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Technical report

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Introduction

Central Survey Unit was commissioned by a consortium of government departments and public bodies to conduct a study into the behaviour and attitudes of young people towards a range of different topics. These included school, nutrition, sports, smoking, alcohol, solvents, drugs, policing, personal safety, sexual experience and knowledge, relationships, the environment, and travelling to school.

Methodology

A self-completion questionnaire was administered to over 6000 post-primary school children in Northern Ireland. In the majority of schools surveyed, five year groups (i.e. Forms 1 – 5/ Years 8 – 12) were sampled. Seven of the schools requested that sections containing questions referring to sexual matters be omitted from the questionnaire for one or more Forms.

(3 schools requested that both the 'Sexual Experience & Knowledge' and 'Relationships' sections be excluded for all 5 year groups;

1 school requested that both the 'Sexual Experience & Knowledge' and 'Relationships' sections be excluded for Forms 1 & 2;

1 school requested that only the 'Sexual Experience & Knowledge' section be excluded for Forms 1 & 2;

1 school requested that only the 'Sexual Experience & Knowledge' section be excluded for Forms 1 - 3;

1 school requested that only the 'Sexual Experience & Knowledge' section be excluded for all five Forms.)

Sample

A random sample of post-primary schools in Northern Ireland, representative of school size, selection type (i.e. Secondary, Grammar), management group (i.e. Controlled, Voluntary etc) and Education and Library Board area, was drawn from a list held by the Department of Education.

Response

Sixty two schools agreed to participate in the survey and one class from each year group was randomly selected. The fieldwork period was from October to November 2000, during which time a total of 6297 pupils were surveyed. Eighty seven percent of these completed the entire questionnaire.

Results

Where the number of respondents is greater than 100, survey findings are reported as a percentage of the total number of respondents who provided a response to that particular question. This means that the base number of respondents will vary from one question to another. All percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number*, resulting in some instances in the sum of percentages being slightly greater or less than 100%. On occasions, this may lead to discrepancies between the percentages shown on the graphs and those reported in the text concerning combined response categories.

* *Where an overall percentage is further broken down into its component parts and the figures involved are small, the percentage is given correct to one decimal place and accompanies the actual number of respondents who provided a response to the question.*

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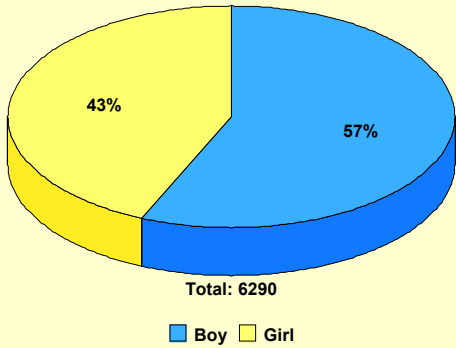
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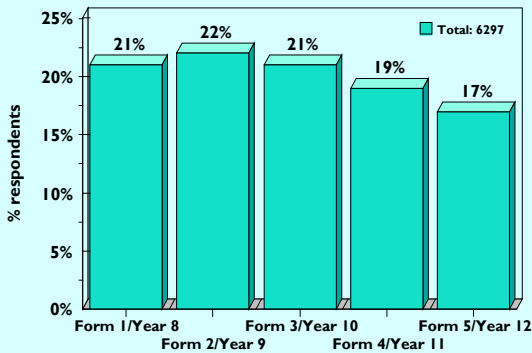
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Figure 1: Are you a boy or a girl?



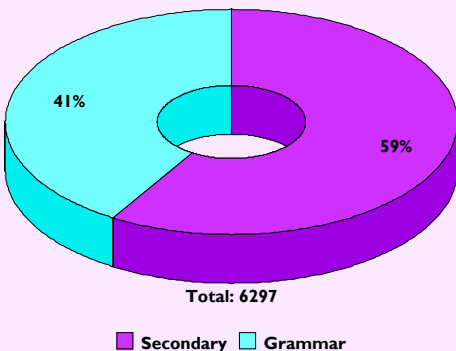
- Fifty seven percent of those surveyed are male and 43% are female.

Figure 2: What class are you in?



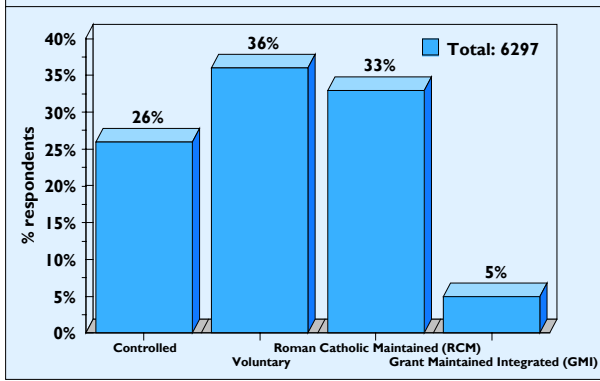
- Twenty one percent of pupils are in Form 1/ Year 8.
- Twenty two percent of pupils are in Form 2/ Year 9.
- Twenty one percent of pupils are in Form 3/ Year 10.
- Nineteen percent of pupils are in Form 4/ Year 11.
- Seventeen percent of pupils are in Form 5/ Year 12.

Figure 3: School type



- Almost three fifths (59%) of pupils attend secondary school and 41% attend grammar school.

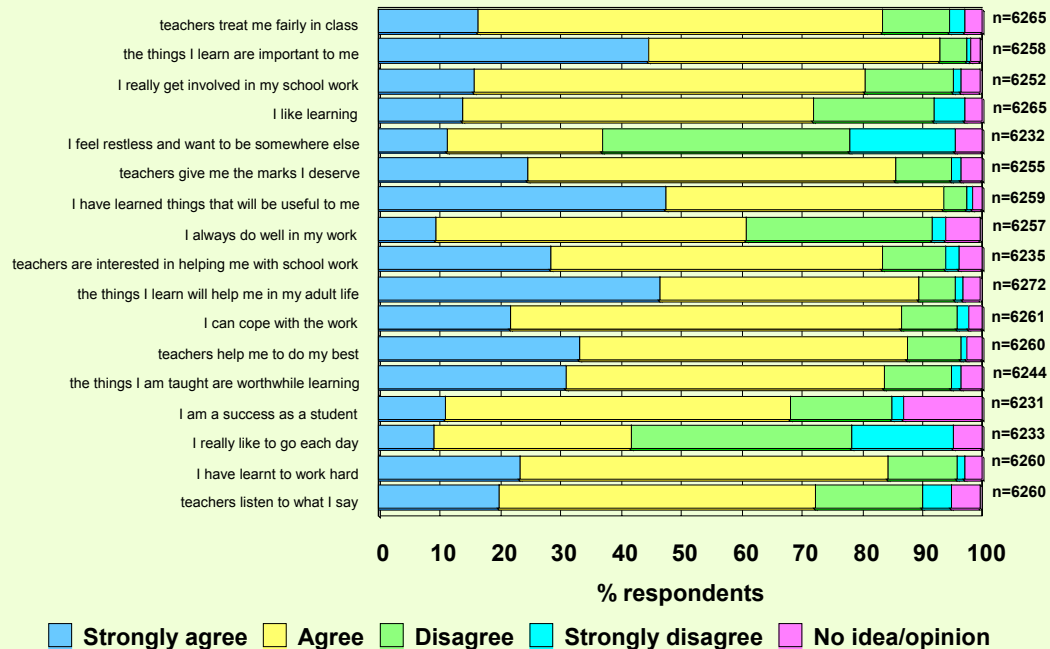
Figure 4: Management type



- Twenty six percent of pupils are at a Controlled school, 36% are at a Voluntary school, 33% are at a Roman Catholic Maintained school and 5% are at a Grant Maintained Integrated school.

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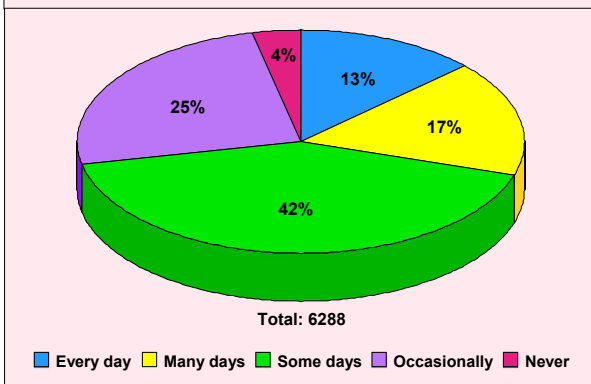
Figure 5: My school is a place where...



- Eighty four percent of pupils agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where teachers treat them fairly in class.
- Ninety three percent agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where the things they learn are important to them.
- Just over four fifths (81%) of respondents agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where they really get involved in their school work.
- Seventy two percent of pupils agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where they like learning.
- Just under two fifths (37%) agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where they feel restless and want to be somewhere else.

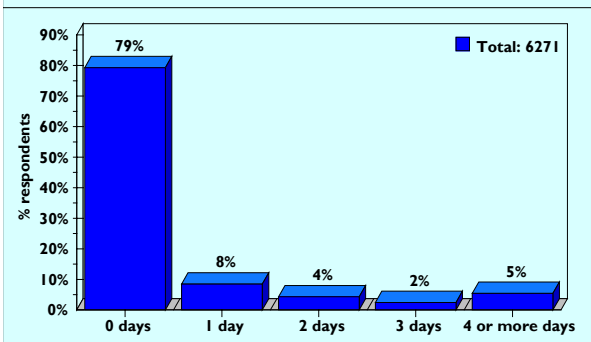
- Eighty six percent of pupils agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where teachers give them the marks they deserve.
- Ninety four percent of pupils agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where they have learned things that will be useful to them.
- Just over three fifths (61%) of respondents agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where they always do well in their work.
- Eighty four percent of pupils agree or strongly agree that teachers are interested in helping them with their school work.
- Ninety percent of pupils agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where the things they learn will help them in their adult life.
- Eighty seven percent agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where they can cope with the work.
- Eighty eight percent agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where teachers help them to do their best.
- Eighty four percent of pupils agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where the things they are taught are worthwhile learning.
- Sixty nine percent of pupils agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where they are a success as a student.
- Less than half (42%) of respondents agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where they really like to go each day.
- Eighty five percent agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where they have learnt to work hard.
- Almost three quarters (73%) of pupils agree or strongly agree that their school is a place where teachers listen to what they say.

Figure 6: How often do you find that school is boring?



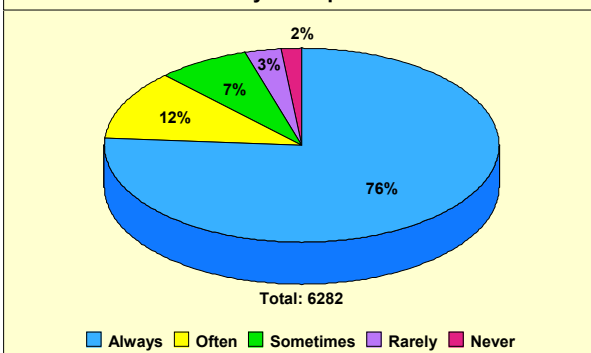
- Thirty percent of those surveyed find school boring every day or on many days. Two thirds (67%) find that school is boring on some days or occasionally boring while 4% never find it boring.

Figure 7: How many days did you skip/scheme/bunk/truant/mitch/skive classes or school this term?



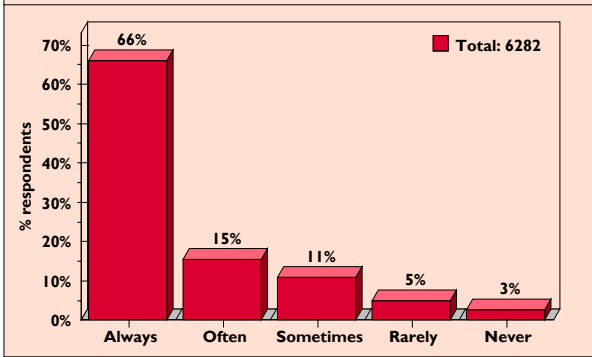
- Almost four fifths (79%) of pupils have never skipped classes or school this term.

Figure 8: If I have problems at school, my parents are ready to help me...



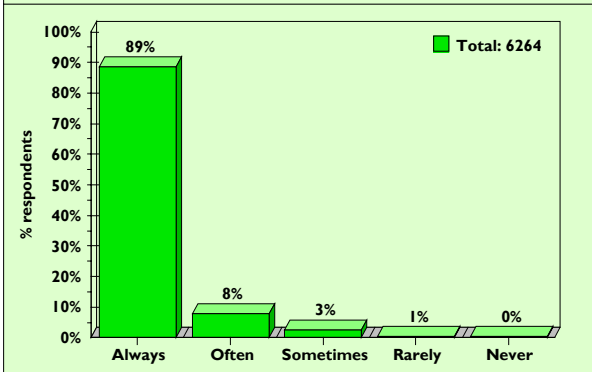
- Just over three quarters (76%) of those surveyed stated that their parents are always ready to help them if they have problems at school.

Figure 9: My parents are willing to come to talk to my teachers...



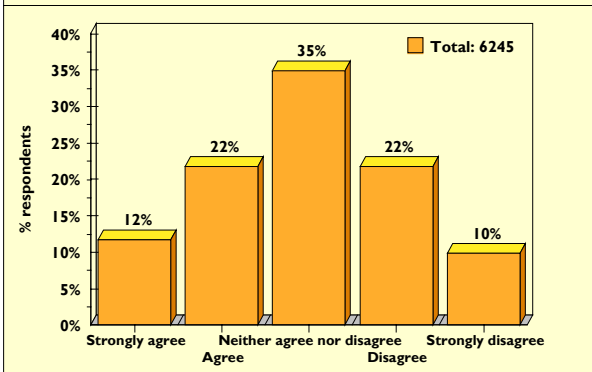
- Almost two thirds (66%) of pupils said that their parents are always willing to come to talk to their teachers.

Figure 10: My parents encourage me to do well at school...



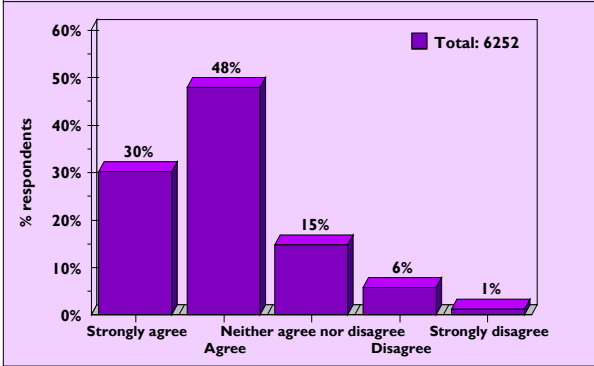
- Eighty nine percent of the sample said that their parents always encourage them to do well at school.

Figure 11: My parents expect too much of me at school...



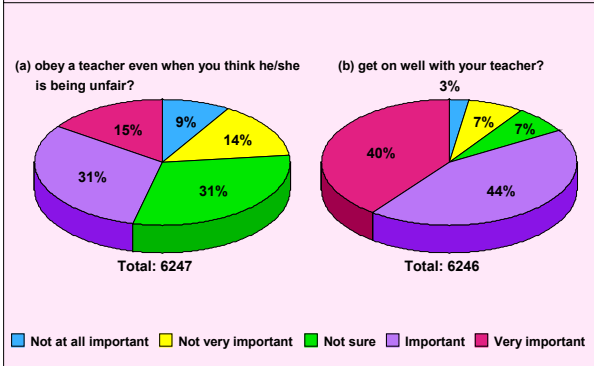
- A third of pupils agreed or strongly agreed that their parents expect too much of them at school and almost a third (32%) disagreed or strongly disagreed.

Figure 12: My parents are satisfied with my school work...



- Just under four fifths (78%) of the group agreed or strongly agreed that their parents are satisfied with their school work.

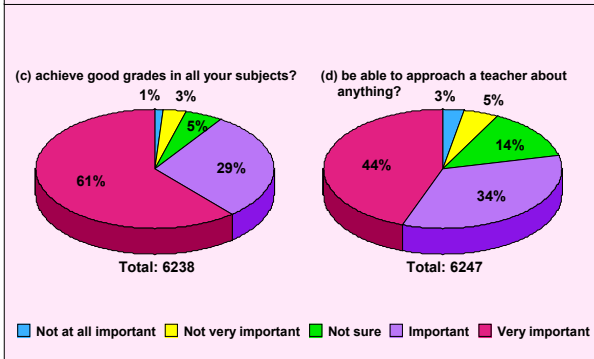
Figure 13a: How important do you think it is to...



- Forty six percent of pupils think it is important or very important to obey a teacher even when they think he or she is being unfair. Twenty three percent think it is not very important or not at all important while 31% are not sure.

- Over four fifths (83%) of those surveyed think it is important or very important to get on well with your teacher.

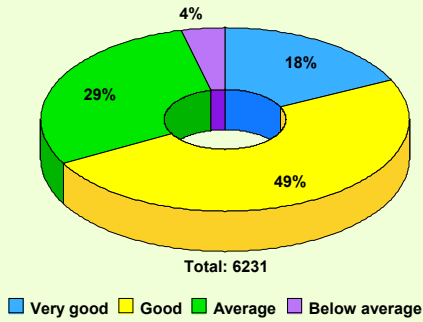
Figure 13b: How important do you think it is to... (continued)



- Ninety one percent of the sample think it is important or very important to achieve good grades in all subjects.

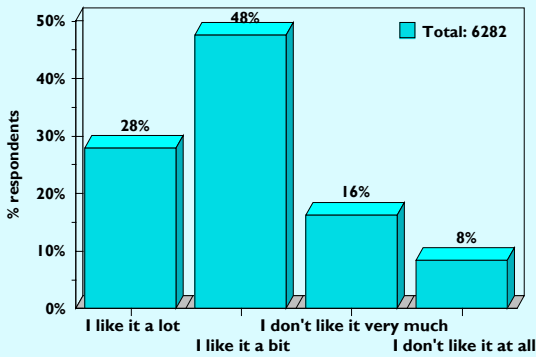
- Seventy nine percent of pupils think it is important or very important to be able to approach a teacher about anything.

Figure 14: In your opinion what does your class teacher(s) think about your school performance compared to your classmates?



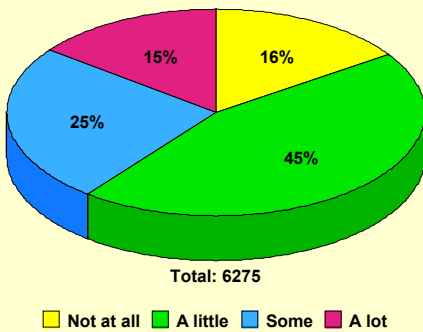
- Just over two thirds (67%) of the group feel that their class teacher(s) think their school performance is good or very good in comparison to that of their classmates.

Figure 15: How do you feel about school at present?



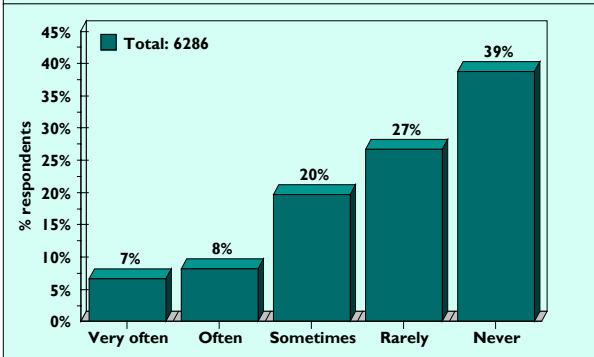
- Twenty eight percent of pupils like school a lot, 48% like it a bit, 16% don't like it very much and 8% don't like it at all.

Figure 16: How pressured do you feel by the school work you have to do?



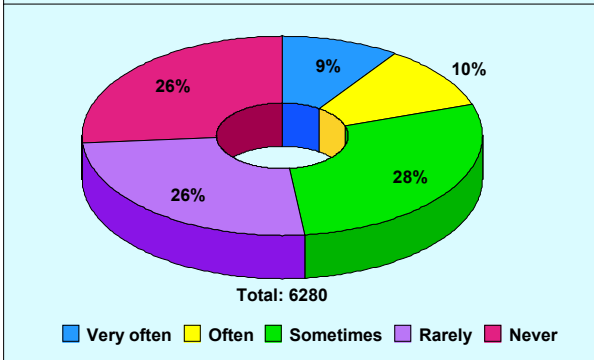
- Forty five percent of those surveyed feel a little pressure due to the school work they have to do, 25% feel some, 15% feel a lot and 16% do not feel pressured at all.

Figure 17: At night, do you have difficulty falling asleep because you are thinking about school?



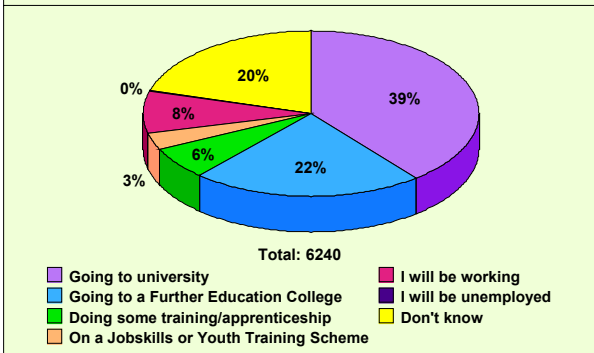
- Almost two fifths (39%) of pupils never have difficulty falling asleep at night because they are thinking about school. Fifteen percent very often or often have difficulty while 46% sometimes or rarely have difficulty.

Figure 18: Are you worried about answering questions or speaking out in class?



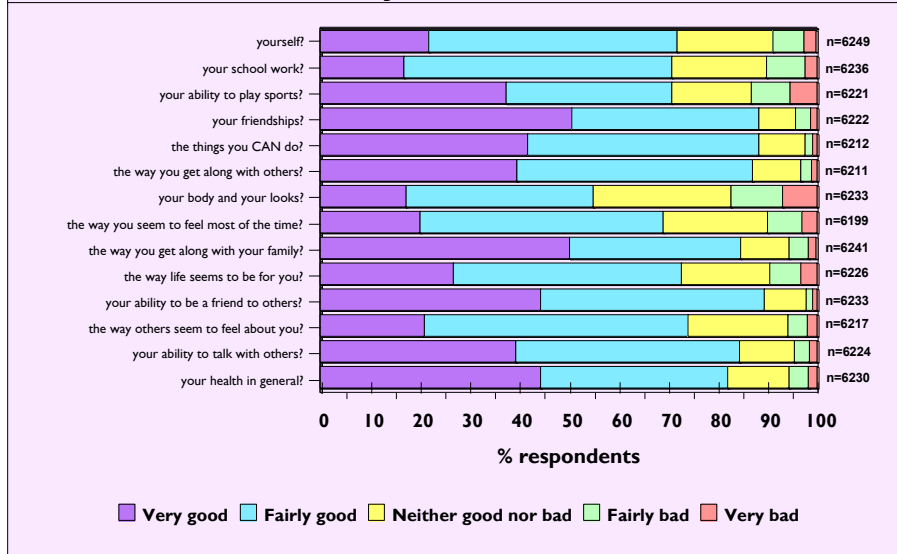
- A fifth of pupils surveyed very often or often worry about answering questions or speaking out in class. Fifty four percent sometimes or rarely worry while just over a quarter (26%) of pupils never worry.

Figure 19: What do you think you will be doing immediately you finish school?



- Just over three fifths (62%) of pupils think they will be going to university or a further education college when they leave school. One fifth do not know what they will be doing.

Figure 21: During the past 4 weeks, how good or bad have you felt about...

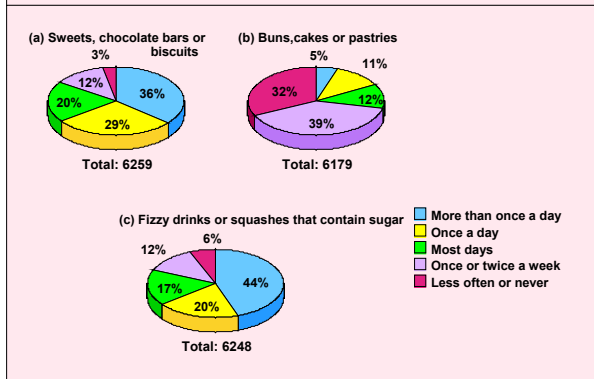


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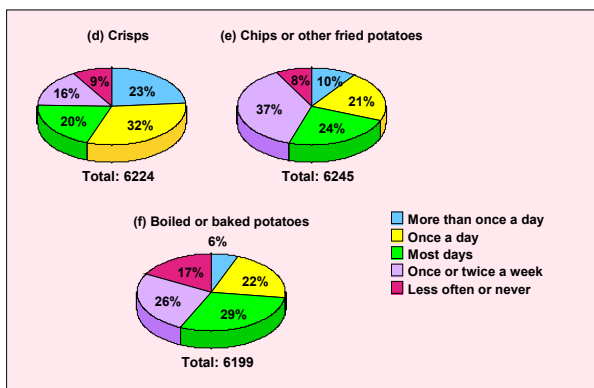
- 72% have felt fairly good or very good about themselves.
- 71% have felt fairly good or very good about their school work.
- 71% have felt fairly good or very good about their ability to play sports.
- 88% have felt fairly good or very good about their friendships.
- 89% have felt fairly good or very good about the things they CAN do.
- 87% have felt fairly good or good about the way they get along with others.
- 55% have felt fairly good or very good about their body and their looks.
- 69% have felt fairly good or very good about the way they seem to feel most of the time.
- 85% have felt fairly good or very good about the way they get along with their family.
- 73% have felt fairly good or very good about the way life seems to be for them.
- 89% have felt fairly good or very good about their ability to be a friend to others.
- 74% have felt fairly good or very good about the way others seem to feel about them.
- 84% have felt fairly good or very good about their ability to talk with others
- 82% have felt fairly good or very good about their health in general.

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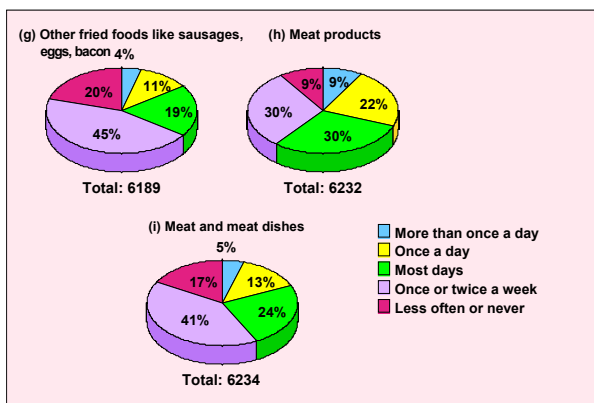
Figure 22a: How often do you eat or drink any of the following?



- Sixty five percent of pupils eat sweets, chocolate bars or biscuits at least once a day.
- Seventy one percent eat buns, cakes or pastries once or twice a week or less often if at all.
- Sixty four percent drink fizzy drinks or squashes that contain sugar at least once a day

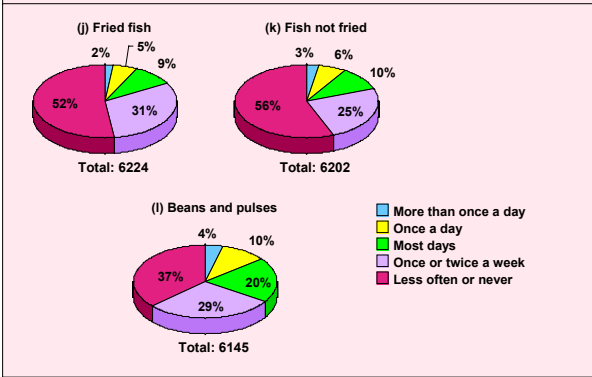


- Over half (55%) of pupils eat crisps at least once a day.
- Thirty one percent eat chips or other fried potatoes at least once a day. Almost a quarter (24%) would eat them most days.
- Fifty seven percent eat boiled or baked potatoes most days or more frequently.

