



DIGITAL IN 2018

ESSENTIAL INSIGHTS INTO INTERNET, SOCIAL MEDIA, MOBILE, AND ECOMMERCE USE AROUND THE WORLD

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WELCOME TO DIGITAL IN 2018



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It's been another year of impressive growth across all things digital, and this year's 2018 Global Digital report reveals some important new milestones and trends.

Perhaps the most exciting headline in this year's reports is that global internet users have now passed the **4 billion** mark. Well over half of the world's population now uses the internet, and a quarter of a billion new users came online for the first time during the past 12 months.

People are spending more time online too: the average user now spends around 6 hours each day using the internet. If we add this together for all 4 billion of the world's internet users, people will spend a massive **1 billion years** online in 2018.

Much of this growth in internet users has been driven by more affordable smartphones and mobile data plans. More than 200 million people got their first mobile device in 2017, and **two-thirds** of the world's 7.6 billion inhabitants now have a mobile phone.

Furthermore, more than half of the handsets in use today are 'smart' devices, so it's increasingly easy for people to enjoy a rich internet experience wherever they are.

Social media use continues to grow rapidly too, and the number of people using the top social platform in each country has increased by almost 1 million new users every day during the past 12 months – that's more than 11 new users every second.

More than **3 billion** people around the world now use social media each month, with almost all of those users accessing their chosen platforms via mobile devices.

If you'd like to dig deeper into this year's numbers, you'll find links to the full set of 2018 Global Digital resources on the next few pages. This year's reports include 5,000 charts covering 239 countries and territories, with everything you need to know to understand internet, social, mobile, and e-commerce use all over the world.

Best of all, we're making all of these resources available **for free**. We hope they'll help inform and inspire lots of valuable new ideas, and contribute to another year of successful digital growth in 2018.

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2018 DIGITAL YEARBOOK

HEADLINE INTERNET, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND MOBILE USE DATA FOR EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

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Global Yearbook of International Law							
Country	Region	Year	Author	Editor	Volume	Pages	ISBN
GLOBAL YEARBOOK	BRUNEI	DOMINICAN REP.	GUYANA	LIBERIA	NEPAL	ST KITTS & NEVIS	TAJKISTAN
AFGHANISTAN	BULGARIA	ECUADOR	HAITI	LIBYA	NETHERLANDS	ST LUCIA	TANZANIA
ALBANIA	BURKINA FASO	EGYPT	HONDURAS	LIECHTENSTEIN	NEW CALEDONIA	ST MARTIN	THAILAND
ALGERIA	BURUNDI	EL SALVADOR	HONG KONG	LITHUANIA	NEW ZEALAND	ST PIERRE & MIQUELON	TIMOR-LESTE
AMERICAN SAMOA	CABO VERDE	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	HUNGARY	LUXEMBOURG	NICARAGUA	ST VINCENT, GRENADINES	TOGO
ANDORRA	CAMBODIA	ERITREA	ICELAND	MACAU	NIGER	SAMOA	TOKELAU
ANGOLA	CAMEROON	ESTONIA	INDIA	TFYR MACEDONIA	NIGERIA	SAN MARINO	TONGA
ANGUILLA	CANADA	ETHIOPIA	INDONESIA	MADAGASCAR	NIUE	SÃO TOMÉ & PRÍNCIPE	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	CAYMAN IS.	FAROE IS.	IRAN	MALAWI	NORFOLK IS.	SAUDI ARABIA	TUNISIA
ARGENTINA	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.	FALKLAND IS.	IRAQ	MALAYSIA	NORTHERN MARIANA IS.	SENEGAL	TURKEY
ARMENIA	CHAD	FIJI	IRELAND	MALDIVES	NORWAY	SERBIA	TURKMENISTAN
ARUBA	CHILE	FINLAND	ISLE OF MAN	MALI	OMAN	SEYCHELLES	TURKS & CAICOS IS.
AUSTRALIA	CHINA	FRANCE	ISRAEL	MALTA	PAKISTAN	SIERRA LEONE	TUVALU
AUSTRIA	CHRISTMAS IS.	FRENCH GUIANA	ITALY	MARSHALL IS.	PALAU	SINGAPORE	UGANDA
AZERBAIJAN	COCOS IS.	FRENCH POLYNESIA	JAMAICA	MARTINIQUE	PALESTINE	ST MAARTEN	UKRAINE
BAHAMAS	COLOMBIA	GABON	JAPAN	MAURITANIA	PANAMA	SLOVAKIA	U.A.E.
BAHRAIN	COMOROS	GAMBIA	JERSEY	MAURITIUS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	SLOVENIA	U.K.
BANGLADESH	CONGO, DEM. REP.	GEORGIA	JORDAN	MAYOTTE	PARAGUAY	SOLOMON IS.	U.S.A.
BARBADOS	CONGO, REP.	GERMANY	KAZAKHSTAN	MEXICO	PERU	SOMALIA	URUGUAY
BELARUS	COOK IS.	GHANA	KENYA	MICRONESIA	PHILIPPINES	SOUTH AFRICA	UZBEKISTAN
BELGIUM	COSTA RICA	GIBRALTAR	KIRIBATI	MOLDOVA	POLAND	SOUTH SUDAN	VANUATU
BELIZE	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	GREECE	KOREA, NORTH	MONACO	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	VENEZUELA
BENIN	CROATIA	GREENLAND	KOREA, SOUTH	MONGOLIA	PUERTO RICO	SRI LANKA	VIETNAM
BERMUDA	CUBA	GRENADA	KOSOVO	MONTENEGRO	QATAR	SUDAN	BRITISH VIRGIN IS.
BHUTAN	CURAÇAO	GUADELOUPE	KUWAIT	MONTSERRAT	RÉUNION	SURINAME	U.S. VIRGIN IS.
BOLIVIA	CYPRUS	GUAM	KYRGYZSTAN	MOROCCO	ROMANIA	SWAZILAND	WALLIS & FUTUNA
BONAIRE, ST EUSTATIUS, SABA	CZECH REP.	GUATEMALA	LAOS	MOZAMBIQUE	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	WESTERN SAHARA
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	DENMARK	GUERNSEY	LATVIA	MYANMAR	RWANDA	SWITZERLAND	YEMEN
BOTSWANA	DJIBOUTI	GUINEA	LEBANON	NAMIBIA	ST BARTHÉLEMY	SYRIA	ZAMBIA
BRAZIL	DOMINICA	GUINEA-BISSAU	LESOTHO	NAURU	ST HELENA	TAIWAN	ZIMBABWE



GLOBAL OVERVIEW

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DIGITAL AROUND THE WORLD IN 2018

KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS FOR THE WORLD'S INTERNET, MOBILE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

TOTAL
POPULATION



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7.593
BILLION

URBANISATION:
55%

INTERNET
USERS



4.021
BILLION

PENETRATION:
53%

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



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are
social

3.196
BILLION

PENETRATION:
42%

UNIQUE
MOBILE USERS



5.135
BILLION

PENETRATION:
68%

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



2.958
BILLION

PENETRATION:
39%



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GLOBAL ANNUAL DIGITAL GROWTH

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

INTERNET
USERS



we
are
social

+7%

SINCE JAN 2017

+248 MILLION

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



+13%

SINCE JAN 2017

+362 MILLION

UNIQUE
MOBILE USERS



we
are
social

+4%

SINCE JAN 2017

+218 MILLION

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



+14%

SINCE JAN 2017

+360 MILLION

WE ARE SOCIAL'S ANALYSIS: DIGITAL IN 2018

With more than 4 billion people using the internet for an average of 6 hours each per day, digital has become an essential part of everyday life for most of us. We're using that connectivity in almost every aspect of our lives, whether it's chatting with friends, playing games, researching products, tracking our health, or even finding love. As a result, brands need to evolve beyond today's siloed approach to digital, and build seamless digital integration into everything they do – just as our audiences already have. Here are some tips to help with that:



Start with what people really need and want, and not just what the technology can do



Focus on creating mutual value at every opportunity, instead of simply 'selling more stuff'



Make it easy for people to buy online as soon as they're ready, wherever they are



Harness digital tools to keep the conversation going, even after you make a successful sale

To learn more about what these Digital, Social and Mobile trends mean for your brand, [click here to download our Think Forward report.](#)

HOOTSUITE'S PERSPECTIVE: 2018 SOCIAL TRENDS



The evolution of social ROI. It's the end of the road for vanity metrics. Expect to see more organisations evolve their metrics as they look to quantify social's contribution to tangible business challenges such as lowering costs, increasing revenue, mitigating risk, and attracting talent.



Mobile fuels the growth of social TV. In 2018, social networks will encourage brands to become broadcasters as mobile video and social-TV content take the spotlight. We advise caution here as the metrics that bump the stock price of social networks—such as mobile video views—might not help your organisation achieve your own business outcomes.



Trust declines, while peer influence rises. From Trump's tumultuous triumph over traditional media to the fake news phenomenon, we saw a shift in media culture in 2017. It's clear we're moving away from trusting traditional institutions—and moving towards smaller spheres of influence where customer communities and engaged employees matter more than ever.



Humans, meet AI. The machines have risen. And marketers have discovered they can be delightfully useful. But while marketers rush ahead with chatbots and AI-generated content, it's still unclear whether customers will value these human-less engagements.



The promise (and reality) of social data. From tying together analytics systems to CRM integrations, marketers underestimated the complexity of social data initiatives. Organisations must recalculate the effort and resources needed to turn social data into a true—and unified—source of customer insights.

[Click here to download our 2018 Social Media Trends Toolkit](#) to align your strategy with the year's key social network and digital trends.



2018 REGIONAL OVERVIEWS

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DIGITAL IN AFRICA IN 2018

KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS FOR THE REGION'S INTERNET, MOBILE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

TOTAL
POPULATION



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1,272
MILLION

URBANISATION:

42%

INTERNET
USERS



435
MILLION

PENETRATION:

34%

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



we
are
social

191
MILLION

PENETRATION:

15%

MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



1,040
MILLION

vs. POPULATION:

82%

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



172
MILLION

PENETRATION:

14%

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ANNUAL DIGITAL GROWTH IN AFRICA

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

INTERNET
USERS



+20%

SINCE JAN 2017

+73 MILLION

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



we
are
social

+12%

SINCE JAN 2017

+20 MILLION

MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



+4%

SINCE JAN 2017

+45 MILLION

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



+15%

SINCE JAN 2017

+23 MILLION

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DIGITAL IN THE AMERICAS IN 2018

KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS FOR THE REGION'S INTERNET, MOBILE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

TOTAL
POPULATION



we
are
social

1,011
MILLION

URBANISATION:

81%

INTERNET
USERS



741
MILLION

PENETRATION:

73%

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



we
are
social

648
MILLION

PENETRATION:

64%

MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



1,070
MILLION

vs. POPULATION:

106%

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



581
MILLION

PENETRATION:

57%

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ANNUAL DIGITAL GROWTH IN THE AMERICAS

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

INTERNET
USERS



+3%

SINCE JAN 2017

+23 MILLION

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



we
are
social

+8%

SINCE JAN 2017

+49 MILLION

MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



+0.1%

SINCE JAN 2017

+741 THOUSAND

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



+9%

SINCE JAN 2017

+46 MILLION

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DIGITAL IN ASIA-PACIFIC IN 2018

KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS FOR THE REGION'S INTERNET, MOBILE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

TOTAL
POPULATION



we
are
social

4.214
BILLION

URBANISATION:
48%

INTERNET
USERS



2.007
BILLION

PENETRATION:
48%

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



we
are
social

1.779
BILLION

PENETRATION:
42%

MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



4.318
BILLION

vs. POPULATION:
102%

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



1.713
BILLION

PENETRATION:
41%



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ANNUAL DIGITAL GROWTH IN ASIA-PACIFIC

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

INTERNET
USERS



+5%

SINCE JAN 2017

+98 MILLION

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



we
are
social

+14%

SINCE JAN 2017

+224 MILLION

MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



+8%

SINCE JAN 2017

+319 MILLION

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



+16%

SINCE JAN 2017

+231 MILLION



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DIGITAL IN EUROPE IN 2018

KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS FOR THE REGION'S INTERNET, MOBILE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

TOTAL
POPULATION



we
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843
MILLION

URBANISATION:
74%

INTERNET
USERS



674
MILLION

PENETRATION:
80%

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



we
are
social

448
MILLION

PENETRATION:
53%

MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



1,106
MILLION

vs. POPULATION:
131%

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



376
MILLION

PENETRATION:
45%



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ANNUAL DIGITAL GROWTH IN EUROPE

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

INTERNET
USERS



+6%

SINCE JAN 2017

+37 MILLION

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



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are
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+8%

SINCE JAN 2017

+32 MILLION

MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



+0.5%

SINCE JAN 2017

+5 MILLION

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



+8%

SINCE JAN 2017

+27 MILLION

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DIGITAL IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN 2018

KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS FOR THE REGION'S INTERNET, MOBILE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

TOTAL
POPULATION



252
MILLION

URBANISATION:
72%

INTERNET
USERS



164
MILLION

PENETRATION:
65%

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



130
MILLION

PENETRATION:
52%

MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



323
MILLION

vs. POPULATION:
128%

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



115
MILLION

PENETRATION:
46%

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ANNUAL DIGITAL GROWTH IN THE MIDDLE EAST

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

INTERNET
USERS



+11%

SINCE JAN 2017

+17 MILLION

ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



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+39%

SINCE JAN 2017

+37 MILLION

MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



+3%

SINCE JAN 2017

+11 MILLION

ACTIVE MOBILE
SOCIAL USERS



+39%

SINCE JAN 2017

+32 MILLION



GLOBAL POPULATION OVERVIEW

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GLOBAL POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS

THE WORLD'S POPULATION, BROKEN DOWN INTO VARIOUS AGE GROUPS

TOTAL GLOBAL
POPULATION



7.593
BILLION

ANNUAL GROWTH RATE:
+1.6%

GLOBAL POPULATION
AGED 0-15 YEARS



2.041
BILLION

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL:
27%

GLOBAL POPULATION
AGED 16-64 YEARS



4.870
BILLION

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL:
64%

GLOBAL POPULATION
AGED 65+ YEARS



0.682
BILLION

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL:
9%

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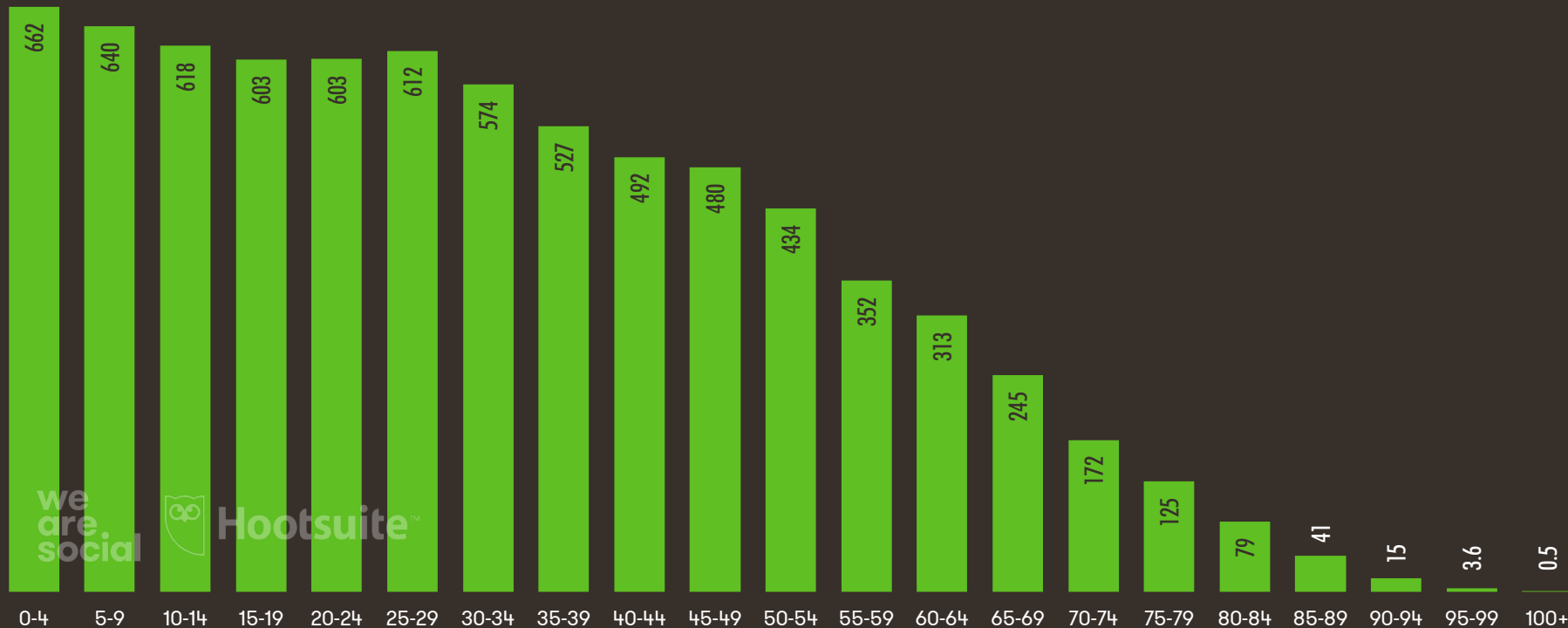


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DISTRIBUTION OF GLOBAL POPULATION BY AGE

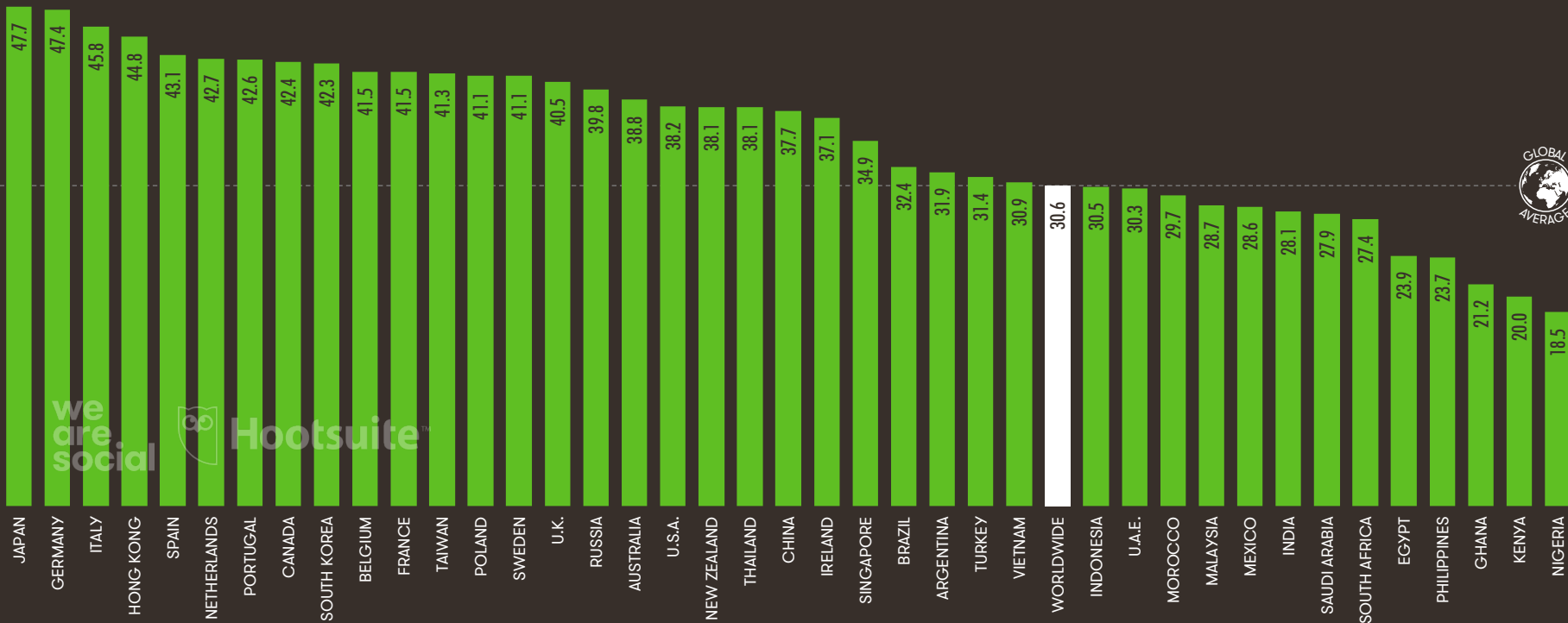
THE WORLD'S TOTAL POPULATION DETAILED BY FIVE-YEAR AGE GROUPS, IN MILLIONS



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MEDIAN AGE BY COUNTRY

THE AGE AT WHICH THERE ARE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW THAT AGE IN THE NATIONAL POPULATION



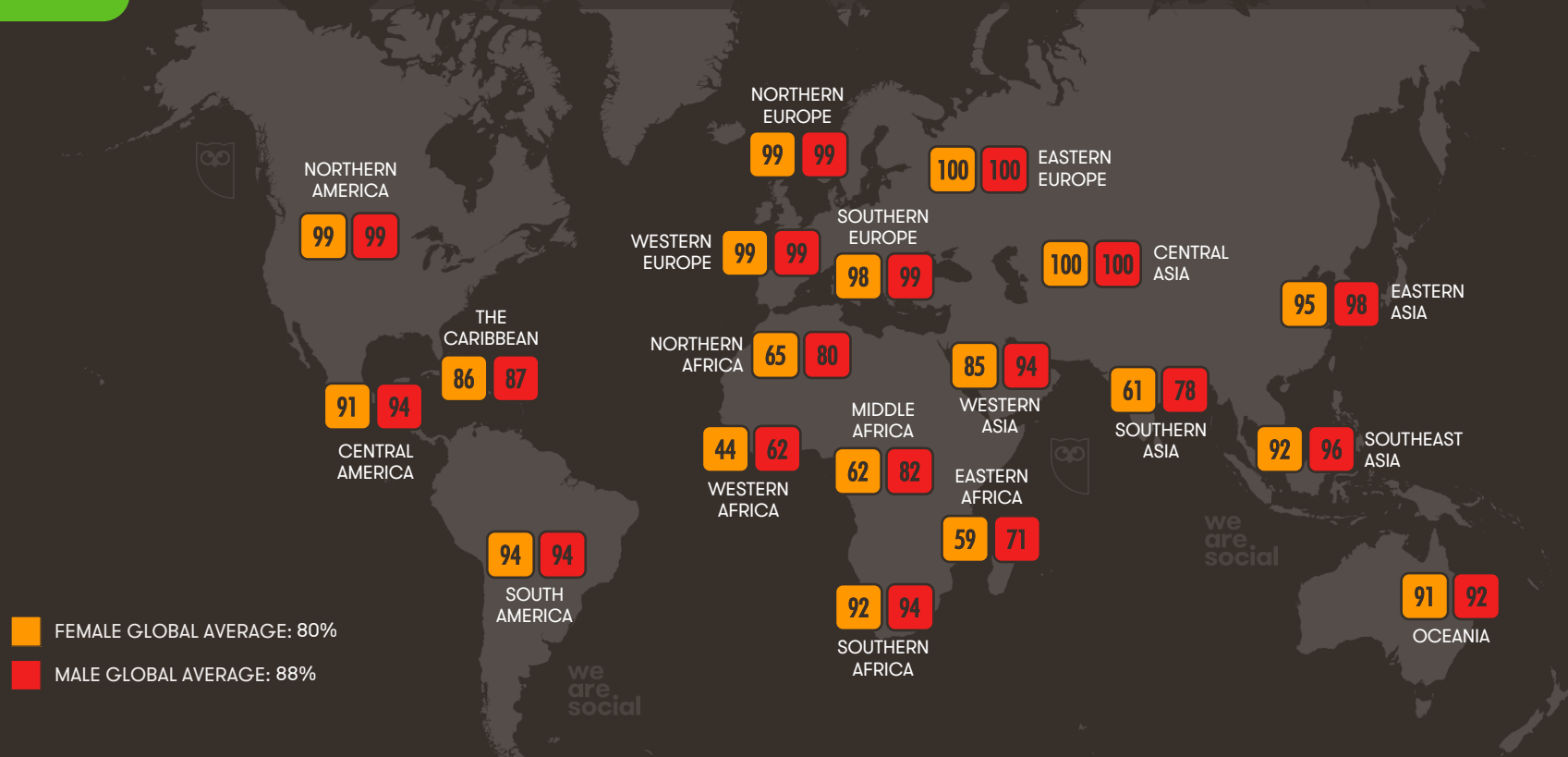
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LITERACY RATES BY GENDER AND REGION

PERCENTAGE OF EACH REGION'S POPULATION AGED 15 AND ABOVE WHO CAN READ AND WRITE, SPLIT BY GENDER



■ FEMALE GLOBAL AVERAGE: 80%
■ MALE GLOBAL AVERAGE: 88%



GLOBAL INTERNET USE

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INTERNET USE

BASED ON ACTIVE INTERNET USER DATA, AND ACTIVE USE OF INTERNET-POWERED MOBILE SERVICES

TOTAL NUMBER
OF ACTIVE
INTERNET USERS



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BILLION

INTERNET USERS AS A
PERCENTAGE OF THE
TOTAL POPULATION



53%

TOTAL NUMBER
OF ACTIVE MOBILE
INTERNET USERS



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MOBILE INTERNET USERS
AS A PERCENTAGE OF
THE TOTAL POPULATION

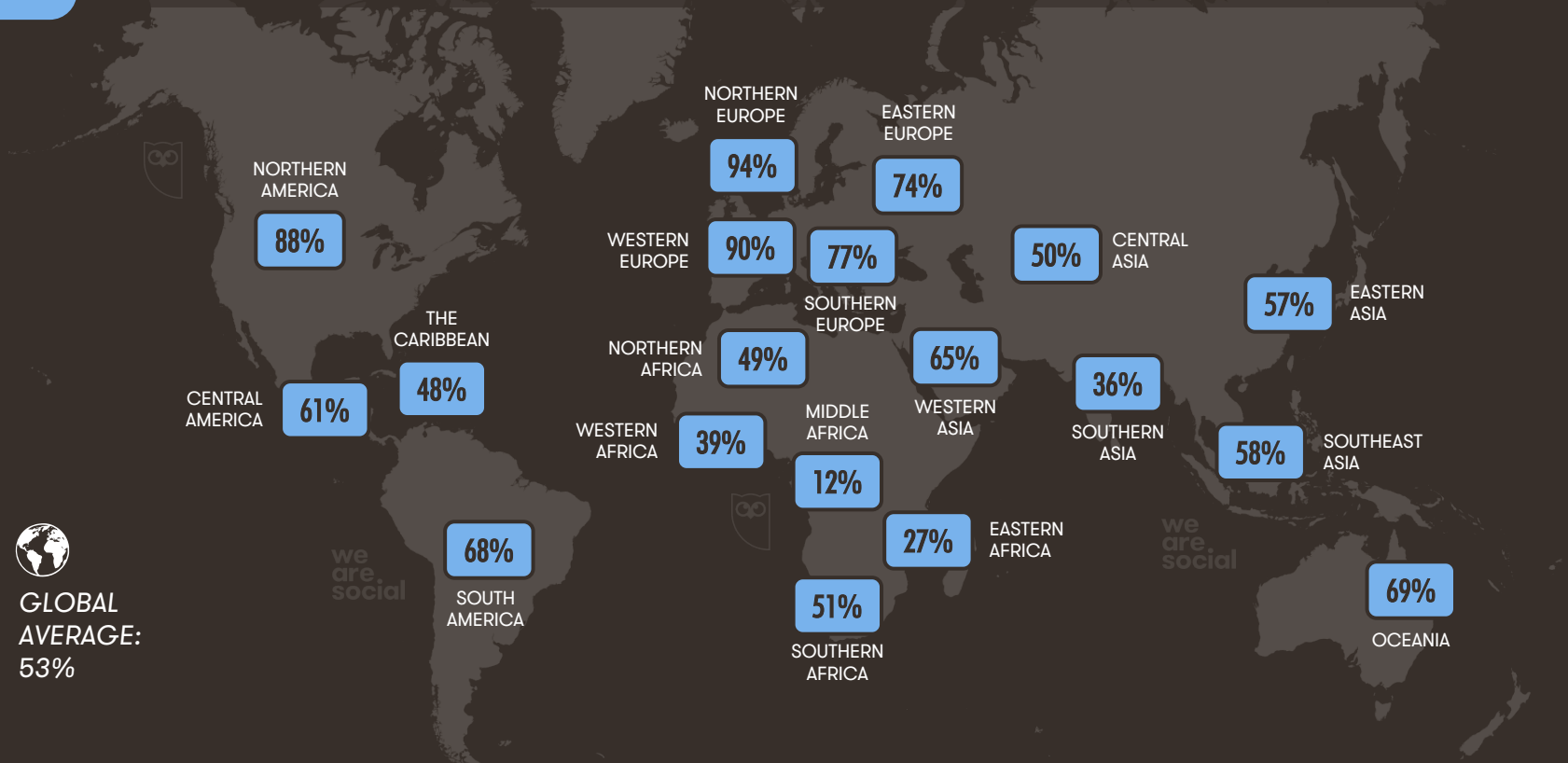


49%

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INTERNET PENETRATION BY REGION

REGIONAL PENETRATION FIGURES, COMPARING INTERNET USERS TO TOTAL POPULATION



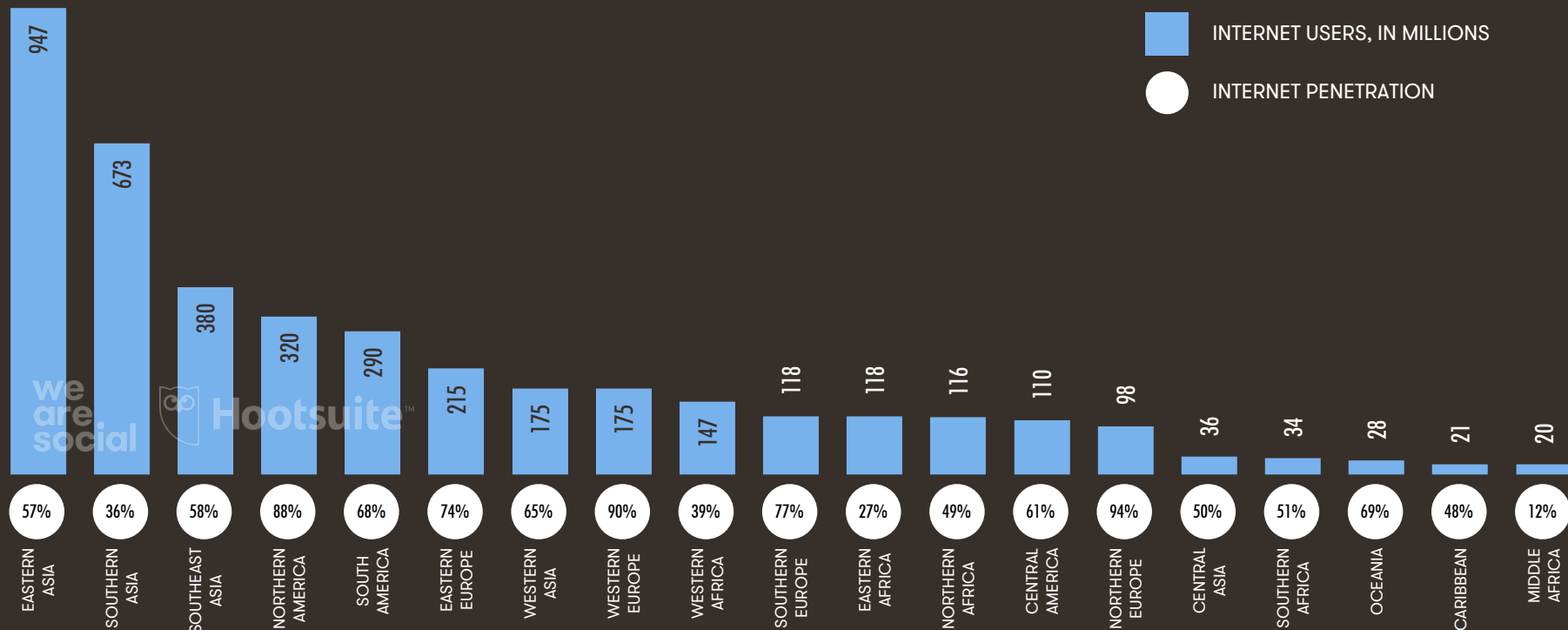
GLOBAL
AVERAGE:
53%

SOURCES: INTERNETWORLDSTATS; ITU; EUROSTAT; INTERNETLIVESTATS; CIA WORLD FACTBOOK; MIDEASTMEDIA.ORG; FACEBOOK; GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; REGULATORY AUTHORITIES; REPUTABLE MEDIA. NOTE: PENETRATION FIGURES ARE FOR TOTAL POPULATION, REGARDLESS OF AGE.

