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Overview

Recipients can choose to access many of our services when they are signed into an account or when they are signed out. As such, we provide two separate counts to reflect this choice: (a) one based on distinct accounts of recipients; and (b) one based on distinguishable sessions of signed-out recipients.

We respect and protect the privacy of those who use our services. Article 24(2) DSA and its associated provisions do not require providers of online platforms or online search engines to perform specific tracking of individuals (e.g. across devices or sessions) for the purpose of producing data on monthly active recipients, and doing so would violate our privacy principles.

We therefore do not comprehensively de-duplicate within these counts or between them. For example, recipients may have multiple Google accounts and access services from each of them, or they may access services from different devices and browsers while signed-out. In each case, the engagements are counted separately. The same recipient may be counted many times and the counts overstate the number of unique recipients of the service in the EU. Adding up the two counts would further overstate this number.

This information is provided by us solely in order to comply with Article 24(2) and Article 42(3) of the DSA, and is not intended for any other purpose.

Please see [Additional Notes](#) below for more information.

Average EU Monthly Counts

This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of our services. Rather, this is a list of services that may fall within the DSA's definition of "online platform" or "online search engine" based on our current understanding.¹

Google Ireland Limited

Service	Service Description	Average monthly counts based on distinct signed-in accounts of recipients	Average monthly counts based on distinguishable sessions of signed-out recipients
Flights	The service located at www.google.com/travel/flights where recipients may search for flights	10,700,000	2,800,000
Google Maps	The areas of Google Maps at google.com/maps and accessible via other surfaces (including via the Google Maps app) which display content provided by recipients	282,400,000	220,500,000
Google Play	The online store and digital distribution service available through the Google Play Store, including on play.google.com	294,800,000	36,000,000
Google Search	The search engine located at www.google.com and accessible via other surfaces (such as the Google Search app and Assistant), on which recipients can input queries to perform searches and receive results in any format the information can be found	371,700,000	434,100,000
Hotels	The service located at www.google.com/travel/hotels where recipients may search for hotels and similar accommodations	22,600,000	6,100,000
Pub.dev	The service located at pub.dev where recipients can access and share software packages written in the Dart programming language	<10,000	300,000
Shopping	The service located at shopping.google.com	57,300,000	26,900,000
Tenor	The service located at www.tenor.com and accessible via the Tenor app that enables recipients to search and upload animated images	<100,000	6,600,000
Vacation Rentals	The service located at www.google.com/travel/hotels that allows recipients to search for vacation rentals	2,000,000	500,000
YouTube	The video sharing platform located at www.youtube.com and accessible via other surfaces (such as the YouTube app)	425,200,000	>500,000,000

¹ *TFhub.dev* (the service previously located at www.tfhub.dev that allows recipients to discover machine learning (ML) models) and *Things to Do* (the service located at www.google.com/travel/things-to-do that allows recipients to search for activities and things to do in a destination) have been deprecated and are no longer active services. *TFhub.dev* now redirects to *Kaggle Models* and original *TFhub.dev* assets have been transferred to *Kaggle Models*. *Keen* (the service located at www.staykeen.com where recipients may access content based on their stated interests) will be deprecated imminently.

Google Ireland Limited (continued)

Service	Service Description	Average monthly counts based on distinguishable sessions of signed-in and signed-out recipients ²
Chrome Web Store	The service located at https://chromewebstore.google.com where recipients may find and download extensions, themes and applications designed for the Chrome browser	24,700,000

² Due to Chrome Web Store's systems, the reported counts are based on identifiable sessions of signed-in and signed-out recipients (without de-duplicating against each other).

Fitbit International Limited

Service	Service Description	Average monthly counts based on distinct signed-in accounts of recipients	Average monthly counts based on distinguishable sessions of signed-out recipients
Fitbit Developer Platform	The service located at https://dev.fitbit.com/ that enables developers to create and share applications and clock-face user experiences on certain FitbitOS wearable devices	400,000	<100,000

Kaggle Inc.

