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# MOBILE, ADDRESS BOOK, & BACKUP TRENDS STUDY

# OBJECTIVES

- To understand smartphone storage behavior and use of online backup tools
- Explore how people are interacting with their address book/contact information

# METHODOLOGY

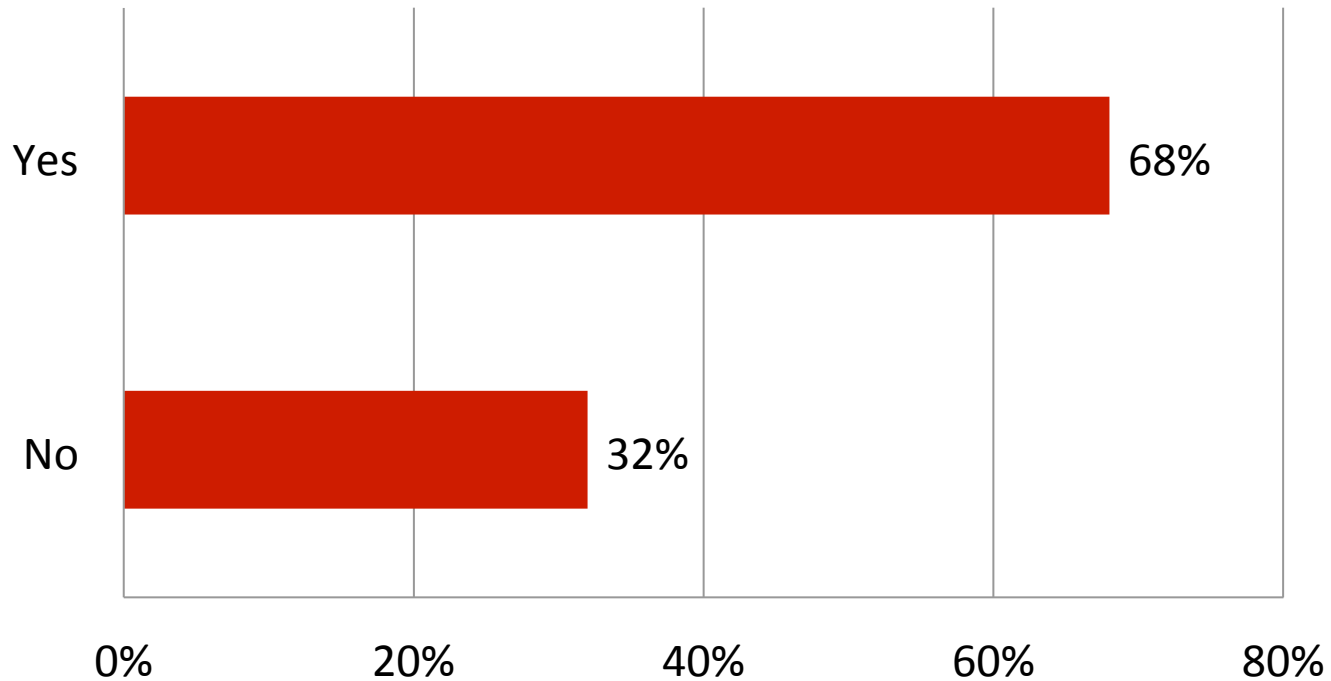
- Web-based survey deployed using MarketTools
  - 6-10 minutes in length
  - Live June 17-20, 2011
- Panel participants invited via MarketTools; 1,056 respondents who met the following criteria finished the survey:
  - Smartphone owners in the United States
  - 21 years old +

