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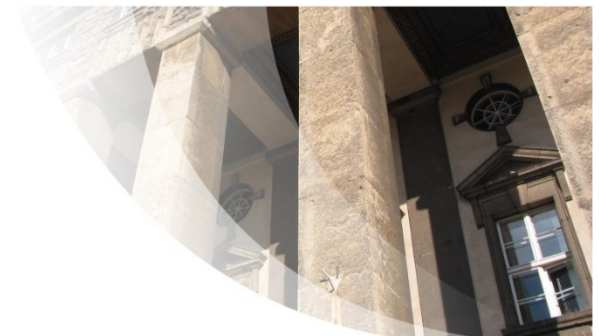
**International Survey of Children's Well-being (ISCWeB)
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THE SAMPLE

- The survey was conducted in **Wielkopolskie** voivodship from March to June 2014 among school children **aged from 8 to 12**.
- The representative sample of **65** schools was selected using a **multistage stratified random sampling** method,
- The schools were stratified by **three factors**:
 - **school type** (*public and non public schools*).
 - **territorial unit** (*six NTS3 subregions*),
 - **area type** (*urban and rural area*).



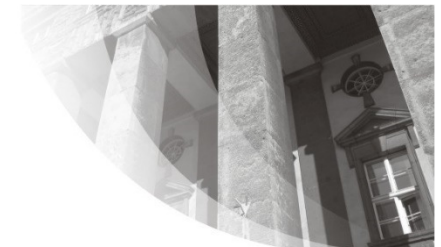
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- Within each selected school, **one class for each children's age group** (from 2nd, 4th and 6th grade) was randomly selected.
- Finally the survey included **64** class groups of **8-year-olds**, **63** groups of **10-year-olds**, and **62** groups of **12-year-olds**.
- The **total number** of school children participating in the survey was **3272**.
- **3157 (96,5%)** respondents were finally qualified for further analysis:
 - **1021** from 2nd grade.
 - **1119** from 4th grade,
 - **1017** from 6th grade.
- **Weights** were assigned to all the respondents



THE PARTICIPANTS

- **N=3157** children aged from 8 to 13
- **48.1% girls, 51.9% boys**
- **57.7%** from **urban** schools, **42.3%** from **rural** schools
- **96.7%** from **public** schools, **3.3%** from **non-public** schools
- **99.5%** were **born in Poland**
- **56%** spent nights **in the same house**, but occasionally slept in other places
- over **99%** were living in a household with their **own family**



FAMILY STRUCTURE

The 10- and 12-year-old's family composition (adults) (%)

| | Age group | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 10 year-old | 12 year-old |
| Mother and father | 86.6 | 82.3 |
| Mother and partner | 4.3 | 6.0 |
| Father and partner | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Lone mother | 8.0 | 8.9 |
| Lone father | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Other | 0.5 | 1.2 |

- nearly **1/3** of the children lived with their **grandparents**
- **72.3%** lived with **siblings**



ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES

The things that the children have (%)

| Material item | Age group | | |
|--|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 8 year-old | 10 year-old | 12 year-old |
| Clothes in good condition to go to school in | 98.7 | 99.1 | 98.6 |
| Access to computer at home | 94.3 | 97.3 | 97.8 |
| Access to Internet | 90.8 | 96.2 | 96.4 |
| Mobile phone | 71.8 | 93.3 | 95.7 |
| Your own room (alone or with siblings) | - | 91.5 | 92.5 |
| Books to read for fun | - | 89.0 | 82.2 |
| A family car for transportation | 90.7 | 89.8 | 88.5 |
| Your own stuff to listen to music | - | 87.8 | 93.0 |

- **60.6%** of the children lived with **two** working adults, **19.8%** with **more than two** working persons and **18.0%** with **only one** working adult

