

# The You in Youth Survey Findings

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# Preface

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The YOU in YOUTH Survey is a survey of young people living in Upper Hunter Shire, Muswellbrook Shire and Singleton LGA.

The survey was completed in some schools by Year 7 to Year 11\* students in Term 4 of 2012 and by the remaining schools by Year 7 to Year 12\* students in Term 1 of 2013.

This report includes the findings from the survey.

It is a resource for young people and anyone working with young people in the Upper Hunter Shire, Muswellbrook Shire and Singleton LGA.

The data from the survey is here for your use. Much of the data from the collated responses is presented in charts. Some is presented in tables.

To use the data well it will be useful if you understand:

- Who is included in the survey;
- Who the survey findings represent; and
- How to use the charts and tables.

See the Introduction for details.

Recommendations are not included in this report.

Recommendations may emerge if young people and people working with young people in the Upper Hunter Shire, Muswellbrook Shire and Singleton LGA use the data from the survey as a resource in reflecting on their experiences and their work and what may be in the best interests of young people in the future.

\* Note: In this report Year 11 students and Year 12 students are combined as one cohort Y11/12.

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# A. Introduction

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## **1. Introduction**

The YOU in YOUTH Survey is a survey of young people living in Upper Hunter Shire, Muswellbrook Shire and Singleton LGA.

The survey was completed in some schools by Year 7 to Year 11 students in Term 4 of 2012 and by the remaining schools by Year 7 to Year 12 students in Term 1 of 2013.

The survey was organised by Upper Hunter Youth Development Officer (Esther Mines) and Upper Hunter Community Services as part of a process of working on improving youth activities and services in the Upper Hunter.

All secondary schools in the Upper Hunter participated in the project and all these schools (except one) returned completed surveys. The schools returning completed surveys were:

### **Upper Hunter Shire**

Merriwa High School  
Scone Grammar  
Scone High School  
St Joseph's Aberdeen

### **Muswellbrook Shire**

Muswellbrook High School

### **Singleton LGA**

Singleton High School  
St Catherine's Catholic College

Australian Christian College (with an enrolment of about 50 high school students) was initially intending to participate, however this did not eventuate (for logistical reasons) and so no completed surveys were returned from this school.

This report of the findings is a resource for people to use.

The Part A the Introduction includes:

1. Introduction
2. Young people: the Population in the Upper Hunter
3. Who's included in the survey
4. Tips for interpreting and using the survey data
5. Understanding the charts, tables and data
6. Highlights

Parts B, C and D include the findings as:

Tables  
Charts  
Open-ended comments.

Each Part has a brief introduction to help make the findings useful.

Part E includes the full text of the Youth in Youth Survey. If you are not familiar with the survey it is useful to start there. Read the survey through from beginning to end to get a holistic view of what the survey was about.

The big questions in reflecting on the findings from the surveys are:

What's happening?

Is it good? Not good?

How can we improve youth activities and services in the Upper Hunter?

These questions can be asked from different perspectives including: Schools, Towns and surrounding areas, Gender and Age group.

This report makes a contribution to the first question *What's happening?* Hopefully it will be useful to others working on the other big questions *Is it good? Not good? How can we improve youth activities and services in the Upper Hunter?*

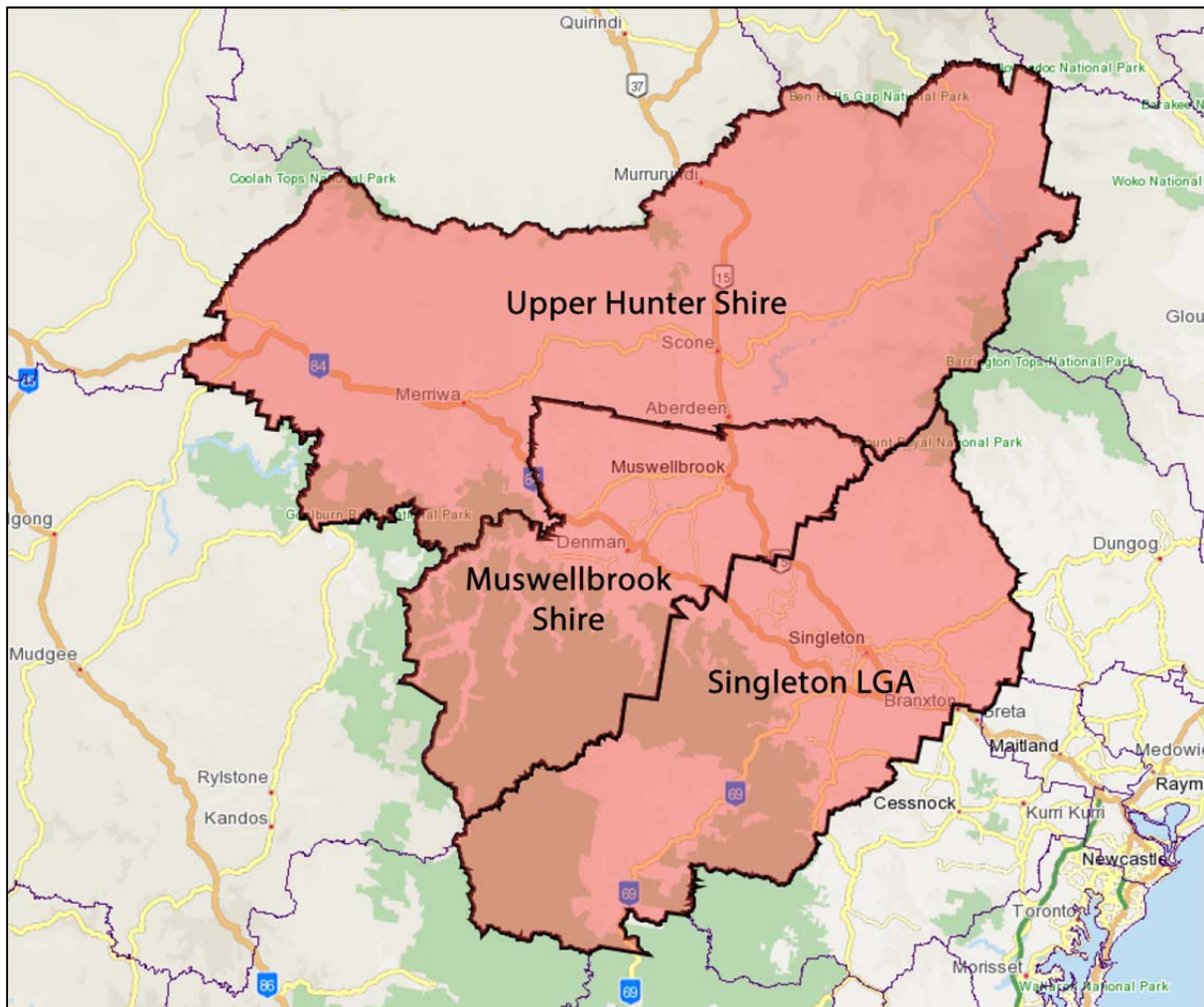
## 2. Young people: the population in the Upper Hunter

The survey included young people living in three LGAs:

- Upper Hunter Shire
- Muswellbrook Shire
- Singleton LGA

The total population of these LGAs in 2011 was:

Upper Hunter Shire	13,800
Muswellbrook Shire	15,800
Singleton LGA	22,700



**Demographic overview**

A demographic overview of these three LGAs is:

	<b>Upper Hunter Shire</b>	<b>Muswellbrook Shire</b>	<b>Singleton LGA</b>
<b><i>People</i></b>	13,754	15,791	22,694
<b>Male</b>	6,865	8,163	11,648
<b>Female</b>	6,889	7,628	11,046
<b>Median age</b>	39	34	35
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</b>	536	846	845
<b><i>Families*</i></b>			
	3,699	4,003	6,089
<b>Average children per family</b>	1.9	2	1.9
<b><i>All private dwellings</i></b>			
	6,461	6,689	9,044
<b>Occupied private dwellings</b>	5,245	5,531	7,759
<b>Average people per household</b>	2.4	2.6	2.7
<b>Median weekly household income (NSW \$1,237)</b>	1,071	1,399	1,692
<b>Median monthly mortgage repayments (NSW \$1,993)</b>	1,600	1,733	2,000
<b>Median weekly rent (NSW \$300)</b>	170	230	260
<b>Average motor vehicles per dwelling</b>	1.9	1.8	2

\* Includes couples, & one and two parent families with children

Each of these the LGAs has slightly more children and young people than NSW.

Muswellbrook Shire has higher incomes and rents compared with Upper Hunter Shire and lower ones compared with Singleton LGA.

Muswellbrook Shire and Singleton LGA have higher median family and household incomes than NSW.



**Age distribution**

The age distribution of the three LGAs is:

Age	Upper Hunter Shire		Muswellbrook Shire		Singleton LGA		NSW
		%		%		%	
0-4 years	984	7.2	1246	7.9	1651	7.3	6.6
5-9 years	996	7.2	1221	7.7	1658	7.3	6.3
10-14 years	926	6.7	1137	7.2	1723	7.6	6.3
15-19 years	807	5.9	1120	7.1	1794	7.9	6.4
20-24 years	771	5.6	1075	6.8	1498	6.6	6.5
25-44 years	3384	24.6	4457	28.2	6298	27.7	27.7
45-64 years	3626	26.3	3862	24.4	5718	25.3	25.5
65+ years	2257	16.5	1676	10.7	2354	10.3	14.7

The age distribution in 2011 for the young people aged 10 to 19 was:

Age	School Year*	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
10		175	220	326
11		199	225	340
12	Y7	202	205	334
13	Y8	168	247	384
14	Y9	178	241	338
15	Y10	183	225	358
16	Y11	165	218	341
17	Y12	189	248	376
18		143	223	259
19		128	203	362

\* Typical school year for each age group.

### 3. Who's included in the survey

All secondary schools in the Upper Hunter participated in the project and all these schools (except one) returned completed surveys. The schools returning completed surveys, the years included, the timing and total completed surveys were:

LGA	School	Total HS enrolments	Years included in survey	When	Total respondents
Upper Hunter Shire	Merriwa High School	120	Y7 to Y11	2012 Term 4	95
	Scone Grammar	261	Y7 to Y12	2013 Term 1	245
	Scone High School	437	Y7 to Y12	2013 Term 1	363
	St Joseph's	570	Y7 to Y12	2013 Term 1	517
Muswellbrook Shire	Muswellbrook High School	750	Y7 to Y11	2012 Term 4	393
Singleton LGA	Singleton High School	1086	Y7 to Y11	2012 Term 4	561
	St Catherine's Catholic College	338	Y7 to Y9, Y11	2012 Term 4	157
TOTAL					2331

Australian Christian College (with an enrolment of about 50 high school students) was initially intending to participate, however this did not eventuate (for logistical reasons) and so no completed surveys were returned from this school.

The total high school enrolments include total enrolments from Y7 to Y12. Not all years were included in the survey in all schools. When the surveys were completed in 2012 Term 4 Year 12 had already left for the HSC exams and at St Catherine's Y10 was not available on the day the surveys were completed.

The following table shows the number of students by year in the total population and the number of completed returns. The population data from 2011 has been moved on 2 years to get 2013 population estimates, i.e. the number of 10 year olds in 2011 becomes the number of 12 year olds in 2013.

### The Population and completed surveys

This table shows the relationship between the estimated population in each LGA and the completed surveys.

Age	School Year	Upper Hunter Shire			Muswellbrook Shire			Singleton LGA		
		Population	Completed surveys	% returned	Population	Completed surveys	% returned	Population	Completed surveys	% returned
12	Y7	175	177	100%	220	159	72%	326	191	59%
13	Y8	199	171	86%	225	157	70%	340	196	58%
14	Y9	202	155	77%	205	156	76%	334	141	42%
15	Y10	168	137	82%	247	137	55%	384	96	25%
16	Y11*	178 + 90 = 268*	190	71%	241	153	63%	338	94	28%
17	Y12	(183*)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total		1012	830	82%	1138	762	67%	1722	718	41%
								Total	2310	
								Elsewhere	21	
								Total	2331	

Note: The population estimates are based on the 2011 Census adjusted by 2 years.

The LGA is based on where the students lived (not the location of the school they attended).

The number of completed surveys by Year and Location is an accurate estimate. For example in some instances the Year the student was attending was not known or where they lived was not known. In cases where the Year was not known the cases were allocated randomly across all years. In case where the place of living was not known the school attended was used as a starting point for allocating cases into the table above.

In the schools in Muswellbrook Shire and Singleton LGA Year 12 was not included. In schools in the Upper Hunter Shire Year 12 was included; however these schools also include students from other LGAs. In the Upper Hunter Shire it was estimated that 90 of the 183 Y12 in the total population were included in the survey. These have been added to the Y11 population. In the findings in this report this Cohort is referred to as Y11/12 - on a population basis they effectively represent a cohort of one year, not two years.

### Representativeness

The You in Youth Surveys were completed by:

- 82% of young people Y7 to Y11/12 living in the Upper Hunter Shire
- 67% of young people Y7 to Y11/12 living in the Muswellbrook Shire
- 41% of young people Y7 to Y11/12 living in the Singleton LGA.

The initial surveys were completed in the Singleton LGA and Muswellbrook Shire and what was learnt from these was used to increase the response rate in the Upper Hunter Shire.

To explore the representativeness of the sample detailed analysis was made of:

- Comparisons between school classes that had 100% response rates compared with school classes that had lower response rates (within the same school).
- Comparisons between the first round of surveys and the second round of surveys.
- Comparisons between those more and less engaged with school, family, sport etc in the completed returns.

***The overall conclusion is that the views of those who completed the You in Youth survey are generally representative of the young people in each of the three Local Government Areas (even given the differences in response rates).***

Young people who did not complete the surveys were slightly more likely to be disengaged in some way that those who did complete the survey. However this effect is small and does not significantly change the overall findings.

Some of the findings show the responses from the schools separately. In using these findings it is important to note that St Catherine's did not include Y10 students.

## 4. Tips for interpreting and using the survey data

### Introduction

Survey data does not speak for itself. It requires interpretation. Here are some tips for interpreting and using the survey data from the You in Youth Survey.

### Survey data – what assumptions are we making? Are they true?

Survey data is the collation of the answers respondents made to questions at a particular point in time.

What assumptions are we making about this data?

That everyone understood every question the same way?

That everyone tells the truth all the time?

That everyone knows the answers to the questions?

If these assumptions are incorrect the data will need to be interpreted accordingly. For example a poorly worded question may lead to confusing results. A question about a particularly sensitive topic may not be answered totally honestly.

Important questions:

What assumptions are we making?

Are they likely to be true?

If the assumptions we are making are doubtful, what do we do in our interpretation of the data to take this into account?

### Using data to decide value or worth

Survey data of itself does not tell one whether something is good or not good. It requires interpretation and judgement.

If 46 % of young people say they “enjoy school”. Is this good or not good? It will depend on your judgement in all the circumstances. For example if in the past 12 months you had implemented a program to increase the engagement of young people at school you may have a different view than if you had had no specific program and the percentage was 70% last year.

The reported percentages do not tell you whether the result is “good” or “not good”.

A useful exercise is to put particular results in front of people and ask the question: Is this “good” or “not good”? Why? The same data may have multiple interpretations.

### Making comparisons to help ask questions (not rank)

Many of the charts in the Attachments allow one to easily make comparisons between Schools, Towns, Youth Centres, and so on.

This might make the unthinking think that the purpose is to rank the schools, Towns or Youth Centres. Which School is the best School in relation to this question or series of questions? Which Town is the best Town in relation to this question or series of questions?

This would be a mistake.

The charts in the Attachments allow one to easily make comparisons Schools, Towns, Youth Centres, and so on so that after you notice the comparisons you can go on to ask the questions:

In what way does this make sense?

Do we understand our School/ Town/ Youth Centre better in the light of the information about other Schools/Towns/Youth Centres?

Do we understand the Upper Hunter picture better?

### Average responses & Spread of responses

The histograms (bar charts) show the number of responses for every response code in a question; they show the spread of responses.

The line charts show average responses. They are based on averages. An average can hide the spread of responses.

For example on a five point scale from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree (SD, D, ?, A, SA) the following two groups of ten responses have about the same average response, *Agree*, however the spread of responses is very different.

Group A response scores    D, D, D, D, SA, SA, SA, SA, SA, SA    Average = A

Group B response scores    ?, ?, A, A, A, A, A, A, SA, SA    Average = A

Group A is polarised between Strongly Agree and Disagree whereas group B predominantly Agrees with some variation on either side.

It will be useful to keep the histograms handy when reviewing the line charts. The histograms will give you an idea of the spread of responses in each question.

### Are there sub-groups?

The overall reported responses to each question may be made up of subgroups with different patterns of responses. For example looking at the total responses to question 1 shows the proportion of people who play each kind of sport. This hides the gender differences and age differences.

A analysis of the data shows that there are very different patterns of responses for

Males and females

Different years: Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y11/12.

Clusters of young people.

If you quote findings for all young people in the Upper Hunter also ask yourself – what are the relevant subgroups? Do the subgroups have a different pattern of responses?

The line charts are designed to make some of the different patterns of responses explicit.

### Sizes of subgroups

Some subgroups have large numbers of respondents, e.g. school and Local government area. Some subgroups are smaller. The following table shows the number of respondents in each of the following smaller sub-groups. It includes only those that completed the relevant questions in the survey e.g. if the question on gender was not completed those responses are not included in the following table.

Subgroup	Sub-category	Number of respondents
Males	Y7	190
	Y8	208
	Y9	180
	Y10	161
	Y11/12	182
Females	Y7	235
	Y8	247
	Y9	206
	Y10	173
	Y11/12	236
Town & surrounding area	Aberdeen	155
	Denman	144
	Merriwa	120
	Muswellbrook	546
	Scone	452
	Singleton	512

### Not Applicable, Don't know, Missing data and MD

Not everyone answers every question. Where people don't answer a question at all it is referred to as missing data.

For many questions the amount of missing data is minimal and does not change the interpretation of the collated responses. In some questions it is important to know the extent of the missing data. In the collated responses in the question by question tables the missing data is shown as MD = xx% for each question.

There is a slight increase in missing data towards the end of the survey because some students were not able to fully complete the survey in the time available.

Note: MD = Missing Data

### Questions to keep in mind

Questions to keep in mind all the time are:

Is this expected? Unexpected?

What does this mean?

Is this good? Not good?

Are there implications for action? For improvement?

## 5. Understanding the charts, tables and data

In the findings there are five different ways numerical data is presented:

- A. Percentages of all responses
- B. Bar charts of all responses (for one question at a time)
- C. Line charts (showing the responses for a series of questions for different sub groups).  
There are three kinds:
  - Percentages
  - Averages
  - Standard deviations
- D. Tables (showing the relationship between two questions simultaneously)
- E. Stacked bar charts (showing the relationships between two questions simultaneously).

In addition some new variables were created on the basis of existing variables (e.g. adding two variables together to create a third):

- F. New variables

In some of the analyses young people were also grouped together into *Clusters of young people*:

- G. Clusters of young people

Below are tips for understanding each of these different ways of presenting data and also an explanation of the new variables and the *Clusters of young people*.



**A. Percentages of all responses**

This is the total responses for all completed surveys for the whole of the Upper Hunter.

Here is an example for Question 6.

<b>6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:</b>		<i>Circle your answer</i>				
Use the codes: <b>SD</b> =Strongly Disagree <b>D</b> = Disagree <b>?</b> = Unsure <b>A</b> = Agree <b>SA</b> =Strongly Agree						
This year I have had plenty of activities :						
a) On the weekends (during term)	6%SD	12%D	11%?	40%A	31%SA	
b) On week nights (during term)	6%SD	19%D	17%?	39%A	18%SA	
c) During school holidays	6%SD	14%D	14%?	34%A	32%SA	
I am often bored with nothing to do:						
d) On the weekends (during term)	27%SD	35%D	12%?	17%A	9%SA	
e) On week nights (during term)	23%SD	35%D	13%?	19%A	10%SA	
f) During school holidays	30%SD	27%D	12%?	19%A	11%SA	

So 6% of the young people across the Upper Hunter who completed surveys *Strongly Disagreed* that they have plenty of activities on the weekends (during term).

31% *Strongly Agreed* that they have plenty of activities on the weekends (during term).

**B. Bar charts of all responses (for one question at a time)**

For some questions the responses are shown as Bar Charts (histograms).

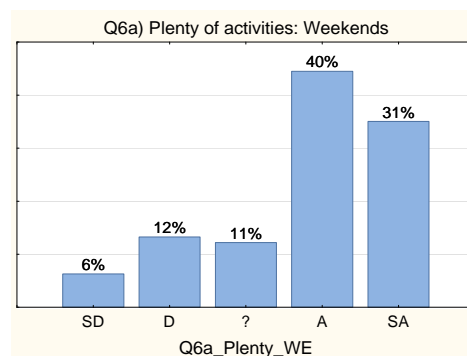
The following shows the collated responses for all completed surveys for the whole of the Upper Hunter for Question 6a:

6. *To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:*

**SD**=Strongly Disagree **D**= Disagree **?** = Unsure **A**= Agree **SA**=Strongly Agree

This year I have had plenty of activities :

a) On the weekends (during term)



So from the Chart one can see 6% of the young people across the Upper Hunter who completed surveys *Strongly Disagreed* that they have plenty of activities on the weekends (during term).

31% *Strongly Agreed* that they have plenty of activities on the weekends (during term).

In each of these bar charts:

- The title at the top of the chart indicates the question.
- The title at the bottom of the chart includes the Question number (e.g. Q6a).
- The response scale is across the bottom of the chart (e.g. SD D ? A SA)
- The percentage of responses for each response is above the column for that response (e.g. 6%).

**C. Line charts (showing the responses for a series of questions for different sub groups)**

Line charts are often used for showing the responses for a series of questions simultaneously for several different sub groups at the same time.

There are three types of these charts:

The first shows the percentages answering *Yes* to a series of yes /no questions

The second shows the average responses for a series of questions with a response scale.

The third shows the average responses for a series of questions with a *standardised* response scale.

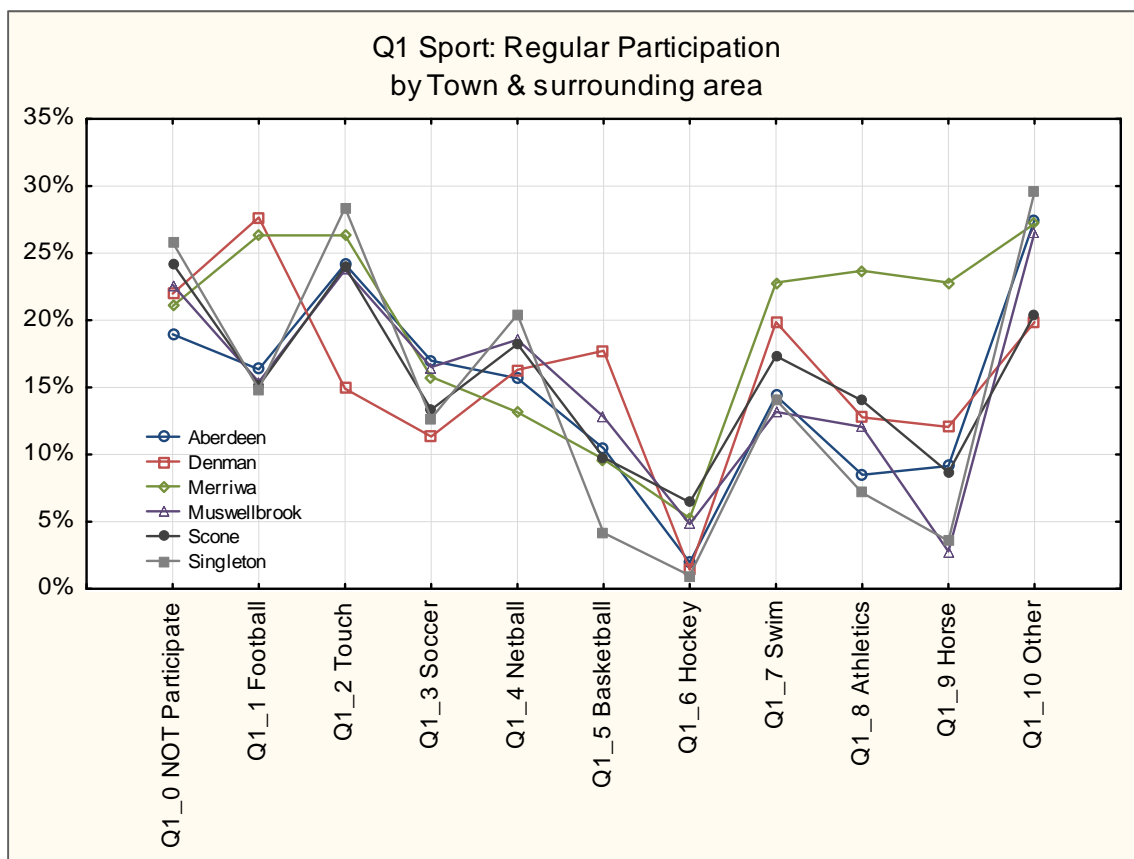
Visually each of these three charts is similar. It is the scales on the left hand side that are different.

**Example 1 Percentages**

The following is an example for Question 1: This year which of the following sports have you regularly participated in?

There are effectively eleven different yes/no items in this question.

The line chart shows the percentage of responses ticking (yes) to each item.



So one can see that the percentage of young people in Merriwa participating in athletics (Q1\_8) is about 23% compared with about 9% for Scone.

Each line represents a town. The red line is Denman. For each question one can read from the scale on the left hand side of the chart the percentage of young people for each sub group that ticked yes.

**Example 2 Averages**

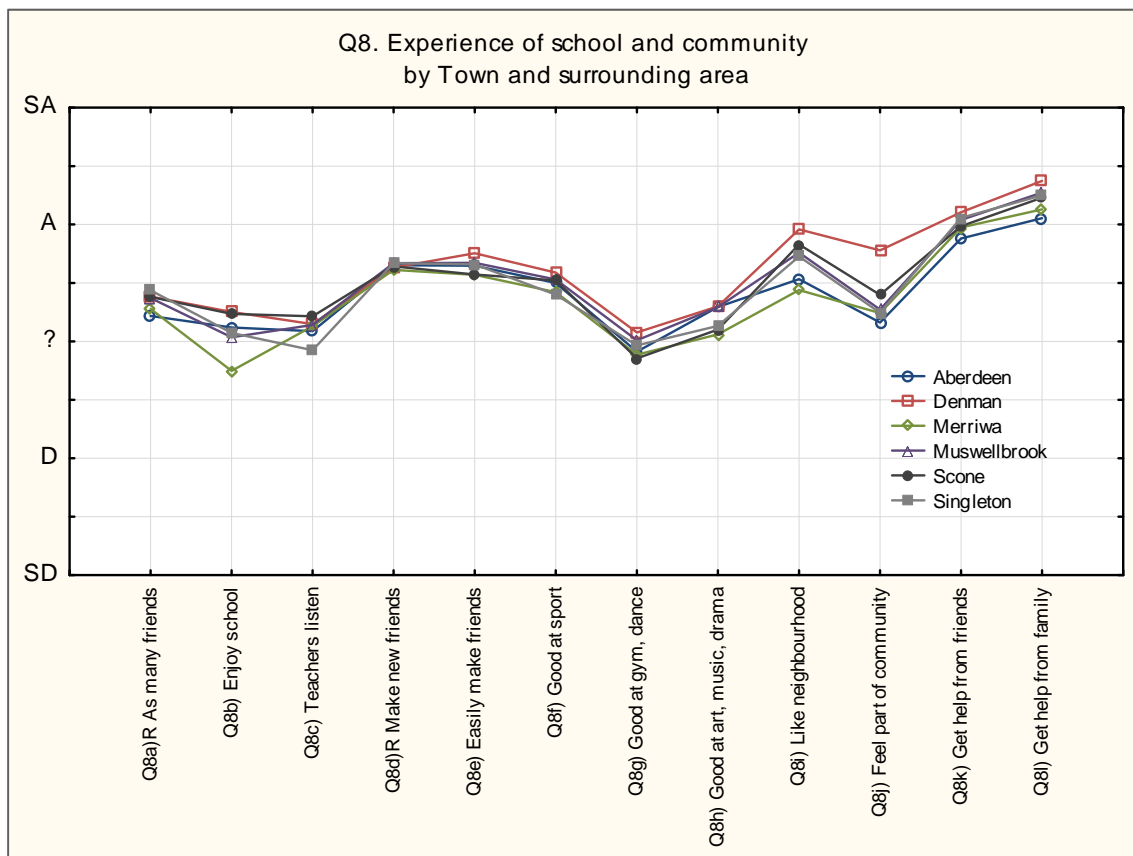
The following is an example for Question 8: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:

- a) Most kids have more friends than I do
- b) I enjoy being at school
- c) Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say
- d) to l) survey items.

The response codes are:

SD=Strongly Disagree D= Disagree ? = Unsure A= Agree SA=Strongly Agree

Each line shows the average responses for young people for each different town for each question. The average responses for each of these questions are very similar from one town to the next. There are a few differences. For example young people from Denman on average more strongly agree they feel part of the community than young people from other towns.



In these charts:

- The title at the top of the chart indicates:
  - Questions included (e.g. Q8)
  - Groups (e.g. Aberdeen, Denman, Merriwa, etc)
- The titles at the bottom of the chart includes all the specific questions in the chart (e.g. Q8a, Q8b, Q8c etc.)
- The scale for the average response is on the left hand side of the chart (e.g. –SD to SA)

Note: these are averages. Individuals responses from one town will show much more variation.

**Example 3 standardised scores**

There are a series of different response codes used throughout the You in Youth Survey.

For example here are three questions with different responses codes

Q1 A tick is a responses to a Yes/No question

Q3 There are multiple response codes

No                      Once              Occasionally              Often

Q8 There are multiple response codes

SD=Strongly Disagree    D= Disagree    ? = Unsure    A= Agree    SA=Strongly Agree

In the new variables that have been created there are also additional response codes (e.g. the total number of activities someone is involved in).

Many of the charts in these finding are comparing questions with the same response scale, for example the chart immediately above comparing all the items on question 8.

However sometimes it is useful to compare questions that did not have the same response scale. One approach would be to have a chart with multiple scales on the left hand side, but this can be hard to interpret. Another approach is to standardise original responses. This is the approach taken here.

One standardises the set of responses to the question mathematically. The result is that the scale for a standardised question (in these findings) is:

The average response = 0

Above average is positive

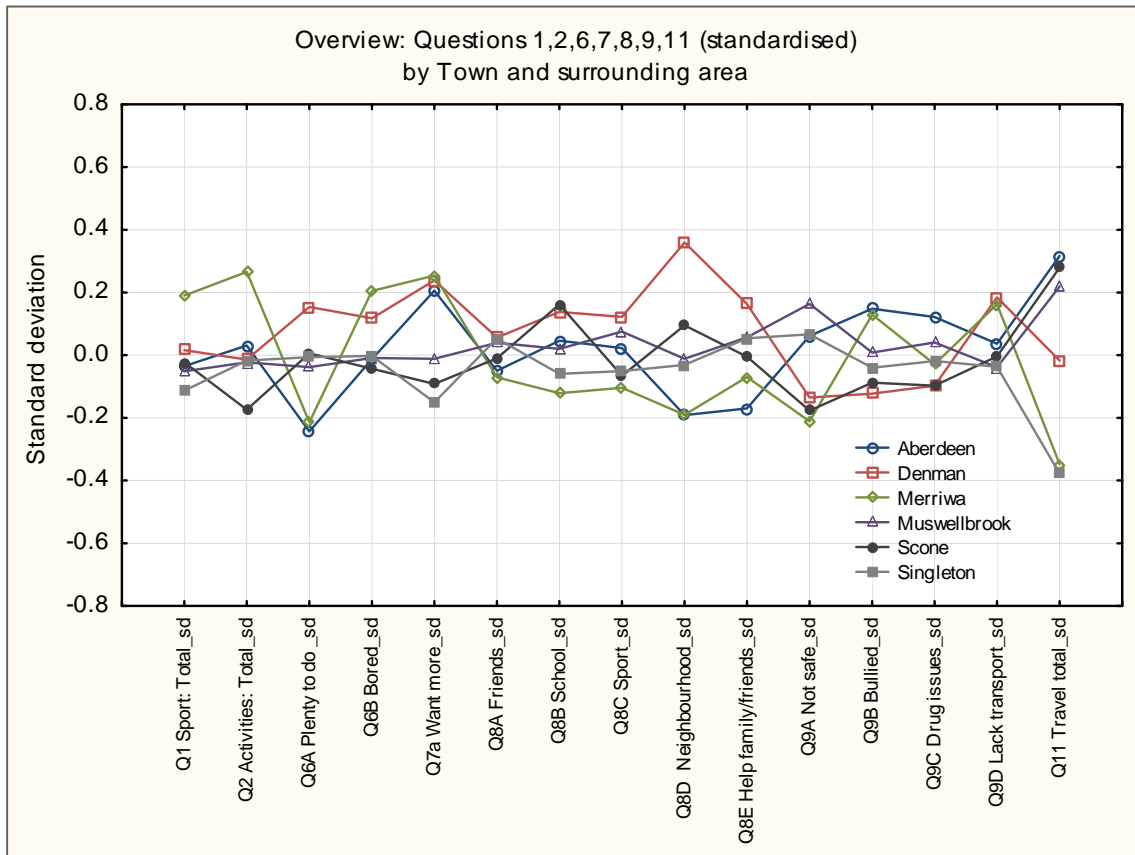
Below average is negative

68% of the responses are in the range +1 to -1

95% of the responses are in the range +2 to -2

If the standardised responses are used to make a chart it is then possible to easily visually compare the responses across a series of questions that originally had different scales.

In this report there are 15 question items that are often used is this way. The chart below is an example:



In this chart the average standardised responses for each of 6 towns are shown for 15 question items. The scales on the original questions were different from each other, so the questions were standardised before making this chart.

The scale on the left hand side is from -0.8 to +0.8

Visually the important point to note is that 0.0 = the average response. Above 0.0 is above average and below 0.0 is below average.

It is important to remember that the average is NOT the middle of the original response scale.

For example in Question 6a the original response scale was:

SD=Strongly Disagree D= Disagree ? = Unsure A= Agree SA=Strongly Agree

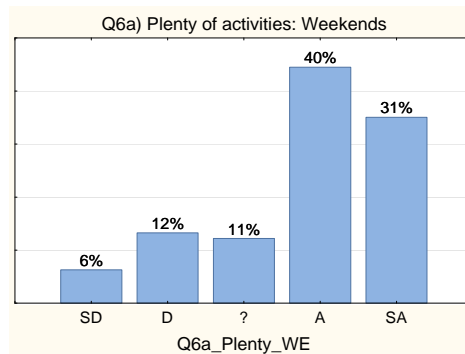
The middle of the scale is ? *Unsure*.

This is NOT 0.0 in the chart above.

Rather for Question 6A the average response is the average of the actual standardised responses.

In the chart above Q6A is made up of three questions Q6a), Q6b) and Q6c). See below for details.

This is the distribution of responses for question 6a):



When these responses are standardised the average response is marginally below A (agree). So people who responded Agree are very close to the average (0.0) when the data is standardised.

The people who responded SA are all above average (>0.0) and those who responded ?Unsure, Disagree or Strongly Disagree are all below average (<0.0)

Questions 6a) 6b) and 6c) are similarly distributed.

So in the Chart above Q6A (which is a combination of these three times) the people who responded Agree are about average (0.0) those who responded SA are all above average (>0.0) and those who responded ?Unsure, Disagree or Strongly Disagree are all below average (<0.0).

When using the standardised charts it is useful to review the relevant histograms so that you don't assume that average (0.0) equals the middle of the original response scale, rather it is the actual average response.

**D. Tables (showing the relationship between two questions simultaneously)**

The table below shows the relationship between Question 4d and Town and surrounding area the young people come from.

Question 4d was:

4. This year have you been to any of the following Youth Centres?

d) Singleton PCYC      No      Once      Occasionally      Often

Town and surrounding are	4d) Singleton PCYC				Row Totals
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	
Aberdeen	98%	1%	1%	0%	8%
Denman	96%	3%	1%	0%	7%
Merriwa	99%	0%	1%	0%	6%
Muswellbrook	97%	1%	1%	1%	29%
Scone	99%	1%	0%	0%	23%
Singleton	70%	15%	9%	6%	27%
Totals	90%	5%	3%	2%	100%

In the table above:

The question number is at the top of the table: 4d) Singleton PCYC.

The response scale to the question is immediately below: No, Once, Occasionally, Often.

The second variable is the top left hand side: Town and surrounding area.

The categories for the second variable are down the left hand side (Aberdeen, Denman, etc)

The percentages in each row are the percentages of the people who come from that town or surrounding area. So for example 98% of the young people from Aberdeen have not been to Singleton PCYC

The percentages in the *Row Totals* are the percentages of each row of the total responses.

So 8% of the survey responses were from young people in Aberdeen.



**E. Stacked bar charts show the relationships between two variables simultaneously.**

Sometimes it is useful to show the relationships between two variables graphically.

The chart below does this.

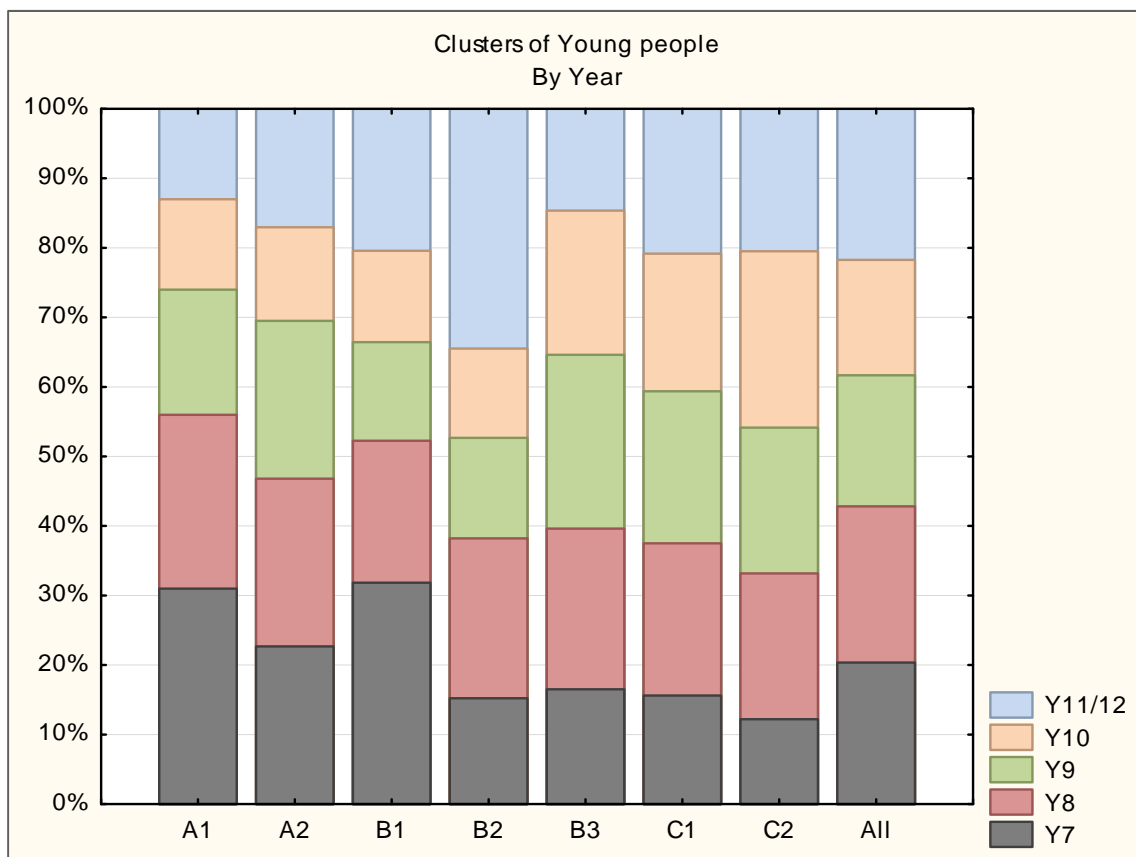
Young people have been grouped into seven Clusters A1, A2, B1 . . . C2. See the next section for details. For this example it is sufficient to know they are different groups of young people.

Young people are also from different schools years.

The chart below shows the relationship between these two variables.

Each column of the chart is for one Cluster of Young people. The different colours within each column show the proportions of young people coming from each Year for that Cluster of young people.

So for example Clusters A1 and B1 have a larger proportion of Y7s than the other Clusters.



These charts are usually in pairs with the second chart showing the percentage of each Cluster in each group (in this case in each Year).

**F. New variables**

Much of the analysis in these findings uses the existing questions.

In some instances it is also useful to develop new variables based on responses from multiple questions.

The following is a list of new variables that have been generated. These new variables are used in the standardised charts that show responses simultaneously for multiple questions.

**Q1 Sport: Total** – The total number of sports ticked in Question 1

**Q2 Activities: Total** – The total number of activities ticked in Question 2

**Q6A Plenty to do** – The average response for Questions 6a), Q6b) and Q6c):

This year I have had plenty of activities:

- a) On the weekends (during term)
- b) On week nights (during term)
- c) During school holidays

**Q6B Bored** – The average response for Questions 6d), Q6e) and Q6f):

I am often bored with nothing to do:

- d) On the weekends (during term)
- e) On week nights (during term)
- f) During school holidays

**Q7a Want more** – Question 7a (not a new variable but included here for completeness with the list of standardised variables)

**Q8A Friends** – The average response for Questions Q8a), Q8d) and Q8e):

- a) Most kids have more friends than I do (reversed\*)
- d) At my school it is difficult to make new friends (reversed\*)
- e) I make friends easily

**Q8B School** – The average response for Questions Q8b) and Q8c):

- b) I enjoy being at school
- c) Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say

**Q8C Sport\*\* etc** – The average response for Questions Q8f), Q8g) and Q8h):

- f) I am good at things like sports
- g) I am good at things like gym and dance
- h) I am good at things like art, music and drama

**Q8D Neighbourhood** - The average response for Questions Q8i) and Q8j):

- i) I like the local neighbourhood where I am living
- j) I feel part of my local community/town

**Q8E\_Help family/friends** - The average response for Questions Q8k) and Q8l):

- k) I can get help from my friends when I need to.
- l) I can get help from my family when I need to.

**Q9A Not safe** - The average response for Questions Q9a) and Q9b):

- a) Not feeling safe walking home in the daytime
- b) Not feeling safe walking home at night

**Q9B Bullied** - The average response for Questions Q9c) and Q9d):

- c) Being looked down on by other groups of young people your age
- d) Being bullied

**Q9C Drug issues** - The average response for Questions Q9e) and Q9f):

- e) Misuse of alcohol by young people your age
- f) Illegal drugs

**Q9D Lack transport** - The average response for Questions Q9g) and Q9h):

- g) Trains don't run when I need them
- h) Buses don't run when/where I need them

**Q10\_Total** – The total number of items ticked in Question 10 about ways of finding out about local events and activities

**Q11 Travel** – The total score across all the items in Q11 (giving an indication of total travel).

\* Because these questions are asked in such a way that *Agree* has a negative meaning and *Disagree* has a positive meaning the codes for these questions are reversed before calculating an average; this is to ensure that all the parts of Question 8A are using a scale where agree is positive (otherwise it would not make sense to use an average).

\*\* The title of this question is **Q8C Sport**. However note that it includes sport, gym, dance, art, music and drama. It is the average response for all of these activities.

**G. Clusters of young people**

Young people are enormously diverse.

Average responses across all young people hide this diversity.

One the other hand reviewing every single young person's response in answer to every set of questions is not practicable.

A useful question is: can young people be grouped into Clusters of young people where each Cluster is as different as possible from the other Clusters and at the same time young people within the Cluster are as similar as possible.

In the analysis in these findings young people have been grouped into seven Clusters based on these two principles:

Young people within each Cluster are as like as possible.

Clusters are as different from each other as possible.

The clusters have been named A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, C1 and C2 for ease of reference. The following table shows the percentage of young people in each Cluster:

Cluster	% of males	% of females	% of total
A1	13	10	12
A2	6	10	8
B1	15	18	17
B2	25	20	22
B3	15	10	12
C1	18	17	17
C2	7	15	12
Total	100	100	100

Below is a brief description of each Cluster:

**A1 Very engaged and want more**

Are very involved in sport and other activities

Have plenty to do

Are not bored

Want to do more

Have friends

Are good at sport, etc

Don't experience many negative social issues (i.e. being bullied, drugs, etc)

**A2 Engaged, want more, experience negative social issues**

Are very involved in sport and other activities (not quite as much as A1)

Don't have plenty to do

Are often bored

Want to do more

Don't have as many friends

Are good at sport, etc

Experience many negative social issues (i.e. being bullied, drugs, etc)

**B1 Engaged & want more**

Have moderate involvement in sport and other activities  
Have plenty to do  
Not that bored  
Want do to more  
Like school, have friends and good at sport  
Don't experience many negative social issues

**B2 Engaged, do not want more**

Have moderate involvement in sport and other activities  
Have plenty to do  
Not that bored  
*Do not want do to more*  
Like school, have friends  
*Not so good at sport, etc*  
Don't experience many negative social issues

**B3 Engaged, but do not like school, do not want more**

Have moderate involvement in sport and other activities  
Have plenty to do  
Bored  
Do not want do to more  
Have friends and average at sport  
*No not like school*  
Don't experience many negative social issues

**C1 Not engaged**

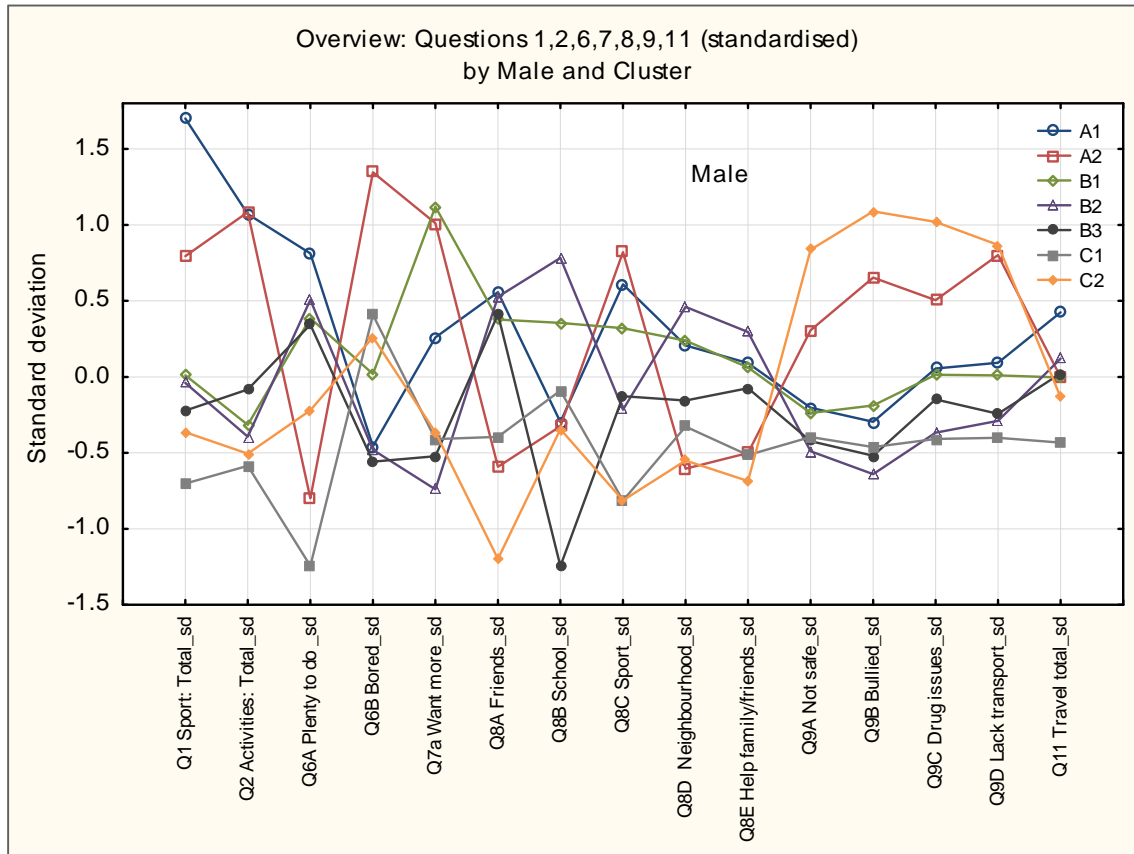
NOT very involved in sport and other activities  
Do NOT have plenty to do  
Are not that bored  
Do NOT want to do more  
Are not that connected with friends, school or sport  
Don't experience many negative social issues (i.e. being bullied, drugs, etc)

**C2 Not engaged, experience many negative social issues**

NOT very involved in sport and other activities  
Do NOT have plenty to do (but more than C1)  
Are not that bored  
Do NOT want to do more  
Are not that connected with friends, school or sport  
DO experience many negative social issues (i.e. being bullied, drugs, etc)

The following chart shows the responses for each Cluster of male young people for 14 different questions. The descriptions above match the chart below.

The scale on the left had side is standardised so that it is easy to make comparisons across all the different kinds of questions. Note that 0.0 is the average actual response (not the mid-point of the original question's scale).



For example follow the line A1 (blue).

In Q1 Sport Total Cluster A1 on average participate in more sport than any other cluster.

In Q2Activities Cluster A1 on average participates in as much sport as the next highest Cluster(A2)

In Q8A Friends Cluster A1 is the highest (with several other Clusters very close) but very different, for example, from Cluster C2.

In Q11 Travel Cluster: A1 do more travel than any other Cluster.

## 6. Highlights

These findings are for people to use. What the highlights are is to some extent dependent on whose looking at the data and what questions they are asking.

The highlights below are from the analysis to date and highlight the differences between different groups of young people.

There are other highlights that will only emerge when the data in these findings is used by young people and those working with them.

### Age and Gender

Young people's responses to the majority of questions in the You in Youth Survey vary by age and gender.

Some examples of gender differences are:

35% of males play football and almost no females play football.

30% of females play netball and almost no males play netball.

25% of females regularly participate in dance compared with 5% of males.

Males are twice as likely to go the Muswellbrook PCYC as females.

Females are more likely to experience not being safe on the way home at night or being bullied than males.

Some examples of age differences are:

Year 11/12 students are more likely to enjoy school than most other years.

Year 7 students are more like to be bullied than Year 11/12 students.

Friends not going to an activity is a bigger barrier for Year 7 and Year 8 students than it is for Y11/12 students.

### Location

Young people's responses to many questions vary by town (and surrounding area) where they live. Some examples are:

Merriwa has a bigger percentage of young people involved in athletics (23%) and horse riding (23%) compared with other towns (<15%).

A larger proportion of young people from Denman ride bikes to the shops (25%) compared with other towns (14% to 20%).

Lack of transport is a bigger barrier to being involved in activities for young people from Denman than for Scone and Singleton.

Young people in Denman feel more part of the community than young people in other towns.

### **School**

Young people's responses to some questions vary by the school they attend. Some examples are:

Merriwa High School has a greater proportion of students participating in swimming (27%) than other schools (15% to 18%).

Muswellbrook High School students are least likely to ride their bikes to school (2%) compared with other schools (4% to 16%).

Students from St Joseph's Aberdeen are more likely to have plenty to do on the weekend than students from other schools.

### **Other demographics**

The responses to some questions also vary with other demographics, e.g. Indigenous/non-Indigenous, one/two parent family, number of brothers and sisters, etc, for example:

Female Indigenous students and their friends are more likely to experience bullying than female non-Indigenous students.

Students with both parents unemployed are more likely to experience being bored than those with two parents employed.

### **Clusters of Young people**

As noted in the previous section in these findings young people have been grouped into seven Clusters based on two principles:

Young people within each Cluster are as like as possible.

Clusters are as different from each other as possible.

The Clusters have been named A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, C1 and C2 for ease of reference.

There are differences between these clusters of young people on nearly all the questions in the You in Youth survey. For example:

Everyone in Cluster A1 participates in some sport where as just over 50% of people in Cluster C1 do not participate in sport.

27% of Cluster B1 occasionally and often use the Muswellbrook PCYC compared with 8% of Cluster C2.

55% of males in Cluster A2 ride a bike to friends' houses compared with 18% of Cluster C1.

On average Cluster B2 enjoy school and on average Cluster B3 do not enjoy school.



**Highlights yet to be found**

As noted elsewhere the findings in this report are a resource to be used by young people and people working with young people.

Some of the things that could be explored in more detail using the findings in this Report include:

- Transport use by young people.
- Use of Youth Centres, PCYCs, Skate parks etc
  - Who uses what?
- Planning for young people given the diversity of young people and the different kinds of young people represented by the Clusters described in these findings.
  - What is a strategy for meeting young people's needs?

## B. The findings: By survey question (closed questions)

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**Question 1: Sport?**

**Question 2: Activities?**

**Question 3: Been to?**

**Question 4: Youth Centres?**

**Question 5: Bikes?**

**Question 6: Plenty to do? Bored?**

**Question 7: More activities?**

**Question 8: Experience of school and community?**

**Question 9: Social issues?**

**Question 10: Finding out about things?**

**Question 11: Travel?**

**Question 12: Means of transport?**

**Questions 13 to 20: You?**

## **Introduction**

In Part B, **for each question** there is:

A table with the full text of the question and the percentages of the total respondents across the Upper Hunter (the percentage of missing data is also shown i.e. MD = xx%).

For most questions there are then charts showing the differences by:

Gender  
Town  
School  
Indigenous/ Non-Indigenous (by Gender)  
School Year (by Gender)  
Cluster (by Gender).

In some questions there charts showing differences by additional variables e.g.

In town/ Out of Town  
Total activities ticked.

For some questions there are additional tables to make the percentages more useful. For example in Questions 3 and 4 there are tables for each Cinema, Indoor Sports Centre, Young Centre etc showing usage of the Cinema, etc by the Town the young person comes from.

For some questions there are also bar charts showing the distribution of responses.

**Question 1**

1. This year which of the following sports have you regularly participated in? MD = 1.5%

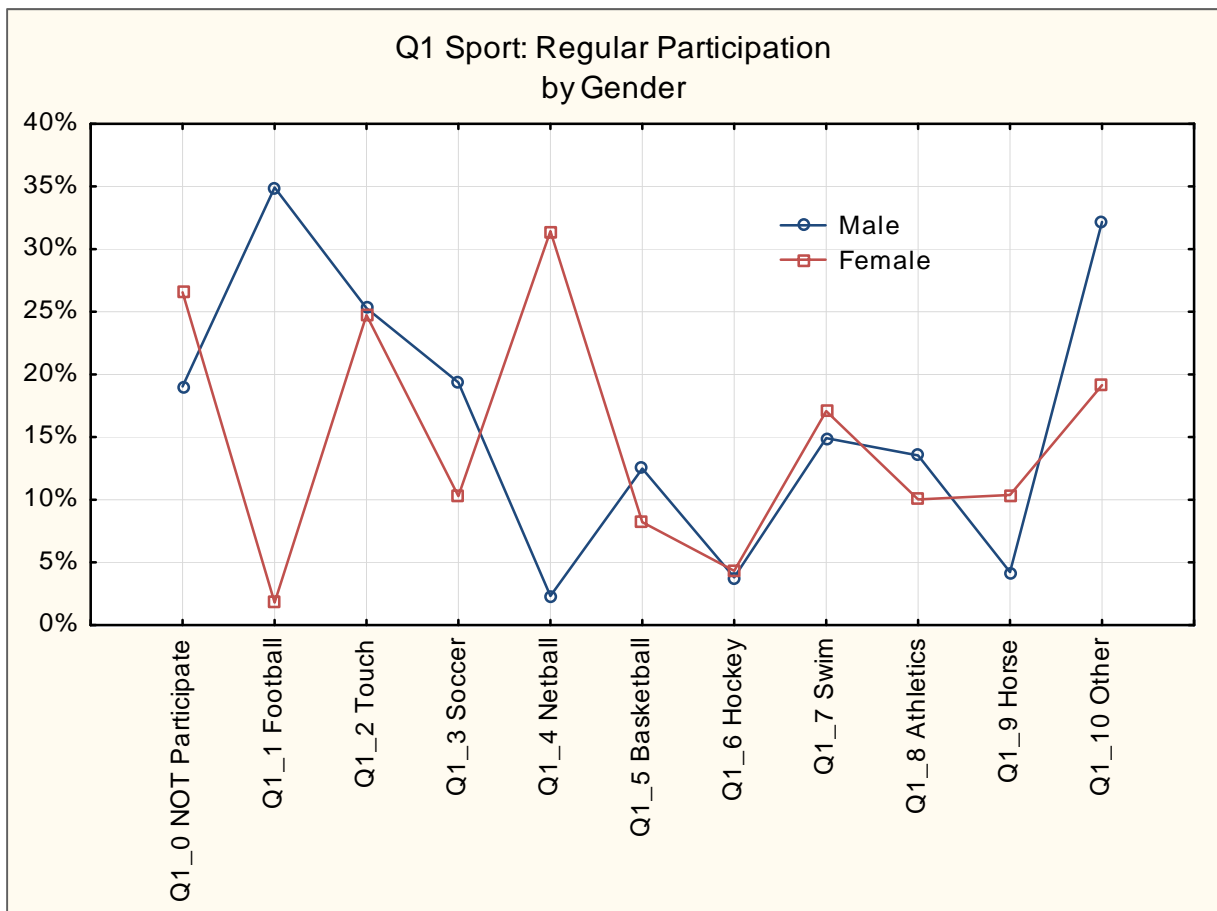
22%  0 Not applicable: I do NOT regularly participate in sport

19%  1 Football 26%  2 Touch football 15%  3 Soccer 18%  4 Netball 10%  5 Basketball  
 4%  6 Hockey 17%  7 Swimming 12%  8 Athletics 8%  9 Horse related  
 26%  10 Other regular sport, specify.....

