

Children's Worlds National Report

WALES



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1. Introduction

1.1 Context and population¹

Wales is sparsely populated, making up 8.4% of the UK's landmass, at just under 21,000 km², but only consisting of 4.7% of the total population, at an estimated 3,125,00 people (mid-year estimate; ONS, 2017). Of these, approximately 18% are children aged 0 to 15 years old and 6% of the total population aged between 8 and 12 years old (mid-year estimate; ONS, 2017).

Wales is split up into 22 unitary authorities (single-tier local government authorities) of differing sizes, responsible for a range of public services, including education. The self-reported religious affiliation of the Welsh population is predominately Christian (57.6%), with the next largest group Muslim (1.5%), and 32.1% stating that they have no religion (National Census, 2011). The majority of the population are White (96% in 2011).

The Welsh economy generally tracks quite closely to the rest of the UK. In 2017, GDP in Wales €79,897million, or €22,900 per capita (PPS), making up 3.4% of total GDP in the UK (Eurostat, 2019). Concerns raised by the Chief Economist's Report 2018, about the growth prospects in the light of the UK's eventual withdrawal from the European Union, with the danger that Wales is likely to be disproportionately harmed by a 'hard' Brexit.

It is important to mention the bilingual nature of Wales, with nearly a third of the population able to speak at least some Welsh (29.9%), with less than this claiming to be fluent. There is substantial variability in proportions of Welsh speakers across unitary authorities, ranging from 17% - 77%. The majority of young Welsh speakers (aged 3 to 15 years) are likely to have learnt to speak Welsh at school, whilst older Welsh speakers (aged 65 years and over) are more likely to have learnt Welsh as a young child at home. This reflects the change in education provision over the last 50 years, including the rise in the number of Welsh-medium schools, resulting in between a third and a quarter of all primary and secondary school children learn through the medium of Welsh. Those who do not speak Welsh as a first language are encouraged to learn through the inclusion of second-language Welsh in the school curriculum.

1.2 Sampling: Strategy and outcome²

Children were sampled through primary and secondary schools across Wales. The sampling frame therefore consisted of all state-maintained primary and secondary schools in Wales, excluding special schools. The exclusion of special schools and independent schools means that approximately 3% of the school-going population were excluded from the sampling frame. The sampling strategy involved stratification in two domains: socio-economic geography (four strata: Rural North, Rural Heartland, Metropolitan Wales, and Valleys) and the proportion of pupils in each school eligible for free school meals (dichotomised into low/high).

The target was to achieve a representative sample of at least 1,000 children in year 6 (primary school) and 1,000 children in year 8 (secondary school), for the age 10 and age 12

samples, respectively. To avoid clustering issues, the aim was to draw these pupils from 50 primary and 25 secondary schools. The final achieved sample of 10 year-olds was 959, drawn from 34 primary schools, and the achieved sample of 12 year-olds was 1,668, drawn from 20 primary schools.

2. Results

2.1 The participants

Age by gender (Numbers, (%))

	10 year-old ¹	12 year-old ²	Total
Boy	478 (50.7)	806 (48.4)	1284 (49.0)
Girl	480 (49.3)	858 (51.6)	1338 (51.0)
Total	958 (100)	1664 (100)	2622 (100)

Nmissing: ¹1, ²4.

2.2 The home and the people children live with

Home type (10 year old) (%)

I live with my family	97.9
I live in a foster home	0.8
I live in another type of home	1.4

Home type (12 year old) (%)

I live with my family	97.9
I live in a foster home	0.8
I live in a children's home	0.1
I live in another type of home	1.4

Nmissing: 2

Satisfaction with the people you live with (10 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The people you live with	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.4	2.9	1.6	4.0	8.4	10.8	69.4

Nmissing: 4

Satisfaction with the people you live with (12 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The people you live with	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.9	1.7	3.6	3.9	5.1	11.5	11.6	58.9

Nmissing: 6

Variations in questions about home and family (means)

