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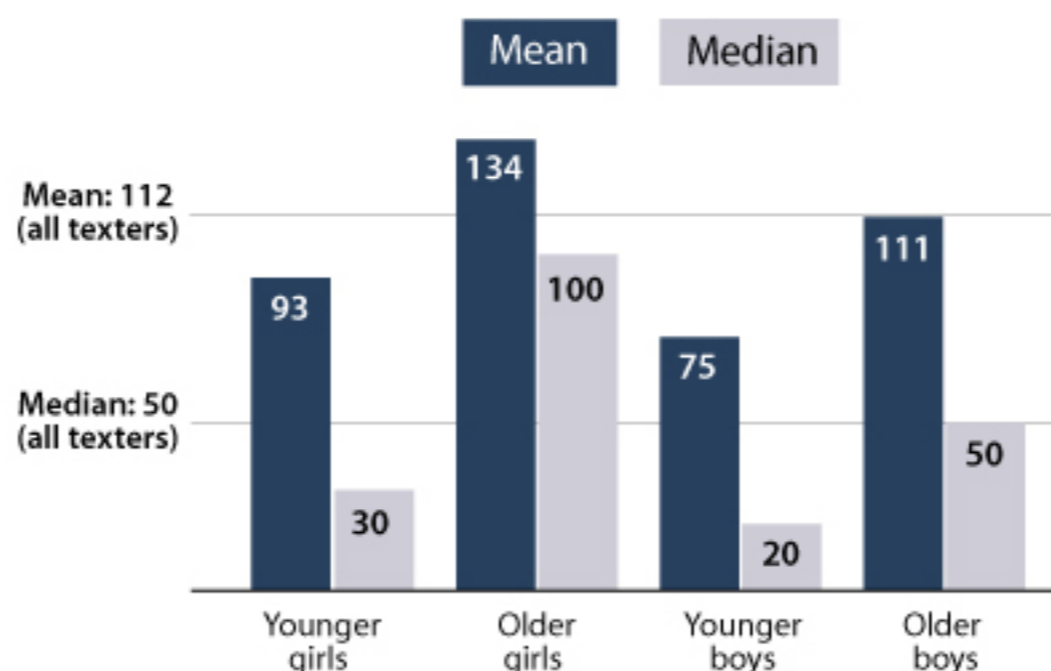
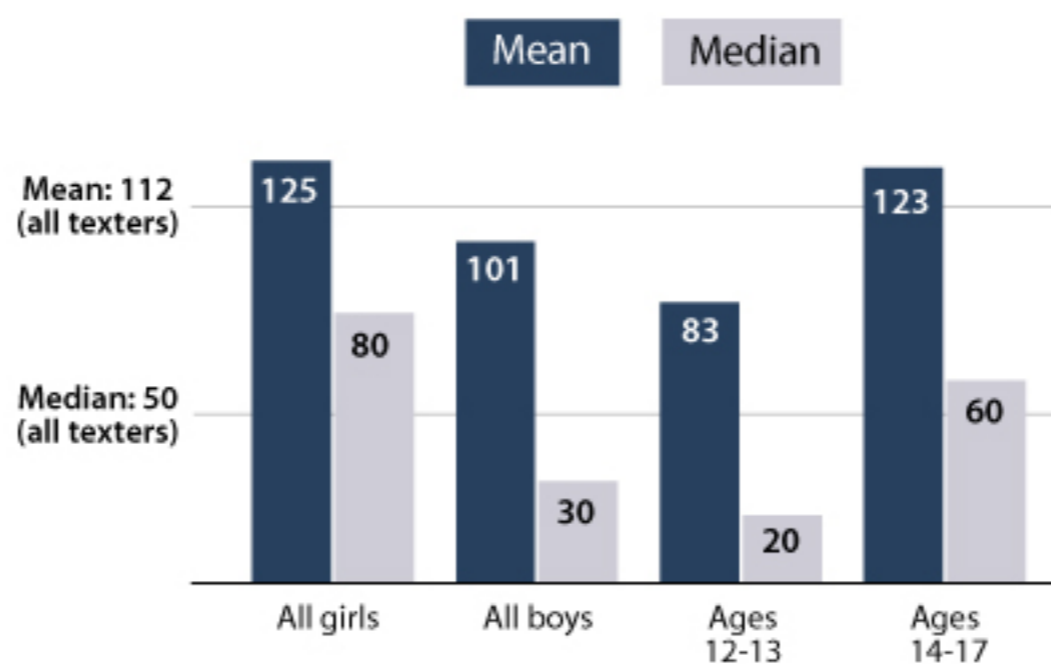


80 a day - Teen Girls Text More than Boys

Teenage girls are far more likely to send text messages with their cell phones than are teenage boys. A teenage girl will typically send and receive 80 texts a day; a typical teenage boy will have half the volume of text messages (30 a day). Girls are also more likely to send several text messages to friends a day (86%) than are boys (64%). Fully 84% of teenage girls will have long exchanges via text messages, 76% will text about school work and 59% will send a text message "just to say hello" several times a day. Teenage boys are less likely to participate in all three text messaging activities. [Read more](#)

Typical number of texts per day

The mean and median number of texts sent per day by teen texters, by age and sex



Source: Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project, Teens and Mobile Phones Survey, conducted from June 26 - September 24th, 2009. n=800 teens ages 12-17 and the margin of error for the total sample is +/- 4%. For smaller subgroups, the margin of error may be larger. Please see the Methodology section for details.



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