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Youth Survey

Engagement Report

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Executive summary

The Glen Eira Youth Survey 2024 asked young people to share their experiences and feedback on matters that are important to them. The survey ran for a four-week period from 19 August to 15 September 2024.

Council received 464 responses from young people aged 10–25 who live, work, study and socialise in Glen Eira. The survey was hosted on Have Your Say Glen Eira, with additional feedback welcomed through the Youth Services and Engagement and Insights teams.

The survey is conducted annually to help Council understand the unique interests, needs and challenges of young people in Glen Eira. The survey is a 'consult' level community engagement.

How we engaged

We asked young people (ages 10–25) in Glen Eira for feedback on a range of topics, including:

- concerns and excitement for the future
- community and participation
- health and wellbeing
- programs and activities.

The survey questions, communications and engagement activities were co-designed with the Youth Engagement Team (YET) over the span of two months and four sessions.

A comprehensive communications campaign reached young people across the municipality through a range of channels. This included:

- promotion on Council's various social media channels
- posters displayed at libraries, leisure facilities, parks, and other Council facilities
- emails to local schools, traders' associations, and youth service providers
- e-newsletters from Youth Services, Community Engagement and Glen Eira Leisure
- walk-throughs of local shopping strips, sport grounds, libraries, and Monash University Caulfield Campus
- conversations with young people attending Youth Services programs.

Who we heard from

We received a total of **464 survey responses** from young people. This is approximately 1.5% of young residents in Glen Eira (Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021). At greater than 400 survey responses, the survey is considered statistically significant.

The survey was completed by a diverse range of people. **33 per cent** of respondents identified themselves as someone from a multicultural background and **28 per cent**

identified as speaking other languages at home. **Five** respondents identified as being First Nations people. **267** respondents identified as a woman or girl, while **174** identified as a man or boy. **13** identified as non-binary and **seven** identified as transgender.

What we heard

The survey included 16 questions on a range of topics, from concerns and aspirations to health and employment.

The top three concerns that young people hold for their future are:



Money
72%



Housing
55%



Work
46%



The most common response from young people when asked about their overall wellbeing, social health, and physical health was that they are "mostly healthy". Mental health was rated as "average" in comparison to other forms of health.

The top three things that young people told us would improve their health were:

- **quality sleep** (25 per cent)
- **exercise** (22 per cent)
- **healthy eating** (17 per cent).

The top four activities young people told us that they enjoy doing were:



Spending time with friends, family or social groups **89%**



Entertainment at home **78%**



Eating or drinking **67%**



Exercising **66%**

Free text feedback was requested in four questions and the following themes were the most common across each question:

- More social clubs and community events would support them (**31 per cent**)
- Excitement for their future career and job aspirations (**26 per cent**)
- Sports and exercise facilities could improve parks and spaces (**18 per cent**)
- Better lighting would help them feel safer (**16 per cent**)

Survey responses also identified that a high proportion of young people feel:

- included, or mostly included (**83 per cent**)
- safe, or mostly safe (**85 per cent**)
- that there are some or plenty opportunities for their voices to be heard (**76 per cent**)

76 per cent of respondents indicated that there are enough places for young people to meet.

34 per cent of respondents identified that they were aware of Glen Eira Youth Services.

Engagement report

Background

Glen Eira Youth Services (GEYS) regularly conducts surveys and other engagement activities with young people to provide an evidence base for the development of programs and activities. As part of the establishment of the Glen Eira Youth Engagement Team in 2024, Council endorsed conducting an annual youth survey.

The Glen Eira Youth Survey 2024 gathered feedback from young people on Council's services and programs to inform future Council decision making. The survey aimed to:

- increase the level of engagement and accessibility for young people to inform Council decision making, plans, programs, and services.
- increase the profile of young people in Glen Eira, by platforming the youth voice and improving connections and community through GEYS.

GEYS is part of a broad range of services that Council provides to the community. GEYS works with young people aged 10 – 25 and their families who live, work, study and socialise in Glen Eira by providing flexible and proactive services, support, information and advocacy.

Prizes were offered to encourage young people to complete the survey. Once complete, young people could participate in a prize draw to win one of three prizes (two $250 gift cards and a three-month Glen Eira Leisure membership). Prizes were drawn at random, and winners were contacted the day after the survey closed.

Co-design with the YET

The survey was developed collaboratively with the Youth Engagement Team (YET) who had a significant role in its design and implementation. The YET comprises of 12 young people aged 18–25 who who live in Glen Eira and have been recruited to provide a youth perspective on Council's policies and plans.

The co-design process captured ideas from the YET through facilitated discussions and engagement tools across four sessions in the months prior to the launch of the survey. This included an initial idea-generating session, reviews of draft survey questions, testing of accessibility and audience, feedback on the promotional artwork, and discussion of how to promote the survey to disengaged groups.

The co-design sessions established four key survey topics: community, participation, future, and health and wellbeing. These topics are aligned to the *Glen Eira Council Plan 2021–2025* and *Glen Eira Community Wellbeing Plan 2021–2025*.

GEYS also requested feedback from participants of drop-in programs to ensure the survey was accessible to young people aged 10-12. While the survey was live, the YET were involved in engagement activities, promoting the project to the community, and analysing preliminary results to identify areas of potential improvement. Following the close of the survey the YET met once to analyse the data, review the summary report, and help create the infographic. The Youth Events and Leadership Team were also consulted regarding the infographic design.

Communication activities

The survey was promoted through Council communications channels, including:

- a Have Your Say Glen Eira page at www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/youthsurvey
- the survey accessible through the Have Your Say webpage
- posters placed at most Council facilities
- postcards available at libraries and leisure centres
- billboard displays at Duncan MacKinnon
- activities targeted at Glen Eira City Council staff.

The table below summarises the channels and reach of the communication activities.

Communication Activities	Reach
Glen Eira News Articles in August and September editions directed people to the survey.	Distribution: 64,000 houses Online views: 1,819 Online users: 974
Have Your Say project engagement page An online webpage provided information and hosted the survey.	Page views: 2,438
Social media posts on Facebook & Instagram Posts about the survey were shared on the official social media platforms of Glen Eira City Council, Libraries, Arts & Culture, and Youth Services.	Reach: 3,969 Impressions: 9,362 Interactions: 7 Views: 259 Link clicks: 48
Posters and postcards across Council facilities Posters and postcards were displayed in: Parks and open spaces Duncan MacKinnon Pavilion, Caulfield Park Pavilion, Caulfield East Reserve, Murrumbeena Park, Packer Park, and Glen Huntly Park. Glen Eira Leisure Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre, and Caulfield Recreation Centre. Glen Eira Libraries	Parks and open spaces: 7 Glen Eira Leisure centres: 2 Glen Eira Libraries: 4 Facilities and services: 4

Caulfield Library, Elsternwick Library, Bentleigh Library, and Carnegie Library. Facilities and services Glen Eira Gallery, Customer Service, Maternal and Child Health centres, and Moorleigh Village.	
Youth Services programs Postcards and information were shared with GEYS programs and pride groups within local schools.	Postcards: 100
Emails Emails were sent to: • all primary and secondary schools in Glen Eira • Monash University Student Union (MONSU) Caulfield • sporting clubs • traders' associations • youth service providers • scout groups • art schools.	Primary schools: 30 Secondary schools: 15 Sporting clubs: 77 Multicultural networks: 2 Traders associations: 4 Youth service providers: 4 Scout groups: 8 Art schools: 9
Keeping-up-to Date News e-newsletter	Number of subscribers: 615
Bayside Glen Eira Kingston Youth Network Newsletter article directing people to the survey	Number of subscribers: 277
Internal communications The survey was promoted to Glen Eira City Council staff through: • a CEO update • a Djeembana post • direct emails to departments with a high number of young staff.	Staff reach: 1,873 Views: 1,224 Clicks on survey link: 24 Number of posts: 1 Views: 356 Reactions: 12 Emails: 2

Engagement activities

A broad range of engagement activities were used to gather feedback from young people and included:

- collaboration with the YET to co-design the engagement approach and activities
- an online survey to capture youth feedback through Have Your Say Glen Eira, open for a four-week period from Monday 19 August 2024 to Sunday 15 September 2024
- 17 pop-ups and walk-throughs at locations around Glen Eira during peak times.

The table below summarises the engagement activities and participant numbers.

Engagement activities	Number of participants
Online survey The online survey was hosted on Have Your Say Glen Eira and included 22 questions covering the respondents' demographics and: • concerns and excitement for the future • community and participation • health and wellbeing • ideas for programs and activities.	Surveys completed: 464
Pop-ups and walkthroughs Staff and YET members conducted pop-ups and walkthroughs during busy periods at the following locations. • Youth Art Exhibition Presentation Night • Bentleigh Farmers Market • Bentleigh shopping strip • McKinnon shopping strip • Carnegie shopping strip • Glen Huntly shopping strip • Gardenvale shopping strip • Elsternwick shopping strip • Bentleigh Library • Caulfield Library • Elsternwick Library • Carnegie Library • Youth Services programs • Duncan MacKinnon Reserve • Bentleigh Secondary College • Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre • Bailey Reserve. We handed out postcards and talked about the survey with local young people and parents.	Locations: 17 Postcards: 1,678
Youth Engagement Team The YET was involved in the co-design of the process, as well as analysis and summary of findings.	Team members: 12

Youth Survey 2024 responses

The survey was open from Monday 19 August to Sunday 15 September 2024, accessible online through the designated Have Your Say Glen Eira webpage. A total of **464** survey responses were received from young people aged 10–25 years, with both qualitative and quantitative data captured to show young people's priorities.

There was a total of **22 questions** — seven demographic questions and 15 subject matter questions. Respondents were also provided with privacy collection notices to explain how their response information would be used.

The 15 subject matter questions covered themes around community, participation, safety, the future, and health and wellbeing. 11 of these questions captured quantitative data, allowing us to compare the results across all participants. Four of the questions asked for free text feedback, providing respondents with the opportunity to share their comments.

Each question and a summary of the responses are shown in the following pages.

Youth Survey demographics

Q.1 What is your age?

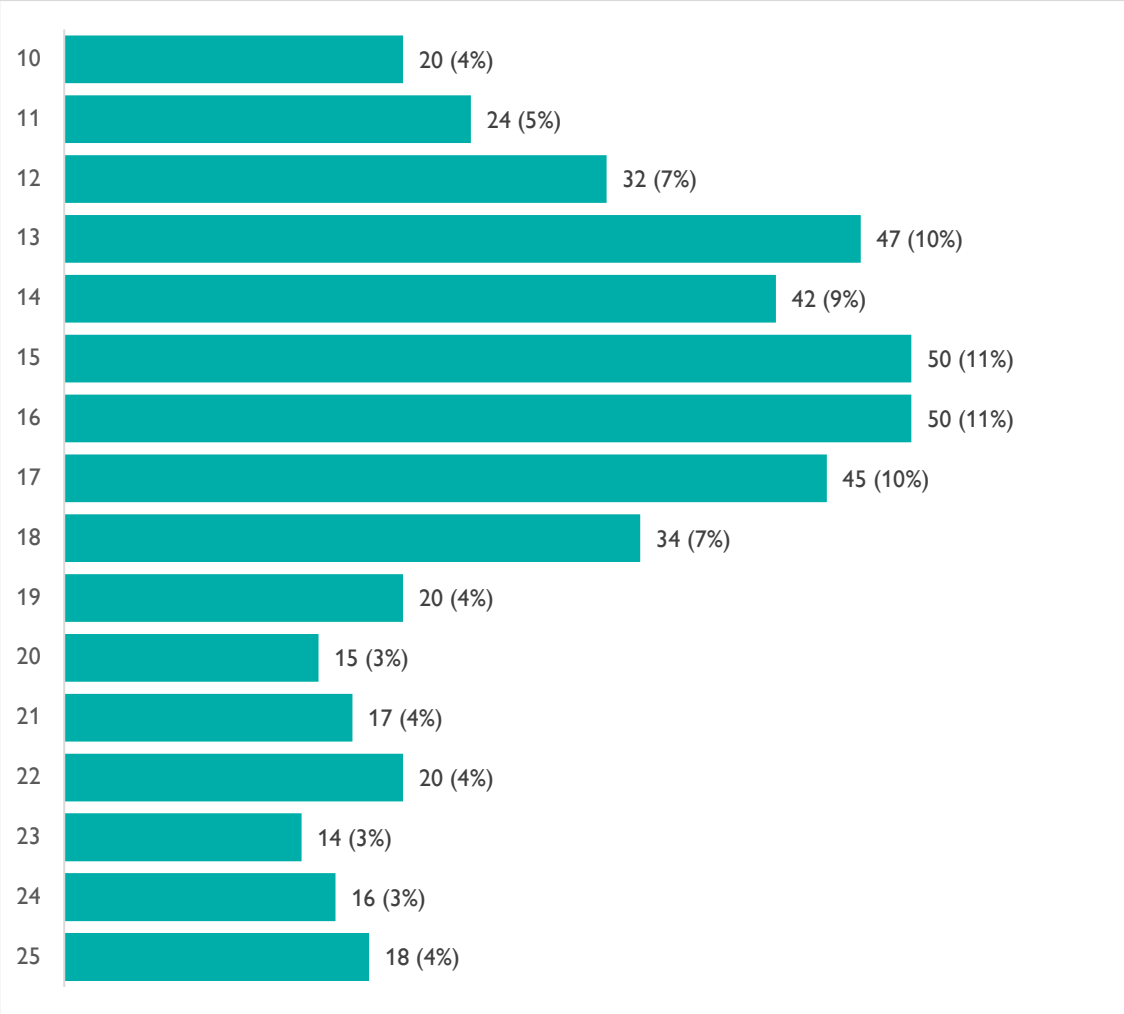
Required question. Single choice.

464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

Responses show that all ages were represented in the survey. Teenagers were the most represented, and those aged 19 and older were the least represented.

The most selected ages were:

- ages 15 and 16 (11 per cent, **50 responses each**)
- age 13 (10 per cent, **47 responses**)
- age 17 (10 per cent, **45 responses**).



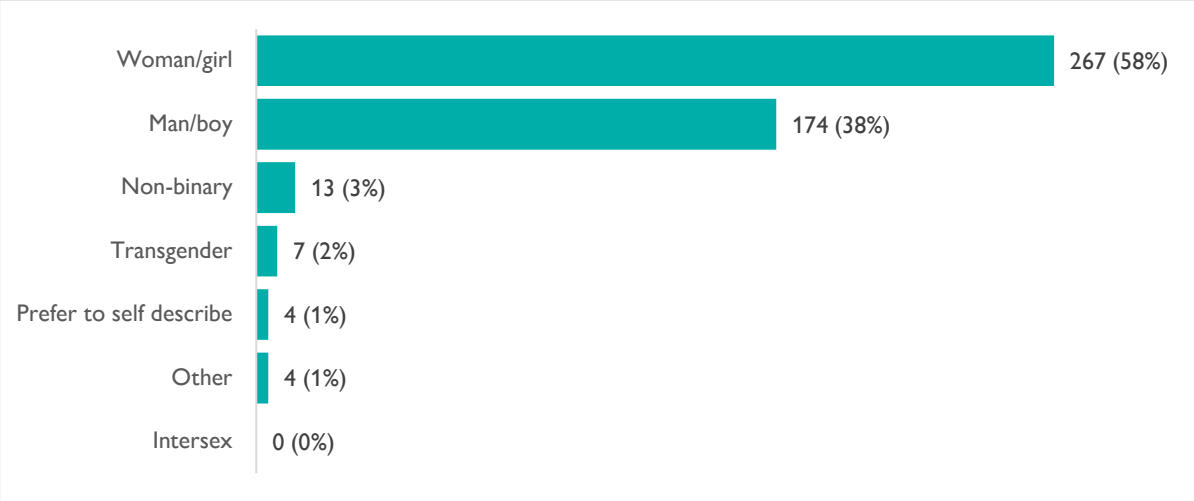
Q.2 What is your gender?

