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**Handheld Stats**

18 year olds use e-mail more than the younger teens and preteens. Only 42% of them texted. 85% of the 14 year olds used AIM, 71% wrote on their friends walls, 89% texted and 40% used e-mail. The 18-year-olds, on the other hand used AIM 50% of the time, wrote on their friend’s walls 47% of the time, texted 42% of the time and used e-mail 82% of the time.

91% of students polled from 8 to 16 and older had a cell phone and a further 9% had either a blackberry or iphone (the students did not report those as cell phones). 28% of 9-11 year olds owned their phones for 6 months or less, 40% for 6 mos to 1 year, and 25% of them had one for more than 1 year. 60% of those 12-13 year olds had a cell phone for more than a year. 77% of the cell phone users 16 and over had a cell phone for longer than 1 year.

More than twice as many students 16 and older spent 10 or more hours a week texting than their 12-13 year old counterparts. But twice as many of the 9 – 15 year old users spent 5-10 hours texting as the 16 year olds and older group. Twice as many students 16 and older spent 5-10 hours talking on their cell phones. More 9-13 year olds sent photos from their cell phones than those 15 and older by 50%.

87% of the students polled in a very rural part of Wisconsin had a cell phone and 75% of them had had a cell phone for 1 year or longer. 43% admitted to having sent a text while driving (although in a second inquiry 49% of them admitted to having sent a text while driving at least once.) and 78% had been in a car with the driver texting. 16% admitted to having send a text message while driving 10 or more times a week. 33% said they sent a text message while driving ten times or fewer a week. Their parents text (54%).