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Teenagers and Digital

Trends

**Social Networking**

* 96% of teens online have at least one social networking profile.
  + 70% of girls (ages 15-17)
  + 57% of boys (ages 15-17)
* Age is a factor
  + 12-14 (38% have profile)
  + 15-17 (77% have online profile)
* 92% of children under two currently have some kind of digital dossier or footprint, with images of them posted online.
* 6.5 million are underage (13) on Facebook

# Safety

* 69% of teens regularly receive communication from strangers online and don’t tell a parent or caregiver
* 20% of 13-16 year olds have been targeted online with unwanted sexual advances (59% of those are from strangers).
* 89% of unwanted sexual advances to teens made in chat rooms
* 50,000 predators online at any given time
* 44% of tweens admit to watching something online that their parents would not approve of
* 22% of teenage girls have posted nude or semi nude photos of themselves
* 86% of girls claim to be able to conduct online chats without their parents knowing

# Cyber-bullying

* 12% of tweens (10-12) have already been bullied online
  + Only ½ have told parents
* 65% of 8-14 year olds have been involved in cyber-bullying incident
* 50% of children that have been bullied online will become online bullies themselves
* Cyber-bullying most prominent in social networking sites, online gaming sites, text messaging, chat rooms and online discussion forums

*Research Taken From: PEW Internet and American Life Project, The National Campaign to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy, The Cox Communications Teen Online & Wireless Safety Survey.*