

Children's Worlds National Report

CHINA - HONG KONG (SAR)



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1. Introduction

1.1 Context and population

1.1.1 The latest Population By-Census figures put the total population of Hong Kong at 7,336,585, with the majority of Hong Kong people living in the New Territories (52.3%), followed by Kowloon (30.6%) and Hong Kong Island (17.1%). Hong Kong has increasingly been characterized as an 'ageing' society with the current share of the elderly population aged 65 and above (15.9%) projected to increase rapidly until 2040/50. In 2016, the share of the children (0-14) was 11.3 per cent and the share of young people (15-24) 10.7 per cent, respectively. Hong Kong is an ethnically homogenous city with the vast majority of Hong Kongers identifying as 'Chinese'. There is a substantial number of Filipinos (2.5%) and Indonesian (2.1%) migrants living in Hong Kong, the majority of which are female and are employed as domestic helpers by native Hong Kong middle-class families. There is also a sizeable South Asian minority comprised of Indian, Nepalese, Pakistani, Sri Lankan groups living in Hong Kong.

1.1.2 Hong Kong is among the richest and most developed societies in the world. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita (at current market price) of HK\$ 381,544 places Hong Kong among the top 15 most affluent places on the globe. Hong Kong ranked 7th out 189 societies in the Human Development Index and had the largest life expectancy rate according to the latest United Nations' figures. Despite slowing economic growth figures after the 2003 SARS and 2008 global financial crisis, the unemployment rate in Hong Kong remained comparatively low including for the 15- to 19-year-olds (10.2%). The major issue in the local Hong Kong labour market was, therefore, not about the demand, but the quality of 'decent' employment. The local policy discourse has highlighted relatively long-working hours, commute times, and low pay even compared to other 'liberal economies' across East Asia.³

1.1.3 Access to decent and affordable housing has been among the major policy challenges in Hong Kong, further exacerbating – amongst other reasons – existing social inequalities in Hong Kong society.⁴ The post-tax GINI index in Hong Kong has increased from 0.521 in 2011 to 0.524 in 2016. The pre-intervention poverty rate in Hong Kong was 20.1 per cent in 2017 – or roughly 1.5 million people. The poverty alleviation effect of the social safety net in Hong Kong has been subject to much academic and popular debate: the post-intervention poverty rate for children aged between 0-17 remained at 17.5 per cent, while the corresponding rate for elderly Hong Kongers aged 65 and above was even higher at 30.5 per cent (see Table 1 below).

³ Kühner, S., Lau, M., Jiang, J. and Wen, Z.Y. (2019). Personal income, local communities and happiness in a rich global city: evidence from Hong Kong, *Journal of Asian Public Policy*. DOI: 10.1080/17516234.2019.1652419.

⁴ The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (2018). *Social Development Index 2018*. Retrieved 20 October 2019 from http://www.hkcss.org.hk/uploadfileMgnt/0_2018712103823.pdf.

Table 1. Key socio-demographic and economic indicators in Hong Kong

Indicators	
Population (2016)⁵	7,336,585
Area	
Hong Kong Island	17.1%
Kowloon	30.6%
New Territories	52.3%
Sex	
Male	46.0%
Female	54.0%
Age group	
0-14	11.3%
15-24	10.7%
25-44	30.4%
45-64	31.7%
65+	15.9%
Median age	43.4
Ethnicity	
Chinese	92.0%
Filipino	2.5%
Indonesian	2.1%
White	0.8%
Indian	0.5%
Nepalese	0.3%
Pakistani	0.2%
Thai	0.1%
Japanese	0.1%
Other Asian	0.3%
Others	0.9%
Human Development Index (HDI) rank (2017)⁶	7 (out of 189)
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita (at current market price) (2018)⁷	HK\$ 381,544
Unemployment rate by age (2018)⁸	
15-19	10.2%
20-29	5.5%
30-39	1.9%
40-49	2.2%
50-59	2.5%
60+	2.0%
Overall	2.8%

⁵ Census and Statistics Department (2017b). Key statistics. *2016 Population By-census: Main Results*. Retrieved 19 September 2019 from <https://www.by-census2016.gov.hk/data/16bc-main-results.pdf>.

⁶ United Nations Development Programme (2018). *Human Development Indices and Indicators: 2018 Statistical Update*. Retrieved 19 September 2019 from http://hdr.undp.org/sites/default/files/2018_human_development_statistical_update.pdf, (Table 1).

⁷ Census and Statistics Department (2019). Gross Domestic Product. *Hong Kong in Figures*. Retrieved 19 September 2019 from <http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/hkif/index.jsp>.

⁸ Census and Statistics Department. Unemployment rate by sex and age (Table 011). *Hong Kong Statistics*. Retrieved 19 September 2019 from <https://www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp200.jsp?ID=0&productType=8&tableID=011>.

Table 1 (Continued....)

Indicators	
Gini-coefficient (2011 / 2016)⁹	
Original household income	0.537 / 0.539
Post-tax household income	0.521 / 0.524
Poverty rate by age (2017)¹⁰	
0-17 years	23.1% / 17.5%*
18-64 years	13.7% / 10.4%*
65 years and over	44.4% / 30.5%*
Overall	20.1% / 14.7%*

Notes: *pre-intervention / post-intervention (recurrent cash).

1.2 Sampling: Strategy and outcome

1.2.1 Three focus groups with a total of 13 participants in three age groups, including '8-year old', '10-year old' and '12-year old' children, were conducted to test their comprehension and interpretation of all items included in the questionnaire. For this part of the research, purposive sampling techniques were employed using existing non-governmental organization (NGO) and school contacts to identify children for the focus groups. Children selected for the focus groups presented a cross-section of different socio-economic backgrounds.

1.2.2 For this research, we surveyed children in two age groups, including '10-year old' children attending primary school form 5 and '12-year old' children attending secondary school form 1. Once the final questionnaire was confirmed, probability sampling was used to gain responses from children from 17 primary and 16 secondary schools, respectively. Schools were chosen randomly from a list of Hong Kong non-special primary and secondary schools obtained from the Education Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region by school type and finance type (<https://applications.edb.gov.hk/schoolsearch/schoolsearch.aspx?langno=1>). In order to save costs, two class groups of students were surveyed for each participating school. Besides informed consent from the schools, passive parental consent was employed. The total number of responses varied from 38-50 individual child responses from individual primary schools, and from 28-67 individual child responses from secondary schools. The final dataset contained 1525 total responses, 763 of which responded to the '10-year old' questionnaire, and 762 of which responded to the '12-year old' questionnaire after data weights were applied.

⁹ Census and Statistics Department (2012). *2011 Population Census – Thematic Report: Household Income Distribution in Hong Kong* (Table 8.1). Retrieved 19 September 2019 from <http://www.statistics.gov.hk/pub/B11200572012XXXB0100.pdf>; Census and Statistics Department (2017a). *2016 Population By-census – Thematic Report: Household Income Distribution in Hong Kong* (Table 8.1). Retrieved 19 September 2019 from <http://www.statistics.gov.hk/pub/B11200962016XXXB0100.pdf>.

