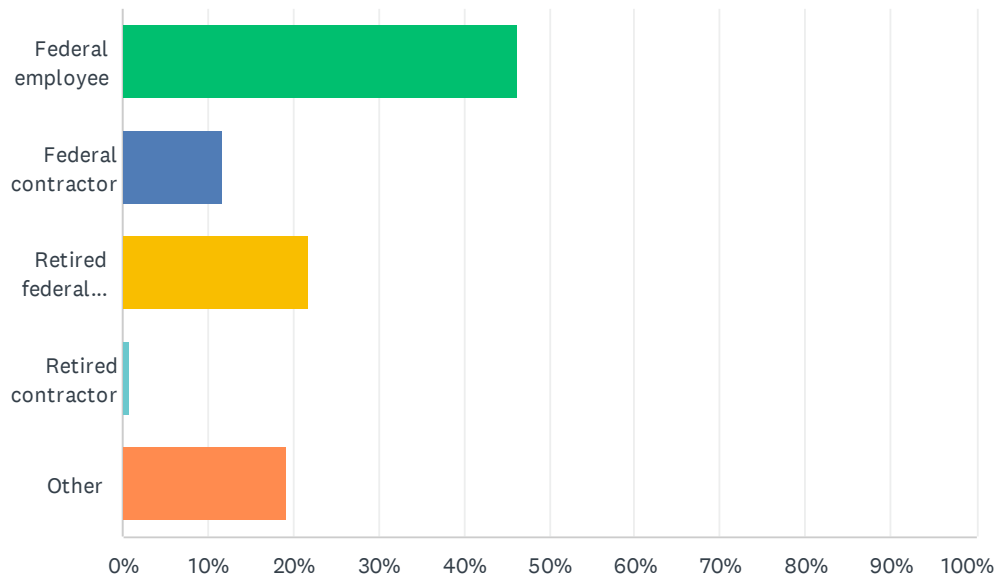


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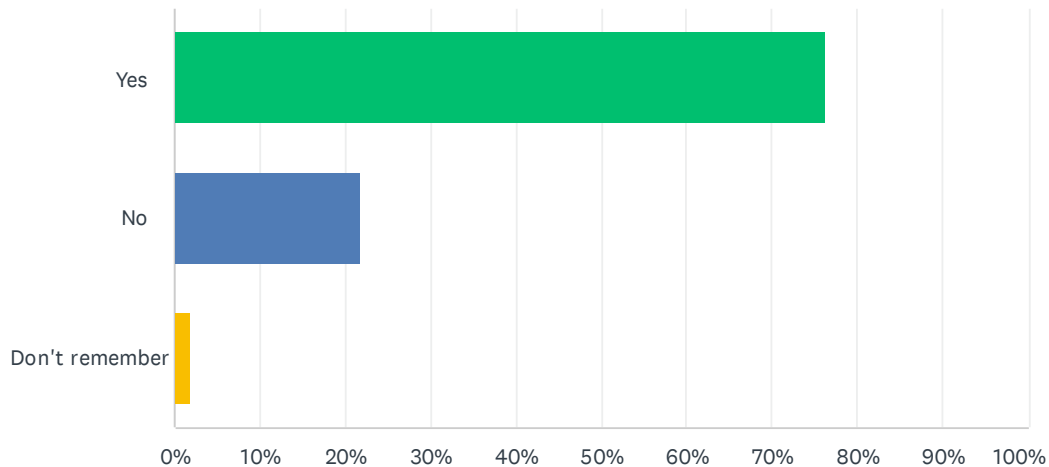
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Federal employee	46.36%	51
Federal contractor	11.82%	13
Retired federal employee	21.82%	24
Retired contractor	0.91%	1
Other	19.09%	21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>110</b>

## Q2 Did you ever own a BlackBerry device that your employer/agency gave you?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.36%	84
No	21.82%	24
Don't remember	1.82%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>110</b>

