

**2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S TEENS SURVEY
SEPTEMBER 18-OCTOBER 10, 2024
TEENS AGES 13-17
TOTAL N=1,391**

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	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. teens	1,391	+/- 3.3 percentage points
Boys	698	+/- 4.6 percentage points
Girls	669	+/- 4.7 percentage points

ASK ALL:

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

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
53	Attend a four-year college	46	60
10	Attend a two-year college	9	11
9	Enroll in a technical or vocational school	11	7
6	Work full time	9	3
3	Join the military	5	1
18	Not sure	19	17
2	Other [TEXT BOX – RESPONSES NOT SHOWN]	2	2
0	No answer	0	0

ASK ALL:

GOALS_V2 Here are some things that people may value in their lives. Looking ahead to when you're an adult, how important is each of the following to you personally? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE AND 5-1 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE]**

- a. Having a lot of money

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
20	Extremely important	23	18
38	Very important	39	38
33	Somewhat important	31	35
6	Not too important	4	8
2	Not at all important	3	1
*	No answer	*	*

GOALS V_2 CONTINUED ...

b. Having a job or career you enjoy

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
41	Extremely important	37	45
45	Very important	48	41
12	Somewhat important	13	11
1	Not too important	1	1
1	Not at all important	1	*
*	No answer	*	*

c. Getting married

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
14	Extremely important	12	15
22	Very important	22	23
32	Somewhat important	33	32
21	Not too important	23	20
11	Not at all important	10	11
*	No answer	*	*

d. Having children

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
10	Extremely important	9	10
21	Very important	21	21
32	Somewhat important	32	33
23	Not too important	24	21
14	Not at all important	14	13
1	No answer	*	2

e. Becoming famous

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
2	Extremely important	2	1
5	Very important	5	4
14	Somewhat important	14	14
37	Not too important	38	35
43	Not at all important	41	46
*	No answer	*	*

f. Having close friends

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
28	Extremely important	24	33
41	Very important	41	41
24	Somewhat important	27	21
4	Not too important	5	3
2	Not at all important	3	2
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL:

MANYFRI

Not counting your family, how many close friends do you have?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
2	0	2	2
6	1	5	7
18	2	17	20
24	3	25	24
16	4	15	16
13	5	14	12
7	6	7	7
2	7	2	3
2	8	2	3
*	9	1	*
9	10 or more	10	7
*	No answer	0	*

ASK IF HAS ONE CLOSE FRIEND (MANYFRI=2) [n=90]:

GENFRI1

Is your close friend the same gender as you?

RESULTS NOT SHOWN DUE TO SMALL SAMPLE SIZE**ASK IF HAS TWO CLOSE FRIENDS (MANYFRI=3) [n=260]:**

GENFRI2

How many of your close friends are the same gender as you? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3 OR 3-1]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
69	Both	76	63
27	Only one	21	31
4	Neither	4	5
0	No answer	0	0

ASK IF HAS THREE OR MORE CLOSE FRIENDS (MANYFRI=4-11) [n=1,008]:

GENFRI3

How many of your close friends are the same gender as you? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 TO MATCH GOALS_V2]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
42	All	42	41
39	Most	38	40
15	Some	14	16
4	Only a few	4	3
1	None	*	*
*	No answer	1	*

BASED ON HAS AT LEAST ONE CLOSE FRIEND (MANYFRI=2-11) [n=1,358]:

GENFRI1/GENFRI2/GENFRI3_COMBO Is your close friend the same gender as you? / How many of your close friends are the same gender as you?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
49	All friends are same gender	50	49
48	Only one/Most/Some/Only a few friends are same gender	48	48
2	No friends same gender	2	3
*	No answer	*	*

ASK IF HAS ONE CLOSE FRIEND (MANYFRI=2) [n=90]:

TEENFRI1 Do you feel you can turn to your close friend if you need emotional support?

RESULTS NOT SHOWN DUE TO SMALL SAMPLE SIZE**ASK IF HAS TWO OR MORE CLOSE FRIENDS (MANYFRI=3-11) [n=1,268]:**

TEENFRI2 Do you have at least one close friend you can turn to if you need emotional support?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
90	Yes	85	96
9	No	15	4
*	No answer	*	*

BASED ON HAS AT LEAST ONE CLOSE FRIEND (MANYFRI=2-11) [n=1,358]:

TEENFRI1/TEENFRI2_COMBO Do you feel you can turn to your close friend if you need emotional support? / Do you have at least one close friend you can turn to if you need emotional support?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
89	Yes	84	95
11	No	16	5
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL:

SCHLTYPE Are you currently attending...

