

Where can I get more information?

To understand more about what happens to the data you have provided, please read the privacy notice and Frequently Asked Questions on the GUS website. These can be found in the Participants section at www.growingupinScotland.org.uk and then selecting 'Privacy notice and frequently asked questions'. This includes information about data linkage, including which sources we link to and how to opt out.

If you have any further questions you can call us free on **0800 652 3751** or email us at gus@scotcen.org.uk. You can also contact the GUS Scottish Government team by emailing them at GUS@gov.scot.

Thank you for being part of Growing Up in Scotland.

We hope you enjoy taking part in Growing Up in Scotland. However, if you decide that you no longer want to be part of the study, you can withdraw at any time by contacting us by phone or email or by writing to: Scottish Centre for Social Research, Scotiabank House, 6 South Charlotte St, Edinburgh, EH2 4AW.



When you were 17...

93% of you said that having a career or profession was important to you

68% of you already had a clear idea of the career you wanted

28% of you wanted to run your own business



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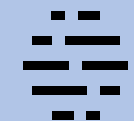
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You are helping the Scottish Government understand how best to support young adults like you. Thank you.



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What's involved this year?

Welcome back to GUS! We are looking forward to hearing what life is like for you as a young adult.

This year, the questionnaire is all online – though, if you prefer, one of our interviewers can come to your home to go through the questionnaire with you. There is no questionnaire for your parent or carer.

In total, the questionnaire should take around 35-45 minutes to complete. Ideally, this should be completed on your own, but it is fine for someone else to help if you need them to.

The questionnaire will include questions about:

- Friends, family and relationships
- Health, wellbeing and identity
- Education, work and training
- What you do, and experiences you may have had
- Your views! (on your studies, work, and wider issues)

As always, taking part is completely voluntary, and you can skip any questions that you don't want to answer.



How do I take part?

If we have an email address for you, you should have received an email from us with a link that will take you straight to your survey. If we have your mobile number, you should also have received a text message with a link. You can also use the details on your letter – there is a QR code that will take you straight to your survey, or you can use the survey link and access code.

If you prefer to go through the questionnaire with an interviewer, that's fine. In a few weeks' time, if you haven't completed the online survey, one of our interviewers will be in touch to arrange a visit at a time that suits you. If we have a phone number for you, they may call you. You can also get in touch using the contact details on the back of this leaflet to let us know when would be a good time.

Last time we spoke to you...

62% of you had voted in the Scottish Parliament election

Of those of you that didn't vote...

41% were not interested in politics

12% were too busy that day

9% didn't think your vote would make a difference

21% didn't know about the election or forgot it was taking place

22% had not registered to vote in time or didn't realise you had to register

9% didn't think it mattered who was elected

Data linkage: making the information you give us even more useful

Data linkage is the process of adding together different types of information about individuals from different sources. To improve the information we hold on GUS, we link your survey answers with selected statistical data. This means we can reduce the number of questions we need to ask you but still build a complete picture of your life and help better policies to be developed for people your age.

This year, we wanted to let you know, specifically, about linkages we will be making to provide valuable information on young adults' education, employment, earnings and benefits. We will be linking to information from the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)¹ and Skills Development Scotland (SDS) and to the Scottish Longitudinal Educational Outcomes (LEO) datasets.

- SQA holds information about the qualifications you've received.
- SDS holds information about any careers advice you received and what you are doing after school.
- LEO brings together information from universities, colleges, DWP and HMRC to support research on the different pathways young people take after school. Combined with data from GUS, we could use this to answer important questions like how childhood circumstances affect income and employment in later life.

¹ If the SQA is replaced before the linkage occurs, we will seek to link attainment data from any new or replacement organisation(s) who take over the ownership of the data. The details will be updated on the GUS website.