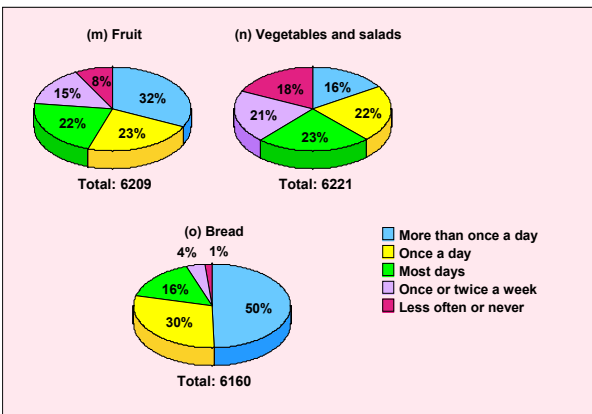


- Sixty five percent eat other fried foods like sausages, eggs, bacon once or twice a week or less often if at all.
- Almost a third (31%) eat meat products at least once a day.
- Fifty eight percent eat meat and meat dishes once or twice a week or less often or never.

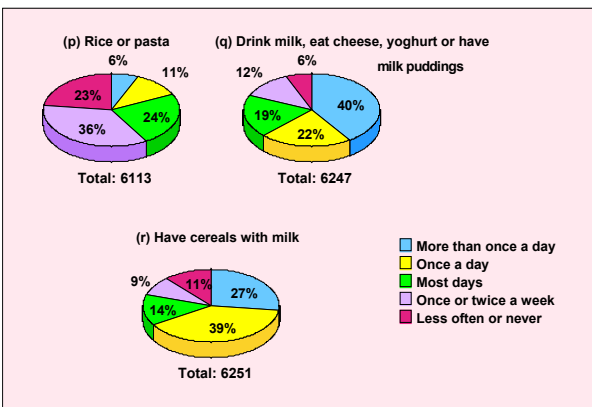
Figure 22b: How often do you eat or drink any of the following? (continued)



- Over four fifths (83%) of pupils eat fried fish once or twice a week or less often or never.
- Eighty one percent eat fish not fried once or twice a week or less often or never.
- Approximately two thirds eat beans and pulses once or twice a week or less often if at all.



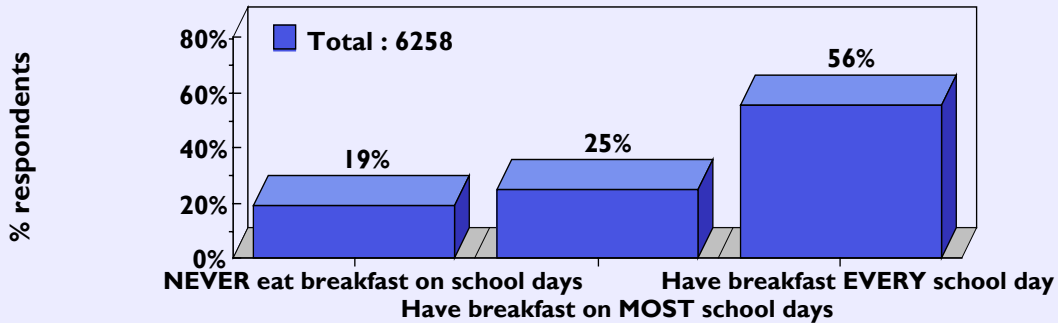
- Over half (55%) of pupils eat fruit at least once a day.
- Almost two fifths (38%) eat vegetables and salads (not including potatoes) at least once a day.
- Seventy nine percent eat bread at least once a day.



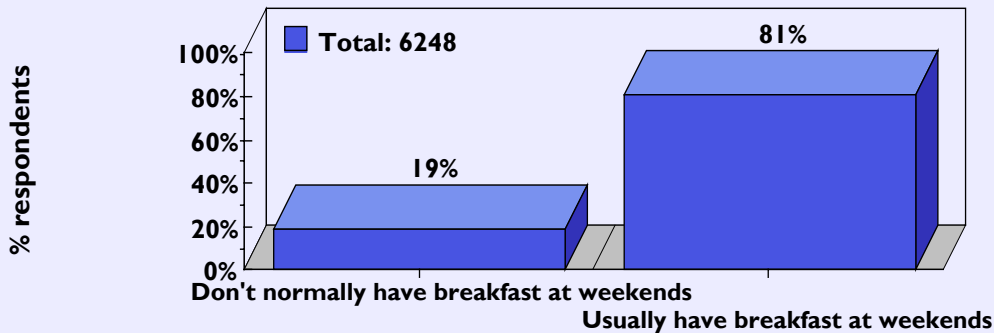
- Just over two fifths (41%) eat rice or pasta on most days at least.
- Sixty two percent drink milk, eat cheese or yoghurt or have milk pudding at least once a day.
- Almost two thirds (66%) have cereals with milk at least once a day.

Figure 23: How many times do you usually eat breakfast...

(a) on school days?

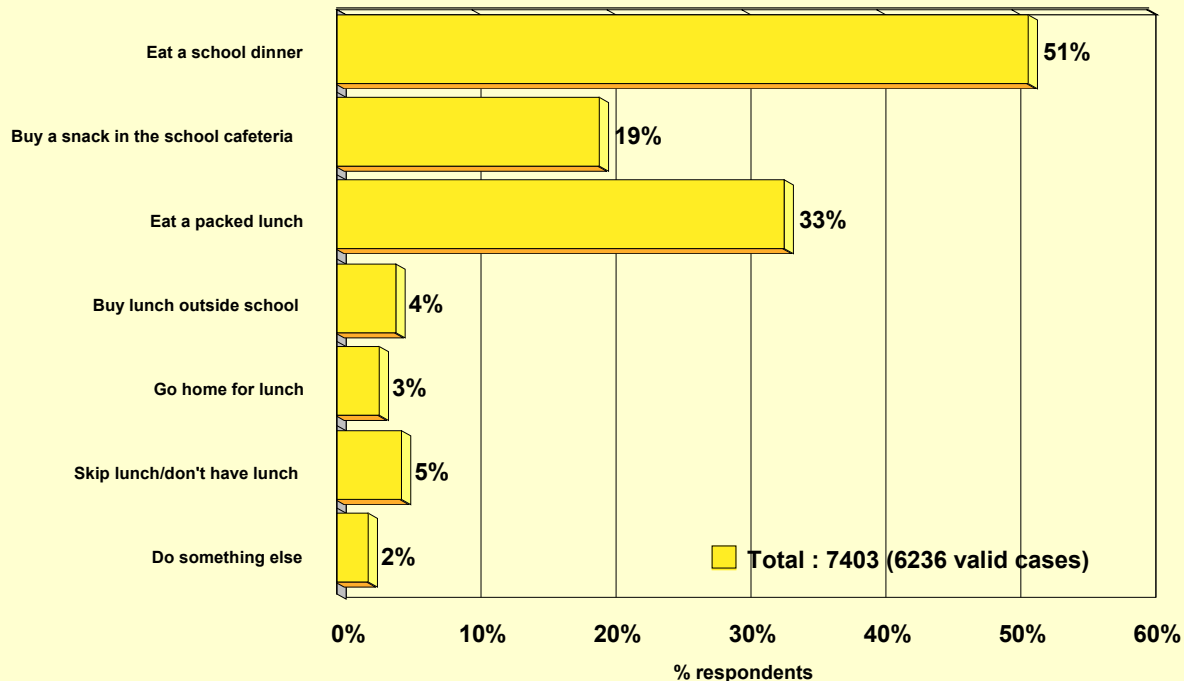


(b) at weekends?



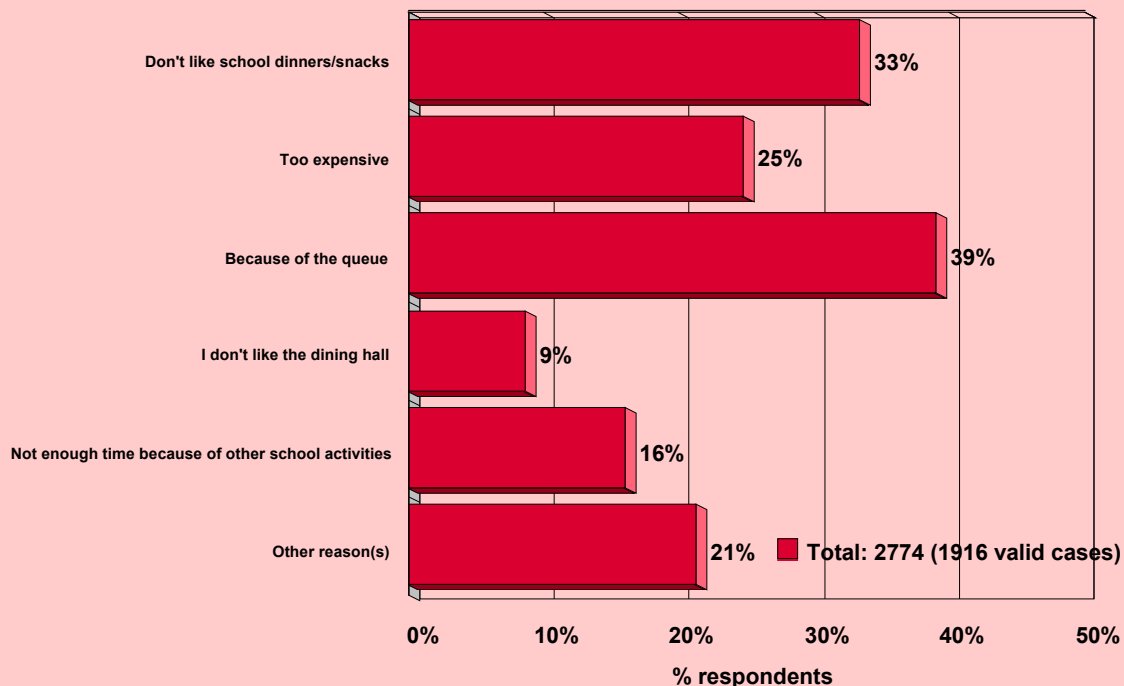
- Almost one fifth (19%) of those surveyed never eat breakfast on school days, a quarter have breakfast on most school days and 56% have breakfast every school day.
- Just over four fifths (81%) of pupils usually have breakfast at weekends while the remainder do not normally have breakfast at weekends.

Figure 24: What do you usually do for lunch at school?



- Just over half (51%) of school children eat a school dinner at lunchtime.
- Just under a fifth (19%) buy a snack in the school cafeteria.
- Almost a third (33%) eat a packed lunch.
- Four percent buy lunch outside of school.
- Three percent go home for lunch.
- Five percent skip lunch or don't have lunch.
- Two percent do other things such as have a smoke, get something from the tuckshop or vending machine, do other activities (eg play music, go to the library) or sit around and chat.

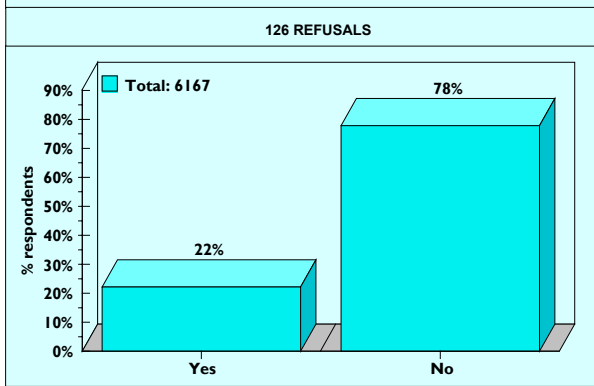
Figure 25: If you don't usually eat a school dinner/snack, why not?



Reasons given by pupils for not eating a school dinner/snack are as follows:

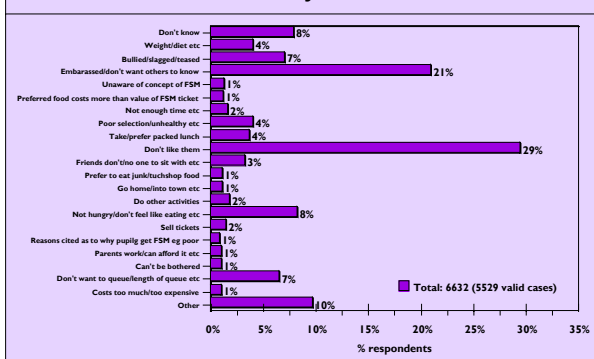
- Approximately a third don't like school dinners/snacks.
- A quarter think they are too expensive.
- Almost two fifths (39%) don't eat them because of the queue.
- Nine percent don't like the dining hall.
- Sixteen percent don't have enough time because of other school activities.
- Twenty one percent have other reasons including they prefer to take a packed lunch, there is a poor selection of meals, the meals are unhealthy, they are on a diet, or because their friends don't take them and they have no one to sit with.

Figure 26: Does this child receive free school dinners?



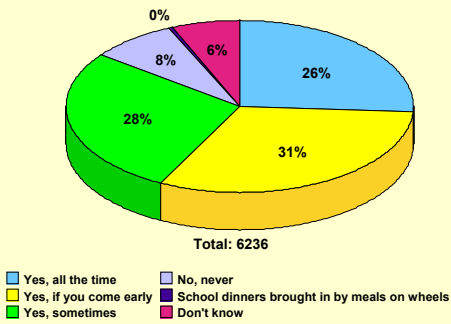
- Of the pupils for whom school meals information was available, 22% receive free school dinners.

Figure 27: Why do you think some children do not take a free school meal when they are allowed to take one?



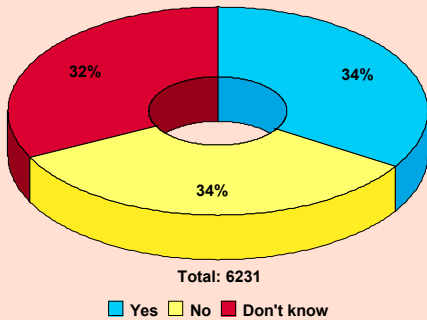
- Some perceived reasons for pupils not taking a free school meal when they are entitled to one are as follows: 29% don't like them, 21% are embarrassed or don't want others to know, 8% aren't hungry or don't feel like eating and 8% don't know.
- Other perceived reasons include being bullied or teased, not wanting to queue up or because of the length of the queue, because of their weight, being on a diet or having an eating disorder etc and because of the poor or unhealthy selection of food available.
- A few pupils were unaware of the concept of free school meals while others gave reasons as to why a pupils would get a free school meal.

Figure28: Do you think there is usually a good choice available in the school canteen/cafeteria?



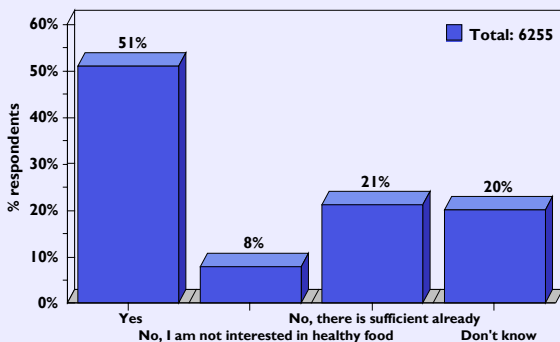
- Eighty five percent of pupils think that there is usually a good choice available in the school canteen /cafeteria at least some of the time.

Figure 29: Do you consider the selections available to be healthy?



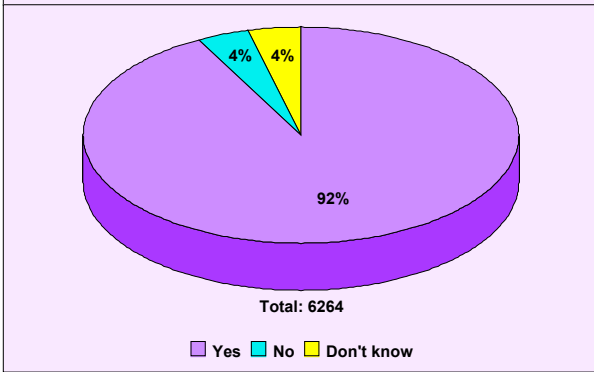
- Thirty four percent of pupils consider the selections available to be healthy, 34% do not and 32% don't know.

Figure 30: Would you like to see more healthy foods available?



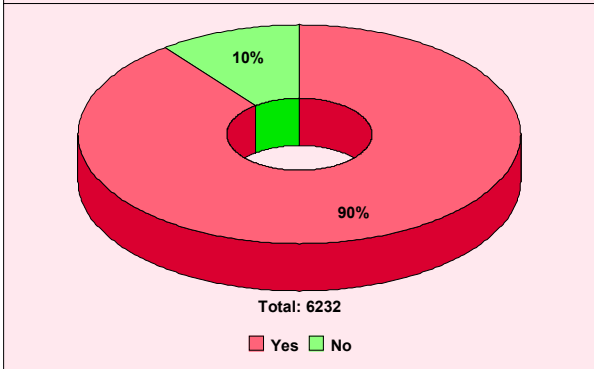
- Just over half (51%) of pupils would like to see more healthy foods available.

Figure 31: Are you aware of the benefits of healthy eating?



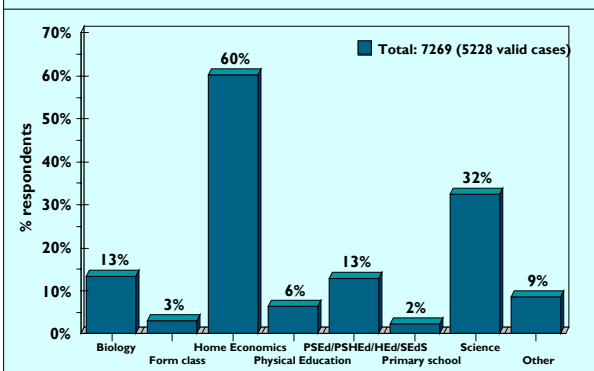
- Ninety two percent of those surveyed are aware of the benefits of healthy eating.

Figure 32: Have you been taught about healthy eating?



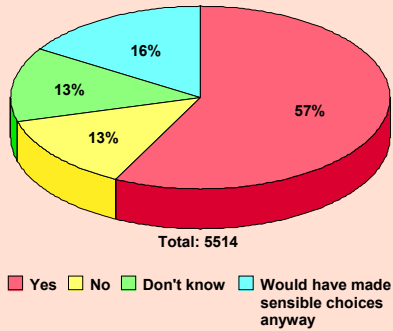
- Ninety percent of pupils have been taught about healthy eating.

Figure 33: In which subject(s) were you taught?



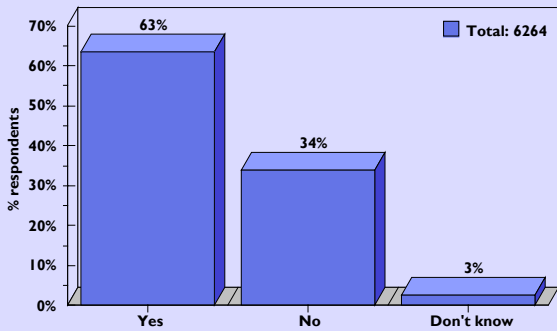
- Sixty percent of these pupils were taught about healthy eating in Home Economics, 32% in Science, 13% in Biology, 13% in Personal & Social Education/ Personal, Social & Health Education/ Health Education/ Social Education Studies and 6% in Physical Education.

Figure 34: Did this help you to make sensible choices?



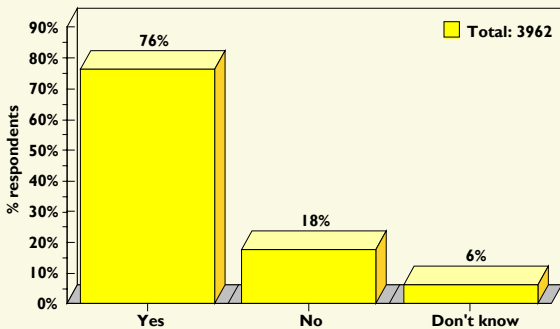
- Almost three fifths (57%) of pupils who have been taught about healthy eating say that it helped them to make sensible choices.

Figure 35: Does your school have vending machines?



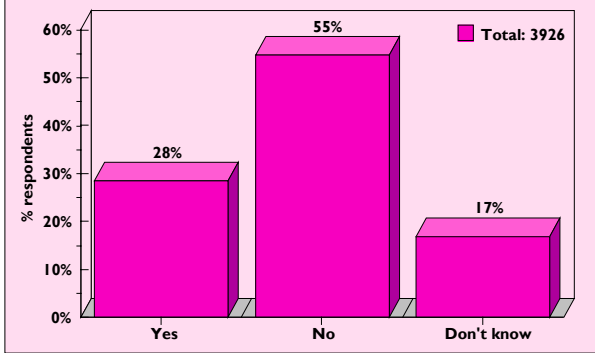
- Over three fifths (63%) of pupils say that their school has vending machines.

Figure 36: Do they have alternatives to fizzy drinks (eg sparkling/still water, fruit juices)?



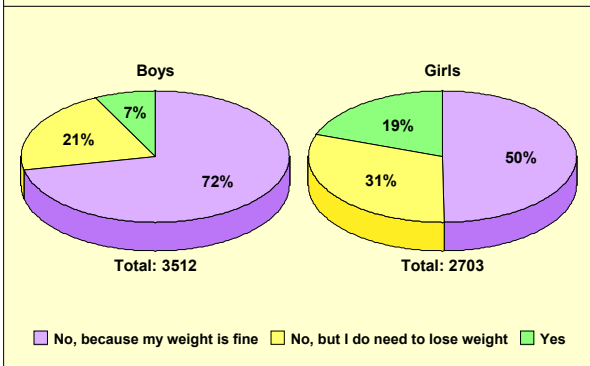
- Of these, just over three quarters (76%) say that there are alternatives to fizzy drinks (eg sparkling/still water, fruit juices).

Figure 37: Are there alternatives to chocolate (eg cereal bars)?



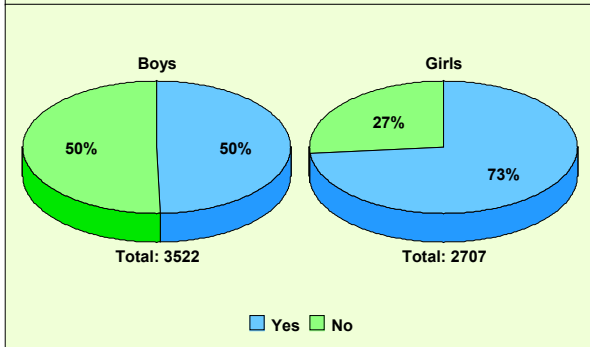
- Of the same pupils, 55% say that there are no alternatives to chocolate bars (eg cereal bars).

Figure 38: Are you on a diet to lose weight?



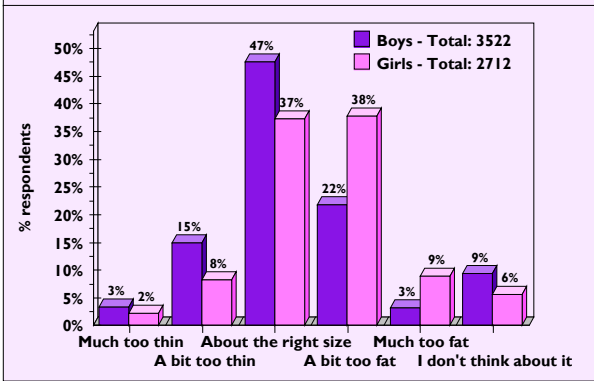
- Almost three quarters (72%) of boys are not on a diet because their weight is fine, 21% are not on a diet but do need to lose weight and 7% are on a diet to lose weight.
- Half of the girls are not on a diet because their weight is fine, 31% are not on a diet but do need to lose weight and approximately a fifth are on a diet to lose weight.

Figure 39: Is there anything about your body that you would like to change?



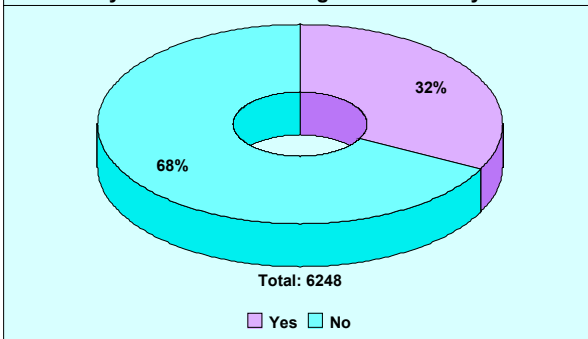
- Half of the boys have something about their body that they would like to change, compared to 73% of girls.

Figure 40: Do you think your body size is...?



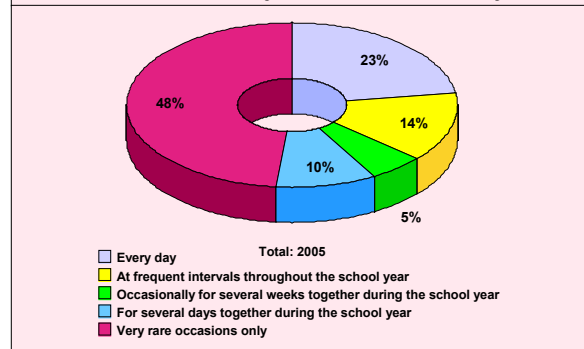
- Forty seven percent of boys think their body is about the right size, 25% think they are too fat, 18% think they are too thin and 9% don't think about their body size.
- Thirty seven percent of girls think their body is about the right size, 47% think they are too fat, 10% think they are too thin and 6% don't think about their body size.

Figure 41: In the last 12 months have you taken any medicine, tablets, inhalers or injections to school with you to be used during the school day?



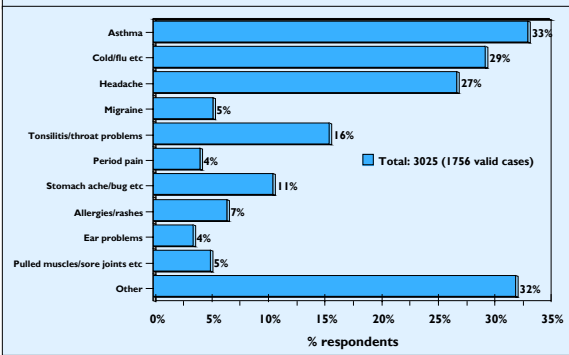
- Almost one third (32%) of pupils have taken medicine, inhalers or injections to school with them to be used during the school day.

Figure 42: How often do you take these medicines, tablets, inhalers or injections to school with you?



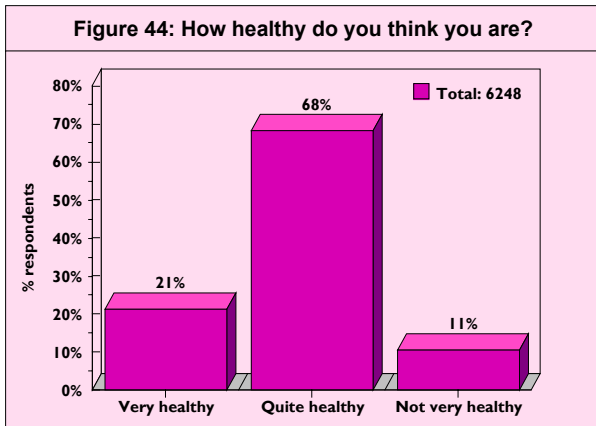
- Of these, almost half (48%) use or take them on very rare occasions while almost a quarter (23%) use or take them every day.

