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Introduction

About Growing Up in Ireland

Growing Up in Ireland (GUI) is the national longitudinal study of children and youth in Ireland. It began in 2006 with two nationally representative cohorts of children: one aged 9 years (Cohort '98) and the other aged 9 months (Cohort '08) at the time of the first interview. The elder Cohort '98 participants (which are the subject of this report) were aged 9 at the beginning of the study, and there were 8,568 completed cases in Wave 1. After the first interview at age 9 years, the same children and families were followed up at age 13, 17/18 and 20 years. They were asked to complete a special COVID survey online in December 2020 when they would have been around 22 years old – the focus of this publication. Since then, Cohort '98 have been re-interviewed at age 25 in 2023/24.

About this document

This document contains the frequency tables from the Anonymised Microdata File (AMF) version of the dataset lodged with the Irish Social Science Data Archive (ISSDA) in respect of Young Adult respondents to the Growing Up in Ireland Special Covid survey that was conducted in December 2020. This was an online only survey. Most Cohort '98¹ respondents were aged 22 years at the time. While the tables are organised according to the sequence of questions in the questionnaire, note that the preparation of data for the AMF means that not all variables are included on that file, and some answer options are modified or combined for anonymisation purposes. Excluded or modified tables may be available to view in their original form on the 'Researcher Microdata File', for which applications should be made to the Central Statistics Office.

The variables presented in this booklet have been weighted according to the appropriate cross-sectional weight on the AMF. The original AMF dataset and the accompanying technical documentation are available from the Irish Social Sciences Data Archive https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/guicovid19/.

Data reference: Central Statistics Office (CSO). (2021). Growing up in Ireland - COVID-19 Web Survey 2020. [dataset]. Version 1. Irish Social Science Data Archive. SN: 0075-00. URL www.ucd.ie/issda/data

Authors' note: This publication is intended as a guide only. As it is not unusual for datasets to be updated from time to time, it is recommended that readers consult the latest version of the AMF files in ISSDA for the most up-to-date data.

¹ There is a separate publication available which documents the AMF frequency tables for the special COVID survey conducted with Cohort '08, also in December 2020. See www.growingup.gov.ie for further details.

A Note on How to Read the Tables

No Answer

Many questions will display the row "No answer" 2 as observed in the table below:

Q14. Concerning your total monthly or weekly income, with which degree of ease or difficulty are you able to make ends meet?

	YA14. Ability to make ends meet								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	With great difficulty	75	3.3	3.3	3.3				
	With difficulty	176	7.7	7.8	11.1				
	With some difficulty	554	24.3	24.4	35.5				
	Fairly easily	672	29.5	29.6	65.2				
	Easily	426	18.7	18.8	84.0				
	Very easily	363	15.9	16.0	100.0				
	Total	2266	99.5	100.0					
	No answer		.5						
	Total	2277	100.0						

This row covers respondents who refused to answer that question, didn't know how to answer or the question was not applicable.

Understanding the Different "Percent" Columns

YA4. Young Adult age at interview							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent		
V.E.I.	21	58	2.5	2.5	2.5		
	22	1985	87.2	87.3	89.8		
Valid	23	232	10.2	10.2	100.0		
	Total	2275	99.9	100.0			
No answer		2	.1				
Total		2277	100.0				

The percent column displays each response category as a percentage of the <u>total sample</u>; in this case, 99.9% (2,275 participants) of the total sample (2,277 participants) answered the question and 0.1% (2 participants) did not. The <u>valid percent</u> column displays each response category as a percentage of the <u>participants that responded to the question</u> (i.e., as a percentage of the 2,275 participants who answered "male" or "female"). The <u>cumulative</u> <u>percent</u> column displays a running sum of the valid percent.

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 $^{^2}$ In response to reviewers' feedback, the various reasons why data may be validly missing have been summarised under the heading 'no answer' instead of, for example, 'missing – system' in the original table format.

Routing

Some questions are a result of routing, whereby they are only answered by participants who gave a certain answer on a preceding question. Not all routed questions are identified in the document, so if there is a large number of "No answer" responses for a question, it is possible that it is a result of routing and it would be advised to consult the questionnaire. An example below:

Q7. Were you in employment or on an apprenticeship immediately before the Covid-19 pandemic began in late February 2020 or at any time since then? Please answer 'Yes' even if this wasn't your main activity (e.g. If you were studying but working part-time).

