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The 25 Municipal Health Services (GGDs), the public health department of the municipality of Utrecht and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) conduct research into the health, well-being, and lifestyle of young adults. This study is called the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults. All residents of the Netherlands aged 16 to 25 can participate in this questionnaire survey. The Public Health Monitor for Young Adults will be carried out in the same way by all GGDs and the public health department of the municipality of Utrecht in the period from 8 April to 7 July 2024. The GGDs and the public health department of the municipality of Utrecht do this at the request of the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS). VWS has instructed the RIVM and GGD GHOR Nederland (the national umbrella organization of the 25 GGDs) to support the GGDs and the public health department of the municipality of Utrecht.

In this privacy statement, the parties describe how they handle the personal data from the completed questionnaires in the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024 and the research results and how the 25 GGDs, the municipality of Utrecht and the RIVM ensure that these are properly protected.

The Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024 aims to:

- Have insight into the health situation of young adults of 16 to 25 years old.
- Have insight into how COVID-19 impacts the health situation of young adults of 16 to 25 years old.
- Contribute to local and national policy to promote health, well-being, and lifestyle of young adults of 16 to 25 years old.

The implementation of the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024 consists of the following components:

- Approaching young adults aged 16 to 25 to participate in the study.
- Collection of data from the digital questionnaires.
- Analyzing the answers from the questionnaires so that national, regional, and local insights can be given at group level.
- Reporting and publishing these results at national, regional, and local level, with the results also broken down by sub-groups, such as age category, gender and education level.

Will the GGDs, the municipality of Utrecht and RIVM process my personal data and, if so, which?

In order to conduct the research and achieve the aims, the 25 GGDs, the municipality of Utrecht and RIVM will use digital questionnaires that collect data about you. The GGDs and the municipality of Utrecht have commissioned the market research agency Ipsos I&O to recruit participants via social media. Participants are asked to fill in a digital questionnaire. If you decide to fill in the questionnaire, your personal data will be collected and processed. Each GGD and the municipality of Utrecht receive their own regional file with all participants of their GGD-region or municipality. Ipsos I&O will send RIVM the data collected nationwide. The questionnaire has been developed to ensure that no directly identifiable personal data (such as name or address) is requested. We do want to know where you live, because reports are made for municipalities, which is why we ask for your zip code. It may be possible to identify individuals by combining answers. The 25



GGDs, the municipality of Utrecht, Ipsos I&O, and RIVM will do their utmost to ensure that traceability is prevented as much as possible so that the information you provide cannot be used to identify you. The researchers may not attempt to identify an individual based on the answers provided.

The questionnaires deal with the following subjects:

- Personal data: age, gender, zip code, living arrangements, education, work, financial situation.
- Sensitive personal data: migration background, perceived health, sleep, satisfaction with yourself/your body/your life, mental health, stress, pressure to perform, resilience, trust in the future, loneliness, height and weight, exercise, alcohol consumption, smoking, drug use, diversity in gender, sex and sexual orientation, sexuality, maltreatment, informal care, social support, standing up for yourself, negative thoughts, gaming, use of social media, online gambling, impact of COVID-19, long COVID.

You can view an example of the [Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024 questionnaire](#).

Email address for possible participation in a group discussion or interview and winning a gift voucher:

- *Group discussion or interview*
On behalf of the 25 GGDs, the municipality of Utrecht and the RIVM, a research agency will conduct group discussions and interviews in the autumn of 2024 to talk with young adults about health. If you would like to participate in this, you can enter your email address at the end of the questionnaire. Due to privacy legislation (AVG), your email address is stored in a separate data file, separate from your answers to the questionnaire. For the group discussions and interviews, it is important that the research agency can specifically invite young adults to get a good picture of all young adults in the Netherlands. For this purpose, your answers to the following questions from the questionnaire will be copied to this separate data file where your email address is also stored; gender, age, migration background, zip code (4 digits), education level and work situation. Only this data is shared with the research agency, except for your zip code (4 digits). Your zip code is not shared, but based on the zip code, the GGD region where you live and a degree of urbanization (city or rural) are shared with the research agency. A few GGDs will also hold additional discussions and interviews. For this purpose, these GGDs also receive a selection of the separate data file with the email addresses together with the additional background data from respondents in their region.
- *Prize draw gift vouchers*
At the end of the questionnaire, you can indicate whether you would like to have a chance to win a gift voucher of €25 or €400. If you have won a gift voucher, you will immediately see this on screen and you will be asked to enter your email address (and in the case of the €400 gift voucher, also a telephone number) so that Ipsos I&O can send the gift voucher digitally. If you have not won a gift voucher, you will also see this on the screen. Your email address (and in the case of the €400 gift voucher also a telephone number) are stored in a separate data file, separate from your answers to the questions in the questionnaire.
[Here](#) you can read more about the terms and conditions for the Prize draw of the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024.

How will the GGDs, the municipality of Utrecht, and RIVM use the data provided in the questionnaires?

Based on their public task, the 25 GGDs and the municipality of Utrecht prepare reports for municipalities and organizations that work with young adults, based on the collected data. These are regional reports, reports on sub-regions and reports for municipalities. Measures are taken to ensure that the data in these reports cannot be used to identify an individual, by reporting at group level only.

RIVM may also use the data collected in the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2025 for research and publication purposes. Here too, the final reports will only report data at group level, to ensure that it is not possible to directly identify individuals.



Legal grounds for the execution of the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024

The 25 GGDs, the municipality of Utrecht and RIVM are conducting this study as a task carried out in the public interest, which is the monitoring of public health on the grounds of the Public Health Act (Article 2, paragraph 2a and b and Article 5a Wet publieke gezondheid “Wpg”) and on the basis of the RIVM Act (Article 3 paragraph 1 sub b of the RIVM Act).

