

Hello!

What is this?

This is a survey for young people ages 10-17.

In this survey you will be able to tell us more about your ideas on how old you think a young person should be to do certain things in life, like get married, or leave school to get a job, and similar questions.

Who are we?

We are a research organisation called [Youth Policy Labs](#) and we are working with UNICEF. Based on your answers, we will write reports for UNICEF to help them design better programmes for young people.

It is up to you!

You are doing this survey voluntarily – meaning that you are doing it because you want to, and no one is forcing you. If you want to stop the survey at any time, you can.

While you are choosing to do the survey by yourself. We encourage you to speak to your parents/guardians about the survey, and let them know you completed it.

Your answers will be *confidential* – meaning that there will be no way for someone to find out that it was you who answered these questions.

How do I get started?

If you understand everything on this page, please click “yes” below, and it will start the survey.

The survey has 41 questions and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. If you close the window or click the ‘back arrow’ in your browser, the survey will stop. All your answers will be lost and you will not be able to continue where you left.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions, you can email us at agematters@youthpolicy.org

You can visit our website <http://www.agemattersnow.org/> for more information. The results of this project will be on the website in English in early 2018, and other languages to follow.

* 1. Do you understand everything above?

Yes

No

If you have a seeing disability, please use a screen magnifier. In case of a hearing disability, please use a screen reader with a text-to-speech (TTS) system. This survey can be completed using voice command and control software. It doesn't require a mouse or keyboard to complete. We also encourage you to ask your friends or parents/guardians to help you fill in this survey, if needed.

You answered NO, you do not understand. Unfortunately, you will not be able to complete this survey now.

You may think more about it and discuss this survey with your friends or parents/guardians. You can still change your mind and come back later to fill in this survey before 31st October.

If you have more questions for us, you can email us at agematters@youthpolicy.org

* 2. How old are you?

* 3. Are you:

- Male
- Female
- Don't want to answer

* 4. Which province/state/county do you live in?

* 5. Where do you live?

* 6. What is your ethnicity?

* 7. What is your religion?

* 8. We would like to ask you some questions about some difficulties you may have.

How easy is it for you to:

	Very easy	Easy	Neutral	Difficult	Very difficult	Don't want to answer
walk 100 meters on level ground?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
hear sounds like peoples' voices or music?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
see?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
learn things?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
remember things?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
concentrate on an activity that you enjoy doing?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 9. Do you have your own bedroom for yourself?

- Yes, I have my own bedroom.
- No, I don't have my own bedroom. I share it with one more person.
- No, I don't have my own bedroom. I share it with two or more people.
- Don't want to answer

* 10. Are you enrolled in school?

11. What was the highest level or grade that you attended?

* 12. How much do you agree with the following statements?

"I am **capable** enough to:"

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
"go to the supermarket by myself to do groceries."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"have my own key for my home."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"stay home alone for several hours during the day."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"decide how to spend my own pocket money."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"choose my own friends."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"choose who to date."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"decide my own dress and personal style."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"decide what to do in my free time."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"decide which websites to visit online."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"vote (ex. in national elections)."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"talk to a doctor by myself without my parents/guardians."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"make my own decisions about medical treatments I could receive (ex. injection)."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 13. From what age can a young person decide to stop going to school?

* 14. From what age can a young person work *full-time*?

(*Full-time* means working morning to evening, every work day, with no time for school)

* 15. How much do you agree with the following statement?

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree or disagree Agree Strongly agree

"A young person your age should be allowed to leave school to work full-time if they want to."

* 16. From what age can a young person get married, without the *consent* of their parents/guardians first? (*Consent* means that your parents/guardians must say “yes” before you can do something)

* 17. How much you agree with the following statement?

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree or disagree Agree Strongly agree

“No young person under the age of 18 should be able to get married.”

* 18. From what age a young person can be charged if they commit a crime?

* 19. From what age can a young person vote (ex. in national elections)?

* 20. How much do you agree with the following statement?

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree or disagree Agree Strongly agree

“Young people my age should be allowed to vote (ex. in national elections).”

* 21. In general, how would you say your health is?

* 22. Do you have any long-term health problems or conditions? (lasting 6 months or more) (ex. asthma, diabetes)

- Yes
- No
- Don't want to answer

* 23. How do you usually feel?

Remember there are no right or wrong answers.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
I feel happy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel lonely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel like hiding from people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel sad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel I am no good	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I worry a lot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am nervous	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel angry about things	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 24. From what age can a young person seek medical/health advice **by themselves** without their parents/guardians in the room, if they want to?

* 25. Did a doctor ever **refuse** to give you medical advice because your parents/guardians were not with you in the room?

- Yes
- No
- Don't want to answer

* 26. Did you ever **avoid** seeking medical advice because your parents/guardians had to be with you in the room?

