

## ***Play, naturally: survey of children's views***

Summary of findings from BMRB survey of 7-14 year olds in July 2006, commissioned by the Children's Play Council for Playday 2006.

**Table 1: Where do you enjoy playing most?**

	Total	Gender		Age	
		Male	Female	7-10	11-14
Total (unwtd)	543 (100%)	253 (100%)	290 (100%)	259 (100%)	284 (100%)
Total (wtd)	543 (100%)	279 (100%)	264 (100%)	263 (100%)	280 (100%)
Outdoors	436 (80%)	219 (79%)	217 (82%)	207 (79%)	229 (82%)
Indoors	108 (18%)	57 (21%)	42 (16%)	50 (19%)	50 (18%)
Don't know	8 (1%)	2 (1%)	5 (2%)	6 (2%)	1 (1%)

**Table 2: Where do you play most?**

	Total	Gender		Age	
		Male	Female	7-10	11-14
Total (unwtd)	543 (100%)	253 (100%)	290 (100%)	259 (100%)	284 (100%)
Total (wtd)	543 (100%)	279 (100%)	264 (100%)	263 (100%)	280 (100%)
Outdoors	355 (65%)	179 (64%)	176 (67%)	170 (65%)	185 (66%)
Indoors	180 (33%)	97 (35%)	82 (31%)	88 (33%)	92 (33%)
Don't know	8 (1%)	2 (1%)	6 (2%)	6 (2%)	2 (1%)

**Table 3: Would you like to play outside more than you already do?**

	Total	Gender		Age	
		Male	Female	7-10	11-14
Total (unwtd)	543 (100%)	253 (100%)	290 (100%)	259 (100%)	284 (100%)
Total (wtd)	543 (100%)	279 (100%)	264 (100%)	263 (100%)	280 (100%)
Yes	391 (72%)	206 (74%)	185 (70%)	201 (76%)	190 (68%)
No	150 (28%)	72 (26%)	78 (29%)	60 (23%)	89 (32%)
Don't know	2	0	2 (1%)	2 (1%)	0

**Table 4: Where do you like to play outdoors? (Please choose your top 3)**

	Total	Gender		Age	
		Male	Female	7-10	11-14
Total (unwtd)	543 (100%)	253 (100%)	290 (100%)	259 (100%)	284 (100%)
Total (wtd)	543 (100%)	279 (100%)	264 (100%)	263 (100%)	280 (100%)
Garden	278 (51%)	135 (48%)	142 (54%)	155 (59%)	121 (43%)
Park / common	226 (42%)	110 (39%)	116 (44%)	97 (37%)	128 (46%)
Outside my home / in my street	225 (41%)	123 (44%)	102 (39%)	98 (37%)	128 (46%)
School playground/school grounds	197 (36%)	104 (37%)	93 (35%)	110 (42%)	87 (31%)
Playground / adventure playground	151 (28%)	74 (26%)	77 (29%)	99 (38%)	51 (18%)
Local fields /forest / woods	130 (24%)	66 (24%)	64 (24%)	51 (19%)	79 (28%)
Car park	15 (3%)	14 (5%)	1	6 (2%)	9 (3)
Other places	22 (4%)	19 (3%)	7 (1%)	1	20 (4%)
Don't know	3 (1%)	1	3 (1%)	3 (1%)	0
<b>Natural environments (net total)</b>	<b>443 (82%)</b>	<b>221 (80%)</b>	<b>221 (84%)</b>	<b>213 (81%)</b>	<b>229 (82%)</b>
<b>Non-natural environments (net total)</b>	<b>231 (42%)</b>	<b>128 (46%)</b>	<b>103 (39%)</b>	<b>101 (39%)</b>	<b>129 (46%)</b>

**Table 5: If you had the choice, would you rather play a computer game or:**

	Total	Gender		Age	
		Male	Female	7-10	11-14
Total (unwtd)	543 (100%)	253 (100%)	290 (100%)	259 (100%)	284 (100%)
Total (wtd)	543 (100%)	279 (100%)	264 (100%)	263 (100%)	280 (100%)
Hang out with my friends outside	190 (35%)	73 (26%)	118 (45%)	57 (22%)	133 (48%)
Play with water / swim	98 (18%)	35 (13%)	63 (24%)	60 (23%)	38 (13%)
Build a den	49 (9%)	39 (14%)	11 (4%)	33 (12%)	17 (6%)
Get dirty / muddy	29 (5%)	16 (6%)	12 (5%)	16 (6%)	12 (4%)
Climb trees	24 (4%)	13 (5%)	12 (4%)	15 (6%)	9 (3%)
Go to the woods /forest / fields	21 (4%)	11 (4%)	9 (3%)	9 (3%)	12 (4%)
Play in the playground	22 (2%)	5 (2%)	6 (2%)	6 (2%)	5 (2%)
Other outdoor activity	43 (8%)	30 (11%)	13 (5%)	14 (5%)	30 (11%)
I would rather play a computer game	71 (13%)	54 (19%)	17 (6%)	48 (18%)	23 (8%)
Don't know	7 (1%)	2 (1%)	4 (2%)	5 (2%)	2 (1%)

**Table 6: Is it important to you to look after nature and the environment**

	Total	Gender		Age	
		Male	Female	7-10	11-14
Total (unwtd)	543 (100%)	253 (100%)	290 (100%)	259 (100%)	284 (100%)
Total (wtd)	543 (100%)	279 (100%)	264 (100%)	263 (100%)	280 (100%)
Yes	495 (91%)	247 (89%)	248 (94%)	241 (91%)	255 (91%)
No	41 (8%)	29 (10%)	12 (5%)	18 (7%)	23 (8%)
Don't know	7 (1%)	2 (1%)	4 (2%)	5 (2%)	2 (1%)

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