Service	Service Description	Average monthly counts based on distinct signed-in accounts of recipients	Average monthly counts based on distinguishable sessions of signed-out recipients
Kaggle	The service located at www.kaggle.com that hosts public datasets for machine learning (ML) and ML models and runs ML competitions	100,000	700,000

Waze

Service	Service Description	Average monthly counts based on distinct signed-in accounts of recipients	Average monthly counts based on distinguishable sessions of signed-out recipients ³
Waze	The areas of Waze, a community-based navigation service, that enable recipients to share content which is accessible through the Waze app and other surfaces	44,000,000	

³ Waze's capabilities count access by signed-in accounts as sessions on some surfaces. The counting methodology has been updated to more accurately de-duplicate session counts to reflect that signed-out sessions counts were duplicative of signed-in counts.

Very Large Online Platforms (VLOP)/ Very Large Online Search Engine (VLOSE) EU Member State Breakdown

This section outlines the monthly active recipient counts for each EU Member State for Google Maps, Google Play, Google Search, Shopping and YouTube, each of which have been designated as a VLOP or a VLOSE, in compliance with Article 42(3) DSA.

Google Maps

Country	Average monthly counts based on distinct signed-in accounts of recipients	Average monthly counts based on distinguishable sessions of signed-out recipients
Austria	8,700,000	6,800,000
Belgium	9,500,000	6,900,000
Bulgaria	3,600,000	1,700,000
Republic of Cyprus	1,100,000	500,000
Czechia	7,000,000	4,100,000
Germany	56,700,000	64,200,000
Denmark	4,400,000	3,600,000
Estonia	1,000,000	600,000
Spain	37,400,000	19,900,000
Finland	3,900,000	3,100,000
France	49,400,000	37,600,000
Greece	7,800,000	3,800,000
Croatia	4,000,000	1,700,000
Hungary	6,600,000	3,400,000
Ireland	4,000,000	2,800,000
Italy	41,500,000	22,500,000
Lithuania	2,000,000	900,000
Luxembourg	1,000,000	700,000
Latvia	1,200,000	700,000
Malta	600,000	300,000
Netherlands	16,600,000	15,000,000
Poland	24,500,000	14,400,000
Portugal	8,100,000	4,100,000
Romania	8,200,000	3,300,000
Sweden	7,000,000	5,900,000
Slovenia	2,100,000	1,000,000
Slovakia	3,300,000	1,800,000

Google Play

Country	Average monthly counts based on distinct signed-in accounts of recipients	Average monthly counts based on distinguishable sessions of signed-out recipients
Austria	5,100,000	700,000
Belgium	6,400,000	700,000
Bulgaria	3,900,000	400,000
Republic of Cyprus	900,000	<100,000
Czechia	6,500,000	600,000
Germany	57,400,000	7,600,000
Denmark	2,200,000	300,000
Estonia	700,000	<100,000
Spain	33,900,000	3,500,000
Finland	4,200,000	800,000
France	45,700,000	6,100,000
Greece	6,500,000	600,000
Croatia	2,700,000	200,000
Hungary	5,400,000	700,000
Ireland	2,900,000	1,400,000
Italy	38,300,000	3,700,000
Lithuania	1,800,000	200,000
Luxembourg	400,000	<100,000
Latvia	1,100,000	<100,000
Malta	300,000	<100,000
Netherlands	12,900,000	3,000,000
Poland	24,200,000	2,200,000
Portugal	7,000,000	700,000
Romania	10,900,000	1,200,000
Sweden	5,000,000	1,000,000
Slovenia	1,200,000	<100,000
Slovakia	3,000,000	200,000

Google Search

Country	Average monthly counts based on distinct signed-in accounts of recipients	Average monthly counts based on distinguishable sessions of signed-out recipients
Austria	6,800,000	10,400,000
Belgium	9,100,000	12,000,000
Bulgaria	4,900,000	3,900,000
Republic of Cyprus	1,200,000	1,100,000
Czechia	8,000,000	9,100,000
Germany	64,600,000	102,500,000
Denmark	4,500,000	8,300,000
Estonia	1,100,000	1,200,000
Spain	43,800,000	40,600,000
Finland	4,800,000	6,800,000
France	61,200,000	71,100,000
Greece	8,600,000	6,900,000
Croatia	3,400,000	2,700,000
Hungary	7,300,000	6,500,000
Ireland	4,600,000	6,100,000
Italy	48,700,000	46,500,000
Lithuania	2,500,000	2,200,000
Luxembourg	700,000	1,100,000
Latvia	1,500,000	1,700,000
Malta	500,000	500,000
Netherlands	18,500,000	27,400,000
Poland	29,700,000	29,100,000
Portugal	9,600,000	8,000,000
Romania	12,600,000	8,700,000
Sweden	8,000,000	14,500,000
Slovenia	1,700,000	1,500,000
Slovakia	3,700,000	3,600,000