Figure 43: What illness(es) have you taken medicine for in the last 12 months?



- Pupils have suffered from a broad range of illnesses in the last 12 months with 33% having taken medicine for asthma, 29% for colds/flu etc, 27% for headaches, 5% for migraine, 16% for tonsillitis or throat problems, 4% for period pain, 11% for stomach ache/bug etc, 7% for allergies/rashes, 4% for ear problems and 5% for pulled muscles/sore joints etc

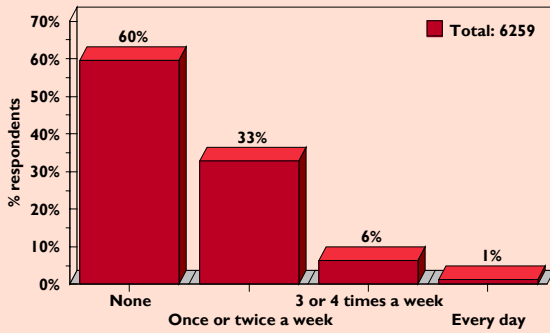
Figure 44: How healthy do you think you are?



- Twenty one percent of those surveyed think that they are very healthy, 68% think that they are quite healthy and 11% think that they are not very healthy.

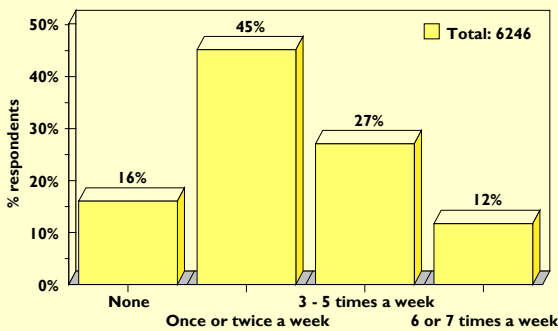
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Figure 45: At the moment, how many days per week do you normally stay behind at school for sports?



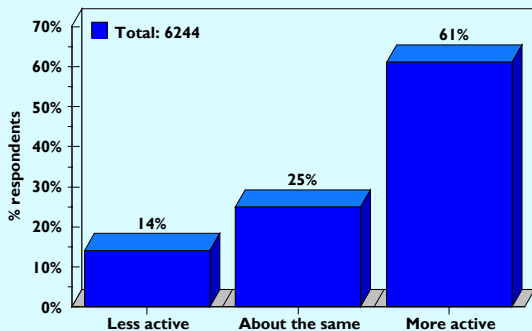
- Forty percent of the survey group stay behind at school for sports at least one or two days a week.

Figure 46: At the moment, how many days per week do you normally take part in sports?



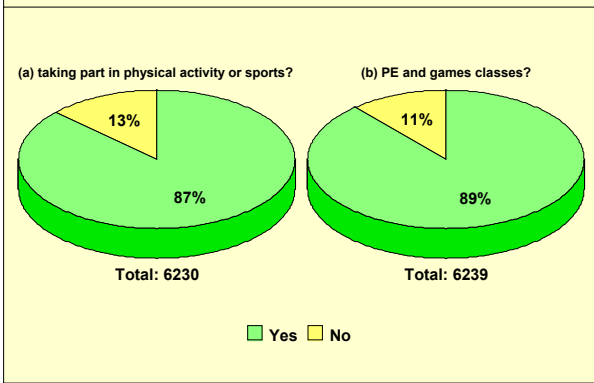
- Forty five percent of pupils normally take part in sports one or two days a week, 27% three to five days a week and 12% six or seven days a week. Sixteen percent do not normally take part in sports any day of the week.

Figure 47: During school holidays, how physically active are you compared to when at school?



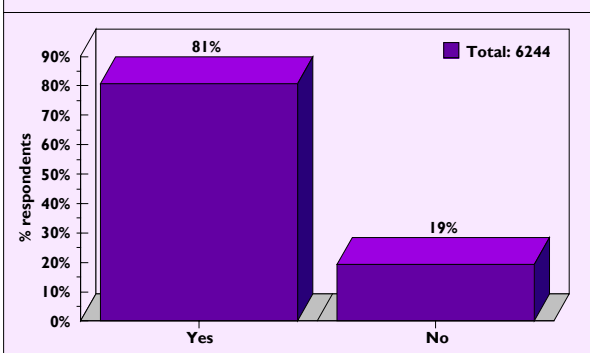
- Just over three fifths (61%) of the sample are more active during school holidays compared to when at school.

Figure 48: Generally speaking, do you enjoy...



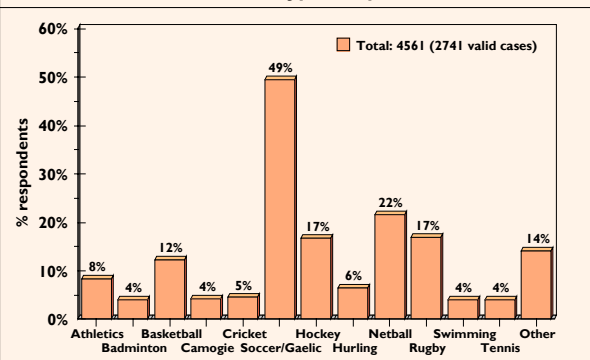
- Generally speaking, 87% of respondents enjoy taking part in physical activity or sports and 89% enjoy PE and games classes.
- Some of the reasons given for not enjoying them include a lack of variety of sports, boring activities, getting tired and out of breath, or because of asthma or some other health problem

Figure 49: Do you exercise or play sports apart from your time-tabled PE lessons?



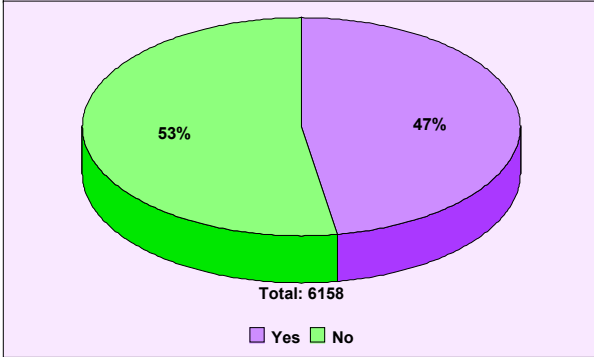
- Just over four fifths (81%) of the pupils exercise or play sports apart from their time-tabled PE lessons.

Figure 50: If you play any sports for a school team, please name the type of sport



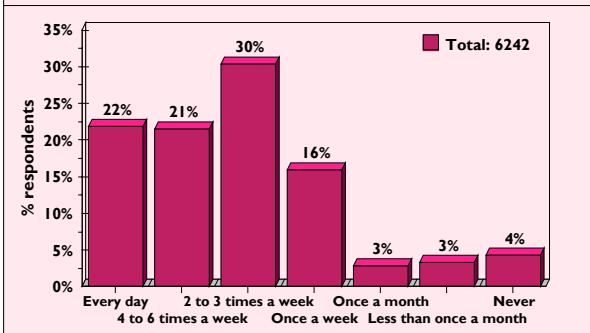
- Forty four percent of pupils play sport for a school team: of these, almost half (49%) play soccer/Gaelic football, 22% play netball, 17% play rugby, 17% play hockey and 12% play basketball.
- Other sports not listed include cross-country, golf, gymnastics and table tennis.

Figure 51: Are you a member of a sports club outside of school?



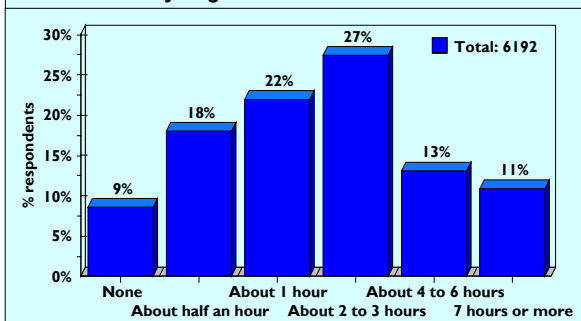
- Forty seven percent of pupils are members of a sports club outside of school.

Figure 52: OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS: How OFTEN do you usually exercise in your free time so much that you get out of breath or sweat?



- Eighty nine percent of respondents exercise at least once a week in their free time so much that they get out of breath or sweat.

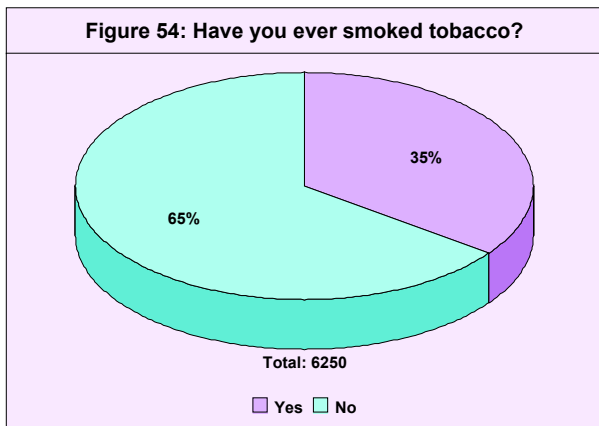
Figure 53: OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS: How many HOURS a week do you usually exercise in your free time so much that you get out of breath or sweat?



- Just over half (51%) of pupils exercise for at least 2 to 3 hours a week.

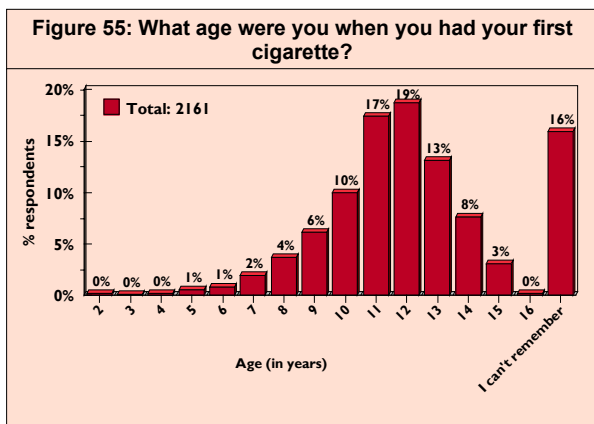
SMOKING

Figure 54: Have you ever smoked tobacco?



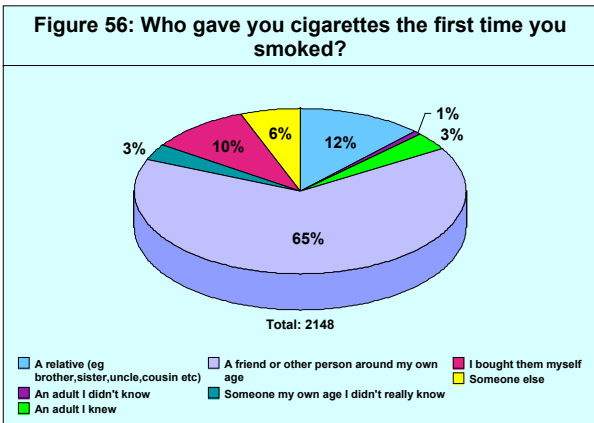
- Thirty five percent of pupils have smoked tobacco.

Figure 55: What age were you when you had your first cigarette?



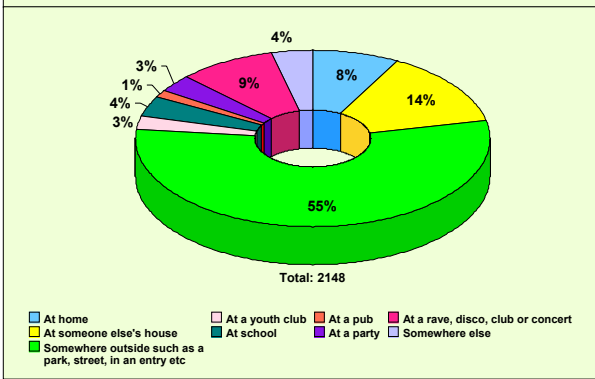
- Two percent of these pupils have reported that they were 6 years of age or under when they smoked their first cigarette. Sixteen percent can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 82%, ages range from 7 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils having their first cigarette is 12 years.

Figure 56: Who gave you cigarettes the first time you smoked?



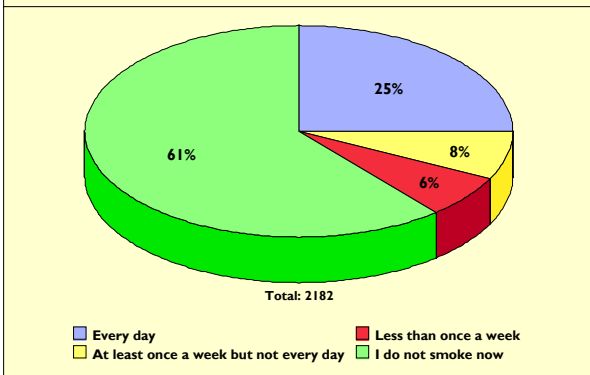
- Sixty five percent of those who have smoked were given cigarettes for the first time by a friend or other person around their own age.

Figure 57: Where were you the first time you smoked?



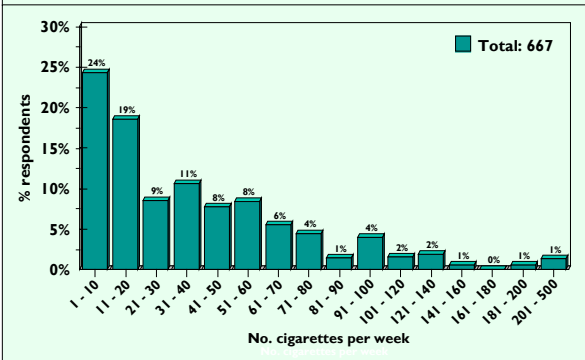
- Over half (55%) of pupils were somewhere outside such as a park, street, in an entry etc the first time they smoked.

Figure 58: How often do you smoke cigarettes now?



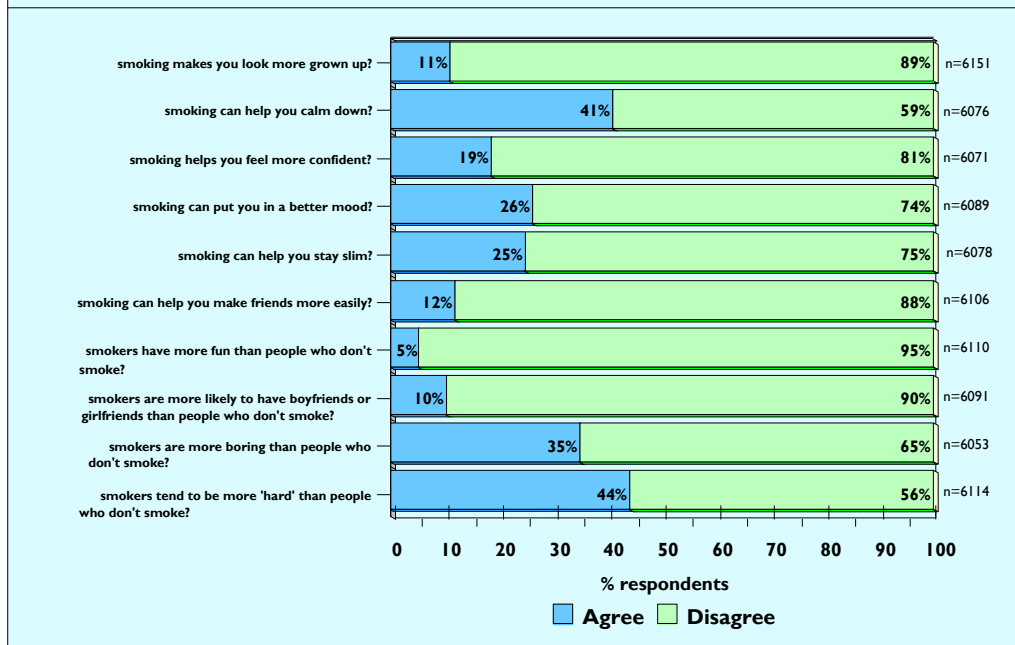
- One quarter of pupils smoke cigarettes every day, 8% smoke at least once a week but not every day, 6% smoke less than once a week and 61% do not smoke now.

Figure 59: How many cigarettes do you usually smoke in a week?



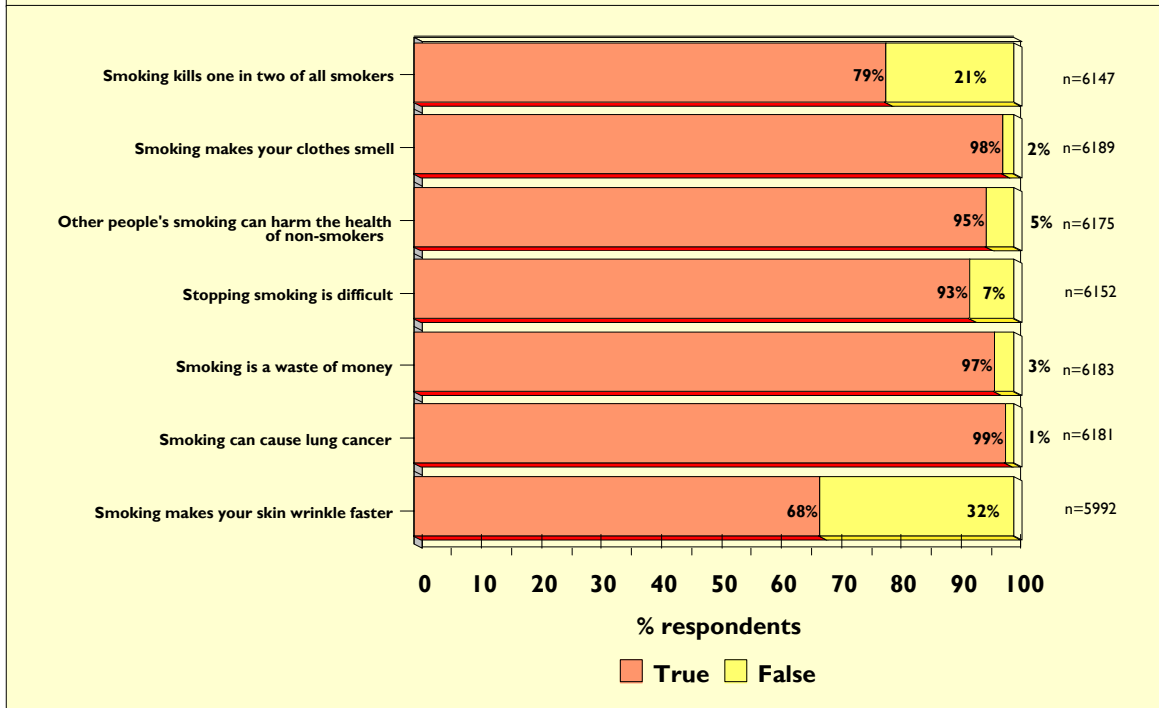
- Of those pupils who smoke at least once a week, just over two fifths (43%) smoke 20 cigarettes or less in a week, just under one fifth (19%) smoke between 21 and 40 cigarettes, 16% smoke between 41 and 60 cigarettes. Twenty two percent smoke more than 60 cigarettes in a week.

Figure 60: Do you agree or disagree that...



- Eleven percent of pupils agree that smoking makes you look more grown up.
- Just over two fifths (41%) agree that smoking can help you calm down.
- Almost a fifth (19%) agree that smoking helps you feel more confident.
- Twenty six percent agree that smoking can put you in a better mood.
- A quarter of pupils agree that smoking can help you stay slim.
- Twelve percent agree that smoking can help you make friends more easily.
- Five percent agree that smokers have more fun then people who don't smoke.
- Ten percent agree that smokers are more likely to have boyfriends or girlfriends than people who don't smoke.
- Thirty five percent agree that smokers are more boring than people who don't smoke.
- Forty four percent agree that smokers tend to be more 'hard' than people who don't smoke.

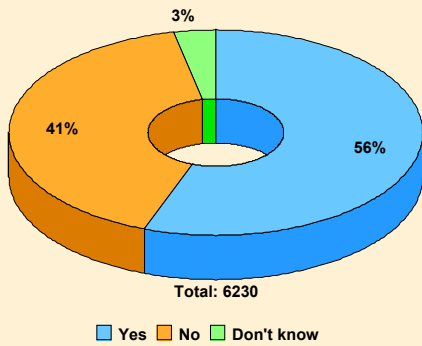
Figure 61: Do you think the following statements are true or false?



- Almost four fifths (79%) of those surveyed think it is true that smoking kills one in two of all smokers.
- Ninety eight percent think it is true that smoking makes your clothes smell.
- Ninety five percent think it is true that other people's smoking can harm the health of non-smokers.
- Ninety three percent think it is true that stopping smoking is difficult.
- Ninety seven percent think it is true that smoking is a waste of money.
- Ninety nine percent think it is true that smoking can cause lung cancer.
- Sixty eight percent think it is true that smoking makes your skin wrinkle faster.

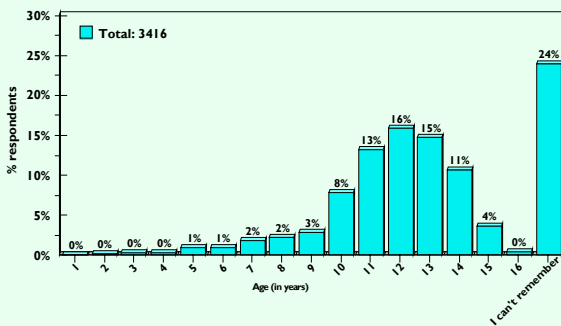
ALCOHOL

Figure 62: Have you ever taken an alcoholic drink (not just a taste or a sip)?



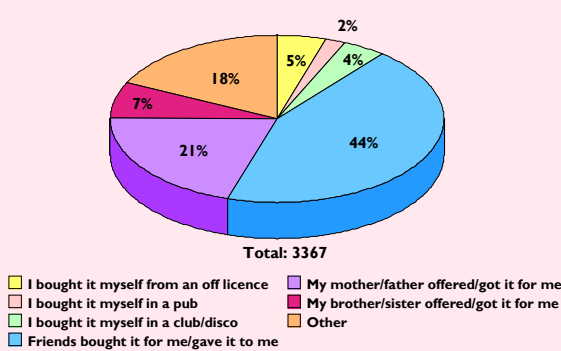
- Fifty six percent of pupils have taken an alcoholic drink (not just a taste or a sip).

Figure 63: What age were you when you had your first alcoholic drink?



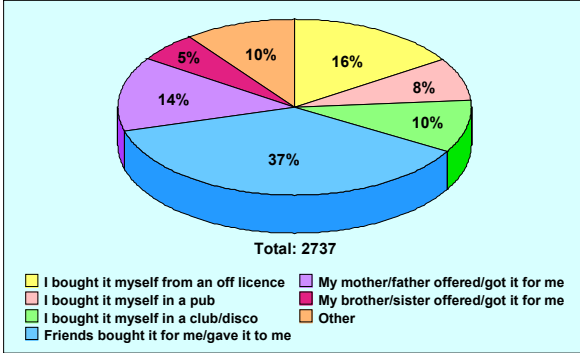
- Of these pupils, 1% have reported that they were 4 years of age or under when they had their first alcoholic drink. Almost a quarter (24%) can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 75%, ages range from 5 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils having their first drink is 12 years.

Figure 64: How did you get the alcoholic drink the first time you drank?



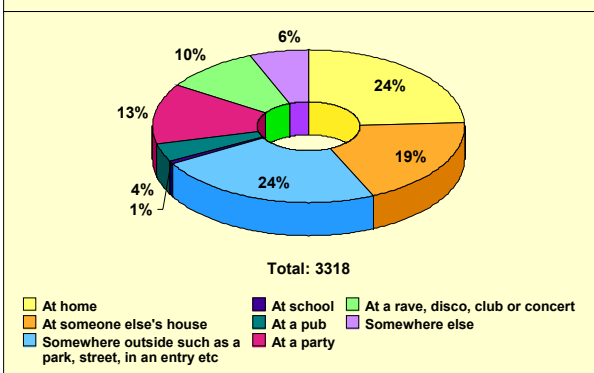
- The first time they drank alcohol, 44% of pupils were given or bought the drink by friends, over a quarter (27%) got it from or were offered it by their parent(s), brother or sister and 11% bought it themselves in an off licence, pub, club or disco.

Figure 65: How did you get the alcoholic drink the last time you drank?



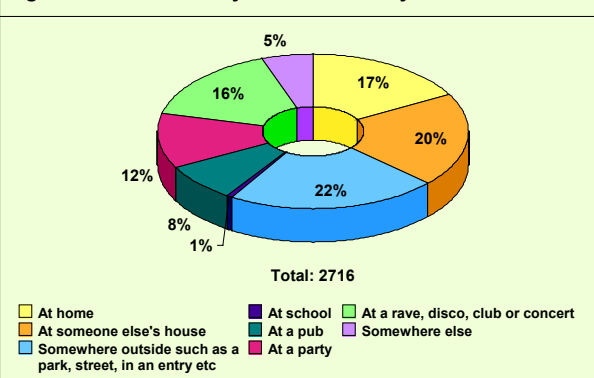
- The last time they drank alcohol, 37% of pupils were given or bought the drink by friends, just under a fifth (19%) got it from or were offered it by their parent(s), brother or sister and a third bought it themselves in an off-licence, pub, club or disco.

Figure 66: Where were you the first time you drank alcohol?



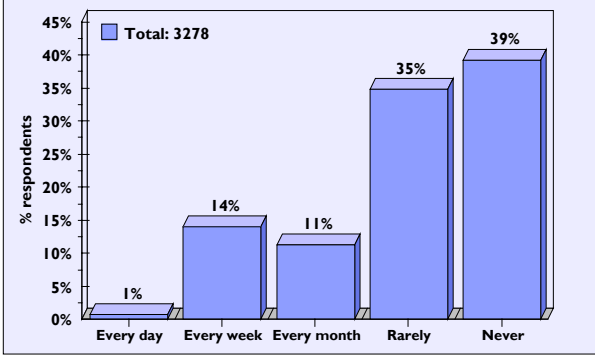
- The first time they drank alcohol, almost a quarter (24%) of pupils were at home, just under a fifth (19%) were at someone else's house, 24% were somewhere outside such as a park, street, in an entry etc and 26% were at a pub, party, rave, disco, club or concert.

Figure 67: Where were you the last time you drank alcohol?



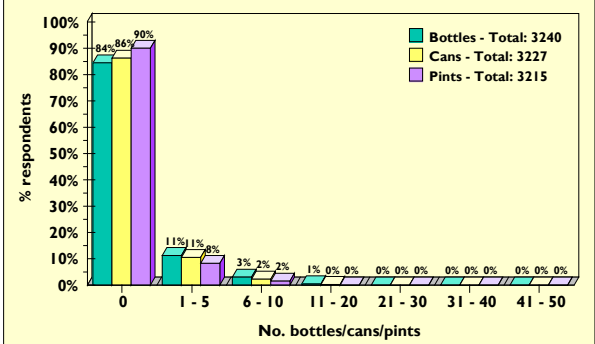
- The last time they drank alcohol, 17% of pupils were at home, a fifth were at someone else's house, 22% were somewhere outside such as a park, street, in an entry etc and 35% were at a pub, party, rave, disco, club or concert.

Figure 68: At present, how often do you drink beer/lager/stout?



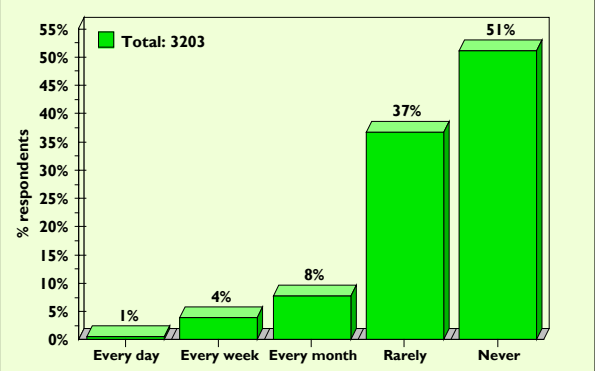
- Just over a quarter (26%) of the group drink beer/lager/stout at least every month, 35% rarely drink it and 39% never drink it.

Figure 69: In the past week (last 7 days) how many bottles/cans/pints of beer/lager/stout have you drunk?



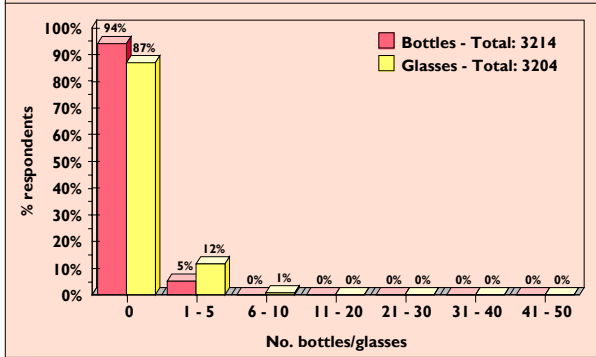
- At the time of the survey, 84% of pupils had not drunk any bottles, 86% had not drunk any cans and 90% had not drunk any pints of beer/lager/stout in the past week (last 7 days).

Figure 70: At present, how often do you drink wine?



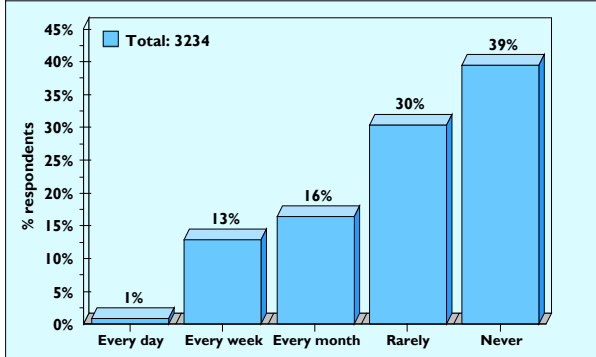
- Twelve percent of pupils drink wine at least every month, 37% rarely drink it and just over half (51%) never drink it.

Figure 71: In the past week (last 7 days) how many bottles/glasses of wine have you drunk?



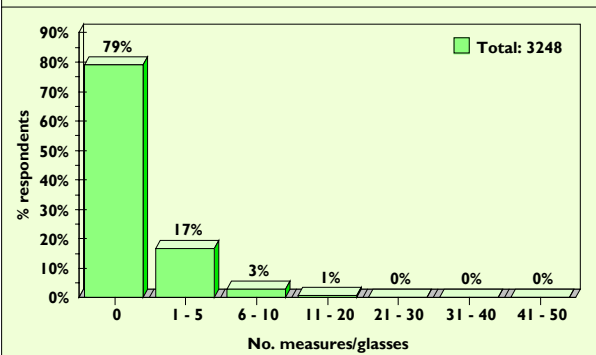
- At the time of the survey, 94% of pupils had not drunk any bottles and 87% had not drunk any glasses of wine in the past week (last 7 days).

Figure 72: At present, how often do you drink spirits (eg whiskey, gin, vodka)?



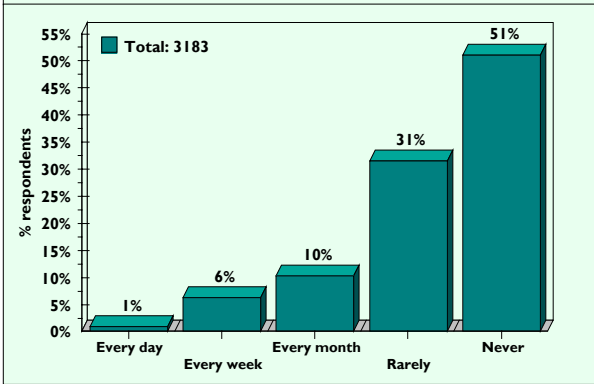
- Thirty percent of pupils drink spirits (eg whiskey, gin, vodka) at least every month, 30% rarely drink them and 39% never drink them.

Figure 73: In the past week (last 7 days) how many measures/glasses of spirits have you drunk?



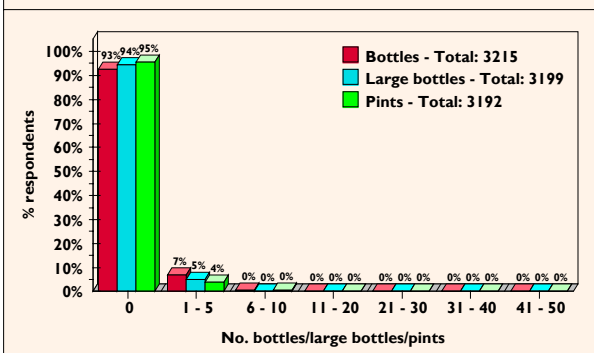
- At the time of the survey, just under four fifths (79%) of pupils had not drunk any measures /glasses of spirits in the past week (last 7 days).

Figure 74: At present, how often do you drink cider?



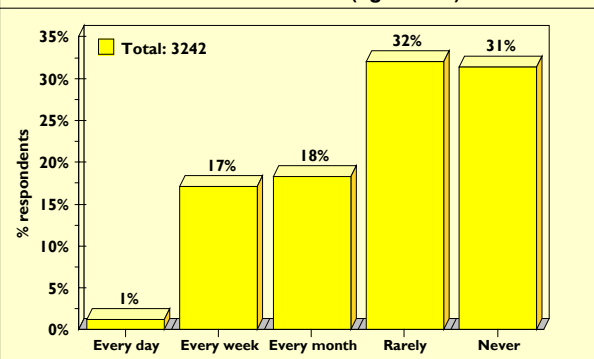
- Seventeen percent of pupils drink cider at least every month, 31% rarely drink it and just over half (51%) never drink it.

Figure 75: In the past week (last 7 days) how many bottles/large bottles/pints of cider have you drunk?



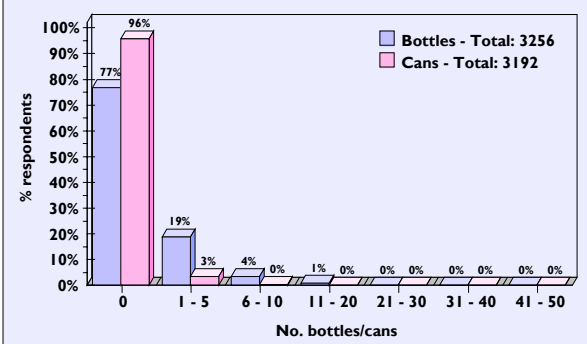
- At the time of the survey, 93% of pupils had not drunk any bottles, 94% had not drunk any large bottles and 95% had not drunk any pints of cider in the past week (last 7 days).

Figure 76: At present, how often do you drink alcopops or alcoholic lemonade (eg Hooch)?



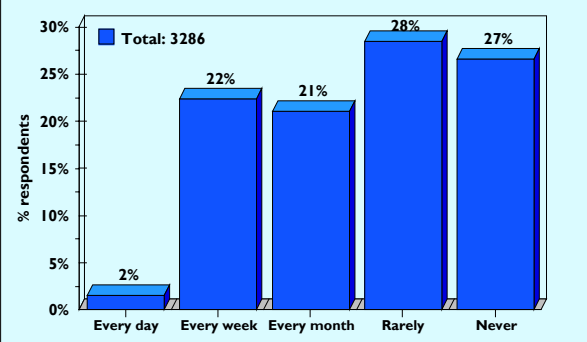
- Just under two fifths (37%) of pupils drink alcopops or alcoholic lemonade (eg Hooch) at least every month, 32% rarely drink it and just over half (31%) never drink it.

Figure 77: In the past week (last 7 days) how many bottles/cans of alcopops have you drunk?



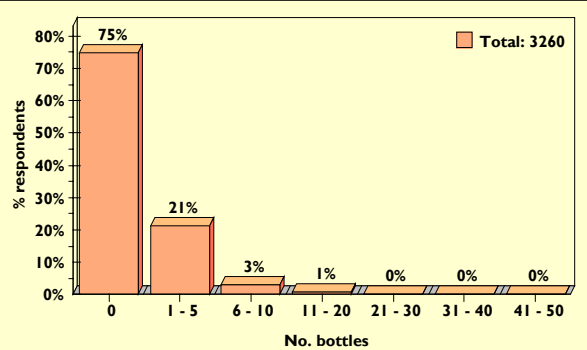
- At the time of the survey, 77% of pupils had not drunk any bottles and 96% had not drunk any cans of alcopops in the past week (last 7 days).

Figure 78: At present, how often do you drink spirit based mixers (eg Bacardi Breezer, Smirnoff Ice, Martini V2)?



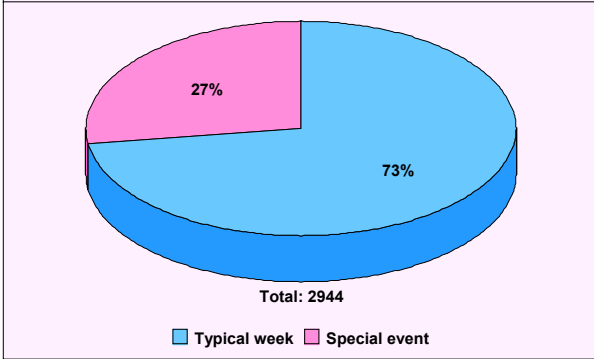
- Forty five percent of pupils drink spirit based mixers (eg Bacardi Breezer, Smirnoff Ice, Martini V2) at least every month, 28% rarely drink them and just over a quarter (27%) never drink them.

Figure 79: In the past week (last 7 days) how many bottles of spirit based mixers have you drunk?



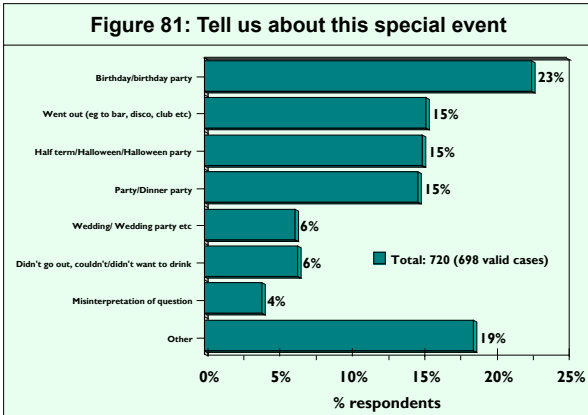
- At the time of the survey, three quarters of pupils had not drunk any bottles of spirit based mixers in the past week (last 7 days).

Figure 80: Was last week a typical week or was your drinking affected by a special event?



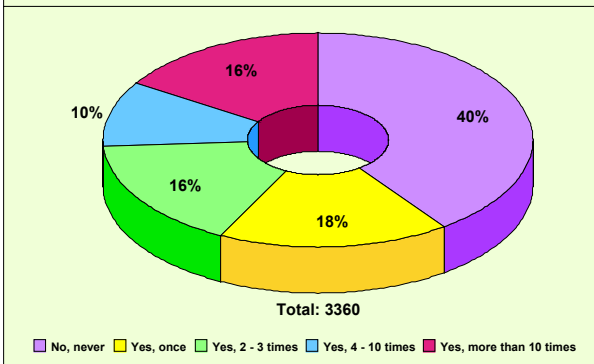
- Almost three quarters (73%) said that the last 7 days had been a typical week while the remainder said that their drinking had been affected by a special event.

Figure 81: Tell us about this special event



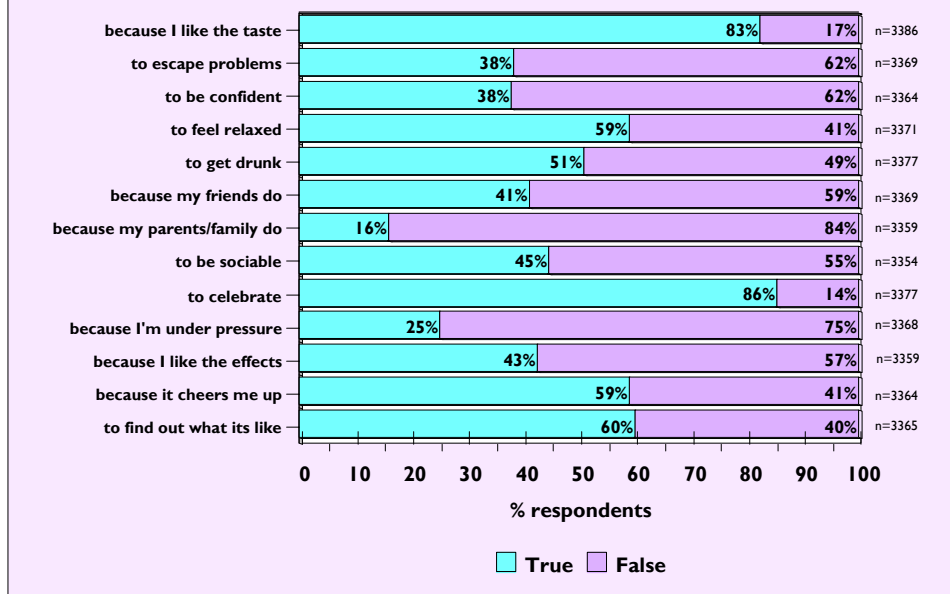
- Some of these special events included birthdays, weddings, half term holidays and various types of parties.
- A number of pupils indicated that they were saving money, didn't go out, had to play sport etc and so these circumstances influenced the amount of alcohol they drank.

Figure 82: Have you ever had so much alcohol that you were drunk?



- Three fifths of pupils, who have drunk alcohol, have had so much alcohol that they have been drunk on at least one occasion.

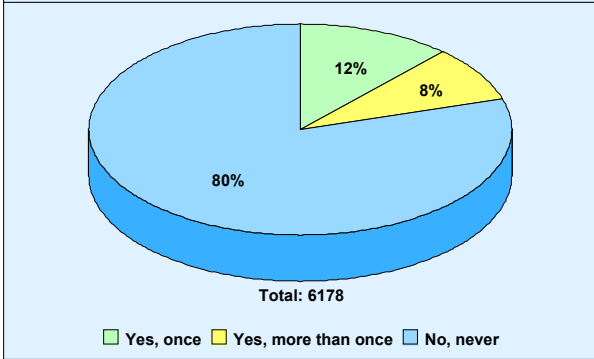
Figure 83: I drink alcohol...



- Eighty three percent of pupils drink alcohol because they like the taste.
- Thirty eight percent drink alcohol to escape problems.
- Thirty eight percent drink alcohol to be confident.
- Fifty nine percent drink alcohol to feel relaxed.
- Fifty one percent drink alcohol to get drunk.
- Forty one percent drink alcohol because their friends do.
- Sixteen percent drink alcohol because their parents or family do.
- Forty five percent drink alcohol to be sociable.
- Eighty six percent drink alcohol to celebrate.
- Twenty five percent drink alcohol because they're under pressure
- Forty three percent drink alcohol because they like the effects.
- Fifty nine percent drink alcohol because it cheers them up.
- Sixty percent drink alcohol to find out what its like.

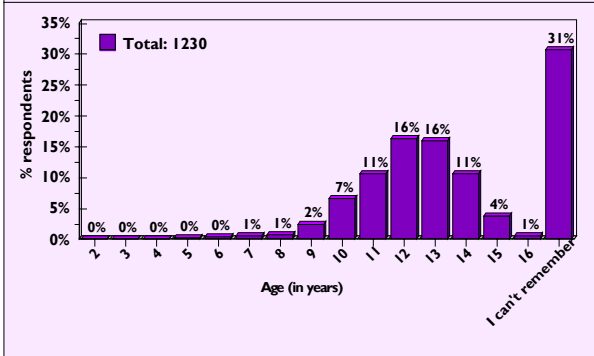
SOLVENTS

Figure 84: Have you ever been offered solvents to get high (like glue, Tippex, lighter fuel, petrol, gas etc)?



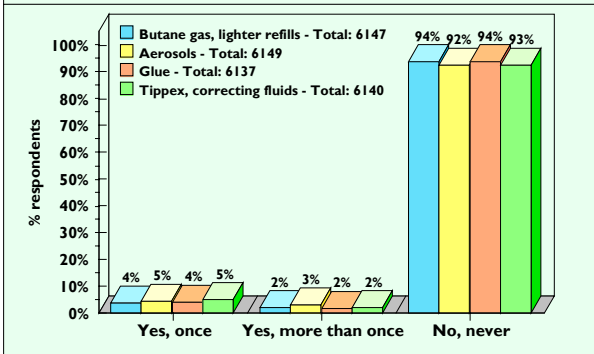
- Twelve percent of pupils have been offered solvents once to get high and 8% more than once.

Figure 85: What age were you the first time you were offered solvents to get high?



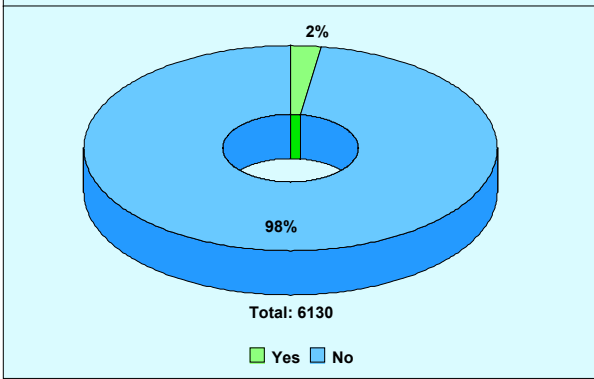
- Two percent of pupils have reported that they were 8 years of age or under the first time they were offered solvents to get high. Just under a third (31%) can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 67%, ages range from 9 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 12 years.

Figure 86: Have you ever used Butane gas, lighter refills/Aerosols/Glue/Tippex, correcting fluids to get high?



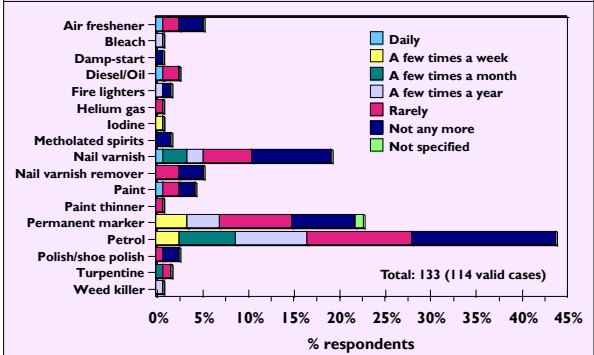
- Four percent of pupils claim to have used Butane gas or lighter refills once to get high and 2% more than once.
- Five percent of pupils claim to have used aerosols once to get high and 3% more than once.
- Four percent of pupils claim to have used glue once to get high and 2% more than once.
- Five percent of pupils claim to have used Tippex or correcting fluids once to get high and 2% more than once.

Figure 87: Have you used any other solvent(s) to get high?



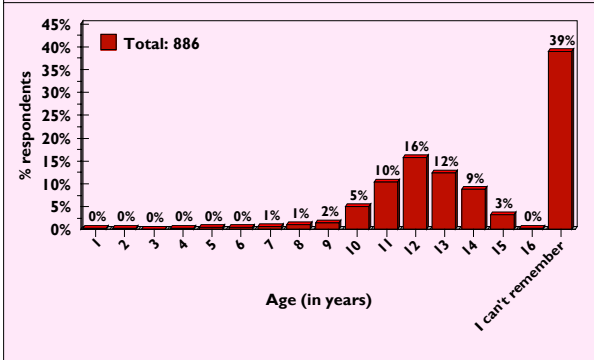
- Two percent of pupils have used at least one other solvent to get high.

Figure 88: What is the name of this other solvent and how often do you use it?



- Of these, 50 have used petrol followed by 26 who have used permanent marker and 22 who have used nail varnish.

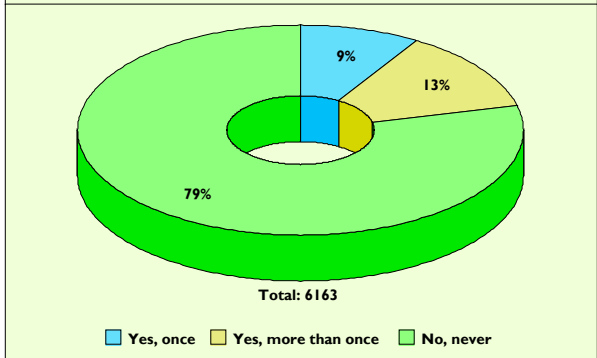
Figure 89: What age were you the first time you used solvents to get high?



- Two percent of pupils have reported that they were 7 years of age or under the first time they used solvents to get high. Just under two fifths (39%) can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 59%, ages range from 8 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 12 years.

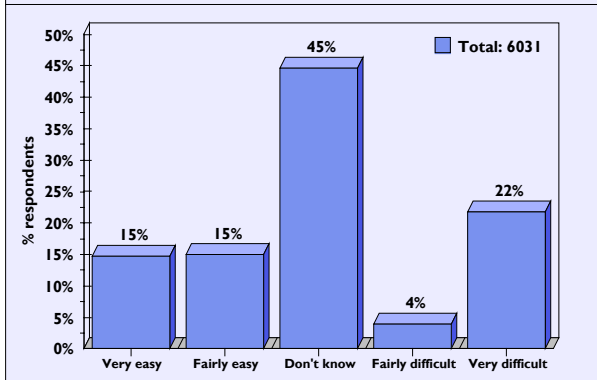
DRUGS

Figure 90: Have you ever been offered CANNABIS?



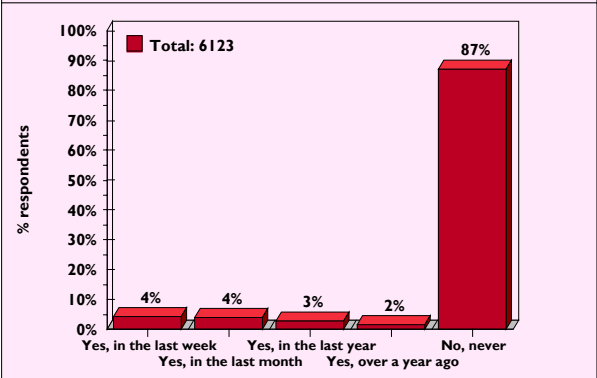
- Nine percent of pupils have been offered cannabis once and 13% have been offered it more than once.

Figure 91: How easy would it be to get some CANNABIS?



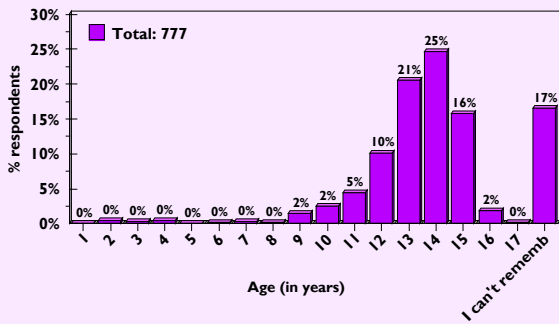
- Thirty percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some cannabis, 26% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 45% don't know.

Figure 92: Have you ever used or tried CANNABIS?



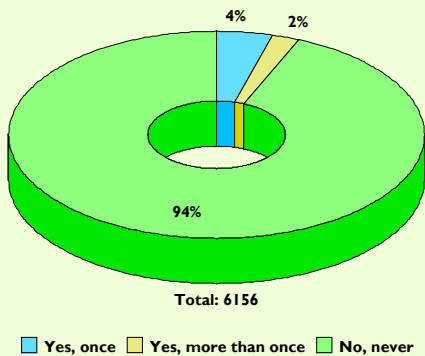
- Thirteen percent of pupils claim to have used or tried cannabis at some stage: 4% in the last week, 4% in the last month, 3% in the last year and 2% over a year ago.

Figure 93: What age were you the first time you used CANNABIS?



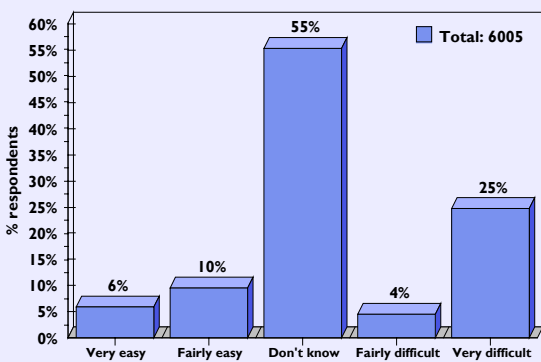
- Two percent of these pupils have reported that they were 8 years of age or under the first time they used cannabis. Seventeen percent can't remember the age they were and for the remainder, ages range from 9 years to 17 years. The modal age of pupils is 14 years.

Figure 94: Have you ever been offered SPEED?



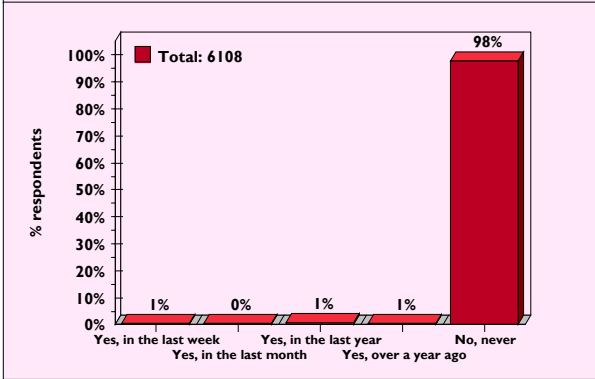
- Four percent of respondents have been offered speed once and 2% have been offered it more than once.

Figure 95: How easy would it be to get some SPEED?



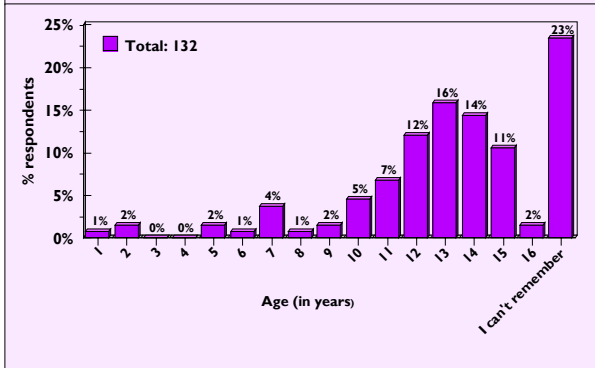
- Fifteen percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some speed, 29% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 55% don't know.

Figure 96: Have you ever used or tried SPEED?



