

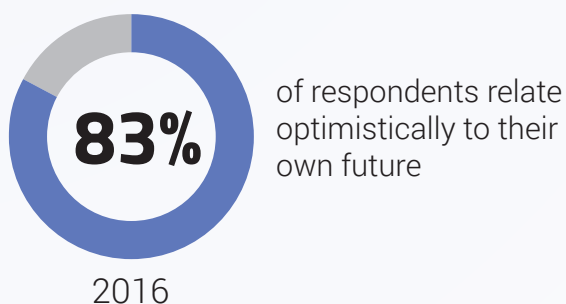
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Confidence in the future is critically important in giving meaning to life. Without a positive outlook on the future the present looks gloomy as well. Young people are bright about their own future, but confidence in Finland as a country of residence in the future has clearly declined. Only one in four young people are optimistic about the future of the world.

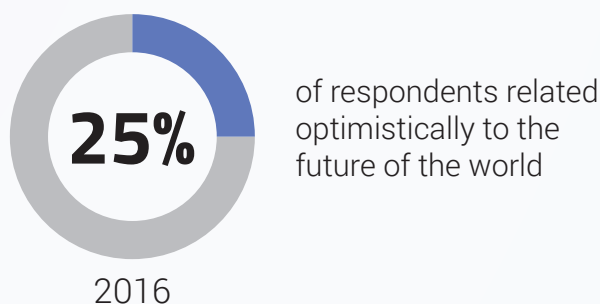
Confidence in Finland's future declined



Their own future



The future of the world



Young people have traditional dreams: having a job, being healthy and having friends

Young people that think it extremely or fairly important that the following things have been achieved by the age of 35



99% The possibility of having an interesting job



98% Having close friends



93% Being in good physical condition



89% Having permanent employment



83% Being in permanent relationship



81% The opportunity to devote a lot of time to hobbies



77% A high standard of living



75% Having their own family and children



69% A high level of education



66% Owning their own accommodation



57% Owning a car



41% Being regarded as good-looking



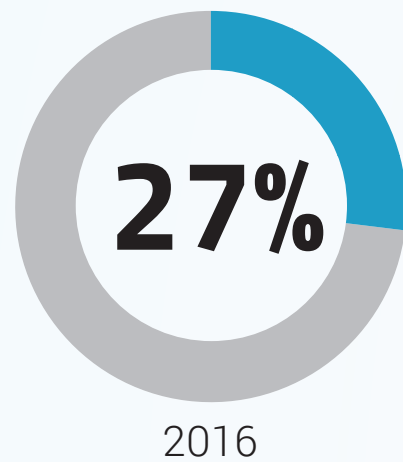
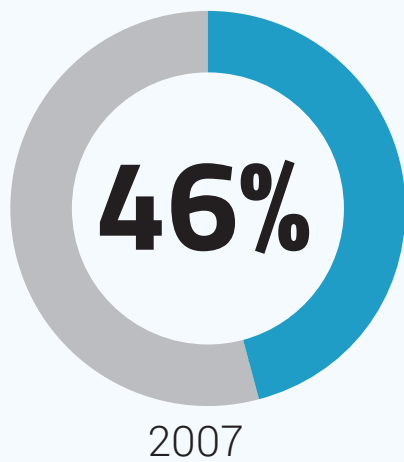
33% Being in a management position



7% Having obtained public recognition

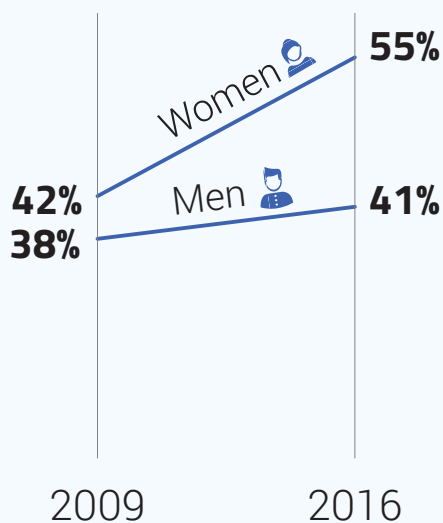
Confidence in the financial situation of their generation improving has declined sharply

Young people that believe that the financial situation of their generation will be better than that of older generations

