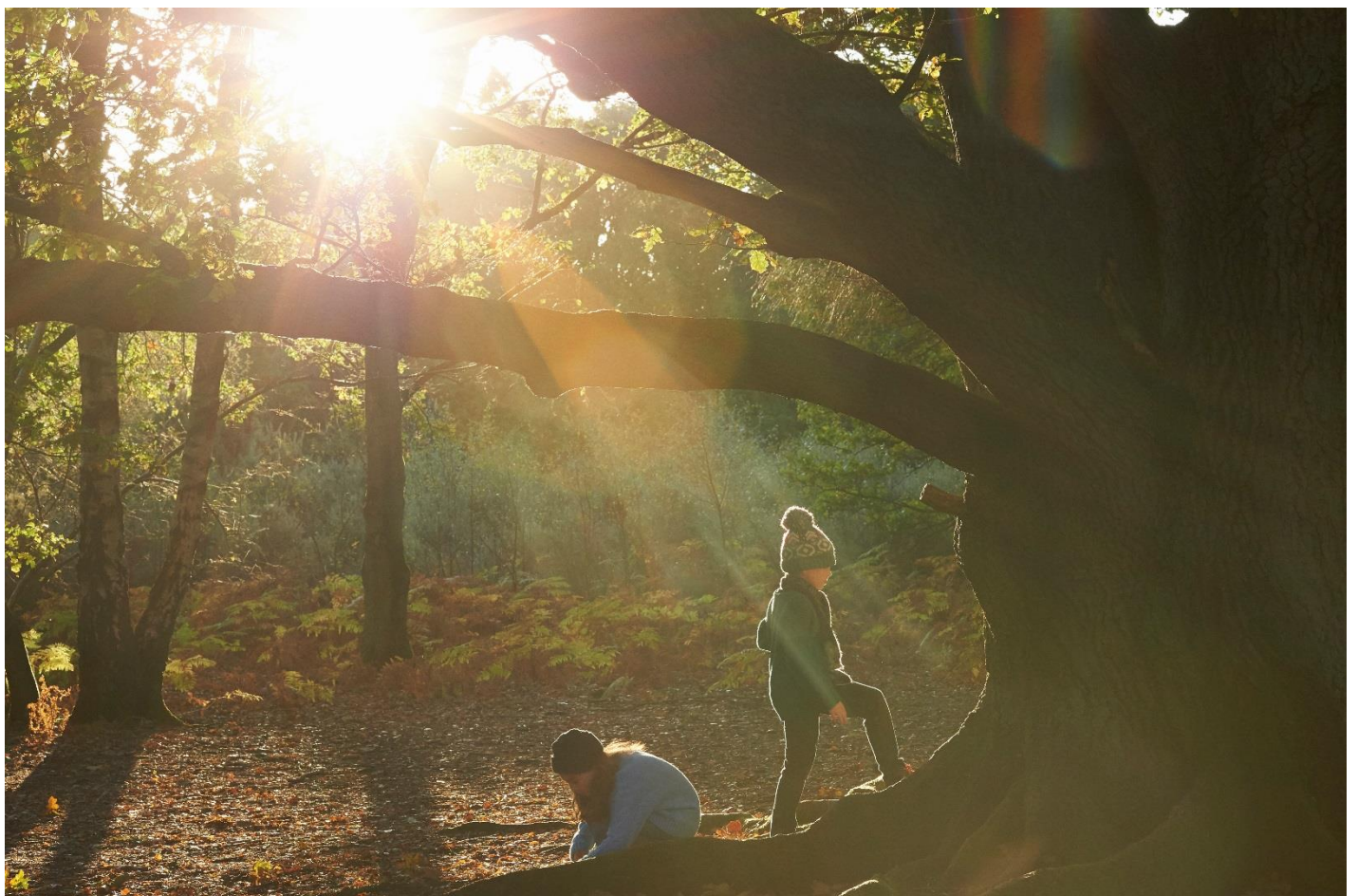


The People and Nature Survey for England: Children's Questionnaire



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Introduction

The People and Nature Survey for England: Children's survey (Experimental Statistics)