Optional question. Multiple choice.

462 responses. (99 per cent of total responses)

The responses on gender identified:

- woman or girl were the most represented at 58 per cent (**267 responses**)
- boy or man were the second most represented at 38 per cent (**174 responses**)
- people who selected non-binary were represented at 3 per cent (**13 responses**), transgender at 2 per cent (**7 responses**) and prefer to self-describe at 1 per cent (**4 responses**).



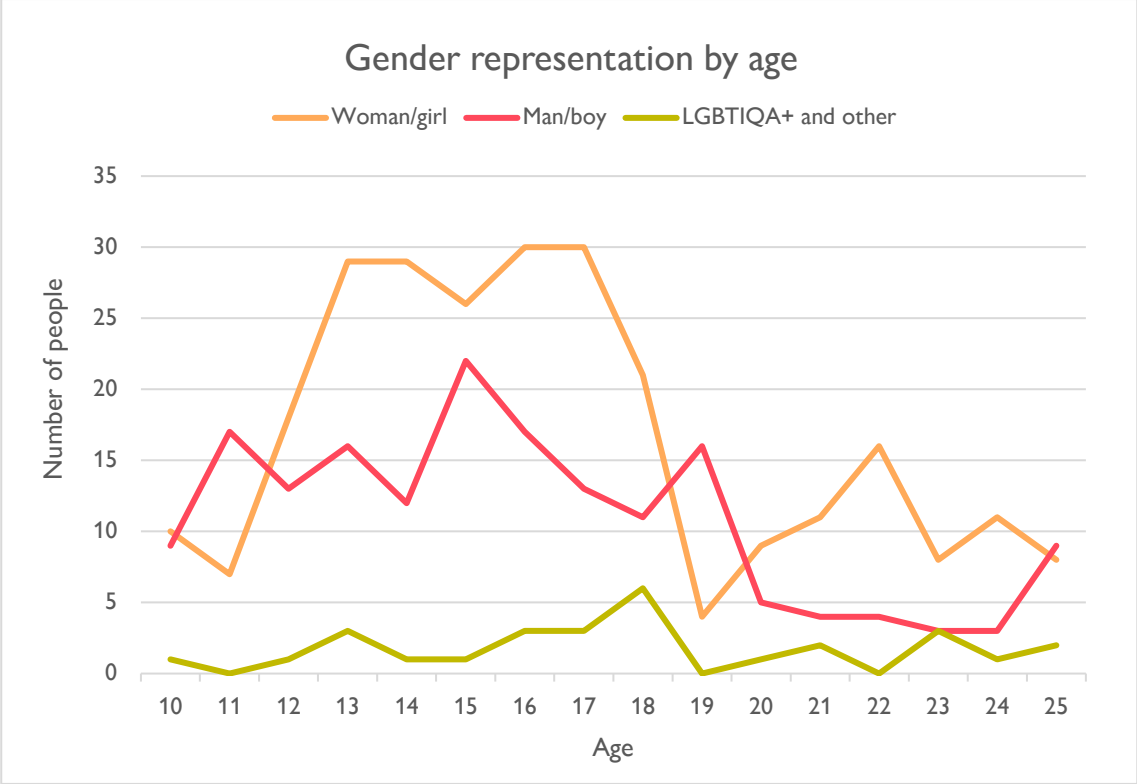
Gender representation by age

The number of respondents for each gender can be compared across the age range.

Due to the small number of responses, the genders of 'transgender', 'non-binary', 'prefer to self-describe', and 'other' have all been grouped under the term 'LGBTIQA+ and other'.

This data shows:

- 'women/girls' have notably higher representation across most ages, except ages 19 and 11 where 'men/boys' have higher representation.
- 'LGBTIQA+ and other' is relatively consistent throughout the age range, with most being aged 16-18.



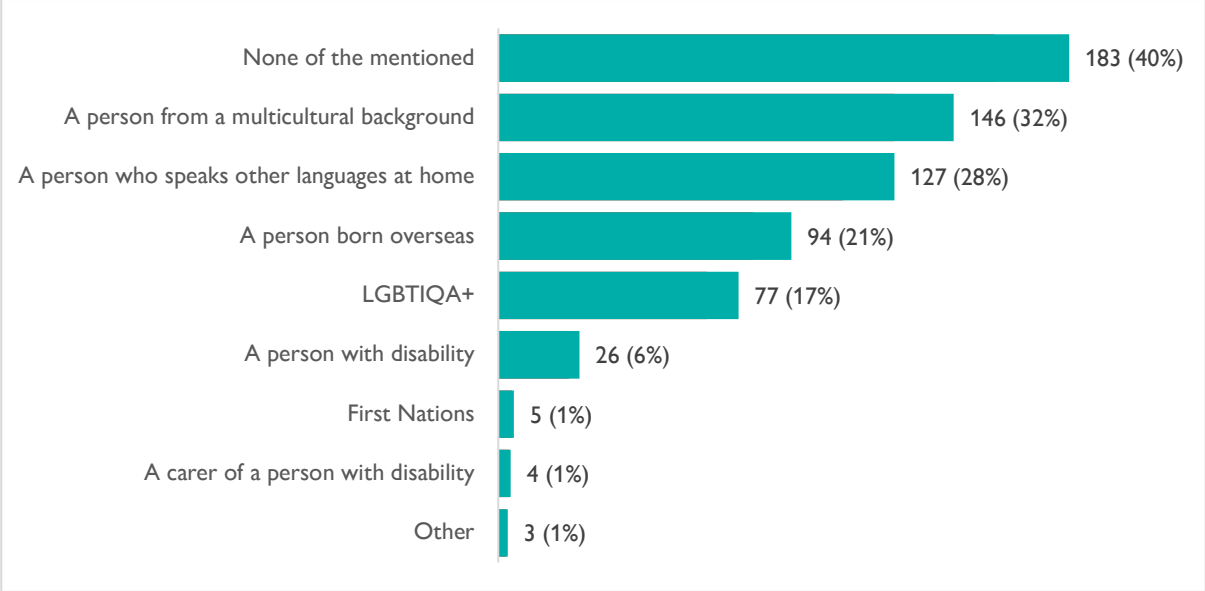
Q.3 Do you identify as any of the following?

Optional question. Multiple choice.

454 responses (98 per cent of total responses).

The responses on diversity identity features shows that:

- people with multicultural backgrounds made up 32 per cent of the respondents (**146 responses**)
- people who speak another language at home made up 28 per cent of the respondents (**127 responses**).
- people born overseas made up 21 per cent of the respondents (**94 responses**)
- people who identify LGBTIQA+ made up 17 per cent of the respondents (**77 responses**).



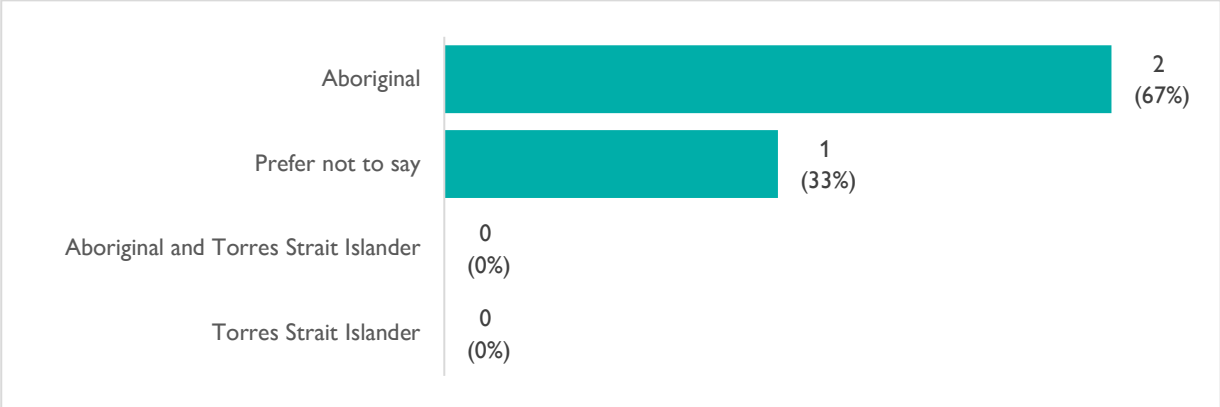
Q.4 As a First Nations person, how do you identify?

Optional question. Multiple choice.

3 responses.

There were five people that identified as First Nations in Q.6 and they were provided a follow up question to identify whether they were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Two respondents identified themselves as Aboriginal and one respondent selected 'prefer not to say'.



Q.5 Where do you live?

Required question. Multiple choice.

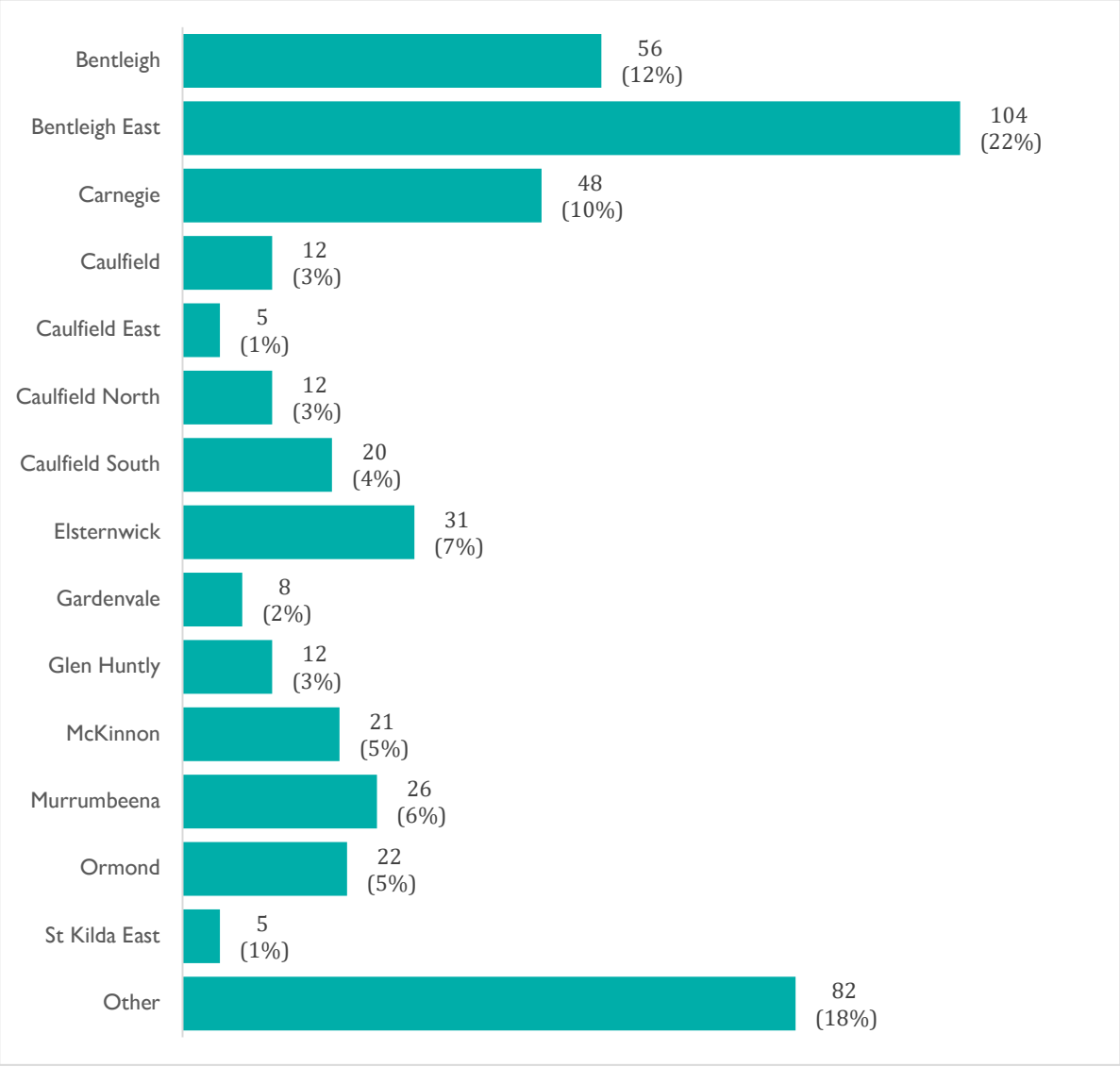
464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

All suburbs within Glen Eira were represented in the survey. 82 per cent of total survey respondents identified as living in Glen Eira.

The following suburbs were the highest represented:

- Bentleigh East at 22 per cent (**104 responses**)
- Bentleigh at 12 per cent (**56 responses**)
- Carnegie at 10 per cent (**48 responses**).

18 per cent of respondents (**82 responses**) identified as living in a suburb outside of Glen Eira. The most represented council areas were Bayside City Council (**21 responses**), City of Monash (**18 responses**), and City of Kingston (**11 responses**).



Q.6 What is your connection to Glen Eira?

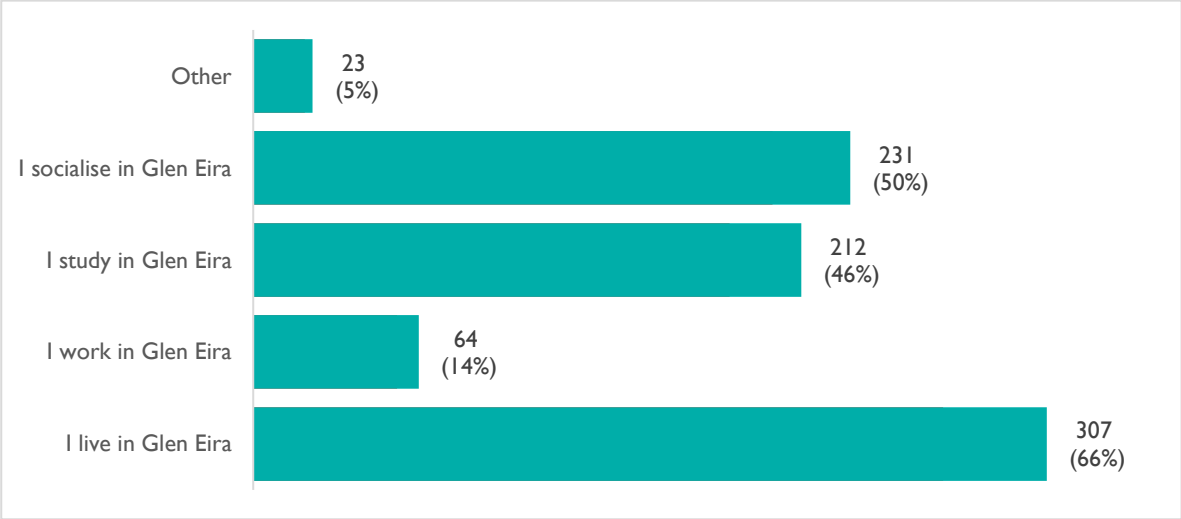
Optional question. Multiple choice.

