

Each year, our summer analysts and associates bring a fresh perspective to the firm, and we are keen to know how they view the world. This year, 2.4K interns shared their perspectives via our annual survey on everything from their views on building a more sustainable future to how they use social media – and even their thoughts on the latest *Top Gun* movie.

Class of 2022: By the Numbers

- 600+ schools represented
- 68 languages spoken
- 45 offices
- 3.7K interns selected from a record...
- 236K applicants

Figures here reflect the overall global intern class, not just those who completed the survey

First Things First

- 37% Snooze their alarms
- 14% Scroll social media
- 12% Read the headlines
- 10% Eat breakfast
- 8% Exercise
- 6% Check the weather

Top 6 choices

Day to Day

In cities, our interns prefer a variety of transportation options

- 34% Public transportation
- 22% Walk
- 20% My car
- 18% Apps

Top 4 choices

Money Talks

When they spend...

- 58% prefer to shop in person
- 42% online

82% would rather spend money on experiences rather than on things

Their decisions are driven by

- 74% Their own research
- 16% Friends and family
- 8% Ads on social media

Top 3 choices

68% are willing to spend more for an environmentally friendly product

At checkout our interns will most likely use

47% app on their phone

32% credit card

19% debit card

2% cash

86% believe a recession is on the horizon

73% are invested

27% are not invested at all, down from 40% in 2021

Their top three investments remain the same since 2021

28% Stocks

15% ETFs

12% Crypto

7% Bonds

5% Real estate

3% NFTs

2% Other

Respondents could select multiple options

Plugged In

Dusting off the old gadgets

The top 5 gadgets our interns would like to bring back...

30% Nintendo 64

26% Flip phone

23% Original iPod

8% Walkman

7% VCR

When reaching out to friends they use...

35% iMessage/SMS

24% WhatsApp

20% Phone/Audio call

10% FaceTime/Video call

3% Snapchat

3% Instagram

Top 6 choices

53% need to be reachable at all times, requiring Wi-Fi wherever they go, 47% crave opportunities for a digital detox

Their social media timelines are primarily filled with...

27% Friends and Family

20% World News

18% Memes

12% Sports News

11% Celebrities and Influencers

9% Shopping Advertisements

Top 6 choices

Instagram is the most popular app for POSTING (60%) and VIEWING (48%) content and less than 1% post on TikTok

BeReal has yet to pick up steam, with 6% posting and less than 1% selecting the platform as their go-to choice to view content

When our interns want the truth their top choices include

40% turn to friends and family

35% turn to digital news outlets

rather than social media, online forums or traditional news outlets (14%)

On the Job

99% believe relationships are best formed in person

When collaborating at work with colleagues, they prefer to use...

37% Internal message systems (e.g., Skype or Teams)

25% Video conferencing

15% E-mail

15% Team chatrooms

7% Phone calls

Top 5 choices

As they look for their next jobs, their number one priority will be...

34% What they do day-to-day

21% Who their colleagues will be

13% Salary

12% Company's purpose

8% Advancement

Top 5 choices

Our interns plan to RETIRE...

35% Age 55-65

29% Expect to keep working as long as they can

Top 2 choices

Sabbatical

If given the opportunity to take a sabbatical from work, our interns' top three choices would be...

60% Travel

15% Spend time with family

12% Pursue a passion

The Game of LIFE

Relationships

52% the majority have met / expect to meet their significant other in person instead of via mutual acquaintances (30%) or an app (6%)

Marriage / Formal Relationship

45% expect to get married / establish a formal relationship
down from 88% in 2021

Pets

31% expect to become pet parents
down from 60% in 2021

Children

25% expect to raise children
down from 57% in 2021

Location

When thinking about where to live*, most are driven by their job (29%), followed by the cost of living (20%) and public safety (19%)

**Top 3 choices*

Home

To the majority of our interns, settling down doesn't mean staying put
57% believe success looks like the freedom to relocate at any time
while 43% think it means being able to put down roots, e.g., as a homeowner

Mental Health Matters

When it comes to maintaining their wellbeing, they shared their essentials

Relationships With Family and Friends 45%

Sleep 28%

Walks and Exercise 10%

Eating Healthy Foods 7%

Taking Time Off 6%

Meditation 2%

Counseling <1%

Top 7 choices ranked on a scale from "Most Essential" to "Least Essential"

They feel more comfortable talking about their mental health with their friends (91%), followed by at home (79%) and at school (63%)

Top three choices selected from a menu of options from which respondents selected "yes" or "no"

Over the next 10 Years

Our interns believe the following will have the most pronounced global impact

39% Climate Change

19% Artificial Intelligence

17% Geopolitical Tensions

10% Resource Scarcity

8% Widening Wealth Gap

6% Pandemic

Top 6 choices

To progress towards a more sustainable future,
63% believe a top down approach, including policy changes, will have a greater impact than individual actions

If space tourism becomes available...
57% said they would take flight

Could it be the end of driver's education?
79% of our interns are confident self-driving vehicles will become more prevalent

After Hours

52% prefer watching a few TV episodes at a time
32% binge watch entire seasons in a single setting
Others follow weekly (7%) or don't watch TV (9%)

For entertainment, their top four choices include...
33% movies
31% short form content, such as YouTube videos, TikToks or reels
24% scripted TV shows
8% reality TV shows

Top Gun Maverick's score on Rotten Tomatoes' Tomatometer® 96%
Our interns' rating for *Top Gun Maverick* 79%
Interns who saw *Top Gun Maverick* 29%
Interns who saw *Top Gun* (1986) 32%

Film score provided by Rotten Tomatoes®
https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/top_gun_maverick

This or That

36% Selfies vs. **Ask a stranger 64%**
85% Bluetooth headphones vs. Wired headphones 15%
79% Intimate gathering vs. Large celebration 21%
53% Learn to code vs. Learn another language 47%
35% Style vs. **65% Comfort**
66% Hotel vs. 34% Airbnb/VRBO/Hostels/Other

Results based on responses collected between Monday, July 11 and Friday, July 29 of around 2,400 interns at Goldman Sachs.

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