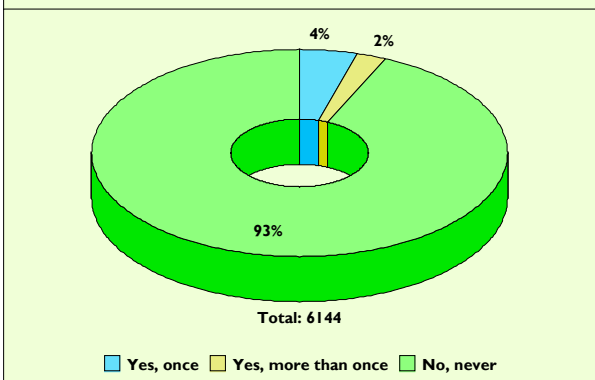
- Two percent of pupils claim to have used or tried speed at some stage: 33 (0.5%) in the last week, 25 (0.4%) in the last month, 47 (0.8%) in the last year and 39 (0.6%) over a year ago.

Figure 97: What age were you the first time you used SPEED?



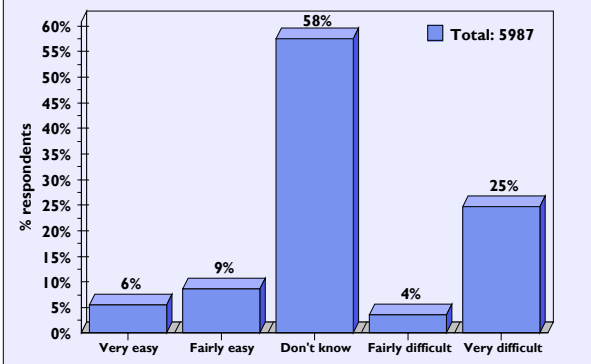
- Nine percent of these pupils have reported that they were 8 years of age or under the first time they used speed. Almost a quarter (23%) can't remember the age they were and for the remainder, ages range from 9 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 13 years.

Figure 98: Have you ever been offered LSD?



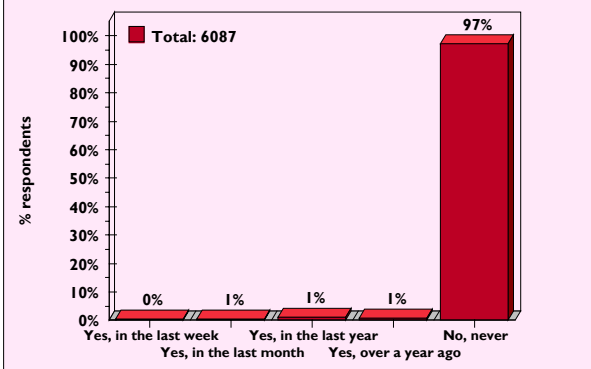
- Four percent of pupils have been offered LSD once and 2% have been offered it more than once.

Figure 99: How easy would it be to get some LSD?



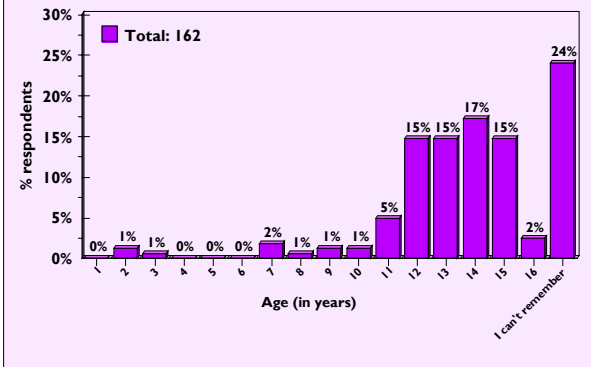
- Fourteen percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some LSD, 28% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 58% don't know.

Figure 100: Have you ever used or tried LSD?



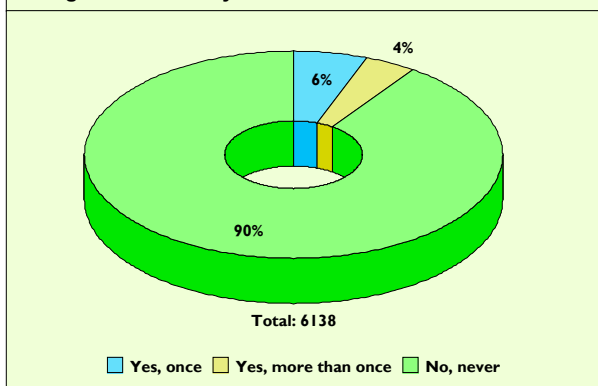
- Three percent of pupils claim to have used or tried LSD at some stage: 23 (0.4%) in the last week, 33 (0.5%) in the last month, 77 (1%) in the last year and 42 (0.7%) over a year ago.

Figure 101: What age were you the first time you used LSD?



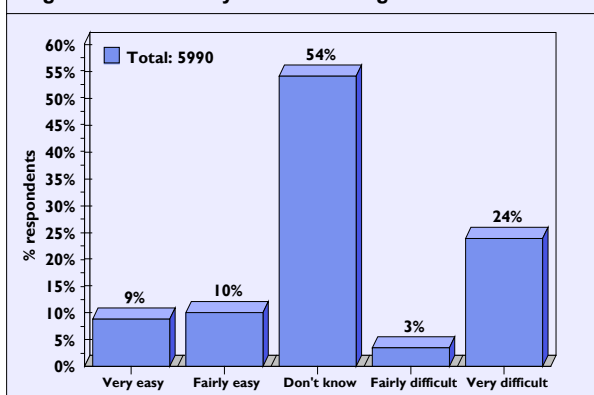
- Two percent of these pupils have reported that they were 3 years of age or under the first time they used LSD. Almost a quarter (24%) can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 74%, ages range from 7 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 14 years.

Figure 102: Have you ever been offered ECSTASY?



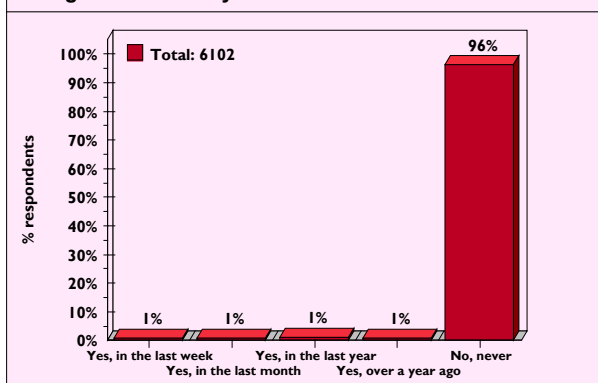
- Six percent of pupils have been offered ecstasy once and 4% have been offered it more than once.

Figure 103: How easy would it be to get some ECSTASY?



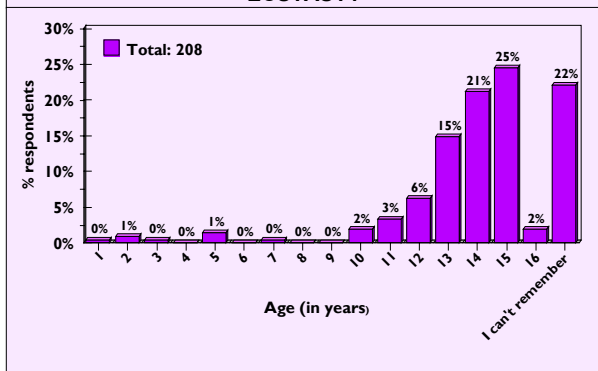
- Nineteen percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some ecstasy, 27% think it would be fairly difficult or difficult and 54% don't know.

Figure 104: Have you ever used or tried ECSTASY?



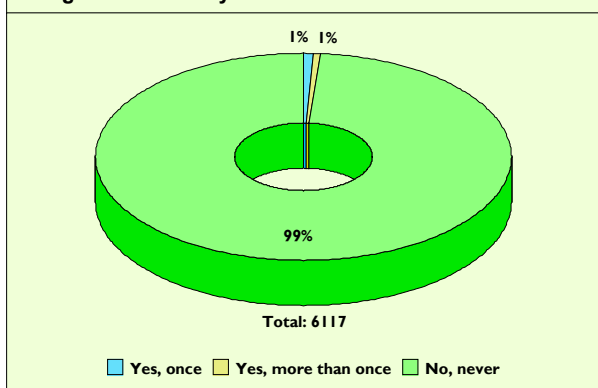
- Four percent of pupils claim to have used or tried ecstasy at some stage: 1% in the last week, 1% in the last month, 1% in the last year and 1% over a year ago.

Figure 105: What age were you the first time you used ECSTASY?



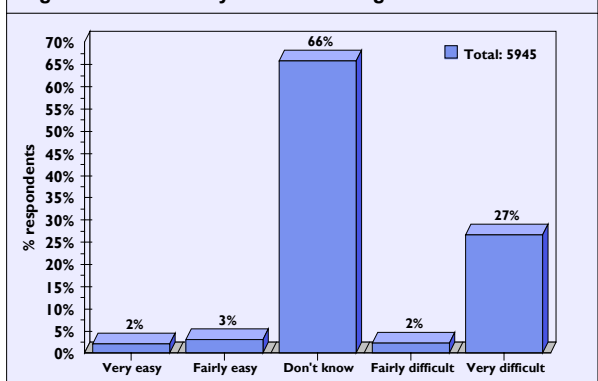
- Four percent of these pupils have reported that they were 7 years of age or under the first time they used ecstasy. Twenty two percent can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 74%, ages range from 10 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 15 years.

Figure 106: Have you ever been offered SEMERON?



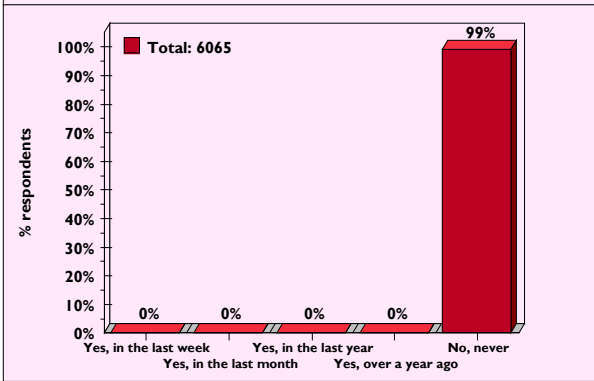
- One percent of pupils say they have been offered the fake drug 'semeron' at least once.

Figure 107: How easy would it be to get some SEMERON?



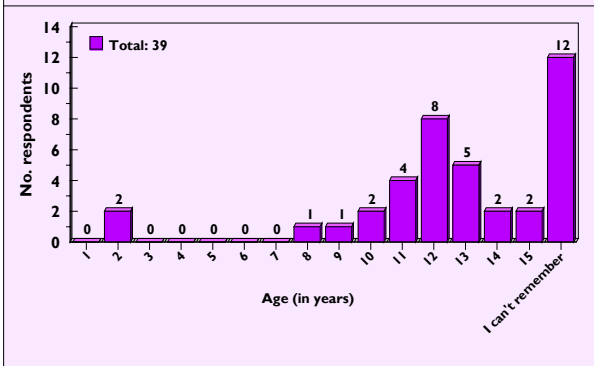
- Five percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some 'semeron', 29% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 66% don't know.

Figure 108: Have you ever used or tried SEMERON?



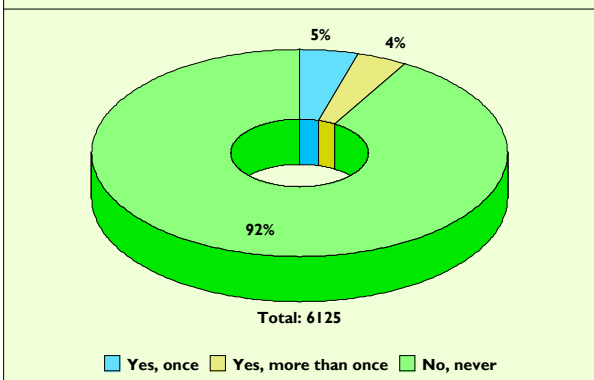
- One percent of pupils claim to have used or tried 'semeron' at some stage: 15 (0.2%) in the last week, 10 (0.2%) in the last month, 11 (0.2%) in the last year and 14 (0.2%) over a year ago.

Figure 109: What age were you the first time you used SEMERON?



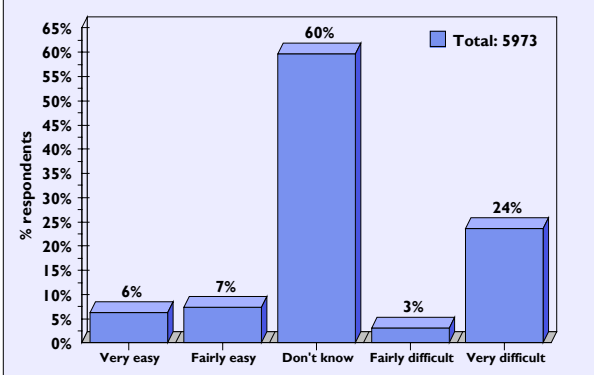
- Two of these respondents have reported that they were 2 years of age the first time they used 'semeron'. Twelve can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 25, ages range from 8 years to 15 years. The modal age of pupils is 12 years.

Figure 110: Have you ever been offered POPPERS?



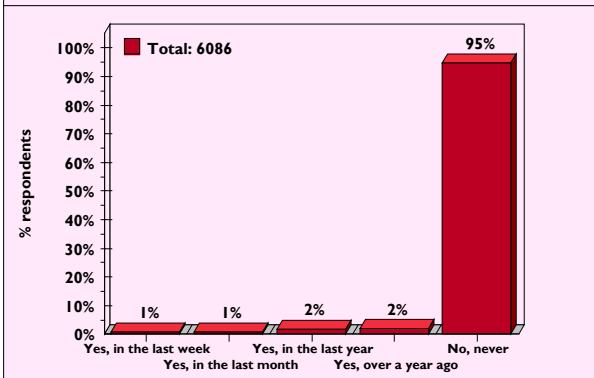
- Five percent of pupils have been offered poppers once and 4% have been offered them more than once.

Figure 111: How easy would it be to get some POPPERS?



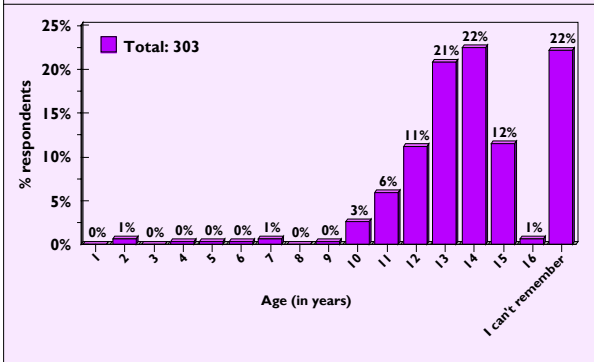
- Fourteen percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some poppers, 27% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 60% don't know.

Figure 112: Have you ever used or tried POPPERS?



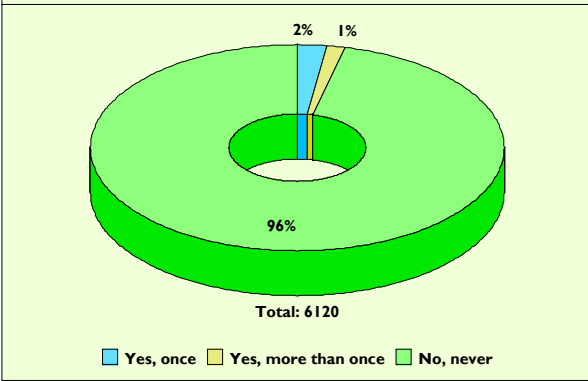
- Just over 5% of pupils claim to have used or tried poppers at some stage: 1% in the last week, 1% in the last month, 2% in the last year and 2% over a year ago.

Figure 113: What age were you the first time you used POPPERS?



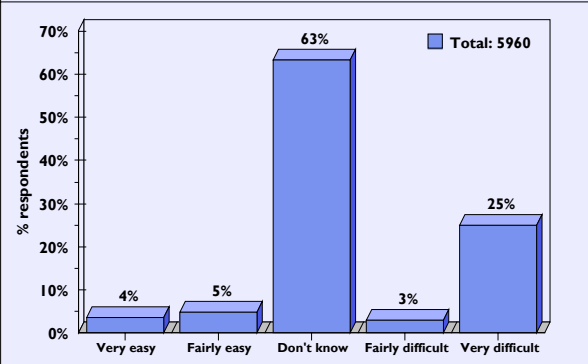
- Three percent of these pupils have reported that they were 9 years of age or under the first time they used poppers. Twenty two percent can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 75%, ages range from 10 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 14 years.

Figure 114: Have you ever been offered TRANQUILLISERS?



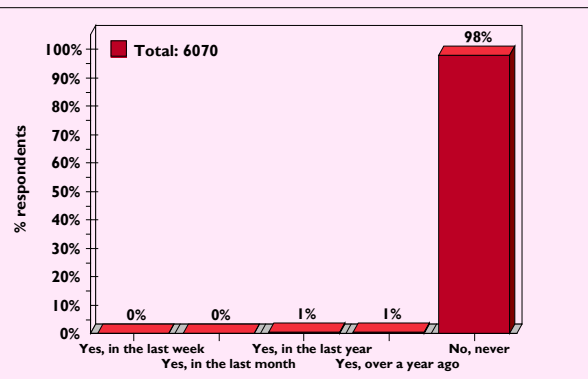
- Two percent of respondents have been offered tranquilisers once and 1% have been offered them more than once.

Figure 115: How easy would it be to get some TRANQUILLISERS?



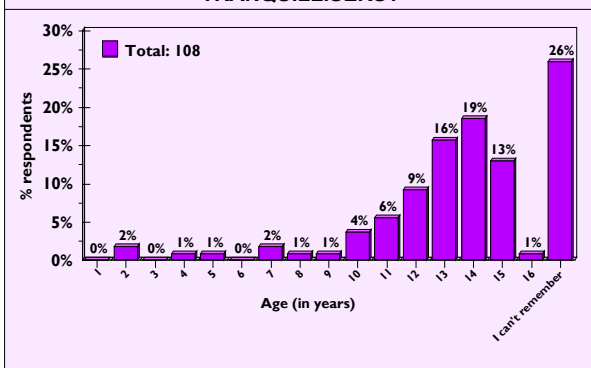
- Nine percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some tranquilisers, 28% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 63% don't know.

Figure 116: Have you ever used or tried TRANQUILLISERS?



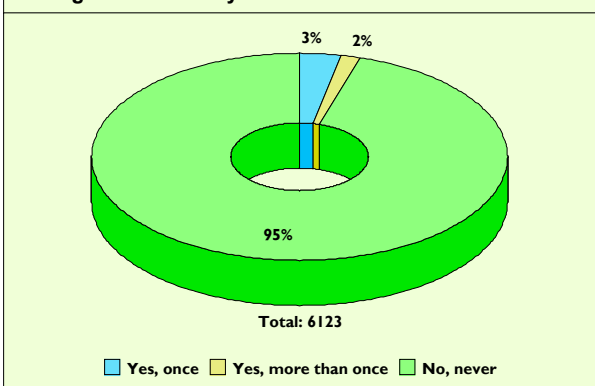
- Two percent of pupils claim to have used or tried tranquilisers at some stage: 20 (0.3%) in the last week, 20 (0.3%) in the last month, 41 (0.7%) in the last year and 43 (0.7%) over a year ago.

Figure 117: What age were you the first time you used TRANQUILLISERS?



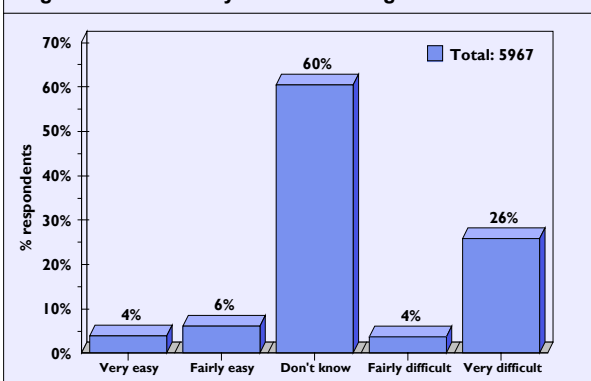
- Seven percent of these pupils have reported that they were 9 years of age or under the first time they used tranquilisers. Twenty six percent can't remember the age they were and for the remaining two thirds, ages range from 10 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 14 years.

Figure 118: Have you ever been offered HEROIN?



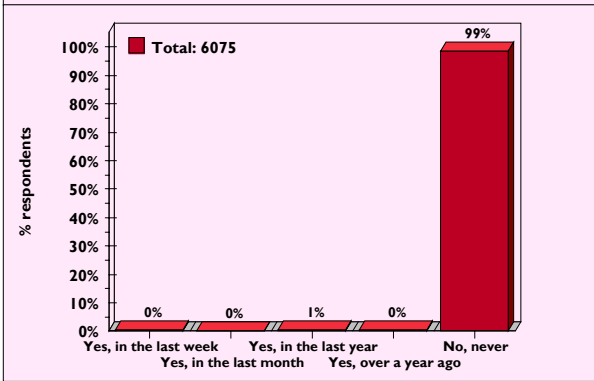
- Three percent of pupils have been offered heroin once and 2% have been offered it more than once.

Figure 119: How easy would it be to get some HEROIN?



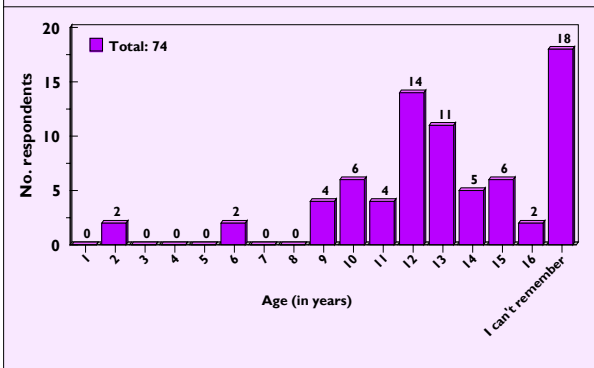
- Ten percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some heroin, 30% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 60% don't know.

Figure 120: Have you ever used or tried HEROIN?



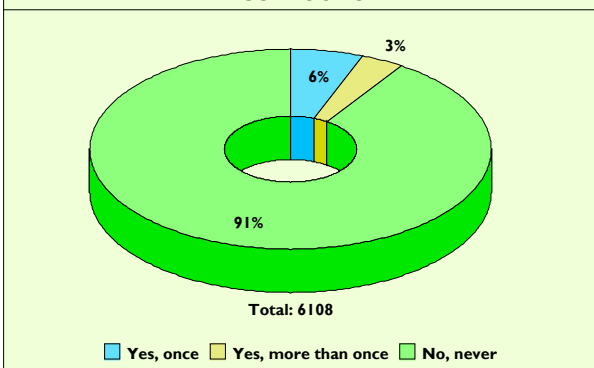
- One percent of pupils claim to have used or tried heroin at some stage: 23 (0.4%) in the last week, 12 (0.2%) in the last month, 32 (0.5%) in the last year and 20 (0.3%) over a year ago.

Figure 121: What age were you the first time you used HEROIN?



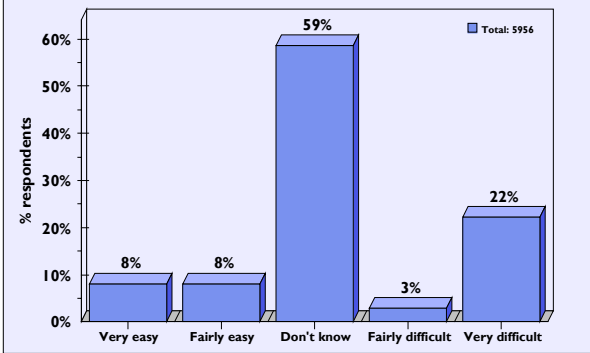
- Four of these pupils have reported that they were 6 years of age or under the first time they used heroin. Eighteen can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 52, ages range from 9 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 12 years.

Figure 122: Have you ever been offered MAGIC MUSHROOMS?



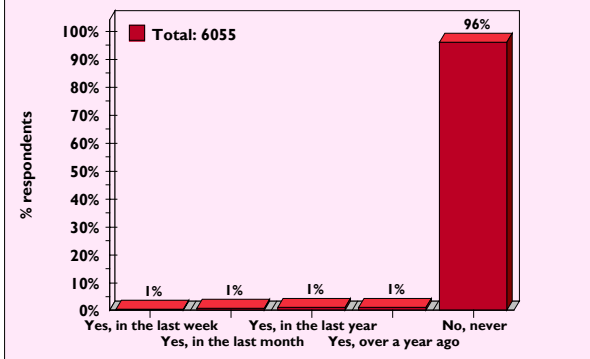
- Six percent of respondents have been offered magic mushrooms once and 3% have been offered them more than once.

Figure 123: How easy would it be to get some MAGIC MUSHROOMS?



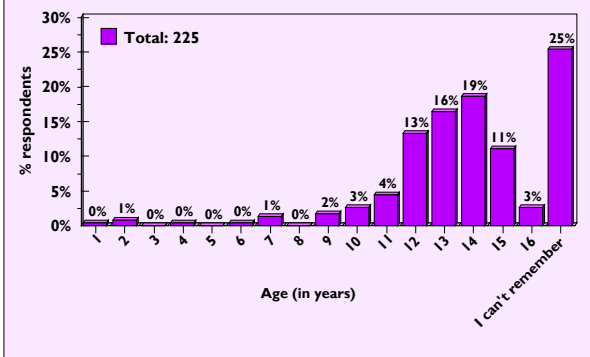
- Sixteen percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some magic mushrooms, 25% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 59% don't know.

Figure 124: Have you ever used or tried MAGIC MUSHROOMS?



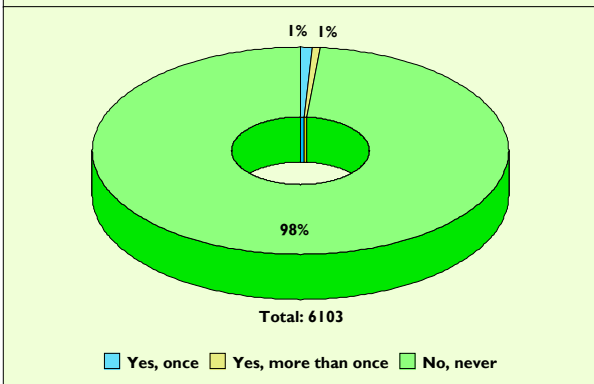
- Four percent of pupils claim to have used or tried magic mushrooms at some stage: 35 (1%) in the last week, 58 (1%) in the last month, 72 (1%) in the last year and 76 (1%) over a year ago.

Figure 125: What age were you the first time you used MAGIC MUSHROOMS?



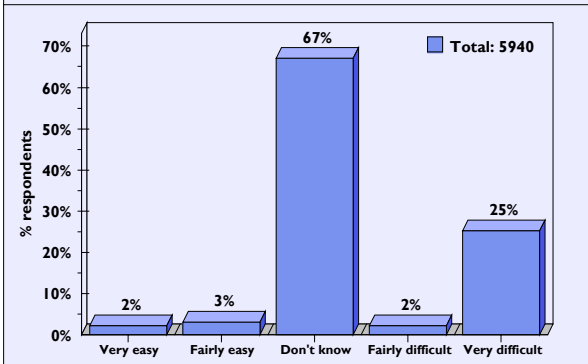
- Four percent of these pupils have reported that they were 7 years of age or under the first time they used magic mushrooms. A quarter can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 71%, ages range from 9 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 14 years.

Figure 126: Have you ever been offered METHADONE?