# DEMOGRAPHICS



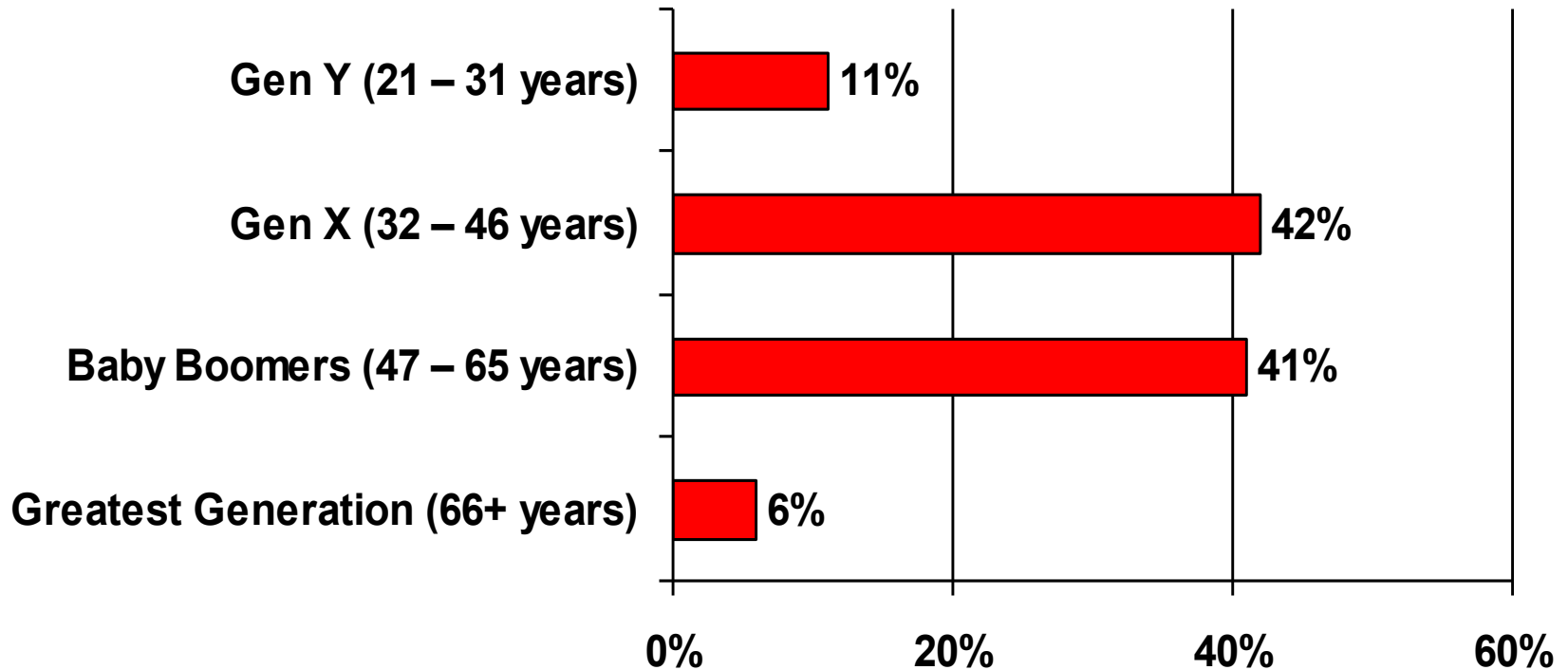
# More than 2/3 backup on PC

Do you back up the data on your personal computer?



# Gen X & Baby Boomers strongly represented

What is your current age?



# Gen Y\* is Gen Mobile



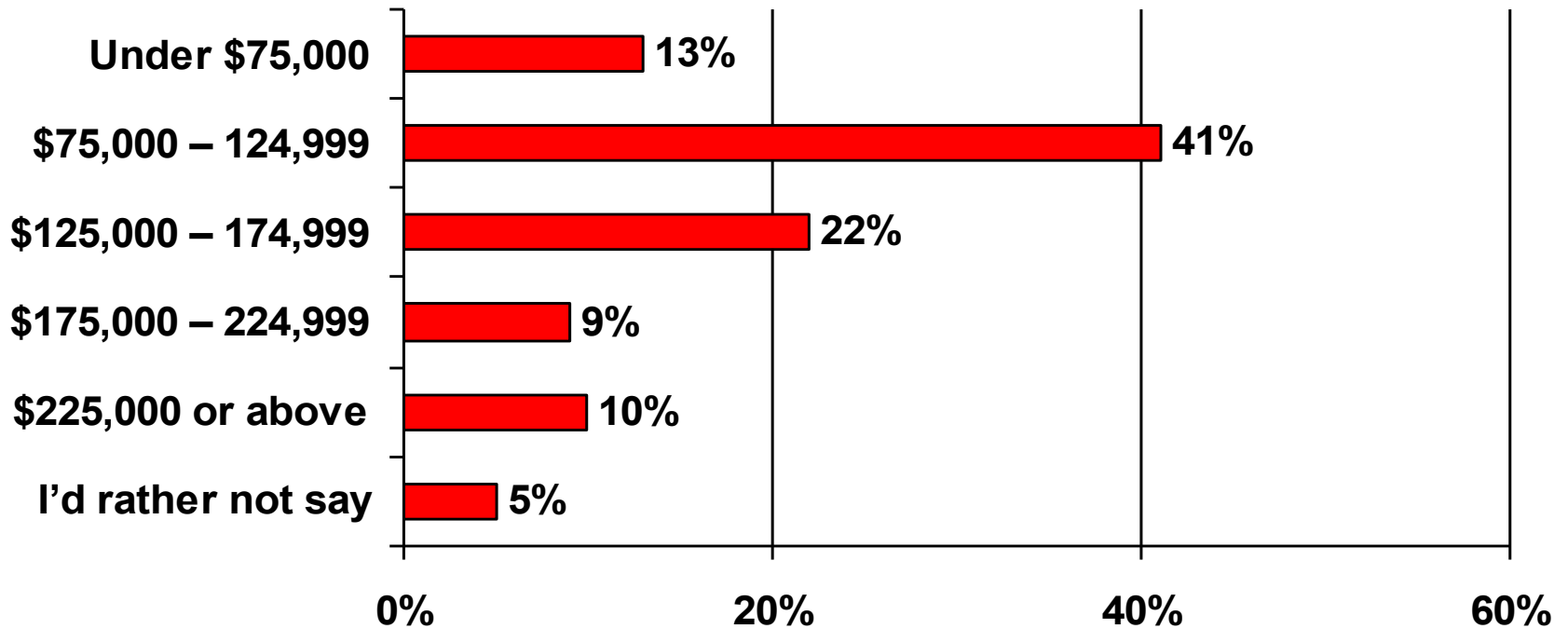
- Most likely to back up to an online 'cloud' service (from both computer and smartphone)
- Most likely to own a multimedia tablet
- Much more likely to rely upon tools/apps that support remote access to contacts & to see that reliance increasing over the next two years



\*Gen Y'ers (21-31 years old)

