

Reaching a Digital Plateau? The Continuing Diffusion of the Internet in Britain

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Survey Design, Sample



- 2003, 2005 and 2007
- Cross-sectional surveys
- Probability sample of England, Scotland & Wales
- Respondents: 14 year olds and older
- Face-to-face interviews
- Current sponsorship from Hefce, British Library, Cisco, Ofcom, and Talisma













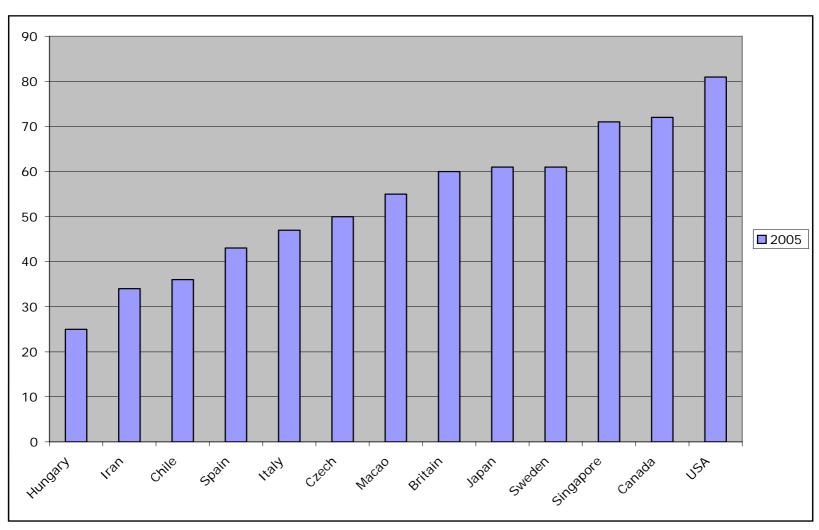


	2003	2005	2007
Fielded in	June-July	February-March	March - April
Number of respondents	2,030	2,185	2,195 (?)
Response rate	66%	72%	High, In Progress



World Internet Access (circa 2005)



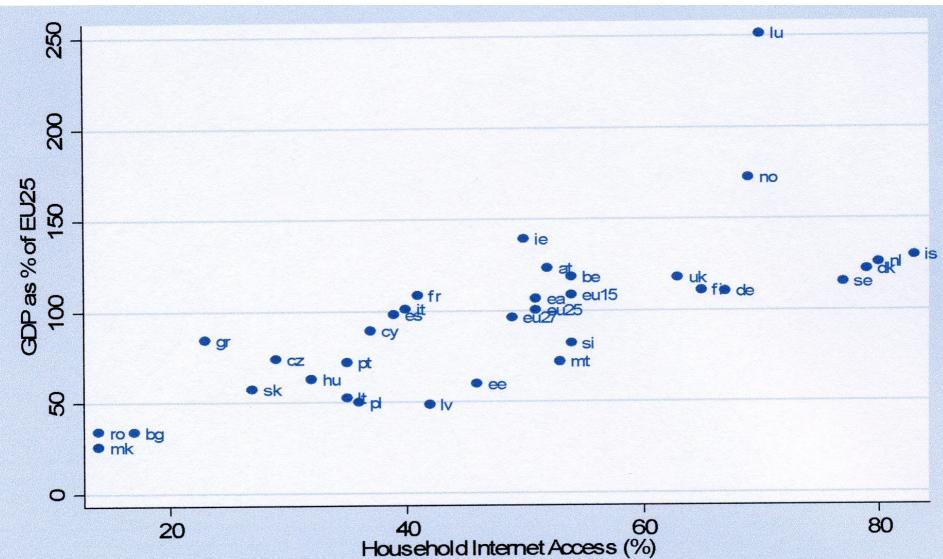


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GDP and Internet Access in Europe with Luxemburg and Norway