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INTERNET USE: REGIONAL OVERVIEW

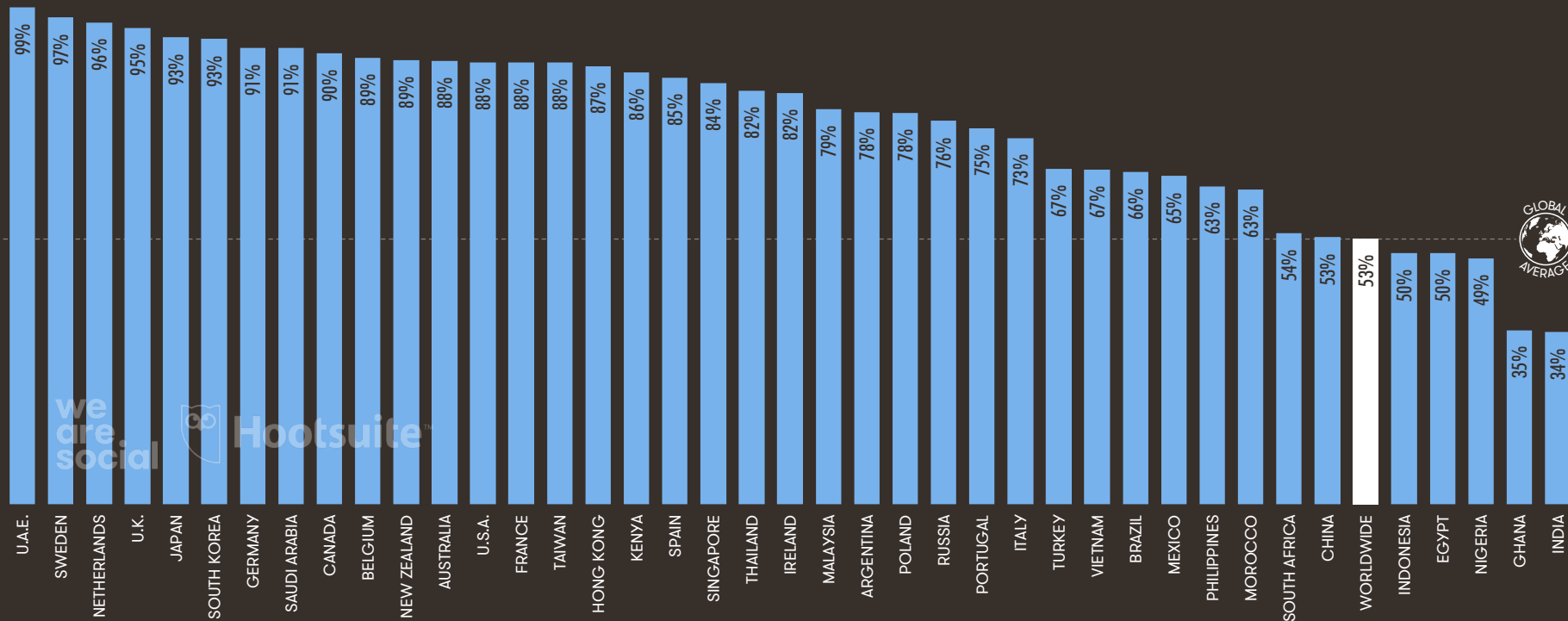
INTERNET USERS (IN MILLIONS), AND INTERNET PENETRATION, BY REGION



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INTERNET PENETRATION BY COUNTRY

NATIONAL INTERNET PENETRATION FIGURES



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INTERNET PENETRATION RANKINGS

BASED ON INTERNET PENETRATION IN COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL POPULATION OF 50,000 PEOPLE OR MORE

#	HIGHEST PENETRATION	%	USERS
01	QATAR	99%	2,640,360
02	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	99%	9,376,171
03	KUWAIT	98%	4,100,000
04	BERMUDA	98%	60,125
05	BAHRAIN	98%	1,499,193
06	ICELAND	98%	329,675
07	NORWAY	98%	5,222,786
08	ANDORRA	98%	75,366
09	LUXEMBOURG	98%	572,216
10	DENMARK	97%	5,571,635

#	LOWEST PENETRATION	%	USERS
213	NORTH KOREA	0.06%	16,000
212	ERITREA	1%	71,000
211	NIGER	4%	946,440
210	WESTERN SAHARA	5%	28,000
209	CHAD	5%	756,329
208	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	5%	246,432
207	BURUNDI	6%	617,116
206	DEM REP. OF THE CONGO	6%	5,133,940
205	GUINEA-BISSAU	6%	120,000
204	MADAGASCAR	7%	1,900,000

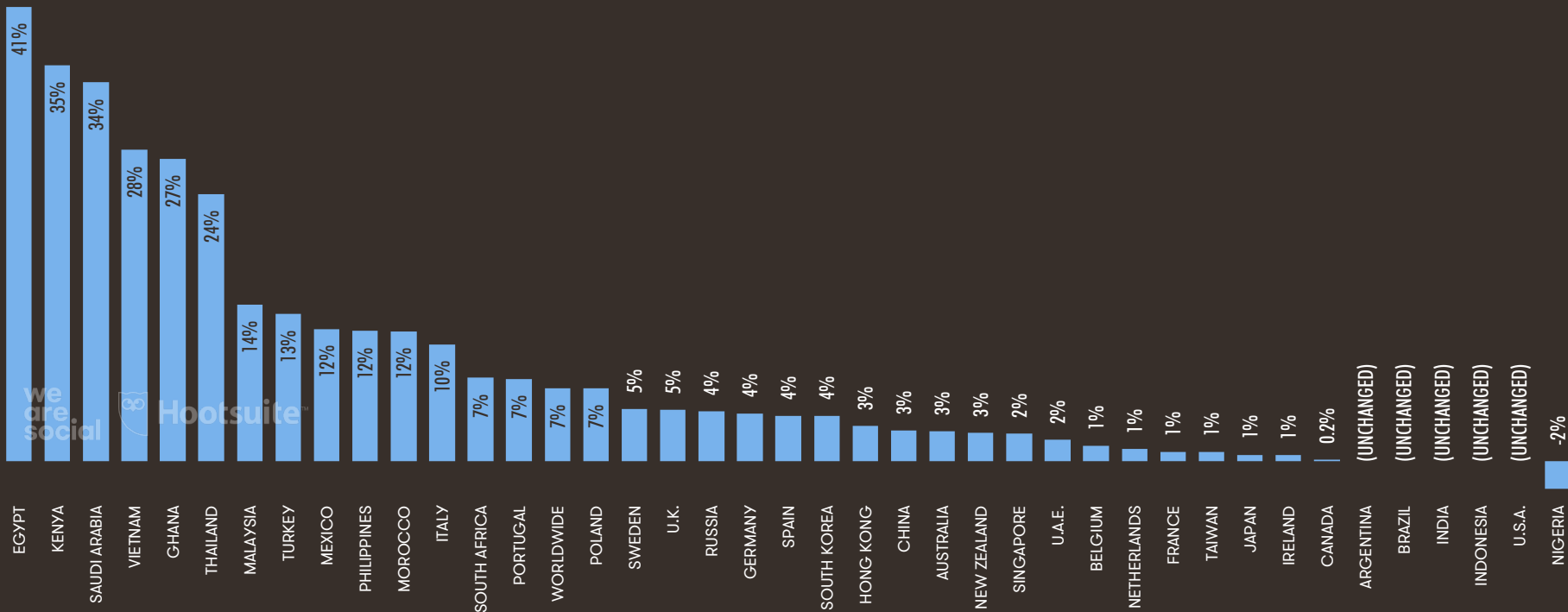


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GROWTH IN INTERNET USERS

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF INTERNET USERS IN EACH COUNTRY vs. JANUARY 2017



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INTERNET GROWTH RANKINGS

BASED ON INTERNET PENETRATION IN COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL POPULATION OF 50,000 PEOPLE OR MORE

#	HIGHEST GROWTH	▲ %	▲ USERS
01	MALI	460%	10,187,550
02	BENIN	204%	2,517,516
03	SIERRA LEONE	144%	531,340
04	KIRIBATI	113%	17,000
05	NIGER	102%	477,109
06	MOZAMBIQUE	101%	2,650,658
07	PARAGUAY	93%	2,968,693
08	CHAD	90%	358,589
09	TAJIKISTAN	80%	1,336,633
10	BURKINA FASO	72%	1,547,112

#	BIGGEST DECREASE*	▼ %	▼ USERS
01	DJIBOUTI	-5%	-10,000
02	LITHUANIA	-5%	-121,803
03	OMAN	-5%	-174,359
04	SOUTH SUDAN	-4%	-97,553
05	WESTERN SAHARA	-3%	-1,000
06	HUNGARY	-3%	-207,623
07	NIGERIA	-2%	-2,391,447
08	LATVIA	-2%	-38,215
09	SLOVAKIA	-2%	-94,776
10	VENEZUELA	-2%	-318,850

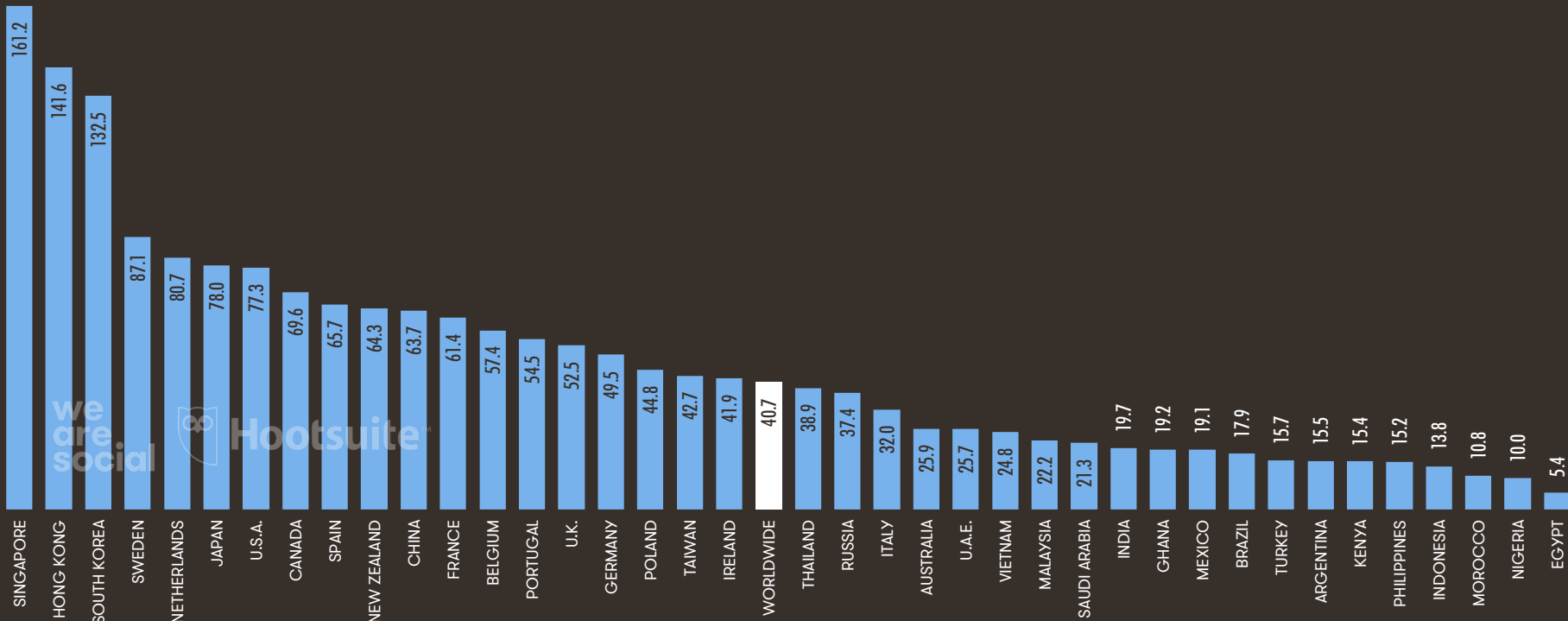
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AVERAGE FIXED INTERNET CONNECTION SPEEDS

AVERAGE SPEED OF FIXED INTERNET CONNECTIONS BY COUNTRY, IN MBPS



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FIXED INTERNET CONNECTION SPEED RANKINGS

BASED ON THE AVERAGE DOWNLOAD SPEED OF FIXED INTERNET CONNECTIONS BY COUNTRY, IN MBPS

FASTEST FIXED INTERNET CONNECTIONS

#	COUNTRY	SPEED IN MBPS
01	SINGAPORE	161.2
02	ICELAND	145.6
03	HONG KONG	141.6
04	SOUTH KOREA	132.5
05	ROMANIA	98.6
06	HUNGARY	90.7
07	MACAU	88.9
08	SWEDEN	87.1
09	NETHERLANDS	80.7
10	SWITZERLAND	78.9

SLOWEST FIXED INTERNET CONNECTIONS

#	COUNTRY	SPEED IN MBPS
129	ALGERIA	3.5
128	VENEZUELA	3.7
127	LIBYA	3.9
126	LEBANON	4.9
125	EGYPT	5.4
124	BOLIVIA	5.6
123	NICARAGUA	6.1
122	UZBEKISTAN	6.1
121	PAKISTAN	6.1
120	HONDURAS	6.1

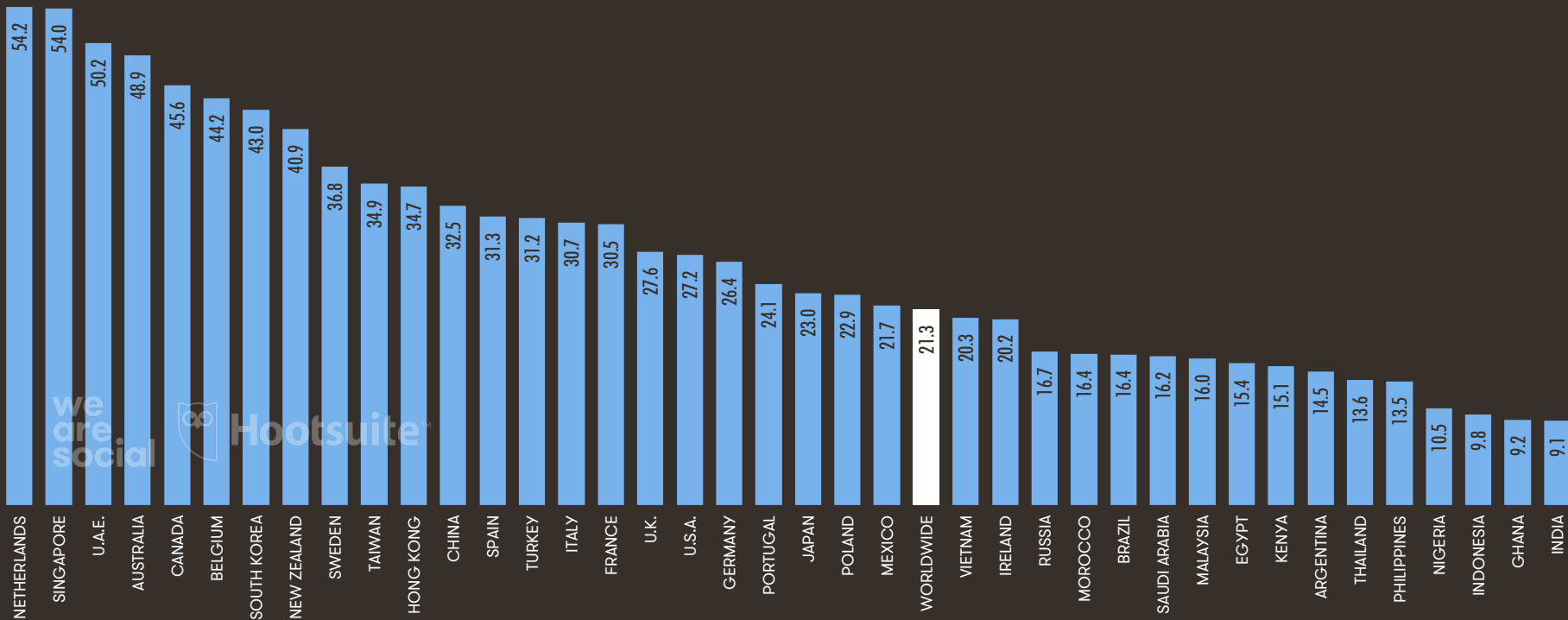
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AVERAGE MOBILE INTERNET CONNECTION SPEEDS

AVERAGE SPEED OF MOBILE INTERNET CONNECTIONS BY COUNTRY, IN MBPS



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MOBILE INTERNET CONNECTION SPEED RANKINGS

BASED ON THE AVERAGE DOWNLOAD SPEED OF MOBILE INTERNET CONNECTIONS BY COUNTRY, IN MBPS

FASTEST MOBILE INTERNET CONNECTIONS

#	COUNTRY	SPEED IN MBPS
01	NORWAY	61.2
02	MALTA	54.4
03	NETHERLANDS	54.2
04	SINGAPORE	54.0
05	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	50.2
06	ICELAND	50.1
07	AUSTRALIA	48.9
08	HUNGARY	48.6
09	CANADA	45.6
10	LUXEMBOURG	45.5

SLOWEST MOBILE INTERNET CONNECTIONS

#	COUNTRY	SPEED IN MBPS
123	IRAQ	4.2
122	LIBYA	4.2
121	BANGLADESH	5.2
120	TAJIKISTAN	5.6
119	UZBEKISTAN	6.6
118	AFGHANISTAN	6.7
117	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	7.2
116	ALGERIA	7.4
115	VENEZUELA	7.9
114	UKRAINE	8.1

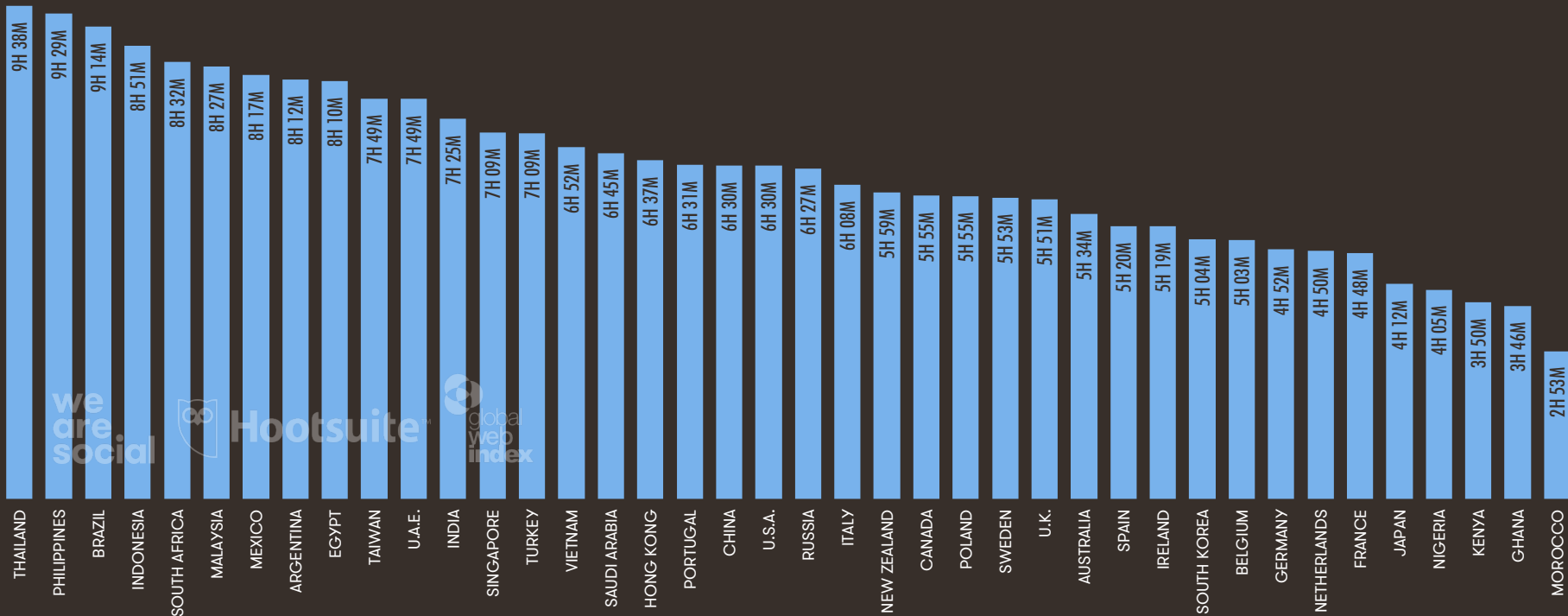
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TIME SPENT PER DAY ON THE INTERNET

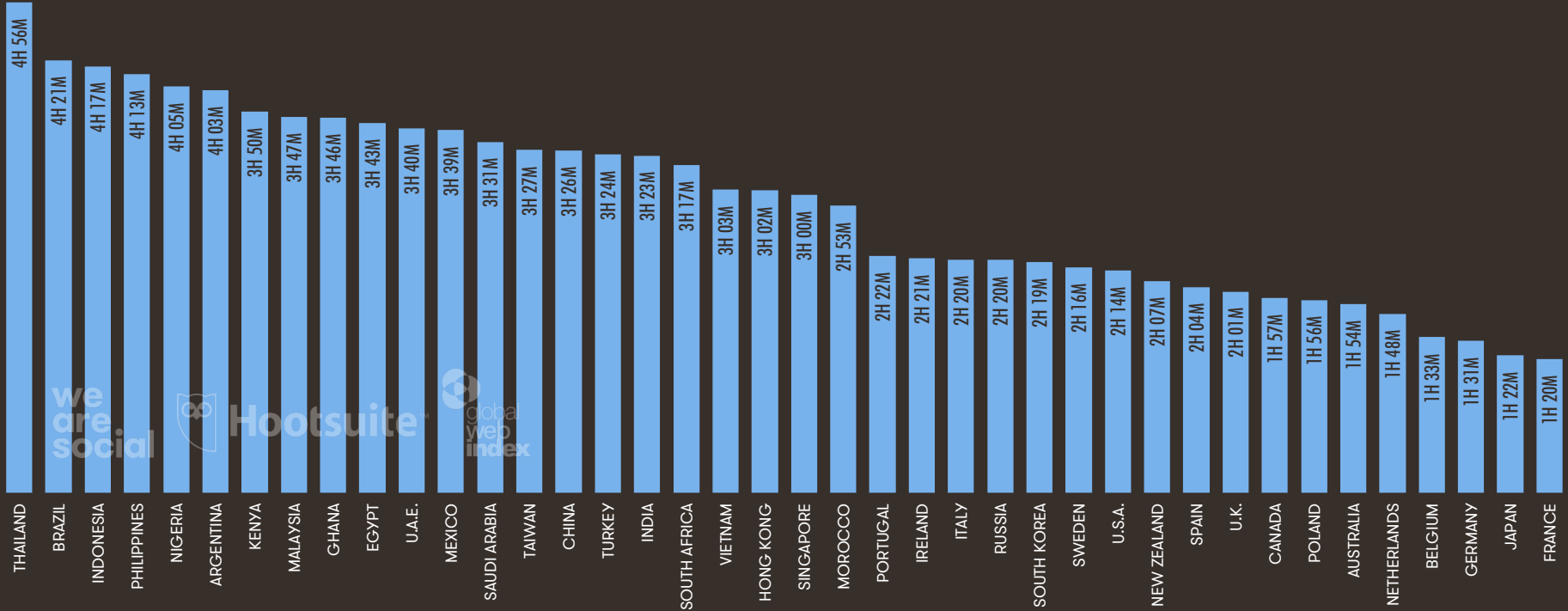
AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS SPENT USING THE INTERNET PER DAY VIA ANY DEVICE [SURVEY BASED]



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TIME SPENT PER DAY USING MOBILE INTERNET

AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS PER DAY SPENT ACCESSING THE INTERNET VIA A MOBILE PHONE [SURVEY BASED]



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SHARE OF WEB TRAFFIC BY DEVICE

BASED ON EACH DEVICE'S SHARE OF ALL WEB PAGES SERVED TO WEB BROWSERS

LAPTOPS &
DESKTOPS



43%

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

-3%

MOBILE
PHONES



52%

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

+4%

TABLET
DEVICES



4%

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

-13%

OTHER
DEVICES



0.14%

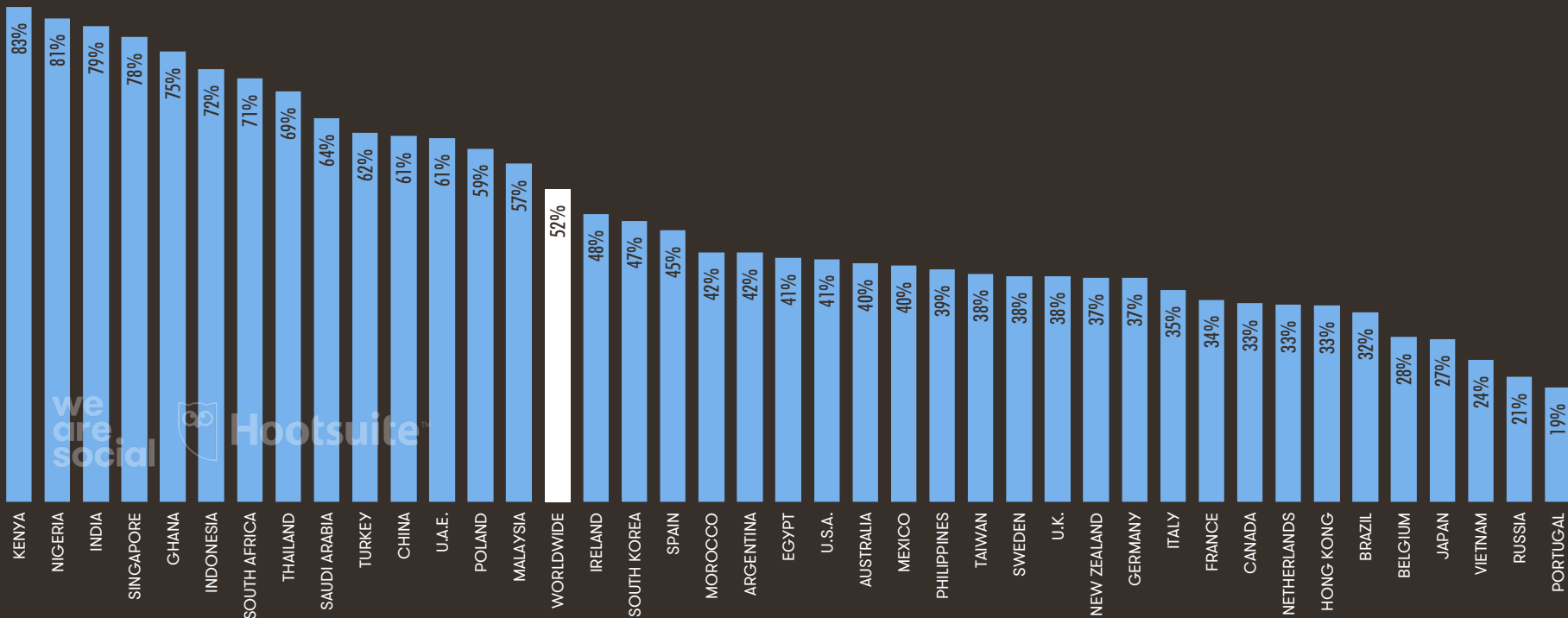
YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

+17%

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MOBILE'S SHARE OF WEB TRAFFIC

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL WEB PAGES SERVED TO MOBILE PHONES



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THE WORLD'S MOST VISITED WEBSITES

RANKINGS OF THE WEBSITES THAT ATTRACT THE GREATEST VOLUME OF WEB TRAFFIC IN THE WORLD

SIMILARWEB RANKING, BASED ON TOTAL TRAFFIC TO WEBSITE

#	WEBSITE	CATEGORY	TIME PER VISIT
01	GOOGLE.COM	SEARCH	07:07
02	FACEBOOK.COM	SOCIAL	13:41
03	YOUTUBE.COM	VIDEO	19:56
04	BAIDU.COM	SEARCH	08:49
05	XVIDEOS.COM	ADULT	13:01
06	YIDIANZIXUN.COM	SEARCH	15:12
07	GOOGLE.CO.IN	SEARCH	07:47
08	SOGO.COM	SEARCH	06:23
09	XNXX.COM	ADULT	13:16
10	YAHOO.COM	NEWS	06:14

ALEXA RANKING, BASED ON AVERAGE DAILY VISITORS AND PAGE VIEWS

#	WEBSITE	CATEGORY	TIME PER DAY
01	GOOGLE.COM	SEARCH	07:35
02	YOUTUBE.COM	VIDEO	08:18
03	FACEBOOK.COM	SOCIAL	10:20
04	BAIDU.COM	SEARCH	07:32
05	WIKIPEDIA.ORG	REFERENCE	04:16
06	REDDIT.COM	SOCIAL	15:47
07	YAHOO.COM	NEWS	04:03
08	GOOGLE.CO.IN	SEARCH	07:05
09	QQ.COM	NEWS	04:34
10	AMAZON.COM	SHOPPING	08:29

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MOST COMMON LANGUAGES FOR WEB CONTENT

W3TECHS ESTIMATES, BASED ON THE CONTENT OF THE WORLD'S TOP 10 MILLION WEBSITES

#	LANGUAGE	% WEBSITES	▲▼% Y-O-Y
01	ENGLISH (ALL)	51.2%	-2.1%
02	RUSSIAN	6.8%	+6.3%
03	GERMAN	5.6%	+3.7%
04	JAPANESE	5.5%	-3.5%
05	SPANISH (ALL)	5.1%	+2.0%
06	FRENCH	4.1%	+2.5%
07	PORTUGUESE (ALL)	2.6%	-
08	ITALIAN	2.4%	+4.3%
09	CHINESE (ALL)	2.1%	+5.0%
10	POLISH	1.7%	-