¹⁰ Commission on Poverty (2018). *HK Poverty Situation Report 2017* (Figures 2.10 and 2.17). Retrieved 19 September 2019 from [https://www.povertyrelief.gov.hk/eng/pdf/Hong_Kong_Poverty_Situation_Report_2017\(2018.11.19\).pdf](https://www.povertyrelief.gov.hk/eng/pdf/Hong_Kong_Poverty_Situation_Report_2017(2018.11.19).pdf).

2.Results¹¹

2.1 The participants

2.1.1 The majority of child respondents in our data were boys (53.3%). Census comparison indicates that our sample slightly overrepresents males (51.2% in the age group 10-14) and underrepresents females (48.8% in the age group 10-14 according to the latest Census figures). Thereby, the share of boys responding to our 12-year old survey was slightly higher (55.7%), than for those responding to the 10-year old survey (50.9%). The vast majority of surveyed children reported that they were born in Hong Kong (86.6%); 12.2 per cent of surveyed children stated that they were not born in Hong Kong, and 1.2 per cent were 'not sure' (see Table 2 below).

Table 2. Demographic characteristics by age group (n, (%))

	10yo	12yo	Overall
Gender [Q2]			
Boy	388 (50.9)	425 (55.7)	813 (53.3)
Girl	375 (49.1)	338 (44.3)	713 (46.7)
Overall (n)	763	763	1526
Were you born in Hong Kong? [Q3]			
Yes	649 (85.3)	669 (87.9)	1318 (86.6)
No	101 (13.3)	85 (11.2)	186 (12.2)
Not sure	11 (1.4)	7 (.9)	18 (1.2)
Overall (n)	761	761	1522

Notes: 10yo – 10-year old survey; 12yo – 12-year old survey.

2.2 The home and the people children live with

2.2.1 A large proportion of the surveyed children (97.8%) lived with their families in Hong Kong. Only 2.1 per cent of 12-year olds responded that they live 'in another people's home' (see Table 3 below).

2.2.2 Overall, the surveyed children's satisfaction with '*the people they live with*' was high with a median score of 9 out of 10. However, the proportion of children who rated their satisfaction with '*the people they live with*' as very low (4 out of 10 or below) varied from 3.6% for the 10-year old to 7.9% for the 12-year old surveys (see Table 4 below).

2.2.3 Most surveyed children either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" with the following statements: '*I feel safe at home*' (84.4%); '*There are people in my family who care about me*' (78.9%); and '*If I have a problem, people in my family will help me*' (77.2%). However, there was a relatively lower proportion of children who either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" with the following

¹¹ Data shown in the table as valid percentage.

statements: *'We have a good time together in my family'* (70.1%); *'My parents and I make decisions about my life together'* (64.2%); and *'My parents listen to me and take what I say into account'* (63.4%).

2.2.4 There were also sizeable differences between the two age groups: only 58% of the 12-year olds either “agreed a lot” or “totally agreed” with the statement *'My parents listen to me and take what I say into account'* compared to 68.7% of the 10 year-olds; only 56.7% of the 12-year-olds either “agreed a lot” or “totally agreed” with the statement *'My parents and I make decisions about my life together'* compared to 71.5% of the 10 year-olds (see Table 5 below).

Table 3. The people you live with (%) [Q4]

	10yo	12yo	Overall
I live with family	98.4	97.2	97.8
I live in foster home	.4	.1	.3
I live in children's home	.0	.5	.3
Live in another people's home	1.2	2.1	1.6
Overall (n)	758	762	1520

Table 4. Satisfaction with the people you live with (%)* [Q8]

	Group	n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The people that you live with	10yo	759	.4	.3	.4	.4	2.1	5.5	3.8	8.4	18.1	22.3	38.3
	12yo	754	1.2	.3	1.2	1.9	3.3	9.9	6.8	12.5	21.8	15.8	25.5
	Overall	1513	.8	.3	.8	1.1	2.7	7.7	5.3	10.4	19.9	19.0	31.9

* 0=Not at all satisfied; 10=Completely satisfied.

Table 5. Family relationships and feeling safe at home (%) [Q9.1 – 9.6]

	Group	<i>n</i>	Don't agree	Agree a little	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
(1). There are people in my family who care about me	10yo	756	.8	3.6	11.9	29.4	54.4
	12yo	750	1.3	7.9	16.8	36.7	37.3
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1506</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>45.9</i>
(2). If I have a problem, people in my family will help me	10yo	756	1.5	4.4	11.4	31.6	51.2
	12yo	742	2.8	8.6	17.0	34.2	37.3
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1498</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>32.9</i>	<i>44.3</i>
(3). We have a good time together in my family	10yo	755	1.9	7.5	16.4	25.8	48.3
	12yo	747	3.2	10.3	20.3	32.7	33.5
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1502</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>18.4</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>40.9</i>
(4). I feel safe at home	10yo	752	1.2	2.5	8.8	21.4	66.1
	12yo	745	3.0	5.4	10.5	27.2	54.0
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1497</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>24.3</i>	<i>60.1</i>
(5). My parents listen to me and take what I say into account	10yo	742	3.8	8.6	18.9	31.9	36.8
	12yo	736	6.1	14.9	20.9	33.4	24.6
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1478</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>32.7</i>	<i>30.7</i>
(6). My parents and I make decisions about my life together	10yo	716	5.7	9.4	13.4	25.1	46.4
	12yo	707	8.3	11.7	23.2	30.3	26.4
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1423</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>27.7</i>	<i>36.5</i>

2.3 The home where children live

2.3.1 Overall, the satisfaction of surveyed children with *the home where they live* was high with median of 9 out of 10. A significantly lower percentage of 12-year olds (25.8%) stated that they are “fully satisfied” with the home they live in (10 out of 10) compared to 10-year olds (40.6%). The proportion of children who rated their satisfaction with the home where they live as very low (4 out of 10 or below) varied from 7.2% for the 10-year olds to 9.0% for the 12-year olds (**see Table 6 below**).

2.3.2 As for the things that children have in their homes, the majority of the surveyed children stated that they have one bathroom (72.9%), that they sleep in a room that they share with other people (53.9%), and that they had a place to study (83.7%). There were very little differences in these percentages across the two age groups, although a slightly higher percentage of 10-year olds (55.8%) stated that they sleep in a room that they share with other people than 12-year olds (51.9%) (**see Table 7 below**).

Table 6. Satisfaction with the home where you live (%) [Q10]

	Group	<i>n</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The home where you live	10yo	743	.8	.1	1.1	2.0	3.2	3.8	5.5	8.2	16.0	18.6	40.6
	12yo	736	1.6	.5	.8	2.0	4.1	9.4	6.8	12.0	18.2	18.8	25.8
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1479</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>.3</i>	<i>.9</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>18.7</i>	<i>33.3</i>

Table 7. Things you have (%)

	10yo	12yo	<i>Overall</i>
Number of bathrooms in your home [Q11]			
None	3.2	2.5	2.8
One	72.1	73.6	72.9
Two	20.9	20.6	20.7
More than two	3.8	3.3	3.6
<i>Overall (n)</i>	761	759	1520
Whether you sleep in a room on your own or you share a room [Q12]			
I sleep in a room on my own	44.2	48.1	46.1
I sleep in a room that I share with other people	55.8	51.9	53.9
<i>Overall (n)</i>	761	755	1516
Whether you have a place to study [Q13]			
Yes	84.7	82.7	83.7
No	7.4	8.7	8.0
Not sure	7.9	8.6	8.2
<i>Overall (n)</i>	760	758	1518

2.4 Friends

2.4.1 Overall, the satisfaction of surveyed children *with their friends* was high with a median score of 9 out of 10. A significantly lower percentage of 12-year olds (23.8%) stated that they are '*fully satisfied*' with their friends (10 out of 10) compared to 10-year olds (41.4%). The proportion of children who rated their satisfaction with their friends as very low (4 out of 10 or below) varied from 3.5% for the 10-year olds to 6.5% for the 12-year old surveys (**see Table 8 below**).

