

My Report

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1. What is your age?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Under 15 years		0	0%
2	15 to 24 years		49	38%
3	25 to 34 years		54	42%
4	35 to 44 years		12	9%
5	45 to 54 years		10	8%
6	55 to 64 years		5	4%
7	65 years and over		0	0%
	Total		130	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	6
Mean	2.98
Variance	1.13
Standard Deviation	1.06
Total Responses	130

2. What is your gender?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Male	<div></div>	101	77%
2	Female	<div></div>	29	22%
3	I prefer not to respond	<div></div>	2	2%
	Total		132	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.25
Variance	0.22
Standard Deviation	0.47
Total Responses	132

3. What is your affiliated institution?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)	<div></div>	61	46%
2	Regent University College of Science and Technology (RUCST)	<div></div>	11	8%
3	University for Development Studies (UDS)	<div></div>	7	5%
4	University of Ghana (UG)	<div></div>	31	23%
5	University of Mines and Technology (UMaT)	<div></div>	3	2%
6	Other	<div></div>	20	15%
	Total		133	

Other
University of Professional Studies
ALL NATIONS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
University of Hail, KSA
Brunel University - London, UK
university of education winneba
kumasi polytechnic
IIT Kharagpur
Ghana Technology University College
RLG institute of technology
Goettingen Univ
Independent
Kumasi Polytechnic
university of cape coast
Sikkim Manipal University
Tamale NMTC
university of Cape coast

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	2.73
Variance	3.55
Standard Deviation	1.88
Total Responses	133

4. What is the highest level of education you have completed/presently studying toward?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	2-year College Degree	<div></div>	12	9%
2	4-year College Degree	<div></div>	62	47%
3	Masters Degree	<div></div>	31	23%
4	Doctoral Degree	<div></div>	25	19%
5	Professional Degree (JD, MD)	<div></div>	2	2%
	Total		132	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.57
Variance	0.90
Standard Deviation	0.95
Total Responses	132

5. What is your academic discipline?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Formal sciences	<div></div>	30	23%
2	Humanities	<div></div>	20	15%
3	Natural sciences	<div></div>	27	20%
4	Social sciences	<div></div>	38	29%
5	Other	<div></div>	17	13%
	Total		132	

Other
ENGINEERING
Engineering
Engineering
Engineering
International Business Studies BSc (Hons Degree)
Applied Sciences
Medical Sciences
Engineering
Business
Accounting
physical sciences
geological engineering
Nutritional sciences
Engineering

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.94
Variance	1.87
Standard Deviation	1.37
Total Responses	132

6. Please indicate what you are.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	A student	<div><div></div></div>	82	62%
2	A member of faculty	<div><div></div></div>	51	38%
	Total		133	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.38
Variance	0.24
Standard Deviation	0.49
Total Responses	133

7. Where do you first go to find information when researching a topic?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Library	<div></div>	7	8%
2	Internet website	<div></div>	84	90%
3	I ask people	<div></div>	0	0%
4	Other	<div></div>	2	2%
	Total		93	

Other
Google
it depends what question

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.97
Variance	0.16
Standard Deviation	0.40
Total Responses	93

8. Which of these websites do you consult during online research? (You may tick more than 1)

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Answers.com	<div></div>	15	16%
2	Encyclopedia.com	<div></div>	15	16%
3	Wikihow.com	<div></div>	8	9%
4	Britannica.com	<div></div>	7	8%
5	Answers.yahoo.com	<div></div>	13	14%
6	Wikipedia.org	<div></div>	73	78%
7	Wordpress.com	<div></div>	1	1%
8	Encarta	<div></div>	12	13%
9	HowStuffsWork.com	<div></div>	6	6%
10	YouTube.com	<div></div>	17	18%
11	Facebook.com	<div></div>	2	2%
12	Other(s)	<div></div>	32	34%

Other(s)
Investopedia
google search
google
Any link that I think has information to suite my interest.
GOOGLE.COM
Twitter.com, Wolframalpha.com
google
ask.com
scholar.google.com
google
Science direct
Investopedia
Google and Google scholar
None of the above. I just enter my search on google bar.
Google search
Google(scholar); ResearchGate
Journals
Google scholar, Web of science, Endnote
Academic Journals
google advanced and scholar
google scholar
Journal databases
google.com
Google
google scholar
Google search

