

YouGov Survey Results

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What is the name of this character?

[Respondents were shown a picture of Pikachu]

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| Pikachu | 67 | 66 | 68 | 92 | 90 | 66 | 33 | 71 | 62 | 59 | 66 | 70 | 69 | 66 | 66 | 75 | 64 |
| Answered "Pokemon" or identified as a Pokemon | 9 | 5 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| Incorrect answers | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Don't know | 23 | 26 | 20 | 2 | 5 | 19 | 54 | 20 | 28 | 29 | 24 | 17 | 21 | 25 | 25 | 14 | 25 |

How much do you like or dislike Pokémon?

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|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Love it | 5 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 5 |
| Like it | 12 | 14 | 11 | 27 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 6 | 16 | 11 | 14 | 19 | 10 |
| TOTAL LOVE / LIKE | 17 | 20 | 16 | 40 | 30 | 8 | 4 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 11 | 23 | 16 | 19 | 27 | 15 |
| Neither like nor dislike it | 59 | 55 | 62 | 47 | 53 | 66 | 65 | 59 | 62 | 59 | 60 | 52 | 56 | 60 | 62 | 54 | 60 |
| Dislike it | 9 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 9 | 20 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 9 |
| Hate it | 6 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| TOTAL DISLIKE / HATE | 15 | 17 | 14 | 11 | 15 | 18 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 19 | 15 | 26 | 13 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 17 |
| Don't know | 8 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 9 |

Which of the following Pokémon related activities have you EVER done?

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Watched the Pokémon cartoon / anime | 22 | 24 | 20 | 39 | 42 | 11 | 3 | 24 | 21 | 18 | 22 | 15 | 27 | 18 | 25 | 30 | 20 |
| Played Pokémon Go | 19 | 22 | 17 | 52 | 30 | 8 | 1 | 22 | 15 | 13 | 19 | 14 | 22 | 19 | 20 | 25 | 17 |
| Watched Pokémon movies | 15 | 18 | 13 | 21 | 33 | 8 | 2 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 13 |
| Played Pokémon video games (excluding Pokémon Go) | 16 | 23 | 10 | 38 | 31 | 5 | 1 | 18 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 9 | 22 | 14 | 18 | 22 | 15 |
| Bought / played / collected Pokémon trading cards | 16 | 19 | 12 | 30 | 31 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 16 | 13 | 17 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 16 |
| Owned Pokémon merchandise | 11 | 12 | 10 | 20 | 24 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 16 | 11 |
| Something else | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| None of these | 63 | 60 | 66 | 28 | 42 | 77 | 90 | 60 | 69 | 70 | 64 | 69 | 52 | 67 | 60 | 54 | 67 |
| Don't know / Can't recall | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

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You said you had done the following. Please say whether you have done them as a child, as an adult, or both.

Played Pokémon video games (excluding Pokémon Go)

[Asked among those who said they played Pokémon video games (excluding Pokémon Go); n = 287]

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|---------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| As a child only | 36 | 37 | 34 | 34 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 45 | 29 | 37 | 19 | 36 | 26 | 39 | 39 | 41 |
| As both a child and as an adult | 47 | 48 | 44 | 55 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 39 | 50 | 49 | 64 | 31 | 48 | 49 | 52 | 47 |
| As an adult only | 15 | 11 | 22 | 8 | 5 | 88 | 100 | 11 | 14 | 16 | 13 | 17 | 24 | 21 | 11 | 9 | 12 |
| Don't know / Can't recall | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

Played Pokémon Go

[Asked among those who said they played Pokémon Go; n = 372]

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|---------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| As a child only | 21 | 23 | 19 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 21 | 20 | 31 | 29 | 24 | 13 | 25 | 18 |
| As both a child and as an adult | 10 | 11 | 8 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 17 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 17 | 10 |
| As an adult only | 67 | 64 | 72 | 24 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 84 | 83 | 61 | 68 | 69 | 64 | 67 | 77 | 55 | 70 |
| Don't know / Can't recall | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |