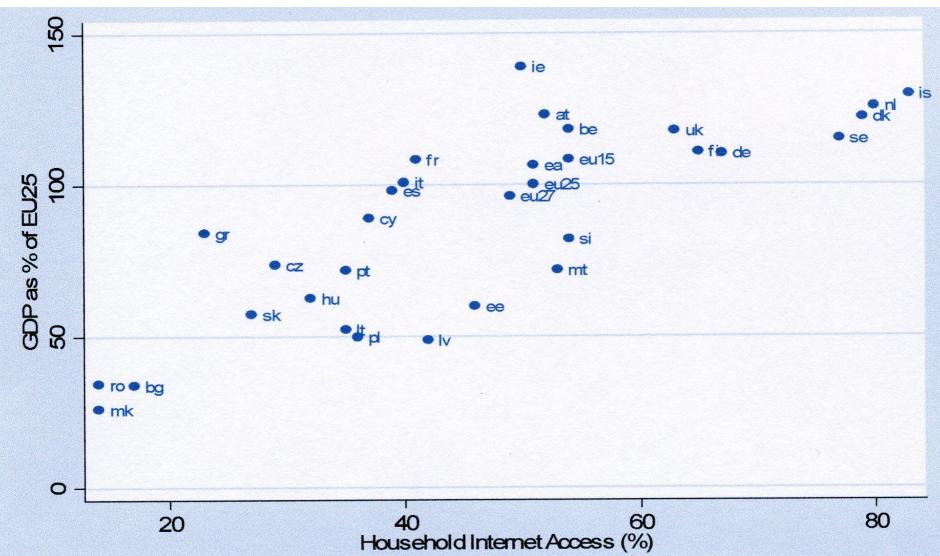






GDP and Internet Access in Europe without Luxemburg and Norway



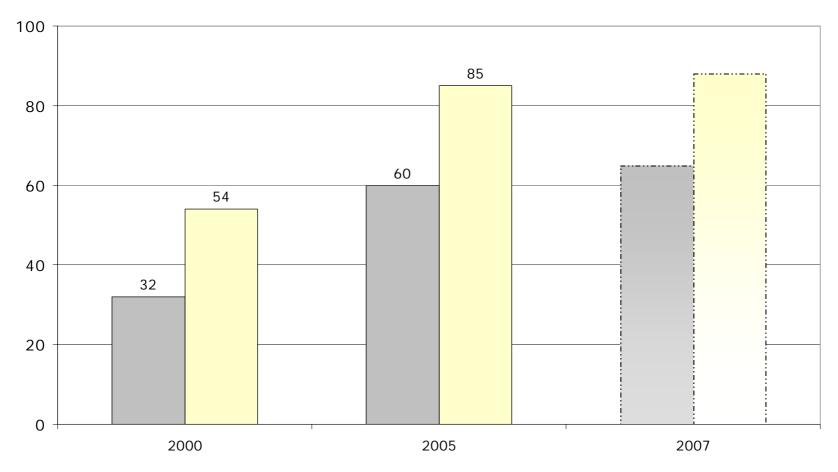




New Technology to e-Infrastructure: Centrality of the Internet in Britain, 2000-07