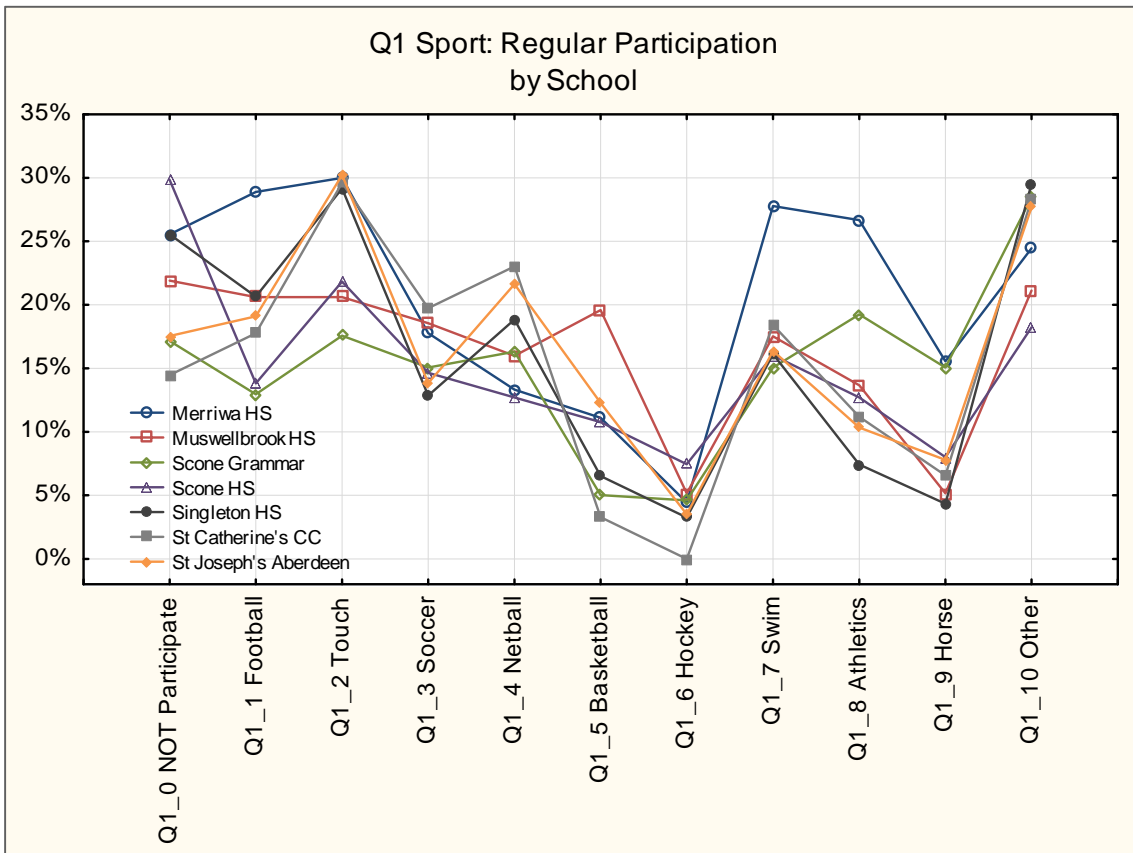
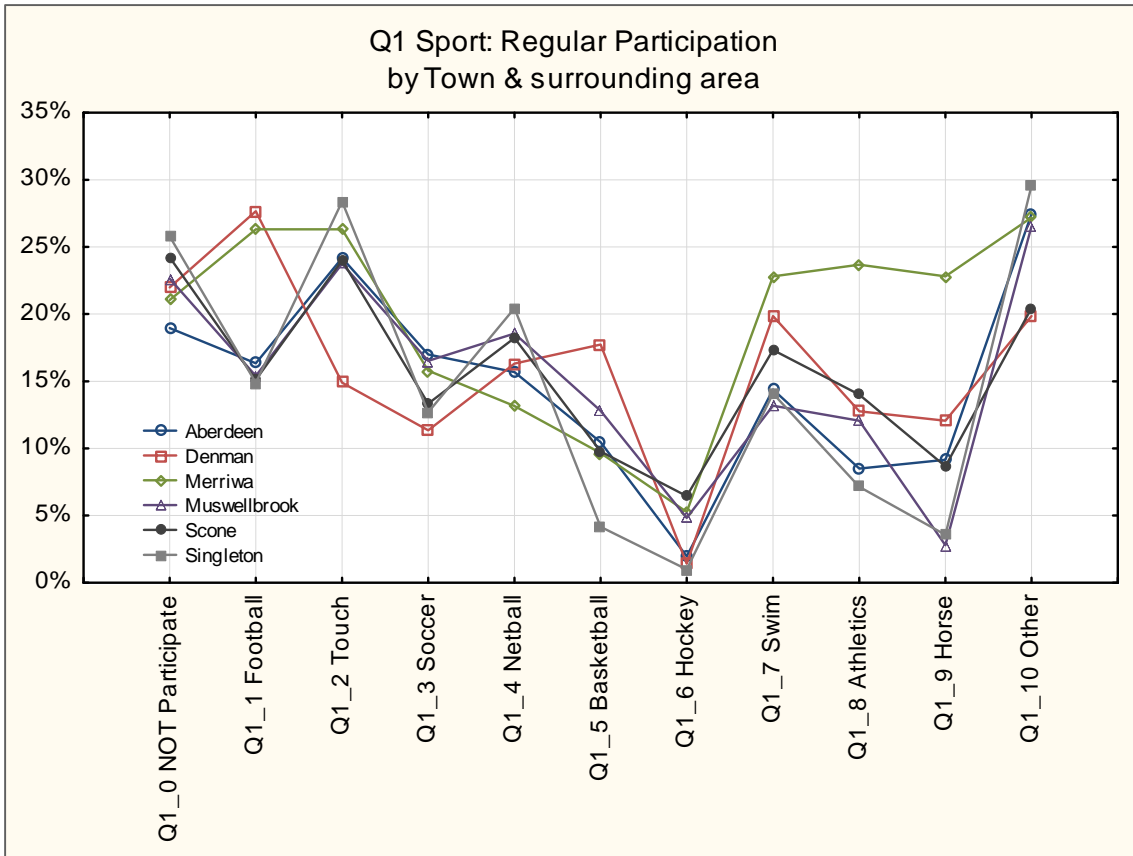
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From highest to lowest for those who do regularly participate in sport:

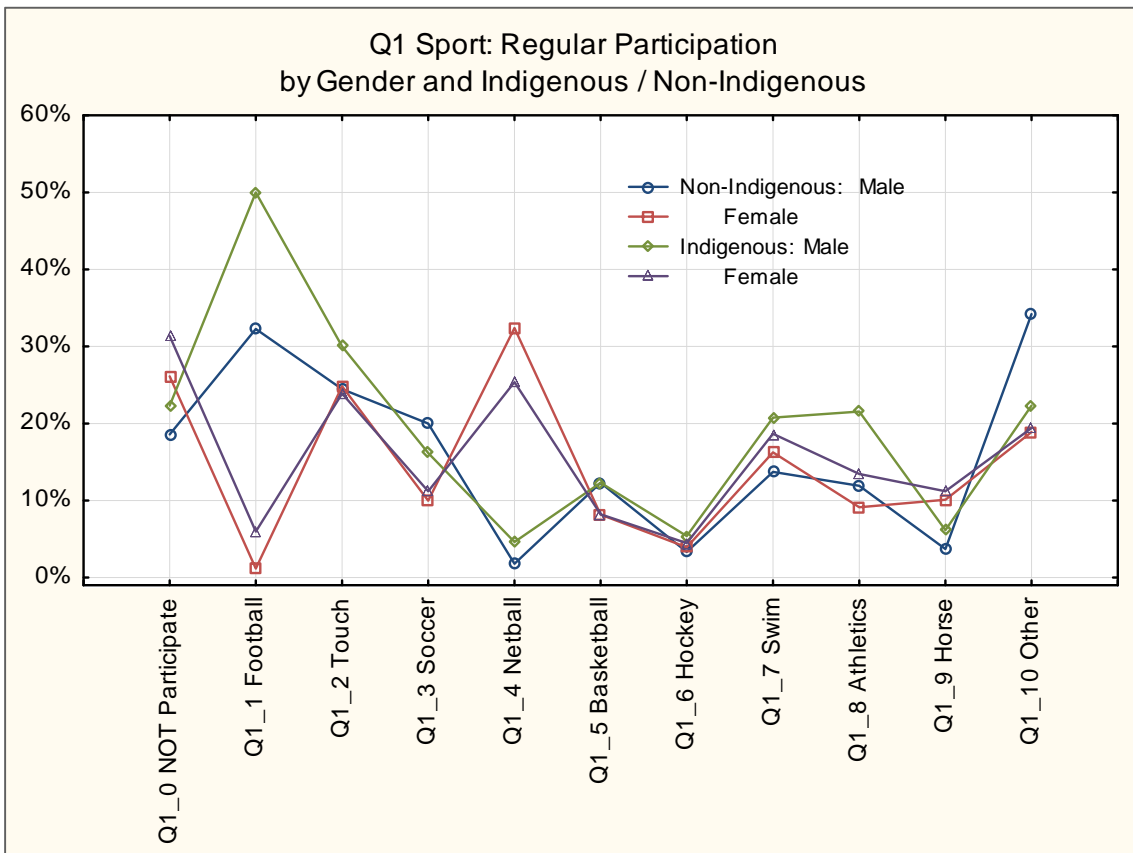
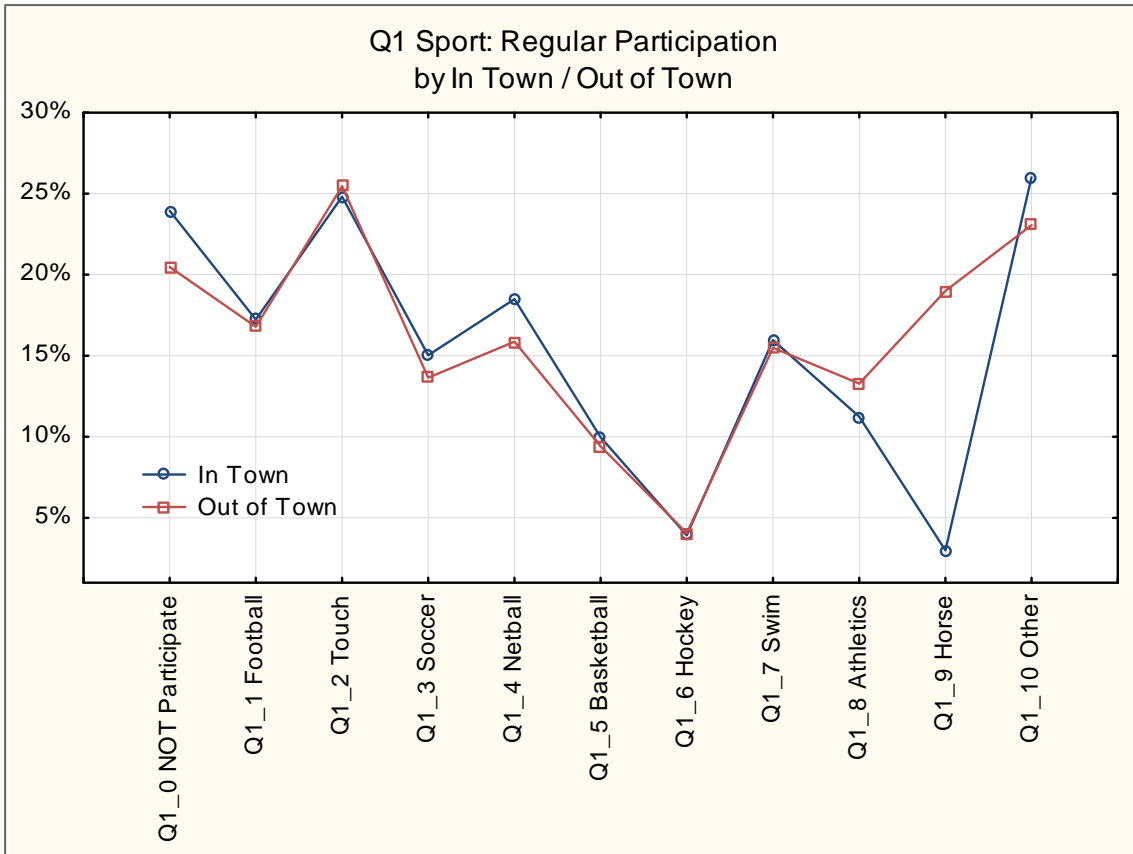
- 26%  2 Touch football
- 26%  10 Other regular sport, specify.....
- 19%  1 Football
- 18%  4 Netball
- 17%  7 Swimming
- 15%  3 Soccer
- 12%  8 Athletics
- 10%  5 Basketball
- 8%  9 Horse related
- 4%  6 Hockey



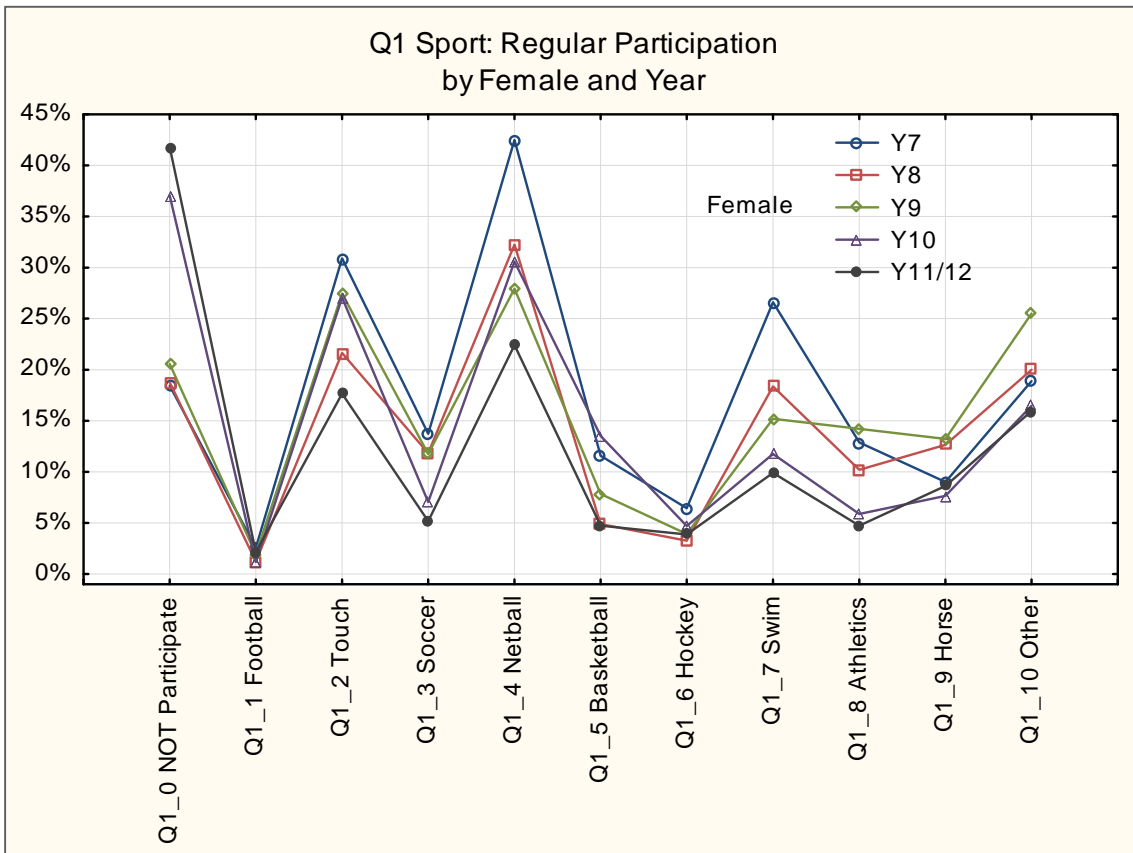
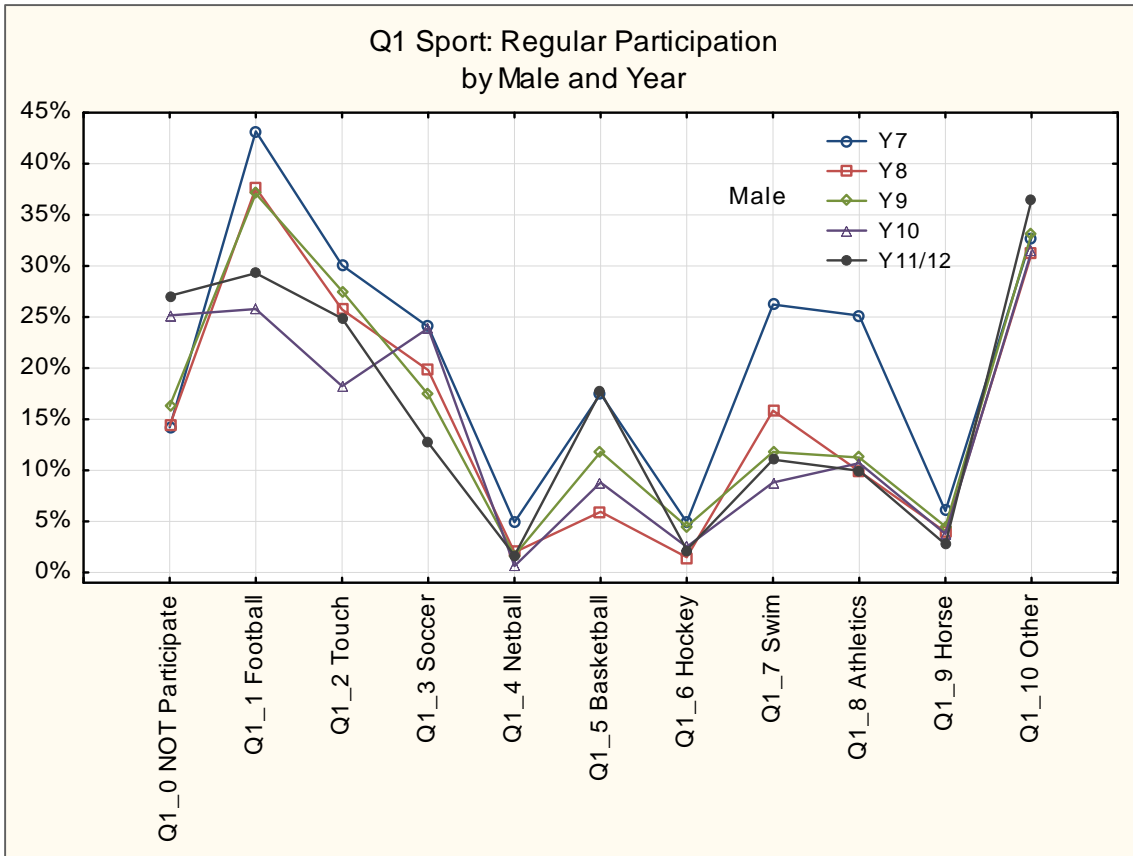
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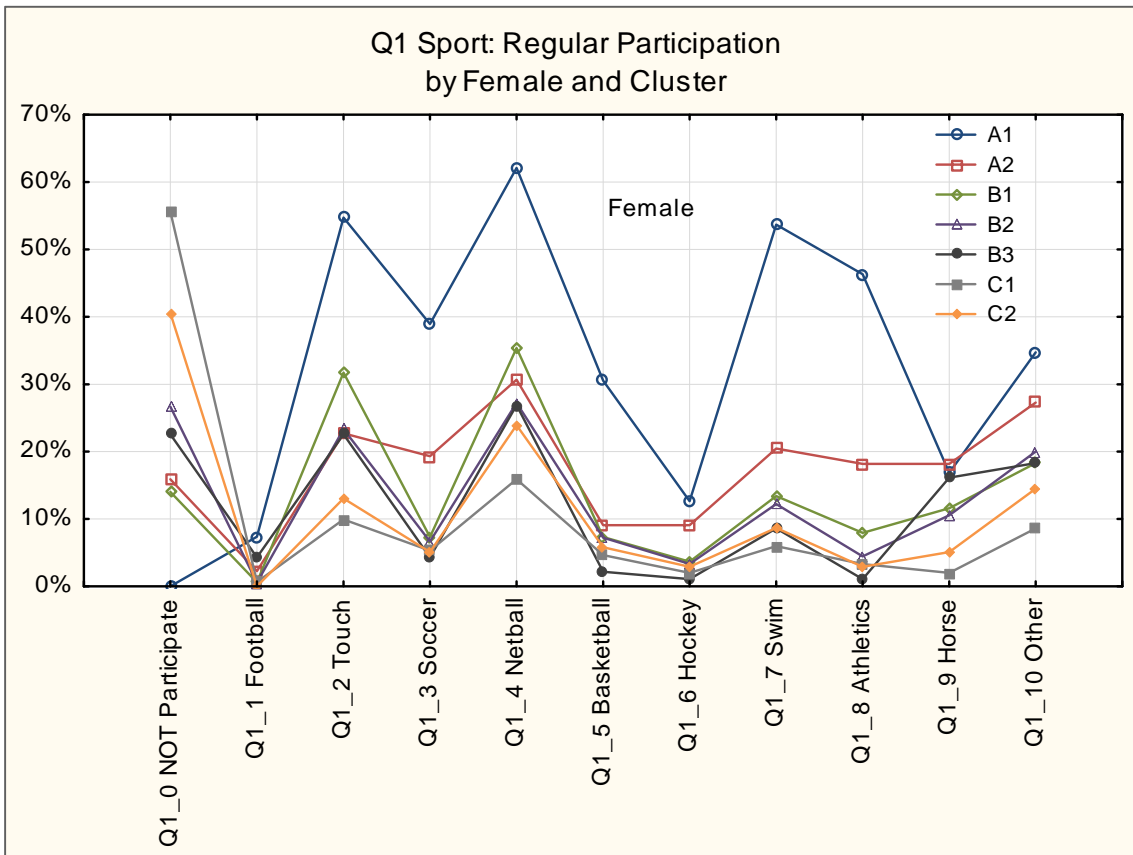
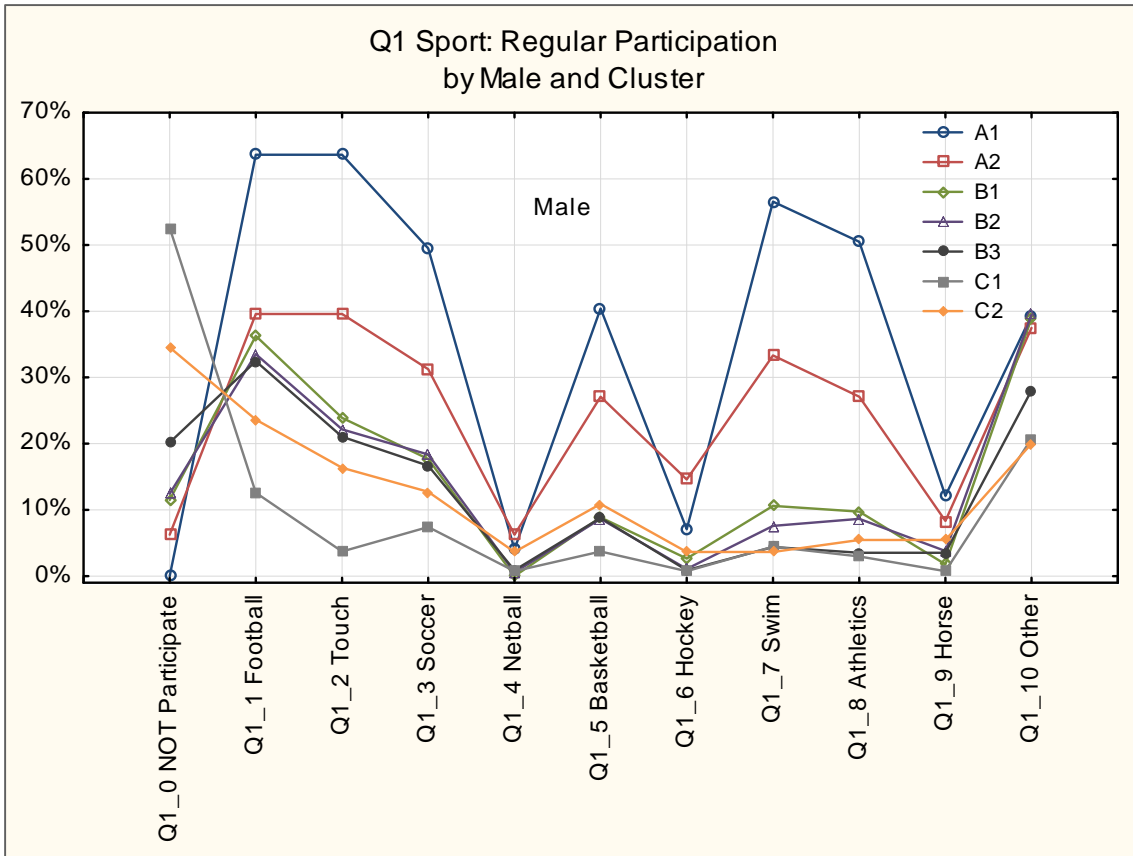
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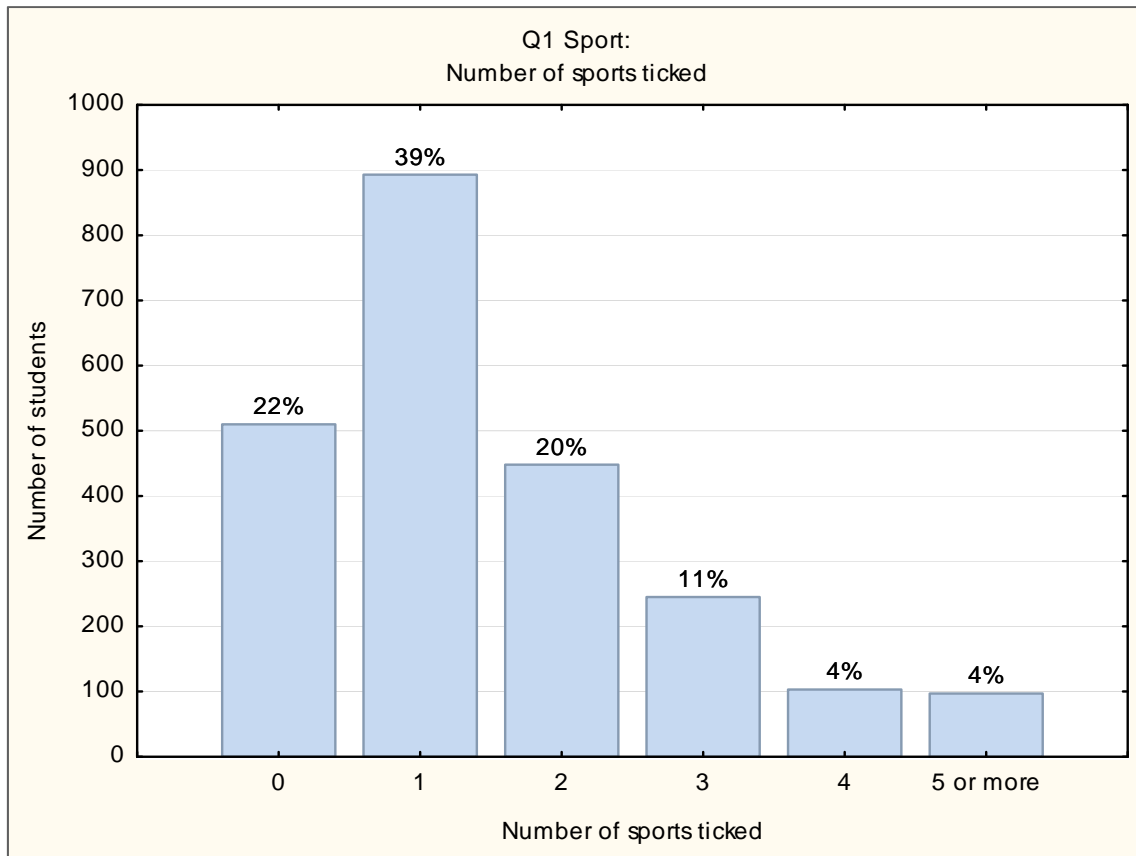


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## B. The findings: By survey question



Note: The chart above shows the total number of sports ticked in Question 1. So, for example 39% ticked one sport. 4% ticked 5 of more sports.

**Question 2**

**2. This year which of the following activities have you regularly participated in?** MD=3.4%

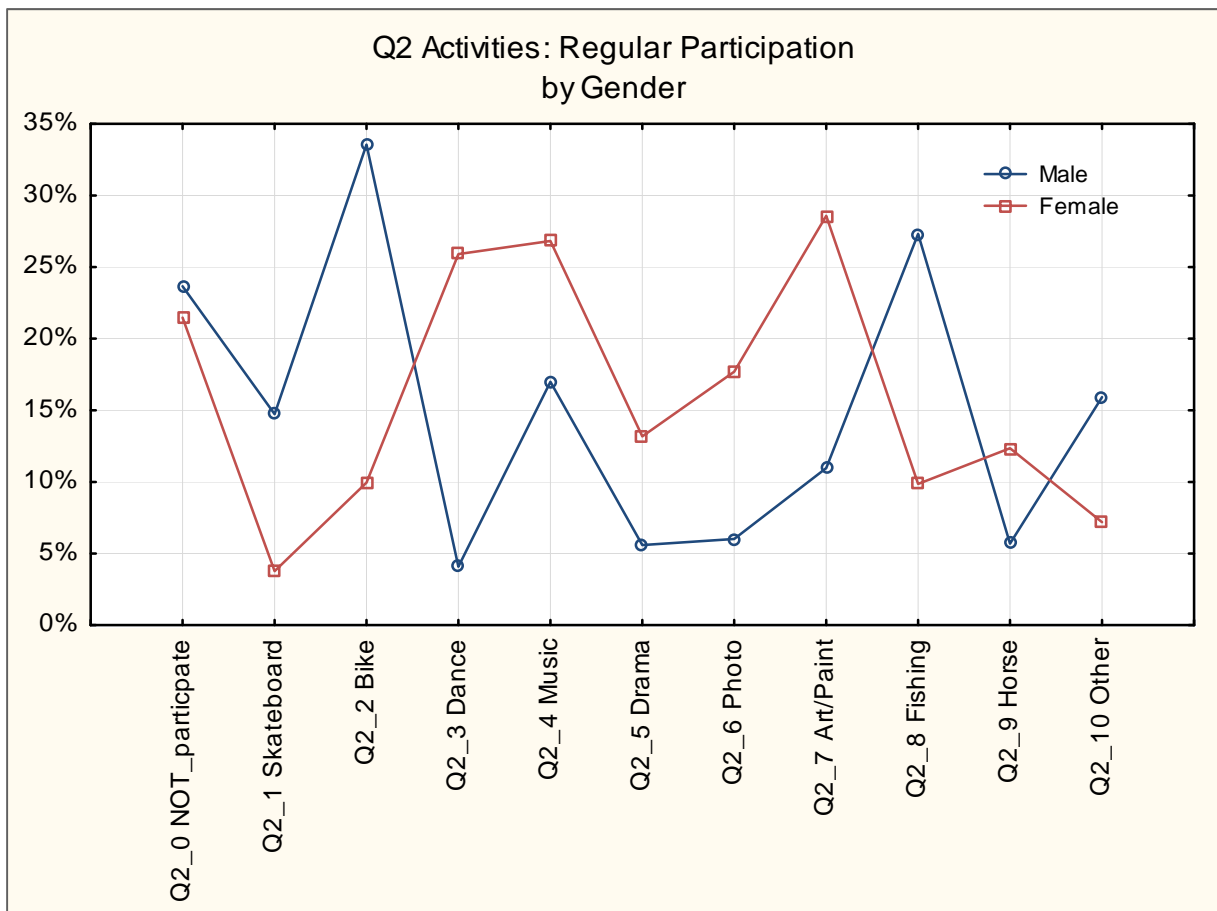
22% ○0 Not applicable: I do NOT regularly participate in any of these activities

10% □1 Skate boarding 22% □2 Bike riding 16% □3 Dance 22% □4 Music 10% □5 Drama  
 12% □6 Photography 21% □7 Art/painting 19% □8 Fishing 9% □9 Horse related  
 12% □10 Other regular activity, specify .....

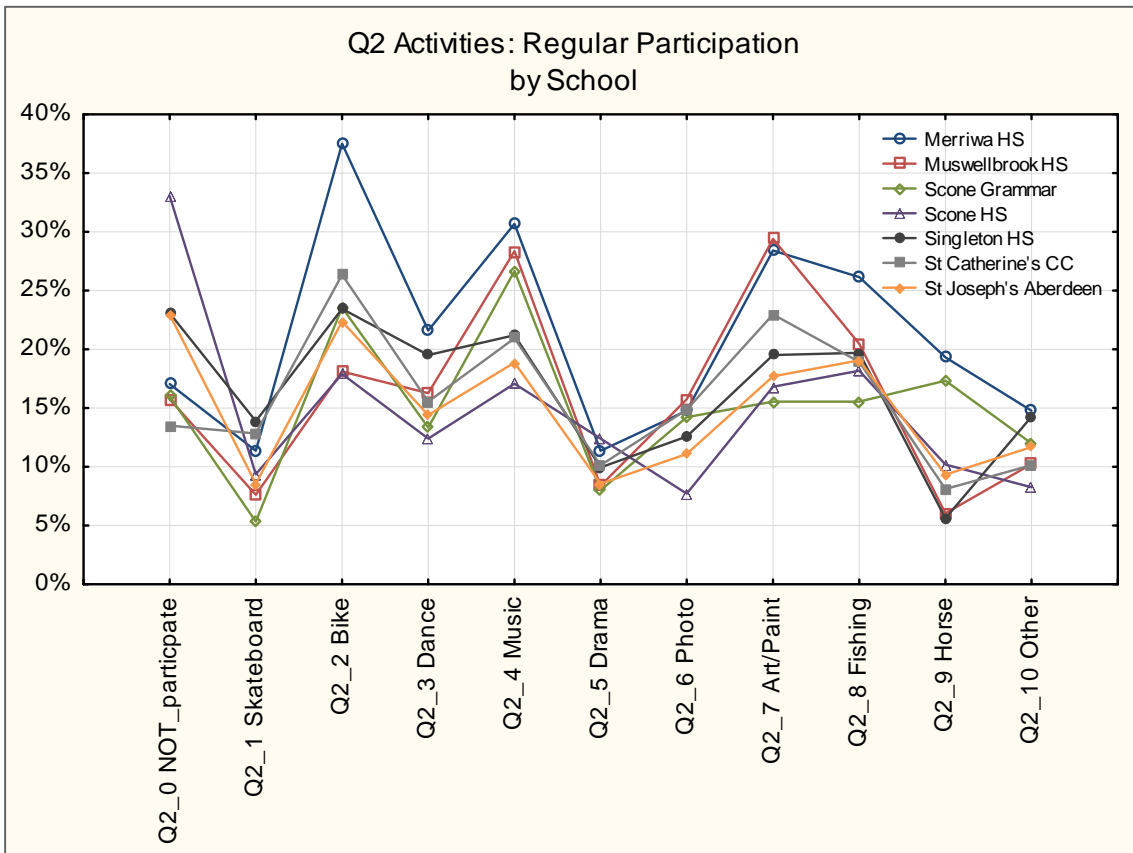
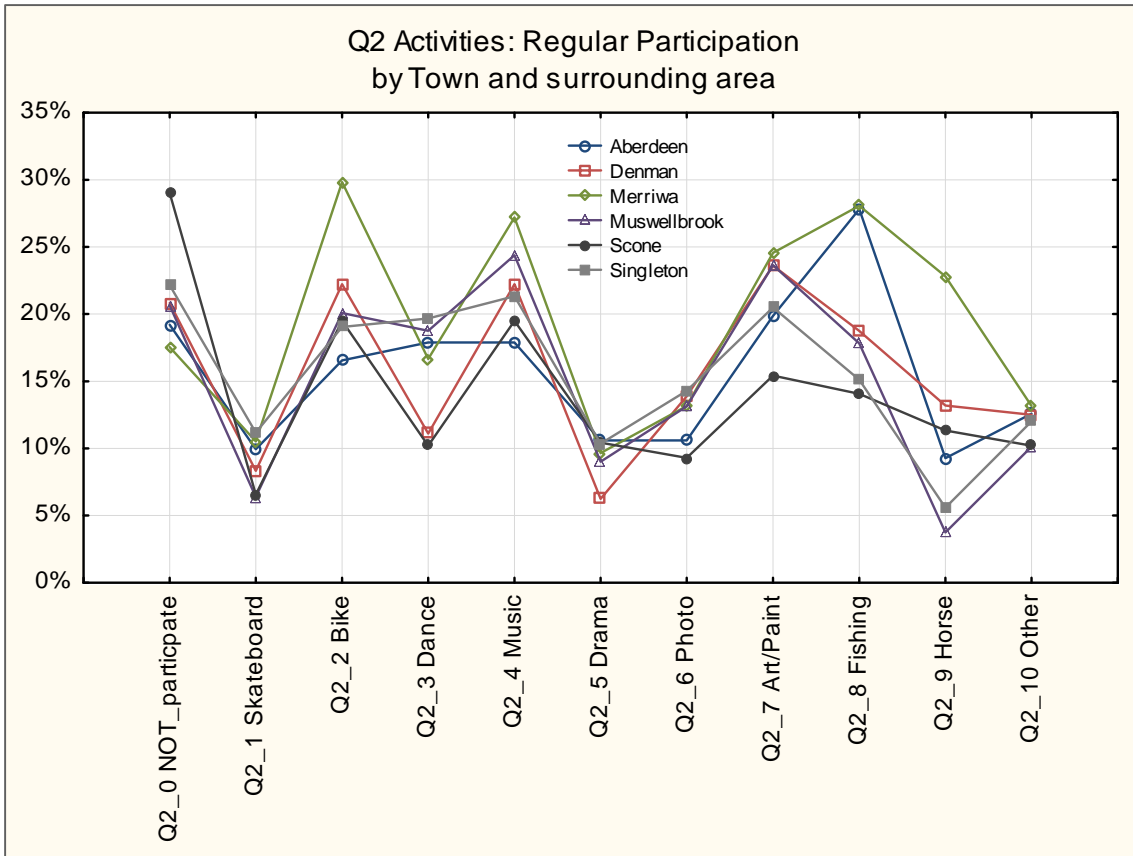
Note: MD = Missing data

From highest to lowest for those who do regularly participate in activities:

- 22% □4 Music
- 22% □2 Bike riding
- 21% □7 Art/painting
- 19% □8 Fishing
- 16% □3 Dance
- 12% □6 Photography
- 12% □10 Other regular activity, specify .....
- 10% □5 Drama
- 10% □1 Skate boarding
- 9% □9 Horse related

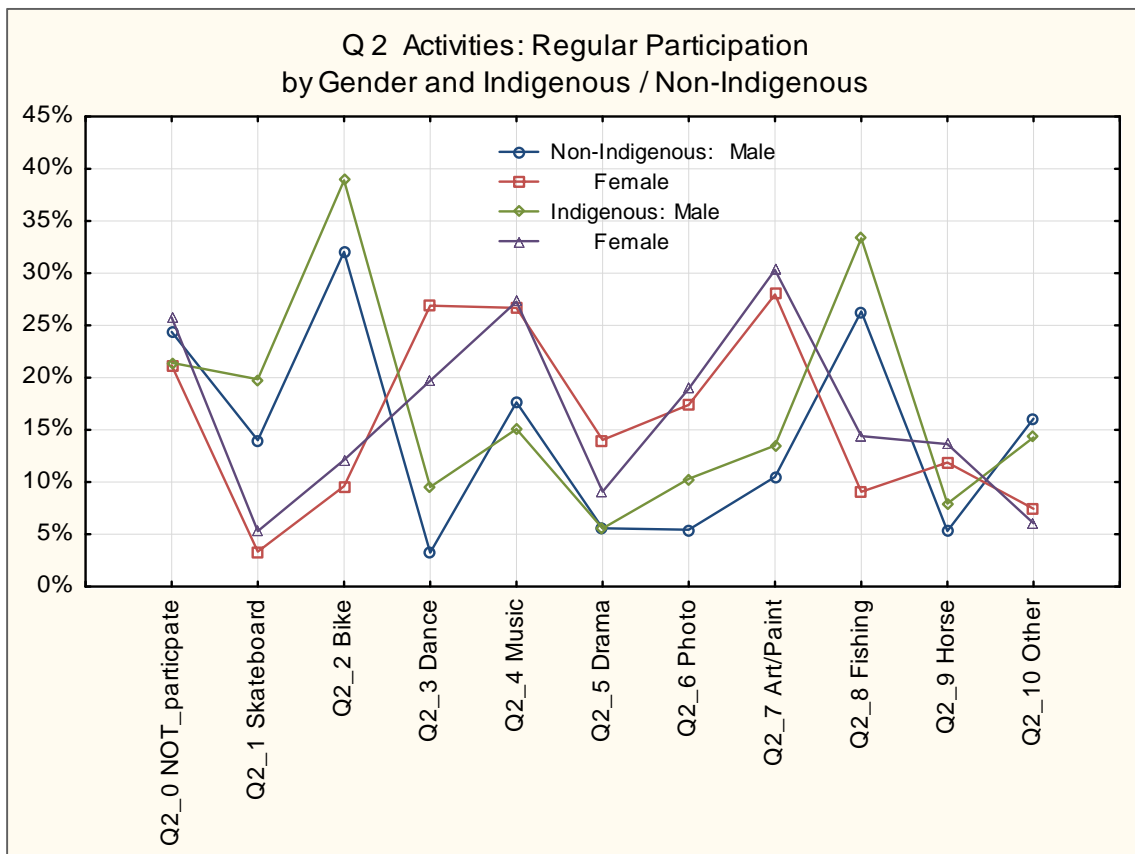
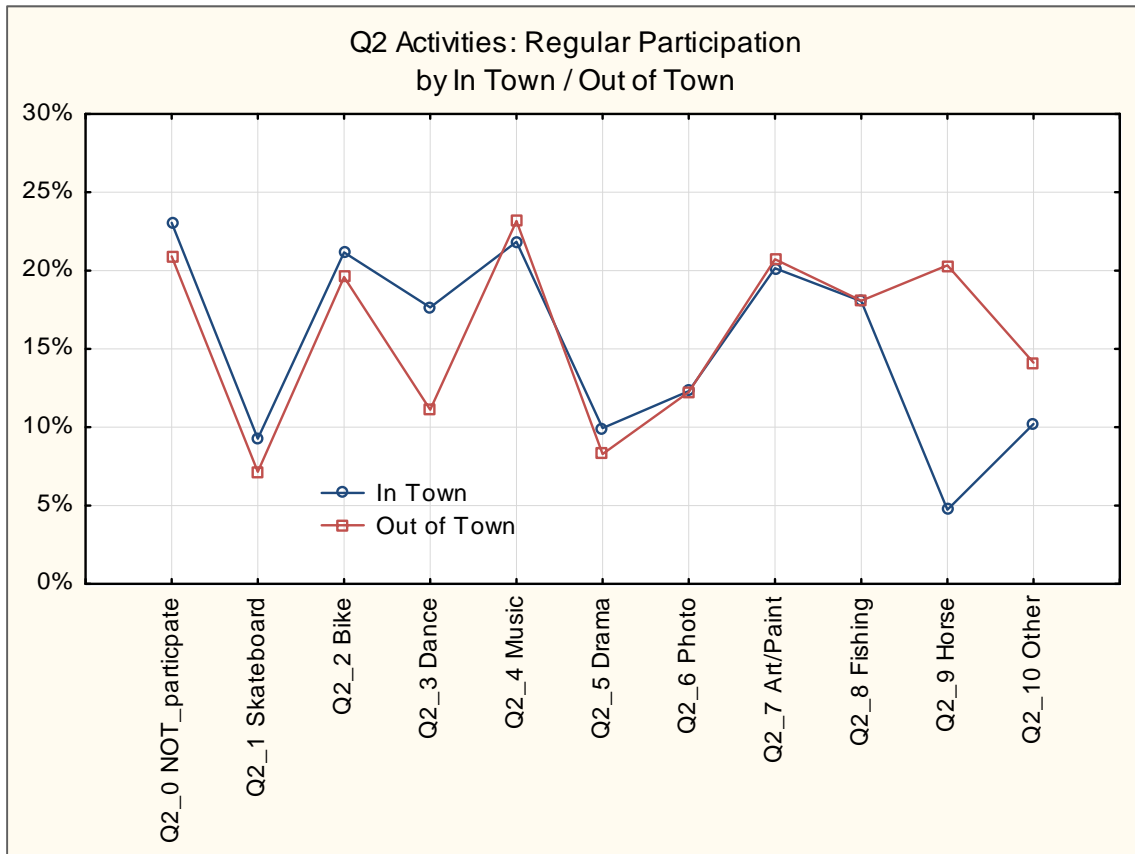


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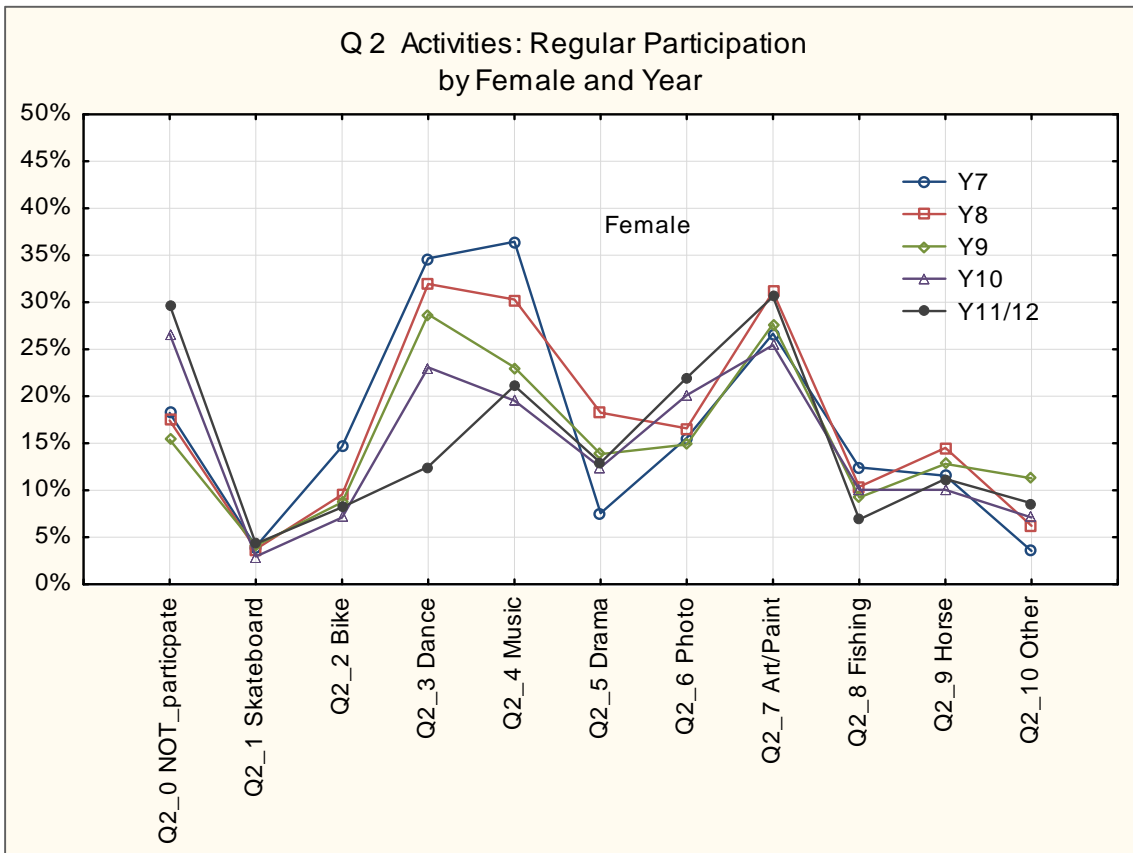
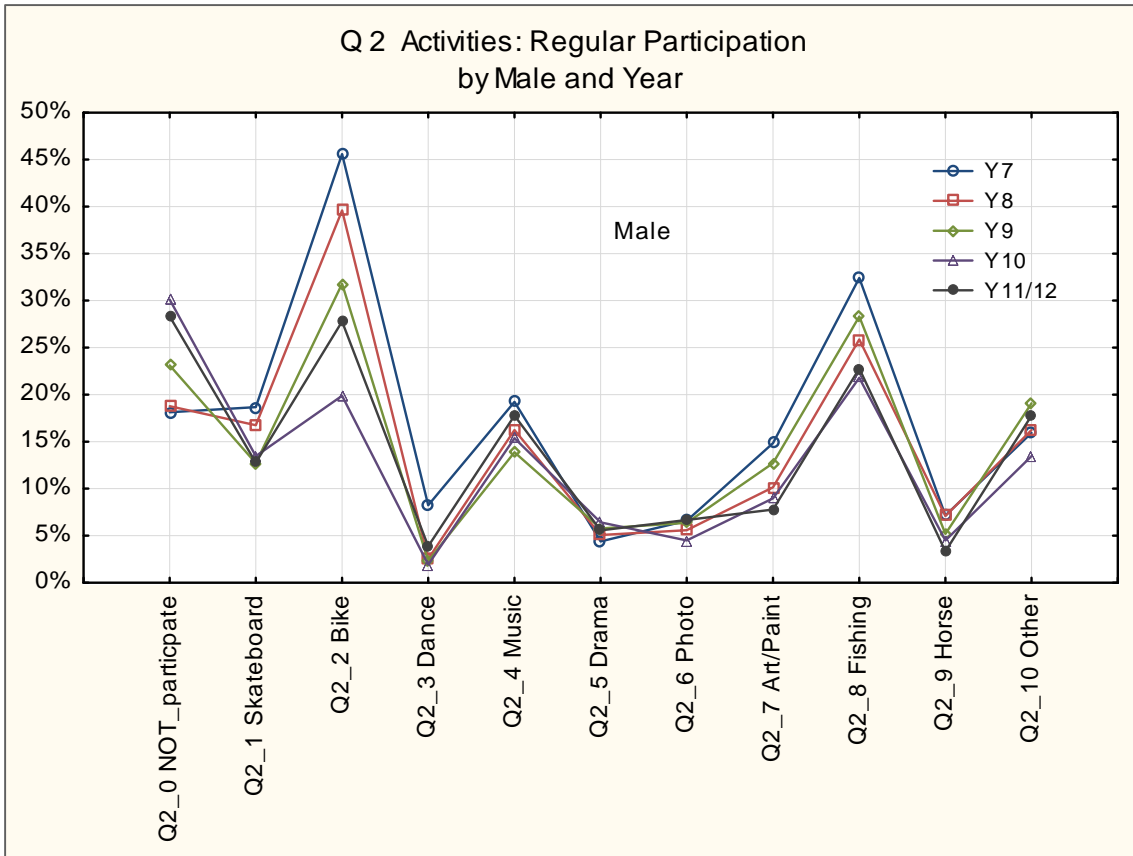


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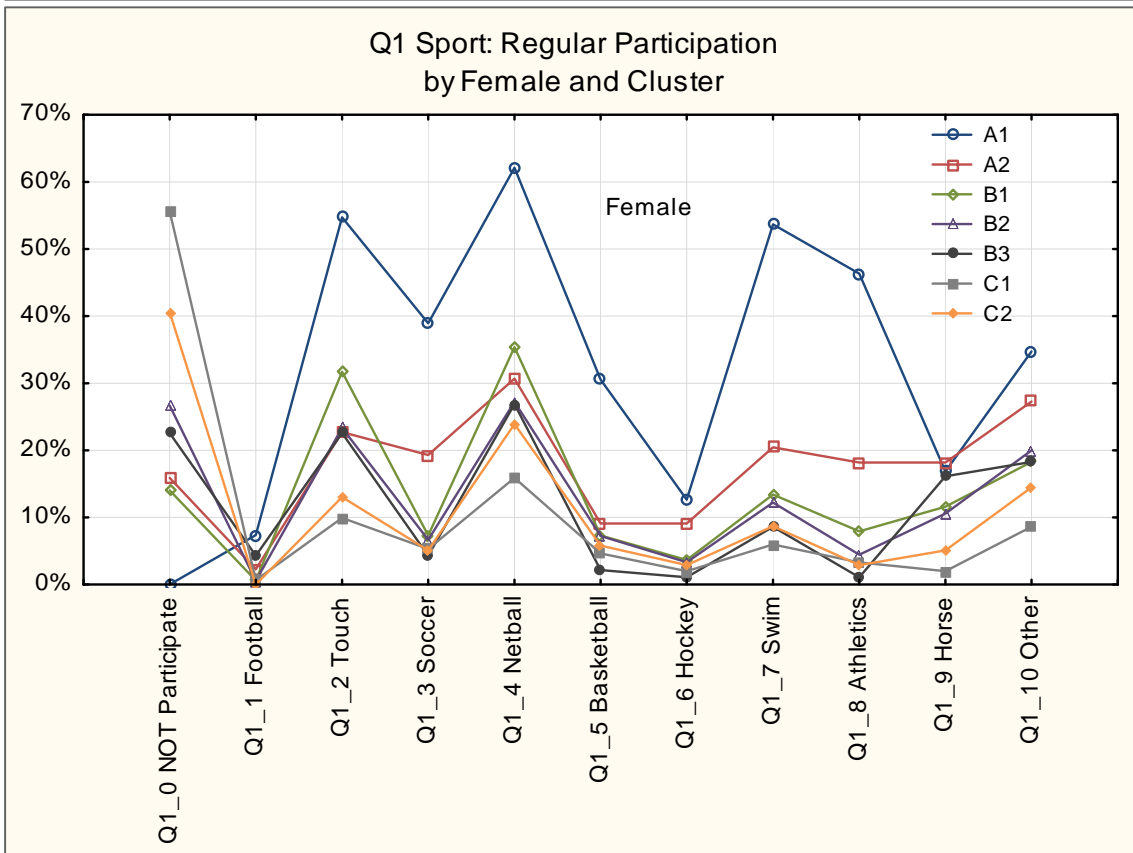
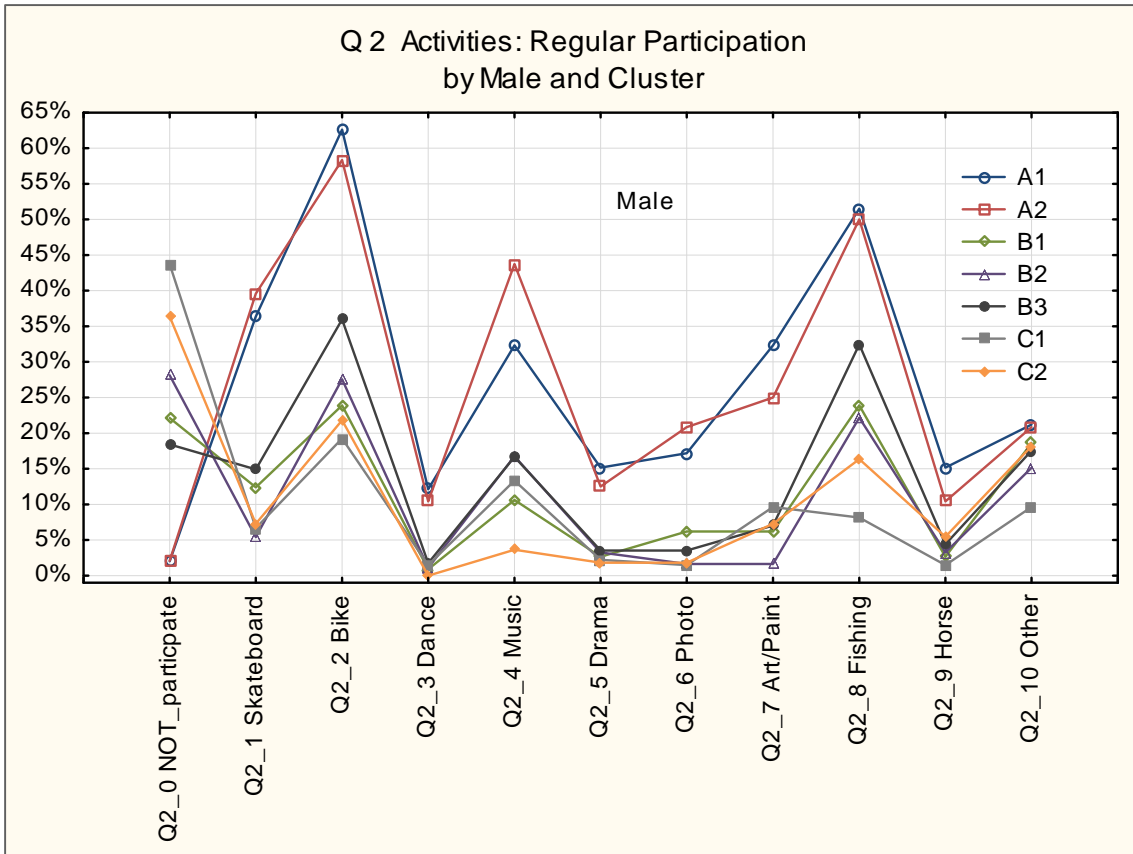
Note: The variable *InTown/Out of Town* in the chart below is based on the responses to Q14.



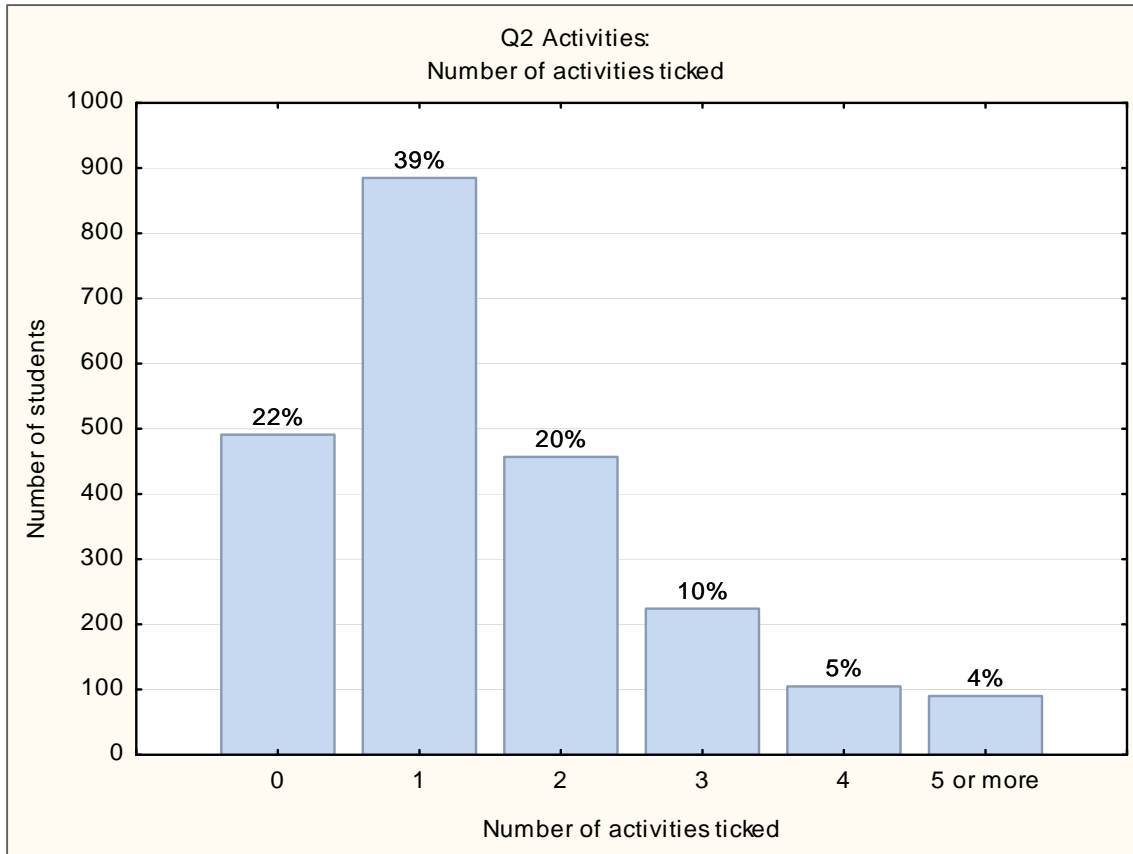
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Note: The chart above shows the total number of activities ticked in Question 2. So, for example 39% ticked one activity. 4% ticked 5 of more activities.

**Question 3**

**3. This year have you been to any of the following?** Missing Data = 0.5%

<b>Cinema:</b>	No	Once	Occasionally	Often
a) Singleton	18% <input type="radio"/> 0	17% <input type="radio"/> 1	37% <input type="radio"/> 2	28% <input type="radio"/> 3
b) Newcastle	64% <input type="radio"/> 0	17% <input type="radio"/> 1	12% <input type="radio"/> 2	7% <input type="radio"/> 3
c) Tamworth	83% <input type="radio"/> 0	9% <input type="radio"/> 1	4% <input type="radio"/> 2	3% <input type="radio"/> 3
<b>Indoor Sports Centre:</b>				
d) Muswellbrook	75% <input type="radio"/> 0	10% <input type="radio"/> 1	7% <input type="radio"/> 2	8% <input type="radio"/> 3
e) Scone	86% <input type="radio"/> 0	5% <input type="radio"/> 1	4% <input type="radio"/> 2	4% <input type="radio"/> 3
<b>Skate parks:</b>				
f) Merriwa	94% <input type="radio"/> 0	3% <input type="radio"/> 1	3% <input type="radio"/> 2	2% <input type="radio"/> 3
g) Scone	88% <input type="radio"/> 0	5% <input type="radio"/> 1	3% <input type="radio"/> 2	3% <input type="radio"/> 3
h) Muswellbrook	81% <input type="radio"/> 0	9% <input type="radio"/> 1	5% <input type="radio"/> 2	5% <input type="radio"/> 3
i) Singleton	81% <input type="radio"/> 0	7% <input type="radio"/> 1	7% <input type="radio"/> 2	5% <input type="radio"/> 3
j) Newcastle	91% <input type="radio"/> 0	4% <input type="radio"/> 1	2% <input type="radio"/> 2	3% <input type="radio"/> 3

Note: The percentages in the table above are percentages of the total respondents across the Upper Hunter. The tables below show percentages for respondents by Town and surrounding area. These tables below will be more useful in exploring the usage of particular cinemas, skate parts, etc.