2.4.2 Most surveyed children either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" with the following statements: '*I have enough friends*' (77.9%), '*Me & my friends get along well together*' (77.5%), '*If I have a problem, I have a friend who will support me*' (75.3%); and '*My friends are usually nice to me*' (74.2%). Thereby, the proportion of children that either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" with the above statements was significantly higher among the 10-year old children compared to the 12-year olds, respectively (**see Table 9 below**).

Table 8. Satisfaction with your friends (%) [Q14]

	Group	<i>n</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Your friends	10yo	754	.9	.4	.7	.8	.7	3.4	4.9	8.9	13.9	24.0	41.4
	12yo	751	1.5	.5	.4	.9	3.2	6.4	8.0	13.6	20.8	20.9	23.8
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1505</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>.5</i>	<i>.5</i>	<i>.9</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>17.3</i>	<i>22.5</i>	<i>32.6</i>

Table 9. Relationships with friends (%) [Q15.1-15.4]

	Group	<i>n</i>	Don't agree	Agree a little	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
(1). I have enough friends	10yo	754	3.7	4.8	9.5	26.0	56.0
	12yo	746	3.2	7.5	15.4	37.9	35.9
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1500</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>31.9</i>	<i>46.0</i>
(2). My friends are usually nice to me	10yo	748	1.6	5.6	13.9	31.4	47.5
	12yo	749	2.3	7.5	20.6	37.2	32.4
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1497</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>34.3</i>	<i>39.9</i>
(3). Me & my friends get along well together	10yo	749	1.5	4.5	14.2	29.9	49.9
	12yo	747	2.3	5.6	17.0	39.6	35.5
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1496</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>34.8</i>	<i>42.7</i>
(4). If I have a problem, I have a friend who will support me	10yo	727	2.8	6.3	12.7	21.3	56.9
	12yo	729	4.1	7.5	16.2	32.4	39.8
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1456</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>48.4</i>

2.5 School

2.5.1 Overall, the satisfaction with children's *'life as a student'*, *'the things they have learned at school'*, and *'other children in their class'* was relatively high reaching a median of 8 out of 10, respectively. However, the answers differed significantly by age group: 10-year olds were significantly more satisfied with their life as a student, the things they have learned at school, and other children in their class, than 12-year-olds, respectively (**see Table 10**).

2.5.2 A high proportion of children either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" with the following statements: *'If I have a problem at school my teachers will help me'* (78.7%) and *'My teachers care about me'* (77%).

2.5.3 However, there was a relatively lower proportion of children who either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" with the following statements: *'If I have a problem at school other children will help me'* (71.5%), *'I feel safe at school'* (71%), *'My teachers listen to me & take what I say into account'* (67.7%), and *'At school I have opportunities to make decisions about things that are important to me'*

(67.4%). For all of these items, the views about school by 10-year old respondents were significantly more positive than by 12-year olds (**see Table 11**).

2.5.4 Overall, around one-sixth of surveyed children reported that they had been hit by other children in [their] school (15.3%) or had been left out by other children in their class (16.3%) at least once. More than 15 per cent of children reported that they had been called unkind names by other children in school more than three times. The total share of children reporting that they had been called unkind names by other children in their school at least once was 37.5 per cent.

2.5.5 These figures mask significant variation across age groups in regard to the children's experience of being called unkind names by other children in school, but not in terms of being hit by other children or being left out by other children in their class. Interestingly, while the share of 10-year olds (60.8%) reporting that they had never been called unkind names was lower than for 12-year old respondents (64%), their likelihood of being called unkind names more than three times was higher (17%) compared to 12-year olds (14.5%) (**see Table 12 below**).

Table 10. Satisfaction with your school life (%) [Q17-19]

	Group	<i>n</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
(1). Your life as a student	10yo	758	1.2	.0	.3	2.0	2.1	8.2	8.7	11.6	19.1	19.5	27.3
	12yo	755	1.7	1.1	1.9	2.6	4.9	14.2	12.7	18.3	18.8	12.6	11.3
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1513</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>.5</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>19.3</i>
(2). Things you have learned at school	10yo	754	.8	.0	.8	.8	1.3	4.6	4.4	8.6	18.8	23.2	36.6
	12yo	754	1.1	.8	.5	1.1	4.0	12.6	10.9	17.2	22.8	15.9	13.1
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1508</i>	<i>.9</i>	<i>.4</i>	<i>.7</i>	<i>.9</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>20.8</i>	<i>19.6</i>	<i>24.9</i>
(3). Other children in your class	10yo	751	2.0	.5	1.5	2.4	2.3	5.5	6.8	12.0	16.4	21.3	29.4
	12yo	755	1.7	1.3	1.3	2.8	3.7	10.6	11.4	16.6	19.5	15.9	15.2
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1506</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>.9</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>18.6</i>	<i>22.3</i>

Table 11. Views about school (%) [Q20.1-20.7]

	Group	<i>n</i>	Don't agree	Agree a little	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
(1). My teachers care about me	10yo	747	1.7	4.8	9.6	34.7	49.1
	12yo	744	1.3	7.5	21.0	42.2	28.0
	Overall	1491	1.5	6.2	15.3	38.4	38.6
(2). If I have a problem at school my teachers will help me	10yo	748	1.5	3.9	9.6	29.9	55.1
	12yo	741	1.1	6.5	20.2	39.7	32.5
	Overall	1489	1.3	5.2	14.9	34.8	43.9
(3). If I have a problem at school other children will help me	10yo	747	3.1	5.4	15.0	33.3	43.2
	12yo	740	2.6	8.2	23.0	41.2	25.0
	Overall	1487	2.8	6.8	19.0	37.3	34.2
(4). There are a lot of arguments between children in my class	10yo	742	15.0	28.6	20.5	15.8	20.2
	12yo	733	12.3	25.9	24.3	19.2	18.3
	Overall	1475	13.6	27.3	22.4	17.5	19.3
(5). My teachers listen to me & take what I say into account	10yo	724	2.6	5.4	17.8	33.4	40.7
	12yo	712	2.7	9.3	26.8	37.5	23.7
	Overall	1436	2.6	7.3	22.3	35.4	32.3
(6). At school I have opportunities to make decisions about things that are important to me	10yo	725	3.0	6.3	19.3	31.6	39.7
	12yo	719	3.1	10.2	23.4	38.8	24.6
	Overall	1444	3.0	8.2	21.3	35.2	32.2
(7). I feel safe at school	10yo	740	4.2	6.1	12.2	25.0	52.6
	12yo	733	5.2	9.4	21.0	33.0	31.4
	Overall	1473	4.7	7.7	16.6	29.0	42.0

