

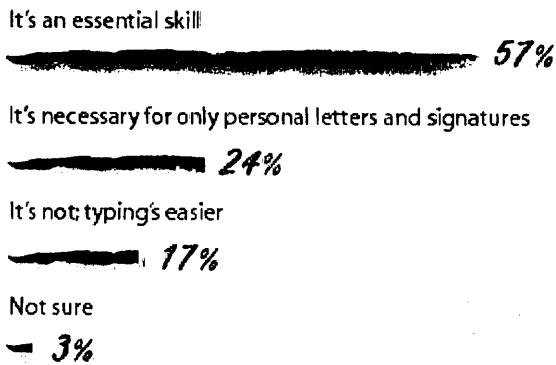
# Most value good penmanship

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Most Americans (57%) believe good penmanship is an essential skill even though 16% think typing is easier, a new MSN-Zogby poll shows.

But nearly a quarter (24%) of Americans say their feelings about the importance of penmanship in their lives falls somewhere in between, and they reserve writing with a pen only for personal letters and signatures.

## How important is good penmanship?



MSN-Zogby Poll

Younger adults are less likely than older adults to say they view good penmanship as an essential skill, although nearly half (47%) of those 18-29 think it's essential. Good penmanship is viewed even more positively as adults get older, with 64% of those age 65 and older who say they value good penmanship.

Those 18-29, most of whom have grown up using keyboards, are also more likely than older adults to say typing is easier than writing – 22% of younger adults said they prefer to type, and that feeling decreases among older age groups. Just 13% of those age 65 and older say typing is easier.

*The interactive survey of 3,785 adults nationwide was conducted April 11-13, 2007 and carries a margin of error of +/- 1.6 percentage points.*

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### What Do You Think?

#### How important is good penmanship?

It's an essential skill  
83%

It's necessary for only personal letters and signatures  
11%

It's not; typing is easier  
5%

Not sure  
1%

*3408 responses, not scientifically valid, re minute.*

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