YA7. Employment/apprenticeship before/since Covid-19 pandemic							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent		
Valid	Yes	1727	75.8	76.0	76.0		
	No	<mark>546</mark>	24.0	24.0	100.0		
	Total	2274	99.8	100.0			
1	No answer		.2				
	Total		100.0				

Editor's note: Respondents who answered "No" to Question 7 were instructed to skip Question 8 and routed directly to Question 9.

Q8. Was your employment situation or way of working affected by Covid-19 in any of the following ways? [Tick all that apply]

YA8a. Loss of employment (losing your job or temporary lay-off)							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent		
Valid	Yes	797	35.0	46.1	46.1		
	No	930	40.8	53.9	100.0		
	Total	1727	75.8	100.0			
No ar	nswer	<mark>550</mark>	24.2				
То	tal	2277	100.0				

As 546 participants answered "No" to question Q7, they were instructed to skip question Q8. The remaining "No answer"s for Question Q8 are likely made up of the 3 "No answer" responses highlighted in Question Q7, who either missed the questions or declined to answer for some unknown reason.

Multiple Choice Questions

Some questions are multiple choice questions. In those instances, responses will be formatted as below, where the question (in this example Q16) will be displayed prior to any tables. The tables will then represent each response option, with a letter (example: 16a, 16b) for each option.

Q16. Have any of these occurred since the Covid-19 outbreak? [Tick all that apply]

YA16a. I moved back in with my parent(s)							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent		
Valid	Yes	488	21.4	21.4	21.4		
	No	1789	78.6	78.6	100.0		
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0			

YA16b. I moved out of my parents' house							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent		
Valid	Yes	225	9.9	9.9	9.9		
	No	2052	90.1	90.1	100.0		
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0			

YA16c. I moved in with my partner							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent		
Valid	Yes	147	6.4	6.4	6.4		
	No	2130	93.6	93.6	100.0		
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0			

YA16d. None of the above							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent		
Valid	Yes	1553	68.2	68.2	68.2		
	No	724	31.8	31.8	100.0		
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0			

Young Adult Survey Responses

Section 1

Editor's note: Question 1 and Question 2 are omitted from the AMF.

Q3. Can we just check, are you living in Ireland at present? Please answer 'yes' if you are temporarily living elsewhere but intend to return within the next year or so.

YA3. Residence in Ireland						
	Frequency Percent		Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent		
Valid	Yes, I am living in Ireland	2277	100.0	100.0	100.0	

Q4. What is your date of birth?

Editor's note: Converted to age at interview on AMF

	YA4. Young Adult age at interview							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	21	58	2.5	2.5	2.5			
	22	1985	87.2	87.3	89.8			
	23	232	10.2	10.2	100.0			
	Total	2275	99.9	100.0				
	No answer		.1					
	Total		100.0					

Section 2: Experience during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Q5. Are you or any other members of your household at increased risk of severe Covid-19 disease due to age or a pre-existing condition? [Select all that apply]

Editor's note: Original answer categories for respondent were 'Yes, me'; 'Yes, someone else in my household'; 'No'.

	YA5. Household members increased Covid-19 risk							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	No-one in household at increased risk	1296	56.9	56.9	56.9			
	Respondent at increased risk	103	4.5	4.5	61.5			
	Someone else in household at increased risk	802	35.2	35.2	96.7			
	Both respondent and someone else in household at increased risk	75	3.3	3.3	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

Q6. Thinking of the time just before the Covid-19 Pandemic began in late February 2020, what were you doing? Please tick all that apply

YA6a. I had a paid job								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percent					Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	1075	47.2	47.2	47.2			
	No	1202	52.8	52.8	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA6b. I was doing an apprenticeship								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Per					Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	72	3.2	3.2	3.2			
	No	2205	96.8	96.8	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA6c. I was doing a full-time third-level course								
Frequency Percent				Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	1254	55.1	55.1	55.1			
	No	1023	44.9	44.9	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA6d. I was doing another full-time education/training course								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	82	3.6	3.6	3.6			
	No	2195	96.4	96.4	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

Editor's Note: 'Unemployed', 'Looking after my children or relative who needs assistance', and 'Unable to work because of illness or disability' were separate options on the questionnaire but have been combined into one category on the AMF.

