

Topline questionnaire

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

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. 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:

VGUSE Do you ever play video games, such as on a gaming device, on a computer, on a smartphone, or online?

Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023

85	Yes, I play video games
15	No, I do not play video games
<1	No answer

ASK THOSE WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES (VGUSE=1) [N=1,245]:

TGAMER Do you think of yourself as a gamer?

Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023

47	Yes, I think of myself as a gamer
53	No, I do not think of myself as a gamer
0	No answer

TGAMER BASED ON ALL TEENS:

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40	Yes, I think of myself as a gamer
45	No, I do not think of myself as a gamer
15	Does not play video games
0	No answer to TGAMER
<1	No answer to VGUSE

ASK THOSE WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES (VGUSE=1) [N=1,245]:VGDEVICE Do you ever play video games on any of the following devices? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Yes, I do</u>	<u>No, I do not</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. A desktop or laptop computer Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	58	42	<1
b. A gaming console (such as a PlayStation, Switch, X-Box) Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	86	14	0
c. A virtual reality (VR) headset (such as an Oculus, Meta Quest, PlayStation VR) Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	28	72	<1
d. A smartphone Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	83	17	<1
e. A tablet computer Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	39	61	<1

VGDEVICE BASED ON ALL TEENS:

	<u>Yes, I do</u>	<u>No, I do not</u>	<u>Does not play video games</u>	<u>No answer to VGDEVICE</u>	<u>No answer to VGUSE</u>
a. A desktop or laptop computer Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	49	35	15	<1	<1
b. A gaming console (such as a PlayStation, Switch, X-Box) Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	73	12	15	0	<1
c. A virtual reality (VR) headset (such as an Oculus, Meta Quest, PlayStation VR) Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	24	61	15	<1	<1
d. A smartphone Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	70	14	15	<1	<1
e. A tablet computer Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	33	52	15	<1	<1

ASK THOSE WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES (VGUSE=1) [N=1,245]:

VGFREQ How often do you play video games?

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27	Several times a day
22	About once a day
26	Several times a week
16	About once a week
9	Less often
0	No answer

VGREQ BASED ON ALL TEENS:Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023

23	Several times a day
18	About once a day
22	Several times a week
14	About once a week
7	Less often
15	Does not play video games
0	No answer to VGREQ
<1	No answer to VGUSE

ASK THOSE WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES (VGUSE=1) [N=1,245]:VGREA Is each of the following a reason why you play video games? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Fun or entertainment Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	87	11	1	<1
b.	Spending time with others Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	32	40	28	1
c.	Learning new things Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	13	37	50	<1
d.	Competing against others Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	27	40	33	<1

ASK THOSE WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES (VGUSE=1) [N=1,245]:

VGCNTNT How many of the video games you typically play contain violence?

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16	All or most
40	Some
29	Only a few
16	None
<1	No answer

ASK THOSE WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES (VGUSE=1) [N=1,245]:

VGOTHERS Do you ever play video games with others, either in person or online?

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89	Yes, I play video games with others
11	No, I never play video games with others
<1	No answer

ASK THOSE WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES (VGUSE=1) [N=1,245]:

VGFRIEND Have you ever made a friend online because of a video game you both played?

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47	Yes, I have done this
53	No, I have not done this
0	No answer

ASK THOSE WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES (VGUSE=1) [N=1,245]:

VGEEFFECT Do you think playing video games has helped or hurt... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS;
RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE 1-5 OR 5-1 FOR HALF]

		Helped <u>a lot</u>	Helped <u>a little</u>	Neither helped <u>nor hurt</u>	Hurt a <u>little</u>	Hurt a <u>lot</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Your friendships Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	14	32	49	3	1	1
b.	How well you do in school Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	4	7	72	15	2	<1
c.	Your problem-solving skills Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	16	40	41	3	1	<1
d.	How well you work with others Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	10	31	55	3	1	<1
e.	Your mental health Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	11	21	60	7	1	<1
f.	How much sleep you get Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	2	3	54	37	4	<1

ASK ALL:

VGPROB When it comes to people your age playing video games, how much of a problem do you think harassment and bullying are?

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29	Major problem
51	Minor problem
19	Not a problem
1	No answer

ASK THOSE WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES (VGUSE=1) [N=1,245]:

VGOH Have you ever experienced any of the following while playing video games?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		Yes, this has <u>happened to me</u>	No, this has not <u>happened to me</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Being called an offensive name Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	41	59	<1
b.	Being physically threatened Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	12	87	<1
c.	Someone sending unwanted sexually explicit things to you Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	8	92	<1

DISPLAY TO ALL:

Now we'd like to learn about your experiences with certain websites and mobile apps...

ASK ALL:TSNS1 Do you ever use any of the following apps or sites? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		Yes, I use this <u>app or site</u>	No, I do not use this <u>app or site</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Twitter (recently renamed to "X") ¹			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	20	79	1
	Apr 14-May 4, 2022	23	77	<1
	Sep 25-Oct 9, 2014 & Feb 10-Mar 16, 2015	33	66	<1
b.	Instagram			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	59	41	<1
	Apr 14-May 4, 2022	62	38	<1
	Sep 25-Oct 9, 2014 & Feb 10-Mar 16, 2015	52	48	<1
c.	Facebook			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	33	67	1
	Apr 14-May 4, 2022	32	67	<1
	Sep 25-Oct 9, 2014 & Feb 10-Mar 16, 2015	71	29	<1
d.	Snapchat			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	60	39	1
	Apr 14-May 4, 2022	59	41	<1
	Sep 25-Oct 9, 2014 & Feb 10-Mar 16, 2015	41	59	<1
e.	YouTube			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	93	6	<1
	Apr 14-May 4, 2022	95	5	<1
NO ITEM f.				
g.	Reddit			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	14	85	1
	Apr 14-May 4, 2022	14	85	1
h.	TikTok			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	63	36	1
	Apr 14-May 4, 2022	67	33	<1
i.	Twitch			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	17	82	1
	Apr 14-May 4, 2022	20	79	1
j.	WhatsApp			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	21	79	1
	Apr 14-May 4, 2022	17	82	<1
k.	Discord			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	28	71	1

¹ September-October 2014/February-March 2015 item wording was "Twitter."

I.	BeReal			
	Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	13	86	1

ASK IF SMARTPHONE USER OR PLAYS VIDEO GAMES (DEVICEa=1 OR VGUSE=1):

DEVTIME Overall, would you say the amount of time you spend on the following is...
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; 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.	ASK THOSE WHO PLAY VIDEO GAMES (VGUSE=1) [N=1,245]: Playing video games Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	16	15	69	<1
b.	ASK SMARTPHONE USERS (DEVICEa=1) [N=1,389]: Your smartphone Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	40	6	54	<1

DEVTIMEa BASED ON ALL TEENS:

		<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Does not play video games</u>	<u>No answer to DEVTIMEa</u>	<u>No answer to VGUSE</u>
a.	Playing video games Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	14	13	58	15	<1	<1

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 Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	36	63	1
b.	Social media Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	39	60	1
c.	Playing video games Sep 26-Oct 23, 2023	38	61	1