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
80	A public school	81	79
8	A private school	8	9
5	A charter school	5	5
7	I am homeschooled	6	7
*	No answer	*	*

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCHOOLGEND1-6]**ASK ALL WHO ARE NOT HOMESCHOOLED (SCHLTYPE=1-3) [n=1,287]:**

SCHOOLGEND1 In general, who would you say gets better grades at your school? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE AND 2-1 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST IN THE SAME ORDER FOR SCHOOLGEND1-6]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
3	Boys get better grades than girls	5	1
42	Girls get better grades than boys	36	47
55	Both about equally [ANCHOR]	59	52
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL WHO ARE NOT HOMESCHOOLED (SCHLTYPE=1-3) [n=1,287]:

SCHOOLGEND2 In general, who is more likely to have leadership roles at your school? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE AND 2-1 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST IN THE SAME ORDER FOR SCHOOLGEND1-6]** {new}

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
16	Boys are more likely than girls	19	13
27	Girls are more likely than boys	25	30
56	Both about equally [ANCHOR]	56	57
*	No answer	*	1

ASK ALL WHO ARE NOT HOMESCHOOLED (SCHLTYPE=1-3) [n=1,287]:

SCHOOLGEND3 In general, which would you say is valued more at your school? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE AND 2-1 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE, WITH 3 AND 4 ALWAYS LAST IN THE SAME ORDER FOR SCHOOLGEND1-6]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
50	Boys' sports teams	48	53
2	Girls' sports teams	2	3
42	Both about equally [ANCHOR]	44	40
5	My school doesn't have sports teams [ANCHOR]	7	4
*	No answer	*	1

ASK ALL WHO ARE NOT HOMESCHOOLED (SCHLTYPE=1-3) [n=1,287]:

SCHOOLGEND4 In general, would you say teachers at your school... **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE AND 2-1 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST IN THE SAME ORDER FOR SCHOOLGEND1-6]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
6	Favor boys over girls	4	9
16	Favor girls over boys	23	9
78	Treat both about equally [ANCHOR]	74	82
*	No answer	0	*

ASK ALL WHO ARE NOT HOMESCHOOLED (SCHLTYPE=1-3) [n=1,287]:

SCHOOLGEND5 In general, who speaks up more in class at your school? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE AND 2-1 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST IN THE SAME ORDER FOR SCHOOLGEND1-6]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
18	Boys speak up more than girls	20	16
34	Girls speak up more than boys	35	33
48	Both about equally [ANCHOR]	45	51
*	No answer	*	1

ASK ALL WHO ARE NOT HOMESCHOOLED (SCHLTYPE=1-3) [n=1,287]:

SCHOOLGEND6 In general, who is more disruptive in class at your school? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE AND 2-1 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST IN THE SAME ORDER FOR SCHOOLGEND1-6]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
63	Boys are more disruptive than girls	63	64
4	Girls are more disruptive than boys	5	4
32	Both about equally [ANCHOR]	32	31
1	No answer	1	*

ASK ALL WHO ARE NOT HOMESCHOOLED (SCHLTYPE=1-3) [n=1,287]:

SCHLPROB1 In general, how common is each of the following among students who go to your school? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 TO MATCH GOALS_V2]**

a. Bullying

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
7	Extremely common	6	8
15	Very common	14	16
36	Somewhat common	37	35
32	Not too common	32	32
9	Not at all common	10	7
1	No answer	1	1

b. Anxiety and depression

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
7	Extremely common	5	8
23	Very common	19	26
38	Somewhat common	40	36
24	Not too common	28	20
7	Not at all common	7	7
1	No answer	*	2

SCHLPROB1 CONTINUED ...

c. Drug use

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
4	Extremely common	4	4
15	Very common	14	16
30	Somewhat common	30	31
30	Not too common	30	29
20	Not at all common	21	20
1	No answer	*	1

d. Alcohol use

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
3	Extremely common	3	4
10	Very common	7	14
26	Somewhat common	25	27
35	Not too common	39	31
25	Not at all common	26	24
1	No answer	*	1

e. Physical fights

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
5	Extremely common	4	7
12	Very common	12	12
26	Somewhat common	26	26
39	Not too common	40	38
17	Not at all common	18	16
1	No answer	*	1

ASK IF THEY INDICATED ANY ITEM IN SCHLPROB1 IS AT LEAST SOMEWHAT COMMON (SCHLPROB1a-e=1-3):

SCHLPROB2 Is the following more common among boys or girls who go to your school? **[SHOW SAME ITEM(S) SELECTED AS AT LEAST SOMEWHAT COMMON AND IN SAME ORDER AS SCHLPROB1 (SCHLPROB1a-e=1-3); DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER AS SCHOOLGEND1-6]**

a. **[ASK IF SCHLPROB1a=1-3] [n=758]:** Bullying

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
26	More common among boys	34	19
22	More common among girls	19	26
51	Both about equally [ANCHOR]	47	54
*	No answer	*	*