Table 12. Experience of being bullied (%) [Q21.1-21.3]

	Group	<i>N</i>	Never	Once	2 or 3 times	More than 3 times
(1) Hit by other children in your school	10yo	742	84.8	8.4	3.9	3.0
	12yo	725	84.7	8.0	4.4	2.9
	Overall	1467	84.7	8.2	4.2	2.9
(2). Called unkind names by other children in your school	10yo	737	60.8	15.2	7.1	17.0
	12yo	725	64.0	11.4	10.1	14.5
	Overall	1462	62.4	13.3	8.5	15.7
(3). Left out by other children in your class	10yo	731	83.7	7.3	4.5	4.5
	12yo	691	83.6	7.5	4.5	4.3
	Overall	1422	83.7	7.4	4.5	4.4

2.6 The area where children live

2.6.1 Concerning their feelings about *the area where they live*, children's satisfaction was relatively high with a median score of 8 out of 10. However, the proportion of children who rated their satisfaction with the area where they live as very low (4 out of 10 or below) varied from 6.2% for the 10-year olds to 7.4% for the 12-year olds (**see Table 13**).

2.6.2 A total of 72.6 per cent of surveyed children either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" with the statement '*I feel safe when I walk around in the area I live in*'; whereas 67.9 per cent either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" with the statement '*In my area there are enough places to play & have a good time*'. Just over half of surveyed children (55.3%) either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" that adults in their local area are kind to children. However, less than half of surveyed children either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" with the following statements: '*Adults in my area listen to children & take them seriously*' (48.1%); '*If I have a problem there are people in my local area who will help me*' (47.2%); and '*In my local area, I have opportunities to participate in decisions about things that are important to children*' (42.2%).

2.6.3 The views about their local area were generally more positive among the 10-year old respondents, but gaps in agreement with the 12-year olds are particularly apparent in regards to the statements '*In my local area, I have opportunities to participate in decisions about things that are important to children*' and '*Adults in my area listen to children and take them seriously*'. For the former, the share of 10-year olds that either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" was 48 per cent compared to 36 per cent for the 12-year olds; for the latter the share of 10-year olds that either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" was 52.8 per cent compared to 42.9 per cent among the 12-year olds (**see Table 14 below**).

Table 13. Satisfaction with the area where you live (%) [Q23]

	Group	<i>n</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The area where you live	10yo	734	1.6	.4	.4	1.2	2.6	6.1	5.7	9.5	16.6	22.9	32.8
	12yo	741	.9	.3	.5	2.2	3.5	9.2	10.0	13.8	20.8	18.1	20.8
	Overall	1475	1.3	.3	.5	1.7	3.1	7.7	7.9	11.7	18.7	20.5	26.8

Table 14. Views about local area (%) [Q24.1-24.6]

	Group	<i>n</i>	Don't agree	Agree a little	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
(1). I feel safe when I walk around in the area I live in	10yo	745	2.8	6.7	15.7	28.7	46.0
	12yo	742	1.9	5.9	21.8	37.9	32.5
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1487</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>18.8</i>	<i>33.3</i>	<i>39.3</i>
(2). In my area there are enough places to play & have a good time	10yo	744	6.3	9.1	15.1	25.8	43.7
	12yo	741	5.5	8.6	19.4	35.6	30.8
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1485</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>30.7</i>	<i>37.2</i>
(3). If I have a problem there are people in my local area who will help me	10yo	702	13.1	15.8	20.7	25.1	25.4
	12yo	663	10.6	19.3	26.4	26.4	17.3
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1365</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>17.5</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>25.7</i>	<i>21.5</i>
(4). Adults in my local area are kind to children	10yo	716	6.7	14.1	22.6	26.0	30.6
	12yo	674	6.4	14.2	25.4	31.8	22.3
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1390</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>24.0</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>26.5</i>
(5). In my local area, I have opportunities to participate in decisions about things that are important to children	10yo	673	19.6	13.8	18.6	23.5	24.5
	12yo	628	22.8	17.4	23.9	22.3	13.7
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1301</i>	<i>21.1</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>21.1</i>	<i>22.9</i>	<i>19.3</i>
(6). Adults in my area listen to children & take them seriously	10yo	684	11.3	16.4	19.6	24.3	28.5
	12yo	603	12.8	17.7	26.5	26.5	16.4
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1287</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>25.3</i>	<i>22.8</i>

2.7 Money and the things children have

2.7.1 Regarding their concern about the financial status of their families, 19.7% of surveyed children reported that they worried about how much money their families had either “often” or “always”. The majority of children stated that they worry about how much money their family has ‘sometimes’ (47.9%).

2.7.2 12-year old respondents were likely to worry about how much money their family has more often: while the share of children that stated that they worry ‘often’ was nearly identical across age groups, the share of 12-year olds (13.5%) that worry ‘often’ was significantly higher than the share of 10-year olds (8.4%); the share of 12-year olds that never worried about how much money their family has (28.1%) was lower than the share of 10-year olds accordingly (36.7%) (see Table 15 below).

2.7.3 Concerning children's satisfaction with all the things they have, 10-year old respondents were significantly more satisfied compared with 12-year olds. The proportion of children who rated their satisfaction with all the things they have as very low (4 out of 10 or below) varied from 3.3% for the 10-year olds to 5.9% for the 12-year olds (**see Table 16 below**).

2.7.4 A considerable majority of children reported that they have access to basic necessities, such as clothes in good condition (99%); equipment/things they need for school (98.5%); two pairs of shoes in good condition (97.8%); enough money for school trips & activities (94.7%); access to the internet at home (94%). There was a relatively higher proportion of children who did not have 'pocket money' (17.7%), 'mobile phone (12.2%) and 'equipment/things [they] need for sports and hobbies' (10.9%) compared with other child necessary items.

2.7.5 There was a relatively large gap in children's access to 'pocket money' between 10-year olds (76%) and 12-year olds (88.5%); a similar gap was apparent in regard to children's access to mobile phones between 10-year olds (78.4%) and 12-year olds (97.2%), but not access to 'equipment/things [they] need for sports and hobbies' (**see Table 18 below**).

2.7.6 Regarding their family material possessions, a large proportion of surveyed children stated that their families owned one or more computers including laptops and tablets (95.1%). It was also common for their families to have a washing machine at home (97.5%). A large proportion of respondents reported that they travelled away on holiday with their family (91.1%). More than half of the surveyed children reported that their families did not own any car, van, or truck (56.8%).

2.7.7 The share of 12-year olds that never travelled away on holiday with their family was significantly higher (12.4%) than the share of 10-year olds (5.4%). Otherwise, familial material possessions did not vary significantly across the two age groups (**see Table 19 below**).