462 responses. (99 per cent of total responses)

This question explored young people's connection to Glen Eira.

The data identified that:

- 95 per cent of respondents (**439 responses**) have a connection to Glen Eira
- 66 per cent of respondents (**307 responses**) live in Glen Eira — the highest proportion of responses to this question.
- 14 per cent of respondents (**64 responses**) work in the municipality.



Examples of the free text responses for 'other' include:

I have never heard of Glen Eira
Grew up in Glen Eira
Play Basketball
I do everything in Glen Eira but live in Dingley
School

Q.7 Do you have a job?

Required question. Multiple choice.

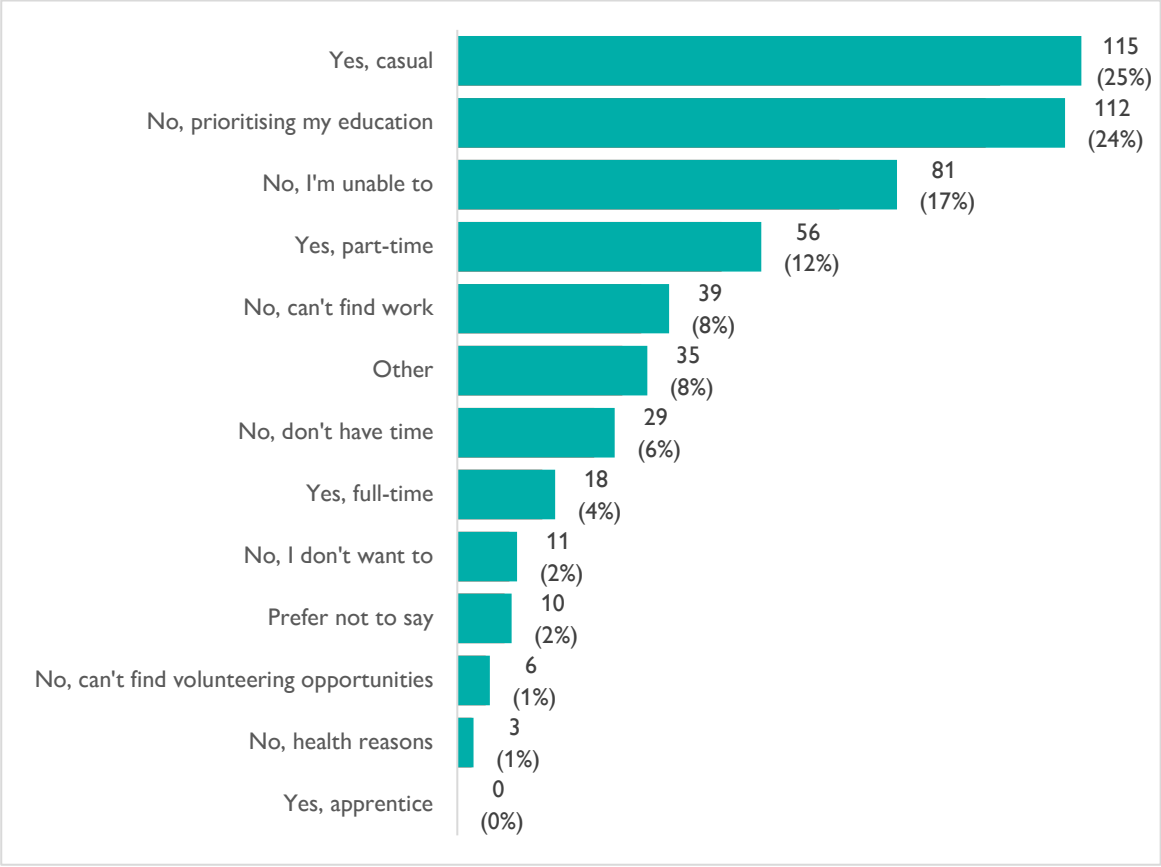
464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people whether they had a job and the type of job. More than one choice was allowed, and people were able to comment as well as choose an option.

The data identified that:

- 56 per cent of respondents don't work (**249 responses**)
- 42 per cent of respondents work (**185 responses**)
- 2 per cent of respondents preferred not to say (**10 responses**).

The most common work type is casual work (25 per cent, **115 responses**) and part-time work (12 per cent, **56 responses**). Among those respondents who do not work, 24 per cent (**112 responses**) are prioritising their education and 17 per cent (**81 responses**) are unable to work.



Examples of the free-text responses for 'other' include:

No, I'm looking into jobs at the moment
I'm a child, the only job I do is the dishes.
I'm at primary school

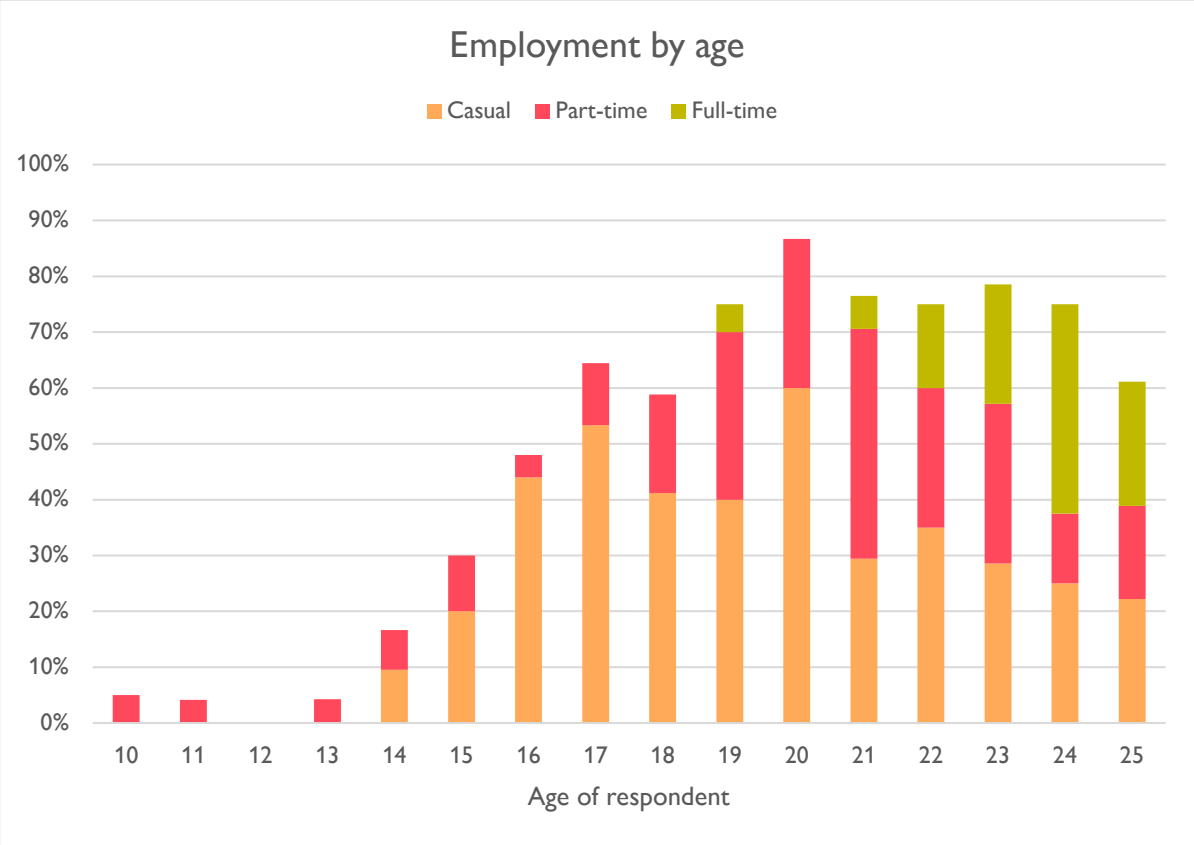
I'm only 12.
Self employed
Sport commitments
I'm a kid
Volunteer but paid

Employment by age

The rates and types of employment can be compared across the age range.

This data shows that employment:

- rises quickly from age 14
- reaches 48 per cent by the age of 16
- stabilises around 75-85 per cent for ages 19–24
- drops to 61 per cent at the age of 25.



Q.8 What are your biggest concerns for the future?

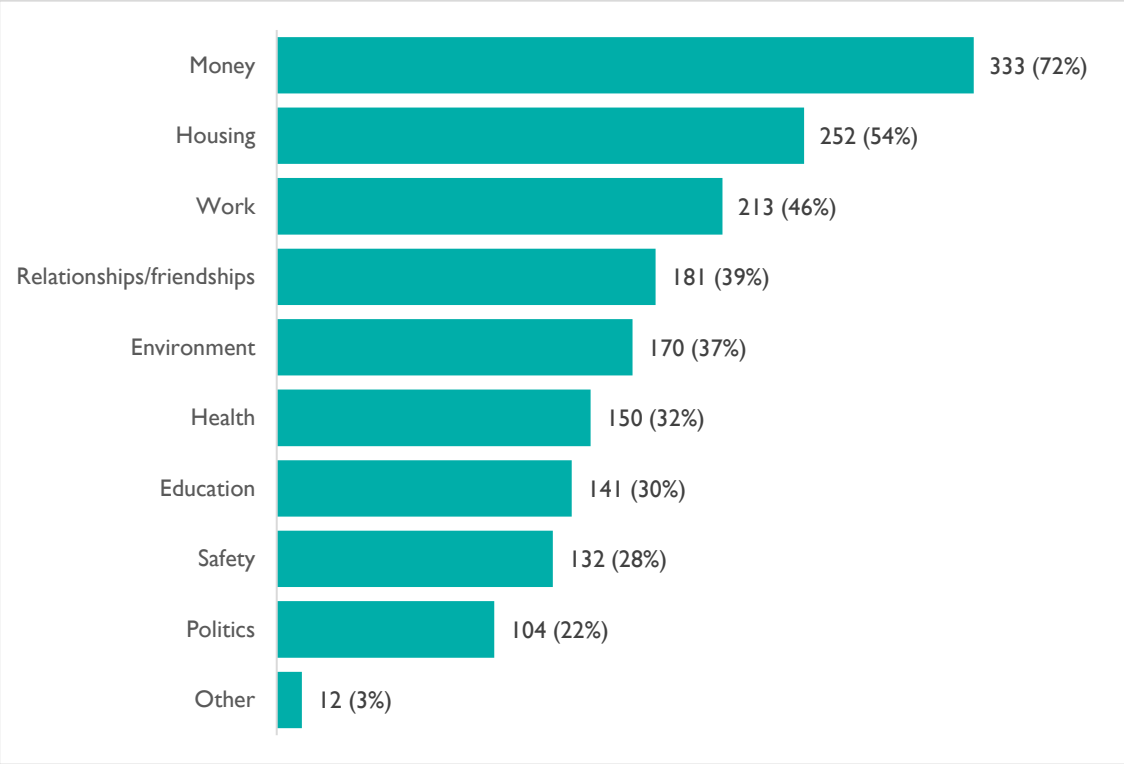
Required question. Multiple choice.

464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question explored what young people saw as their biggest concerns for the future.

The data shows the top responses being:

- money (72 per cent, **333 responses**)
- housing (54 per cent, **252 responses**)
- work (46 per cent, **213 responses**).



Examples of the free-text responses for 'other' include:

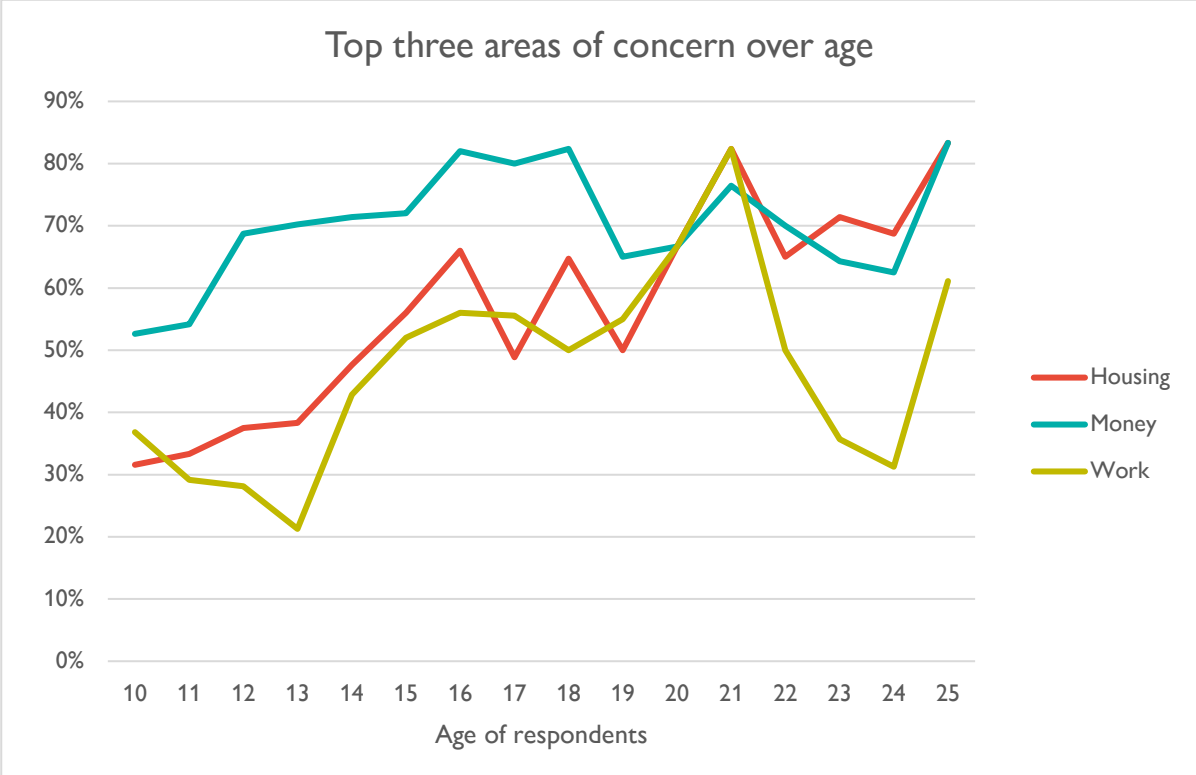
bio diversity, bike paths
the probability that inflation continue and people not supportive anymore
Making Movies
Grief
Mental Health
Don't think about it
Peace
AI
Not becoming rich and famous 😟
Continue living

Top three areas of concern over age

The top three concerns across the whole cohort can be compared across age ranges.

The data shows:

- money is of relatively high concern regardless of age
- concern about housing rises from 32 per cent at age 10 to 83 per cent at age 25
- work is of relatively high concern between ages 15–22, and at age 25.