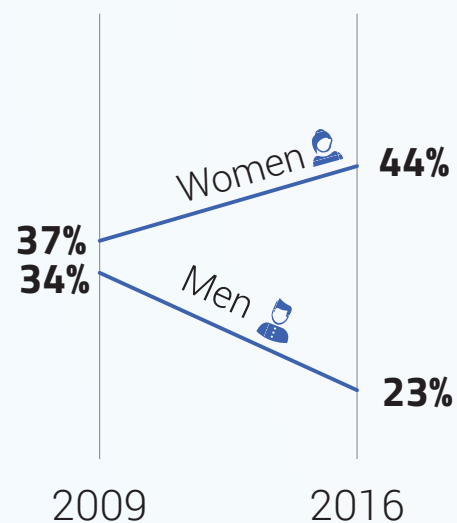


Young people are concerned about employment and coping at work

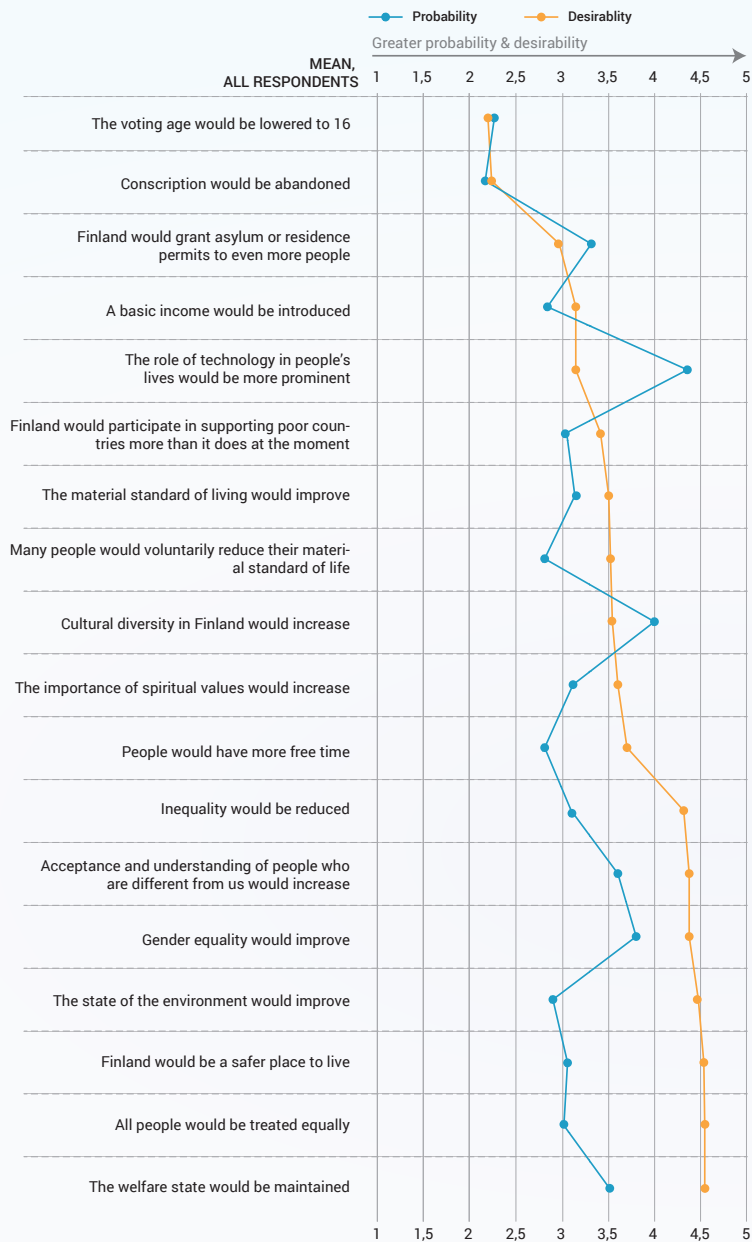
"I am concerned about whether I will have a job in the future."



"I am concerned about whether I will cope with working life in the future."

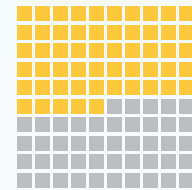
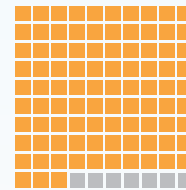


We asked how desirable and probable young people considered the following different directions of development on a scale of 1 to 5

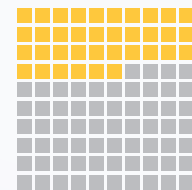
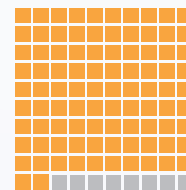


Several of the following directions development could move towards were regarded more as desirable than probable

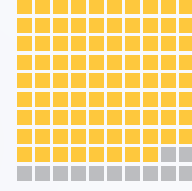
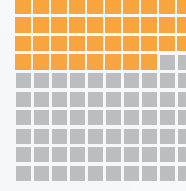
The welfare state would be maintained



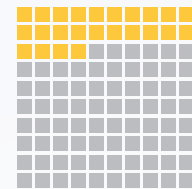
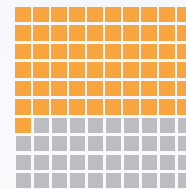
All people would be treated equally



