Methodology: Benenson Strategy Group (BSG), on behalf of Common Sense, conducted a demographically representative national survey of N = 1,358 teens age 13 to 17 in the United States, including n = 1,007 teens who have been exposed to online pornography and n = 351 LGBTQ+ teens. The survey was fielded from September 12 to September 21, 2022.

Nearly 3 in 4 teen respondents (73%) have been exposed to pornography, either accidentally or on purpose.

Cis* boy respondents were more likely to view pornography on purpose compared to cis girls.

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* Cis refers to a person whose gender identity aligns with those typically associated with the sex assigned to them at birth.

Percent of teen respondents who have seen online pornography, by age:

- Ages 13 or younger: 73% (54% on purpose, 15% accidentally)
- Ages 15 or younger: 58% (47% on purpose, 11% accidentally)
- Ages 17 or younger: 44% (32% on purpose, 8% accidentally)

12 is the average age when children first consumed pornography.

More than half of teens encountered online pornography accidentally.

- Teen respondents who have encountered online pornography accidentally:
  - Ages 13 or younger: 59% (44% on purpose, 15% accidentally)
  - Ages 15 or younger: 52% (49% on purpose, 8% accidentally)
  - Ages 17 or younger: 46% (40% on purpose, 7% accidentally)

Most teen respondents who intentionally watched pornography were regular viewers (once a week or more).

- Teen respondents who have watched pornography intentionally, how frequently they watched:
  - Watched once a week or more: 59%
  - Watched less than once a week: 31%

Many teen respondents believed online pornography gives helpful information about sex, but fewer thought it accurately shows sex.

- Teen respondents who agreed that online pornography:
  - GIVES HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT SEX: 45%
  - ACCURATELY SHOWS SEX: 27%

Among teens who watched pornography intentionally, how frequently they watched:

- Ages 13 or younger: 60%
- Ages 15 or younger: 53%
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More than half of teen respondents said they had seen violent and/or aggressive pornography, including media that depicts what appears to be rape, choking, or someone in pain.

- Teen respondents who have seen violent and/or aggressive pornography, including media that depicts what appears to be rape, choking, or someone in pain:
  - Ages 10 or younger: 15%
  - Ages 13 or younger: 43%
  - Ages 17 or younger: 73%

Among teens who have seen online pornography, by gender:

- Teen respondents who have seen online pornography, by gender:
  - Cis boys: 75%
  - Cis girls: 52%

- Teen respondents who have discussed pornography with a trusted adult:
  - Cis boys: 43%
  - Cis girls: 57%

Only 1 in 3 said they had seen pornography that includes someone asking for consent before engaging in sexual activity.

- Teen respondents who have seen pornography in which someone asks for consent:
  - Cis boys: 33%
  - Cis girls: 52%

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Of those, 51% said the conversation “encouraged [them] to think about ways to explore sex or [their] sexuality other than porn.”

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