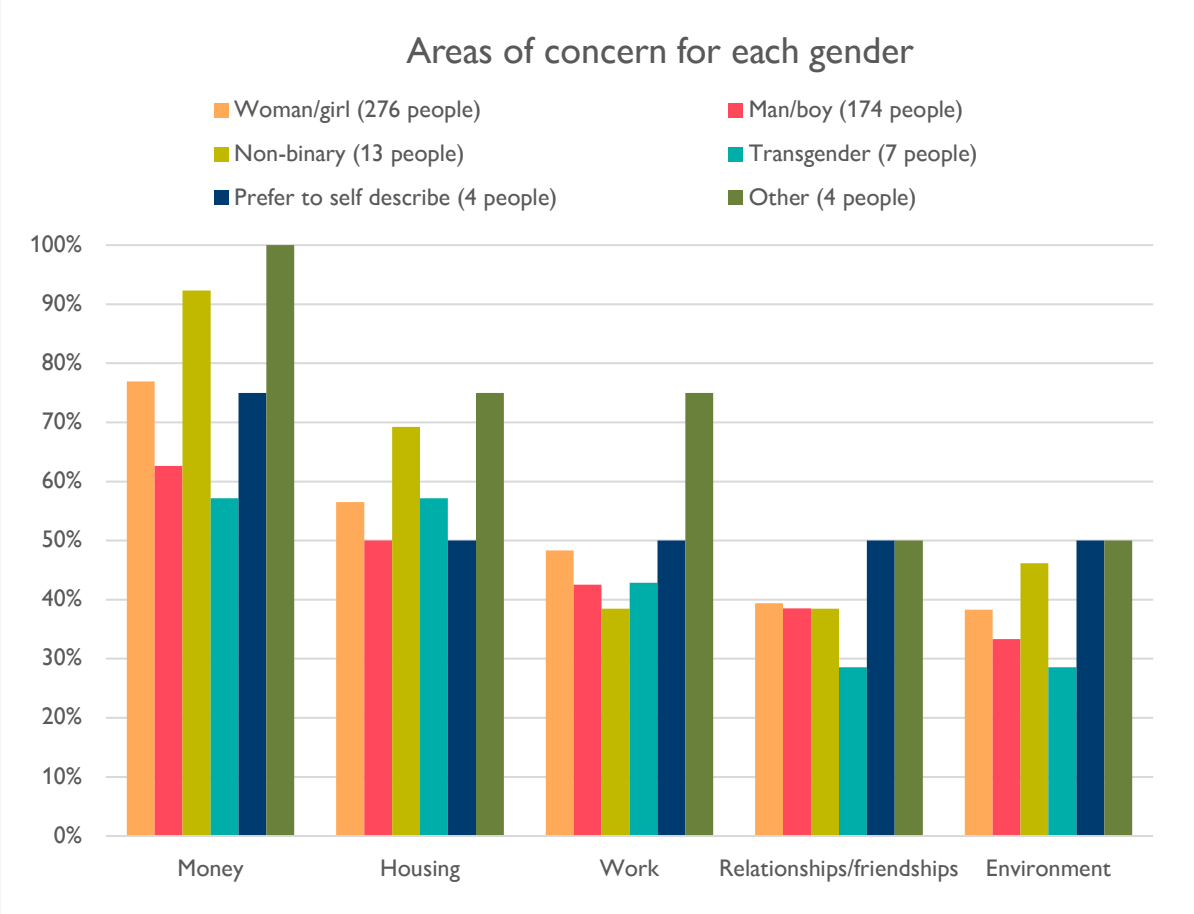


Top five areas of concern for each gender

The top five concerns across the whole cohort can be compared across genders.

The data shows:

- money was consistently the highest concern across all gender types
- money was of relatively lower concern for respondents identifying as 'man/boy' (174 people) and 'transgender' (7 people)
- individuals that identified as 'other' (4 people) are most concerned across all areas.

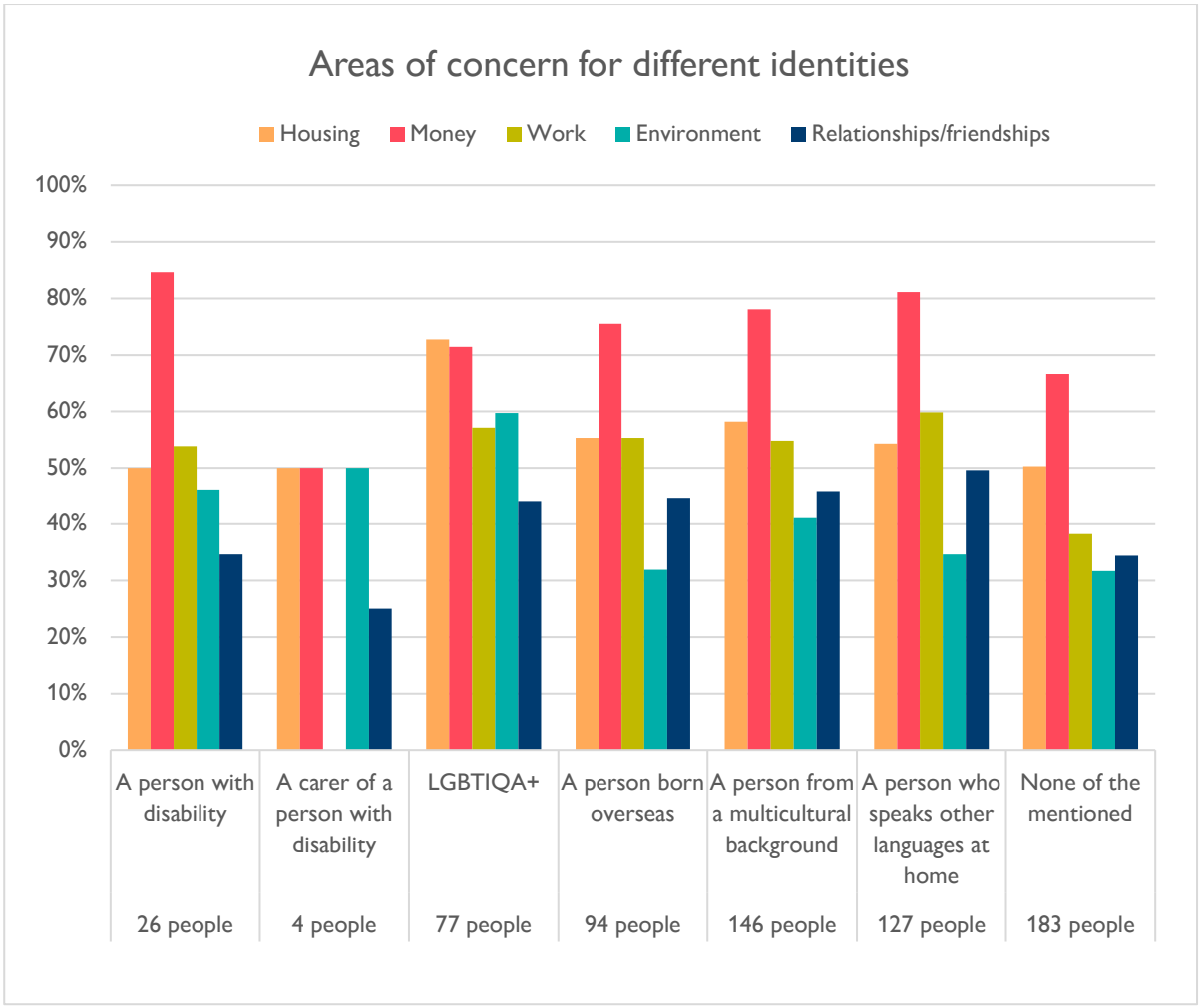


Top areas of concern for different identities

The top five concerns across the whole cohort can be compared across different identities/backgrounds.

The data shows:

- money is a high concern across all backgrounds and identities, especially for people with disability (26 respondents)
- housing and environment are of relatively high concern to people who identify as LGBTIQA+ (77 respondents)
- carers of a person with disability (4 respondents) indicated relatively low concerns for most areas, except environment.


Areas of concern for different identities
Housing
Money
Work
Environment
Relationships/friendships
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
A person with disability
26 people
A carer of a person with disability
4 people
LGBTIQA+
77 people
A person born overseas
94 people
A person from a multicultural background
146 people
A person who speaks other languages at home
127 people
None of the mentioned
183 people

Q.9 What are you most excited about for the future?

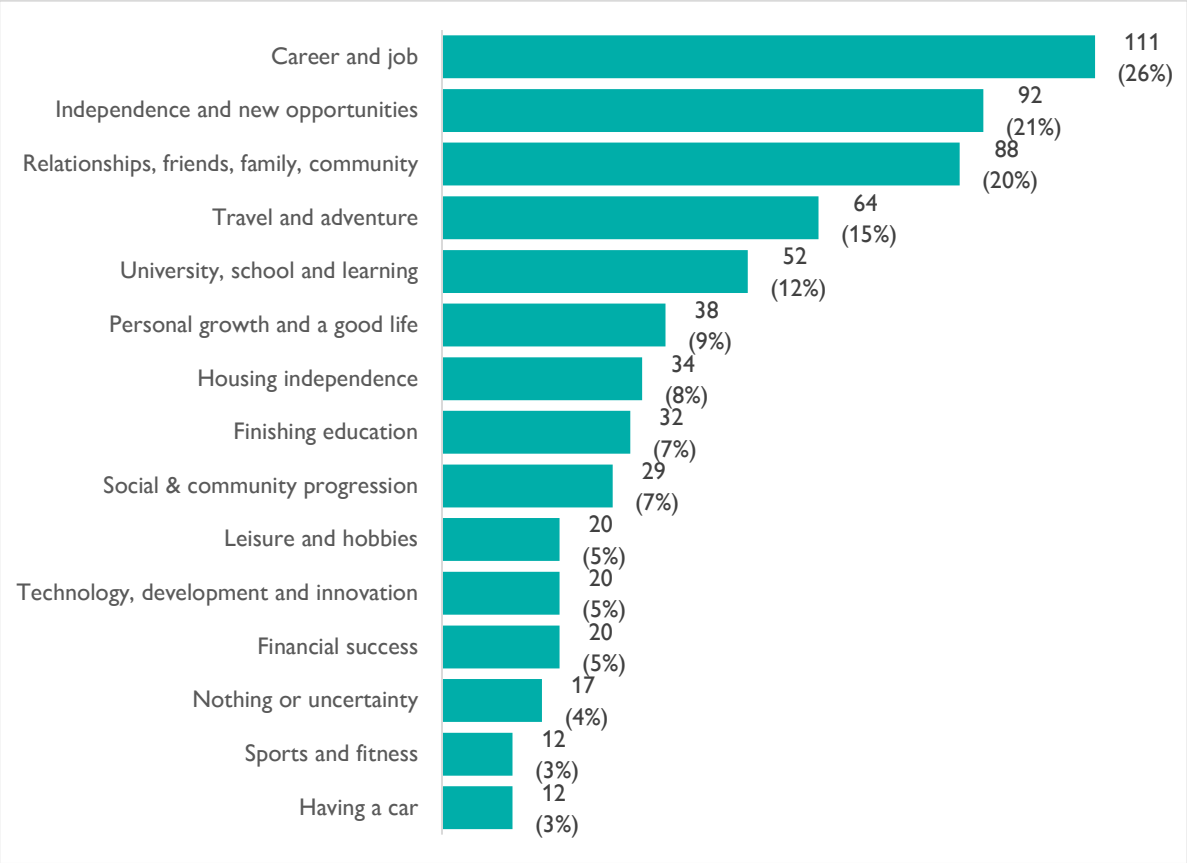
Optional question. Free text response.

431 responses (93 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people what they were excited about for the future. Responses to this free text question have been analysed and themed to help understand trends.

The data shows that young people are most excited for:

- career and job prospects (26 per cent, **111 responses**)
- independence and new opportunities (21 per cent, **92 responses**)
- relationships, friends, family and community (20 per cent, **88 responses**).



Examples of free-text responses about what most excites young people about the future:

Seeing all the transformations that will happen to our community.
To have a job and build a good life
Getting to grow up and experience fun thing in life with loved ones and friends
Not really excited for much. When I'm optimistic about the future (which is not often), it's thinking about the potential for how the world could be if we really helped the environment like with rewilding, and greening urban spaces to really look after biodiversity. On a personal level, my biggest hopes are to live securely and comfortably somewhere nice that's close to friends and family, to have a good social network and community around me, and to be working a job that suits me and isn't too stressful.

Getting my first car
Becoming a man that raises good kids and being a soccer player
I'm most excited to graduate and travel around the world
I'm excited to chase my passions and build a connection of people who I can connect with. I am also excited to work through what I want to do and break the barriers that may prevent me from doing so.
Enjoying new technologies/ways of life as they're invented, as well as seeing people around me grow up.
I look forward to finding a sense of individuality and a life outside of school.
I'm excited to see what the future has to bring, and all the improvements that younger generations will make
To continue with my education and get a good job which allows me to travel and spend time with kids and family.
Im excited to start making my own decisions
It much-it's very worrying where we are heading. I am being forced to accept things that do not align with my beliefs and are being pushed in my face
Becoming my dream job (zookeeper) and earning my own money which I have achieved myself. Learning more about the world and people around me. Making new friends and owning my own house/apartment!
I don't generally think more than about a year ahead so I would say finishing VCE.
Getting to go to high school and do things that I love like baking and reading at the library.
Having a family of my own
Having a stable job with a stable income in my own house
Trying as many new things and experiencing as much as i can
Moving closer to the city where public transport is better and I can ride my bike safely
I'm excited to have independence and build a life of my own while maintaining and also making new relationships with the people I love.
To travel the world and meet new people and make new experiences, or just being a part of society as a whole

Q.10 What do you enjoy doing?