<b>Town and surrounding area</b>	<b>Q3a Cinema Singleton</b>				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	25%	22%	38%	15%	8%
Denman	18%	20%	41%	20%	7%
Merriwa	31%	20%	32%	17%	6%
Muswellbrook	13%	21%	38%	28%	28%
Scone	32%	23%	31%	14%	23%
Singleton	5%	6%	43%	46%	27%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Town and surrounding area</b>	<b>Q3b Cinema Newcastle</b>				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	69%	17%	8%	6%	8%
Denman	64%	20%	10%	6%	7%
Merriwa	68%	12%	16%	4%	6%
Muswellbrook	54%	18%	17%	11%	28%
Scone	70%	14%	10%	6%	23%
Singleton	70%	17%	9%	4%	27%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>100%</b>



## B. The findings: By survey question

Town and surrounding area	Q3c Cinema Tamworth				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	82%	12%	5%	1%	8%
Denman	94%	5%	1%	1%	7%
Merriwa	77%	13%	8%	3%	6%
Muswellbrook	83%	9%	4%	3%	28%
Scone	75%	14%	6%	5%	23%
Singleton	94%	4%	1%	0%	27%
Totals	85%	9%	4%	2%	100%

Town and surrounding area	Q3d Indoor Sports Centre Muswellbrook				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	74%	10%	9%	7%	8%
Denman	57%	17%	11%	15%	7%
Merriwa	81%	9%	6%	4%	6%
Muswellbrook	52%	15%	14%	19%	28%
Scone	87%	5%	3%	5%	23%
Singleton	91%	6%	2%	1%	27%
Totals	74%	10%	7%	9%	100%

Town and surrounding area	Q3e Indoor Sports Centre Scone				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	78%	6%	10%	6%	8%
Denman	92%	4%	1%	2%	7%
Merriwa	87%	0%	10%	3%	6%
Muswellbrook	92%	3%	3%	2%	28%
Scone	66%	13%	11%	10%	23%
Singleton	96%	2%	2%	0%	27%
Totals	86%	5%	6%	4%	100%

Town and surrounding area	3f Skate Park Merriwa				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	97%	3%	0%	0%	8%
Denman	92%	6%	1%	1%	7%
Merriwa	49%	13%	18%	20%	6%
Muswellbrook	97%	1%	1%	1%	28%
Scone	98%	1%	0%	1%	23%
Singleton	97%	2%	1%	0%	27%
Totals	94%	3%	2%	2%	100%

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Town and surrounding area	3g Skate Park Scone				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	85%	8%	5%	3%	8%
Denman	93%	4%	3%	0%	7%
Merriwa	89%	5%	3%	3%	6%
Muswellbrook	94%	3%	1%	2%	28%
Scone	73%	10%	9%	9%	23%
Singleton	97%	3%	0%	0%	27%
Totals	89%	5%	3%	3%	100%

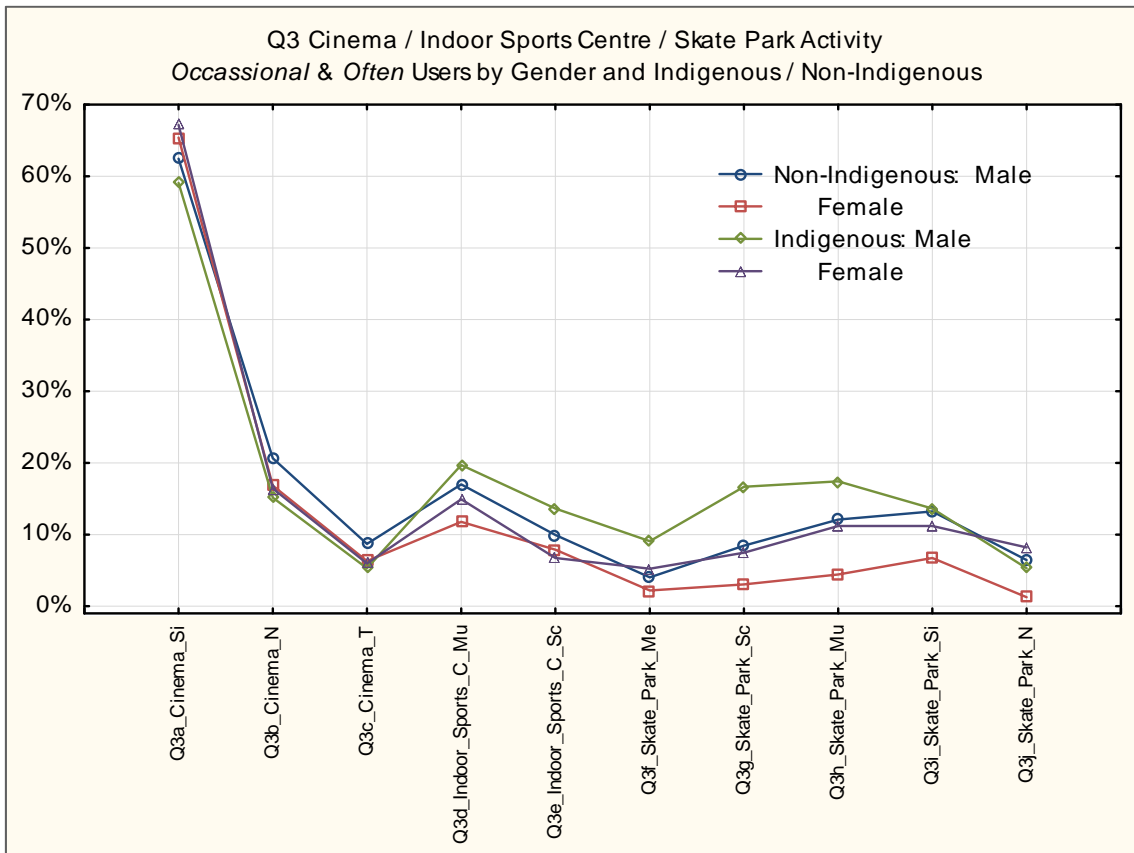
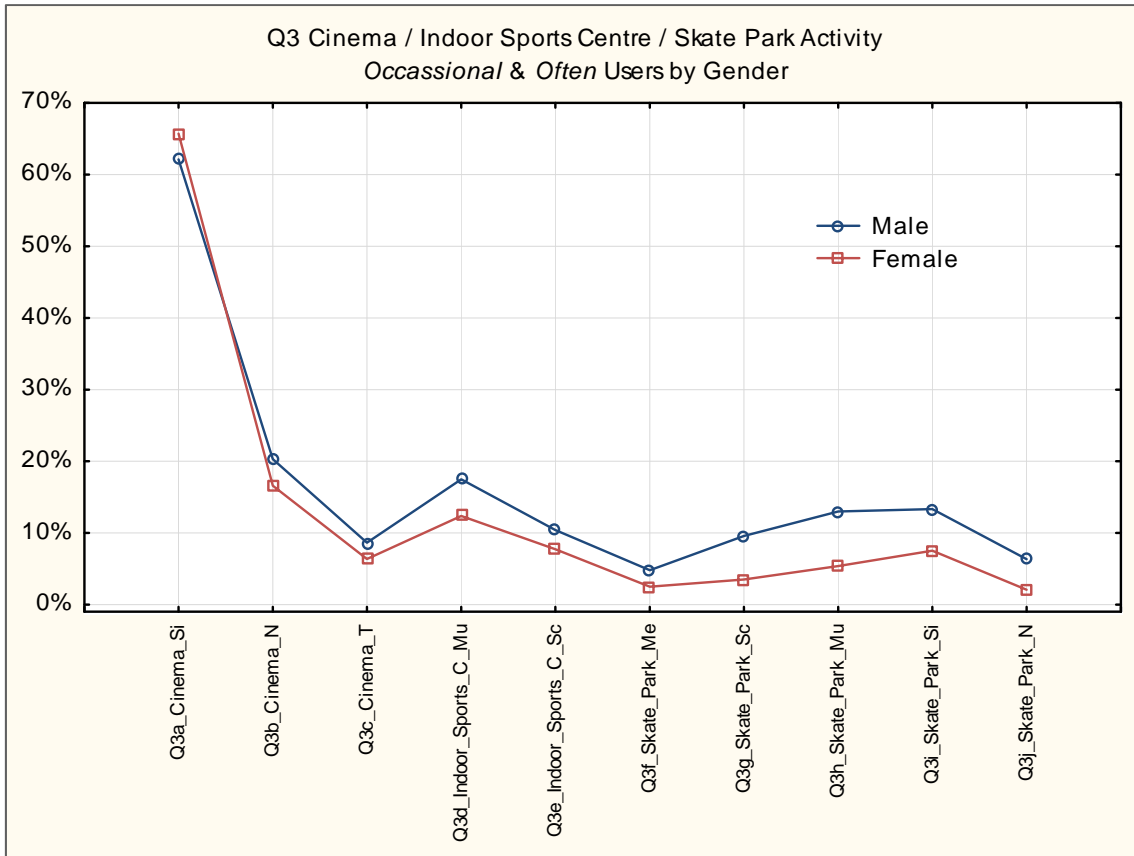
Town and surrounding area	3h Skate Park Muswellbrook				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	73%	17%	5%	5%	8%
Denman	80%	9%	3%	7%	7%
Merriwa	83%	8%	6%	3%	6%
Muswellbrook	66%	16%	10%	8%	28%
Scone	90%	5%	3%	3%	23%
Singleton	94%	4%	1%	0%	27%
Totals	82%	9%	5%	4%	100%

Town and surrounding area	3i Skate Park Singleton				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	95%	3%	1%	1%	8%
Denman	94%	2%	3%	1%	7%
Merriwa	93%	3%	2%	3%	6%
Muswellbrook	92%	3%	2%	2%	28%
Scone	96%	1%	1%	1%	23%
Singleton	53%	19%	17%	11%	27%
Totals	83%	7%	6%	4%	100%

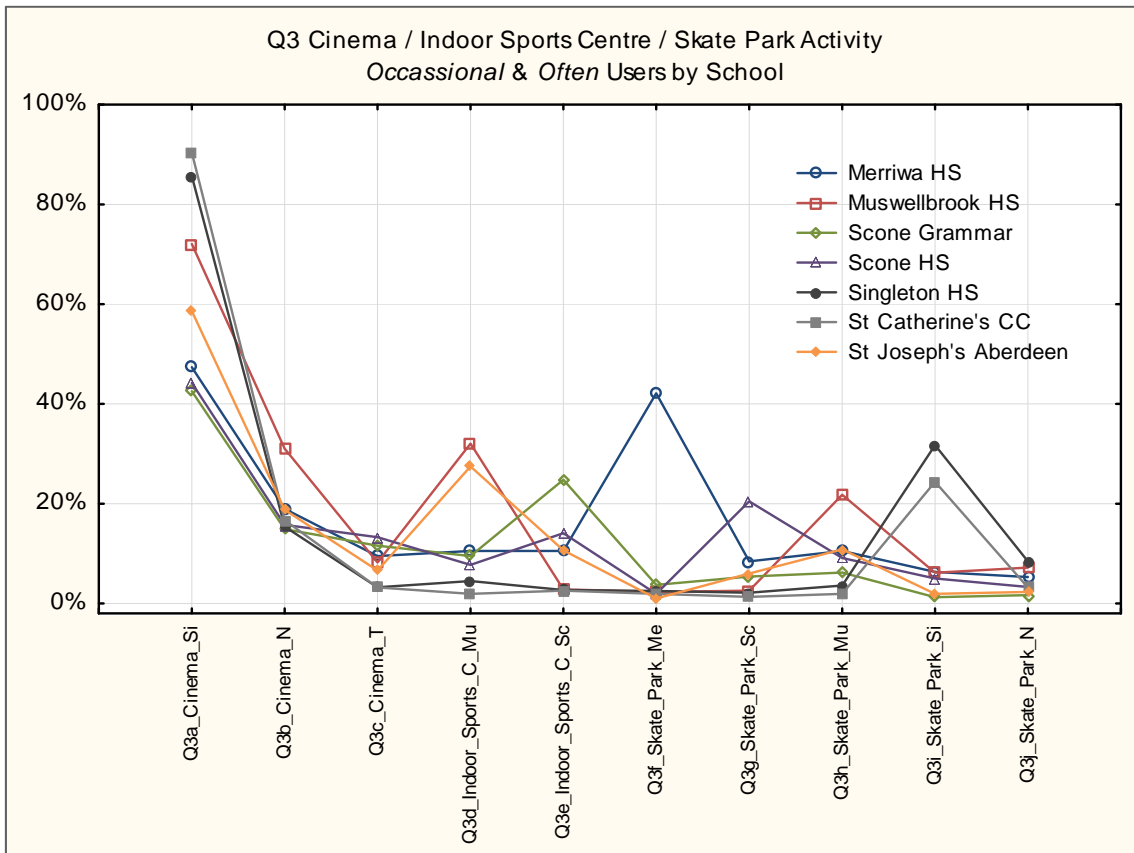
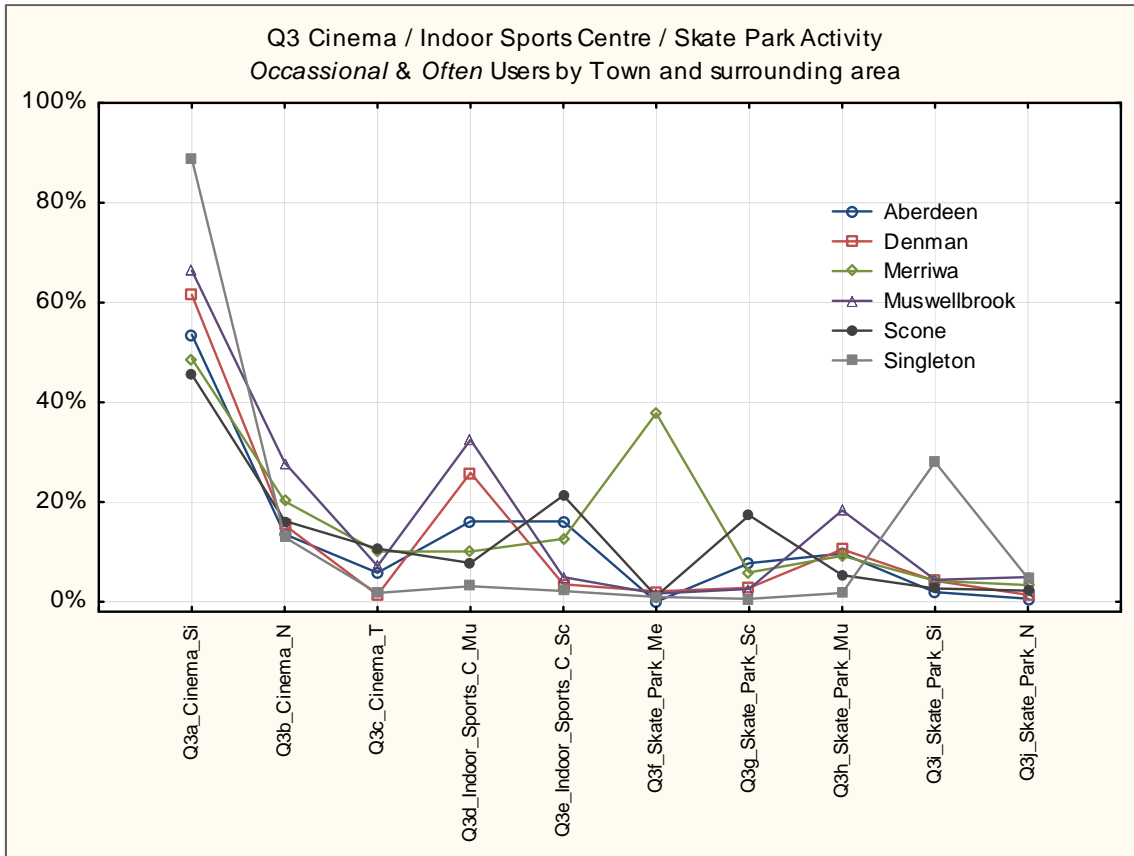
Town and surrounding area	3j Skate Park Newcastle				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	95%	4%	1%	0%	8%
Denman	94%	5%	0%	1%	7%
Merriwa	92%	5%	3%	1%	6%
Muswellbrook	92%	3%	3%	2%	28%
Scone	97%	1%	1%	2%	23%
Singleton	88%	7%	2%	2%	27%
Totals	93%	4%	2%	2%	100%

Note: In the charts below the percentages are the percentages of *Occasional & Often* users of all the respondents, i.e. from the whole of the Upper Hunter. They are useful for seeing differences by Gender, Town, Year etc. The tables above are more useful for reviewing usage of a particular skate park, etc.

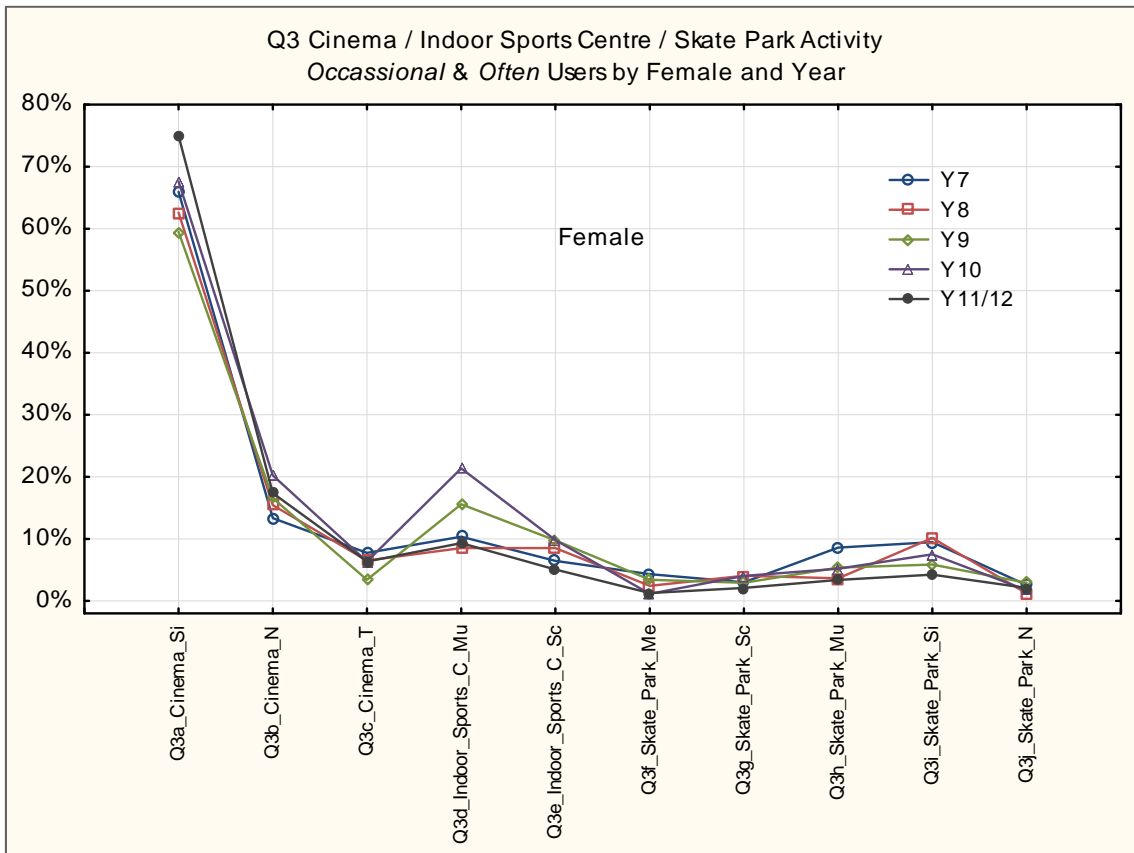
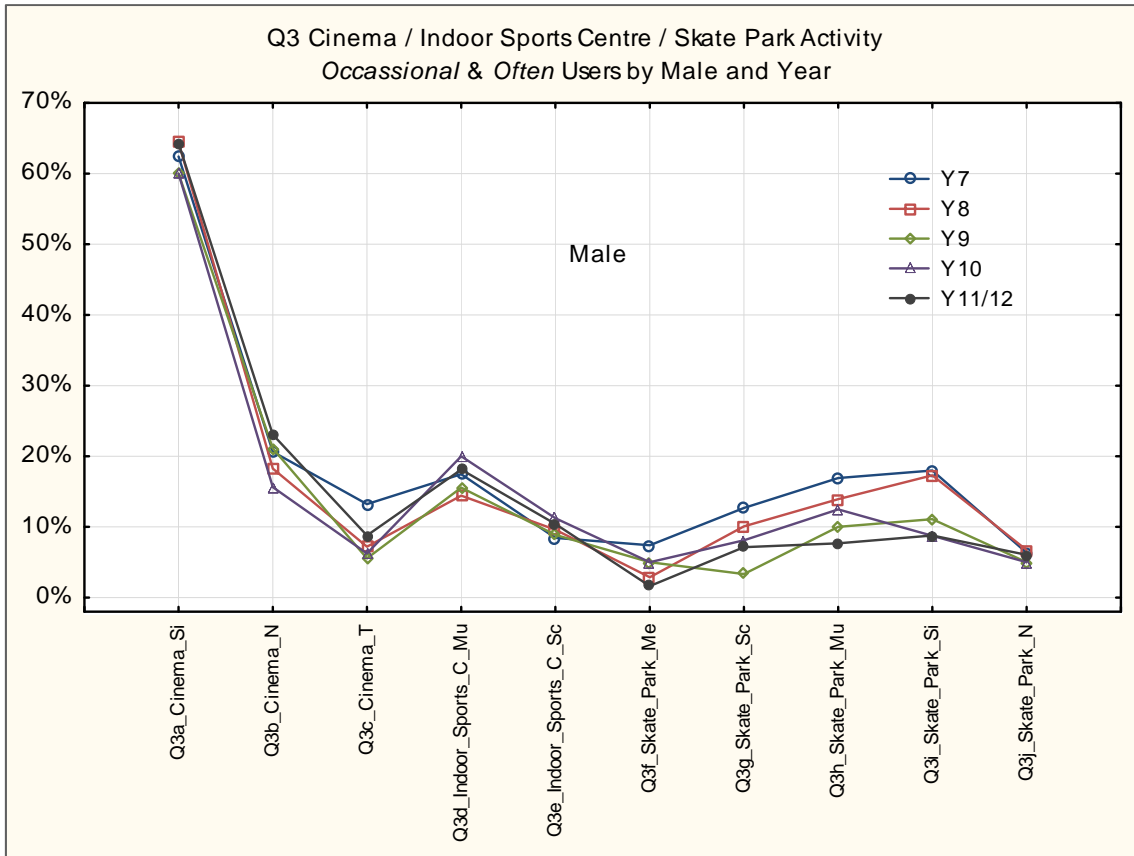
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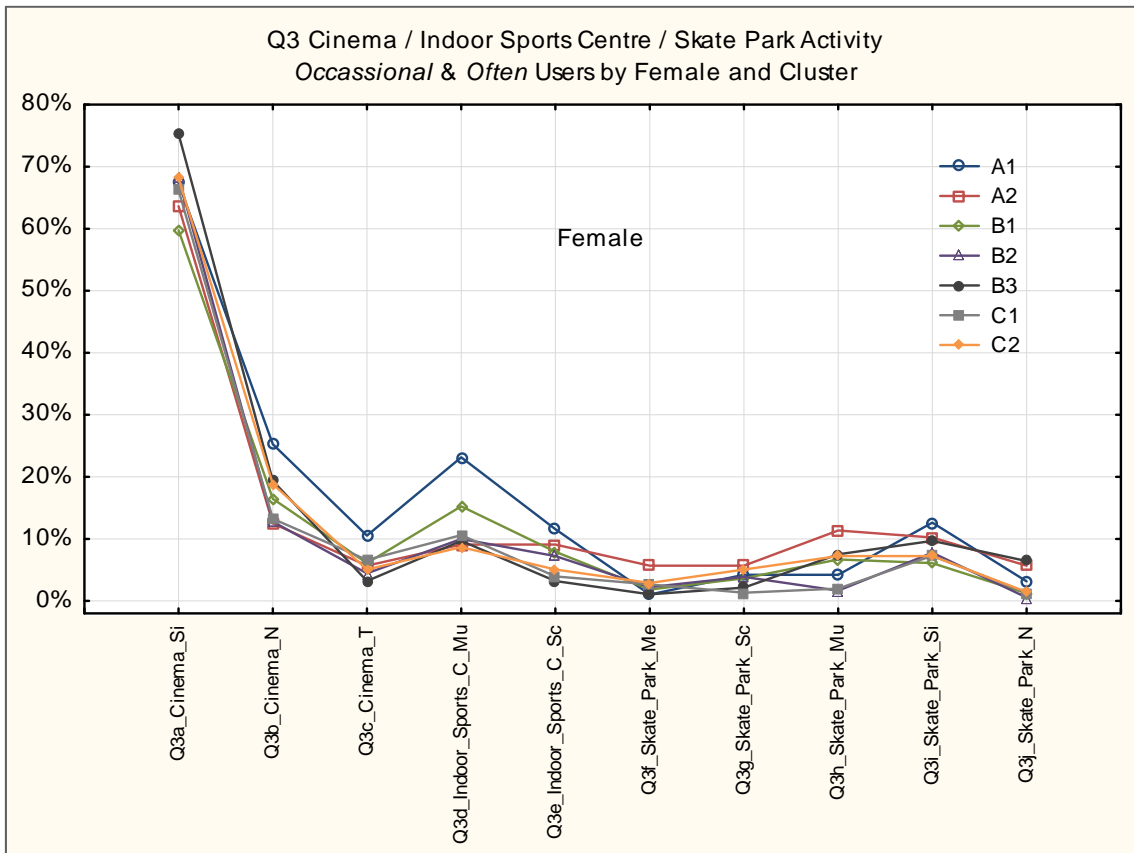
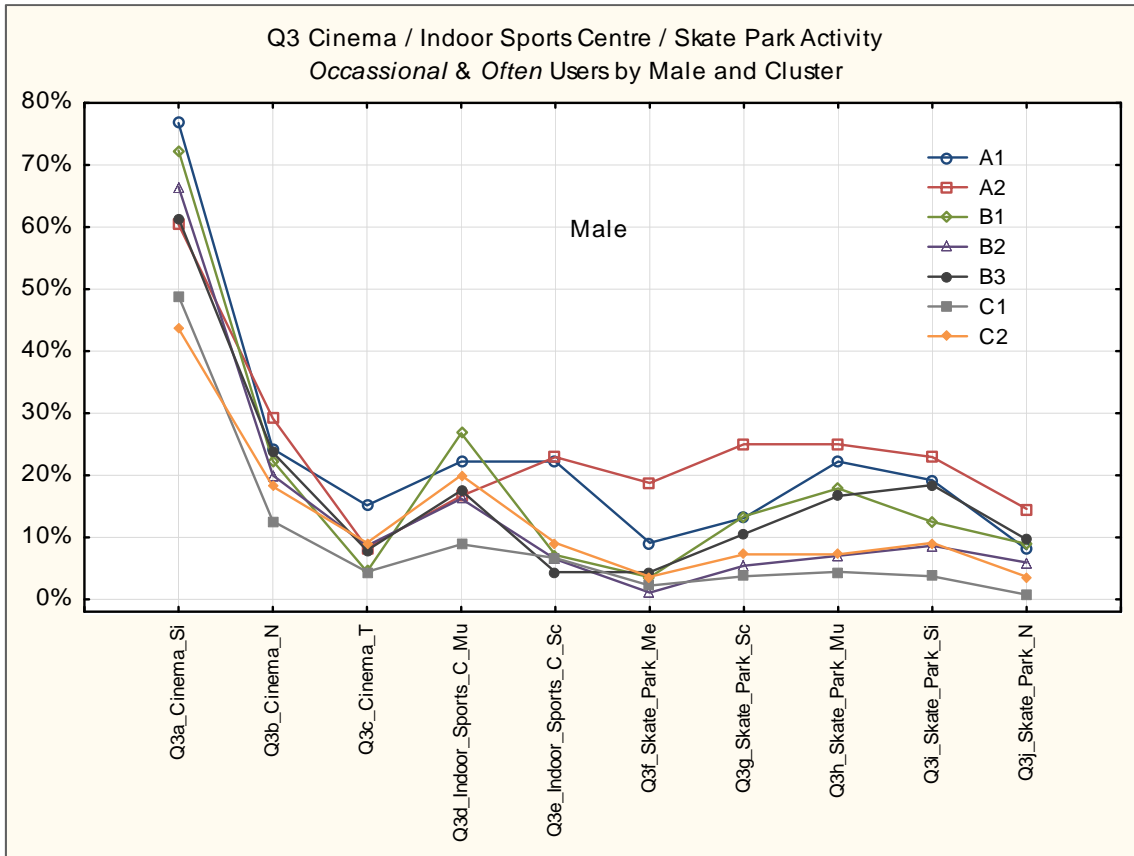
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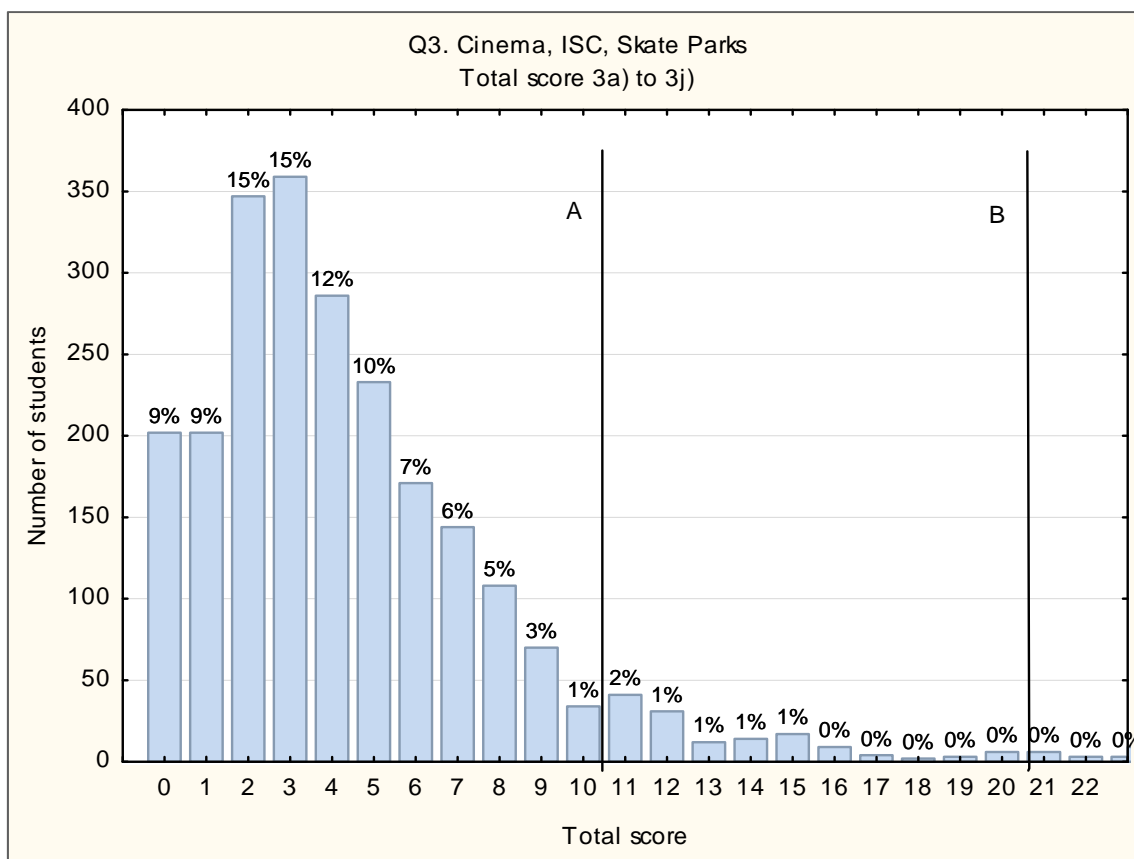
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The total score for Q3 is generated by adding up the code numbers for all the responses to Questions 3 (i.e. No = 0, Once = 1, Occasionally = 2, often = 3) . If a young person ticked *No* to every item their total score would be 0 (i.e. 10 x 0). If a young person ticked *Often* to every item their total score would be 30 (i.e. 10x3).

The chart provides an overview of the total uses across all 10 cinemas + indoor sports centres + skate parks.

Notice that 48% score 3 and 44% less score 4 to 10 with the remaining 8% scoring 11 or more.

**Question 4**

4. This year have you been to any of the following Youth Centres?		Missing Data = 3.7%			
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	
a) Muswellbrook PCYC	81% <input type="radio"/> 0	7% <input type="radio"/> 1	6% <input type="radio"/> 2	6% <input type="radio"/> 3	
b) Muswellbrook Youth Centre	94% <input type="radio"/> 0	4% <input type="radio"/> 1	1% <input type="radio"/> 2	1% <input type="radio"/> 3	
c) Singleton Youth Venue	86% <input type="radio"/> 0	8% <input type="radio"/> 1	3% <input type="radio"/> 2	3% <input type="radio"/> 3	
d) Singleton PCYC	89% <input type="radio"/> 0	5% <input type="radio"/> 1	3% <input type="radio"/> 2	2% <input type="radio"/> 3	
e) Murrurundi Youth Centre	97% <input type="radio"/> 0	1% <input type="radio"/> 1	0.4% <input type="radio"/> 2	1% <input type="radio"/> 3	
f) Scone Youth Centre	95% <input type="radio"/> 0	3% <input type="radio"/> 1	1% <input type="radio"/> 2	2% <input type="radio"/> 3	
g) Merriwa Youth Centre	97% <input type="radio"/> 0	1% <input type="radio"/> 1	1% <input type="radio"/> 2	1% <input type="radio"/> 3	

The Youth Centres listed above are different from each other. See pages 62 and 63 for a description of each Centre.

Note: The percentages in the table above are percentages of the total respondents across the Upper Hunter. The tables below show percentages for respondents by Town and surrounding area.

Town and surrounding are	4a) Muswellbrook PCYC				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	76%	9%	7%	8%	8%
Denman	73%	12%	7%	7%	7%
Merriwa	95%	1%	2%	3%	6%
Muswellbrook	54%	14%	16%	16%	29%
Scone	92%	4%	2%	2%	23%
Singleton	99%	1%	0%	0%	27%
Totals	80%	7%	6%	7%	100%

Town and surrounding are	4b) Muswellbrook Youth Centre				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	93%	5%	1%	1%	8%
Denman	85%	9%	3%	3%	7%
Merriwa	99%	0%	1%	0%	6%
Muswellbrook	87%	8%	2%	3%	29%
Scone	99%	1%	0%	0%	23%
Singleton	99%	0%	0%	0%	27%
Totals	94%	4%	1%	1%	100%

Town and surrounding are	4c) Singleton Youth Venue				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	98%	1%	1%	1%	8%
Denman	97%	2%	1%	0%	7%
Merriwa	99%	0%	1%	0%	6%
Muswellbrook	97%	2%	0%	0%	29%
Scone	98%	2%	0%	0%	23%
Singleton	55%	27%	9%	9%	27%
Totals	86%	8%	3%	3%	100%



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Town and surrounding are	4d) Singleton PCYC				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	98%	1%	1%	0%	8%
Denman	96%	3%	1%	0%	7%
Merriwa	99%	0%	1%	0%	6%
Muswellbrook	97%	1%	1%	1%	29%
Scone	99%	1%	0%	0%	23%
Singleton	70%	15%	9%	6%	27%
Totals	90%	5%	3%	2%	100%

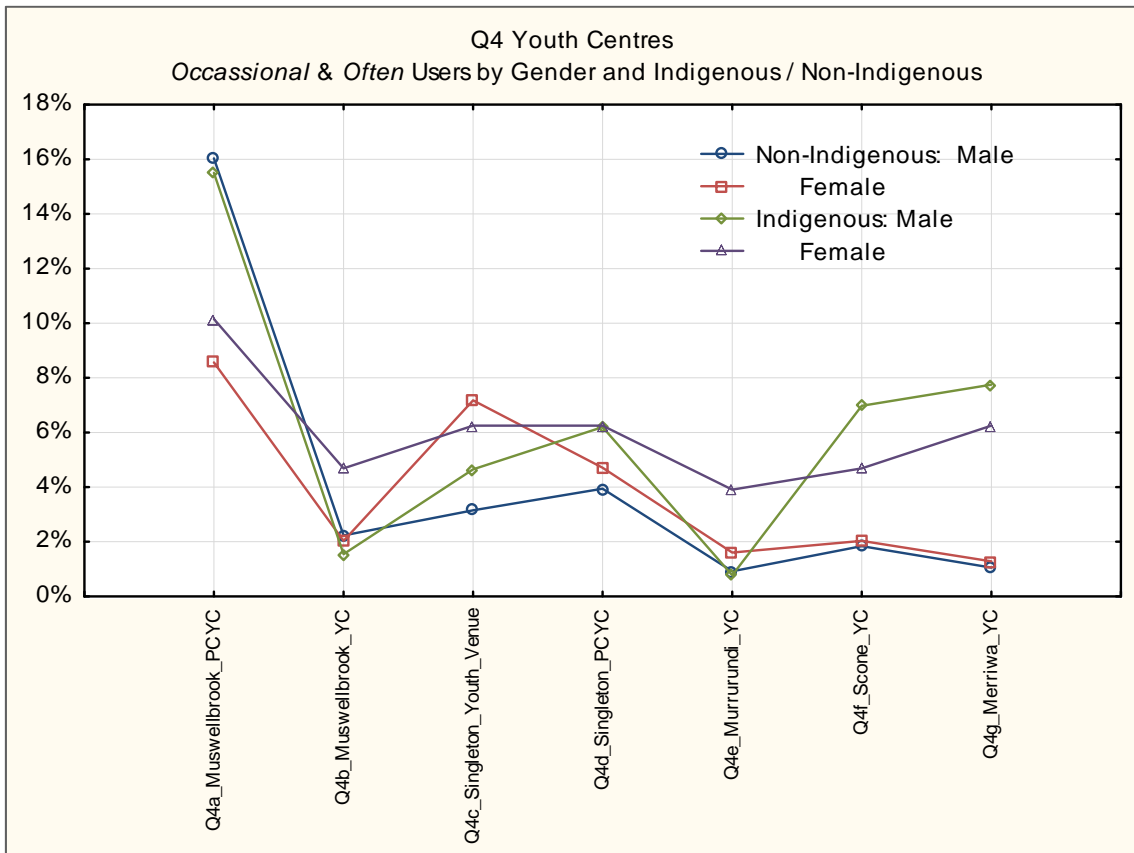
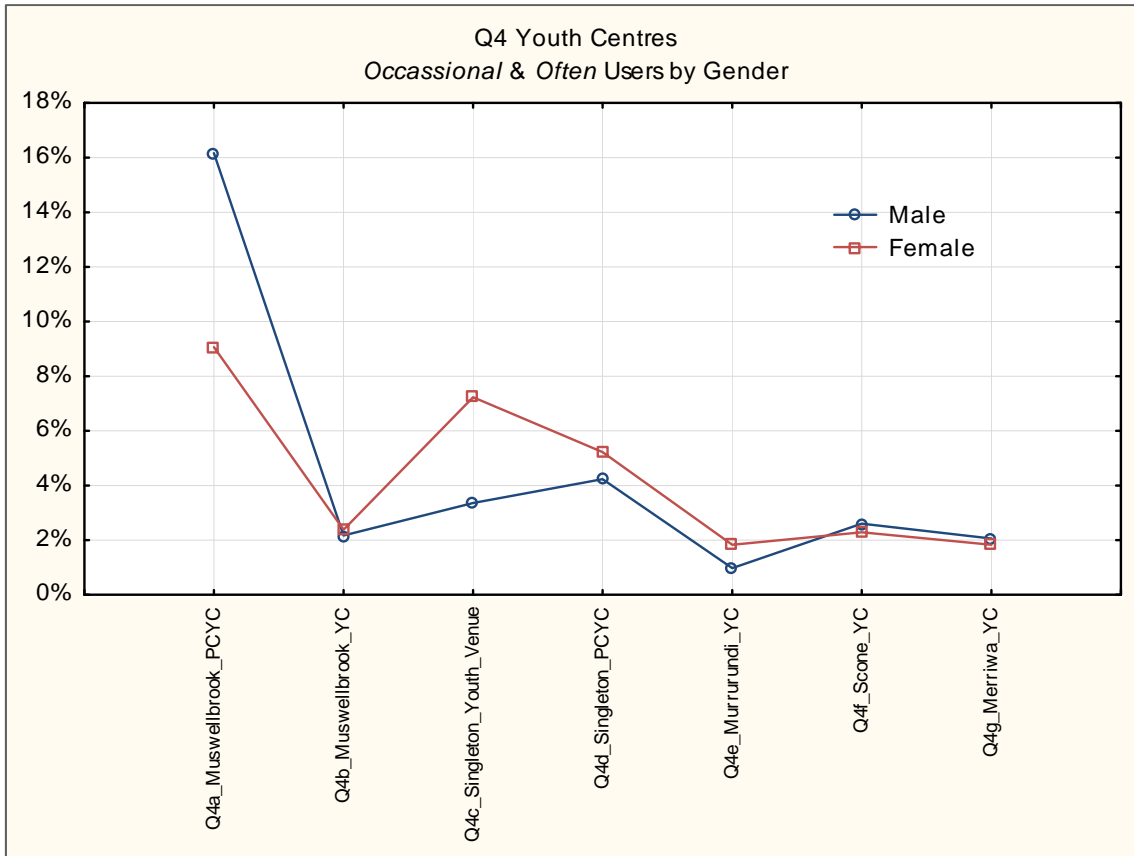
Town and surrounding are	4e) Murrurundi Youth Centre				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	96%	3%	0%	1%	8%
Denman	100%	0%	0%	0%	7%
Merriwa	98%	0%	2%	0%	6%
Muswellbrook	99%	1%	0%	0%	29%
Scone	98%	1%	0%	0%	23%
Singleton	99%	0%	1%	0%	27%
Totals	99%	1%	0%	0%	100%

Town and surrounding are	4f) Scone Youth Centre				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	93%	3%	3%	1%	8%
Denman	99%	1%	1%	0%	7%
Merriwa	96%	3%	1%	0%	6%
Muswellbrook	98%	2%	0%	0%	29%
Scone	86%	6%	3%	5%	23%
Singleton	99%	1%	0%	0%	27%
Totals	95%	3%	1%	1%	100%

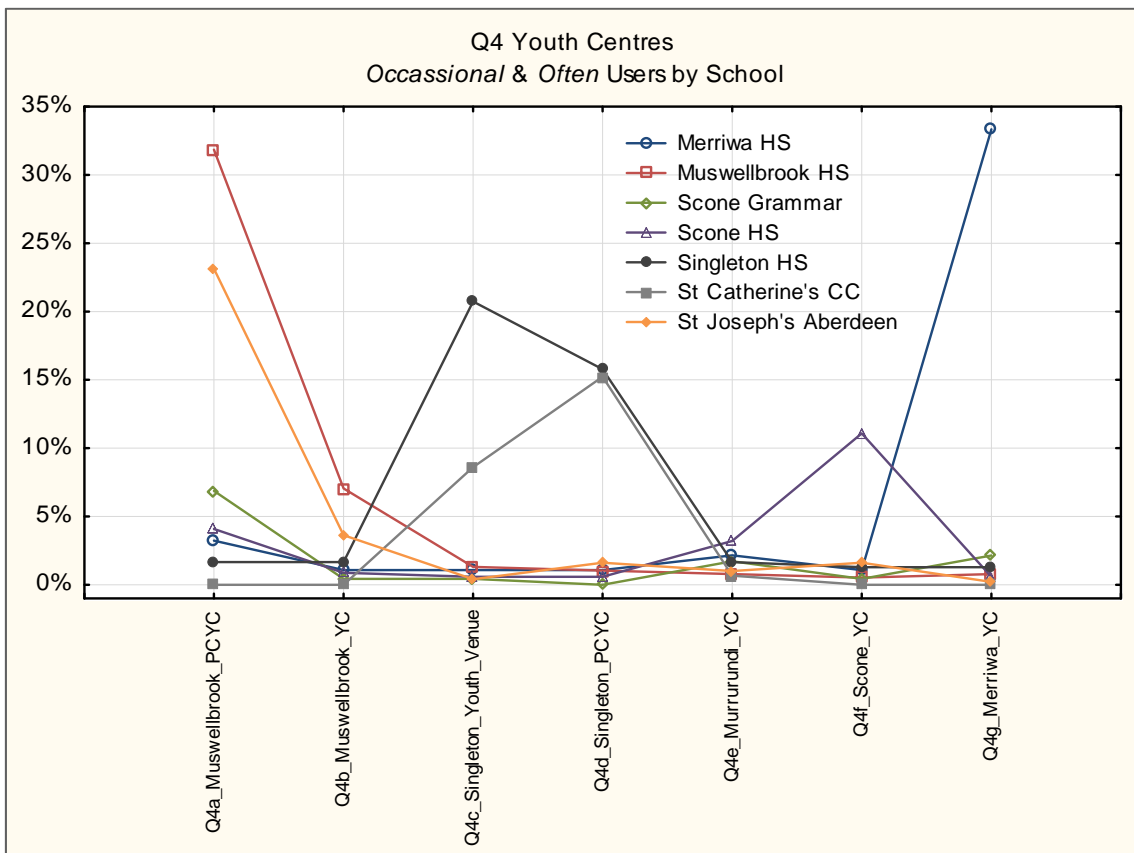
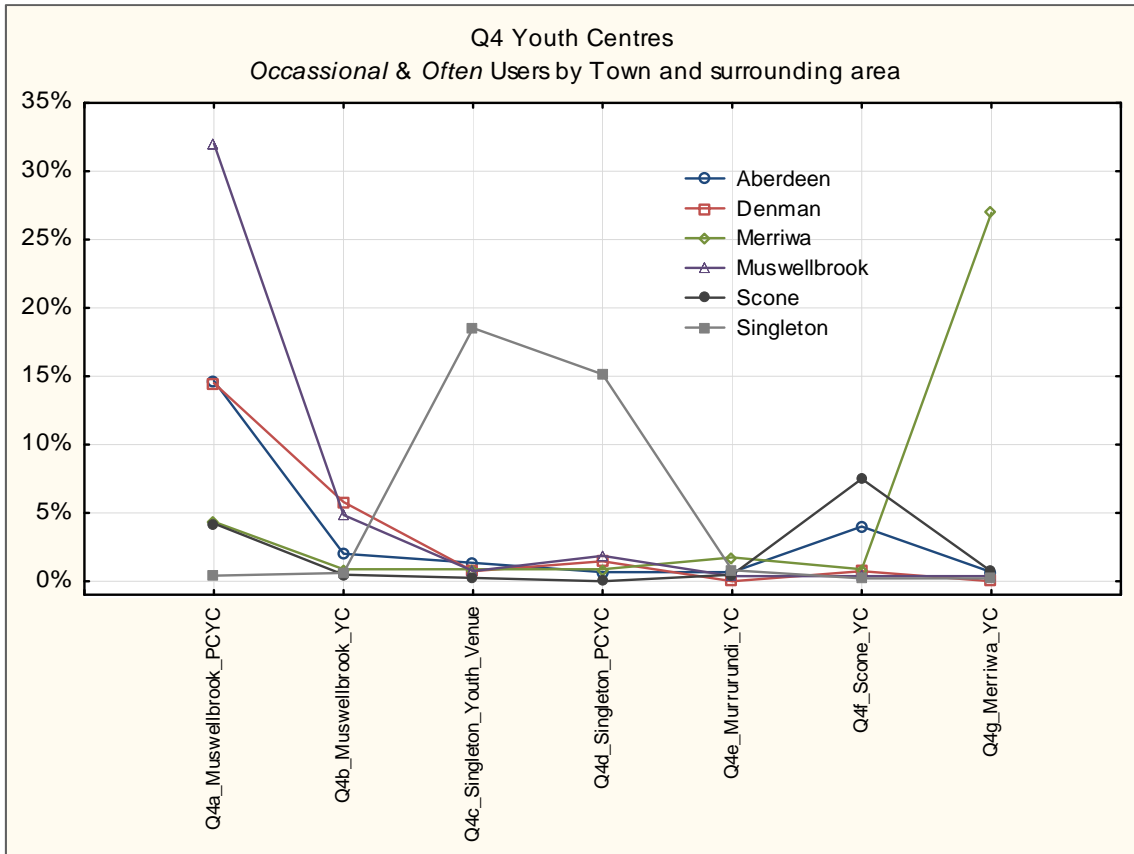
Town and surrounding are	4g) Merriwa Youth Centre				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often	Row Totals
Aberdeen	99%	1%	0%	1%	8%
Denman	97%	3%	0%	0%	7%
Merriwa	57%	16%	10%	17%	6%
Muswellbrook	100%	0%	0%	0%	29%
Scone	99%	0%	0%	0%	23%
Singleton	99%	0%	0%	0%	27%
Totals	97%	1%	1%	1%	100%

Note: In the charts below the percentages are the percentages of *Occasional* & *Often* users of all the respondents, i.e. from the whole of the Upper Hunter. They are useful for seeing differences by Gender, Town, Year etc. The tables above are more useful for reviewing usage of a particular youth centre, sporting venue, etc .

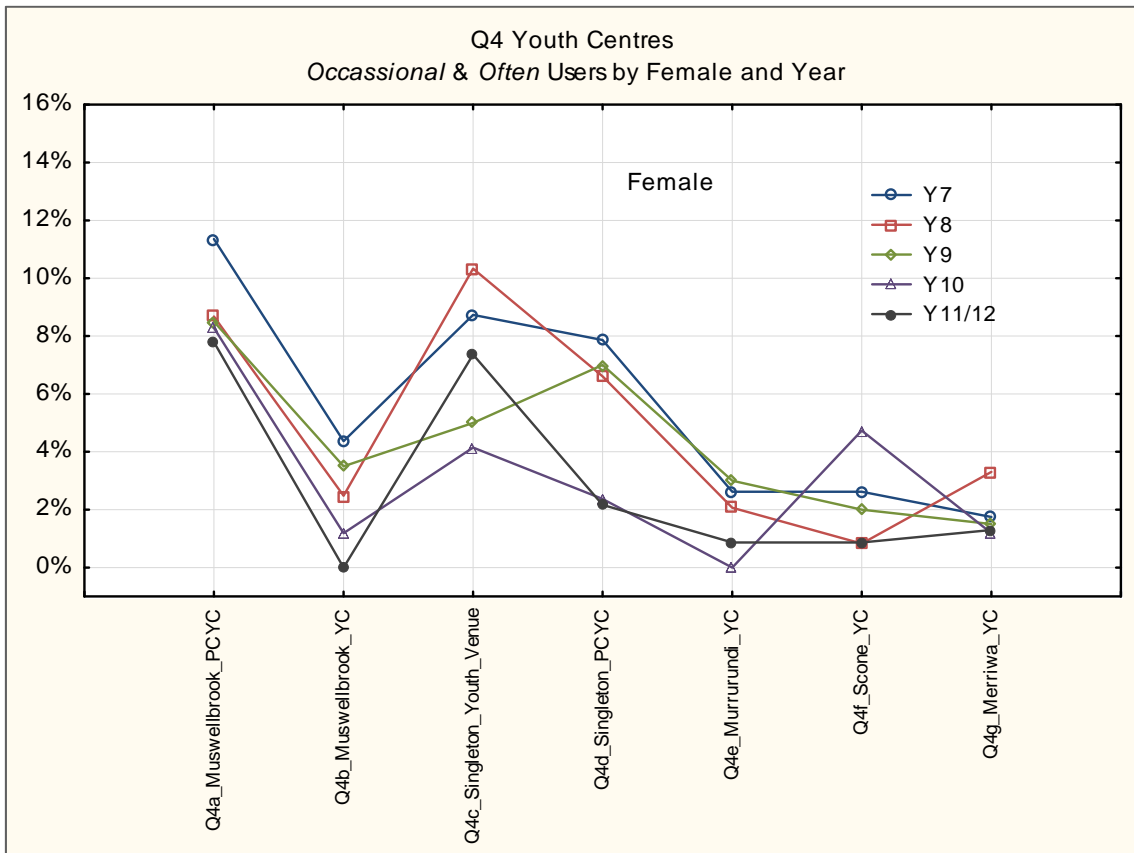
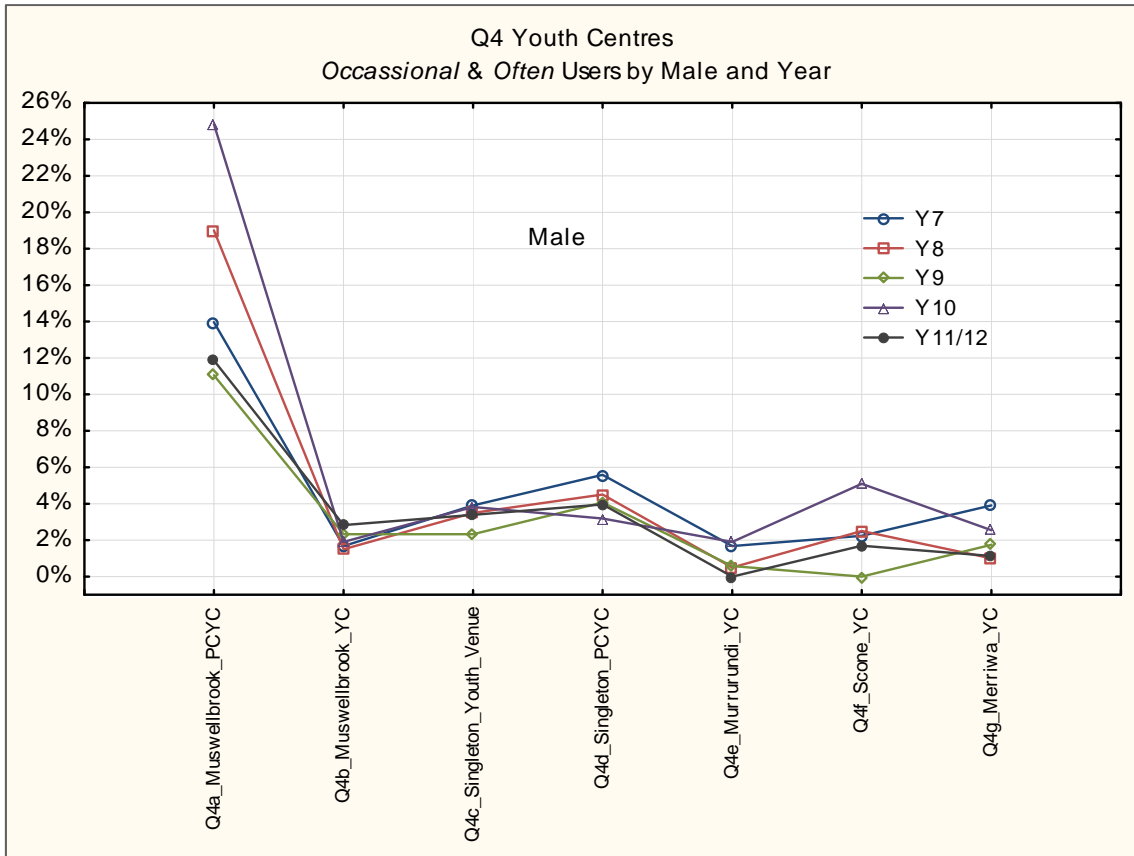
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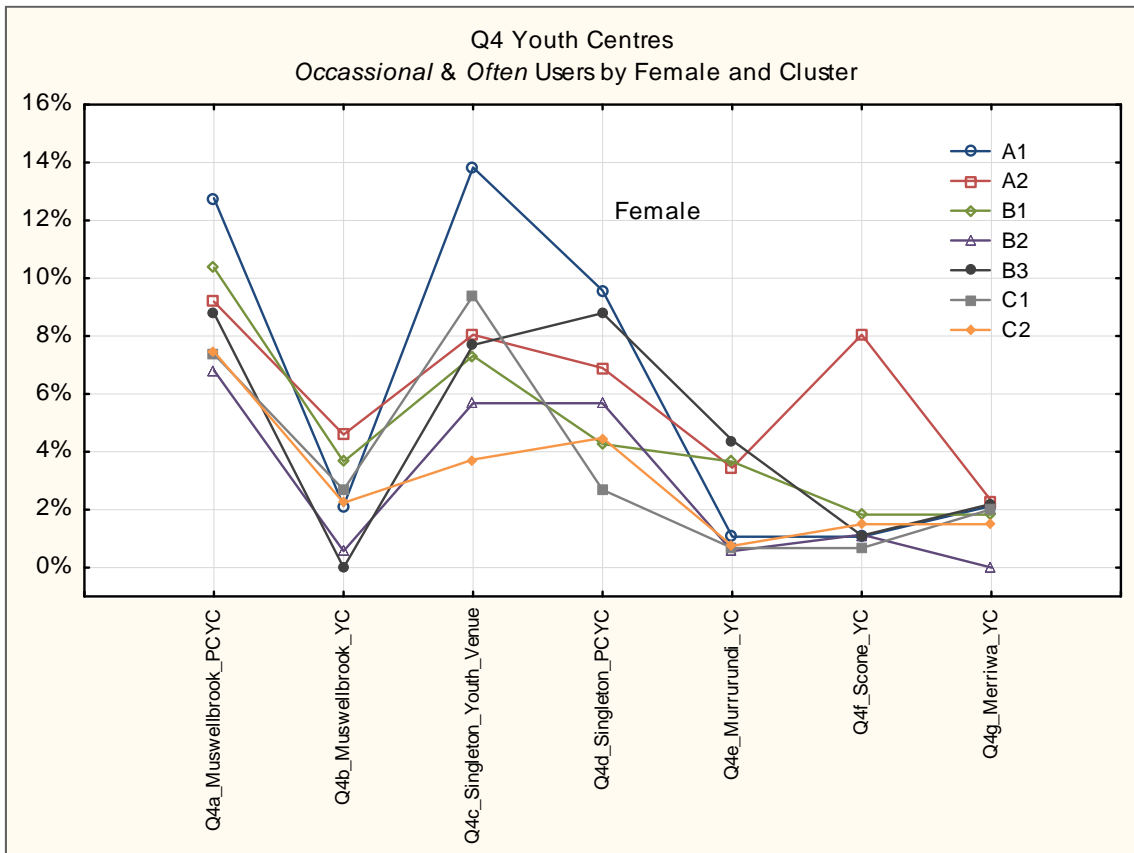
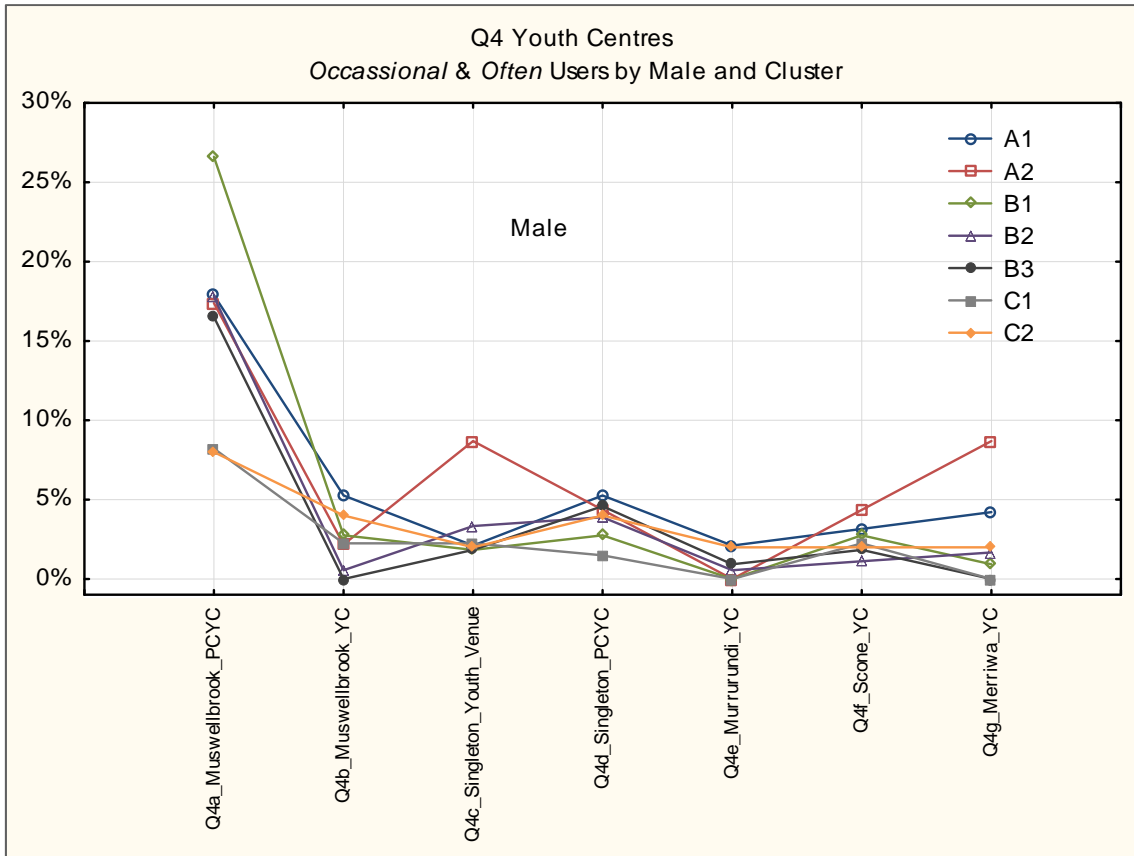
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## **Upper Hunter Shire**

### **Murrurundi Youth Centre**

The Murrurundi Youth Centre operates out of two locations on a weekly basis. Tuesday evenings 5.30-8.30pm from the Community Technology Centre. Wednesday afternoon at the Youth Centre from 2.30-3.30pm providing advice and referral and Friday evening at the Youth Centre from 5-9pm. Murrurundi Youth Service provides social, recreational and vocational opportunities for young people aged 10 to 17 years of age. It has 2 staff members. \$10.00 annual membership

### **Scone Youth Centre**

Scone Youth Centre provides social, recreational and skill based opportunities for young people aged 12-18 years. The Scone Youth Centre operates on Tuesday (4-7pm) and Friday (5-9pm) evenings. The centre also operates on Monday (9-3pm) and Fridays (2-5pm) for advice and referral. The Scone Youth Centre has four staff members consisting of permanent part time and casual staff. Annual membership is \$10.00

### **Merriwa Youth Centre**

Merriwa Youth Centre provides a range of activities for young people 12-18 years. Some of these activities include, youth centre, social activities, homework support, youth information, advice and referral and casework. The Merriwa Youth Centre is open on Tuesdays morning for advice and referral. Thursday's from 5-8pm at the resource centre and Friday at the Youth Centre from 5pm-9pm. The Youth Centre has 2 permanent staff members with casuals on call. Transport home on a Friday is available. Membership is \$10.00 per annum.

