

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
SURVEY OF TEENS AGES 13-17  
FINAL TOPLINE  
September 17 – November 25, 2018**

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Teens ages 13-17	<b>Sample Size</b> 920	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b> +/- 4.8% points
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**ASK ALL:****GOALS**

Here are some things that people may value in their lives. In looking ahead, how important, if at all, would each of the following be to you personally as an adult?

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Having a lot of money Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	18	33	39	8	2	*
b. Having a job or career you enjoy Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	63	32	4	1	*	*
c. Getting married Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	20	27	30	17	6	*
d. Having children Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	16	23	31	22	8	0
e. Becoming famous Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	5	6	18	43	28	0
f. Helping other people who are in need Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	42	39	17	1	*	*

**ASK ALL:****DAILYLIFE**

Thinking about your own life, how often do you...? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Every day</u>	<u>Almost every day</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Feel tense or nervous about your day Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	13	16	45	18	7	0
<i>Trend for comparison:</i> Dec 3-18, 1996 <sup>1</sup>	8	17	40	23	12	*

<sup>1</sup> The 1996 survey was conducted by Public Agenda Foundation by telephone and included youth ages 12 to 17. The trends shown in this topline for items a-h are based only on those ages 13 to 17. The question read, "Now I'm going to describe some things and ask how often you experience them. How often do you ...? Every day, almost every day, sometimes, almost never, or never?"

**DAILY LIFE CONTINUED...**

	<u>Every day</u>	<u>Almost every day</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
b. Feel bored						
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	17	22	44	11	5	*
<i>Trend for comparison:</i>						
Dec 3-18, 1996	19	21	36	19	6	0
c. Come across people who try to put you down						
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	10	15	38	26	11	*
<i>Trend for comparison:</i>						
Dec 3-18, 1996	14	16	32	28	10	*
d. Wish you had more good friends						
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	13	16	41	19	12	0
<i>Trend for comparison:</i>						
Dec 3-18, 1996	15	10	27	24	24	*
e. Get excited by something you study in school						
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	9	18	52	15	6	*
<i>Trend for comparison:</i>						
Dec 3-18, 1996	7	17	45	19	11	*
f. Get a hug or kiss from your parents						
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	36	24	27	8	6	*
<i>Trend for comparison:</i>						
Dec 3-18, 1996	45	21	22	7	6	0
g. Get into an argument with your parents						
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	5	14	40	30	11	0
<i>Trend for comparison:</i>						
Dec 3-18, 1996	8	14	44	25	9	*
h. Get help or advice from your parents with homework or school projects						
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	11	20	46	14	8	*
<i>Trend for comparison:</i>						
Dec 3-18, 1996	23	25	31	11	9	*
i. Worry about your family having enough money for basic expenses						
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	12	12	35	22	19	*
j. Get in trouble at school						
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	3	4	17	36	40	0

**DAILYLIFE CONTINUED...**

	<u>Every day</u>	<u>Almost every day</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
k. Feel targeted by law enforcement						
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	3	4	16	22	54	*

**ASK ALL:**

TEENPLANS Which of the following comes closest to what you plan to do after you finish high school?

Sept 17-  
Nov 25, 2018

59	Attend a four-year college
12	Attend a two-year college
4	Enroll in a technical or vocational school
5	Work full-time
3	Join the military
13	Not sure
4	Other (specify)
*	No answer

**ASK IF PLANNING TO ATTEND COLLEGE (TEENPLANS=1,2) [N=658]:**

AFFORDCOL How much, if at all, do you worry about being able to afford college?

Sept 17-  
Nov 25, 2018

28	A lot
36	Some
28	Not too much
8	Not at all
*	No answer

**ASK IF PLANNING TO ATTEND A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE (TEENPLANS=1) [N=563]:**

GETINTOCOL How much, if at all, do you worry about getting into the college of your choice?

Sept 17-  
Nov 25, 2018

32	A lot
37	Some
21	Not too much
8	Not at all
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

TEENPROB

Thinking about people your age in the community where you live...  
How much, if at all, do you think each of the following is a problem among people your age in your community? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Major problem among people your age</u>	<u>Minor problem among people your age</u>	<u>Not a problem among people your age</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Bullying				
Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	55	35	10	*

**TEENPROB CONTINUED...**

	Major problem among people <u>your age</u>	Minor problem among people <u>your age</u>	Not a problem among people <u>your age</u>	<u>No answer</u>
b. Anxiety and depression Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	70	26	4	*
c. Drug addiction Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	51	35	13	1
d. Drinking alcohol Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	45	39	16	*
e. Gangs Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	33	38	29	1
f. Poverty Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	40	47	13	*
g. Teen pregnancy Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	34	44	21	*

**ASK ALL:**TEENPRES How much pressure, if any, do you personally feel to... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Get good grades Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	61	27	8	4	*
b. Fit in socially Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	28	39	19	14	*
c. Be good at sports Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	21	32	22	24	*
d. Be involved in extracurricular activities Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	21	39	25	14	1
e. Use drugs Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	4	11	19	66	1
f. Drink alcohol Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	6	10	19	65	1
g. Be sexually active Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	8	13	26	53	1
h. Look good Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	29	37	21	11	1
i. Help your family financially Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	13	21	23	42	1

**TEENPRES CONTINUED...**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
j. Participate in religious activities Sept 17-Nov 25, 2018	8	23	32	36	1

**ASK IF LIVE WITH AT LEAST ONE PARENT (HOUSEHOLDA=1 OR HOUSEHOLDB=1) [N=857]:<sup>2</sup>**

TIMEWPAR Thinking about the time you spend with your **[IF HOUSEHOLDA=1 AND HOUSEHOLDB = 1: parents; IF HOUSEHOLDA=1 AND HOUSEHOLDB NE 1: mother; IF HOUSEHOLDB=1 AND HOUSEHOLDA NE 1: father]...**

In general, do you think you spend...

**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Sept 17- <u>Nov 25, 2018</u>	
9	Too much time together
25	Too little time together
65	The right amount of time
1	No answer

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<sup>2</sup> This question was not shown to 25 respondents due to a programming error. An additional 38 respondents were not shown this question because they do not live with at least one parent.

**2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 38 SEPTEMBER  
FINAL TOPLINE  
SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 7, 2018  
TOTAL N=10,682**

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	<b>Sample Size</b>	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b>
Parents with children ages 12-17 in household	1,344	+/- 4.3% points

**ASK ALL ADULTS WHO ARE PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 12-17 IN HH (S\_PARENT1217=1)  
[N=1,344]:**

TIMEWCHILD

In a previous survey you mentioned that you were the parent of **[IF F\_KIDS3\_3\_RF2=1: a child who is; IF F\_KIDS3\_3\_RF2=2-10: children who are]** 12 to 17 years old.

Thinking about the time you spend with your **[IF F\_KIDS3\_3\_RF2=1: child who is; IF F\_KIDS3\_3\_RF2=2-10: children who are]** 12 to 17 years old, in general, do you think you spend...

**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Sept 24-  
Oct 7  
2018  
4  
45  
51  
\*

Too much time together  
Too little time together  
The right amount of time  
No answer