

Growing Up in Ireland Special COVID-19 survey: Cohort '98 (age 12) and Cohort '98 (age 22)



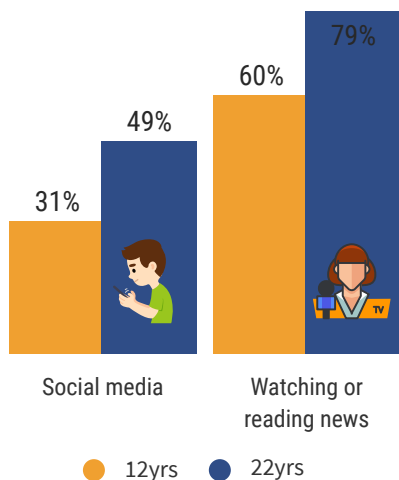
About the COVID survey

In December 2020, participants from both Growing Up in Ireland cohorts completed a short online survey about their pandemic experiences.

For Cohort '08, both parents and children (then aged 12 years) completed a survey.

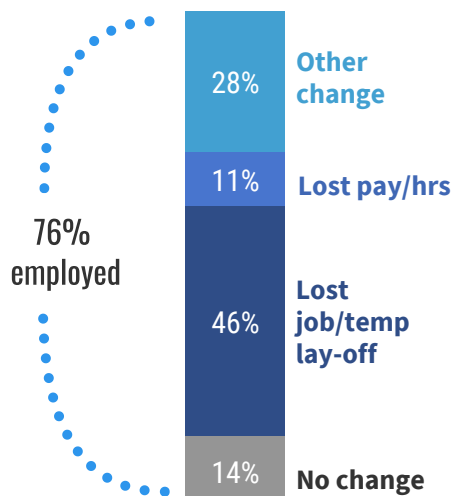
The 22-year-olds of Cohort '98 completed their own survey.

Sources of info about COVID

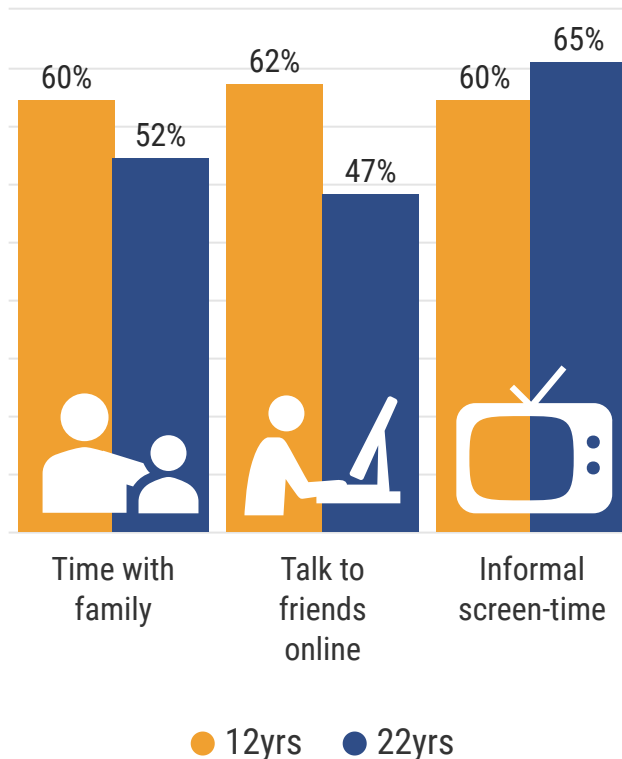


Watching or reading the news was an important source of information about COVID-19 for both age groups

Nearly half of working 22-year-olds lost a job or were temporarily laid off



Activities that young people did 'more' of during the pandemic



Time with family, talking to friends online/by phone and informal screen-time increased for many young people in both cohorts. Meeting friends (particularly for 22-year-olds) and participation in cultural activities declined.

12-year-olds who transitioned to secondary school in Sep 2020 reported more difficulties than those who returned to primary school

