

Illinois Center for Violence Prevention Fact Sheet

Violence and the Web

POPULAR ONLINE ACTIVITIES
Online Youth, ages 15–17, Fall 2001
94% send e-mail
94% research schoolwork
85% get info on movies, music, or TV
81% play games
80% download music
78% get news
71% participate in chat room
50% check sports scores
36% buy something
Source: Kaiser Family Foundation <i>Generation Rx.com</i>

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- According to the National Institute on Media and the Family, children ages 8 to 18, spend more time (44.5 hours per week, 6 ½ hours daily) in front of computer, television and game screens than any other activity in their lives except sleeping.¹
- As the number of different types of violent Web sites visited increases, the odds of concurrently reporting seriously violent behavior increases by 50%.²
- More than 1 in 3 young people have experienced cyber-threats online.³
- Over 25 percent of adolescents and teens have been bullied repeatedly through their cell phones or the Internet.⁴

¹ Kaiser Family Foundation (2005, March). Generation M: Media in the lives of eight to eighteen year olds. Available online at: <http://www.kff.org/entmedia/entmedia030905pkg.cfm>.

² Ybarra, M. L., Diener-West, M., Markow, D., Leaf, P. J., Hamburger, M., & Boxer, P. (2008). Linkages Between Internet and Other Media Violence With Seriously Violent Behavior by Youth. *Pediatrics*, 122(5), 929 -937. doi:10.1542/peds.2007-3377

³ Cyberbullying Research Center, "Summary of our cyberbullying research from 2004-2010

⁴ Cyber Bullying Statistics, Bullying Statistics, <http://www.bullyingstatistics.org/content/bullying-statistics.html>