The People and Nature Survey for England gathers vital information about people's enjoyment, access and attitudes to the natural environment, its contributions to our health and wellbeing and the actions people take to protect it. Some data about children's engagement with nature is captured through the People & Nature core adult survey including questions about the pandemic. However, this does not ask children directly about their experiences. Natural England commissioned Kantar to develop and conduct a survey of 1,500 children aged 8 to 15 in England about their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey was conducted using the Kantar Lightspeed panel. This brings benefits in terms of speed, ability to interview during lockdown and reducing social desirability bias. The survey was conducted on-line continuously between 6th-18th August 2020 (inclusive).

National Statistic Status

Reporting from this survey will be done as Experimental Statistics. This status highlights to users that the statistics are in the testing phase and that Natural England is still working on further developing the methodologies used in their production. More detail on this can be found in the People and Nature Survey for England [Technical report](#) (September 2020). Natural England have worked to ensure adherence to the Code of Practice for Statistics which assures compliance with the following pillars:

- Trustworthiness: is about having confidence in the people and organisations that produce statistics and data.
- Quality: is about using data and methods that produce assured statistics.
- Value: is about producing statistics that support society's needs for information.

Informed Consent

In order to gain explicit consent from both a parent/carer and the child themselves, the survey invites were sent to adult panellists. They answered screening questions to confirm that there was an eligible child in the household and that they agreed the child can take part. The child was also then required to agree to participate.

Survey Design

The survey took into consideration the age range of intended participants (8-15) and questions were designed with simplified language and response lists which included a mixture of icons, text and sliding scales to make it as easy as possible for children to understand and complete the survey.

In order to be representative of children aged 8 to 15 in England the survey had quotas on age, region and ethnicity. Age and region were taken from the ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates 2019. Ethnicity was taken from the Labour Force Survey (April-June 2019).

Children's survey fieldwork targets

		Target number	Target %
	Total	1,500	100%
Age	8-11	779	51.9%
	12-15	722	48.1%
English region	North	410	27.3%
	Midlands	458	30.5%
	South	633	42.2%
Ethnicity	White	1,148	76.5%
	Ethnic minority	353	23.5%

People and Nature Survey: A survey of children aged 8-15 across England

Questionnaire for the period 6th-18th August 2020 (inclusive)



This questionnaire was written according to Kantar quality procedures

Version: 1

Last updated: 09/10/2020

Notes:

There are two sets of question numbers. The first are raw numbers from the survey and the second (those beginning with 'CS') are used throughout any published reports or analysis undertaken by Natural England.

The module and question numbering is subject to change.

Q001 - sq1(CS_S_Q1) :

Single coded

Not back

Where in the UK do you live?

Normal

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | North East | |
| 2 | North West | |
| 3 | Yorkshire and the Humber | |
| 4 | East Midlands | |
| 5 | West Midlands | |
| 6 | East | |
| 7 | London | |
| 8 | South East | |
| 9 | South West | |
| 10 | Scotland | → GO TO SCREEN OUT |
| 11 | Wales | → GO TO SCREEN OUT |
| 12 | Northern Ireland | → GO TO SCREEN OUT |

Q002 - sQ2 (CS_S_Q2):

Single coded

Not back

Are you the parent/ legal guardian of any children or teenagers living in your household aged 8 to 15?

Normal

- | | | |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 1 | Yes, to one child aged 8 to 15 | |
| 2 | Yes, to more than one child aged 8 to 15 | |
| 3 | No | → GO TO SCREEN OUT |

Q003 - sQ3: sq3 (CS_S_Q3)

Multi coded

Not back | Min = 1

Which of the following best applies to you?

