

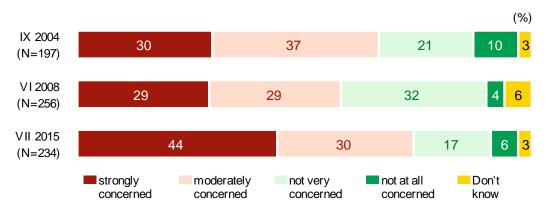
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Online activity of teenagers and children as seen from their guardians' perspective

Three-quarters of respondents who live with children or grandchildren using the internet (internet use in the age group 6-19 is almost universal) are concerned about online dangers for the children. Compared with the previous decade, the worries have increased.

Are you concerned about possible dangers for children on the internet?

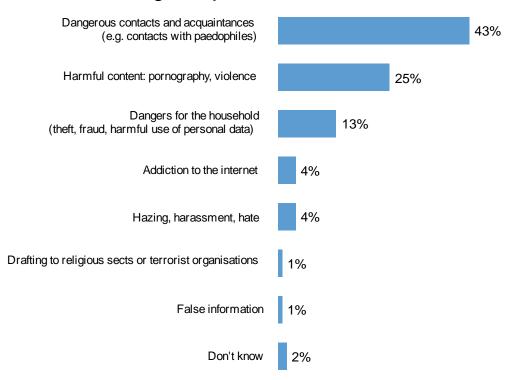


Responses of people living in a household together with children aged 6 to 19 who use the internet (N=234)

Adults are usually afraid of dangerous contacts and acquaintances started online, especially with paedophiles. Second among the perceived online threats are different types of harmful content: usually pornography and erotic materials, less frequently visualisation of violence, brutal or drastic scenes in films and computer games, as well as vulgar

language. A significant part of the guardians mentioned situations in which security of the household could be compromised: fraud, extortion, theft, uncontrolled shopping and, in general, publishing online (e.g. on social networks) information which could be used for harmful purposes. Relatively few respondents are afraid that children could be victims of online harassment or hazing, or that they could encounter verbal aggression, hate or strong criticism. A similarly small group are afraid that young people could abuse the internet, become addicted to it and become separated from reality. A few respondents mention the danger of being drafted into a religious sect or Islamic terror groups. An even smaller proportion are concerned about false information available online.

Perceived online dangers for youth and children



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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Kids and Teenagers Online – Parents and Grandparents about Use of Internet and Threats", August 2015. Fieldwork for national sample: July 2015, N=1044. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.