

# Venezuela

## Key indicators

Population (millions), 2008.....	27.9
GDP per capita (PPP \$), 2008 .....	12,806
Mobile phone subscriptions per 100 population, 2008.....	96.3
Internet users per 100 population, 2008 .....	25.5
Internet bandwidth (Mb/s) per 10,000 population, 2007.....	6.2
Utility patents per million population, 2008 .....	0.5

## Networked Readiness Index

Edition (number of economies)	Rank
<b>2009–2010 (133)</b> .....	<b>112</b>
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\* Hard data

Note: For further details and explanation, please refer to the section "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles" at the beginning of this chapter.