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# FACTSHEET ON ATTITUDES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN IRELAND



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# 1) Family Related Attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who think family is very important in life	89,4	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents, who think that regardless of what the qualities and faults of one's parents are, one must always love and respect them	72,5	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think that parents responsibility is to do best for their children	68,7	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think good manners are important child qualities	91,6	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think independence is an important child quality	47,0	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think hard work is an important child quality	34,0	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think a woman needs children to be fulfilled	6,0	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who agrees or agrees strongly with the statement that a man needs children to be fulfilled	5,4	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) if respondents who agree with the statement that marriage is an out-dated institution	28,1	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think faithfulness is very important for successful marriage	93,0	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think same social background is very important for successful marriage	12,4	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think happy sexual relationship is very important for successful marriage	75,4	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think sharing household chores is very important for successful marriage	56,6	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think discussing problems is very important for successful marriage	92,7	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who agree or agree strongly with the statemnet that both husband and wife should contribute to income	-	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who approve abortion when woman is not married	28,0	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Get married and live with husband/ wife, ideal age (mean)	21,67	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Become mother/ father, ideal age (mean)	22,55	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Have sexual intercourse, age too young (mean)	16,87	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who strongly approve if person lives with partner not married to	6,8	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who strongly approve if person have child with partner not married to	4,0	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who strongly approve if person gets divorced while children aged under 12	3,2	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007

## 2) Social Life related

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who think friends are very important in life	65,4	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who meet with friends, relatives or colleagues at least once a week	91,2	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "Important to be loyal to friends and devote to people close" describes me well or very well	81,3	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "Important to help people and care for others well-being" describes me well or very well	71,7	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who agree or strongly agree with the statement that there are people in my life who care about me	96,4	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention that would not like to have people with criminal records as neighbors	44,4	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention that would not like to have people of a different race as neighbors	6,7	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention that would not like to have homosexuals as neighbors	16,8	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention that would not like to have gypsies as neighbors	17,9	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who agree or strongly agree with the statement that gays and lesbians free to live life as they wish	88,9	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Immigrants make country a worse or a better place to live (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is worse and 10 is better)	5,71	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007

## 3 ) Politics related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who are very interested in politics	1,96	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who voted in last national election of those who were eligible to vote	30,58	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who think that politics is regularly or frequently too complicated to understand	47,95	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who are very proud of their nationality	66,2	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who are not at all proud of their nationality	0,0	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Trust in country's parliament (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is no trust at all and 10 is complete trust)	4,90	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
How satisfied with national government (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is extremely dissatisfied and 10 is extremely satisfied)	5,47	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
How satisfied with the way the democracy works in country (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is extremely dissatisfied and 10 is extremely satisfied)	6,10	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Trust in the European Parliament (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is no trust at all and 10 is complete trust)	5,86	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
European unification (European Union) go further or gone too far (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is that unification has gone already too far and 10 is that unification can go	5,65	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007

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Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means freedom to travel, study and work anywhere in the EU	91	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means a way to protect the rights of the citizens	86	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means a means of improving the economic situation in the EU	85	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means a European government	56	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means a lot of bureaucracy, a waste of time and money	30	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means a risk of losing our cultural identity/diversity	47	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom being the citizen of the EU means being able to study in any EU country	97	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 31.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom being the citizen of the EU means the right to work in any country	93	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 31.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom being the citizen of the EU means access to healthcare and social welfare	81	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 31.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom being the citizen of the EU means the right to move permanently to any country	83	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 31.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom being the citizen of the EU means the right to vote or to be elected	62	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 31.</a>	2007

#### 4 ) Work related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who think work is very important in life	55,0	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention good pay as an important aspect in job	90,1	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention a respected job as an important aspect in job	33,9	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention "a job that is interesting" as an important aspect in job	75,2	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention pleasant people to work with as an important aspect in job	78,3	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "important to be rich, have money and expensive things" describes me well or very well	26,0	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007

## 5 ) Environment related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who agree or strongly agree with to following statement: "I would give part of my income for the environment"	57,5	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who agree or strongly agree with to following statement: "Government should reduce environmental pollution, but it should not cost me any money"	65,0	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "important to care for nature and environment" describes me well or very well	56,99	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007

## 6 ) Religion related attitudes

		Age Range		Year
How religious are you (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is not at all religious and 10 is very religious)	4,54	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who belong to religious denomination	69,2	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who attend religious services apart from special occasions at least once a month	44,7	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who pray apart from at religious services at least once a month	58,7	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007

## 7) Health related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of heroin high	95	15-24	<a href="#">Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.</a>	2008
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of cocaine high	82	15-24	<a href="#">Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.</a>	2008
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of ecstasy high	83	15-24	<a href="#">Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.</a>	2008
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of cannabis high	30	15-24	<a href="#">Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.</a>	2008
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of tobacco high	28	15-24	<a href="#">Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.</a>	2008
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of alcohol high	13	15-24	<a href="#">Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.</a>	2008

## 8) Mobility related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: I would not know how to find a job	9,4	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: I would have	62,9	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young</a>	2007

language difficulties			<a href="#">Europeans. 2007. Page 123.</a>	
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: I could not afford it	12,8	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: I would have administrative difficulties	5,7	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: I would have difficulties in getting my qualifications recognized	6,8	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: no difficulties	1,3	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who state that they are not interested in living abroad	0,4	15-30	<a href="#">Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.</a>	2007

## 9) Leisure-time related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who think leisure time is very important in life	41,8	15-29	<a href="#">World Values Survey</a>	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "It is important to have good time" describes me well or very well	51,9	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "It is important to seek adventures and have exciting life" describes me well or very well	55,9	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "It is important to seek fun and things that give pleasure" describes me well or very well	69,5	15-24	<a href="#">European Social Survey Data</a>	2007