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	12
Total Responses	93

9. What prompts you to follow (click on) a particular link from a Google search?
(You may tick more than 1)

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	If it ranks high (appears) on top of the list of results	<div></div>	35	38%
2	If the link appears to capture most of my search terms	<div></div>	60	65%
3	If my favorite website appears on the list	<div></div>	6	6%
4	If it is a Wikipedia link	<div></div>	23	25%
5	If the search results summary information interests me	<div></div>	50	54%
6	I randomly choose a link	<div></div>	4	4%
7	Other	<div></div>	3	3%

Other
credibility of material
Scholarly integrity

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Total Responses	93

10. If you ever found yourself reading a Wikipedia article, how did you most likely reach there?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	I have the Wikipedia mobile/desktop application installed	<div></div>	2	2%
2	I Googled and randomly selected a Wikipedia link	<div></div>	56	60%
3	I Googled with the sole intention of finding a Wikipedia link	<div></div>	16	17%
4	I searched for the article from Wikipedia's Main page	<div></div>	8	9%
5	I was redirected from another website	<div></div>	7	7%
6	I am not sure how I land on Wikipedia	<div></div>	5	5%
7	Other		0	0%
	Total		94	

Other

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	2.76
Variance	1.50
Standard Deviation	1.22
Total Responses	94

11. How will you compare Wikipedia with other knowledge resources you are familiar with? E.g. Your school library or Britannica

#	Question	Low Scale point 1	Scale point 2	Neutral Scale point 3	Scale point 4	High Scale point 5	Total Responses	Mean
1	Quality of information on Wikipedia	5	14	28	32	15	94	3.40
2	Accuracy of information on Wikipedia	6	14	35	24	13	92	3.26
3	Reliability of information on Wikipedia	5	20	26	26	16	93	3.30
4	Verifiability of information on Wikipedia	5	11	39	23	13	91	3.31
5	Breadth/Comprehensiveness of information on Wikipedia	6	15	19	33	18	91	3.46

Statistic	Quality of information on Wikipedia	Accuracy of information on Wikipedia	Reliability of information on Wikipedia	Verifiability of information on Wikipedia	Breadth/Comprehensiveness of information on Wikipedia
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.40	3.26	3.30	3.31	3.46
Variance	1.19	1.18	1.32	1.08	1.38
Standard Deviation	1.09	1.09	1.15	1.04	1.18
Total Responses	94	92	93	91	91

12. Will you encourage use of Wikipedia for academic purposes?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Definitely yes	<div></div>	27	29%
2	Probably yes	<div></div>	32	34%
3	Maybe	<div></div>	15	16%
4	Probably not	<div></div>	14	15%
5	Definitely not	<div></div>	6	6%
	Total		94	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.36
Variance	1.50
Standard Deviation	1.23
Total Responses	94

13. In which circumstance do you use Wikipedia?

#	Question	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Most of the Time	Always	Total Responses	Mean
1	To conduct academic research	12	16	36	22	8	94	2.98
2	For general decision making purposes	6	26	31	19	8	90	2.97
3	To settle debates	15	20	32	15	8	90	2.79
4	To verify facts	7	13	36	24	11	91	3.21
5	To look up high profile personalities e.g. politicians, celebrities and sportspeople	9	16	20	18	26	89	3.40
6	To look up non-serious issues	16	25	20	19	8	88	2.75
7	To look up trending news	19	28	19	15	6	87	2.55
8	Other (s)	20	10	12	7	11	60	2.65

Other (s)
Curiosity
check new publications
To serve as springboard to further sources
N/A
To get an overview about what you are researching on
definition of terminologies
To look up terms or definitions
When other known resources have failed
Check on a movie before/after watching it
none
fun
n/a

Statistic	To conduct academic research	For general decision making purposes	To settle debates	To verify facts	To look up high profile personalities e.g. politicians, celebrities and sportspeople	To look up non-serious issues	To look up trending news	Other (s)
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	2.98	2.97	2.79	3.21	3.40	2.75	2.55	2.65
Variance	1.27	1.13	1.38	1.17	1.81	1.55	1.46	2.34
Standard Deviation	1.13	1.06	1.18	1.08	1.35	1.24	1.21	1.53
Total Responses	94	90	90	91	89	88	87	61

14. How will you best describe what Wikipedia is?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	An Encyclopedia	<div></div>	47	52%
2	A Social media website	<div></div>	5	5%
3	An international news portal	<div></div>	1	1%
4	A website that gathers people's views or allows them post their opinions	<div></div>	33	36%
5	I do not know	<div></div>	5	5%
6	Other(s)		0	0%
Total			91	

Other(s)