SCHLPROB2 CONTINUED ...b. **[ASK IF SCHLPROB1b=1-3] [n=870]:** Anxiety and depression

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
5	More common among boys	8	2
39	More common among girls	28	50
56	Both about equally [ANCHOR]	64	49
*	No answer	*	0

c. **[ASK IF SCHLPROB1c=1-3] [n=620]:** Drug use

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
39	More common among boys	44	34
3	More common among girls	5	2
58	Both about equally [ANCHOR]	51	63
*	No answer	0	*

d. **[ASK IF SCHLPROB1d=1-3] [n=474]:** Alcohol use

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
38	More common among boys	42	34
5	More common among girls	5	6
57	Both about equally [ANCHOR]	53	60
*	No answer	*	0

e. **[ASK IF SCHLPROB1e=1-3] [n=583]:** Physical fights

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
44	More common among boys	49	39
15	More common among girls	11	20
41	Both about equally [ANCHOR]	40	41
*	No answer	*	0

ASK ALL:

TEENPRES_V2 How much pressure do you personally feel to... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 TO MATCH GOALS_V2]**

a. Get good grades

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
33	A great deal	30	37
34	A fair amount	35	33
22	Some	24	19
6	Not much	6	5
5	Not at all	4	5
1	No answer	*	1

TEENPRES_V2 CONTINUED ...

b. Fit in socially

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
15	A great deal	12	19
26	A fair amount	25	27
32	Some	34	30
17	Not much	18	16
9	Not at all	10	8
*	No answer	0	1

c. Be good at sports

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
11	A great deal	15	7
20	A fair amount	21	20
23	Some	25	22
22	Not much	20	24
24	Not at all	19	28
*	No answer	*	*

d. Be involved in extracurricular activities

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
11	A great deal	10	13
22	A fair amount	22	23
28	Some	29	27
23	Not much	24	21
16	Not at all	15	16
*	No answer	*	1

e. Be sexually active

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
2	A great deal	2	2
5	A fair amount	5	5
13	Some	15	11
32	Not much	34	30
47	Not at all	43	51
1	No answer	1	1

f. Look good

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
22	A great deal	18	27
25	A fair amount	21	29
30	Some	35	25
14	Not much	16	11
9	Not at all	10	8
*	No answer	0	*

TEENPRES_V2 CONTINUED ...

g. Be physically strong

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
10	A great deal	15	5
23	A fair amount	28	18
30	Some	32	28
23	Not much	15	32
14	Not at all	10	17
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL:

TEENSUPPORT In general, who do you think has it easier when it comes to having friends they can turn to for emotional support if they need it? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE AND 2-1 FOR HALF OF SAMPLE, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST IN THE SAME ORDER AS SCHOOLGEND1-6]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
7	Boys have it easier	3	10
58	Girls have it easier	60	56
35	About the same for both [ANCHOR]	36	32
1	No answer	1	1

DISPLAY TO ALL:

On a different topic...

ASK ALL:

PAR2CHILD_V2 Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?

Children with two parents are... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
43	Better off when one parent doesn't have a job and focuses on the family	44	41
57	Just as well off when both of their parents have jobs	55	58
1	No answer	*	1

ASK IF PAR2CHILD_V2=1 [n=597]:

PAR2CHILDa_V2 If a child has a mother and a father and one parent doesn't have a job so they can focus on the family, is it generally better if that parent is the... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
61	Mother	59	64
3	Father	3	2
36	It doesn't matter which parent it is [ANCHOR]	38	34
0	No answer	0	0

ASK ALL:

GENDRESP_V2 Thinking about families with both a mother and a father, who do you think should be MOSTLY responsible for each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS PAR2CHILDa_V2 IF RECEIVED THE QUESTION (PAR2CHILD_V2=1) OR RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- a. Making money to pay the bills

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
2	Mother	3	1
42	Father	44	39
56	Both equally [ANCHOR]	53	59
*	No answer	*	*

- b. Taking care of children when they are sick

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
43	Mother	48	39
1	Father	2	1
55	Both equally [ANCHOR]	49	61
*	No answer	*	*

- c. Disciplining children

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
7	Mother	7	6
15	Father	18	12
78	Both equally [ANCHOR]	75	82
*	No answer	*	*

- d. Playing or doing activities with children

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
10	Mother	9	10
7	Father	10	4
83	Both equally [ANCHOR]	80	86
*	No answer	1	*

- e. Helping children with homework or other school assignments

<u>Total</u>		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
21	Mother	22	20
4	Father	5	3
74	Both equally [ANCHOR]	73	76
*	No answer	*	*

TPARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (TPARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [n=450]:

TPARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
26	25	28	19	3	19	22