	Family care	Family help problem	Good time together	Feel safe	Parents listen	Make joint decision
10 year-old¹	3.7 ¹	3.5 ²	3.5 ³	3.7 ⁴	3.3 ⁵	3.2 ⁶
12 year-old²	3.6 ⁷	3.3 ⁸	3.3 ⁹	3.6 ¹⁰	3.1 ¹¹	3.0 ¹²
Total	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.1

Nmissing: ¹19; 22; 16; 21; 31; 69, ²27; 32; 21; 41; 45; 75

2.3 The home where children live

Satisfaction with the house or flat where you live (10 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
the house or flat where you live	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.9	1.9	1.9	3.7	7.2	13.5	69.0

Nmissing: 6

Satisfaction with the house or flat where you live (12 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
the house or flat where you live	0.9	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.3	2.6	4.1	6.1	11.1	15.6	56.4

Nmissing: 6

Things you have (10 year old) (%)

Whether you have ...

Own room	76.2 ¹
Own bed	95.8 ²
Place to study	74.6 ³

Nmissing: ¹5, ²2, ³2

Things you have (12 year old) (%)

Whether you have ...

Own room	80.5 ¹
Own bed	96.8 ²
Place to study	83.8 ³

Nmissing: ¹3, ²2, ³2

2.4 Friends

Satisfaction with friends (10 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Your friends	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.4	4.0	3.1	5.6	13.2	17.0	53.1

Satisfaction with friends (12 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Your friends	1.5	0.3	0.6	1.6	1.0	3.5	4.0	9.4	13.2	17.7	47.3

Friends (10 year old) (%)

	I do not agree	Agree a little bit	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
I have enough friends ¹	4.7	6.3	11.0	22.0	55.9
My friends are usually nice to me ²	2.1	8.1	13.5	27.0	49.3
Me and my friends get along well together ³	2.0	7.6	11.3	27.6	51.6
If I have a problem, I have a friend who will support me ⁴	4.2	7.3	8.7	19.3	60.4

Nmissing: ¹47, ²13, ³17, ⁴34

Friends (12 year old) (%)

	I do not agree	Agree a little bit	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
I have enough friends ¹	3.1	5.2	12.2	23.6	55.9
My friends are usually nice to me ²	2.8	7.3	14.1	29.4	46.4
Me and my friends get along well together ³	1.8	5.0	11.5	28.0	53.7
If I have a problem, I have a friend who will support me ⁴	5.8	5.0	11.7	20.4	57.0

Nmissing: ¹61, ²20, ³25, ⁴52

2.5 School

Satisfaction with school life (10 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Life as a student ¹	3.0	1.2	0.4	0.8	4.3	5.2	4.8	8.1	14.0	18.1	40.0
Things you have learned ²	2.0	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.1	5.1	2.7	6.9	10.1	18.1	52.5
Other children in your class ³	2.2	0.7	1.4	2.3	2.6	8.1	7.3	9.6	14.6	14.5	36.7

Nmissing: ¹2, ²3, ³4

Satisfaction with school life (12 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Life as a student ¹	3.6	1.2	2.4	3.0	3.6	8.9	8.1	16.9	14.5	14.5	23.3
Things you have learned ²	2.8	1.3	1.5	2.8	4.1	7.1	7.6	15.1	19.8	15.4	22.5
Other children in your class ³	4.0	3.1	3.6	4.0	6.3	9.7	10.2	13.6	14.3	13.5	17.6

Nmissing: ¹1, ²4, ³3

Views about school (10 year old) (%)

	I do not agree	Agree a little bit	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
My teachers care about me ¹	3.8	4.1	10.8	26.7	54.6
If I have a problem at school, my teachers will help me ²	2.8	5.0	9.1	23.9	59.1
If I have a problem at school, other children will help me ³	3.8	6.6	14.9	31.2	43.5
There are a lot of arguments between children in my class ⁴	8.9	24.1	21.6	17.8	27.7
My teachers listen to me and take what I say into account ⁵	3.1	6.0	10.9	26.0	54.1
At school I have opportunities to make decisions about things that are important to me ⁶	4.2	6.0	9.3	24.5	56.1
I feel safe at school ⁷	4.5	3.1	7.8	16.8	67.9