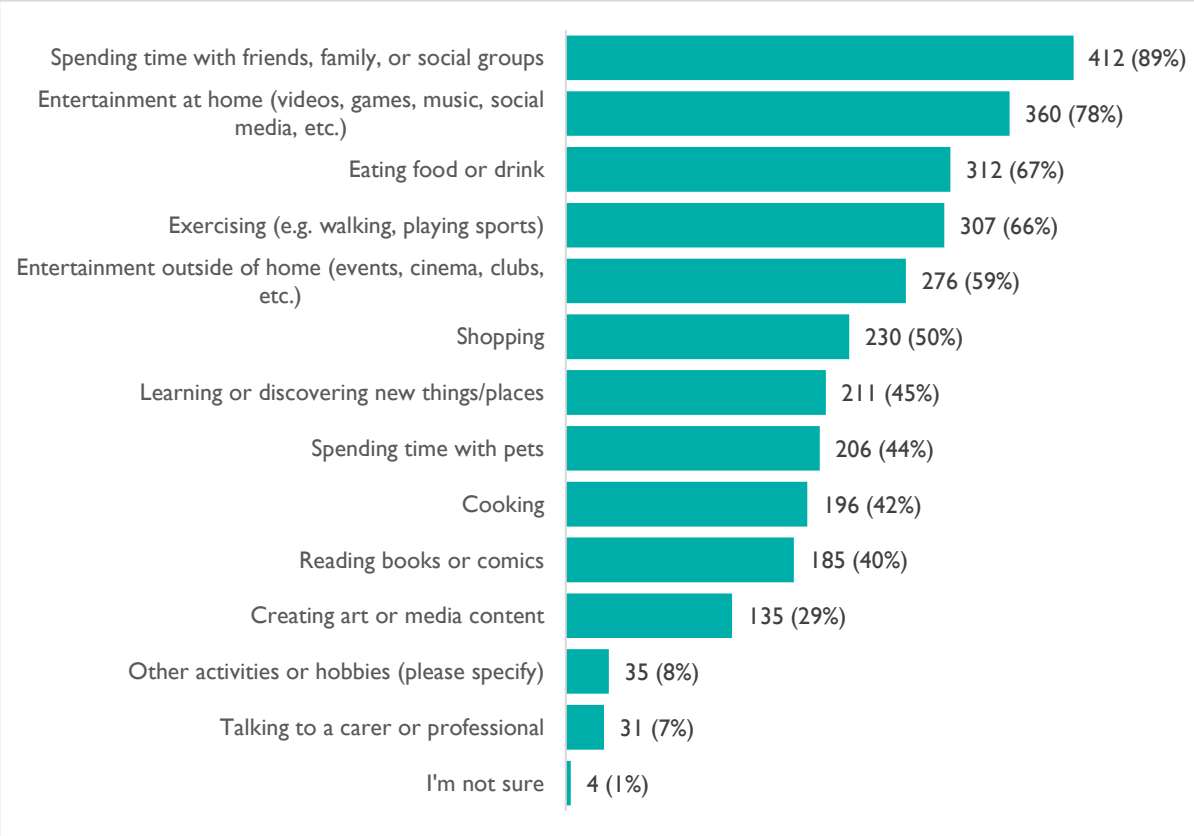
Required question. Multiple choice.

464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people what they enjoyed doing out of a list of options, from which they could choose as many as they liked.

The data shows the top responses being:

- spending time with friends, family or social groups (89 per cent, **412 responses**)
- entertainment at home including videos, games, music and social media (78 per cent, **360 responses**)
- eating food or drink (67 per cent, **312 responses**).



Examples of free-text responses for other activities or hobbies young people enjoy include:

Journaling (Diary)
Theater
Spending my time outdoors, exploring random places I've never been to, extreme adventures (never done)
Skateboarding
Listening to music
bikes, mountain biking, tree climbing, rock climbing, wildlife surveys, hikes, fishing, bug surveys, carpentry, metal work, swimming,

Chess
Playing guitar
Sewing
Flying remote control planes and RC cars
Building hunting fishing coin collecting
Debating

Q.11 What would most improve your health?

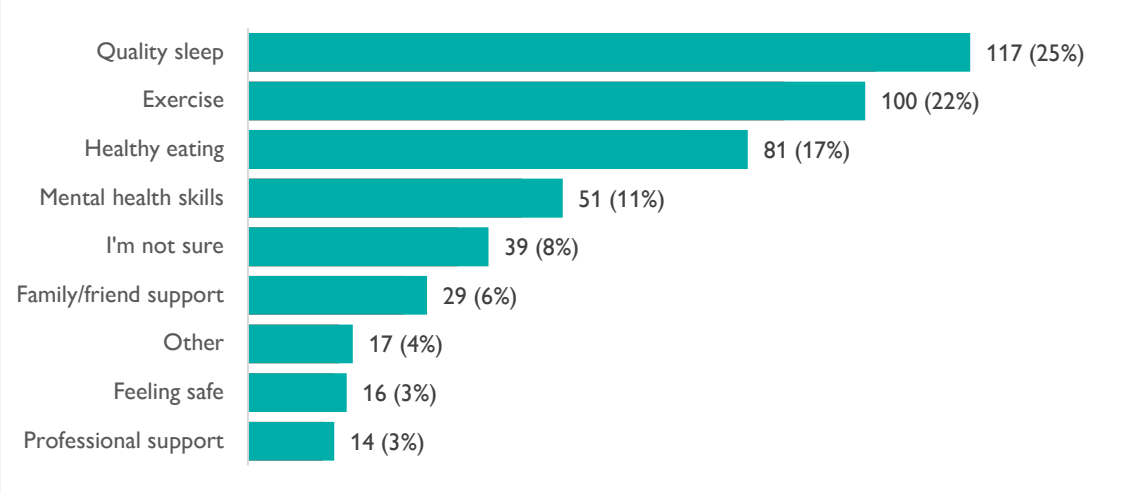
Required question. Single choice.

464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question explored what would help improve young people's health.

The data shows that the most people feel they could most benefit from:

- quality sleep (25 per cent, **117 responses**)
- exercise (22 per cent, **100 responses**)
- healthy eating (17 per cent, **81 responses**).



Four per cent of young people also indicated 'other' reasons that would improve their health. A selection of free text responses is provided below:

Somewhere to do my hobbies within travel distance. at the moment I need to travel several hours to be able to do them and that's really depressing.
Cheap healthcare focussed on women's health
financial security
healthy environment with parks and wildlife
Healthy eating, social skills, sleep and friends
Figuring out the triggers of my IBS

More places to hang out and practise my sport like a tennis wall, skate park, basketball hoops near my house
Money
Safer cycling routes
Going back in time. Having specialists that treat me appropriately and not as ‘young’ and ‘female’

Q.12 How would you rate your health?

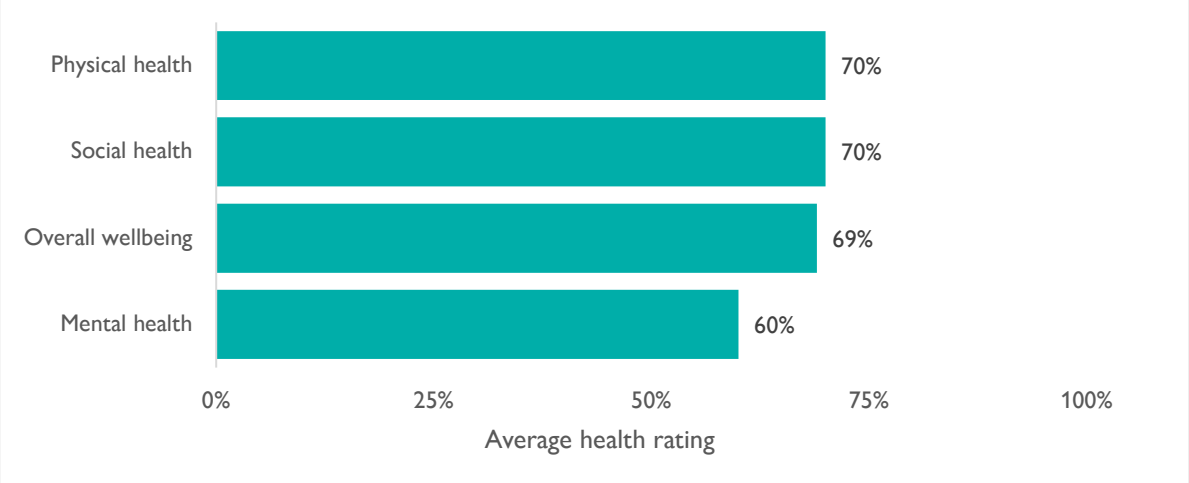
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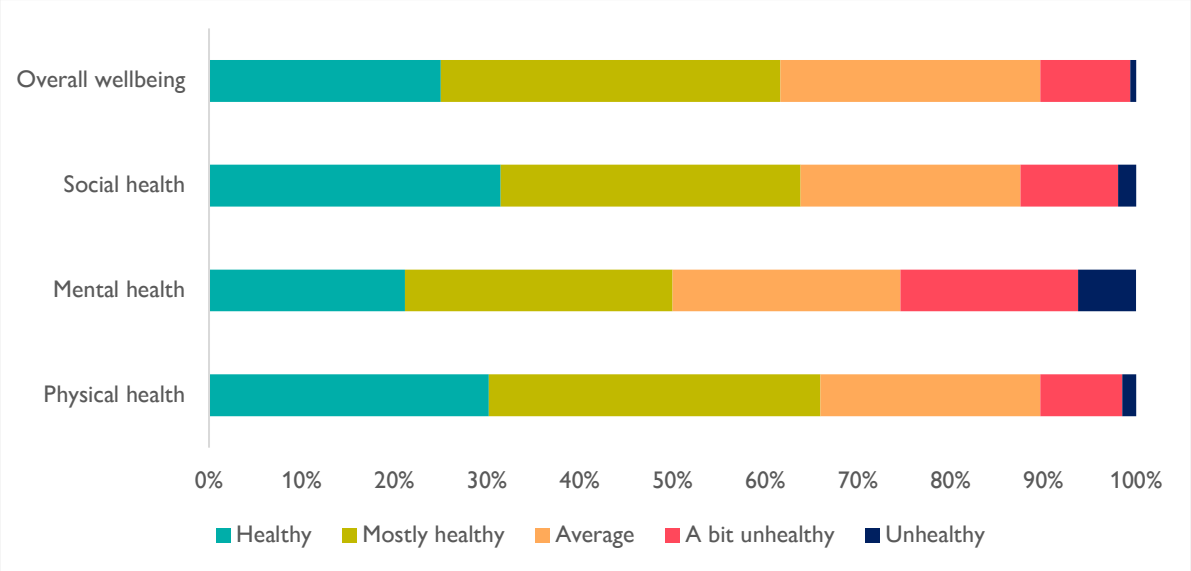
464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people to rate their social, mental and physical health and overall wellbeing on a scale of: healthy, mostly healthy, average, a bit unhealthy, or unhealthy.

This scale can be averaged and converted to percentages to show:

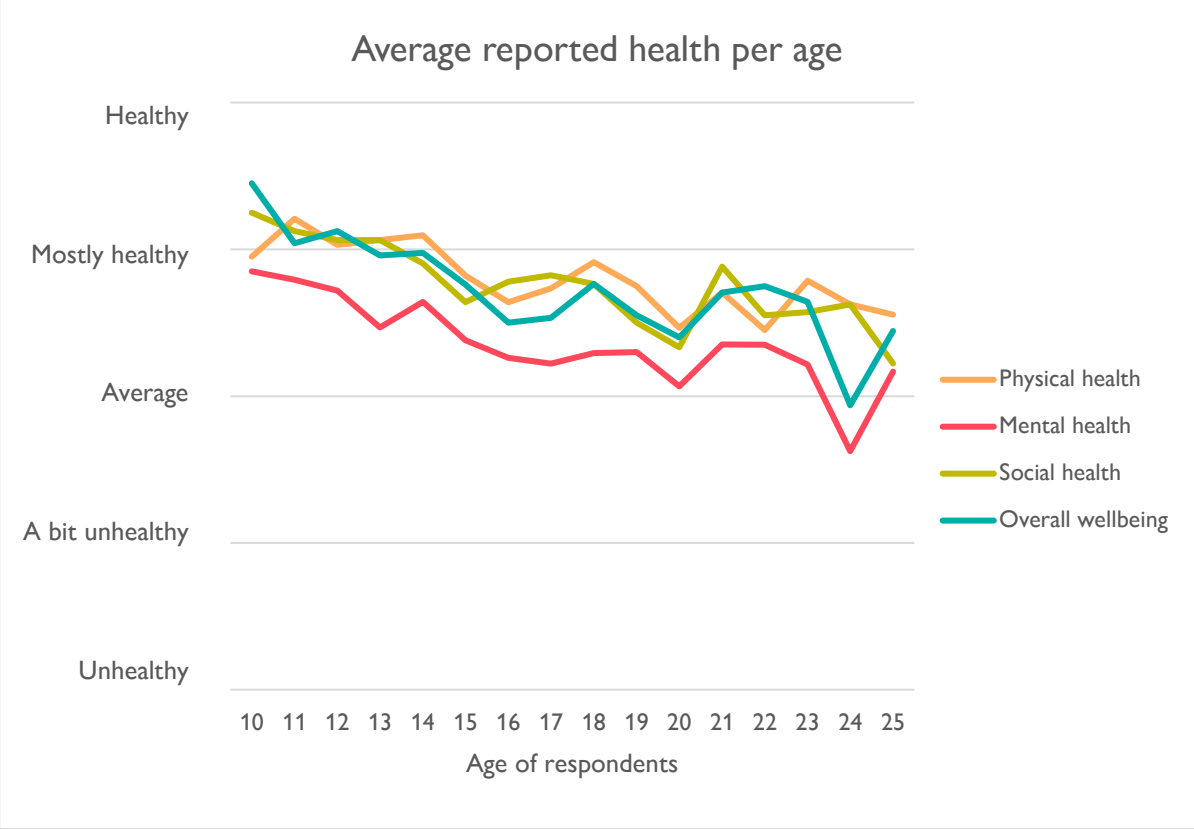
- physical health was rated at 70 per cent (mostly healthy)
- social health was rated at 70 per cent (mostly healthy)
- overall wellbeing was at 69 per cent (mostly healthy)
- mental health was rated 60 per cent (average), and had the highest portion of 'unhealthy' ratings.





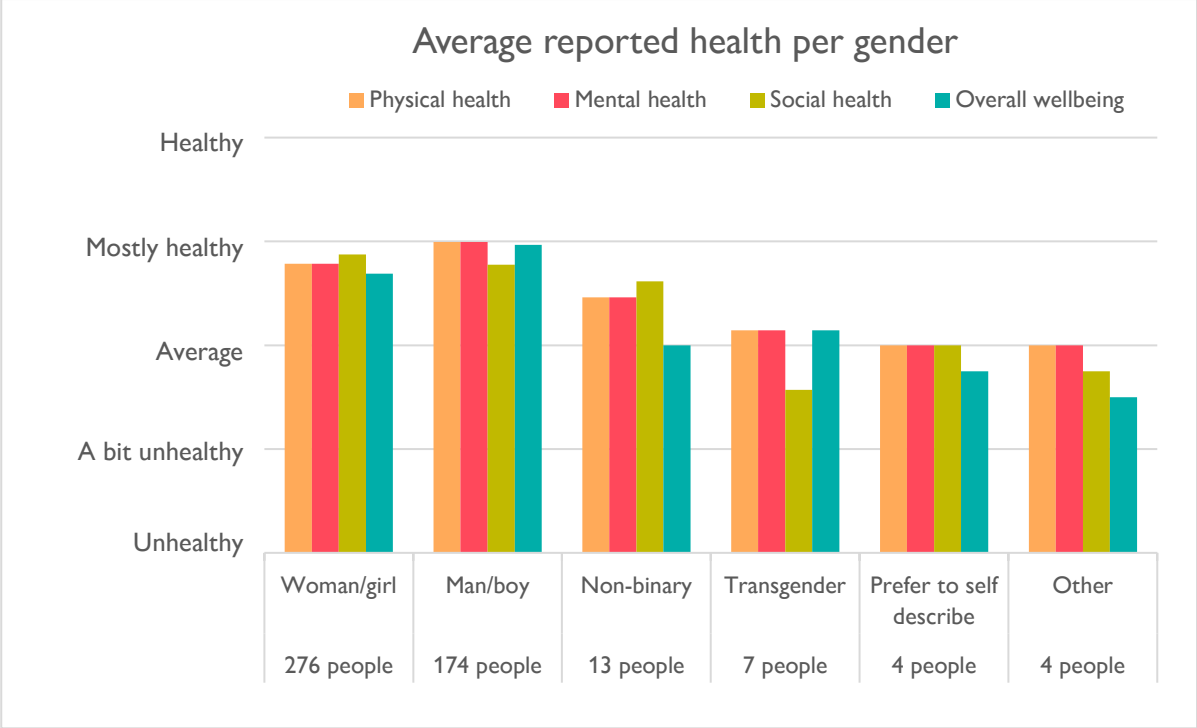
Average reported health by age

The data has been averaged for each age and shows a trend of lower health for older individuals. The data also shows that mental health is consistently worse than physical health, social health, and overall wellbeing.