YA6e. I was unemployed / looking after my children or a relative / unable to work because of illness or disability								
		Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Perc						
Valid	Yes	114	5.0	5.0	5.0			
	No	2163	95.0	95.0	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA6h. Other									
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percent									
Valid	Yes	84	3.7	3.7	3.7				
	No	2193	96.3	96.3	100.0				
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0					

Q7. Were you in employment or on an apprenticeship immediately before the Covid-19 pandemic began in late February 2020 or at any time since then? Please answer 'Yes' even if this wasn't your main activity (e.g. If you were studying but working part-time).

YA	YA7. Employment/apprenticeship before/since Covid-19 pandemic								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	Yes	1727	75.8	76.0	76.0				
	No	546	24.0	24.0	100.0				
	Total	2274	99.8	100.0					
1	No answer		.2						
	Total		100.0						

Editor's note: Respondents who answered "No" to Question 7 were instructed to skip Question 8 and routed directly to Question 9.

Q8. Was your employment situation or way of working affected by Covid-19 in any of the following ways? [Tick all that apply]

YA8a. Loss of employment (losing your job or temporary lay-off)								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percent								
Valid	Yes	797	35.0	46.1	46.1			
	No	930	40.8	53.9	100.0			
	Total	1727	75.8	100.0				
No ar	nswer	550	24.2					
То	tal	2277	100.0					

YA8b. Any other loss or reduction in employment								
	Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percent							
Valid	Yes	269	11.8	15.6	15.6			
	No	1458	64.0	84.4	100.0			
	Total	1727	75.8	100.0				
No ar	nswer	550	24.2					
Total		2277	100.0					

YA8c. Increase in usual hours worked								
	Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percer							
Valid	Yes	216	9.5	12.5	12.5			
	No	1511	66.4	87.5	100.0			
	Total	1727	75.8	100.0				
No ar	nswer	550	24.2					
То	tal	2277	100.0					

YA8d. Started remote working from home								
	Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percent							
Valid	Yes	253	11.1	14.6	14.6			
	No	1474	64.7	85.4	100.0			
	Total	1727	75.8	100.0				
No answer		550	24.2					
Total		2277	100.0					

YA8e. Increased number of remote hours working from home								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	34	1.5	2.0	2.0			
	No	1693	74.3	98.0	100.0			
	Total	1727	75.8	100.0				
No answer		550	24.2					
Total		2277	100.0					

YA8f. Oth	YA8f. Other change (including starting a new job, being assigned to different work)								
	Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percent								
Valid	Yes	191	8.4	11.1	11.1				
	No	1536	67.5	88.9	100.0				
	Total	1727	75.8	100.0					
No answer 550		550	24.2						
То	tal	2277	100.0						

YA8g. None of the above									
	Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Perce								
Valid	Yes	255	11.2	14.7	14.7				
	No	1472	64.7	85.3	100.0				
	Total	1727	75.8	100.0					
No answer		550	24.2						
То	tal	2277	100.0						

Q9. Were you on a full-time or part-time education or training course immediately before the Covid-19 Pandemic began in late February 2020 or at any time since then?

YA9. In education before/since Covid-19 pandemic								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Perce								
Valid	Yes	1447	63.5	63.5	63.5			
	No	830	36.5	36.5	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

Editor's note: Respondents who answered "No" to Question 9 were instructed to skip Questions 10 & 11 and routed directly to Question 12.

Q10. If you are on a course at the moment, please say whether each of the following is always true, sometimes true or not true for you now. If you are no longer on a course but were on a course at the height of the Covid-19 restrictions – around April – please answer in relation to that time.

