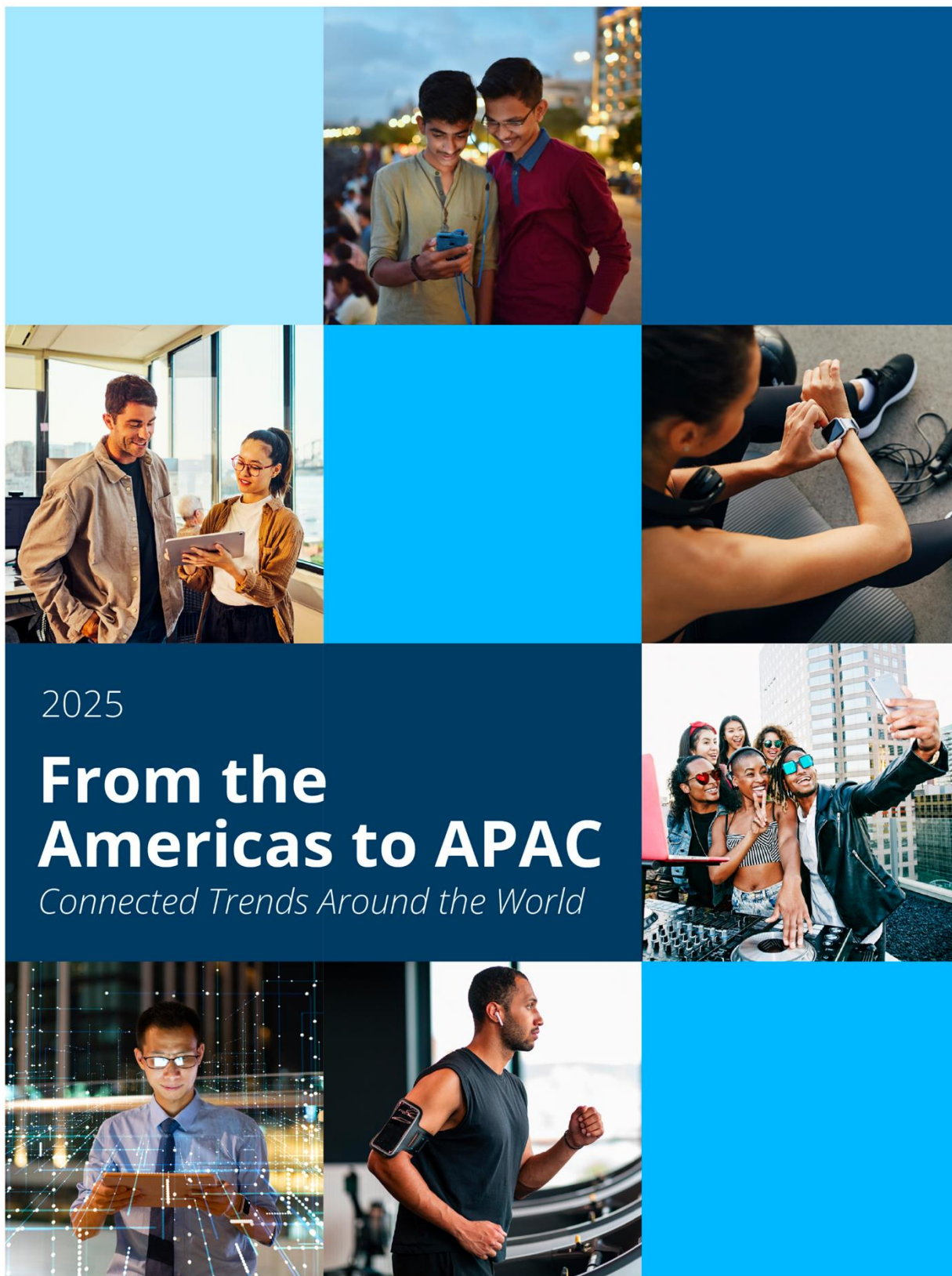




Foreword

By Federico Bunge, President, International at Assurant

Global trends in Connected Technology and Assurant's role in an evolving ecosystem.

At Assurant, we closely monitor global trends in connected technology—such as 5G and artificial intelligence—to identify strategic opportunities that drive growth for our partners in the connected lifestyle ecosystem. As these technologies reshape consumer behavior, our insights become essential for mobile operators, retailers, manufacturers, and service providers.

Our Connected Decade 2025 study covers nine key markets in the Americas, Europe, and Asia-Pacific: Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Australia, South Korea, Japan, India, Germany, and the United Kingdom. This analysis reveals common patterns and significant differences in technology adoption, highlighting concrete opportunities to add value through support, protection, service, and sustainability solutions.

Consumers in India lead in connectivity with an average of 12.9 connected devices, followed by Mexico (10.7) and Brazil (10.4). Interest in acquiring new smart technology is high across all countries, with India (97%), Mexico (95%), and Brazil (93%) leading the way. However, this connectivity also brings challenges: 91% of Indian and Mexican consumers report difficulty connecting new devices to Wi-Fi, underscoring the need for reliable technical support solutions.

