

Health Behaviour in School-aged Children Ireland (HBSC) Team

Health Promotion Research Centre, School of Health Sciences



- HBSC is an international network we were invited to in 1994, and which now comprises 51 countries, in collaboration with WHO - Europe
- We collect, report, analyse and translate data from nationally representative samples of children aged 9-17 on a four yearly cycle from 1998-2022, seven rounds (>70,000 children).
- Funded cyclically by the Department of Health, through an external competitive tender process since 2006. Strong links with Government Departments, HSE and NGOs, including education and health stakeholders.
- Internationally, HBSC Ireland has led on Risk Behaviours, Eating and Dieting, Sexual Health, Violence and Injuries, Youth Engagement, Policy Development and Scientific Development, holding seats on the overall co-ordinating committee for 20+ years.
- Data presented in 31 theses, 316 journal articles, 303 Irish policy reports, 12 book chapters and 265 conference presentations, >50 invited presentations, plus 217 international policy documents and 253 OECD reports.
- HBSC research helpdesk shares methods, data and analyses with public and community sector: 63 short reports, 121 factsheets, 35 data visuals, an interactive database and 95 protocol requests.
- >1000 media pieces (e.g., newspaper articles, interviews) and featured on RTÉ *Changemakers*



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