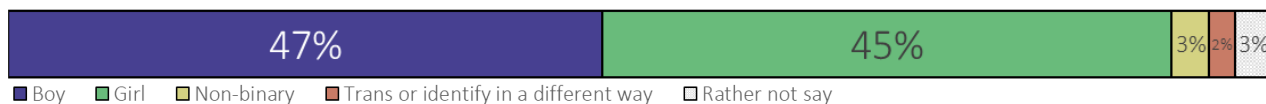


This profile contains direct demographic comparisons relating to those who responded that they identify as a boy or as a girl. Supplementary information is available below.

In 2022, 47% of Year 9s who took part in the Young People's Survey said they were a boy and 45% said they were a girl. Around 2% identified as a trans-boy, trans-girl or in a different way. Around 3% said that they were non-binary.



🚩 denotes statistically significant differences between groups.



Subjective Health	Boys	Girls
Good physical health ^[1]	72%	66%
Worries weekly+ about physical health	31% 🚩	44%
Good mental health ^[1]	66% 🚩	34%
Worries weekly+ about mental health	27% 🚩	60%

Wellbeing	Boys	Girls
Satisfied with local area	56%	55%
Life satisfaction average score ^[2]	7.2 🚩	6.1
Worthwhileness average score ^[2]	7.0 🚩	6.0
Happiness average score ^[2]	7.0 🚩	5.8
Anxiety average score ^[2]	2.3 🚩	4.2
Often/always optimistic	50% 🚩	37%
Often/always feels useful	45% 🚩	22%
Often/always relaxed	53% 🚩	27%
Often/always deals with problems well	51% 🚩	30%
Often/always thinking clearly	55% 🚩	30%
Often/always feeling close to other people	59%	57%
Often/always able to make up own mind about things	72% 🚩	48%
SWEMWBS average score ^[3]	22.6 🚩	20.1
Often/always feels lonely	8%	12%


Personal Worries	Boys	Girls
Worries weekly+ about weight	29%	64%
Worries weekly+ about appearance	40%	76%
Worries weekly+ about puberty	12%	17%
Worries weekly+ about gender/gender identity	4%	9%
Worries weekly+ about sexuality	3%	18%
Worries weekly+ about relationships with people outside of school	25%	45%
Worries weekly+ about things that happen online	17%	30%
Worries weekly+ about my future	53%	73%

Behaviours	Boys	Girls
Achieving recommended amount of physical activity ^[4]	21%	9%
Participates in physical activity to deal with worries	24%	23%
Participates in active travel ^[5]	39%	38%
Likely to eat recommended amount of fruit/veg per day ^[6]	55%	59%
Eats more to deal with worries	16%	23%
Eats less to deal with worries	7%	27%
Ever had sexual contact ^[7]	16%	20%
Ever tried an e-cig	15%	26%
Ever tried a cigarette	4%	8%
Smokes a cigarette to deal with worries	0%	2%
Ever had an alcoholic drink	39%	44%
Drinks alcohol to deal with worries	2%	4%
Uses drugs to deal with worries	1%	2%
Cuts/hurts self to deal with worries	1%	12%

School	Boys	Girls
Worries weekly+ about own education	27%	52%
Worries weekly+ about relationships with people at school	26%	53%
Worries weekly+ about own safety at school	12%	18%
Experienced bullying at school in last 6 months	21%	21%
Believes school deals well with bullying	27%	16%

Discrimination	Boys	Girls
Experienced bullying due to appearance 	14%	27%
Experienced bullying due to where they live	4%	5%
Experienced bullying due to age	5%	7%
Experienced bullying due to gender/gender identity 	1%	6%
Experienced bullying due to sexuality	3%	7%
Experienced bullying due to religion	3%	1%
Experienced bullying due to race or ethnicity	4%	3%
Worries weekly+ about being subject to racist behaviour	10%	8%

Safety	Boys	Girls
Experienced bullying out of school in last 6 months	28%	38%
Worries weekly+ about being bullied	16%	21%
Worries weekly+ about being the victim of crime	7%	12%
Worries weekly+ about own safety outside of school 	15%	27%
Feels safe in local area 	73%	57%
Feels unsafe in local area due to people who hang about 	20%	34%
Feels unsafe in local area due to gangs	21%	27%
Feels unsafe in local area due to people carrying knives/sharp objects	24%	28%
Feels unsafe in local area due to crime	23%	23%
Feels unsafe in local area due to drug dealing	25%	25%
Feels unsafe in local area due to cat-calling 	5%	35%

Financial	Boys	Girls
Ever gambled online 	4%	3%
Worries weekly+ about money problems	21%	30%
Family worries about having enough money for essentials ^[8]	33%	35%

[1] Responding “Very good” or “Good”.

[2] Mean score, where 0 = “not at all” and 10 = “completely”.

[3] Mean Short Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale metric score.

[4] Recommended amount = at least 60 minutes per day.

[5] Active travel = routinely walking/cycling to school.

[6] Recommended amount = at least 5 portions of fruit & vegetables per day.

[7] Any sexual contact, including penetrative sex.

[8] Worries at least “sometimes” about affording heating, food or clothing.



Survey questions

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