

The contribution of HBSC Ireland to the National Set of Well-being Indicators for Children, 2005

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The following tables present data from the Irish HBSC study 2002. Full details of the methods employed can be found in (Currie *et al.*, 2004; Kelleher *et al.*, 2003; Currie *et al.*, 2002). These data are presented by gender (male, female) and age (11 years old, 13 years old, 15 years old).

How easy is it for you to talk to the following persons about things that really bother you? (Mother)

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
Very Easy	54.5	51.6	38.6	41.3	23.9	29.6
Easy	28.7	33.2	35.9	38.3	43.0	41.6
Difficult	9.6	8.4	15.5	13.7	21.9	20.8
Very Difficult	4.5	3.4	7.3	3.9	8.3	6.3
Don't have or see this person	2.5	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.0	1.7
Total n	595	711	1739	2191	1202	1780

How easy is it for you to talk to the following persons about things that really bother you? (Father)

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
Very Easy	41.3	25.3	28.3	41.3	15.1	8.6
Easy	34.2	36.3	34.3	38.3	35.0	32.2
Difficult	12.9	25.4	21.3	13.7	28.0	32.9
Very Difficult	6.4	8.6	10.8	3.9	16.0	19.8
Don't have or see this person	5.3	4.4	5.2	2.8	5.8	6.5
Total n	595	711	1739	2191	1202	1780

How often do you usually have breakfast during the week?

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
Never	4.7	7.5	9.1	16.5	16.9	24.0
One day	3.6	2.4	3.8	3.8	2.7	3.8
Two days	2.1	2.0	3.5	4.4	4.2	5.1
Three days	4.1	3.7	3.9	4.9	3.5	7.1
Four days	2.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	3.4	5.2
Five days	82.6	79.9	76.0	65.9	69.3	54.8
Total n	595	711	1739	2191	1202	1780

At present, how many close male and female friends do you have? (Male friends)

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
None	3.0	20.0	1.5	16.4	2.0	15.3
One	4.4	11.2	3.9	9.4	2.7	12.3
Two	4.0	13.4	5.4	12.9	7.4	14.8
Three or more	88.7	55.4	89.2	61.3	87.8	57.6
Total n	595	711	1739	2191	1202	1780

At present, how many close male and female friends do you have? (Female friends)

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
None	15.9	1.5	10.6	0.8	8.3	0.5
One	14.0	3.7	8.9	2.4	9.0	2.5
Two	12.5	5.1	12.3	5.4	13.4	7.6
Three or more	57.6	89.7	68.2	91.4	69.3	89.4
Total n	595	711	1739	2191	1202	1780

In general, how do you feel about your life at present?

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
Not very happy	41.4	39.9	50.9	55.1	61.4	68.6
Very happy	58.6	60.1	49.1	44.9	38.6	31.4
Total n	595	711	1739	2191	1202	1780

How often do you smoke tobacco at present?

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
Every day	0.5	0.3	5.1	6.1	19.0	20.2
At least once a week	1.5	0.9	3.2	2.9	4.6	5.0
Less than once a week	2.6	1.4	5.3	4.2	6.2	7.9
Do not smoke	95.4	97.4	86.4	86.7	70.1	66.9
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Over a typical or usual week, are you physically active for at least 60 minutes per day less than, or more than, four times a week?

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
4 times or more	64.7	53.6	63.0	42.4	51.3	26.0
Less than 4 times	35.3	46.4	37.0	57.3	48.7	74.0
Total n	595	711	1739	2191	1202	1780

There are good places to spend your free time in my local area ...

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
Strongly agree	28.4	23.7	21.2	16.1	9.6	9.1
Agree	31.6	35.7	31.2	27.6	25.3	21.9
Neither agree nor disagree	15.9	21.4	17.4	20.7	19.7	17.7
Disagree	14.5	12.4	17.2	22.4	26.8	33.9
Strongly disagree	9.7	6.8	12.9	13.2	18.6	17.5
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Generally speaking, I feel safe in the area where I live ...

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
Always	59.4	59.0	55.5	50.6	55.5	46.8
Most of the time	26.7	29.5	31.0	37.7	32.0	40.1
Sometimes	10.7	10.1	10.2	9.7	8.8	11.3
Rarely/never	3.1	1.5	3.3	1.9	3.8	1.7
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In our school the students take part in making the rules.

Percentages by Gender and Age

Gender	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Age	11		13		15	
Strongly agree	13.9	13.1	8.2	7.3	5.4	2.4
Agree	19.8	24.8	19.7	16.7	10.2	11.6
Neither agree nor disagree	22.6	22.9	21.2	23.8	16.6	19.0
Disagree	22.5	24.5	25.7	32.9	33.4	37.8
Strongly disagree	21.9	14.6	25.2	19.4	34.4	29.2
Total n	595	711	1739	2191	1202	1780

Further information on the HBSC study can be found at <http://www.hbsc.org>.

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