Cyber Safety Survey: The Results

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Children and youth are fully engaged with technology and have incorporated it into their daily lives. Yet, with all new innovations come risks. My office conducted a survey of more than 4,200 youth throughout Illinois to find out what communication technology they are using and how they are using it, and what their experiences have been. This Cyber Safety Survey is the first of its kind to focus exclusively on the youth of Illinois. The results of the survey, contained in this report, are both interesting and enlightening. It is my hope that we will be able to use this information as we continue in our efforts to protect and educate our children.

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Breakdown of all cases: 4,231 cases

(17 cases of unreported ages)

1. What is your age?

Average age: 14.07 years old

2. What is your year in school?

Grade Level	Count	Percentage
3	146	3.45%
4	458	10.82%
5	409	9.67%
6	529	12.50%
7	598	14.13%
8	581	13.73%
9	403	9.52%
10	339	8.01%
11	405	9.57%
12	230	5.44%
Not reported	133	3.14%

3. Gender?

Gender	Count	Percentage
Male	2123	50.18%
Female	2081	49.18%
Not reported	27	0.64%

4. Have you ever sent an inappropriate picture of someone over a cell phone or computer?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	394	9.31%
No	3797	89.74%
Not reported	40	0.95%

5. Have you ever received an inappropriate picture of someone over a cell phone or computer?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	1030	24.34%
No	3169	74.90%
Not reported	32	0.76%

6. Have you ever been threatened by someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	785	18.55%
No	3393	80.19%
Not reported	53	1.25%

7. Have you ever felt uncomfortable with a conversation you've had with someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	897	21.20%
No	3283	77.59%
Not reported	51	1.21%

8. Have you ever said something inappropriate to someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	1064	25.15%
No	3126	73.88%
Not reported	41	0.97%

9. Have you ever been approached by a stranger online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	1038	24.53%
No	3125	73.86%
Not reported	68	1.61%

10. How old were you when you got your first cell phone?

Average age: 11.17 years

11. How old were you when you started your first MySpace/Facebook page?

Average age: 12.0 years

12a. Camera option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	2786	65.85%
No	663	15.67%
Not reported	782	18.48%

12b. Texting option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	2821	66.67%
No	620	14.65%
Not reported	790	18.67%

12c. Keyboard option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	1811	42.80%
No	1570	37.11%
Not reported	850	20.09%

12d. Internet access on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	1379	32.59%
No	2013	47.58%
Not reported	839	19.83%

Breakdown of ages 8-10: 944 cases

1. What is your age?
Average age: 9.31 years

2. What is your year in school?

Grade Level	Count	Percentage
3	144	15.25%
4	450	47.67%
5	332	35.17%
6	4	0.42%
7	14	1.48%

3. Gender?

Gender	Count	Percentage
Male	473	50.11%
Female	466	49.36%
Not reported	5	0.53%

4. Have you ever sent an inappropriate picture of someone over a cell phone or computer?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	29	3.07%
No	897	95.02%
Not reported	18	1.91%

5. Have you ever received an inappropriate picture of someone over a cell phone or computer?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	105	11.12%
No	829	87.82%
Not reported	10	1.06%

6. Have you ever been threatened by someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	116	12.29%
No	816	86.44%
Not reported	12	1.27%

7. Have you ever felt uncomfortable with a conversation you've had with someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	125	13.24%
No	801	84.85%
Not reported	18	1.91%

8. Have you ever said something inappropriate to someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	54	5.72%
No	880	93.22%
Not reported	10	1.06%

9. Have you ever been approached by a stranger online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	165	17.48%
No	760	80.51%
Not reported	19	2.01%

10. How old were you when you got your first cell phone?

Average age: 8.17 years old

11. How old were you when you started your first MySpace/Facebook page?

Average age: 8.49 years old

12a. Camera option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	361	38.24%
No	252	26.69%
Not reported	331	35.06%