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	none	1/9/2022 10:10 AM
2	Have a personal BlackBerry that I paid for myself. And have had a RIM or BlackBerry device for 20-some years.	1/7/2022 12:47 PM
3	The Blackberry was cutting edge technology for a lot of us on call 24/7 because we could do everything (and then some) we needed to do on the Blackberry!	1/7/2022 8:05 AM
4	I not only used a government provided Blackberry, but I was a Project Manager in charge of distribution, installation, service and support of Blackberrys at my agency. I loved and helped select the various models we used over a period of years. While working and into retirement, my personal cell phone was also a Blackberry. I only retired my Blackberry last month because it was no longer going to have service. I'm truly a die hard fan.	1/6/2022 9:28 PM
5	Loved it. Much easier to use for email access and texting than a smartphone. The fixed keypad with focus on thumbs was intuitive and less prone to errors than the iPhone. Still wish I had my Blackberry.	1/6/2022 5:47 PM
6	My Blackberry was the first piece of the new technology for me. And I loved it. I entered all my data in it - used it proudly. I was part of the new technological era. Then my Blackberry crashed. There went all my data. And my pride in my being part of the techno revolution!	1/6/2022 4:37 PM
7	No, I didn't "own" it but my agency gave me one to use.	1/6/2022 4:31 PM
8	Great Blackberry Classic in my careers beforehand.	1/6/2022 3:59 PM

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9	Incredibly robust device. Loved it. Went through several BBRYs. Loved them all.	1/6/2022 3:30 PM
10	My agency offered me choice of a Blackberry or a cellphone. I chose the cellphone because I saw coworkers with a BB instantly become 24-workers, which I didn't want to get sucked into.	1/6/2022 2:49 PM
11	Working for AARP in DC from 2007-2009 we had to live on it. As part of the Video Production Department, we would be scheduled on various shoots by the producers. My Blackberry would ring/vibrate while I was on a shoot, notifying me of the next day's schedule. I could not miss any message, therefore, I lived with the Blackberry by my side 24/7.	1/6/2022 2:01 PM
12	Love them!	1/6/2022 1:42 PM
13	My brother was OBSESSED with BlackBerries. He tried so hard to get my mom to use one, but it confused her. My brother passed away unexpectedly last year, and it makes me sad that BlackBerry outlived him.	1/6/2022 1:23 PM
14	My agency offered me choice of a Blackberry or a cellphone. I chose the cellphone because I saw coworkers with a BB instantly became 24-workers, which I didn't want to get sucked into.	1/6/2022 1:01 PM
15	My agency offered me choice of a Blackberry or a cellphone. I chose the cellphone because I saw coworkers with a BB instantly became 24-workers, which I didn't want to get sucked into.	1/6/2022 1:00 PM
16	As the head of the Crisis Management Team for a large Contractor, I was issued one with the rest of our senior Security staff.	1/6/2022 12:12 PM
17	We started using them around 2000-01 at NIH	1/6/2022 11:51 AM
18	I actually owned the original company gear, a Mobitex Mobidem, and had their X.25 gateway which I connected to my email server, allowing access to email using a device attached to a laptop for on the road access. Later I got one of the first Blackberry devices and they of course became Research In Motion (RIM)	1/6/2022 10:25 AM
19	I had 3 different models over the time my agency provided BlackBerry phones.	1/6/2022 10:16 AM
20	I purchased my own primarily because it was so popular with businesses	1/6/2022 9:48 AM
21	I worked in the Senate in the mid-2000's and you knew you were "someone" in the Senator's office when they issued you a Blackberry. When I first got it, I displayed that bad boy proudly on my hip every day and took any opportunity available to check it or make a phone call from it whenever I was walking the halls. The click it made as it came in and out of the holster clip was just so. darn. satisfying.	1/6/2022 9:34 AM
22	I had multiple BBs in the early 2000s. Probably starting around 2003 or so until 2008.	1/6/2022 8:47 AM
23	Terrible - no down time. Worked until 11:00 P.M. every night after a full day at work.	1/6/2022 8:44 AM
24	I was one of the first to sell the blackberry into the federal government, and I remember how they were one of the few devices being able to communicate during 9/11.	1/6/2022 8:18 AM
25	owned personal BB devices for business and personal use.	1/6/2022 8:17 AM
26	Only the best	1/6/2022 6:00 AM
27	Always preferred my PalmPilot. It fit right into my palm and did not have "berry" in the title. I am allergic to berries.	1/6/2022 4:27 AM
28	Every single day when iOS autocorrects something stupid, I miss my physical BB keyboard. I will always miss the keyboard. I also miss the early BrickBreaker, which truly connected all different types on Capitol Hill. A close friend kept her BlackBerry much longer than most people until it fell into a Porta Potty. She seriously considered fishing for it until just a few seconds later when she realized it was sadly time to move on to an iPhone. She remains sad about that day, and I feel her pain.	1/6/2022 12:45 AM
29	I absolutely loved & miss my blackberry enormously! I still talk about my blackberry!	1/5/2022 11:12 PM
30	I used to teach Congressional staff how to use them. Attended several of the BES annual symposiums. I retired in 2010 and bought my own device. I don't have access to a network so I use it as an alarm clock.	1/5/2022 9:51 PM
31	miss bbm!	1/5/2022 9:41 PM
32	Miss the tactile keyboard and the joystick the most.	1/5/2022 8:02 PM