Nmissing: ¹58, ²22, ³39, ⁴58, ⁵45, ⁶61, ⁷42

Views about school (12 year old) (%)

	I do not agree	Agree a little bit	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
My teachers care about me ¹	8.4	12.3	28.5	27.6	23.2
If I have a problem at school, my teachers will help me ²	8.5	12.5	23.4	26.4	29.3
If I have a problem at school, other children will help me ³	7.9	12.2	20.1	27.9	32.0
There are a lot of arguments between children in my class ⁴	11.1	22.5	19.5	17.3	29.7
My teachers listen to me and take what I say into account ⁵	10.8	12.7	25.3	25.4	25.8
At school I have opportunities to make decisions about things that are important to me ⁶	7.0	12.2	20.4	25.8	34.6
I feel safe at school ⁷	5.8	6.5	15.3	29.7	42.7

Nmissing: ¹107, ²63, ³63, ⁴94, ⁵71, ⁶68, ⁷60

Bullying (10 year old) (%)

How often:	Never	Once	Two or 3 times	More than three times
Hit by other children in your school ¹	64.9	19.5	6.0	9.6
Called unkind names by other children in your school ²	46.0	22.9	12.9	18.3
Left out by other children in your class ³	52.1	19.0	14.8	14.2

Nmissing: ¹94, ²66, ³70

Bullying (12 year old) (%)

How often:	Never	Once	Two or 3 times	More than three times
Hit by other children in your school ¹	71.9	13.5	8.0	6.6
Called unkind names by other children in your school ²	36.8	20.5	19.1	23.6
Left out by other children in your class ³	55.6	17.7	11.9	14.7

Nmissing: ¹76, ²99, ³108

2.6 The area where children live

Satisfaction with local area (10 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The area where you live	2.0	2.0	0.7	1.1	1.9	4.1	3.0	4.6	11.4	19.3	50.0

Nmissing: 2

Satisfaction with local area (12 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The area where you live	2.5	0.9	1.9	2.3	3.3	5.6	5.2	8.9	15.0	14.3	40.3

Nmissing: 5

Views about local area (10 year old) (%)

In my area, I live in...	I do not agree	Agree a little bit	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
I feel safe when I walk ¹	4.5	7.2	13.8	29.1	45.4
There are enough places to play or to have a good time ²	6.5	8.0	15.0	20.5	50.0
If I have a problem there are people who will help me ³	11.0	10.5	17.1	21.0	40.5
Adults are kind to children ⁴	4.6	8.1	13.8	24.3	49.4
I have opportunities to participate in decisions about things that are important to me ⁵	12.8	9.9	17.5	17.5	42.2
Adults listen to children and take them seriously ⁶	7.8	9.7	17.0	26.8	38.7

Nmissing: ¹36, ²38, ³101, ⁴103, ⁵148, ⁶158

Views about local area (12 year old) (%)

In my area, I live in...	I do not agree	Agree a little bit	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
I feel safe when I walk ¹	4.9	8.8	14.6	27.4	44.2
There are enough places to play or to have a good time ²	10.4	12.1	16.3	21.8	39.4
If I have a problem there are people who will help me ³	19.4	13.9	18.8	18.1	29.9
Adults are kind to children ⁴	7.1	12.8	16.7	24.0	39.3
I have opportunities to participate in decisions about things that are important to me ⁵	22.6	14.0	20.8	16.8	25.9
Adults listen to children and take them seriously ⁶	15.7	18.0	21.0	18.7	26.6

Nmissing: ¹46, ²57, ³137, ⁴176, ⁵213, ⁶229

2.7 Money and the things children have

How often do you worry about how much money your family has? (%)

