

Table 2.1 Numbers of respondents in the survey by sex and age group (number & %)

	All	5-8y	9-12y
Boys	293	145 (49)	148 (51)
Girls	301	151 (50)	150 (50)
<i>n</i>	594	296	298

Table 2.2 Numbers of respondents in the survey during winter (Sept-Feb) and summer (Mar-Aug) by sex (number & %)

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Season		
Winter	149 (51)	146 (49)
Summer	144 (49)	155 (51)
n	293	301

Table 2.3 Geographical location of respondents by sex and age group (number & %)

	All	5-8y	9-12y
Boys			
Open country/village	133 (45)	65 (45)	68 (46)
Small town	17 (6)	8 (6)	9 (6)
Large town	67 (23)	34 (23)	33 (22)
City	76 (26)	38 (26)	38 (26)
n	293	145	148
Girls			
Open country/village	109 (36.2)	52 (34.4)	57 (38)
Small town	17 (5.6)	8 (5.3)	9 (6)
Large town	80 (26.6)	42 (27.8)	38 (25.3)
City	95 (31.6)	49 (32.5)	46 (30.7)
n	301	151	150

Table 2.4 Social class of respondents by sex (number & %)

	Boys	Girls
Social Class		
Professional Workers	144 (50.2)	163 (54.7)
Non-Manual Workers	59 (20.6)	58 (19.5)
Skilled Manual Workers	51 (17.8)	42 (14.1)
Unskilled Workers	33 (11.5)	35 (11.7)
<i>n</i> *	287	298

* Excludes 9 missing values

Table 2.5 Socio-economic group of respondents by sex (number & %)

	Boys	Girls
Socio-Economic Group		
Employers and Managers	74 (25.6)	80 (26.8)
Higher professional	27 (9.3)	35 (11.7)
Lower professional	48 (16.6)	50 (16.7)
Non-manual	60 (20.8)	67 (22.4)
Manual Skilled	31 (10.7)	20 (6.7)
Semi-skilled	20 (6.9)	17 (5.7)
Unskilled	6 (2.1)	6 (2.0)
Own account workers	11 (3.8)	16 (5.4)
Farmers	11 (3.8)	6 (2.0)
Agricultural workers	0 (0)	1 (0.3)
Students	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)
<i>n</i> *	289	299

* Excludes 6 missing values

Table 2.6 Education level of respondents' parents by sex and age group of respondent (number & %)

	All	5-8y	9-12y
Boys			
Primary & Intermediate	60 (20.5)	25 (17.4)	35 (23.6)
Secondary	113 (38.7)	61 (42.4)	52 (35.1)
Tertiary	119 (40.8)	58 (40.3)	61 (41.2)
n	292	144	148
Girls			
Primary & Intermediate	49 (14.8)	20 (13.3)	29 (19.7)
Secondary	116 (39.1)	61 (40.7)	55 (37.4)
Tertiary	132 (44.4)	69 (46.0)	63 (42.9)
n	297	150	147

Excludes 5 missing values

Table 2.7 Percentage of boys and girls from the NCFS for each year age compared with the census 2002 data

Age (years)	Census 2002 (%)			NCFS (%)		
	All 5-12	Boys	Girls	All 5-12	Males	Females
5	12.6	12.6	12.5	11.9	11.5	12.3
6	12.1	12.2	12.1	12.9	12.9	13.0
7	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.3	12.2	12.3
8	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.8	12.9	12.6
9	12.3	12.4	12.2	12.8	13.2	12.3
10	12.8	12.7	13.0	12.6	11.9	13.3
11	13.2	13.3	13.2	12.3	12.5	12.0
12	13.1	13.0	13.1	12.6	12.9	12.3
5-12 years	100.0	51.4	48.7	100.0	49.5	50.5

Table 2.8 Comparison of socio demographics from the Census 2002 data for the total population* and for persons under the age of 15 years (similar to the NCFS age group of 5-12 years)[#], with data from the National Children's Food Survey

	Census (%) [*]	Census (%) [#]	NCFS (%)
Province			
Leinster	54	53	44
Munster	28	28	35
Connaught	12	12	15
Ulster	6	7	5
Geographical Location			
Open country	33		32
Village (200-1,4999)	7		9
Town (1,500-2,999)	3		1
Town (3000-4,999)	3		5
Town (5,000-9,999)	6		9
Town (>10,000)	13		16
City (Cork, Dublin)	36		29
Socio-economic group[†]			
Employers and managers	19	25	26
Higher professional	6	7	10
Lower professional	12	11	16
Non-manual	20	18	22
Manual skilled	12	11	9
Semi-skilled	10	8	6
Unskilled	6	4	2
Own account workers	6	8	5
Farmers	7	7	3
Agricultural workers	1	1	0
Social Class[†]			
Professional workers	7	9	11
Managerial and technical	32	36	41
Non-manual	20	19	20
Skilled manual	21	20	16
Semi-skilled	13	11	9
Unskilled	7	5	2

*Census data for total population

[#]Census data for persons under the age of 15 years

[†]Occupations unknown or insufficiently described were excluded as values from the the NCFS were low compared to Census 2002 data

Table 2.9 Comparison of marital status from the Census 2002 data (total population, persons under the age of 15 years (similar to the NCFS age group of 5-12 years) and 30-50years only) with marital status from the National Children's Food Survey

Marital Status	All data (%)			30-50 years (%)	
	Census	Census [#]	NCFS	Census	NCFS
Married/Partner	37.1	83.0	91.1	66.0	91.1
Separated/divorced/widowed	8.2		4.9	8.0	4.4
Single	54.7	17.0	4.0	26.0	4.0

[#] for persons under the age of 15 years and the values for 'single' include separated/divorced/widowed

Table 2.10 Comparison of education level from the Census 2002 data (total population and 30-50years only) with parental education level from the National Children's Food Survey

Education Level*	All data (%)		30-50 years (%)	
	Census	NCFS	Census	NCFS
Primary	17.9	1.5	9.2	1.3
Lower secondary	18.3	17.1	24.9	17.1
Upper secondary	23.4	16.1	30.0	16.1
Non degree	8.1	22.3	11.0	23.2
Degree	12.8	42.1	17.2	41.6
Not stated	4.3	0.8	3.1	0.7

* not including n=2 students