

# DomainWire Stat Report

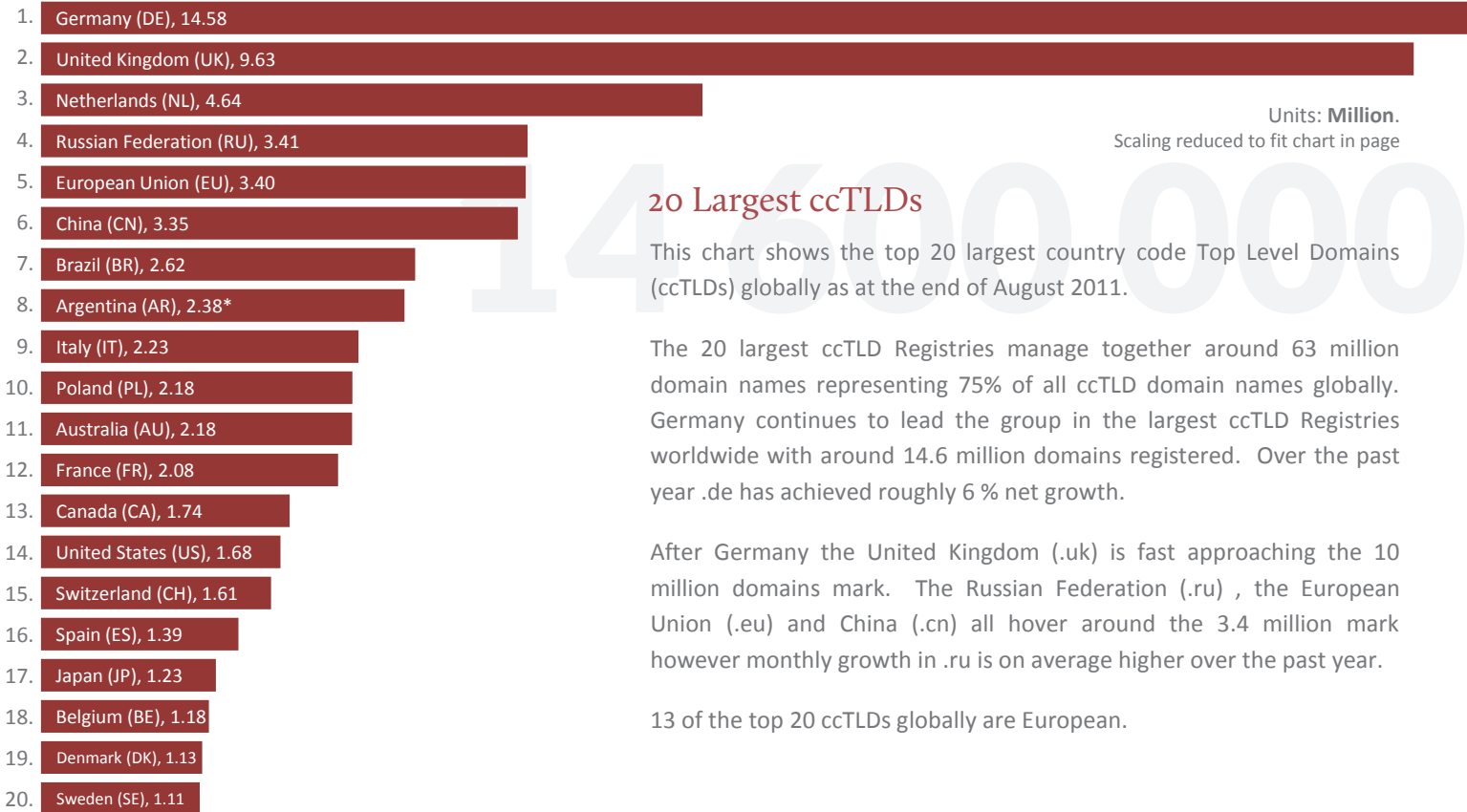
DomainWire Stat Report gives an update on some basic internet statistics with a focus on domain names particularly in Europe.

