

Gartner Lowers PC Forecast for 2008

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Worldwide PC shipments may total 293 million units in 2008 (up 10.9%) but Gartner if global economic “headwinds” could push growth down to single digits.

Mobile PCs exhibit strong momentum, emerging-market growth is robust, and desk-based PC replacements start to stir. However, a deepening U.S. recession, possibility of a sharp slowdown in China's economy after the Beijing Olympics, and higher prices of oil mean global PC shipments face increasing economic “headwinds.”

Gartner says mobile PC shipments will gain additional momentum as “affordable” mobile PCs (price points once thought impossible for mobile PCs) become more widely available.

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