



TellUs3 Local Authority Report

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Tellus3 Survey

The TellUs3 survey was a survey of children and young people across England, asking their views about their local area, and including questions covering the five Every Child Matters outcomes. The survey was carried out in Spring 2008. A sample of schools was selected within each local authority, representing the different types of schools in each area. The schools were then provided with guidance detailing how to select pupils to take part in the survey.

The report presents the questions in the same way they were presented to respondents. The questions were developed through cognitive testing with children, to ensure they understood the questions and answered them in a meaningful way. This means that some of the questions, such as self-defining a disability, may not give data consistent with 'standard' definitions.

The responses from the survey were weighted to ensure that the report at local authority and national level is representative of the population of Year 6, 8 and 10 children within that area in terms of the following characteristics: gender, proportion of children eligible for free school meals in the school (as a proxy for deprivation) and type of school. Population data for 2007 from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) was used to derive the weights, and the number of children attending Pupil Referral Units is obtained from the 2007 School Level Annual School Census (SLASC).

The Local Authority Report

The local authority report provides data for all the questions asked at both local authority and national level. Where insufficient numbers of pupils or schools took part in a local authority, their results are not presented at local authority level. Where there are insufficient responses in one age group, the local authority report excludes this age group. Data for these local authorities is not weighted and no statistical testing is carried out for comparison against national results. Also, in some cases the response rate is relatively low. Results have been reported for a local authority wherever possible, where there are sufficient responses to provide some useful evidence. This should be taken into account when interpreting the results. All responses are included in the national report.

Sample characteristics (Section 1: About you)

This section gives details of the demographic characteristics of respondents to the survey (i.e. unweighted sample information). The rest of the survey data has been weighted, to account for any disproportionality between the sample and the population.

The five Every Child Matters Outcome sections (2: Being healthy, 3: Staying safe, 4: Enjoying and achieving, 5: Making a positive contribution, 6: Achieving economic well-being)

Data at local authority level within these sections of the report has been weighted to take account of differences from our sample population to the local authority population in terms of gender, type of school and free school meals eligibility (as a proxy for deprivation).

Where a difference between the local authority figure and the national figure is statistically significant, the cell is highlighted. This will indicate that the result obtained by this analysis is significantly different to the national average (at the 95% level). Where it is clear that there is a positive or negative outcome of the significant difference between the local authority figure and the national figure, the local authority figure is traffic-lighted either green or red respectively. If there is a difference but does not necessarily have a clear positive or negative outcome then the local authority figure is coloured grey. Local authorities with incomplete data for all year groups have not had significance testing applied. This is due to the unequal basis of comparison between the local authority and national figures.

Questions which were only asked of secondary school children are identified after the question as such (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY).

Further details of the survey design and methodology can be found in the technical report.

1: About You		
Category	LA All (%)	NAT All (%)
1a: Are you:		
Male	48	50
Female	52	50
1b: How old are you?		
Year 6 (Aged 8 - 11)	53	40
Year 8 (Aged 12 - 13)	23	32
Year 10 (Aged 14 - 16)	24	28
1c: Which one of these best describes you?		
White	75	77
Mixed race	6	4
Asian or Asian British	13	10
Black or Black British	2	5
Chinese or other	1	1
Prefer not to say	1	0
Don't know	2	1
1d: Do you have a learning difficulty?		
Yes	11	9
No	78	82
Don't know	11	9
1e: Do you have a disability?		
Yes	4	4
No	91	92
Don't know	5	4
1f: Which one of these best describes you?		
I live with one or more of my birth parent(s)	96	96
I live with adoptive parent(s)	0	1
I live with foster parent(s)	0	1
I live in a children's home	0	0
Other	3	2
Don't know	0	1
1g: Do you receive free school meals?		
Yes	14	16
No	84	82
Don't know	2	3
1h: Did you have help filling in this form such as from a teacher, teaching assistant or learning mentor?		
No	84	86
Yes, I had help with just some of it	12	11
Yes, I had help with all or most of it	4	3