Bought / played / collected Pokémon trading cards

[Asked among those who said they bought / played / collected Pokémon trading cards; n = 291]

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| As a child only | 62 | 65 | 58 | 66 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 50 | 57 | 62 | 59 | 65 | 52 | 54 | 71 | 69 |
| As both a child and as an adult | 16 | 17 | 15 | 19 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 23 | 18 | 16 | 24 | 15 | 24 | 21 | 14 | 10 |
| As an adult only | 21 | 17 | 27 | 14 | 7 | 98 | 100 | 17 | 25 | 26 | 21 | 17 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 15 | 22 |
| Don't know / Can't recall | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Watched the Pokémon cartoon / anime

[Asked among those who said they watched the Pokémon cartoon / anime; n = 420]

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|---------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| As a child only | 52 | 57 | 46 | 66 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 53 | 42 | 54 | 43 | 39 | 50 | 50 | 57 | 58 |
| As both a child and as an adult | 25 | 24 | 26 | 28 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 20 | 28 | 25 | 29 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 26 |
| As an adult only | 22 | 18 | 26 | 5 | 5 | 100 | 100 | 17 | 25 | 30 | 20 | 28 | 35 | 25 | 22 | 20 | 15 |
| Don't know / Can't recall | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 |

Watched Pokémon movies

[Asked among those who said they watched Pokémon movies; n = 286]

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|---------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| As a child only | 45 | 53 | 34 | 52 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 49 | 37 | 46 | 32 | 42 | 43 | 34 | 67 | 44 |
| As both a child and as an adult | 27 | 23 | 31 | 37 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 23 | 32 | 26 | 38 | 26 | 23 | 35 | 11 | 31 |
| As an adult only | 28 | 23 | 34 | 9 | 14 | 100 | 100 | 25 | 27 | 29 | 27 | 30 | 32 | 34 | 31 | 22 | 23 |
| Don't know / Can't recall | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Owned Pokémon merchandise

[Asked among those who said they owned Pokémon merchandies; n = 203]

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|---------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| As a child only | 49 | 53 | 45 | 43 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 50 | 37 | 51 | 25 | 45 | 56 | 46 | 55 | 48 |
| As both a child and as an adult | 34 | 39 | 29 | 48 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 27 | 44 | 34 | 67 | 24 | 28 | 40 | 34 | 36 |
| As an adult only | 15 | 8 | 24 | 9 | 5 | 100 | 100 | 10 | 23 | 18 | 13 | 8 | 31 | 15 | 11 | 7 | 17 |
| Don't know / Can't recall | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 |

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Which of these do you think is the best starter Pokémon?

[Asked among those who said they played Pokémon video games (excluding Pokémon Go); n = 286]

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| Bulbasaur | 15 | 14 | 17 | 11 | 18 | 15 | 0 | 10 | 23 | 17 | 16 | 25 | 6 | 16 | 9 | 23 | 17 |
| Squirtle | 21 | 18 | 26 | 27 | 19 | 6 | 0 | 25 | 16 | 16 | 21 | 26 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 18 |
| Charmander | 51 | 56 | 40 | 53 | 51 | 44 | 46 | 54 | 48 | 52 | 52 | 40 | 47 | 51 | 55 | 45 | 55 |
| Don't know | 13 | 11 | 17 | 9 | 11 | 35 | 54 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 27 | 13 | 14 | 9 | 10 |

And if we gave this selection, which do you think is the best starter Pokémon?

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| Bulbasaur | 9 | 8 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 25 | 0 | 16 | 4 | 12 | 9 |
| Squirtle | 13 | 12 | 15 | 17 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 15 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 22 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 15 |
| Charmander | 35 | 40 | 25 | 37 | 34 | 29 | 46 | 34 | 28 | 45 | 36 | 40 | 24 | 41 | 39 | 32 | 34 |
| Pikachu | 33 | 30 | 39 | 26 | 38 | 35 | 0 | 35 | 46 | 25 | 33 | 11 | 39 | 20 | 37 | 42 | 35 |
| Don't know | 9 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 23 | 54 | 9 | 14 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 16 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 7 |

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.