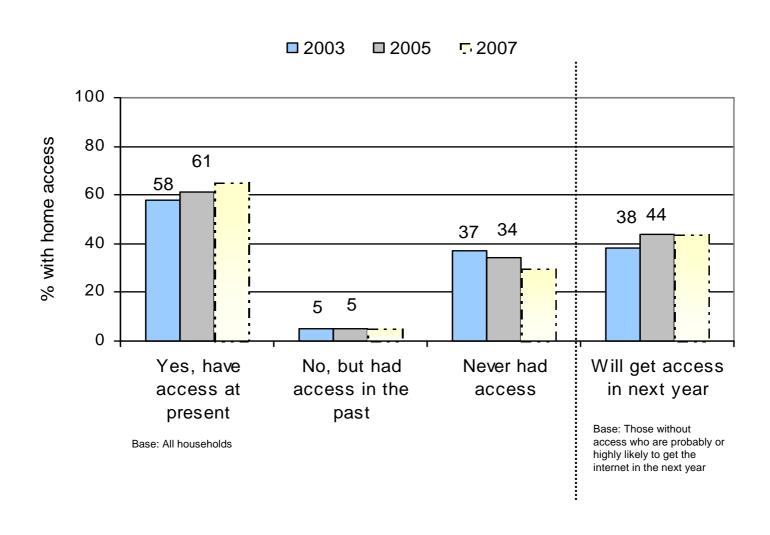






Diffusion of the Internet in Britain 2003-2007



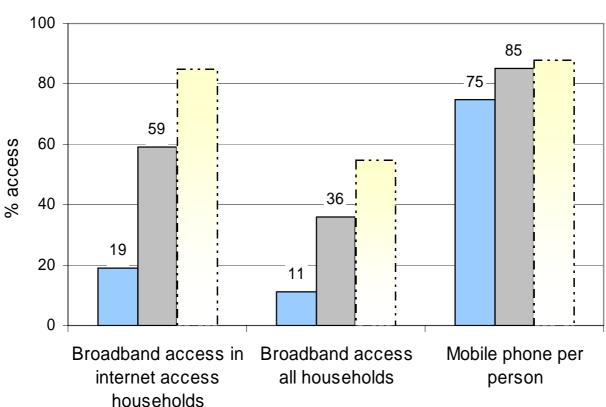




Broadband and Mobile Phone 2003-2007





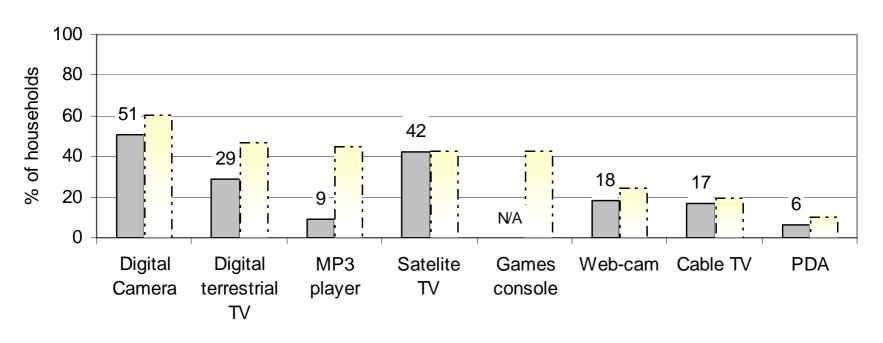




Media Richness of Households



□ 2005 **□** 2007

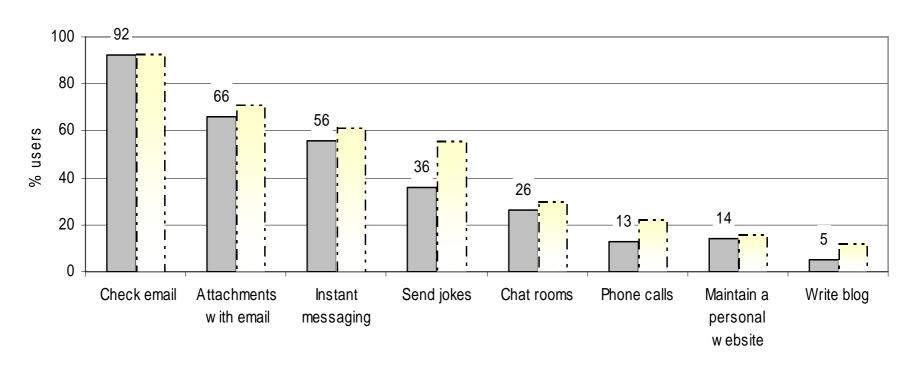




Communication Uses



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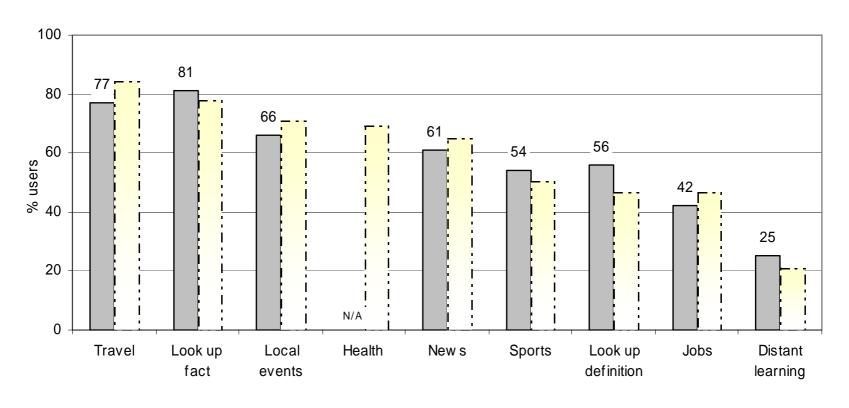




