

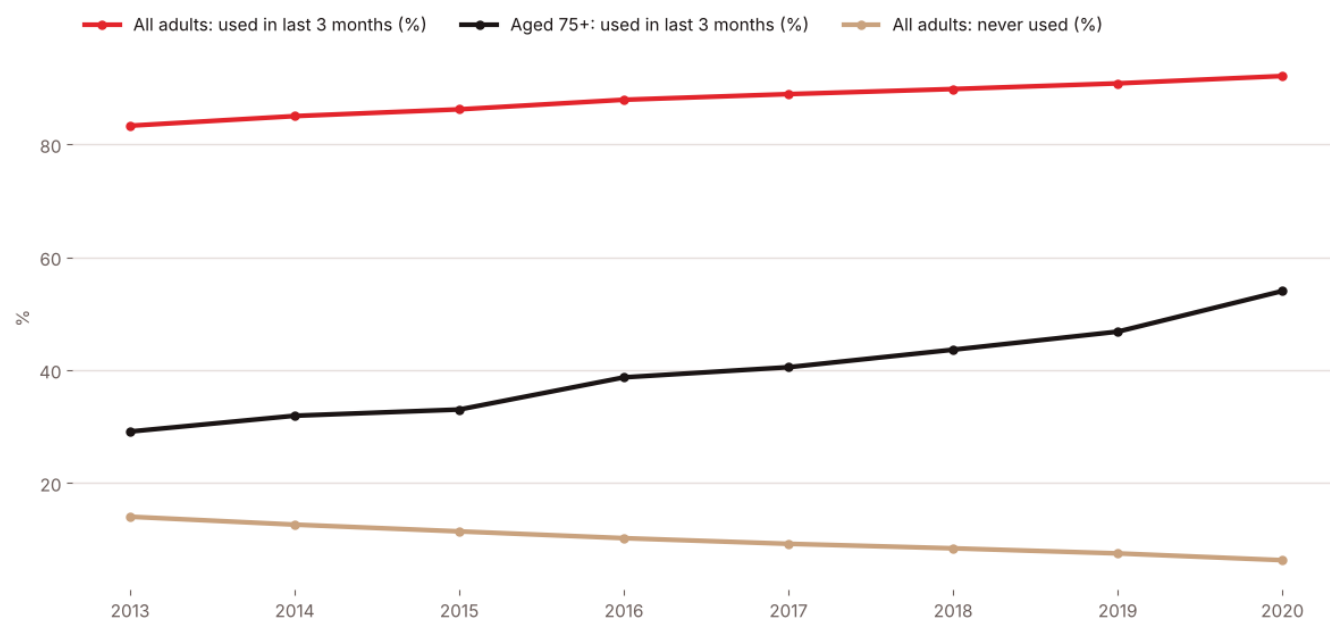
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UK adults who are recent internet users, 2013 to 2020

The share of UK adults who had used the internet in the last three months rose every year from 83.3% in 2013 to 92.1% in 2020. The biggest change was among people aged 75 and over, whose recent use almost doubled.

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Key findings

- 92.1% of UK adults were recent internet users in 2020, up from 83.3% in 2013.
- Recent internet use among adults aged 75 and over rose from 29.1% in 2013 to 54.0% in 2020.
- The share of adults who had never used the internet fell from 14.0% in 2013 to 6.3% in 2020.

The data

Year	All adults: used in last 3 months (%)	Aged 75+: used in last 3 months (%)	All adults: never used (%)
2013	83.3	29.1	14
2014	85	31.9	12.6
2015	86.2	33	11.4
2016	87.9	38.7	10.2
2017	88.9	40.5	9.2
2018	89.8	43.6	8.4
2019	90.8	46.8	7.5

Year	All adults: used in last 3 months (%)	Aged 75+: used in last 3 months (%)	All adults: never used (%)
2020	92.1	54	6.3

Sources

Office for National Statistics, Internet users, UK: 2020 (dataset, published 6 April 2021) (internetusers2020.xlsx, Table 1B (%), persons aged 16 and over, UK)

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/itandinternetindustry/datasets/internetusers>

Office for National Statistics, Internet users, UK: 2020 (bulletin) (Headline figures and discontinuation notice)

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/itandinternetindustry/bulletins/internetusers/2020>

Method

Rows were copied from Table 1B of the ONS Internet users 2020 workbook: the 'All adults' and '75+' rows under 'Used in the last 3 months', and the 'All adults' row under 'Never used'.

Notes

ONS discontinued this series after the 2020 edition, so 2020 is the latest year available; ONS points users to Ofcom's Technology Tracker for later data. Table 1B starts in 2013. Based on the Labour Force Survey, adults aged 16 and over.

How to cite

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