# 87% of smartphone users have higher incomes

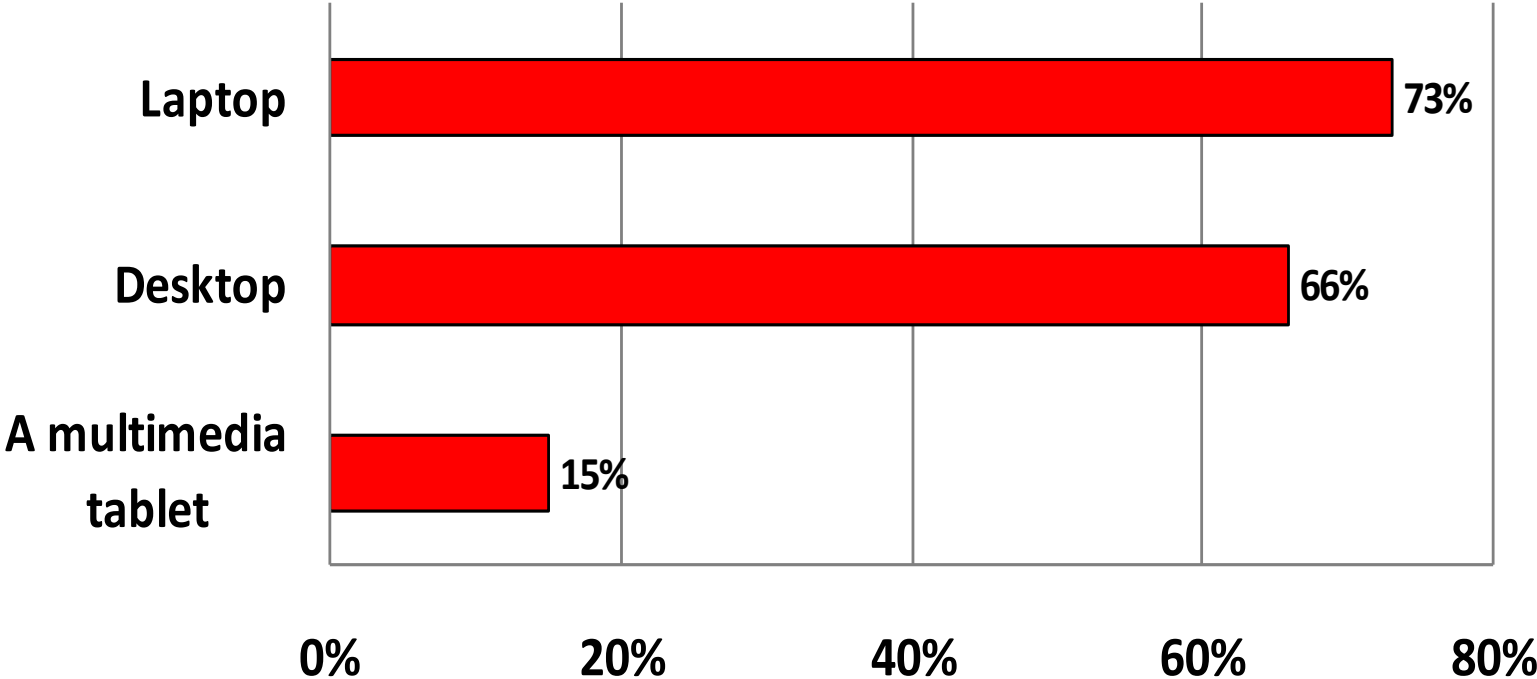
What is your total household income?  
(before taxes)





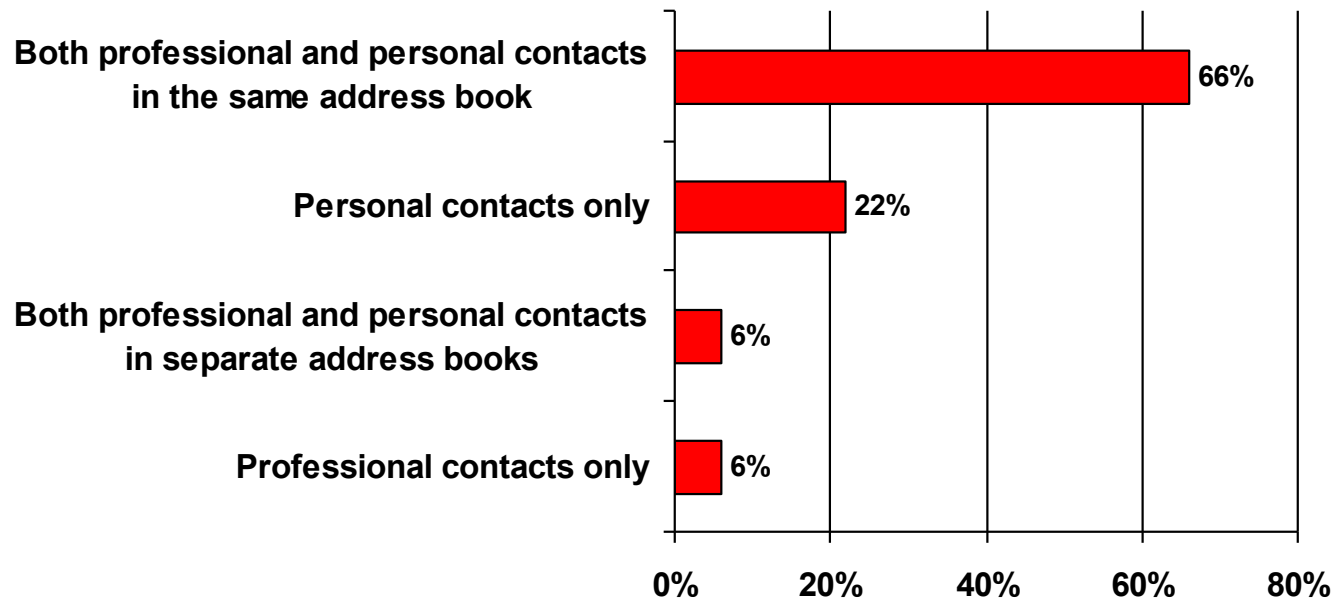
# Multiple devices in use

What devices do you regularly use for work and/or personal purposes?  
(check all that apply)