Please select all that apply

Normal

- | | |
|-----|---|
| 1 | I have access to a private garden |
| 2 | I have access to a shared garden |
| 3 | I have access to a private outdoor space but not a garden (balcony, yard, patio area) |
| 4 | I have access to an allotment at a council / community run site |
| 5 | I don't have access to a garden or allotment <i>*Exclusive</i> |
| 999 | Don't know <i>*Fixed *Exclusive</i> |
| 997 | Prefer not to say <i>*Fixed *Exclusive</i> |

Q004 - sQ4 (CS_S_Q4):

Single coded

Not back

We have a survey about how restrictions imposed due to the outbreak of Covid-19 have impacted on how children and teenagers spend time outdoors. For this we are looking to interview children aged 8 to 15.

This survey will be 5 minutes long.

We expect your child to participate on their own in this survey. Do you agree for [your child-sQ2=1/one of your children-sQ2=2] aged 8 to 15 to participate in this survey?

Normal

- | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Yes, I agree | |
| 2 | No, I don't agree | → GO TO SCREEN OUT |

Q005 - sq5: sq5 (CS_S_Q5)

Single coded

Not back

Is your child available now to start this survey?

Normal

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

→ GO TO SCREEN OUT

Q032 - sq6: sq6 (CS_S_Q6)

Numeric

Not back | Min = 8 | Max = 15

How old is this child?

Please type their age

999 Don't know *Fixed *Exclusive → GO TO SCREEN OUT

997 Prefer not to say *Fixed *Exclusive → GO TO SCREEN OUT

Q033 - sq7: sq7 (CS_S_Q7)

Single coded

Not back

The next question of this survey is about this child's ethnicity, which is considered as sensitive data.

It will be used by our client for data classification purpose only.

It will remain confidential in line with our privacy policy.

If answering this question makes you uncomfortable, please feel free to choose the answer "No, I do not agree".

Do you agree to answer this question on this basis?

Normal

- 1 Yes, I agree
- 2 No, I do not agree

Ask only if Q033 - sq7,1

Q034 - sq8: sq8 (CS_S_Q8)

Single coded

Not back

Which one of the following best describes this child's ethnic group or background?

Please select one answer only

Normal

- 1 White
- 2 Mixed
- 3 Asian or Asian British
- 4 Black or Black British
- 5 Chinese
- 6 Arab
- 7 Any other ethnic group or background
- 999 Don't know *Fixed *Exclusive
- 997 Prefer not to say *Fixed *Exclusive

Q038 - sQ9: sq9 (CS_S_Q9)

Single coded

Not back

Is this child ___?

Please select one answer only

Normal

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 3 Other
- 999 Don't Know → GO TO SCREEN OUT
- 997 Prefer not to say → GO TO SCREEN OUT

Q006 - VBB:

Text

Not back

Please now hand over to your child.

Q007 - VBC:

Text

Not back

Thank you for taking part.

These questions are being asked for Natural England, an organisation which looks after nature and wildlife in England and this will take around 5 minutes to complete. Your answers will help us understand how children and teenagers spend time outdoors.

Your answers will be kept private. Kantar's privacy policy can be found here <https://uk.kantar.com/surveys>.

You do not have to take part if you do not want to and you can stop the survey at any time by closing the window browser.

Please click the (>) button to confirm you are content to take part and to start the survey.

Q008 - Q1: q1 (CS_Q1A)

Numeric

Not back | Min = 8 | Max = 15

How old are you?

Please type in your age

- 999 Don't know *Fixed *Exclusive
- 997 Prefer not to say *Fixed *Exclusive

Q009 - Q1b: (CS_Q1B)

Single coded

Not back

You mentioned you are [AGE GIVEN AT PREVIOUS QUESTION TO INSERT HERE DYNAMICALLY] years old. Can you please confirm that this is correct?

Normal

- 1 Yes, I confirm
- 2 No, I would like to change my age

Scripter notes: If 2 allow one change (filter back to Q1) and then screen out if more than 1 change.

Text in questions should pipe in age given at Q1

Q010 - Q2: q2 (CS_Q2)**Multi coded****Not back | Min = 1**

Where are your favourite places to spend time?