## **Muswellbrook Shire**

### **Muswellbrook PCYC**

Muswellbrook PCYC, one of 59 PCYC Clubs in NSW, has a large range of activities for all ages. It runs fitness, sporting, educational & cultural activities. It has 4 staff members and 20 active volunteers. Open Monday – Friday 6am to 9pm. Saturday 8am-5.30pm and Sunday 12-4pm. Membership is \$30.00 for Senior or \$12.00 for Junior.

### **Upper Hunter Youth Service**

Upper Hunter Youth Service provides a FREE service to young people aged 10 -18 years and their families in the Upper Hunter area. Muswellbrook Youth Activity Centre provides a free membership, skill based programs, recreational activities, educational day programs and homework and study support. At the Centre, the young people are fully supervised by Youth Activity Workers. In addition the service provides a FREE bus run to take young people who reside in the Muswellbrook area home. The youth activity Centre is open Wednesday – Friday 3.00-6.00pm. In addition Upper Hunter Youth Services have a Youth and Family Support Worker and an Adolescent Family Counsellor. The Youth Service has 6 staff members.

## **Singleton LGA**

### **Singleton Youth Venue**

The Singleton Youth Venue offers services, programs and events for young people and their families. Services include advice, referrals, assessments and case-management. The Youth Venue provides a range of social and recreational opportunities for young people (aged 11-17) including (but are not limited to) theatre and performance, arts and crafts, guitar lessons, tutoring and cooking. The service operates from Tuesday – Friday 9-6pm. The Singleton Youth Venue has 2 full time staff and 10 active volunteers.

### **Singleton PCYC**

Singleton PCYC, one of 59 PCYC Clubs in NSW, has a large range of activities for all ages. It runs fitness, sporting, educational & cultural activities. Singleton PCYC is open Monday – Thursday 8am-8pm. Friday 9am-12pm, 3.30pm – 6.00pm. Membership is \$15.00 for Senior, Juniors \$7.00. The PCYC consists of 4 staff members and 10 volunteers.

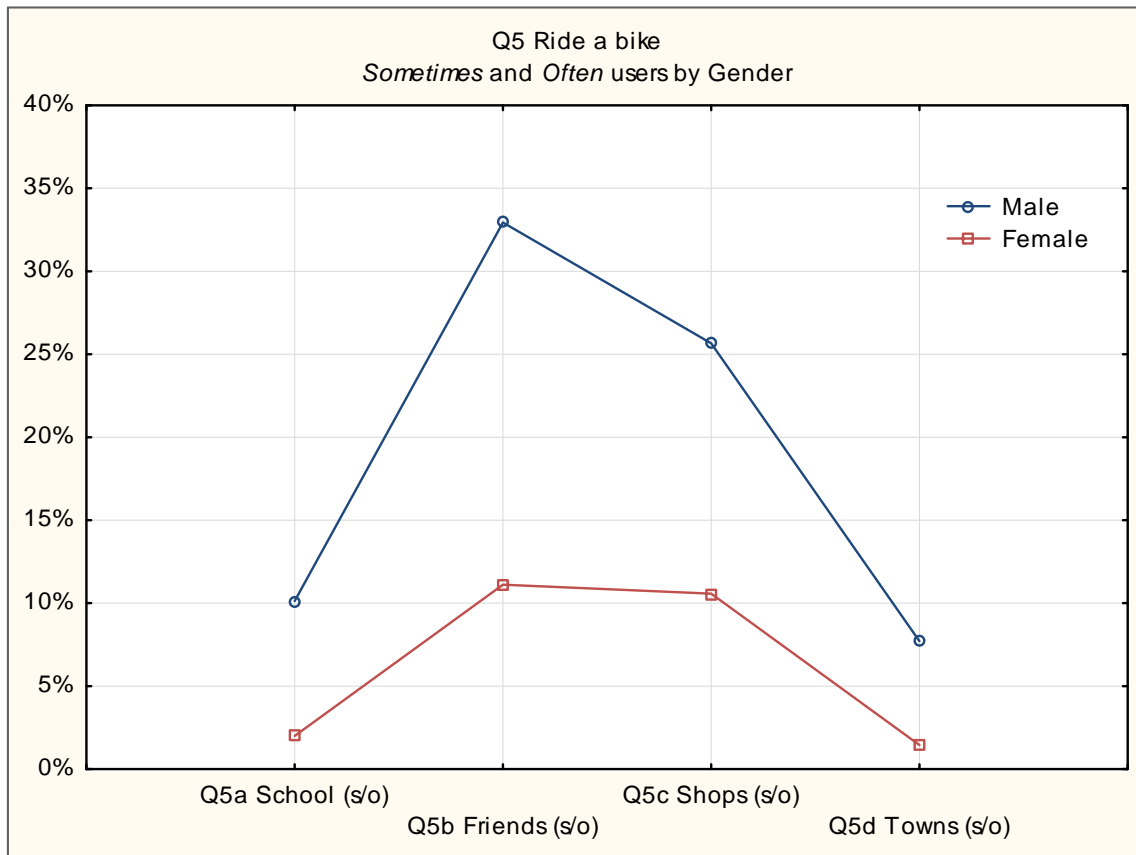
**Question 5**

5. Do you ride a bike? If so, what for? **43%**  I don't ride bikes Missing Data = 2.7%

*Of the 57% who ride bikes:*

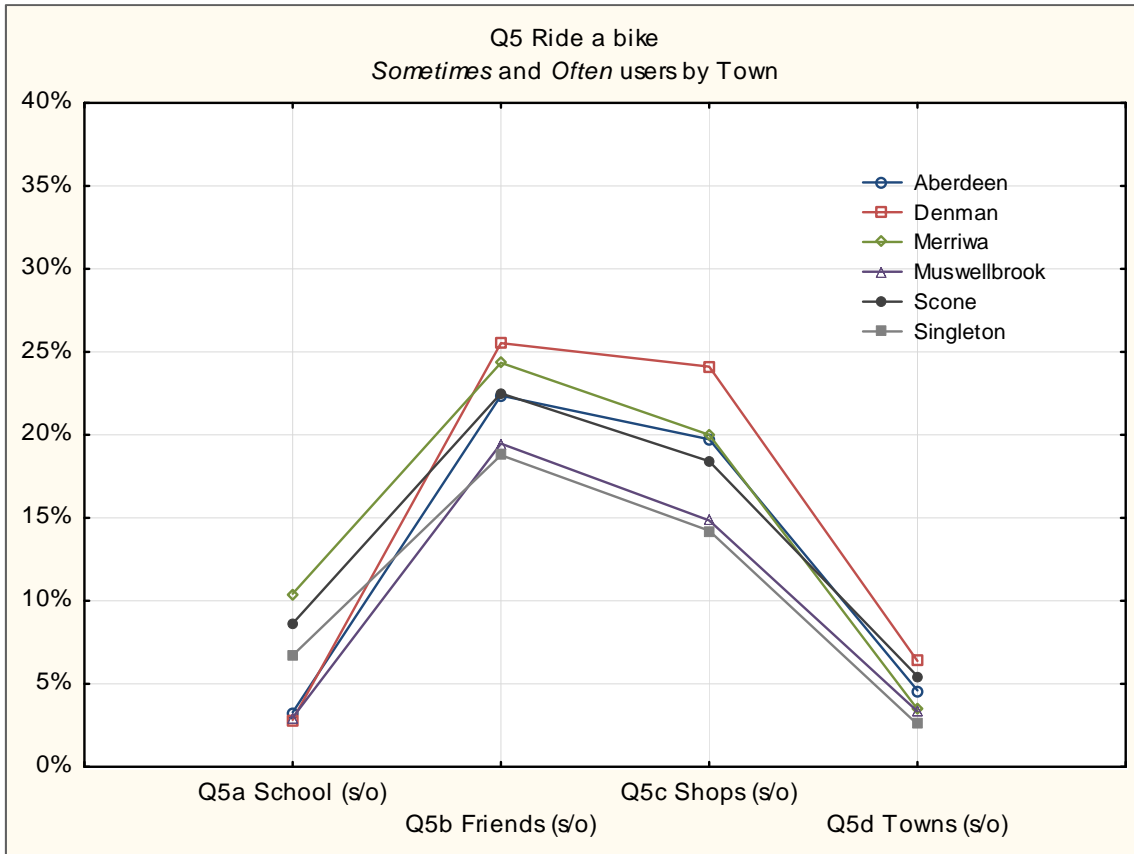
	No	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
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b) I ride to friends' houses	46% <input type="radio"/> 0	15% <input type="radio"/> 1	21% <input type="radio"/> 2	18% <input type="radio"/> 3
c) I ride to the shops	53% <input type="radio"/> 0	14% <input type="radio"/> 1	18% <input type="radio"/> 2	15% <input type="radio"/> 3
d) I ride to other towns	86% <input type="radio"/> 0	6% <input type="radio"/> 1	3% <input type="radio"/> 2	6% <input type="radio"/> 3

Note: The charts below show the responses for *Sometimes* and *Often* combined.

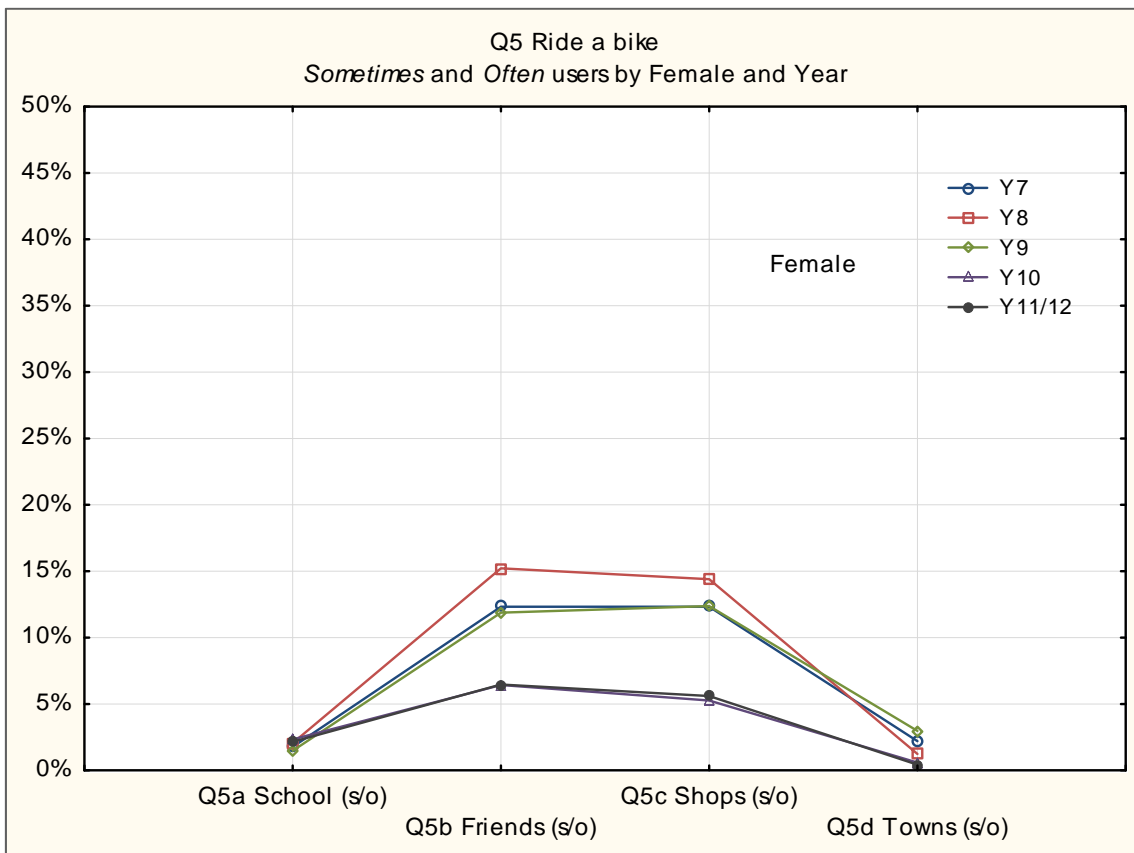
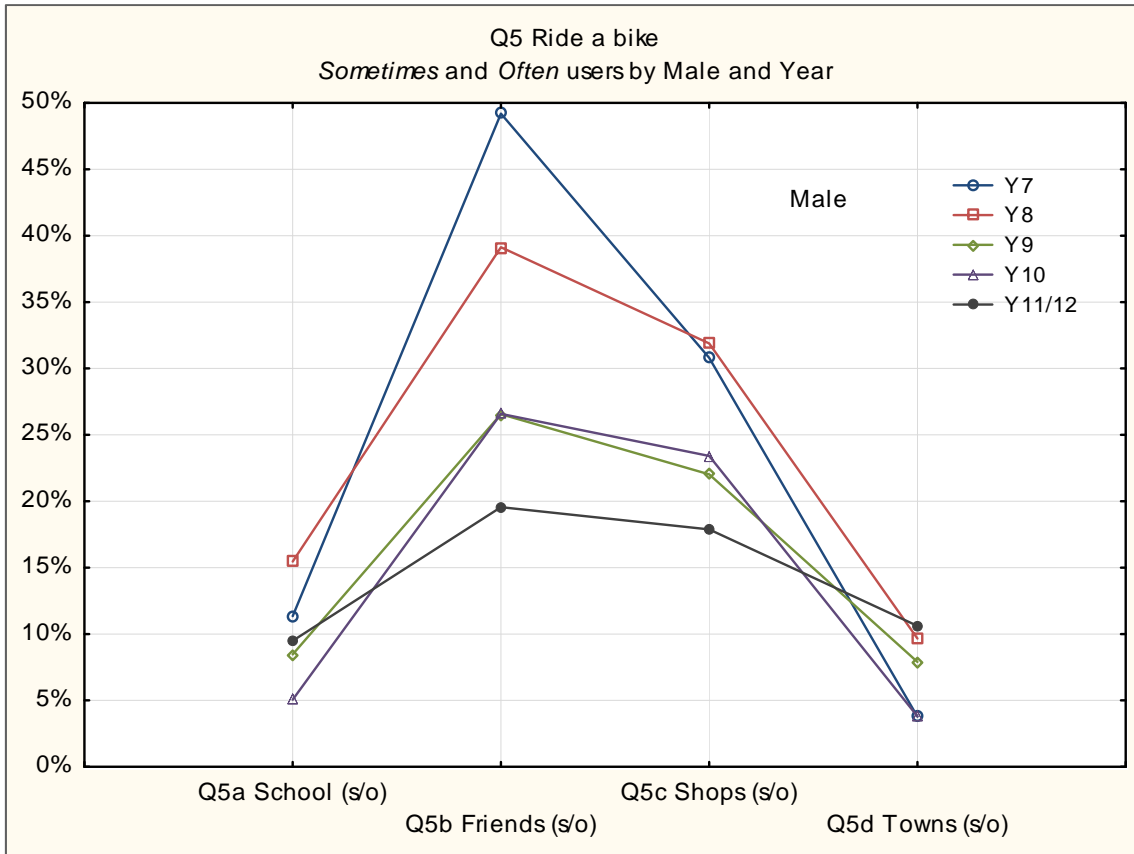




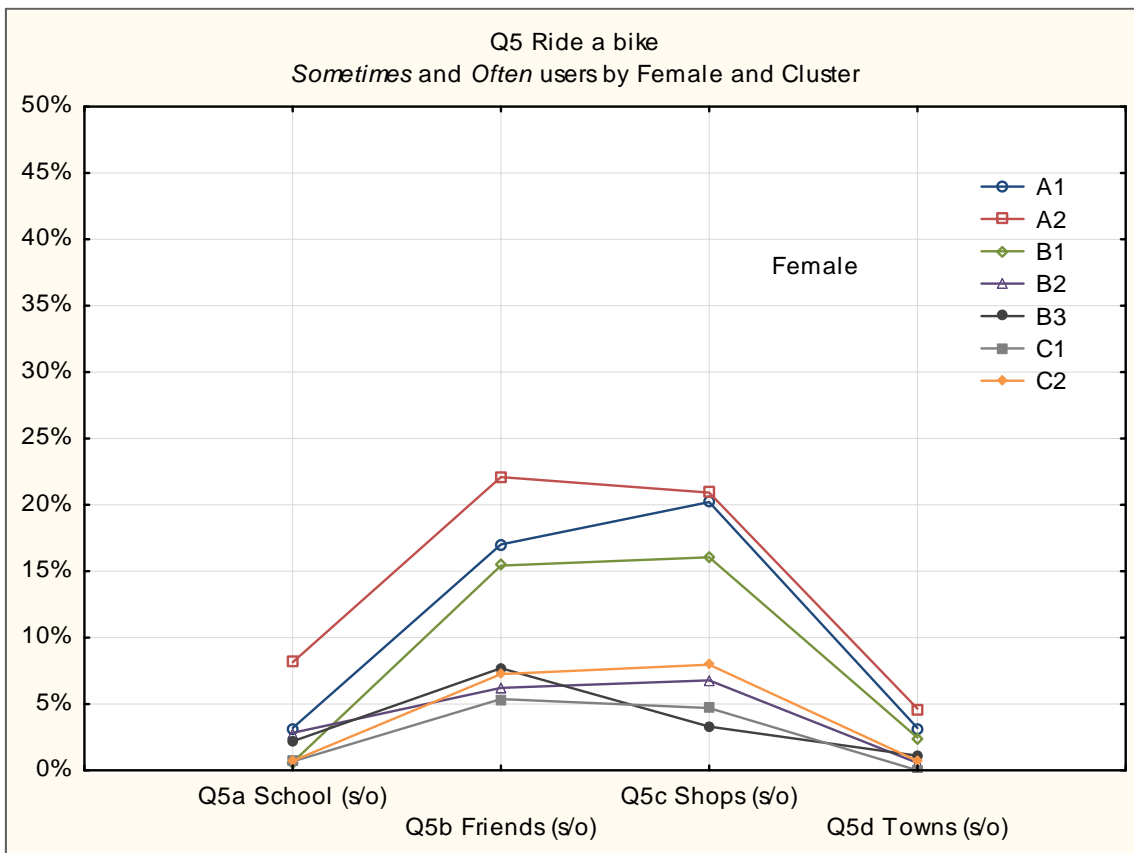
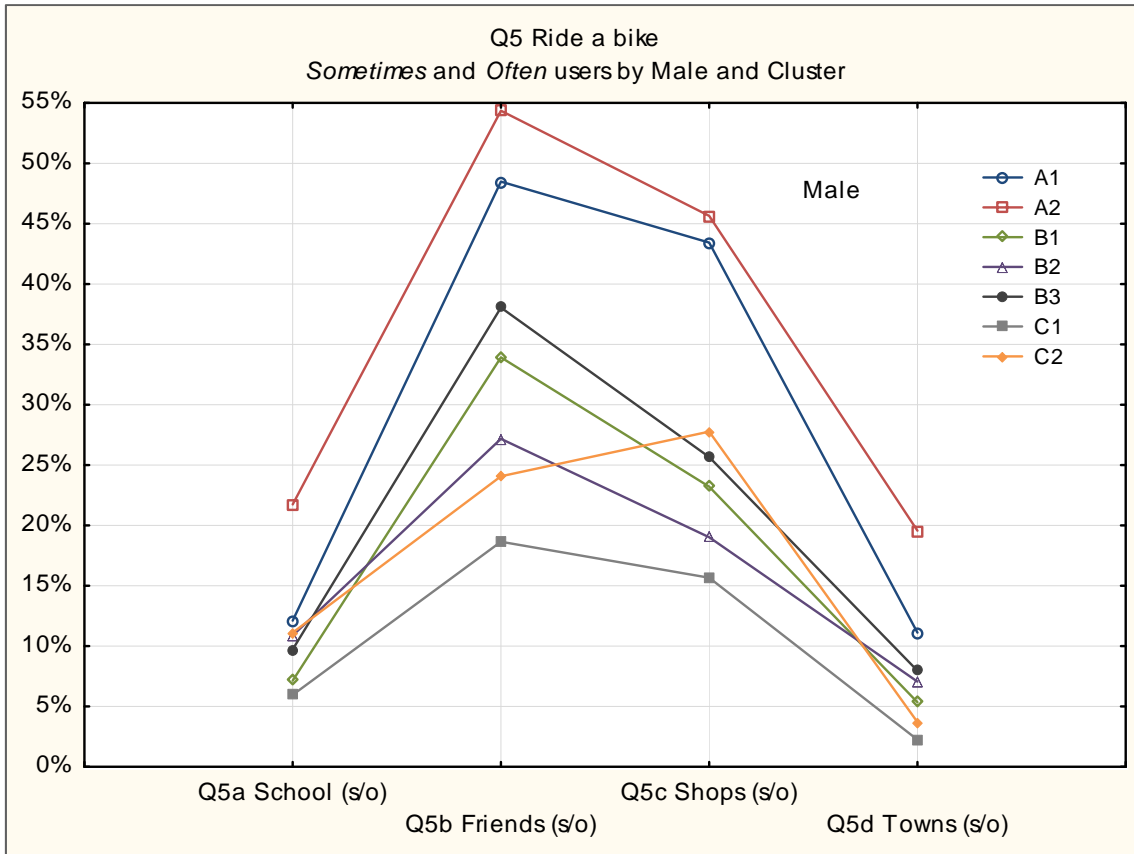
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<b>Gender</b>	<b>5. Do you ride a bike</b>		
	Ride	Don't ride	Row Totals
Male	68%	32%	46%
Female	44%	56%	54%
Totals	55%	45%	100%

<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>5. Do you ride a bike</b>		
	Ride	Don't ride	Row Totals
No	55%	45%	87%
Yes	61%	39%	13%
Totals	56%	44%	100%

<b>Town and surrounding area</b>	<b>5. Do you ride a bike</b>		
	Ride	Don't ride	Row Totals
Aberdeen	64%	36%	8%
Denman	62%	38%	7%
Merriwa	62%	38%	6%
Muswellbrook	51%	49%	28%
Scone	59%	41%	23%
Singleton	49%	51%	27%
Totals	55%	45%	100%

<b>School</b>	<b>5. Do you ride a bike</b>		
	Ride	Don't ride	Row Totals
Merriwa HS	66%	34%	4%
Muswellbrook HS	53%	47%	17%
Scone Grammar	67%	33%	11%
Scone HS	60%	40%	16%
Singleton HS	53%	47%	24%
St Catherine's CC	59%	41%	7%
St Josephs Aberdeen	57%	43%	23%
Totals	57%	43%	100%

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Year Male	5. Do you ride a bike		
	Ride	Don't ride	Row Totals
Y7	85%	15%	20%
Y8	74%	26%	23%
Y9	64%	36%	20%
Y10	58%	42%	17%
Y11/12	57%	43%	20%
Totals	68%	32%	100%

Year Female	5. Do you ride a bike		
	Ride	Don't ride	Row Totals
Y7	56%	44%	21%
Y8	48%	52%	23%
Y9	42%	58%	19%
Y10	36%	64%	16%
Y11/12	35%	65%	22%
Totals	44%	56%	100%

Cluster Female	5. Do you ride a bike		
	Ride	Don't ride	Row Totals
A1	60%	40%	10%
A2	56%	44%	10%
B1	49%	51%	18%
B2	42%	58%	20%
B3	36%	64%	10%
C1	37%	63%	17%
C2	36%	64%	15%
Totals	44%	56%	100%

Cluster Male	5. Do you ride a bike		
	Ride	Don't ride	Row Totals
A1	82%	18%	13%
A2	80%	20%	6%
B1	71%	29%	15%
B2	64%	36%	25%
B3	66%	34%	15%
C1	56%	44%	18%
C2	61%	39%	7%
Totals	67%	33%	100%

**Question 6**

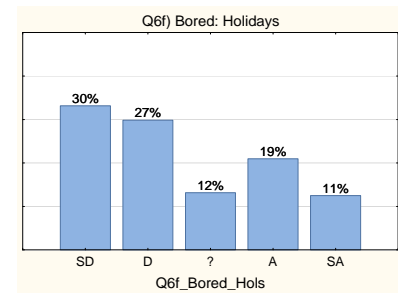
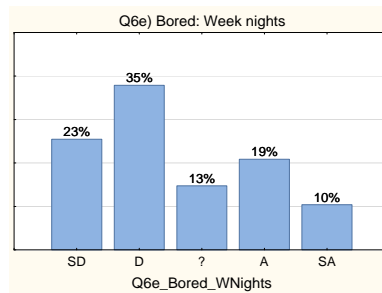
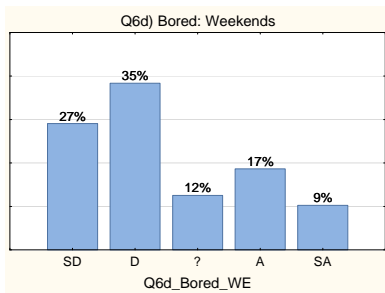
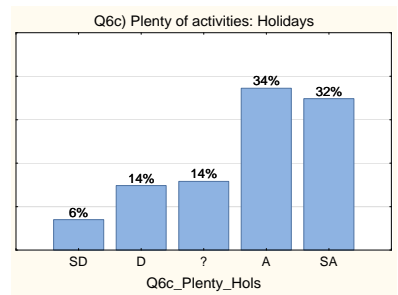
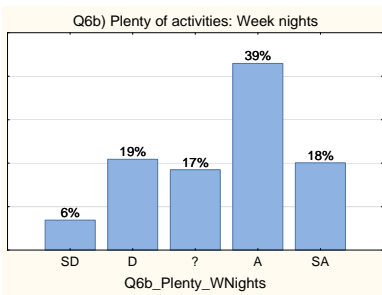
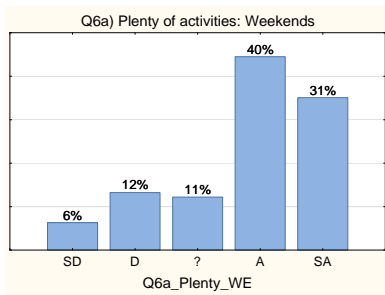
**6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:** *Circle your answer*  
 Use the codes: **SD**=Strongly Disagree **D**= Disagree **?** = Unsure **A**= Agree **SA**=Strongly Agree

This year I have had plenty of activities :

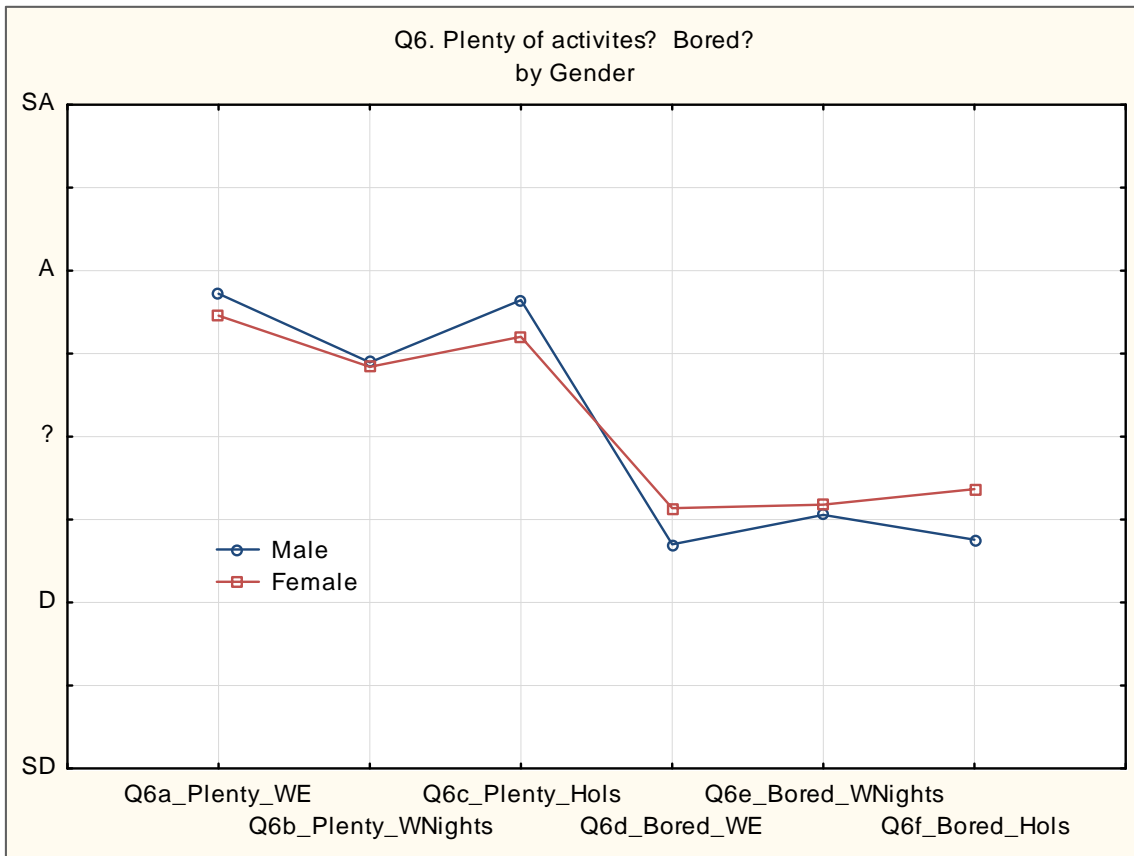
a) On the weekends (during term)	6%SD	12%D	11%?	40%A	31%SA
b) On week nights (during term)	6%SD	19%D	17%?	39%A	18%SA
c) During school holidays	6%SD	14%D	14%?	34%A	32%SA

I am often bored with nothing to do:

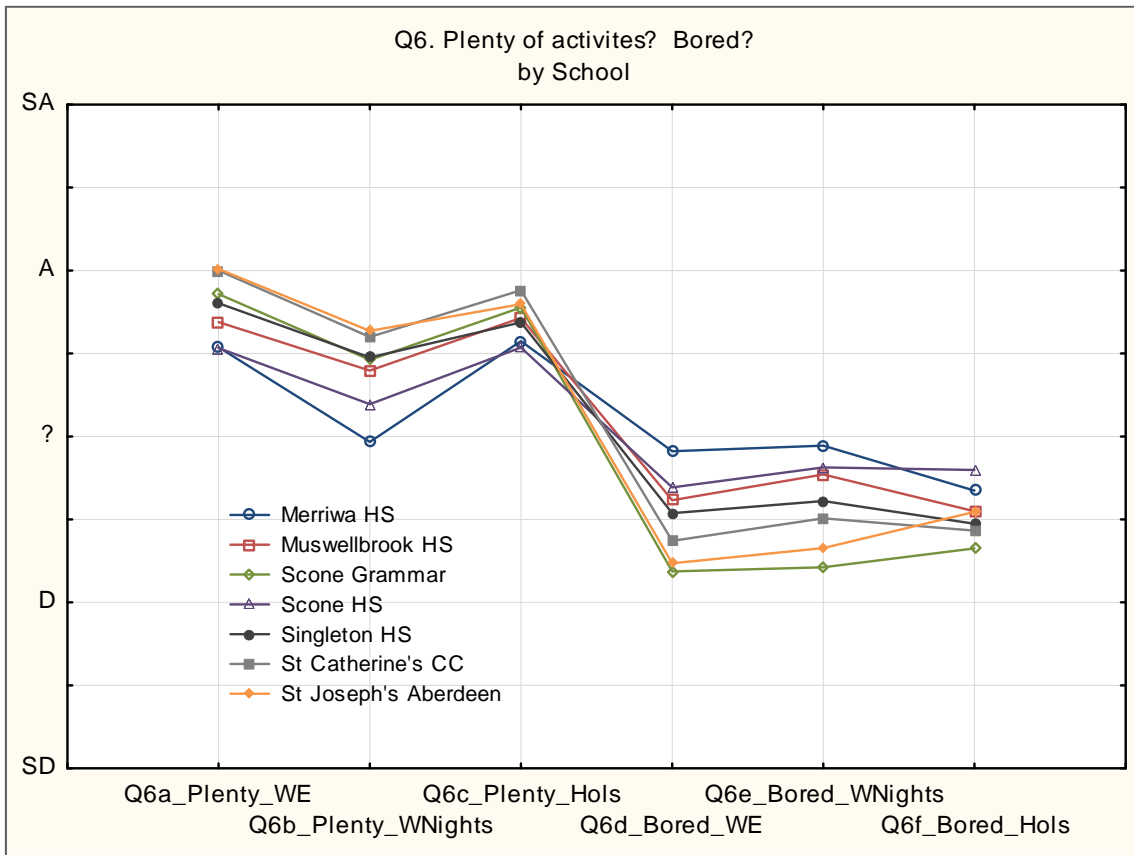
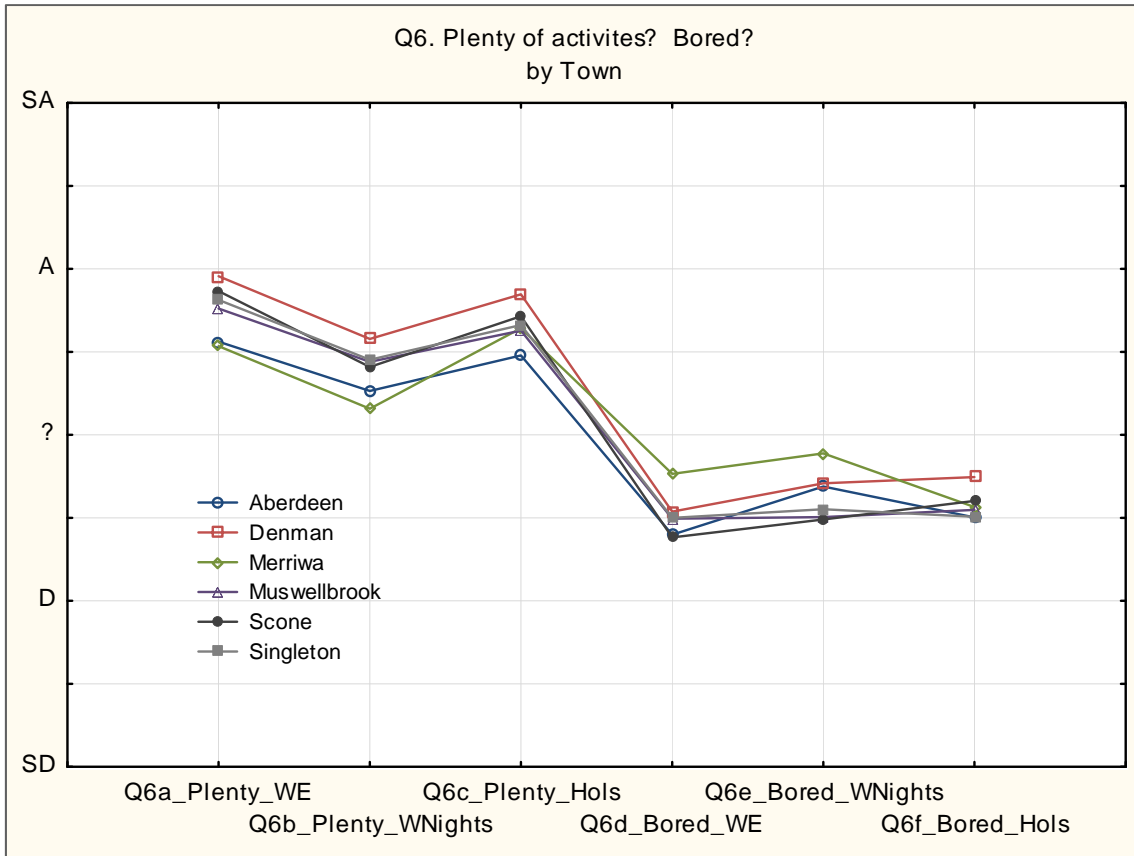
d) On the weekends (during term)	27%SD	35%D	12%?	17%A	9%SA
e) On week nights (during term)	23%SD	35%D	13%?	19%A	10%SA
f) During school holidays	30%SD	27%D	12%?	19%A	11%SA



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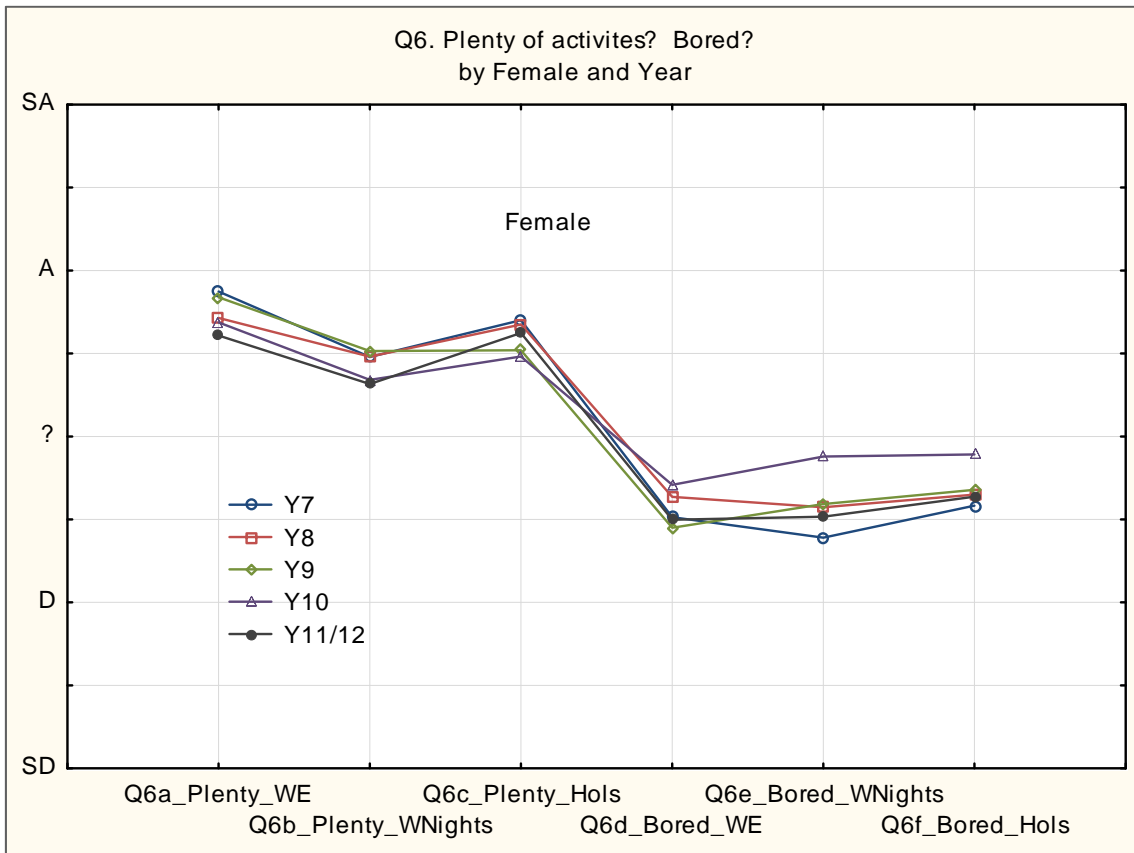
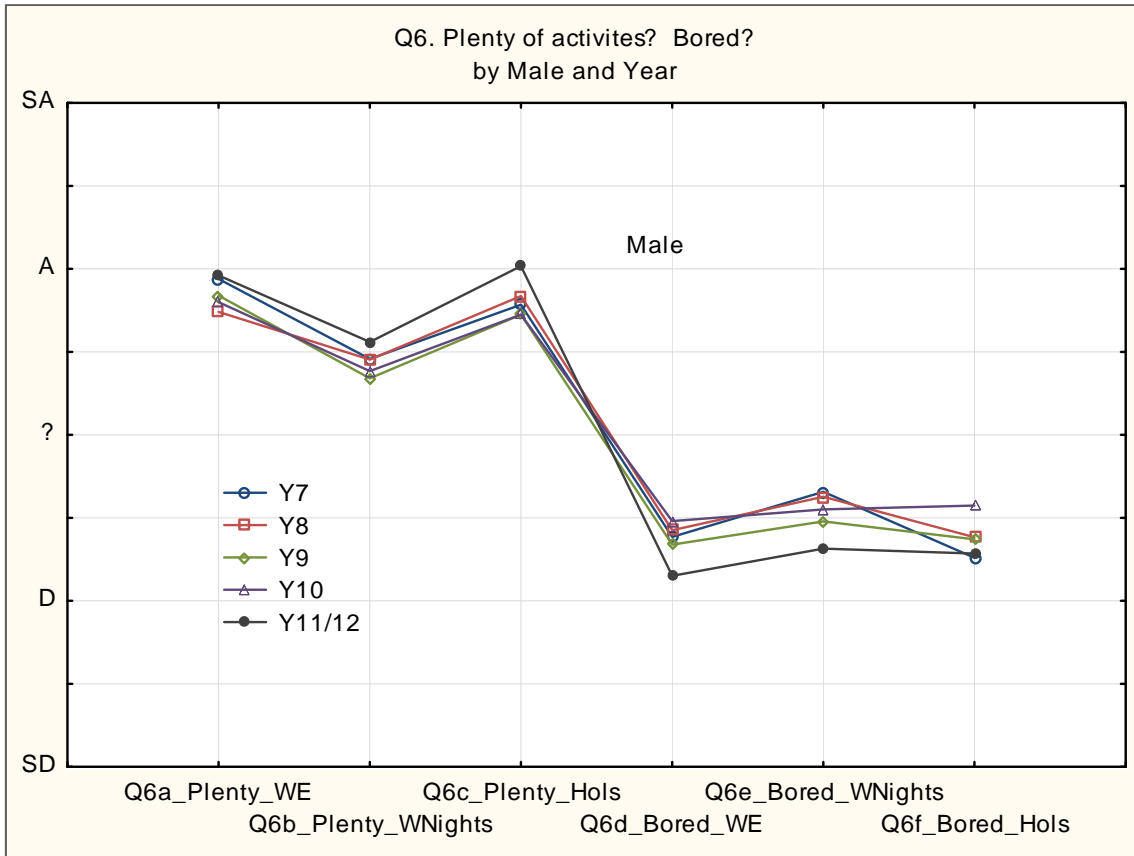


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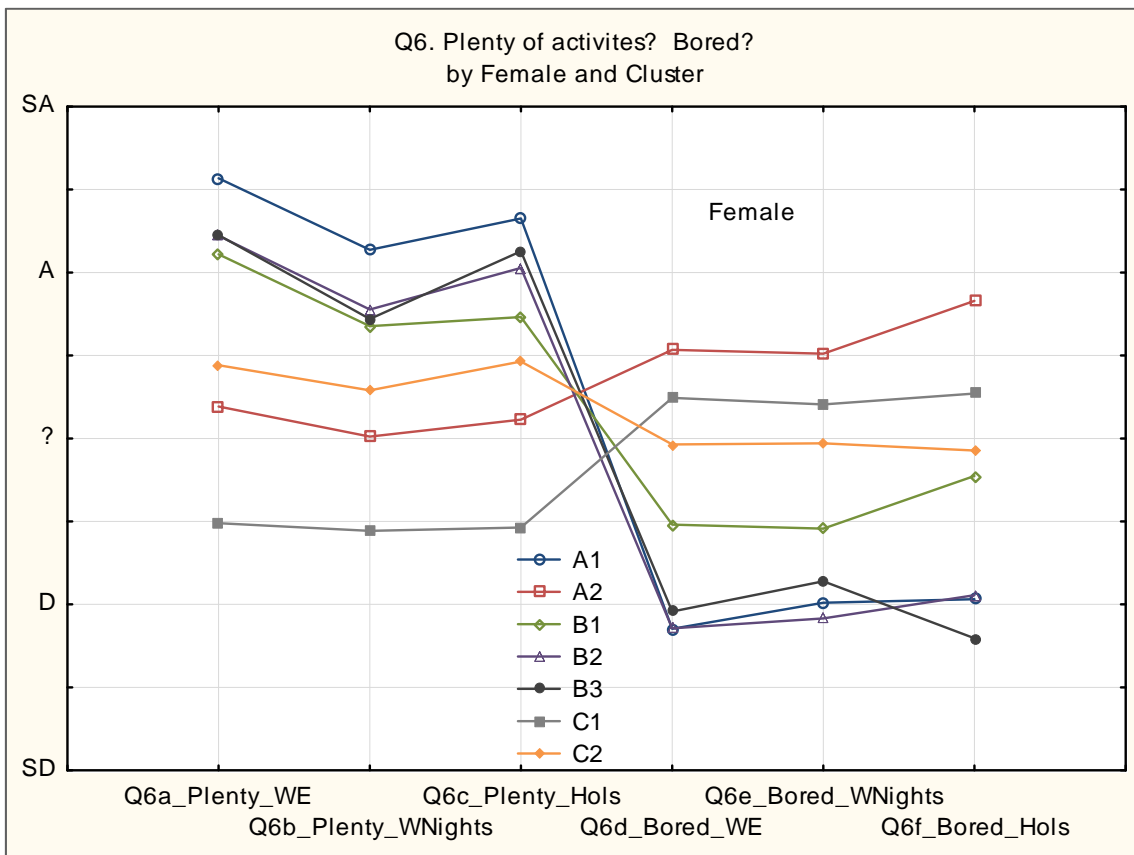
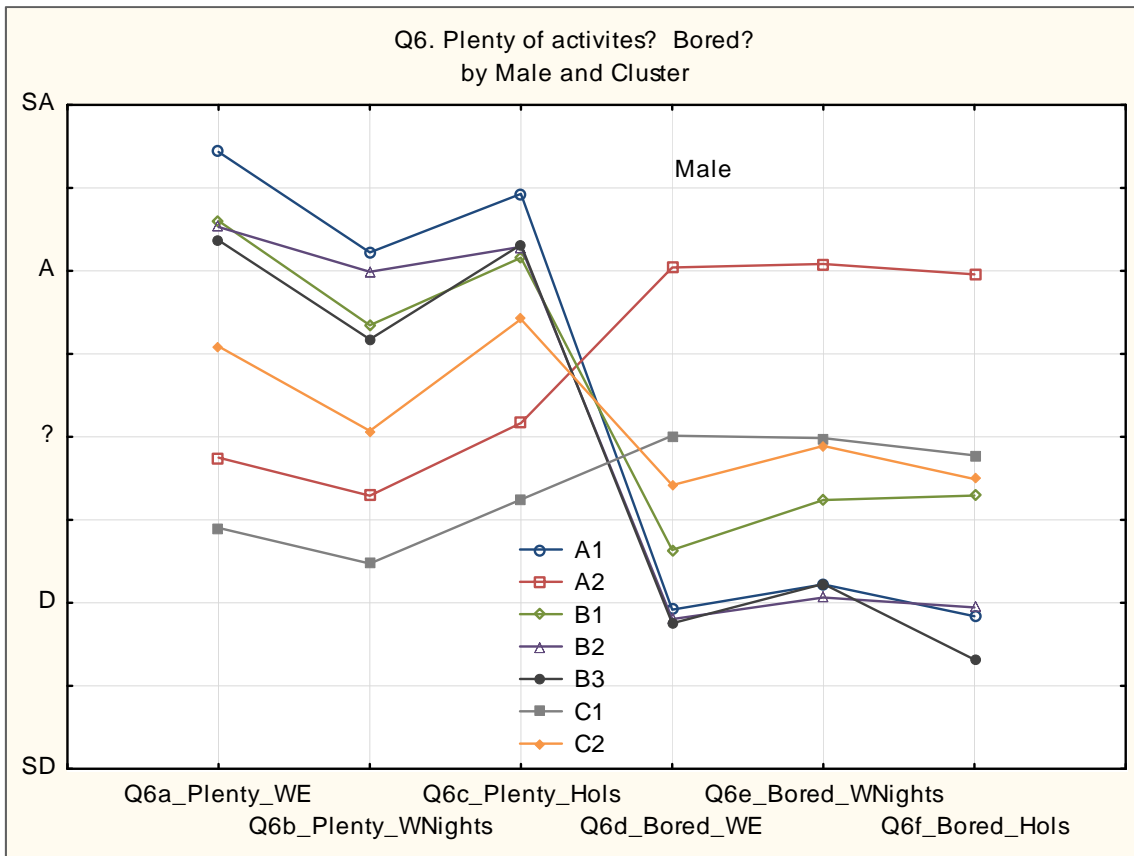




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**Question 7**

7. a) Do you want to be involved in more activities than you currently are?  
 28%  0 No      34%  1 Yes, a little      23%  2 Yes      16%  3 Yes, most definitely

b) If yes, what kind of activities?

44%  1 Sport      13%  2 Art/painting      14%  3 Music      10%  4 Drama      14%  5 Dance  
 15%  6 Photography      8%  7 Horse related      12%  8 Other, specify.....

c) If yes, what are the barriers to participating in more activities?

Rank the following in order of how big the barrier is.

Put 1 next to the biggest barrier. Put 2 next to the second biggest barrier. Put 3 next to the third biggest barrier. And so on for each barrier.

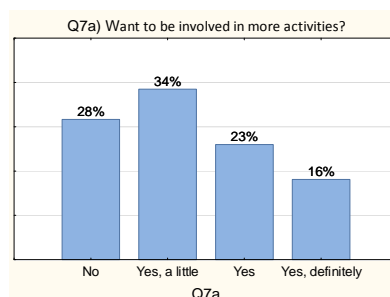
Only rank items that are barriers for you. If an item is not a barrier at all for you don't rank it.

%1s	%2s	%3s	
35	16	11	..... a) The activities I would like to be involved in are <b>not available</b>
15	24	18	..... b) The activities are there - <b>but none of my friends want to go with me</b>
25	18	18	..... c) The activities are there - but they are too far from where I live – <b>transport</b> is the problem
16	15	15	..... d) The activities are there - <b>but I don't feel I would fit in</b> with the group that are already going there
3	5	8	..... e) The activities are there - but I would be <b>worried about my safety</b>
5	5	7	..... f) <b>My parent(s) do not want me</b> to be involved
9	10	8	..... g) My parents can't afford to pay the fees and other <b>costs</b> involved

7b) What kinds of activities are wanted for those who want to be involved in more activities – from highest to lowest:

- 44%  1 Sport
- 15%  6 Photography
- 14%  3 Music
- 14%  5 Dance
- 13%  2 Art/painting
- 12%  8 Other, specify.....
- 10%  4 Drama
- 8%  7 Horse related

In the table above one can see that 35% of respondents ranked a) *The activities I would like to be involved in are not available* as their biggest barrier, 16% ranked it as their second biggest barrier and 11% ranked it as their third biggest barrier.



Question 7a) More activities than you currently are?