#	LANGUAGE	% WEBSITES	▲▼% Y-O-Y
11	PERSIAN	1.7%	+13.3%
12	TURKISH	1.4%	-12.5%
13	DUTCH / FLEMISH	1.3%	-7.1%
14	KOREAN	1.0%	+11.1%
15	CZECH	0.9%	+12.5%
16	ARABIC	0.7%	-12.5%
17	VIETNAMESE	0.6%	-
18	GREEK	0.5%	-
19	SWEDISH	0.5%	-
20	HUNGARIAN	0.5%	+25.0%

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TOP GOOGLE SEARCH QUERIES IN 2017

BASED ON WORLDWIDE SEARCHES FOR FULL-YEAR 2017

#	QUERY	INDEX	VOLUME vs. 2016
01	FACEBOOK	100	-24%
02	YOUTUBE	60	-7%
03	GOOGLE	55	-13%
04	YOU	32	-10%
05	NEWS	21	UNCHANGED
06	WEATHER	20	+56%
07	GMAIL	17	-24%
08	HOTMAIL	15	UNCHANGED
09	AMAZON	15	+25%
10	FB	14	-27%

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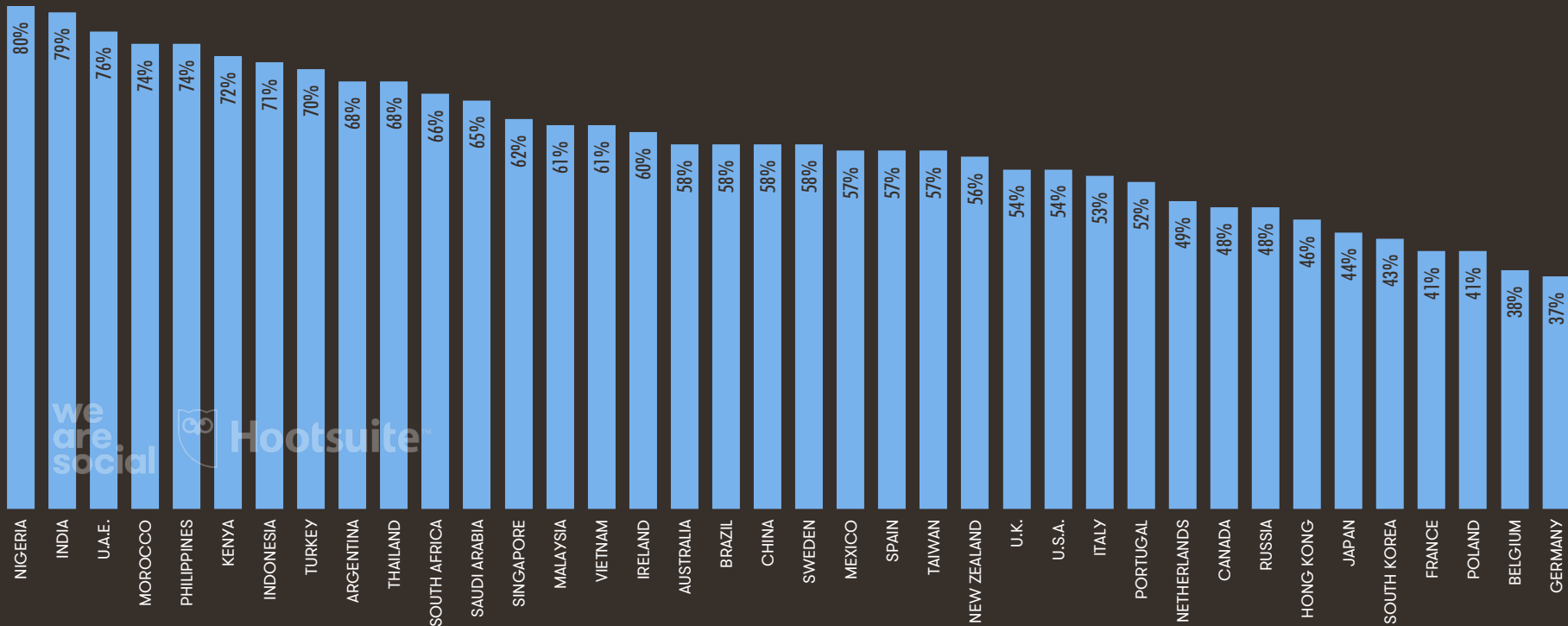
#	QUERY	INDEX	VOLUME vs. 2016
11	MAIL	13	-8%
12	YAHOO	12	-17%
13	TRANSLATE	12	UNCHANGED
14	INSTAGRAM	10	+22%
15	HOT	10	UNCHANGED
16	CRAIGSLIST	9	-13%
17	MAPS	8	UNCHANGED
18	FACEBOOK LOGIN	8	-38%
19	EBAY	8	UNCHANGED
20	MAP	8	-14%



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DIGITAL OPTIMISM

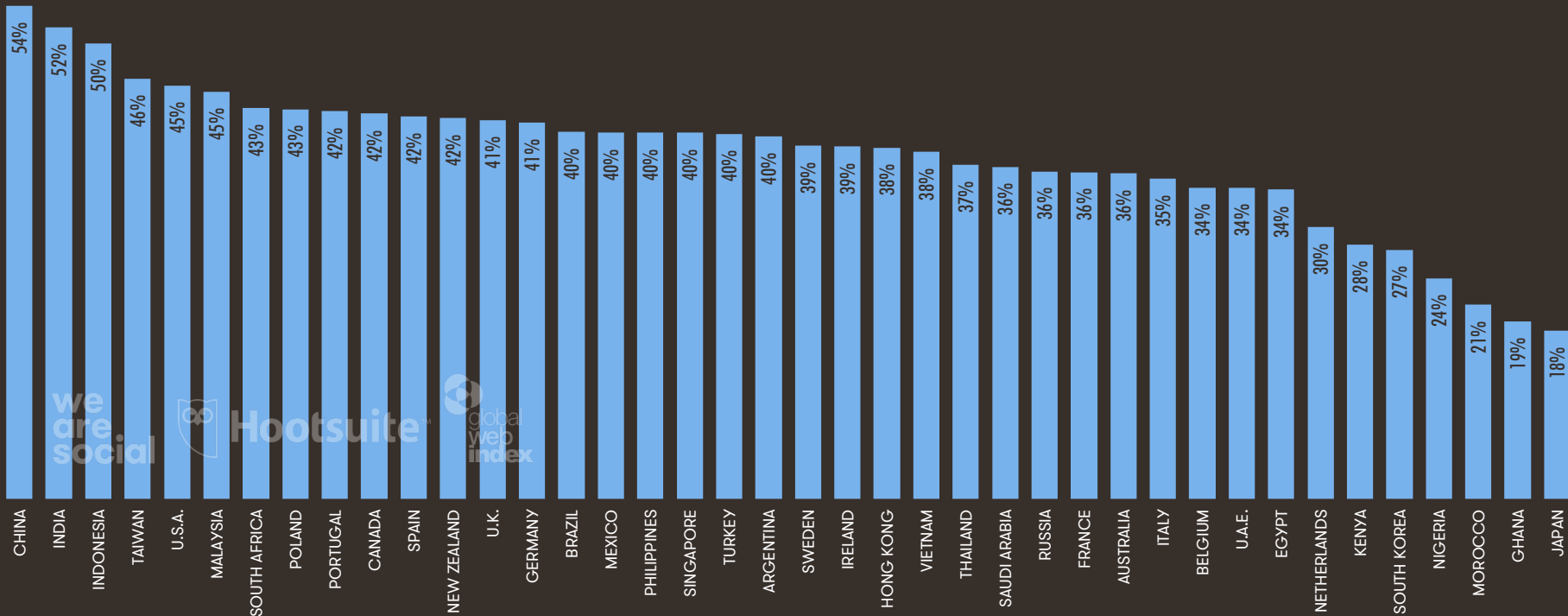
PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION THAT BELIEVES NEW TECHNOLOGIES OFFER MORE OPPORTUNITIES THAN RISKS



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USE OF AD-BLOCKERS

PERCENTAGE OF INTERNET USERS WHO USE AN AD-BLOCKING TOOL TO PREVENT THE DISPLAY OF ADVERTISING CONTENT



HOOTSUITE'S PERSPECTIVE: INTERNET THEMES

As consumers spend more time on digital channels, we're seeing new types of behaviours emerge:



Online product research: Social media continues to grow as a source of information about products and brands. [As GlobalWebIndex found](#), younger demographics are leading these shifts. But even among 55 to 64 year-olds, 20% say they've used social networks when researching products and services.



End-to-end social journeys: Emerging markets lead the way for using social at every step of their digital buying journey. [According to PWC](#), 70% of Chinese consumers (versus 59% globally) use social as a source of inspiration for purchases, and 25% purchase directly through a social channel.



Social-first internet adoption: Social also drives internet adoption in developing countries. [Pew Research Center](#) found that online adults in emerging and developing nations are more likely to use social media when compared with their advanced-economy counterparts.

[Click here to watch our Social Trends 2018 webinar](#)
to explore the 5 trends that will change social marketing.

WE ARE SOCIAL'S ANALYSIS: THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL

Accelerating internet adoption in the developing world has critical implications for the future of the net. Internet giants like Google, Facebook, and Alibaba will strive to create globally scalable products that address the needs of the 'next billion' as well as those of existing users, so we can expect to see every aspect of our digital experiences evolve in the coming months.



THE RISE OF VIDEO

Audio-visual content is more accessible to people with lower levels of literacy or fluency in foreign languages



VOICE INPUT

Voice control will soon replace keyboards and typing, especially for search and social media interactions



IMAGE SEARCH

As the web moves to a more visual / video medium, image search will become an essential tool



VISUAL ADDRESSING

URLs will evolve to cater to lower levels of literacy, as well as the shift to voice control instead of typing

[Click here to download our Think Forward report](#) to learn more about how to navigate the future forces in Digital and Social.



GLOBAL SOCIAL MEDIA USE

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SOCIAL MEDIA USE

BASED ON THE MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS REPORTED BY THE MOST ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM IN EACH COUNTRY

TOTAL NUMBER
OF ACTIVE SOCIAL
MEDIA USERS



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3.196
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ACTIVE SOCIAL USERS
AS A PERCENTAGE OF
THE TOTAL POPULATION



42%

TOTAL NUMBER
OF SOCIAL USERS
ACCESSING VIA MOBILE



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ACTIVE MOBILE SOCIAL
USERS AS A PERCENTAGE
OF THE TOTAL POPULATION

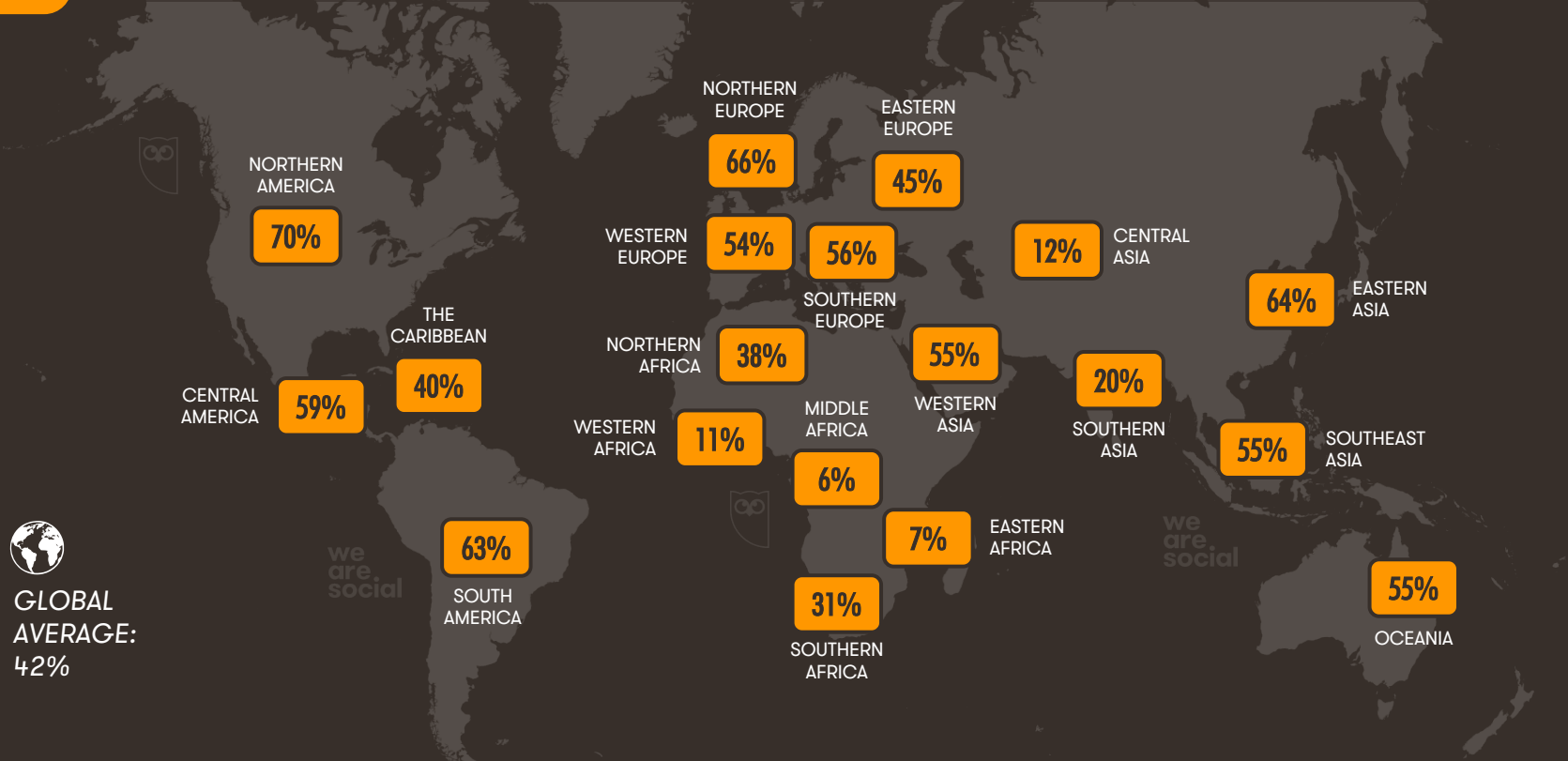


39%

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SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION BY REGION

TOTAL ACTIVE ACCOUNTS ON THE MOST ACTIVE SOCIAL NETWORK IN EACH COUNTRY, COMPARED TO POPULATION



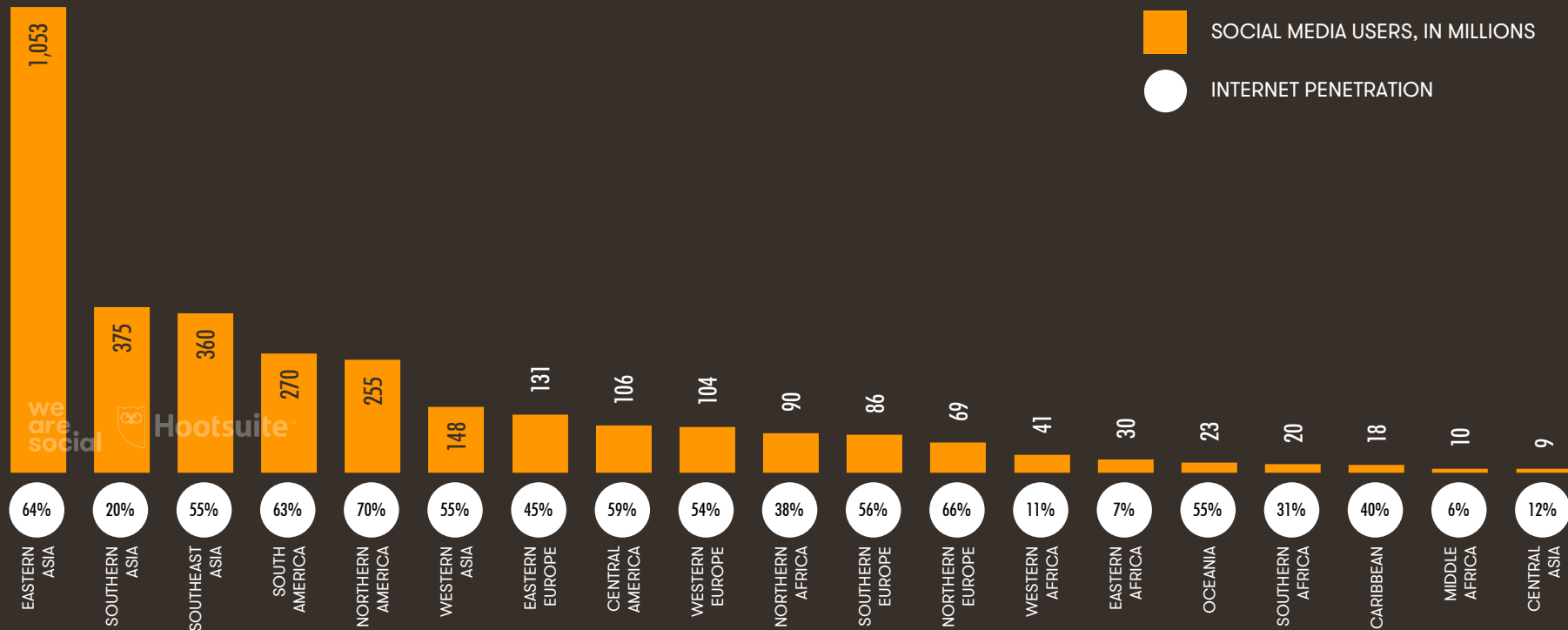
GLOBAL
AVERAGE:
42%

SOURCES: FACEBOOK; TENCENT; VKONTAKTE; KAKAO; NAVER; DING; TECHRASA; SIMILARWEB; KEPIOS ANALYSIS.
NOTE: PENETRATION FIGURES ARE FOR TOTAL POPULATION, REGARDLESS OF AGE.

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SOCIAL MEDIA USE: REGIONAL OVERVIEW

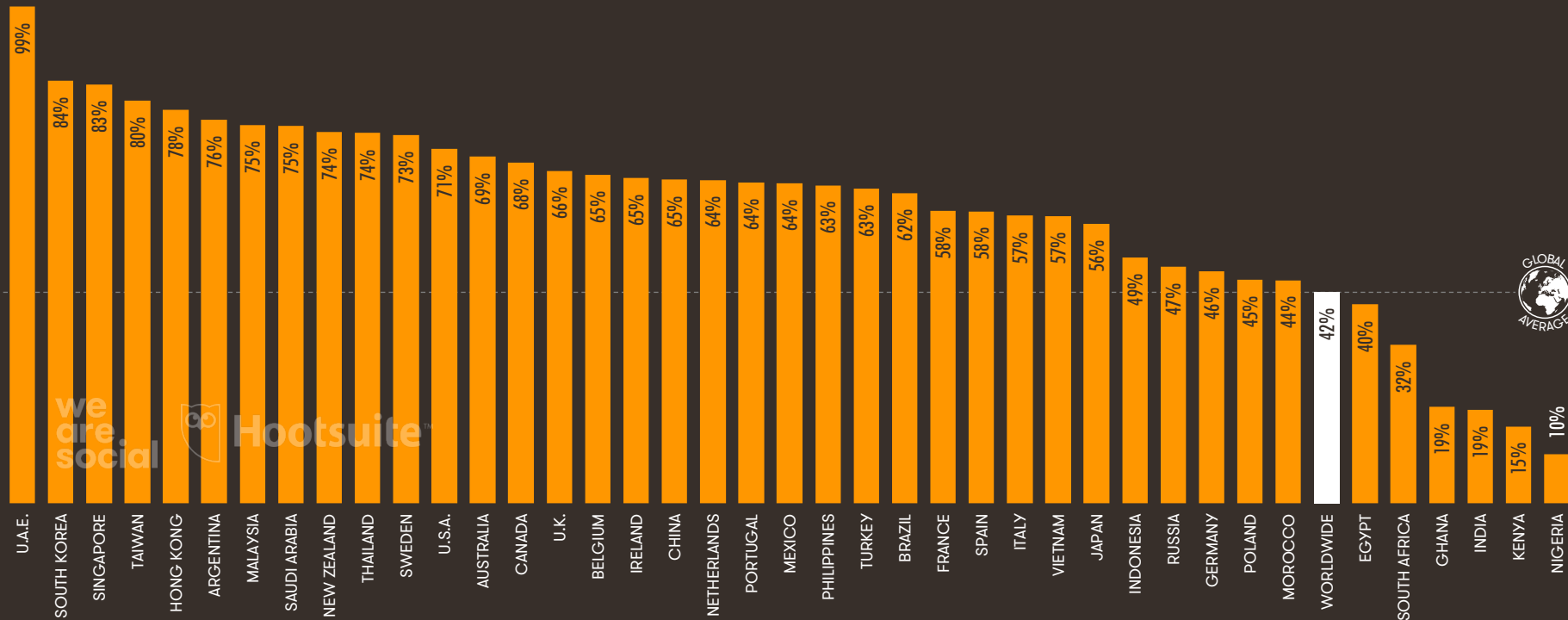
MONTHLY ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA USERS (IN MILLIONS), AND SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION, BY REGION



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SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION BY COUNTRY

MONTHLY ACTIVE ACCOUNTS ON THE TOP SOCIAL NETWORK IN EACH COUNTRY, COMPARED TO POPULATION




SOURCES: FACEBOOK; TENCENT; VKONTAKTE; KAKAO; NAVER; DING; TECHRASA; SIMILARWEB; KEPIOS ANALYSIS.
NOTE: PENETRATION FIGURES ARE FOR TOTAL POPULATION, REGARDLESS OF AGE.

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SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION RANKINGS

BASED ON SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION IN COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL POPULATION OF 50,000 PEOPLE OR MORE

HIGHEST SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION

#	HIGHEST PENETRATION	%	USERS
01	QATAR	99%	2,640,000
02	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	99%	9,376,000
03	KUWAIT	98%	4,100,000
04	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	95%	410,000
05	ARUBA 	95%	100,000
06	BAHRAIN	92%	1,400,000
07	CAYMAN ISLANDS	87%	54,000
08	SOUTH KOREA	84%	43,044,000
09	SINGAPORE	83%	4,800,000
10	MALTA	83%	360,000

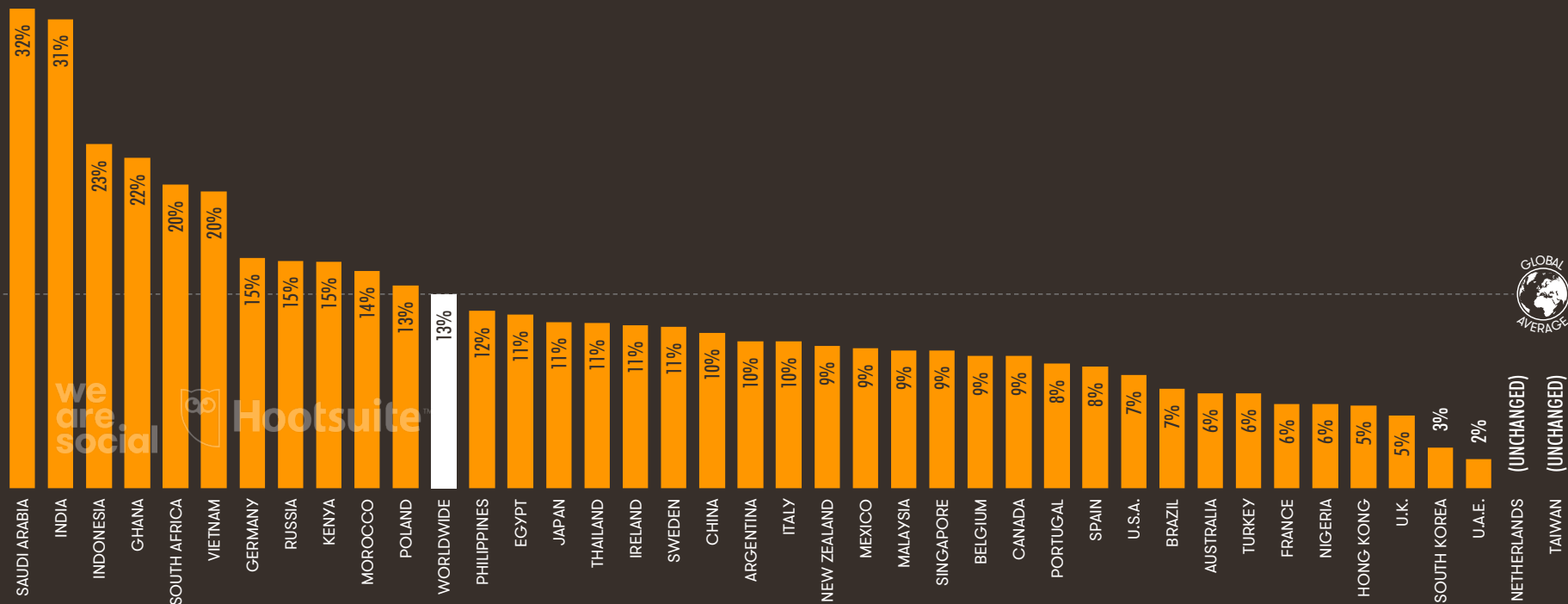
LOWEST SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION

#	LOWEST PENETRATION	%	USERS
213	NORTH KOREA	0.06%	16,000
212	TURKMENISTAN	1%	33,000
211	ERITREA	1%	53,000
210	SOUTH SUDAN	1%	190,000
209	CHAD 	2%	280,000
208	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	2%	97,000
207	NIGER	2%	480,000
206	MALAWI	3%	490,000
205	DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO	3%	2,200,000
204	BURUNDI	3%	340,000

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ANNUAL GROWTH OF SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING SOCIAL MEDIA IN EACH COUNTRY vs. JANUARY 2017



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SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH RANKINGS

BASED ON CHANGES IN ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA USERS IN COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL POPULATION OF 50,000 PEOPLE OR MORE

LARGEST GROWTH IN NUMBER OF SOCIAL MEDIA USERS vs. 2017

#	HIGHEST GROWTH (#)	▲ USERS	▲ %
01	CHINA	84,630,000	10%
02	INDIA	59,000,000	31%
03	INDONESIA	24,000,000	23%
04	IRAN	23,000,000	135%
05	UNITED STATES	16,000,000	7%
06	VIETNAM	9,000,000	20%
07	RUSSIA	8,826,800	15%
08	BRAZIL	8,000,000	7%
09	JAPAN	7,000,000	11%
10	MEXICO	7,000,000	9%

LARGEST PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN SOCIAL MEDIA USERS vs. 2017

#	HIGHEST GROWTH (%)	▲ %	▲ USERS
01	KIRIBATI	191%	21,000
02	TAJIKISTAN	172%	196,000
03	IRAN	135%	23,000,000
04	KYRGYZSTAN	117%	700,000
05	KAZAKHSTAN	87%	2,700,000
06	UZBEKISTAN	69%	530,000
07	VANUATU	57%	25,000
08	COMOROS	57%	47,000
09	SOLOMON ISLANDS	53%	26,000
10	CAMBODIA	43%	2,100,000

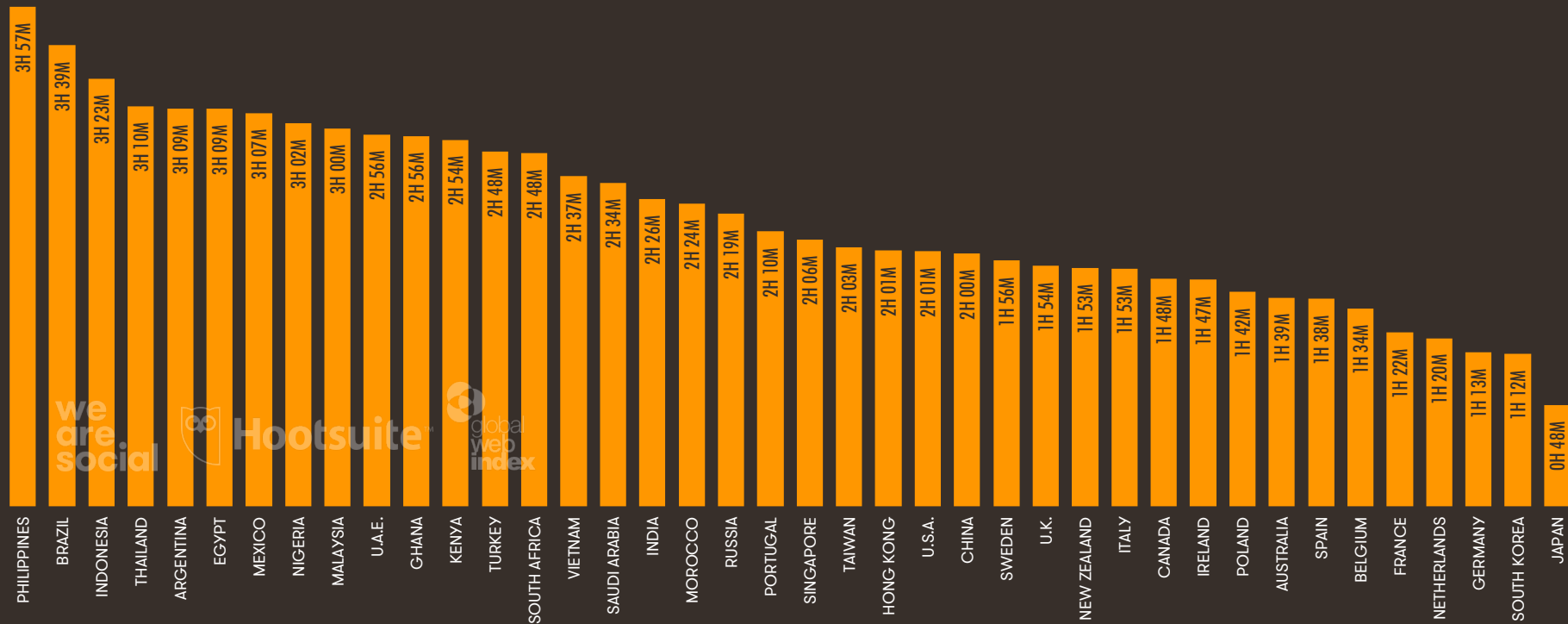
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TIME SPENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