Shopping

Country	Average monthly counts based on distinct signed-in accounts of recipients	Average monthly counts based on distinguishable sessions of signed-out recipients
Austria	1,000,000	600,000
Belgium	1,400,000	700,000
Bulgaria	100,000	<100,000
Republic of Cyprus	<100,000	<100,000
Czechia	1,500,000	600,000
Germany	12,400,000	8,800,000
Denmark	900,000	600,000
Estonia	<100,000	<100,000
Spain	5,900,000	1,900,000
Finland	500,000	200,000
France	9,200,000	4,100,000
Greece	1,000,000	300,000
Croatia	200,000	<100,000
Hungary	800,000	200,000
Ireland	600,000	300,000
Italy	7,200,000	2,500,000
Lithuania	<100,000	<100,000
Luxembourg	<100,000	<100,000
Latvia	<100,000	<100,000
Malta	<100,000	<100,000
Netherlands	3,400,000	2,200,000
Poland	6,300,000	2,000,000
Portugal	1,200,000	300,000
Romania	1,300,000	300,000
Sweden	1,200,000	900,000
Slovenia	<100,000	<100,000
Slovakia	700,000	200,000

YouTube

Country	Average monthly counts based on distinct signed-in accounts of recipients	Average monthly counts based on distinguishable sessions of signed-out recipients
Austria	8,700,000	25,200,000
Belgium	10,800,000	28,900,000
Bulgaria	5,800,000	12,200,000
Republic of Cyprus	1,800,000	4,100,000
Czechia	9,900,000	25,700,000
Germany	84,700,000	236,600,000
Denmark	5,200,000	17,300,000
Estonia	1,400,000	3,600,000
Spain	50,400,000	136,300,000
Finland	6,100,000	17,000,000
France	78,800,000	192,500,000
Greece	10,300,000	28,200,000
Croatia	4,700,000	11,100,000
Hungary	8,200,000	25,100,000
Ireland	5,700,000	17,700,000
Italy	53,900,000	128,300,000
Lithuania	2,900,000	6,900,000
Luxembourg	1,500,000	2,900,000
Latvia	1,900,000	5,700,000
Malta	700,000	1,500,000
Netherlands	29,500,000	71,100,000
Poland	34,700,000	90,600,000
Portugal	10,800,000	24,800,000
Romania	15,100,000	34,900,000
Sweden	10,400,000	31,100,000
Slovenia	1,900,000	4,700,000
Slovakia	4,300,000	11,200,000

Additional Notes

- The counts in this report include recipients of the service in EU Member States (for our designated VLOPs and VLOSEs) and the EU as a whole (for services that may fall within the DSA's definition of "online platform" or "online search engine" based on our current understanding) during the period July to December 2023.
- Services reporting counts between 0 and 9,999 are listed as "<10,000", services reporting counts between 10,000 and 99,999 are listed as "<100,000", services reporting counts over 500,000,000 are listed as ">500,000,000" and all counts greater than or equal to 100,000 are rounded to the nearest 100,000.
- For the purposes of the DSA, the number of recipients of a service could never be greater than the population of the EU plus the number of active enterprises in the EU. According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the EU, the estimated population of the EU on 1 January 2023 was 448.4 Million⁴ and the estimated number of business enterprises in 2022 was 32.0 Million⁵.
- Likewise, for VLOP and VLOSE EU Member State breakdowns, the number of recipients of a VLOP or VLOSE could never be greater than the population of the EU Member State⁶ plus the number of active enterprises in that EU Member State⁷.
- Different services calculate the counts presented above in different ways. We continue to refine our processes for future reports and look forward to additional guidance from regulators on methodology.
- Due to rounding and deduplication of signed-in users who may be counted in multiple EU Member States, the total sum of EU Member State counts for each of our VLOPs and VLOSEs may not precisely equal the EU count for the same service.

⁴ According to [Eurostat](#).

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