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# Country-code Top Level Domains



Units: **Million**.  
Scaling reduced to fit chart in page

## 20 Largest ccTLDs

This chart shows the top 20 largest country code Top Level Domains (ccTLDs) globally as at the end of August 2011.

The 20 largest ccTLD Registries manage together around 63 million domain names representing 75% of all ccTLD domain names globally. Germany continues to lead the group in the largest ccTLD Registries worldwide with around 14.6 million domains registered. Over the past year .de has achieved roughly 6 % net growth.

After Germany the United Kingdom (.uk) is fast approaching the 10 million domains mark. The Russian Federation (.ru) , the European Union (.eu) and China (.cn) all hover around the 3.4 million mark however monthly growth in .ru is on average higher over the past year.

13 of the top 20 ccTLDs globally are European.

Source: CENTR Domain Statistics, Hosterstats.com, LACTLD.

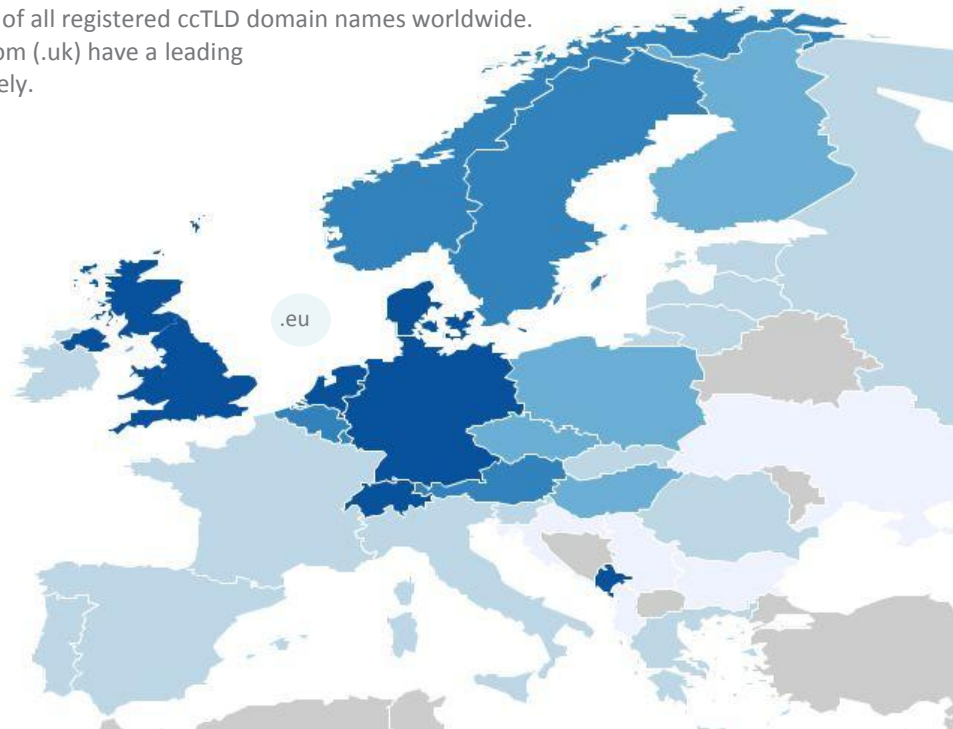
\*Estimate (LACTLD) Note: no confirmed statistics were received on .co

## ccTLDs across Europe

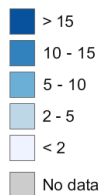
The map represents European ccTLD Registries coloured according to the number of domain names per 100 people in the respective country. The darker the colour, the higher the number (see legend).

European ccTLD Registries cover approximately 65% of all registered ccTLD domain names worldwide. Within Europe, Germany (.de) and the United Kingdom (.uk) have a leading position with 14.6 and 9.6 million domains respectively.

Of all countries included in the diagram, 5 ccTLDs (including .eu) have over 3 million domain names , 9 have between 1 and 3 million domain names and a further 27 have less than 1 million domains.



