Cohort '98 at age 20: Being 20 years old

"By age 30, I would like to...

- be financially secure - 73%
- have a good job - 72%
- have a degree - 59%
- own a car - 59%
- have my own home - 51%
- be in a long-term relationship - 29%

Over two-thirds of 20-year-olds gave further/higher education or training as their main activity

While the vast majority of young adults were either in education or at work, 5% of 20-year-olds were categorised as 'inactive' - i.e. not in education, employment or training.

Main economic activity at age 20

- Further/higher education 62%
- Work full-time 21%
- In training 6%
- Unemployed 3%
- Other 2%

Over two-thirds of 20-year-olds lived with their parents

While 32% of young adults had another address, most of these also said their parental home was their 'main' address.

Political activism

- Signed a petition 43%
- Worn a badge 29%
- Posted something online 29%
- Boycotted products 18%
- Public demonstration 15%

One-third of 20-year-olds said they were able to make ends meet 'easily' or 'very easily'

Conversely, having 'difficulty' or 'great difficulty' making ends meet was more common for young women or those whose family had previously experienced financial strain.

Source: Cohort '98 at 20, Key Findings No.1