Gender	7. Want to be involved in more activities than you currently are?				Row Totals
	No	Yes, a little	Yes	Yes, most definitely	
Male	34%	28%	21%	17%	46%
Female	22%	38%	24%	15%	54%
Totals	28%	33%	23%	16%	100%

Indigenous	7. Want to be involved in more activities than you currently are?				Row Totals
	No	Yes, a little	Yes	Yes, most definitely	
No	28%	35%	22%	15%	87%
Yes	24%	28%	28%	20%	13%
Totals	28%	34%	23%	16%	100%

Town and surrounding area	7. Want to be involved in more activities than you currently are?				Row Totals
	No	Yes, a little	Yes	Yes, most definitely	
Aberdeen	23%	30%	24%	24%	8%
Denman	22%	28%	28%	22%	8%
Merriwa	18%	30%	34%	18%	6%
Muswellbrook	28%	32%	25%	14%	28%
Scone	31%	34%	22%	13%	23%
Singleton	29%	42%	17%	12%	27%
Totals	28%	35%	23%	15%	100%

School	7. Want to be involved in more activities than you currently are?				Row Totals
	No	Yes, a little	Yes	Yes, most definitely	
Merriwa HS	10%	28%	35%	27%	4%
Muswellbrook HS	27%	31%	28%	14%	17%
Scone Grammar	28%	39%	21%	12%	11%
Scone HS	33%	27%	22%	18%	16%
Singleton HS	30%	37%	18%	14%	24%
St Catherine's CC	24%	46%	17%	13%	6%
St Josephs Aberdeen	26%	31%	25%	18%	22%
Totals	28%	34%	23%	16%	100%

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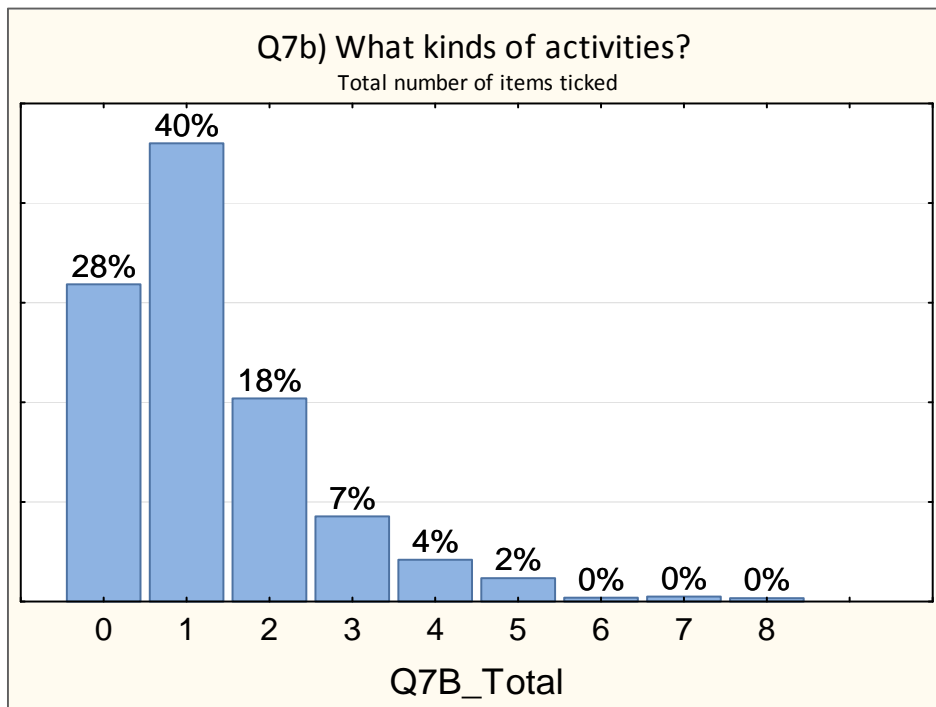
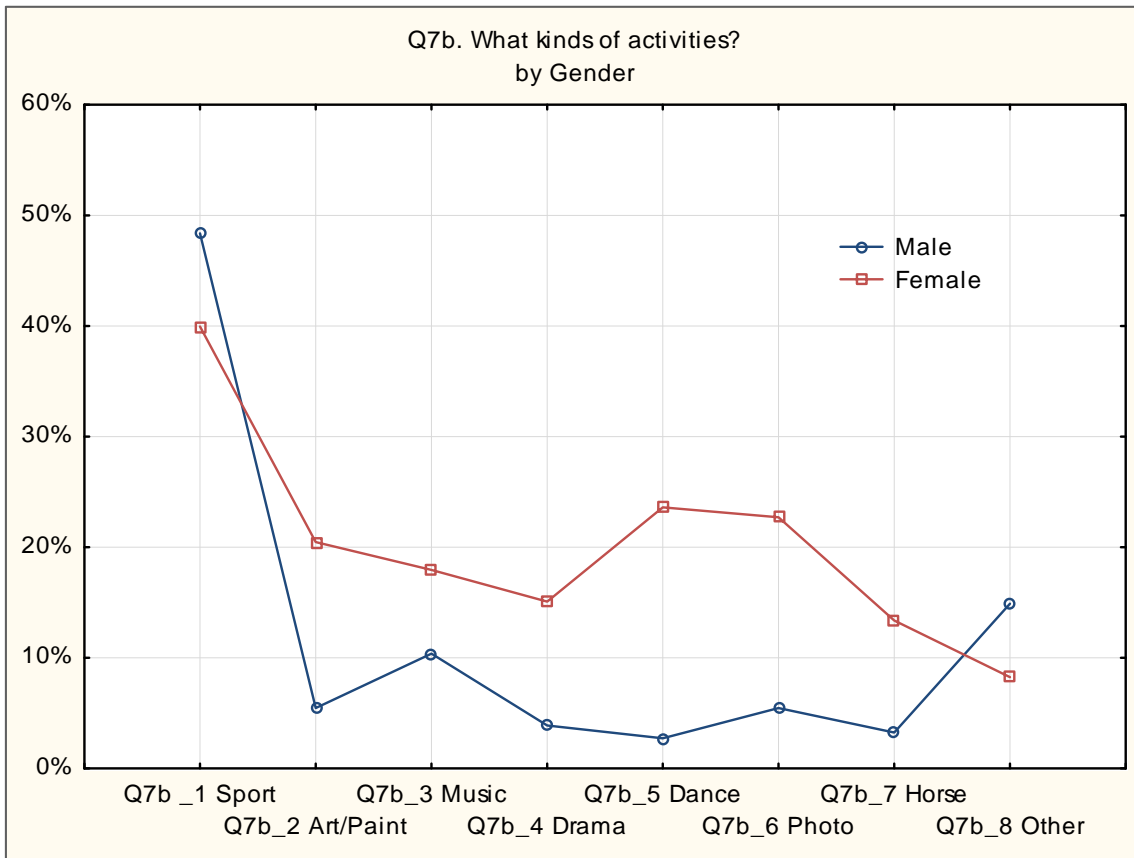
Year Male	7. Want to be involved in more activities than you currently are?				
	No	Yes, a little	Yes	Yes, most definitely	Row Totals
Y7	22%	28%	26%	23%	21%
Y8	32%	30%	22%	16%	22%
Y9	39%	25%	22%	14%	20%
Y10	40%	26%	20%	14%	18%
Y11/12	40%	31%	17%	13%	20%
Totals	34%	28%	22%	16%	100%

Year Female	7. Want to be involved in more activities than you currently are?				
	No	Yes, a little	Yes	Yes, most definitely	Row Totals
Y7	14%	38%	27%	22%	21%
Y8	19%	39%	27%	15%	23%
Y9	22%	35%	30%	14%	19%
Y10	24%	43%	19%	14%	16%
Y11/12	33%	38%	19%	10%	22%
Totals	22%	38%	25%	15%	100%

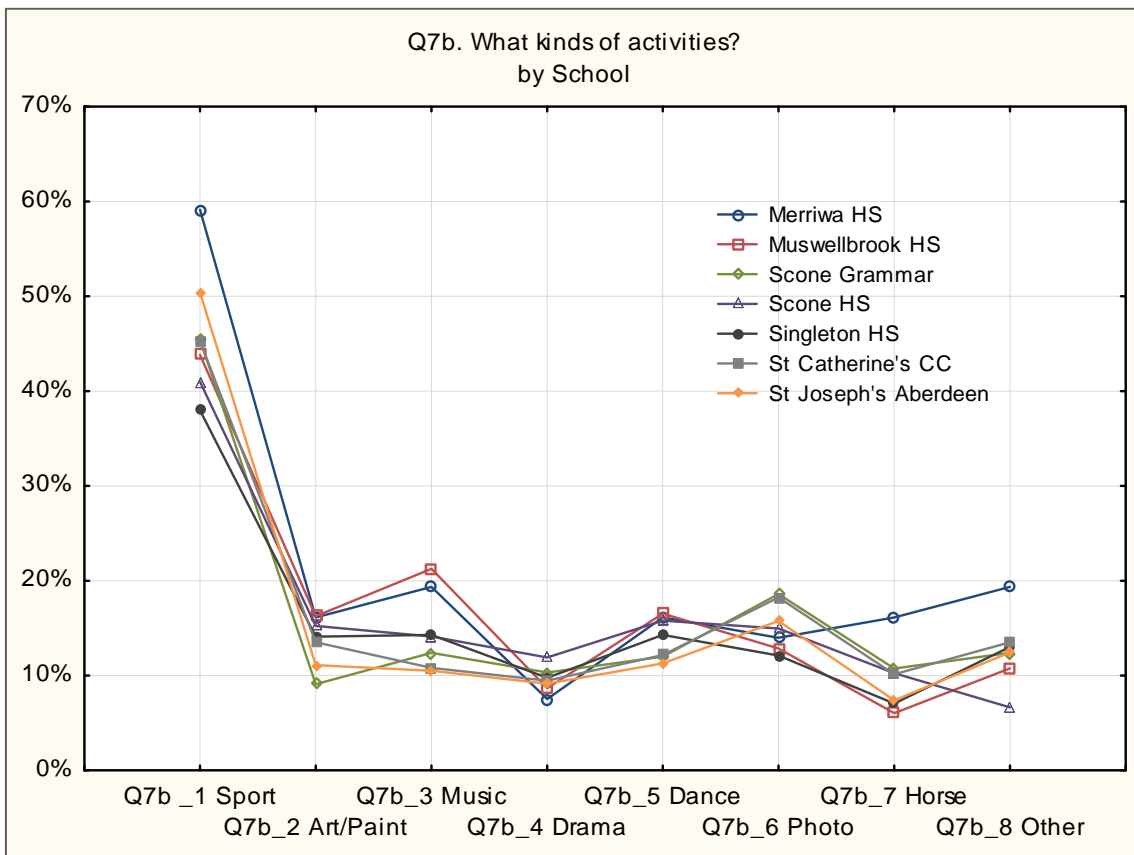
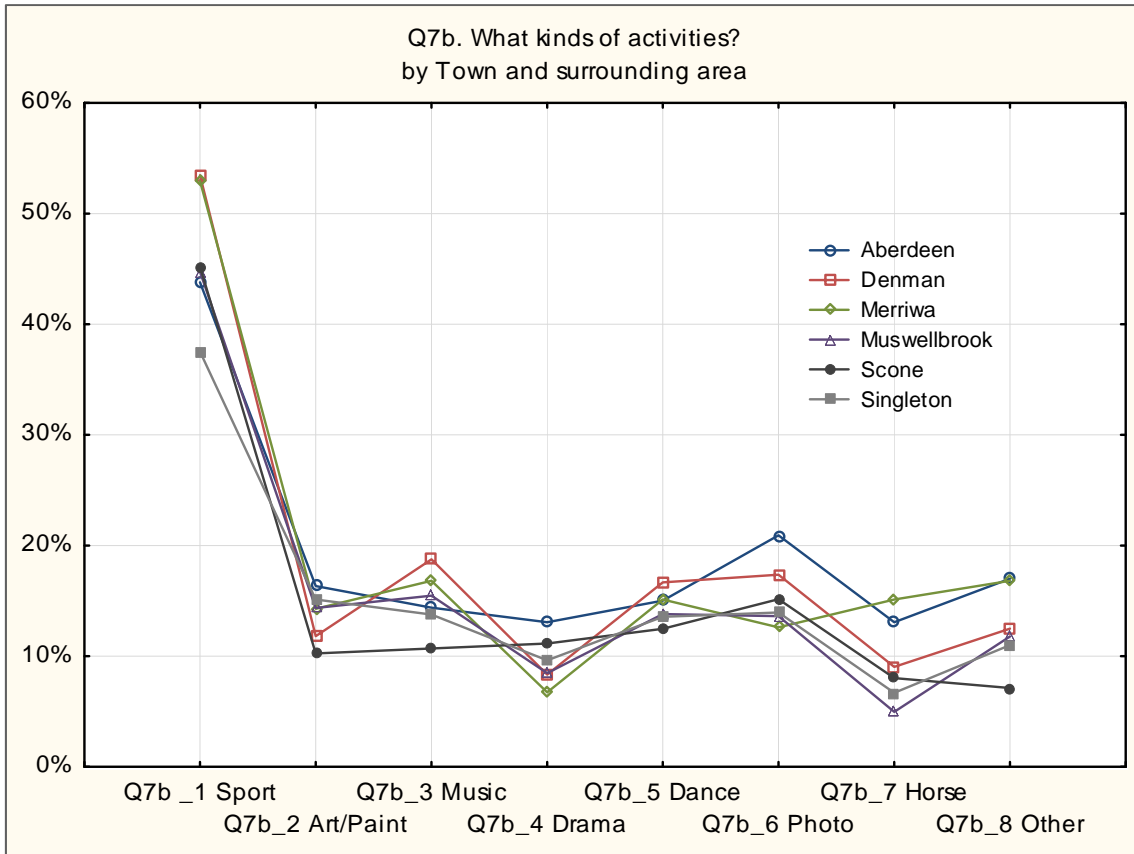
Cluster Male	7. Want to be involved in more activities than you currently are?				
	No	Yes, a little	Yes	Yes, most definitely	Row Totals
A1	17%	32%	30%	20%	13%
A2	6%	13%	25%	56%	6%
B1	0%	7%	43%	50%	15%
B2	56%	38%	6%	0%	25%
B3	50%	32%	14%	4%	15%
C1	47%	28%	19%	6%	18%
C2	38%	42%	13%	7%	7%
Totals	35%	29%	20%	16%	100%

Cluster Female	7. Want to be involved in more activities than you currently are?				
	No	Yes, a little	Yes	Yes, most definitely	Row Totals
A1	11%	36%	34%	20%	10%
A2	6%	22%	34%	39%	10%
B1	0%	13%	46%	41%	18%
B2	43%	56%	2%	0%	20%
B3	40%	43%	16%	1%	10%
C1	30%	46%	21%	3%	17%
C2	22%	51%	18%	8%	15%
Totals	23%	39%	23%	15%	100%

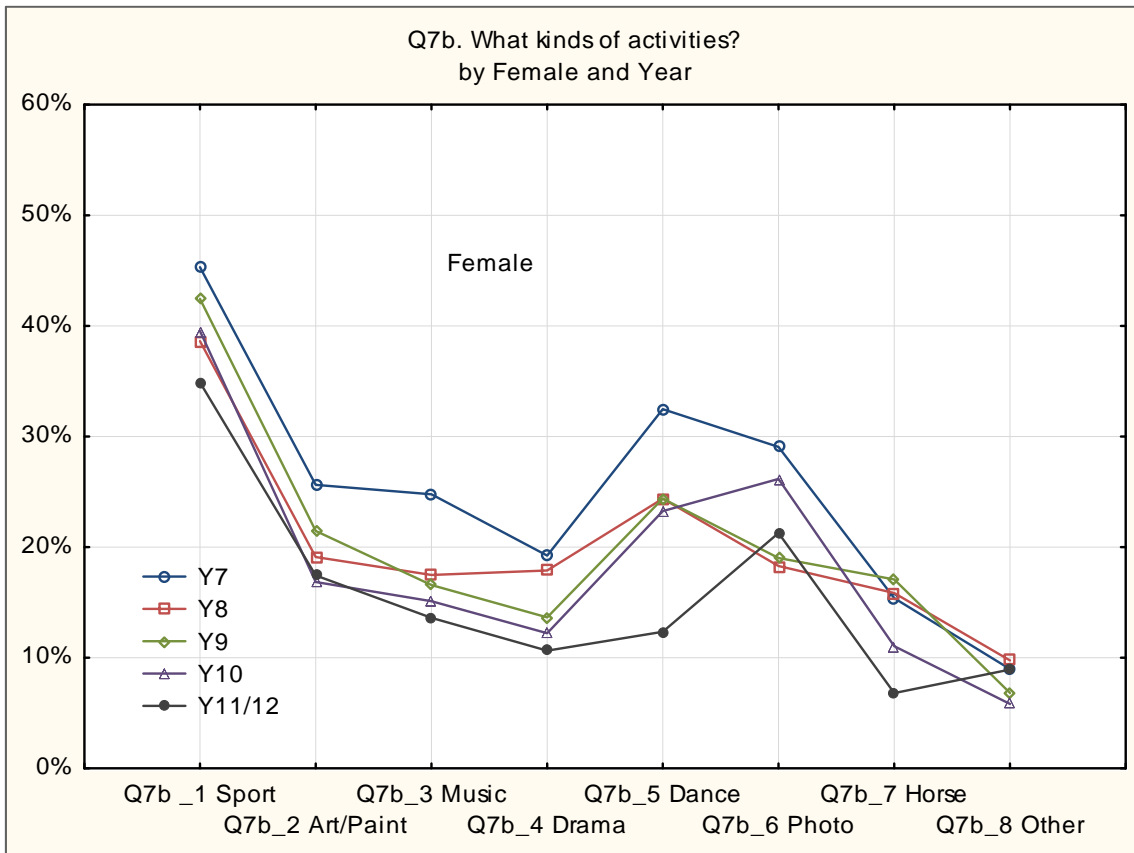
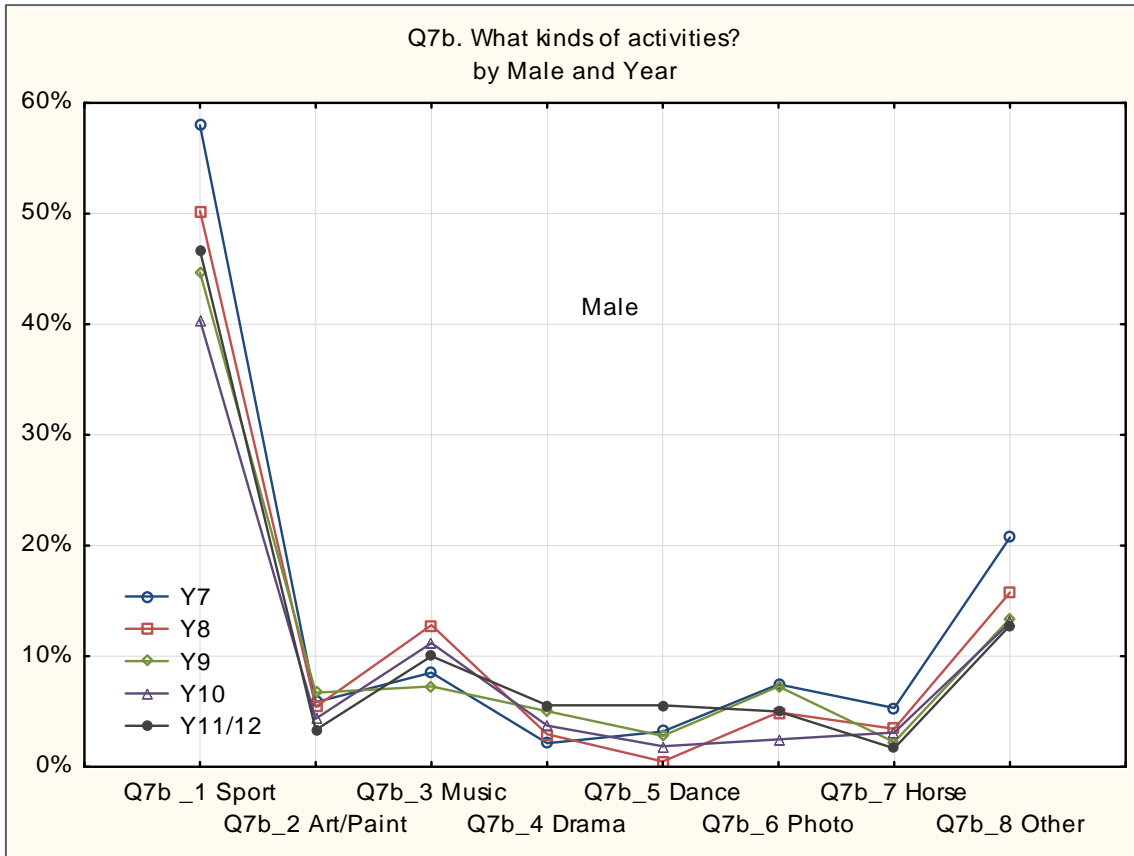
Question 7b) What kinds of activities?



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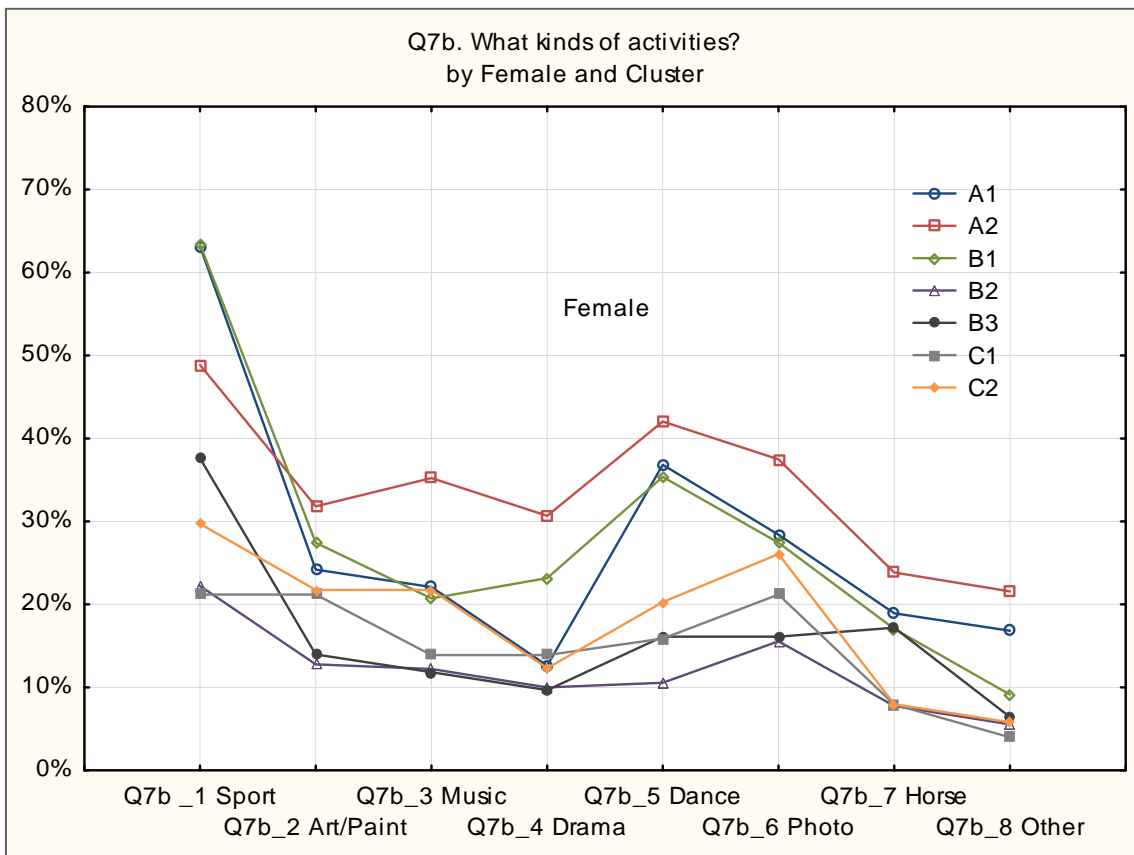
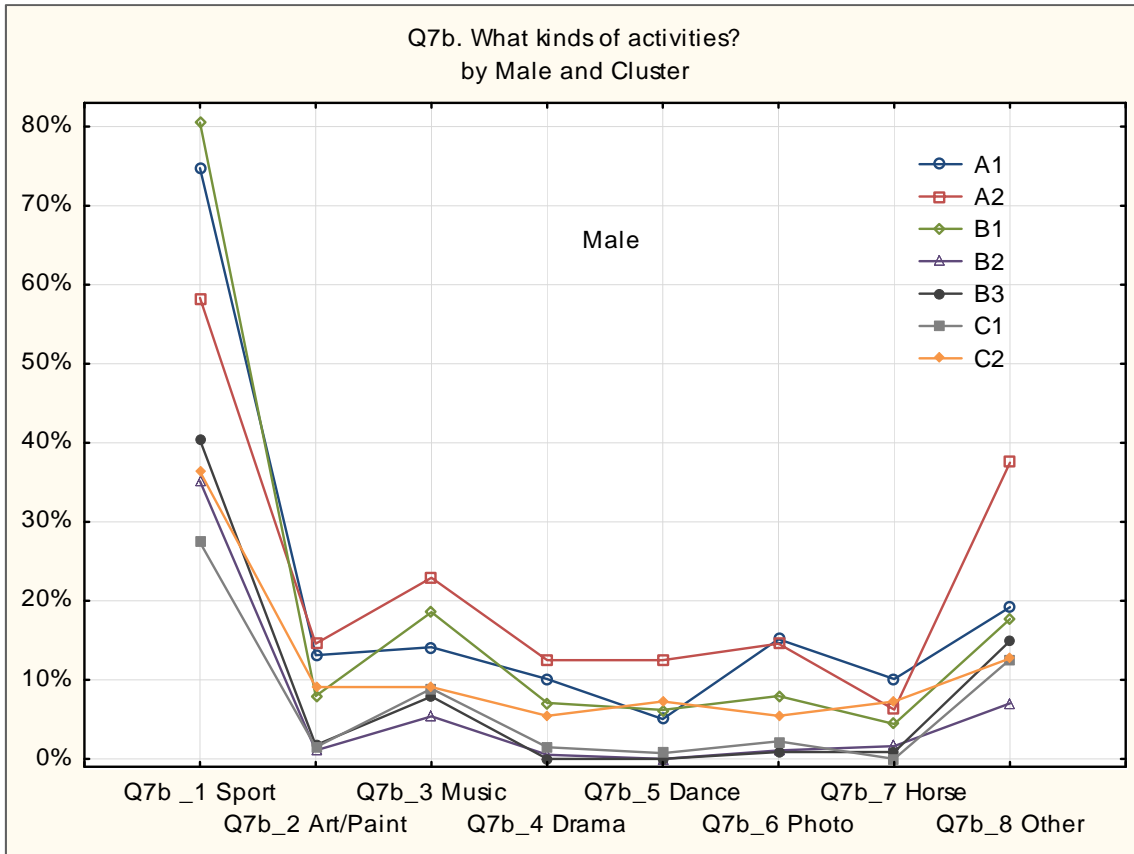


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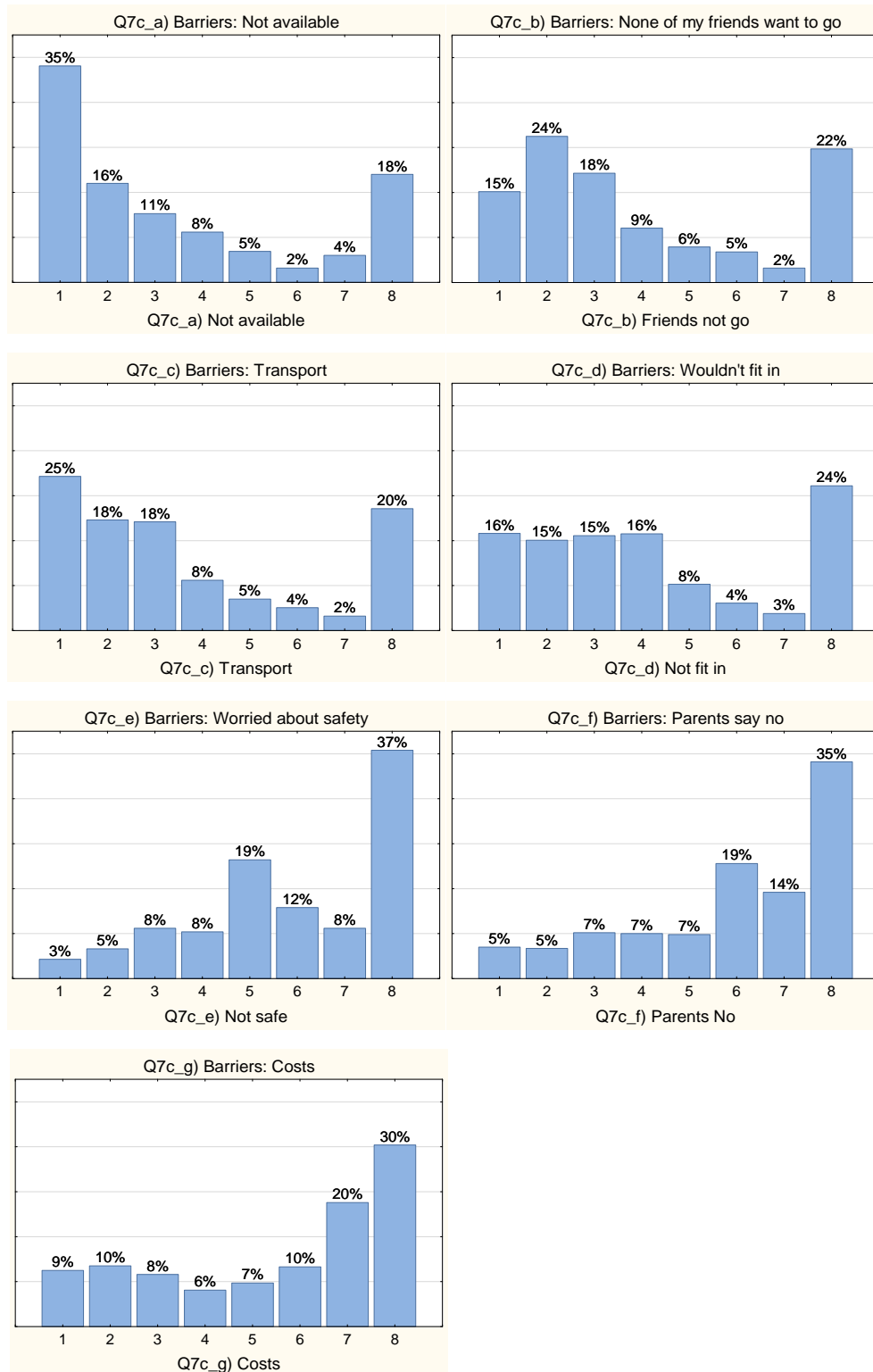


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### Question 7c) What are the barriers?

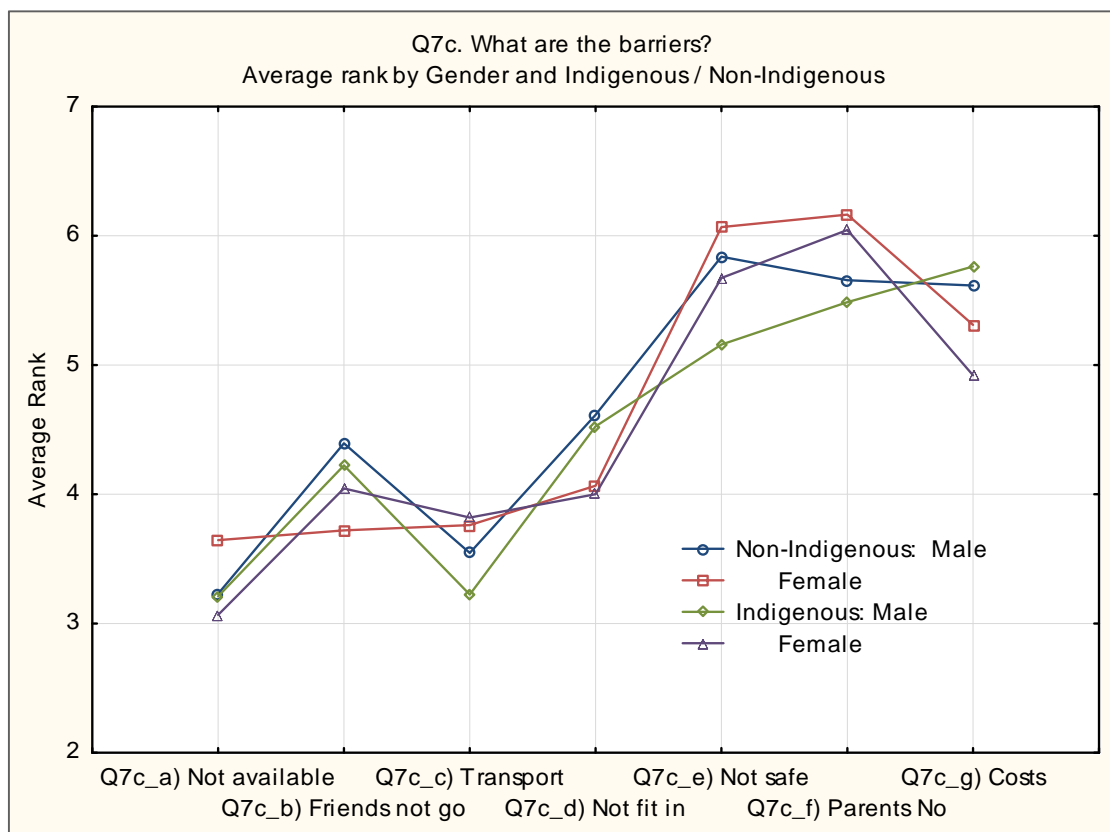
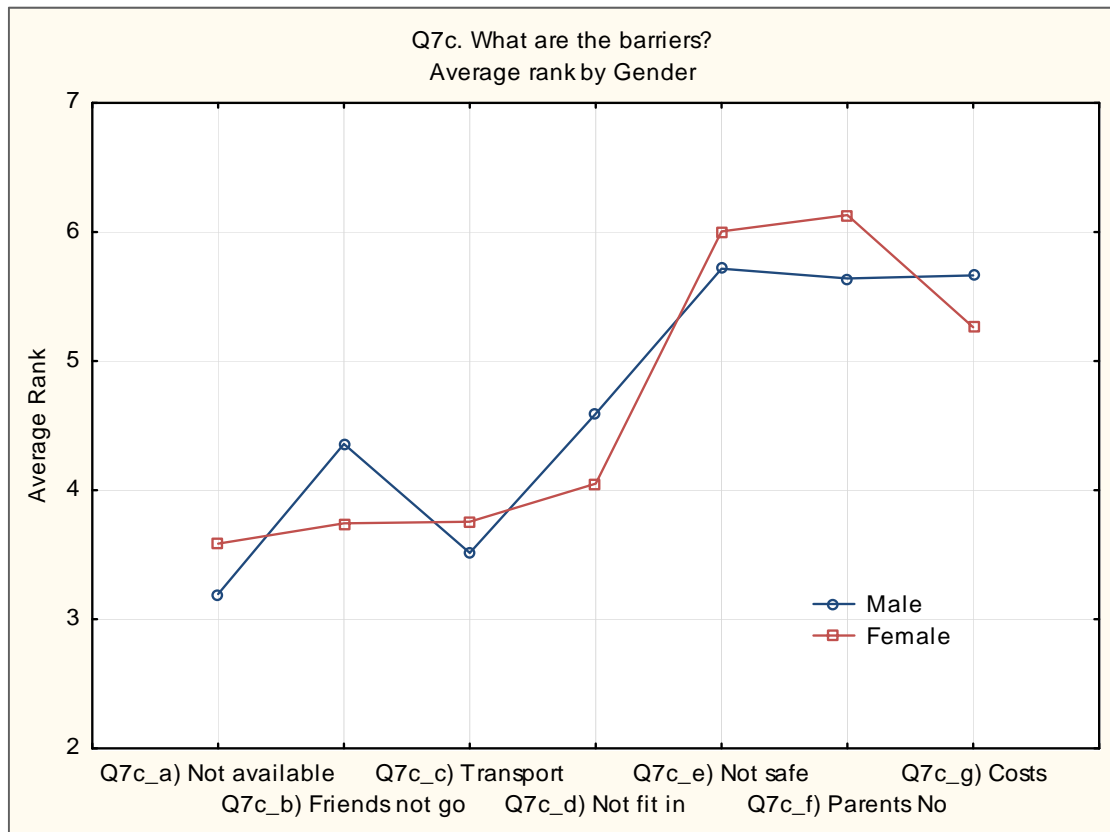
In the first chart below one can see that 35% of respondents ranked *a) The activities I would like to be involved in are not available* as their biggest barrier, 16% ranked it as their second biggest barrier and 11% ranked it as their third biggest barrier and 4% ranked it as their seventh biggest barrier.

NOTE: Items that were not ranked by respondents (i.e. were not a barrier at all) are ranked 8 in the charts below. So in the first chart 18% ranked the barrier 8, i.e. *not a barrier at all*.

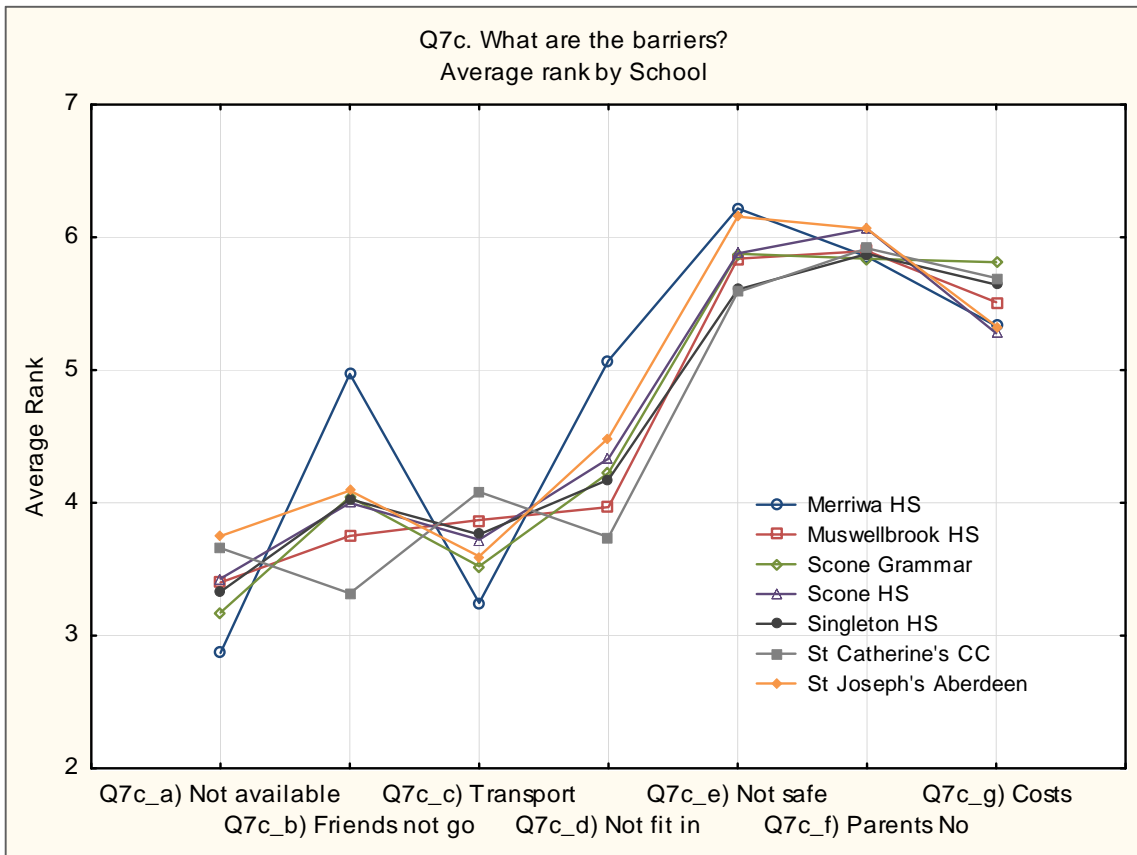
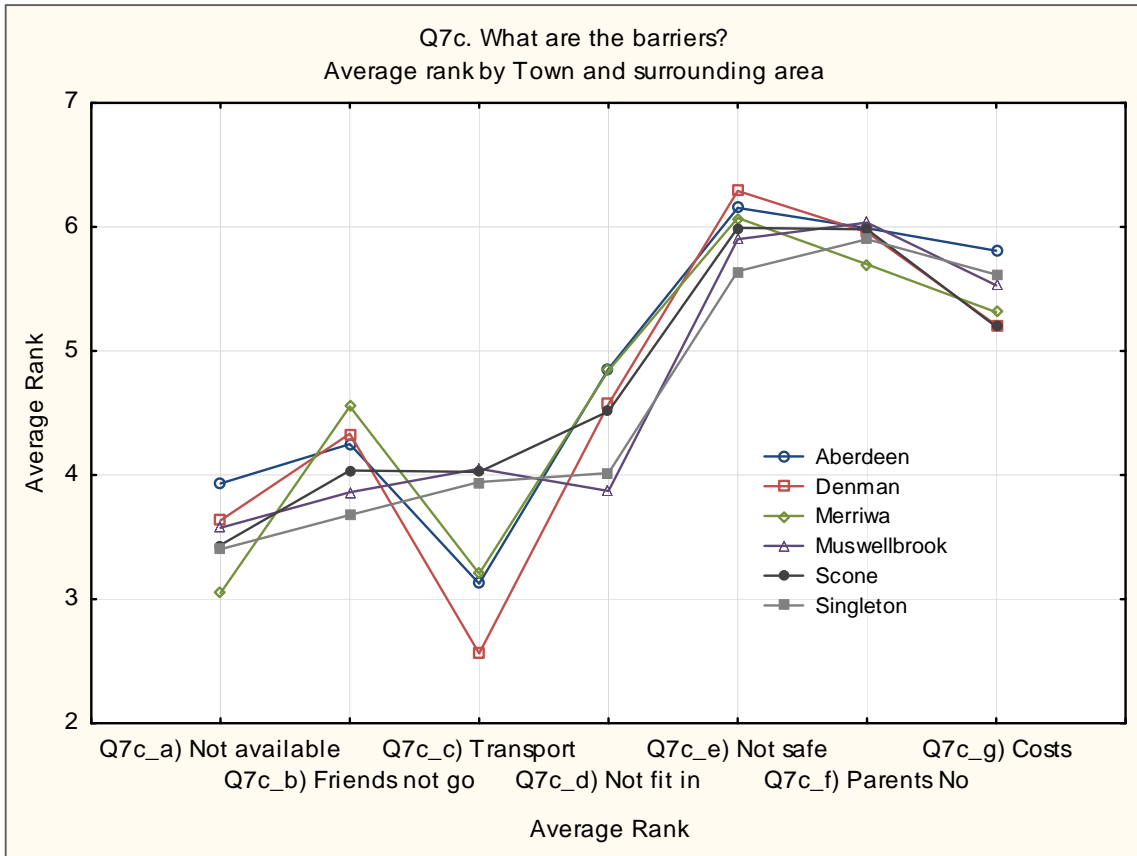


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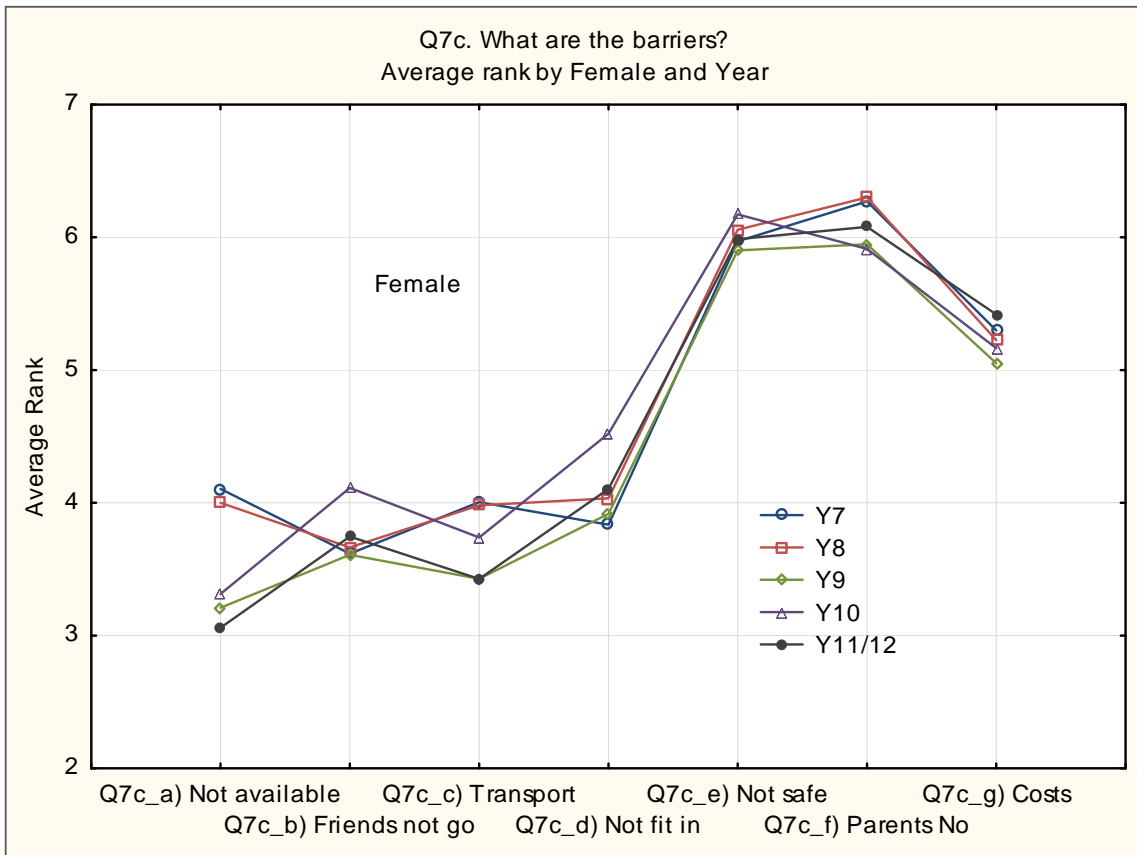
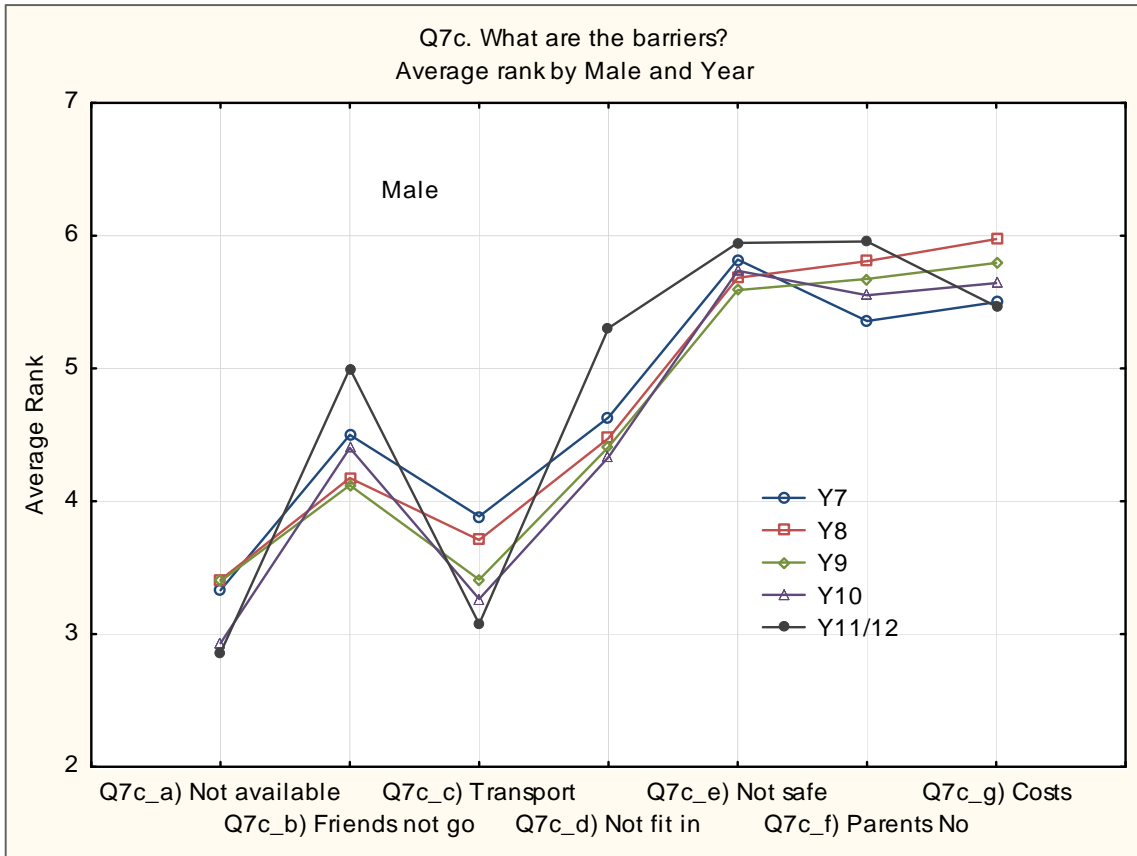
Note: The charts below are based on the average rank of the barriers. In calculating the average rank those who did not rank an item (i.e. the item was not a barrier at all) are given a rank of 8 for that item.



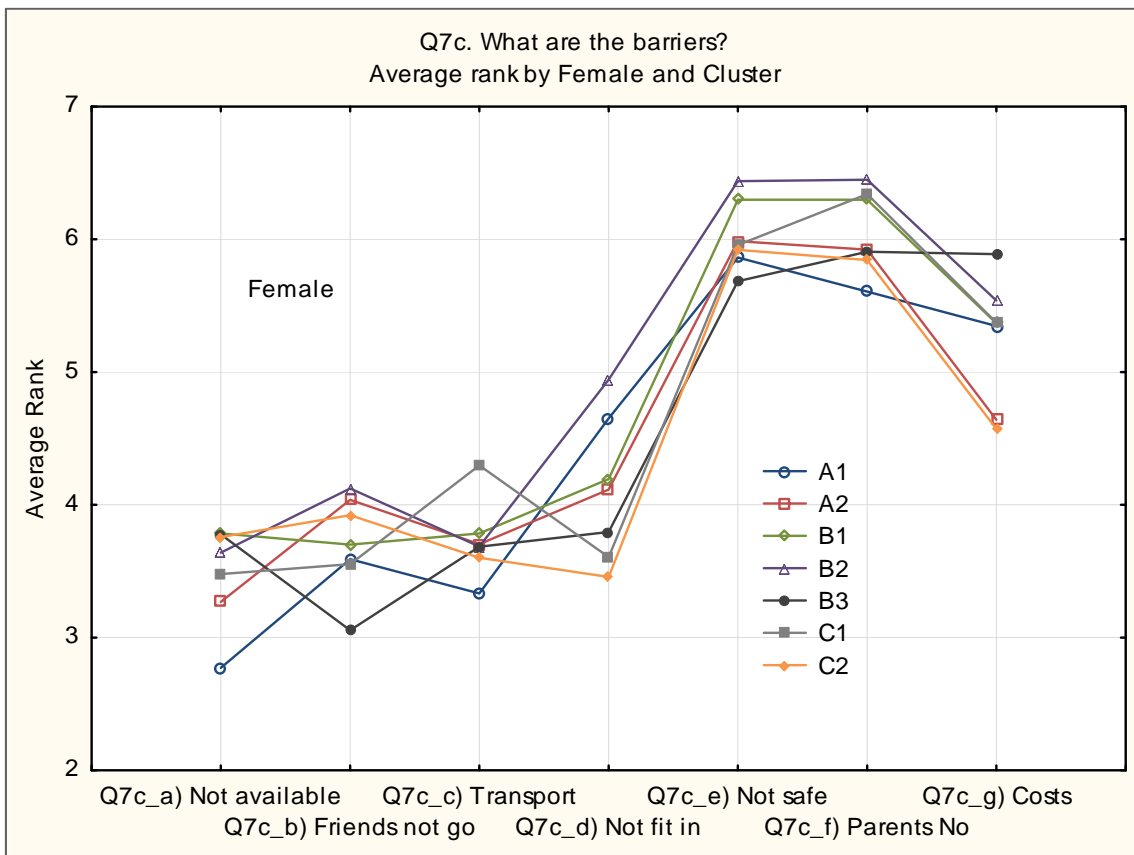
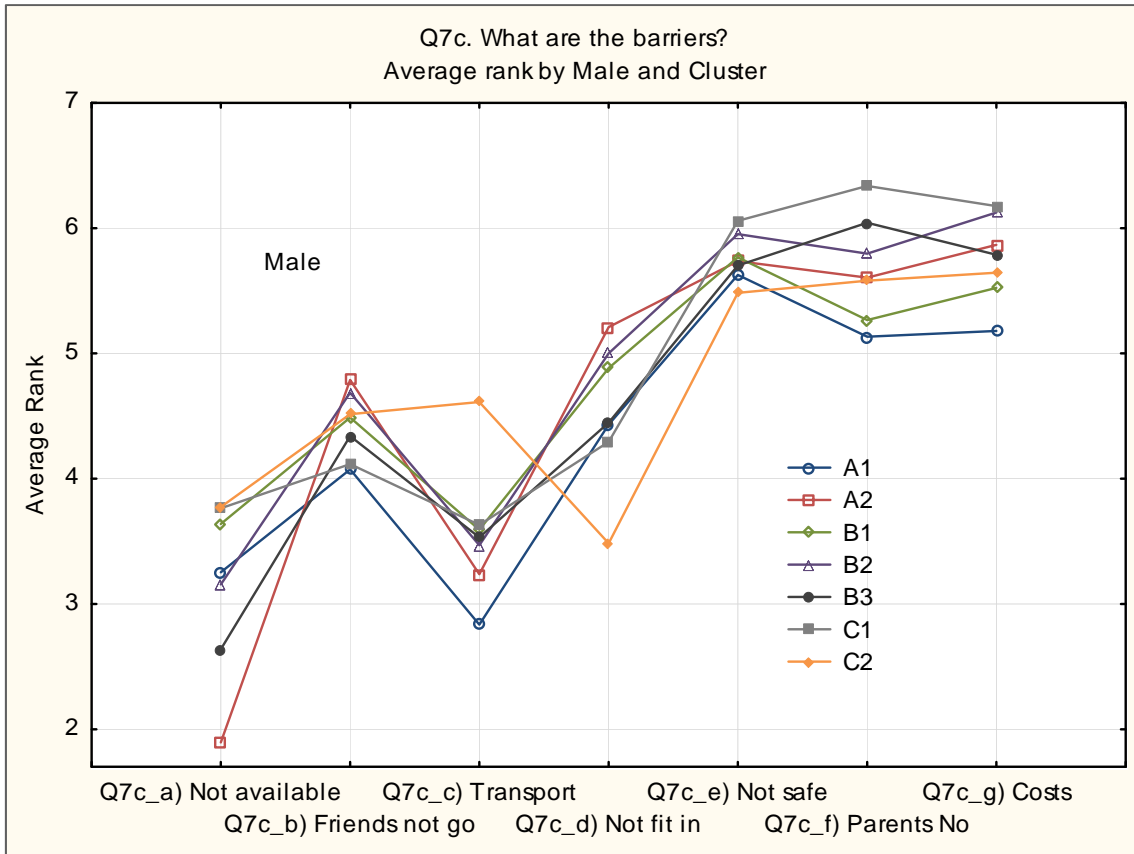
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In the tables below the numbers 1 to 8 at the top of the columns are the Ranks in Question 7c. For example 28% of the young people living in Aberdeen ranked *Activities not available* number 1, i.e. the biggest barrier. 13% ranked it number 2, i.e. the second biggest barrier. Rank 8 is for those people who did not rank the item at all (i.e. not a barrier at all).

<b>7c_a) Activities not available</b>									
Town and surrounding area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Row Totals
Aberdeen	28%	13%	18%	7%	4%	2%	3%	26%	9%
Denman	32%	14%	17%	4%	6%	2%	6%	19%	8%
Merriwa	39%	17%	12%	10%	5%	5%	1%	12%	7%
Muswellbrook	34%	16%	10%	8%	6%	2%	6%	19%	29%
Scone	36%	18%	9%	8%	3%	2%	3%	20%	23%
Singleton	33%	18%	12%	9%	6%	2%	7%	14%	24%
Totals	34%	16%	12%	8%	5%	2%	5%	18%	100%

<b>7c_b) None of my friends want to go with me</b>									
Town and surrounding area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Row Totals
Aberdeen	12%	20%	20%	12%	6%	4%	1%	26%	9%
Denman	9%	19%	19%	14%	8%	7%	1%	23%	8%
Merriwa	11%	17%	20%	6%	8%	6%	4%	28%	7%
Muswellbrook	14%	26%	18%	10%	6%	6%	2%	19%	29%
Scone	17%	21%	18%	8%	5%	3%	3%	24%	23%
Singleton	19%	27%	16%	7%	6%	4%	3%	18%	24%
Totals	15%	23%	18%	9%	6%	5%	2%	21%	100%

<b>7c_c) Transport</b>									
Town and surrounding area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Row Totals
Aberdeen	33%	27%	13%	5%	2%	1%	3%	16%	9%
Denman	38%	30%	16%	3%	2%	0%	3%	8%	8%
Merriwa	40%	20%	8%	4%	2%	6%	2%	17%	7%
Muswellbrook	19%	15%	19%	10%	8%	4%	1%	24%	29%
Scone	23%	18%	14%	9%	5%	3%	5%	24%	23%
Singleton	20%	14%	21%	12%	6%	6%	3%	19%	24%
Totals	25%	18%	17%	9%	5%	4%	3%	20%	100%

<b>7c_d) Don't feel I would fit in</b>									
Town and surrounding area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Row Totals
Aberdeen	13%	13%	11%	13%	6%	9%	5%	31%	9%
Denman	9%	9%	18%	24%	7%	6%	2%	24%	8%
Merriwa	12%	10%	14%	14%	11%	4%	4%	31%	7%
Muswellbrook	20%	19%	13%	15%	7%	4%	2%	19%	29%
Scone	14%	12%	19%	15%	6%	4%	3%	28%	23%
Singleton	16%	15%	17%	17%	9%	5%	2%	18%	24%
Totals	16%	15%	16%	16%	7%	5%	3%	23%	100%

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### 7c\_e) Worried about safety

Town and surrounding area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Row Totals
Aberdeen	1%	6%	7%	8%	15%	13%	6%	44%	9%
Denman	1%	2%	3%	6%	25%	13%	10%	40%	8%
Merriwa	4%	4%	6%	8%	17%	8%	14%	39%	7%
Muswellbrook	4%	5%	8%	7%	18%	10%	8%	39%	29%
Scone	3%	5%	8%	6%	19%	12%	8%	39%	23%
Singleton	3%	5%	10%	8%	22%	14%	6%	32%	24%
Totals	3%	5%	8%	7%	20%	12%	8%	38%	100%

### 7c\_f) My parents do not want me to be involved

Town and surrounding area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Row Totals
Aberdeen	4%	4%	12%	6%	9%	15%	13%	38%	9%
Denman	5%	3%	6%	11%	7%	16%	19%	32%	8%
Merriwa	5%	7%	10%	13%	5%	13%	11%	36%	7%
Muswellbrook	5%	4%	9%	5%	6%	20%	15%	36%	29%
Scone	5%	7%	5%	7%	8%	17%	13%	38%	23%
Singleton	4%	5%	7%	8%	9%	19%	16%	31%	24%
Totals	5%	5%	8%	8%	7%	18%	15%	35%	100%

### 7c\_g) Costs

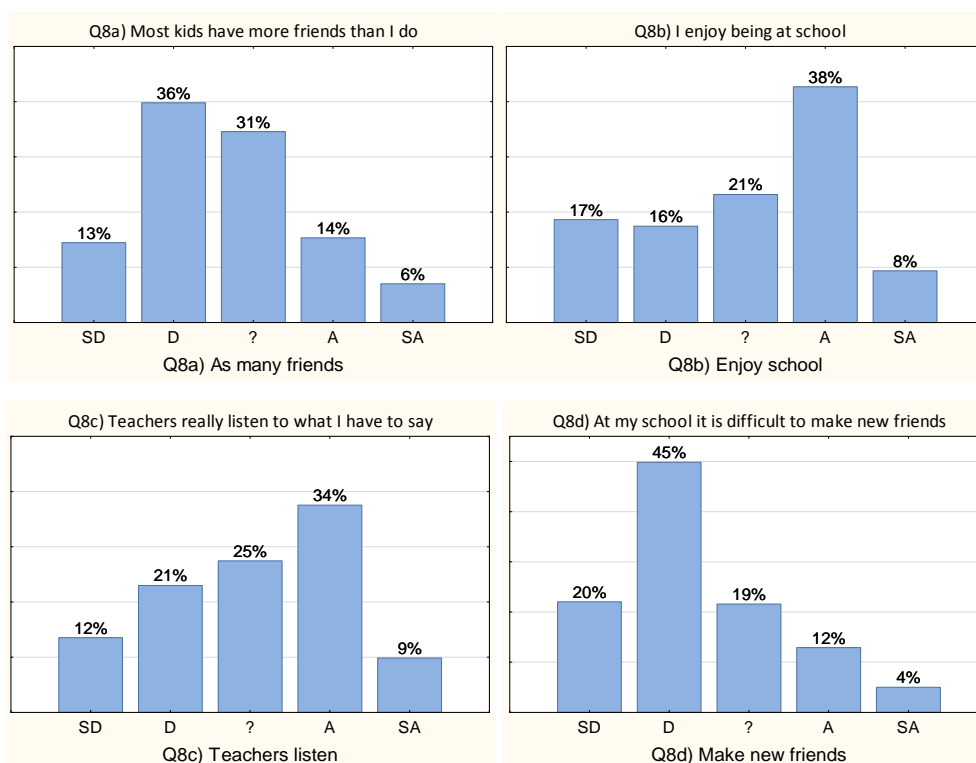
Town and surrounding area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Row Totals
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Denman	8%	14%	11%	4%	7%	15%	15%	26%	8%
Merriwa	10%	12%	12%	2%	6%	12%	17%	29%	7%
Muswellbrook	9%	11%	7%	6%	7%	10%	20%	31%	29%
Scone	12%	12%	9%	5%	6%	11%	17%	27%	23%
Singleton	8%	8%	8%	8%	6%	11%	22%	29%	24%
Totals	9%	10%	9%	6%	7%	10%	19%	30%	100%



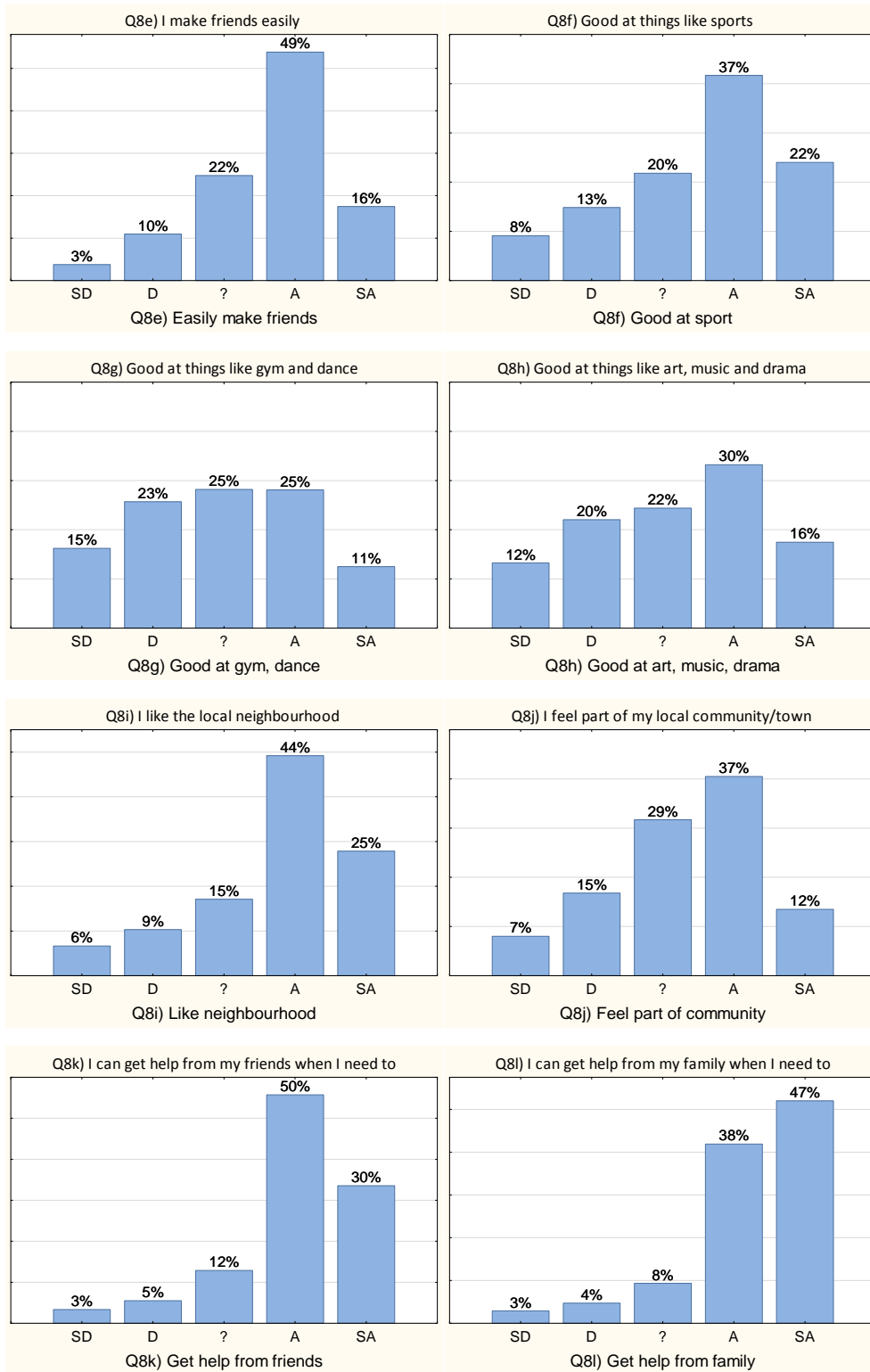
### Question 8 Experience of school and community

**8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:** *Circle your answer MD = 3.5%*  
 Use the codes: **SD**=Strongly Disagree **D**= Disagree **?** = Unsure **A**= Agree **SA**=Strongly Agree

