**Technical background**

The Tables below are based on the final 2020/21YLT dataset. 2,069 young people completed the survey. The response rate this year was 42%. This is the second-best response rate since starting YLT in 2003 – last year’s response rate was 23%.

**Sample characteristics**

* 96% or respondents lived in NI all their lives.

**Sex/gender**

* Males: 43%, females: 56%, trans and other: 1%

**Disability**

* 16% of respondents stated that they had a long-term health condition or disability.

**Rurality**

* Big cities and suburbs: 22%; small towns/cities: 42%; country village/farm/rural: 33%

**Local District Councils where respondents live**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | % |
| ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY | 7 |
| ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON | 12 |
| BELFAST | 16 |
| CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS | 7 |
| DERRY AND STRABANE | 8 |
| FERMANAGH AND OMAGH | 7 |
| LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH | 8 |
| MID AND EAST ANTRIM | 8 |
| MID ULSTER | 8 |
| NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN | 10 |
| NORTH DOWN AND ARDS | 9 |

**Ethnicity**

* 12% of respondents consider themselves to be members of a minority ethnic group

**Self-identified ethnic belonging**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | % |
| White/Caucasian | 66 |
| White European/European/Continental European | 1 |
| White Catholic | 1 |
| White Protestant | <1 |
| White Irish | 5 |
| White British | 4 |
| Northern Irish | 2 |
| Protestant | 2 |
| Catholic/Irish Catholic/Roman Catholic | 5 |
| Christian | 2 |
| British/English | 1 |
| Irish | 4 |
| Don't know/none | 2 |
| Mixed origin/other | 5 |

**School background**

* 43% attended each a Grammar school; 47% a secondary school, whilst 7% said they attended a formally integrated school.
* 24% attended single-sex schools.

**Family financial wellbeing**

* 11% said their families are not (or not at all) well off; 48% come from average well-off families and 33% said they come from well-off (or very well-off) families. 8% said they did not know how well-off their families were

**Results Tables**

1. **During this recent lockdown in 2021, did you or a person you were living with have to shield because of a health condition?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 454 | 22.0 |
| No | 1491 | 72.1 |
| I'm not sure | 123 | 5.9 |
| Total | 2068 | 100.0 |

1. **How do you think your physical health was affected during this Coronavirus lockdown?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Worse during lockdown | 620 | 30.5 |
| Better during lockdown | 445 | 21.9 |
| The same as before | 965 | 47.5 |
| Total | 2030 | 100.0 |

1. **How do you think your mental and emotional health was affected during this Coronavirus lockdown?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Worse during lockdown | 1073 | 52.2 |
| Better during lockdown | 274 | 13.3 |
| The same as before | 708 | 34.5 |
| Total | 2055 | 100.0 |

**4. During lockdown, if needed, have you been able to get medical treatment (e.g., from doctor, dentist, counsellor etc.) for any health issues not related to Coronavirus?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | I did not need any medical treatment that was not related to Coronavirus | 1438 | 70.0 |
| I needed medical treatment and was able to get it | 542 | 26.4 |
| I needed medical treatment but was not able to get it | 73 | 3.6 |
| Total | 2053 | 100.0 |

1. **Did you go into school during lockdown?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes, all of the time | 181 | 8.8 |
| Yes, some of the time | 733 | 35.5 |
| No | 1152 | 55.8 |
| Total | 2066 | 100.0 |

1. **How much do you agree or disagree: During the recent Coronavirus lockdown I got enough support from teachers to help me with my school work?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 274 | 13.3 |
| Agree | 884 | 42.9 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 429 | 20.8 |
| Disagree | 390 | 18.9 |
| Strongly disagree | 86 | 4.2 |
| Total | 2063 | 100.0 |

1. **How much do you agree or disagree: During the recent Coronavirus lockdown I got enough support from my parents/guardians to help me with my school work?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 622 | 30.2 |
| Agree | 889 | 43.1 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 370 | 18.0 |
| Disagree | 136 | 6.6 |
| Strongly disagree | 44 | 2.1 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **How much do you agree or disagree: During the recent Coronavirus lockdown I had all the resources (books, materials, IT equipment etc.) that I needed to study?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 609 | 29.5 |
| Agree | 884 | 42.9 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 269 | 13.1 |
| Disagree | 251 | 12.2 |
| Strongly disagree | 48 | 2.3 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **How much do you agree or disagree: During the recent Coronavirus lockdown I was able to access the Internet when I needed to?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 1206 | 58.6 |
| Agree | 683 | 33.2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 93 | 4.5 |
| Disagree | 58 | 2.8 |
| Strongly disagree | 18 | .9 |
| Total | 2058 | 100.0 |

1. **How much do you agree or disagree: Overall, I feel my education has been negatively affected by Coronavirus?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 787 | 38.2 |
| Agree | 648 | 31.5 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 394 | 19.1 |
| Disagree | 178 | 8.6 |
| Strongly disagree | 53 | 2.6 |
| Total | 2060 | 100.0 |

1. **How much do you agree or disagree: During the recent Coronavirus lockdown I could talk to/contact friends as much as I wanted to?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 932 | 45.2 |
| Agree | 788 | 38.2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 141 | 6.8 |
| Disagree | 162 | 7.8 |
| Strongly disagree | 41 | 2.0 |
| Total | 2064 | 100.0 |

1. **How much do you agree or disagree: During the recent Coronavirus lockdown I had enough inside space for leisure activities/study?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 624 | 30.3 |
| Agree | 797 | 38.7 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 300 | 14.6 |
| Disagree | 263 | 12.8 |
| Strongly disagree | 76 | 3.7 |
| Total | 2060 | 100.0 |