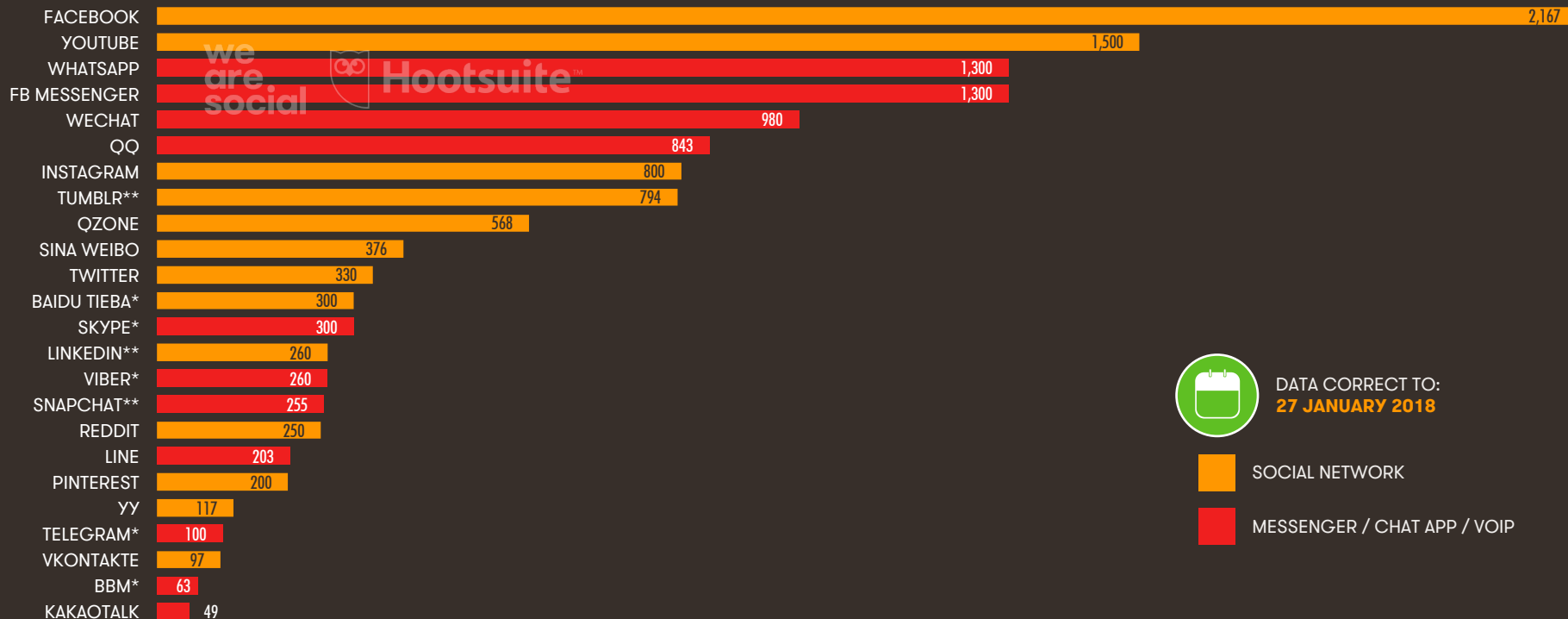
AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS THAT SOCIAL MEDIA USERS SPEND USING SOCIAL MEDIA EACH DAY VIA ANY DEVICE [SURVEY BASED]



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ACTIVE USERS OF KEY GLOBAL SOCIAL PLATFORMS

BASED ON THE MOST RECENTLY PUBLISHED MONTHLY ACTIVE USER ACCOUNTS FOR EACH PLATFORM, IN MILLIONS



DATA CORRECT TO:
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SOCIAL NETWORK

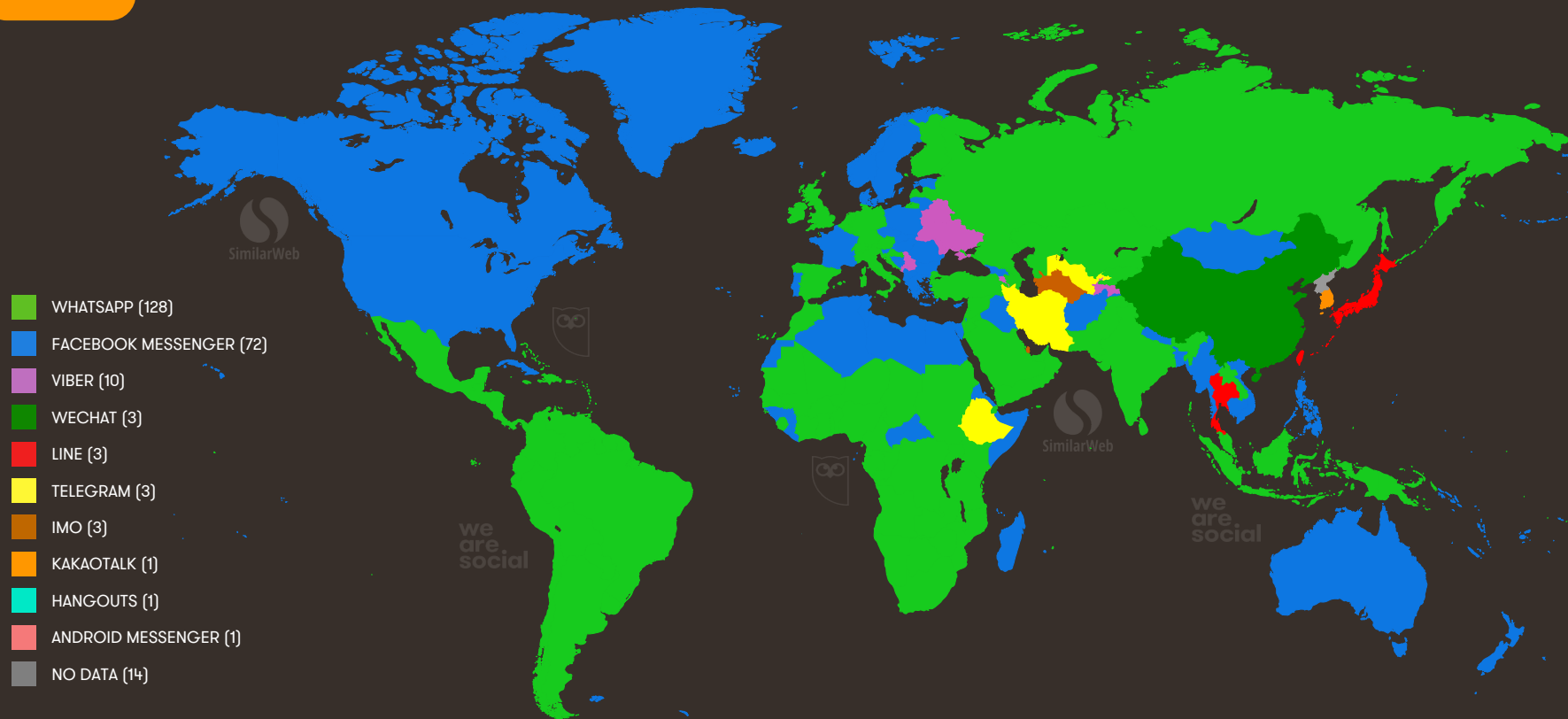


MESSENGER / CHAT APP / VOIP

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TOP MESSENGER APPS BY COUNTRY

BASED ON THE GOOGLE PLAY STORE RANK FOR EACH COUNTRY IN DECEMBER 2017



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FACEBOOK USAGE ANALYSIS

A CLOSER LOOK AT FACEBOOK USE, BROKEN DOWN BY MOBILE USE AND SELF-DECLARED GENDER OF USERS

TOTAL NUMBER OF
MONTHLY ACTIVE
FACEBOOK USERS



2.17
BILLION

ANNUAL CHANGE IN
FACEBOOK USERS
vs. JANUARY 2017



+15%

PERCENTAGE OF
FACEBOOK USERS
ACCESSING VIA MOBILE



88%

PERCENTAGE OF
FACEBOOK PROFILES
DECLARED AS FEMALE



44%

PERCENTAGE OF
FACEBOOK PROFILES
DECLARED AS MALE



56%

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FACEBOOK'S TOP COUNTRIES AND CITIES

COUNTRIES AND CITIES WITH THE LARGEST ACTIVE FACEBOOK USER BASES

COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ACTIVE FACEBOOK USERS

#	TOP COUNTRIES	USERS	% TOTAL*
01	INDIA	250,000,000	12%
02	UNITED STATES	230,000,000	11%
03	BRAZIL	130,000,000	6%
04	INDONESIA	130,000,000	6%
05	MEXICO	83,000,000	4%
06	PHILIPPINES	67,000,000	3%
07	VIETNAM	55,000,000	3%
08	THAILAND	51,000,000	2%
09	TURKEY	51,000,000	2%
10	UNITED KINGDOM	44,000,000	2%

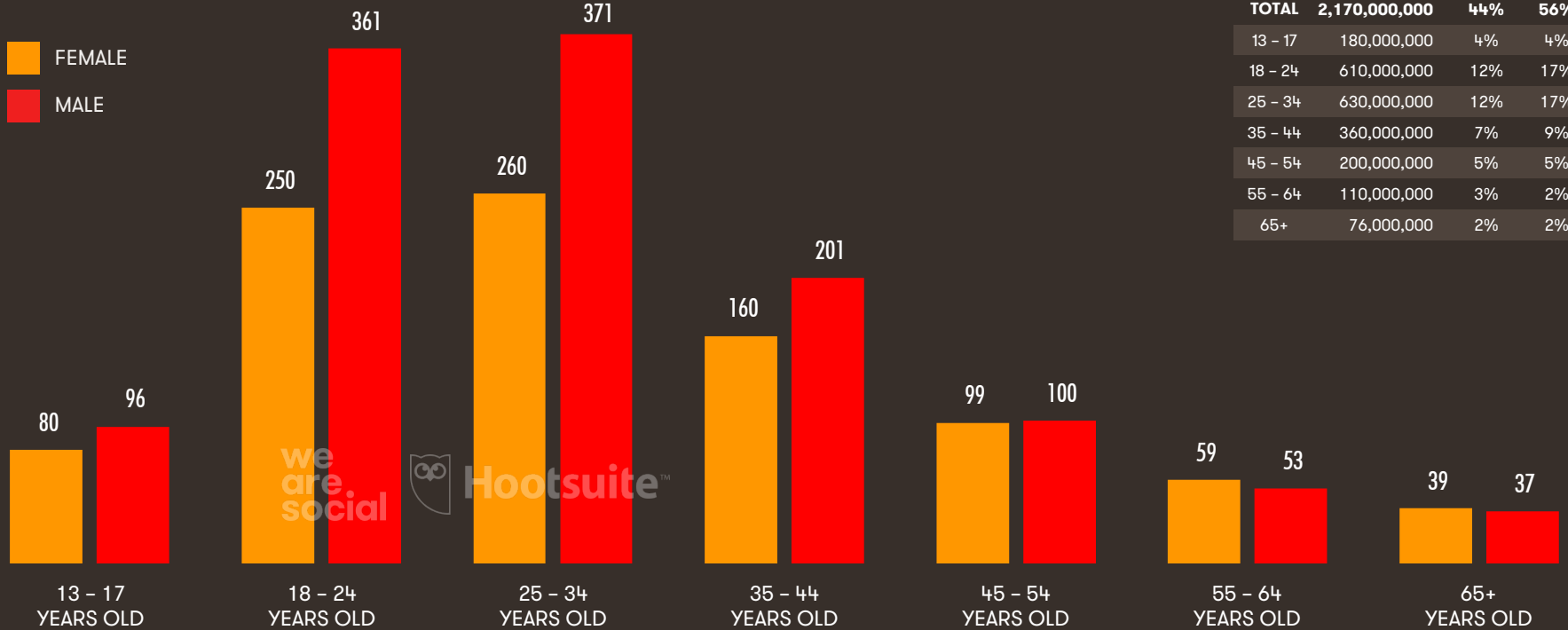
CITIES WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ACTIVE FACEBOOK USERS

#	TOP CITIES	USERS	% TOTAL*
01	BANGKOK	22,000,000	1.0%
02	DHAKA	20,000,000	0.9%
03	BEKASI	18,000,000	0.8%
04	JAKARTA	16,000,000	0.7%
05	MEXICO CITY	14,000,000	0.6%
06	QUEZON CITY	14,000,000	0.6%
07	ISTANBUL	14,000,000	0.6%
08	SÃO PAULO	13,000,000	0.6%
09	CAIRO	13,000,000	0.6%
10	HO CHI MINH	13,000,000	0.6%

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PROFILE OF FACEBOOK USERS

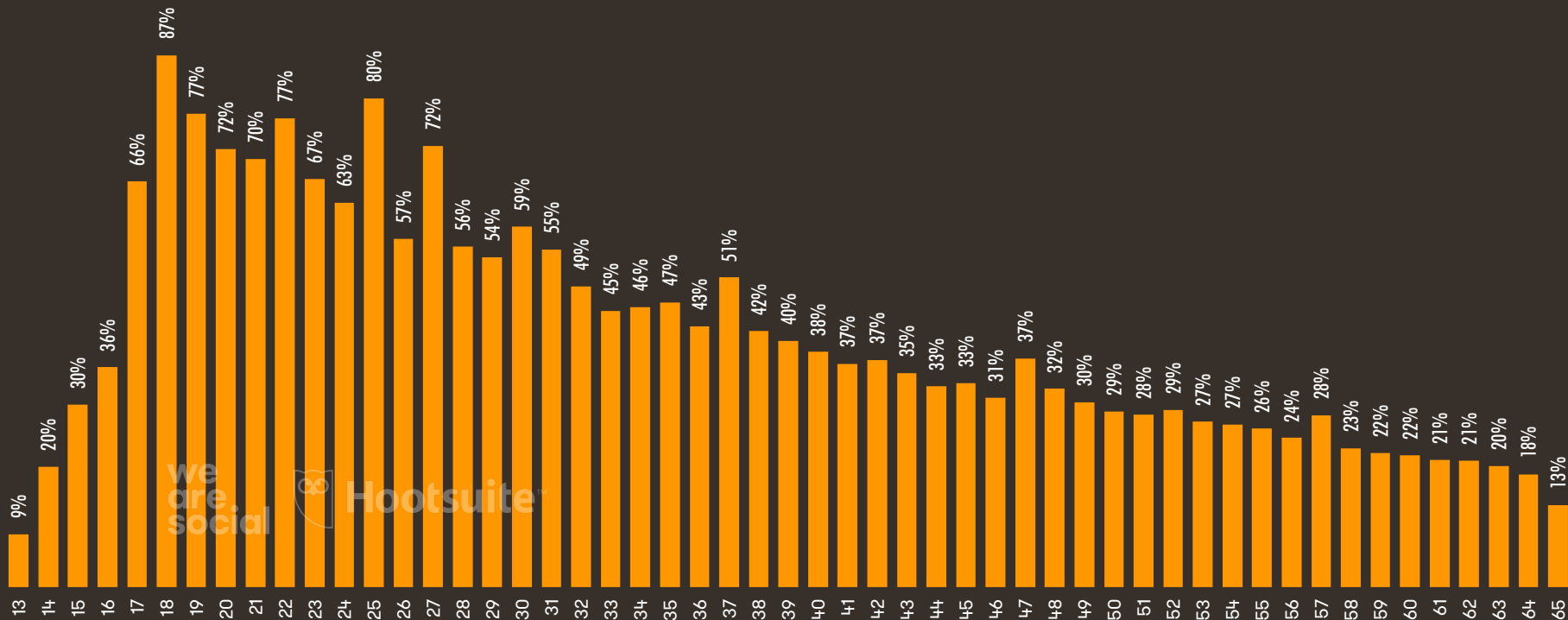
BREAKDOWN OF FACEBOOK'S GLOBAL USERS BY AGE AND GENDER, IN MILLIONS



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FEMALE FACEBOOK PENETRATION BY AGE

FACEBOOK USERS WITH GENDER SET TO FEMALE, BY SELF-DECLARED AGE, COMPARED TO TOTAL FEMALE POPULATION AT EACH AGE



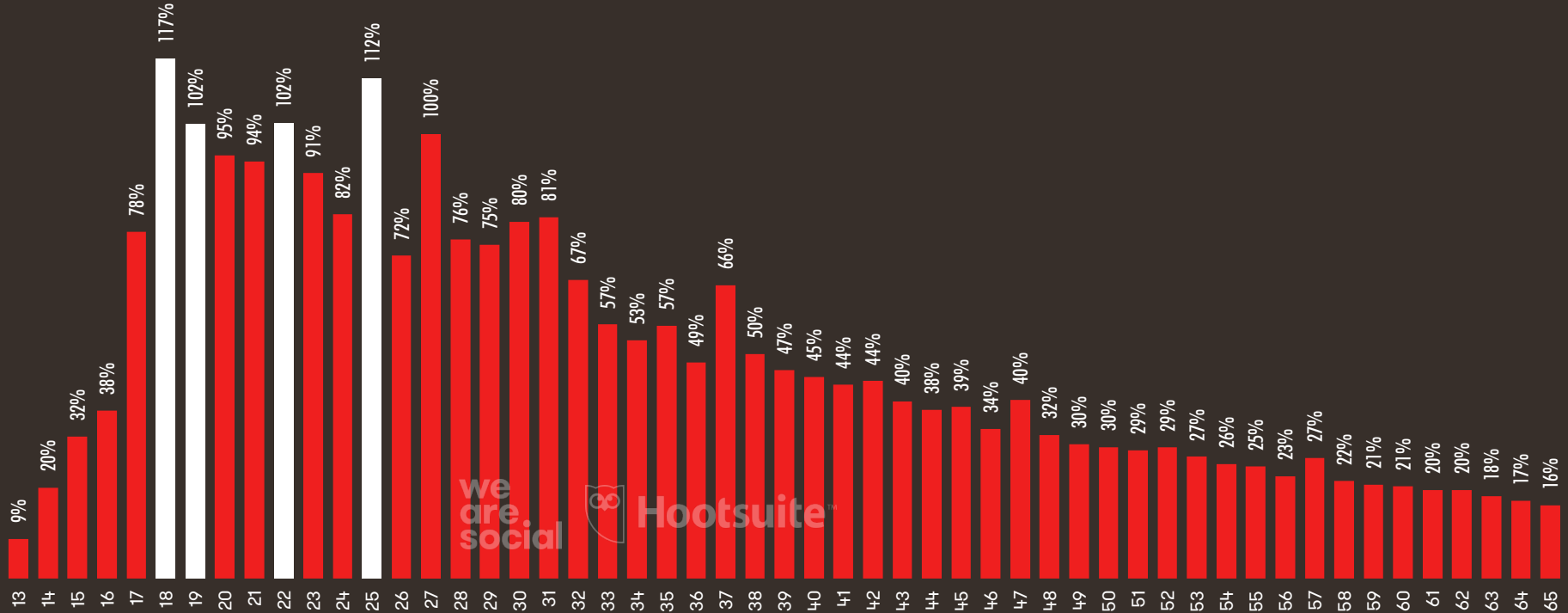
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MALE FACEBOOK PENETRATION BY AGE

FACEBOOK USERS WITH GENDER SET TO MALE, BY SELF-DECLARED AGE, COMPARED TO TOTAL MALE POPULATION AT EACH AGE



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SOURCES: BASED ON DATA FROM FACEBOOK, JANUARY 2018, AND DATA FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU (BOTH JANUARY 2018). WHITE BARS INDICATE AGES WHERE THE NUMBER OF FACEBOOK USERS WHOSE GENDER IS SET TO 'MALE' EXCEEDS THE TOTAL WORLD POPULATION OF MALES OF THAT AGE, ACCORDING TO DATA FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU.



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FACEBOOK GENDER BALANCE RANKINGS

COUNTRIES WITH THE GREATEST SKEW IN THE GENDER BALANCE OF MONTHLY ACTIVE FACEBOOK USERS

COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FEMALE SKEW ON FACEBOOK

#	HIGHEST FEMALE RATIO	%	FEMALE USERS
01	BELARUS	58%	1,200,000
02	UKRAINE	57%	7,400,000
03	MOLDOVA	56%	560,000
04	RUSSIA	56%	20,000,000
05	LATVIA	55%	510,000
06	VENEZUELA	55%	7,700,000
07	KAZAKHSTAN	55%	3,200,000
08	FRENCH POLYNESIA	55%	94,000
09	CURAÇAO	55%	71,000
10	MACAU	55%	230,000

COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT MALE SKEW ON FACEBOOK

#	HIGHEST MALE RATIO	%	MALE USERS
01	YEMEN	85%	2,000,000
02	AFGHANISTAN	84%	3,000,000
03	CHAD	82%	230,000
04	SOUTH SUDAN	82%	150,000
05	NIGER	81%	390,000
06	PAKISTAN	77%	27,100,000
07	INDIA	77%	192,300,000
08	MALI	76%	1,300,000
09	QATAR	76%	2,400,000
10	OMAN	76%	2,000,000

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SHARE OF FACEBOOK USE BY DEVICE

BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE USER ACCOUNTS ACCESSING THE PLATFORM VIA EACH DEVICE, IN MILLIONS

LAPTOPS &
DESKTOPS



31.8%

ACTIVE USER ACCOUNTS:

687 MILLION

SMARTPHONES
& TABLETS



95.1%

ACTIVE USER ACCOUNTS:

2,055 MILLION

FEATURE
PHONES



0.5%

ACTIVE USER ACCOUNTS:

10 MILLION

TABLET
DEVICES



8.8%

ACTIVE USER ACCOUNTS:

190 MILLION



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LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY FACEBOOK USERS

THE LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY THE GREATEST NUMBER OF USERS ON FACEBOOK (EITHER SELF-REPORTED, OR SET WITHIN PROFILE SETTINGS)

#	LANGUAGE	% TOTAL	NO. OF USERS
01	ENGLISH	50.9%	1,100,000,000
02	SPANISH	13.9%	300,000,000
03	HINDI	6.9%	150,000,000
04	INDONESIAN	6.9%	150,000,000
05	PORTUGUESE	6.9%	150,000,000
06	ARABIC	6.5%	140,000,000
07	FRENCH	5.1%	110,000,000
08	FILIPINO	2.9%	62,000,000
09	VIETNAMESE	2.7%	58,000,000
10	RUSSIAN	2.6%	56,000,000



#	LANGUAGE	% TOTAL	NO. OF USERS
11	TURKISH	2.5%	53,000,000
12	THAI	2.4%	52,000,000
13	BENGLI	1.9%	42,000,000
14	GERMAN	1.9%	42,000,000
15	ITALIAN	1.7%	37,000,000
16	CHINESE (ALL)	1.6%	34,000,000
17	JAPANESE	1.5%	33,000,000
18	URDU	1.4%	30,000,000
19	KOREAN	0.9%	20,000,000
20	POLISH	0.9%	19,000,000



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AVERAGE FACEBOOK PAGE POST REACH

AVERAGE MONTHLY GROWTH IN PAGE LIKES ('FANS'), AVERAGE REACH OF PAGE POSTS vs. PAGE LIKES, AND PAID MEDIA

AVERAGE MONTHLY
CHANGE IN PAGE LIKES



+0.20%

AVERAGE POST REACH
vs. PAGE LIKES



10.7%

AVERAGE ORGANIC
REACH vs. PAGE LIKES



8.0%

PERCENTAGE OF PAGES
USING PAID MEDIA



22.1%

AVERAGE PAID REACH
vs. TOTAL REACH

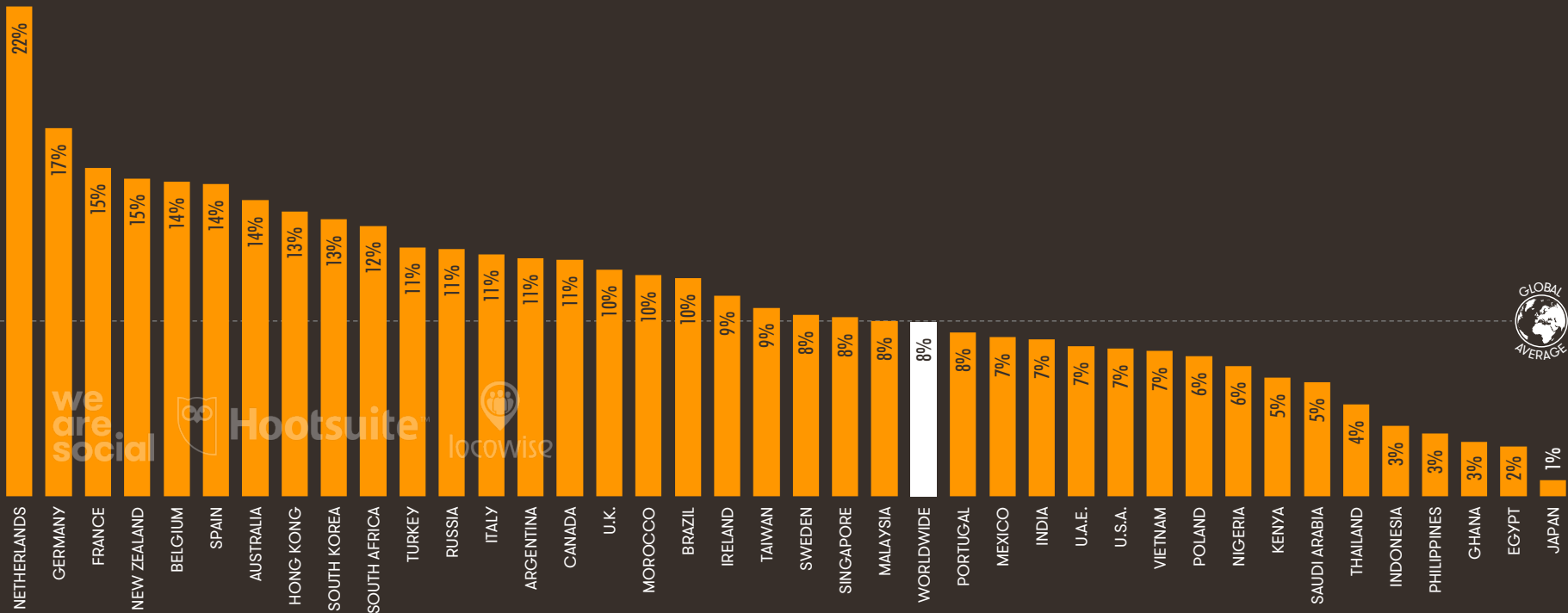


26.8%

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AVERAGE ORGANIC FACEBOOK REACH

THE AVERAGE ORGANIC REACH OF FACEBOOK PAGE POSTS COMPARED TO TOTAL PAGE LIKES



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FACEBOOK ORGANIC REACH RANKINGS

BASED ON THE AVERAGE REACH OF FACEBOOK PAGE POSTS COMPARED TO TOTAL PAGE LIKES

COUNTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST PAGE ENGAGEMENT RATES ON FACEBOOK

#	COUNTRY	ORGANIC REACH
01	FINLAND	34.6%
02	VENEZUELA	27.3%
03	CAYMAN ISLANDS	24.7%
04	ICELAND	23.6%
05	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	22.9%
06	NETHERLANDS	22.5%
07	AUSTRIA	22.5%
08	GREECE	21.9%
09	SLOVENIA	21.3%
10	UKRAINE	19.6%

COUNTRIES WITH THE LOWEST PAGE ENGAGEMENT RATES ON FACEBOOK

#	COUNTRY	ORGANIC REACH
169	NAMIBIA	0.09%
168	BENIN	0.13%
167	ZAMBIA	0.14%
166	SIERRA LEONE	0.23%
165	LIBYA	0.25%
164	LESOTHO	0.32%
163	MOZAMBIQUE	0.32%
162	CURAÇAO	0.33%
161	TFYR MACEDONIA	0.38%
160	GUATEMALA	0.45%

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AVERAGE FACEBOOK ENGAGEMENT RATES

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE WITH A FACEBOOK PAGE'S POSTS vs. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT THOSE POSTS REACH

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT
RATE FOR FACEBOOK
PAGE POSTS (ALL TYPES)



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AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT
RATE FOR FACEBOOK
PAGE VIDEO POSTS



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5.23%

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT
RATE FOR FACEBOOK
PAGE PHOTO POSTS



4.42%

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT
RATE FOR FACEBOOK
PAGE LINK POSTS



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AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT
RATE FOR FACEBOOK
PAGE STATUS POSTS

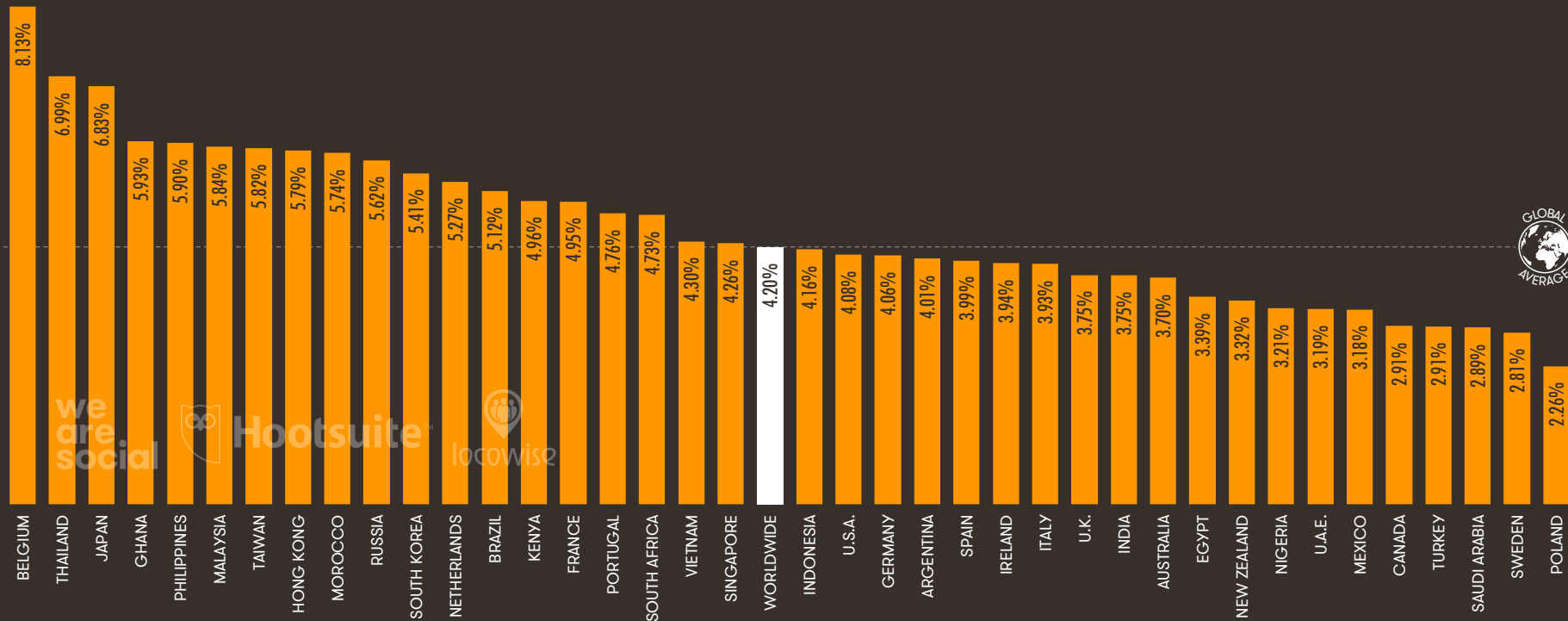


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AVERAGE FACEBOOK ENGAGEMENT RATES

THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE WITH A FACEBOOK PAGE'S POSTS vs. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHOM THOSE POSTS REACH






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FACEBOOK PAGE ENGAGEMENT RATE RANKINGS

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE WITH FACEBOOK PAGES' POSTS, COMPARED TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHOM THOSE POSTS REACH

COUNTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST PAGE ENGAGEMENT RATES ON FACEBOOK

#	COUNTRY	ENGAGEMENT
01	ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	10.0%
02	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	9.8%
03	UKRAINE 	9.5%
04	PERU	9.4%
05	FRENCH GUIANA	9.2%
06	KUWAIT	9.0%
07	HUNGARY	8.9%
08	MALTA 	8.5%
09	BELGIUM 	8.1%
10	LEBANON	7.9%

COUNTRIES WITH THE LOWEST PAGE ENGAGEMENT RATES ON FACEBOOK

#	COUNTRY	ENGAGEMENT
171	LESOTHO	0.7%
170	MALI 	0.9%
169	NORWAY	1.1%
168	THE BAHAMAS	1.1%
167	RWANDA	1.1%
166	KYRGYZSTAN	1.2%
165	SURINAME 	1.3%
164	AFGHANISTAN	1.3%
163	VANUATU	1.5%
162	LAOS	1.7%