Information and Learning



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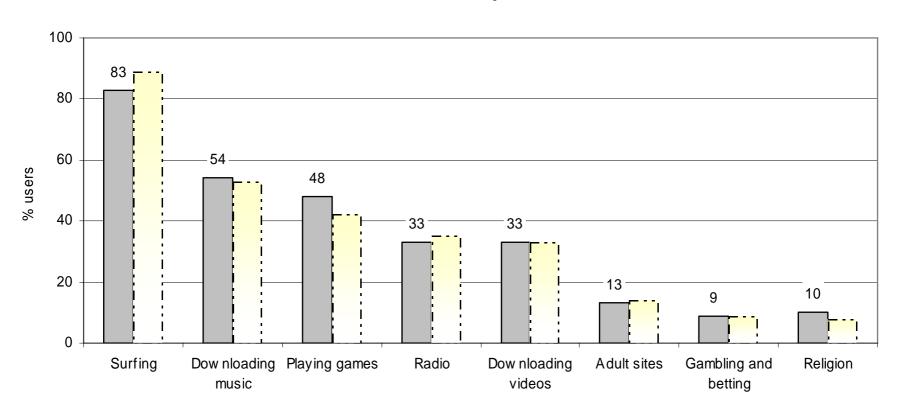




Entertainment



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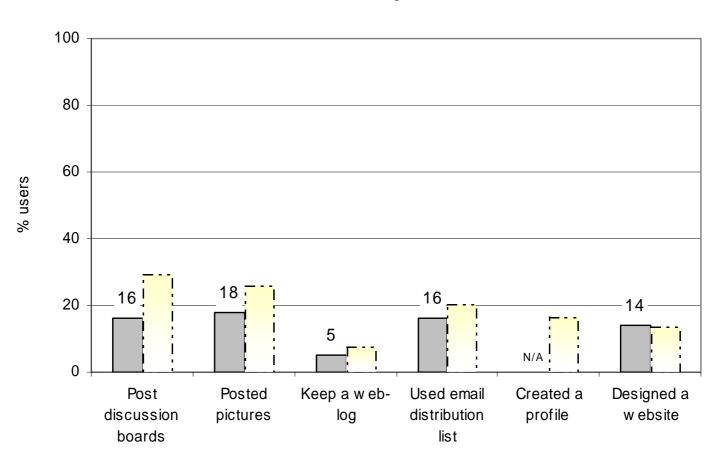




Creating, Producing, Posting



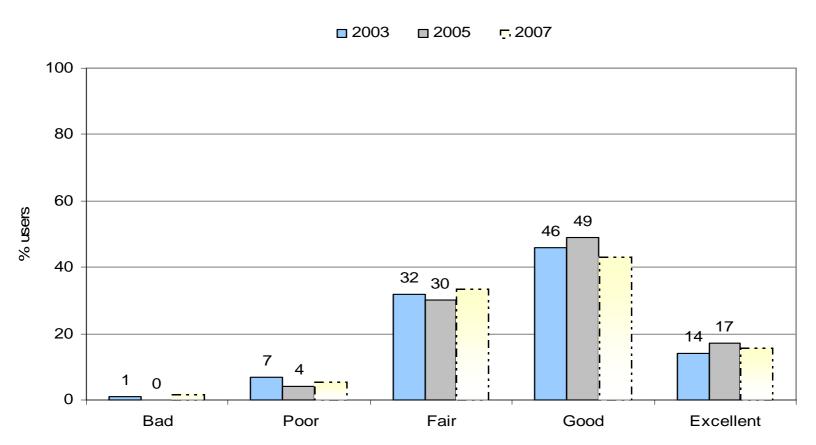






Perceived Efficacy, Skill





Average 2003 & 2007=3.64 and Average 2005=3.79



Lifestages: Access to ICTs and Media



The categories used for comparison are:

- Students > those who indicate studying part or full time as their occupation
- Employed > those who indicate working part or full time as their occupation
- Retired > those who indicate being retired