# Majority mix professional + personal contacts in address book

What type of contacts are in your address book on your smartphone?



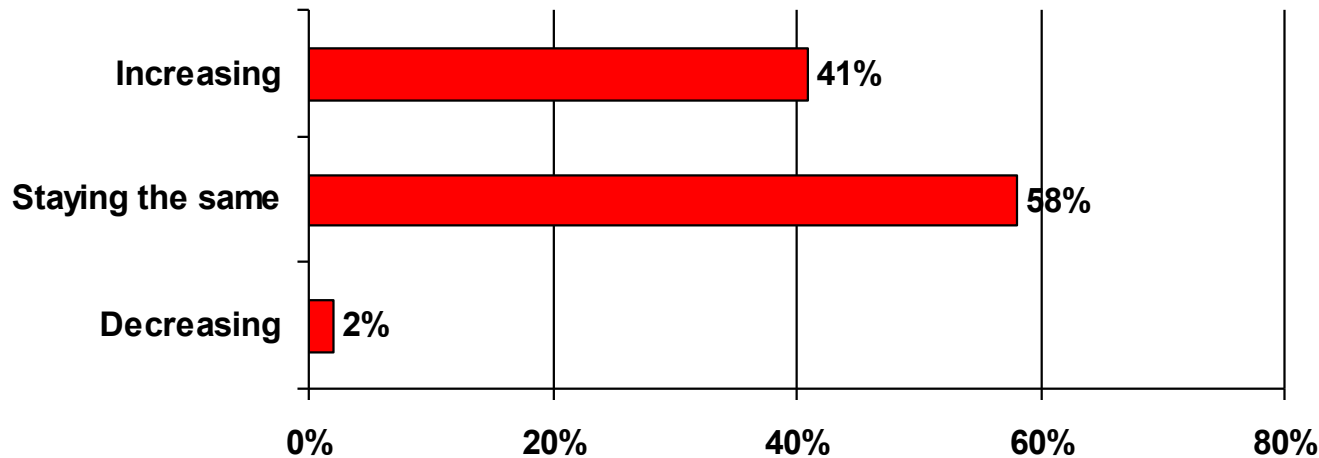
The bulk of respondents (66%) store both professional and personal contacts in the same address book

# LEARNINGS RE: BACK UP PRACTICES



# Two-fifths expect to increase reliance on remote access

Over the next 2 years, I see my reliance upon tools or apps that give me remote access to my contacts/address book:



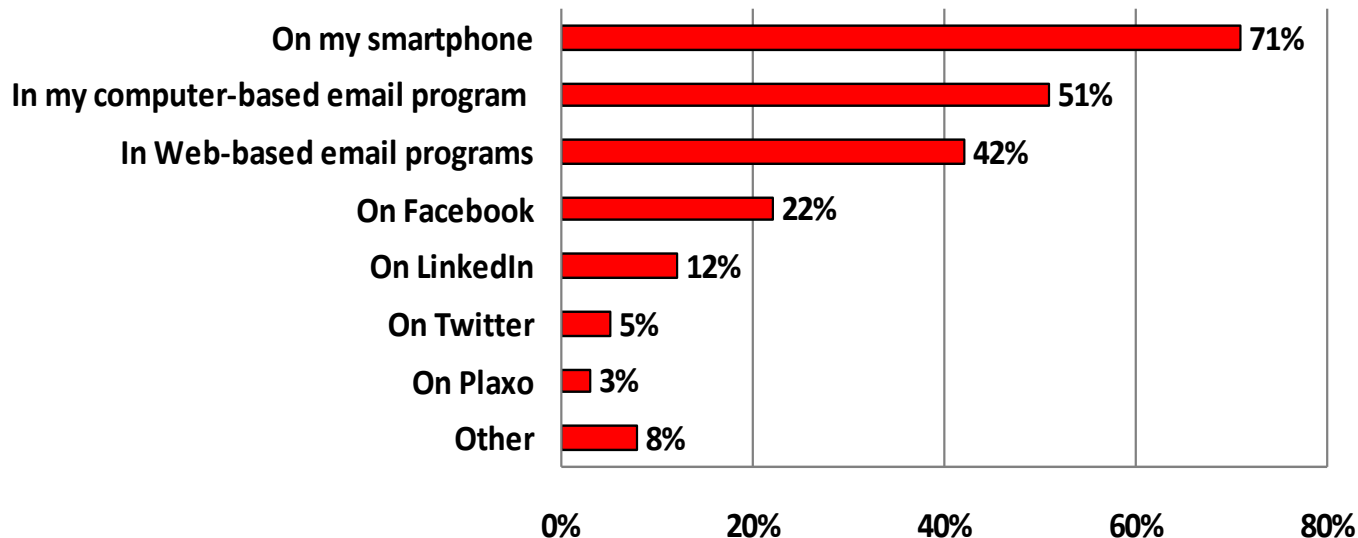
*“As the speed of backing up files and data increases, it becomes easier to perform this function. I believe the future will bring continually improving methods to facilitate these tasks.”*

