

WIN World Survey World Health Index

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WIN World Health Survey – Headlines Ireland

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The perception in Ireland of being healthy remains fairly stable in 2021, following another year of the global pandemic. Young people in particular are feeling more and more healthy over time.

Despite the significant drop in stress level among younger age groups, the ratio is still very high (+10%) when compared to world average for the group.

The economic divide on health remains. Those in less well off groups remain significantly less likely to take part in exercise, eat healthy, and sleep well. Incidence of smoking is also higher among the group.

Younger adults are however sleeping better, have reduced consumption of alcohol, and are smoking less frequently, but still claim to eat less healthily vs. older age groups.

Longer term positive trends in the decline in alcohol consumption are noted, but men and those in Dublin in still display much higher frequency of consumption.

Compared to other countries, Ireland is well-positioned with regard to exercise, healthy eating and smoking, but attention is still required to improve stress, sleep, and especially alcohol consumption.

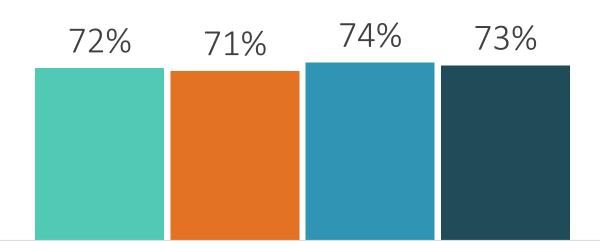
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What are Irish perceptions on their health?



Perception of being healthy remains stable in 2021

% consider their overall health generally to be... 'Very Healthy'



All adults aged 18+

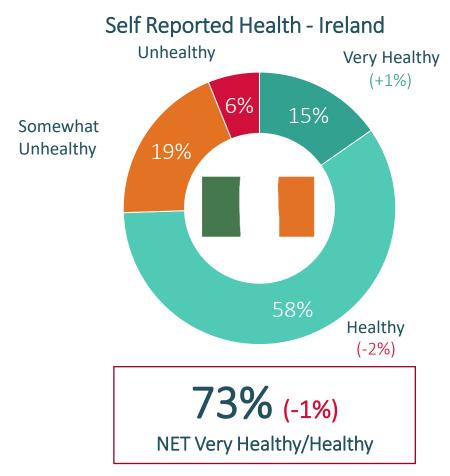
■ 2018 **■** 2019 **■** 2020 **■** 2021

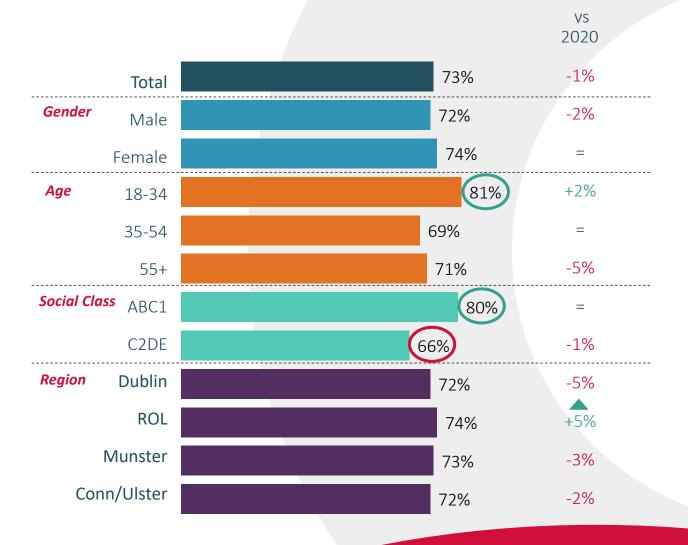


Significant economic divide on health remains



Those is less well off groups see a further decline is how healthy they feel they are, while those in more upmarket groups see the greatest improvement in the perception of their health.