Table 15. How often worry about how much money your family has? (%) [Q25]

	10yo	12yo	Overall
Never	36.7	28.1	32.4
Sometimes	46.1	49.8	47.9
Often	8.4	13.5	11.0
Always	8.7	8.6	8.7
Overall (n)	724	709	1433

Table 16. Satisfaction with all the things you have (%) [Q31]

	Group	n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
All the things you have	10yo	762	.7	.4	.3	1.0	.9	4.2	2.8	6.4	15.6	21.0	46.7
	12yo	755	1.1	.0	.8	1.6	2.4	7.7	7.5	12.1	19.1	20.1	27.7
	Overall	1517	.9	.2	.5	1.3	1.6	5.9	5.1	9.2	17.3	20.6	37.2

Table 17. Do you have enough food to eat each day? (%) [Q32]

	10yo	12yo	Overall
Never	6.9	3.9	5.4
Sometimes	4.8	7.6	6.2
Often	16.0	19.2	17.6
Always	72.2	69.3	70.8
Overall (n)	749	739	1488

Table 18. The things children have (%) [Q33.1-33.8]

	10 yo			12 yo			Overall		
	n	Yes	No	n	Yes	No	n	Yes	No
(1). Clothes in good condition	761	99.1	.9	760	98.9	1.1	1521	99.0	1.0
(2). Enough money for school trips & activities	761	94.7	5.3	760	94.7	5.3	1521	94.7	5.3
(3). Access to the internet at home	760	92.2	7.8	761	95.7	4.3	1521	94.0	6.0
(4). Equipment / things you need for sports & hobbies	755	89.5	10.5	758	88.7	11.3	1513	89.1	10.9
(5). Pocket money / money to spend on yourself	758	76.0	24.0	759	88.5	11.5	1517	82.3	17.7
(6). Two pairs of shoes in good condition	756	98.1	1.9	759	97.5	2.5	1515	97.8	2.2
(7). Mobile phone	758	78.4	21.6	759	97.2	2.8	1517	87.8	12.2
(8). Equipment / things you need for school	758	98.3	1.7	761	98.7	1.3	1519	98.5	1.5

Table 19. Family material possessions (%)

	10yo	12yo	Overall
Number of cars, vans or trucks your family owns [Q26]			
None	53.6	60.1	56.8
One	31.7	25.8	28.7
Two	9.5	8.9	9.2
Three or more	5.3	5.1	5.2
Overall (n)	760	760	1520
Number of times travelled away on holiday with your family, including outside & within Hong Kong in the last 12 months [Q27]			
None	5.4	12.4	8.9
One	13.2	13.2	13.2
Two	16.4	17.7	17.1
More than two	65.0	56.8	60.9
Overall (n)	760	759	1519
Number of computers your family own [Q29]			
None	4.2	5.5	4.9
One	27.1	27.5	27.3
Two	30.7	30.8	30.8
More than two	38.0	36.1	37.0
Overall (n)	761	759	1520
Whether your family have a washing machine [Q30]			
Yes	98.2	96.8	97.5
No	1.8	3.2	2.5
Overall (n)	758	760	1518

2.8 Time use

2.8.1 Concerning their *time use*, children's satisfaction was relatively high with a median score of 8 out of 10. However, the 10-year old respondents were significantly more satisfied compared with 12-year olds. The proportion of children who rated their satisfaction with the area where they live as very low (4 out of 10 or below) varied from 9.2% for the 10-year olds to 15.5% for the 12-year olds. This means that around one-sixth of surveyed 12-year old children were dissatisfied with their time use (see Table 20 below).

2.8.2 More than half of all surveyed children reported that they spent time doing homework or studying on "every day" (53.4%). This was followed by 51.4 per cent of children that reported using social media, and 43.3 per cent that ed that they watch TV "every day". Compared to these figures, most surveyed children reported that they spent their time '*helping around the house*' (34.1%), '*playing sports / doing exercise*' (29.2%), '*doing extra class / tuition when not at school*' (23.5%), and '*taking care of brothers or sisters or other family members*' (17.2%) only "once or twice a week".

2.8.3 10 year-old respondents were less likely to spend their time *'helping out around the house'* and *'taking care of brothers or sisters or other family members'*; they were more likely to spend their time *'doing extra classes/tuition when not at school'*, *'doing homework and studying'*, *'playing sports and doing exercise'*, *'relaxing, talking/having fun with the family, and playing / spending time at home'* than 12 year-olds. At the same time, 12 year-olds were more likely to spend their time *'using social media'* and *'playing electronic games'* than 10-year olds: 64.4 per cent of 12-year olds reported using social media every day compared to 38.4 per cent of 10-year olds; 44.3 per cent of 12-year olds reported using electronic games every day compared to 29.5 per cent of 10 year-olds. 42.1 per cent of 12-year olds reported that they never spent time doing extra classes tuition when not at school compared to 27.9 per cent of 10-year olds.

2.8.4 Overall, around one-fifth (21%) of all surveyed children reported that they spent their time resting or doing nothing 'never' or 'less than once a week' (see Table 20.1 below).

Table 20. Satisfaction with time use (%) [Q34]

	Group	<i>n</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Time use	10yo	749	1.7	.4	.7	1.5	4.9	7.7	8.3	13.8	18.3	18.3	24.4
	12yo	748	2.0	.9	1.3	3.7	7.6	12.0	14.0	18.3	18.4	9.0	12.6
	Overall	1497	1.9	.7	1.0	2.6	6.3	9.9	11.2	16.0	18.4	13.6	18.5

Table 20.1. Time spent doing things when you are not at school (%) [Q35.1-35.12]

	Group	n	Never	Less than once a week	Once or twice a week	3 or 4 days a week	5 or 6 days a week	Every day
(1). Helping out around the house	10yo	759	10.0	16.6	33.7	21.2	7.2	11.2
	12yo	759	12.3	22.1	34.4	17.1	4.3	9.7
	Overall	1518	11.1	19.4	34.1	19.2	5.8	10.5
(2). Taking care of brothers or sisters or other family members	10yo	752	27.1	8.4	18.2	11.2	8.2	26.9
	12yo	748	37.4	12.0	16.2	10.8	5.3	18.2
	Overall	1500	32.3	10.2	17.2	11.0	6.8	22.5
(3). Doing extra class / tuition when not at school	10yo	753	27.9	6.5	22.2	12.9	16.7	13.8
	12yo	752	42.6	10.1	24.9	11.4	6.6	4.4
	Overall	1505	35.2	8.3	23.5	12.2	11.7	9.1
(4). Doing homework & studying	10yo	745	.7	2.1	7.0	11.0	21.1	58.1
	12yo	751	3.7	4.7	11.5	12.3	19.2	48.7
	Overall	1496	2.2	3.4	9.2	11.6	20.1	53.4
(5). Going to religious places / services	10yo	758	67.2	12.0	17.0	1.5	.8	1.6
	12yo	758	65.7	14.5	15.4	1.7	1.1	1.6
	Overall	1516	66.4	13.3	16.2	1.6	.9	1.6
(6). Watching TV	10yo	756	4.8	5.0	14.6	16.7	12.0	47.0
	12yo	762	10.2	7.9	16.9	15.7	9.4	39.8
	Overall	1518	7.5	6.5	15.7	16.2	10.7	43.3
(7). Playing sports / doing exercise	10yo	754	5.4	8.6	29.2	21.2	10.9	24.7
	12yo	758	5.9	15.4	29.3	21.9	8.4	19.0
	Overall	1512	5.7	12.0	29.2	21.6	9.7	21.8
(8). Relaxing, talking / having fun with family	10yo	751	6.0	10.9	20.1	18.0	14.0	31.0
	12yo	758	9.6	15.6	26.1	16.8	10.0	21.9
	Overall	1509	7.8	13.3	23.1	17.4	12.0	26.4
(9). Playing / spending time outside	10yo	747	7.8	16.3	28.1	18.3	10.7	18.7
	12yo	748	6.8	17.6	34.8	20.2	6.0	14.6
	Overall	1495	7.3	17.0	31.4	19.3	8.4	16.7
(10). Using social media	10yo	755	10.1	8.3	15.2	16.2	11.8	38.4
	12yo	758	2.2	3.6	6.7	11.5	11.6	64.4
	Overall	1513	6.1	5.9	11.0	13.8	11.7	51.4

Table 20.1 (Continued....)