**49% of smartphone owners say that they have increased their reliance upon tools/apps that give remote access to their contacts/address book over the past three years and 41% predict that their reliance upon tools or apps will increase over the next two years.**

# Contact info kept in multiple places: device, email, social networks

## Where do you keep contact info that you reference ?

(check all that apply)



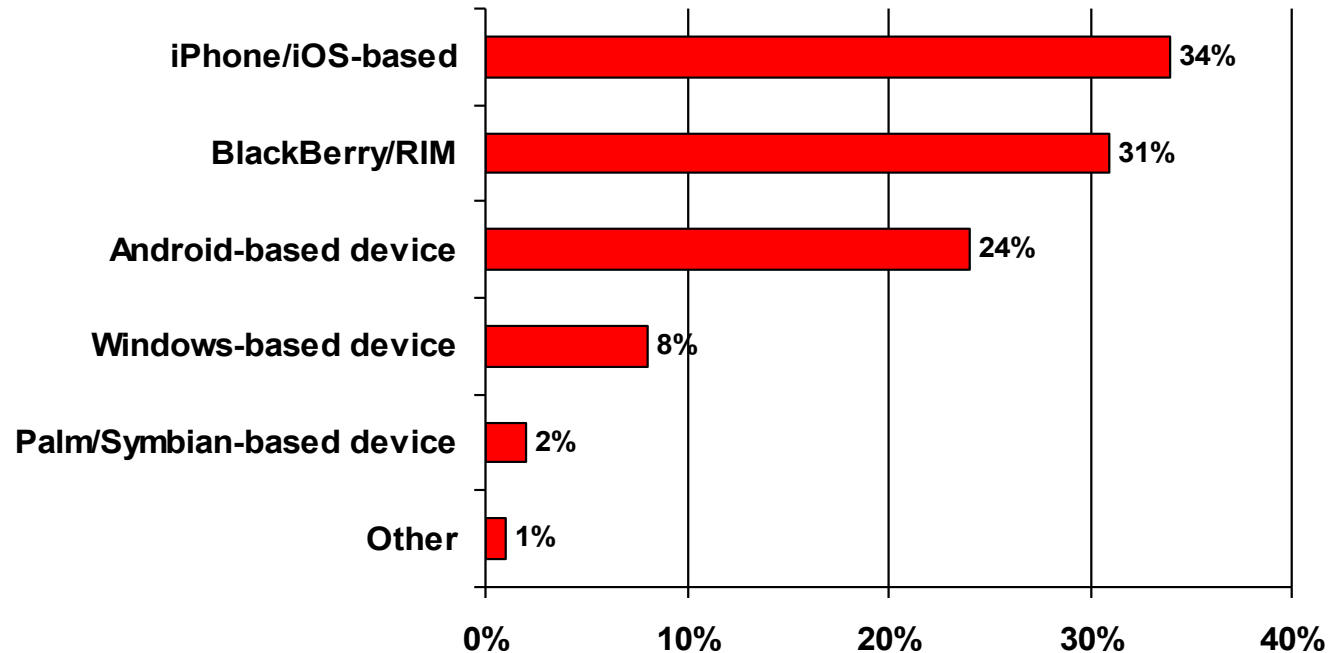
*"I have never been comfortable with 'putting all my eggs into the same basket' so I am careful not to depend on any one way to store information. Redundancy is king."*

**Respondents are most likely to store their contact information on their smartphone (71%)**

**Those who back up their computer data are more likely than those who don't back up to use electronic tools to store their contacts (87% vs. 40%)**

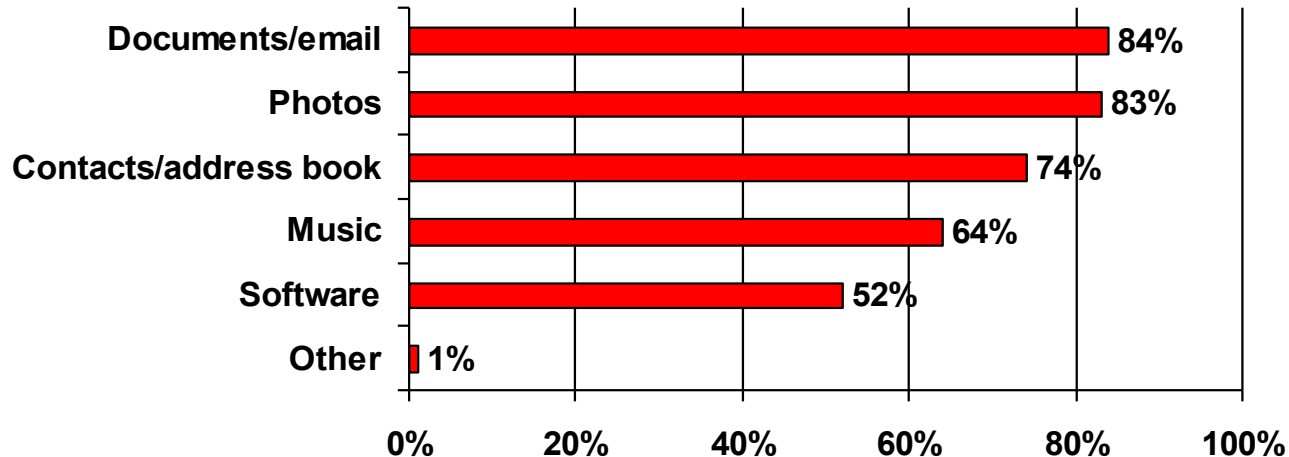
# iPhone is king, then BlackBerry, Android

What type of mobile device do you consider to be your primary mobile device?