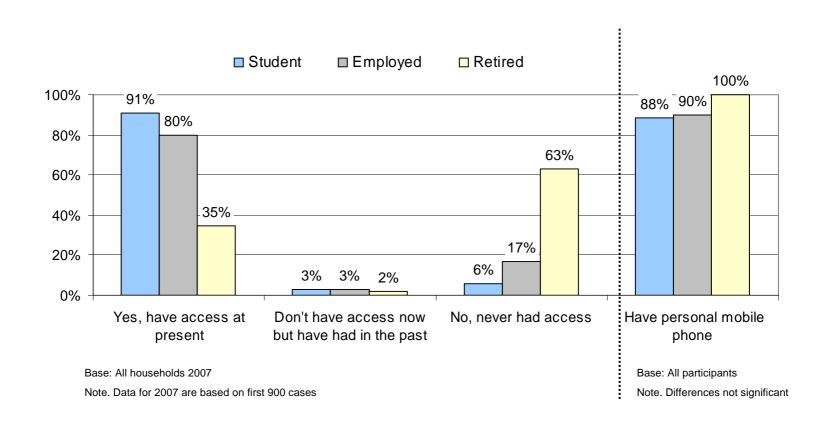
The data show no differences between these groups in the media they have at home...

...BUT differences in Internet household access remain significant in 2007..