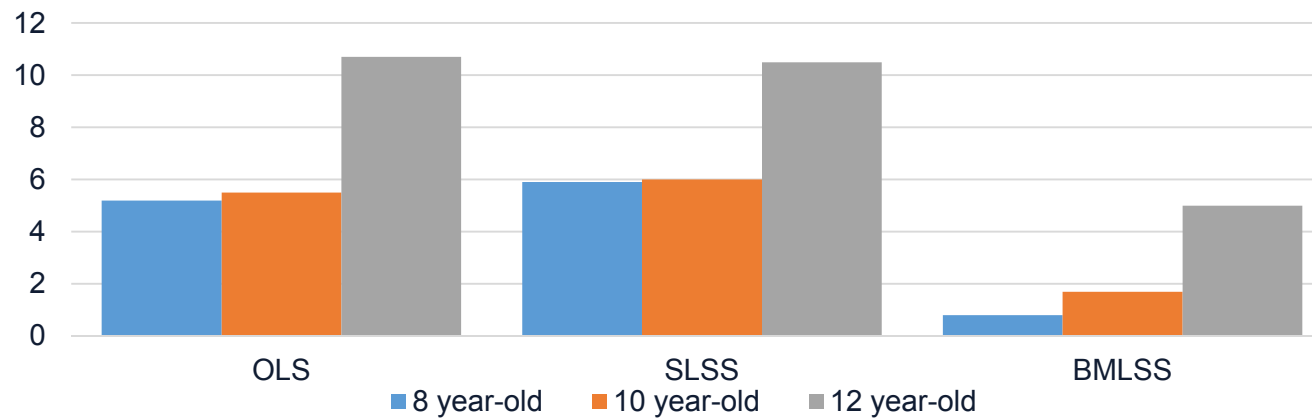


OVERALL SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING

Mean scores for SWB indicators according to age group

| Scale | Age group | | |
|--------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 8 year-old | 10 year-old | 12 year-old |
| OLS | 93.5 | 91.9 | 84.3 |
| SLSS | 90.0 | 88.1 | 81.4 |
| BMSLSS | 91.1 | 89.8 | 83.3 |

% of children with low well-being (mid-point or below)



HOME, FAMILY, MATERIAL SITUATION AND FRIENDS

Mean satisfaction scores and ranks according to age group

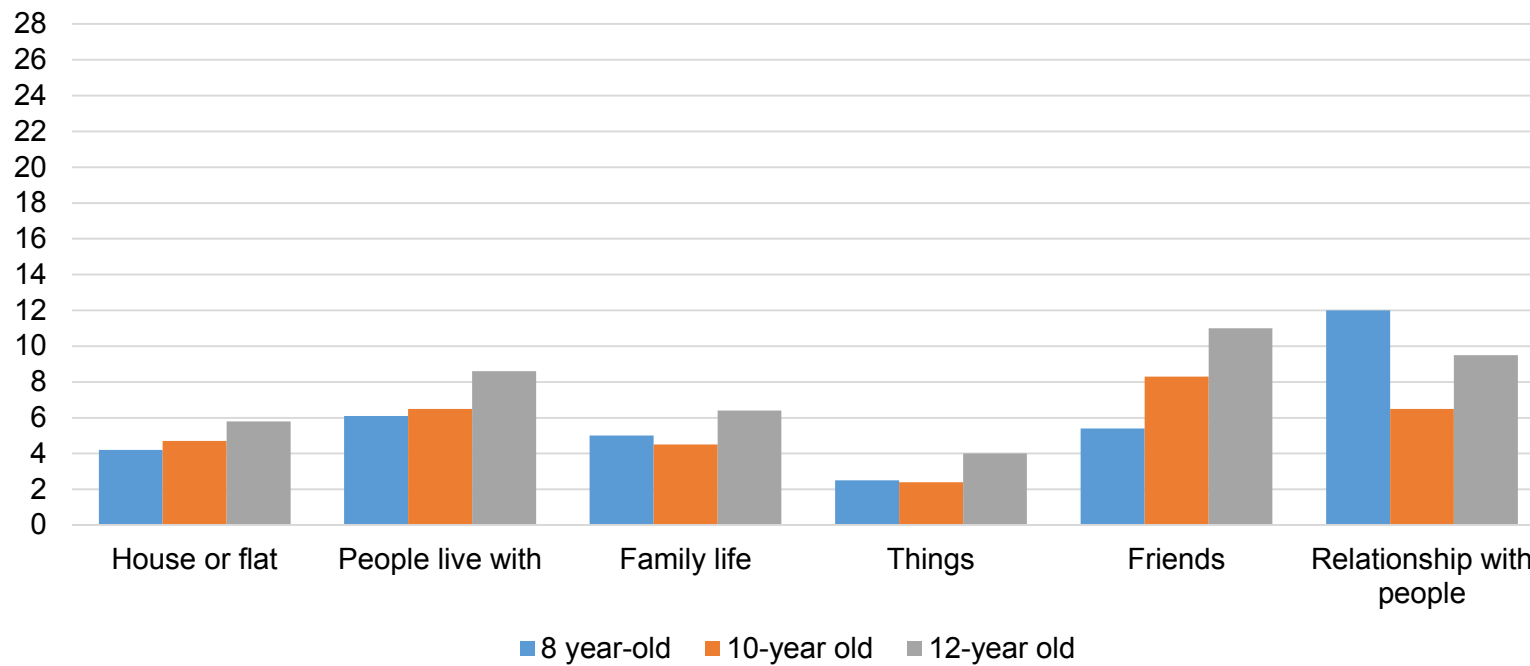
| Satisfaction with: | Age group | | | | | |
|--|------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| | 8 year-old | | 10 year-old | | 12 year-old | |
| | Mean* | Rank | Mean** | Rank | Mean** | Rank |
| The house or flat where you live | 3.8 | 2 | 9.3 | 3 | 9.0 | 3 |
| The people you live with | 3.7 | 6 | 9.2 | 6 | 8.9 | 4 |
| Your family life | 3.7 | 3 | 9.4 | 2 | 9.0 | 2 |
| All the things you have | 3.8 | 1 | 9.5 | 1 | 9.1 | 1 |
| Your friends | 3.6 | 10 | 8.7 | 18 | 8.3 | 13 |
| Your relationship with people in general | 3.5 | 15 | 9.0 | 16 | 8.6 | 9 |