The role of technology in people's lives would be more prominent

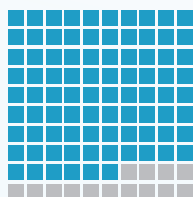


People would have more free time

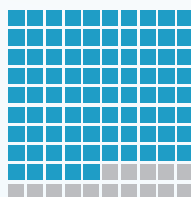


A little less than half of the young people interviewed believe that science and technology can resolve problems associated with the environment

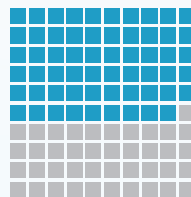
Statements to which the respondents gave completely agree + agree responses



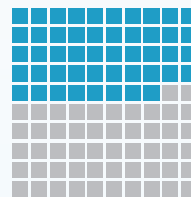
Future generations will suffer if the current destruction of the environment continues



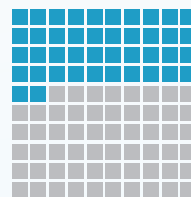
People's impact on climate change is real



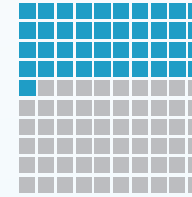
It would be fair to spread the ecological footprint more evenly



Globally sustainable solutions must be found for environmental problems



I have reduced my consumption because of environmental reasons

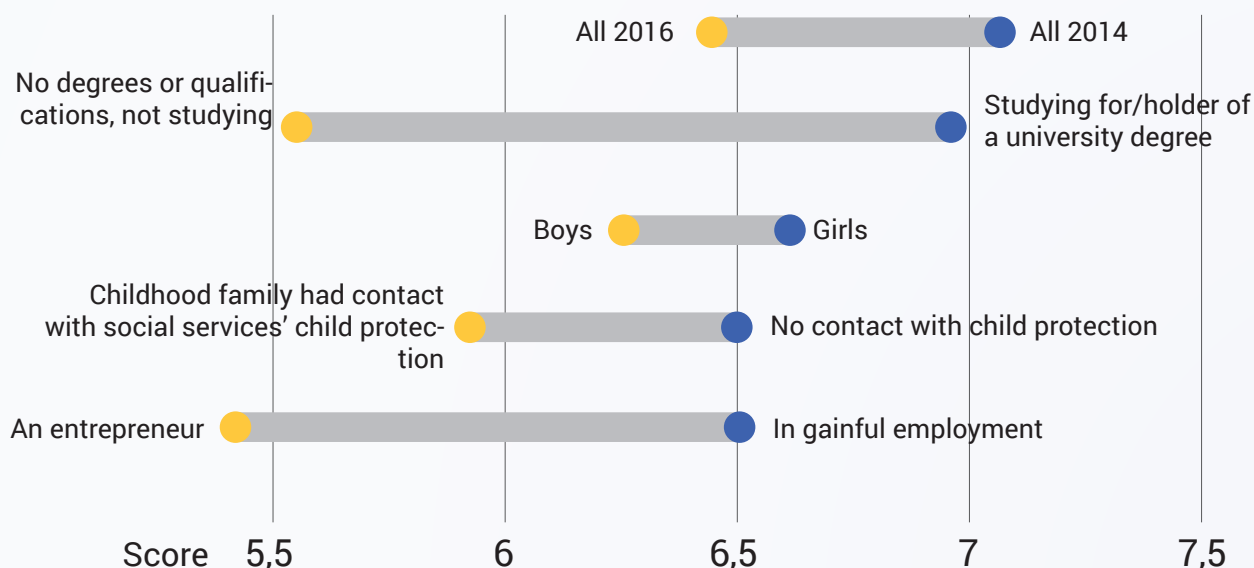


Science and technology will solve environmental problems

Trust in others will protect young people in difficult situations in their lives and help them to keep going

Social trust* (0–10, averages)

*Do you think that most people would try to take advantage of you if they got the chance or would they try to be fair?



Cynicism and distrust has increased rapidly among young people: among young men in particular, trust in other people has weakened

Young people who do not trust their fellow men, are invariably more pessimistic than others. The pessimism relates to their own future as well as to the future of Finland and the world. Low levels of trust also correlate with low levels of satisfaction with life.

THE YOUTH BAROMETER MEASURES YOUNG PEOPLE'S VALUES AND ATTITUDES

The annual Youth Barometer measures the values and attitudes of young people between 15 and 29 living in Finland. The Youth Barometer addresses topical issues from the point of view of young people, but some survey questions are repeated regularly. The Youth Barometer is published by the State Youth Council in cooperation with the Finnish Youth Research Society.



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