# Address book considered important in content backup

*For those who back up their personal computer:*  
**What data / information do you back up from your personal desktop/laptop computer?**  
(check all that apply)

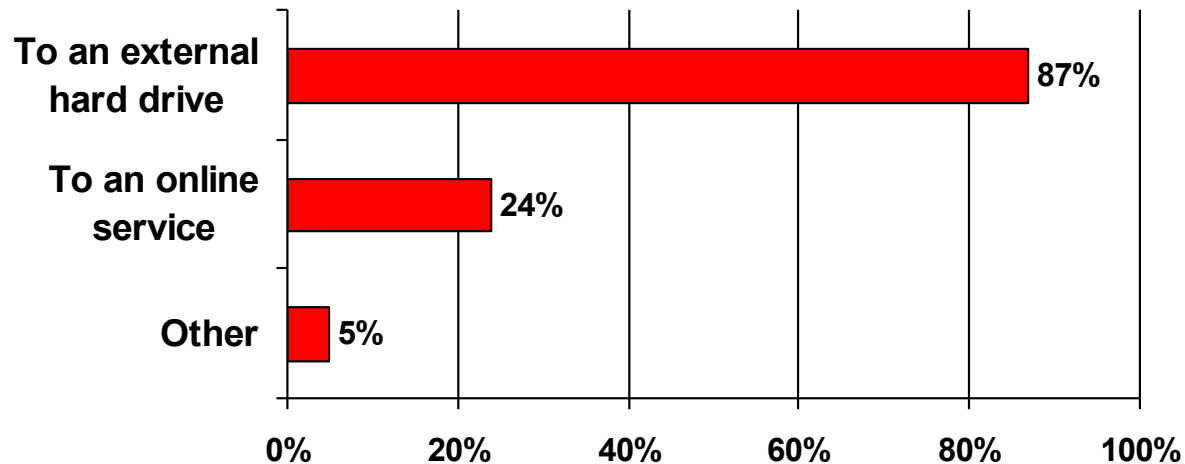


# Cloud used by ¼ of respondents

*For those who back up their personal computer:*

**Where do you back up your  
personal computer content?**

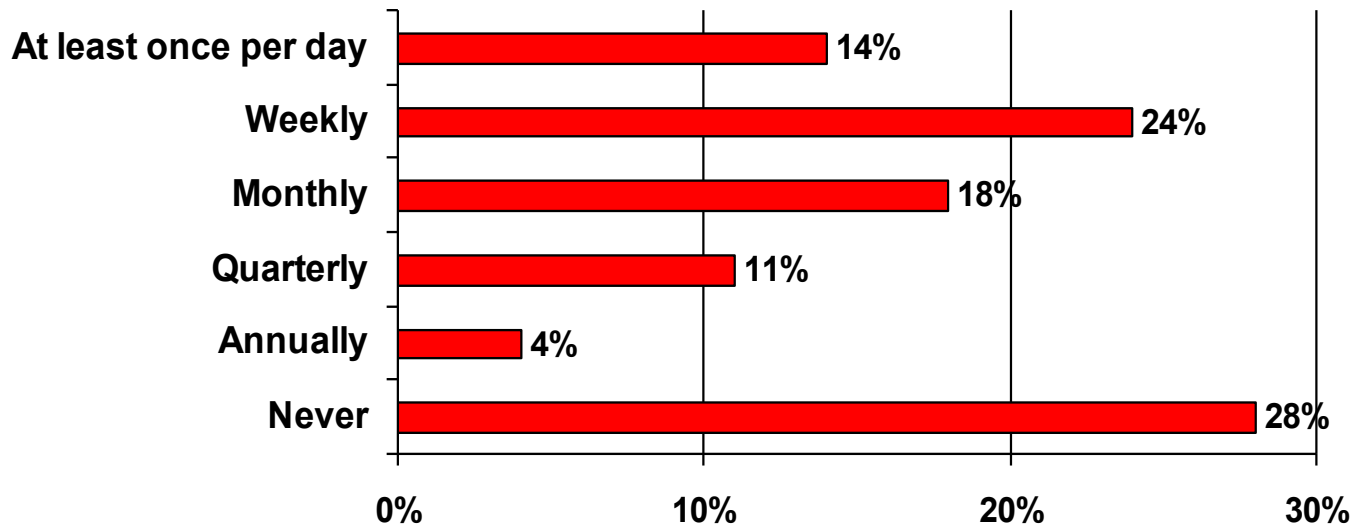
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# Over half of smartphone users back up at least monthly

How often do you back up the contacts/address book that are on your smartphone?

