



Verisign Reports Internet Has 354.0 Million Domain Name Registrations at the End of the First Quarter of 2023

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RESTON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 8, 2023-- VeriSign, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRSN), a global provider of domain name registry services and internet infrastructure, today announced that the first quarter of 2023 closed with 354.0 million domain name registrations across all top-level domains (TLDs), an increase of 3.5 million domain name registrations, or 1.0%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2022.^{1,2} Domain name registrations also increased by 3.5 million, or 1.0%, year over year.^{1,2}

The .com and .net TLDs had a combined total of 174.8 million domain name registrations in the domain name base³ at the end of the first quarter of 2023, an increase of 1.0 million domain name registrations, or 0.6%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2022. The .com and .net TLDs had a combined increase of 0.1 million domain name registrations, or 0.1%, year over year. As of March 31, 2023, the .com domain name base totaled 161.6 million domain name registrations, and the .net domain name base totaled 13.2 million domain name registrations.

New .com and .net domain name registrations totaled 10.3 million at the end of the first quarter of 2023, compared to 10.2 million domain name registrations at the end of the first quarter of 2022.

Total country-code TLD (ccTLD) domain name registrations were 135.7 million at the end of the first quarter of 2023, an increase of 2.6 million domain name registrations, or 2.0%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2022.^{1,2} ccTLDs increased by 2.3 million domain name registrations, or 1.7%, year over year. The top 10 ccTLDs, as of March 31, 2023, were .cn, .de, .uk, .nl, .ru, .br, .au, .fr, .eu, and .it.^{1,2} This issue of the *Domain Name Industry Brief* includes a correction to the March 2023 issue, which incorrectly reported the number of domain name registrations in the .eu ccTLD.² This was the result of a one-time error in the .eu domain name registration data, provided by ZookNIC, which has since been resolved.

Verisign publishes *The Domain Name Industry Brief* to provide internet users throughout the world with statistical and analytical research and data on the domain name industry. *The Domain Name Industry Brief* for the first quarter 2023, as well as previous briefs, can be obtained at [Verisign.com/DNIB](https://www.verisign.com/DNIB).

About Verisign

Verisign, a global provider of domain name registry services and internet infrastructure, enables internet navigation for many of the world's most recognized domain names. Verisign enables the security, stability, and resiliency of key internet infrastructure and services, including providing root zone maintainer services, operating two of the 13 global internet root servers, and providing registration services and authoritative resolution for the .com and .net top-level domains, which support the majority of global e-commerce. To learn more about what it means to be Powered by Verisign, please visit [Verisign.com](https://www.verisign.com).

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¹ All figure(s) exclude domain names in the .tk, .cf, .ga, .gq, and .ml ccTLDs. Quarterly and year-over-year trends have been calculated relative to historical figures that have also been adjusted to exclude these five ccTLDs. For further information, please see the Editor's Note contained in [Vol. 19, Issue 1 of The Domain Name Industry Brief](#).

² The generic TLD, ngTLD and ccTLD data cited in the brief: (i) includes ccTLD internationalized domain names, (ii) is an estimate as of the time the brief was developed and (iii) is subject to change as more complete data is received. Some numbers in the brief may reflect standard rounding.

³ The domain name base is the active zone plus the number of domain names that are registered but not configured for use in the respective TLD zone file plus the number of domain names that are in a client or server hold status. The .com and .net domain name registration figures are as reported in Verisign's most recent SEC filings.

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