2: Being Healthy		
Category	LA All (%)	NAT All (%)
2a: How healthy are you most of the time? (Tick one option only)		
Very healthy	28	28
Quite healthy	57	58
Not very healthy	11	11
Don't know	4	3
2b: How many portions of fruit and vegetables do you usually eat each day? (Tick one option only)		
None	4	4
1-2	28	27
3-4	41	42
5 or more	23	23
Don't know	4	5
2c: In the last 7 days, on how many days have you spent at least 30 minutes doing sports or other active things? (Tick one option only)		
None	4	4
1-2 days	24	21
3-5 days	34	35
6-7 days	35	36
Don't know	3	4
2d: Have you ever had alcohol? (Tick one option only)		
I have never had an alcoholic drink	28	25
I have never been drunk	35	35
I have been drunk but only once or twice and not recently	13	17
I have been drunk once within the last four weeks	6	6
I have been drunk twice within the last four weeks	4	4
I have been drunk three or more times in the last four weeks	6	6
Prefer not to say	8	8
2e: Have you ever smoked cigarettes? (Tick one option only)		
I have never smoked a cigarette	79	75
I have smoked cigarettes only once or twice	7	11
I used to smoke cigarettes regularly but I don't now	4	3
I sometimes smoke cigarettes, but I don't smoke every week	2	2
I smoke cigarettes regularly, once a week or more	1	1
I smoke cigarettes everyday	2	4
Prefer not to say	5	4
2f: Have you ever taken drugs? (Tick one option only) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)		
Yes	10	11
No	86	86
Prefer not to say	4	4

2: Being Healthy (continued)		
Category	LA All (%)	NAT All (%)
2g: In the last four weeks, how often have you taken any of the following drugs? (Don't worry if you don't know exactly, just give us a rough idea) (Tick one option for each section) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)		
<i>Cannabis or skunk</i>		
Never in the last four weeks	88	89
Once	2	2
Twice	0	1
Three or more times	3	3
Prefer not to say	5	4
Don't know/can't remember	2	1
<i>Solvents, glue or gas (to inhale or sniff)</i>		
Never in the last four weeks	92	92
Once	0	1
Twice	1	0
Three or more times	1	1
Prefer not to say	4	4
Don't know/can't remember	2	1
<i>Other drugs (like cocaine, LSD, ecstasy, heroin, crack, speed, magic mushrooms etc.)</i>		
Never in the last four weeks	91	92
Once	1	1
Twice	0	1
Three or more times	1	1
Prefer not to say	4	4
Don't know/can't remember	2	1
2h: What do you think of the information and advice you get on the following things? (Tick one option for each section) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)		
<i>Eating healthy food</i>		
It's good enough	75	76
Need better information and advice	21	20
Don't know	4	4
<i>Alcohol</i>		
It's good enough	69	67
Need better information and advice	25	25
Don't know	6	7
<i>Smoking</i>		
It's good enough	71	70
Need better information and advice	23	23
Don't know	6	7
<i>Drugs</i>		
It's good enough	67	67
Need better information and advice	28	25
Don't know	6	7
<i>Sex and relationships</i>		
It's good enough	58	55
Need better information and advice	35	37
Don't know	7	8

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2: Being Healthy (continued)		
	LA	NAT
Category	All (%)	All (%)
2i: Which of the following things, if any, do you worry about the most? (Tick all options that apply)		
Being bullied	31	27
School work	29	31
Exams	57	57
Girlfriends/boyfriends/sex (Year 8 & 10 only)	24	26
Being healthy	28	30
Money	26	28
Friendships	36	34
My future	50	49
Getting into trouble	29	27
My parents or family	31	30
Crime	26	27
My body	33	32
Something else	10	11
Don't know	3	3
Nothing	4	5
2j: For each of the following sections please tick the option that best describes you. (Tick one option for each section)		
<i>I feel happy about life at the moment</i>		
True	67	69
Neither true nor not true	22	20
Not true	10	8
Don't know	2	2
<i>I have one or more good friends</i>		
True	94	95
Neither true nor not true	3	3
Not true	3	2
Don't know	0	1
<i>When I'm worried about something I can talk to my mum or dad</i>		
True	66	66
Neither true nor not true	18	16
Not true	14	15
Don't know	2	3
<i>When I'm worried about something I can talk to my friends</i>		
True	71	71
Neither true nor not true	17	17
Not true	11	10
Don't know	2	3
<i>When I'm worried about something I can talk to an adult other than my mum or dad</i>		
True	54	52
Neither true nor not true	18	20
Not true	24	23
Don't know	5	5

