

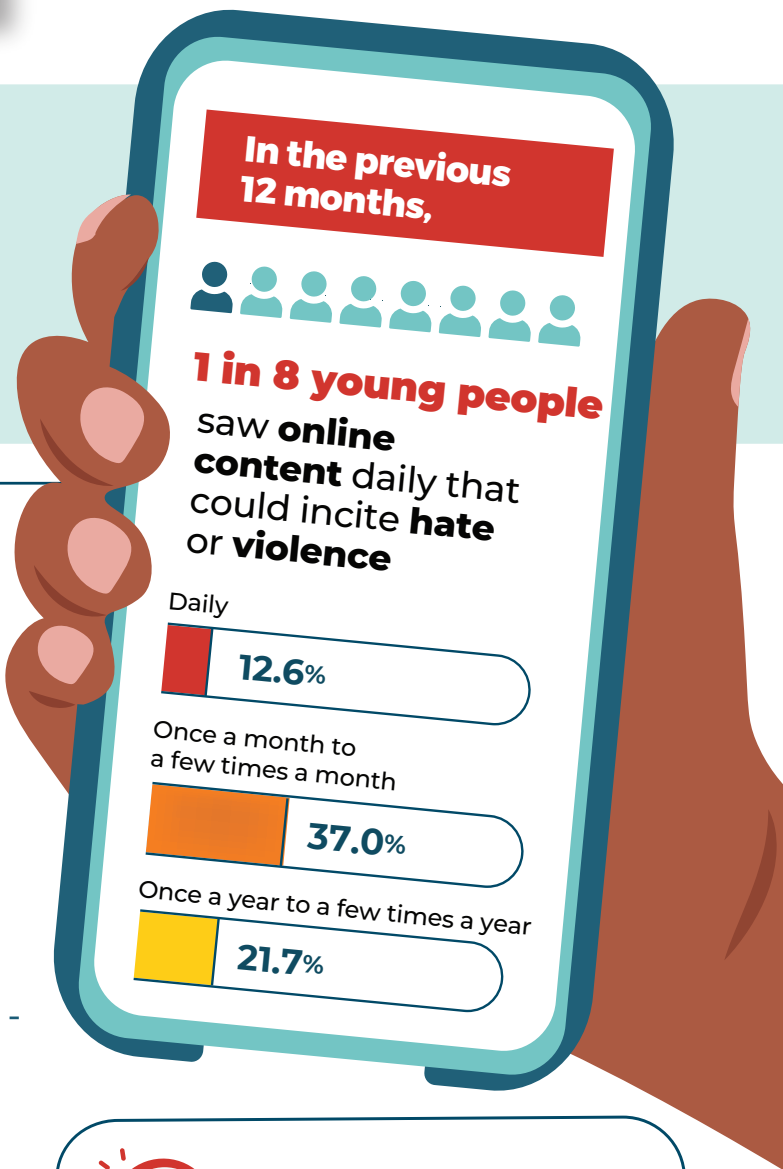
# YOUNG PEOPLE AND EXPOSURE TO HARMFUL ONLINE CONTENT IN 2022



In 2022, almost all (99%) young Canadians aged 15 to 24 used the Internet and 91% used social networking sites.

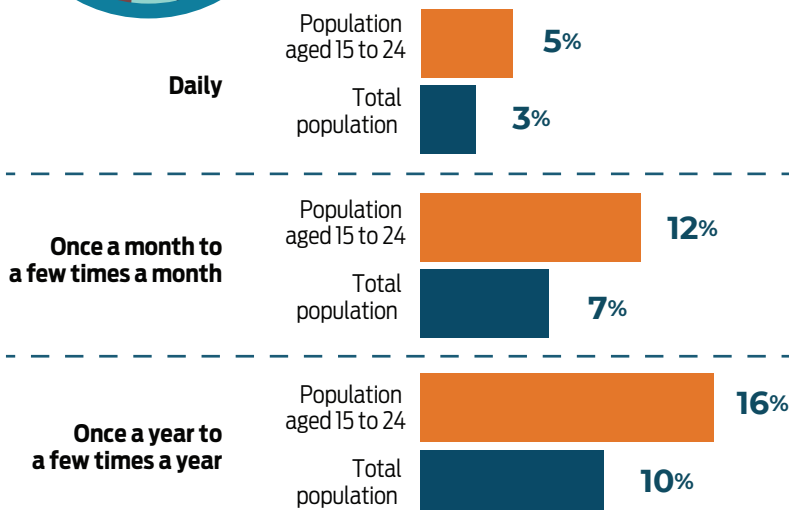
## 71%

of young Canadians reported seeing online hate content in the previous 12 months. This is well above the national average (49%).



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Young people are more likely to be exposed to intimate images or videos<sup>1</sup> online



**3X** While young people with a disability are less likely to use the Internet, they are almost three times more likely (29%)<sup>2</sup> to see online content that could incite hate or violence than young people without disabilities (11%).



According to police-reported data collected between 2018 and 2022...

## MORE THAN A THIRD (36%)

of victims of cyber-related hate crimes were under the age of 25



Young persons suspected or accused of a cyber-related hate crime

## 31%

Boys aged 12 to 17

## 5%

Girls aged 12 to 17

1. Intimate images and videos refer to sexual images or videos that may have been shared without the person's consent.

2. This data point should be used with caution.

Note: Cybervictimization covers a broad spectrum of behaviours, ranging from incidents of cyberbullying to sharing unwanted intimate images, harassment, and other online forms of victimization, which may or may not reach the criminal threshold. Cyber-related hate crimes are considered criminal in nature.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Internet Use Survey, 2022, and Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, 2018 to 2022.