	YA10a. I have/had a quiet space to study							
	Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percent							
Valid	Always true	616	27.0	45.8	45.8			
	Sometimes true	628	27.6	46.8	92.6			
	Not true	100	4.4	7.4	100.0			
	Total	1343	59.0	100.0				
No answer		934	41.0					
	Total		100.0					

	YA10b. I have/had access to a laptop/PC to do my work							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Always true	1221	53.6	92.4	92.4			
	Sometimes true	101	4.4	7.6	100.0			
	Total	1322	58.0	100.0				
No answer		955	42.0					
	Total	2277	100.0					

YA10d	YA10c. My broadband is/was good enough to engage with online learning							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Always true	669	29.4	50.2	50.2			
	Sometimes true	549	24.1	41.1	91.3			
	Not true	116	5.1	8.7	100.0			
	Total	1334	58.6	100.0				
	No answer	943	41.4					
	Total	2277	100.0					

YA10d.	YA10d. My college/institution provides/provided live online lectures/classes							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Always true	990	43.5	74.2	74.2			
	Sometimes true	285	12.5	21.4	95.6			
	Not true	59	2.6	4.4	100.0			
	Total	1334	58.6	100.0				
No answer		943	41.4					
	Total	2277	100.0					

YA10e.	YA10e. My college/institution provides/provided on-campus lectures/classes							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Always true	137	6.0	10.4	10.4			
	Sometimes true	337	14.8	25.5	35.9			
	Not true	847	37.2	64.1	100.0			
	Total	1322	58.0	100.0				
	No answer	955	42.0					
	Total	2277	100.0					

YA10f.	YA10f. My college/institution sends/sent links to online learning resources							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Always true	577	25.3	43.5	43.5			
	Sometimes true	613	26.9	46.2	89.6			
	Not true	137	6.0	10.4	100.0			
	Total	1327	58.3	100.0				
No answer		950	41.7					
	Total	2277	100.0					

	YA10g. I receive/received feedback on my work								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	Always true	395	17.3	29.8	29.8				
	Sometimes true	721	31.7	54.4	84.2				
	Not true	209	9.2	15.8	100.0				
	Total	1324	58.2	100.0					
No answer		953	41.8						
	Total	2277	100.0						

	YA10h. I have/had regular contact with my course mates							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Always true	450	19.8	34.0	34.0			
	Sometimes true	546	24.0	41.2	75.1			
	Not true	329	14.5	24.9	100.0			
	Total	1325	58.2	100.0				
No answer		952	41.8					
	Total		100.0					

	YA10i. I enjoy/enjoyed the chance to learn on my own							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Always true	161	7.1	12.1	12.1			
	Sometimes true	656	28.8	49.3	61.4			
	Not true	514	22.6	38.6	100.0			
	Total	1331	58.5	100.0				
No answer		946	41.5					
	Total		100.0					

Q11. Did the pandemic restrictions affect your learning in any other way [Tick all that apply]

YA11a. I didn't get to do work experience or an internship								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	332	14.6	14.6	14.6			
	No	1945	85.4	85.4	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA11b. I didn't get to take exams								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	388	17.1	17.1	17.1			
	No	1889	82.9	82.9	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA11c. I found it difficult to study								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Per					Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	835	36.7	36.7	36.7			
	No	1442	63.3	63.3	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

Editor's note: In the original questionnaire, Option D. was "I dropped out of my course".

YA11e. I did not do as well as I expected								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	314	13.8	13.8	13.8			
	No	1963	86.2	86.2	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA11f. None of the above								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percent								
Valid	Yes	303	13.3	13.3	13.3			
	No	1974	86.7	86.7	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

Q12. What are you doing at the moment? Please tick all that apply.

YA12a. I have a paid job and am working at the moment								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Perce					Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	1323	58.1	58.1	58.1			
	No	954	41.9	41.9	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA12c. I am doing an apprenticeship								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	63	2.8	2.8	2.8			
	No	2214	97.2	97.2	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA12d. I am doing a full-time third-level course							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent		
Valid	Yes	873	38.4	38.4	38.4		
	No	1404	61.6	61.6	100.0		
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0			

YA12e. I am doing another full-time course								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	58	2.6	2.6	2.6			
	No	2219	97.4	97.4	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA12f. I was unemployed / looking after my children or a relative / unable to work because of illness or disability							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent		
Valid	Yes	301	13.2	13.2	13.2		
	No	1976	86.8	86.8	100.0		
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0			

Editor's Note: 'I have a paid job (full-time or part-time) but am not working at the moment because of Covid-related restrictions or temporary lay-off', 'I am looking after my children or a relative who needs assistance', and 'I am unable to work because of illness or disability' were separate options on the questionnaire but have been combined into one category, with 'Other', on the AMF.