* 0-4 scale, ** 0-10 scale



HOME, FAMILY, MATERIAL SITUATION AND FRIENDS

% of children with low satisfaction (mid-point or below)



LOCAL AREA AND SELF

Mean satisfaction scores and ranks according to age group

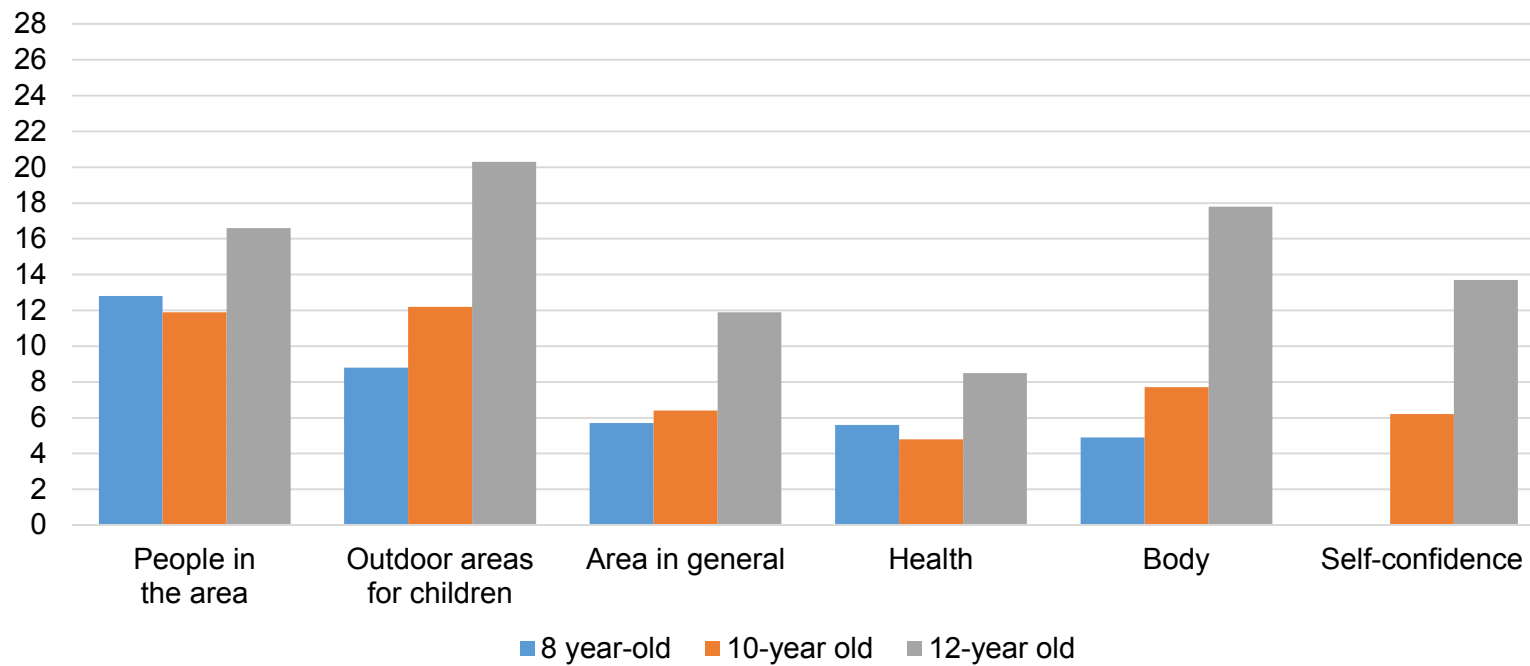
| Satisfaction with: | Age group | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| | 8 year-old | | 10 year-old | | 12 year-old | |
| | Mean* | Rank | Mean** | Rank | Mean** | Rank |
| The people in your area | 3.4 | 18 | 8.5 | 21 | 7.7 | 24 |
| The outdoor areas children can use | 3.5 | 12 | 8.6 | 19 | 7.7 | 22 |
| The area you live in general | 3.7 | 8 | 9.1 | 11 | 8.3 | 15 |
| Your health | 3.7 | 7 | 9.3 | 4 | 8.6 | 8 |
| Your own body | 3.7 | 5 | 9.0 | 13 | 7.8 | 20 |
| Your self-confidence | - | - | 9.0 | 14 | 8.2 | 17 |