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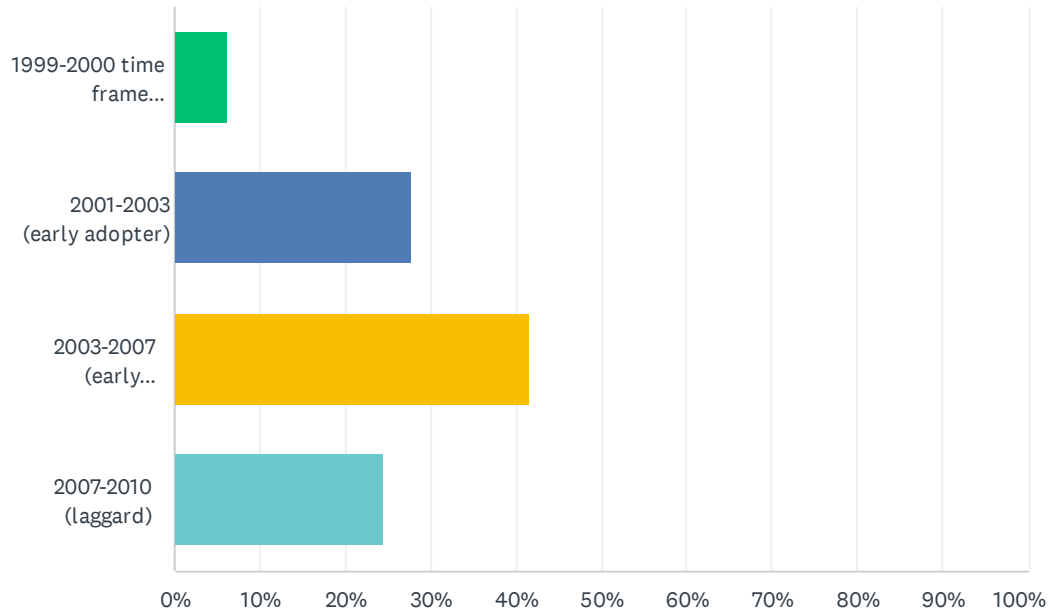
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33	I worked for the Department of Defense as an outstanding scholastic intern for over 4 years. I frequently saw management using their Blackberrys, and always wanted one for myself. I guess I will never have that chance :(.	1/5/2022 5:24 PM
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### Q3 If yes, when did you receive your first BlackBerry device from your employer?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 45