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.38
Variance	2.35
Standard Deviation	1.53
Total Responses	91

15. How much does it cost to use Wikipedia?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	It is totally free	<div></div>	58	64%
2	You pay before you can access Wikipedia	<div></div>	6	7%
3	It is free, but you have to pay a small fee to enjoy enhanced features	<div></div>	8	9%
4	I have no idea	<div></div>	19	21%
	Total		91	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.87
Variance	1.56
Standard Deviation	1.25
Total Responses	91

16. Wikipedia is created/ written by

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Academic Researchers	<div></div>	10	11%
2	Accredited Writers	<div></div>	6	7%
3	Wikipedia employees	<div></div>	4	4%
4	Unpaid volunteers	<div></div>	35	38%
5	I have no idea	<div></div>	36	40%
	Total		91	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.89
Variance	1.70
Standard Deviation	1.30
Total Responses	91

17. To modify or change text on Wikipedia...

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	You must have an account/username	<div></div>	21	23%
2	You do not need an account/username	<div></div>	17	19%
3	You make a request to a Wikipedia editor to do it on your behalf	<div></div>	1	1%
4	You make a request to a Wikipedia employee		0	0%
5	I have no idea	<div></div>	51	57%
	Total		90	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.48
Variance	3.20
Standard Deviation	1.79
Total Responses	90

18. Are you able to tell the source of a Google fact?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	34	37%
2	No	<div></div>	21	23%
3	I do not know what a Google fact is	<div></div>	36	40%
	Total		91	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	2.02
Variance	0.78
Standard Deviation	0.88
Total Responses	91

19. Do you noticed the "edit" button on Wikipedia articles?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	66	72%
2	No	<div></div>	26	28%
	Total		92	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.28
Variance	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.45
Total Responses	92

20. What does the "edit" button do?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	It allows you to modify Wikipedia	<div></div>	39	61%
2	It allows you make a request for some text to be changed on Wikipedia	<div></div>	17	27%
3	I have no idea	<div></div>	8	13%
	Total		64	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.52
Variance	0.51
Standard Deviation	0.71
Total Responses	64

21. Have you edited/modified the content on Wikipedia before?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	13	20%
2	No	<div></div>	52	80%
	Total		65	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.80
Variance	0.16
Standard Deviation	0.40
Total Responses	65

22. What influences your perception of Wikipedia?

#	Question	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Maybe	Probably not	Definitely not	Total Responses	Mean
1	Do your colleagues/supervisors use Wikipedia?	11	32	26	14	2	85	2.58
2	Do your colleagues/supervisors approve the use of Wikipedia as an Academic resource?	7	25	22	10	21	85	3.15
3	Will you be concerned if your colleagues/supervisors/students know that you use Wikipedia?	14	12	10	24	25	85	3.40

Statistic	Do your colleagues/supervisors use Wikipedia?	Do your colleagues/supervisors approve the use of Wikipedia as an Academic resource?	Will you be concerned if your colleagues/supervisors/students know that you use Wikipedia?
Min Value	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5
Mean	2.58	3.15	3.40
Variance	0.99	1.73	2.12
Standard Deviation	0.99	1.31	1.46
Total Responses	85	85	85

23. What is your personal experience using Wikipedia?

#	Question	Definitely True	Probably True	Neither True nor False	Probably False	Definitely False	Total Responses	Mean
1	It contains graphics and multimedia that enhances my experience	25	36	19	2	3	85	2.08
2	The visual impact of the site adds value to my experience	19	35	22	6	3	85	2.28
3	I always find what I am looking for	12	38	23	6	7	86	2.51
4	Information on Wikipedia is up to date	11	40	21	8	5	85	2.48
5	Information on Wikipedia is comprehensive	17	32	21	10	5	85	2.46
6	I am able to accomplish research tasks with Wikipedia	7	29	23	15	11	85	2.93
7	I receive timely responses to search queries on Wikipedia	13	30	26	8	8	85	2.62
8	I can navigate Wikipedia website with ease	37	26	12	7	3	85	1.98

Statistic	It contains graphics and multimedia that enhances my experience	The visual impact of the site adds value to my experience	I always find what I am looking for	Information on Wikipedia is up to date	Information on Wikipedia is comprehensive	I am able to accomplish research tasks with Wikipedia	I receive timely responses to search queries on Wikipedia	I can navigate Wikipedia website with ease
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	2.08	2.28	2.51	2.48	2.46	2.93	2.62	1.98
Variance	0.93	1.01	1.17	1.06	1.25	1.38	1.31	1.24
Standard Deviation	0.97	1.01	1.08	1.03	1.12	1.17	1.14	1.11
Total Responses	85	85	86	85	85	85	85	85

