

Data for April 26–May 22, 2011

Princeton Survey Research Associates International  
for the Pew Research Center’s Internet & American Life Project

Sample: n= 2,277 national adults, age 18 and older, including 755 cell phone interviews  
Interviewing dates: 04.26.2011 – 05.22.2011

Margin of error is plus or minus 2 percentage points for results based on Total [n=2,277]  
Margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points for results based on internet users [n=1,701]  
Margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points for results based on cell phone users [n=1,914]  
Margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points for results based on SNS or Twitter users [n=1,015]

**Q17** Thinking of some other things that people might do on their cell phones, do you ever use your cell phone to... [INSERT ITEMS; ALWAYS ASK a-c FIRST IN ORDER; RANDOMIZE d-g; ALWAYS ASK h-i LAST IN ORDER]?<sup>1</sup>

Based on cell phone users

	YES, DO THIS	NO, DO NOT DO THIS/ HAVE NOT DONE THIS	(VOL.) CELL PHONE CAN'T DO THIS	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
a. Use a service such as Foursquare or Gowalla to “check in” to certain locations or share your location with friends					
Current	5	94	*	*	0
b. Get directions, recommendations, or other information related to your present location					
Current	28	72	*	0	0
<b>Trend for comparison:</b> <sup>2</sup>					
April 2009	18	82	n/a	*	*
December 2007	14	86	n/a	*	--

<sup>1</sup> In May 2011, the question was asked of all Form B cell phone users and Form A cell phone users who said in CELL7 that they do more than make calls on their phone. The percentages are based on all cell phone users, counting as “no” Form A cell phone users who said in CELL7 they use their phones only for making calls. Prior to May 2011, question was asked of all cell phone users and question wording was “Please tell me if you ever use your cell phone or Blackberry or other device to do any of the following things. Do you ever use it to [INSERT ITEM]?”

<sup>2</sup> April 2009 and December 2007 item wording was “Get a map or directions to another location”

**SNS9** Thinking about the ways people might use social networking sites... Do you ever... [INSERT IN ORDER]?<sup>3</sup>

Based on SNS or Twitter users who have an SNS profile

- a. Set up your account so that it automatically includes your location on your posts

Current	14	84	2	0
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<sup>3</sup> Prior to May 2011, question was asked of SNS users only. September 2009 question wording was “Thinking about the ways you use social networking sites... Do you ever [INSERT IN ORDER]?”

# Methodology

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This report is based on the findings of a survey on Americans' use of the Internet. The results in this report are based on data from telephone interviews conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International from April 26 to May 22, 2011, among a sample of 2,277 adults, age 18 and older. Telephone interviews were conducted in English and Spanish by landline (1,522) and cell phone (755, including 346 without a landline phone). For results based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling is plus or minus 2.4 percentage points. For results based Internet users (n=1,701), the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.7 percentage points. In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting telephone surveys may introduce some error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

A combination of landline and cellular random digit dial (RDD) samples was used to represent all adults in the continental United States who have access to either a landline or cellular telephone. Both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC (SSI) according to PSRAI specifications. Numbers for the landline sample were selected with probabilities in proportion to their share of listed telephone households from active blocks (area code + exchange + two-digit block number) that contained three or more residential directory listings. The cellular sample was not list-assisted, but was drawn through a systematic sampling from dedicated wireless 100-blocks and shared service 100-blocks with no directory-listed landline numbers.

New sample was released daily and was kept in the field for at least five days. The sample was released in replicates, which are representative subsamples of the larger population. This ensures that complete call procedures were followed for the entire sample. At least 7 attempts were made to complete an interview at a sampled telephone number. The calls were staggered over times of day and days of the week to maximize the chances of making contact with a potential respondent. Each number received at least one daytime call in an attempt to find someone available. For the landline sample, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no male/female was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the other gender. For the cellular sample, interviews were conducted with the person who answered the phone. Interviewers verified that the person was an adult and in a safe place before administering the survey. Cellular sample respondents were offered a post-paid cash incentive for their participation. All interviews completed on any given day were considered to be the final sample for that day.

Weighting is generally used in survey analysis to compensate for sample designs and patterns of non-response that might bias results. A two-stage weighting procedure was used to weight this dual-frame sample. The first-stage weight is the product of two adjustments made to the data – a Probability of Selection Adjustment (PSA) and a Phone Use Adjustment (PUA). The PSA corrects for the fact that respondents in the landline sample have different probabilities of being sampled depending on how many adults live in the household. The PUA corrects for the overlapping landline and cellular sample frames.

The second stage of weighting balances sample demographics to population parameters. The sample is balanced by form to match national population parameters for sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, region (U.S. Census definitions), population density, and telephone usage. The White, non-Hispanic subgroup is also balanced on age, education and region. The basic weighting parameters came from a special analysis of the Census Bureau's 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) that included all households in the continental United States. The population density parameter was derived from Census 2000 data. The cell phone usage parameter came from an analysis of the January-June 2010 National Health Interview Survey.<sup>4</sup>

Following is the full disposition of all sampled telephone numbers:

Landline	Cell	
32,909	19,899	Total Numbers Dialed
1,416	364	Non-residential
1,428	35	Computer/Fax
32	----	Cell phone
16,833	8,660	Other not working
1,629	287	Additional projected not working
11,571	10,553	Working numbers
35.2%	53.0%	Working Rate
543	96	No Answer / Busy
3,091	3,555	Voice Mail
53	10	Other Non-Contact
7,884	6,892	Contacted numbers
68.1%	65.3%	Contact Rate
489	1,055	Callback
5,757	4,618	Refusal
1,638	1,219	Cooperating numbers
20.8%	17.7%	Cooperation Rate
56	33	Language Barrier
----	426	Child's cell phone
1,582	760	Eligible numbers
96.6%	62.3%	Eligibility Rate
60	5	Break-off
1,522	755	Completes
96.2%	99.3%	Completion Rate
13.6%	11.5%	Response Rate

<sup>4</sup> Blumberg SJ, Luke JV. Wireless substitution: Early release of estimates from the National Health Interview Survey, January-June, 2010. National Center for Health Statistics. December 2010.

The disposition reports all of the sampled telephone numbers ever dialed from the original telephone number samples. The response rate estimates the fraction of all eligible respondents in the sample that were ultimately interviewed. At PSRAI it is calculated by taking the product of three component rates:

- **Contact rate** – the proportion of working numbers where a request for interview was made
- **Cooperation rate** – the proportion of contacted numbers where a consent for interview was at least initially obtained, versus those refused
- **Completion rate** – the proportion of initially cooperating and eligible interviews that were completed

Thus the response rate for the landline sample was 13.6 percent. The response rate for the cellular sample was 11.5 percent.