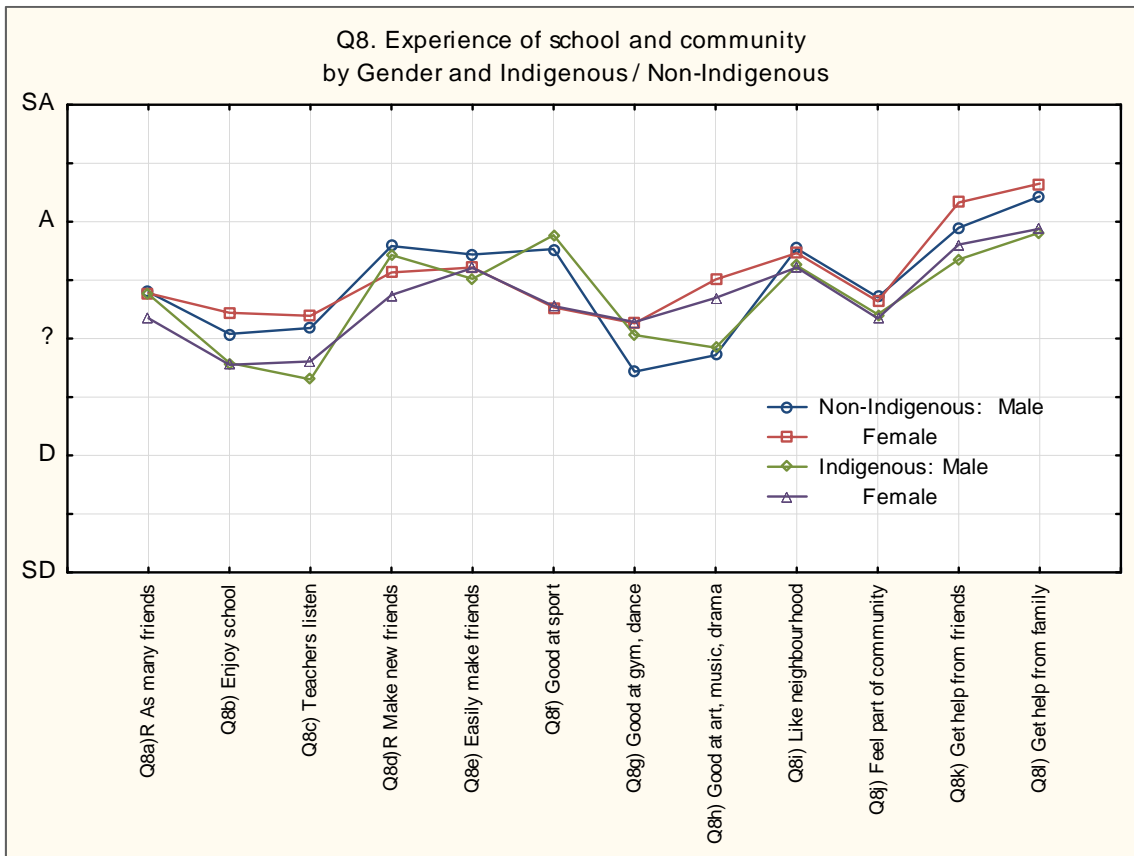
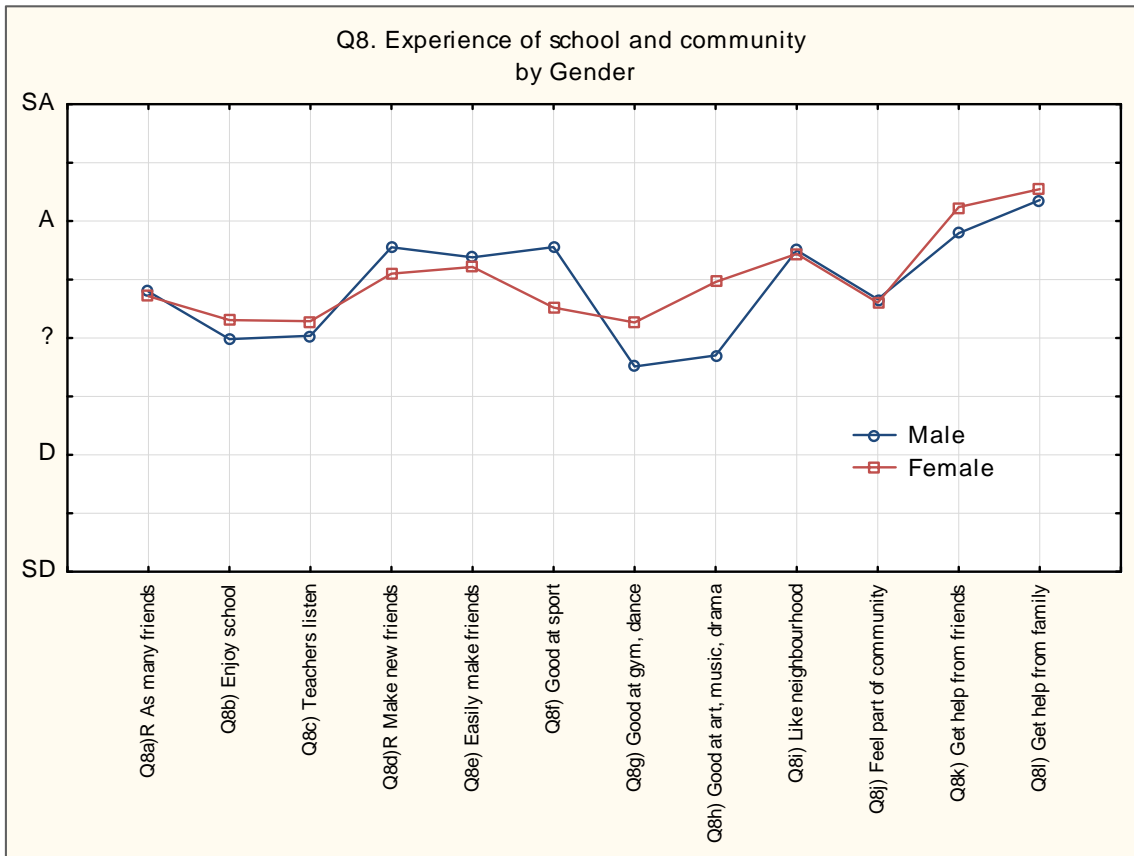
a) Most kids have more friends than I do	13%SD	36%D	31%?	14%A	6%SA
b) I enjoy being at school	17%SD	16%D	21%?	38%A	8%SA
c) Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say	12%SD	21%D	25%?	34%A	9%SA
d) At my school it is difficult to make new friends	20%SD	45%D	19%?	12%A	4%SA
e) I make friends easily	3%SD	10%D	22%?	49%A	16%SA
f) I am good at things like sports	8%SD	13%D	20%?	37%A	22%SA
g) I am good at things like gym and dance	15%SD	23%D	25%?	25%A	11%SA
h) I am good at things like art, music and drama	12%SD	20%D	22%?	30%A	16%SA
i) I like the local neighbourhood where I am living	6%SD	9%D	15%?	44%A	25%SA
j) I feel part of my local community/town	7%SD	15%D	29%?	37%A	12%SA
k) I can get help from my friends when I need to.	3%SD	5%D	12%?	50%A	30%SA
l) I can get help from my family when I need to.	3%SD	4%D	8%?	38%A	47%SA



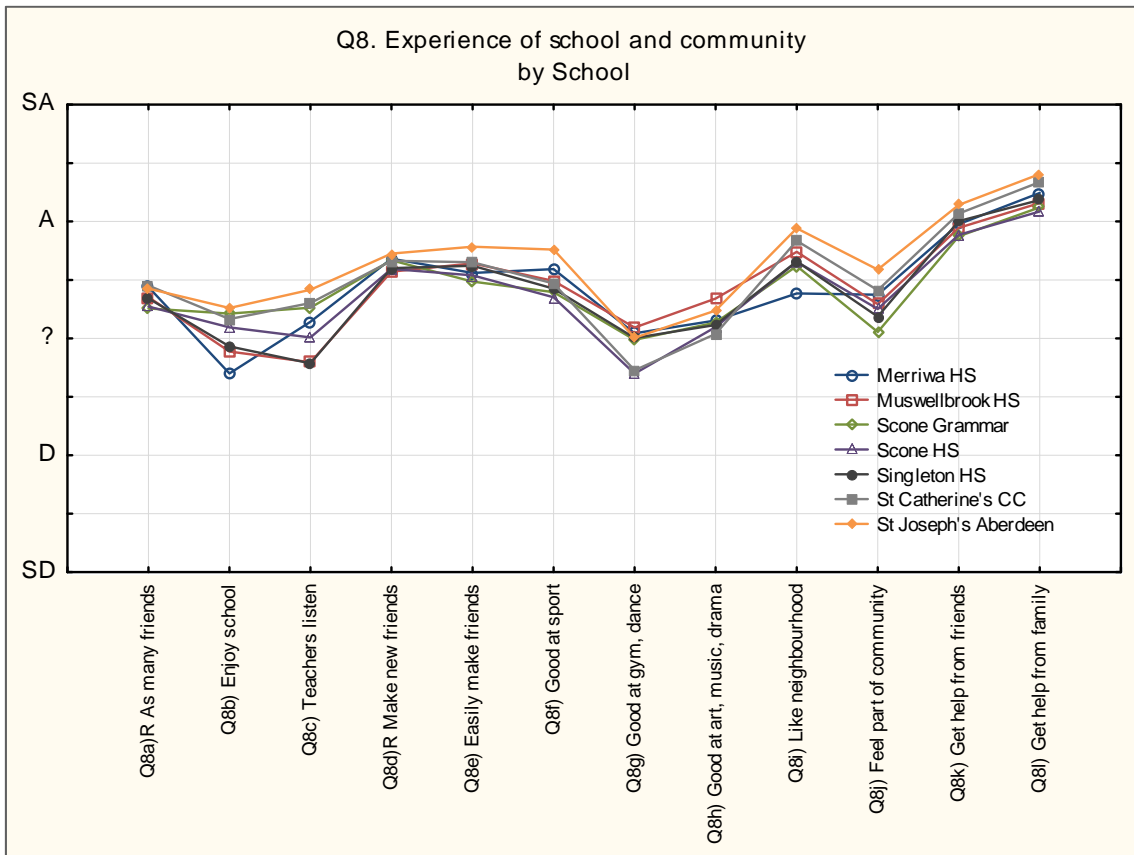
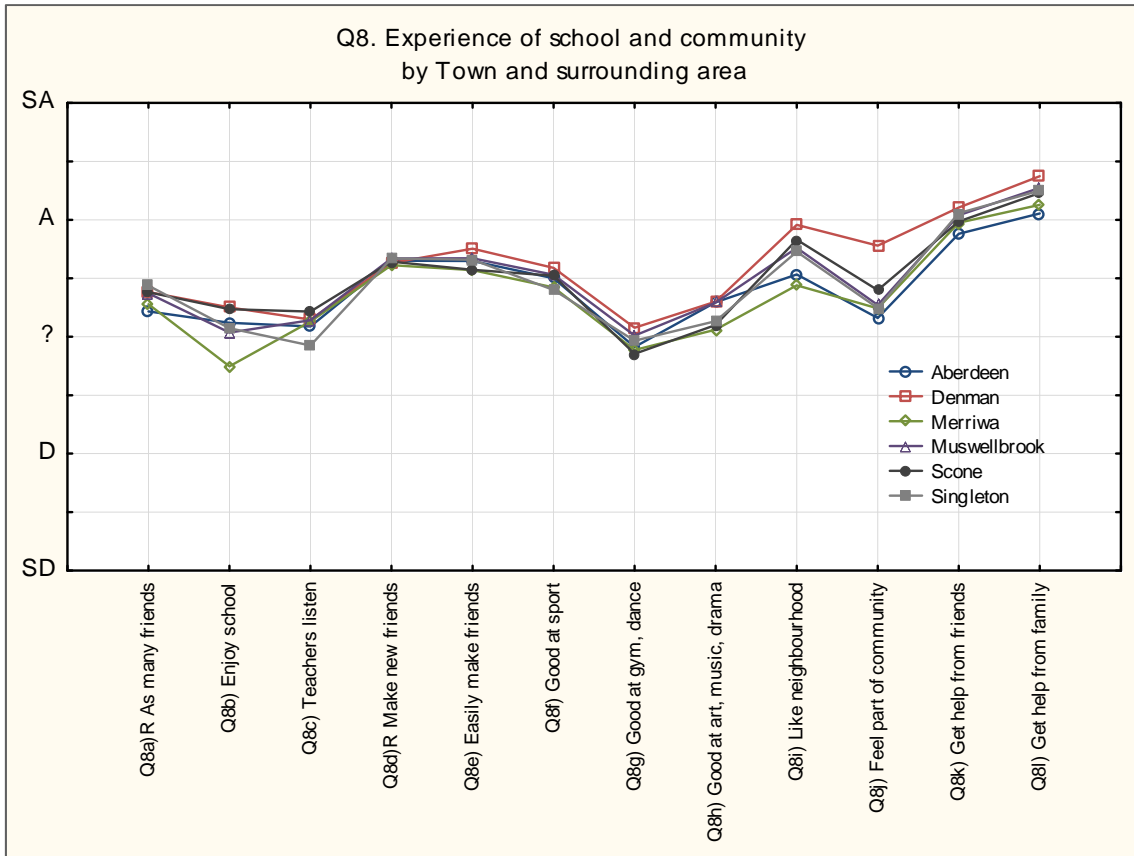
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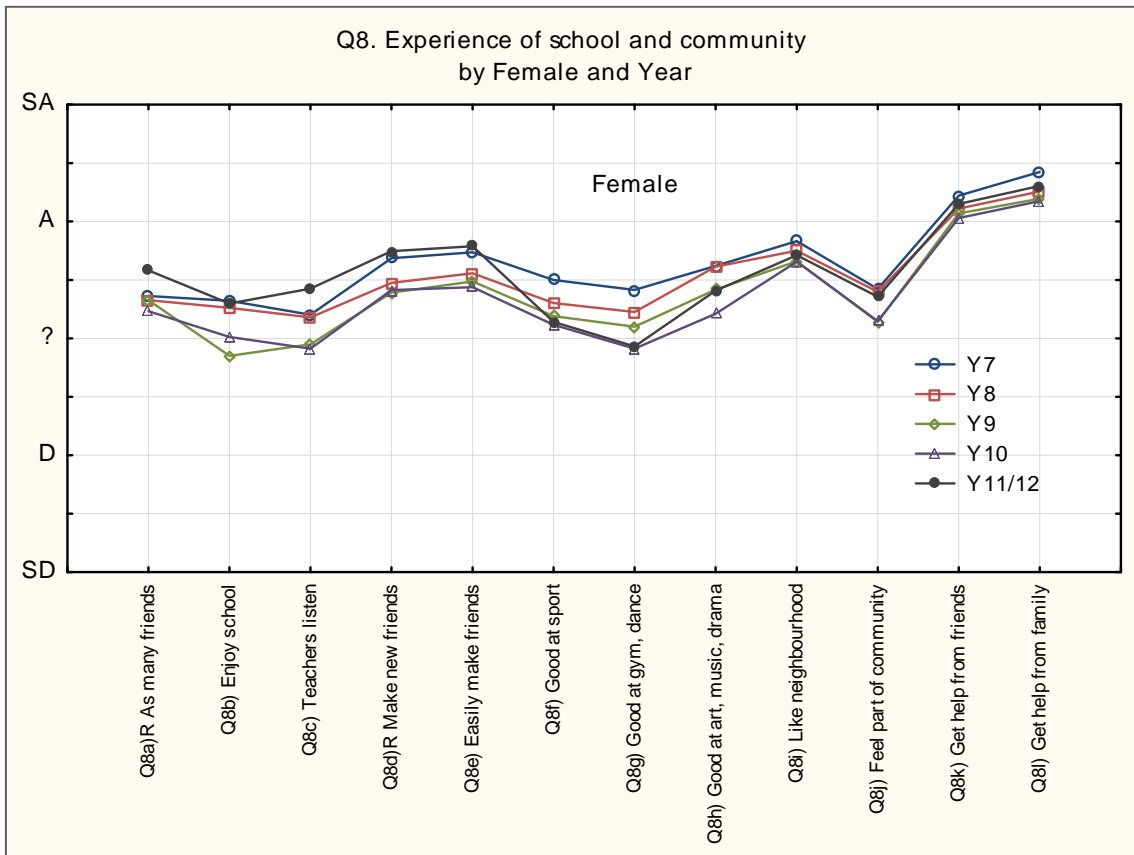
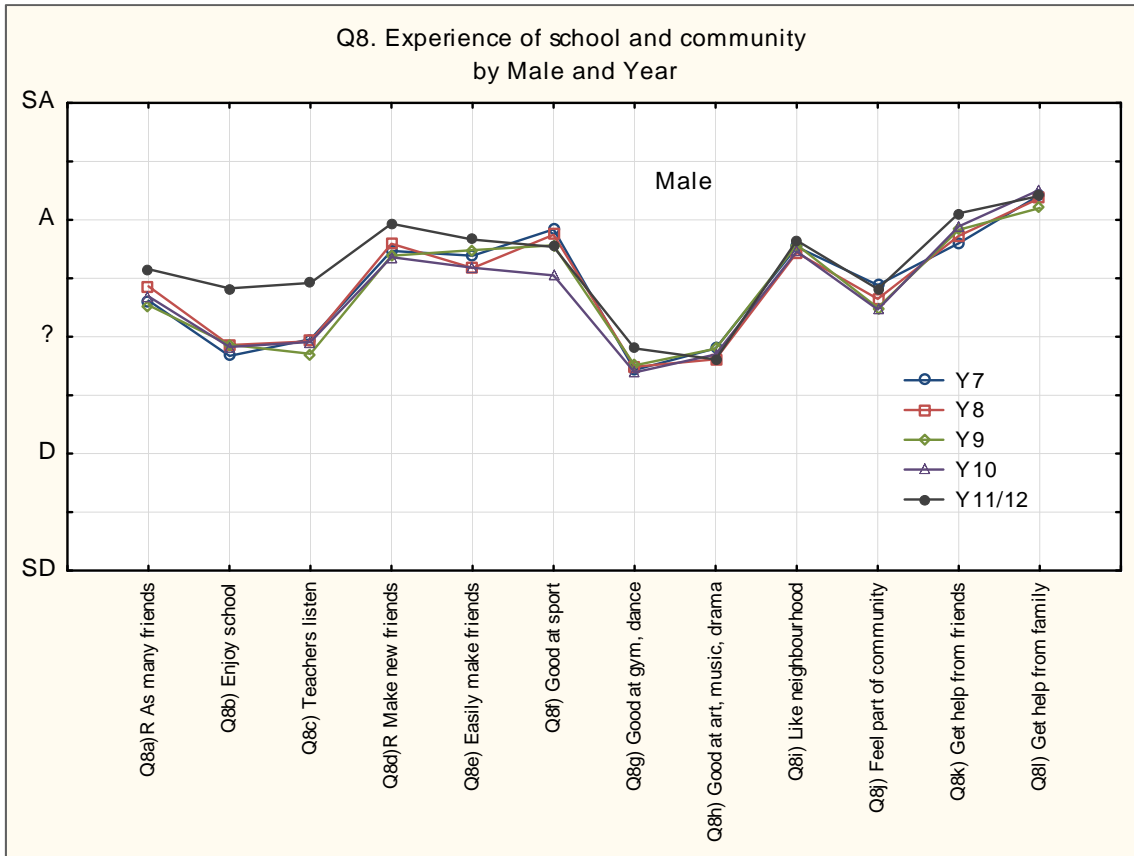
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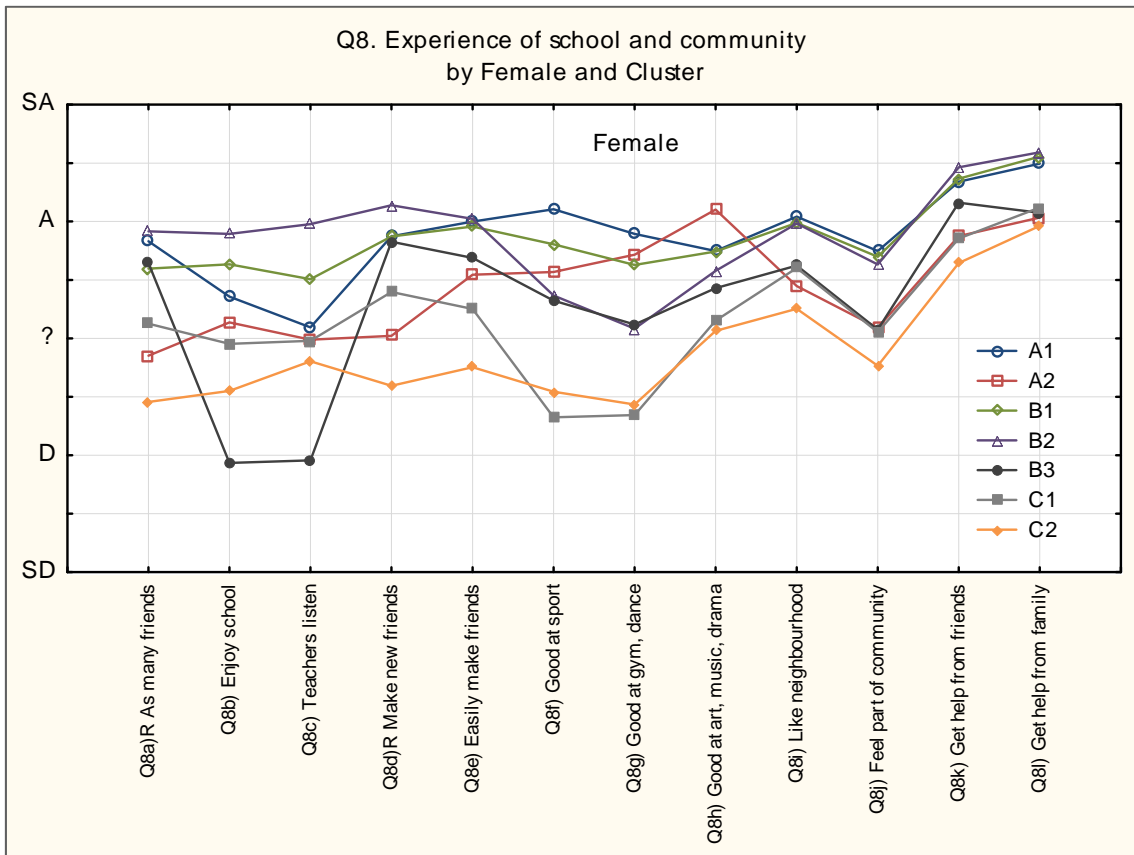
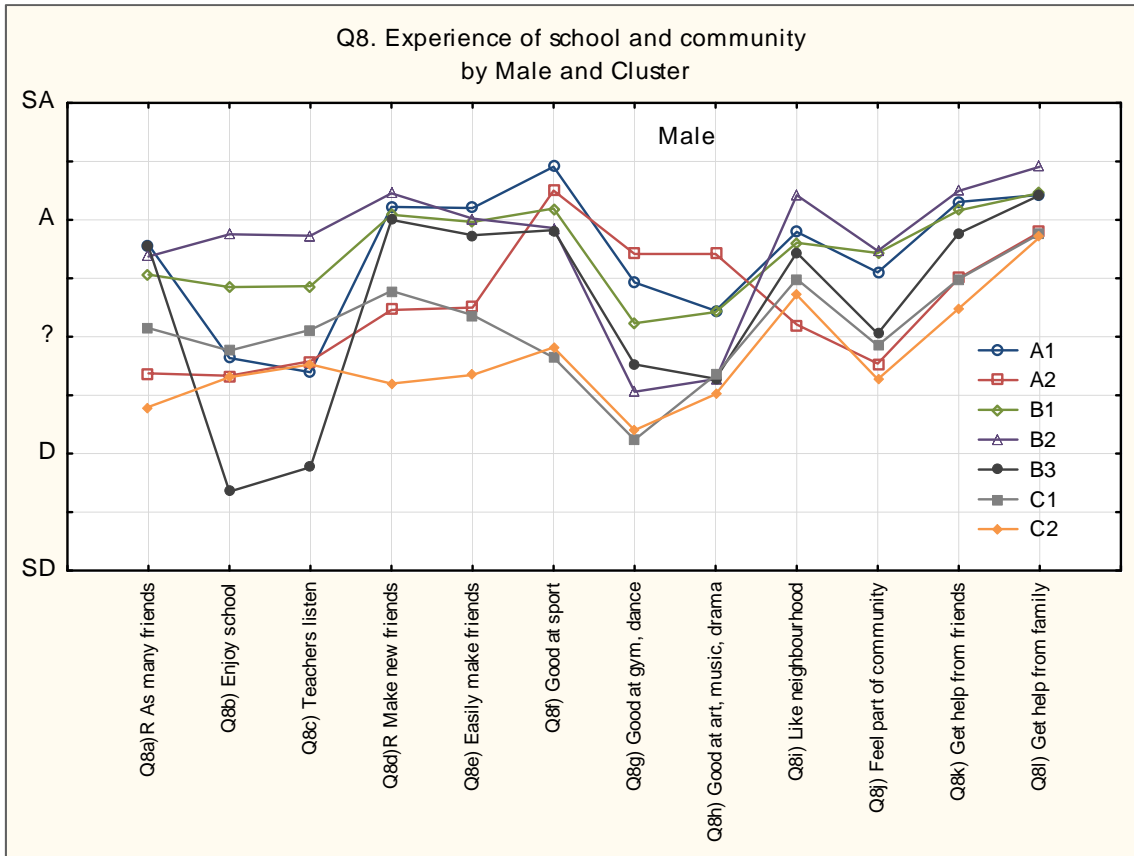
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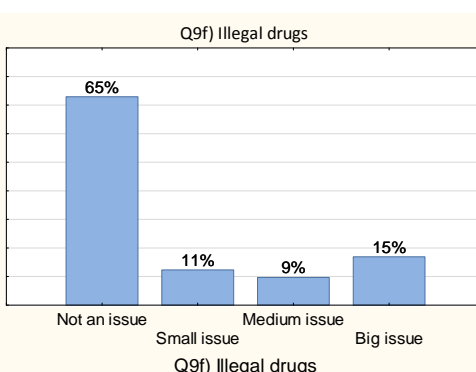
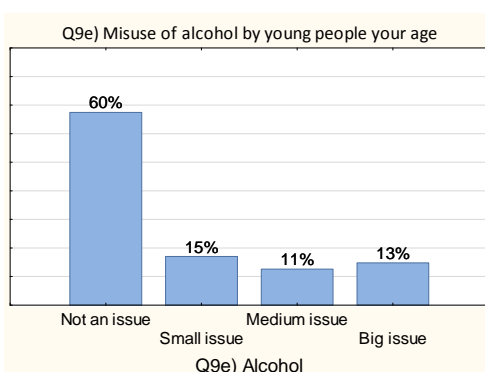
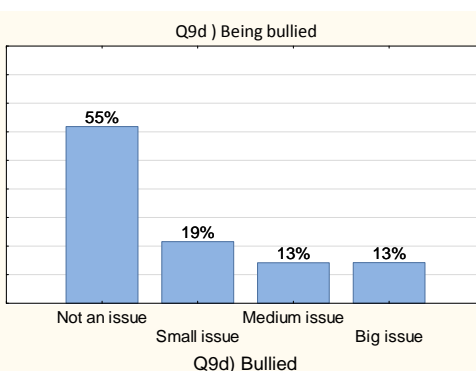
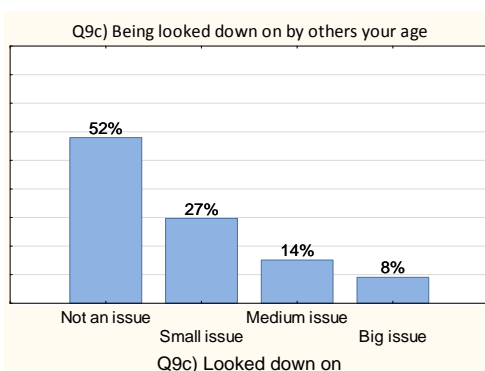
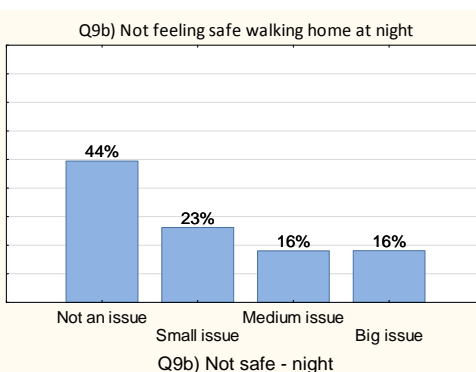
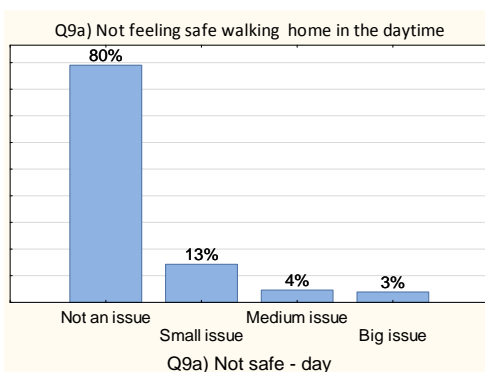
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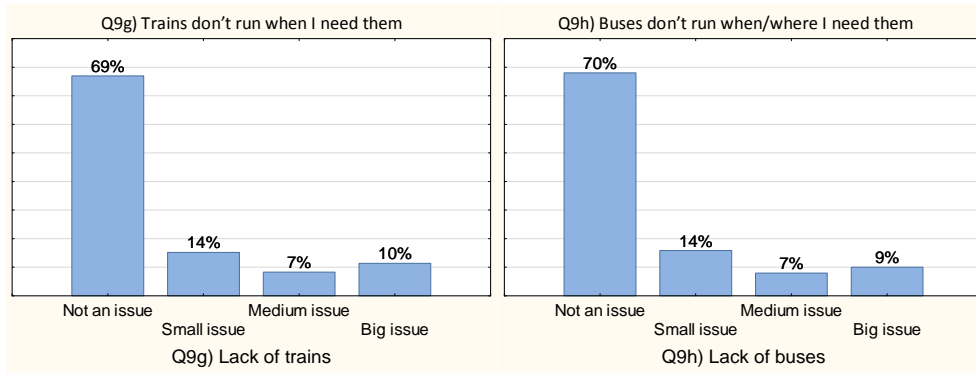
**Question 9. Are any of the following issues for you and/or your friends?**

9. Are any of the following issues for you and/or your friends? Tick your answers MD = 4.1%

	Not an issue	Small Issue	Medium Issue	Big Issue
a) Not feeling safe walking home in the daytime	80% <input type="radio"/> 0	13% <input type="radio"/> 1	4% <input type="radio"/> 2	3% <input type="radio"/> 3
b) Not feeling safe walking home at night	44% <input type="radio"/> 0	23% <input type="radio"/> 1	16% <input type="radio"/> 2	16% <input type="radio"/> 3
c) Being looked down on by other groups of young people your age	52% <input type="radio"/> 0	27% <input type="radio"/> 1	14% <input type="radio"/> 2	8% <input type="radio"/> 3
d) Being bullied	55% <input type="radio"/> 0	19% <input type="radio"/> 1	13% <input type="radio"/> 2	13% <input type="radio"/> 3
e) Misuse of alcohol by young people your age	60% <input type="radio"/> 0	15% <input type="radio"/> 1	11% <input type="radio"/> 2	13% <input type="radio"/> 3
f) Illegal drugs	65% <input type="radio"/> 0	11% <input type="radio"/> 1	9% <input type="radio"/> 2	15% <input type="radio"/> 3
g) Trains don't run when I need them	69% <input type="radio"/> 0	14% <input type="radio"/> 1	7% <input type="radio"/> 2	10% <input type="radio"/> 3
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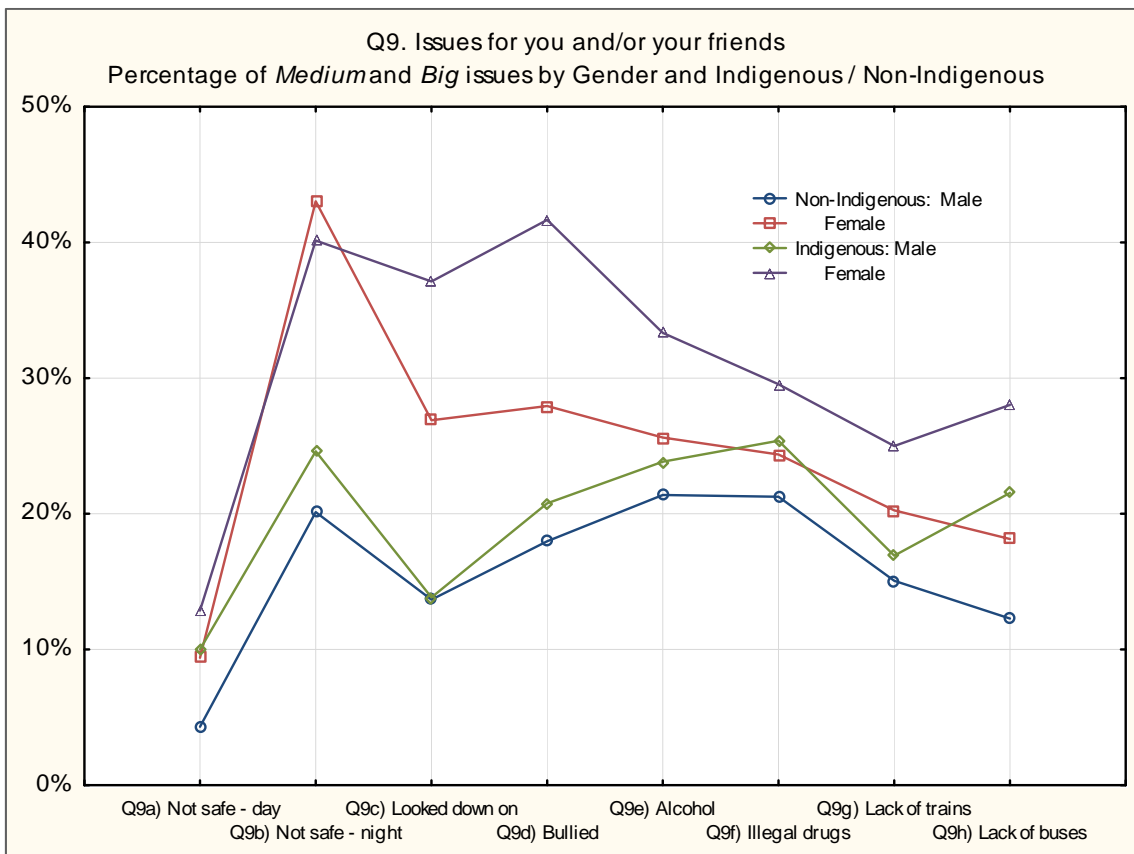
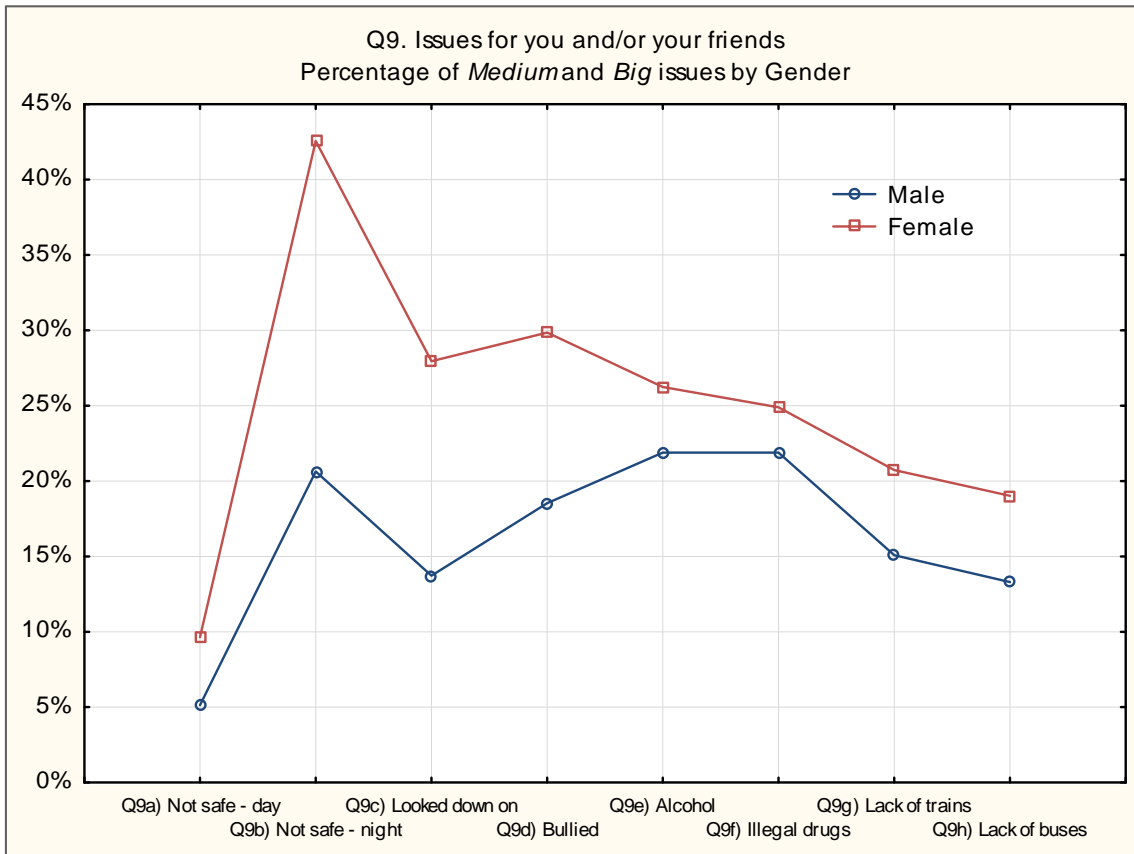
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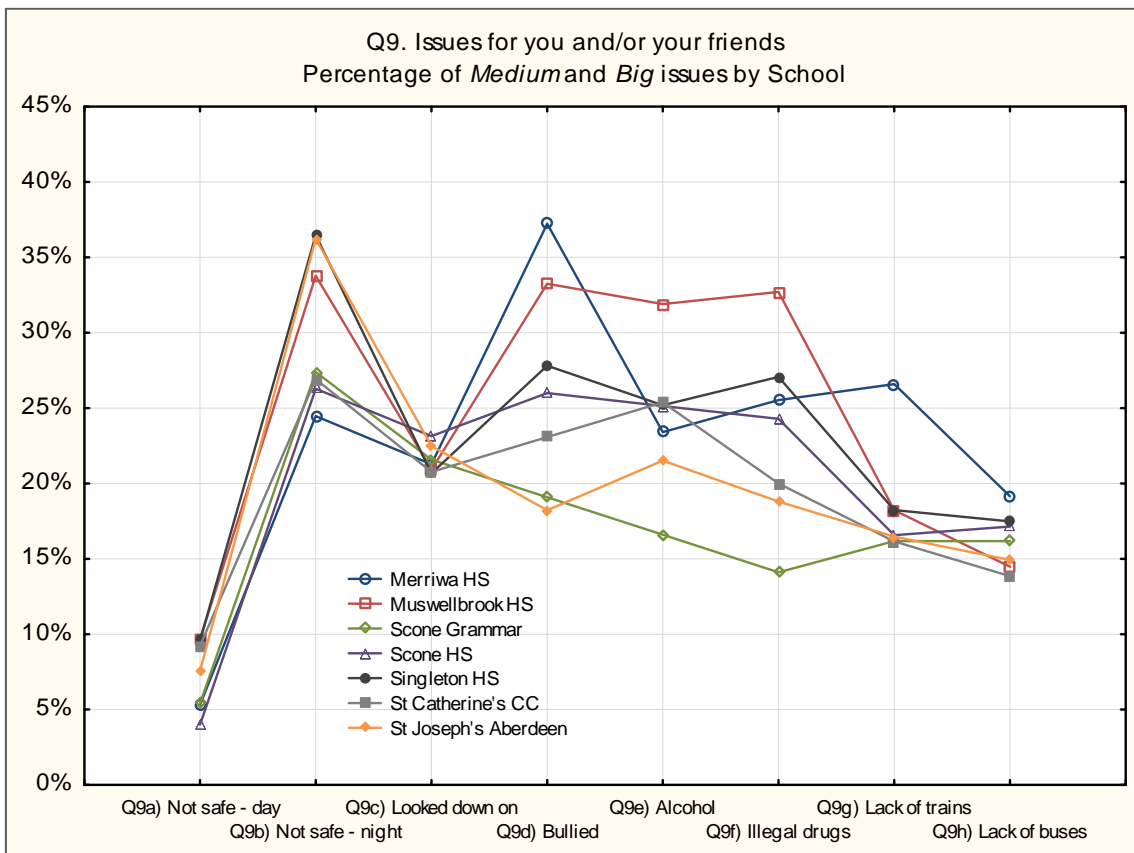
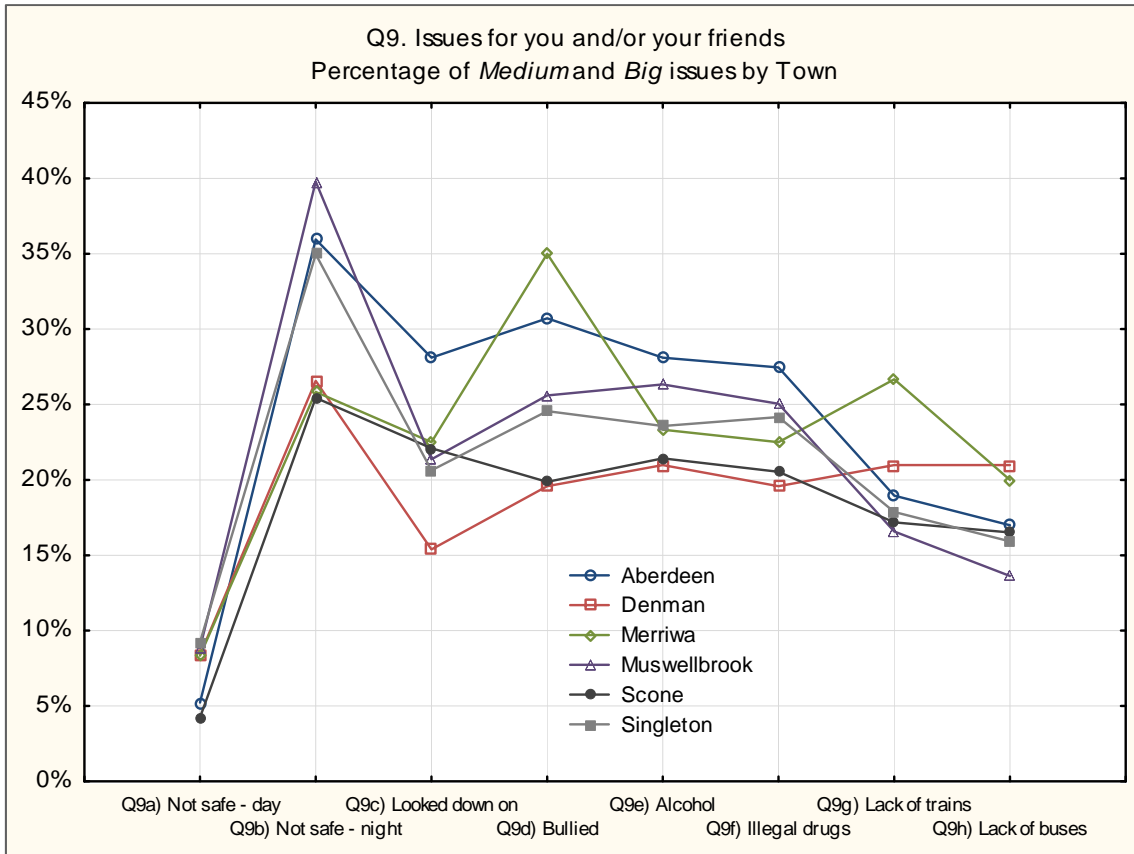


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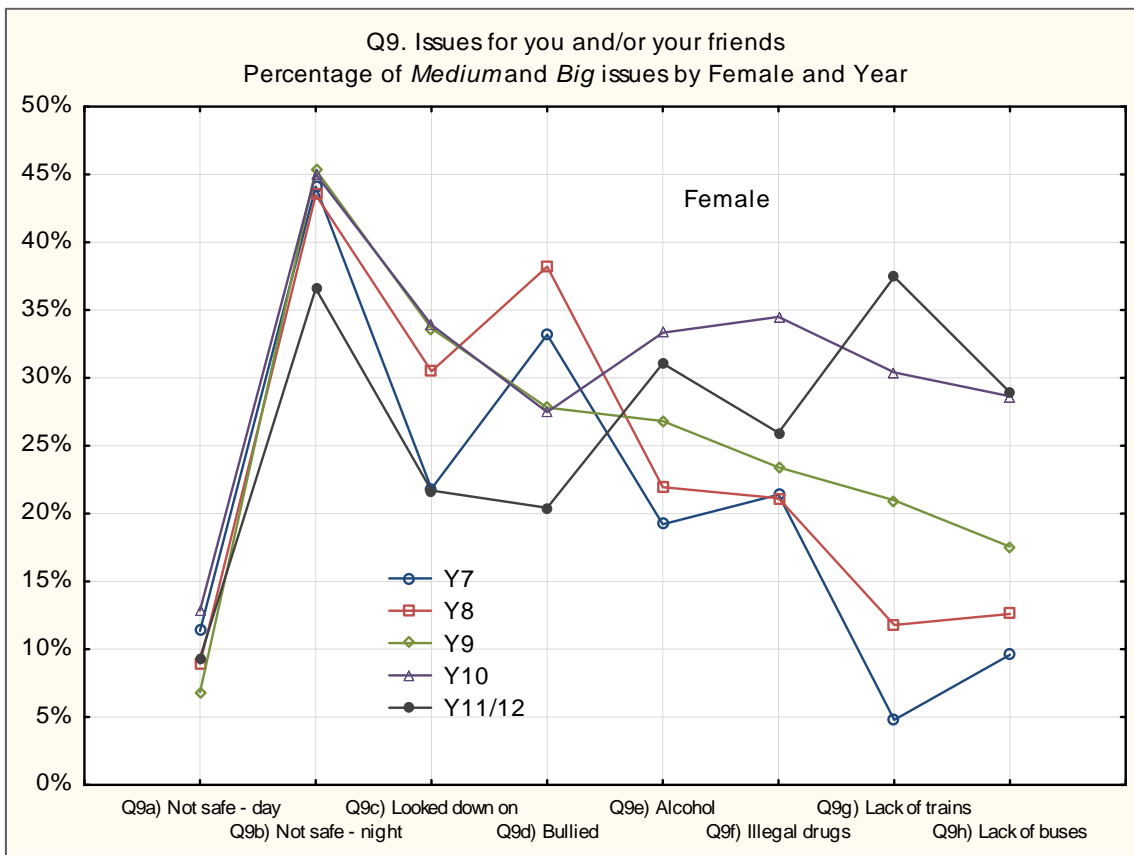
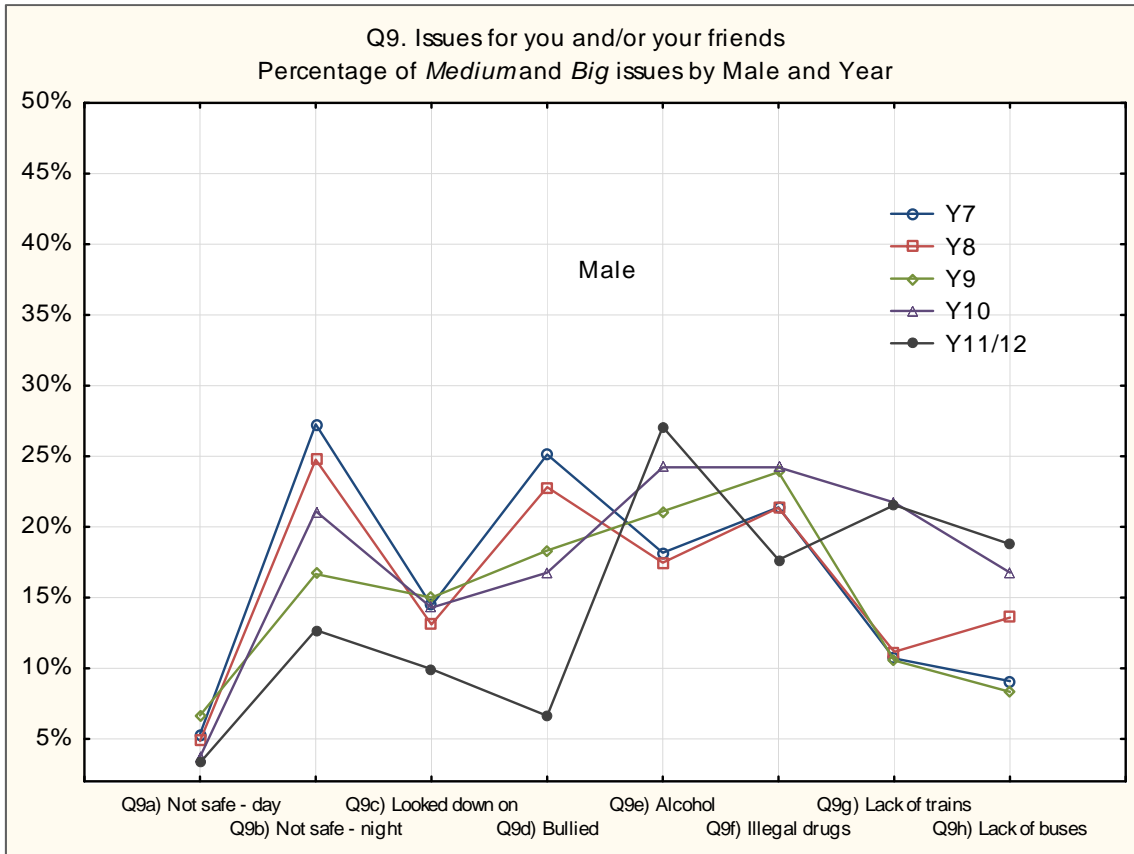
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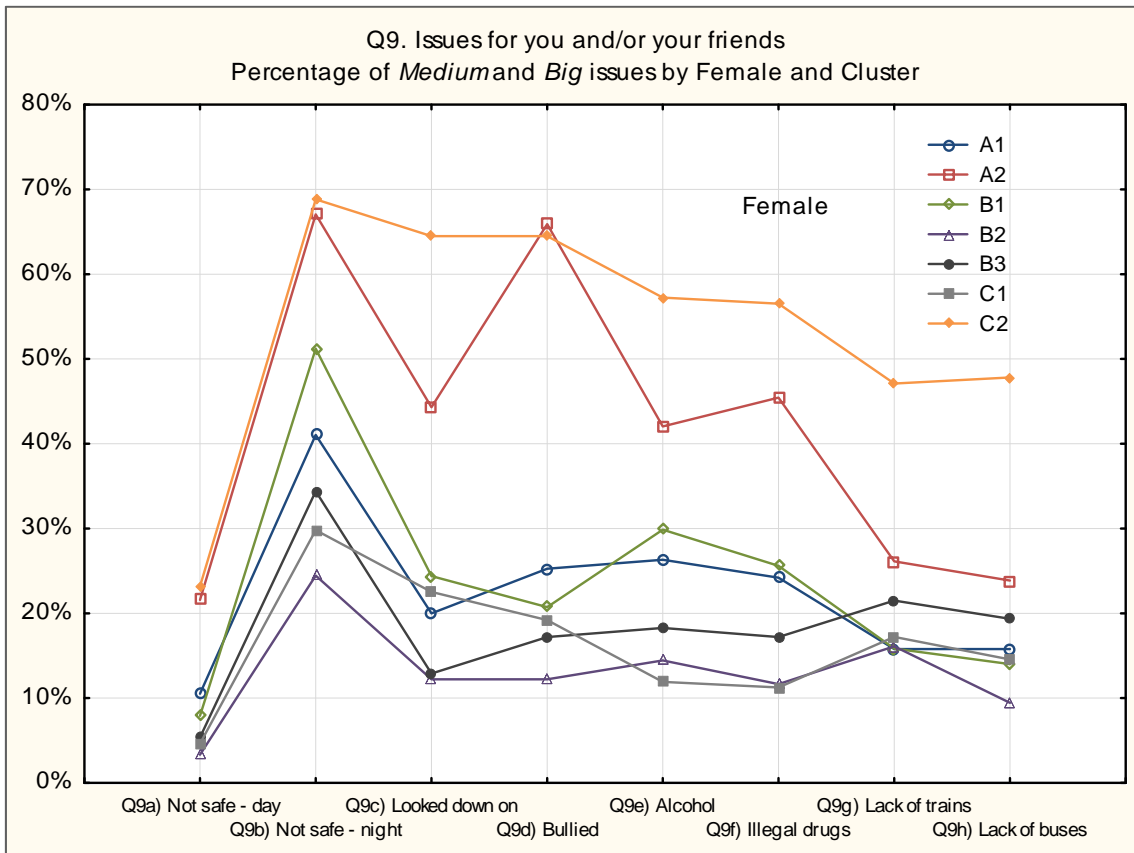
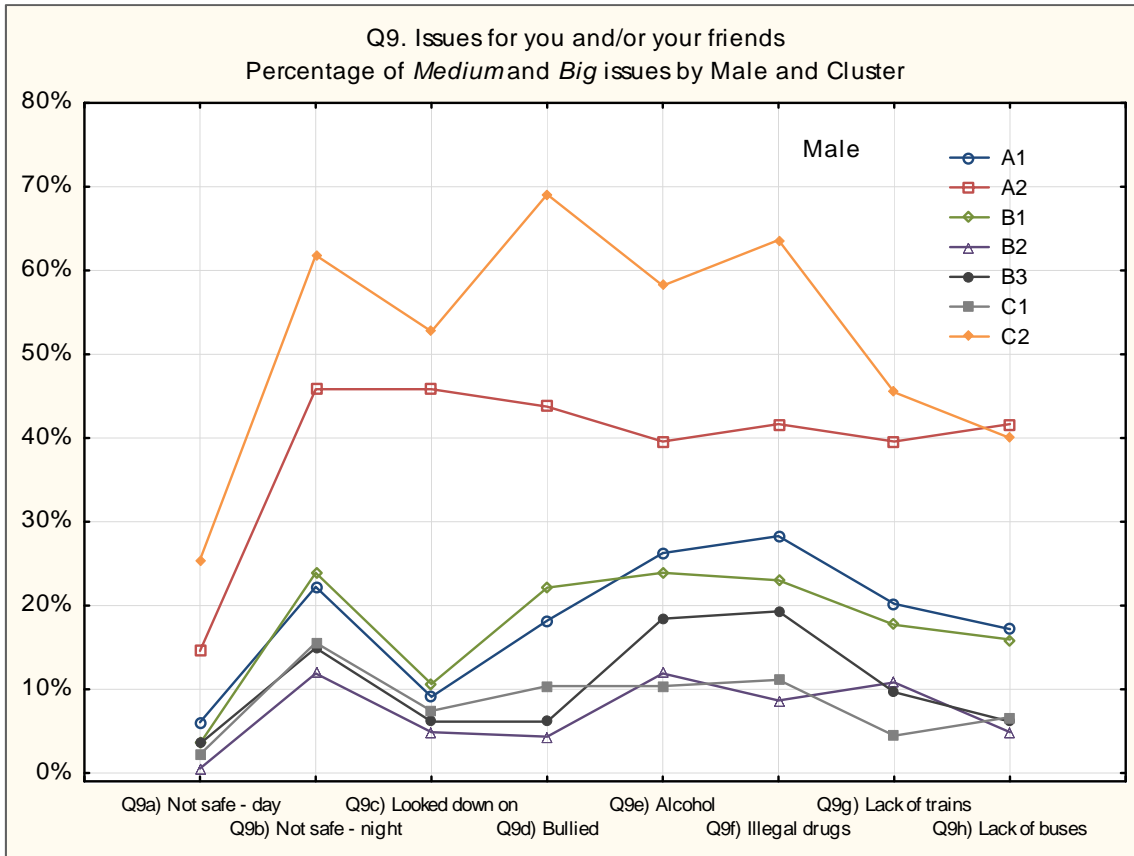
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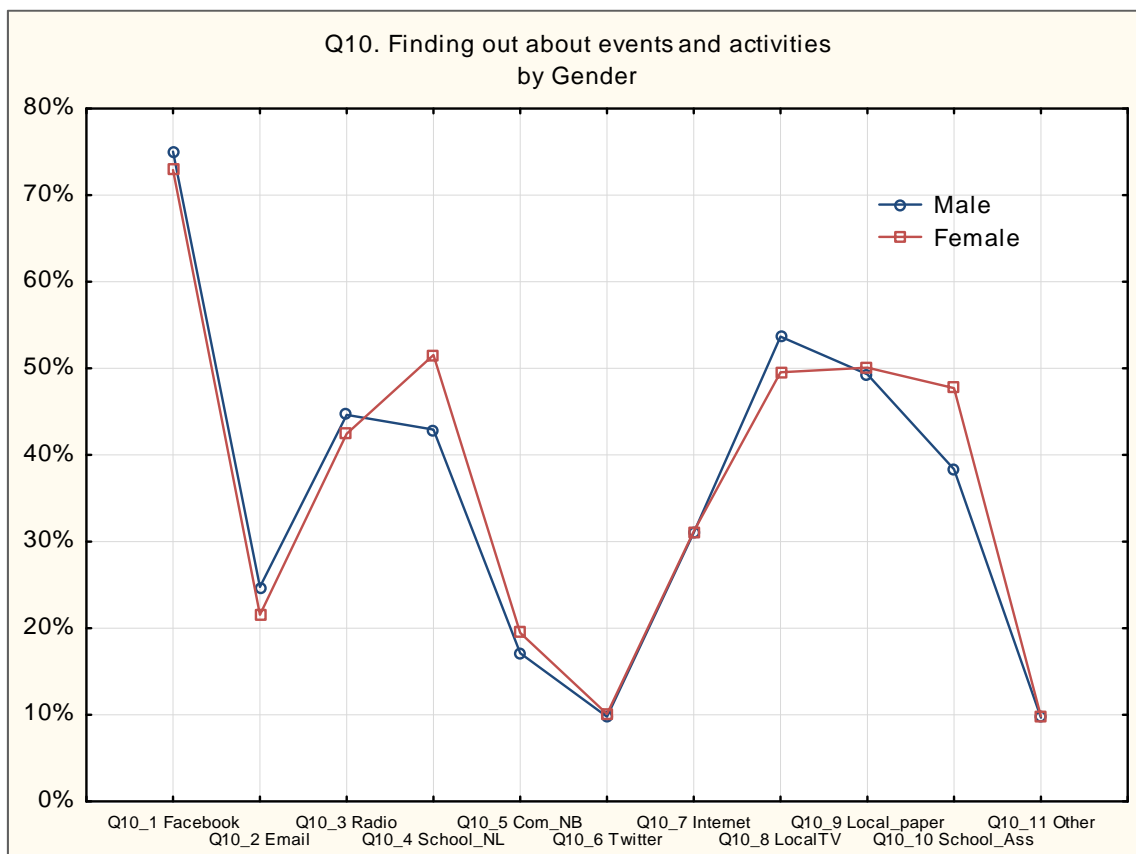
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**10. a) How do you want to find out about local events and activities for young people? MD = 6%**  
**What are the four most important ways?**

