



One-Third of Online Teens Report Cyber Bullying

In a recent survey¹ of teenagers who use the Internet, one-third (32%) reported having been targets of online bullying activities such as receiving threatening messages, having their private emails or text messages forwarded without consent, having embarrassing pictures posted without permission, or having rumors spread about them online. More girls reported having ever been cyber bullied than boys (38% vs. 26%), and older girls² were more likely to report having been victims than younger girls³ (41% vs. 34%). While 13% of teens reported having ever received a threatening or aggressive email, instant message, or text message, older teens were more likely than younger teens to have received them (16% vs. 9%). Girls age 15-17 were most likely to report having received threatening or aggressive cyber communications (19%).

Cyber Bullying Experiences Among Adolescents Age 12-17 Who Use the Internet		
	YES	NO
Ever been cyber bullied	32%	68%
Boys 15-17	29%	71%
Girls 15-17	41%	59%
Boys 12-14	22%	78%
Girls 12-14	34%	66%
Ever received threatening cyber communication	13%	87%
Teens 15-17	16%	84%
Teens 12-14	9%	91%

Source: Pew Internet & American Life Project. (2007). One in three online teens have experienced online harassment; Girls are more likely to be victims; But most teens say that they are more likely to be bullied offline than online. Data Memo. Retrieved June 28, 2007, from <http://www.pewinternet.org/pdfs/PIP%20Cyberbullying%20Memo.pdf>.

¹ Pew Internet & American Life Project conducted the nationally representative phone survey of 935 teenagers from October 23 to November 19, 2006. N = 866 online teens.

² Age 15-17.

³ Age 12-14.

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