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Indicates significant difference vs. Total

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(Base: All Adults Ireland n=1,020)

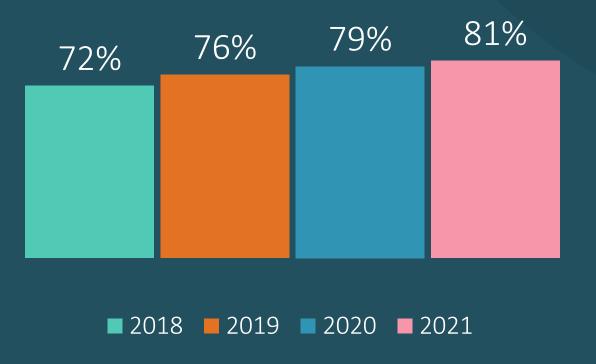


Younger people especially are feeling more and more healthy over the last 4 years

Over 4 in 5 of 18-34-year-olds now claim to be feeling healthy.

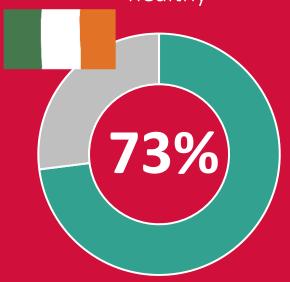


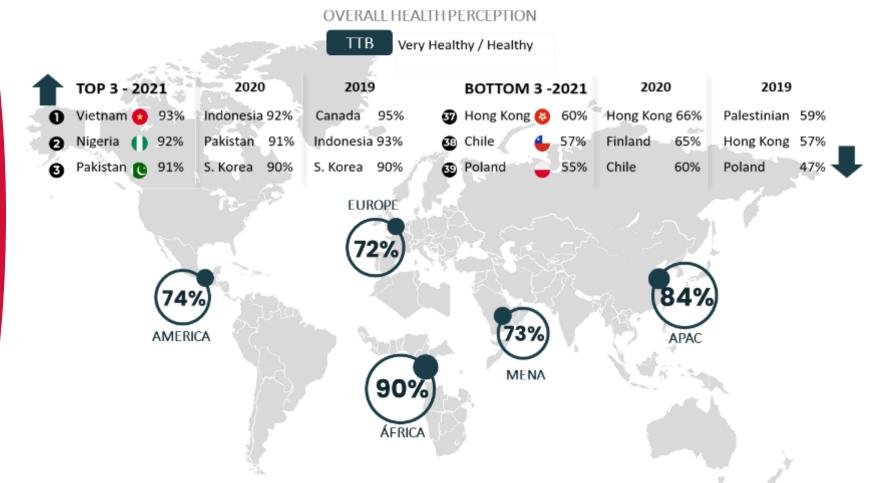
% of 18-34 year olds who consider their overall health generally to be...
'Very Healthy/Healthy'



Ireland's perception on health is in line with Europe, but behind Africa and APAC regions

Proportion of Irish population that generally believe they are healthy





(Base: All Adults Ireland n=1,020)

Source: WIN 2021. Base: 33 236 cases

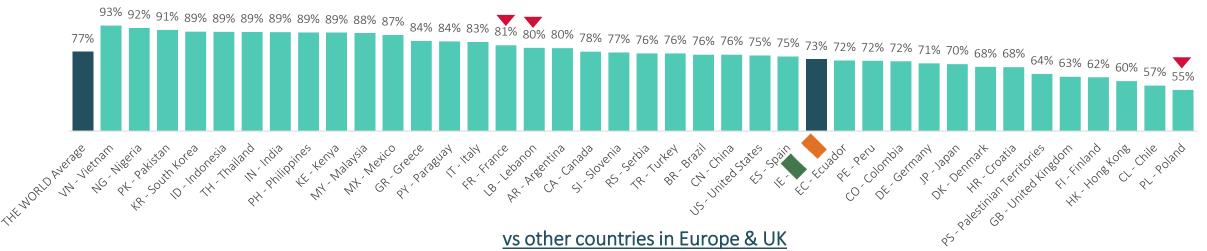
Irish perceived health is below World average

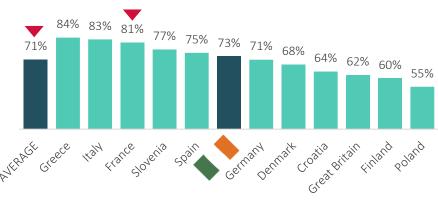


However, we see Ireland ahead of Germany, Denmark, and near neighbour Great Britain.

