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Parents' views on the mental health of their child

Basic bilingual questionnaire

The GALLUP Organization

Flash 246 – Mental health

Q0. Do you have, in your household, any children under your responsibility in age between 6 and 17?

- Yes 1

- No..... 2

IF “NO” - finish the interview

D11. Thinking about the child among your children aged 6 - 17 years old whose birthday is closest to the date of this interview (first birthday to come), is it a boy or a girl?

- A boy 1

- A girl 2

D12. How old is this child?

IF “REFUSAL” - FINISH THE INTERVIEW

Dear Parent,
How is your child [the one whose birthday is closest to the date of this interview (first birthday to come)]? How does she/he feel? This is what we would like to know from you.
Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge, ensuring that the answers you give reflect the perspective of your child.
Please try to remember your child’s experiences over the last week [last months for Q4_9 in countries where there are still holidays at the time of the interviews] ...

Q0. Avez-vous, dans votre foyer, un ou des enfant(s) sous votre responsabilité âgé de 6 à 17 ans ?

Oui 1

Non 2

SI “NON” - terminer l’enquête

D11. En pensant à l’enfant âgé de 6 à 17 ans pour lequel l’anniversaire est le plus proche de la date de cet entretien (premier anniversaire à venir), est-ce un garçon ou une fille ?

Un garçon 1

Une fille..... 2

D12. Quel âge a cet enfant ?

SI “Refus” - terminer l’enquête

Bonjour !
Vos réponses à ce questionnaire nous permettront de mieux connaître ce dont les enfants et les adolescents ont besoin pour se sentir heureux et en bonne santé.
Merci de répondre aux questions suivantes selon vos connaissances, en vous assurant que vos réponses reflètent les perspectives de vos enfants
Essayez de vous souvenir de ce qu’a vécu votre enfant au cours de la dernière semaine [dernier mois pour Q4_9 dans les pays où les vacances ne sont pas terminées aux dates de l’enquête]

Q4_1. Has your child felt fit and well?

- not at all..... 1
- slightly 2
- moderately 3
- very 4
- extremely..... 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q4_2. Has your child felt full of energy?

- never 1
- seldom..... 2
- quite often 3
- very often 4
- always 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q4_3. Has your child felt sad?

- never 1
- seldom..... 2
- quite often 3
- very often 4
- always 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q4_1. Votre enfant s'est-il senti en pleine forme ?

- Pas du tout 1
- Un peu 2
- Modérément 3
- Beaucoup 4
- Extrêmement 5
- [NSP/NP] 9

Q4_2. Votre enfant s'est-il senti plein d'énergie ?

- Jamais 1
- Parfois 2
- Souvent 3
- Très souvent..... 4
- Toujours 5
- [NSP/NP] 9

Q4_3. Votre enfant s'est-il senti triste ?

- Jamais 1
- Parfois 2
- Souvent 3
- Très souvent..... 4
- Toujours 5
- [NSP/NP] 9

Q4_4. Has your child felt lonely?

- never 1
- seldom..... 2
- quite often 3
- very often 4
- always 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q4_5. Has your child has enough time for him/herself?

- never 1
- seldom..... 2
- quite often 3
- very often 4
- always 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q4_6. Has your child been able to do the things that he/she wants to do in his/her free time?

- never 1
- seldom..... 2
- quite often 3
- very often 4
- always 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q4_4. Votre enfant s'est-il senti seul ?

- Jamais 1
- Parfois 2
- Souvent 3
- Très souvent..... 4
- Toujours 5
- [NSP/NP] 9

Q4_5. Votre enfant a-t-il eu assez de temps pour lui ?

- Jamais 1
- Parfois 2
- Souvent 3
- Très souvent..... 4
- Toujours 5
- [NSP/NP] 9

Q4_6. Votre enfant a-t-il pu faire les choses qu'il voulait pendant son temps libre ?

- Jamais 1
- Parfois 2
- Souvent 3
- Très souvent..... 4
- Toujours 5
- [NSP/NP] 9

q4_8. Has your child had fun with his/her friends?

- never 1
- seldom..... 2
- quite often 3
- very often 4
- always 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q4_9. Has your child got on well at school?

- not at all..... 1
- slightly 2
- moderately 3
- very 4
- extremely..... 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q4_10. Has your child been able to pay attention?

- never 1
- seldom..... 2
- quite often 3
- very often 4
- always 5
- [DK/NA] 9

q4_8. Votre enfant s'est-il amusé avec ses ami(e)s ?

