



Dear Decision-maker,

For over a decade, SES has provided strategic research, executive counsel and innovative solutions to Canada's leading decision-makers. As part of a process of tracking public opinion and business trends, the firm launched *The SES Web Entrepreneurship Survey* in early 1999.

Having timely and accurate data on emerging on-line business trends is critical to corporate and government decision-makers involved in the Internet. Conducted annually by telephone, *The Web Entrepreneurship Survey* identifies opportunities as well as assists subscribers in understanding the perceptions of small businesses as they relate to commercialization of the Internet.

With a final sample target of 1,000 businesses, *The SES Web Entrepreneurship Survey* is among Canada's most significant research benchmarks on small businesses and the Internet. The margin of accuracy of the survey is  $\pm 3.1\%$ , 19 times out of 20. Validation of the profile of respondents and of small businesses across Canada, indicate that the results are a fair representation of opinion for the target group.

If you have any questions about your data table, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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## 7.0 INTERNET & E-COMMERCE ACTIVITIES

**TABLE 10**

**E-MAIL**

Now I'm going to read you a list of Internet services and activities. I'd like you to tell me whether your business is already engaged in or is currently planning to use them. (Businesses not engaged in the activities were also asked whether they would consider the service or activity.)

	<b>E-Mail</b>	
	<b>%</b>	
<b>All Business Respondents</b>	57	
<b>All Business Internet Users</b>		
Engaged	93	
Planning	2	
Consider	2	
Neither planning nor considering	3	
<b>Business Internet Users Not Engaged</b>		
Planning	22	
Consider	27	
Neither planning nor considering	50	
<b>All Business Internet Non-users</b>		
Planning	19	
Consider	20	
Not consider	61	
<b>BUSINESSES USING THE INTERNET</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>E-mail Use by Region</b>		
West	94	6
Ontario	97	3
Quebec	89	11
Atlantic	97	3
<b>E-mail Use by Number of Employees</b>		
4 or less	92	8
5 to 9	92	8
10 to 24	95	4
25 to 49	96	4
<b>E-mail Use by Years in Business</b>		
Less than 1 year	92	8
1 to 4 years	98	2
5 to 9 years	93	7
10 years or more	92	8
<b>E-mail Use by Respondent Age</b>		
18 to 29	91	8
30 to 39	94	6
40 to 49	95	5
50 to 59	96	4
60 plus	83	17
<b>E-mail Use by Respondent Gender</b>		
Female	93	7
Male	94	6