

Table 14. Purpose of Internet Use at Home by People 18 Years and Over: October 1997

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population.)

Characteristic	Total over 18 years	Email	News/Weather Sports	Gov/Business/ Health	Schedules/ Tickets	Shopping	Taking Courses	Chat Rooms	News Groups	other
Total using Internet at home	28,042	80.6	50.5	80.5	24.9	14.6	4.2	19.4	16.9	8.5
AGE										
18 to 24 years old	3,933	78.6	42.4	78.5	18.0	9.1	6.5	31.6	13.5	7.1
25 to 49 years old	18,839	80.7	52.5	82.1	26.8	16.6	4.0	18.9	18.1	8.1
50 years old and older	5,270	81.8	49.5	76.5	23.4	11.9	3.2	12.0	15.5	11.0
GENDER										
Male	15,654	80.5	57.8	81.3	26.5	14.8	4.3	20.3	20.5	9.7
Female	12,388	80.6	41.3	79.5	22.9	14.5	4.0	18.1	12.5	6.9
RACE										
White not Hispanic	24,325	80.9	50.2	80.7	25.2	14.6	3.9	19.1	16.5	8.6
Black not Hispanic	1,287	75.8	52.0	82.7	25.2	16.3	6.1	21.8	19.2	6.6
Other not Hispanic	1,314	83.4	52.7	75.7	21.7	14.6	7.1	19.0	22.5	6.4
Hispanic	1,115	76.2	52.6	80.5	22.1	14.1	5.0	22.0	18.3	10.0
FAMILY INCOME										
Under \$25,000	2,926	81.7	50.2	78.2	21.5	13.6	4.7	29.3	21.0	10.5
\$25,000 to \$49,999	6,708	79.6	51.2	79.8	23.5	14.6	4.6	23.7	17.8	9.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	7,042	81.3	51.5	81.4	26.3	16.0	4.0	17.6	15.1	8.0
\$75,000+	9,373	80.8	50.2	82.3	27.0	14.4	3.9	14.2	16.4	7.2
Not reported	1,993	78.6	46.4	74.8	19.7	12.7	3.9	20.1	17.1	8.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
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