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# Growing Up in Ireland Survey Central Statistics Office

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- **Cohort '98**
- **Cohort '08**
- **Cohort '24**
- **Future strategic  
direction**

# GUI Cohorts

- Cohort '98: Aged 25 at the last wave of data collection
- Cohort '08: Will be aged 17/18 in the next wave of data collection
- Cohort '24: Aged 9 months in the currently live Wave 1 data collection





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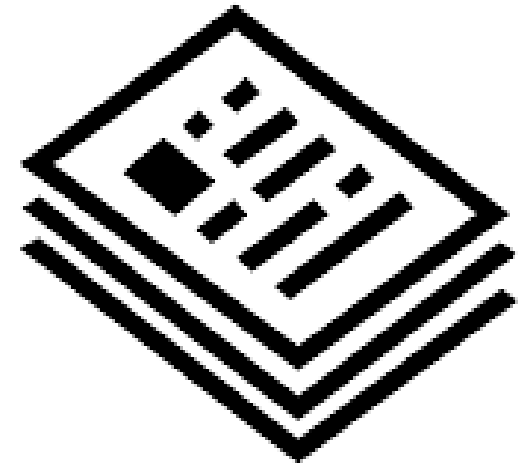


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## Cohort '98

# Cohort '98 at 25 Data Processing: Survey cycle

- Analysing unweighted data to facilitate development of code while data processing continues in parallel:
  - admin data linkage
  - imputation for item missingness
  - non-response weighting for unit missingness
  - calibration to known population totals
- Intending to publish first key findings publication in early 2025
- Release of AMF and RMF will follow in Q1 2025



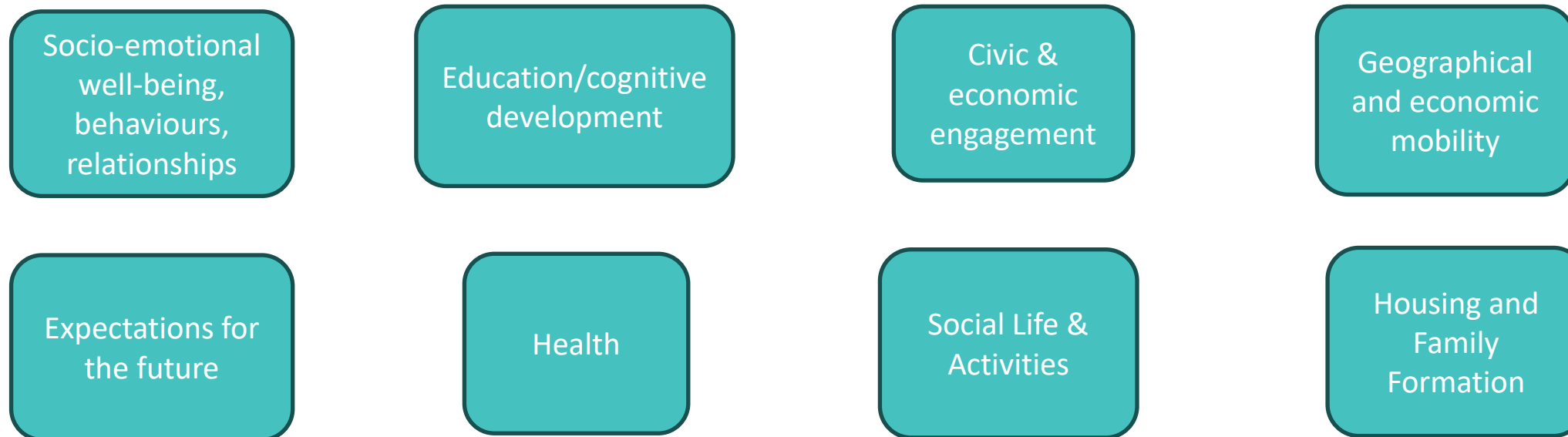
## Cohort '98 at 25 Data Processing: Admin data linkage

- Initial priorities: reduce respondent burden by supplementing survey questions with available admin data
- Cohort '98 at 25 as a code model for all GUI cohorts
- Education and Income admin data current main focus
- Data sources include:
  - ❖ Higher Education Authority
  - ❖ Quality and Qualifications Ireland
  - ❖ Revenue
  - ❖ Department of Social Protection



## Cohort '98 at 25: Content

- Of interest: housing crisis, changes in the labour market during and after the pandemic -> impact on young adults
- In particular: whether typically age-dependent milestones are changing, possible consequences of that.





