

# The decline of reading TEEN DATA

Teenagers are reading less than ever before and the data shows it has become a growing trend over the past few decades.

## How often do teenagers read for pleasure?

1984

vs.

2014

8% of 13 Y/O

22% of 13 Y/O

9% of 17 Y/O

27% of 17 Y/O

Say that they "**never**" or "**hardly ever**" read for pleasure.

### Racial disparity

Studies show that almost 75% of white children get read to every day by parents.

Only 66% of black children and 50% of Hispanic children can say the same.

The reading problem clearly differs based on the race of the child, studies show.

### Blame parents?

In 1999, children between the ages 2 to 7 were read to for an average of 45 minutes per day. Not anymore however.

In 2013, that number had dropped to an average of 30 minutes per day.

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Parents are spending less time reading to their children than ever before.

## Reading Proficiency - Examined

### READING PROFICIENCY OF 4TH GRADERS

46%  
WHITES

18%  
BLACKS

20%  
HISPANICS

Data is based off of a study conducted in 2013 by Common Sense Media and published in Time Magazine

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