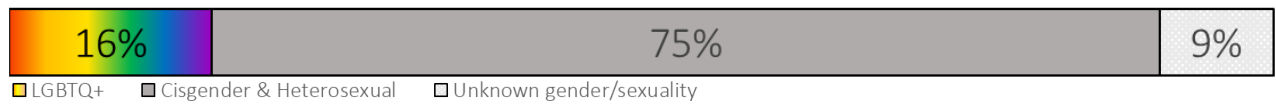


This profile contains demographic comparisons relating to those who were identified as LGBTQ+ and those who were identified as cisgender and heterosexual, based upon their responses to gender and sexuality questions. Supplementary information is available below.

In 2022, around 1 in 6 (16%) of Year 9s who took part in the Young People’s Survey were identified as belonging to the LGBTQ+ cohort.



denotes statistically significant differences between groups.



Subjective Health	LGBTQ+	Cis-Het
Good physical health <sup>[1]</sup>	46%	72%
Worries weekly+ about physical health	57%	35%
Good mental health <sup>[1]</sup>	10%	56%
Worries weekly+ about mental health	83%	38%

Wellbeing	LGBTQ+	Cis-het
Satisfied with local area	44%	56%
Life satisfaction average score <sup>[2]</sup>	5.0	6.8
Worthwhileness average score <sup>[2]</sup>	4.7	6.7
Happiness average score <sup>[2]</sup>	4.7	6.5
Anxiety average score <sup>[2]</sup>	6.0	2.9
Often/always optimistic	33%	46%
Often/always feels useful	18%	36%
Often/always relaxed	14%	44%
Often/always deals with problems well	21%	43%
Often/always thinking clearly	22%	45%
Often/always feeling close to other people	49%	59%
Often/always able to make up own mind about things	35%	62%
SWEMWBS average score <sup>[3]</sup>	18.5	21.7
Often/always feels lonely	23%	8%


Personal Worries		LGBTQ+	Cis-Het
Worries weekly+ about <b>weight</b>	🚩	68%	41%
Worries weekly+ about <b>appearance</b>	🚩	84%	54%
Worries weekly+ about <b>puberty</b>	🚩	31%	14%
Worries weekly+ about <b>gender/gender identity</b>	🚩	46%	3%
Worries weekly+ about <b>sexuality</b>	🚩	57%	3%
Worries weekly+ about <b>relationships with people outside of school</b>	🚩	55%	32%
Worries weekly+ about <b>things that happen online</b>	🚩	41%	20%
Worries weekly+ about <b>my future</b>		73%	61%

Behaviours		LGBTQ+	Cis-Het
Achieving recommended amount of <b>physical activity</b> <sup>[4]</sup>		9%	16%
Participates in <b>physical activity</b> to deal with worries		19%	23%
Participates in <b>active travel</b> <sup>[5]</sup>		38%	38%
Likely to eat recommended amount of <b>fruit/veg</b> per day <sup>[6]</sup>		52%	58%
<b>Eats more</b> to deal with worries	🚩	17%	31%
<b>Eats less</b> to deal with worries	🚩	33%	15%
Ever had <b>sexual contact</b> <sup>[7]</sup>		29%	18%
Ever tried an <b>e-cig</b>		30%	19%
Ever tried a <b>cigarette</b>		9%	7%
<b>Smokes a cigarette</b> to deal with worries		2%	1%
Ever had an <b>alcoholic drink</b>		48%	40%
<b>Drinks alcohol</b> to deal with worries		6%	2%
<b>Uses drugs</b> to deal with worries		2%	2%
<b>Cuts/hurts self</b> to deal with worries	🚩	31%	4%

School		LGBTQ+	Cis-Het
Worries weekly+ about <b>own education</b>	🚩	57%	37%
Worries weekly+ about <b>relationships with people at school</b>	🚩	72%	34%
Worries weekly+ about <b>own safety at school</b>	🚩	31%	14%
Experienced <b>bullying at school</b> in last 6 months	🚩	36%	20%
Believes <b>school deals well with bullying</b>		14%	22%

Discrimination	LGBTQ+	Cis-Het
Experienced bullying due to <b>appearance</b>	27%	20%
Experienced bullying due to <b>where they live</b>	4%	5%
Experienced bullying due to <b>age</b>	4%	6%
Experienced bullying due to <b>gender/gender identity</b> 	28%	2%
Experienced bullying due to <b>sexuality</b> 	35%	2%
Experienced bullying due to <b>religion</b>	0%	2%
Experienced bullying due to <b>race or ethnicity</b>	3%	3%
Worries weekly+ about <b>being subject to racist behaviour</b>	13%	9%

Safety	LGBTQ+	Cis-Het
Experienced <b>bullying out of school</b> in last 6 months 	51%	31%
Worries weekly+ about <b>being bullied</b> 	42%	15%
Worries weekly+ about <b>being the victim of crime</b> 	26%	8%
Worries weekly+ about <b>own safety outside of school</b> 	36%	20%
Feels safe in <b>local area</b> 	48%	66%
Feels unsafe in local area due to <b>people who hang about</b> 	49%	25%
Feels unsafe in local area due to <b>gangs</b>	27%	25%
Feels unsafe in local area due to <b>people carrying knives/sharp objects</b>	29%	27%
Feels unsafe in local area due to <b>crime</b>	32%	23%
Feels unsafe in local area due to <b>drug dealing</b>	25%	26%
Feels unsafe in local area due to <b>cat-calling</b> 	40%	16%

Financial	LGBTQ+	Cis-Het
Ever <b>gambled online</b>	3%	5%
Worries weekly+ about <b>money problems</b> 	38%	24%
Family worries about <b>having enough money for essentials</b> <sup>[8]</sup>	48%	33%

[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

Top-level findings