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International Data Corporation’s (IDC) Worldwide Quarterly Wearable Device Tracker reported that wearable shipments totaled 21.0 million units in Q3’15, up 195.8% from the 7.1 million units shipped in Q3’14, according to its own release. The two basic product lines target fitness tracking and smartphone functionality. An average smart watch costs a little over $400. IDC noted that China has emerged as the fastest-growing wearables market.

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