Domains per 100 Population



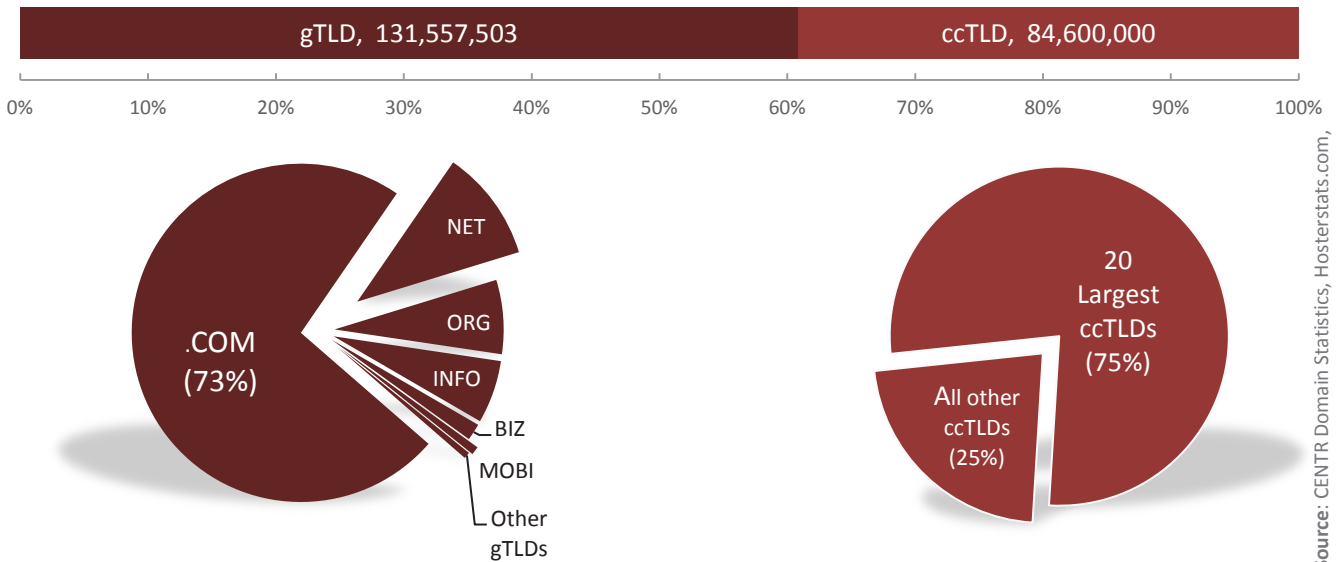
Mapping done using [Statplanet](#) software

Source: CENTR Domain Statistics. Populations based on CIA World Fact book (July 2011 estimates). Calculation method – ccTLD domain count divided by population.

Note: .eu population based on EU 27 Countries (around 500 million) giving a lower than average number in the map despite .eu being of the largest ccTLDs globally in absolute value (see top 20 chart).

# Global TLD breakdown

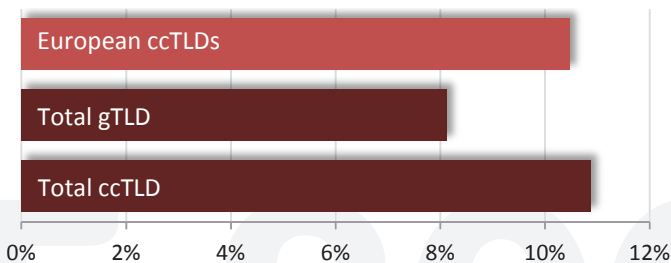
The total number of Domains globally is approximately 216 million (August 2011). Generic Top Level Domains (gTLD) cover more than 60% of all domains globally with .com taking 73% of that portion (around 96 million domains). In the Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) space, the 20 largest ccTLDs represent 78% of all ccTLD domains globally and 30% of all registered domains.