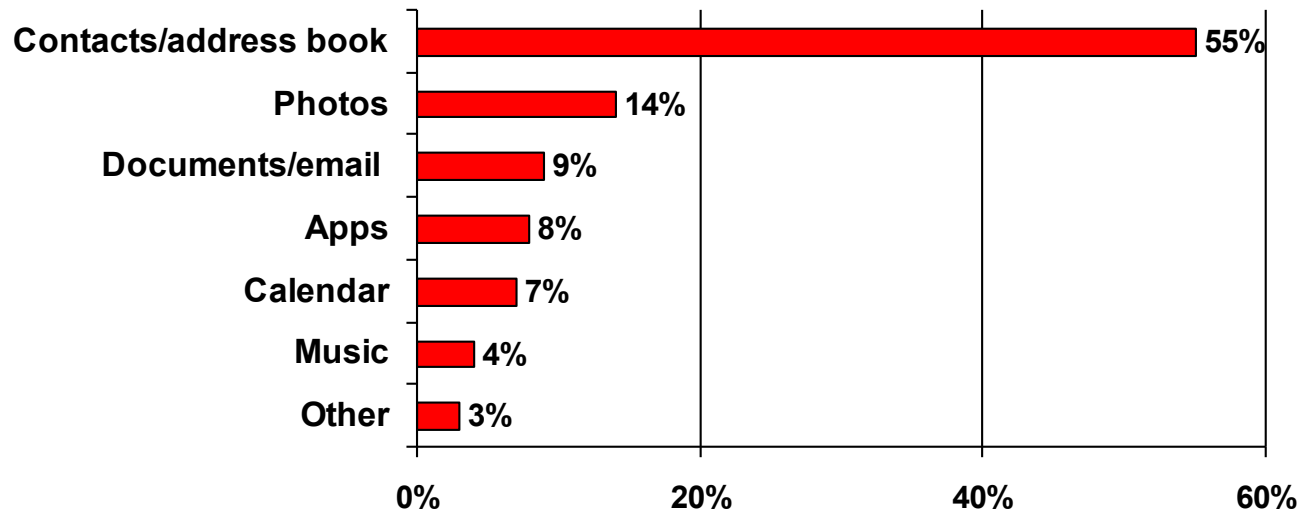


**72% of smartphone owners back up their contacts/address books from their smartphone**

**People who back up their computer data are even more likely to also back up contacts/address book information on their smartphone than those who don't back up their computer data**

# 'Contacts' deemed biggest hassle to lose

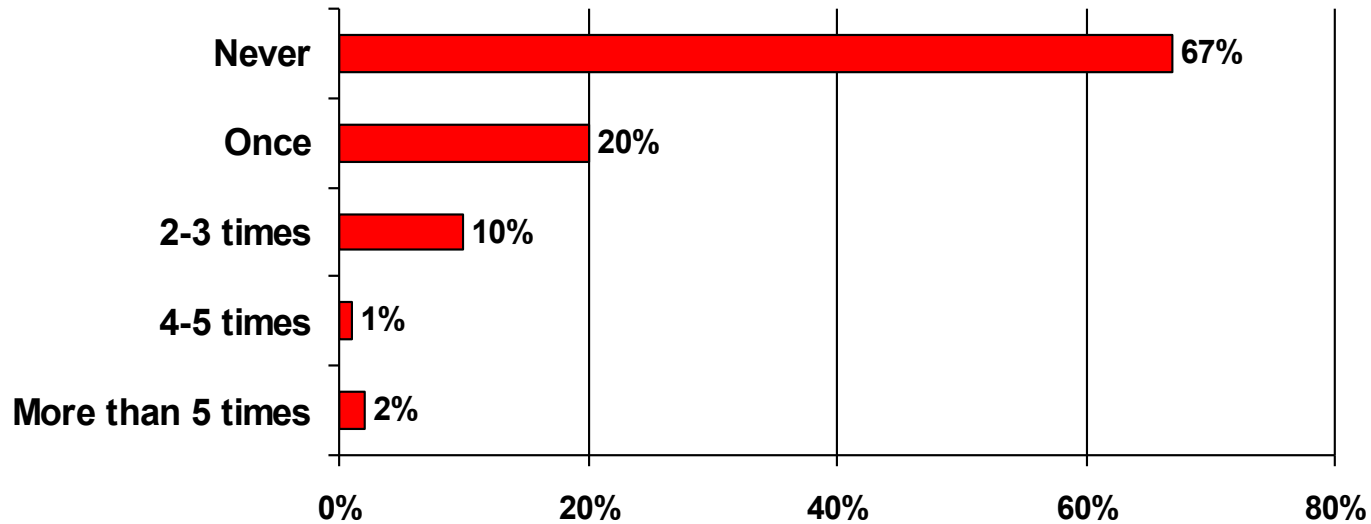
Which of the following data would be the biggest hassle to lose from your smartphone?



Smartphone owners are most concerned, by far, about losing contacts/their address book from their smartphone (55% of respondents)

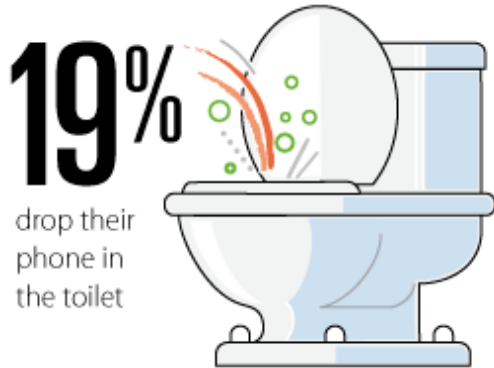
# One third have lost/damaged their smartphone

How many times have you lost/damaged a smartphone?

