

Next Steps: Summary of content for sweeps 1 to 8

Introduction

Next Steps (previously known as the Longitudinal Study of Young People in England - LSYPE) is a longitudinal cohort study, following a nationally representative sample of nearly 16,000 people born in England in 1989-1990.

Following the initial survey at age 14, the cohort members were visited every year until 2010, when they were age 20. A further sweep took place in 2015 at age 25. In the first four sweeps of the study, data was collected from parents as well as the cohort member. Sweeps 5, 6, 7 and 8 contain information from the cohort member only.

The study was previously funded and managed by the Department for Education. It transferred to CLS in 2013 and is now funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

The study has collected information about a range of topics including education and employment, economic circumstances, family life, physical and emotional health and wellbeing, social participation and attitudes.

This document gives an overview of the content of the study in sweeps 1 to 8. The detail of the cohort member questionnaire has been grouped by the scientific themes for the age 31 survey:

1. Labour market experiences, education, income and assets
2. Health and Well-being
3. Cognitive and non-cognitive skills
4. Politics, identity and social participation
5. Relationships, families and intra-household dynamics

The household and parent questionnaire content is summarised by topics asked to parents in sweep 1 to 4.

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Years, sweeps & ages

	Sweep 1	Sweep 2	Sweep 3	Sweep 4	Sweep 5	Sweep 6	Sweep 7	Sweep 8
Calendar Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2015
School Year	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13			
Cohort Member Age	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	25
Key Stage	KS3		KS4/GCSEs		KS5/ A Levels			

Cohort member questionnaire content Sweeps 1 to 8

	Sweep 1 Age 14	Sweep 2 Age 15	Sweep 3 Age 16	Sweep 4 Age 17	Sweep 5 Age 18	Sweep 6 Age 19	Sweep 7 Age 20	Sweep 8 Age 25
LABOUR MARKET EXPERIENCES, EDUCATION, INCOME AND ASSETS								
economic activity, including histories since age 16	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
income	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
savings			•		•	•	•	
debts					•	•	•	•
benefits			•		•	•	•	•
future plans	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
job satisfaction						•	•	
working hours and conditions	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

	Sweep 1 Age 14	Sweep 2 Age 15	Sweep 3 Age 16	Sweep 4 Age 17	Sweep 5 Age 18	Sweep 6 Age 19	Sweep 7 Age 20	Sweep 8 Age 25
school experiences and educational aspirations	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
educational study, training and qualifications	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
housing tenure					•	•	•	•
HEALTH AND WELLBEING								
general and physical health		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
risk taking behaviours (alcohol, drugs, smoking)	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
exercise	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
diet								•
health conditions		•		•		•	•	•
mental health (GHQ12)		•		•				•
life-satisfaction		•		•			•	•
COGNITIVE AND NON-COGNITIVE SKILLS								
motivation (e.g. education and work attitudes)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
risk and patience								•
POLITICS, IDENTITY AND SOCIAL PARTICIPATION								
self-efficacy (locus of control)				•			•	•
ethnic/gender/religious/political identities	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
social participation and engagement	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
trust								•
political interest and behaviour					•		•	•

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RELATIONSHIPS, FAMILIES AND INTRA-HOUSEHOLD DYNAMICS								
partner details and relationship quality								•
partnership histories since age 16								•
current cohabitation status				•	•	•	•	•
relationship duration						•	•	•
parent and sibling relationships	•			•		•	•	
own children and childcare				•	•	•	•	•
fertility experiences (e.g. stillbirth, miscarriage, abortion)						•	•	•
sexual behaviour						•	•	•
friendships	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Consents to administrative records linkage

DATA HOLDER	RECORD(S)
Department for Education (DfE)	National Pupil Database (NPD) and Individualised Learner Records (ILR)
Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)	Destination of Leavers from Higher Education
Universities and College Admissions Service (UCAS)	Records covering higher education applications and offers
Student Loans Company (SLC)	Records covering payments of student support loans taken out by higher education students
NHS	Hospital Episode Statistics and Primary Care data (all UK)
Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	Records covering benefit claims and work program records
Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)	Records covering employment, PAYE and self-employment earnings, tax credits, occupational pensions and National Insurance Contribution records
Ministry of Justice (MOJ)	Police National Computer extracts

Note: Mainly collected at sweep 8. Consent to link NPD records was sought at the baseline sweep of the study (age 14) from parents of cohort members.

Household and parent questionnaire content Sweeps 1 to 4 (Household, Main parent and Individual parent sections)

Household section

	Sweep 1 Age 14	Sweep 2 Age 15	Sweep 3 Age 16	Sweep 4 Age 17
Household section (answered by Main parents in sweeps 1,2, 3 and 4)				
Household situation	•	•	•	•
Household Grid	•	•	•	•
Languages spoken in the home	•	•	•	•

Parent questionnaires

	Sweep 1 Age 14	Sweep 2 Age 15	Sweep 3 Age 16	Sweep 4 Age 17
HISTORY FILE (SWEEPS 1, 2 AND 4 ONLY)				
Birth	•	•		○
Health	•	•		○
School history	•	•		
Choice of current school	•			
Sibling experience	•	•		○

	Sweep 1 Age 14	Sweep 2 Age 15	Sweep 3 Age 16	Sweep 4 Age 17
Relationship history	●	●		○
Living with young person				●
Reasons for not living with natural parents				●
INDIVIDUAL PARENT SECTION (SWEEPS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 ONLY)				
Demographics	●	●		●*
Health	●	●		●
Employment/activity history	●	●	●	●
Current activity	●	●	●	●
Second adult current activity			●*	●
Employment training and earnings		●		
Qualifications and education	●	●		○*
Benefits and tax credits	●	●	●	●
Income estimate	●	●	●	●*
Job search				●*
ABOUT YOUR CHILD SECTION (SWEEPS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 ONLY)				
Attitudes to the young person's school and involvement in education	●	●	●	○
Extra-curricular classes	●	●	●	●
Year 10 subject choices	●	●		

	Sweep 1 Age 14	Sweep 2 Age 15	Sweep 3 Age 16	Sweep 4 Age 17
School history		•		
Special educational needs	•	•	•	○
Parental expectations and aspirations	•	•	•	○
Family activities	•			
Household responsibilities	•	•	•	
Household resources	•	•	•	•
Young person history		•		○
Future contact details		•	•	•
Relationship with young person and contact with services	•	•	•	○
Reasons for not living with natural parents	•	•	•	
Risk factors (absences, truancy, police contact, bullying)	•	•	•	•
Year 11 experiences				○
Post-16 plans				○

○ Section asked of boost respondents only

* Asked of main parent only