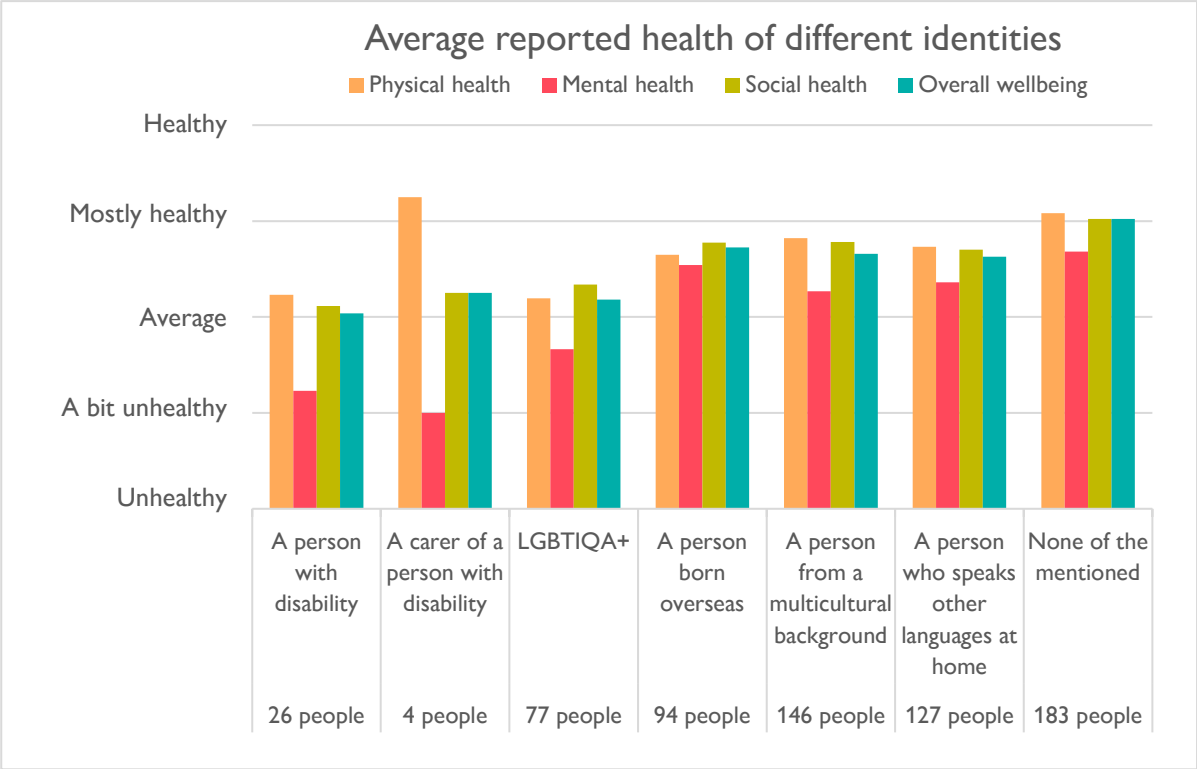
Average reported health by gender

The average reported health can be compared for each gender grouping. The data shows that all reported aspects of health trend worse for respondents identifying as non-binary, transgender, prefer to self describe, and other.



Average reported health of diverse identities

The average reported health can be compared for each identity grouping. This shows that all reported aspects of health trend worse for respondents identifying as a person with disability, a carer of a person with disability, and LGBTIQA+.



Q.13 Do you have any ideas for activities or programs to support young people?

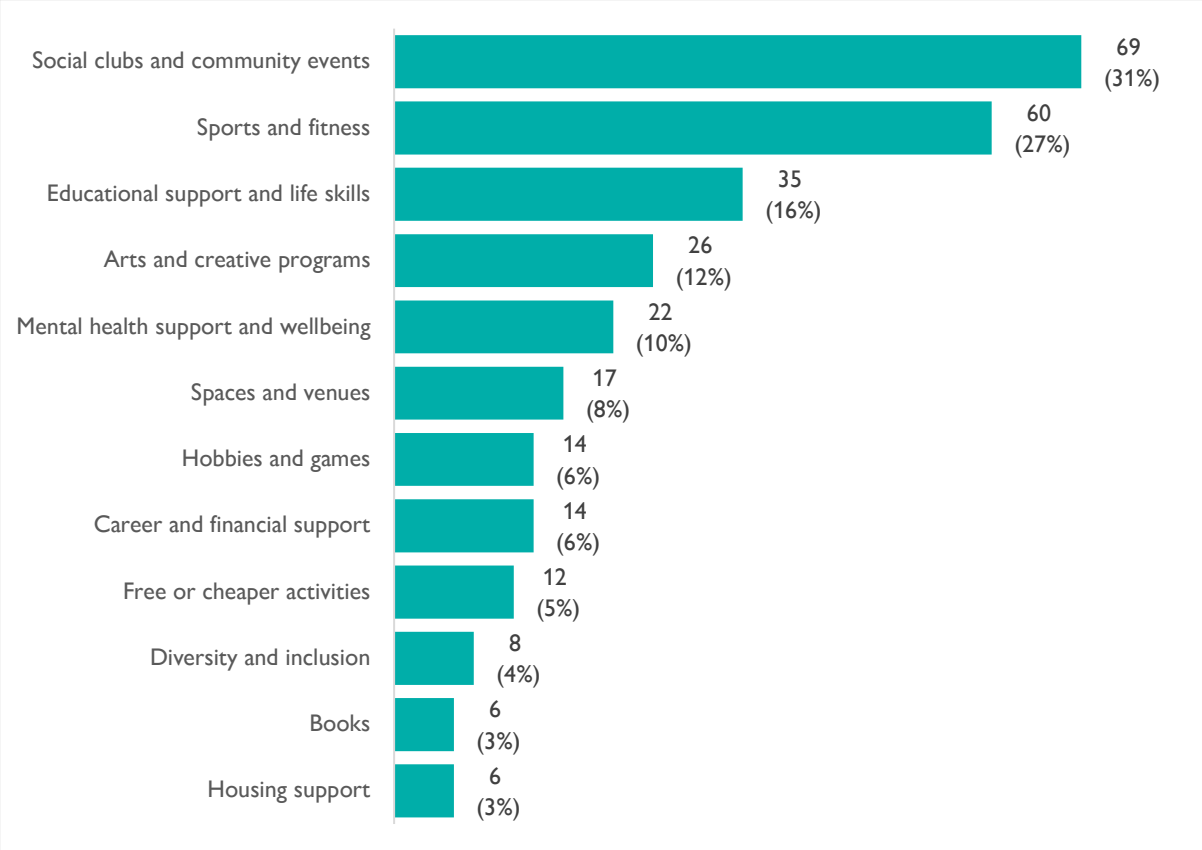
Optional question. Free text response.

225 responses (60 per cent of total responses).

This question explored young people's ideas for activities or programs that support them. Responses to this free text question have been analysed and themed to help understand trends.

The top ideas for activities or programs that support young people include:

- social clubs and community events (31 per cent, **69 responses**)
- sports and fitness (27 per cent, **60 responses**)
- educational support and life skills (16 per cent, **35 responses**).



Examples of free-text responses for activities and programs that could support young people:

More youth connections making friends in the area for 20 plus year olds. Opportunities to get involved in smaller group activities
Possibly free art classes to help support the youth kids to learn new skills of painting and also being able to make new friendships
Monetary support, recognition for community efforts, social gatherings, prioritised library staff for education purposes.

Festivals, youth markets
Creating more awareness and general knowledge about macro economics, housing and money management because in this day and age that is a very valuable and important skill
Free and confidential mental support through running fun activities to get to know people who sign up and then chat to them and the games you play with them will help them open up to you.
Better engagement with young people with a requirement for council to listen, given that young people under 18 have no opportunity to vote and those who turned 18 after the most recent council election are not represented
Affordable and accessible sport/leisure activities, greater advocacy and support in navigating mental health services and legal services, information about how to secure/navigate housing for those who have no income support from family.
Maybe like a holiday service for when schools not happening. They will be doing fun activities, for example playing sports or crafts and still be learning and having more social skills for the future. And an arts program too.
I think there are a lot of skills are missing, like sewing, cooking, baking, fishing, gardening anything that can give us young people more life skills
Maybe a run club where we can share all of our goals with each other and meet every second week
Community events like concerts and arts and crafts days
Designated free tutors in library's to help students with their learning
I think the council should offer more Work experience for young people and offer more social clubs to help improve physical health

Q.14 Do you feel included by the people around you?

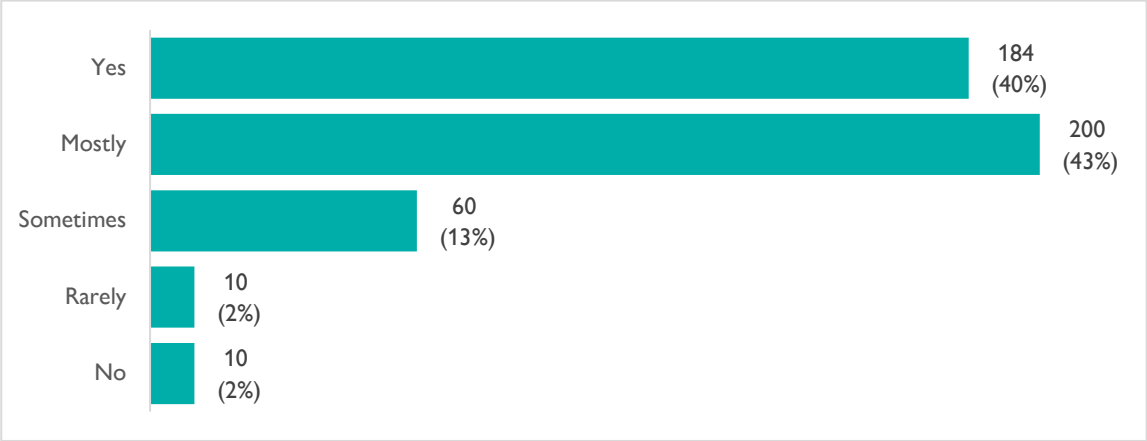
Required question. Multiple choice.

464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question explored whether young people felt included by the people around them on a scale of: yes, mostly, sometimes, rarely, or no.

The data shows that young people:

- mostly feel included at 43 per cent (**200 responses**)
- do feel included at 40 per cent (**184 responses**)
- sometimes feel included at 13 per cent (**60 responses**)
- rarely or never feel included at 4 per cent combined (**10 responses each**).



Q.15 Do you feel safe in your community?

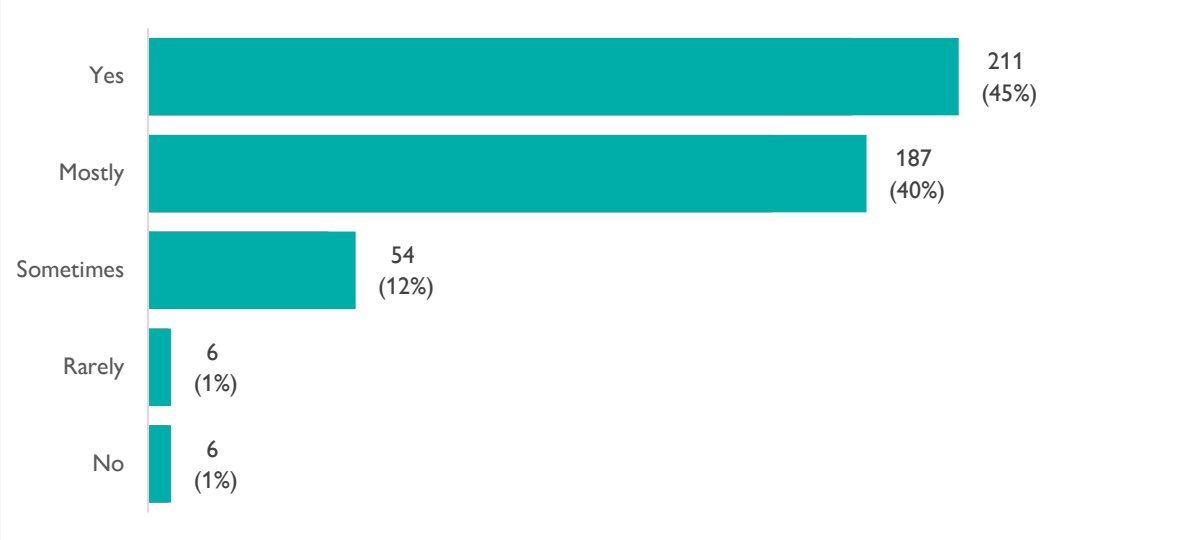
Required question. Multiple choice.

464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people to indicate whether they feel safe in their community on a scale of: yes, mostly, sometimes, rarely, or no.

The data shows that young people:

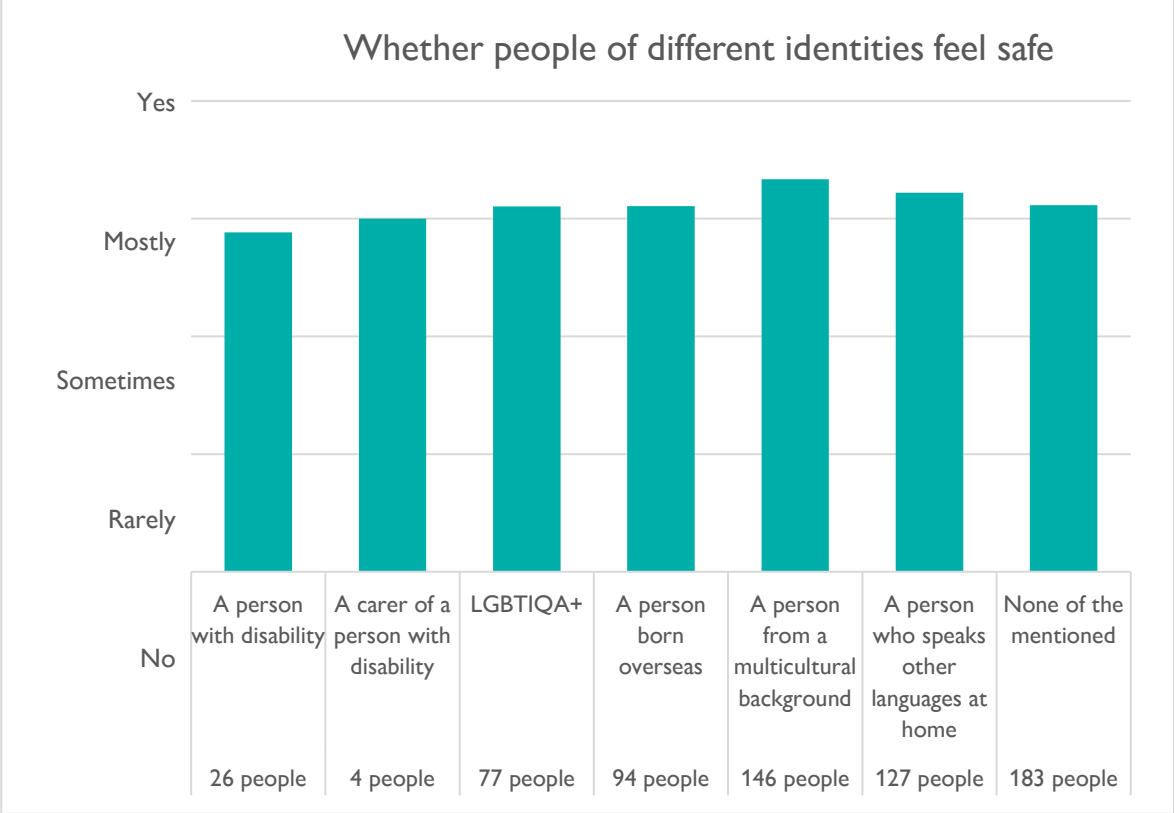
- do feel safe at 45 per cent (**211 responses**)
- mostly feel safe at 40 per cent (**187 responses**)
- sometimes feel safe at 12 per cent (**54 responses**)
- rarely feel safe or do not feel safe at 2 per cent combined (**6 responses each**).