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**Cohort '08**



# Cohort '08 at 17 Pilot: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

1. Young Person Survey (CAPI & CASI)
2. Parents Survey (CAPI & CASI)
3. Principal Survey (CAWI)

**Main Study:**

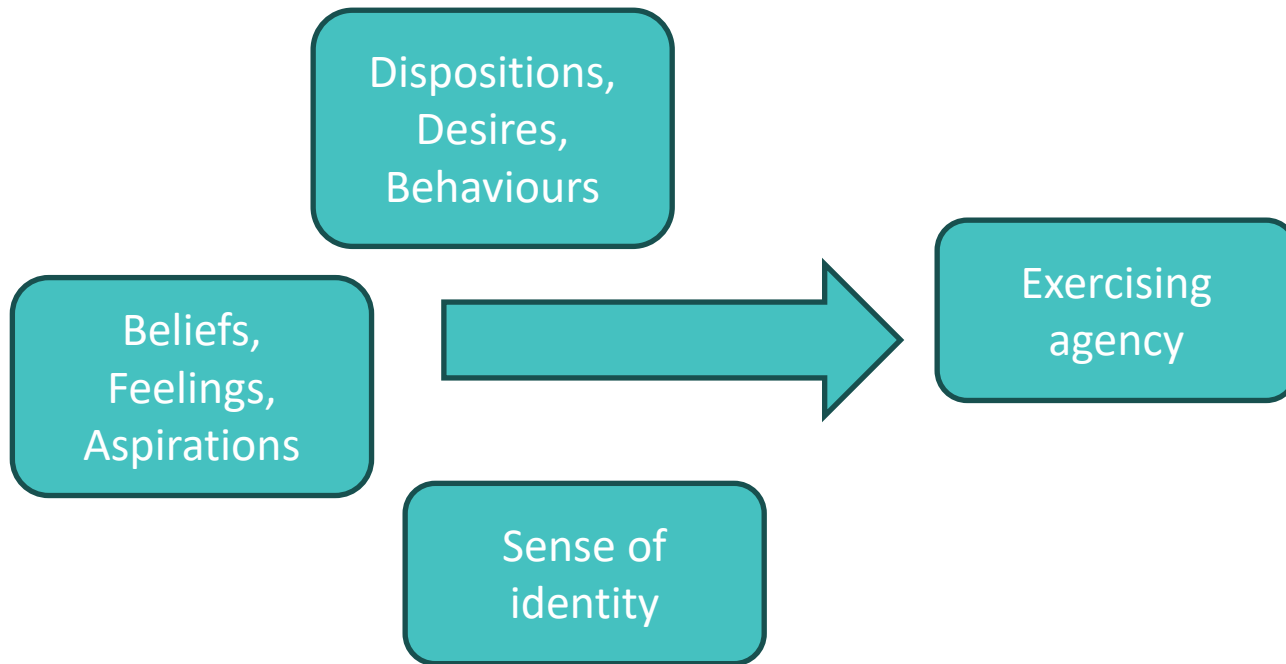
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# Cohort '08 at 17 Pilot: Content

Being 17:

Exploration of identity, changes in relationships and work status, a focus on the self, a sense of being in-between stages, hopes for the future