Source: CENTR Domain Statistics, Hosterstats.com, VeriSign Industry Brief (August 2011), LACTLD

## Growth in Domains

1 year growth ending Q3 2011



The chart (left) compares growth over the period Q3 2010 to Q3 2011 between gTLD, ccTLD and European ccTLD Registrations.

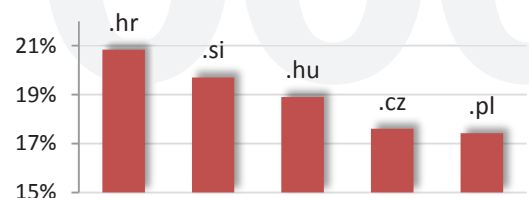
Although ccTLD registrations had the highest percentage growth, in terms of absolute growth, gTLD registrations added 12.5 million domains in the period compared to 5.8 million ccTLD domains.

### Growth in European ccTLD Registrations

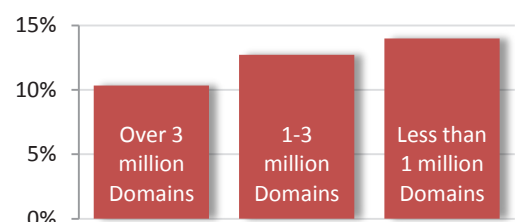
As seen above, European ccTLD registrations grew around 10.5% (or just over 5 million domains) in the past year. The chart (right) shows the highest growth ccTLDs in Europe over the year (August 2010 to August 2011). Croatia headed the list in terms of percentage with a growth of almost 21%. In terms of absolute growth, .uk had the highest adding over 900,000 domains in the same period.

This chart (lower right) shows the average growth of the different sized European ccTLD Registries over the year. The Smaller ccTLD Registries (less than 1 million domains) grew in percentage terms more than the larger Registries.

Highest growth European ccTLDs



EU Growth according to Registry size



Source: August 2011 data: CENTR Domain Statistics, Hosterstats.com, VeriSign Industry Brief (August 2011), LACTLD

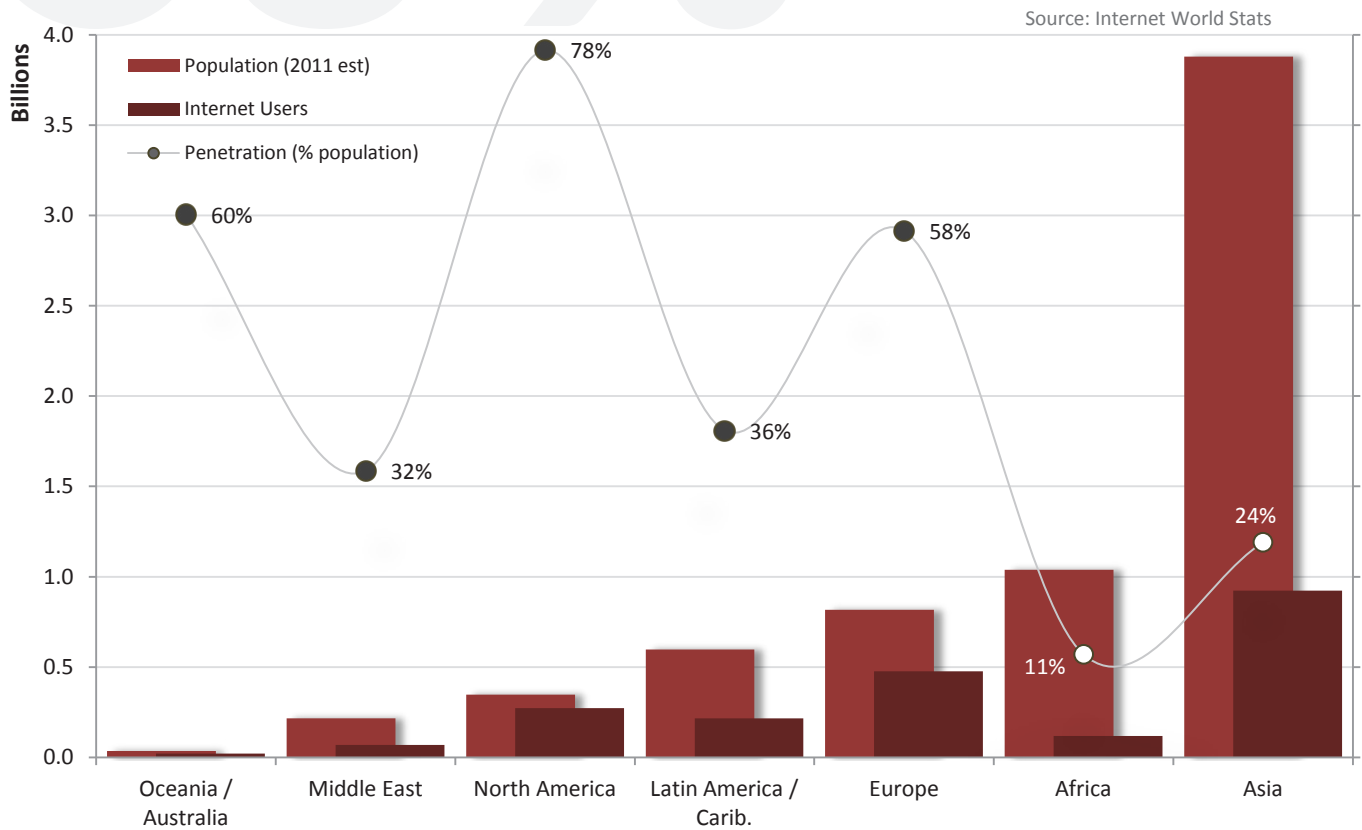
'European ccTLD' definition: Andorra, Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, European Union (.eu), Spain Finland, Faroe Islands, France Guernsey, Gibraltar, Greece, Croatia, Hungary, Ireland, Isle of Man, Iceland, Italy, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Montenegro, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal.

