

GOOGLE CHINA SURVEY RESULTS

Which of the following search engines do you use for your work? Please select all that apply.

	Percentage	No. of respondents
Google	92.5%	725
Yahoo	12.9%	101
Baidu	56.9%	446
Other	8.9%	70
No. who answered question		784
No. who skipped question		5

And which of these is your primary search engine? Please select only one.

	Percentage	No. of respondents
Google	76.3%	598
Yahoo	2.6%	20
Baidu	16.5%	129
Other (please specify)	4.7%	37
No. who answered question		784
No. who skipped question		5

Which of the following Google products do you currently use? Please select all that apply.

	Percentage	No. of respondents
Google Search	88.1%	691
Google Scholar	56.8%	445
Google Mail	43.9%	344
Google Docs	12.9%	101
Google Blogger	3.4%	27
Google Wave	5.2%	41
Google Maps	50.6%	397
Google Earth	38.3%	300
YouTube	14.9%	117
No. who answered question		784
No. who skipped question		5

What do you use your search engine for? Please select all that apply.

	Percentage	No. of respondents
Academic papers and preprints	82.4%	646
Information about forthcoming conferences	40.1%	314
Conference abstracts	26.7%	209
Information about other scientists' research programmes	56.5%	443
News about scientific discoveries	57.1%	448
News about science policy and funding	27.6%	216
Gathering data/accessing databases	46.3%	363
Other	6.8%	53
No. who answered question		784
No. who skipped question		5

If you lost access to Google, what would your alternative search engine be?

	Percentage	No. of respondents
Yahoo	32.7%	194
Baidu	45.5%	270
Other	21.9%	130
No. who answered question		594
No. who skipped question		195

To what extent would your research be hampered if you were unable to access Google in China?

	Percentage	No. of respondents
Significantly	47.6%	363
Somewhat	36.2%	276
Not at all	16.1%	123
No. who answered question		762
No. who skipped question		27

To what extent would losing access to Google hamper your current or future international collaborations?

	Percentage	No. of respondents
Significantly	39.6%	302
Somewhat	38.3%	292
Not at all	22.0%	168
No. who answered question		762
No. who skipped question		27

Which of the following best describes your discipline? Please select only one answer.

	Percentage	No. of respondents
Biotechnology	7.6%	58
Cell and molecular biology	17.3%	131
Chemistry	11.5%	87
Clinical medicine	6.6%	50
Developmental biology	2.1%	16
Earth and environment	7.1%	54
Ecology and evolution	4.0%	30
Genetics	4.7%	36
Materials	9.1%	69
Neuroscience	3.7%	28
Physics	12.6%	96
Space and astronomy	1.1%	8
Engineering	7.8%	59
Mathematics	1.2%	9
Social sciences	3.7%	28
No. who answered question		759
No. who skipped question		30

How old are you?

	Percentage	No. of respondents
18–24	11.6%	88
25–34	40.9%	310
35–44	26.4%	200
45–54	16.5%	125
55–64	2.0%	15
65+	1.5%	11
Prefer not to answer	1.2%	9
No. who answered question		758
No. who skipped question		31

For a full discussion of this survey, see the Special Report [‘A land without Google?’](#) (*Nature* 463, 1012–1013; 2009).