- Jamais 1
- Parfois 2
- Souvent 3
- Très souvent..... 4
- Toujours 5
- [NSP/NP] 9

Q4_9. Cela s'est-il bien passé à l'école pour votre enfant ?

- Pas du tout 1
- Un peu 2
- Modérément 3
- Beaucoup 4
- Extrêmement 5
- [NSP/NP] 9

Q4_10. Votre enfant a-t-il été capable d'être attentif ?

- Jamais 1
- Parfois 2
- Souvent 3
- Très souvent..... 4
- Toujours 5
- [NSP/NP] 9

Q5. In general, how would your child rate her/his health?

- excellent 1
- very good 2
- good 3
- fair 4
- poor 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q5. En général, diriez-vous que votre enfant trouve sa santé :

- Excellente 1
- Très bonne 2
- Bonne 3
- Moyenne 4
- Mauvaise 5
- [NSP/NP] 9

D1. Gender of respondent

[DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE]

- [1] Male
- [2] Female

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

[Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED]

- [][] years old
- [00] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [01] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [99] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D1. Sexe du répondant

[NE PAS DEMANDER - NOTER COMME APPROPRIE]

- [1] Homme
- [2] Femme

D3. Quel âge aviez-vous quand vous avez terminé vos études à temps plein?

[Noter l'âge de fin d'études]

- [][] ans
- [00] [Toujours en train de poursuivre des études à temps plein]
- [01] [Jamais suivi des études à temps plein]
- [99] [REFUS/PAS DE REPONSE]

D4. As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity? Does it mean that you are a(n)...

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Self-employed

- i.e. - farmer, forester, fisherman 11
- owner of a shop, craftsman 12
- professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...) 13
- manager of a company 14
- other 15

- Employee

- i.e. - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect) 21
- general management, director or top management 22
- middle management 23
- Civil servant 24
- office clerk 25
- other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...) 26
- other 27

- Manual worker

- i.e. - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...) 31
- Manual worker 32
- unskilled manual worker 33
- other 34

- Without a professional activity

- i.e. - looking after the home 41
- student (full time) 42
- retired 43
- seeking a job 44
- other 45
- [Refusal] 99

D4. Concernant votre emploi actuel, êtes vous indépendant, employé, ouvrier ou sans activité professionnelle? Cela veut-il dire que vous êtes un (une)...

[SI UNE REPONSE EST DONNEE A LA CATEGORIE PRINCIPALE, LIRE LES SOUS CATEGORIES RESPECTIVES - UNE SEULE REPONSE POSSIBLE]

- Profession libérale/ indépendant

- i.e. - agriculteur, sylviculteur, pêcheur 11
- commerçant, artisan 12
- profession libérale (avocat, médecin, comptable, architecte...) 13
- Dirigeant d'entreprise 14
- Autre 15

- Employé (e)

- i.e. - Cadre employé (médecin sous convention, avocat, comptable, architecte) 21
- Direction générale, directeur ou direction supérieure. 22
- Cadre moyen 23
- Fonctionnaire 24
- employé(e) de bureau 25
- Autre salarié (commercial, infirmière etc...) 26
- Autre 27

- Ouvrier

- i.e. - superviseur/agent de maîtrise (chef d'équipe, etc...) 31
- Ouvrier 32
- Ouvrier non qualifié 33
- Autre 34

- Sans activité professionnelle

- i.e. - Femme/ Homme au foyer 41
- Etudiant (temps plein) 42
- Retraité 43
- Demandeur d'emploi 44
- Autre 45
- [Refus] 99

D6. Would you say you live in a ...?

- metropolitan zone1
- other town/urban centre.....2
- rural zone3
- [Refusal]9

D6. Diriez-vous que vous vivez...?

- zone métropolitaine.....1
- autre ville/centre urbain2
- zone rurale3
- [Refus]9

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Survey details

This Flash Eurobarometer “Parents’ views on the mental health of their child” (N° 246) was conducted for the European Commission, European Commission Health and Consumers DG, C4-Health Determinants.

