

JUNE 2006 FLORIDA PARENTS POLL RESULTS

625 Florida parents of children between the ages of 5 and 17 were interviewed by telephone June 19-22, 2006 by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Washington, D.C. Margin for error is plus or minus 4%.

QUESTION: How many children do you have?

One	12%
Two	54%
Three or more	34%

QUESTION: Do you have any children between:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REF</u>
- The ages of 5 and 8?	43%	57%	-
- The ages of 9 and 12?	50%	49%	1%
- The ages of 13 and 17?	53%	46%	1%

QUESTION: Compared to five years ago, do you believe children in your community today:

45% - Are at greater risk of suffering harm at the hands of an offender or predator

5% - Have less risk of suffering harm at the hands of an offender or predator, or

49% - Is the risk level today about the same as it was five years ago?

1% - Not Sure (NOT READ)

QUESTION: At what age do you believe you can leave your child/children alone at the mall without adult supervision? (NOT READ)

8 or younger	-
9 or 10	-
11 or 12	8%
13 or 14	29%
15-17	61%
Not Sure	2%

QUESTION: At what age did you or will you allow your child/children to be home without adult supervision

8 or younger	-
9 or 10	7%
11 or 12	25%
13 or 14	44%
15-17	22%
Not Sure	2%

QUESTION: During the school year, can you account for your child's/children's whereabouts:

Every hour of the day	71%
Most of the day	28%
About half of the day	-
Less than half of the day	1%

QUESTION: During the summer, when school is out, can you account for your child/children's whereabouts:

Every hour of the day	68%
Most of the day	31%
About half of the day	1%
Less than half of the day	-

QUESTION: Have you or have you not instructed your child/all your children in what to do when approached by someone they don't know?

Have	97%
Have Not	3%

QUESTION: In your opinion, who is more likely to abduct a child:

47% - Someone the child knows, or
47% - Someone the child does not know?
6% - Not Sure (NOT READ)

QUESTION: Do you have any children who attend a summer camp?

Yes 45%
No 55%

(IF "YES" n=279) QUESTION: Does the camp do background checks on all its employees?

Yes 71%
No -
Not Sure 29%

QUESTION: Do you allow your child/any of your children to use a computer in the home that has access to the Internet?

Yes 84%
No 16%

IF ALLOWED ACCESS TO INTERNET (n=524)

QUESTION: On average, are they on the Internet:

Everyday or almost everyday 47%
A few times a week 34%
About once a week 9%
A few times a month 8%
Once a month or less 2%

QUESTION: Are you aware of when and how your child is/children are using the Internet:

At all times 57%
Most of the time 36%
Some of the time 6%
Or, do you rarely monitor their Internet use 1%

QUESTION: When adults are not home, are they allowed or not allowed to surf the Internet?

Allowed	49%
Not Allowed	51%

QUESTION: Where in the home is the computer most often used by your child/children located?

Child's bedroom	14%
Parent's bedroom	9%
A computer room or den	34%
The Family room	41%
Other	2%

QUESTION: Does that computer have a webcam?

Yes	6%
No	94%

QUESTION: Has your child/any of your children ever had a threatening or disturbing experience on the Internet?

Yes	8%
No	92%

(IF "YES" n=43) QUESTION: Did it involve:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
- Exposure to obscene e-mails or Web sites?	51%	49%
- Contact with someone they didn't know?	35%	65%
- A request to meet someone they didn't know?	2%	98%

QUESTION: Does your child/do any of your children maintain an online journal, blog, or personal page on a site such as "myspace.com"?

Yes	31%
No	68%
Not Sure	1%

**IF CHILD MAINTAINS ON-LINE JOURNAL, BLOG OR PERSONAL PAGE
(n=163)**

QUESTION: Do you regularly read their myspace, blog, or other online journal, or not?

Yes	80%
No	20%

QUESTION: Do they post photos of themselves, videos of themselves, or any identifying information such as their school, town or name?

Yes	66%
No	34%

**IF CHILD DOES NOT MAINTAIN PERSONAL PAGE OR POST PHOTOS
(n=409)**

QUESTION: Do you restrict them from doing so, or not?

Yes	76%
No	24%

ALL PARENTS:

QUESTION: Do you monitor your child/children's instant messaging and chat room conversations, or not?

Yes	63%
No	37%

QUESTION: Have you discussed with them the potential risks of communicating with someone they don't know over the Internet, or not?

Yes	89%
No	11%

QUESTION: At what age did you/will allow your child/children Internet access?

8 or younger	33%
9 or 10	16%
11 or 12	17%
13 or 14	15%
15-17	13%
Not Sure	6%

QUESTION: At what age did you/will you allow them a personal e-mail address or instant messaging account?

8 or younger	6%
9 or 10	9%
11 or 12	16%
13 or 14	22%
15-17	27%
Not Sure	20%

QUESTION: Are you familiar with the latest abbreviations and codes used in Internet chat rooms?

Yes	53%
No	47%

(IF "YES" n=328) QUESTION: Can you tell me what computer chat room code "A/S/L" stands for?

Correct (Age/Sex/Location)	15%
Incorrect	13%
Not Sure	72%

QUESTION: In your opinion, how likely is it that your child will receive a sexual solicitation while online?

Very Likely	17%
Somewhat Likely	32%
Somewhat Unlikely	21%
Very Unlikely	29%
Not Sure (NOT READ)	1%

QUESTION: How likely is it that your child would tell you if they received a sexual solicitation online?

Very Likely	70%
Somewhat Likely	18%
Somewhat Unlikely	10%
Very Unlikely	1%
Not Sure (NOT READ)	1%

QUESTION: For optimal parental supervision, where should a computer used by a child be located?

Child's bedroom	1%
Parent's bedroom	7%
A computer room or den	24%
The Family room	63%
Other	1%
Not Sure (NOT READ)	4%

DEMOGRAPHICS:

AGE:	18-34	77 (12%)
	35-49	417 (67%)
	50-64	127 (20%)
	65+	2
	Refused	2

RACE/ETHNICITY:

White/Caucasian	420 (67%)
Black/African American	95 (15%)
Hispanic/Latino	100 (16%)
Other/Refused	10 (2%)

SEX:	Male	291 (47%)
	Female	334 (53%)

REGION:

North Florida	118 (19%)
Central Florida	144 (23%)
Tampa Bay/Gulf Coast	181 (29%)
Southeast Florida	182 (29%)