% of people Globally who regard themselves as Very Healthy or Healthy

Vs other countries Globally





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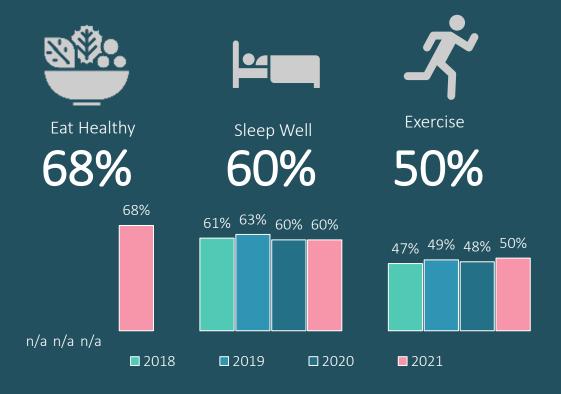
Health Related Habits



Irish have maintained good habits since 2018

GOOD Habits

% who do each 'A lot/very often/moderately/fairly often



While drinking and smoking have tapered off



BAD Habits

% who do each 'A lot/very often/moderately/fairly often

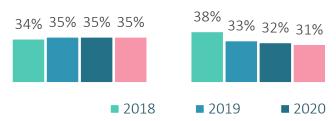


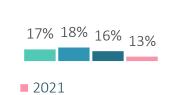




31%

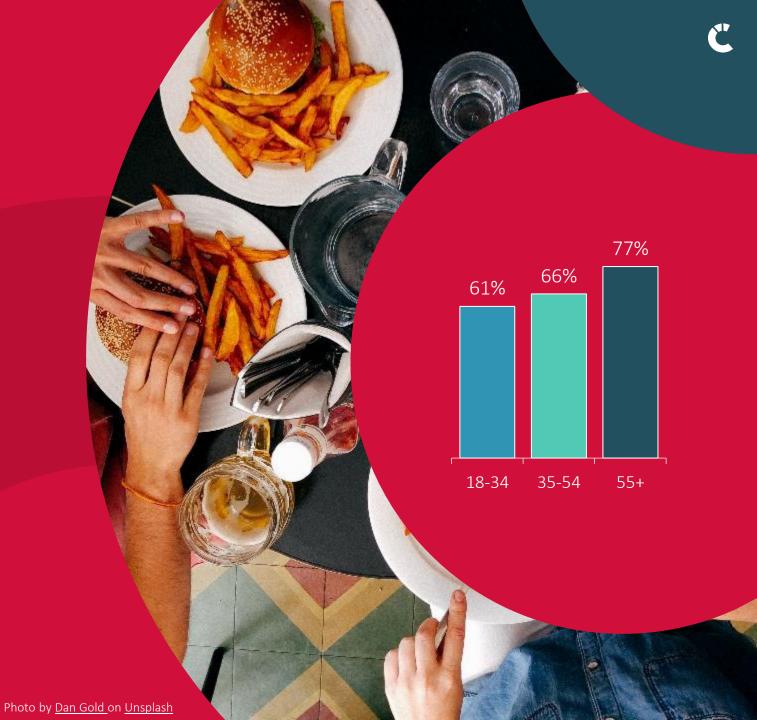
13%





61%

of 18-34-yearolds eat healthy vs 77% in of those aged 55+

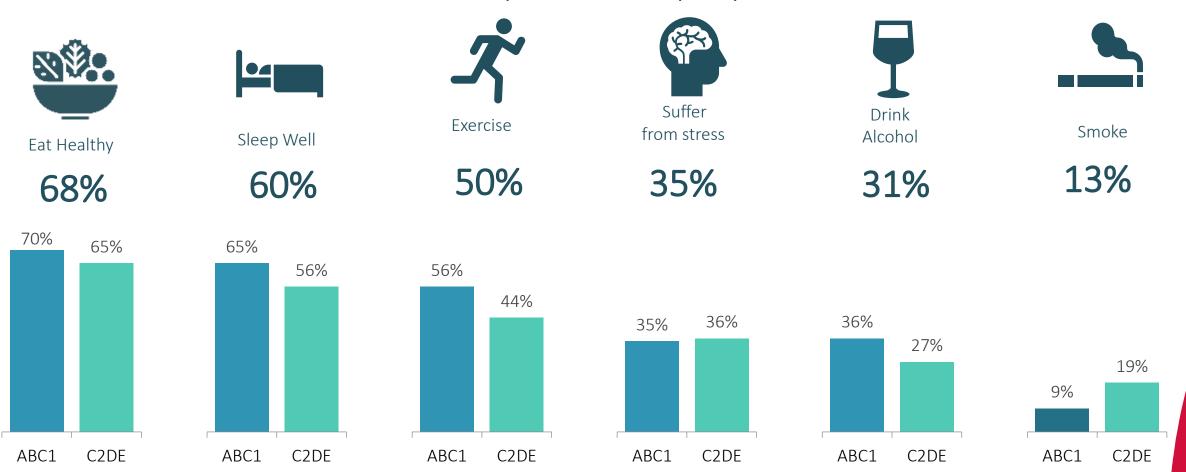


Health habits poorer among lower social class groups

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Eating healthy, sleeping well, exercising, stress & smoking are greater problems amongst lower social grades.





We see evidence of eating habits improving with age