Telephone interviews were conducted in each country between the 22/09/2008 and the 30/9/2008 by these Institutes:

Belgium	BE	Gallup Europe	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Czech Republic	CZ	Focus Agency	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Denmark	DK	Hermelin	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Germany	DE	IFAK	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Estonia	EE	Saar Poll	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Greece	EL	Metroanalysis	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Spain	ES	Gallup Spain	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
France	FR	Efficience3	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Ireland	IE	Gallup UK	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Italy	IT	Demoskopoea	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Cyprus	CY	CYMAR	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Latvia	LV	Latvian Facts	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Lithuania	LT	Baltic Survey	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Luxembourg	LU	Gallup Europe	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Hungary	HU	Gallup Hungary	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Malta	MT	MISCO	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Netherlands	NL	Telder	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Austria	AT	Spectra	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Poland	PL	Gallup Poland	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Portugal	PT	Consulmark	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Slovenia	SI	Cati d.o.o	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Slovakia	SK	Focus Agency	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Finland	FI	Norstat Finland Oy	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Sweden	SE	Hermelin	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
United Kingdom	UK	Gallup UK	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Bulgaria	BG	Vitoshia	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)
Romania	RO	Gallup Romania	(Interviews : 22/09/2008 - 30/09/2008)

Representativeness of the results

Target of the sample were parents (stepparents/guardians) of children 6-17 years-of-age in each of the EU27 Member States.

Sizes of the sample

In most EU countries the target sample size was 500 respondents (in Cyprus, Malta and Luxembourg, the target was 250 interviews), the table below shows the achieved sample size by country.

We applied a weighting factor to the national results in order to compute a marginal total where each country contributes to the European Union result in proportion to its population.

Due to absence of systematic information regarding the parents population, a nonresponse weighting (e.g. controlling for specific socio-demographic parameters such as age, sex, etc.) was not carried out

in the sample. However, for calculating average figures for multiple countries (most notably the overall average for the EU), a weight factor was assigned to each country in the proportion of the total Eurobarometer population.

The table below presents, for each of the countries:

- (1) the number of interviews actually carried out in each country
- (2) the population-weighted total number of interviews for each country

TOTAL INTERVIEWS

	Total Interviews			
	Conducted	% of Total	EU27 Weighted	% on Total (weighted)
Total	12783	100	12783	100
BE	505	4.0	271	2.1
BG	500	3.9	211	1.7
CZ	501	3.9	274	2.1
DK	502	3.9	138	1.1
DE	500	3.9	2241	17.5
EE	501	3.9	36	0.3
EL	500	3.9	293	2.3
ES	501	3.9	1102	8.6
FR	501	3.9	1517	11.9
IE	500	3.9	101	0.8
IT	500	3.9	1568	12.3
CY	251	2.0	19	0.1
LV	500	3.9	62	0.5
LT	500	3.9	90	0.7
LU	252	2.0	11	0.1
HU	501	3.9	264	2.1
MT	250	2.0	10	0.1
NL	500	3.9	419	3.3
AT	500	3.9	211	1.6
PL	504	3.9	1003	7.8
PT	504	3.9	274	2.1
RO	504	3.9	563	4.4
SI	500	3.9	54	0.4
SK	502	3.9	141	1.1
FI	504	3.9	136	1.1
SE	500	3.9	234	1.8
UK	500	3.9	1540	12.0

Questionnaires

1. The questionnaire prepared for this survey is reproduced at the end of this results volume, in English (see hereafter).
2. The institutes listed above translated the questionnaire in their respective national language(s).

Sampling error

The results in a survey are valid only between the limits of a statistical margin caused by the sampling process. This margin varies with three factors:

1. The sample size (or the size of the analysed part in the sample): the greater the number of respondents is, the smaller the statistical margin will be;
2. The result in itself: the closer the result approaches 50%, the wider the statistical margin will be;
3. The desired degree of confidence: the more "strict" we are, the wider the statistical margin will be.

As an example, examine this illustrative case:

1. One question has been answered by 500 people;
2. The analysed result is around 50%;
3. We choose a significance level of 95 % (it is the level most often used by the statisticians, and it is the one chosen for the Table hereafter);

In this illustrative case the statistical margin is: (+/- 4.4%) around the observed 50%. And as a conclusion: the result for the whole population lies between 45.6% and 54.4 %.

Hereafter, the statistical margins computed for various observed results are shown, on various sample sizes, at the 95% significance level.

STATISTICAL MARGINS DUE TO THE SAMPLING PROCESS (AT THE 95 % LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE)

Various sample sizes are in rows;

Various observed results are in columns:

	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%
N=50	6.0	8.3	9.9	11.1	12.0	12.7	13.2	13.6	13.8	13.9
N=500	1.9	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4
N=1000	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1
N=1500	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5
N=2000	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
N=3000	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
N=4000	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
N=5000	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
N=6000	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3

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