Whether people of different identities feel safe

The data for feelings of safety can be compared to different identities and backgrounds.

This data shows minor variations between each identity and background. People with disability show a slight trend towards feeling less safe than average.



Q.16 What could help you feel safer or more welcome in your community?

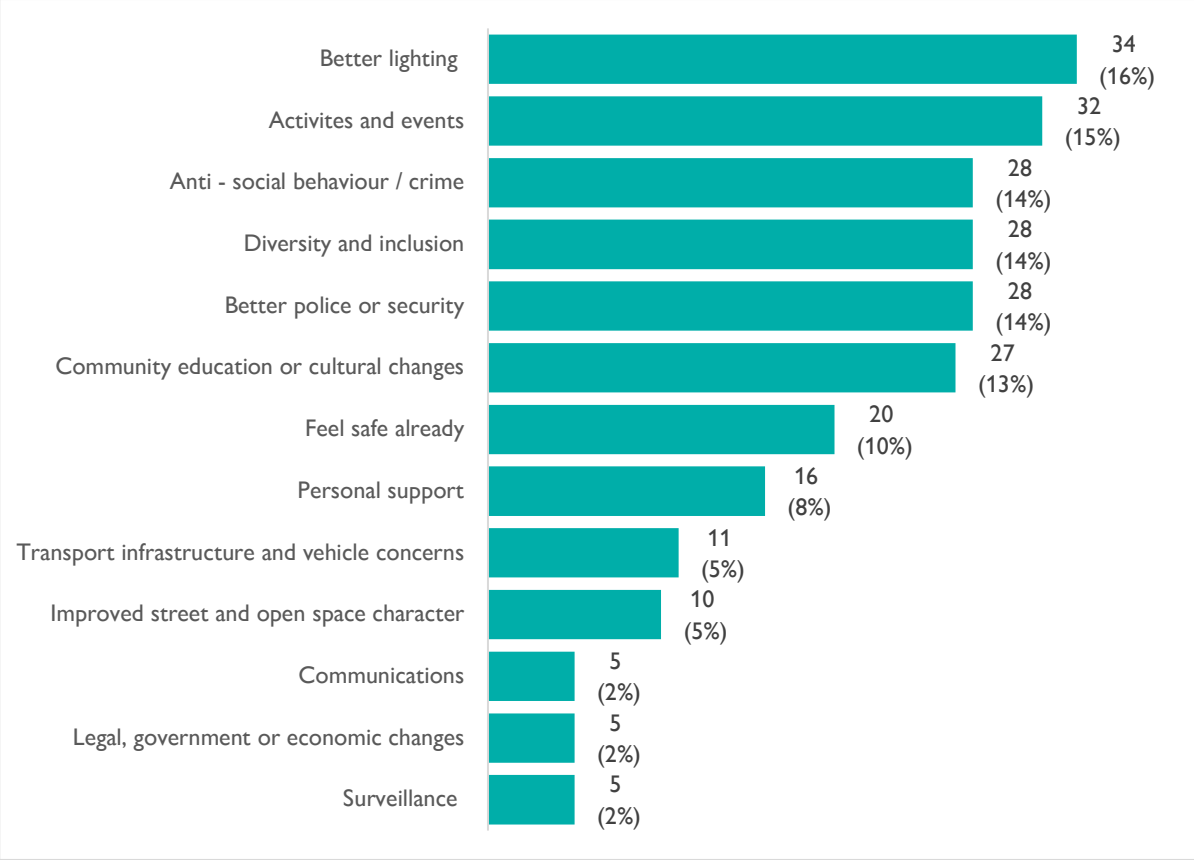
Optional question. Free text response.

207 responses (54 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people for free text comments on what could help them feel safer or more welcome in the community. The comments have been analysed and themed to show trends across the responses from young people.

The data identified the top themes being:

- improved street lighting (16 per cent, **34 responses**)
- activities and events (15 per cent, **32 responses**)
- diversity and inclusion (14 per cent, **28 responses**).
- Less anti-social behaviour / crime (14 per cent, **28 responses**).



Examples of free-text responses for feeling safer and more welcome in your community:
More street light in, parks, under the train line, streets and ally ways. If you have to walk home in the dark it is usually really dark because the lights are not light enough or not enough lights
More awareness for youth groups, job opportunities and social activities
Less crime/youth crime
I already feel safe enough
less racism and anti semitism
Unfortunately any times where I don't feel safe is probably due to me being a woman which is hard to solve
Visible diversity
More lights cameras in every street more lights everywhere its so dark and they are like animals outside i dont know what are they and they make different sounds.
better lighting on the streets at night and more early intervention with young men falling down misogynistic/racist/homophobic pipelines as its becoming clear that the divide is growing and its posing a major threat in our generation
Better playgrounds and places to engage with friends
A more equal & respectful community. EG not getting called homophobic slurs in the street
maybe more work on youth crime bc there's a lot and it's scary
Safer and separate bike lanes, reduced speed limits

Educational programs to educate people on other cultures, because a lot of the discomfort that I feel stems from people partaking in “casual racism” and making racist jokes.
The streetlight at the end of my street to be fixed and the overgrown natures strip to be fixed it feels like I could get attacked walking home after dark

Q.17 Does your community provide you with opportunities to be heard about things that may impact you?

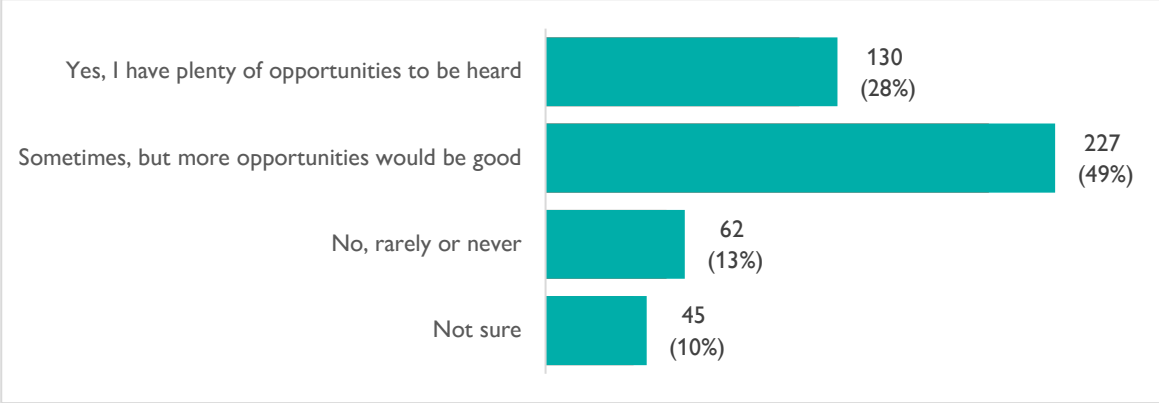
Required question. Multiple choice.

464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people to indicate whether they have opportunities to be heard about things that may impact them.

The data identified that young people:

- feel sometimes heard, but more opportunities would be good (49 per cent, **227 responses**)
- have plenty of opportunities to be heard (28 per cent, **130 responses**)
- rarely or never are heard (13 per cent, **62 responses**).



Whether people of each gender feel safe

The data for feelings of safety can be compared to identified genders.

The data shows that young people who:

- identify as 'transgender' only sometimes feel safe.
- identify as 'other' feel slightly less safe than the other identified genders.



Q.18 Where do you like to connect with other young people?

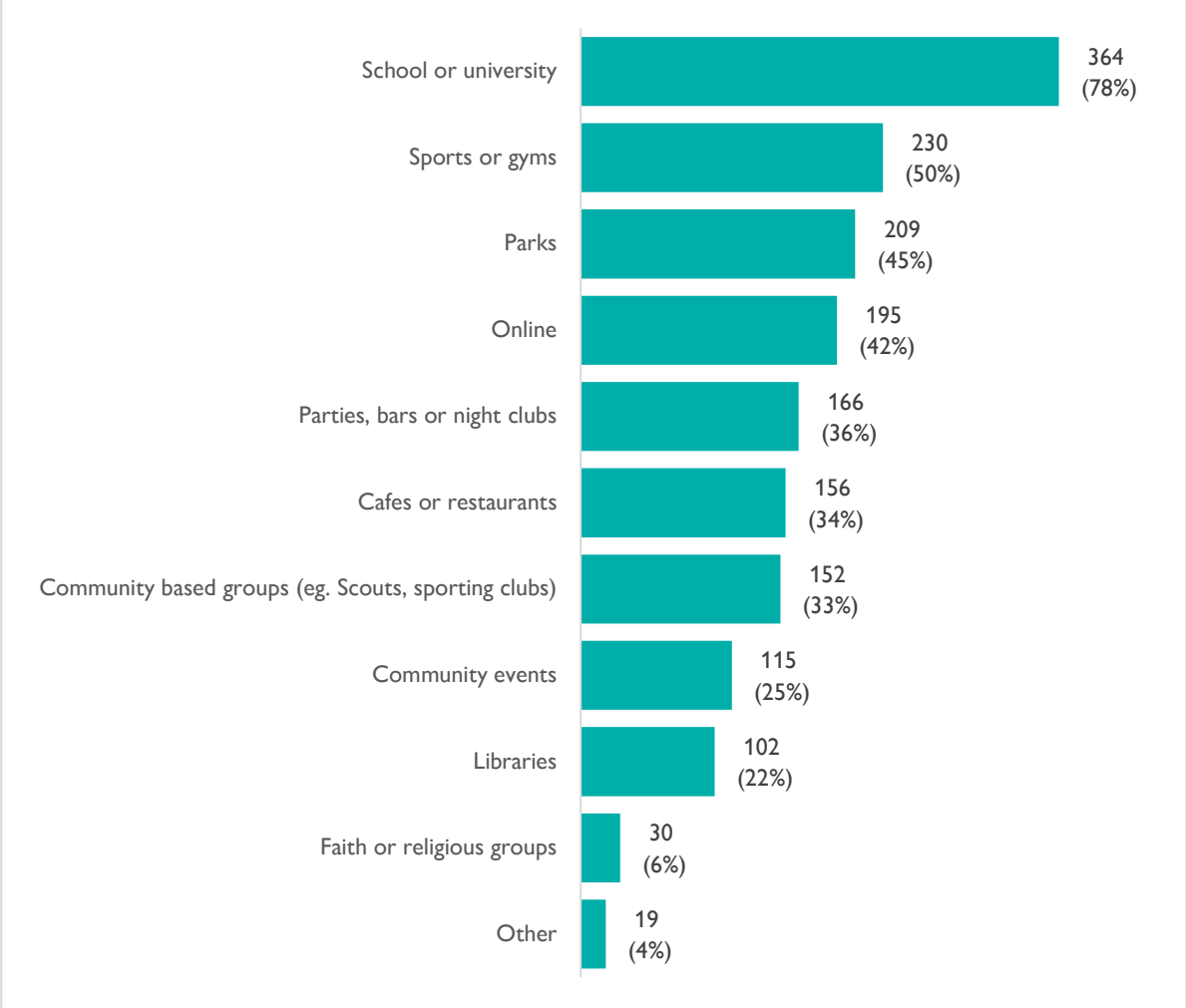
Required question. Multiple choice.

464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people to share their preferences for where they like to connect with other young people.

The data shows that the top places where young people like to connect are:

- school or university (78 per cent, **364 responses**)
- sporting activities or attending the gym (50 per cent, **230 responses**)
- parks (45 per cent, **209 responses**).



Examples of the free-text responses for 'other' include:

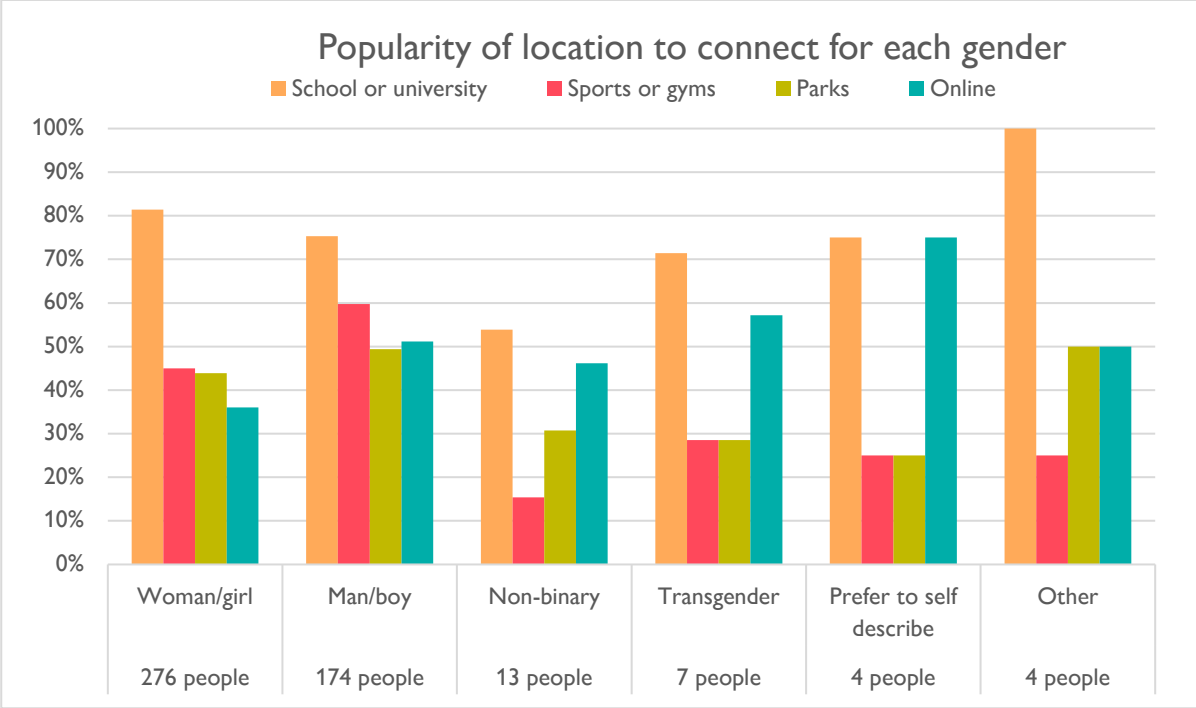
Skateparks and having lessons and clinics for skateboarding
Sometimes I go o recto Teresa house for a play date or they come over to my house
Each other's houses
School
maker space, wildlife reserves and at the bike path. though since there are none in the area i dont get to conect with anyone wich adds to the isolation i feel
Music events (NOT Parties, bars or night clubs)
Galleries. But there's hardly any of them in the area.
Feeling lost as to how to meet new and likeminded people-
shopping centres
book clubs
Honestly don't know. No one talks to me or has connections with me

Popularity of location to connect for each gender

The most popular locations can be compared across each identified gender.