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Those aged 55+ age significantly more likely to claim to eat healthy, while 18-34-year-olds are much less likely to claim to this despite majority doing this.

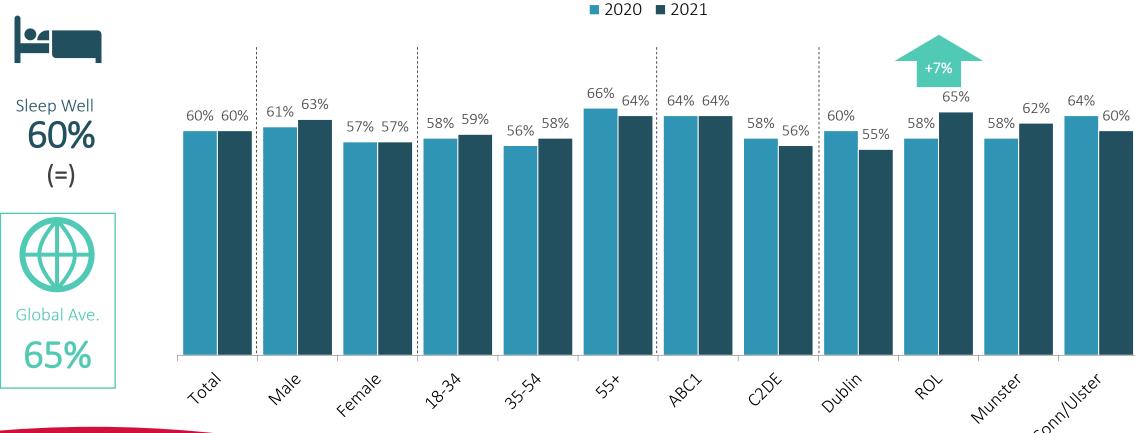


Sleep is positively impacted among those in Rest of Leinster

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There are indications that those in ROL were more at ease in 2021 and sleeping better as compared to 2020.





Exercise habits have especially improved amongst 35-54's

However, 55+ ages have struggled to keep this level of activity up in the last year, and despite having higher levels of exercise they have reported a decline in the past year.







47%

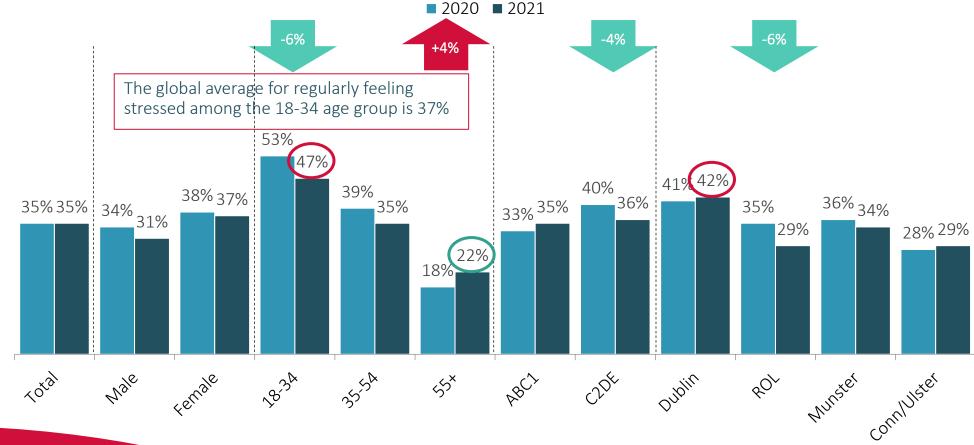
of all those aged 18-34 in Ireland now claim to regularly feel stressed



Despite decline in 2021, stress levels still highest among 18-34's

Those aged 55+ state higher stress in 2021, while it drops for C2DE & those in Rest of Leinster. Those in Dublin region are more likely to feel stressed than those who live outside the capital.