In conducting the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024, the 25 GGDs, the municipality of Utrecht and RIVM will only use the data that is necessary for the execution of the statutory tasks that the 25 GGDs perform on behalf of the municipalities.

The legal grounds for the 25 GGDs, the municipality of Utrecht, and RIVM to process sensitive personal data can be found in Article 9, paragraph 2, subparagraph i of the GDPR (AVG), which states that the processing of personal data is necessary for the task of public interest. This task is described in the Wpg and the RIVM act, as stated above.

Participation in the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024 is entirely voluntary. You can stop completing the questionnaire at any time. You can also skip questions if you do not want to answer them. Only the age and gender questions are mandatory. Your data will be stored from the moment you start the questionnaire. If you want to stop halfway through and do not want the answers you have entered so far to be saved, you must return in the questionnaire and delete the answers. Before you start the questionnaire, you can read how to do this.

To ensure that participants are aware that they will be asked about their health in the questionnaire, it will be explained at the start of the questionnaire that these questions will be asked. *I understand that by answering this questionnaire I am providing data about my health, that will be analyzed at group level by the RIVM and my GGD.*

Who will have access to the data of the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024?

- Within the 25 GGDs and the municipality of Utrecht, only the employees responsible for processing the research data have access to that research data. The answers will be handled and processed in strict confidence.
- The 25 GGDs and the municipality of Utrecht use research agency Ipsos I&O to enable the technical administration of the digital questionnaire and temporary data storage. This research agency is bound by strict conditions such as security measures and confidentiality. A processor agreement has been concluded with Ipsos I&O in which these conditions are described.
- The 25 GGDs and the municipality of Utrecht can decide to share data with another organization for research. In that case, the GGD or the municipality of Utrecht will ensure that individuals cannot be identified in the shared data.
- The RIVM receives the results of the completed questionnaires, so that they can support the GGDs and the municipality of Utrecht. This has been set out in agreements drawn up between the cooperating parties.
- GGD GHOR Nederland, the national umbrella organization of the GGDs, will receive a file that does not contain any data that could be used to identify individuals. As a national umbrella organization, GGD GHOR Nederland can therefore support the GGDs in carrying out analyses at national level.
- Other organizations may also submit a request for additional data analyses. In such cases, the files provided will not contain any data that can be used to identify an individual, and the data will only be provided after an assessment has been conducted to determine whether the organization is authorized to receive the data.



How do we protect your data?

All 25 GGDs, the municipality of Utrecht, RIVM and GGD GHOR Nederland are committed to ensuring the privacy of participants. In the exceptional case that the answers to the questionnaire can be traced back to an individual, measures are taken to prevent traceability. In addition, all organizations involved take technical and organizational measures to ensure that the completed questionnaires are properly secured. As mentioned, only employees involved in the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024 have access to the completed questionnaires. In addition, the researchers have signed a confidentiality agreement and are prohibited from carrying out any activities that may result in the data being used to identify an individual.

How long will the data collected for the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024 be stored for?

The Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024 aims to monitor the health situation of young adults over time. This means that the 25 GGDs and the municipality of Utrecht must also have access to the completed questionnaires in the future so that they can achieve the aims described above and continue to carry out the tasks described correctly. The 25 regional GGDs and the municipality of Utrecht will each determine their own retention periods, which can be found in their respective privacy statements. The retention period is generally between 10 and 15 years, to enable comparison of the results of several monitors, and to be able to analyze any trends.

RIVM will also store the completed questionnaires to support the 25 GGDs and the municipality of Utrecht. This is laid down in agreements made by the collaborating organizations. The RIVM stores the raw data for 10 years, which complies with the Archives Act 1995 and the Open Government Act (Woo). After 10 years, RIVM destroys the data.

What are my rights?

As a participant whose answers are processed in the study, you have several rights. However, as the questionnaire has been developed to ensure that data is pseudonymized, and as we cannot identify who provided the answers (this is only possible in highly exceptional cases and with disproportionate effort), the exercise of these rights is restricted.

Right to refuse

Participation in the Public Health Monitor for Young Adults 2024 is voluntary. Participation can be stopped at any time without giving a reason. You can read more information about the study before filling in the questionnaire on the homepage of the questionnaire. You can then decide whether or not to participate. You can also skip questions or stop completing the questionnaire.

Right to information

To comply with this, this online privacy statement has been drawn up. This privacy statement is referred to on the home page of the questionnaire.

Right to deletion, access, rectification, restriction, and objection

These rights cannot be exercised because one URL is used for everyone that participates. Individual young adults can no longer be recognized after sending the questionnaire. This means that the questionnaire can no longer be deleted.

Who can I contact with questions?

- Under [Frequently Asked Questions](#) you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions.
- If you have any questions about your rights and how to exercise them in the context of this study or would like to file a complaint, you can contact Ipsos I&O.
- If you have any questions about how your GGD handles the completed questionnaires and how long your GGD stores them, you can contact Ipsos I&O via:



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- ✓ WhatsApp: 06-86826208
 - ✓ Email: helpdesk@ioresearch.nl
 - ✓ Telephone: 0800-0191 (Monday to Saturday between 09:00 en 17:00).

Ipsos I&O will then provide you with the contact details of the data protection officer of your regional GGD. You can also find this information at: <https://www.ggd.nl/>.

- If you disagree with the outcome of your complaint/request or the way in which your complaint/request was handled, you may submit a complaint to the Dutch Data Protection Authority. You can do this at the following website: <https://autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl/nl/voordat-u-een-klacht-indient>.

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