	Group	n	Never	Less than once a week	Once or twice a week	3 or 4 days a week	5 or 6 days a week	Every day
(11). Playing electronic games	10yo	757	11.9	12.2	18.9	16.8	10.8	29.5
	12yo	756	10.7	8.7	12.4	13.0	10.8	44.3
	Overall	1513	11.3	10.4	15.7	14.9	10.8	36.9
(12). Doing nothing / resting	10yo	761	9.6	12.7	18.5	16.8	7.6	34.7
	12yo	761	8.3	11.4	24.0	14.3	8.8	33.1
	Overall	1522	8.9	12.1	21.3	15.6	8.2	33.9

2.9 Subjective well-being

2.9.1 There was a high level of life satisfaction with children's '*life as a whole*' with a median of 9 out of 10. 10-year olds were significantly more satisfied with their lives as 12-year olds: only 31 per cent of 12-year olds reported to be 'fully satisfied' with their life as a whole (10 out of 10), compared to 46.2 per cent of 10-year olds. The proportion of children who rated their satisfaction with their life as a whole as very low (4 out of 10 or below) varied from 3.3% for the 10-year olds to 7.7% for the 12-year olds (**see Table 21 below**).

2.9.2 Around one-sixth of surveyed children (15%) assessed their agreement with the statement '*Things that happen in my life are excellent*' as very low (4 out of 10 or below). At the same time, around one in ten surveyed children gave very low scores to the statements: '*I like my life*' (11.3%) and '*I am happy with my life*' (11.1%). The proportion of children whose agreement with the statement '*Things that happen in my life are excellent*' was very low (4 out of 10 or below) varied from 18.1% for the 12-year olds to 12.1% for the 10-year olds (**see Table 22 below**).

2.9.3 Around one-third of surveyed children in Hong Kong were "fully satisfied" with '*the people they live with*' (31.9%) and '*their friends*' (32.6%). The share of surveyed children that were "fully satisfied" with '*the way that they look*' (28.4%), '*the area where they live*' (26.8%), and, particularly, '*their life as a student*' (19.3%) were significantly lower in comparison.

2.9.4 10-year olds generally rated their satisfaction higher than 12-year olds, but the gap between the 10-year olds (41.4%) and 12-year olds (23.8%) that were "fully satisfied" with their friends was particularly stark. Similarly, only 11.3 per cent of 12-year olds reported that they are "fully satisfied" with their life as a student, compared to 27.3 per cent of 10-year olds. The proportion of 12-year olds whose satisfaction with '*their life as a student*' was very low (4 out of 10

or below) was 12.2 per cent; the proportion of 12-year olds whose satisfaction with '*the way they look*' was very low (4 out of 10 or below) was 13.9 per cent – or close to one in seven (**see Table 23 below**).

2.9.5 Around one-third of surveyed children in Hong Kong “totally agreed” that they felt happy (35.8%) and full of energy (30.8%) over the last two weeks. Among 10-year olds, 41.7 per cent reported that they ‘totally agree’ with the statement that they felt ‘*happy*’.

2.9.6 At the same time, 27.3 per cent of all surveyed children reported very low agreement (4 out of 10 or below) with statement that they felt ‘*calm*’ over the last two weeks. A total of 13 per cent of all 10-year olds did “not at all agree” with this statement. In addition, a total of 32.4 per cent of surveyed children reported a high agreement (6 out of 10 or above) with the statement that they felt ‘*sad*’ over the last two weeks. Maybe most worryingly, almost half (49%) of the surveyed children reported a high agreement (6 out of 10 or above) with the statement that the felt ‘*stressed*’ over the last two weeks. A total of 15.5 per cent of all children, or roughly one in six children, reported that they ‘totally agreed’ with this statement (**see Table 24 below**).

2.9.7 Around one-quarter of surveyed 12-year old children in Hong Kong “totally agreed” that they liked being the way they are (27.5%), that people are generally pretty friendly towards them (25.0%), and that they feel positive about their future (24.3%). Compared to this, the proportion of surveyed children that “totally agreed” that they are good at managing their daily responsibilities was slightly lower (19.2%).

2.9.8 A total of 14.6 per cent of all 12-year olds reported very low agreement (4 out of 10 or below) with the statement that *they are good at managing their daily responsibilities*; followed by 13.7 per cent who reported low agreement with the statement ‘*I feel positive about my future*’, and 13.1 per cent who reported low agreement with the statement ‘*I like being the way I am*’ (**see Table 25 below**)

2.9.9 The mean score of the Children’s Worlds Subjective Well-being Scale was 76.9 out 100, with the score for 10-year olds (81.2) being significantly higher than for 12-year olds (72.7). A total of 17.5 per cent of surveyed children reached a total score of 100 on the scale, whereas the proportion of children ‘falling behind’ their peers (scoring 40 or below) was 8.3 per cent (**see Table 26 below**.)

Table 21. Overall life satisfaction (OLS) [Q42]

Satisfaction with...	Group	<i>n</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Your life as a whole	10yo	756	.7	.3	.4	.8	1.1	6.0	4.9	6.2	11.5	22.1	46.2
	12yo	759	1.7	.4	.8	1.6	3.2	8.4	6.6	11.1	17.3	18.1	31.0
	Overall	1515	1.2	.3	.6	1.2	2.1	7.2	5.7	8.6	14.4	20.1	38.5

Table 22. Children's Worlds Subjective Well-being Scale (CW-SWBS) [Q22.1-22.6]