31%

regularly consume alcohol in Ireland, ahead of most other countries globally



Alcohol consumption remains steady

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Men and those in Dublin region drink more, and we see consumption rise with age. This is even more prevalent following recent decline in drinking frequency amongst 18-34's.

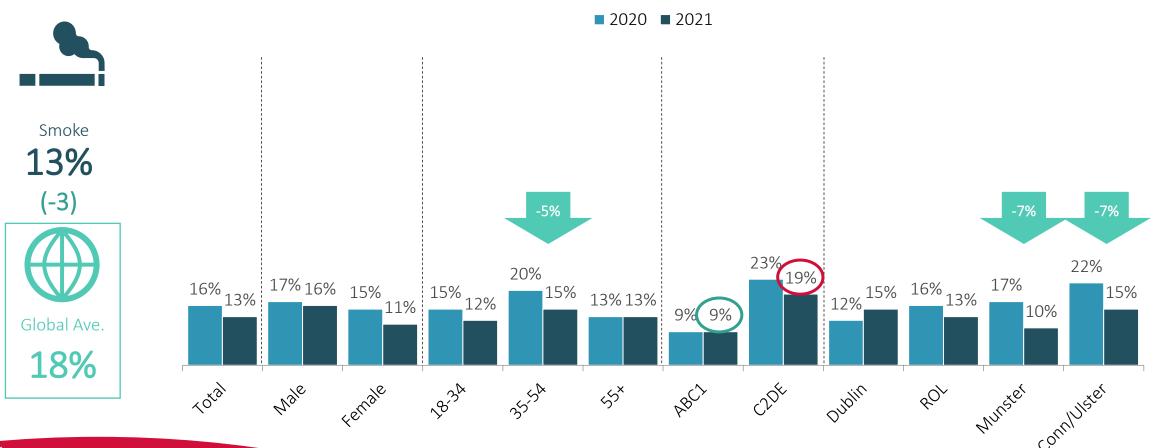


Smoking consumption falls back slightly in 2021

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This decline is especially driven by 35-54's and those in Munster and Conn/Ulster regions.





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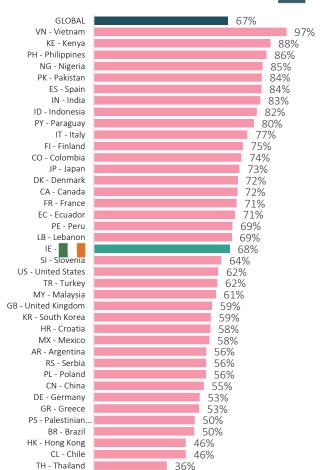
Health Related Habits – where do we stand globally?



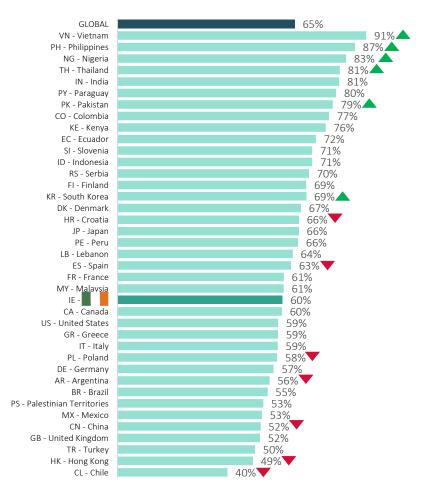
Health Related Positive Habits

Ireland above global average for eating healthy & exercising, but sleeping well remains weaker

