

TellUs Survey Results Pertaining to Play Opportunities

The TellUs survey is a survey of children and young people across England, asking their views about their local area, and including questions covering the five Every Child Matters outcomes.

For each yearly survey a sample of schools are selected within each local authority, representing the different types of schools in each area. The schools are then provided with guidance detailing how to select pupils to take part in the survey.

The results pertaining to play and activities from the 2008 & 2009 surveys are presented below. The questions are shown in the same way they were presented to respondents. The questions were developed through cognitive testing with children, to ensure they understood the questions and could answer them in a meaningful way. This means that some of the questions, such as self-defining a disability, may not give data consistent with 'standard' definitions.

The responses from the survey were weighted to ensure that the report at local authority and national level is representative of the population of Year 6, 8 and 10 children within that area in terms of the following characteristics: gender, proportion of children eligible for free school meals in the school (as a proxy for deprivation) and type of school.

In regard to the Tellus3 Survey, population data for 2007 from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) was used to derive the weights, and the number of children attending Pupil Referral Units was obtained from the 2007 School Level Annual School Census (SLASC).

In regard to the Tellus4 Survey, population data for 2008 from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) was used to derive the weights, and the number of children attending Pupil Referral Units was obtained from the 2008 School Level Annual School Census (SLASC).

Please note there was a low participation rate for Tellus3 and no year 10 pupils took part.

Category	Tellus3	
	LA	NAT
	All (%)	All (%)
Which of these, if any, would you like to go to that you don't at the moment? (Tick all that apply)		
Local park or playground	19	18
Cinema or theatre	41	37
A music concert or gig	42	39
Swimming pool (not in school lessons)	32	29
Sports club or class (where I've done sport not just watched it)	19	20
Gym	39	38
A youth club or youth group with organised activities run by adults	18	16
Faith or community group	5	6
A youth centre/café to meet friends (with few or no organised activities)	20	18
Art, craft, dance, drama, film/video-making group or class (not in school lessons)	28	26
Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)	18	14
Library/museum	14	14
Residential course (e.g. outward bound)	18	13
Something else	21	21
Nothing (I don't want to go to anything else)	8	11
Overall, what do you think of the activities and things to do in your area? (Tick one option only)		
Very good	18	14
Fairly good	39	35
Neither good nor poor	22	22
Fairly poor	9	14
Very poor	9	12
Don't know	2	3

In the last four weeks, have you participated in any group activity led by an adult outside school lessons (such as sports, arts, or a youth group)? (Tick one option only)		
Yes	73	62
No	22	34
Don't know	5	5

Which of these things have you been to in the last four weeks (not including things as part of school lessons)? (Tick all options that apply)		
Local park or playground	77	74
Cinema or theatre	54	56
A music concert or gig	13	15
Swimming pool (not in school lessons)	58	46
Sports club or class (where I've done sport not just watched it)	68	58
Gym	24	27
A youth club or youth group with organised activities run by adults	40	32
Faith or community group	14	13
A youth centre/café to meet friends (with few or no organised activities)	36	36
Art, craft, dance, drama, film/video-making group or class	37	27
Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)	22	19
Library/museum	45	34
Residential course (e.g. outward bound)	12	10
Something else	69	68

Which of these things would do the most to make your area a better place for you to live? (Tick all options that apply)		
Better shops	33	45
Cleaner and less litter	47	48
Better sports clubs or centres	36	44
Better public transport (such as buses, trains, underground)	16	25
Safer roads	37	37
Better activities for children and young people	42	46
Safer area or less crime	31	39
Better parks and play areas	55	47
Fewer young people hanging around	31	27
Something else	9	10
Don't know	1	3
None (the area is fine as it is)	4	4

What do you think of the parks and play areas in your area? (Tick one option only)		
Very good	9	10
Fairly good	40	34
Neither good nor poor	24	23
Fairly poor	14	15
Very poor	12	15
Don't know	1	3

Thinking about all of the things that have been covered in the survey, what if anything, would do most to make your life better? (Tick one option only)		
More help to do better at school	8	11
Better school lessons	7	11
Less bullying	9	9
More organised activities and things to do	9	8
More places where I can go to spend time with my friends	28	22
More say in how things are run at school or in the local area	4	3
More ways I can volunteer or help people	3	2
More advice about being healthy	4	2
More help to plan for my future	12	15
More help to feel safer at school and in the local area	3	4
Something else	5	4
Don't know	5	5
None of these	4	4

Tellus4	
LA	NAT
All (%)	All (%)

What do you think of the parks and play areas in your area?		
Very good	14	15
Fairly good	35	39
Neither good nor poor	18	18
Fairly poor	12	11
Very poor	13	12
Don't know	7	4

Which of these have you been to in your free time in the last 4 weeks? (Please do not count things that were part of school lessons)		
Local park or playground	63	66
Sports club or class (not in school lessons and only count where you've done sport not just	53	52
A youth centre or club to take part in organised activities	30	28
A youth centre or club with few or no organised activities	13	14
Religious, faith or community group (not including services)	9	17
Art, craft, dance, drama, film/videomaking group (not in school lessons)	27	27
Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)	22	20
Given your time to help a charity, a local voluntary group or done some organised	13	17
Something else	61	62