The above listed countries are estimated to represent at least 95% of all European ccTLDs in terms of domain count.

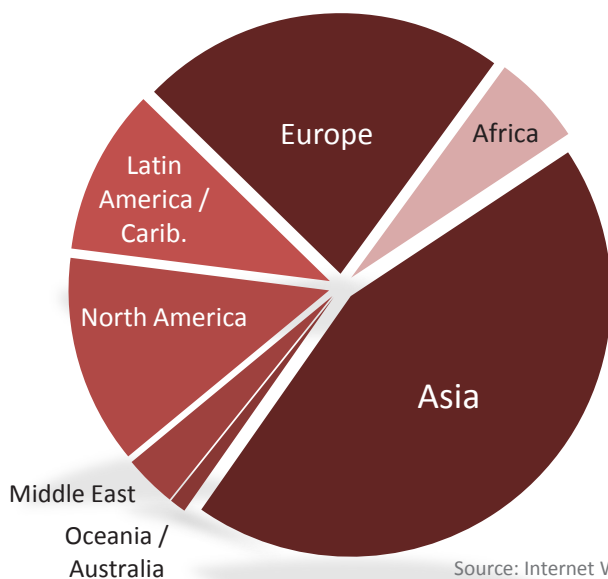
# WORLD INTERNET USAGE

## Internet Users and populations

The chart below shows different regions of the world - their respective internet usage vs. population. Asia has the largest population as well as the largest number of internet users in absolute terms; however is much lower in terms of the number of internet users per capita (24%). North America has the most internet users per capita (78%) followed by Oceania (60%) which at the same time has the lowest population and internet users in absolute terms of all regions. The African region has the lowest internet penetration with just 11% of its population using the internet.



Internet Users



## Global outlook and Internet Usage

This pie chart shows the proportions of internet usage globally. The Asian region represents around 44% of all internet users in the world - after this comes Europe (23%) and North America (13%).

In the past 10 years, the regions of Africa, the Middle East and Latin America have had the highest growth in internet usage. Africa rose from around 4.5 million users in 2000 to 118.5 million in 2011.