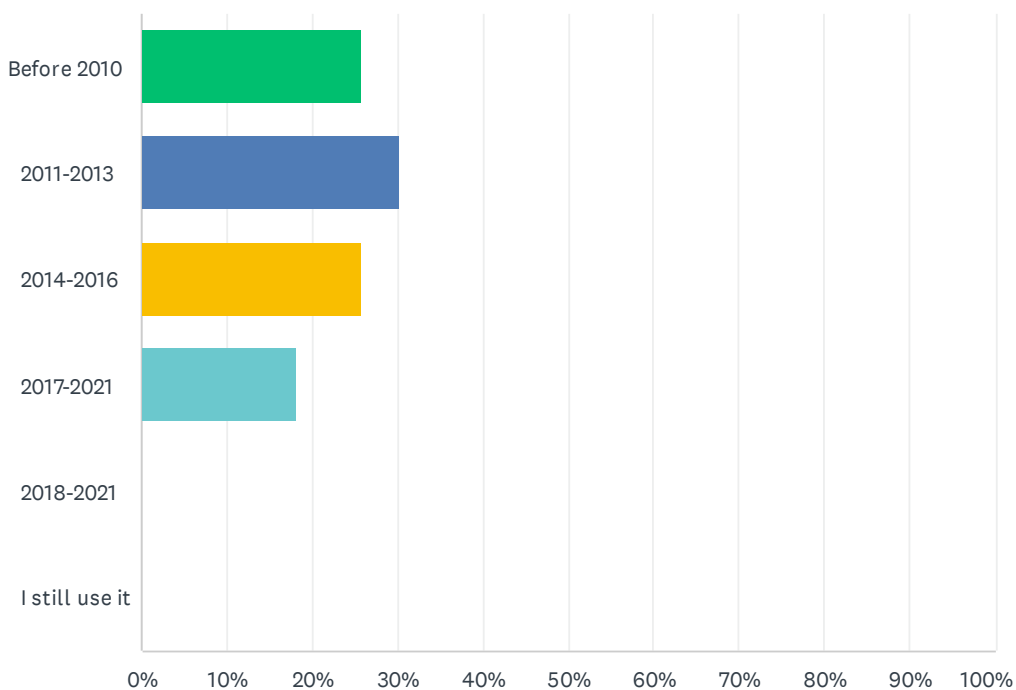


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
1999-2000 time frame (technology innovator)	6.15% 4
2001-2003 (early adopter)	27.69% 18
2003-2007 (early majority)	41.54% 27
2007-2010 (laggard)	24.62% 16
TOTAL	65

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Our program adopted them relatively early and all of the "essential" folks had them	1/6/2022 8:49 AM
2	I received it in 2012 or early 2013	1/6/2022 4:52 AM

## Q4 What year did you get rid of your BlackBerry device?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 44

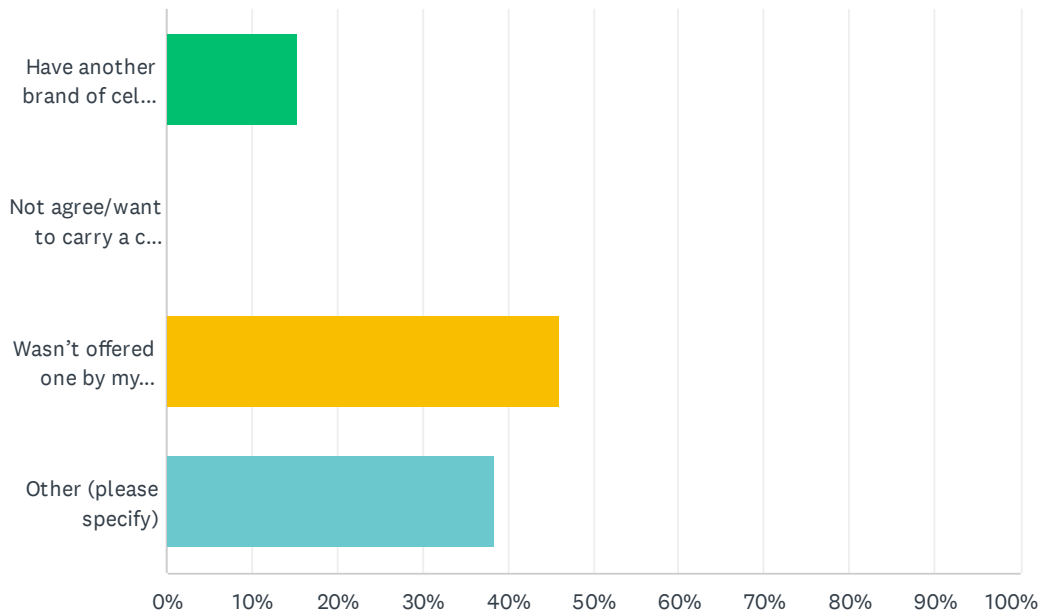


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Before 2010	25.76% 17
2011-2013	30.30% 20
2014-2016	25.76% 17
2017-2021	18.18% 12
2018-2021	0.00% 0
I still use it	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Not completely sure the year.	1/7/2022 10:34 AM
2	The agency switched to iPhones.	1/6/2022 10:18 AM
3	I changed jobs in 2008 and gave up my dedicated BB. My new position had an on-call BB that rotated among on-call staff. That BB was still being used when I left that office in 2017.	1/6/2022 8:49 AM
4	When I made the switch to a smart phone I still miss the feel of the blackberry keyboard.	1/6/2022 8:19 AM
5	I would have liked to exchange for a BlackBerry Passport, but the price was very higt.	1/6/2022 6:04 AM

