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1,043,106,317

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There are over 1 billion websites on the world wide web today. This milestone was first reached in September of 2014, as confirmed by **NetCraft** in its October 2014 *Web Server Survey* and first estimated and announced by **Internet Live Stats** (see the tweet (https://twitter.com/timberners_lee/status/511988109211627520) from the inventor of

the World Wide Web, Tim Berners-Lee). The number had subsequently declined, reverting back to a level below 1 billion (due to the monthly fluctuations in the count of inactive websites) before reaching again and stabilizing above the 1 billion mark starting in March of 2016. From 1 website in 1991 to 1 billion in 2014, the chart and table below show the total number of websites by year throughout history:

By "**Website**" we mean **unique hostname** (a name which can be resolved, using a name server, into an IP Address).

It must be noted that around 75% of websites today are not active, but parked domains or similar. [1]

Year (June)	Websites	Change	Internet Users	Users per Website	
2015	**863,105,652**	-11%	3,185,996,155*	3.7	
2014	**968,882,453**	44%	2,925,249,355	3.0	

Year (June)	Websites	Change	Internet Users	Users per Website	
2013	672,985,183	-3%	2,756,198,420	4.1	
2012	697,089,489	101%	2,518,453,530	3.6	
2011	346,004,403	67%	2,282,955,130	6.6	
2010	206,956,723	-13%	2,045,865,660	9.9	Pinterest (https://web.archive.org/web/201
2009	238,027,855	38%	1,766,206,240	7.4	
2008	172,338,726	41%	1,571,601,630	9.1	Dropbox (https://web.archive.org/web/200
2007	121,892,559	43%	1,373,327,790	11.3	Tumblr (https://web.archive.org/
2006	85,507,314	32%	1,160,335,280	13.6	Twttr (/img/twttr.png)
2005	64,780,617	26%	1,027,580,990	16	YouTube (https://web.archive.org/web/200 Reddit (https://web.archive.org/v
2004	51,611,646	26%	910,060,180	18	Thefacebook (http://en.wikipedia (https://web.archive.org/web/200
2003	40,912,332	6%	778,555,680	19	WordPress (https://web.archive.org/web/200 LinkedIn (http://www.flickr.com/
2002	38,760,373	32%	662,663,600	17	
2001	29,254,370	71%	500,609,240	17	Wikipedia (https://web.archive.org/web/200
2000	17,087,182	438%	413,425,190	24	Baidu
1999	3,177,453	32%	280,866,670	88	PayPal (https://web.archive.org/v
1998	2,410,067	116%	188,023,930	78	Google (https://web.archive.org/
1997	1,117,255	334%	120,758,310	108	Yandex (/img/yandex-23-septeml
1996	257,601	996%	77,433,860	301	

Year (June)	Websites	Change	Internet Users	Users per Website	
1995	23,500	758%	44,838,900	1,908	Altavista (http://web.archive.org/web/19961(Amazon (/img/amazon-1995.jpg), A -1995.gif)
1994	2,738	2006%	25,454,590	9,297	Yahoo (http://web.archive.org/web/19961;
1993	130	1200%	14,161,570	108,935	
1992	10	900%			
Aug. 1991	1				World Wide Web Project (http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWV
Source: **NetCraft and Internet Live Stats** (elaboration of data by *Matthew Gr*					

Periodic drops in the total count can depend on various factors, including an improvement in NetCraft's handling of wildcard hostnames. For example, in August 2012, over 40 million hostnames on only 242 IP addresses were removed from the Survey.

Curious facts

- The first-ever website (info.cern.ch) (http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWW/TheProject.html) was published on August 6, 1991 by British physicist Tim Berners-Lee while at CERN, in Switzerland. [2] On April 30, 1993 CERN made World Wide Web ("W3" for short) technology available on a royalty-free basis to the public domain, allowing the Web to flourish.[3]

- The World Wide Web was invented in March of 1989 by Tim Berners-Lee (see the original proposal (http://www.w3.org/History/1989/proposal.html)). He also introduced the first web server, the first browser and editor (the "WorldWideWeb.app

(http://www.w3.org/History/1994/WWW/Journals/CACM/screensnap2_24c.gif)"), the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) and, in October 1990, the first version of the "HyperText Markup Language" (HTML).[4]

- In 2013 alone, the web has grown by more than one third: from about 630 million websites at the start of the year to over 850 million by December 2013 (of which 180 million were active).

- Over 50% of websites today are hosted on either Apache or nginx, both open source web servers.[5] As of June 2014, Microsoft has got very close to Apache in terms of market share (only a 0.15% difference separates the two). If the trend continues, Microsoft could soon become the leading web server developer for the first time in history.

Popular Websites (launch year & how they looked)

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Pinterest (2010)

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Dropbox (2008)

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