How much you agree with each of the following sentences?			0 = Not at all agree											10 = totally agree	
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
		<i>n</i>													
(1). I enjoy my life	10yo	761	1.3	.8	.4	1.6	2.0	5.9	4.2	9.5	16.2	16.7	41.5		
	12yo	761	1.6	.7	.9	3.0	6.0	8.9	7.8	15.0	18.5	14.1	23.5		
	Overall	1522	1.4	.7	.7	2.3	4.0	7.4	6.0	12.2	17.3	15.4	32.5		
(2). My life is going well	10yo	759	1.2	.8	.7	1.6	2.6	5.7	5.5	8.6	14.2	18.4	40.7		
	12yo	763	1.8	.8	.5	3.3	5.6	9.0	9.2	14.2	17.4	15.5	22.7		
	Overall	1522	1.5	.8	.6	2.4	4.1	7.4	7.4	11.4	15.8	17.0	31.7		
(3). I have a good life	10yo	755	1.9	.8	.9	1.5	2.5	6.1	4.6	7.5	13.4	18.5	42.3		
	12yo	757	2.2	.5	1.6	2.9	5.9	9.0	8.5	12.7	16.5	16.2	23.9		
	Overall	1512	2.1	.7	1.3	2.2	4.2	7.5	6.5	10.1	14.9	17.4	33.1		
(4). Things that happen in my life are excellent	10yo	762	2.4	1.7	1.7	3.4	2.9	8.8	8.0	12.1	14.2	15.7	29.1		
	12yo	760	2.8	1.3	2.0	4.5	7.5	13.3	9.7	15.4	14.2	11.6	17.8		
	Overall	1522	2.6	1.5	1.8	3.9	5.2	11.0	8.9	13.7	14.2	13.7	23.5		
(5). I like my life	10yo	762	1.6	.8	1.8	2.0	2.4	5.8	4.5	6.4	13.0	20.6	41.2		
	12yo	760	2.0	1.2	1.2	3.8	5.8	10.8	6.6	13.7	17.0	13.3	24.7		
	Overall	1522	1.8	1.0	1.5	2.9	4.1	8.3	5.5	10.1	15.0	17.0	33.0		
(6). I am happy with my life	10yo	761	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.2	3.4	6.2	4.3	8.3	12.4	17.2	42.4		
	12yo	762	1.6	1.6	1.3	4.2	4.5	10.4	8.1	14.7	14.0	13.8	25.9		
	Overall	1523	1.8	1.4	1.3	2.7	3.9	8.3	6.2	11.5	13.2	15.5	34.1		

Table 23. Children's Worlds Domain Based Subjective Well-being Scale (CW-DBSWBS)

Satisfaction with...	Group	n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The people that you live with [Q8]	10yo	759	.4	.3	.4	.4	2.1	5.5	3.8	8.4	18.1	22.3	38.3
	12yo	754	1.2	.3	1.2	1.9	3.3	9.9	6.8	12.5	21.8	15.8	25.5
	Overall	1513	.8	.3	.8	1.1	2.7	7.7	5.3	10.4	19.9	19.0	31.9
Your friends [Q14]	10yo	754	.9	.4	.7	.8	.7	3.4	4.9	8.9	13.9	24.0	41.4
	12yo	751	1.5	.5	.4	.9	3.2	6.4	8.0	13.6	20.8	20.9	23.8
	Overall	1505	1.2	.5	.5	.9	1.9	4.9	6.4	11.2	17.3	22.5	32.6
Your life as a student [Q17]	10yo	758	1.2	.0	.3	2.0	2.1	8.2	8.7	11.6	19.1	19.5	27.3
	12yo	755	1.7	1.1	1.9	2.6	4.9	14.2	12.7	18.3	18.8	12.6	11.3
	Overall	1513	1.5	.5	1.1	2.3	3.5	11.2	10.7	14.9	19.0	16.1	19.3
The area where you live [Q23]	10yo	734	1.6	.4	.4	1.2	2.6	6.1	5.7	9.5	16.6	22.9	32.8
	12yo	741	.9	.3	.5	2.2	3.5	9.2	10.0	13.8	20.8	18.1	20.8
	Overall	1475	1.3	.3	.5	1.7	3.1	7.7	7.9	11.7	18.7	20.5	26.8
The way that you look [Q38]	10yo	758	3.7	1.7	1.3	2.4	2.6	6.3	5.9	11.6	14.0	15.2	35.2
	12yo	758	4.1	.8	2.5	2.5	4.0	15.2	8.3	13.2	15.2	12.7	21.6
	Overall	1516	3.9	1.3	1.9	2.4	3.3	10.8	7.1	12.4	14.6	13.9	28.4

Table 24. Children's Worlds Positive and Negative Affects Scale (CW-PNAS) [Q43.1-Q43.6]

Last two weeks: How you felt ...	Group	n	0 = Not at all agree								10 = totally agree			
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
(1). Happy	10yo	760	1.6	1.1	1.6	2.4	2.5	5.0	5.0	9.3	13.3	16.6	41.7	
	12yo	761	1.4	1.4	1.8	2.8	4.9	8.3	7.0	9.7	19.4	13.3	30.0	
	Overall	1521	1.5	1.2	1.7	2.6	3.7	6.6	6.0	9.5	16.4	14.9	35.8	
(2). Sad	10yo	756	18.3	16.9	12.6	10.2	4.5	8.3	5.8	4.2	7.1	5.2	6.9	
	12yo	759	12.6	10.5	14.0	9.1	7.1	11.3	7.6	8.3	7.0	5.7	6.7	
	Overall	1515	15.4	13.7	13.3	9.6	5.8	9.8	6.7	6.3	7.1	5.4	6.8	
(3). Calm	10yo	760	13.0	3.7	3.9	3.4	6.3	14.1	5.7	8.7	9.1	8.9	23.2	
	12yo	759	7.5	3.2	2.6	5.0	5.8	19.0	10.1	10.0	10.4	10.3	16.1	
	Overall	1519	10.3	3.4	3.3	4.2	6.1	16.5	7.9	9.3	9.7	9.6	19.6	
(4). Stress	10yo	751	17.7	10.7	6.5	7.1	4.5	8.4	5.5	7.3	6.7	9.1	16.6	
	12yo	757	9.4	6.5	5.4	8.1	6.5	11.6	9.6	10.2	9.0	9.5	14.3	
	Overall	1508	13.5	8.6	6.0	7.6	5.5	10.0	7.6	8.8	7.8	9.3	15.5	
(5). Full of energy	10yo	756	4.4	2.5	2.8	3.6	1.9	8.2	5.3	8.6	11.6	13.0	38.2	
	12yo	756	4.1	2.1	3.0	4.6	6.3	10.3	7.8	11.5	15.5	11.4	23.3	
	Overall	1512	4.2	2.3	2.9	4.1	4.1	9.3	6.5	10.1	13.6	12.2	30.8	
(6). Bored	10yo	760	27.6	10.8	9.2	5.3	7.1	7.9	5.1	5.1	6.6	5.1	10.1	
	12yo	759	15.3	9.1	8.7	7.4	6.3	11.3	7.5	8.3	9.2	6.2	10.7	
	Overall	1519	21.5	9.9	9.0	6.3	6.7	9.6	6.3	6.7	7.9	5.7	10.4	

Table 25. Children's Worlds Psychological Subjective Well-being Scale (CW-PSWBS)* [Q44.1-Q44.6]

How much you agree with....	n	0 = Not at all agree										10 = totally agree
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
(1). I like being the way I am	760	3.2	.0	1.4	2.6	5.9	10.0	6.2	12.5	15.3	15.4	27.5
(2). I am good at managing my daily responsibilities	761	2.8	1.1	2.0	2.4	6.3	13.5	8.4	16.3	16.0	12.1	19.2
(3). People are generally pretty friendly towards me	760	1.4	.5	.5	2.8	4.2	9.2	7.9	11.2	18.9	18.3	25.0
(4). I have enough choice about how I spend my time	762	2.4	.9	1.8	2.6	4.7	11.3	9.2	13.5	16.7	13.5	23.4
(5). I feel that I am learning a lot at the moment	762	2.0	1.0	1.3	2.1	4.5	10.8	9.1	14.6	15.5	15.6	23.6
(6). I feel positive about my future	761	2.9	.9	1.3	3.2	5.4	13.0	6.0	12.1	16.4	14.5	24.3

*12-year old children only.