## Q5 If no, did you:

Answered: 13 Skipped: 97

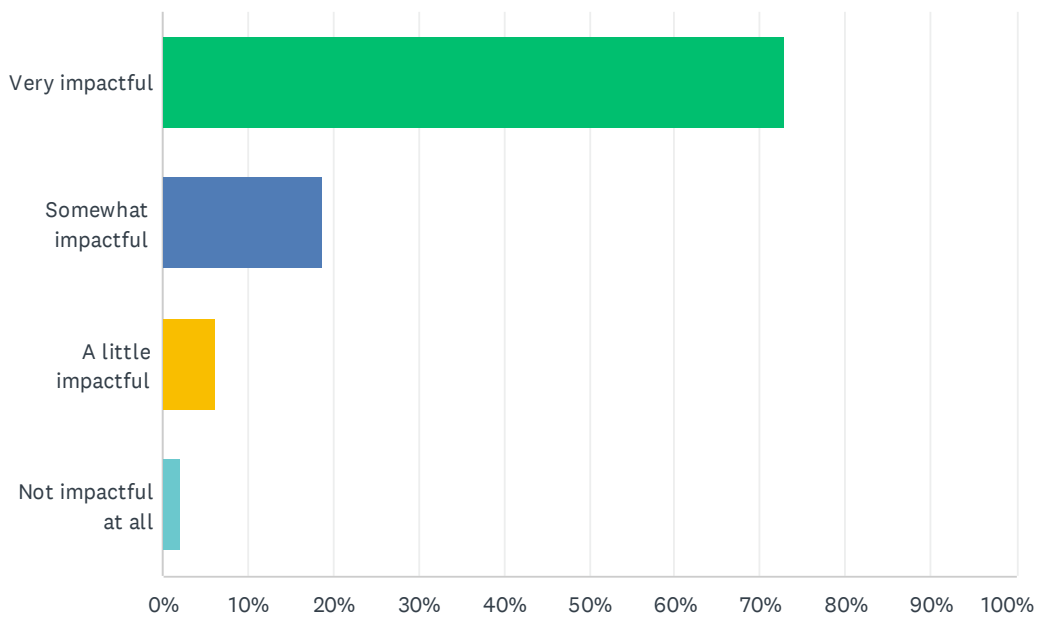


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Have another brand of cell phone	15.38% 2
Not agree/want to carry a cell phone from your employer	0.00% 0
Wasn't offered one by my employer	46.15% 6
Other (please specify)	38.46% 5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I always purchased my own.	1/7/2022 3:15 PM
2	Bought my own.	1/6/2022 4:38 PM
3	Personal user for my businesses.	1/6/2022 4:00 PM
4	I already told you. I had, and have, a PalmPilot.	1/6/2022 4:27 AM
5	Personal blackberry	1/5/2022 7:10 PM

## Q6 How impactful was the BlackBerry device on your agency/office?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 62



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very impactful	72.92% 35
Somewhat impactful	18.75% 9
A little impactful	6.25% 3
Not impactful at all	2.08% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Seems like the technology was only for upper management and did not really change facility operations that much.	1/10/2022 7:59 AM
2	Unsure. Cellphones were only issued to a few. But it helped to be able to get in touch with people during emergencies.	1/7/2022 12:58 PM
3	We were no longer tethered to our desk! We could travel and walk around an office and still be "connected" to email, phone calls, etc. It was GREAT!	1/7/2022 8:11 AM
4	Great encryption key to share spreadsheets, contracts and etc. It was 4G LTE smartphone I owned.	1/6/2022 4:05 PM
5	Because of the PIN to PIN feature, our team was able to communicate amongst ourselves on 9/11 while mobile communications were generally unavailable.	1/6/2022 12:17 PM
6	My productivity grew Up a lot	1/6/2022 6:08 AM
7	We thought the BlackBerry was for insecure losers "on the spectrum."	1/6/2022 4:28 AM
8	"Impactful" is NOT a word. "Effective", and "Consequential", are words. "Impact" is a NOUN, and not a verb. "Ask" is a verb, and not a noun. Write like a grown person, and be respected	1/5/2022 11:31 AM