YA12i. Other								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percent								
Valid	Yes	64	2.8	2.8	2.8			
	No	2213	97.2	97.2	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

Q13. Did you receive any of the following since the start of Covid-19 pandemic? [Tick all that apply]

YA13a. Pandemic unemployment payment - received during Covid-19 pandemic								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	955	41.9	41.9	41.9			
	No	1322	58.1	58.1	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA13b. Other regular social welfare payment - received during Covid-19 pandemic								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	212	9.3	9.3	9.3			
	No	2065	90.7	90.7	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA13c. None - received during Covid-19 pandemic								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative F					Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	1140	50.1	50.1	50.1			
	No	1137	49.9	49.9	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

Section 3: How you are managing now

Q14. Concerning your total monthly or weekly income, with which degree of ease or difficulty are you able to make ends meet?

	YA14. Ability to make ends meet								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	With great difficulty	75	3.3	3.3	3.3				
	With difficulty	176	7.7	7.8	11.1				
	With some difficulty	554	24.3	24.4	35.5				
	Fairly easily	672	29.5	29.6	65.2				
	Easily	426	18.7	18.8	84.0				
	Very easily	363	15.9	16.0	100.0				
	Total	2266	99.5	100.0					
	No answer		.5						
	Total	2277	100.0						

Q15. How would you describe your current living arrangements?

	YA15. Current living arrangements?								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	I live with my parent(s) or guardian(s)	1641	72.0	72.0	72.0				
	I live with my partner/ alone in a house or flat	143	6.3	6.3	78.3				
	I live in a house/flat-sharing arrangement with other adult(s)/relative(s)	379	16.6	16.6	95.0				
	I live in campus accommodation/barracks	60	2.7	2.7	97.6				
	Other	54	2.4	2.4	100.0				
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0					

Editor's Note: 'I live alone in a house/flat' and 'I live with my partner only' were separate options for Question 15 on the questionnaire but have been combined into one category on the AMF. 'I live in a house/flat with other relative(s) only' and 'I live in a house/flat-sharing arrangement with other adult(s) — at least some not related to me' were separate options on the questionnaire but have been combined into one category on the AMF. 'I live in "digs" or lodgings — i.e. in a room in someone else's home (possibly with some meals provided) was an option on the questionnaire.

Q16. Have any of these occurred since the Covid-19 outbreak? [Tick all that apply]

YA16a. I moved back in with my parent(s)									
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Per					Cumulative Percent				
Valid Yes		488	21.4	21.4	21.4				
	No	1789	78.6	78.6	100.0				
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0					

YA16b. I moved out of my parents' house									
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Percent					Cumulative Percent				
Valid Yes		225	9.9	9.9	9.9				
	No	2052	90.1	90.1	100.0				
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0					

YA16c. I moved in with my partner								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Pe					Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	147	6.4	6.4	6.4			
	No	2130	93.6	93.6	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA16d. None of the above								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Perc					Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	1553	68.2	68.2	68.2			
	No	724	31.8	31.8	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

Q17. If you were sick in bed, at home, how much could you count on the people around you to help out?

	YA17. Ability to count on others								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	Not at all	63	2.8	2.8	2.8				
	A little	197	8.6	8.7	11.4				
	Somewhat	403	17.7	17.7	29.1				
	A great deal	1613	70.8	70.9	100.0				
	Total	2275	99.9	100.0					
1	No answer	2	.1						
	Total	2277	100.0						

Q18. If you needed to talk about your problems and private feelings, how much would the people around you be willing to listen?

	YA18. Ability to talk to others about feelings									
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent					
Valid	Not at all	86	3.8	3.8	3.8					
	A little	264	11.6	11.6	15.4					
	Somewhat	502	22.0	22.0	37.4					
	A great deal	1425	62.6	62.6	100.0					
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0						
	No answer	0	.0							
	Total	2277	100.0							

Section 4: Activities now compared to before Covid-19

Q19. Thinking about your activities now compared to the time before the Covid-19 pandemic (early March), do you do the following activities more, about the same or less than you used to? If you have never done the activity, please select doesn't apply.