Lifestages: Internet access and mobile phone use

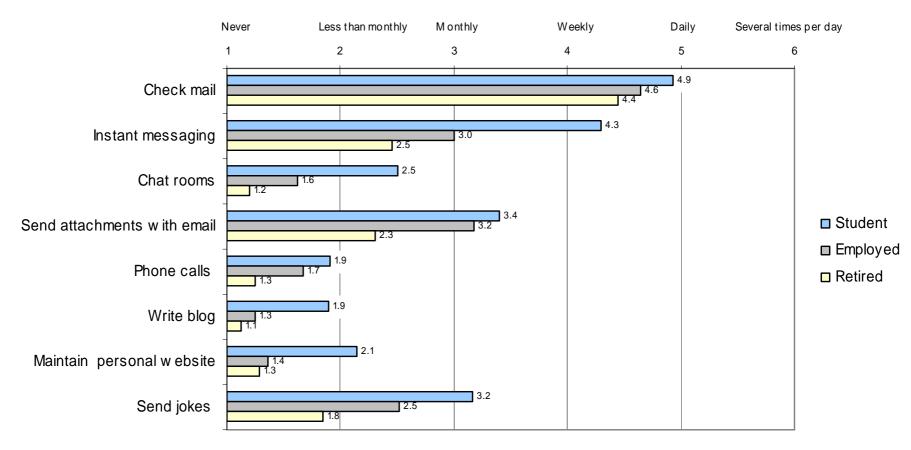






Lifestages: Communication



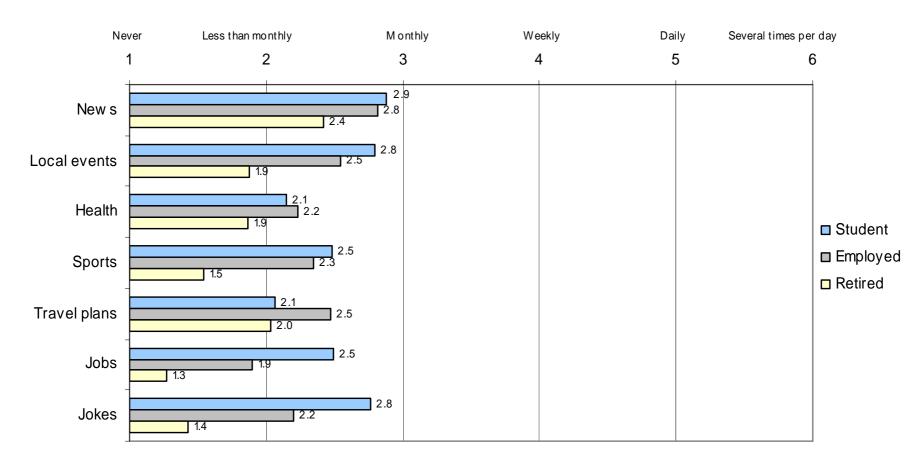


Base: Internet users. Note. All differences significant



Lifestages: Information seeking





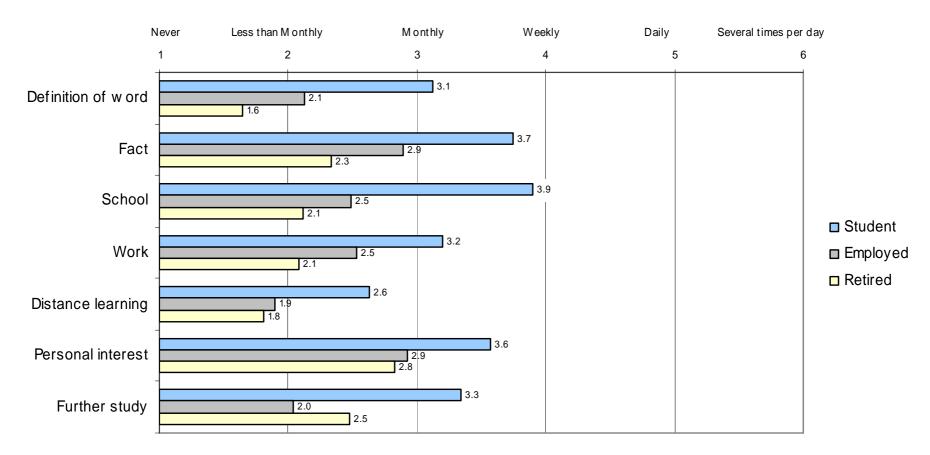
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Note. Differences in looking for health care, definitions, facts and distance learning not significant.



Lifestages: Learning



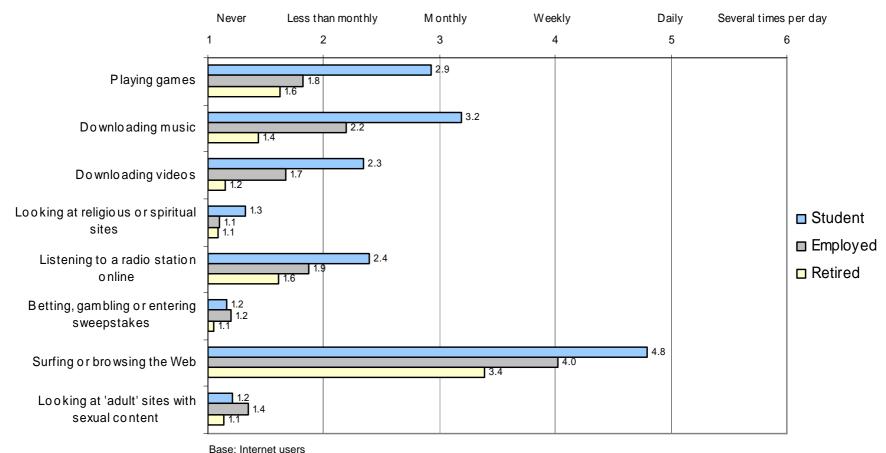


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Lifestages: Entertainment



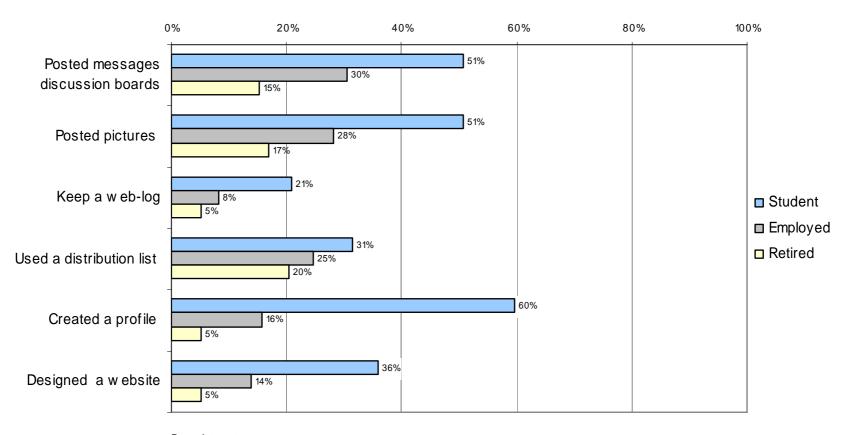


Note. Differences for gambling and adults sites not significant



Lifestages: Creativity and Production





Base: Internet users

Note. Differences web log and distribution lists not significant



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