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INSTAGRAM USAGE ANALYSIS

AN OVERVIEW OF MONTHLY ACTIVE INSTAGRAM USERS, BROKEN DOWN BY GENDER

TOTAL NUMBER OF
MONTHLY ACTIVE
INSTAGRAM USERS



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ACTIVE INSTAGRAM
USERS AS A PERCENTAGE
OF TOTAL POPULATION



11%



FEMALE USERS AS A
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MALE USERS AS A
PERCENTAGE OF ALL
ACTIVE INSTAGRAM USERS

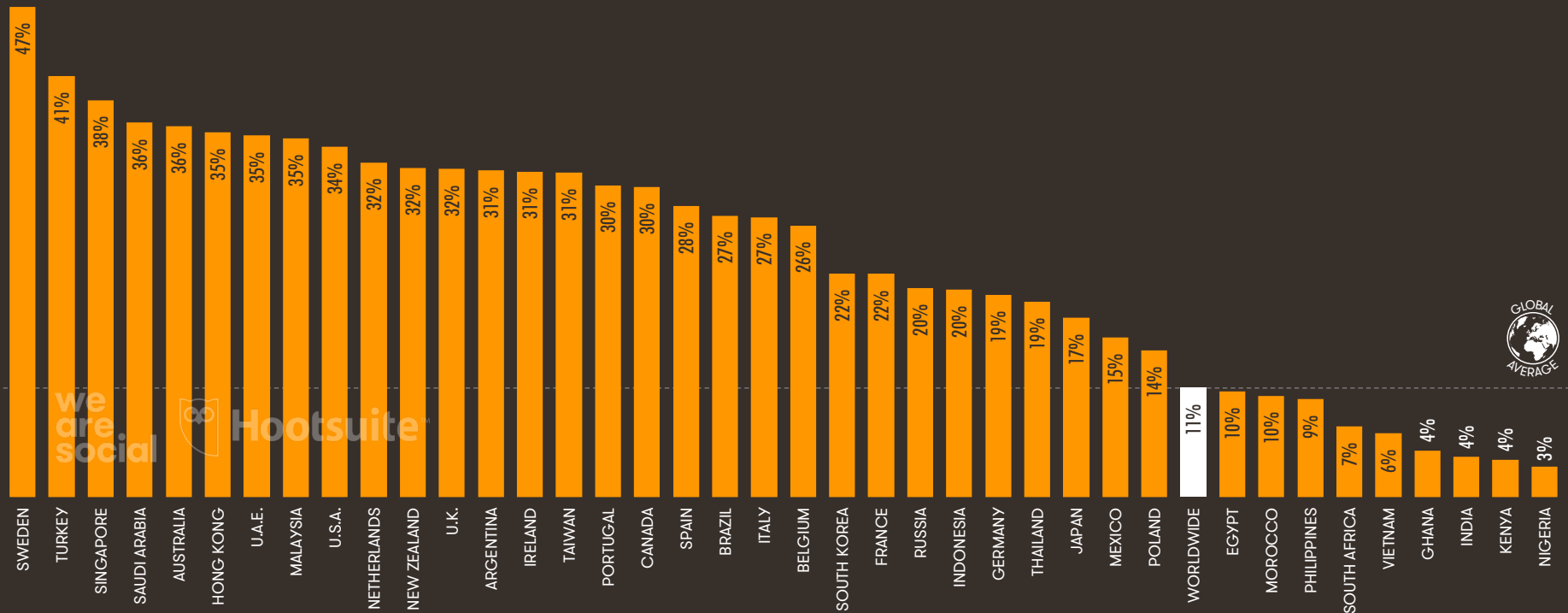


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INSTAGRAM PENETRATION BY COUNTRY

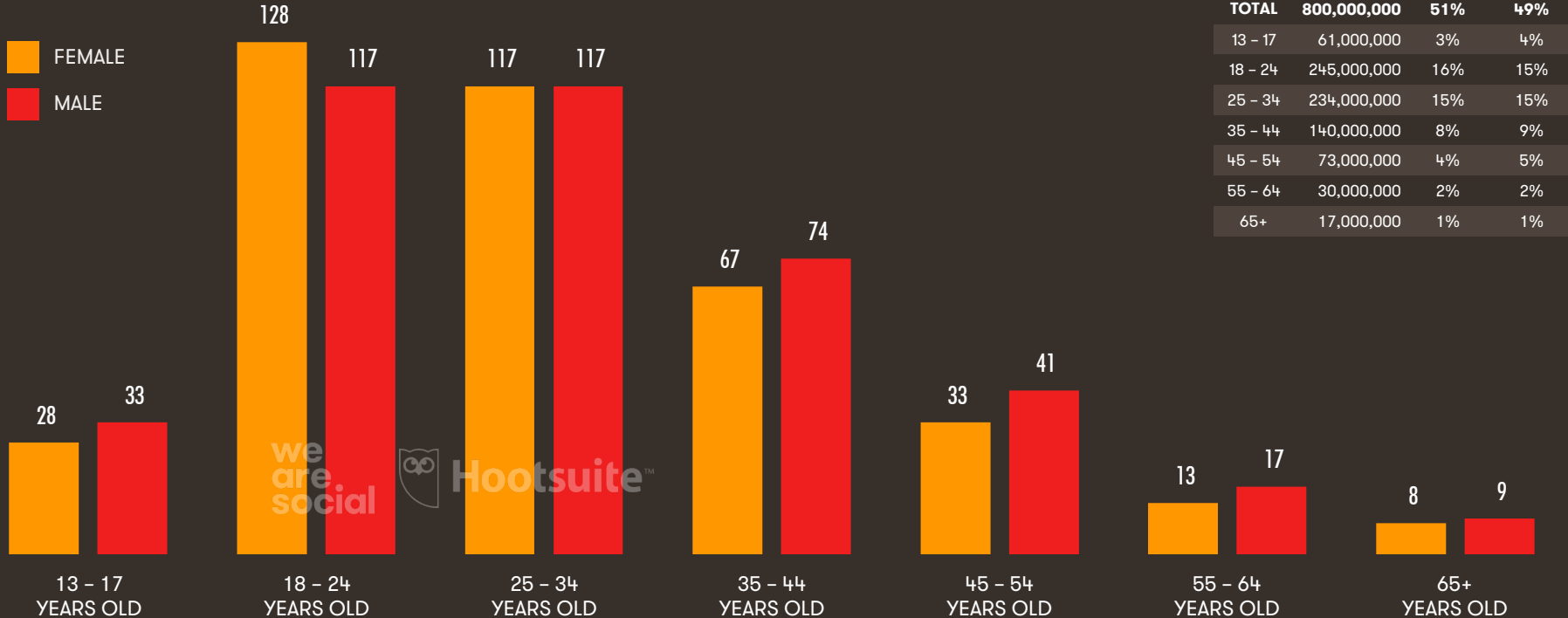
THE NUMBER OF MONTHLY ACTIVE INSTAGRAM USERS, COMPARED TO TOTAL POPULATION



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PROFILE OF INSTAGRAM USERS

BREAKDOWN OF INSTAGRAM'S GLOBAL USERS BY AGE AND GENDER, IN MILLIONS



SOURCES: EXTRAPOLATION OF DATA FROM INSTAGRAM (VIA FACEBOOK), JANUARY 2018. NOTES: THE 'TOTAL' COLUMN OF THE INSET TABLE SHOWS ORIGINAL VALUES, WHILE GRAPH VALUES HAVE BEEN DIVIDED BY ONE MILLION. TABLE PERCENTAGES REPRESENT THE RESPECTIVE GENDER AND AGE GROUP'S SHARE OF TOTAL GLOBAL INSTAGRAM USERS. TABLE VALUES MAY NOT SUM EXACTLY DUE TO ROUNDING IN THE SOURCE DATA.

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INSTAGRAM'S TOP COUNTRIES

COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST ACTIVE INSTAGRAM USER BASES, BY TOTAL NUMBER OF USERS AND BY PENETRATION

COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ACTIVE INSTAGRAM USERS

#	COUNTRY	USERS	PENETRATION
01	UNITED STATES	110,000,000	34%
02	BRAZIL	57,000,000	27%
03	INDONESIA	53,000,000	20%
04	INDIA	52,000,000	4%
05	TURKEY	33,000,000	41%
06	RUSSIA	29,000,000	20%
07	IRAN	24,000,000	29%
08	JAPAN	22,000,000	17%
09	UNITED KINGDOM	21,000,000	32%
10	MEXICO	20,000,000	15%

COUNTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST INSTAGRAM PENETRATION RATES

#	COUNTRY	PENETRATION	USERS
01	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	49%	210,000
02	SWEDEN	47%	4,700,000
03	ARUBA	46%	49,000
04	CAYMAN ISLANDS	45%	28,000
05	ICELAND	45%	150,000
06	NORWAY	43%	2,300,000
07	BAHRAIN	43%	660,000
08	CYPRUS	42%	500,000
09	TURKEY	41%	33,000,000
10	ISRAEL	39%	3,300,000



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HASHTAG AND EMOJI RANKINGS

BASED ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES PEOPLE USED EACH HASHTAG ON INSTAGRAM IN 2017, AND CUMULATIVE EMOJI USE ON TWITTER SINCE JULY 2013

MOST-USED HASHTAGS ON INSTAGRAM IN 2017

#	TOP INSTAGRAM HASHTAGS
01	#LOVE
02	#INSTAGOOD
03	#FASHION
04	#PHOTOOFTHE DAY
05	#BEAUTIFUL
06	#PICOFTHE DAY
07	#FITNESS
08	#STYLE
09	#TRAVEL
10	#HAPPY

MOST-USED EMOJI ON TWITTER (CUMULATIVE)

#	EMOJI	USES ON TWITTER
01		1,955,000,000
02		918,000,000
03		727,000,000
04		688,000,000
05		665,000,000
06		556,000,000
07		510,000,000
08		454,000,000
09		402,000,000
10		395,000,000

MOST-USED EMOJI ON TWITTER (CUMULATIVE)

#	EMOJI	USES ON TWITTER
11		359,000,000
12		344,000,000
13		320,000,000
14		295,000,000
15		287,000,000
16		282,000,000
17		228,000,000
18		226,000,000
19		198,000,000
20		190,000,000

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WE ARE SOCIAL'S SOCIAL PREDICTIONS FOR 2018



Direct messenger marketing: as people spend more of their social media time in messengers, it will become increasingly important for brands to define how they can add value in these environments. The combined opportunities of messengers and commerce are spectacular, but brands will need to deliver relevance in a seamless, non-intrusive way.



Social commerce: the value of social commerce is set to explode over the next few years, with [Technavio](#) predicting that revenues could reach US\$165 billion by 2021. The existing success of Facebook Messenger bots, WeChat's integrated payments system, and developments like Amazon's Spark all point to a bright future for 'socially integrated omnichannel'.



Social search: social platforms continue to amass a wealth of data from people's real-world behaviours, geo-tags, and interest insights. With the continued evolution of visual search, social platforms are becoming more and more popular places to search too, so we can expect to see more valuable innovations like Pinterest's Lens in the coming months.



Hyper-transparency: brands are in a race to win back people's trust, and they need to go beyond words. In the era of 'fake news', mistrust of brands, media, and governments has gone into overdrive, so brands must be willing to talk openly about everything – not just the good bits. As a result, social media conversations and interactions will be ever more critical.



Consumers as contributors: brands are increasingly being driven by the ideas of, and interactions with, their consumers. As a result, consumers are moving from passive buyers of a brand's products, to actively shaping and defining the future of the brands they care about. As a result, a brand's 'community' has the potential to become its most valuable asset.

To learn more about these themes and what they mean for your brand, [click here to download our Think Forward report.](#)

HOOTSUITE'S PERSPECTIVE: SOCIAL MEDIA THEMES



Facebook: Global connectivity. Social marketing platform. Mobile video is Facebook's biggest bet in 2018. But they'll also boost brand discovery via the new Explore tab; use AI to encourage more people to join the 100 million people using Groups; and accelerate organic and paid Messenger interactions.



YouTube: Mobile streaming and social TV platform. YouTube will expand their mass-market reach with original social TV programming from YouTube Red, live broadcasting, and YouTube TV. Mobile remains key, but YouTube also saw a 70 percent YOY increase in living room viewing.



Instagram: Peer-to-peer sharing. Growing engaged communities. With the explosive popularity of Instagram stories (up to 250 million daily users) and enhanced live video features, Instagram's focus will remain on organic engagement. In 2018, we'll see mobile video engagement continue to rise and extended advertiser options, including ads in Stories.



Snapchat: Mobile storytelling and brand discovery platform. Snapchat will look to differentiate as a platform, focusing on their ability to reach younger demographics at scale. Explore their self-serve ad tools, as well as searchable Stories, location-based Context Cards, and Snap Maps.



LinkedIn: Professional conversation and content amplification platform. LinkedIn will continue their dominance with professionals, leveraging their CRM integrations and expanded social features. For content amplification, use their video creation tools and Snapchat-style geofilters for events and conference.

[Click here to download our 2018 Social Media Trends Toolkit](#) to align your strategy with the year's key social network and digital trends.

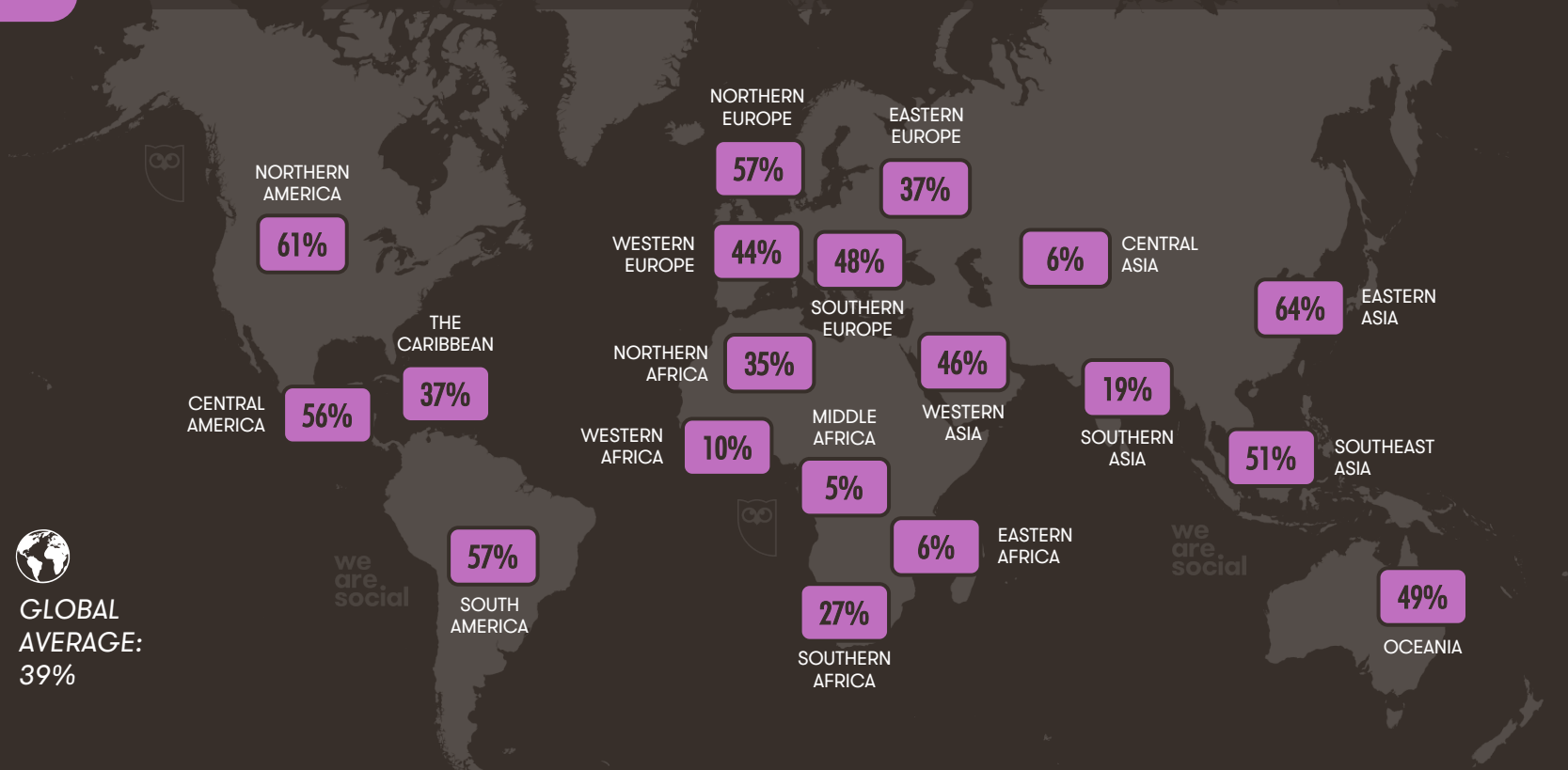


GLOBAL MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA USE

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MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION BY REGION

ACTIVE ACCOUNTS ON THE TOP SOCIAL NETWORK IN EACH COUNTRY ACCESSING VIA MOBILE, COMPARED TO POPULATION



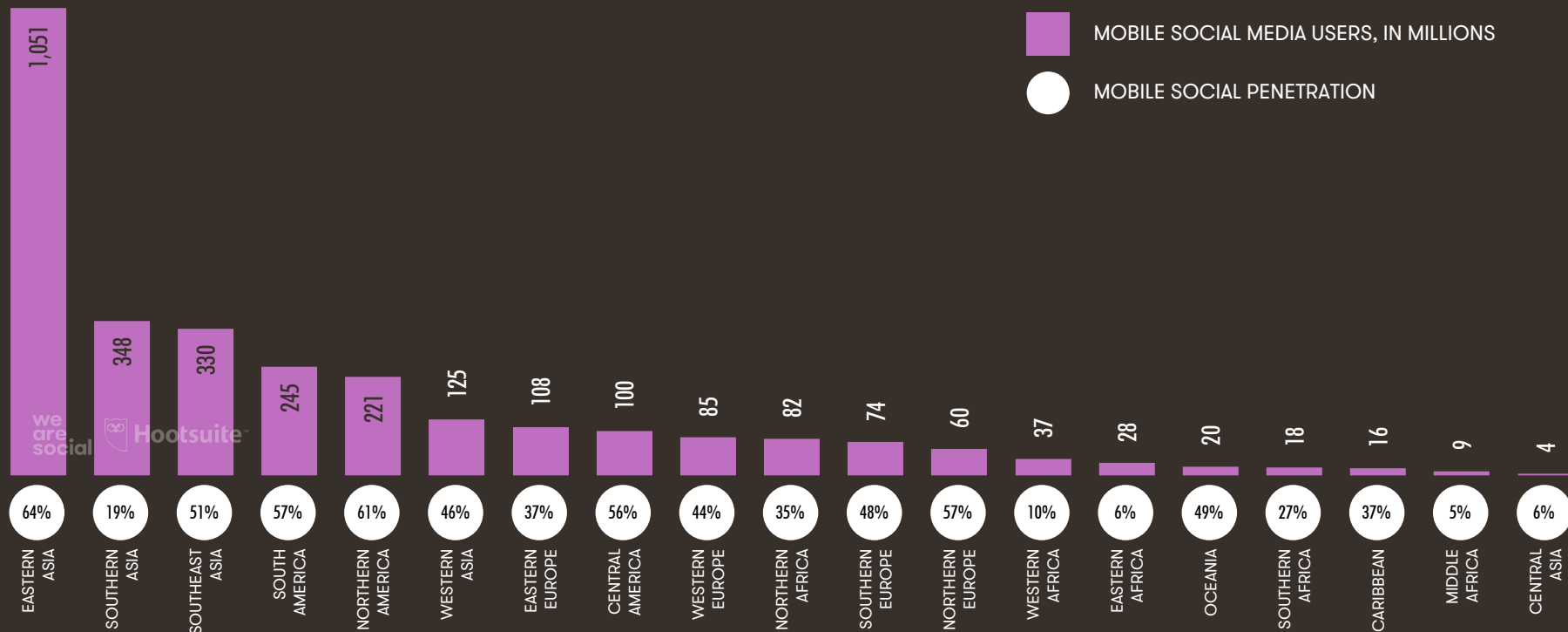
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AVERAGE:
39%

SOURCES: FACEBOOK; TENCENT; VKONTAKTE; KAKAO; NAVER; DING; TECHRASA; SIMILARWEB; KEPIOS ANALYSIS.
NOTE: PENETRATION FIGURES ARE FOR TOTAL POPULATION, REGARDLESS OF AGE.

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MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA USE: REGIONAL OVERVIEW

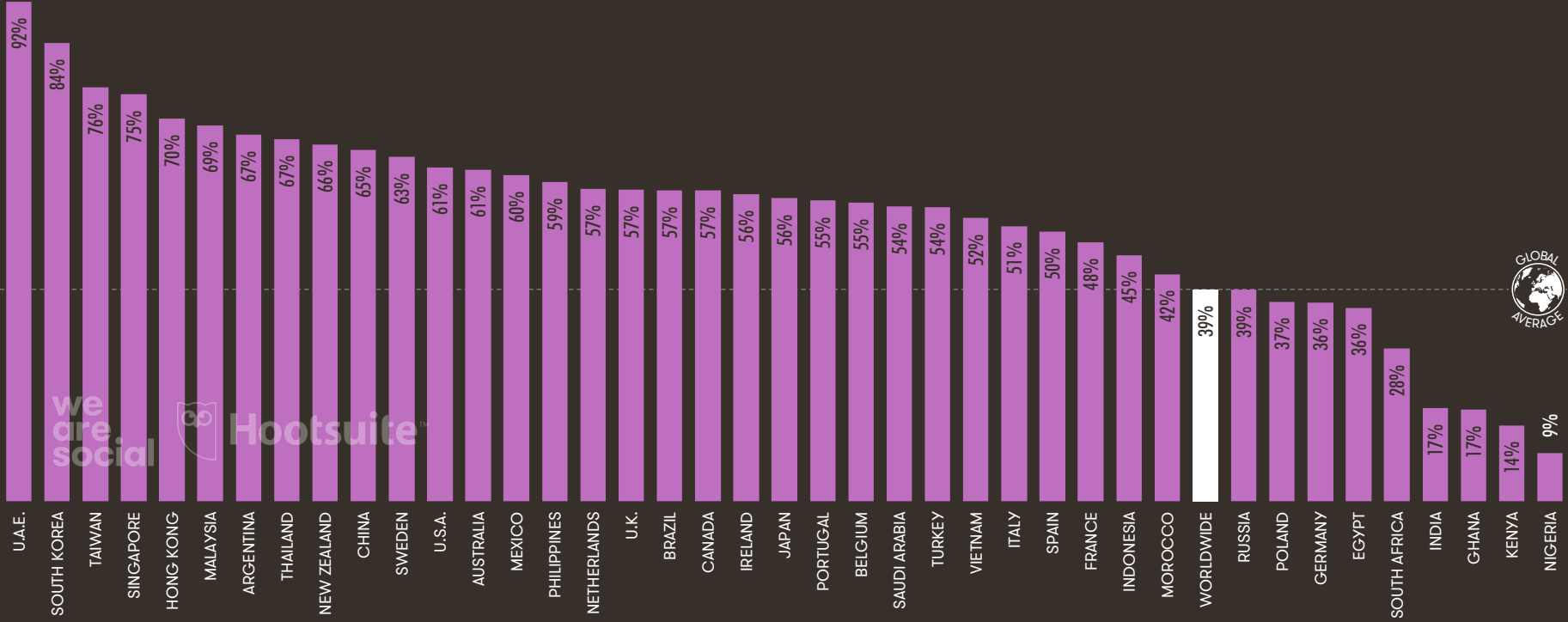
MONTHLY MOBILE-ACTIVE ACCOUNTS ON THE TOP SOCIAL NETWORK IN EACH COUNTRY (IN MILLIONS), COMPARED TO POPULATION



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MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION BY COUNTRY

ACTIVE ACCOUNTS ON THE TOP SOCIAL NETWORK IN EACH COUNTRY ACCESSING VIA MOBILE, COMPARED TO POPULATION



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MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION RANKINGS

BASED ON MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION IN COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL POPULATION OF 50,000 PEOPLE OR MORE

HIGHEST MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION

#	HIGHEST PENETRATION	%	USERS
01	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	92%	8,700,000
02	ARUBA	86%	91,000
03	QATAR	86%	2,300,000
04	SOUTH KOREA	84%	43,044,000
05	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	81%	350,000
06	CAYMAN ISLANDS	77%	48,000
07	TAIWAN	76%	18,000,000
08	SINGAPORE	75%	4,300,000
09	CURAÇAO	75%	120,000
10	KUWAIT	74%	3,100,000

LOWEST MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION

#	LOWEST PENETRATION	%	USERS
213	NORTH KOREA	0.04%	9,200
212	TURKMENISTAN	0.3%	16,000
211	ERITREA	0.9%	47,000
210	SOUTH SUDAN	1.3%	170,000
209	CHAD	1.7%	260,000
208	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	1.8%	85,000
207	TAJIKISTAN	1.9%	170,000
206	NIGER	2.0%	440,000
205	MALAWI	2.4%	450,000
204	DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO	2.4%	2,000,000

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MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH RANKINGS

BASED ON CHANGES IN MOBILE-ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA USERS IN COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL POPULATION OF 50,000 PEOPLE OR MORE

LARGEST GROWTH IN NUMBER OF MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA USERS vs. 2016

#	HIGHEST GROWTH (#)	▲ USERS	▲ %
01	CHINA	84,630,000	10%
02	INDIA	63,000,000	38%
03	INDONESIA	28,000,000	30%
04	IRAN	23,000,000	135%
05	RUSSIA	10,507,795	23%
06	BRAZIL	10,000,000	9%
07	UNITED STATES	10,000,000	5%
08	MEXICO	9,000,000	13%
09	VIETNAM	9,000,000	22%
10	PHILIPPINES	8,000,000	15%



LARGEST PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA USERS vs. 2016

#	HIGHEST GROWTH (%)	▲ %	▲ USERS
01	KIRIBATI	200%	20,000
02	IRAN	135%	23,000,000
03	TAJIKISTAN	94%	82,220
04	VANUATU	66%	25,000
05	COMOROS	64%	47,000
06	SOLOMON ISLANDS	62%	26,000
07	KYRGYZSTAN	59%	240,000
08	LAOS	47%	700,000
09	CHAD	44%	80,000
10	CAMBODIA	43%	1,900,000



HOOTSUITE'S PERSPECTIVE: MOBILE SOCIAL THEMES



According to [comScore](#), one in every three minutes on mobile is spent using a **social app**. Whether reading the news or hunting for product reviews, spending time on mobile is now synonymous with social networking.



Mobile video is the dominant social content format. But it's getting harder to stand out. 46% of respondents to Hootsuite's annual Social Trends Survey say that they're already implementing social videos.



We've seen **passive content consumption** on mobile climb. For example, [60% of internet users](#) primarily use social sites to find entertainment (which is why social networks are racing to fill feeds with short bursts of mobile video content).