Table 26. Child subjective wellbeing by domain and by age group

	10yo	12yo	Overall
	Mean score (0-100)		
(1). Overall Life Satisfaction (OLS) [Q42]	86.3	78.9	82.6
(2). Children's Worlds Subjective Well-Being Scale (CW-SWBS) [Q22.1-22.6]	81.2	72.7	76.9
(3). Children's World Domain Based Subjective Well-Being Scale (CW-DBSWBS) [Q8, 14, 17, 23, 38]	81.8	74.0	77.9
(4). Children's Worlds Positive Affect Scale (CW-PAS) [Q43.1, 43.3, 43.5]	72.1	68.5	70.3
(5). Children's Worlds Negative Affect Scale (CW-NAS) [Q43.2, 43.4, 43.6]	41.3	48.6	45.0
(6). Children's Worlds Psychological Well-Being Scale (CW-PSWBS, 12-yr-old only) [Q44.1-44.6]	-----	73.3	73.3

Notes: **CW-SWBS (6-item)** - I enjoy my life; My life is going well; I have a good life; Things that happen in my life are excellent; I like my life; I am happy with my life. **CW-DBSWBS (5-item)**- People that you live with; Friends; Your life as student; The area you live in; The way that you look. **CW-PAS (3-item)** – Happy; Calm; Full of energy. **CW-NAS (3-item)** – Sad; Stressed; Bored. **CW-PSWBS (6-item)** – I like being the way I am; I am good at managing my daily responsibilities; People are generally friendly towards me; I have enough choice about how I spend my time; I feel that I am learning a lot at the moment; I feel positive about my future.

2.10 Children's perceptions about their country

2.10.1 The majority of surveyed children were 'not sure' what rights children have (44.6%) and did not know about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (42.2%) (**see Table 27 below**).

2.10.2 Most surveyed children either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" that Hong Kong is a safe place for children to live (64%), that in Hong Kong children are allowed to make choices about their lives (59.3%), and that Hong Kong adults respect children's rights. Less than half of all surveyed children (49.7%) either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" that adults in Hong Kong care about children. The share of 10-year old children that either "agreed a lot" or "totally agreed" with this statement is slightly higher (57.1%) compared with 12-year olds (42.3%). Close to 1 in 4 12-year olds 'did not agree' or only 'agreed a little' with the statements that adults in Hong Kong care about children (23.8%) and that in Hong Kong adults respect children's rights (24.2%). A slightly lower share of 12-year olds (22.9%) 'did not agree' or only 'agreed a little' with the statement that in Hong Kong children are allowed to make choices about their lives (**see Table 27.1**).

Table 27. Questions about children's rights (%) [12yo - Q45. 46; 10yo – Q44, 45]

		10yo	12yo	Overall
(1). I know what rights children have	No	19.8	18.6	19.2
	Yes	35.6	36.8	36.2
	Not sure	44.6	44.7	44.6
	Overall	758	759	1517
(2). I know about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	No	45.6	38.9	42.2
	Yes	14.1	20.3	17.2
	Not sure	40.3	40.8	40.6
	Overall	759	759	1518

Table 27.1. Views about living in Hong Kong (%) [12yo - Q47; 10 yo – Q46]

	Group	<i>n</i>	Don't agree	Agree a little	Agree somewhat	Agree a lot	Totally agree
(1). Adults in Hong Kong care about children	10yo	695	3.9	13.5	25.5	30.5	26.6
	12yo	713	5.6	18.2	33.8	30.0	12.3
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1408</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>29.7</i>	<i>30.3</i>	<i>19.4</i>
(2). Hong Kong is a safe place for children to live	10yo	724	4.0	7.9	17.7	32.2	38.3
	12yo	723	4.6	13.8	24.1	36.2	21.3
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1447</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>20.9</i>	<i>34.2</i>	<i>29.8</i>
(3). I think in Hong Kong adults respect children's rights	10yo	716	4.7	10.3	21.1	24.2	39.7
	12yo	714	7.3	16.9	29.3	25.6	20.9
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1430</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>25.2</i>	<i>24.9</i>	<i>30.3</i>
(4). In Hong Kong children are allowed to make choices about their lives	10yo	700	5.1	10.0	17.6	24.9	42.4
	12yo	694	7.2	15.7	25.8	26.4	24.9
	<i>Overall</i>	<i>1394</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>21.7</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>33.7</i>

3. Conclusions

3.1 Overall, the satisfaction of surveyed children in Hong Kong with their lives as a whole, the people they live with, the home where they live, their friends, their life as a student, the area where they live, and their time use was high with median scores of 8 out of 10 or above, respectively. The majority of surveyed children reported to be 'happy' and 'full of energy', and generally 'like the way they are'.

3.2 The majority of surveyed children reported that they have access to basic necessities, although mobile phones and pocket money was more accessible to 12-year-olds rather than 10-year-olds. Most children lived in families that owned one or more computers and travelled away on holiday at least one time per year. Although most children reported that they have to share a room where they sleep, most had an adequate place to study at home. Most surveyed children reported that they have fun in their families and that the teachers in school care for them. Most children reported that Hong Kong is a safe place to live.

3.3. Concerns of material possessions and basic necessities play a significant role for sizeable share of children in Hong Kong. Around one in five surveyed children reported that they worried about how much money their families had either "often" or "always", while almost one in two reported that they worry about how much money their family has 'sometimes'. Independent from the two age groups, around one in ten surveyed children reported that they "never" or "sometimes" have enough food to eat.

3.3 Bullying at school remains a significant issue in Hong Kong. Being called unkind names by other children in school is much more prevalent than being hit by other children or being left by other children in school.

3.4 There is a sense throughout the questionnaire that children in Hong Kong struggle to successfully have their voices heard. In their families, a sizeable share of children did not fully agree that parents listen to them and take what they have to say into account. In their schools, a sizeable proportion of Hong Kong children did not agree that their teachers listen to them and take what they have to say into account. Many children also did not agree that at school they have opportunities to make decisions about things that are important to them. In their local area where they live, less than half of the surveyed children agree that adults take them seriously and that they have opportunities to participate in decisions about things that are important to them. Just over half of surveyed children agreed that adults in their local area are kind to children. More generally, less than half of all surveyed children agreed that adults in Hong Kong care about children and around 1 in 4 12-year olds “did not agree” or only “agreed a little” with the statements that adults in Hong Kong care about children and that in Hong Kong adults respect children’s rights.

3.5 The children in Hong Kong show some concerning results on the negative affect scale. More than one in four surveyed reported very low agreement with the statement that they felt ‘*calm*’ over the last two weeks. Close to one in three of the surveyed children reported a high agreement with the statement that they felt ‘*sad*’ over the last two weeks. Almost half of the surveyed children reported a high agreement (6 out of 10 or above) with the statement that the felt ‘*stressed*’ over the last two weeks.

3.6 There is generally a significant variation in the answer between 10- and 12-year-olds, with the latter generally being less satisfied with their lives. As such, nearly one in five 12-year-olds had very low agreement with the statement that the things that happen in their life are excellent. Nearly one on six of all 12-year old children reported very low agreement with the statement that they are good at managing their daily responsibilities and nearly one in seven with the statement that they feel positive about their future.