

A new study suggests four percent of American youths online have been asked to send a sexually explicit photo of themselves over the internet.

Of the 65 kids who reported receiving a request, only one complied- still a troubling number, researchers say. Both youths and the people making the requests are potentially violating child-pornography laws. The study, published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, was based on telephone surveys of 1,500 Internet users, aged 10 to 17. Researchers urge parents to communicate with their kids, and monitor their on-line activity. Before issuing photo-capturing devices, including phones, parents should talk to children about personal responsibility.