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## **Latest update from Growing Up in Scotland**

[Growing Up in Scotland](#) (GUS) is a longitudinal research study, tracking the lives of thousands of young people and their families from the early years, through childhood and now as they move into adulthood.



Study news

### **Release of sweep 11 survey data**

Data from the eleventh sweep of GUS data collection with Birth Cohort 1 (those born in 2004/05 who were 17 or 18 at the time) is now available for analysis.

### **About sweep 11**

At this sweep, the young people in the study were preparing to finish or had recently left school. The questionnaires explored, among other things, their aspirations about and experiences of further education, apprenticeships and the world of work, as well as the impact of Covid-19, their political attitudes, mental and sexual health, substance use and their relationships with peers and parents.

Taking place between 2021 and 2023, this sweep used a combination of approaches as a result of Covid-19 restrictions on in-home data collection. Young people were invited to complete a web questionnaire and participate in a telephone or face-to-face interview. Where the interview was in-home, they also had their height and weight measured and completed cognitive assessments. Parents/carers were asked to complete a web questionnaire which could also be conducted as a telephone interview. In addition, young people were invited to take part in a follow-up exercise which involved wearing an activity monitor and GPS device.

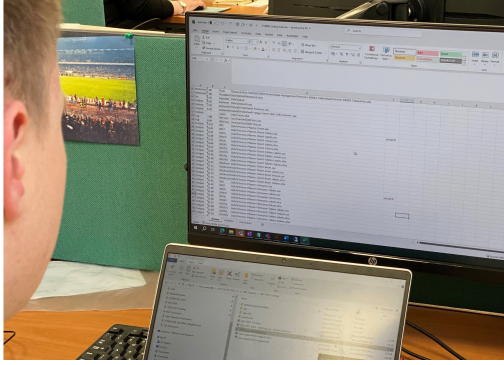


Blog

## Life at 17: New GUS data offers insight into late adolescence

[In this blog](#), Dr Sarah Minty, one of the researchers running the GUS project at the Scottish Centre for Social Research (ScotCen), explores the key topics covered, as the study participants were preparing to leave or had recently left school (some were in college or employment).

[Read this blog](#)



## Accessing the data

GUS sweep 11 data (and that from earlier sweeps) can be accessed from the [UK Data Service](#). To download the data you will first need to register with the UK Data Service.

Documentation from all sweeps, including user guides and copies of the questionnaires, are available [on this page](#) or from the UK Data Service. [Practical help with using GUS data is available here](#).

If you have questions about using the data, or if you have a research question but don't have the skills to analyse the data, please contact [gus@scotcen.org.uk](mailto:gus@scotcen.org.uk).

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