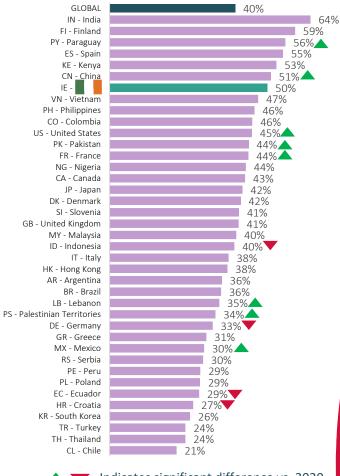






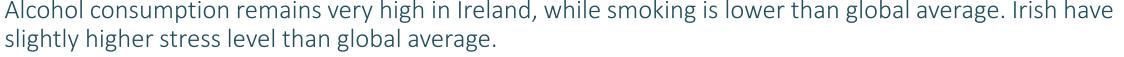


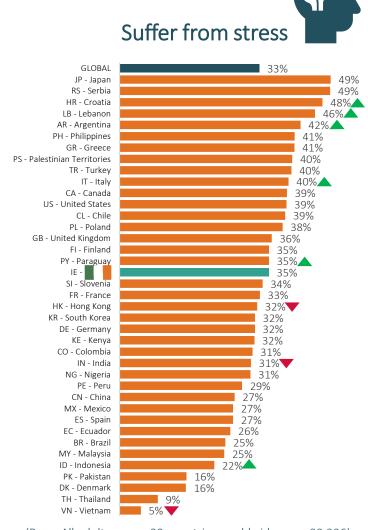


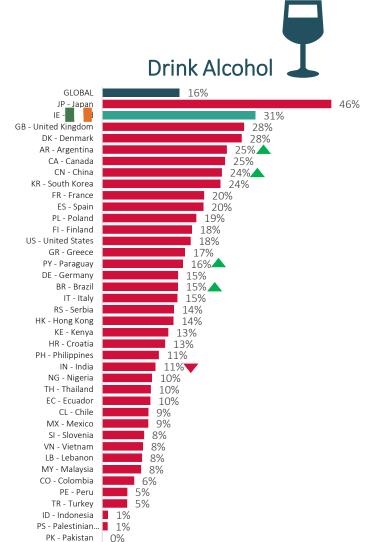


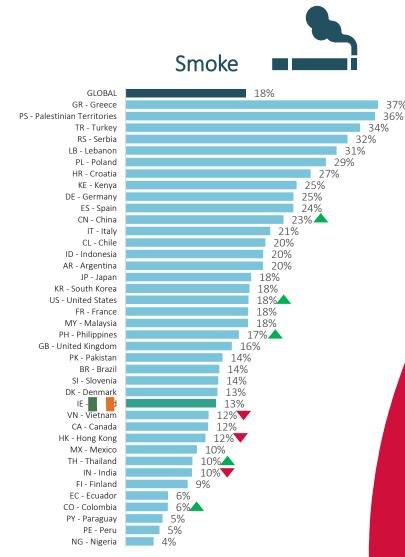
Health Related Negative Habits

Alcohol consumption remains very high in Ireland, while smoking is lower than global average. Irish have









Methodology:

The WWS (WIN Worldwide Survey) is a study conducted every year with the purpose to measure people's thoughts, expectations, worries and perceptions related to relevant topics for society and business.

Sample Size and Mode of Field Work:

A total of 33,236 people were interviewed globally. See below for sample details. The fieldwork was conducted during October 2021 – December 2021. The margin of error for the survey is between 2.4 and 4.4 at 95% confidence level.

The global average has been computed according to the share of the covered adult population of the surveyed countries.

Questionnaire – World Health Index

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- How do you consider your overall health in general? (SHOW CARD) (2018/2019/2020) (SPSS-Q1)
 - 1. Very healthy
 - 2. Healthy
 - 3. Somewhat unhealthy
 - 4. Unhealthy
 - 9. Do not know / no response (CATI&PAPI: DO NOT READ. Online: Show)
- 2. How often would you say that you..? (ROTATE LIST, SHOW CARD WITH SCALE) (2018/2019/2020)

| | A lot/ | Moderatel | A little/ | Very | | Do not | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| | very often | y/ fairly | sometim | little/ | Never k | know / | |
| | | often | es | occasion | | no | |
| | | | | ally | | response | |
| Smoke | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | (SPSS-Q2_1) |
| Drink Alcohol | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | (SPSS-Q2_2) |
| Exercise | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | (SPSS-Q2_3) |
| Suffer from stress | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | (SPSS-Q2_4) |
| Sleep well | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | (SPSS-Q2_5) |
| Eat Healthy (new) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | (SPSS-Q2_6) |

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