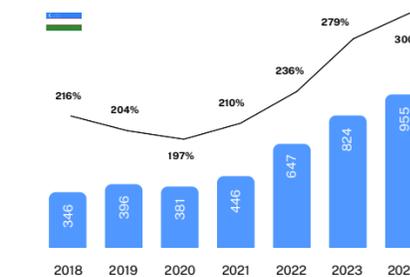
Sources: [World Bank Group Data](#)

Ranking in international indexes

Index	Uzbekistan	Belarus	Georgia	Moldova
Index of Economic Freedom (of 122)	100	152	35	97
Social Progress Index (of 145)	76	66	51	56
PISA Mathematics 2022 (of 81)	71	-	60	50
Human Development Index (of 170)	107	65	57	86
EF English Proficiency Index (of 180)	98	35	34	39
Online Service Index (of 75)	59	77	69	70

ICT Gross Salary

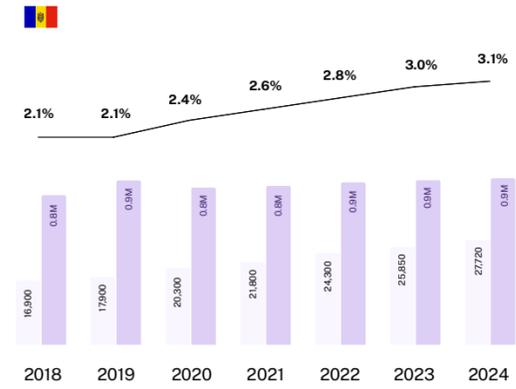
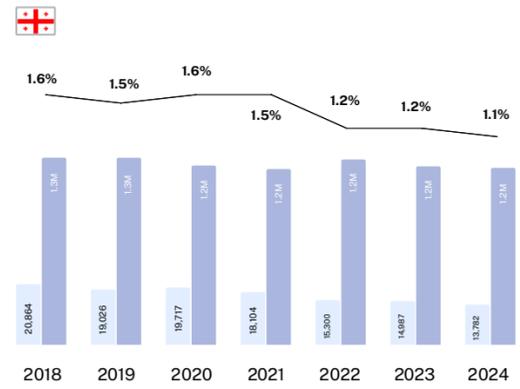
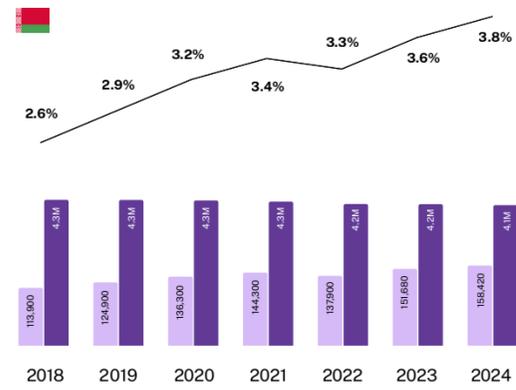
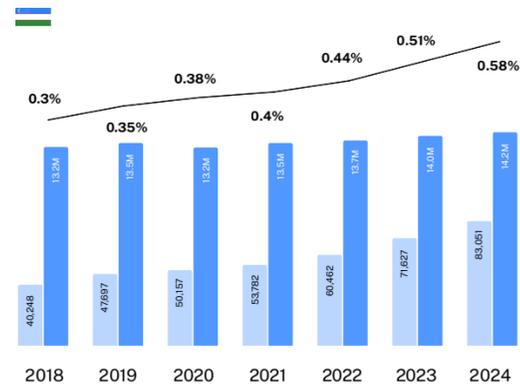
■ Average gross salary in ICT, euros — Avg. gross salary in ICT as a percent of avg. national gross salary



Source: [stat.uz](#) (Salary in ICT Sector in Uzbekistan). Uzbekistan salaries are expressed in euros, based on the average annual UZS/EUR exchange rate for each corresponding year. For sources of salary data for other countries, please refer to the next page.

