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Brazilian kids online

Many Brazilian children are going online without adult guidance

More than two-thirds of Brazilian children (68-78% depending on socio-economic status) surveyed for the first comprehensive study into Brazilian children's online experiences believe they know more about the internet than their parents or guardians, with over half (53%) living in families where the adults responsible for them are not internet users.

This is a stark comparison with children across Europe, where only 28-46% report that they know more than their parents about the internet.

These are some of the findings published today (Monday 25 November) by EU Kids Online, a research project based at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

The report uses data from the first wave of the ICT Kids Online Brazil Survey on children's online use by the Center for Studies on Information and Communication

Alexandre Barbosa, co-author of the report and manager of CETIC, the Center for Studies on Information and Communications Technologies in Brazil, said: “In a country marked by social and economic inequalities with a large youth population that increasingly access the internet it is crucial to foster initiatives to raise awareness on the safe use of the internet. The recently published ICT Kids Online Brazil Survey is an important source of data for policymaking and will certainly contribute to promote the debate on digital rights, freedom of expression and privacy concerns.”

‘Risks and Safety on the Internet: comparing Brazilian and European results’ by Alexandre Barbosa, Brian O’Neill, Cristina Ponte, José Alberto Simões