

Is pewresearch.org legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

pewresearch.org

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

pewresearch.org appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Pew Research Center homepage / publications listing: authoritative nonprofit research site offering reports, short reads, data essays, and newsletters. Clear contact address and phone number provided; social channels and cookie/analytics disclosures present.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	2% confidence AbuseIPDB, 2 reports; shared hosting inflates reports	CLEAR
Domain age	23 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YE1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- VirusTotal and Google Safe Browsing had no flags for this domain; its hosting IP carries AbuseIPDB reports below the confidence level TrustSniffer treats as a flag.

Full analysis

Overview

Pew Research Center is an informational nonprofit research website presenting public-opinion polling, data-driven social-science research, reports, short reads, data essays, newsletters, and research tools; its apparent model is public outreach and research dissemination supported primarily by The Pew Charitable Trusts rather than product sales or investment services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent Pew Research Center identity, substantive research topics, publication content, contact facilities, and links to established social channels, with no detected phishing, impersonation, deceptive-claim, wallet, or hidden-sensitive-form indicators. Two low-confidence abuse reports relate to a shared content-delivery IP rather than the site's content or identity; that attribution does not establish a scam or impersonation concern.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the organization as a nonpartisan, nonadvocacy research center and provides substantive reports, topics, methods, and publication materials.
- The homepage and contact pathways contain no detected brand-impersonation or phishing indicators; the observed forms are for search and newsletter subscription rather than sensitive-data collection.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections for the assessed site; the two abuse reports were attributed to shared infrastructure rather than the website itself.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site's apparent legitimacy is consistent with its informational nonprofit model. The About and homepage content presents funding primarily from The Pew Charitable Trusts, while the contact page provides organizational contact details and the site publishes methods, research topics, and publications. No financial product, investment service, or regulated brokerage activity is presented, so the principal verification consideration is confirming the real-world organizational connection independently; that connection is likely but not independently verified by the available evidence. No third-party broker match was identified.

EVIDENCE

- The About and homepage content describe a nonprofit research organization funded primarily by The Pew Charitable Trusts and focused on public research and outreach.
- The homepage and contact page provide a clear organizational contact address and telephone contact.
- The domain was registered on 2003-07-18 and is approximately 23.08 years old, with an expiration date of 2029-07-18.
- The site's transport encryption uses a DV certificate issued by YE1, valid through 2026-10-08.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or donation/payment interactions, independently confirm the organizational connection through a contact route sourced outside the website and review the applicable terms, donation recipient details, and payment-protection arrangements. Any account-related communication should be initiated through independently confirmed official channels rather than links received unexpectedly.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides independent cross-check points through the stated organizational name, research areas, contact facilities, and linked social presence.
- The site presents donation and newsletter functions but no product-sales or investment-service workflow, making recipient identity and payment handling the relevant transaction checks.
- The site's public research and methods sections provide additional organizational context for independent comparison.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is high trust and low risk, and the available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website. The classification supports ordinary informational use, while the real-world operator connection remains likely rather than independently proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is hosted by AUTOMATTIC - Automattic, Inc. in the United States on AS2635, with a resolved single-address hosting posture and no separately detected CDN or edge/origin split. This is a conventional, identified hosting arrangement and provides a mitigating infrastructure signal, but hosting alone is not proof of organizational identity.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary browsing is proportionate to the assessed posture; before submitting credentials or making a payment, standard independent checks of the operator, applicable terms, and payment protections should be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Signals weighed against the site

- AbuseIPDB: 2 reports on hosting IP 192.0.66.2 (Automattic, Inc, Content Delivery Network), 2% confidence. The reports are attributed to shared infrastructure, not specifically to this website.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Trusted social count=5

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of pewresearch.org.

- The request stayed on pewresearch.org. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under eNom, LLC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by awsdns-36.org, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2029-07-18. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AUTOMATTIC, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	eNom, LLC
Hosting	AUTOMATTIC - Automattic, Inc, US
Country	US
Server IP	192.0.66.2
Name servers	ns-1318.awsdns-36.org, ns-1841.awsdns-38.co.uk, ns-281.awsdns-35.com, ns-795.awsdns-35.net
SSL issuer	YE1
SSL expiry	2026-10-08
Domain age	23.08 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2029-07-18
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 2% confidence, 2 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about pewresearch.org at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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