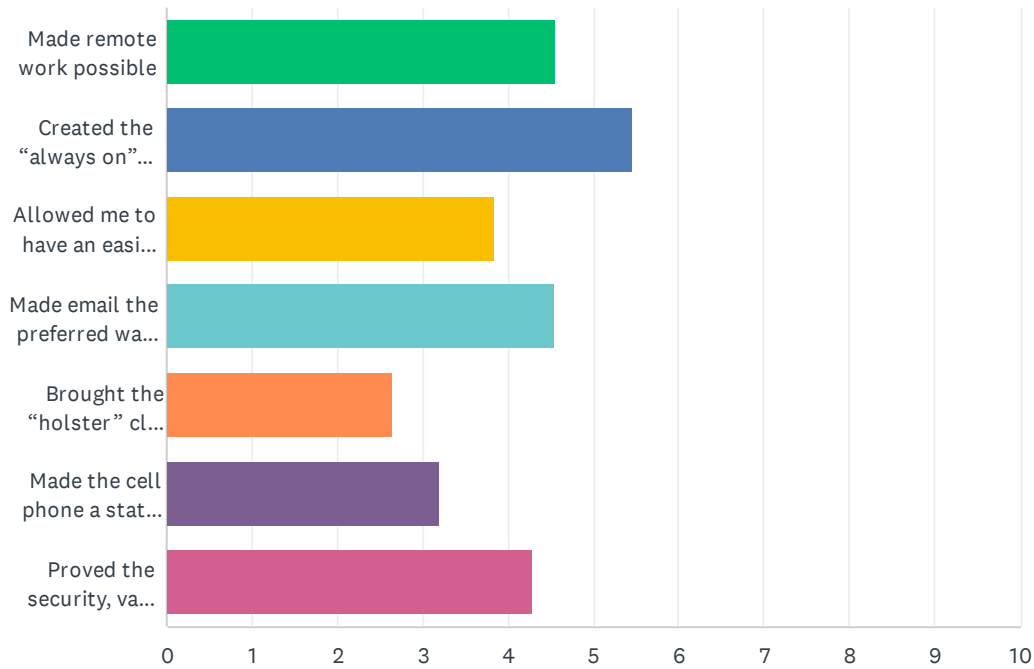
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for your mastery of a language. (Just my two cents.)

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## Q7 What were some of the ways the BlackBerry changed--for better or for worse--the way you and your colleagues did your jobs? (Rank in order with 1 being most impactful)

Answered: 44 Skipped: 66



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Made remote work possible	13.89% 5	25.00% 9	19.44% 7	13.89% 5	8.33% 3	11.11% 4	8.33% 3	36	4.56
Created the "always on" culture	38.46% 15	20.51% 8	17.95% 7	5.13% 2	12.82% 5	0.00% 0	5.13% 2	39	5.46
Allowed me to have an easier work-life balance	10.53% 4	15.79% 6	13.16% 5	18.42% 7	7.89% 3	18.42% 7	15.79% 6	38	3.84
Made email the preferred way of communication in my agency	14.29% 5	17.14% 6	22.86% 8	20.00% 7	11.43% 4	8.57% 3	5.71% 2	35	4.54
Brought the "holster" clip look in vogue, particularly for men	5.00% 2	2.50% 1	12.50% 5	7.50% 3	12.50% 5	25.00% 10	35.00% 14	40	2.65
Made the cell phone a status symbol for executives	0.00% 0	8.33% 3	8.33% 3	22.22% 8	25.00% 9	27.78% 10	8.33% 3	36	3.19
Proved the security, value and portability of pocket-sized devices	26.83% 11	12.20% 5	9.76% 4	12.20% 5	12.20% 5	7.32% 3	19.51% 8	41	4.29

## Q8 What is your favorite or least favorite memory about you or your colleagues having a BlackBerry device over the last 20 years?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 78