	10 year-old ¹	12 year-old ²	Total
Never	50.6	50.0	50.3
Sometimes	31.4	31.4	31.4
Often	11.4	12.4	11.9
Always	6.7	6.3	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Nmissing: ¹67, ²113

Satisfaction with all the things you have (10 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
all the things you have	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.7	1.0	2.0	1.6	5.3	16.4	71.6

Nmissing: 1

Satisfaction with all the things you have (12 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
all the things you have	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.6	2.2	6.0	12.1	17.4	58.0

Nmissing: 3

Do you have enough food to eat each day? (%)

	10 year-old ¹	12 year-old ²	Total
Never	1.0	1.3	1.2
Sometimes	2.4	3.8	3.1
Often	8.3	9.9	9.1
Always	88.3	84.9	86.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Nmissing: ¹22, ²113

The things children have (%)

Which of the following do you have	10 year-old ¹		12 year-old ²		Total	
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Clothes in good condition	0.5	99.6	0.9	99.1	0.7	99.4
Enough money for school trips and activities	3.2	96.8	4.4	95.6	3.8	96.2
Access to the Internet at home	2.6	97.5	1.3	98.7	2.0	98.1
The equipment/things you need for sports and hobbies	7.5	92.5	5.2	94.8	6.4	93.7
Pocket money/ money to spend on yourself	17.0	83.1	15.8	84.3	16.4	83.7
Two pairs of shoes	3.9	96.1	3.6	96.4	3.8	96.3
A mobile phone	16.5	83.5	4.6	95.5	10.6	89.5
The equipment/things you need for school	4.3	95.8	5.0	95.0	4.7	95.4

Nmissing: ¹7; 9; 9; 7; 8; 7; 12; 10, ²1; 2; 3; 4; 3; 2; 5; 4.

Descriptive statistics on material possessions (10 year old) (%)

How many bathrooms are in your home?	Nmissing: 2
None	1.2
One	47.8
Two	35.7
More than two	15.4
Do you sleep in your own room or do you share a room?	Nmissing: 5
I sleep in a room on my own	76.2
I sleep in a room that I share with other people	23.8
Does your family own a car, van or truck?	Nmissing: 5
No	8.9
One	28.7
Two	43.9
Three or more	18.4
In the last 12 months, how many times did you travel away on holiday with your family?	Nmissing: 156
Not at all	15.8
Once	28.6
Twice	21.5
More than twice	34.2
How many computers do your family own?	Nmissing: 10
None	2.2
One	7.0
Two	14.0
More than two	76.8

Descriptive statistics on material possessions (12 year old) (%)

How many bathrooms are in your home?	Nmissing: 1
None	0.6
One	45.4
Two	35.5
More than two	18.5
Do you sleep in your own room or do you share a room?	Nmissing: 3
I sleep in a room on my own	80.5
I sleep in a room that I share with other people	19.5
Does your family own a car, van or truck?	Nmissing: 2
No	7.9
One	22.6
Two	47.2
Three or more	22.3

In the last 12 months, how many times did you travel away on holiday with your family?		Nmissing: 13
Not at all		16.2
Once		26.7
Twice		27
More than twice		30.1
How many computers do your family own?		Nmissing: 12
None		1.1
One		6.0
Two		12.7
More than two		80.2

2.8 Time use

Satisfaction with time use (10 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
How you use your time ¹	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.8	1.4	3.1	2.3	6.5	11.1	14.0	59.7
How much free time you have to do what you want ²	1.4	0.4	1.2	0.7	1.2	3.6	3.0	4.2	9.6	15.1	59.9

Nmissing: ¹9, ²11

Satisfaction with time use (12 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
How you use your time ¹	1.1	0.1	1.2	1.3	2.8	4.4	4.8	10.3	16.6	16.1	41.3
How much free time you have to do what you want ²	1.4	0.4	1.1	2.0	2.3	4.5	6.2	10.8	13.0	12.2	46.1

Nmissing: ¹9, ²18

2.9 Subjective well-being: how children feel about their lives

OLS (Overall Subjective Well-Being)