- Yes
- No
- Don't want to answer

27. What were you seeking medical advice for? [select all that apply]

- Harm from abuse or violence**
- Smoking cigarettes
- Drinking alcohol
- Taking drugs
- Mental health (ex. depression, anxiety)
- Sexual orientation, unsure about my sexuality
- Sexual issues (ex. unwanted pregnancy, sexual relationships, protection from infections)
- Don't want to answer
- Other (please specify)

****If you ever experienced harm from abuse or violence there is always someone you can talk to. You can call [INSERT ORGANISATION, NUMBER]. Talking helps.**

* 28. How much do you agree with the following statement?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
"A young person your age should be able to seek medical advice by themselves without their parents/guardians, if they want to".	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 29. A doctor wants to give a young person medical treatment (ex. injection).
From what age can a young person refuse to receive treatment?

* 30. How much do you agree with the following statement?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
"A young person your age should always give <i>consent</i> to a doctor before receiving any medical treatment (ex. injection)"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(*Consent* means that you have to say it is ok before something is done to you)

* 31. Did you ever have a medical treatment that **you didn't want, but were forced to** by your parents/guardians or doctor?

- Yes
- No
- Don't want to answer

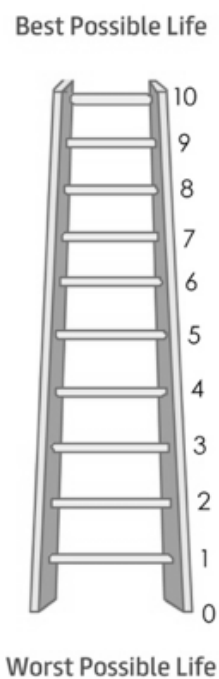
* 32. Over the last 12 months, have you had a paid job (for money or goods)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't want to answer

33. Did you have to miss school to go to work for money or goods? If yes, how many days?

- No, I did not miss any days of school to go to work
- Yes, I missed between 1-10 days of school to go to work
- Yes, I missed between 11-30 days of school to go to work
- Yes, I missed more than 30 days of school to go to work
- Don't want to answer

* 34. The top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you and the bottom of the ladder represents the worst possible life for you.



On which step of the ladder do you feel you stand **at this time**?

* 35. Try to imagine, on which step do you think you will stand **about five years** from now?

* 36. My life would be better / have higher standing on the ladder if... [select all that apply]

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I had more friends. | <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't have to worry about my safety online. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I went to a better school. | <input type="checkbox"/> I could choose who to date. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I lived in a safer neighbourhood. | <input type="checkbox"/> It were not possible to get married before 18. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I could visit the doctor independently without knowledge or presence of my parents/guardians. | <input type="checkbox"/> I could vote in national elections. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I could make my own decisions about my health treatment. | <input type="checkbox"/> I had more people who I can talk to about my problems. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I had a smart phone. | <input type="checkbox"/> I had more free time. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I could access the Internet whenever I needed. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

* 37. My life would be better / have higher standing on the ladder if... [select all that apply]

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I had more friends. | <input type="checkbox"/> It were not possible to get married before 18. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I went to a better school. | <input type="checkbox"/> I could vote in national elections. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I lived in a safer neighbourhood. | <input type="checkbox"/> I had more people who I can talk to about my problems. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I could visit the doctor independently without knowledge or presence of my parents/guardians. | <input type="checkbox"/> I had more free time. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I could make my own decisions about my health treatment. | <input type="checkbox"/> I could work without missing school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I had a smart phone. | <input type="checkbox"/> My work environment were safer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I could access the Internet whenever I needed. | <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't have to work and could go to school instead |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't have to worry about my safety online. | <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't have to work at all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I could choose who to date. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

Based on your life right now, try to imagine yourself in the future.

* 38. Do you think that in 10 years you'll be able to study as long as you want?

- Yes
- No
- Don't want to answer

* 39. Do you think that in 10 years you'll be able to have the job that you want?

- Yes
- No
- Don't want to answer

* 40. Do you think that in 10 years you'll be able to marry who you want?

- Yes
- No
- Don't want to answer

41. Why do you think you will not be able to study as long as you want? [select all that apply]

- Lack of skills
- Lack of money
- Frequent illness or disability
- Lack of family support
- Lack of desired schools/programmes in my region
- Other (please specify)
- My gender
- My ethnicity
- My sexual orientation
- My religious beliefs

42. Why do you think you will not be able to have the job that you want? [select all that apply]

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of desired job in my region |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of money | <input type="checkbox"/> Not accepted in society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family will not allow | <input type="checkbox"/> My gender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of friends who could help me | <input type="checkbox"/> My ethnicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent illness or disability | <input type="checkbox"/> My sexual orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My parents choose a job for me | <input type="checkbox"/> My religious beliefs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

43. Why do you think you will not be able to marry who you want? [select all that apply]

- Family will not allow
- Religious or community group will not allow
- My parents will choose for me
- Lack of money
- Other (please specify)
- My gender
- My ethnicity
- My sexual orientation
- My religious beliefs

Thank you very much for your participation!

If you found this survey interesting, please talk about it with your friends and tell them to fill it out, too.

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