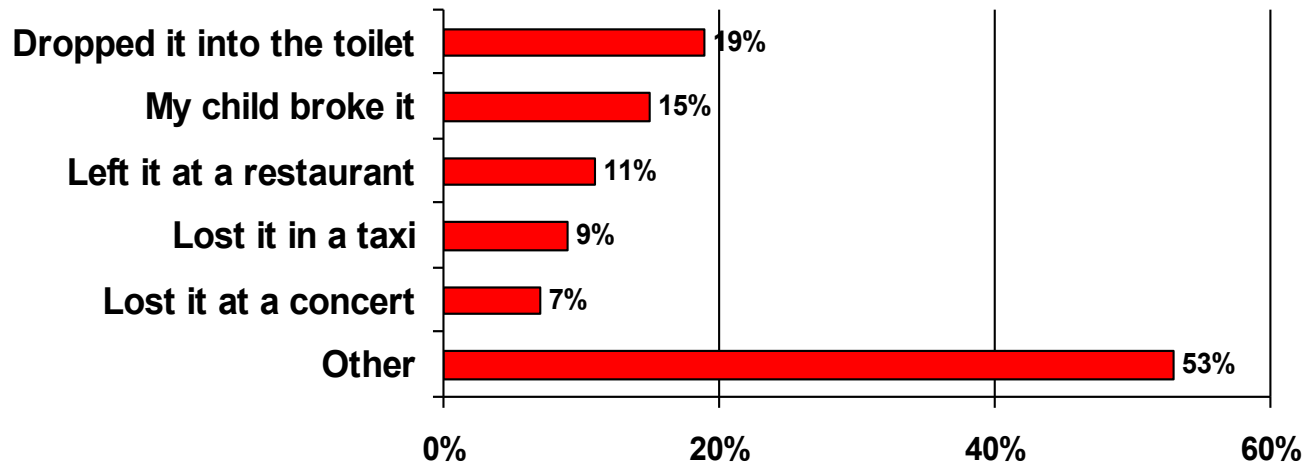


Those who have lost their smartphones are much more likely to back up their personal computer data and smartphone contact data than those who haven't lost their phones

# The toilet has eaten a lot of devices!

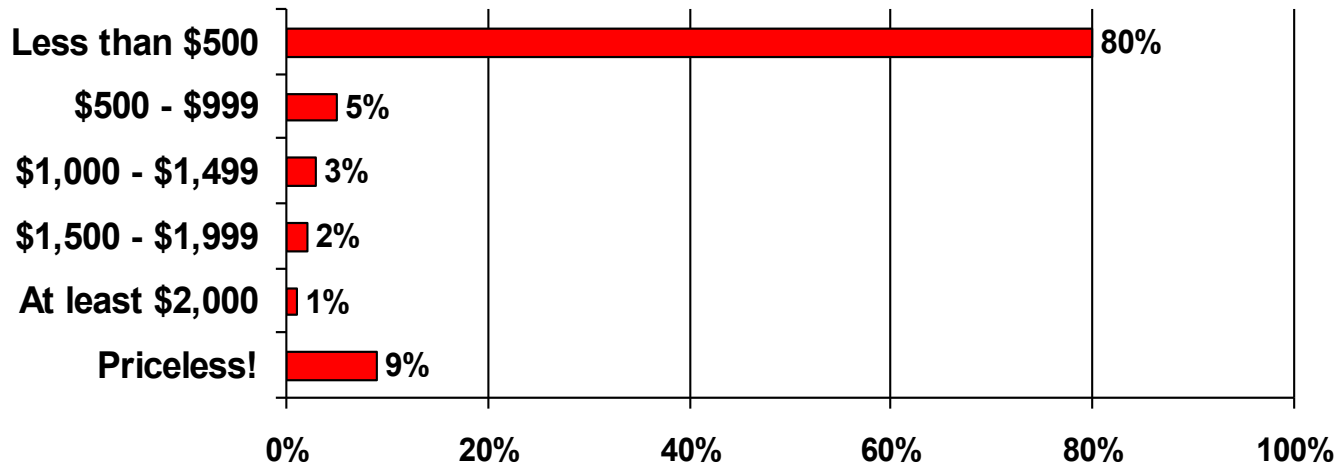


*For those who have lost/damaged it :*  
**How did you lose/damage your smartphone?**  
(check all that apply)



# One in 10 consider avoiding the hassle of losing contact info as 'priceless'

How much would it be worth to avoid having to deal with replacing contact/address book information if you lost/damaged your smartphone and hadn't backed up the data?



*"Losing data is a nightmare and can really mess up your life. It's like losing your wallet..."*

80% of smartphone users said it would be worth less than \$500 to avoid dealing with the hassle of replacing their contact/address book information if their smartphone were lost/damaged and they hadn't backed it up

# Summary

- Smartphone owners who back up the data on their phone
  - More likely to consider it worth \$1,000 or more to avoid the hassle of losing contact info from their smartphone
- Gen Y'ers
  - Much more likely to rely upon tools/apps that support remote access to contacts and to see that reliance increasing over the next two years
  - Much more comfortable with the functionality of online backup services
  - Most likely group to back up to an online 'cloud' service (from both computer and smartphone) and to be paying for such a service
  - Most likely group to own a multimedia tablet

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