

Appendix table 7-2

Primary source of information about science and technology, by respondent characteristic: 2006

(Percent)

Characteristic	Newspaper	Magazine	Internet	Book/other print	Television	Radio	Government agency	Family	Friend/colleague	Other	Don't know
All adults (<i>n</i> = 1,864)	11	10	23	7	39	2	—	2	2	2	1
Sex											
Male (<i>n</i> = 804)	9	11	26	8	39	2	—	1	1	2	1
Female (<i>n</i> = 1,060).....	12	10	22	6	40	2	—	2	2	2	1
Formal education											
<High school (<i>n</i> = 227)	10	4	5	9	63	2	0	2	1	1	3
High school graduate (<i>n</i> = 1,115)	11	10	21	7	42	2	—	2	2	2	1
Baccalaureate (<i>n</i> = 346).....	10	12	39	5	25	4	1	3	2	1	—
Graduate/professional degree (<i>n</i> = 176)	15	19	29	10	22	2	0	1	0	1	1
Science/mathematics education ^a											
Low (<i>n</i> = 1,042)	11	10	14	7	49	1	—	2	2	2	2
Middle (<i>n</i> = 359)	12	10	33	7	29	3	—	2	—	3	0
High (<i>n</i> = 408).....	9	13	38	9	23	4	—	1	2	2	0
Family income (quartile)											
Top (<i>n</i> = 311)	15	17	26	5	26	4	—	4	1	2	—
Second (<i>n</i> = 420)	10	8	28	8	39	2	—	2	2	1	—
Third (<i>n</i> = 419).....	10	12	20	8	45	1	0	1	1	1	—
Bottom (<i>n</i> = 462).....	9	6	20	7	48	1	—	1	3	4	1
Age (years)											
18–24 (<i>n</i> = 157).....	4	4	36	11	28	2	0	4	4	7	0
25–34 (<i>n</i> = 341).....	5	7	36	5	37	4	—	—	3	1	1
35–44 (<i>n</i> = 382).....	11	13	25	5	37	2	—	2	1	1	1
45–54 (<i>n</i> = 386).....	12	9	21	7	42	2	—	2	1	2	1
55–64 (<i>n</i> = 272).....	13	16	15	8	43	—	1	1	1	1	1
65+ (<i>n</i> = 321)	20	12	7	9	46	—	0	2	—	1	3
Minor children at home											
Yes (<i>n</i> = 588).....	11	11	22	6	38	3	1	2	2	2	2
No (<i>n</i> = 1,276).....	11	10	24	8	40	2	—	2	1	2	1

— = ≤0.5% responded

^aLow = ≤5 high school and college science/math courses; middle = 6–8 courses; high = ≥9 courses.NOTES: Responses to: *We are interested in how people get information about science and technology. Where do you get **most** of your information about science and technology?* Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

SOURCE: University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2006).

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