

Table 12. Purpose of Internet Use at Home by People 3 to 17 Years: October 1997

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population.)

Characteristic	Total 3 to 17 years	E-Mail	News/Weather/ Sports	Gov/Business/ Health Info	Taking Courses	Chatroom	Newsgroups	Other
Total using Internet at home	6,471	57.5	28.0	76.1	3.1	32.1	5.1	10.9
AGE								
3 to 5 years old	99	16.1	3.1	36.7	2.6	2.6	56.6	51.6
6 to 11 years old	1,952	46.4	22.9	73.7	2.0	17.9	14.1	15.7
12 to 17 years old	4,420	63.4	30.8	78.0	3.6	39.1	2.2	7.9
GENDER								
Male	3,434	54.4	35.4	76.6	3.4	31.3	5.8	12.2
Female	3,037	61.1	19.7	75.5	2.7	33.1	4.3	9.5
RACE								
White not Hispanic	5,494	59.4	28.0	75.9	2.9	33.2	5.1	10.5
Black not Hispanic	289	48.5	34.9	69.7	4.9	31.9	2.9	17.9
Other not Hispanic	358	57.1	26.4	75.3	3.4	29.9	4.5	9.4
Hispanic	331	35.1	24.1	84.6	4.4	16.9	7.8	12.9
FAMILY INCOME								
Under \$25,000	444	49.7	28.8	75.7	1.4	31.4	6.6	11.9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,384	57.3	25.7	72.6	3.7	34.1	6.5	11.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,824	57.1	28.8	76.6	2.8	35.0	3.8	11.3
\$75,000+	2,366	60.3	28.3	79.6	2.7	30.1	5.1	9.5
Not reported	453	53.4	29.8	66.5	6.4	26.2	4.7	13.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
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