Satisfaction with life as a whole (10 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Your life as a whole	3.0	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.3	3.1	2.6	2.6	4.9	12.2	68.8

Nmissing: 48

Satisfaction with life as a whole (12 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with ...	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Your life as a whole	1.5	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.5	5.7	4.0	6.3	11.0	13.3	50.2

Nmissing: 86

CW-SWBS (Children's Worlds Subjective Well-Being Scale)

CW-SWBS items (10 year old) (%)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I enjoy my life ¹	1.6	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.6	3.7	4.2	4.0	6.5	11.8	64.8
My life is going well ²	1.7	0.4	0.7	0.7	2.5	3.5	2.4	4.9	6.4	14.2	62.5
I have a good life ³	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.8	1.7	3.9	2.7	4.3	5.0	11.5	67.8
The things that happen in my life are excellent ⁴	1.6	0.8	0.7	2.3	2.4	6.1	3.4	5.8	9.5	16.9	50.1
I like my life ⁵	1.8	0.8	0.5	1.1	1.4	3.9	2.7	4.2	6.3	12.5	64.8
I am happy with my life ⁶	1.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.9	4.1	2.4	2.9	6.0	10.7	67.8

Nmissing: ¹1, ²4, ³9, ⁴4, ⁵8, ⁶4

CW-SWBS items (12 year old) (%)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I enjoy my life ¹	2.4	0.6	1.7	2.3	3.2	4.9	5.8	9.1	13.0	14.5	42.6
My life is going well ²	2.5	0.9	1.7	2.3	3.8	4.8	7.2	10.0	12.6	15.4	38.8
I have a good life ³	2.3	0.9	1.5	1.2	3.7	4.6	4.9	7.0	12.5	15.1	46.5
The things that happen in my life are excellent ⁴	3.1	1.6	2.4	2.8	3.3	8.6	6.9	10.1	14.4	15.7	31.4
I like my life ⁵	2.9	1.3	2.3	2.1	3.9	4.3	5.2	7.2	11.9	15.2	43.9
I am happy with my life ⁶	2.8	1.7	2.3	2.6	2.7	5.2	4.5	6.9	11.9	14.3	45.0

Nmissing: ¹2, ²3, ³26, ⁴6, ⁵8, ⁶5

CW-DBSWBS (Children's Worlds Domain Based Subjective Well-Being Scale), 2003)

CW- DBSWBS items (10 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The people you live with ¹	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	2.6	1.8	3.7	7.3	10.7	71.3
Your friends ²	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.3	4.1	2.6	5.7	12.3	15.4	55.7
Your life as a student ³	2.6	0.8	0.5	1.2	3.6	5.3	4.1	8.6	13.6	15.9	43.9
The area where you live ⁴	1.9	1.6	0.8	1.2	2.0	5.0	3.2	4.9	10.8	17.4	51.3
The way that you look ⁵	3.6	2.0	1.0	1.8	2.2	4.8	4.2	4.5	8.7	13.7	53.7

Nmissing: ¹4, ²0, ³2, ⁴2, ⁵46

CW- DBSWBS items (12 year old) (%)

Satisfaction with	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The people you live with ¹	0.7	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.4	3.6	4.2	5.4	11.3	12.6	58.7
Your friends ²	1.4	0.3	0.4	1.3	1.2	3.5	3.7	9.2	14.4	19.4	45.2
Your life as a student ³	4.1	1.1	1.7	3.2	3.2	9.1	7.5	15.8	16.8	14.8	22.7
The area where you live ⁴	2.2	0.8	1.3	2.1	3.4	5.1	5.7	9.0	13.6	15.0	41.9
The way that you look ⁵	6.9	2.9	3.4	4.4	4.1	8.1	6.7	10.3	11.1	11.0	31.2

Nmissing: ¹6, ²0, ³1, ⁴5, ⁵93

CW-PNAS (Children's Worlds Positive and Negative Affects Scale)

CW-PNAS items (10 year old) (%)