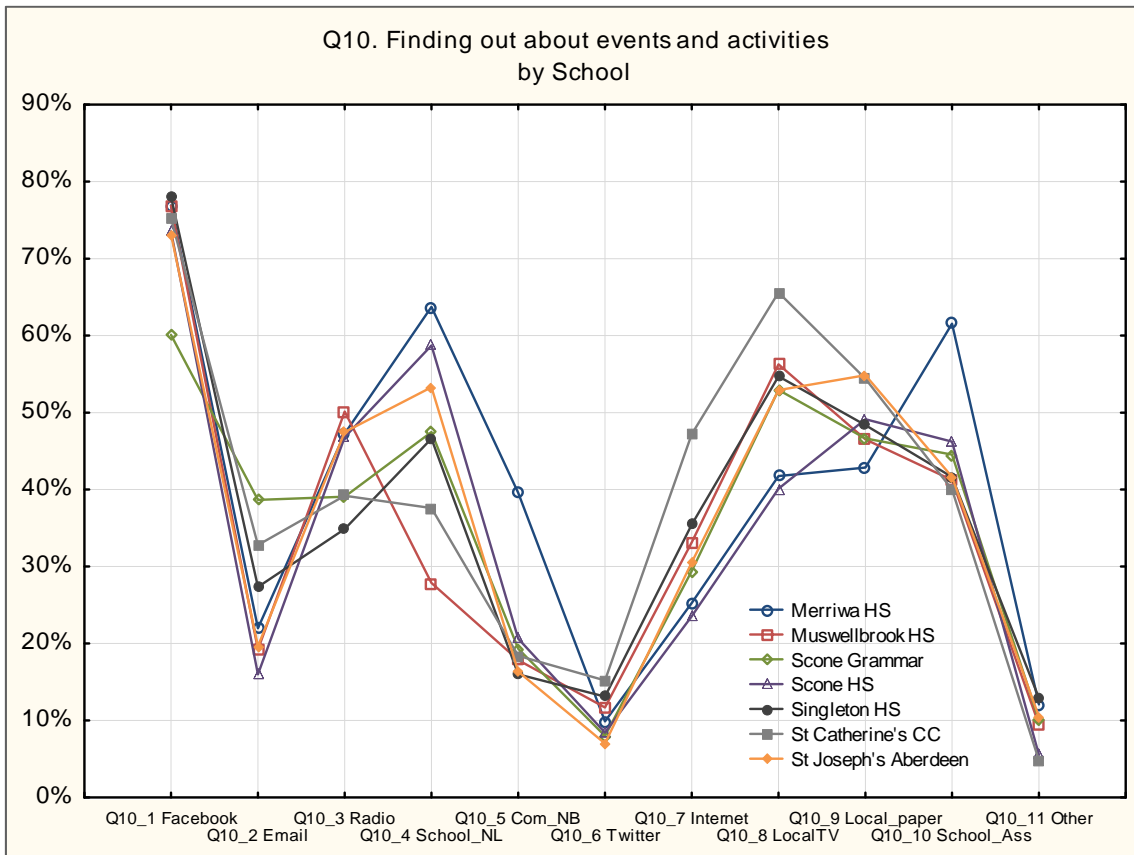
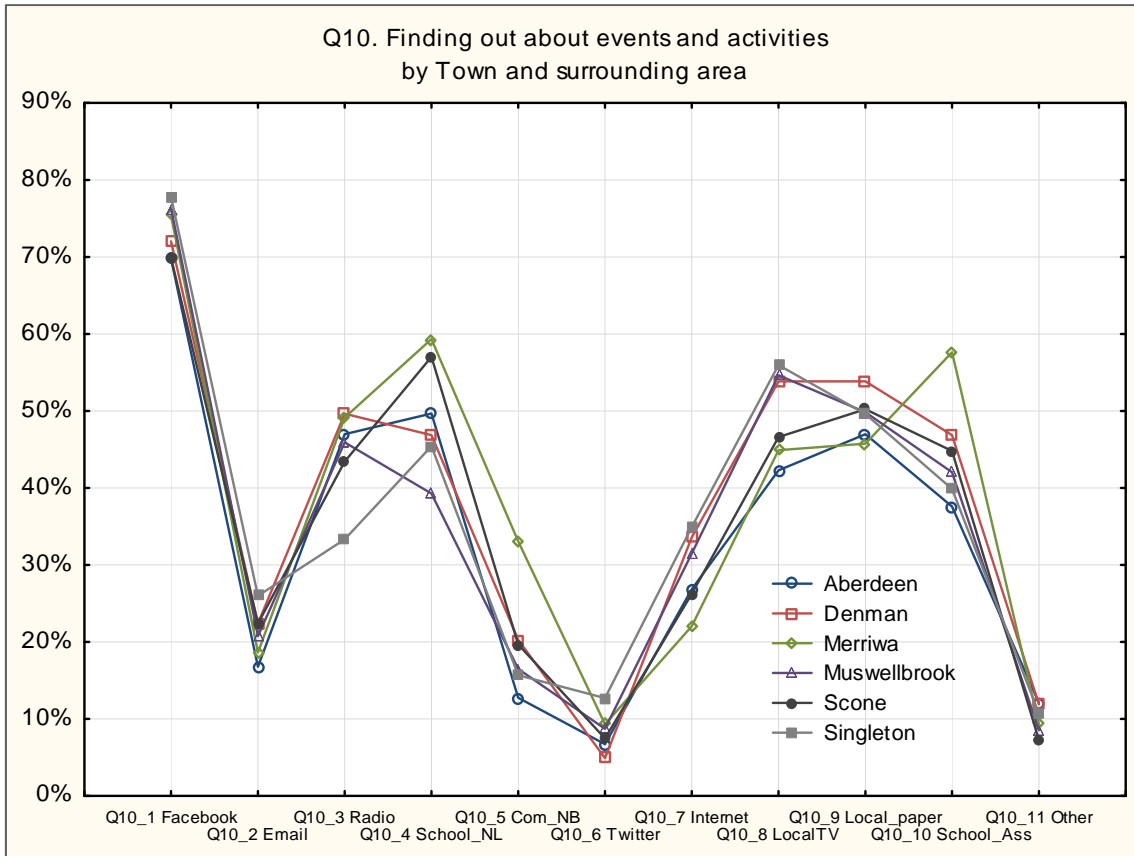
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47% <input type="checkbox"/> 4 School Newsletters	50% <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Local newspaper
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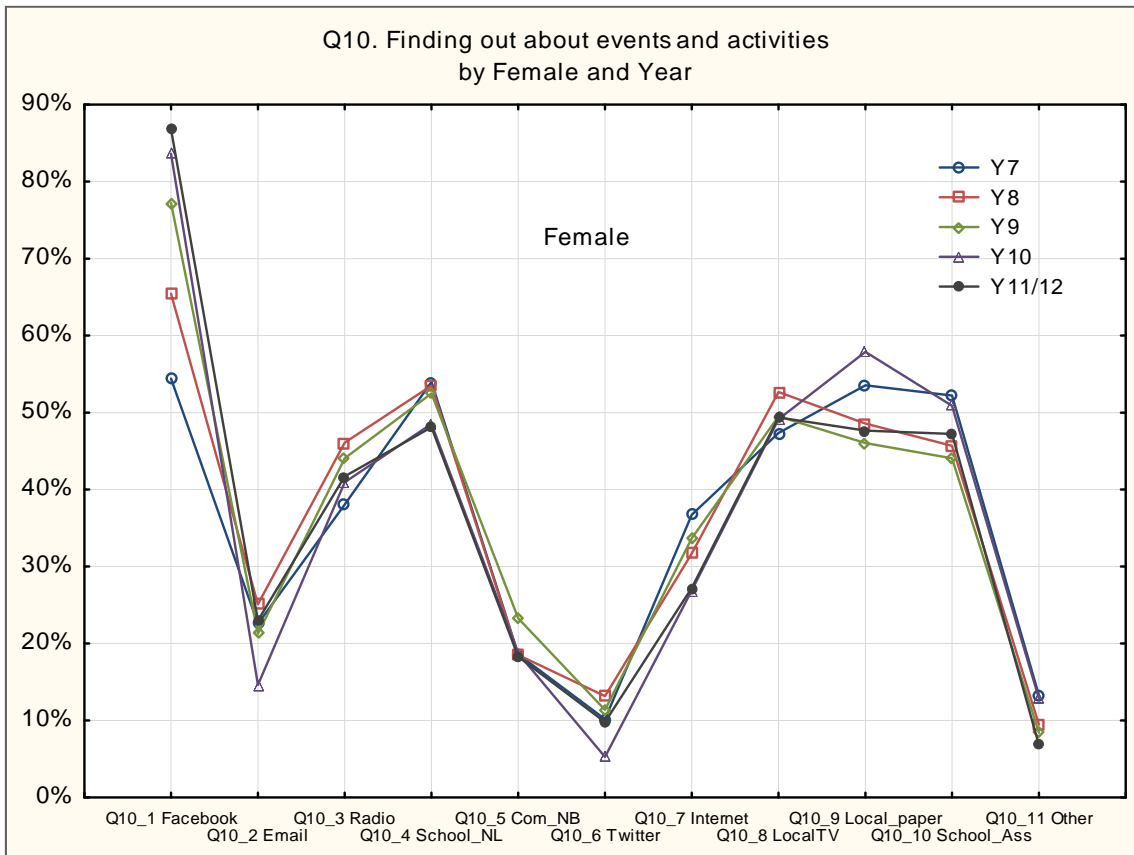
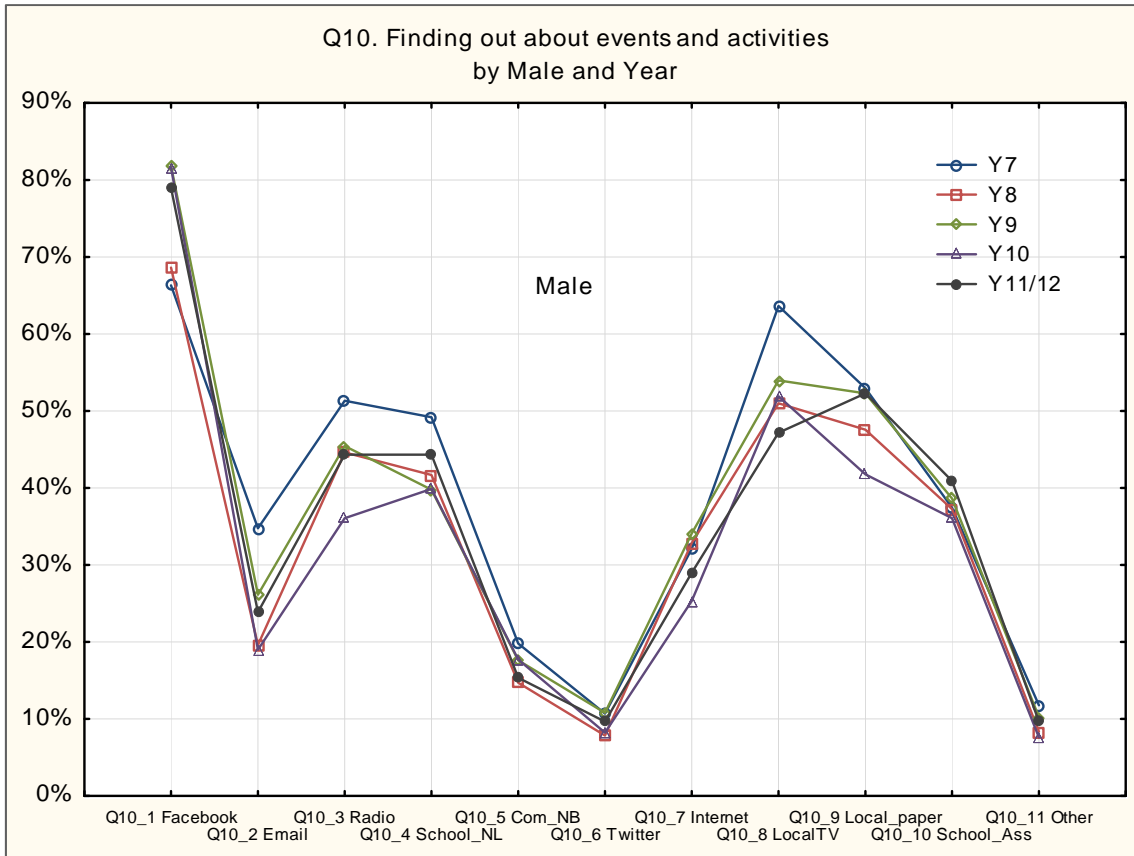
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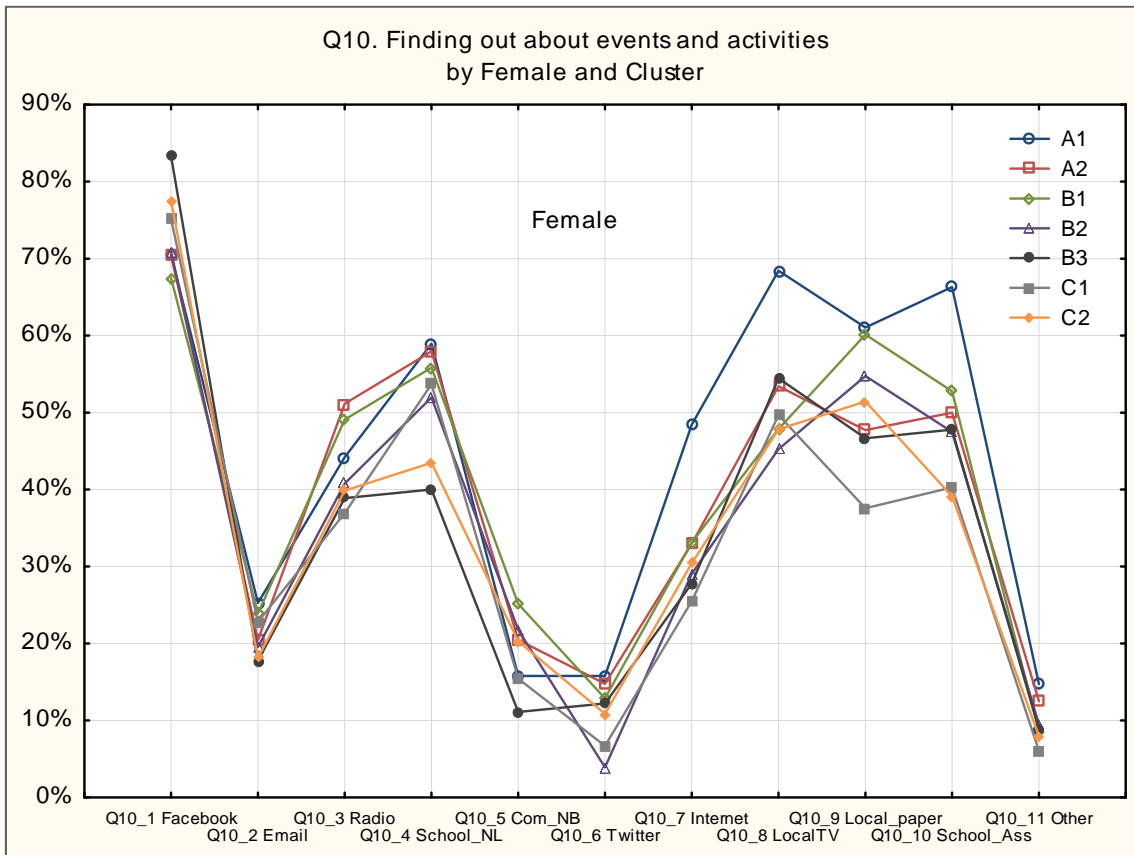
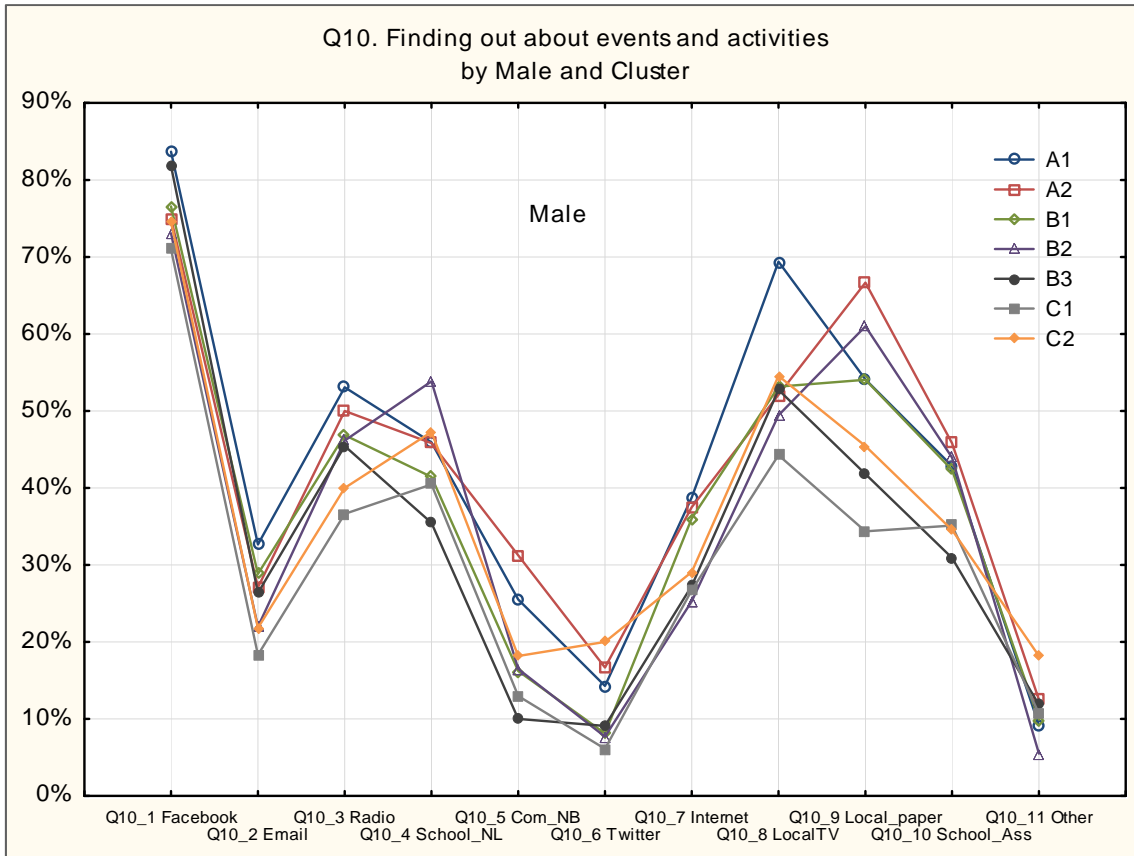
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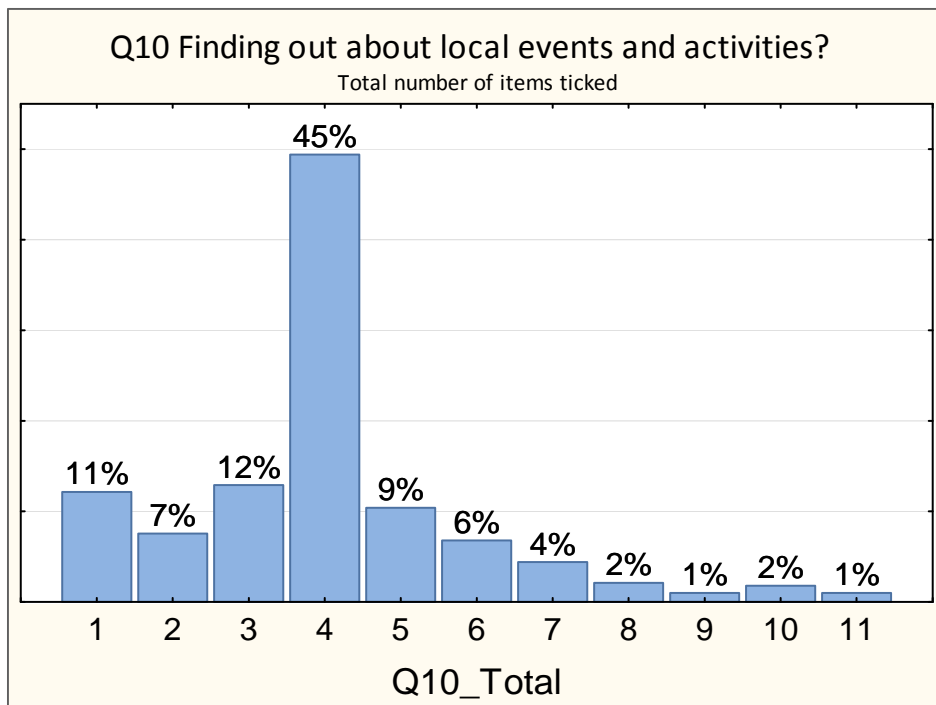
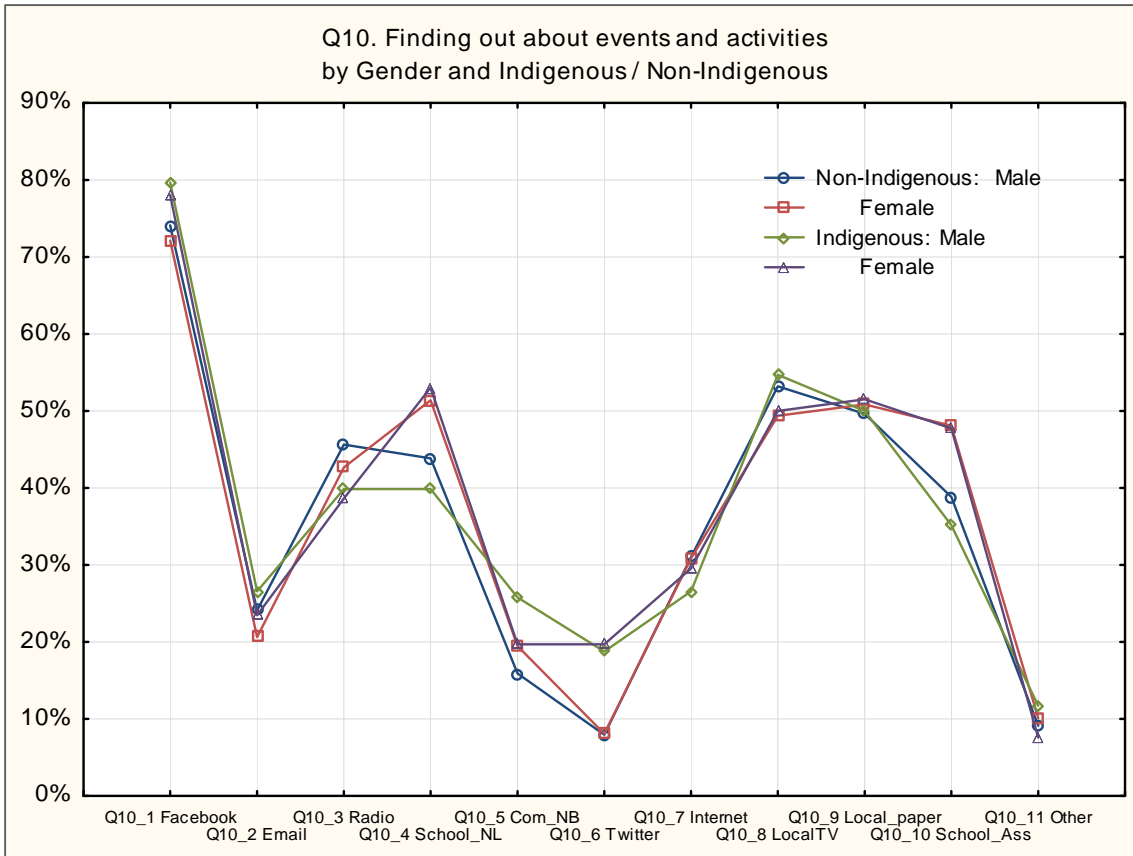


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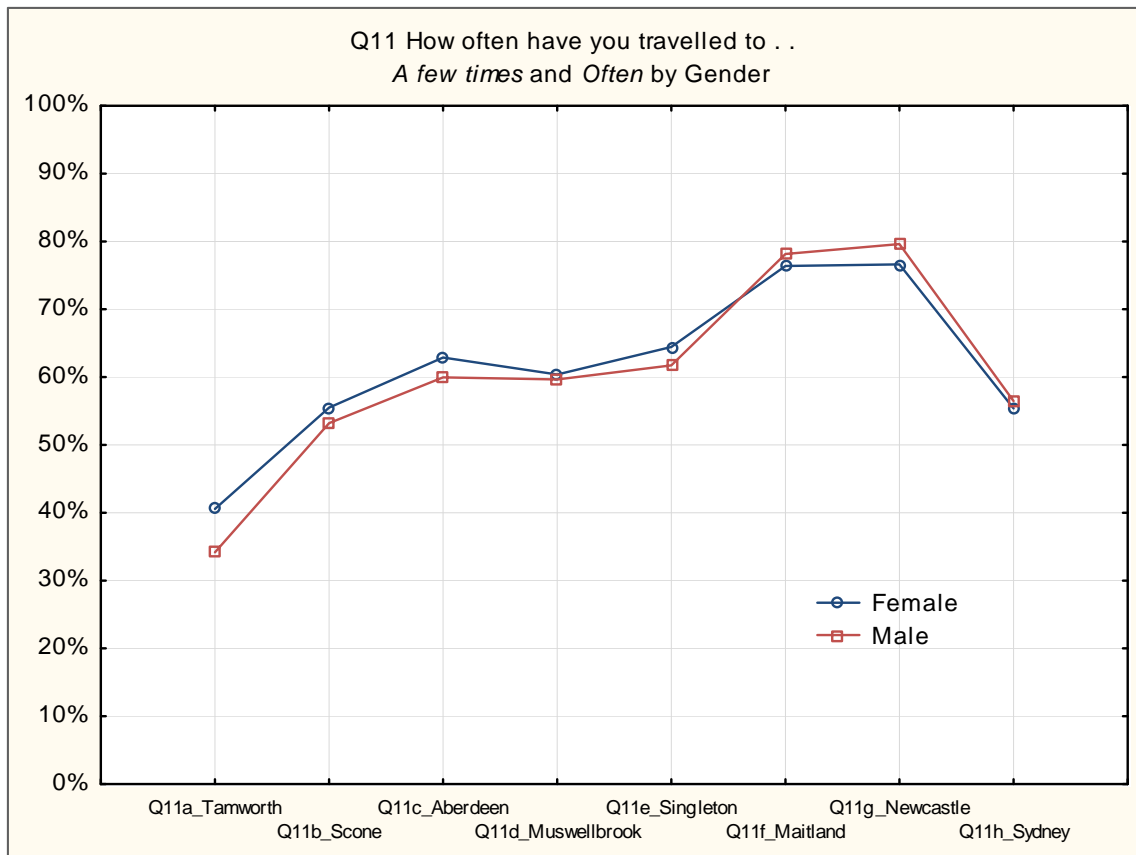
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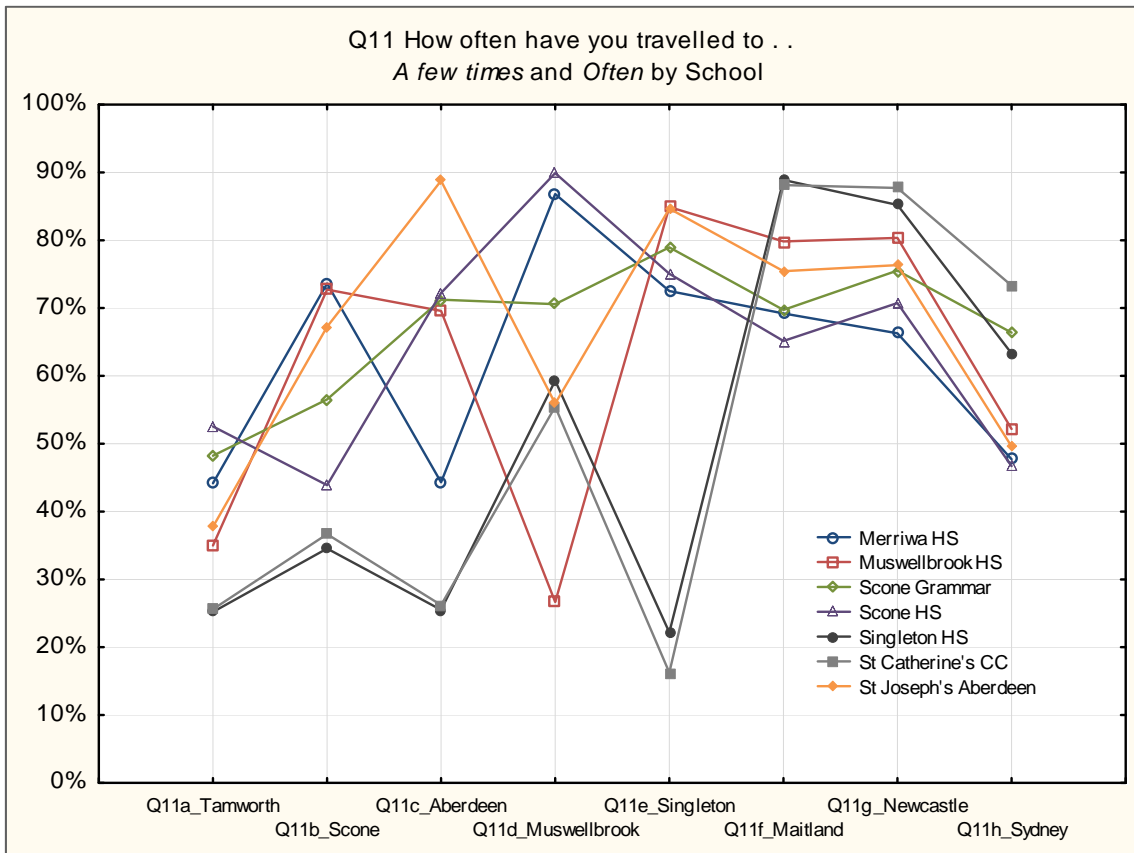
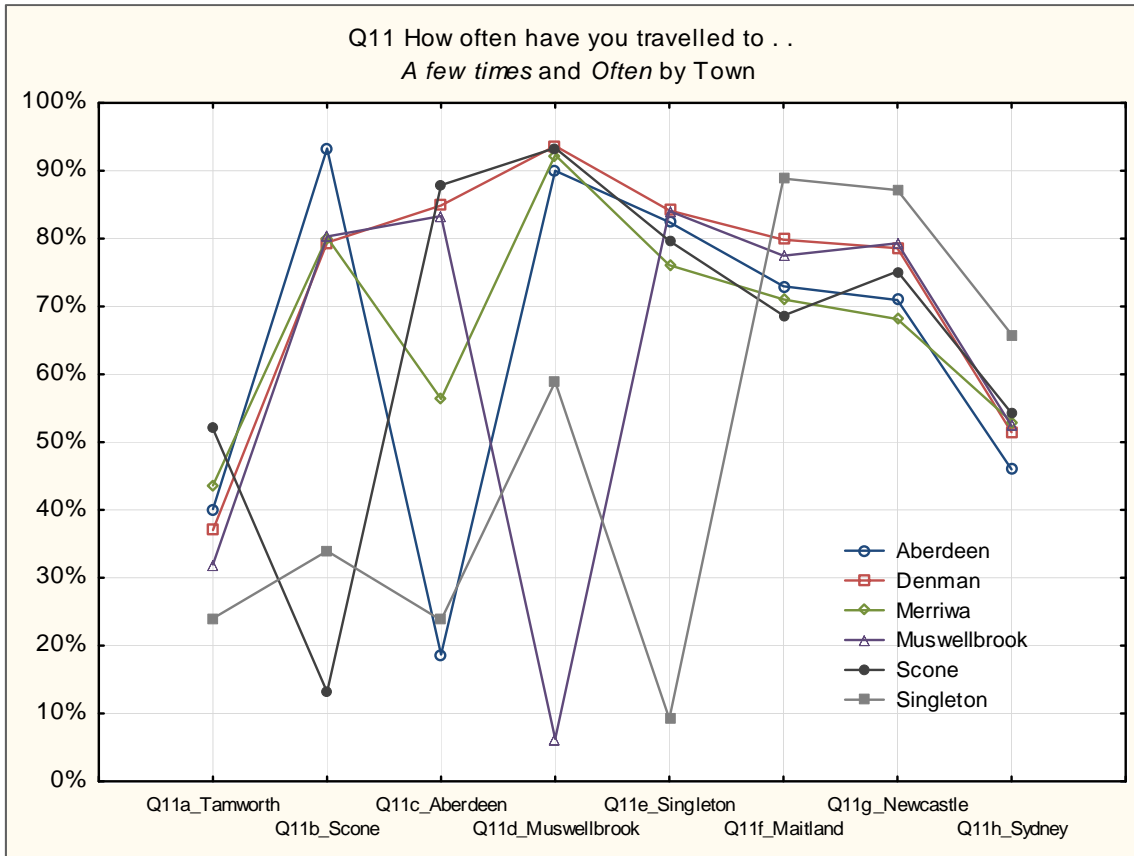
**Question 11 This year how often have you travelled to each of the following?**

11. This year how often have you travelled to each of the following? (if you live in the place choose NA)		NA: I live here	Not once	Once	A few times	Often
Tamworth	0.2%	<input type="radio"/> 0	37%	25%	26%	11%
Scone	19%	<input type="radio"/> 0	15%	12%	23%	31%
Aberdeen	6%	<input type="radio"/> 0	20%	12%	21%	40%
Muswellbrook	26%	<input type="radio"/> 0	6%	8%	21%	39%
Singleton	23%	<input type="radio"/> 0	5%	9%	32%	31%
Maitland	0.1%	<input type="radio"/> 0	8%	14%	38%	40%
Newcastle	<0.1%	<input type="radio"/> 0	7%	14%	37%	42%
Sydney	<0.1%	<input type="radio"/> 0	19%	25%	34%	22%

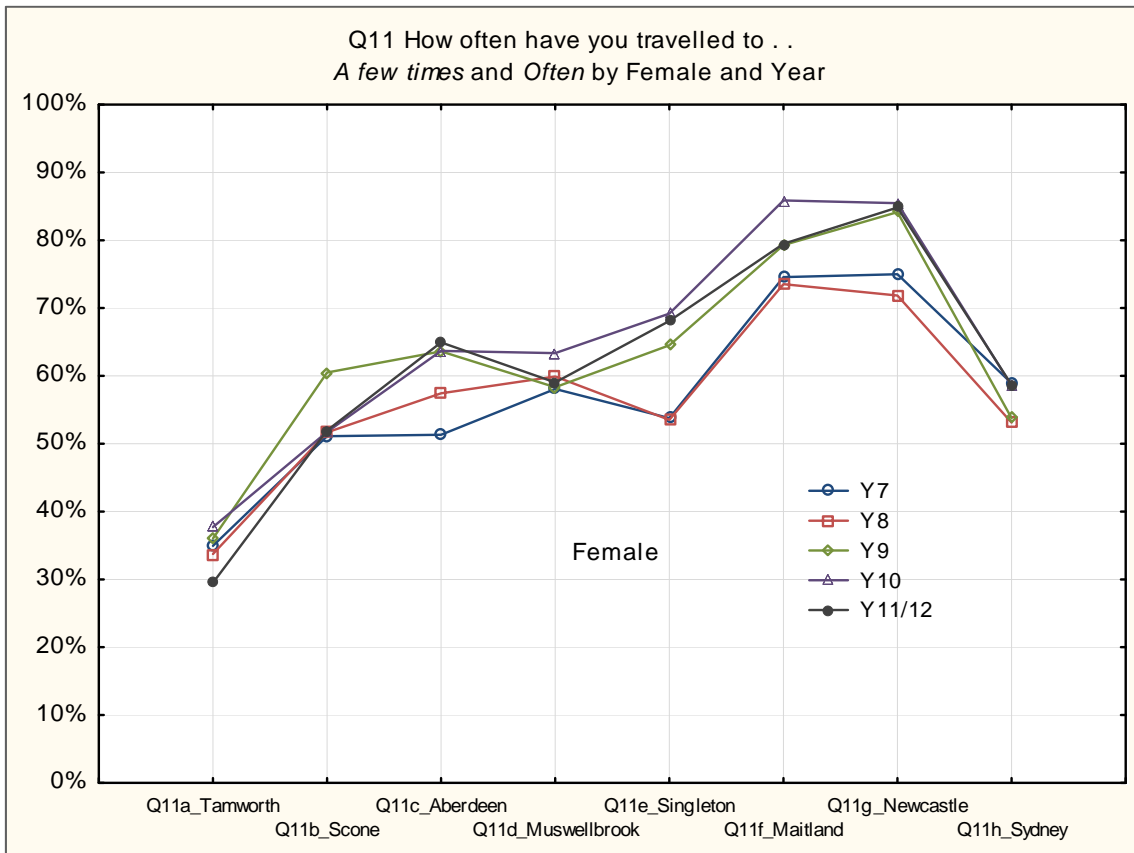
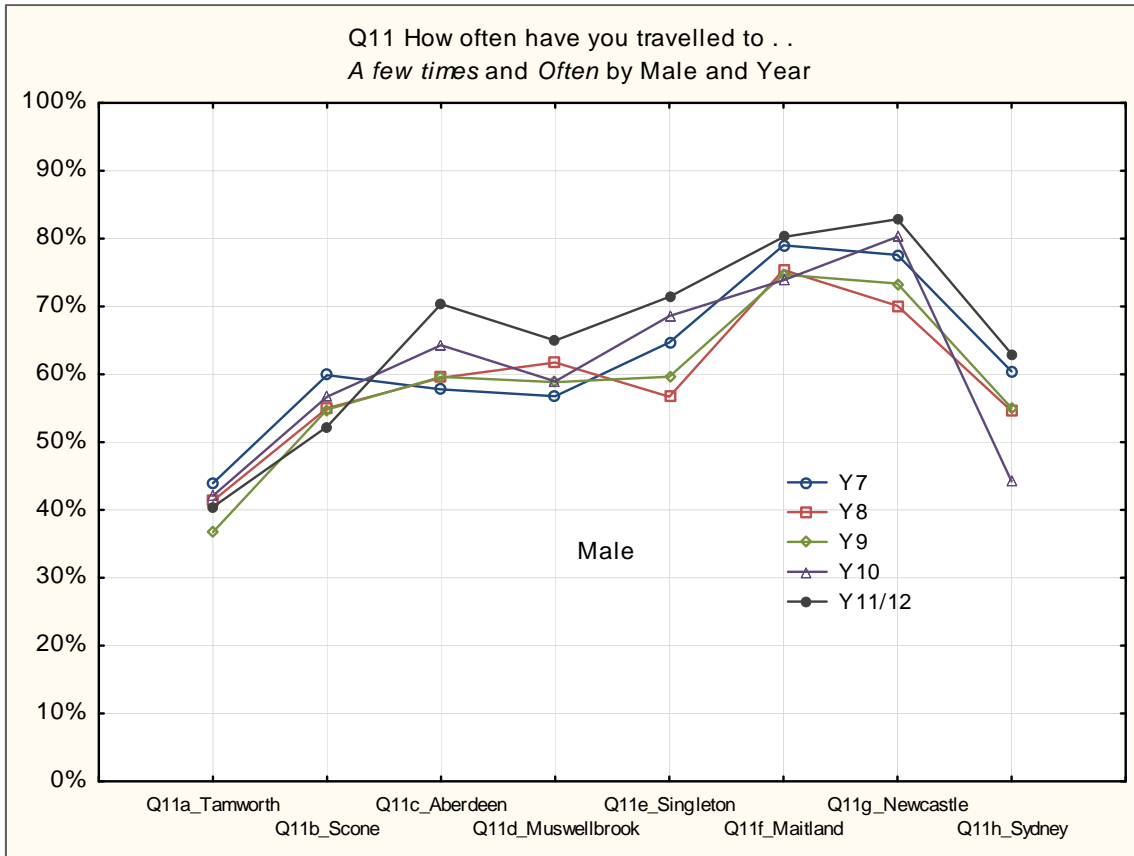
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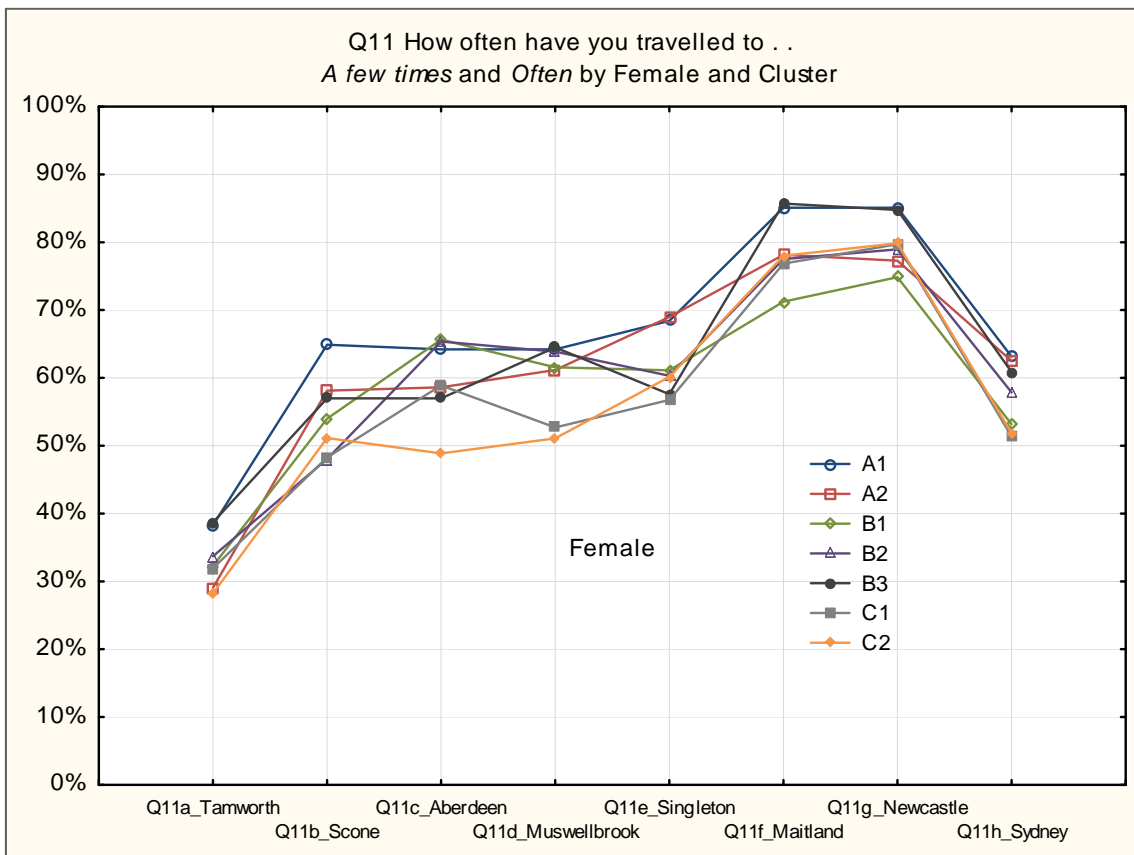
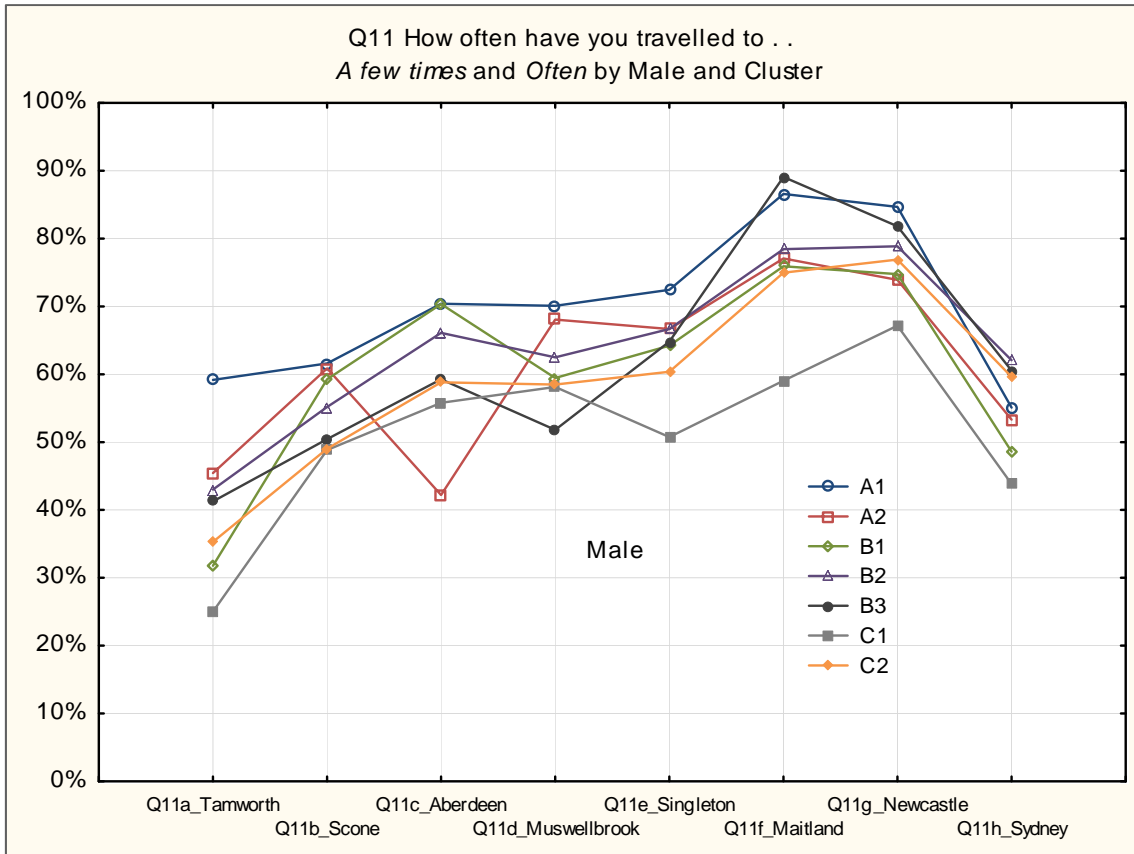
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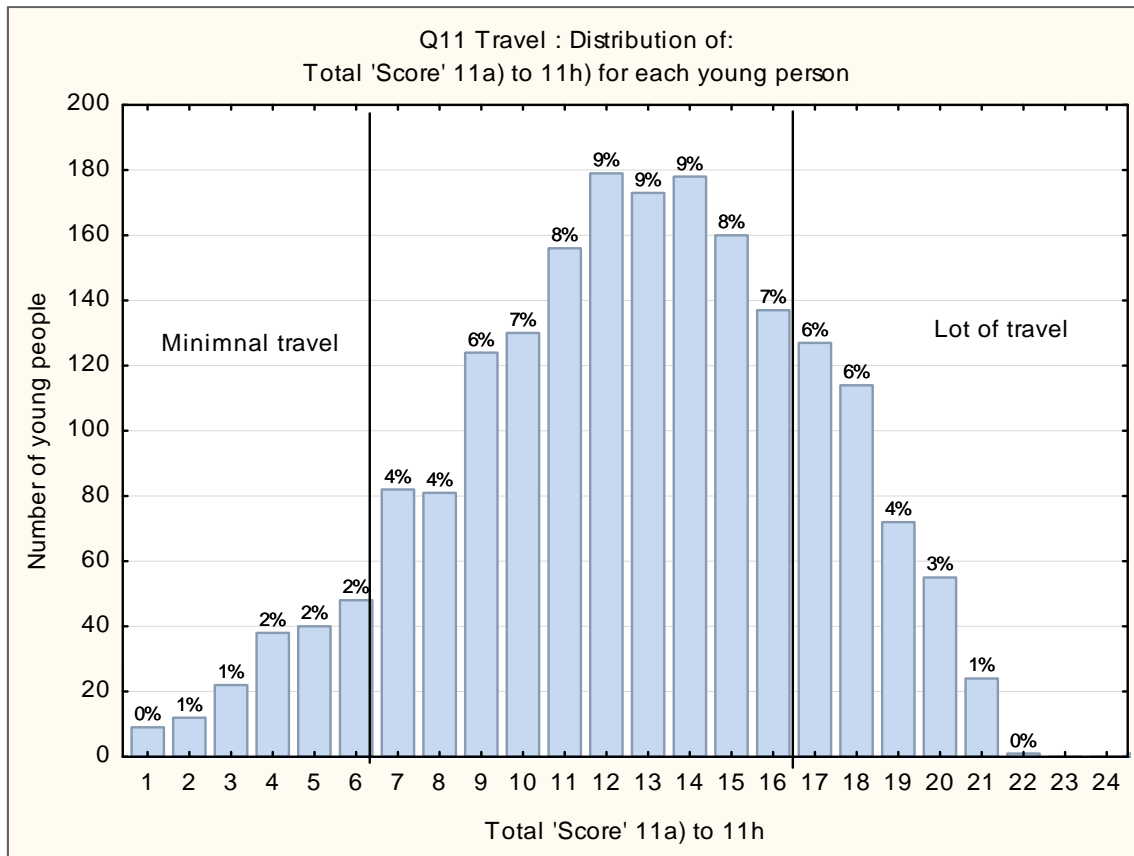
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The total score for Q11 is generated by adding up the code numbers for all the responses to Questions 11 (i.e. Note once = 0, Once = 1, A few times = 2, Often = 3) . I live here is also 0.

If a young person ticked *No* to every item their total score would be 0 (i.e. 8 x 0). If a young person ticked *Often* to every item (and they lived somewhere not on the list their total score would be 24 (i.e. 8x3 + 0). Most people live in one of the places on the list so in practice 21 is effectively the highest score for most people.

The chart provides an overview of the total travel across all 8 locations.

Notice that 8% score 6 or less (minimal travel), 20% score 17 or more (lot of travel) and 72% are in between.

**Questions 12 If you travelled to the following locations this year what transport did you usually use?**

	NA:		I have usually travelled there by:			
	I live here	Not been here	Car	Minibus	Bus service	Train
Tamworth	0.3% <input type="radio"/> 0	34% <input type="radio"/> 1	63% <input type="checkbox"/> 1	1% <input type="checkbox"/> 2	1% <input type="checkbox"/> 3	1% <input type="checkbox"/> 4
Scone	17% <input type="radio"/> 0	13% <input type="radio"/> 1	60% <input type="checkbox"/> 1	0.4% <input type="checkbox"/> 2	6%+4%* <input type="checkbox"/> 3	1% <input type="checkbox"/> 4
Aberdeen	6% <input type="radio"/> 0	18% <input type="radio"/> 1	62% <input type="checkbox"/> 1	0.5% <input type="checkbox"/> 2	12%+4% <input type="checkbox"/> 3	1% <input type="checkbox"/> 4
Muswellbrook	27% <input type="radio"/> 0	5% <input type="radio"/> 1	64% <input type="checkbox"/> 1	1% <input type="checkbox"/> 2	3%+3% <input type="checkbox"/> 3	1% <input type="checkbox"/> 4
Singleton	23% <input type="radio"/> 0	3% <input type="radio"/> 1	69% <input type="checkbox"/> 1	1% <input type="checkbox"/> 2	1%+ 2% <input type="checkbox"/> 3	2%+2% <input type="checkbox"/> 4
Maitland	0.2% <input type="radio"/> 0	6% <input type="radio"/> 1	89% <input type="checkbox"/> 1	1% <input type="checkbox"/> 2	1%+ 1% <input type="checkbox"/> 3	3%+2% <input type="checkbox"/> 4
Newcastle	0.2% <input type="radio"/> 0	6% <input type="radio"/> 1	85% <input type="checkbox"/> 1	0.4% <input type="checkbox"/> 2	1%+1% <input type="checkbox"/> 3	7%+6% <input type="checkbox"/> 4
Sydney	0.3% <input type="radio"/> 0	16% <input type="radio"/> 1	74% <input type="checkbox"/> 1	1%+1% <input type="checkbox"/> 2	3%+1% <input type="checkbox"/> 3	5%+4% <input type="checkbox"/> 4

+ % = second tick i.e. two usual methods

Note: In the question above it is possible to tick two forms of usual travel. So for example, 17% of respondents lived in Scone. 60% have usually travelled there by car. 10% have usually travelled there by bus – however this 10% includes 6% who only ticked one form of usual transport and 4% who have also ticked a second form of usual transport.

**Questions 13 to 20: You**

Note: Towards the end of the survey the percentage of missing data increases slightly as some students were not able to complete the whole survey in the time available; and some students deliberately didn't complete the "You" section.

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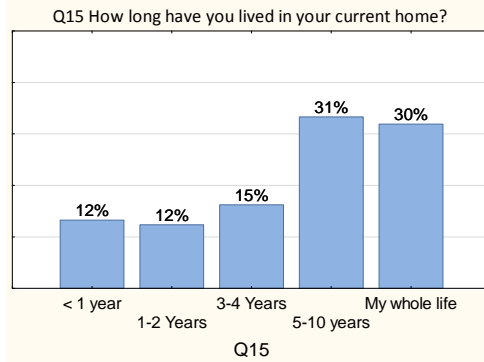


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**15. How long have you lived in your current home?**

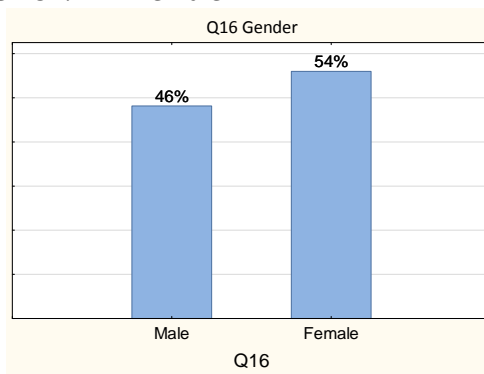
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12%  less than 1 year 12%  1-2 years 15%  3-4 years 31%  5-10 years 30%  My whole life



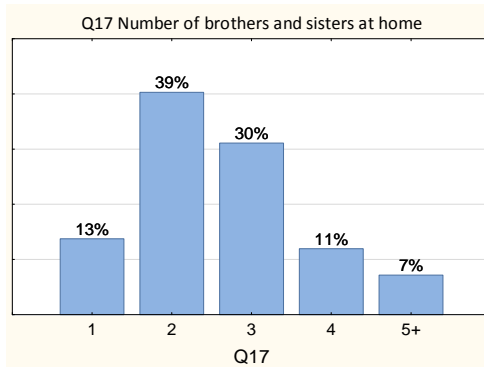
**16. Gender:** 46%  1 male 54%  2 female

MD = 11%

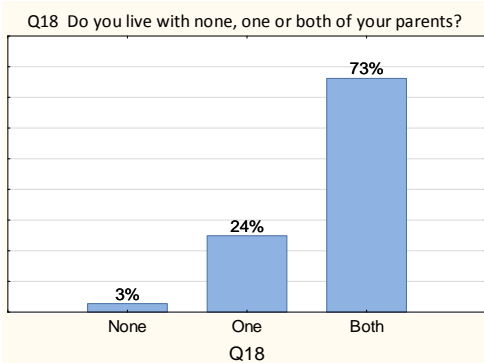


**17. How many brothers and sisters do you have living at home with you .....** MD = 11%

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**18. Do you live with none, one or both of your parents?** 3%  0 None 24%  1 One 73%  2 Both



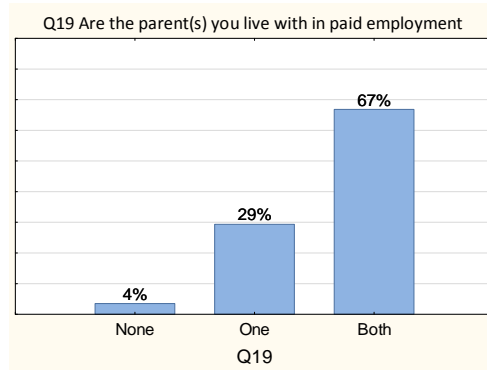
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**19. Are the parent(s) you live with in paid employment (either part time or full-time)?**

2%  0 Not applicable, I don't live with either of my parents

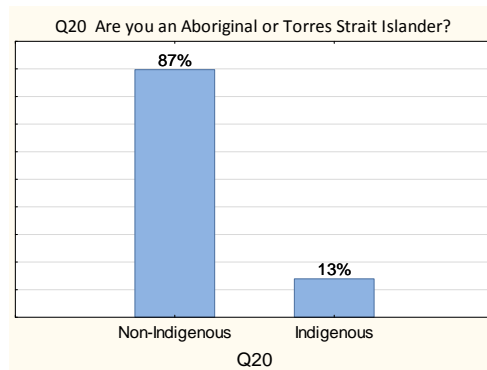
Of the 98% who live with their parents:

- 4%  0 None is in paid employment
- 29%  1 One is in paid employment
- 67%  2 Both are in paid employment



MD = 11%

**20. Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? 87%  1 No 13%  2 Yes**



MD = 11%

**Other Comments**

**21. What changes would you like to see occur in the area where you live?**

.....  
63% made comments – see below for the full text

**22. How do you think activities and services can be improved for young people your age?**

.....  
53% made comments – see below for the full text

## C. The findings: multiple questions simultaneously

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**Overview: by demographics**

**Overview: by clusters of young people**

**Overview: a sample of individual responses by clusters of young people**

## Introduction

Part C includes findings that show the average responses for questions simultaneously.

This is useful for seeing the overall differences between different groups (e.g. males and females, young people from different towns, etc).

Part C has in three sections:

Overview: by demographics

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### Overview: by demographics

In this section 15 questions have been standardised (see below for the full list of variables) and charts show the average responses for these 15 questions for different groups based on:

Gender

Town

School

Number of brothers and sisters

Live with one or both parents

Indigenous / Non-Indigenous.

The variables are:

**Q1 Sport: Total** – The total number of sports ticked in Question 1

**Q2 Activities: Total** – The total number of activities ticked in Question 2

**Q6A Plenty to do** – The average response for Questions 6a), Q6b) and Q6c):

This year I have had plenty of activities:

- a) On the weekends (during term)
- b) On week nights (during term)
- c) During school holidays

**Q6B Bored** – The average response for Questions 6d), Q6e) and Q6f):

I am often bored with nothing to do:

- d) On the weekends (during term)
- e) On week nights (during term)
- f) During school holidays

**Q7a Want more** – Question 7a (not a new variable but included here for completeness with the list of standardised variables)

**Q8A Friends** – The average response for Questions Q8a), Q8d) and Q8e):

- a) Most kids have more friends than I do (reversed\*)
- d) At my school it is difficult to make new friends (reversed\*)
- e) I make friends easily

**Q8B School** – The average response for Questions Q8b) and Q8c):

- b) I enjoy being at school
- c) Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say

## C. The findings: multiple questions simultaneously

**Q8C Sport\*\*** etc – The average response for Questions Q8f), Q8g) and Q8h):

- f) I am good at things like sports
- g) I am good at things like gym and dance
- h) I am good at things like art, music and drama

**Q8D Neighbourhood** - The average response for Questions Q8i) and Q8j):

- i) I like the local neighbourhood where I am living
- j) I feel part of my local community/town

**Q8E Help family/friends** - The average response for Questions Q8k) and Q8l):

- k) I can get help from my friends when I need to.
- l) I can get help from my family when I need to.

**Q9A Not safe** - The average response for Questions Q9a) and Q9b):

- a) Not feeling safe walking home in the daytime
- b) Not feeling safe walking home at night

**Q9B Bullied** - The average response for Questions Q9c) and Q9d):

- c) Being looked down on by other groups of young people your age
- d) Being bullied

**Q9C Drug issues** - The average response for Questions Q9e) and Q9f):

- e) Misuse of alcohol by young people your age
- f) Illegal drugs

**Q9D Lack transport** - The average response for Questions Q9g) and Q9h):

- g) Trains don't run when I need them
- h) Buses don't run when/where I need them

**Q10 Total** – The total number of items ticked in Question 10 about ways of finding out about local events and activities

**Q11 Travel** – The total score across all the items in Q11 (giving an indication of total travel).

\* Because these questions are asked in such a way that *Agree* has a negative meaning and *Disagree* has a positive meaning the codes for these questions are reversed before calculating an average; this is to ensure that all the parts of Question 8A are using a scale where agree is positive (otherwise it would not make sense to use an average).

\*\* The title of this question is **Q8C Sport**. However note that it includes sport, gym, dance, art, music and drama. It is the average response for all of these activities.

### Overview: by Clusters of young people

In this section Charts show the demographic backgrounds for each of the 7 Clusters of young people, A1, A2, B1, ....C2.

### Overview: a sample of individual responses by clusters of young people

In this Section there are two sets of charts:

Charts showing samples of individuals within each Cluster.

