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According to Gartner global server shipments are up by 2.4% Y-o-Y in Q2 2017, reaching 2.8 million units, while revenues total \$13.9bn, a 2.8% Y-o-Y increase.

Table 1
Worldwide: Server Vendor Revenue Estimates, 2Q17 (U.S. Dollars)

	2Q17	2Q17 Market	2Q16	2Q16 Market	2Q17-2Q16
Company	Revenue	Share (%)	Revenue	Share (%)	Growth (%)
HPE	3,204,569,547	23.0	3,536,530,453	26.1	-9.4
Dell EMC	2,776,347,626	19.9	2,594,180,873	19.1	7.0
IBM	963,279,264	6.9	1,226,947,968	9.1	-21.5
Cisco	866,450,000	6.2	858,924,000	6.3	0.9
Huawei	845,543,611	6.1	535,946,936	4.0	57.8
Others	5,281,754,345	37.9	4,801,420,134	35.4	10.0
Total	13,937,944,394	100.0	13,553,950,355	100.0	2.8

Source: Gartner (September 2017)

"Q2 2017 produced some growth compared with the Q1 on a global level, with varying regional results," the analyst says. "The growth for the quarter is attributable to 2 main factors. The first is strong regional performance in Asia/Pacific because of data center infrastructure build-outs, mostly in China. The second is ongoing hyperscale data center growth that is exhibited in the self-build/ODM (original design manufacturer) segment."

In terms of different technologies, x86 server shipments are up by 2.5% Y-o-Y while revenues

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are up by 6.9%. RISK/Itanium Unix servers are down by -21.4% in shipments and -24.9% in revenues, and the "other" CPU category (primarily mainframes) shows -29.5% revenue decline.

Table 2
Worldwide: Server Vendor Shipments Estimates, 2Q17 (Units)

	2Q17	2Q17 Market	2Q16	2Q16 Market	2Q17-2Q16
Company	Shipments	Share (%)	Shipments	Share (%)	Growth (%)
Dell EMC	492,854	17.5	529,135	19.2	-6.9
HPE	483,203	17.1	529,488	19.2	-8.7
Huawei	176,426	6.2	139,866	5.1	26.1
Inspur Electronics	158,373	5.6	120,417	4.4	31.5
Lenovo	145,655	5.2	235,267	8.5	-38.1
Others	1,367,176	48.4	1,203,525	43.6	13.6
Total	2,823,688	100.0	2,757,698	100.0	2.4

Source: Gartner (September 2017)

HPE leads the market in the revenue rankings, since despite a -9.4% Y-o-Y decline it posts revenues worth \$3.2bn, giving it a 23% share of the Q2 2017 market. Dell EMC maintains 2nd position with 7% growth and 19.9% market share, followed by IBM and its -23.5% revenue decline. Huawei experiences the highest revenue growth of the quarter with 57.8%.

In server shipments Dell EMC comes 1st with 17.5% market share. HPE is 2nd with 17.1% share, followed by Huawei at 6.2%. 4th placing Inspur Electronics sees the highest shipment growth with 31.5% Y-o-Y, followed by Huawei with 26.1% growth.

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