For Hootsuite's recommendations on mobile and social video, [click here to see our 2018 Social Trends Report.](#)

WE ARE SOCIAL'S PREDICTIONS: MOBILE SOCIAL

With 93% of the world's social media users accessing social via smartphones and tablets, mobile already sits at the heart of today's social media experiences. The latest data and trends suggest that our mobile social experiences will evolve considerably in the coming months though, with the emphasis clearly on the importance of human interaction and conversation. Key themes include:



MORE ACTIVE CONVERSATION

Social media platforms will (re)prioritise the interactions between people over passive media consumption



VIDEO CHAT

Live video chat and short recorded videos will increasingly replace text messaging, especially in chat apps



AUGMENTED INTERACTIONS

AR functionality will add variety and useful annotation options to our live video conversations



REAL-WORLD INTEGRATION

Expect to see live messenger support and social payments integrated into more real-world settings

**For more trends in Social and Mobile,
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MOBILE USERS vs. MOBILE CONNECTIONS

COMPARING THE NUMBER OF UNIQUE MOBILE USERS TO THE NUMBER OF MOBILE CONNECTIONS

NUMBER OF UNIQUE
MOBILE USERS (ANY
TYPE OF HANDSET)



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MOBILE PENETRATION
(UNIQUE USERS vs.
TOTAL POPULATION)



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68%

TOTAL NUMBER
OF MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



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MOBILE CONNECTIONS
AS A PERCENTAGE OF
TOTAL POPULATION



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AVERAGE NUMBER OF
CONNECTIONS PER
UNIQUE MOBILE USER

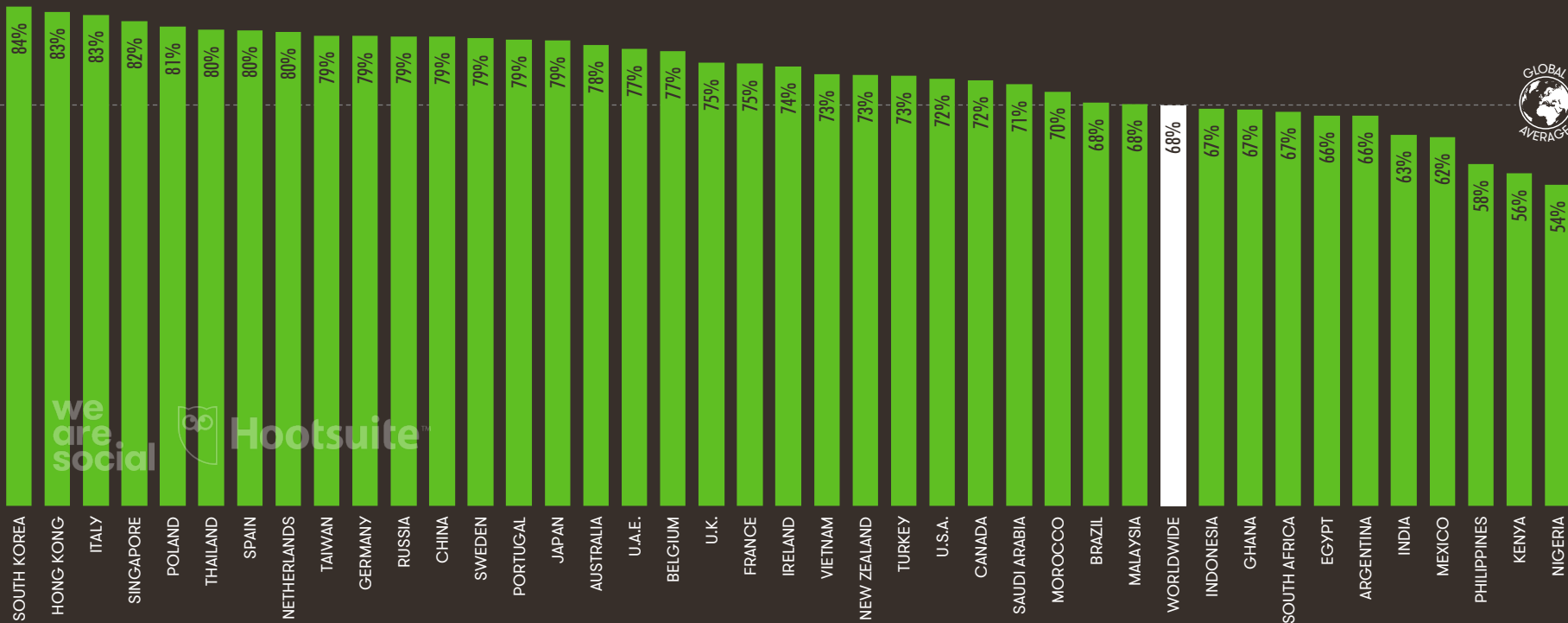


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UNIQUE MOBILE USER PENETRATION BY COUNTRY

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS USING MOBILE PHONES OF ANY TYPE BY COUNTRY, COMPARED TO NATIONAL POPULATIONS



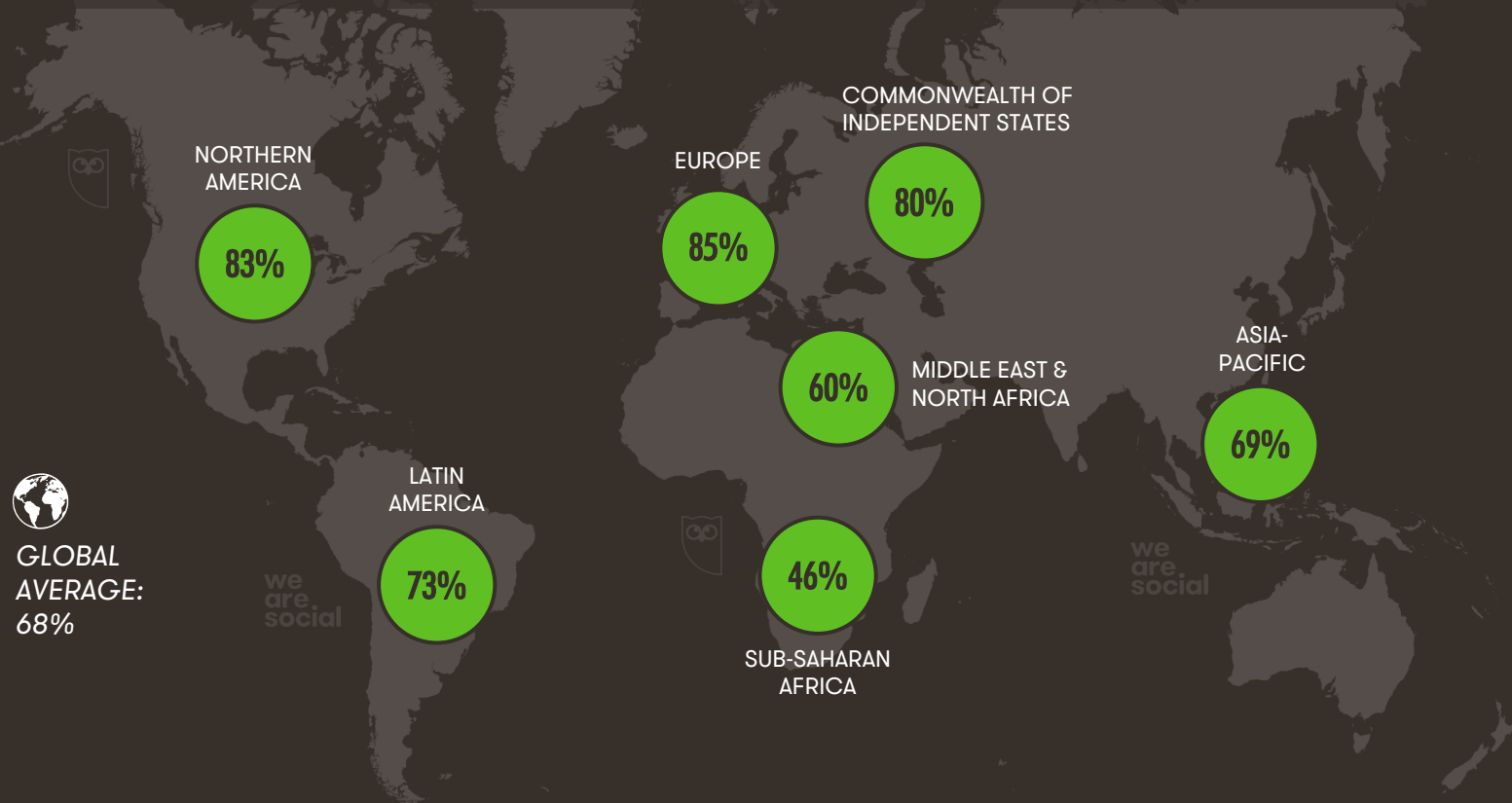
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UNIQUE MOBILE USER PENETRATION BY REGION

THE NUMBER OF UNIQUE MOBILE USERS IN EACH COUNTRY COMPARED TO THE TOTAL POPULATION



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PERSPECTIVE: MOBILE USERS vs. CONNECTIONS

COMPARING THE NUMBER OF UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS USING MOBILE PHONES TO THE NUMBER OF MOBILE CONNECTIONS IN USE

GSMA INTELLIGENCE DATA

TOTAL NUMBER
OF MOBILE USERS
(UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS)



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TOTAL NUMBER
OF MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



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TOTAL NUMBER
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(UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS)



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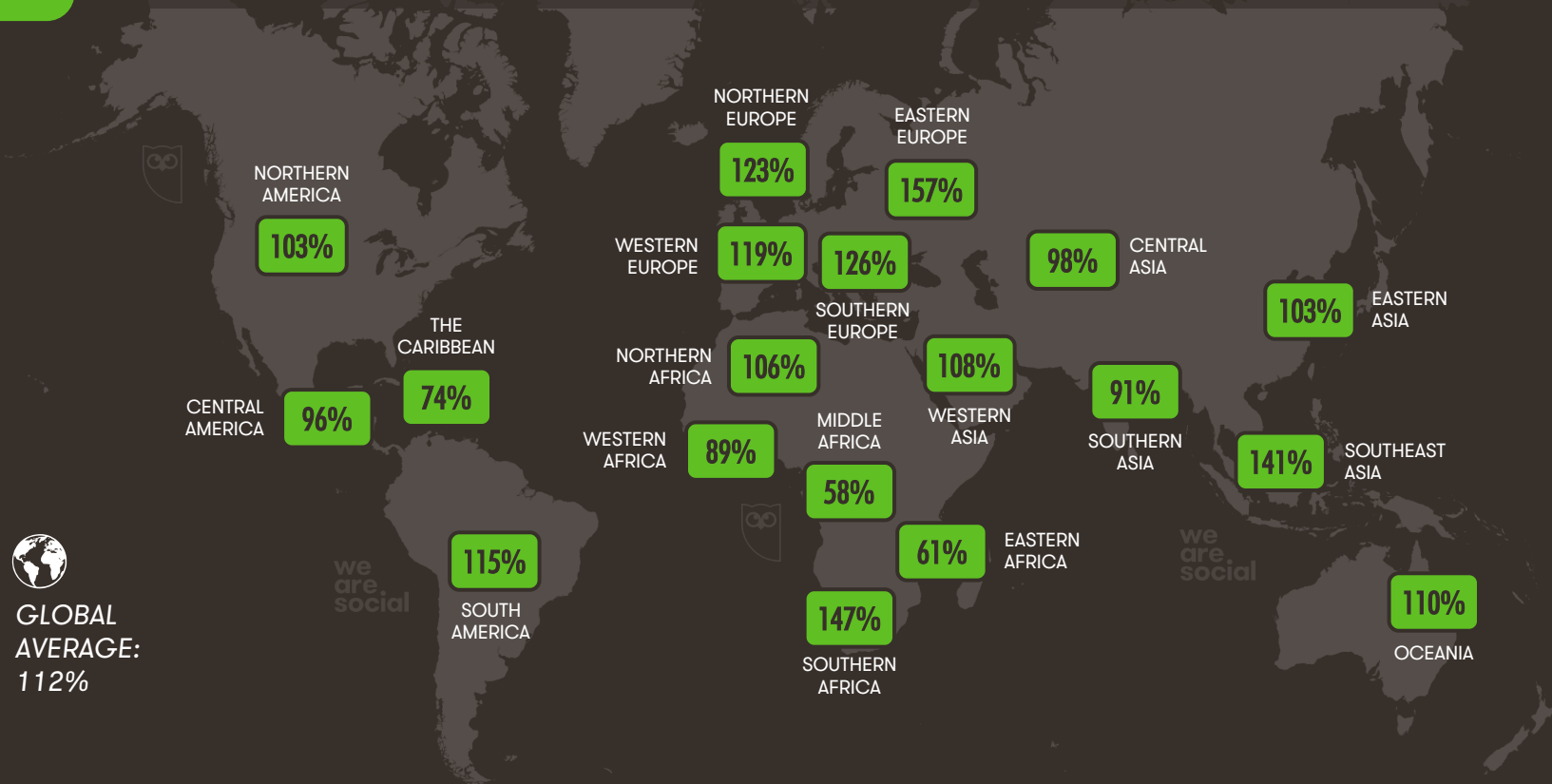


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MOBILE CONNECTIVITY BY REGION

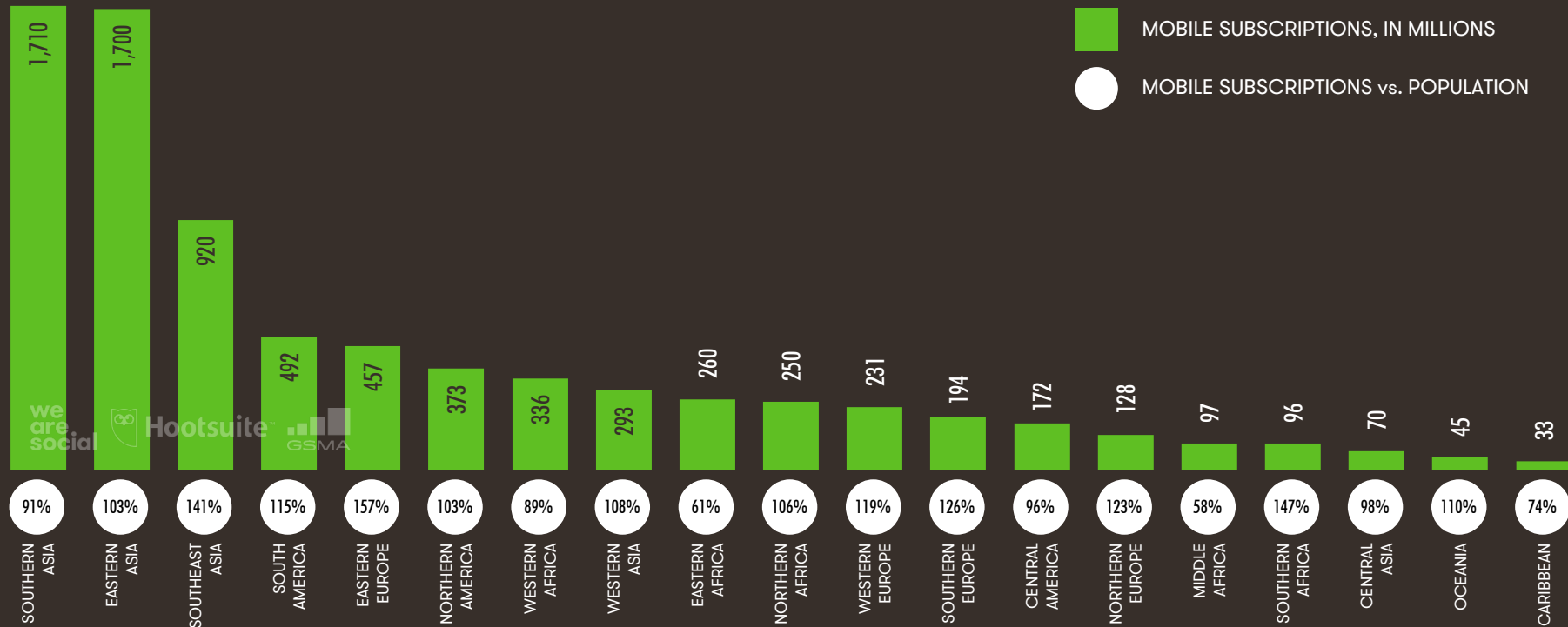
THE NUMBER OF MOBILE CONNECTIONS COMPARED TO POPULATION (NOTE: NOT UNIQUE USERS)



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MOBILE CONNECTIVITY: REGIONAL OVERVIEW

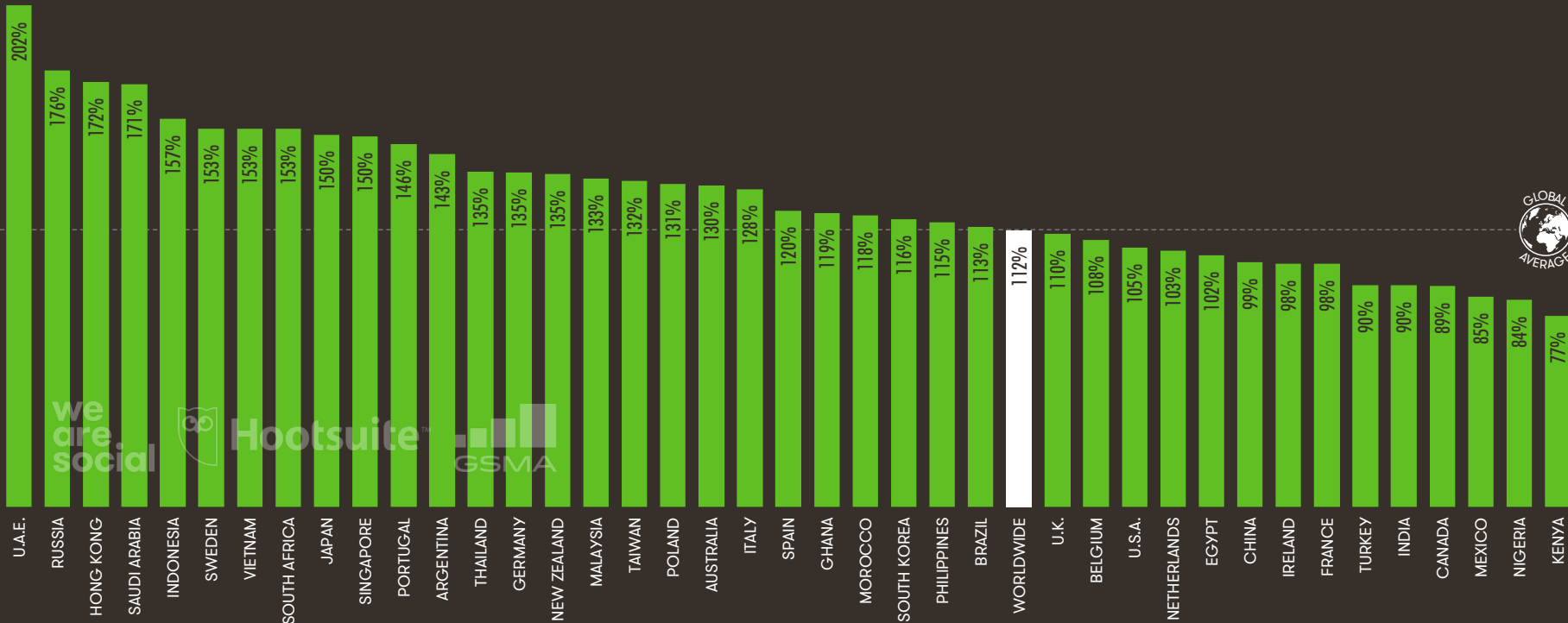
MOBILE CONNECTIONS (IN MILLIONS), AND MOBILE CONNECTIONS AS A PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION, BY REGION



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MOBILE CONNECTIVITY BY COUNTRY

MOBILE CONNECTIONS BY COUNTRY, COMPARED TO NATIONAL POPULATIONS



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MOBILE CONNECTIVITY RANKINGS

BASED ON MOBILE CONNECTIONS IN COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL POPULATION OF 50,000 PEOPLE OR MORE

HIGHEST RATIO OF MOBILE CONNECTIONS TO POPULATION

#	HIGHEST CONNECTIVITY	%	SUBS
01	MACAU	292%	1,833,870
02	BAHRAIN	229%	3,496,213
03	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	202%	19,177,938
04	MALDIVES 	188%	829,886
05	FINLAND	187%	10,348,193
06	SAINT KITTS & NEVIS	187%	103,879
07	CAMBODIA	181%	29,195,212
08	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	179%	183,840
09	KUWAIT 	178%	7,396,848
10	RUSSIA 	176%	253,593,955

LOWEST RATIO OF MOBILE CONNECTIONS TO POPULATION

#	LOWEST CONNECTIVITY	%	SUBS
212	ERITREA	14%	695,228
211	NORTH KOREA	15%	3,890,551
210	SOUTH SUDAN 	16%	2,060,413
209	KIRIBATI	21%	24,277
208	MICRONESIA	21%	22,244
207	MADAGASCAR	37%	9,672,134
206	DJIBOUTI 	39%	377,477
205	SOMALIA	41%	6,114,871
204	MALAWI	41%	7,775,612
203	CUBA	41%	4,736,294

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MOBILE CONNECTIONS BY DEVICE

BASED ON GLOBAL SMARTPHONE CONNECTIONS COMPARED TO TOTAL GLOBAL MOBILE CONNECTIONS

TOTAL GLOBAL
CONNECTIONS
(ALL DEVICES)*



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USED ON SMART-
PHONE DEVICES



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SHARE OF SMART-
PHONE CONNECTIONS
vs. TOTAL CONNECTIONS



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57%

CONNECTIONS
USED ON FEATURE-
PHONE DEVICES



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SHARE OF FEATURE-
PHONE CONNECTIONS
vs. TOTAL CONNECTIONS



40%

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MOBILE CONNECTIONS BY TYPE

BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CELLULAR CONNECTIONS (NOTE: NOT UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS)

TOTAL NUMBER
OF MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



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MOBILE CONNECTIONS
AS A PERCENTAGE OF
TOTAL POPULATION



112%

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PERCENTAGE OF
MOBILE CONNECTIONS
THAT ARE PRE-PAID



76%



PERCENTAGE OF
MOBILE CONNECTIONS
THAT ARE POST-PAID



24%

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PERCENTAGE OF MOBILE
CONNECTIONS THAT ARE
BROADBAND (3G & 4G)

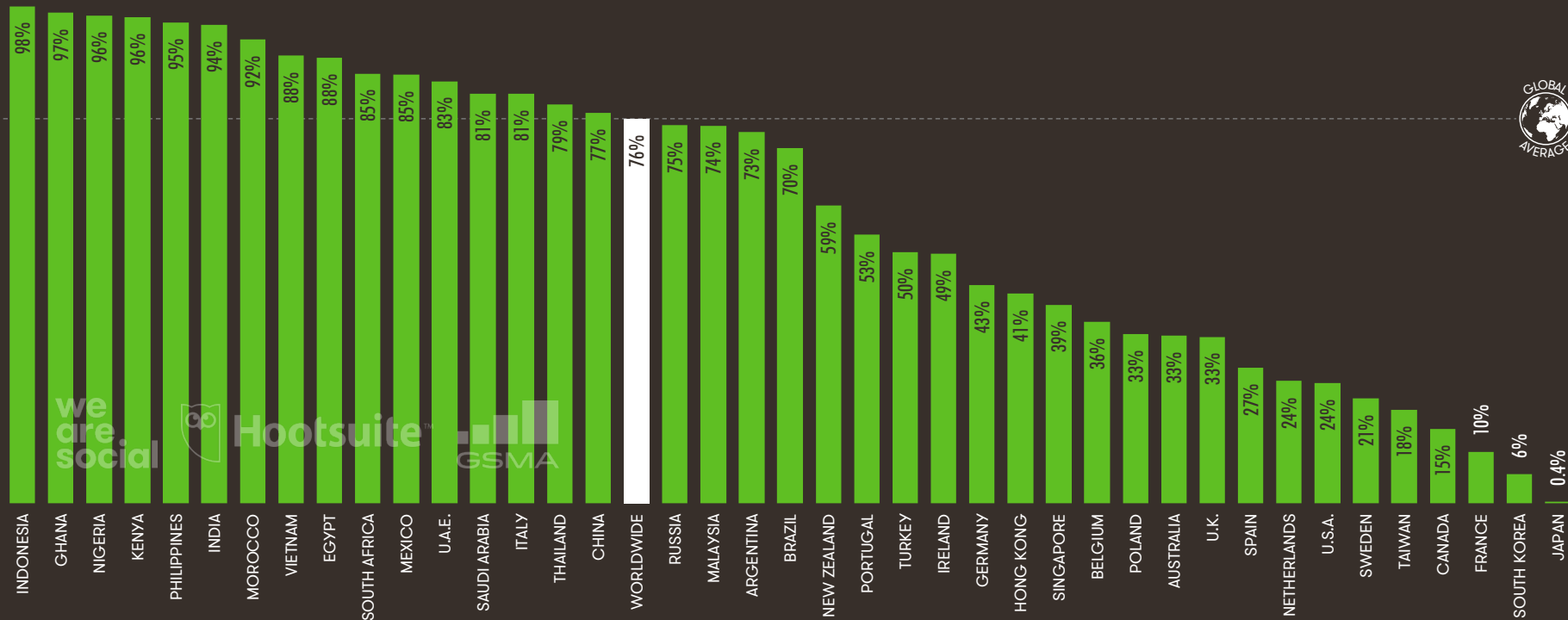


61%

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SHARE OF PRE-PAID CONNECTIONS

MOBILE CONNECTIONS THAT ARE PAID IN ADVANCE, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MOBILE CONNECTIONS



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MOBILE CONTRACTS: PRE-PAID vs. POST-PAID

BASED ON MOBILE CONNECTIONS IN COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL POPULATION OF 50,000 PEOPLE OR MORE

PRE-PAID MOBILE CONTRACTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF ALL CONTRACTS

#	HIGHEST RATIO OF PRE-PAID	% SHARE
01	NORTH KOREA	100.0%
02	BURKINA FASO	99.8%
03	BURUNDI	99.7%
04	GUINEA-BISSAU	99.6%
05	SOUTH SUDAN	99.5%
06	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	99.4%
07	TIMOR-LESTE	99.4%
08	MALI	99.2%
09	GUINEA	99.0%
10	SENEGAL	99.0%

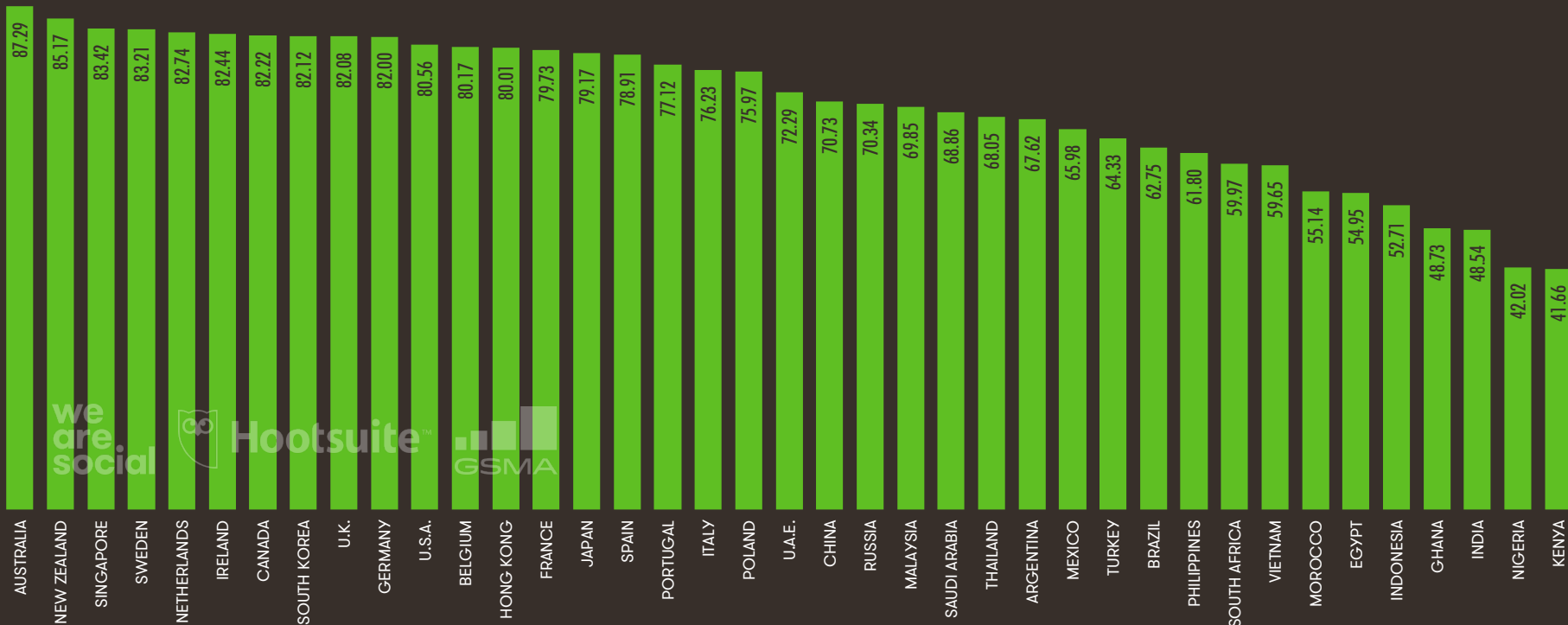
POST-PAID MOBILE CONTRACTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF ALL CONTRACTS

#	HIGHEST RATIO OF POST-PAID	% SHARE
01	JAPAN	99.7%
02	SOUTH KOREA	94.2%
03	FINLAND	91.4%
04	FRANCE	89.9%
05	DENMARK	89.6%
06	NORWAY	87.5%
07	CANADA	85.3%
08	JERSEY	83.9%
09	TAIWAN	81.5%
10	ESTONIA	81.2%

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GSMA INTELLIGENCE'S CONNECTIVITY INDEX

GSMA INTELLIGENCE'S ASSESSMENT OF MOBILE CONNECTIVITY DRIVERS AND ENABLERS BY COUNTRY (SCORES OUT OF A MAXIMUM OF 100)



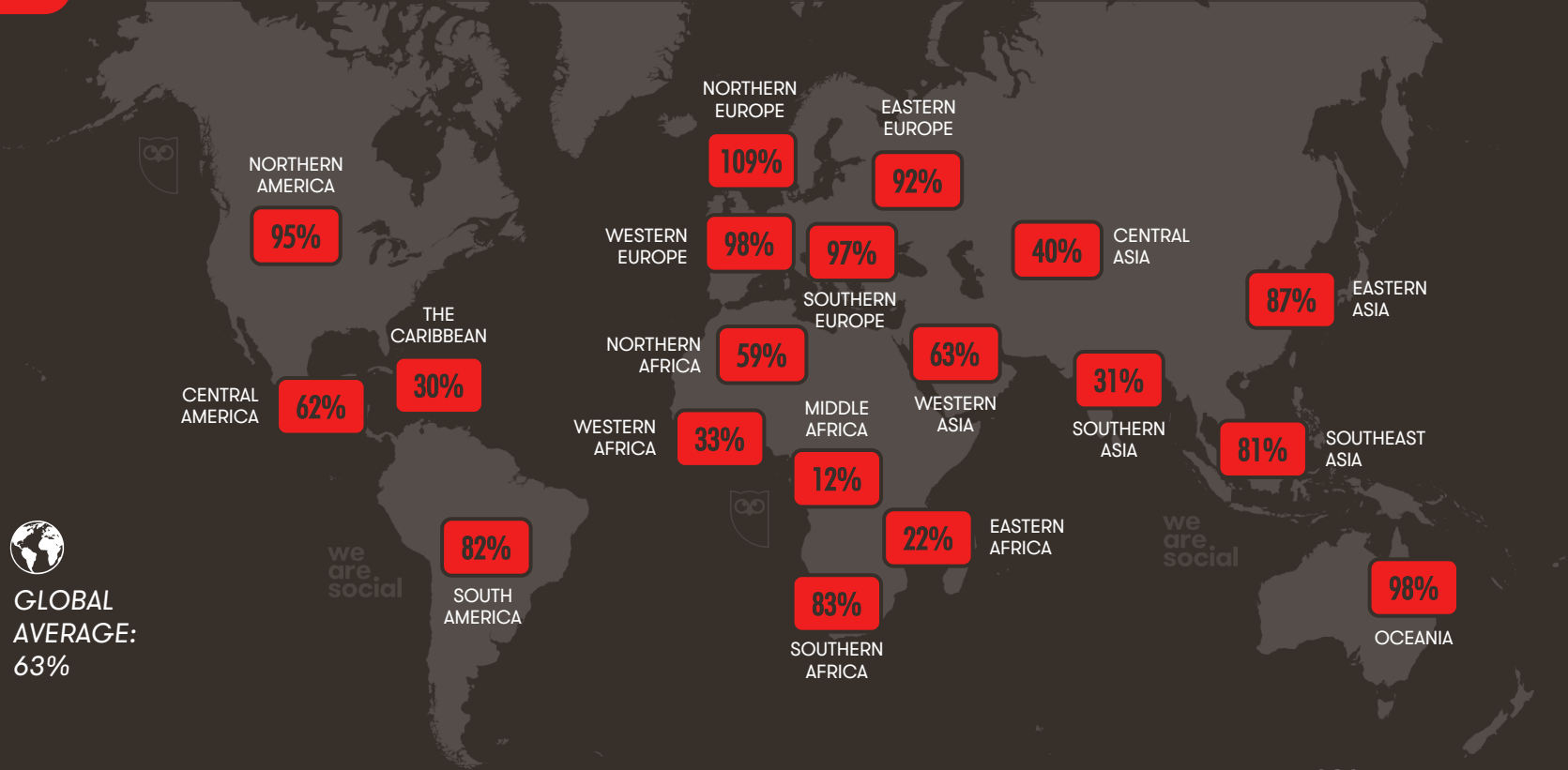


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BROADBAND MOBILE CONNECTIVITY