Perceptions of AI's future impact vary widely: while 74% of Indians view it positively, only 25% of Canadians share this view. Still, awareness of AI integration in devices is high across all markets, exceeding 85% in most countries.

In this context, Assurant positions itself as a strategic partner that helps brands overcome barriers to technological adoption. We do this through device protection programs, advanced technical support, and trade-in and refurbishment solutions that not only improve the customer experience but also promote sustainability. In fact, by 2024, we reused more than 185 million devices globally.

Consumers increasingly value extended warranties, on-demand technical support, and the environmental benefits of refurbished devices. In markets like Mexico, 42% show high interest in this option, while in South Korea and Germany, interest is also growing, especially among younger generations.

This report offers a comprehensive view of consumer attitudes and expectations around connected technology. We invite our partners to explore these findings and work with us to design solutions that drive adoption, strengthen customer loyalty, and generate a positive impact on both business and the planet.

Federico Bunge
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Research Methodology

Survey included a representative sample of 1,000 smartphone owners per country (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Japan, India, Mexico, South Korea and UK). Response data captured using online surveys in January 2025.

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8.1

Average number of connected devices owned

The **Essential Role** of
Connected Devices
in daily living

83%

Smartphones

51%

Laptop

46%

Internet-connected TV

31%

Desktop computer

30%

Headphones

**84%**Plan to buy a
5G / AI new
smartphone**68%**Plan to purchase
new smart technology in
the next year**50%**Of consumers are more
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device if it comes with
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T2B: Extremely + Very Interested

70%

Who are interested

Yet, this journey often encounters **difficulties and pain points** consumers experience when purchasing and using connected technology.

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Looking ahead, the future of this connection hinges on assessing consumer AI literacy and their anticipated **future impact of the technology on their lives**.

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80%

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51%

Laptop

48%

Internet-connected TV

32%

Desktop computer

30%

Tablet or eReader

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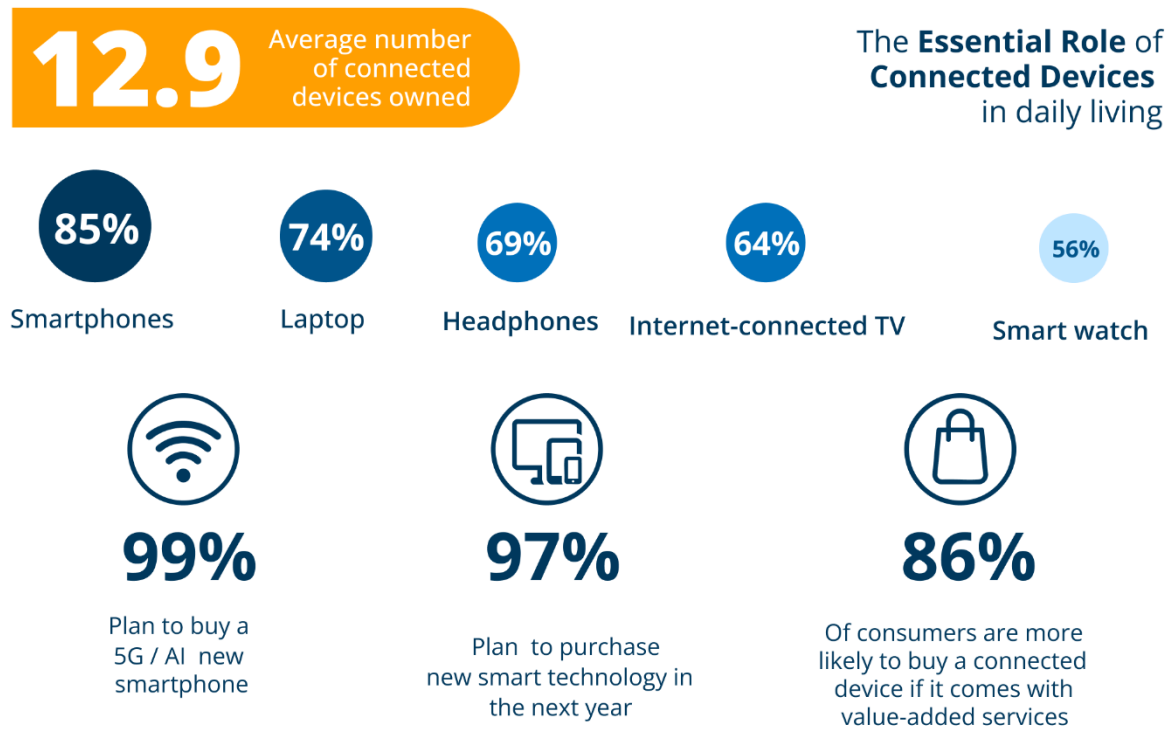
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74%

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