12b. Texting option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	352	37.29%
No	259	27.44%
Not reported	333	35.28%

12c. Keyboard option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	206	21.82%
No	396	41.95%
Not reported	342	36.23%

12d. Internet access on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	142	15.04%
No	456	48.31%
Not reported	346	36.65%

Breakdown of ages 11-13: 1,760 cases

1. What is your age?

Average age: 12.03 years old

2. What is your year in school?

Grade Level	Count	Percentage
4	5	0.28%
5	76	4.32%
6	525	29.83%
7	593	33.69%
8	459	26.08%
9	9	0.51%
Not reported	93	5.28%

3. Gender?

Gender	Count	Percentage
Male	866	49.20%
Female	877	49.83%
Not reported	17	0.97%

4. Have you ever sent an inappropriate picture of someone over a cell phone or computer?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	97	5.51%
No	1650	93.75%
Not reported	13	0.74%

5. Have you ever received an inappropriate picture of someone over a cell phone or computer?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	296	16.82%
No	1450	82.39%
Not reported	14	0.80%

6. Have you ever been threatened by someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	245	13.92%
No	1490	84.66%
Not reported	25	1.42%

7. Have you ever felt uncomfortable with a conversation you've had with someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	317	18.01%
No	1422	80.80%
Not reported	21	1.19%

8. Have you ever said something inappropriate to someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	350	19.89%
No	1392	79.09%
Not reported	18	1.02%

9. Have you ever been approached by a stranger online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	335	19.03%
No	1395	79.26%
Not reported	30	1.70%

10. How old were you when you got your first cell phone?

Average age: 10.37 years old

11. How old were you when you started your first MySpace/Facebook page?

Average age: 11.04 years old

12a. Camera option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	1062	60.34%
No	310	17.61%
Not reported	388	22.05%

12b. Texting option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	1099	62.44%
No	269	15.28%
Not reported	392	22.27%

12c. Keyboard option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	677	38.47%
No	672	38.18%
Not reported	411	23.35%

12d. Internet access on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	541	30.74%
No	816	46.36%
Not reported	403	22.90%

Breakdown of ages 14+: 1,510 cases

1. What is your age?

Average age: 15.46 years old

2. What is your year in school?

Grade Level	Count	Percentage
7	5	0.33%
8	121	8.01%
9	390	25.83%
10	339	22.45%
11	400	26.49%
12	228	15.10%
Not reported	27	1.79%

3. Gender?

Gender	Count	Percentage
Male	776	51.39%
Female	731	48.41%
Not reported	3	0.20%

4. Have you ever sent an inappropriate picture of someone over a cell phone or computer?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	259	17.15%
No	1242	82.25%
Not reported	9	0.60%

5. Have you ever received an inappropriate picture of someone over a cell phone or computer?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	618	40.93%
No	884	58.54%
Not reported	8	0.53%

6. Have you ever been threatened by someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	419	27.75%
No	1075	71.19%
Not reported	16	1.06%

7. Have you ever felt uncomfortable with a conversation you've had with someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	449	29.74%
No	1049	69.47%
Not reported	12	0.79%

8. Have you ever said something inappropriate to someone online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	652	43.18%
No	846	56.03%
Not reported	12	0.79%

9. Have you ever been approached by a stranger online or by text?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	528	34.97%
No	963	63.77%
Not reported	19	1.26%

10. How old were you when you got your first cell phone?

Average age: 12.71 years old

11. How old were you when you started your first MySpace/Facebook page?

Average age: 13.18 years old

12a. Camera option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	1349	89.34%
No	101	6.69%
Not reported	60	3.97%

12b. Texting option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	1357	89.87%
No	91	6.03%
Not reported	62	4.11%

12c. Keyboard option on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	918	60.79%
No	498	32.98%
Not reported	94	6.23%

12d. Internet access on cell phone?

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	686	45.43%
No	737	48.81%
Not reported	87	5.76%