	YA19a. Take part in sports or physical exercise									
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent					
Valid	More	557	24.5	24.6	24.6					
	About the same	587	25.8	25.9	50.5					
	Less	858	37.7	37.9	88.4					
	Doesn't apply	262	11.5	11.6	100.0					
	Total	2264	99.4	100.0						
	No answer	13	.6							
	Total	2277	100.0							

	YA19b. Take part in organised cultural activities								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	More	32	1.4	1.4	1.4				
	About the same	146	6.4	6.5	7.9				
	Less	727	31.9	32.3	40.3				
	Doesn't apply	1343	59.0	59.7	100.0				
	Total	2248	98.7	100.0					
	No answer		1.3						
	Total	2277	100.0						

	YA19c. See your friends face-to-face							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	More	82	3.6	3.7	3.7			
	About the same	325	14.3	14.6	18.4			
	Less	1813	79.6	81.6	100.0			
	Total	2221	97.5	100.0				
No answer		56	2.5					
	Total		100.0					

	YA19d. Talk to your friends online or by phone							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	More	1065	46.8	47.8	47.8			
	About the same	933	41.0	41.9	89.7			
	Less	229	10.0	10.3	100.0			
	Total	2226	97.8	100.0				
	No answer	51	2.2					
	Total	2277	100.0					

	YA19e. See your boy/girlfriend							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	More	348	15.3	15.5	15.5			
	About the same		21.1	21.4	36.8			
	Less	419	18.4	18.6	55.5			
	Doesn't apply	1001	44.0	44.5	100.0			
	Total	2250	98.8	100.0				
No answer		27	1.2					
	Total		100.0					

	YA19f. Spend time with your family							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	More	1170	51.4	52.0	52.0			
	About the same	567	24.9	25.2	77.2			
	Less	512	22.5	22.8	100.0			
	Total	2248	98.7	100.0				
No answer		29	1.3					
Total		2277	100.0					

	YA19g. Drink alcohol								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	More	339	14.9	15.0	15.0				
	About the same	451	19.8	19.9	34.9				
	Less	1182	51.9	52.3	87.2				
	Doesn't apply	290	12.8	12.8	100.0				
	Total	2262	99.3	100.0					
	No answer		.7						
	Total	2277	100.0						

	YA19h. Smoke/vape								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	More	308	13.5	13.8	13.8				
	About the same	245	10.8	10.9	24.7				
	Less	235	10.3	10.5	35.2				
	Doesn't apply	1452	63.8	64.8	100.0				
	Total	2240	98.4	100.0					
No answer		37	1.6						
	Total	2277	100.0						

	YA19i. Eat junk food or sweets							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	More	996	43.7	44.6	44.6			
	About the same	993	43.6	44.5	89.1			
	Less	243	10.7	10.9	100.0			
	Total	2231	98.0	100.0				
	No answer		2.0					
	Total		100.0					

	YA19j. Spend time on informal screen-based activities								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	More	1474	64.7	65.3	65.3				
	About the same	624	27.4	27.6	92.9				
	Less	129	5.7	5.7	98.6				
	Doesn't apply	30	1.3	1.4	100.0				
	Total	2257	99.1	100.0					
	No answer		.9						
	Total	2277	100.0						

YA19k. Sleep								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	More	611	26.8	27.1	27.1			
	About the same	1147	50.4	50.9	78.0			
	Less	497	21.8	22.0	100.0			
	Total	2256	99.1	100.0				
No answer		21	.9					
	Total	2277	100.0					

	YA19I. Spend time outdoors							
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	More	547	24.0	24.4	24.4			
	About the same		31.5	31.9	56.3			
	Less	983	43.2	43.7	100.0			
Total		2248	98.7	100.0				
No answer		29	1.3					
	Total		100.0					

Section 5: Other effects of the pandemic

Q20. Has the pandemic affected you in any of these other ways? [Please tick all that apply]

YA20a. I have or had Covid-19								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative Pe					Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	83	3.7	3.7	3.7			
	No	2194	96.3	96.3	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA20b. A family member or close friend has or had Covid-19								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	340	14.9	14.9	14.9			
	No	1937	85.1	85.1	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA20c. I developed new interests or skills								
Frequency Percent Valid Percent Cumulative					Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	894	39.3	39.3	39.3			
	No	1383	60.7	60.7	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA20d. I didn't have access to medical care I needed								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	99	4.4	4.4	4.4			
	No	2178	95.6	95.6	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

Editor's note: 'I didn't have access to disability services I needed' was Option E. on the questionnaire but has been omitted from the AMF.

