



Reckless Single Women

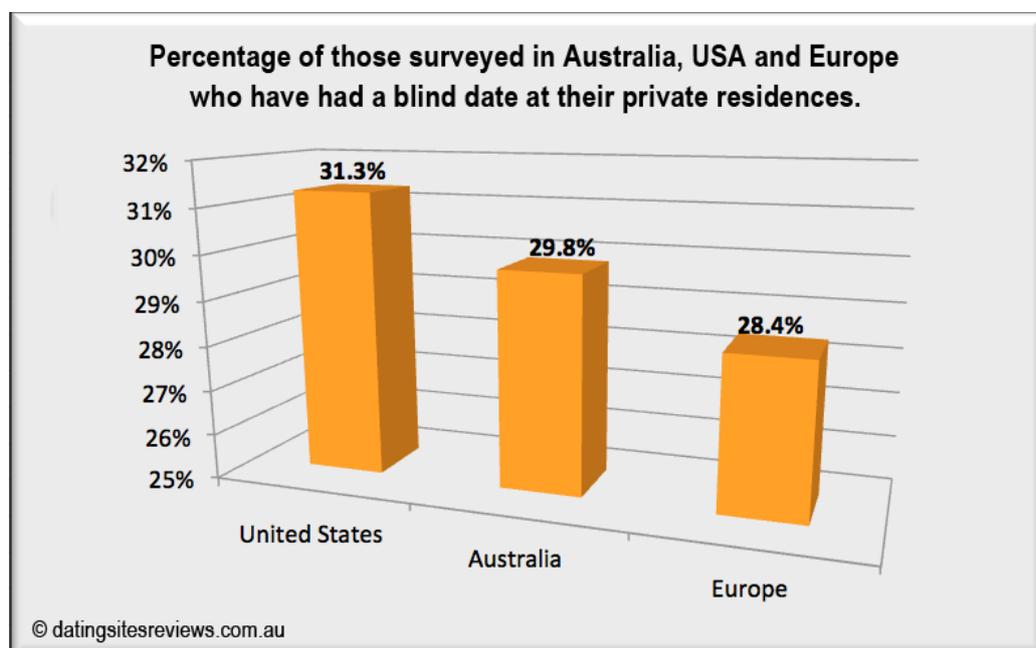
Survey of 14,489 online dating site users in Australia, USA and Europe

Every third blind date in Australia takes place at home...

... according to the results of an international online survey of Australian, American and European singles when asked about the first date with someone they met online.

Survey Results at a Glance

Just like in the USA and Europe, singles in Australia are freighting risky when it comes online dating, especially women. Of the 14,489 online daters who responded, close to 30% of all men and women said that they had already met up with someone who they met on the Internet in a non-public place. In Australia, about every third person (29.8% of those responding) didn't give a second thought to organizing a blind date at their home. In the USA, it is even around 31%. In Europe, it was the cautious Scandinavians who brought down the overall average – here it is only 28.4% of all respondents who have claimed to have had their first date at their home.