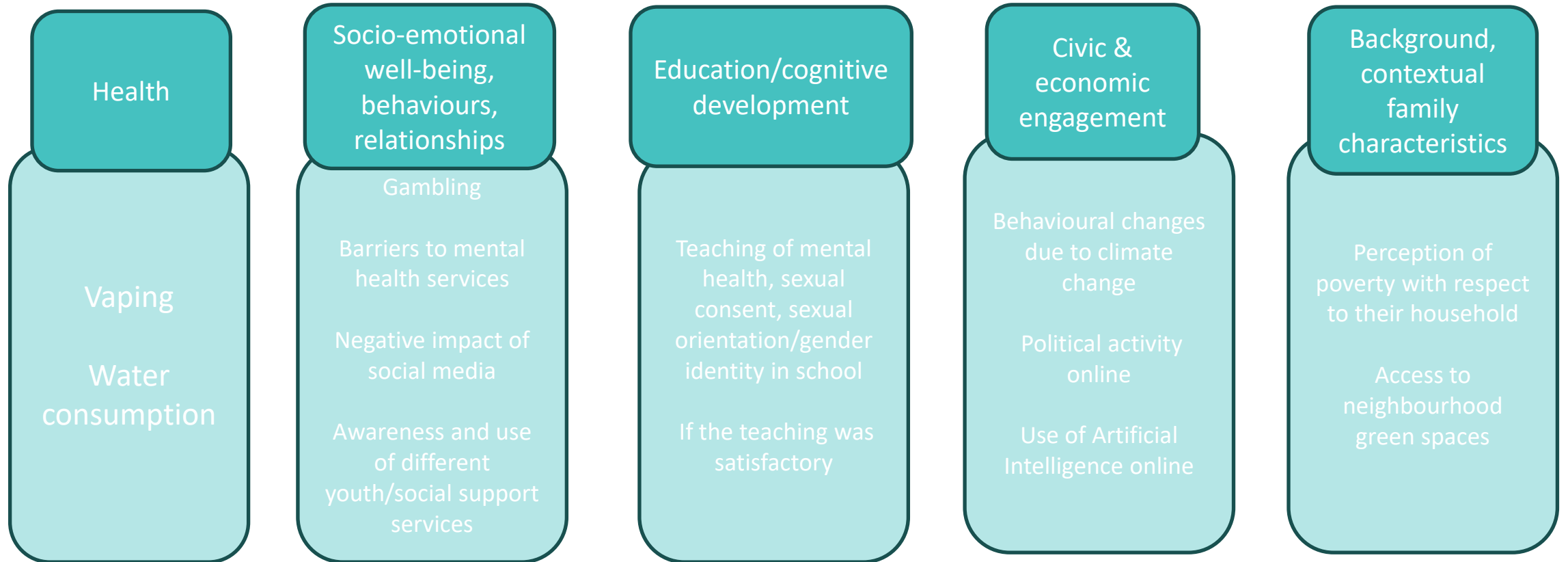


The online world is embedded in each of the systems in the bioecological model



# Cohort '08 at 17 Pilot: Content

Content will mainly echo Cohort '98 at 17, with updates in line with criteria specified in RNR (below not exhaustive):





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**Cohort '24**

# Wave 1 now live



“Helping to shape the future for children in Ireland”

## Promotional activities

- CSO home-page banner
  - Visibility on ‘News and Events’
- [GUI Cohort ‘24 page](#)
- [GUI Cohort ‘24 launch](#)
- Posters to GPs and PHN
- Presence at RDS Pregnancy & Baby Fair, Ploughing Championships
- [GUI data protection transparency notice](#)
- GUI support services
- [GUI ‘24 FAQs](#)
- GUI supports for calls/emails



## Sample Frame and Design

- Frame: combination of admin data from departmental sources, with additional parental variables added from Census
- The sampled household is where the child benefit is registered.
- Mode: CAPI only
- Design: Stratified Simple Random Sample with stratification to ensure the achieved sample is representative of the population.
- Sample Size in the field:  $n=15,000 - 16,000$



# Cohort '24 Questionnaires



# Cohort '24 – Household Questionnaire Topics

## Primary Informant Questionnaire

Household composition, income, cost of living

Housing

Baby health, development, activity, temperament

Childcare arrangements

## Parent Questionnaire

Socio-demographics

Health & Disability

Work, work-life balance

Prenatal care/Baby birth

Parenting supports

Parent/child relationship

## Parent Self-Complete Questionnaire

Relationships

Mental health

Alcohol, smoking, drug use, gambling

Fertility treatment

Details of shared parenting







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## Future Strategic Direction

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- Continuing to grow our positive and collaborative relationship with DCEDIY
- Mature GUI as a CSO business as usual process while deepening our analytical capability within the division
- International trend in falling response rates to surveys – essential to reduce respondent burden, make use of other data sources
  - Prioritised and targeted integration of admin data into historic and future data files, with a focus on geospatial information
- Respondent centred design, user experience at the heart of what we do
  - Pilot feedback, international engagement



## Future strategic direction

- Strategic direction for Cohort '98: frequency, branding
- New topics of interest (anticipated)
  - Access to childcare
  - Increased exposure to a digital world
  - Global instabilities





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**Thank you for your  
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