YA20f. I didn't have access to necessary support for emotional or mental health problems								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	285	12.5	12.5	12.5			
	No	1992	87.5	87.5	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA20g. I didn't start a course I had planned to								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	160	7.0	7.0	7.0			
	No	2117	93.0	93.0	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA20h. I planned to emigrate or take time out to travel abroad but didn't									
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	Yes	682	30.0	30.0	30.0				
	No	1595	70.0	70.0	100.0				
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0					

Q20b. Which of the following do you find useful for information about Covid-19? [Select all that apply]

YA20b_1. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) - useful for information about Covid-19								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	776	34.1	34.1	34.1			
	No	1501	65.9	65.9	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA20b_2. College/work - useful for information about Covid-19									
		Frequency	cy Percent Valid Percent Cumulativ		Cumulative Percent				
Valid	Yes	640	28.1	28.1	28.1				
	No	1637	71.9	71.9	100.0				
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0					

YA20b_3. Friends - useful for information about Covid-19								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	650	28.5	28.5	28.5			
	No	1627 71.5		71.5	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA20b_4. Social media - useful for information about Covid-19								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Yes	1118	49.1	49.1	49.1			
	No	1159	50.9	50.9	100.0			
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0				

YA20b_5. Watching or reading the news - useful for information about Covid-									
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
Valid	Yes	1802	79.2	79.2	79.2				
	No	475 20.8		20.8	100.0				
	Total	2277	100.0	100.0					

Section 6: Feelings

Q21. On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is 'not satisfied at all' and 10 is 'completely satisfied', how satisfied are you with your life these days?

	Y	A21. Life sa	tisfaction		
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 Not at all satisfied	78	3.4	3.4	3.4
	1	33	1.4	1.4	4.9
	2	135	5.9	5.9	10.8
	3	173	7.6	7.6	18.4
	4	205	9.0	9.0	27.4
	5	361	15.9	15.9	43.3
	6	342	15.0	15.0	58.3
	7	460	20.2	20.2	78.6
	8	305	13.4	13.4	92.0
	9	86	3.8	3.8	95.8
	10 Completely satisfied	96	4.2	4.2	100.0
	Total	2275	99.9	100.0	
	No answer	2	.1		
	Total	2277	100.0		

Q22. Listed below are 8 statements about some of the ways you may have felt or behaved. Please indicate how often you have felt this way during the past week.

Editor's note: This question has been omitted from the AMF.

Q23. Please say to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements

	YA23a. I am optimistic about my future									
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent					
Valid	Strongly agree	539	23.7	23.8	23.8					
	Agree	1080	47.4	47.7	71.5					
	Neither agree nor disagree	415	18.2	18.3	89.8					
	Disagree	169	7.4	7.5	97.2					
	Strongly disagree	63	2.8	2.8	100.0					
	Total	2266	99.5	100.0						
	No answer	11	.5							
	Total	2277	100.0							

YA23b. I am happy enough to keep to the Covid-19 restrictions								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Strongly agree	452	19.9	19.9	19.9			
	Agree	866	38.0	38.2	58.1			
	Neither agree nor disagree	454	19.9	20.0	78.1			
	Disagree	276	12.1	12.1	90.3			
	Strongly disagree	221	9.7	9.7	100.0			
	Total	2269	99.6	100.0				
No answer		8	.4					
Total		2277	100.0					

YA23c. I don't think my friends take Covid-19 seriously								
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Valid	Strongly agree	171	7.5	7.6	7.6			
	Agree	525	23.1	23.2	30.8			
	Neither agree nor disagree	656	28.8	29.0	59.8			
	Disagree	691	30.3	30.5	90.3			
	Strongly disagree	220	9.7	9.7	100.0			
	Total	2264	99.4	100.0				
No answer		13	.6					
Total		2277	100.0					

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