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Them never using it; permanently forgetting it at home	1/11/2022 7:21 AM
2	Email on a BB was the best	1/10/2022 12:54 PM
3	Other staff being amazed that I was taking notes on it as we performed Environment of Care rounds.	1/10/2022 7:59 AM
4	when I first got my blackberry, it was incredible to be able to access the internet over my phone.	1/7/2022 1:40 PM
5	I was among the first people to have text messaging, email on-the-go, and internet. People seem to think that Apple was the first, but NO, BlackBerry was the first with internet. BB phones were built like a tank--NEVER cracked a screen and it kept on working after being dropped. Never had a screen protector either. It was built right. It had square photos before Instagram came along. Unfortunate that the "cool" apps like Instagram didn't have a BB app.	1/7/2022 12:58 PM
6	I worked for FEMA at the time and it allowed us to have better and timely communications with HQ or the disaster management.	1/7/2022 10:37 AM
7	Back then, it wasn't funny, but you started to see people with branches for their thumbs from the "scroll ball" built into the phone. Looking back 10+ years ago, maybe we can say it is sort of funny?	1/7/2022 9:39 AM
8	Washing more than one in my washing machine! I had a blue berry at one point.	1/7/2022 9:13 AM
9	Blackberry was before skype, teams, zoom, etc. and made communication so much easier because again, we were not tethered to our desk or work area. Those of us that support multiple offices in different States never had to worry about missing something important. Messages would hit our Blackberry before they would actually show up on our desktop computers. It was GREAT! Also, we didn't have the issues we currently have with iPhones. I miss the real keyboard - I am not a virtual keyboard person so it takes me longer to type since our agency disabled the "talk to type" feature on the iPhone.	1/7/2022 8:11 AM
10	Very sophisticated encryption smartphone. I love it but it was good in 4G LTE till it's unplugged.	1/6/2022 4:05 PM
11	The BlackBerry keyboard was the BEST!	1/6/2022 3:19 PM
12	Ruined free time	1/6/2022 2:34 PM
13	Had to have it with me 24/7 as my employer expected us to be on call 24/7.	1/6/2022 2:04 PM
14	9/11 - favorite as we could effective led our response efforts with staff around the country - least favorite that we had to discover that due to the tragic event	1/6/2022 12:17 PM
15	It was the beginning of the end for time away from work.	1/6/2022 11:54 AM
16	I liked the physical keyboard but not the click. I also miss the original roller ball.	1/6/2022 10:21 AM
17	Being addicted to the "Crackberry"	1/6/2022 10:03 AM
18	Once I realized how "available" I was via the Blackberry, it quickly lost its luster.	1/6/2022 9:36 AM
19	I really liked the Blackberry for work. Although at the time I had an iphone for personal use, I thought the Blackberry was very effective for work emails and calls. I did not like having to give it up. But, I would have never used one for personal use.	1/6/2022 9:21 AM
20	Brick breaker! I would play it for hours and people would think I was busy working on projects.	1/6/2022 9:03 AM

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21	instant connectivity with colleagues	1/6/2022 8:23 AM
22	9/11	1/6/2022 8:21 AM
23	Being able to pin each other outside of emailing. This was before texting.	1/6/2022 7:39 AM
24	how unbreakable it was when I dropped on the tarmac exiting a plane at DCA	1/6/2022 6:50 AM
25	Fast level communication	1/6/2022 6:08 AM
26	Love the sound and feel of those tiny keyboard buttons	1/6/2022 4:54 AM
27	My friends who used the BlackBerry were drunks. Sad, but true.	1/6/2022 4:28 AM
28	Keyboard.	1/6/2022 2:04 AM
29	We could meet offsite and still answer our emails	1/5/2022 7:59 PM
30	I still miss the feel of the real keyboard. New smart phones just don't compare.	1/5/2022 12:01 PM
31	Mine had a very small display. Glad to have had good vision back then.	1/5/2022 11:31 AM
32	I loved the Blackberry keyboard and still miss it. I held out, refusing an iPhone for a long time, just to keep the keyboard. I tried peripheral keyboards for the iPhone but they never worked well. hate the iPhone "keyboard." Would love a real touch keyboard again.	1/5/2022 10:40 AM

Q9 If you'd like to share any photos of you and/or your BlackBerry, please upload or email them to [jpmiller@federalnewsnetwork.com](mailto:jpmiller@federalnewsnetwork.com).

Answered: 4 Skipped: 106

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