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TIME USE AND THE FUTURE

Mean satisfaction scores and ranks according to age group

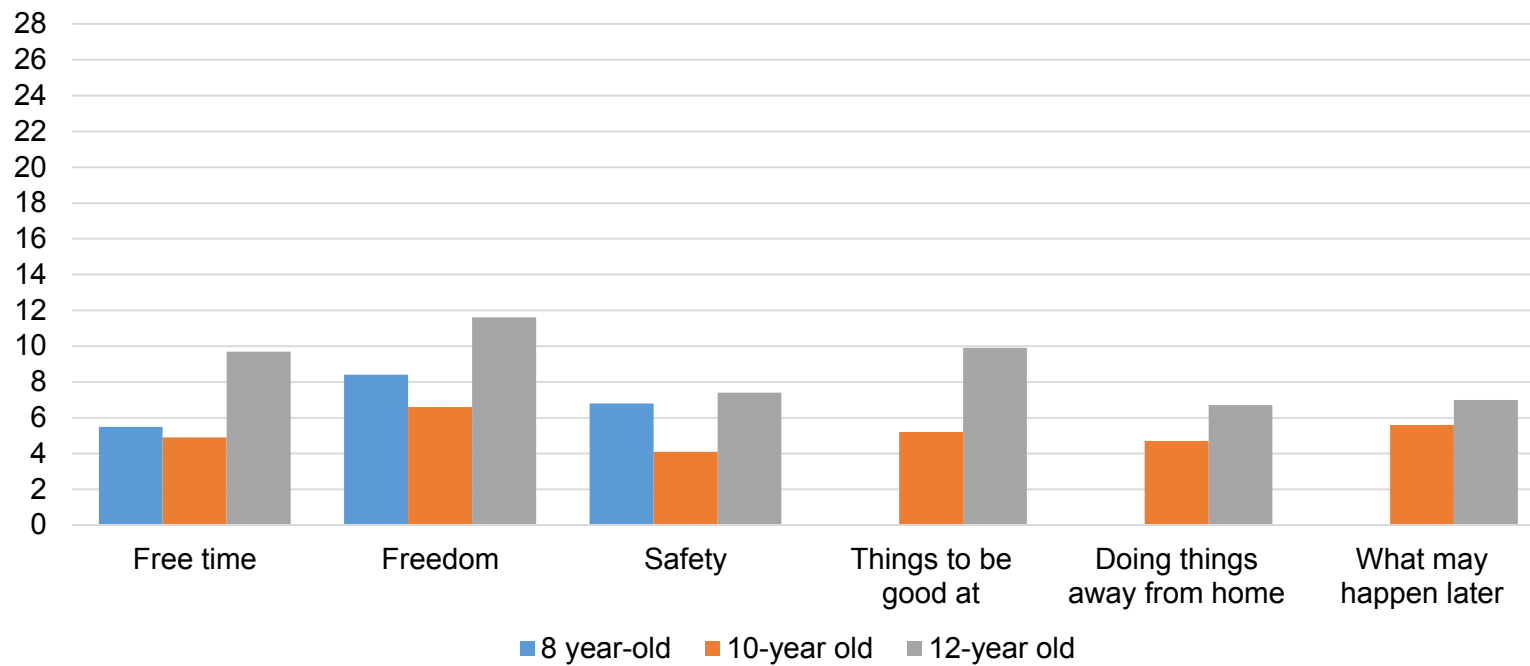
| Satisfaction with: | Age group | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| | 8 year-old | | 10 year-old | | 12 year-old | |
| | Mean* | Rank | Mean** | Rank | Mean** | Rank |
| How you use your time | - | - | 9.1 | 12 | 8.3 | 16 |
| What you do in your free time | 3.7 | 4 | 9.2 | 7 | 8.5 | 10 |
| The freedom you have | 3.6 | 11 | 9.0 | 15 | 8.3 | 14 |
| Amounts of oportunities | - | - | - | - | 8.4 | 12 |
| How safe you feel | 3.7 | 9 | 9.2 | 8 | 8.8 | 5 |
| Things you want to be good at | - | - | 9.2 | 10 | 8.5 | 11 |
| Doing things away from home | - | - | 9.3 | 5 | 8.8 | 6 |
| What may happen later in life | - | - | 9.2 | 9 | 8.8 | 7 |