24. Use of Wikipedia requires an internet connection. Do you have access to internet?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Never	<div></div>	1	1%
2	Rarely	<div></div>	1	1%
3	Sometimes	<div></div>	16	19%
4	Often	<div></div>	30	35%
5	All of the Time	<div></div>	37	44%
	Total		85	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	4.19
Variance	0.75
Standard Deviation	0.87
Total Responses	85

25. How often do you...

#	Question	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Quite Often	Very Often	Total Responses	Mean
1	Refer to or look-up a topic using Wikipedia?	1	16	32	23	12	84	3.35
2	Cite or reference Wikipedia in your work?	26	24	20	7	7	84	2.35
3	Follow or click on an external link from a Wikipedia article? e.g. from the References section	7	14	38	15	10	84	3.08
4	Reword or rephrase a sentence you find useful on Wikipedia into your work?	19	16	30	11	8	84	2.68
5	Prepare for a lecture (or prepared a lecture) using information from Wikipedia?	18	26	30	7	4	85	2.45

Statistic	Refer to or look-up a topic using Wikipedia?	Cite or reference Wikipedia in your work?	Follow or click on an external link from a Wikipedia article? e.g. from the References section	Reword or rephrase a sentence you find useful on Wikipedia into your work?	Prepare for a lecture (or prepared a lecture) using information from Wikipedia?
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.35	2.35	3.08	2.68	2.45
Variance	0.98	1.53	1.16	1.52	1.13
Standard Deviation	0.99	1.24	1.08	1.23	1.06
Total Responses	84	84	84	84	85

26. Will you say Wikipedia plays a role or influences your online research?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree	<div></div>	4	5%
2	Disagree	<div></div>	10	12%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	<div></div>	18	21%
4	Agree	<div></div>	40	47%
5	Strongly Agree	<div></div>	13	15%
	Total		85	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.56
Variance	1.08
Standard Deviation	1.04
Total Responses	85

27. You have reached the end of the survey. Is there anything else you would like to add? Feel free to leave your comments. Click on the arrow below >> to submit when you're done.

Text Response
no
Nothing to add except to say that most academic journals still do not accept works cited from wikipedia
I think many people may not have internet access to use Wikipedia so I will recommend if something can be done about this where people can use Wikipedia with or without internet access
Wekipedia is a very strong and credible acadamic reseach platform and should be made accesible to all individuals.
One of the things I find frustrating with Wikipedia is that the 'citation' flagging is very biased. If you read non Western pieces, for instance, Islamic articles, there is a lot of flagging for sources but it is not the same for Western pieces. Also, a lot of links are either dead or does not contain the supposed information referenced when you try to find the source.
Indispensable and a formidable source of academic information.
I will say wikipedia is the best tool for online research
Most Wikipedia information is based on research from foreign scholars so mostly they're inclined to foreign practices. Therefore information from Wikipedia shouldn't be taken without editing. For instance the kind of rocks they may use for constructing purposes may not be good for us in Africa because of the differences in weather conditions. Such and many others are things to consider before taking info from Wikipedia
Sometimes I feel the depth of the contents on Wikipedia is shallow.
No, nothing special. Thanks
Wikipedia is kindna of cool
The problem with Wikipedia is largely referencing, and the fact that it allows for editing. Severally, I have seen information on Wikipedia which I know for sure that it is completely false.
Thanks for selecting me to participate in the survey. I hope my responses to the questions will help your research.
I think wikipedia is fairly a good site to get first hand information about a subject and should be maintained
It a good site only I think google seems to have alot of results as compared to Wikipedia
nothin
None
No
Actually, I am not a fund of Wikipedia. so i dont know a thing about it.
None
Generally, when I don't obtain a quick search from a particular site for an item I use wikipedia, then I follow the links to the specific sites
none
Wikipedia is good for research. But the owners have the responsibility to build the reputation of standard and trust that would give it the prestige of other knowlege platforms.
None
I like the innovation...sadat this fafa congrats
pls u can add more topics and articles to excite users to visit the more often...
none
What I have realised in Ghana is that most academics have a low opinion of wikipedia. When one makes a reference from wikipedia it is viewed with great suspicion. However, in this information age, where everybody is putting something on the net including some of these academics, and whose work is captured by wikipedia the low opinion expressed by such people reflect on their own work captured on the webpage

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	28