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Survey - Young people's experience of online harassment

Key highlights

- **52% of young women and girls have experienced online abuse**, including threatening messages, sexual harassment and the sharing of private images without consent.
- **64% of all respondents know someone who has experienced harassment**, abuse or violence.
- **87% of girls think the problem is getting worse.**
- Young people's top concern is the **sharing of private images, videos or messages without their consent**. 30% said it is their top worry. Others were concerned about:
 - Mean and humiliating messages (21%)
 - Abusive and threatening language (15%)
 - Sexual harassment (20%)
 - Sharing of false content (14%)
- **51% of those who have experienced online abuse say it has affected their emotional and/or physical wellbeing¹.**
- **68% of online abuse experienced has taken place** on social media platforms.

Respondents

- 8,109 respondents²
- Respondents from 180 countries
- 51% female / 49% male
- Ages: **0-14**: 1% | **15-19**: 20% | **20-24**: 40% | **25-30**: 24% | **31-34**: 5% | **35+**: 9%

About

Global survey of young people's experience of online abuse and harassment, conducted in February 2020. Conducted by the World Wide Web Foundation & World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts using UNICEF's [Ureport](#) platform.

The survey data is [available to view here](#).

¹ 25% said it impacted their wellbeing, with a further 26% saying all of above, to options also including impacting confidence using the internet, feeling less able to achieve ambitions, and affecting relationships.

² Not all respondents answered every question.