ICT Employment

■ Total employment across economy ■ Employment in ICT sector — Percentage of workforce working in ICT sector



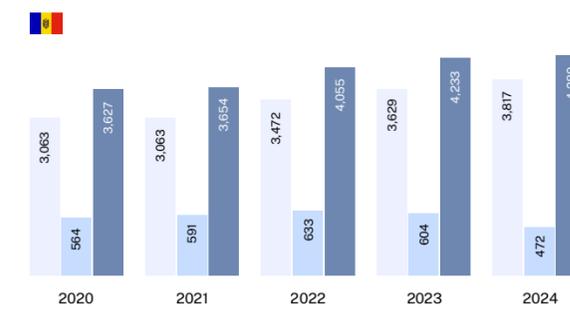
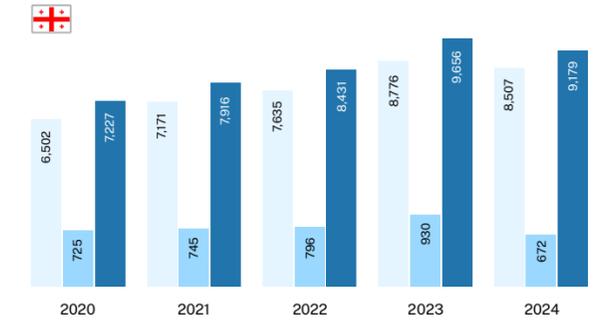
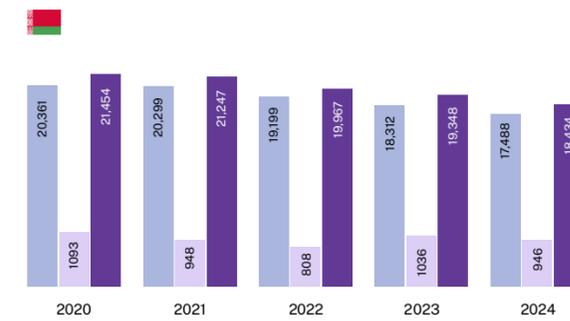
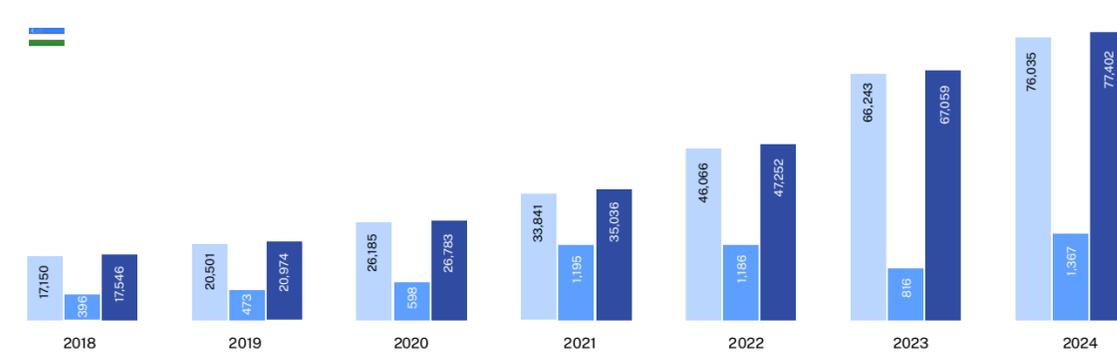
Source: stat.uz (ICT employment in Uzbekistan); stat.uz (Total employment in Uzbekistan). For sources of ICT and Total employment of other countries, please see quick note below.

Quick note

The data on ICT gross salaries, ICT employment, and ICT student enrollment in Belarus, Georgia, and Moldova are sourced from the [Future of IT Report 2024](#), published by Emerging Europe Limited.

ICT Students

■ Bachelor students ■ Master's and PhD students ■ Total Students



Source: National Statistics Committee (Students in ICT); For sources of ICT student data in other countries, please refer to the quick note on the previous page.