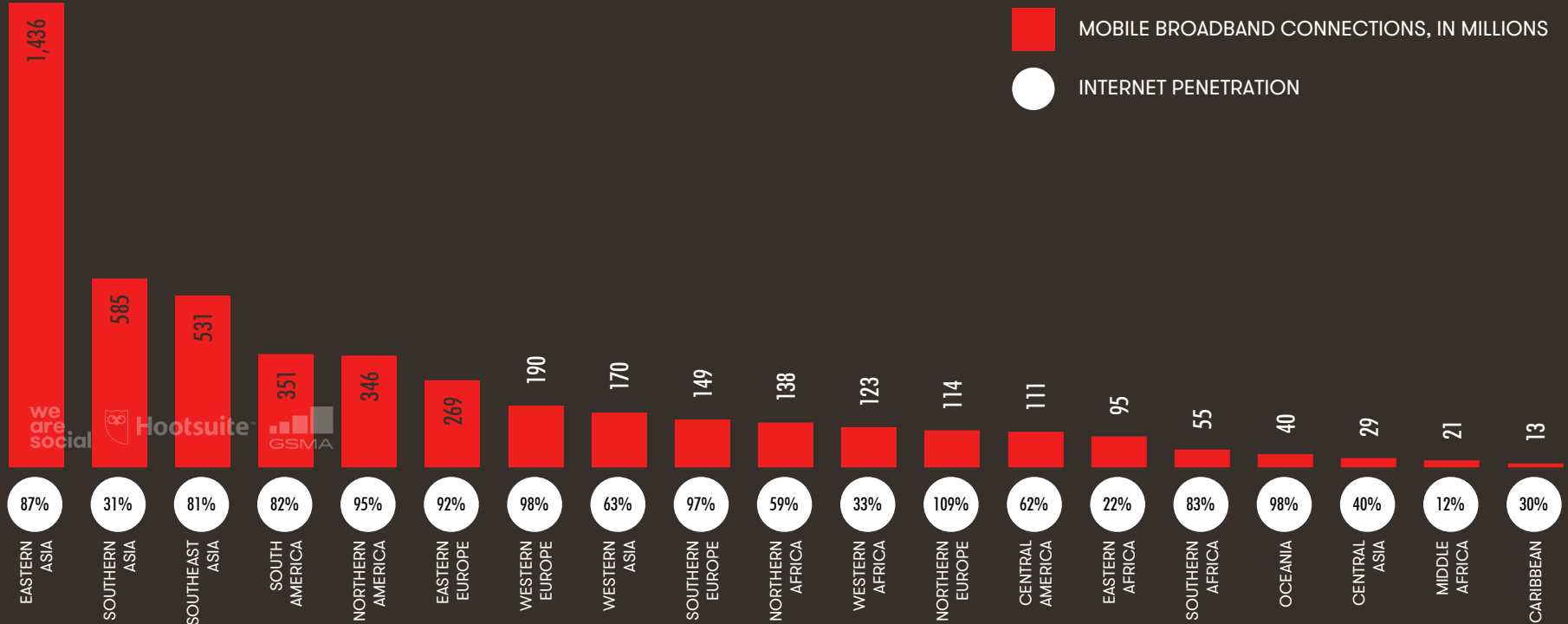
THE NUMBER OF BROADBAND MOBILE CONNECTIONS COMPARED TO POPULATION



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MOBILE BROADBAND: REGIONAL OVERVIEW

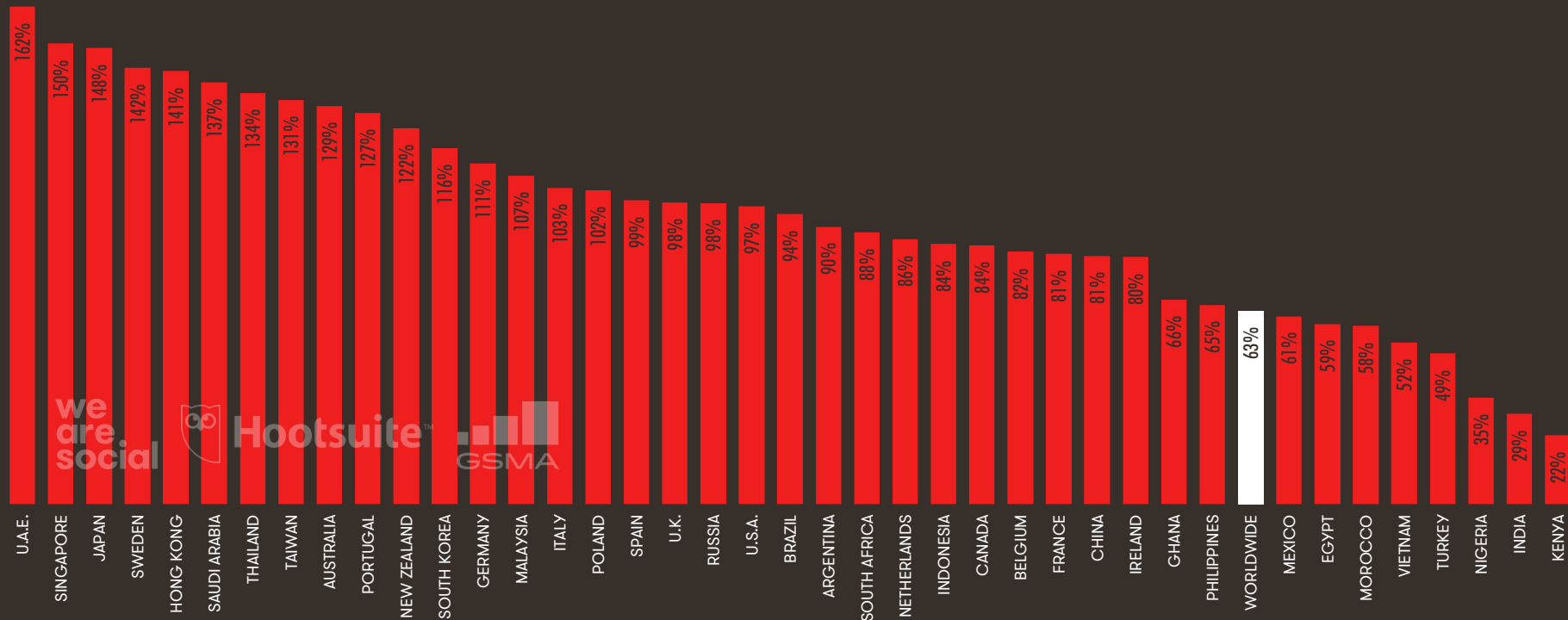
MOBILE BROADBAND CONNECTIONS (IN MILLIONS), AND AS A PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION, BY REGION



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MOBILE BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE MOBILE BROADBAND CONNECTIONS COMPARED TO TOTAL POPULATION



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MOBILE BROADBAND PENETRATION RANKINGS

BASED ON MOBILE BROADBAND CONNECTIONS IN COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL POPULATION OF 50,000 PEOPLE OR MORE

HIGHEST RATIO OF 3G & 4G CONNECTIONS vs. POPULATION

#	HIGHEST PENETRATION	%	SUBS
01	MACAU	290%	1,816,632
02	FINLAND	163%	9,012,241
03	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	162%	15,319,337
04	KUWAIT	159%	6,608,344
05	BAHRAIN	153%	2,345,260
06	SINGAPORE	150%	8,607,122
07	JAPAN	148%	188,852,882
08	SWEDEN	142%	14,093,584
09	DENMARK	141%	8,090,101
10	HONG KONG	141%	10,409,542

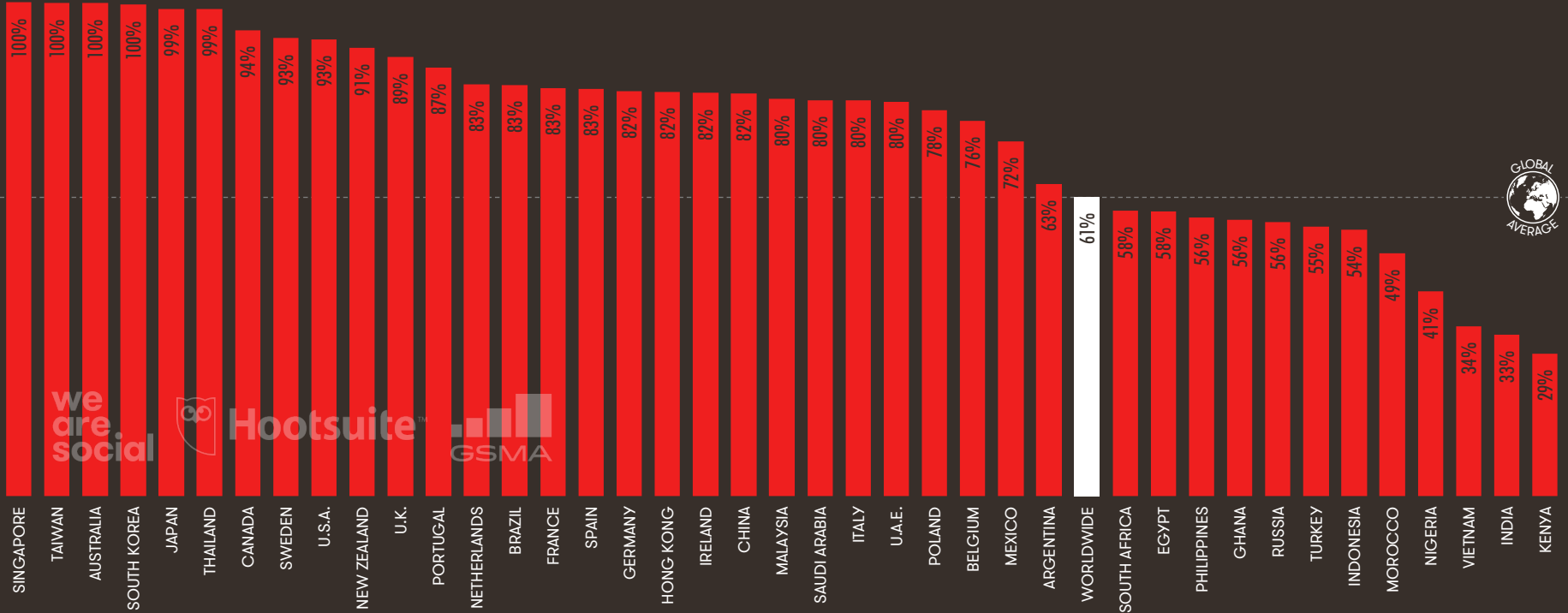
LOWEST RATIO OF 3G & 4G MOBILE CONNECTIONS vs. POPULATION

#	LOWEST PENETRATION	%	SUBS
207	COMOROS	0.2%	1,319
206	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	0.5%	6,210
205	NIGER	2.1%	454,752
204	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	2.1%	99,755
203	KIRIBATI	3.7%	4,399
202	SOMALIA	4.1%	607,207
201	GUYANA	4.8%	37,818
200	SOUTH SUDAN	5.2%	669,016
199	GREENLAND	5.4%	3,077
198	BURUNDI	6.5%	722,294

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MOBILE BROADBAND'S SHARE OF CONNECTIONS

ACTIVE 3G & 4G MOBILE CONNECTIONS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MOBILE CONNECTIONS



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MOBILE BROADBAND SHARE RANKINGS

BASED ON MOBILE BROADBAND CONNECTIONS IN COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL POPULATION OF 50,000 PEOPLE OR MORE

HIGHEST RATIO OF 3G & 4G CONNECTIONS vs. ALL CONNECTIONS

#	HIGHEST BROADBAND RATIO	%	BROADBAND CONNECTIONS
01	NORTH KOREA	100.0%	3,890,551
02	SINGAPORE	100.0%	8,607,122
03	TAIWAN	99.9%	31,072,273
04	AUSTRALIA	99.8%	31,858,044
05	SOUTH KOREA	99.5%	59,126,290
06	MACAU	99.1%	1,816,632
07	JAPAN	98.7%	188,852,882
08	THAILAND	98.6%	92,317,514
09	CANADA	94.4%	30,932,180
10	ISRAEL	93.1%	9,372,114



LOWEST RATIO OF 3G & 4G MOBILE CONNECTIONS vs. ALL CONNECTIONS

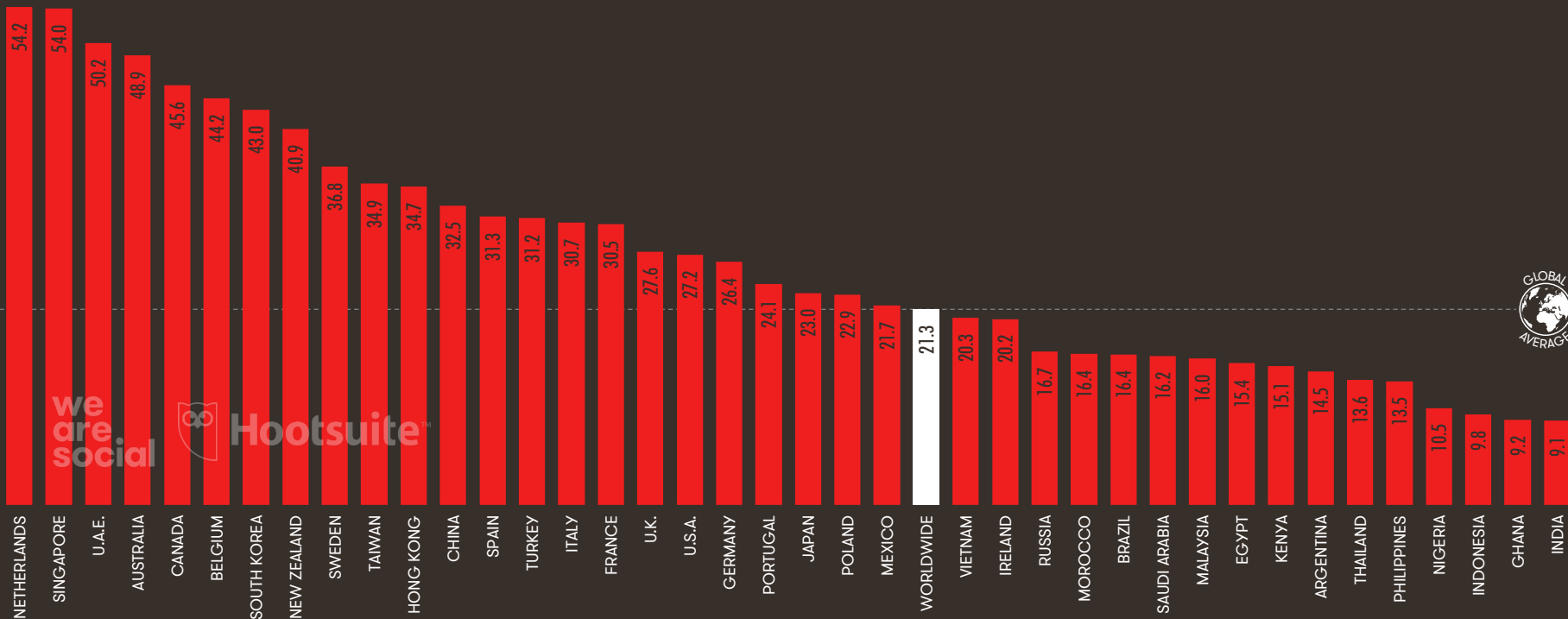
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01	COMOROS	0.3%	1,319
02	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	0.9%	6,210
03	GREENLAND	4.8%	3,077
04	NIGER	4.8%	454,752
05	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	4.9%	99,755
06	GUYANA	6.1%	37,818
07	SOMALIA	9.9%	607,207
08	CAMEROON	10.2%	2,230,924
09	GABON	10.2%	319,406
10	ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	10.5%	14,564



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AVERAGE MOBILE CONNECTION SPEEDS

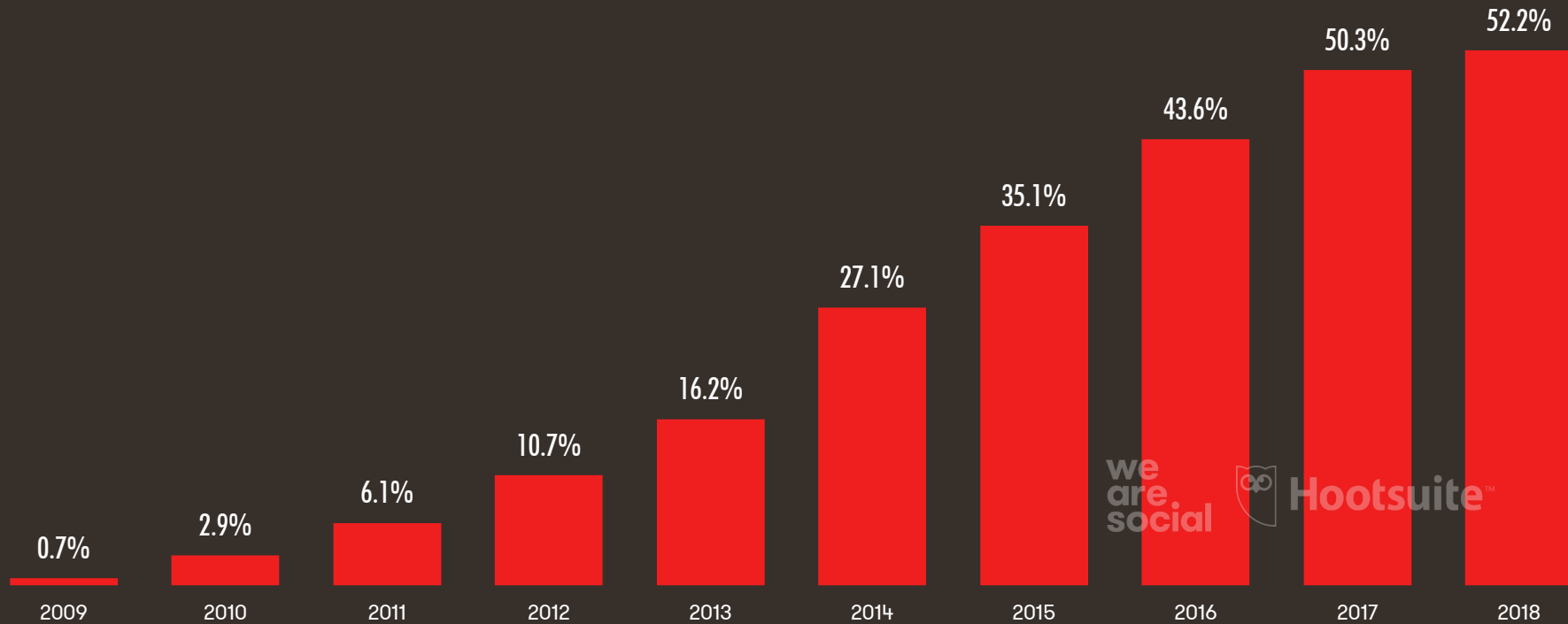
AVERAGE SPEED OF MOBILE INTERNET CONNECTIONS BY COUNTRY, IN MBPS



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GROWTH IN MOBILE'S SHARE OF WEB TRAFFIC

PERCENTAGE OF ALL GLOBAL WEB PAGES SERVED TO MOBILE PHONES IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR



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SHARE OF MOBILE WEB BY MOBILE OS

BASED ON EACH OPERATING SYSTEM'S SHARE OF ALL GLOBAL MOBILE WEB REQUESTS

PERCENTAGE OF MOBILE
WEB REQUESTS FROM
ANDROID DEVICES



73.5%

PERCENTAGE OF MOBILE
WEB REQUESTS FROM
APPLE IOS DEVICES



19.9%

PERCENTAGE OF MOBILE WEB
REQUESTS FROM OTHER
MOBILE OPERATING SYSTEMS



6.6%

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SHARE OF FACEBOOK ACCESS

BASED ON EACH OPERATING SYSTEM'S SHARE OF GLOBAL FACEBOOK USERS ACCESSING VIA SMARTPHONES AND / OR TABLETS

PERCENTAGE OF MOBILE
FACEBOOK USERS ACCESSING
VIA ANDROID DEVICES



76.2%

PERCENTAGE OF MOBILE
FACEBOOK USERS ACCESSING
VIA APPLE IOS DEVICES



15.5%

PERCENTAGE OF MOBILE
FACEBOOK USERS ACCESSING VIA
OTHER MOBILE OPERATING SYSTEMS



8.3%

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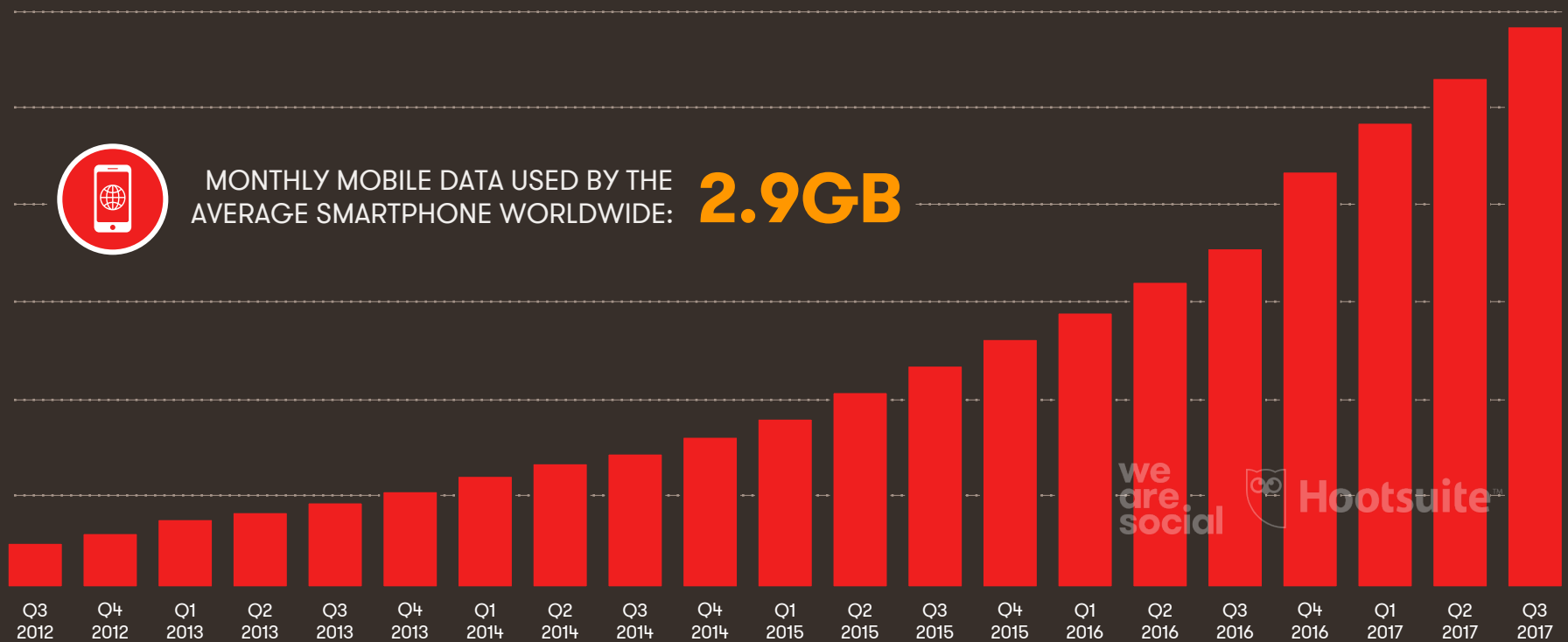
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GLOBAL MOBILE DATA GROWTH

TOTAL MONTHLY GLOBAL MOBILE DATA TRAFFIC (UPLOAD & DOWNLOAD), IN EXABYTES (BILLIONS OF GIGABYTES)



MONTHLY MOBILE DATA USED BY THE
AVERAGE SMARTPHONE WORLDWIDE: **2.9GB**



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MONTHLY MOBILE DATA PER SMARTPHONE

BASED ON THE AVERAGE MONTHLY MOBILE DATA CONSUMPTION PER MOBILE SUBSCRIPTION ASSOCIATED WITH A SMARTPHONE IN 2017

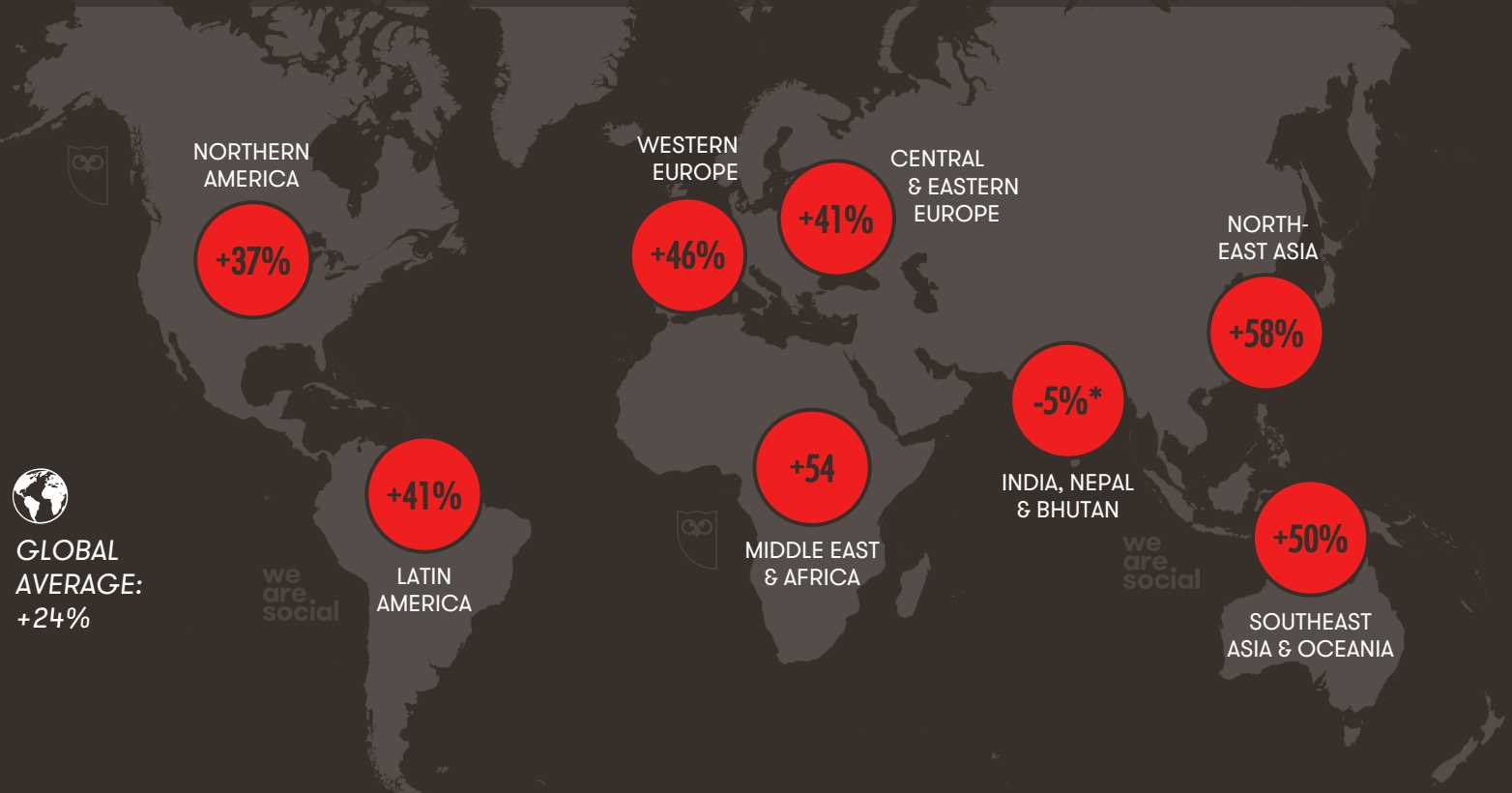


GLOBAL
AVERAGE:
2.9GB

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ANNUAL GROWTH IN SMARTPHONE DATA USE

BASED ON THE AVERAGE MONTHLY MOBILE DATA CONSUMPTION PER MOBILE SUBSCRIPTION ASSOCIATED WITH A SMARTPHONE IN 2016 & 2017

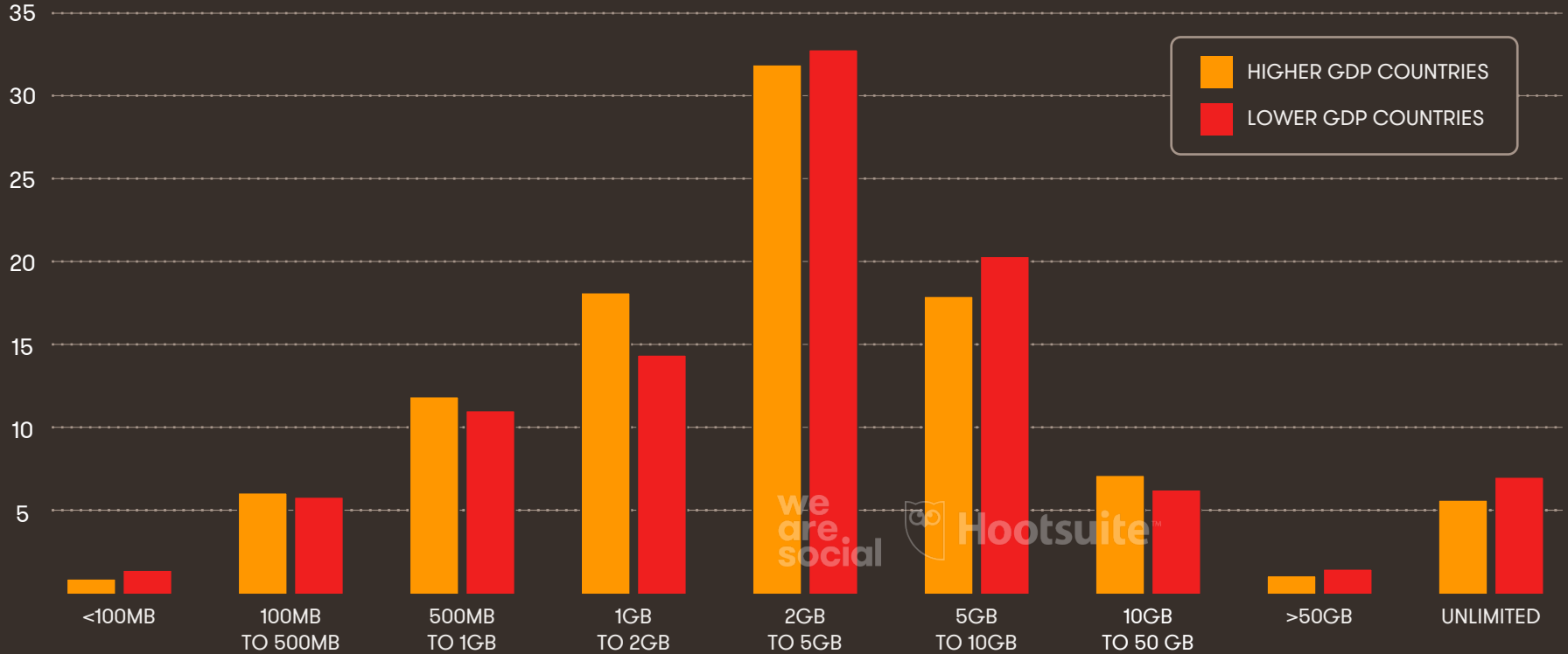


GLOBAL
AVERAGE:
+24%

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DISTRIBUTION OF MOBILE DATA PLANS

BASED ON THE SHARE OF TOTAL GLOBAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AT EACH DATA PLAN



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MOBILE DATA TRAFFIC BY REGION

TOTAL MONTHLY MOBILE DATA TRAFFIC TO SMARTPHONES, BY REGION

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1.02

BILLION
GIGABYTES

ANNUAL CHANGE:

+62%

NORTH
AMERICA



ERICSSON

2.11

BILLION
GIGABYTES

ANNUAL CHANGE:

+47%

ASIA-
PACIFIC



4.95

BILLION
GIGABYTES

ANNUAL CHANGE:

+59%

CENTRAL EUROPE,
MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA



ERICSSON

2.04

BILLION
GIGABYTES

ANNUAL CHANGE:

+72%

WESTERN
EUROPE



1.39

BILLION
GIGABYTES

ANNUAL CHANGE:

+54%

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GLOBAL MOBILE APP USAGE TRENDS

THE NUMBER OF APPS THAT SMARTPHONE USERS HAVE INSTALLED AND USE EACH MONTH, AND COMPARISONS WITH MOBILE WEB BROWSER USE

AVERAGE NUMBER
OF APPS INSTALLED
PER SMARTPHONE



80

AVERAGE NUMBER OF
APPS USED EACH MONTH
PER SMARTPHONE



40

AVERAGE TIME SPENT
USING APPS EACH DAY
PER SMARTPHONE



2 HOURS

TIME SPENT USING
NATIVE MOBILE APPS vs.
MOBILE WEB BROWSERS



7:1

FREQUENCY OF NATIVE
APP USE vs. MOBILE
WEB BROWSER USE



13:1

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TOP MOBILE APP RANKINGS

RANKINGS OF TOP MOBILE APPS BY MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS AND BY NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS

RANKING OF MOBILE APPS BY MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS

#	APP NAME	DEVELOPER / COMPANY
01	FACEBOOK	FACEBOOK
02	WHATSAPP MESSENGER	FACEBOOK
03	WECHAT	<i>App Annie</i> TENCENT
04	FACEBOOK MESSENGER	FACEBOOK
05	QQ	TENCENT
06	INSTAGRAM	<i>we are social</i> FACEBOOK
07	TAOBAO	ALIBABA GROUP
08	ALIPAY	ANT FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP
09	WIFI MASTER KEY	SHANGHAI LANTERN NETWORK
10	TENCENT VIDEO	TENCENT

RANKING OF MOBILE APPS BY NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS

#	APP NAME	DEVELOPER / COMPANY
01	FACEBOOK MESSENGER	FACEBOOK
02	FACEBOOK	FACEBOOK
03	WHATSAPP MESSENGER	FACEBOOK
04	INSTAGRAM	 FACEBOOK
05	SNAPCHAT	SNAP
06	UC BROWSER	ALIBABA GROUP
07	SHAREIT	SHAREIT
08	UBER	<i>App Annie</i> UBER TECHNOLOGIES
09	YOUTUBE	GOOGLE
10	IMO	IMO.IM

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GLOBAL MOBILE APP TRENDS

GLOBAL APP DOWNLOADS, AND THE VALUE OF THE GLOBAL MOBILE APP MARKET IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS, INCLUDING ANNUAL TRENDS

NUMBER OF MOBILE APPS
DOWNLOADED WORLDWIDE
IN 2017 (ALL PLATFORMS)



175
BILLION

ANNUAL GROWTH IN
THE NUMBER OF MOBILE
APPS DOWNLOADED



+60%

TOTAL VALUE OF GLOBAL
CONSUMER SPEND ON
MOBILE APPS IN 2017



\$86
BILLION

ANNUAL GROWTH IN VALUE
OF GLOBAL CONSUMER
SPEND ON MOBILE APPS



+105%

AVERAGE CONSUMER
SPEND ON MOBILE APPS
PER SMARTPHONE IN 2017




\$17.81

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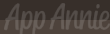
TOP MOBILE APP CATEGORY RANKINGS

RANKINGS OF TOP MOBILE APP CATEGORIES BY TOTAL DOWNLOADS AND ANNUAL REVENUE


iOS: 2017 DOWNLOADS

#	APP CATEGORY
01	GAMES
02	ENTERTAINMENT
03	PHOTO & VIDEO
04	UTILITIES
05	SOCIAL NETWORKING
06	SHOPPING
07	FINANCE 
08	LIFESTYLE
09	TRAVEL
10	EDUCATION


iOS: 2017 REVENUES

#	APP CATEGORY
01	GAMES
02	ENTERTAINMENT
03	SOCIAL NETWORKING
04	MUSIC
05	LIFESTYLE 
06	BOOKS
07	PHOTO & VIDEO
08	HEALTH & FITNESS
09	EDUCATION
10	PRODUCTIVITY

GOOGLE PLAY: 2017 DOWNLOADS

#	APP CATEGORY
01	GAMES 
02	TOOLS
03	ENTERTAINMENT
04	COMMUNICATION
05	PHOTOGRAPHY
06	SOCIAL
07	PRODUCTIVITY
08	MUSIC & AUDIO
09	SHOPPING
10	PERSONALISATION

GOOGLE PLAY: 2017 REVENUES

#	APP CATEGORY
01	GAMES 
02	SOCIAL
03	ENTERTAINMENT
04	COMMUNICATION
05	LIFESTYLE
06	PRODUCTIVITY
07	MUSIC & AUDIO
08	EDUCATION
09	HEALTH & FITNESS
10	DATING



GLOBAL E-COMMERCE USE

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OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL INCLUSION FACTORS

PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION AGED 15+ THAT REPORTS OWNING OR USING EACH FINANCIAL PRODUCT OR SERVICE

HAS A BANK
ACCOUNT



62%

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HAS A
CREDIT CARD



18%



MAKES AND / OR RECEIVES
MOBILE PAYMENTS VIA GSMA



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MAKES ONLINE PURCHASES
AND / OR PAYS BILLS ONLINE



17%

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN
WITH A CREDIT CARD



16%



PERCENTAGE OF MEN
WITH A CREDIT CARD



19%

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PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN
MAKING INTERNET PAYMENTS



16%



PERCENTAGE OF MEN
MAKING INTERNET PAYMENTS

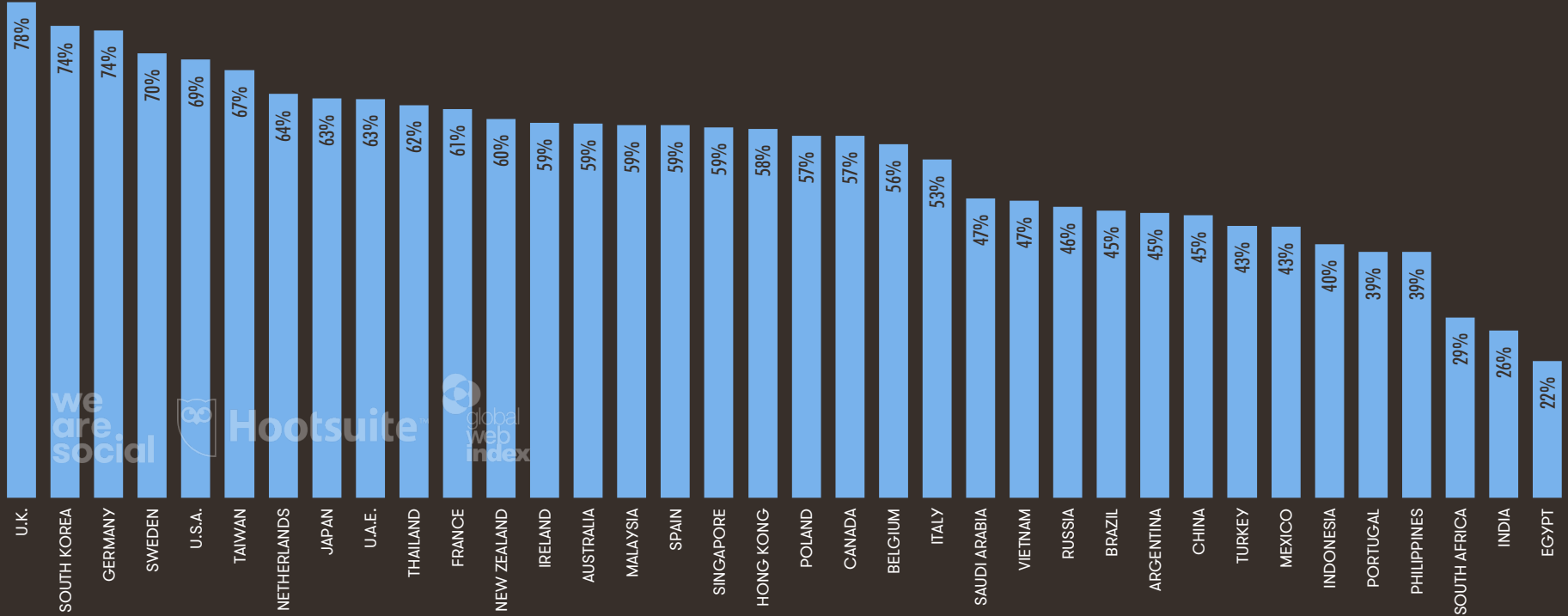


17%

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E-COMMERCE PENETRATION

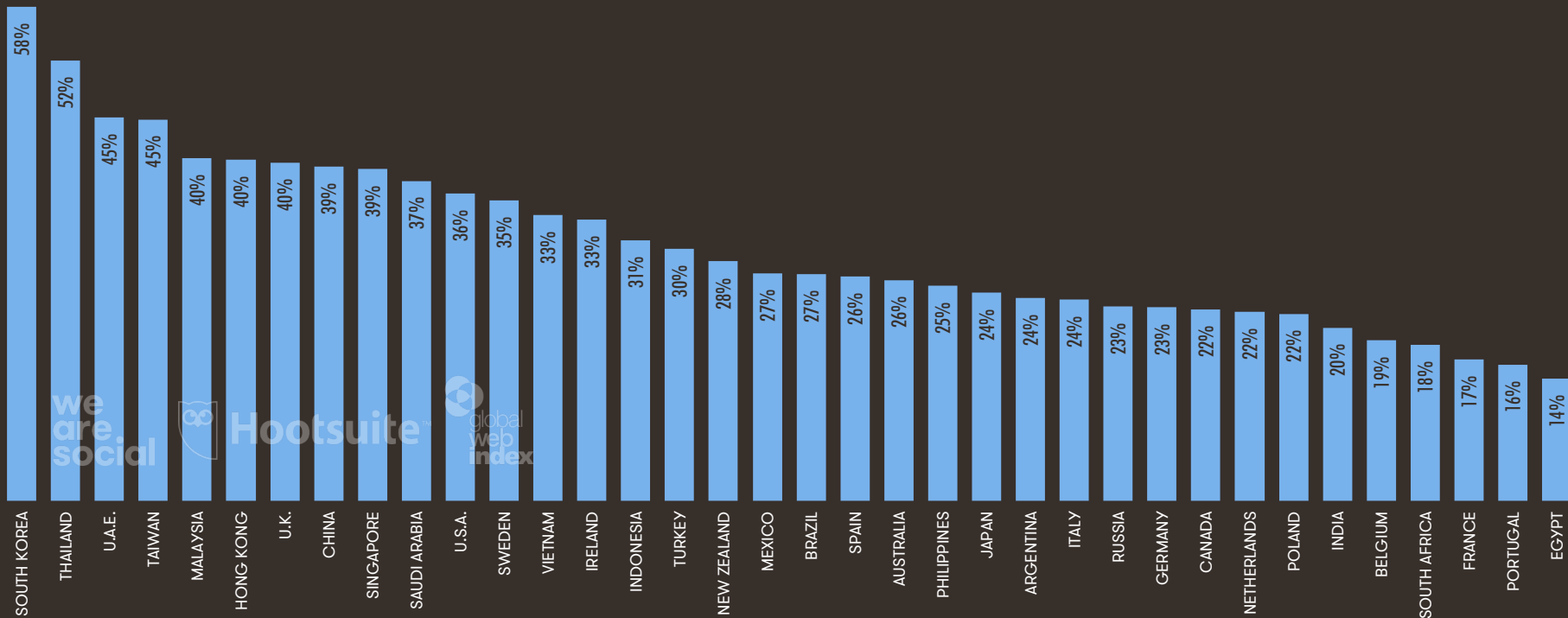
PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION WHO BOUGHT SOMETHING ONLINE VIA ANY DEVICE IN THE PAST MONTH [SURVEY-BASED]



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M-COMMERCE PENETRATION

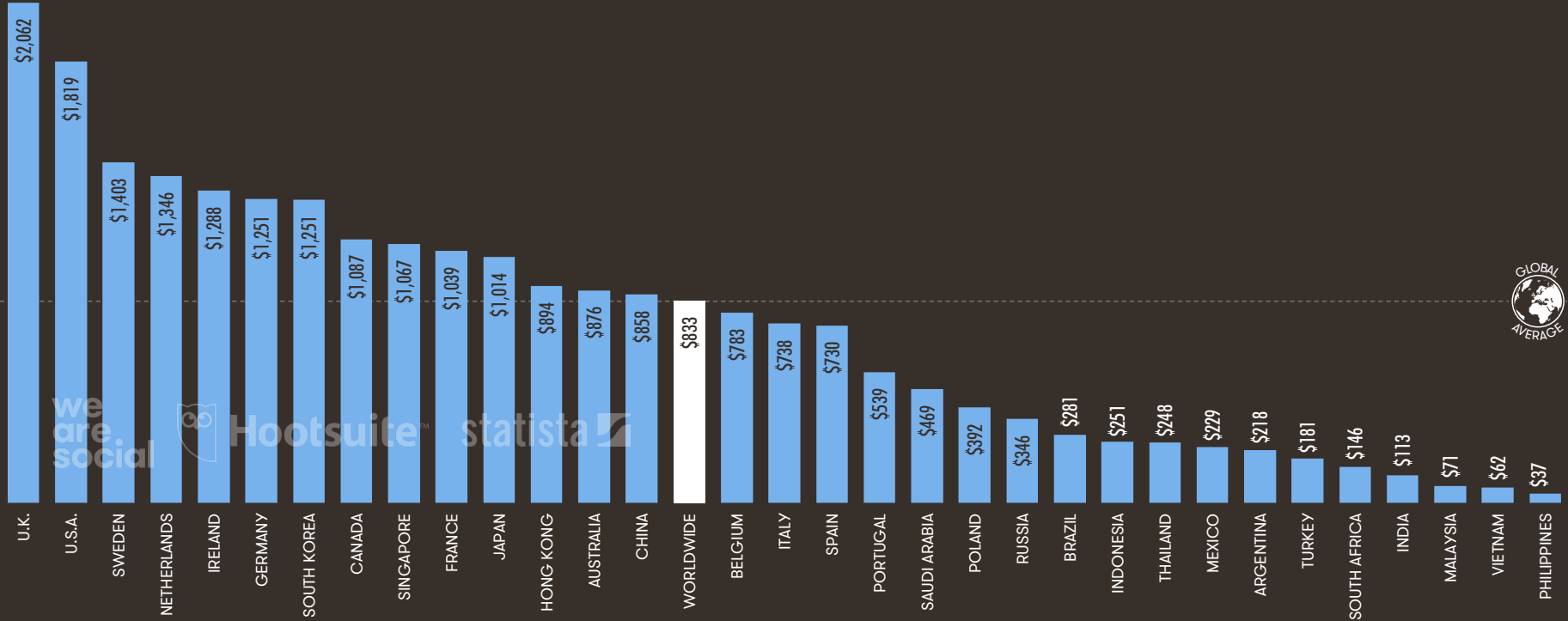
PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION WHO BOUGHT SOMETHING ONLINE VIA A PHONE IN THE PAST MONTH [SURVEY-BASED]



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E-COMMERCE ARPU: CONSUMER GOODS

AVERAGE AMOUNT SPENT ON E-COMMERCE PURCHASES BY EACH E-COMMERCE USER IN 2017, IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS



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GLOBAL E-COMMERCE SPEND BY CATEGORY

THE TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT SPENT ON CONSUMER E-COMMERCE CATEGORIES AROUND THE WORLD, IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS

FASHION
& BEAUTY



\$408.0
BILLION

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ELECTRONICS &
PHYSICAL MEDIA



\$359.4
BILLION

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FOOD &
PERSONAL CARE



\$139.8
BILLION



FURNITURE &
APPLIANCES



\$225.5
BILLION

TOYS, DIY
& HOBBIES



\$341.5
BILLION

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TRAVEL (INCLUDING
ACCOMMODATION)



\$212.7
BILLION



DIGITAL
MUSIC



\$11.2
BILLION

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VIDEO
GAMES



\$52.5
BILLION

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GLOBAL E-COMMERCE GROWTH BY CATEGORY

ANNUAL CHANGE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT ON CONSUMER E-COMMERCE CATEGORIES AROUND THE WORLD, IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS

FASHION
& BEAUTY



+18%

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ELECTRONICS &
PHYSICAL MEDIA



+12%

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FOOD &
PERSONAL CARE



+20%



FURNITURE &
APPLIANCES



+16%

TOYS, DIY
& HOBBIES



+17%

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TRAVEL (INCLUDING
ACCOMMODATION)



+13%



DIGITAL
MUSIC



+13%

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VIDEO
GAMES



+7%

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E-COMMERCE DETAIL: CONSUMER GOODS

AN OVERVIEW OF THE E-COMMERCE MARKET FOR CONSUMER GOODS, WITH VALUES IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE
PURCHASING CONSUMER
GOODS VIA E-COMMERCE



1.77
BILLION

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

+8%

PENETRATION OF CONSUMER
GOODS E-COMMERCE
(TOTAL POPULATION)



23%

VALUE OF THE CONSUMER
GOODS E-COMMERCE MARKET
(TOTAL ANNUAL SALES REVENUE)



\$1.474
TRILLION

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

+16%

AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE
PER USER OF CONSUMER
GOODS E-COMMERCE (ARPU)



\$833

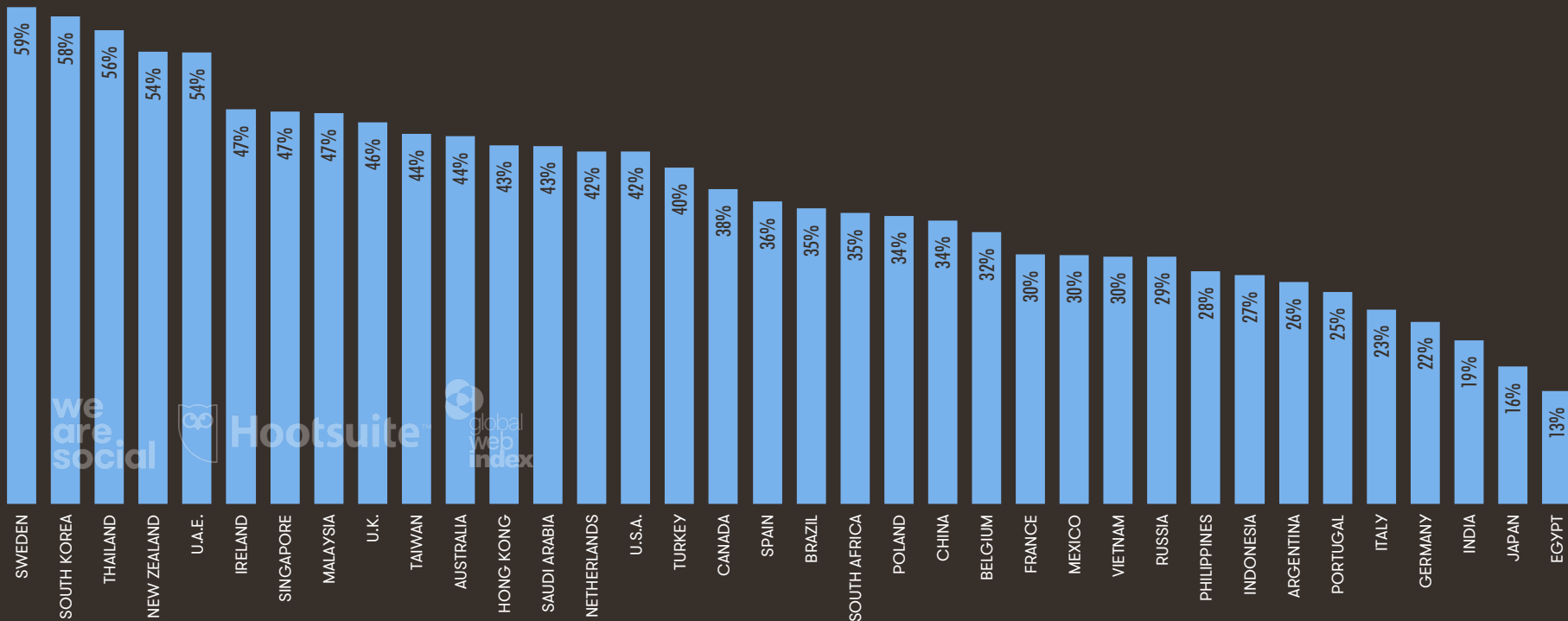
YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

+7%

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PENETRATION OF MOBILE BANKING

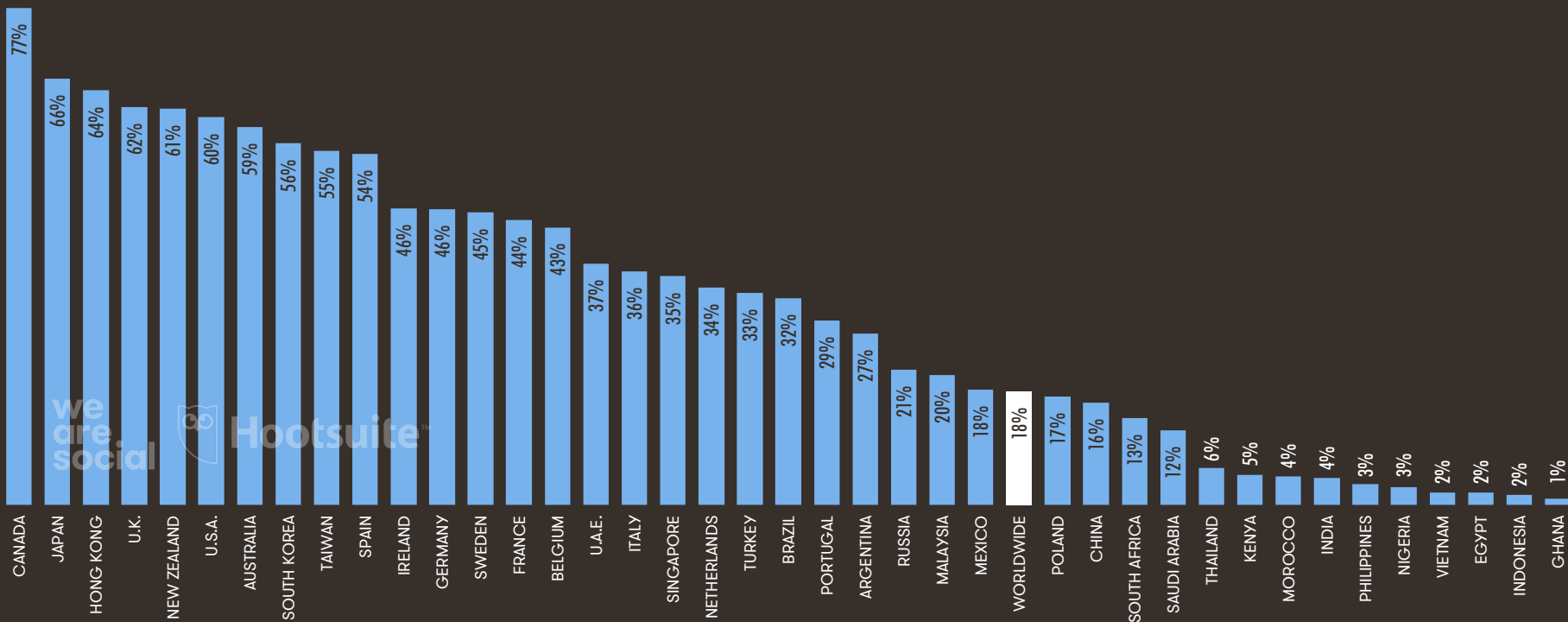
PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL POPULATION THAT ACCESSES BANKING SERVICES VIA A MOBILE DEVICE



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CREDIT CARD OWNERSHIP

THE PERCENTAGE OF ADULTS AGED 15+ WHO POSSESS A CREDIT CARD



HOOTSUITE'S PERSPECTIVE: E-COMMERCE THEMES



Prepare for **the shift from search to social**.

If your e-commerce product relies on SEO, build a strategy to account for brand discovery in social as well. In markets such as Latin America, social has already eclipsed search for product research. This behaviour increases with younger demographics.



Visual searches are on the rise. Products like Pinterest Lens use machine learning to aid in brand and product discovery. Social analytics companies are also expanding their brand monitoring tools to include visual searches, helping brands listen for more than textual chatter. As Pinterest's founder and CEO Ben Silbermann put it, "a lot of the future of search is going to be about pictures instead of keywords."

[Click here to download our 2018 Social Media Trends Toolkit](#) to align your strategy with the year's key social network and digital trends.

WE ARE SOCIAL'S ANALYSIS: SOCIAL COMMERCE

With online shoppers spending almost US\$1.5 trillion on consumer goods in 2017, the e-commerce opportunity is clear. However, by integrating social media into e-commerce offerings and solutions, brands stand an even greater chance of establishing trust and delivering the convenience that shoppers everywhere are looking for. Things to explore include:



SHOPPABLE ADS

Removing friction in the buyer's journey, and enabling people to start shopping from within the ad



MESSENGER SUPPORT

Offering the ability to chat live with a customer service agent, just like in a physical store – even if it's a bot



SOCIAL PAYMENTS

Integrated payment platforms within social apps will make it easier for people to pay with confidence



OMNICHANNEL

Integrating all of these opportunities within physical stores too, making it as easy as possible for people to buy

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AFGHANISTAN	BULGARIA	ECUADOR	HAITI	LIBYA	NETHERLANDS	ST LUCIA	TANZANIA
ALBANIA	BURKINA FASO	EGYPT	HONDURAS	LIECHTENSTEIN	NEW CALEDONIA	ST MARTIN	THAILAND
ALGERIA	BURUNDI	EL SALVADOR	HONG KONG	LITHUANIA	NEW ZEALAND	ST PIERRE & MIQUELON	TIMOR-LESTE
AMERICAN SAMOA	CABO VERDE	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	HUNGARY	LUXEMBOURG	NICARAGUA	ST VINCENT, GRENADINES	TOGO
ANDORRA	CAMBODIA	ERITREA	ICELAND	MACAU	NIGER	SAMOA	TOKELAU
ANGOLA	CAMEROON	ESTONIA	INDIA	TFYR MACEDONIA	NIGERIA	SAN MARINO	TONGA
ANGUILLA	CANADA	ETHIOPIA	INDONESIA	MADAGASCAR	NIUE	SÃO TOMÉ & PRÍNCIPE	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	CAYMAN IS.	FAROE IS.	IRAN	MALAWI	NORFOLK IS.	SAUDI ARABIA	TUNISIA
ARGENTINA	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.	FALKLAND IS.	IRAQ	MALAYSIA	NORTHERN MARIANA IS.	SENEGAL	TURKEY
ARMENIA	CHAD	FIJI	IRELAND	MALDIVES	NORWAY	SERBIA	TURKMENISTAN
ARUBA	CHILE	FINLAND	ISLE OF MAN	MALI	OMAN	SEYCHELLES	TURKS & CAICOS IS.
AUSTRALIA	CHINA	FRANCE	ISRAEL	MALTA	PAKISTAN	SIERRA LEONE	TUVALU
AUSTRIA	CHRISTMAS IS.	FRENCH GUIANA	ITALY	MARSHALL IS.	PALAU	SINGAPORE	UGANDA
AZERBAIJAN	COCOS IS.	FRENCH POLYNESIA	JAMAICA	MARTINIQUE	PALESTINE	ST MAARTEN	UKRAINE
BAHAMAS	COLOMBIA	GABON	JAPAN	MAURITANIA	PANAMA	SLOVAKIA	U.A.E.
BAHRAIN	COMOROS	GAMBIA	JERSEY	MAURITIUS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	SLOVENIA	U.K.
BANGLADESH	CONGO, DEM. REP.	GEORGIA	JORDAN	MAYOTTE	PARAGUAY	SOLOMON IS.	U.S.A.
BARBADOS	CONGO, REP.	GERMANY	KAZAKHSTAN	MEXICO	PERU	SOMALIA	URUGUAY
BELARUS	COOK IS.	GHANA	KENYA	MICRONESIA	PHILIPPINES	SOUTH AFRICA	UZBEKISTAN
BELGIUM	COSTA RICA	GIBRALTAR	KIRIBATI	MOLDOVA	POLAND	SOUTH SUDAN	VANUATU
BELIZE	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	GREECE	KOREA, NORTH	MONACO	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	VENEZUELA
BENIN	CROATIA	GREENLAND	KOREA, SOUTH	MONGOLIA	PUERTO RICO	SRI LANKA	VIETNAM
BERMUDA	CUBA	GRENADA	KOSOVO	MONTENEGRO	QATAR	SUDAN	BRITISH VIRGIN IS.
BHUTAN	CURAÇAO	GUADELOUPE	KUWAIT	MONTSERRAT	RÉUNION	SURINAME	U.S. VIRGIN IS.
BOLIVIA	CYPRUS	GUAM	KYRGYZSTAN	MOROCCO	ROMANIA	SWAZILAND	WALLIS & FUTUNA
BONAIRE, ST EUSTATIUS, SABA	CZECH REP.	GUATEMALA	LAOS	MOZAMBIQUE	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	WESTERN SAHARA
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	DENMARK	GUERNSEY	LATVIA	MYANMAR	RWANDA	SWITZERLAND	YEMEN
BOTSWANA	DJIBOUTI	GUINEA	LEBANON	NAMIBIA	ST BARTHÉLEMY	SYRIA	ZAMBIA
BRAZIL	DOMINICA	GUINEA-BISSAU	LESOTHO	NAURU	ST HELENA	TAIWAN	ZIMBABWE



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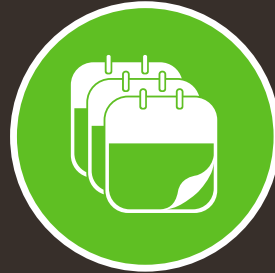
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78% OF GLOBAL
INTERNET POPULATION



50 DIGITAL
ECONOMIES



90% OF WORLDWIDE
ECONOMIC POWER



MORE THAN 30,000
INTERACTIVE STATISTICS

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*GlobalWebIndex manages a panel of more than 18 million connected consumers, collecting data every quarter across 40 countries around the world, and representing 90% of the global internet population. Visit <http://www.globalwebindex.net> for more details.

**Google's Consumer Barometer polls a nationally representative total population (online & offline) aged 16+ in each country surveyed except in Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Vietnam, and the USA, where the sample base is aged 18+. For more details, visit <http://www.consumerbarometer.com/>.

NOTES ON DATA VARIANCE, MISMATCHES, AND CURIOSITIES

This report uses data from a wide variety of sources, including market research agencies, internet and social media companies, governments and public bodies, news media, journalists, and our own internal analysis.

Wherever possible, we've prioritised data sources that provide broader geographical coverage, in order to minimise the potential variations between data points, and offer more reliable comparison across countries. However, where we believe that an individual metric provides a more reliable reference, we've used such individual numbers to ensure the most accurate reporting.

Furthermore, due to differing data collection and preparation methodologies used by these organisations, as well as the different sample periods during which the data were collected, there may be significant differences in the reported metrics for similar data points throughout this report.

In particular, data collected via surveys often vary from one report to another, even if those data have been collected by the same

organisation using the same methodology and approach in each wave.

Similarly, reports of internet user numbers vary considerably between different sources, due to the complex nature of collecting this data. In part, this is because there are fewer commercial imperatives for governments and regulators to collect and publish regular internet user data compared to, for example, the regular user number updates published by social media companies, who depend on such data to sell their products and services.

However, the latest user numbers published by these companies can be a useful proxy for the number of internet users in countries where no other reliable data are available, because all active social media users must have an active internet connection in order to access social media.

Because of this, on occasion, we've used the latest monthly active user data from social media companies to inform our internet user numbers, especially in less-developed economies, where 'official' internet user

numbers are published less frequently. As a result, there are a number of countries in this report where the number of social media users equals the number of internet users.

It's unlikely that 100 percent of internet users in any given country will use the same social media platform though, so in cases where internet and social media user numbers are the same, it's likely that the actual number of internet users will be higher than the number we've reported.

Lastly, in some instances in this year's report, metrics may have decreased year-on-year due to corrections in the source data, actual declines in user numbers, and changes in the primary data source we've used in our reporting due to reasons such as increased reliability, or the non-availability of updated numbers from previous providers.

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