

# COVID-19 has magnified the inequality of Internet accessibility.

A new survey of U.K. and U.S. residents reveals dependency on the Internet and an urgent need to close the digital divide.



**50%** rely on the Internet for health information



**56%** of U.S. respondents said their children could not continue education without the Internet



**67%** use the Internet for tracking news and information



**75%** say the Internet is critical for keeping in touch with loved ones



Over 50% of respondents ranked **reliability** an important aspect of the Internet



with **access** a close second.



But only

**1 in 4**

respondants were aware that almost half the world lacks access to the Internet.



Learn more about the digital divide and what you can do to help close the gap.

See the full results and methodology of the Internet Public Pulse Survey.

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