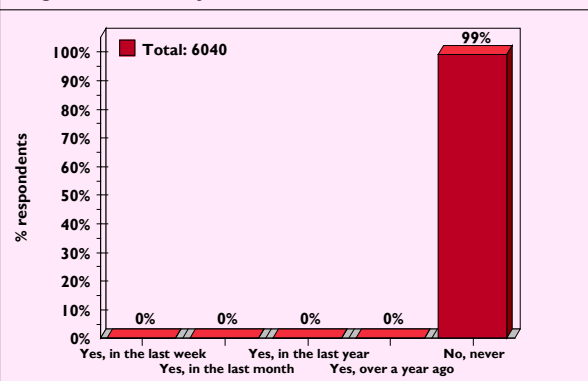
- One percent of pupils have been offered methadone once and 1% have been offered it more than once.

Figure 127: How easy would it be to get some METHADONE?



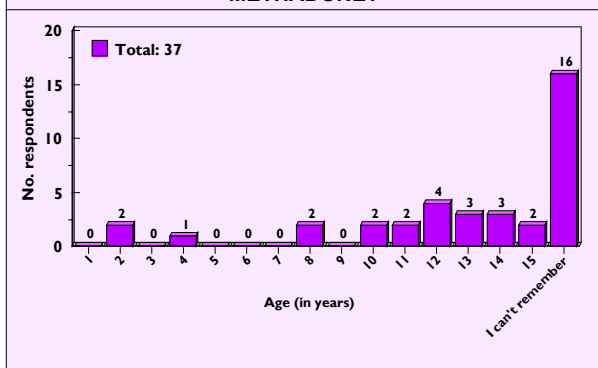
- Six percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some methadone, 27% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 67% don't know.

Figure 128: Have you ever used or tried METHADONE?



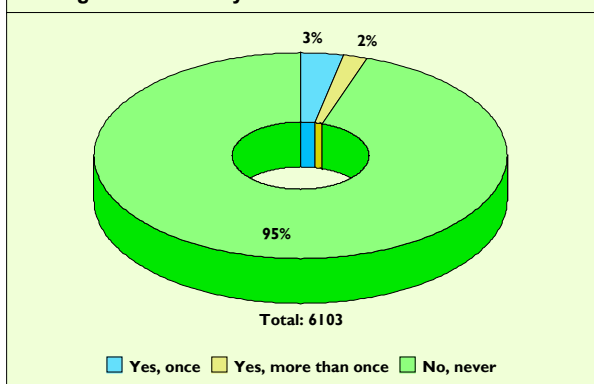
- One percent of pupils claim to have used or tried methadone at some stage: 16 (0.3%) in the last week, 5 (0.1%) in the last month, 15 (0.2%) in the last year and 14 (0.2%) over a year ago.

Figure 129: What age were you the first time you used METHADONE?



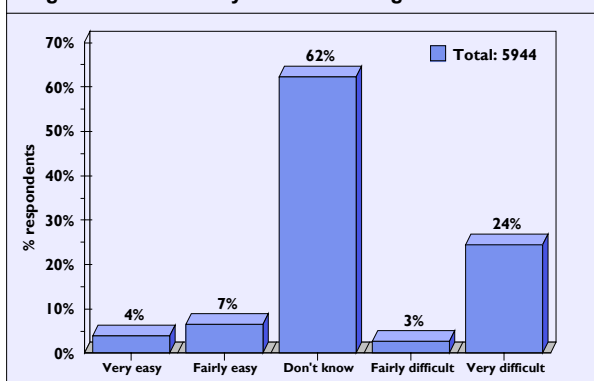
- Three of these pupils have reported that they were 4 years of age or under the first time they used methadone. Sixteen can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 18, ages range from 8 years to 15 years. The modal age of pupils is 12 years.

Figure 130: Have you ever been offered CRACK?



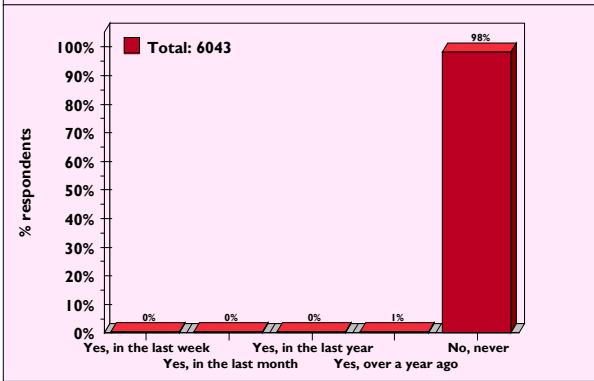
- Three percent of pupils have been offered crack once and 2% have been offered it more than once.

Figure 131: How easy would it be to get some CRACK?



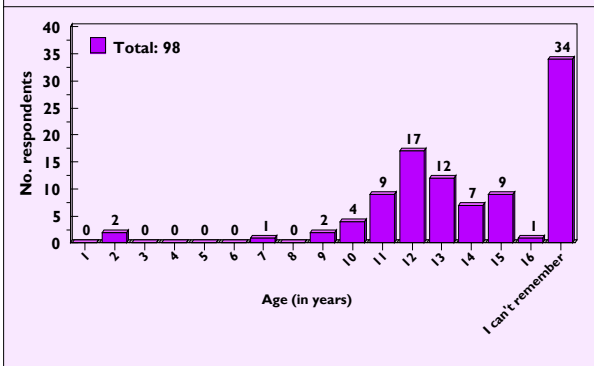
- Eleven percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some crack, 27% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 62% don't know.

Figure 132: Have you ever used or tried CRACK?



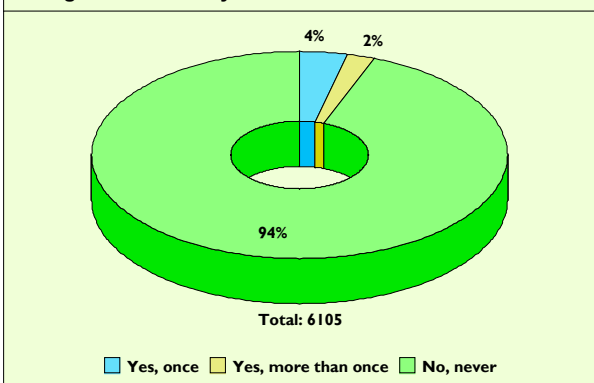
- Two percent of pupils claim to have used or tried crack at some stage: 26 (0.4%) in the last week, 25 (0.4%) in the last month, 24 (0.4%) in the last year and 38 (0.6%) over a year ago.

Figure 133: What age were you the first time you used CRACK?



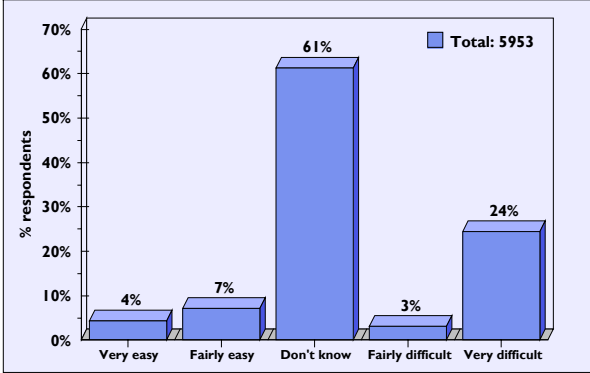
- Three of these pupils have reported that they were 7 years of age or under the first time they used crack. Thirty four can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 61, ages range from 9 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 12 years.

Figure 134: Have you ever been offered COCAINE?



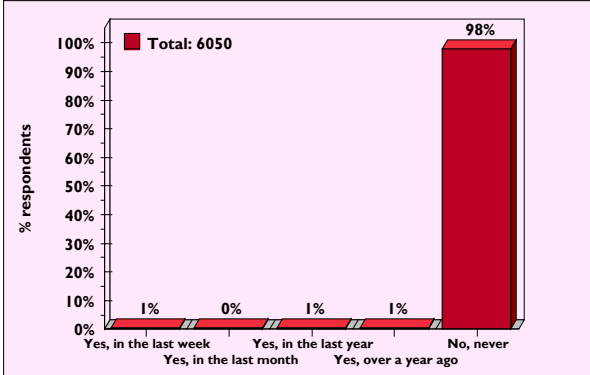
- Four percent of pupils have been offered cocaine once and 2% have been offered it more than once.

Figure 135: How easy would it be to get some COCAINE?



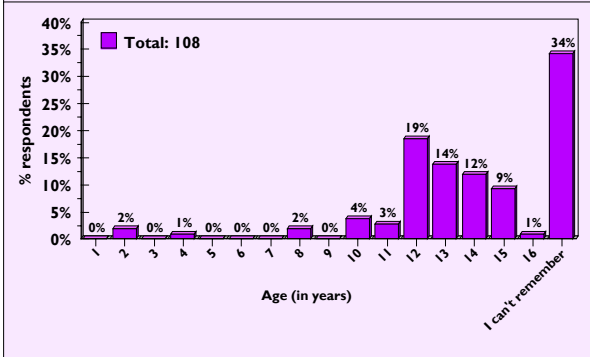
- Eleven percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some cocaine, 28% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 61% don't know.

Figure 136: Have you ever used or tried COCAINE?



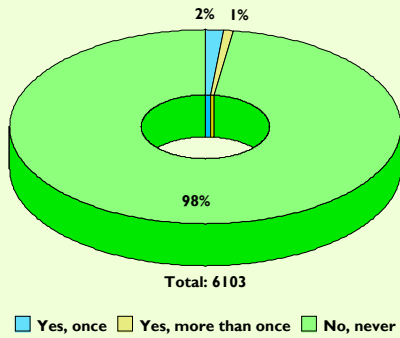
- Two percent of pupils claim to have used or tried cocaine at some stage: 33 (0.5%) in the last week, 21 (0.3%) in the last month, 34 (0.6%) in the last year and 35 (0.6%) have used or tried it over a year ago.

Figure 137: What age were you the first time you used COCAINE?



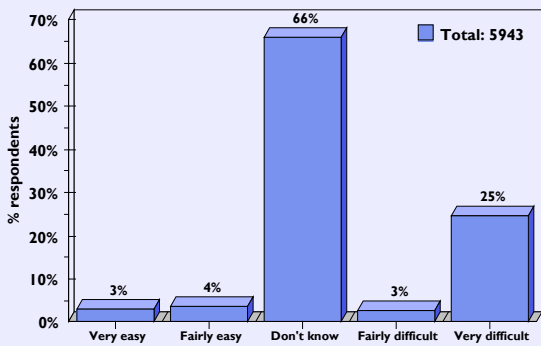
- Five percent of these pupils have reported that they were 8 years of age or under the first time they used cocaine. Thirty four percent can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 61%, ages range from 10 years to 16 years. The modal age of pupils is 12 years.

Figure138: Have you ever been offered ANABOLIC STEROIDS?



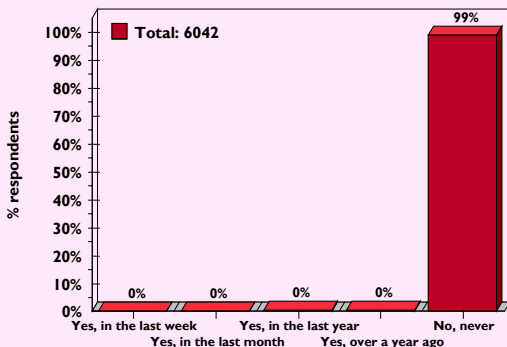
- Two percent of the respondents have been offered anabolic steroids once and 1% have been offered them more than once.

Figure 139: How easy would it be to get some ANABOLIC STEROIDS?



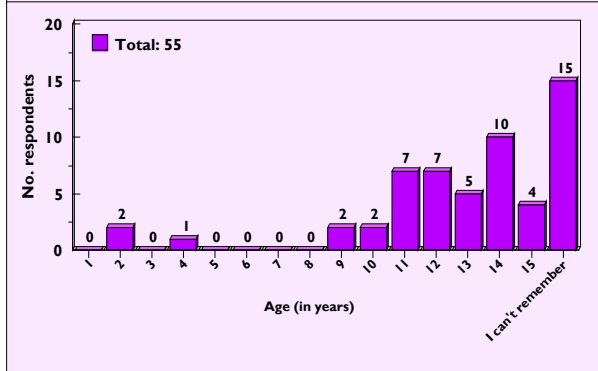
- Seven percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some anabolic steroids, 27% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 66% don't know.

Figure 140: Have you ever used or tried ANABOLIC STEROIDS?



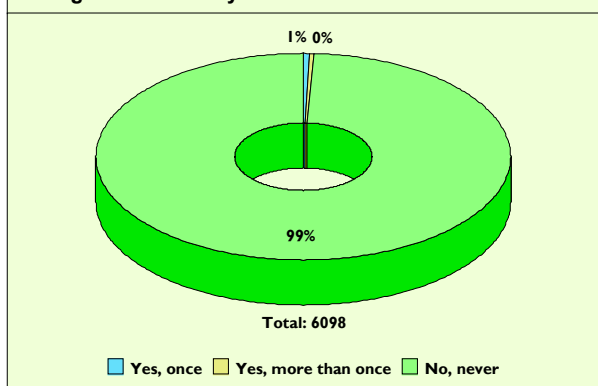
- One percent of pupils claim to have used or tried anabolic steroids at some stage: 15 (0.2%) in the last week, 11 (0.2%) in the last month, 20 (0.3%) in the last year and 21 (0.3%) over a year ago.

Figure 141: What age were you the first time you used ANABOLIC STEROIDS?



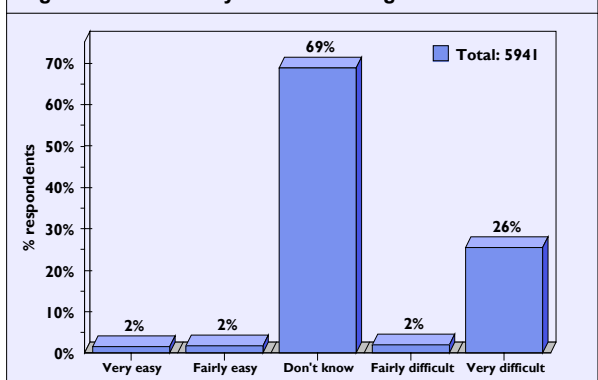
- Three of these pupils have reported that they were 4 years of age or under the first time they used anabolic steroids. Fifteen can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 37, ages range from 9 years to 15 years. The modal age of pupils is 14 years.

Figure 142: Have you ever been offered NUBANE?



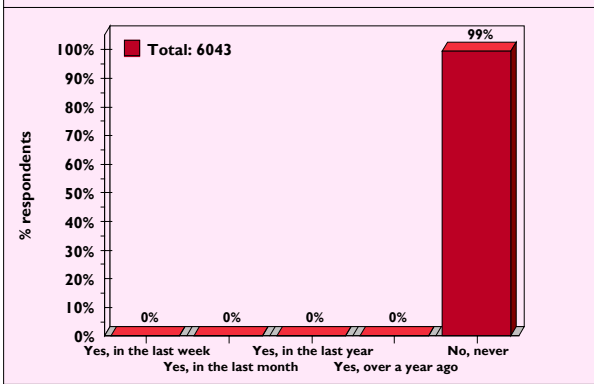
- One percent of pupils have been offered nubane at least once.

Figure 143: How easy would it be to get some NUBANE?



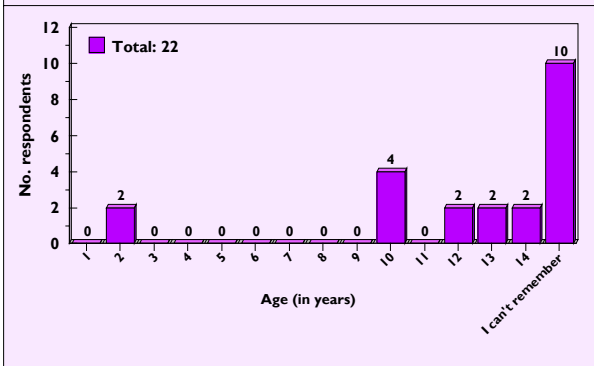
- Four percent think it would be fairly easy or very easy to get some nubane, 28% think it would be fairly difficult or very difficult and 69% don't know.

Figure 144: Have you ever used or tried NUBANE?



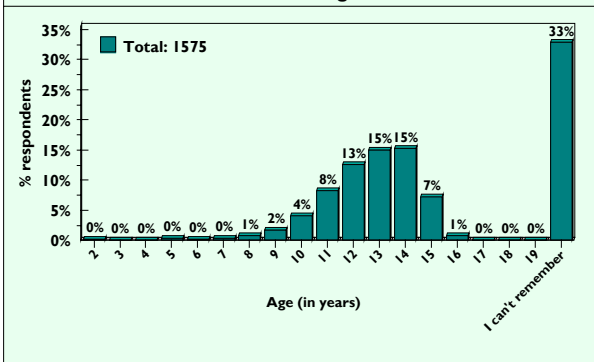
- Less than 1% of pupils claim to have used or tried nubane at some stage: 11 (0.2%) pupils in the last week, 6 (0.1%) in the last month, 7 (0.1%) in the last year and 9 (0.1%) over a year ago.

Figure 145: What age were you the first time you used NUBANE?



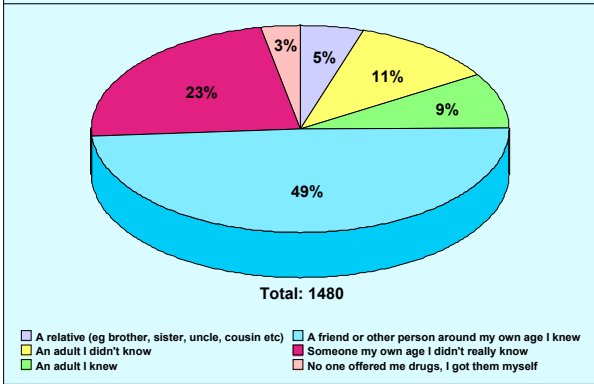
- Two pupils have reported that they were 2 years of age the first time they used nubane. Ten can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 10, ages range from 10 years to 14 years. The modal age of pupils is 10 years.

Figure 146: What age were you the first time you were offered drugs?



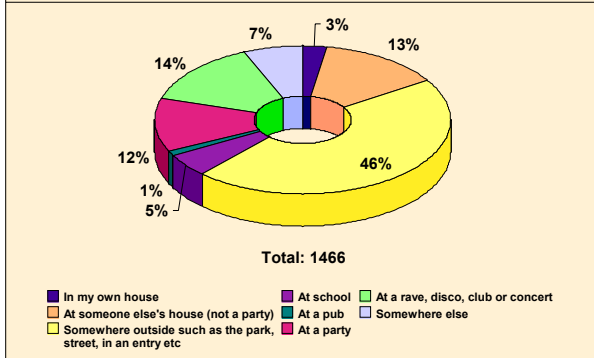
- One percent of pupils have reported that they were 7 years of age or under and one pupil says that they were 19 the first time they were offered drugs. Almost a third (33%) can't remember the age they were and for the remaining 66%, ages range from 8 years to 17 years. The modal age of pupils is 14 years.

Figure 147: Who offered drugs to you the first time?



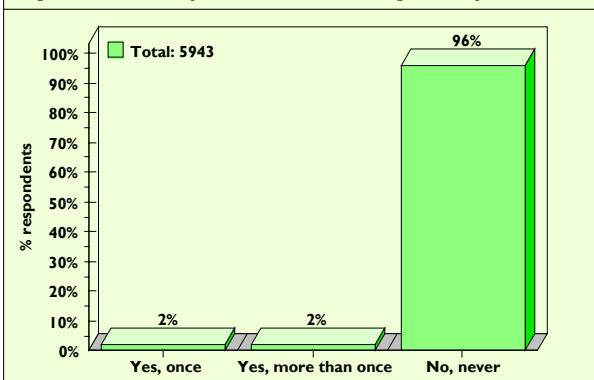
- Of those who have been offered drugs, almost half (49%) were offered them the first time by a friend or other person around their own age they knew. Over a fifth (23%) were offered them by someone their own age they didn't really know.

Figure 148: Where were you the first time you were offered drugs?



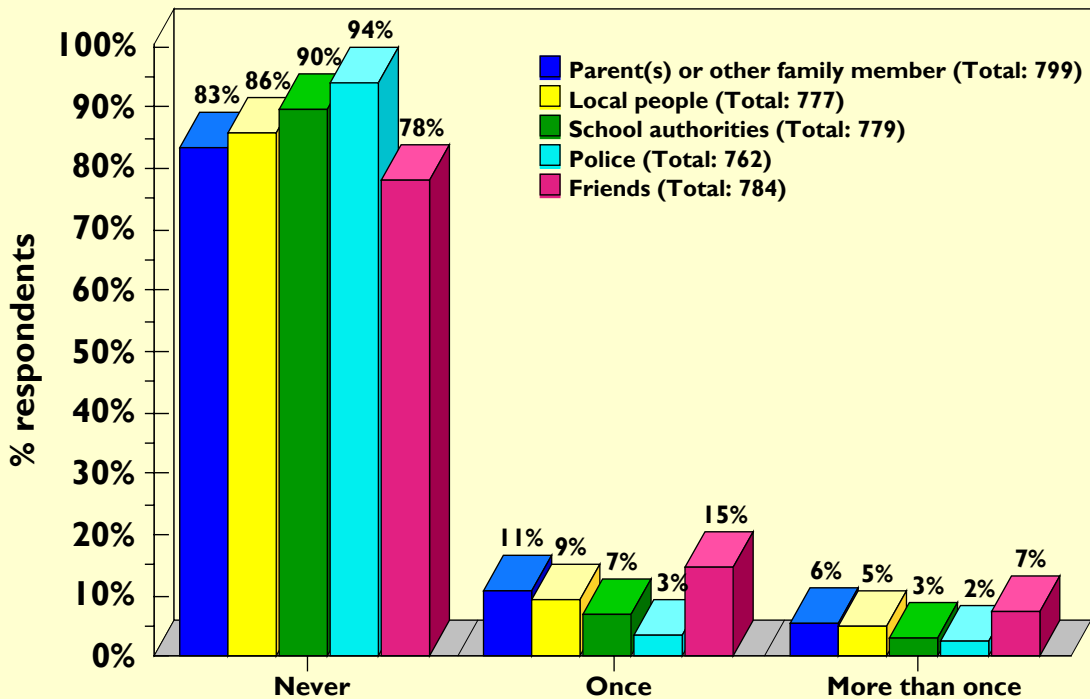
- Forty six percent of pupils were somewhere outside such as the park, street or in an entry etc the first time they were offered drugs and 27% were at a pub, party, rave, disco, club or concert.

Figure 149: Have you ever offered drugs to anyone else?



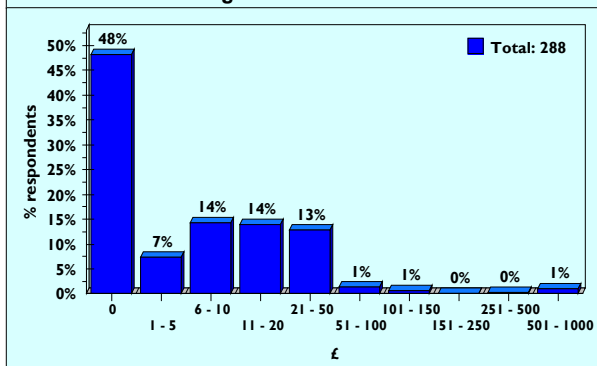
- Two percent of respondents have offered drugs to someone else once and 2% more than once.

Figure 150: Have you ever been in trouble with the following people because of having used or tried drugs?



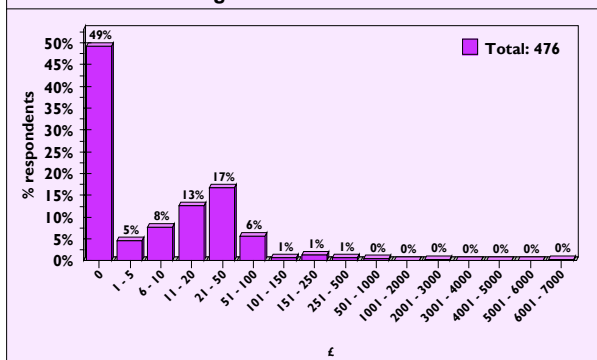
- Eleven percent of pupils have been in trouble once with their parent(s) or other family member because of having used or tried drugs and 6% have been in trouble more than once.
- Nine percent have been in trouble once with local people because of having used or tried drugs and 5% have been in trouble more than once.
- Seven percent have been in trouble once with the school authorities because of having used or tried drugs and 3% have been in trouble more than once.
- Three percent have been in trouble once with the police because of having used or tried drugs and 2% have been in trouble more than once.
- Fifteen percent have been in trouble once with friends because of having used or tried drugs and 7% have been in trouble more than once.

Figure 151: How much do you think you have spent on drugs in the last week?



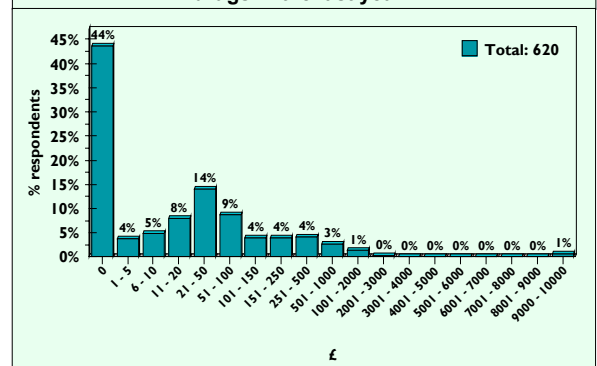
- Almost half (48%) of those who have taken drugs in the last week did not spend any money on drugs in the last week. Seven percent spent £1 - £5, 14% spent £6 - £10, 14% spent £11 - £20, 13% spent £21 - £50 and 1% spent £51 - £100. Two percent reported that they spent over £100.

Figure 152: How much do you think you have spent on drugs in the last month?



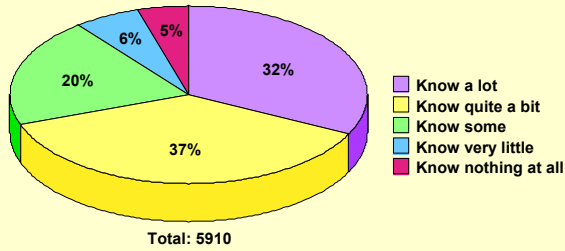
- Just under half (49%) of those who have taken drugs in the last month at least did not spend any money on drugs in the last month. A quarter spent £1 - £20, and 22% spent £21 - £100. Three percent reported that they spent more than £100.

Figure 153: How much do you think you have spent on drugs in the last year?