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SCHOOL LIFE

Mean satisfaction scores and ranks according to age group

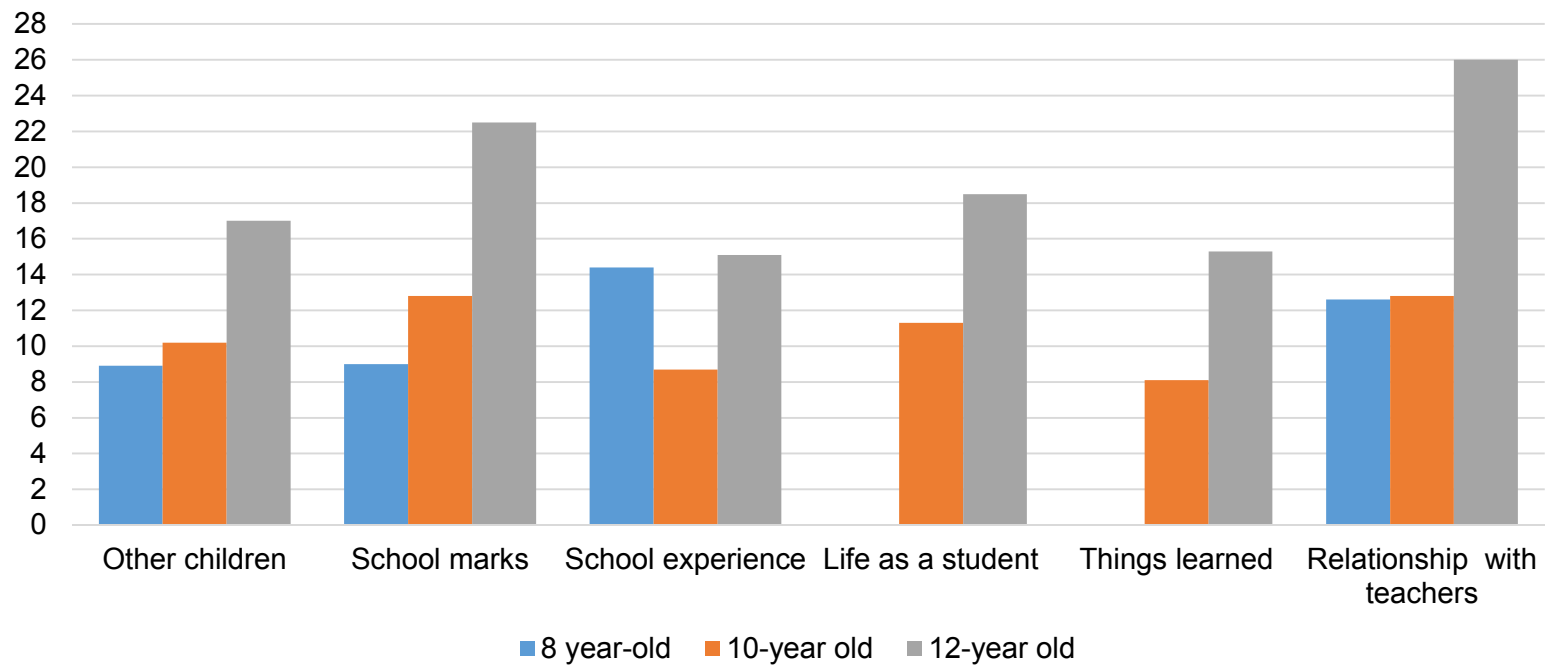
| Satisfaction with: | Age group | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| | 8 year-old | | 10 year-old | | 12 year-old | |
| | Mean* | Rank | Mean** | Rank | Mean** | Rank |
| Other children in your class | 3.5 | 16 | 8.4 | 25 | 7.8 | 21 |
| Your school marks | 3.5 | 13 | 8.4 | 24 | 7.3 | 25 |
| Your school experience | 3.4 | 17 | 8.6 | 20 | 8.0 | 18 |
| Your life as a student | - | - | 8.4 | 23 | 7.7 | 23 |
| Things you have learned | - | - | 8.8 | 17 | 7.9 | 19 |
| Relationship with teachers | 3.5 | 14 | 8.4 | 22 | 7.1 | 26 |

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CONCLUSIONS (I)

- The children's satisfaction with their lives was fairly high, however the OLS decreased with age.
- The share of children whose assessment of their life was low ranged from 0.8% to 10.7% (depending on age category and the applied measure).
- The Polish children, regardless of age, were most satisfied with the aspects of life relating mainly to their family homes - house or flat where they lived, family life, the people they lived with and the things they had.
- The kids were satisfied with their own health, feeling of safety, and forms of spending free time.



CONCLUSIONS (II)

- Pupils from the 8 year-old expressed a particularly high satisfaction with their bodies, whereas 10 and 12 year-old children from evaluated highly doing things away from their homes and what may happen to them in the future.
- Much worse marks were given by the respondents, regardless of age, to the aspects connected with school life (children in their class, relationship with teachers, life as a student).
- Another topic that received relatively low scores was the area where the children lived in (people in their area, the outdoor areas they could use).



CONCLUSIONS (III)

- For many of the measures of children's subjective well-being there are some variations by age group.
- The differences are mainly visible in the comparison of 12-year-olds with their younger peers and concern, above all, the aspects connected with school and also with satisfaction with their own bodies. For all these aspects older children felt significantly less satisfied than younger children.
- Smaller differences in the assessment of particular aspects of life occurred as regards the children's family life, places they lived in and material situation, although here as well the level of satisfaction was decreasing along with age of the respondents.



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