3: Staying Safe		
	LA	NAT
Category	All (%)	All (%)
3a: How safe from being hurt by other people do you feel? (Tick one option for each section)		
<i>Around the local area</i>		
Very safe	29	28
Quite safe	45	47
A bit unsafe	19	19
Very unsafe	6	5
Don't know	1	1
<i>On public transport</i>		
Very safe	23	23
Quite safe	44	47
A bit unsafe	25	22
Very unsafe	5	5
Don't know	4	3
<i>Going to and from school</i>		
Very safe	49	49
Quite safe	37	39
A bit unsafe	10	9
Very unsafe	3	2
Don't know	1	1
<i>In school</i>		
Very safe	61	55
Quite safe	28	33
A bit unsafe	7	8
Very unsafe	3	3
Don't know	1	1
3b: How often, if at all, have you been bullied? (Tick one option for each section)		
<i>At school</i>		
Never	53	56
Once or more in the last year	28	25
Once or more in the last four weeks	4	5
About once a week	3	3
Most days	6	6
Don't know	5	4
<i>Somewhere else (including on your journey to or from school)</i>		
Never	73	75
Once or more in the last year	13	13
Once or more in the last four weeks	3	3
About once a week	2	2
Most days	4	3
Don't know	4	4
3c: How well does your school deal with bullying? (Tick one option only)		
Very well	20	14
Quite well	21	21
Not very well	27	28
Badly	12	16
Bullying is not a problem in my school	10	11
Don't know	9	10

4: Enjoying and Achieving		
	LA	NAT
Category	All (%)	All (%)
4a: For each of the sections below, please tick the option that best describes you. (Tick one option on each section)		
<i>I enjoy school</i>		
Always	11	8
Most of the time	41	42
Sometimes	41	43
Never	7	7
Don't know	1	1
<i>I try my best at school</i>		
Always	37	33
Most of the time	45	48
Sometimes	16	17
Never	1	1
Don't know	0	0
<i>I learn a lot at school</i>		
Always	27	23
Most of the time	43	46
Sometimes	28	28
Never	2	3
Don't know	1	1
4b: Which of the things below, might help you do better in school? (Tick all options that apply)		
More help from teachers	42	39
More fun/interesting lessons	80	81
A quieter/better behaved class or group	39	38
Smaller classes/groups	32	34
Fewer bullies	25	25
More help from family and friends (e.g. with homework)	20	16
Somewhere quiet at home to do homework	19	16
Something else	13	13
None of these	2	2
4c: How easy it is to get help with your work at school when you need it? (Tick one option only)		
Very easy	16	14
Quite easy	58	58
Quite difficult	19	19
Very difficult	4	4
Don't know	3	4
4d: Which of these, if any, would you like to go to that you don't at the moment? (Tick all that apply)		
Local park or playground	19	18
Cinema or theatre	44	37
A music concert or gig	38	39
Swimming pool (not in school lessons)	38	29
Sports club or class (where I've done sport not just watched it)	22	20
Gym	38	38
A youth club or youth group with organised activities run by adults	18	16
Faith or community group	8	6
A youth centre/café to meet friends (with few or no organised activities)	20	18
Art, craft, dance, drama, film/video-making group or class (not in school lessons)	28	26
Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)	18	14
Library/museum	18	14
Residential course (e.g. outward bound)	12	13
Something else	22	21
Nothing (I don't want to go to anything else)	9	11

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4: Enjoying and Achieving (continued)

Category	LA	NAT
	All (%)	All (%)
4e: Overall, what do you think of the activities and things to do in your area? (Tick one option only)		
Very good	17	14
Fairly good	34	35
Neither good nor poor	20	22
Fairly poor	12	14
Very poor	13	12
Don't know	4	3