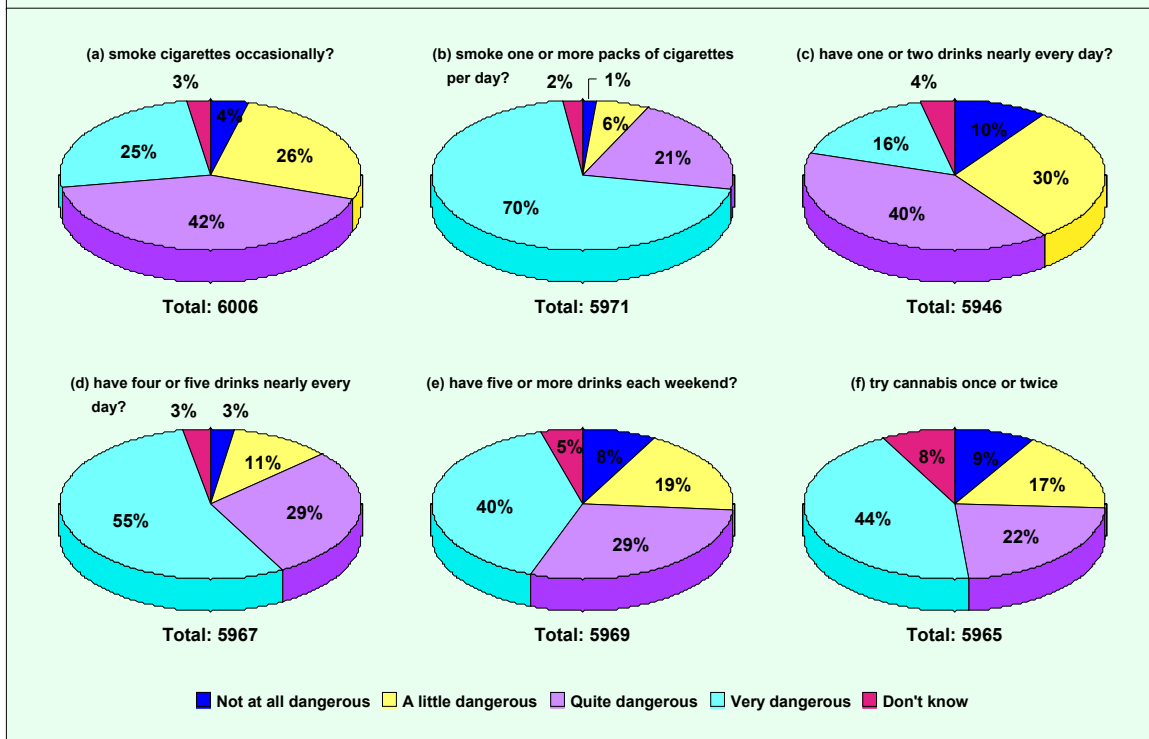
- Forty four percent of those who have taken drugs in the last year at least did not spend any money on drugs in the last year. Seventeen percent spent £1 - £20, 23% spent £21 - £100 and 15% spent £101 - £1000. Three percent reported to have spent more than £1000.

Figure 154: How much do you know about the effects/risks of taking drugs?



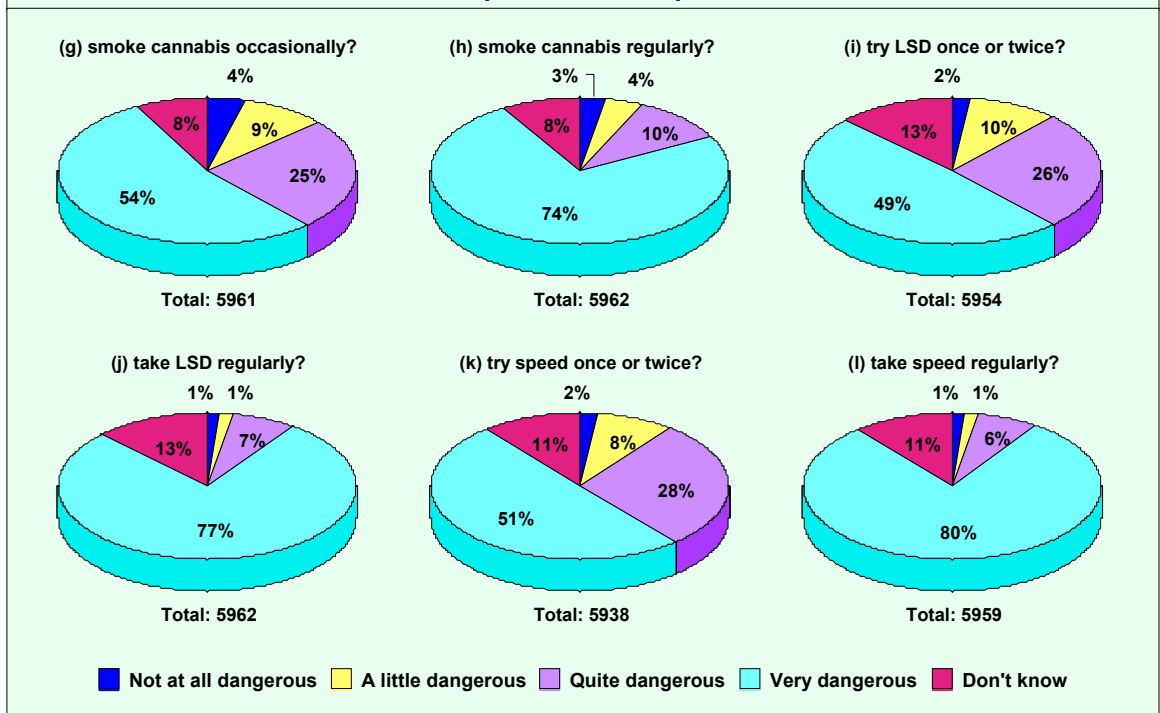
- Just under a third (32%) of pupils know a lot about the effects/risks of taking drugs, 37% know quite a bit, 20% know some, 6% know very little and 5% know nothing at all.

Figure 155a: How dangerous do you think it is for people to...



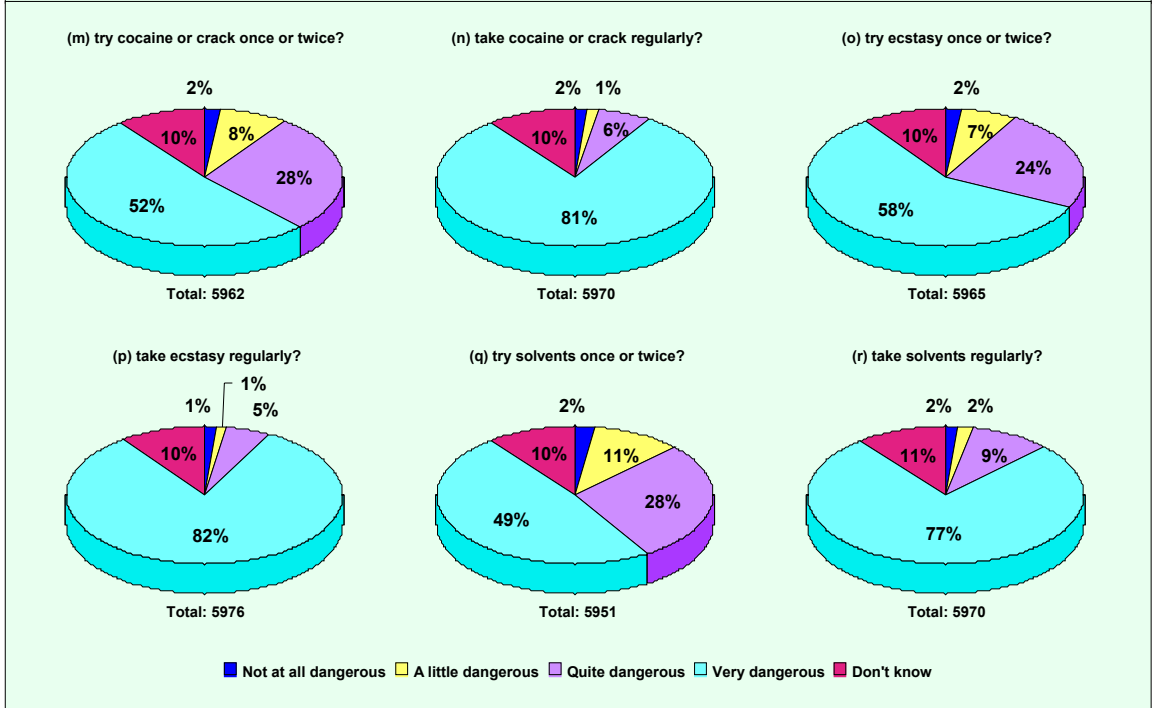
- Approximately two thirds (67%) of pupils think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to smoke cigarettes occasionally.
- Ninety one percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day.
- Over half (56%) of pupils think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to have one or two drinks nearly every day.
- Eighty four percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to have four or five drinks nearly every day.
- Sixty nine percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to have five or more drinks each weekend.
- Almost two thirds (66%) think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to try cannabis once or twice.

**Figure 155b: How dangerous do you think it is for people to...
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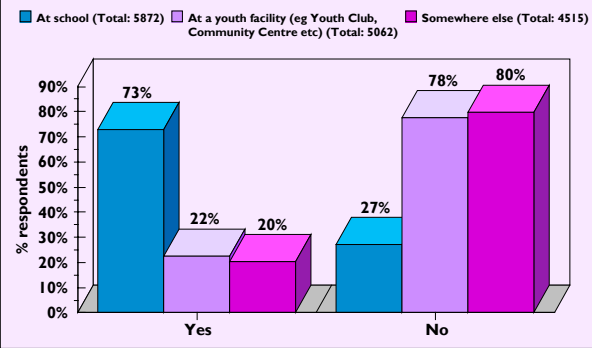
- Seventy nine percent of pupils think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to smoke cannabis occasionally.
- Eighty five percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to smoke cannabis regularly.
- Three quarters of pupils think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to try LSD once or twice.
- Eighty five percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to take LSD regularly.
- Seventy nine percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to try speed once or twice.
- Eighty six percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to take speed regularly.

**Figure 155c: How dangerous do you think it is for people to...
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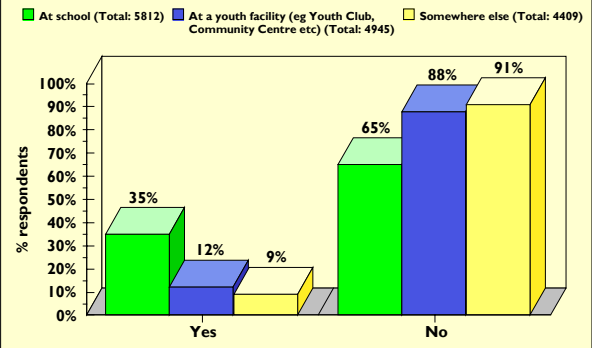
- Approximately four fifths of pupils think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to try cocaine or crack once or twice.
- Eighty seven percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to take cocaine or crack regularly.
- Eighty two percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to try ecstasy once or twice.
- Eighty seven percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to take ecstasy regularly.
- Just over three quarters (77%) of pupils think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to try solvents once or twice.
- Eighty six percent think it is quite dangerous or very dangerous to take solvents regularly.

Figure 156: Have you ever had any type of drug education in the last school year?



- In the last school year, 73% of pupils have had drug education in at school, 22% at a youth facility (eg youth club, community centre etc) and 20% somewhere else. Other sources include family and friends, TV, church and related organisations (eg GB/BB/Scouts etc), sports clubs, conferences and posters.

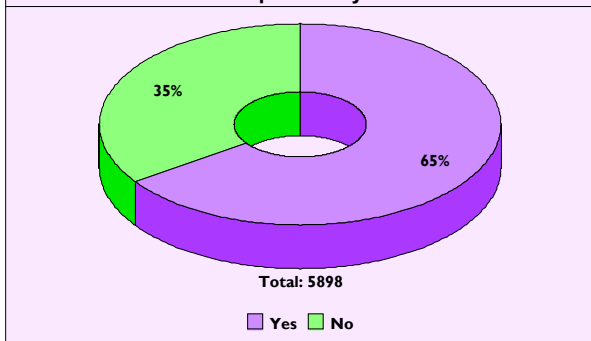
Figure 157: Have you ever had any type of drug education in this school term?



- In this school term, 35% of pupils have had drug education at school, 12% at a youth facility (eg youth club, community centre etc) and 9% somewhere else. Other sources are as those mentioned above.

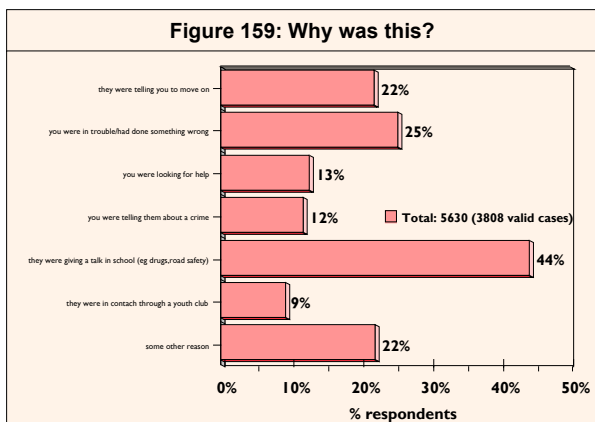
POLICING

Figure 158: Have you ever spoken to a police officer in Northern Ireland or has a police officer in Northern Ireland ever spoken to you?



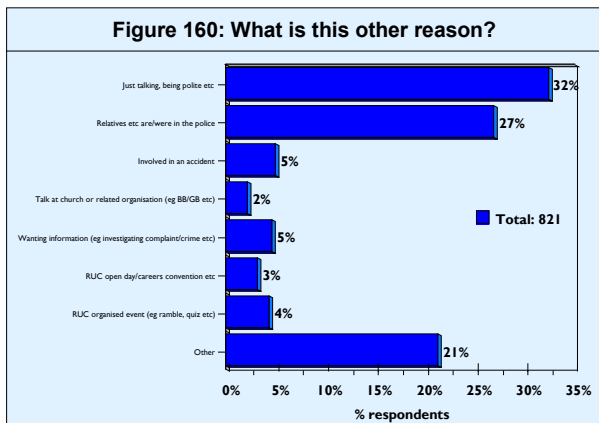
- Sixty five percent of pupils have spoken to or been spoken to by a police officer in Northern Ireland.

Figure 159: Why was this?



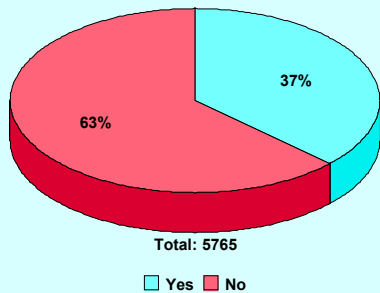
- Of these, 22% were being told to move on, 25% were in trouble or had done something wrong, 13% were looking for help, 12% were telling them about a crime, 44% attended a talk in school (eg on drugs or road safety), 9% were in contact with them through a youth club and 22% for another reason.

Figure 160: What is this other reason?



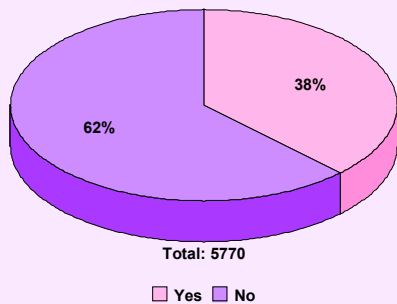
- Some of these other reasons are as follows: 32% said they were being friendly or polite, 27% are related to or know someone who was/is in the police, 5% were involved in some kind of accident, 2% were given a talk at church or related organisation, 5% were asked for information concerning a crime or complaint, 3% attended an RUC open day or careers convention and 4% were at an event organised by the RUC such as a ramble or quiz.

Figure 161: Have you ever been really pleased about the way a police officer in Northern Ireland behaved towards you (or someone you know) or about how the police handled a matter in which you were involved?



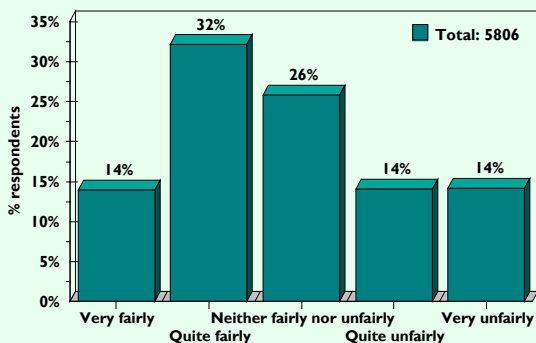
- Thirty seven percent of pupils have been really pleased about the way a police officer in Northern Ireland behaved towards them (or someone they know) or about the way the police handled a matter in which they were involved.

Figure 162: Have you ever been really annoyed about the way a police officer in Northern Ireland behaved towards you (or someone you know) or about how the police handled a matter in which you were involved?



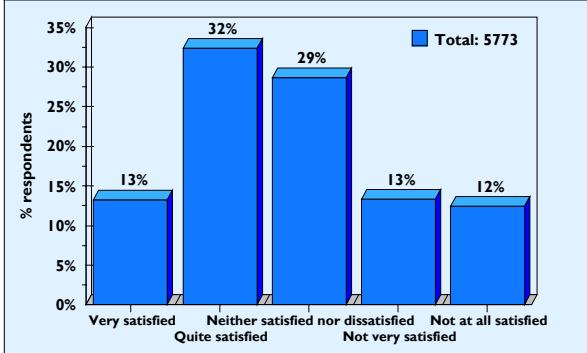
- Just under two fifths (38%) of pupils have been really annoyed about the way a police officer in Northern Ireland behaved towards them (or someone they know) or about the way the police handled a matter in which they were involved.

Figure 163: How fairly do you think the police in Northern Ireland treat young people?



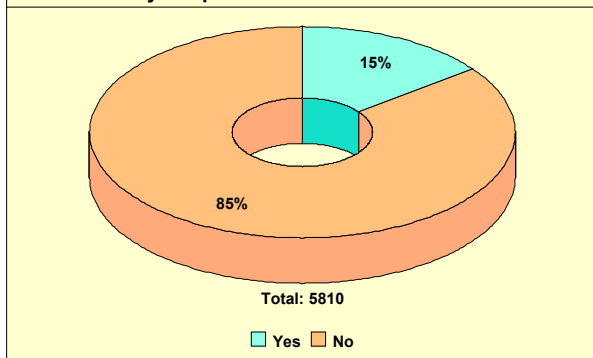
- Fourteen percent of respondents think the police in Northern Ireland treat young people very fairly, 32% think quite fairly, 14% think quite unfairly while 14% think they treat them very unfairly.

Figure 164: In general, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the police in Northern Ireland do their job?



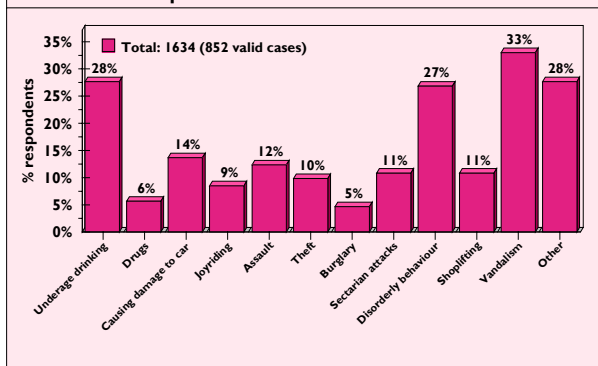
- Thirteen percent of respondents are very satisfied with the way the police in Northern Ireland do their job, 32% are quite satisfied, 13% are not very satisfied while 12% are not at all satisfied.

Figure 165: Have you ever been arrested (or cautioned) by the police in Northern Ireland?



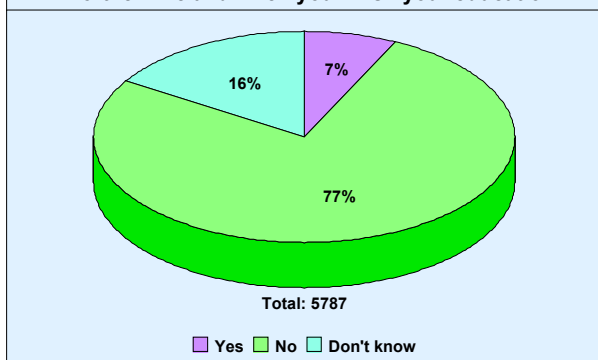
- Fifteen percent of pupils have been arrested (or cautioned) by the police in Northern Ireland.

Figure 166: Why were you arrested (or cautioned) by the police in Northern Ireland?



- Of these, 33% were arrested (or cautioned) by the police for vandalism, 28% for underage drinking, 27% for disorderly behaviour, 14% for causing damage to cars, 12% for assault, 11% for sectarian attacks, 11% for shoplifting, 10% for theft, 9% for joyriding, 6% for drugs and 5% for burglary.
- Pupils offered a wide range of other reasons as to why they were arrested (or cautioned) by the police. The main ones are as follows: 6% for arson or lighting fires, 18% for fireworks/bangers, 6% for trespassing, 9% for throwing objects (eg bricks, stones etc), 5% for calling police names or giving rude gestures and 5% for fighting.

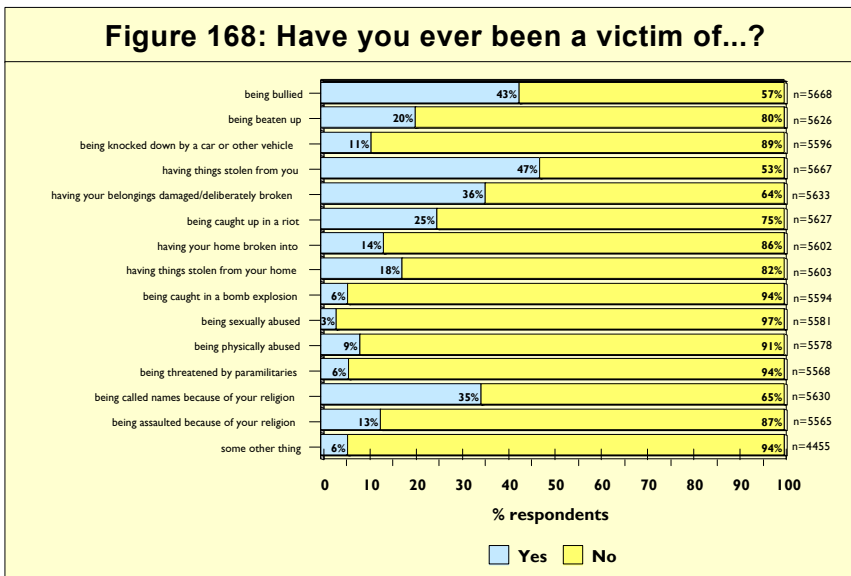
Figure 167: Would you be interested in joining the police in Northern Ireland when you finish your education?



- Seven percent of pupils would be interested in joining the police service in Northern Ireland when they finish their education.

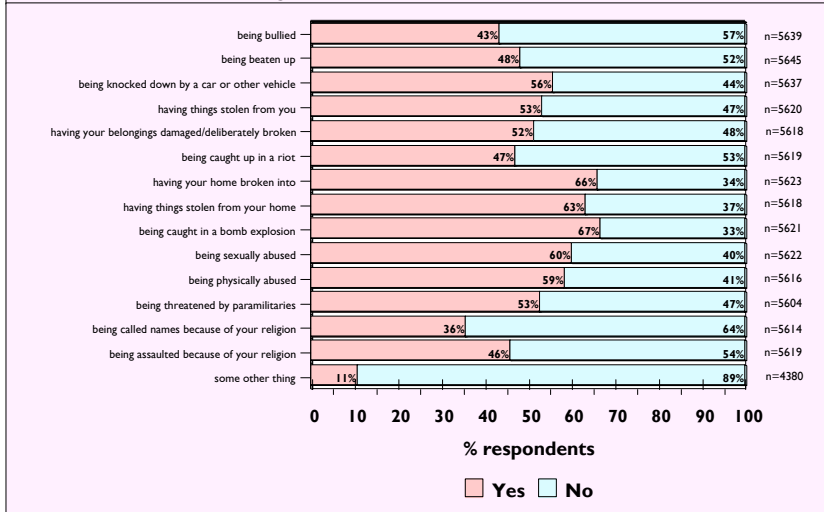
PERSONAL SAFETY

Figure 168: Have you ever been a victim of...?



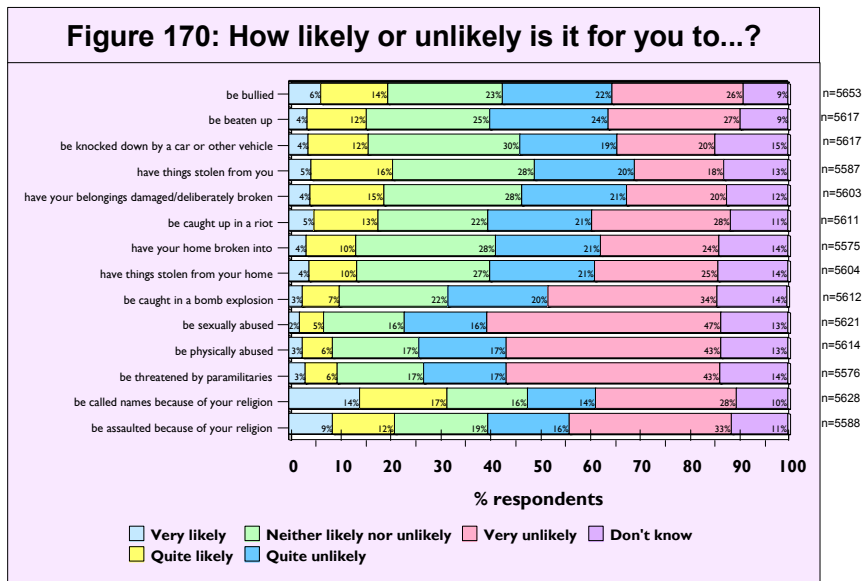
- Forty three percent of pupils have been bullied.
- Twenty percent have been beaten up.
- Eleven percent have been knocked down by a car or other vehicle.
- Forty seven percent have had things stolen from them.
- Thirty six percent have had their belongings damaged or deliberately broken.
- Twenty five percent have been caught up in a riot.
- Fourteen percent have had their home broken into.
- Eighteen percent have had things stolen from their home
- Six percent have been caught in a bomb explosion.
- Three percent have been sexually abused.
- Nine percent have been physically abused.
- Six percent have been threatened by paramilitaries.
- Thirty five percent have been called names because of their religion.
- Thirteen percent have been assaulted because of their religion.
- Six percent of pupils have been a victim of some other thing with the majority of these stating that they have been called names or teased for various reasons including their weight, height, looks, dress sense, nationality, colour and name.

Figure 169: In relation to your own personal safety, are you worried about...?



- Forty three percent of pupils are worried about being bullied.
- Forty eight percent are worried about being beaten up.
- Fifty six percent are worried about being knocked down by a car or other vehicle.
- Fifty three percent are worried about having things stolen from them.
- Fifty two percent are worried about having their belongings damaged or deliberately broken.
- Forty seven percent are worried about being caught up in a riot.
- Sixty six percent are worried about having their home broken into.
- Sixty three percent are worried about having things stolen from their home
- Sixty seven percent are worried about being caught in a bomb explosion.
- Sixty percent are worried about being sexually abused.
- Fifty nine percent are worried about being physically abused.
- Fifty three percent are worried about being threatened by paramilitaries.
- Thirty six percent are worried about being called names because of their religion.
- Forty six percent are worried about being assaulted because of their religion.
- Eleven percent are worried about being a victim of some other thing, the most common being killed or murdered.

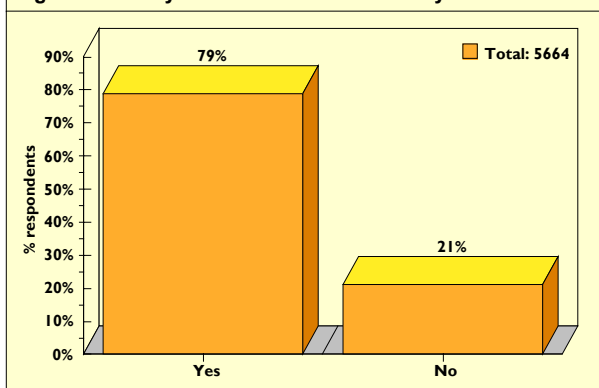
Figure 170: How likely or unlikely is it for you to...?