This data shows the following trends:

- an educational setting is most popular across genders
- connecting online is the least preferred option by young people that identify as woman/girl at 36 per cent
- connecting in a sporting setting is the most favoured option by young people that identify as men/boy at 60 per cent
- connecting in sport is the least popular option by young people that identify as non-binary at 15 per cent.



Q.19 Do you feel like there are enough places for you to meet with other young people?

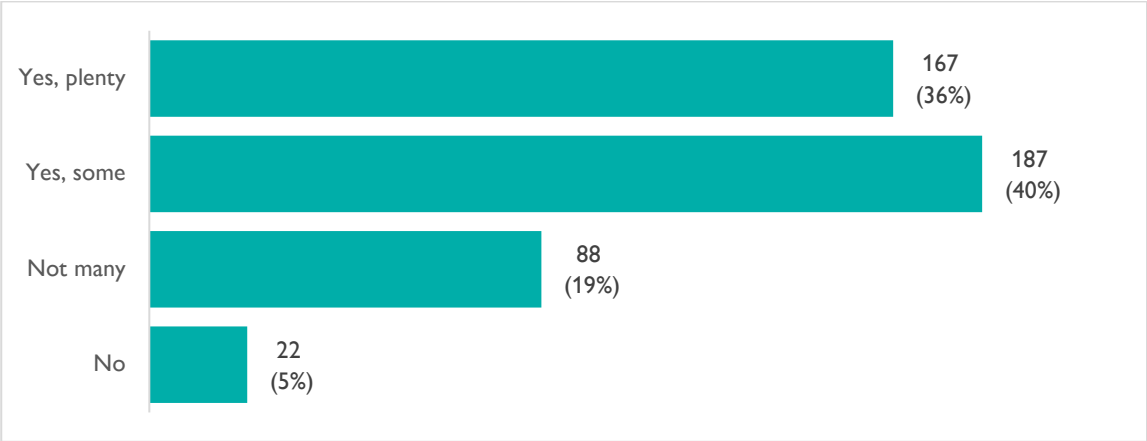
Required question. Multiple choice.

464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people to indicate whether there are enough places for them to meet with other young people. The comments have been analysed and themed to show trends across the responses.

The data shows that young people identified:

- there are 'some' places they can meet with other young people (40 per cent, **187 responses**)
- there are 'plenty' of places they can meet with other young people (36 per cent, **167 responses**)
- there are 'not many' places they can meet with other young people (19 per cent, **88 responses**)
- there are 'no' places they can meet with other young people (5 per cent, **22 responses**).



Q.20 How can we improve our parks and spaces?

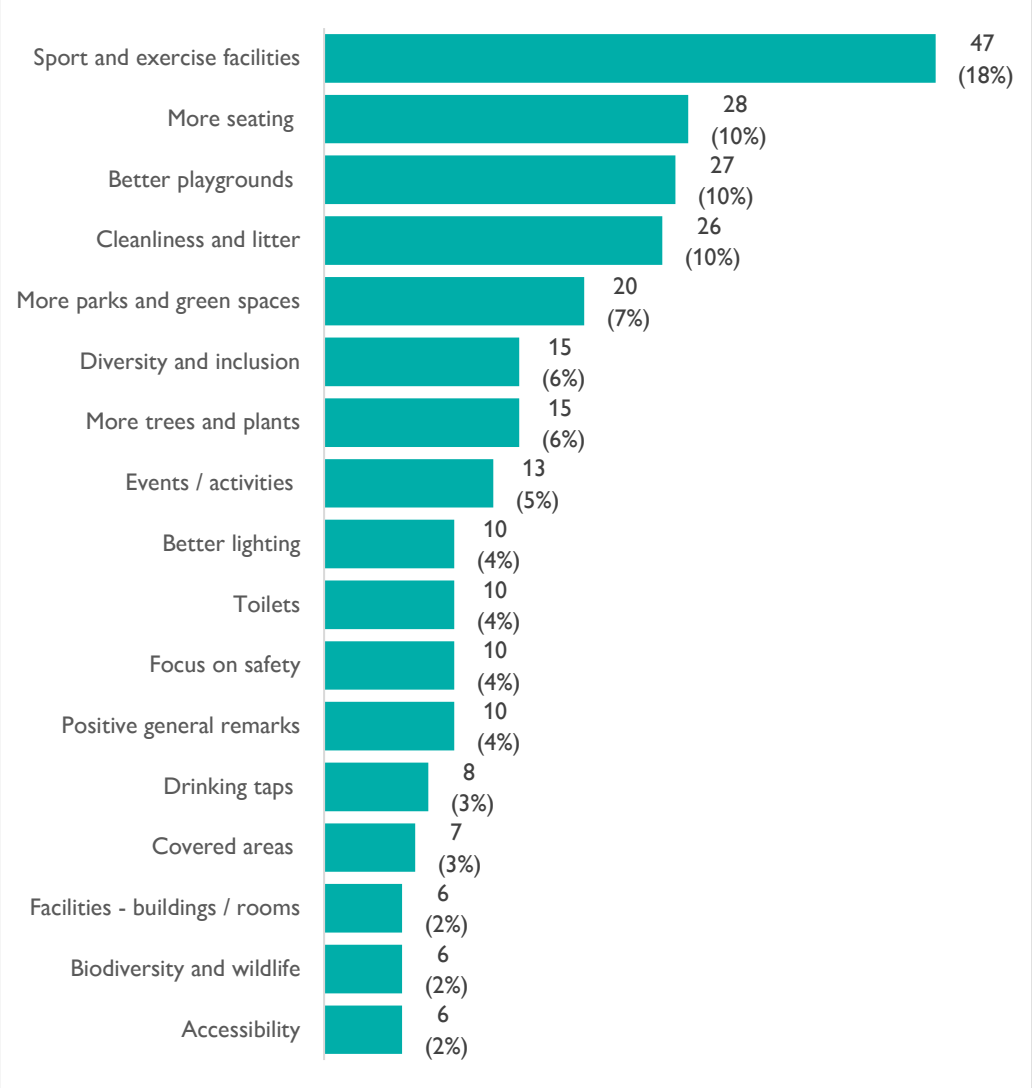
Optional question. Free text response.

286 responses (62 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people to provide feedback on how we can improve our parks and spaces. The comments have been analysed and themed to help understand trends.

The top responses include:

- sport and exercise facilities (18 per cent, **47 responses**)
- more seating (10 per cent, **28 responses**)
- better playgrounds (10 per cent, **27 responses**)
- cleanliness and litter (10 per cent, **26 responses**).



Examples of the free-text responses for ways to improve our parks and spaces:

A skate boarding park or a two square court or a pump track, more space to hang out
More equipment, free wifi (encourages study in parks), increase lighting

Add benches so people can actually meet there? For the spaces, maybe offer some young people chances to ‘artify’ them.
make it more bright, more well maintained
Build onto them with new exciting features. More undercover spaces for all weather conditions. Better facilities
Especially in Bentleigh east, more running tracks as running is becoming a big trend with us young people
Add more seperation if possible between where people play on the playground and things like that and people that just want to relax on the grass or on the tables
Everything is pretty great so far! Maybe a few youth events, or opportunities to volunteer! I’m really sorry that these may already exist, but I am just unaware of these opportunities, so maybe if they could be advertised more, that would be great!! :)
things that would bring people in that are difference and not at many other parks close to us and more things to do outdoors that are cheeper in summer to get more young people outside
Make them more appealing to all ages like some work out equipment because in my opinion that would help engage older ages.
Large slides are always fun and I like rope nets just like boomerong park
Can u please make a place where closures of the race course are available to see I don’t know if you in charge of this but I always walk my dog down for it to be closed and it not even Raceday so a little heads up and more notice would be helpful
More soccer goals with nets.
Better toilets
Bigger more consolidated parks are better than a lot of smaller pocket parks. Pedestrianised areas like streets and lanes are great as well.

Q.21 Did you know that Glen Eira's Youth Services provides support to young people and runs youth programs for young people aged 10–25?

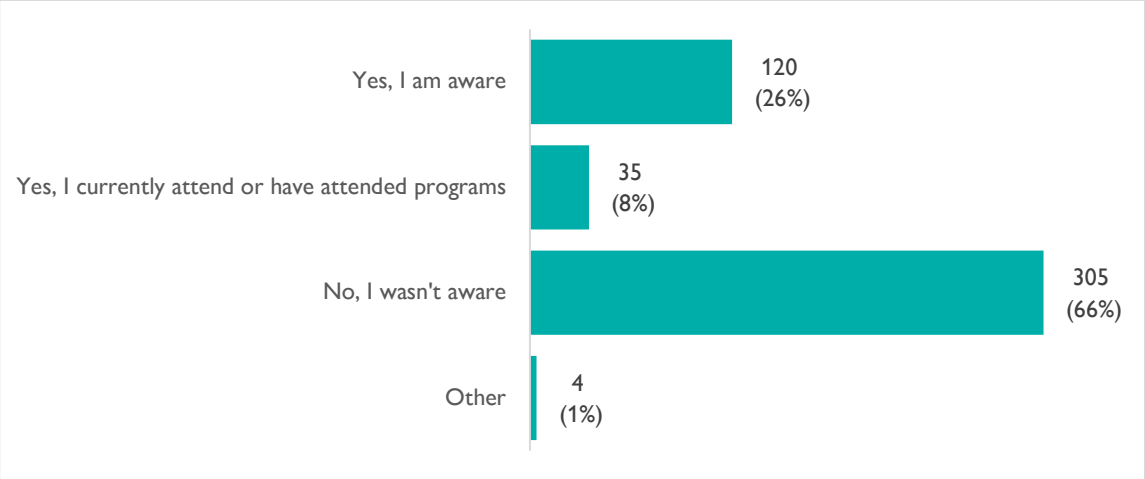
Required question. Multiple choice.

464 responses. (100 per cent of total responses)

This question asked young people whether they were familiar with Glen Eira Youth Services and their programs to understand the level of awareness about the service.

The data identified that:

- 66 per cent (305 respondents) are not aware of the service
- 26 per cent (120 respondents are aware of the service



Four respondents selected 'other' and their responses are included below:

this is the first time i ever heard about this, im quite intrigue and wanted to know more
Vaguely aware but never gave it much thought
I am aware but I don't go because I don't want to be bullied.
vaguely aware, unsure of specific services offered

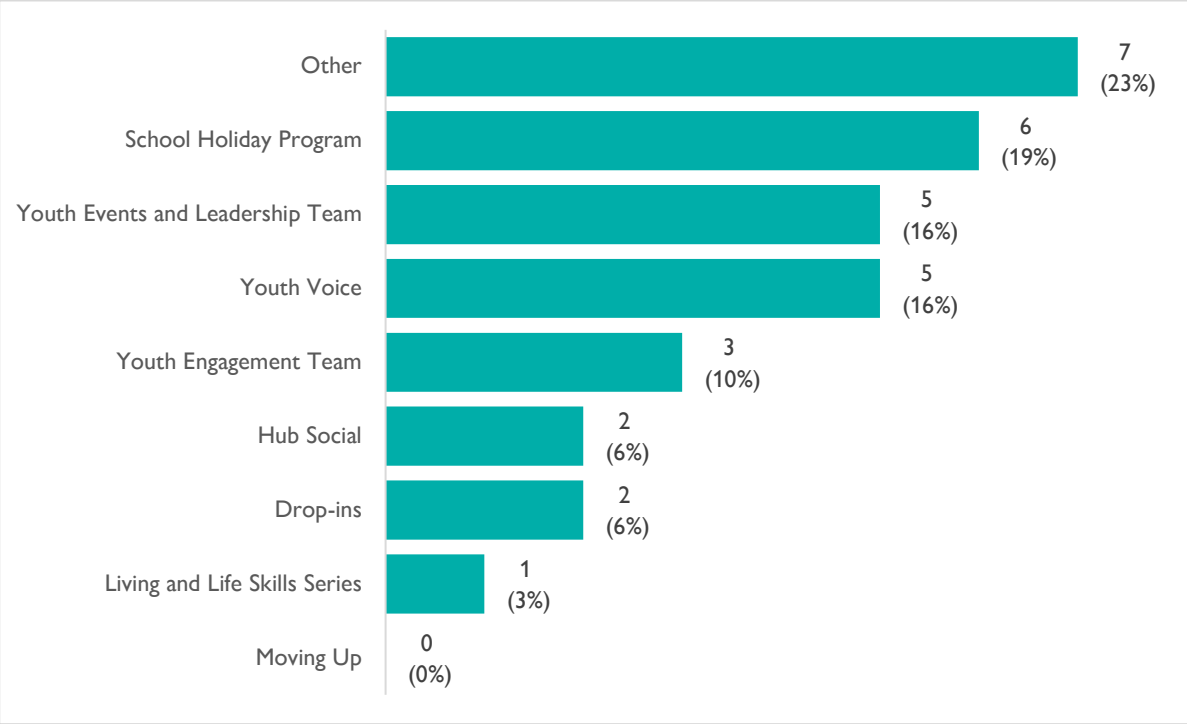
Q.22 Which programs have you attended?

Optional question. Multiple choice.

31 responses. (7 per cent of total responses)

This question was only shown to young people who responded "Yes" to Q.21. It asked which Glen Eira Youth Services programs the respondent had attended.

The most common programs attended by respondents were 'other' (**seven responses**), the School Holiday Program (**six responses**), the Youth Events and Leadership Team (**five responses**) and Youth Voice (**five responses**).



Examples of the free-text responses for 'other' include:

I dont know
Headspace
Art programs
The Hand-writers Tale
Can't remember - Something to do with sustainability
Art show

Previous years data comparison

GEYS have also compared the current data with previous years data (2018, 2020, 2021, 2023 and 2024) with the aim of identifying any underlying themes or significant changes over time. GEYS will respond to the themes by implementing meaningful actions for future program and session planning.

Top concerns identified between 2018 – 2024:

Rank	2018	2020	2021	2023	2024
1	Future uncertainty	Mental health	Mental health	Mental health	Money
2	Negative self-image	Lack of sleep	Peer pressure/ bullying	Navigating friendships	Housing
3	Mental health	Body image	Grief and loss of family/ friends	School stress	Work
4	Self-expression	Isolation	Lack of employment	Cost of living	Relationships / friendships

***Please note that no data was collected in 2019.*