4f: In the last four weeks, have you participated in any group activity led by an adult outside school lessons (such as sports, arts, or a youth group)? (Tick one option only)

Yes	58	62
No	37	34
Don't know	6	5

4g: Which of these things have you been to in the last four weeks (not including things as part of school lessons)? (Tick all options that apply)

Local park or playground	73	74
Cinema or theatre	43	56
A music concert or gig	12	15
Swimming pool (not in school lessons)	42	46
Sports club or class (where I've done sport not just watched it)	56	58
Gym	23	27
A youth club or youth group with organised activities run by adults	27	32
Faith or community group	14	13
A youth centre/café to meet friends (with few or no organised activities)	31	36
Art, craft, dance, drama, film/video-making group or class	28	27
Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)	17	19
Library/museum	35	34
Residential course (e.g. outward bound)	7	10
Something else	65	68

5: Making a Positive Contribution**5a: How much are children and young people's views listened to in decisions about the local area? (Tick one option only) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)**

A great deal	7	4
A fair amount	26	22
Not very much	30	37
Not at all	21	20
Don't know	16	17

5b: In the last year, have you ever given your views about the local area in any of these ways? (Tick all options that apply) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)

Filled in questionnaire	29	29
Given your views to a school council	19	19
Given your views to a youth council or youth parliament	6	7
Been to a meeting outside school about making things better in your local area	6	6
Something else	7	7
Don't know	18	17
None of these	35	36

5: Making a Positive Contribution (continued)

Category	LA	NAT
	All (%)	All (%)
5c: In the last year, have you given your time to help a charity, a local voluntary group, a neighbour or someone else in the local area? (Tick one option only) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)		
Yes	58	61
No	32	28
Don't know	10	11

5d: How much do you feel children and young people's views are listened to in the running of your school? (Tick one option only)

A great deal	18	12
A fair amount	47	47
Not very much	23	27
Not at all	5	7
Don't know	7	7

6: Achieving Economic Well-being**6a: What do you think of your local area as a place to live in? (Tick one option only)**

Very good	35	32
Fairly good	42	43
Neither good nor poor	14	16
Fairly poor	5	5
Very poor	4	4
Don't know	1	1

6b: What do you hope to do when you leave school? (Tick one option only) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)

Get a job at 16	15	13
Study then get a job at 18	23	19
Study to go to university	48	54
Something else	6	6
Don't know yet	9	9

6c: What do you think of the information and help you get to plan your future? For example help from a teacher or careers adviser to choose subject options and think about jobs and careers. (Tick one option only) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)

It's good enough	28	28
Need a little more	43	42
Need a lot more	22	20
Don't know what there is	7	10

6: Achieving Economic Well-being (continued)

Category	LA	NAT
	All (%)	All (%)
6d: Which of these things would do the most to make your area a better place for you to live? (Tick all options that apply)		
Better shops	42	45
Cleaner and less litter	50	48
Better sports clubs or centres	42	44
Better public transport (such as buses, trains, underground)	22	25
Safer roads	38	37
Better activities for children and young people	47	46
Safer area or less crime	41	39
Better parks and play areas	52	47
Fewer young people hanging around	25	27
Something else	10	10
Don't know	2	3
None (the area is fine as it is)	3	4

6e: What do you think of the parks and play areas in your area? (Tick one option only)

Very good	12	10
Fairly good	31	34
Neither good nor poor	22	23
Fairly poor	17	15
Very poor	15	15
Don't know	3	3

6f: Thinking about all of the things that have been covered in the survey, what if anything, would do most to make your life better? (Tick one option only)

More help to do better at school	12	11
Better school lessons	11	11
Less bullying	10	9
More organised activities and things to do	8	8
More places where I can go to spend time with my friends	20	22
More say in how things are run at school or in the local area	4	3
More ways I can volunteer or help people	2	2
More advice about being healthy	2	2
More help to plan for my future	15	15
More help to feel safer at school and in the local area	5	4
Something else	3	4
Don't know	5	5
None of these	3	4

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