- One fifth of pupils think it is quite likely or very likely for them to be bullied, while almost half (48%) think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Sixteen percent think it is quite likely or very likely for them to be beaten up while 50% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Sixteen percent think it is quite likely or very likely for them to be knocked down by a car or other vehicle, while 39% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Twenty one percent think it is quite likely or very likely for them to have things stolen from them, while 38% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Nineteen percent of pupils think it is quite likely or very likely for them to have their belongings damaged or deliberately broken, while 45% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Eighteen percent think it is quite likely or very likely for them to be caught up in a riot, while just under half (49%) think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Thirteen percent think it is quite likely or very likely for them to have their home broken into, while 45% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Fourteen percent think it is quite likely or very likely for them to have things stolen from their home, while 46% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.

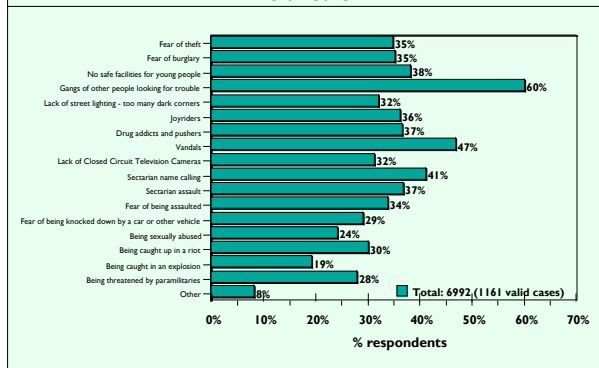
- Ten percent of pupils think it is quite likely or very likely for them to be caught in a bomb explosion, while 54% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Seven percent think it is quite likely or very likely for them to be sexually abused while 63% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Nine percent think it is quite likely or very likely for them to be physically abused while three fifths think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Ten percent think it is quite likely or very likely for them to be threatened by paramilitaries, while 59% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely .
- Almost a third (32%) think it is quite likely or very likely for them to be called names because of their religion, while 42% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.
- Twenty one percent think it is quite likely or very likely for them to be assaulted because of their religion, while 49% think it is quite unlikely or very unlikely.

Figure 171: Do you think the area in which you live is safe?



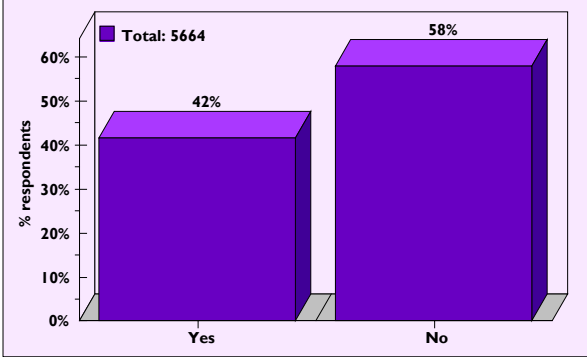
- Just over a fifth (21%) of respondents think the area in which they live is unsafe.

Figure 172: Which of these makes the area in which you live unsafe?



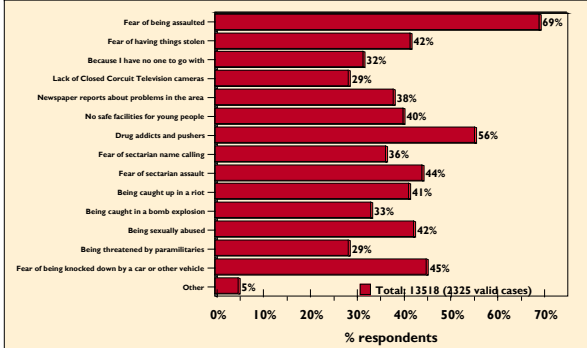
- Sixty percent of these pupils think that the area in which they live is unsafe due to gangs of other people looking for trouble, followed by 47% who think it is because of vandals.
- Six percent cite other reasons not listed which include shootings and kidnappings.

Figure 173: Are you worried about going into your nearest town centre at night?



- Forty two percent of pupils are worried about going into their nearest town centre at night.

Figure 174: Why are you worried about going into your nearest town centre at night?

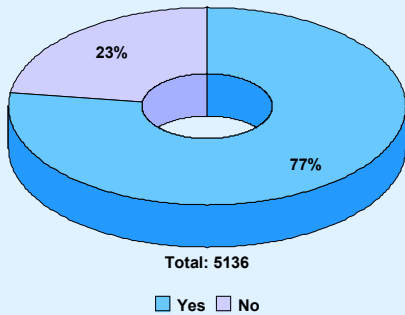


- Sixty nine percent of these pupils are worried about going into their nearest town centre at night because they have a fear of being assaulted, followed by 56% who say it is due to drug addicts and pushers.
- Five percent state other reasons such as kidnappings/abductions and drunks or people coming out of bars and clubs

SEXUAL EXPERIENCE & KNOWLEDGE

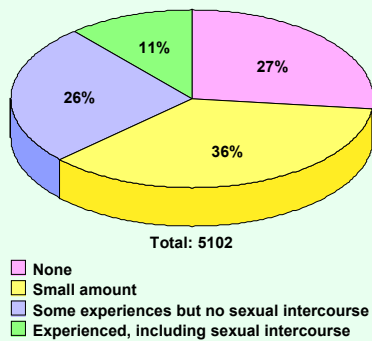
Figure 175: Have you ever had a boyfriend or girlfriend?

532 REFUSALS for 'Sexual Experience & Knowledge' section



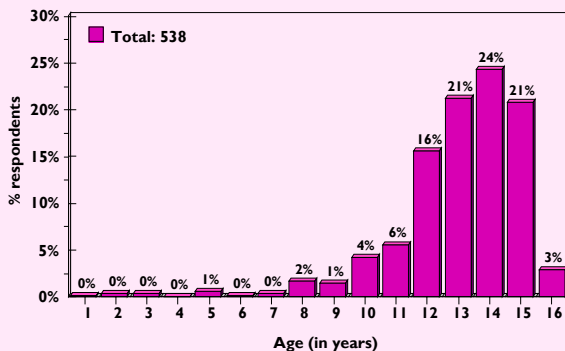
- Seventy seven percent of pupils have had a boyfriend or girlfriend.

Figure 176: How much, if any, sexual experience have you had?



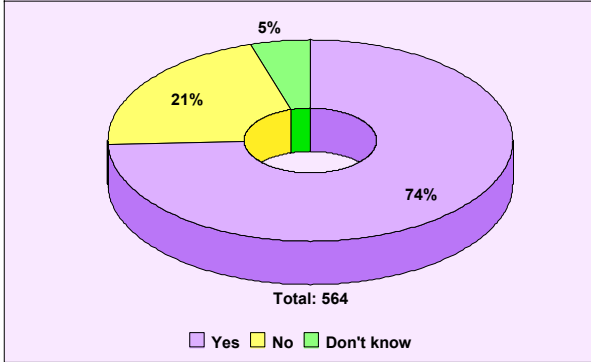
- Just over a quarter (27%) of pupils have had no sexual experience, 36% have had a small amount, 26% have had some experiences but no sexual intercourse and 11% are experienced and have had sexual intercourse.

Figure 177: At what age did you first have sexual intercourse?



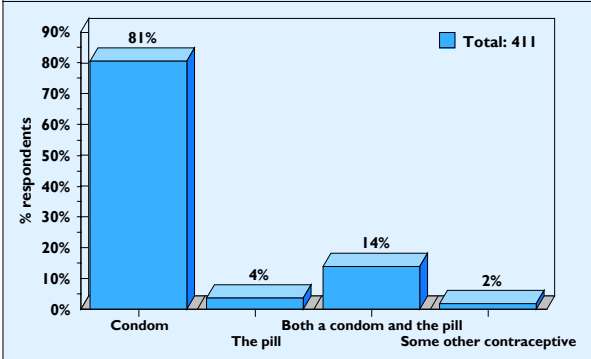
- Two percent of those who have had sexual intercourse say that they were 7 years of age or under the first time. Ages for the remainder range from 8 years to 16 years. The modal age is 14 years.

Figure 178: Did you or your partner use something to prevent getting pregnant?



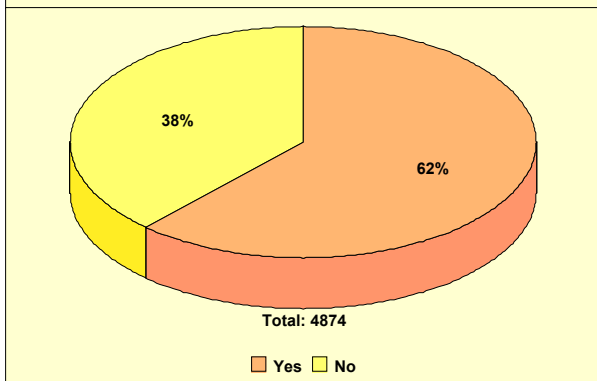
- Almost three quarters (74%) of those who have had sexual intercourse used some form of contraception in order to prevent pregnancy, 21% did not and 5% don't know.

Figure 179: What form of contraception did you or your partner use?



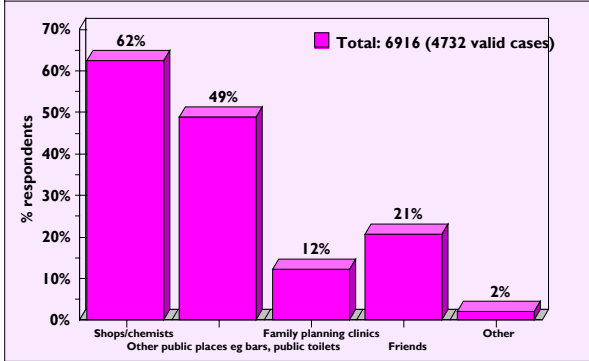
- Just over four fifths (81%) used a condom, 4% used the pill, 14% used both a condom and the pill and 2% used some other contraceptive. Of these, 1 pupil used the withdrawal method, 1 used a diaphragm, 1 used a femidom, while 5 reported using various types of plastic bags and a confectionery wrapper!

Figure 180: Would you find it easy to get contraceptives?



- Sixty two percent of pupils would find it easy to get contraceptives.

Figure 181: If you needed to, where would you actually get your contraceptives?

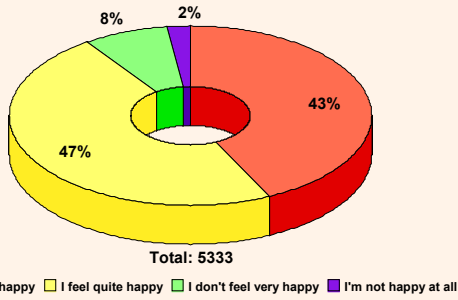


- Sixty two percent would get contraceptives from shops or chemists, 49% from other public places (eg bars, public toilets etc), 12% from family planning clinics, 21% from friends and 2% from other sources. Of these, 54 pupils would steal them from a shop or get them from their family (with or without permission), 16 would get them from a doctor, 14 from their boyfriend, 1 from their girlfriend, 1 from their next door neighbour, 3 would buy them from other people and 5 wouldn't need/get any.

RELATIONSHIPS

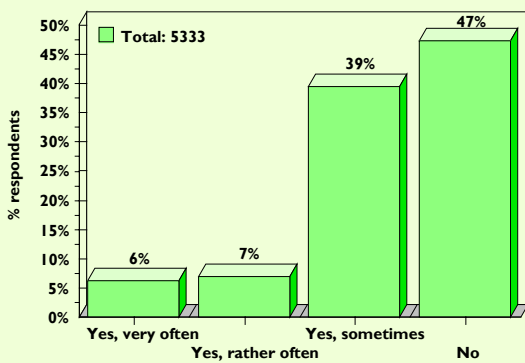
Figure 182: In general, how do you feel about your life at present?

311 REFUSALS for 'Relationships' section



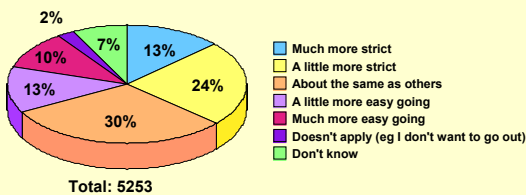
- In general, 43% feel very happy about their life at present, 47% feel quite happy, 8% don't feel very happy and 2% are not happy at all.

Figure 183: Do you ever feel lonely?



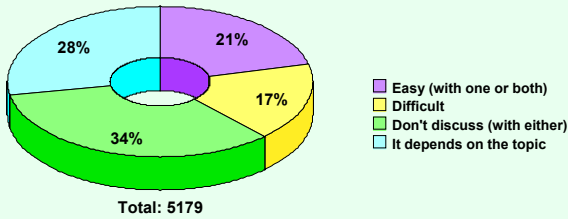
- Six percent of pupils feel lonely very often, 7% rather often, 39% sometimes and almost half (47%) never feel lonely.

Figure 184: Is/are your parent(s) more easy going than your friends parents (eg about allowing you to go out at night, to parties, social events etc)?



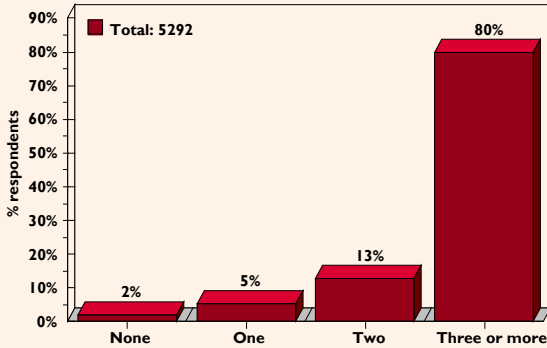
- Thirty seven percent of pupils think their parents are much more or a little more strict than their friends' parents, 23% much more or a little more easy going and 30% about the same. Two percent say it doesn't apply and 7% don't know.

Figure 185: Do you find it easy or difficult to talk to your (parents/mother/father) about sexual matters or don't you discuss sexual matters with (them/her/him)?



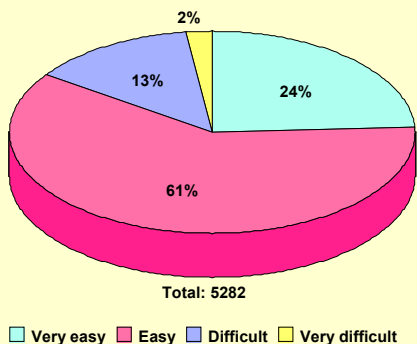
- Just over a fifth (21%) of pupils find it easy to talk to one or both of their parents about sexual matters, 17% find it difficult, 34% don't discuss such subjects and 28% say it depends on the topic.

Figure 186: How many close friends do you have?



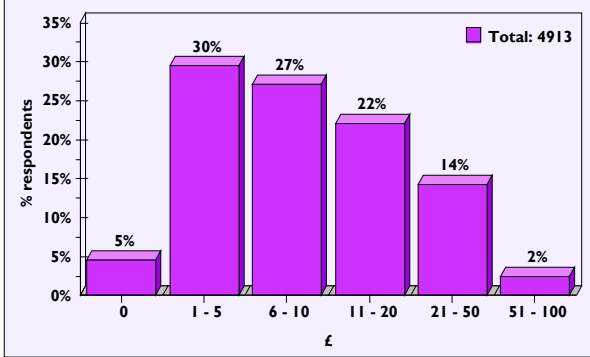
- Two percent of pupils do not have any close friends, 5% have one, 13% have two and 80% have three or more.

Figure 187: Is it easy or difficult for you to make new friends?



- Eighty five percent of pupils find it easy or very easy to make new friends while 15% find it difficult or very difficult.

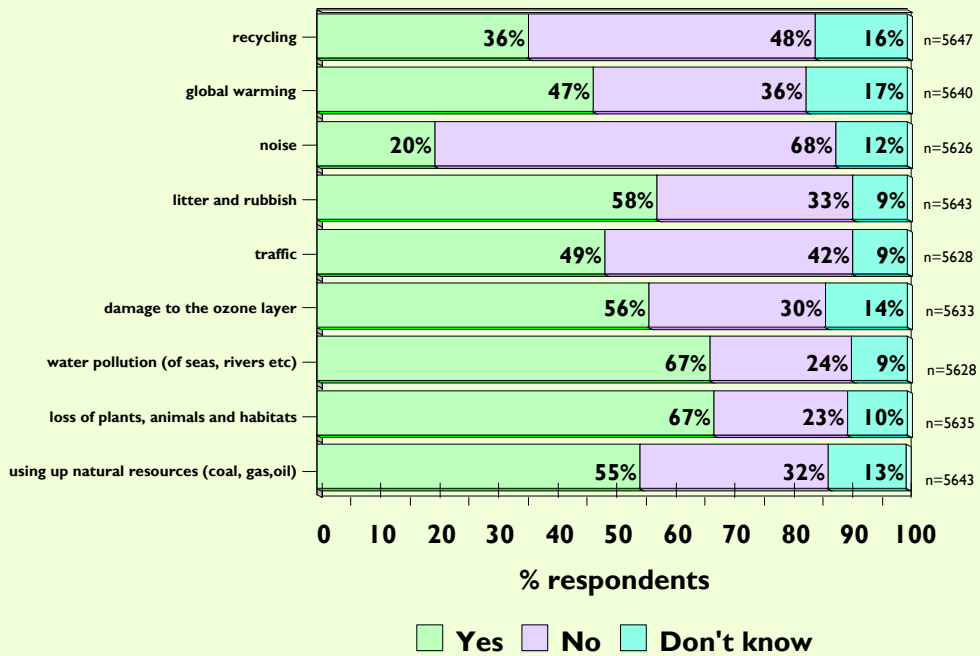
Figure 188: How much money do you usually get each week?



- Five percent of pupils do not get any money each week, 30% get £1 - £5, 27% get £6 - £10, 22% get £11 - £20, 14% get £21 - £50 and 2% get £51 - £100.

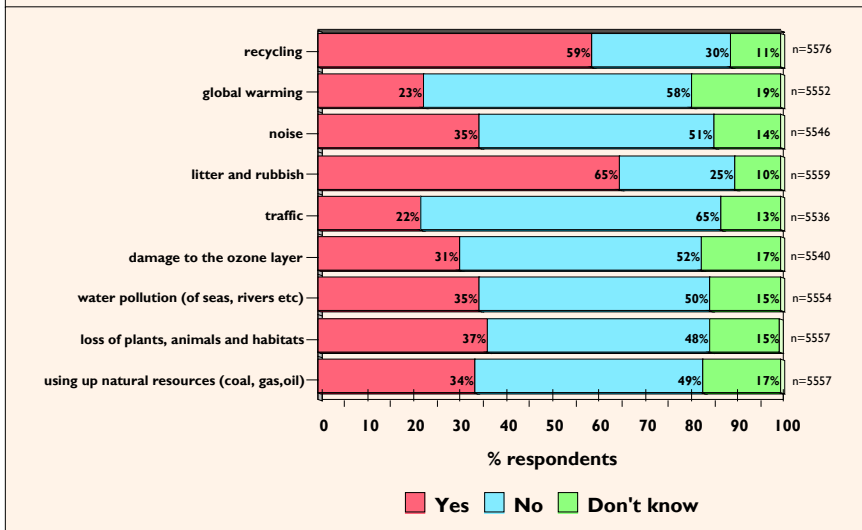
THE ENVIRONMENT

Figure 189: Are you worried about the following?



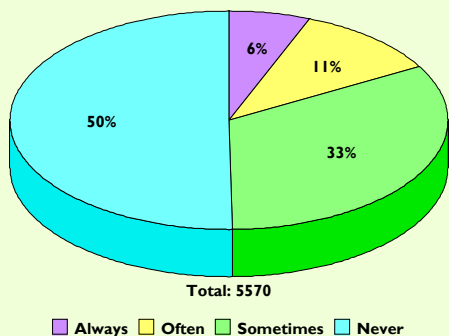
- Thirty six percent of pupils are worried about recycling.
- Forty seven percent are worried about global warming.
- One fifth of the pupils are worried about noise.
- Fifty eight percent are worried about litter and rubbish.
- Almost half (49%) of pupils are worried about traffic.
- Fifty six percent are worried about damage to the ozone layer.
- Approximately two thirds of pupils are worried about water pollution (of seas, rivers etc).
- Sixty seven percent are worried about loss of plants, animals and habitats.
- Fifty five percent are worried about using up natural resources (coal, gas, oil).

Figure 190: Do you think that through your own actions you can make a difference to the following?



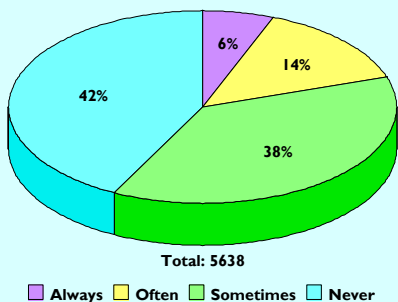
- Almost three fifths (59%) think that through their own actions they can make a difference to recycling.
- Twenty three percent think that through their own actions they can make a difference to global warming.
- Thirty five percent think that through their own actions they can make a difference to noise.
- Sixty five percent think that through their own actions they can make a difference to litter and rubbish.
- Twenty two percent think that through their own actions they can make a difference to traffic.
- Thirty one percent think that through their own actions they can make a difference to the ozone layer.
- Thirty five percent think that through their own actions they can make a difference to water pollution (of seas, river etc).
- Thirty seven percent think that through their own actions they can make a difference to loss of plants, animals and habitats.
- Thirty four percent think that through their own actions they can make a difference to using up natural resources (coal, gas, oil).

Figure 191: How often do you sort glass, newspapers and so on for recycling?



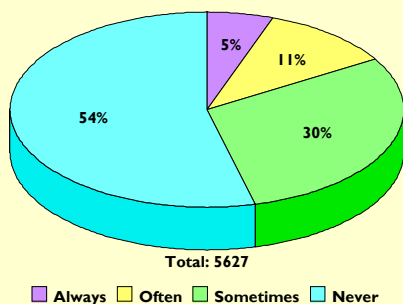
- Six percent of pupils always sort glass, newspapers and so on for recycling, 11% often do, 33% sometimes do, and 50% never do.

Figure 192: How often do you make/encourage others to make a special effort to use less electricity/gas at home or school because it is good for the environment?



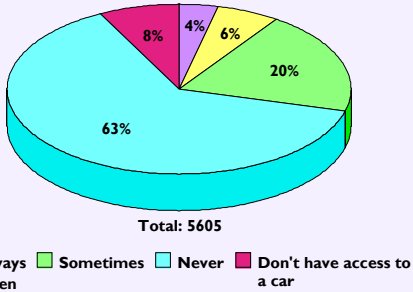
- Six percent of pupils always urge or encourage others to make a special effort to use less electricity or gas at home or school because it is good for the environment, 14% often do, 38% sometimes do, and 42% never do.

Figure 193: How often do you make/encourage others to make a special effort to use less water at home or school because it is good for the environment?



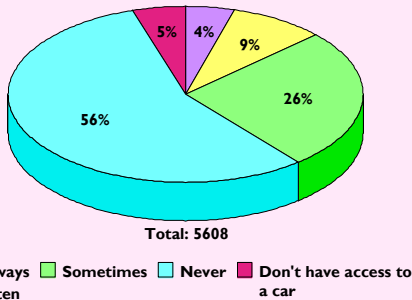
- Five percent of pupils always urge or encourage others to make a special effort to use less water at home or school because it is good for the environment, 11% often do, 30% sometimes do, and 54% never do.

Figure 194: How often do you make/encourage others to make a special effort to use buses/trains rather than travel by car because it is good for the environment?



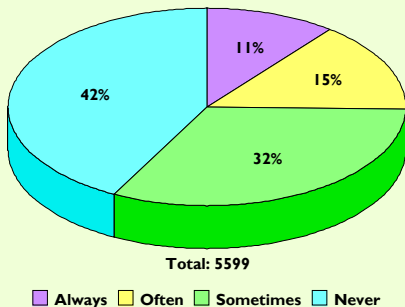
- Four percent of pupils always urge or encourage others to make a special effort to use buses or trains rather than travel by car because it is good for the environment, 6% often do, 20% sometimes do and 63% never do. Eight percent do not have access to a car.

Figure 195: How often do you make/encourage others to make a special effort to cycle/walk rather than travel by car because it is good for the environment?



- Four percent of pupils always urge or encourage others to make a special effort to cycle or walk rather than travel by car because it is good for the environment, 9% often do, 26% sometimes do and 56% never do. Five percent do not have access to a car.

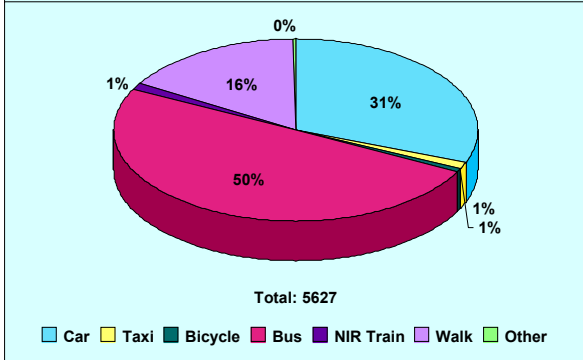
Figure 196: How often do you make a special effort to make sure that your noise does not disturb others because it is good for the environment?



- Eleven percent of pupils always make a special effort to ensure that their noise does not disturb others because it is good for the environment, 15% often do, 32% sometimes do and 42% never do.

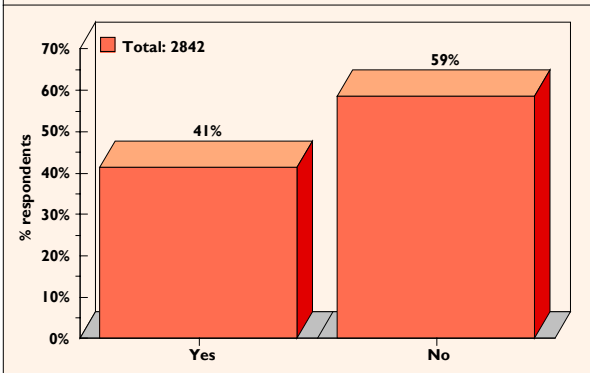
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Figure 200: How do you usually travel most of the way to school?



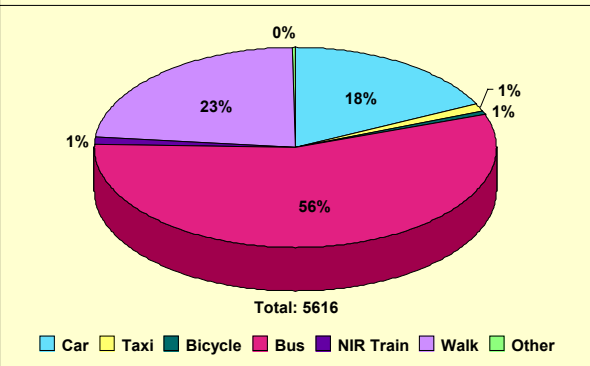
- The majority (50%) of pupils travel to school by bus followed by 31% who travel by car.

Figure 201: Do you usually get left to the bus/train by car?



- Forty one percent of those travelling to school by bus or train get left to it by car.

Figure 202: How do you usually travel most of the way from school?



- The majority (56%) of pupils travel home from school by bus, followed by 23% who walk.