Last two weeks: How often feeling	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Happy ¹	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.8	2.0	3.6	3.2	6.1	9.4	15.6	57.0
Calm ²	3.8	2.6	1.9	3.1	5.5	11.0	6.0	8.8	12.2	11.8	33.3
Full of energy ³	3.4	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.6	5.8	4.0	6.7	9.1	11.0	53.8
Sad ⁴	28.4	14.1	13.6	8.6	7.3	11.0	3.2	4.1	2.9	2.1	5.2
Stressed ⁵	30.7	12.1	8.6	7.8	5.9	7.2	4.6	3.1	5.6	4.4	10.1
Bored ⁶	19.8	11.4	7.9	6.9	8.2	12.4	4.8	5.6	5.0	4.3	13.8

Nmissing: ¹43, ²64, ³58, ⁴71, ⁵65, ⁶58

CW-PNAS items (12 year old) (%)

Last two weeks: How often feeling	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Happy ¹	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.6	3.7	7.0	6.6	8.1	14.8	15.8	39.5
Calm ²	4.3	2.1	2.8	3.2	6.2	13.1	9.4	11.9	11.8	10.9	24.3
Full of energy ³	3.4	1.7	2.6	3.4	5.0	8.5	8.1	9.9	12.1	11.5	33.8
Sad ⁴	19.0	12.9	12.9	9.4	7.8	9.8	6.6	6.1	6.2	2.9	6.2
Stressed ⁵	17.7	9.8	8.4	6.1	5.8	10.4	8.3	8.4	8.3	5.8	10.9
Bored ⁶	11.4	8.5	9.9	6.1	8.5	11.8	6.9	8.5	6.4	8.2	15.9

Nmissing: ¹90, ²110, ³98, ⁴98, ⁵103, ⁶95

CW-PSWBS (Children's Worlds Psychological Subjective Well-Being Scale)-

CW- PSWBS items (12 year old) (%)

How much you agree with	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I like being the way I am ¹	4.0	2.0	3.2	2.8	7.2	6.1	8.0	11.7	11.2	42.5	1.3
I am good at managing my daily responsibilities ²	2.5	1.5	2.9	4.3	8.2	6.8	10.0	12.8	12.6	37.8	0.8
People are generally pretty friendly towards me ³	2.1	1.4	3.0	4.0	6.1	5.3	10.0	12.9	14.6	39.4	1.0
I have enough choice about how I spend my time ⁴	1.6	1.4	1.7	3.2	5.2	5.1	7.4	11.6	14.5	47.6	0.7
I feel that I am learning a lot at the moment ⁵	3.1	1.8	2.3	3.5	7.0	6.8	10.4	14.3	13.1	36.1	1.6
I feel positive about my future ⁶	3.1	1.9	2.5	2.6	5.8	5.8	7.2	12.9	13.9	43.3	1.0

Nmissing: ¹112, ²116, ³124, ⁴120, ⁵116, ⁶119**2.10 Children perceptions about their country:**

Children's rights (%)

		10-year-olds ¹	12-year-olds ²
I know what rights children have	No	3.4	6.0
	Not sure	23.3	33.0
	Yes	73.3	61.1
I know about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	No	15.5	27.4
	Not sure	42.6	49.1
	Yes	41.9	23.5

Nmissing: ¹53; 66, ²113; 128.**3. Conclusions³**

Briefly, there appear to be reasonably high levels of well-being, satisfaction and material goods. There seems to be little difference between the 12 year- and 10 year-olds, although the older children tended to be less likely to state that they were completely satisfied.

It is worth noting that schemes to raise children's awareness of their rights runs in both primary and secondary schools in Wales, at the behest of the Children's Commissioner for Wales, which may explain why there might be relatively high levels of awareness compared to other countries.

The area that shows the most variability, and reflects some of the highest areas of children's dissatisfaction, appears to be their experience of school. Additionally, the older children responded less positively than the younger children. This may reflect the very different structuring (and, to an extent, focus) of schooling in secondary, compared with primary, schools.