Please choose all that apply

Normal

- 1 Parks/ playing field / playground
- 2 Garden (mine or someone else's)
- 3 Beach or seaside
- 4 Countryside
- 5 Woods / forest
- 6 Fields / farmland
- 7 Rivers / lakes / canals
- 996 Somewhere else outside (please write in below) **Open *Fixed*
- 8 Indoors
- 999 Don't know **Fixed *Exclusive*
- 997 Prefer not to say **Fixed *Exclusive*

Q011 - Q3: q3 (CS_Q3)**Multi coded****Not back | Min = 1**

Have you visited any of these places in the last week?

You can include visits of any length of time (including short trips to the park, dog walking etc).

Please do not include any trips made abroad.

Please choose all that apply

Normal

- 1 Parks/ playing field / playground
- 2 Garden (mine or someone else's)
- 3 Beach or seaside
- 4 Countryside
- 5 Woods / forest
- 6 Fields / farmland
- 7 Rivers / lakes / canals
- 8 Indoors
- 996 Somewhere else outside (please write in below) **Open *Fixed*
- 999 Don't know **Fixed *Exclusive*
- 997 Prefer not to say **Fixed *Exclusive*

Q012 - Q4: q4 (CS_Q4)**Multi coded****Not back | Min = 1**

And now thinking about going back to school and as things start to get back to normal.
In the future, would you like to spend more time in any of these places?

Please choose all that apply

Normal

- 1 Parks/ playing field / playground
- 2 Garden (mine or someone else's)
- 3 Beach or seaside
- 4 Countryside
- 5 Woods / forest
- 6 Fields / farmland
- 7 Rivers / lakes / canals
- 8 Indoors
- 996 Somewhere else outside (please write in below) **Open *Fixed*
- 999 Don't know **Fixed *Exclusive*
- 997 Prefer not to say **Fixed *Exclusive*

Q013 - VBD:**Text****Not back**

The next few questions ask about what you have done since coronavirus happened and some schools were closed and people had to stay home more.

Q014 - Q5: q5 (CS_Q5)**Single coded****Not back**

Since coronavirus happened, overall have you spent more time...?

Normal

- 1 More time outside than you did before coronavirus
- 2 Less time outside than you did before coronavirus
- 3 About the same as before
- 999 Don't know **Fixed *Exclusive*
- 997 Prefer not to say **Fixed *Exclusive*

Q015 - Q6a: q6a (CS_Q6A)**Single coded****Not back**

Since coronavirus happened, have you spent...?

Normal

- 1 More time outside by yourself
- 2 Less time outside by yourself
- 3 About the same as before
- 999 Don't know **Fixed *Exclusive*
- 997 Prefer not to say **Fixed *Exclusive*

Q016 - Q6b: q6b (CS_Q6B)

Single coded

Not back

Since coronavirus happened, have you spent...?

Normal

- 1 More time outside with the people you live with
- 2 Less time outside with the people you live with
- 3 About the same as before
- 999 Don't know *Fixed *Exclusive
- 997 Prefer not to say *Fixed *Exclusive

Q017 - Q6c: Q6c (CS_Q6C)

Single coded

Not back

Since coronavirus happened, have you spent...?

Normal

- 1 More time outside with your friends
- 2 Less time outside with your friends
- 3 About the same as before
- 999 Don't know *Fixed *Exclusive
- 997 Prefer not to say *Fixed *Exclusive

Q018 - Q6d: Q6d (CS_Q6D)

Single coded

Not back

Since coronavirus happened, have you spent...?

Normal

- 1 More time outside looking at wildlife / nature
- 2 Less time outside looking at wildlife / nature
- 3 About the same as before
- 999 Don't know *Fixed *Exclusive
- 997 Prefer not to say *Fixed *Exclusive

Q019 - q7: q7 (CS_Q7)

Multi coded

Not back | Min = 1

What have you most liked about spending time outside during the coronavirus lockdown?

