

YOUTH BAROMETER 2017 ADDITIONAL SAMPLE:

ROADS TO LEARNING IN SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS

The Youth Barometer 2017 focused on skills and education. This study is based on an additional sample of the Youth Barometer and concentrates on the educational paths and attitudes towards education of young people living in sparsely populated areas. The purpose of the study is to examine regional equality in education.

Did you know that 11% of us young people live in sparsely populated areas?

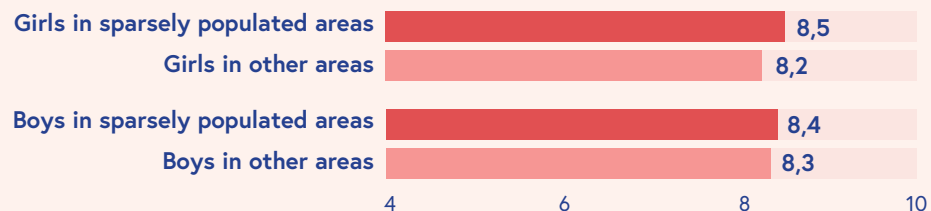


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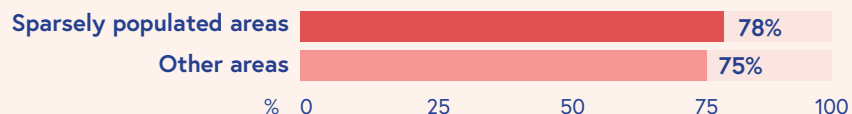
A total of 1,003 young people aged between 15 and 29 were interviewed for the Youth Barometer additional sample. These young people living in sparsely populated areas were compared with those young people in the Youth Barometer main sample who live other areas (N = 1,634).

Young people in sparsely populated areas are doing well and feel a part of Finnish society.

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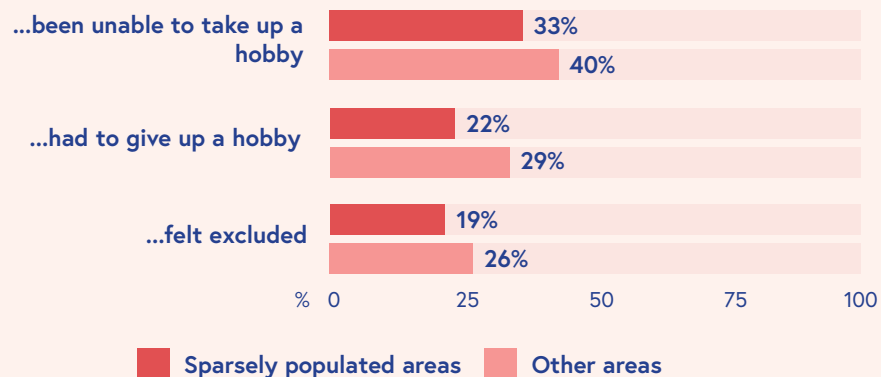
I FEEL AN INTEGRAL PART OF FINNISH SOCIETY:



In sparsely populated areas, lack of money has a smaller effect on young people's lives than in other areas.



BECAUSE OF A LACK OF MONEY, I HAVE SOMETIMES OR OFTEN...



When it comes to attitudes and experiences concerning skills and education, differences between young people living in sparsely populated areas and those living in other areas are very small.

Young people mostly have very positive experiences and attitudes concerning skills and education.



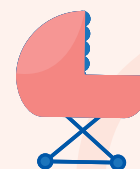
Compared to young people in other areas, youth in sparsely populated areas emphasise more the importance of learning practical skills and taking personal responsibility for learning.

Young people in sparsely populated areas have experienced less bullying in comprehensive school and have more positive experiences of being included in the development of school work.



In sparsely populated areas, young people's educational choices and decisions to discontinue their studies are primarily based on their personal interest in the field of study, not on long distances between home and school.

Boys living in sparsely populated areas like school less than boys in other areas. They are also less confident that education will improve their employment opportunities.



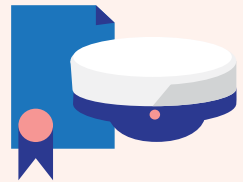
Girls in sparsely populated areas discontinue their studies more often than others to stay at home with a child.

Across the country, the level of civic participation is low among young people. Young people also feel that they have learned very few societal influencing skills at school or outside school.



Only one in five young people participates in the activities of an organisation or movement that aims for civic participation.

Young people's experiences, attitudes and choices concerning education seem to depend less on where they live and more on their own educational backgrounds and their parents' education and income.



Pulkkinen, Jonna & Rautopuro, Juhani (2018). Roads to learning in sparsely populated areas – Youth Barometer 2017 additional sample. Publications of the State Youth Council 59.

The annual Youth Barometer measures the values and attitudes of young people aged from 15 to 29 living in Finland. It addresses issues that are topical from young people's perspective. Some survey questions are repeated regularly.

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