The 2000s

The human genome is read, and the internet goes into every pocket.

The genome was sequenced, the smartphone was born, and the cost of reading DNA began to fall faster than the cost of computing.

What rose

2001–03. The Human Genome Project publishes a draft, then a finished sequence of the human genome. Source: Human Genome Project

2004. Graphene is isolated in Manchester. Source: Graphene

2004. Spirit and Opportunity land on Mars. Source: Mars Exploration Rover

2007. The iPhone is released. Source: iPhone (1st generation)

2008. SpaceX's Falcon 1 becomes the first privately developed liquid-fuel rocket to reach orbit. Source: Falcon 1

What fell or stalled

The 2008 financial crisis caused the deepest recession in the West since the 1930s. Source: 2008 financial crisis

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