1. **How much do you agree or disagree: During recent Coronavirus lockdown I had enough outside space (e.g., garden) to keep active/spend time?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 830 | 40.3 |
| Agree | 796 | 38.6 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 208 | 10.1 |
| Disagree | 174 | 8.4 |
| Strongly disagree | 53 | 2.6 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **How much do you agree or disagree: During the recent Coronavirus lockdown I felt safe at home?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 1371 | 66.4 |
| Agree | 568 | 27.5 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 95 | 4.6 |
| Disagree | 22 | 1.1 |
| Strongly disagree | 8 | .4 |
| Total | 2064 | 100.0 |

1. **Which statement best reflects your experience of the first lockdown in Spring 2020 and the second lockdown that started on Boxing Day 2020?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | I found the first lockdown harder than the second one | 519 | 25.2 |
| I found the second lockdown harder than the first one | 936 | 45.4 |
| I found the experience of the two lockdowns similar | 608 | 29.5 |
| Total | 2063 | 100.0 |

1. **When at home, has this ever happened to you: Been physically hurt (e.g. pushed, slapped, hit, kicked, punched)?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 106 | 5.1 |
| No | 1955 | 94.9 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **When at home, has this ever happened to you: Been insulted or talked down to?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 355 | 17.2 |
| No | 1706 | 82.8 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **When at home, has this ever happened to you: Been threatened with harm?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 69 | 3.3 |
| No | 1992 | 96.7 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **When at home, has this ever happened to you: Been screamed or cursed at?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 461 | 22.4 |
| No | 1600 | 77.6 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **When at home, has this ever happened to someone else: Been physically hurt (e.g. pushed, slapped, hit, kicked, punched)?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 210 | 10.2 |
| No | 1851 | 89.8 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **When at home, has this ever happened to someone else: Been insulted or talked down to?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 245 | 11.9 |
| No | 1816 | 88.1 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **When at home, has this ever happened to someone else: Been threatened with harm?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 202 | 9.8 |
| No | 1859 | 90.2 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **When at home has this ever happened to someone else: Been screamed or cursed at?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 270 | 13.1 |
| No | 1791 | 86.9 |
| Total | 2061 | 100.0 |

1. **Thinking back to autumn of last year when you returned to school after the first lockdown, were you worried about returning to school/college?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 770 | 37.9 |
| No | 1020 | 50.3 |
| I'm not sure | 163 | 8.0 |
| I haven't been at school/college | 36 | 1.8 |
| I was in school during lockdown | 40 | 2.0 |
| Total | 2029 | 100.0 |

1. **Thinking back to autumn of last year when you returned to school after the first lockdown, were your parents/guardians worried about you returning to school/college?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 581 | 28.6 |
| No | 893 | 44.0 |
| I'm not sure | 510 | 25.1 |
| I haven't been at school/college | 28 | 1.4 |
| I was in school during lockdown | 17 | .8 |
| Total | 2029 | 100.0 |

1. **How often have you been in school/college this term?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Every day | 1505 | 75.4 |
| A few days a week | 131 | 6.6 |
| Every other week | 8 | .4 |
| Other | 158 | 7.9 |
| I no longer attend school/college | 194 | 9.7 |
| Total | 1996 | 100.0 |

1. **When you returned to school/college, have you been able to take part in the extra-curricular activities you normally would have been involved in (e.g., choir, clubs, sports etc.)?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes, all of them | 103 | 5.0 |
| Yes, some of them | 382 | 18.6 |
| No | 827 | 40.4 |
| I was not involved in extra-curricular activities | 737 | 36.0 |
| Total | 2049 | 100.0 |

1. **Since lockdown ended and restrictions eased have you been able to meet up with friends?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 1826 | 89.5 |
| No | 89 | 4.4 |
| I didn't want to do this | 125 | 6.1 |
| Total | 2040 | 100.0 |

1. **Since lockdown ended and restrictions eased have you been able to play and spend time in parks?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 1335 | 66.9 |
| No | 143 | 7.2 |
| I didn't want to do this | 517 | 25.9 |
| Total | 1995 | 100.0 |

1. **Since lockdown ended and restrictions eased have you been able to do group sports/activities (e.g., choir, dance, drama)?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 763 | 38.2 |
| No | 459 | 23.0 |
| I didn't want to do this | 776 | 38.8 |
| Total | 1998 | 100.0 |

1. **Since lockdown ended and restrictions eased have you been able to stay overnight with your family away from your home?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Yes | 701 | 35.1 |
| No | 852 | 42.7 |
| I didn't want to do this | 442 | 22.2 |
| Total | 1995 | 100.0 |

1. **Thinking generally about the Coronavirus crisis, how much do you agree or disagree that the Government has provided information on Coronavirus in a young people-friendly way?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 81 | 4.0 |
| Agree | 449 | 22.0 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 666 | 32.6 |
| Disagree | 522 | 25.6 |
| Strongly disagree | 206 | 10.1 |
| Don't know | 119 | 5.8 |
| Total | 2043 | 100.0 |

1. **Thinking generally about the Coronavirus crisis, how much do you agree or disagree that the Government listens to young people when making decisions about Coronavirus?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 28 | 1.4 |
| Agree | 105 | 5.1 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 316 | 15.5 |
| Disagree | 778 | 38.0 |
| Strongly disagree | 694 | 33.9 |
| Don't know | 124 | 6.1 |
| Total | 2045 | 100.0 |

1. **Thinking generally about the Coronavirus crisis, how much do you agree or disagree that your family is financially worse off (has less money) because of Coronavirus?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent |
|  | Strongly agree | 132 | 6.5 |
| Agree | 312 | 15.3 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 517 | 25.4 |
| Disagree | 475 | 23.3 |
| Strongly disagree | 157 | 7.7 |
| Don't know | 445 | 21.8 |
| Total | 2038 | 100.0 |