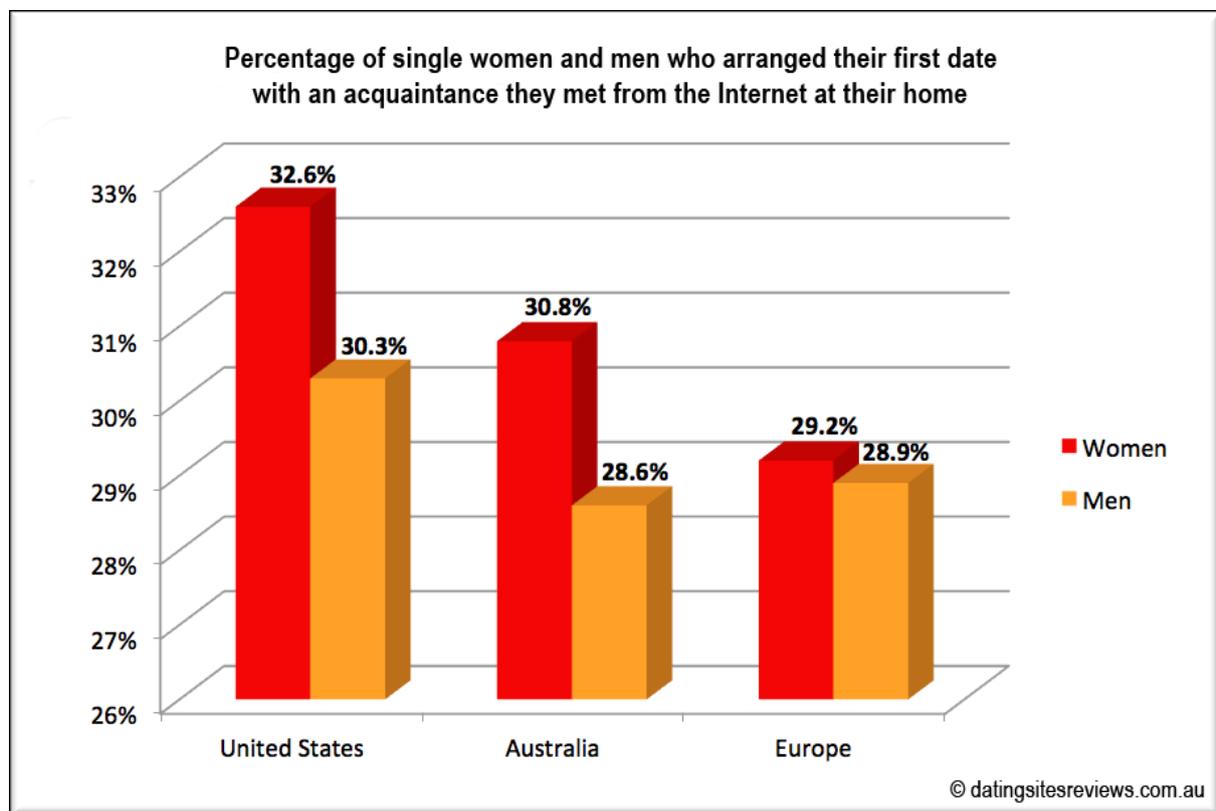


Recklessness even though knowing better

The best advice and tips for online dating unanimously warn against meeting a person, who someone has only met online, alone and outside of the protected area which public places offer. In August 2014 in Australia (Sydney), a dramatic example proved how dangerous a private first meeting can be: A young New Zealander's her blind date with an Internet acquaintance ended with deadly fall from the balcony of his apartment.

Single women are more reckless than single men

The majority of the women surveyed are particularly daring on the first blind date and meet with the online acquaintance even in their own home. Among the respondents in Australia, 30.8% of the single women surveyed (compared to 28.6% of the single men surveyed) responded that they have already arranged their first date with an Internet acquaintance at home. With regard to risk-taking when it comes to blind dates, single women have now moved in between the United States and Europe: In the US, around 32% of female respondents invited their blind dates to their homes compared with 29% of single women from Europe.



Background: Why are singles so trusting?

“For many singles, a sense of security is established if nothing has happened so far,” says Henning Wiechers of Datingsitesreviews.com.au. He conducted the online survey of singles. This risky blind confidence of the respondents was not caused by the rise of targeted pre-checks such as a Skype chat or telephone calls. Rather, the dating expert has observed a dangerous phenomenon by online daters: “Many users of online dating websites became very familiar with people, who they have only seen a photo of, in a virtual world. Through correspondence and phone calls, a degree of privacy is created, which can quickly give you the feeling that you have already known this person for a while.”

Wiechers strongly appeals to singles, especially women, to maintain a healthy dose of scepticism when it comes to online dating for a long time: “In order to minimize the risk, a woman should at least plan to have a friend text her just to check in if she is meeting a stranger alone and unaccompanied.”

The majority still practises caution

Despite the alarming risky behaviour which singles everywhere are displaying, most single women and single men heed the rule of thumb of meeting with a new acquaintance in a public place for the first date: 58% of all online daters surveyed in Australia choose for their first blind date a bar/restaurant or another public place (6.9%). 5.3% of them go for a cultural event.

Australians have many options for safe blind dates

Especially in big cities such as Sydney or Melbourne, there are a wide range of organized events available for singles which would make for a safe first date that allows a first meeting with strangers from the Internet in a safe environment. "If someone does not want to take advantage of these kind of things, they should definitely know a cosy cafe or a restaurant where they can meet with their blind date for the first time face-to-face," recommends Wiechers, who conducted the survey. "If your blind date should prove to be a disappointment, you have the nice advantage of being able to quickly and painlessly say your goodbyes."

About the survey

This survey was conducted by the informative and review website Datingsitesreviews.com.au in cooperation with its partner sites in the United States and Europe over a period of 12 months (Summer 2013 – Summer 2014). Visitors to the site answered a short questionnaire with information about where they meet for their first date with their online acquaintance, whom they met on an online dating or matchmaking site.



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