Please choose all that apply

Random

- 1 Meeting or playing with friends
- 2 Meeting or playing with people you live with
- 3 Getting time to myself / away from my family
- 4 Having fun or playing (such as making a den, or playing on a trampoline or with toys)
- 5 Being able to do exercise (such as walking, running or riding a bike)
- 6 Having a quiet time / relaxing / having time away from schoolwork
- 7 Having an adventure, exploring or doing a new activity
- 8 Looking at wildlife / nature
- 996 Something else ...(please write in below) *Open *Fixed
- 998 None of the above *Fixed *Exclusive
- 999 Don't know *Fixed *Exclusive
- 997 Prefer not to say *Fixed *Exclusive

Q020 - Q8a: Q8a (CS_Q8A)

Multi coded

Not back | Min = 1

Did any of the following stop you from spending more time outside since coronavirus started?

Please choose all that apply

Random

- 1 I was worried about catching / spreading coronavirus
- 2 I was worried about breaking coronavirus rules
- 3 My family had to stay at home the whole period of lockdown (also known as 'shielding')
- 4 There was no point if I couldn't meet my friends
- 5 My local playground or park was closed
- 998 None of the above **Fixed *Exclusive*
- 999 Don't know **Fixed *Exclusive*
- 997 Prefer not to say **Fixed *Exclusive*

Q021 - Q8b: q8b (CS_Q8B)

Multi coded

Not back | Min = 1

Did anything else stop you from spending more time outside since coronavirus started?

Please choose all that apply

Random

- 1 I was not allowed to go out on my own or no-one could go with me
- 2 I was not able to get to where I wanted to go (no public transport, no-one to give me a lift)
- 3 I just didn't want to
- 4 Bad weather
- 5 Too busy doing school / homework
- 6 I was ill
- 7 Cost / too expensive for me or my parents
- 8 Nowhere good to go nearby
- 9 Nowhere safe to go nearby
- 10 I prefer to spend free time indoors
- 998 None of the above **Fixed *Exclusive*
- 999 Don't know **Fixed *Exclusive*
- 997 Prefer not to say **Fixed *Exclusive*

Q022 - q9: q9 (CS_Q9)

Single coded

Not backThinking about last week, how often have you spent any time in your own garden if you have one?
This includes any garden that you share with your neighbours

Please select one answer only

Normal

- 1 Every day
- 2 Most days
- 3 Once or twice
- 4 Never
- 5 I don't have a garden
- 999 Don't know **Fixed *Exclusive*
- 997 Prefer not to say **Fixed *Exclusive*

Q026 - Q13: q13 (CS_Q13)

Single coded

Not back

How often do you feel lonely

Please select one answer only

Normal

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1 | Often / always |
| 2 | Some of the time |
| 3 | Occasionally |
| 4 | Hardly ever |
| 5 | Never |

Q035 - q15_0: q15_0 (CS_Q14)

Single coded

Not back

How happy were you feeling yesterday?

Please answer on a scale where 0 is not at all happy and 10 is completely happy.

Please select one answer only

Normal

- | | |
|----|---------------|
| 1 | 0 Not at all |
| 2 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 |
| 4 | 3 |
| 5 | 4 |
| 6 | 5 |
| 7 | 6 |
| 8 | 7 |
| 9 | 8 |
| 10 | 9 |
| 11 | 10 Completely |

Scripter notes: Please set as a 0 to 10 slider (rather than format above)**Q036 - q15_1: q15_1 (CS_Q15)**

Single coded

Not back

How worried were you feeling yesterday?

Please answer on a scale where 0 is not at all worried and 10 is completely worried.

Please select one answer only

Normal

- | | |
|----|---------------|
| 1 | 0 Not at all |
| 2 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 |
| 4 | 3 |
| 5 | 4 |
| 6 | 5 |
| 7 | 6 |
| 8 | 7 |
| 9 | 8 |
| 10 | 9 |
| 11 | 10 Completely |

Scripter notes: Please set as a 0 to 10 slider (rather than format above)

Q031 - t6: t6

Text

Not back

This is the end of the survey.

Thank you very much for completing it.

If you wish to find out more about Natural England please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england>