

Topline questionnaire: Teens survey

2023 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S TEENS SURVEY
 SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 23, 2023
 TEENS AGES 13-17 N=1,453

THE QUESTION PRESENTED BELOW IS PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON IPSOS KNOWLEDGE PANEL. OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SURVEY HAVE BEEN RELEASED OR ARE BEING HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. teens ages 13-17	1,453	+/- 3.2 percentage points

ASK ALL:

TEENSPBH When it comes to people your age using a smartphone, do you think there are generally... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023

70	More benefits than harms
30	More harms than benefits
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

SPEFFECTS Do you think that using smartphones makes it easier or harder for people your age to... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR HALF 1-5 OR 5-1]**

	A lot harder	A little harder	Neither easier nor harder	A little easier	A lot easier	No answer
a. Learn good social skills Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	14	27	27	20	10	1
b. Be creative Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	3	10	21	34	31	1
c. Pursue their hobbies and interests Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	4	9	18	33	36	1
d. Do well in school Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	6	17	30	26	19	1
e. Develop healthy friendships Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	10	21	31	24	12	1

ASK IF SMARTPHONE USER (DEVICEa=1) [N=1,389]:

NSPFEEL When you do not have your smartphone with you, how often do you feel...
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Anxious Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	11	36	30	23	*
b.	Peaceful Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	26	50	16	7	1
c.	Upset Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	7	35	35	23	*
d.	Happy Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	34	44	15	7	*
e.	Lonely Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	8	33	32	27	*

NSPFEEL BASED ON ALL TEENS:

		<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Does not have a smartphone</u>	<u>No answer to DEVICEa</u>	<u>No answer to NSPFEEL</u>
a.	Anxious Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	10	34	29	22	4	*	*
b.	Peaceful Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	25	47	15	7	4	*	1
c.	Upset Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	7	33	33	22	4	*	*
d.	Happy Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	32	42	14	7	4	*	*
e.	Lonely Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	8	31	30	26	4	*	*

DISPLAY TO ALL:

For the following questions, please think about your parent who took this survey before you.

ASK IF SMARTPHONE USER (DEVICEa=1) [N=1,389]:

TPARSPM As far as you know, does your parent ever look through your smartphone?

Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023

45	Yes, they do this
45	No, they do not this
10	Not sure
*	No answer

TPARSPM BASED ON ALL TEENS:

Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023

43	Yes, they do this
42	No, they do not this
9	Not sure
4	Does not have a smartphone
*	No answer to DEVICEa
*	No answer to TPARSPM

ASK IF SMARTPHONE USER (DEVICEa=1) [N=1,389]:

TPSPARGU How often do you and your parent argue about the amount of time you spend on your smartphone?

Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023

11	Often
29	Sometimes
28	Rarely
33	Never
*	No answer

TPSPARGU BASED ON ALL TEENS:

Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023

10	Often
28	Sometimes
26	Rarely
31	Never
4	Does not have a smartphone
*	No answer to DEVICEa
*	No answer to TPSPARGU

ASK ALL:

TPSPDIST How often is your parent distracted by their smartphone when you are trying to have a conversation with them?

Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023

8	Often
38	Sometimes
31	Rarely
21	Never
1	My parent does not have a smartphone
1	No answer

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DEVTIME & SMTIME]**ASK IF SMARTPHONE USER (DEVICEa=1):**

DEVTIME Overall, would you say the amount of time you spend on the following is...
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. ITEM A HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE				
b. ASK SMARTPHONE USERS (DEVICEa=1) [N=1,389]: Your smartphone				
<u>Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023</u>	40	6	54	*

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DEVTIME & SMTIME]**ASK ALL:**

SMTIME Overall, would you say the amount of time you spend on social media is... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS TO MATCH DEVTIME]**

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27	Too much
8	Too little
64	About right
1	No answer

April 14-May 4, 2022

36
8
55
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ASK ALL:

TCUTBACK Have you ever chosen to cut back on the amount of time you spend on the following?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	<u>Yes, I have done this</u>	<u>No, I have not done this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Your smartphone			
<u>Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023</u>	36	63	1
b. Social media			
<u>Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023</u>	39	60	1
c. ITEM C HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE			