

TABLE S7-36

Primary source of information about science and technology, by respondent characteristic: 2018

(Percent)

Characteristic	Internet	Television	Magazine	Newspaper	Book or other print	Friend or colleague	Family	Radio	Government agency	Library	Don't know
All adults (n = 1,175)	57	22	4	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	*
Sex											
Male (n = 485)	57	22	5	3	3	3	2	2	2	*	*
Female (n = 690)	57	22	4	4	3	3	3	2	0	1	*
Formal education											
Less than high school diploma (n = 137)	32	47	3	4	1	3	5	2	1	1	1
High school diploma (n = 362)	54	27	4	3	3	3	2	3	1	1	*
Some college (n = 330)	62	18	5	1	3	3	4	2	2	*	*
Bachelor's degree (n = 232)	66	12	5	7	4	2	2	1	0	1	0
Graduate or professional degree (n = 114)	71	8	4	6	6	2	2	0	1	0	0
Science and mathematics education ^{a,b}											
Low (n = 598)	47	30	5	4	4	3	3	2	0	1	*
Middle (n = 237)	68	12	5	4	1	2	3	2	2	1	*
High (n = 252)	72	12	4	4	5	1	1	0	1	*	0
Family income (quartile) ^b											
Bottom (n = 227)	47	33	4	2	4	3	3	1	1	2	*
Third (n = 223)	57	22	4	4	4	3	6	*	0	0	0
Second (n = 290)	62	20	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	*
Top (n = 287)	65	16	5	5	4	3	1	2	0	1	0
Age (years) ^b											
18–24 (n = 94)	74	15	1	*	1	2	1	1	2	2	*
25–34 (n = 225)	78	9	1	2	1	5	2	2	0	0	*
35–44 (n = 206)	68	16	6	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	0
45–54 (n = 190)	57	23	3	3	4	4	4	2	0	1	*
55–64 (n = 186)	49	31	8	2	4	2	2	1	1	*	1
65 or older (n = 269)	25	40	8	11	9	1	4	2	1	0	*
Correct answers to questions about basic scientific facts ^c											
Low (n = 227)	42	38	4	5	2	4	3	1	0	*	1
Middle (n = 512)	53	27	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	*
High (n = 436)	70	10	6	4	4	1	2	2	1	1	*

* = < 0.5% responded.

^a For science and mathematics education, "low" equates to five or fewer high school and college science or mathematics courses, "middle" is six through eight courses, and "high" means nine or more courses.

^b Categories do not add to total *n* because "don't know" responses and refusals to respond are not shown.

^c See notes to Table S7-1 for an explanation of the questions asked about basic scientific facts.

Note(s)

Responses are to the following: *We are interested in how people get information about science and technology. Where do you get most of your information about science and technology?* Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.

Source(s)

NORC at the University of Chicago, General Social Survey (2018).

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