EXAMINING THE DIGITAL HOMEWORK GAP

LACK OF CONNECTIVITY NEEDED TO COMPLETE SCHOOLWORK AT HOME IS MORE PRONOUNCED FOR BLACK, LATINO, AND LOWER-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

- 35% of households with children ages 6 to 17 and an annual income below $30,000/year do not have a high-speed internet connection at home.

- One-in-five teens ages 13 to 17 said they are often or sometimes unable to complete homework assignments because they do not have reliable access to a computer or internet connection.

SOME LOWER-INCOME TEENS SAY THEY LACK RESOURCES TO COMPLETE SCHOOLWORK AT HOME

- One-in-ten teens said they often or sometimes use public Wi-Fi to do schoolwork because they lack a home internet connection.

- One-in-five black teens said they use public Wi-Fi to do schoolwork due to a lack of home internet connection, compared with 11% of white teens and 9% of Latino teens.

- 21% of teens with an annual family income under $30,000 reported having to use public Wi-Fi to do homework, compared with 11% of teens in families with an annual income of $30,000-$74,999 and just 7% of those living in households earning at least $75,000.

A QUARTER OF LOWER-INCOME TEENS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A HOME COMPUTER

- One-in-four teens in households with an annual income under $30,000 lack access to a computer at home, compared with just 4% of those in households earning over $75,000.