

NCS Trust and Youthsight YP Survey Results - February 2021

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Method: NCS Trust surveyed a representative sample of 1,084 young people aged 16-19 in England online, using Youthsight's youth panel, between 17 and 22 February 2021.

Q1. In which of the following ways, if any, have you personally been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

Base	1084
I have been missing face-to-face contact with friends and relatives	74%
I have worried about what the future holds because of my interrupted education	66%
I have been feeling isolated and lonely more often than normal	60%
I feel like I have had to rely too much on social media as a way to connect with friends	59%
I have spent more time listening to/ watching the news	47%
I have struggled to cope with the everyday things	37%
I have been unable to work or find a job when I wanted to	33%
I have taken up new hobbies	30%
I have taken more of an active interest in politics	23%
I have got in better shape - e.g. through more exercising	22%
I have been able to learn a new skill, e.g. a language, digital skills	21%
I have struggled with fake news and misinformation about the pandemic	20%
I have had to cope with losing a family member, relative or friend to COVID-19	12%
I have been finding it hard to keep up because I don't have the best technology	10%
I feel more connected to my local community	6%
If my household have had to rely on foodbanks more often than normal	3%
Mental health problems	1%
Physical health has worsened	1%
Stressed due to school/uni work	1%
Missed out on travelling/experiences	*%
Missed out on university experience	*%
Forgotten generation	*%
Feeling closer to family	*%
I have been unable to work or find a job when I wanted to	*%
Became a carer	*%
Other negative personal impact of COVID	*%
None of the above	1%
Don't know	1%

Q2. Thinking about the last year and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements...?

	I think the pandemic has been tougher on people my age than other age groups	I feel frustrated to have missed out on things people my age would normally get to do	I am positive about what the future holds in store for me	I worry I have fallen behind others in the same year	I'm sad I didn't get to have a typical school experience this last year -e.g. taking exams, graduating, having a school prom	I have felt well supported in trying to keep up with my studies during the pandemic
Base: All respondents/ Those still in school or college	1084	1084	1084	783	783	783
Strongly agree (5.0)	34%	58%	10%	28%	41%	9%
Tend to agree (4.0)	31%	26%	36%	33%	31%	34%
No views either way (3.0)	18%	8%	19%	14%	15%	16%
Tend to disagree (2.0)	10%	4%	22%	16%	8%	28%
Strongly disagree (1.0)	4%	3%	10%	8%	5%	12%
Don't know	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
NET: Agree	65%	84%	46%	61%	72%	44%
NET: Disagree	14%	7%	32%	24%	13%	40%

Q3. To what extent do you support or oppose the following ideas for how young people could be supported as we seek to build back from the pandemic...?

	Shorten the 2021 summer holiday to help young people catch-up on their studies	Extend the school day so young people can catch-up on their studies	Provide more learning opportunities outside of school/ college, e.g. online courses or activities	Allow students to repeat the school year	Offer more extra-curricular activities such as volunteering opportunities	Ensure young people have access to work experience opportunities	Allow students to take exams rather than be assessed by teachers if they prefer
Base: All respondents	1084	1084	1084	1084	1084	1084	1084
Strongly support (5.0)	5%	8%	31%	20%	31%	54%	22%
Tend to support (4.0)	16%	18%	44%	31%	41%	35%	32%
No feelings either way (3.0)	16%	17%	17%	23%	21%	8%	18%
Tend to oppose (2.0)	25%	28%	5%	12%	4%	1%	12%
Strongly oppose (1.0)	36%	27%	1%	12%	1%	1%	12%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
NET: Support	21%	26%	75%	51%	72%	89%	55%
NET: Oppose	61%	55%	6%	24%	5%	2%	25%

Q4. Almost a year into COVID, we're interested to hear what you see as the role of young people in supporting the nation's recovery. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements...?

	... Young people have a lot to contribute to the nation's recovery from COVID	... Young people should be consulted on their ideas for how the country builds back from COVID	... The views of young people often go unheard by the people making decisions about the future of the country	... Young people would like to be involved but it's not yet clear how we can support the COVID recovery effort	... Young people have enough of their own worries, without having to think about the needs of others
Base: All respondents	1084	1084	1084	1084	1084
Strongly agree (5.0)	30%	34%	52%	24%	12%
Tend to agree (4.0)	39%	45%	33%	48%	28%
No views either way (3.0)	19%	14%	9%	18%	25%
Tend to disagree (2.0)	6%	4%	4%	4%	24%
Strongly disagree (1.0)	2%	1%	1%	1%	10%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
NET: Agree	69%	78%	85%	73%	39%
NET: Disagree	9%	6%	5%	5%	34%

Q5. Again thinking ahead to the end of lockdown and the nation's recovery, to what extent would you be interested or not in doing the following...?

	... Helping out in your local community, e.g. volunteering or social action	... Learning a new skill	... Sharing your skills to help others	... Gaining some work experience	... Getting involved with youth groups and programmes designed to support young people	... Contributing views to projects and policies for young people	... Meeting and mixing with new people	... Receiving help to support your mental health and wellbeing
Base: All respondents	1084	1084	1084	1084	1084	1084	1084	1084
Very interested (4.0)	23%	43%	25%	51%	17%	26%	44%	33%
Fairly interested (3.0)	44%	45%	48%	36%	36%	43%	35%	33%
Not very interested (2.0)	24%	9%	19%	9%	32%	21%	14%	22%
Not at all interested (1.0)	4%	1%	3%	1%	9%	5%	3%	8%
Don't know	5%	2%	5%	2%	6%	5%	4%	5%
NET: Interested	67%	88%	73%	88%	53%	69%	79%	66%
NET: Not interested	28%	10%	22%	10%	41%	26%	17%	29%