

Digital Futures: Connectivity Report



Home and mobile internet satisfaction across the UK

Nominet's Digital Futures research seeks to encourage debate on what matters most, as we chart a course towards a vibrant digital future in the UK. Nominet's position as the company behind the .UK internet infrastructure means it can offer a unique perspective on the digital progress of the UK.

We polled people all over the UK to find out how satisfied they are with their home and mobile internet connectivity.

This is what we found...



Speed and reliability

46%

Fewer than half say their home connection is easily able to cope with their needs

14%

Say their home connection is 'a bit slow' or 'way too slow'

66%

Two thirds admit they don't know how fast their connection should be

18%

Say they can't rely on local mobile internet for anything beyond basic tasks

79%

Have experienced reliability issues with their home connection in the past year

9%

Say reliability problems happen all the time

Satisfaction across the UK



Home Reliability

- North East 86%
- East of England 81%
- West Midlands 80%
- East Midlands 80%
- Wales 78%
- South West 77%
- Scotland 75%
- North West 75%
- South East 75%
- Northern Ireland 75%
- London 71%
- Yorkshire and the Humber 68%



Mobile Reliability

- West Midlands 78%
- North East 74%
- East of England 73%
- Scotland 70%
- North West 70%
- East Midlands 68%
- Wales 68%
- London 67%
- Northern Ireland 67%
- Yorkshire and the Humber 65%
- South East 61%
- South West 60%



The impact of poor connectivity



48%

Only 48% can work from home without difficulty with their connection



50%

Only 50% can stream music without difficulty from their home connection



53%

Only 53% can post or read on social media on a mobile connection without difficulty



11%

11% worry their children's future will be impacted by inadequate internet access



29%

29% say poor internet has affected their community



How do they want connectivity to improve?

60%

Would rather have a consistently reliable internet connection at home than a faster one



66%

Believe the industry should focus on delivering consistent internet coverage across the whole country rather than faster but geographically limited speeds



About the research



Nominet commissioned PDS (Populus Data Solutions) to survey a sample of 2,080 UK adults including 505 aged 18-24 and 1,032 UK children aged 11-17 to encourage debate on what matters most as we shape our digital future in the UK.

The research was conducted online between 30th January and 6th of February 2019 and addressed several key themes including the impact of technology, digital ability and willingness, digital & society, social media and inclusivity & the workplace.

See our other Digital Futures research here: nominet.uk/digital-futures/

About Nominet

Nominet is driven by a commitment to use technology to improve connectivity, security and inclusivity online. For over 20 years, Nominet has run the .UK internet infrastructure, developing an expertise in the Domain Name System (DNS) that now underpins sophisticated threat monitoring, detection, prevention, and analytics that is used by governments and enterprises to mitigate cyber threats.

The company provides registry services for top level domains, and is exploring applications for a range of emerging technologies including autonomous vehicles and TVWS – connecting rural areas with broadband.

A profit with a purpose company, Nominet supports initiatives that contribute to a vibrant digital future and has donated over £47 million to tech for good causes since 2008, benefitting more than 10 million people.