

Table 1122. Internet Activities of Adults by Type of Home Internet Connection: 2008 and 2009

[In percent. For Internet users 18 years old and over. For persons who have ever performed the activity. Based on telephone surveys of persons with land-line telephones, unless otherwise noted. In May 2008, 2,251 persons were interviewed. The response rate was 25 percent. In April 2009, 2,253 persons were interviewed, including 651 cell phone users. The response rate for the landline sample was 20.6 percent and 18.2 percent for the cell sample]

Activity	Survey date (month,year)	American adults performing activity	Internet users performing activity	Home broadband users performing activity
Send or read e-mail	April, 09	71	90	94
Use a search engine to find information	April, 09	69	88	91
Check weather reports and forecasts online	April, 09	60	76	81
Get news online.	April, 09	57	72	79
Buy a product online.	April, 09	59	75	80
Visit a local, state, or federal government Web site.	Nov, 08	44	59	64
Buy or make a reservation for travel	April, 09	52	66	71
Look for news or information about politics	April, 09	47	60	66
Do any banking online.	April, 09	45	57	65
Watch a video on a video-sharing site	April, 09	49	62	69
Look online for info about a job.	April, 09	41	52	54
Look for information on Wikipedia	Dec, 08	35	47	54
Send instant messages	Nov, 08	29	38	41
Get financial information online	April, 09	31	39	43
Use online classified ads or sites like Craig's List.	April, 09	39	49	53
Rate a product, service, or person.	April, 09	24	31	34
Use a social networking site.	April, 09	36	46	50
Participate in an online auction	April, 09	21	27	30
Look for religious or spiritual information online	April, 09	22	28	30
Download a podcast so you can listen to it or view it later	May, 08	14	19	22
Make a donation to a charity online	April, 09	15	19	23
Create or work on your own online journal or blog	Dec, 08	8	11	12

Source: Pew Internet & American Life Project Surveys; <<http://www.pewinternet.org/>>.