

E-Commerce Statistics in Korea



History of e-commerce in Korea



- 1992** Introduction to the concept of e-Commerce
- 1996** Founded 'iINTERPARK', the first cyber shopping mall in Korea
- 1999** Established and revised e-Commerce regulation
- 2013** e-Commerce transaction(B2B, B2G) reached KRW 1,167 trillion
(around 1 trillion and 22.4 billion USD)
- 2015** Online Shopping transaction(B2C) reached KRW 53,888 billion
(around 47.3 billion USD)
- 2016** Online Shopping transaction(B2C) reached KRW 64,913 billion
(around 57 billion USD)

Collection of e-Commerce Data

Overview

Classification	Description	
	e-commerce Survey	Online Shopping Survey
Applied category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - e-Commerce transaction subject types - Korea Standard Industrial Classification(KSIC) 	
Institute in charge of survey	Statistics Korea	
Subjected period	Every Quarter	Every month(1 st ~last day)
Survey starting period	Last 2 weeks of the next quarter's first month(Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	1 st ~ 22 nd of the next month
Frequency	Quarterly(B2B, B2G)	Monthly(B2C)
Purpose	Obtain quarterly data on the size and infrastructure of e-commerce transactions	Provide basic data needed for the establishment of government policies and the management plans
Region	Nationwide	

Collection of e-Commerce Data

Survey System & Collection Methodology



Sector of Survey



Business to Business(B2B) : 1,423 companies*

- Complete enumeration survey
- Listed companies, KOSDAQ ** listed companies, Public companies, and other e-Commerce companies
- E-Marketplace(mediation typed online mall)
(Excluding companies type of finance and insurance business, Housework service, International / foreign)



Business to Government(B2G) : 481 institutes*

- Public Procurement Service, Defense Acquisition Program Administration, Korea Post are used



Business to Customer(B2C) : 981 companies***

- Sampling Survey(Online shopping malls with ability to sell products over the Internet)

* as of 2013

*** Korea Securities Dealers Automated Quotation

*** as of 2016

Survey Tables



B2B

- Name, Website, Type of Industry
- Purchased Price
- Amount of Sales, etc.

B2G

- Purchased Price
- Contract Price of Electronic Bidding Construction, etc.

B2C

- Transaction Amount by Types
- Payment and Shipping Methods, etc.

Non-collected Data Processing

Preliminary Processing

- Remaining same as previous quarter's data and revising correct data after the data is set (note 「P」)

Non-response Processing

- Remaining same as previous quarter's data
- Deleting from the list if continually non-response (over 3 months)

Output of data collection (B2B)

Source: Statistics Korea

Type	Classification
Total Transaction of B2B	-
B2B e-Commerce Transactions by Domination Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Buyer-driven type ② Supplier-driven type ③ Intermediary-driven type
B2B e-Commerce Transactions by industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Manufacturing ② Electricity gas and water supply ③ Construction ④ Wholesale& retail trade ⑤ Transportation ⑥ Information and Communications ⑦ Others

Output of data collection (B2G)

Purchase of goods & services

Construction contract

Output of data collection (Online shopping(B2C, C2C))

Type	Classification	
Total online shopping Transactions	B2C, C2C and others*	
Transaction Value by group of commodities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Computer and computer-related appliances 2. Home electric appliances · electronic · telecommunication equipment 3. Software 4. Books 5. Office appliances and stationery 6. Music CDs & disks · videos · musical instrument 7. Clothing 8. Footwear 9. Luggage 10. Fashion and Accessories 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Sports and leisure appliances 12. Cosmetics 13. Goods for infants and children 14. Food and Beverages 15. Agricultural and fishery products 16. Household goods · motor vehicle part and accessories 17. Furniture 18. Pet Products 19. Travel arrangement and reservation services 20. Miscellaneous services and others

*including B2B and B2G from Online shopping

Source: Statistics Korea