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### Abstract

Mental health is a persons condition with their emotional well-being and social well-being. A persons mental health is so important because it affects how you feel, think and act. Your mental health can determine how motivated you are or how you handle stress and or stressful situations. Social media has impacted peoples mental health especially in teenagers that depression rates are higher, as well as anxiety and self image issues.

## **Key points**

- 95% percent of teenagers had smartphones in 2018.
- Between the years 2012-2015 depression in boys increased by 21%
- Studies have found that more than 3 hours of social media use a day gives you a higher risk of getting depression and or anxiety.

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Smartphone access nearly ubiquitous among teens, while having a home computer varies by income		
% of U.S. teens who say they have or have access to a at home		
	Desktop or laptop computer	Smartphone
U.S. teens	88%	95%
Boys	89	93
Girls	88	97
White	90	94
Black	89	94
Hispanic	82	95
Less than \$30K	75	93
\$30K -\$74,999	89	93
\$75K or more	96	97
Parent's level of education:		
HS or less	78	94
Some college	91	94
College+	94	96
Note: Whites and blacks include only non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race. Parent's level of education based on highest level of education associated with a teen's parent. Source: Survey conducted March 7-April 10, 2018. "Teens, Social Media & Technology 2018"		
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### Conclusion

Social media has had a large impact on everyone's life, especially young adults both negative and positive. Research shows that 24% of social media use is used negatively but this percentage could be too low. Someone always has something mean to say to someone and people get bullied/harasses constantly. Yes social media has its positives like being able to communicate with friends and family, or catch up with old friends but that doesn't cancel out the negatives, the bullying escalates quickly and can affect someone's mental health and lead to suicide or depression.