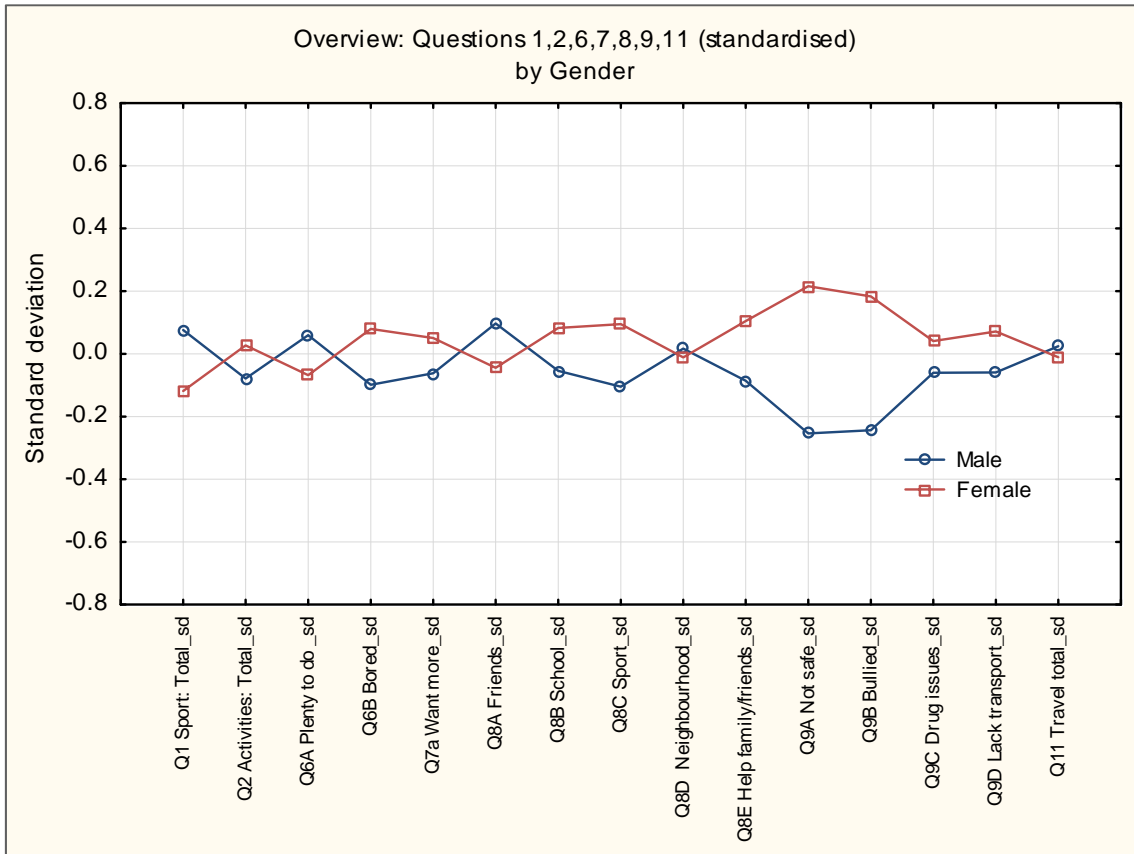
Charts showing samples of two clusters simultaneously.

These charts are useful for seeing the variation between individual young people.

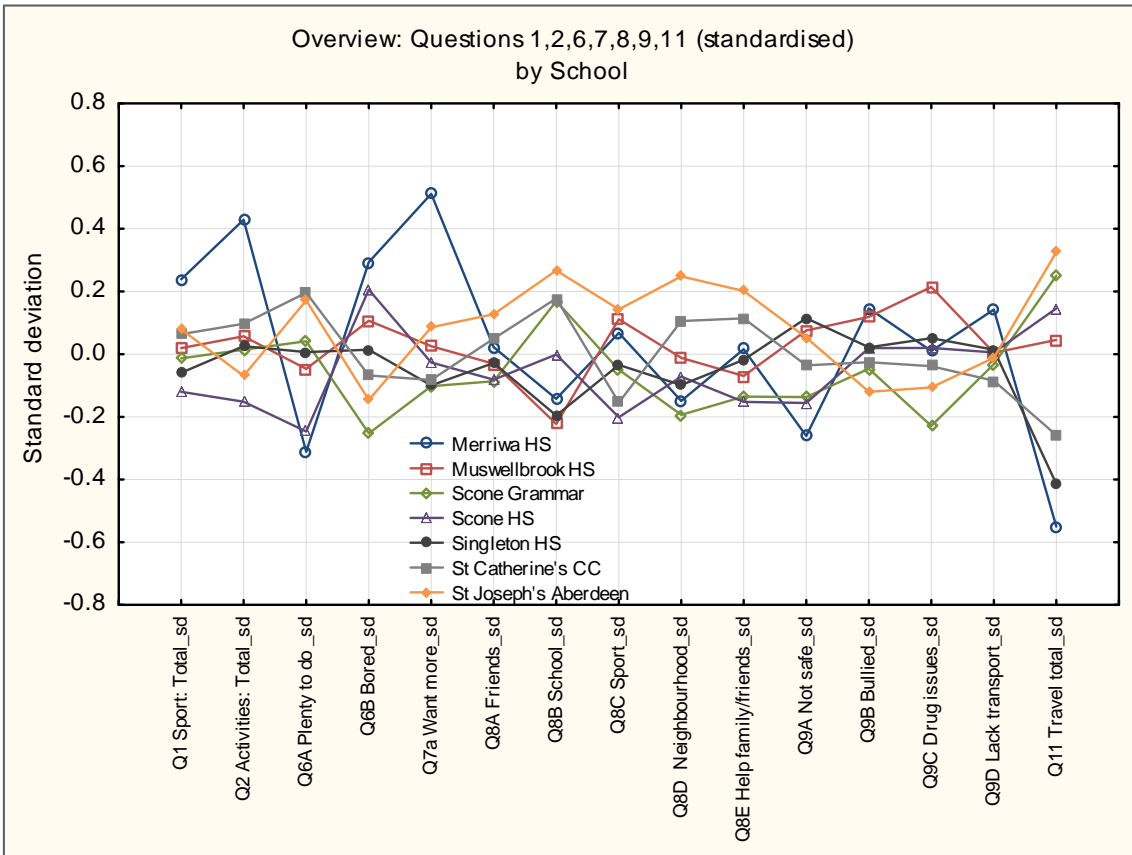
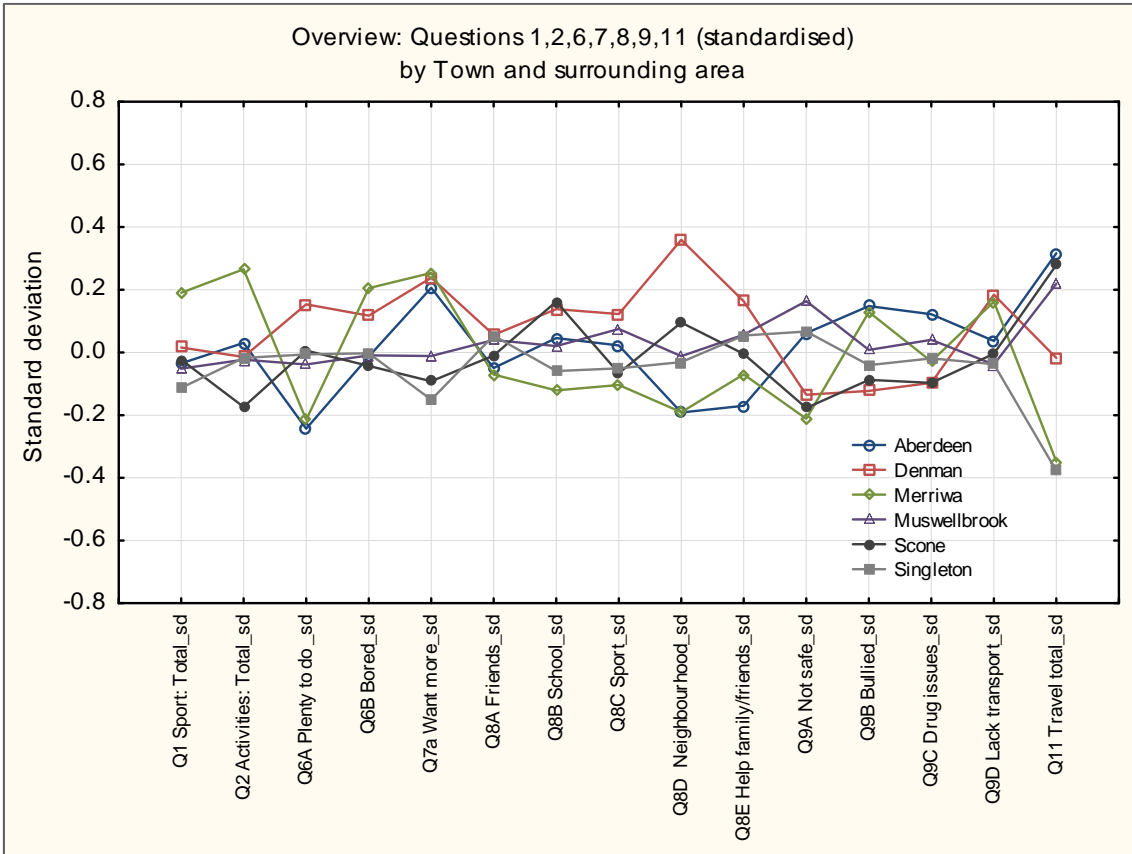
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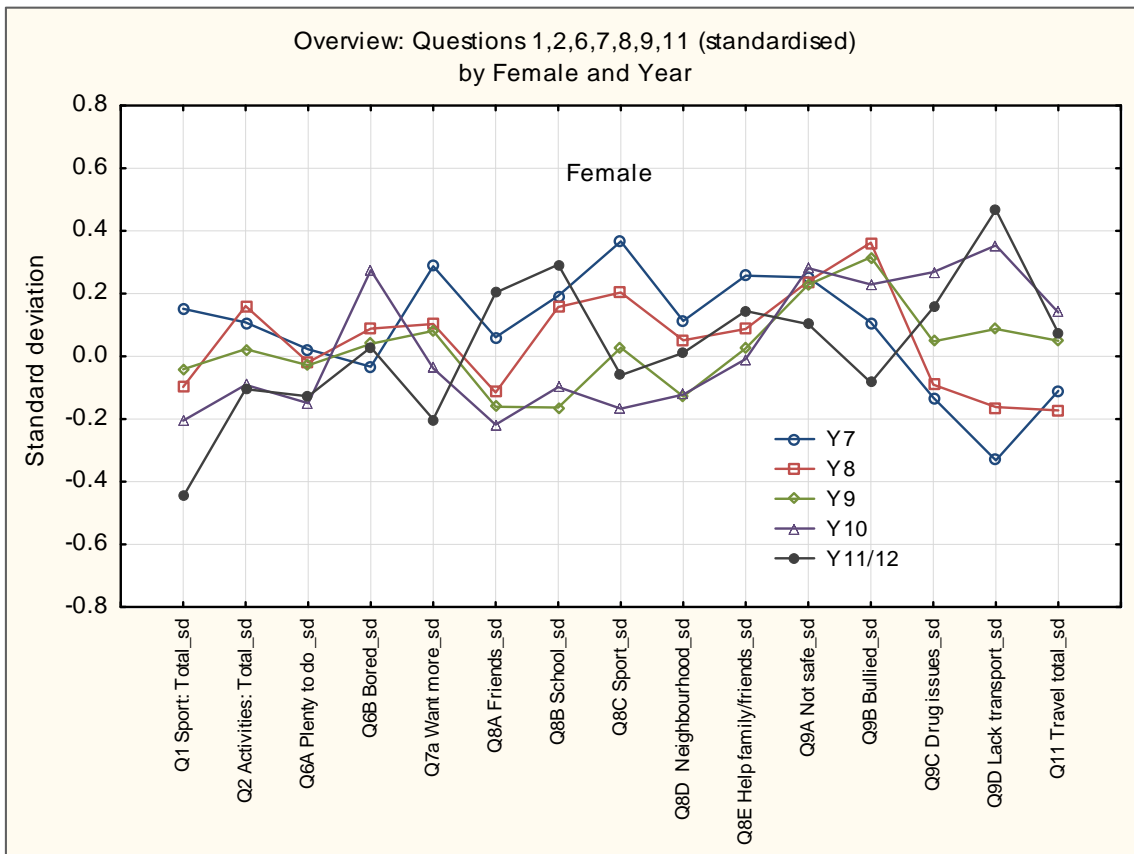
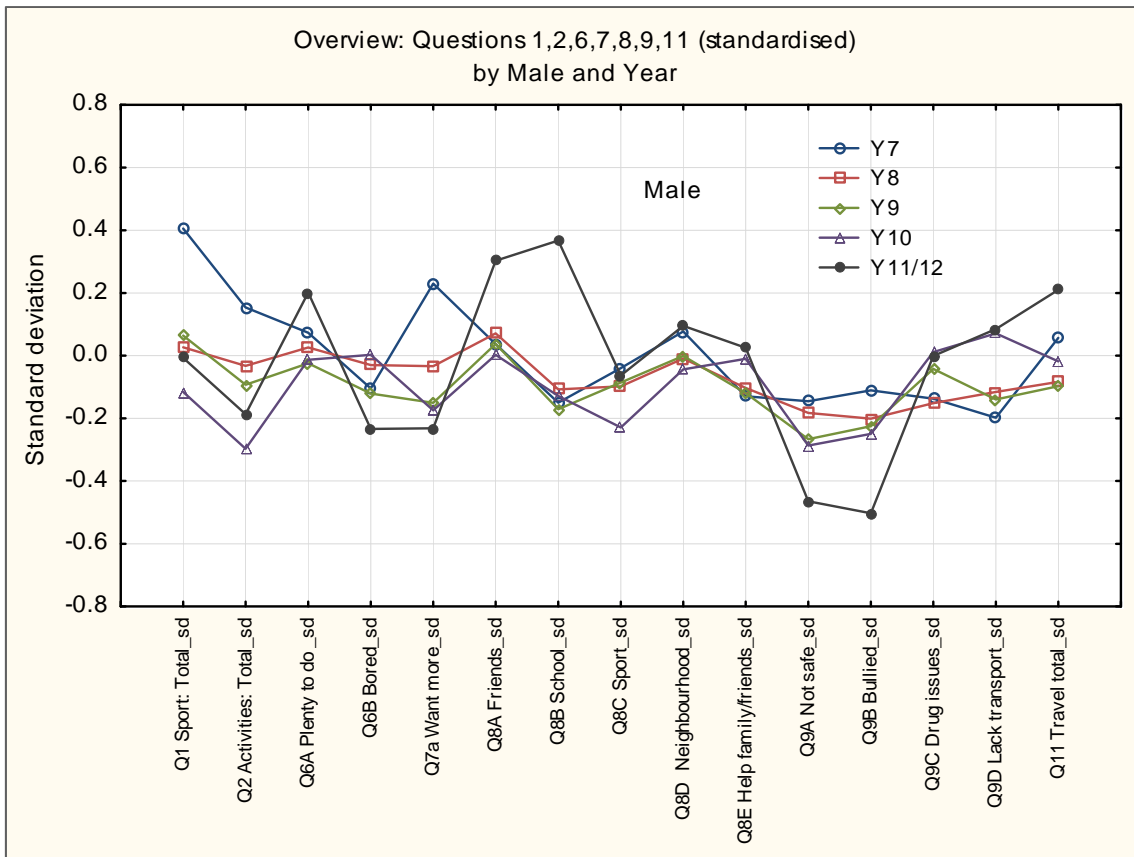
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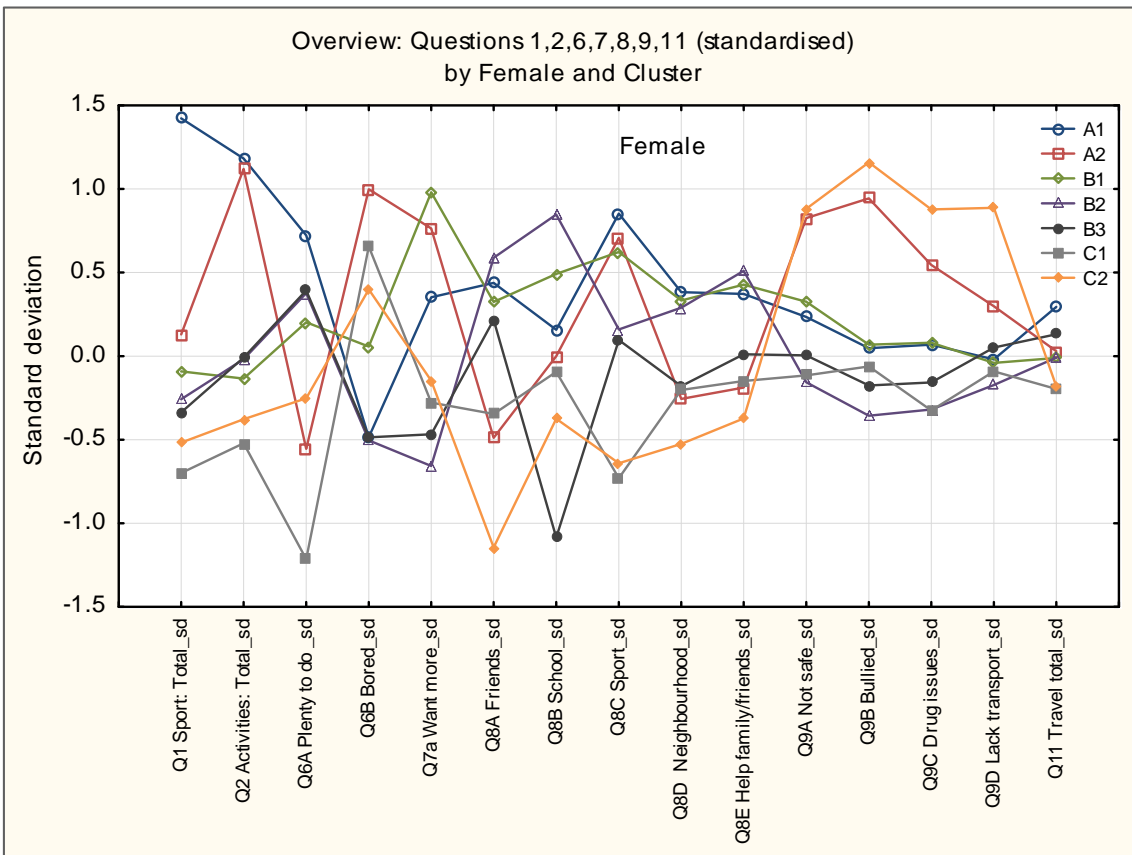
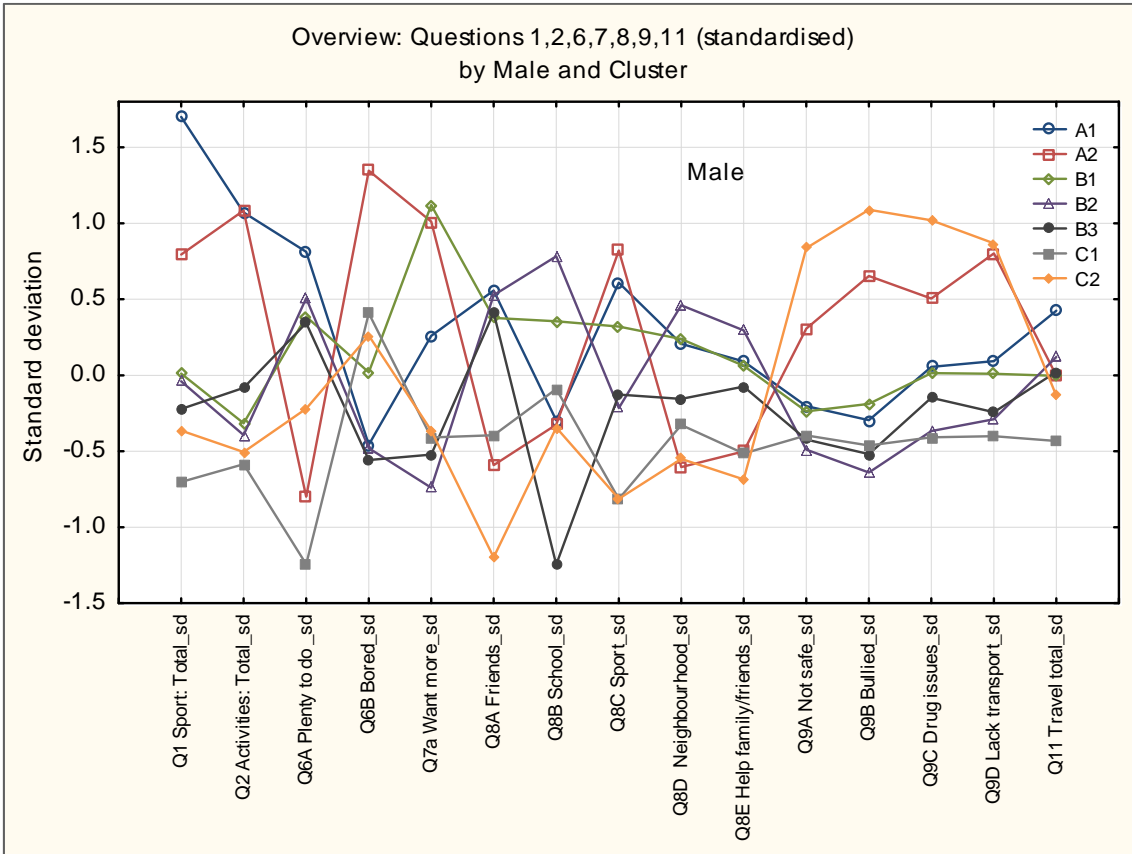


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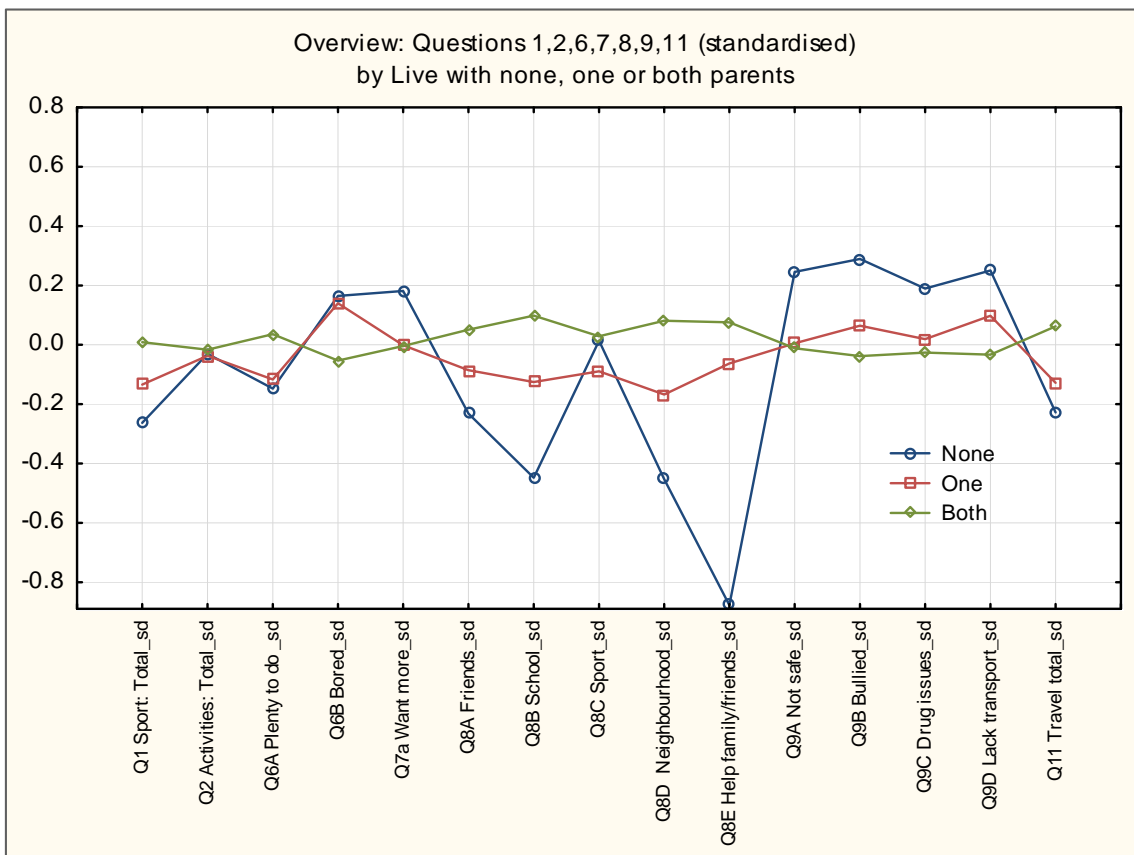
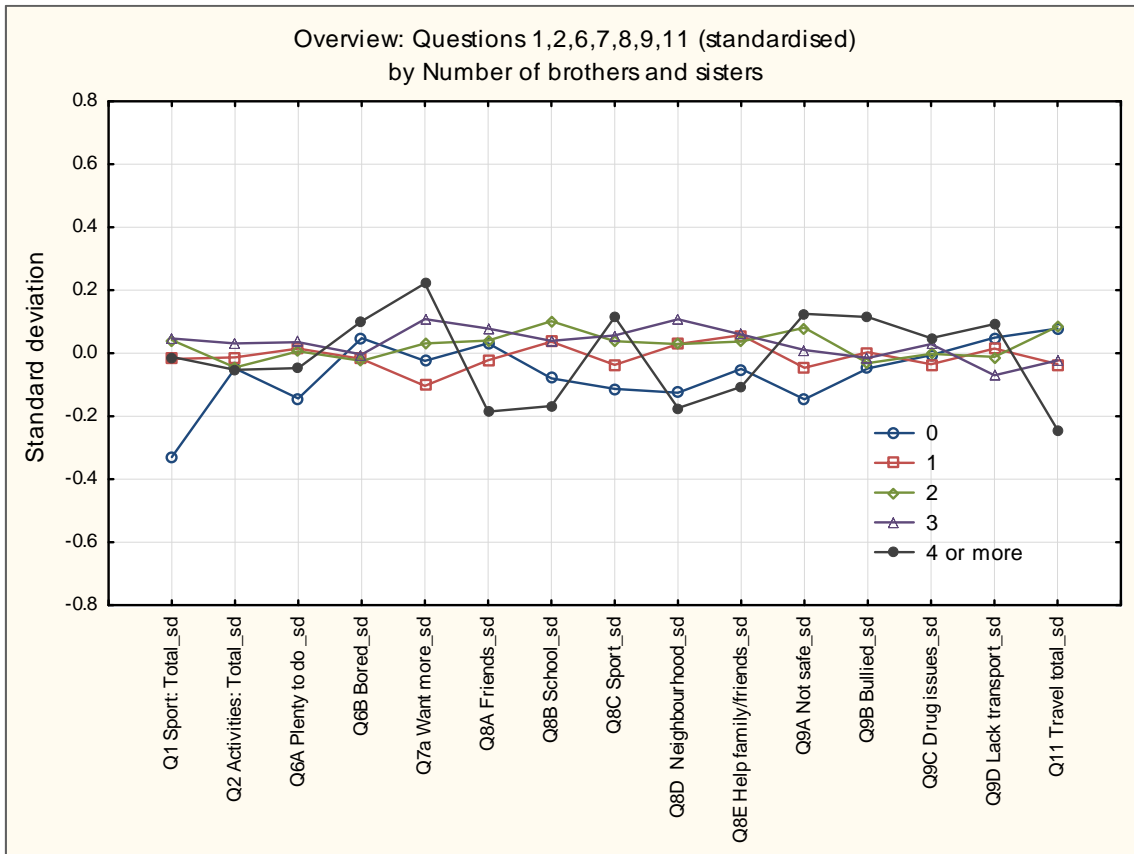




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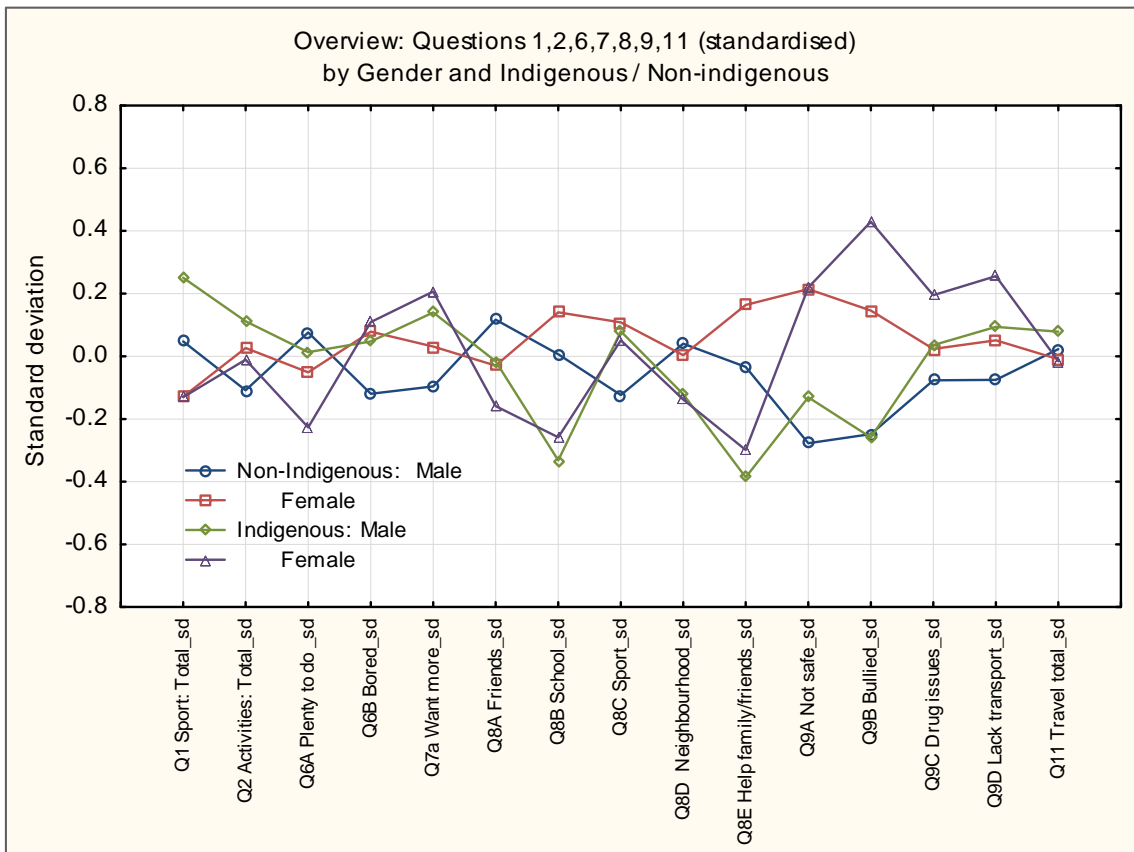
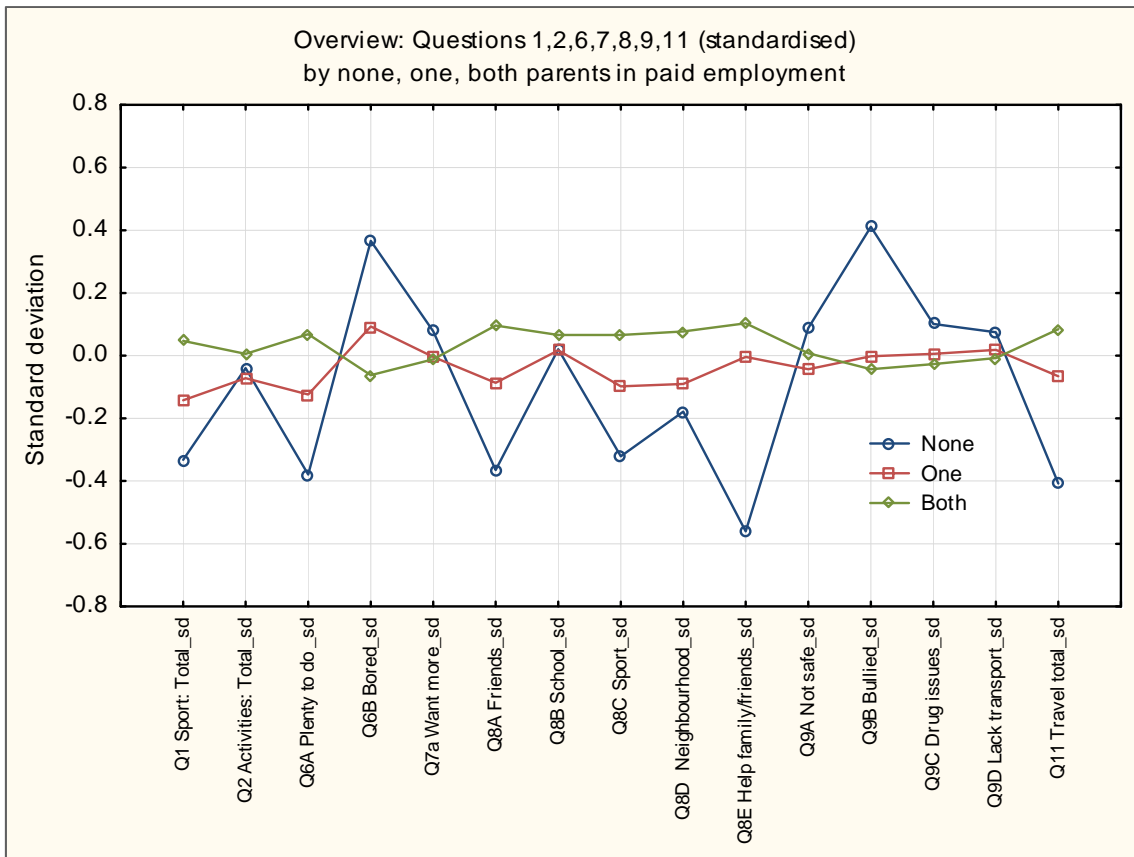
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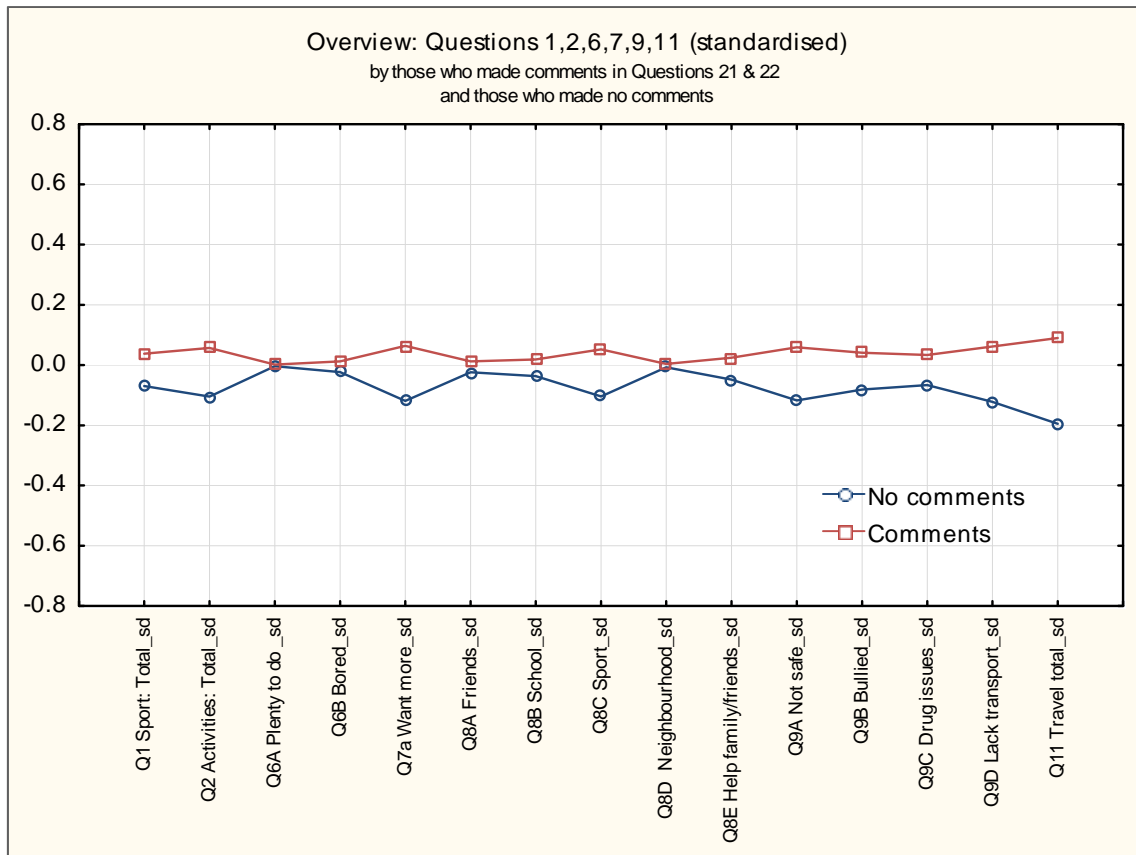
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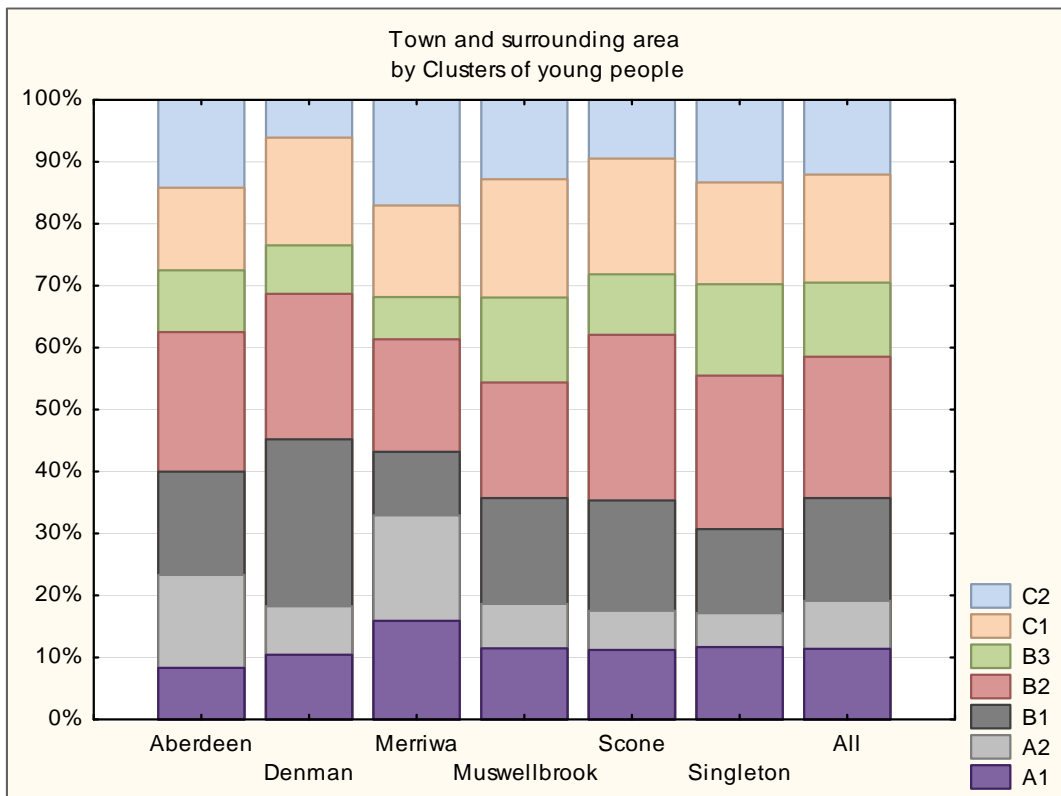
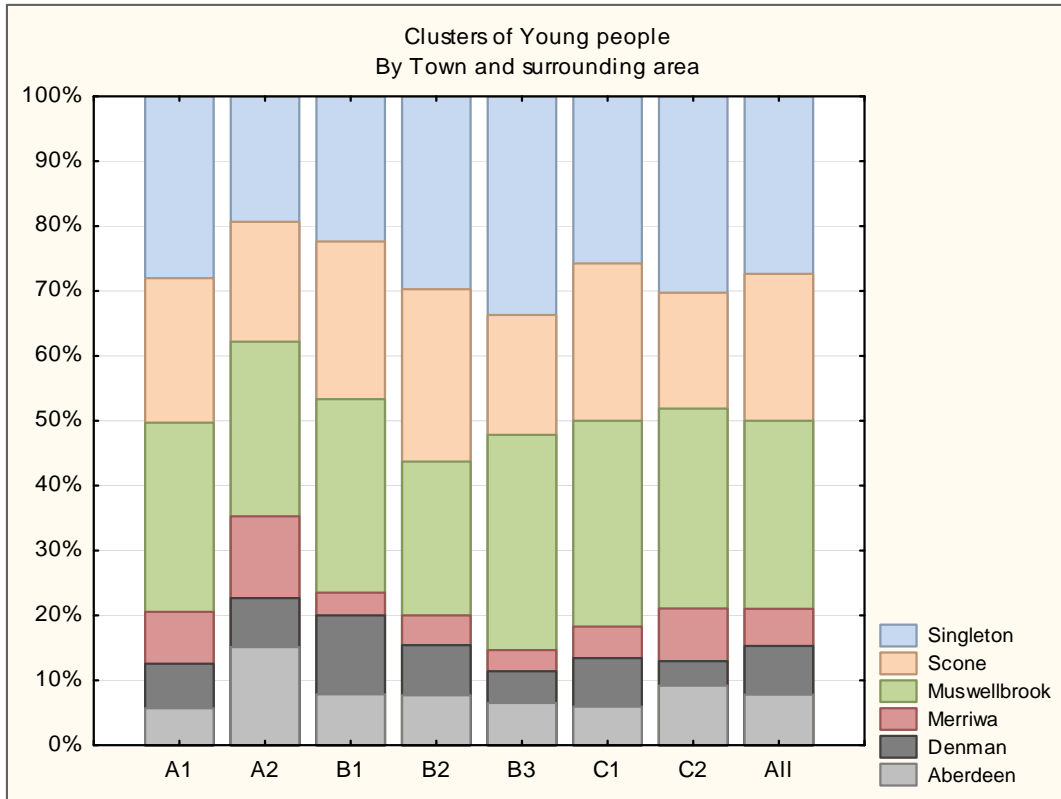


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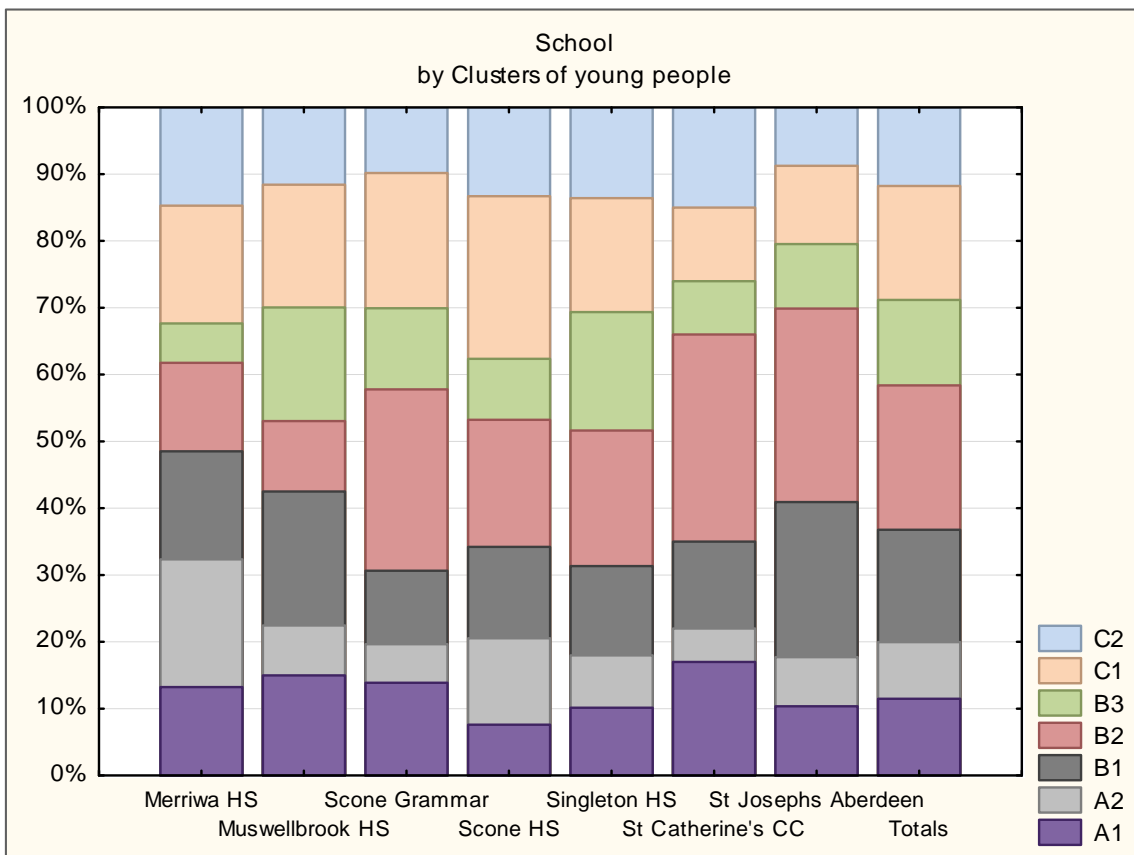
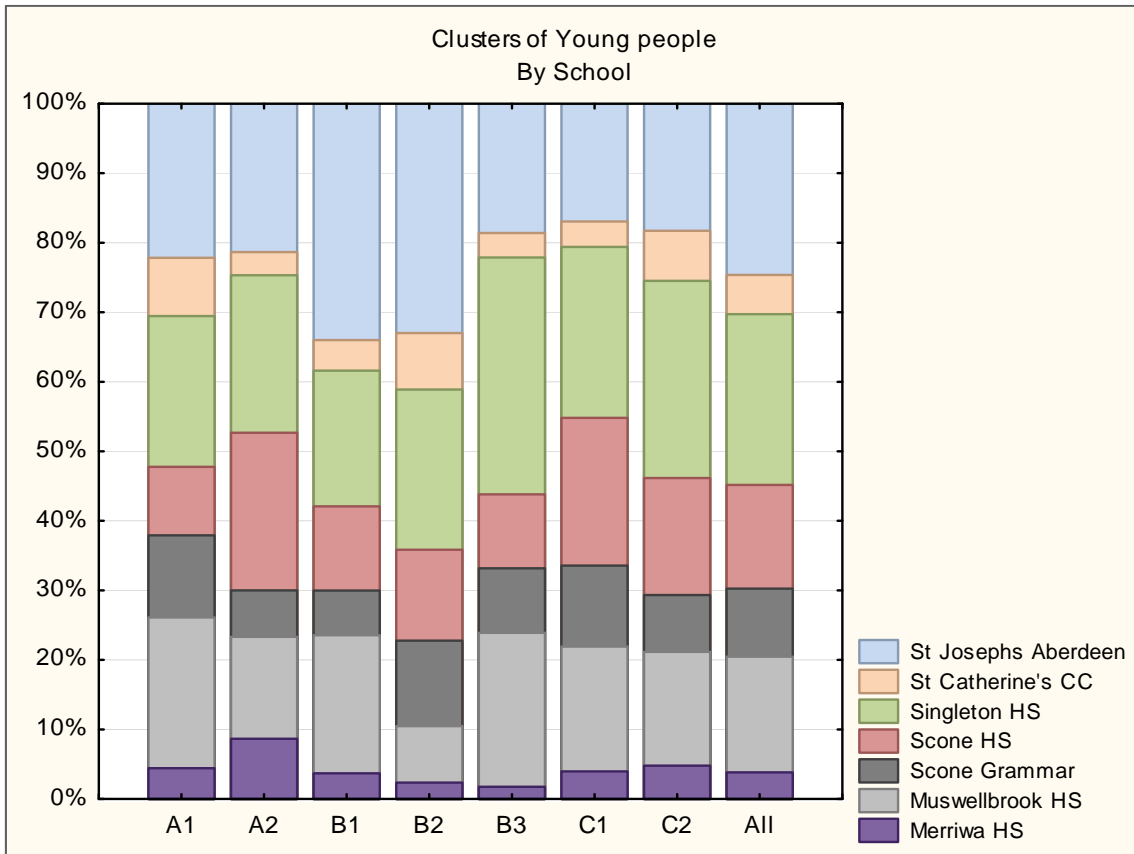


### Clusters of Young people by demographics

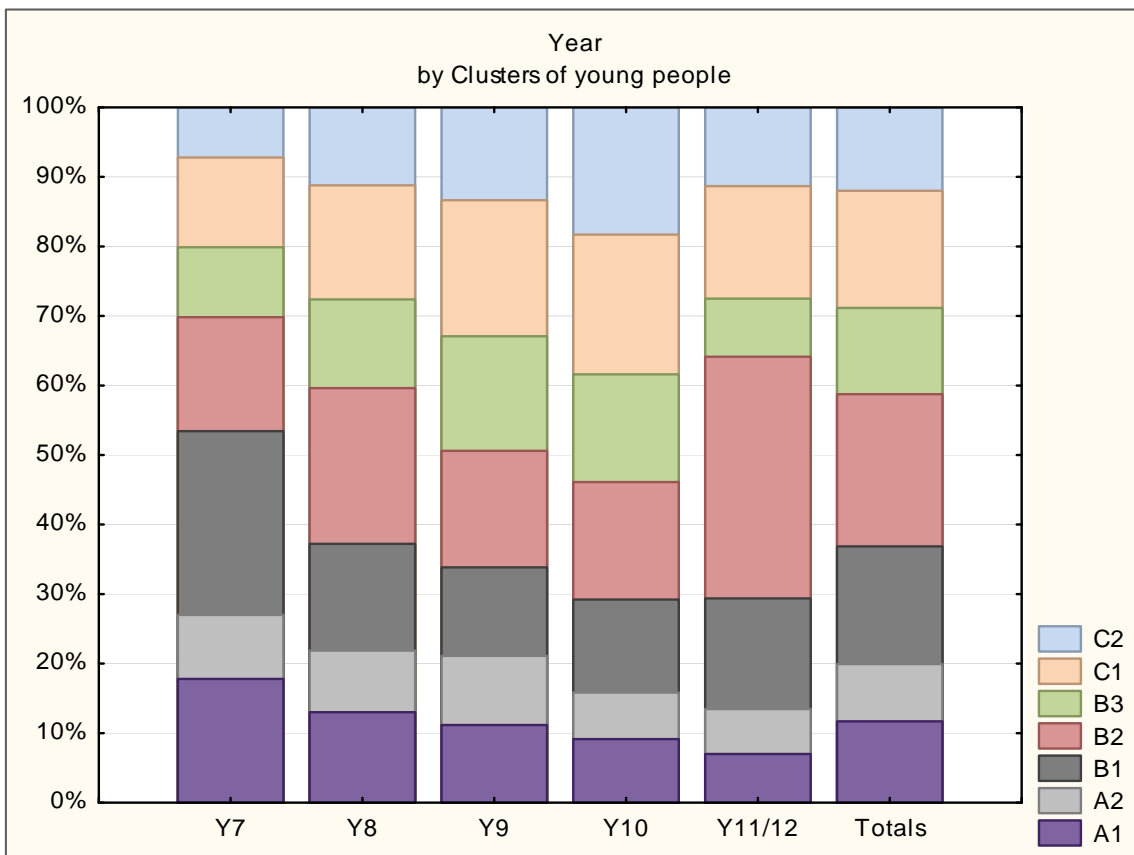
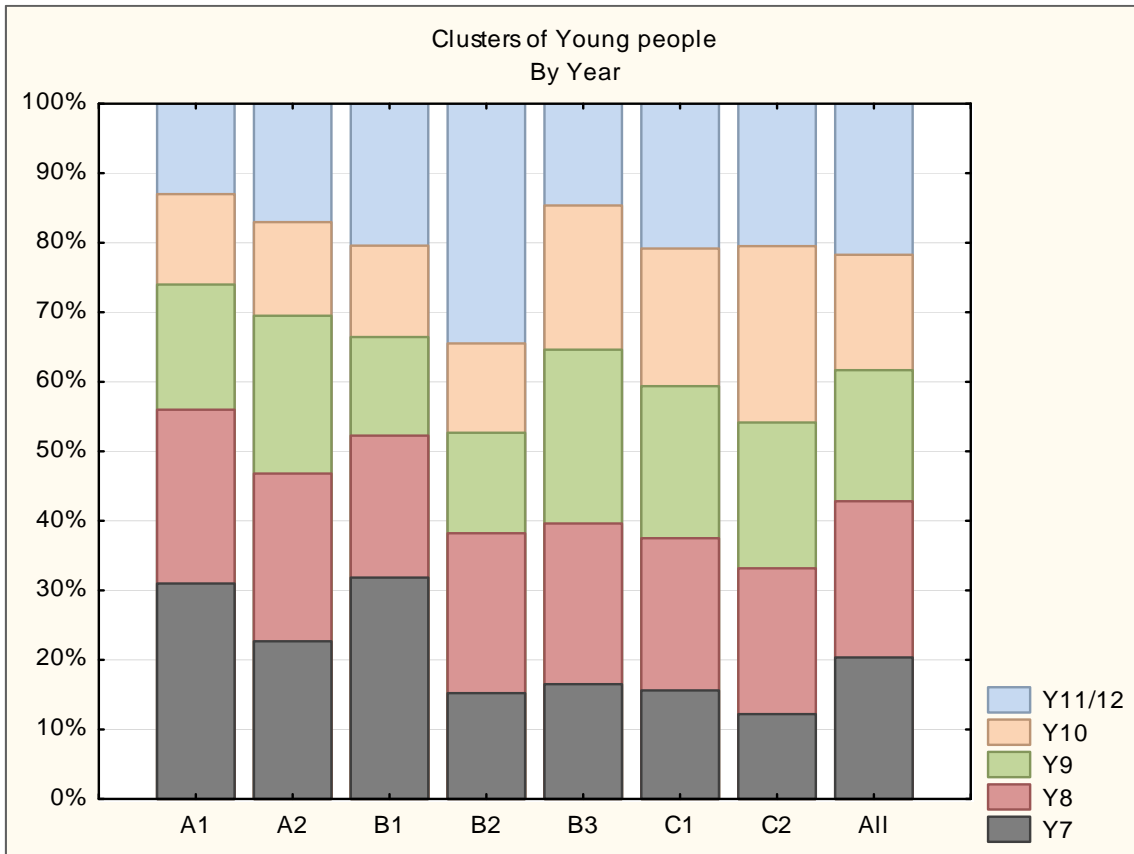
The following charts are in pairs. The first chart in the pair shows for each Cluster the percentage of from each group (e.g. Town) within it. The second chart in the pair shows for those coming from the group (e.g. Town) the percentage of each Cluster within the group.



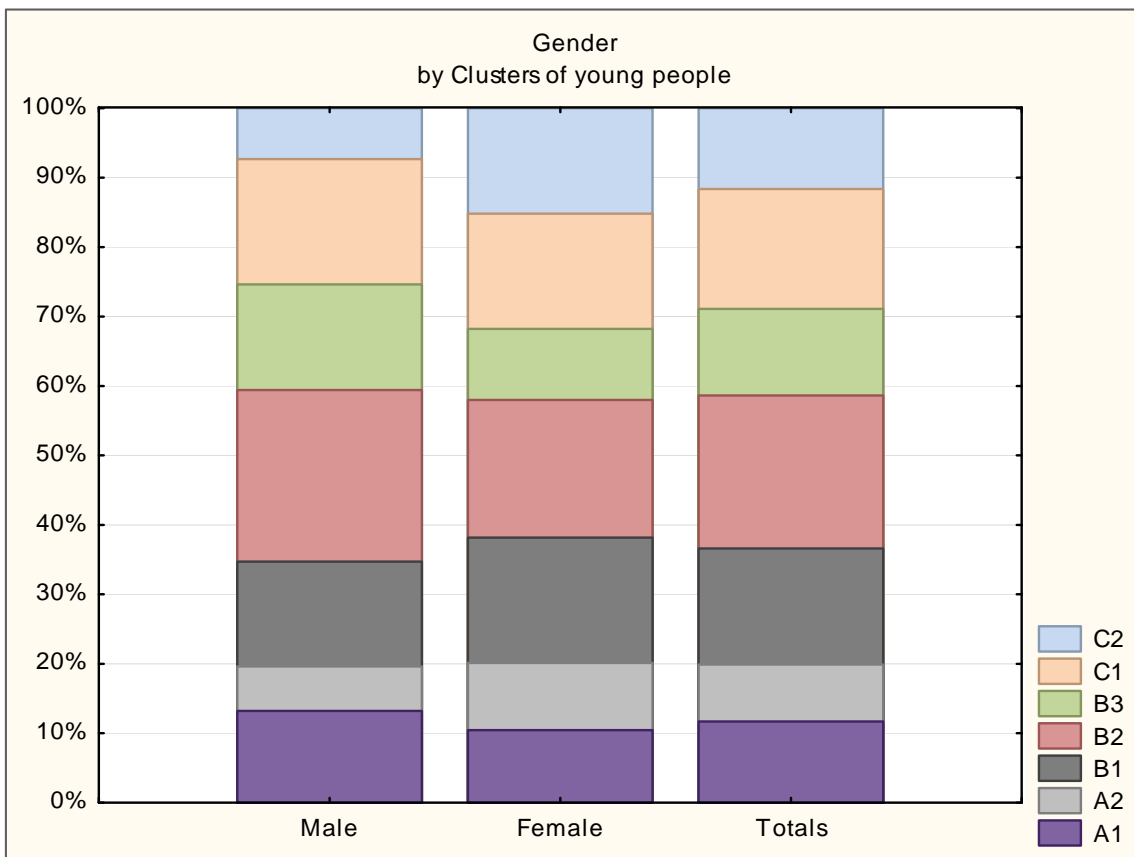
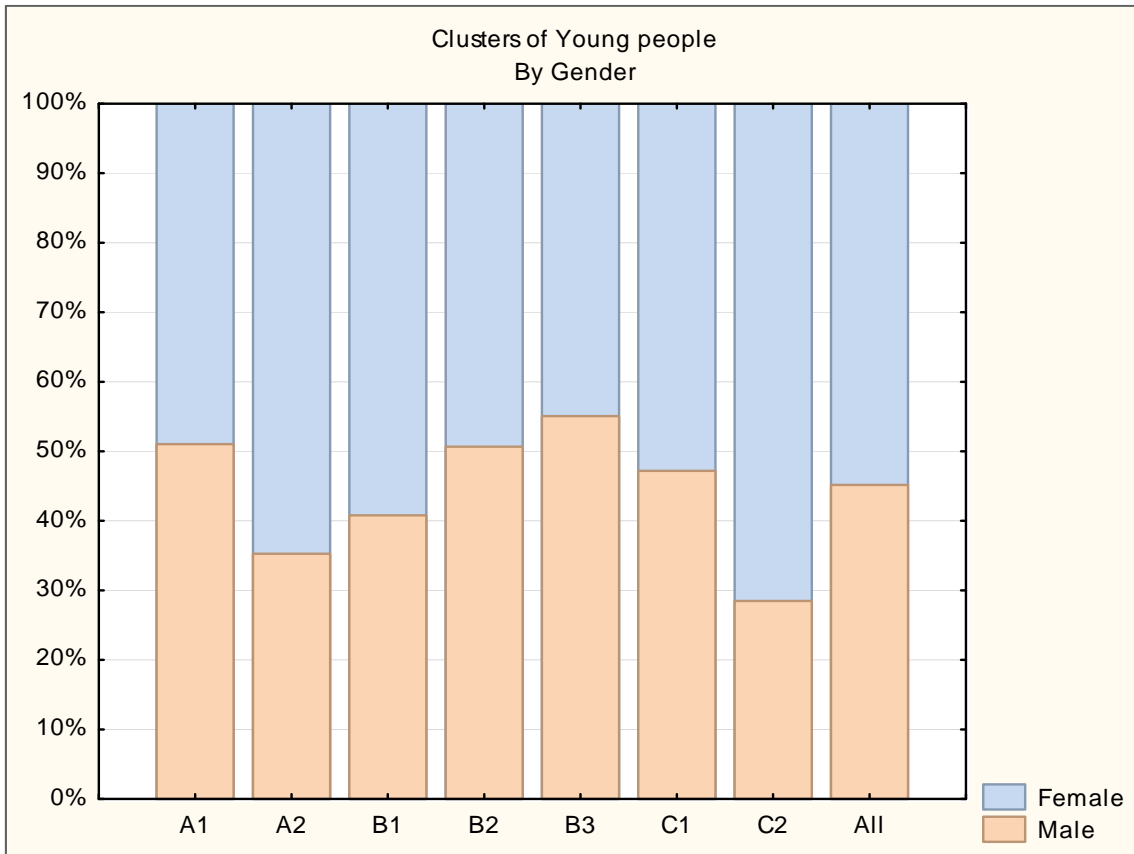
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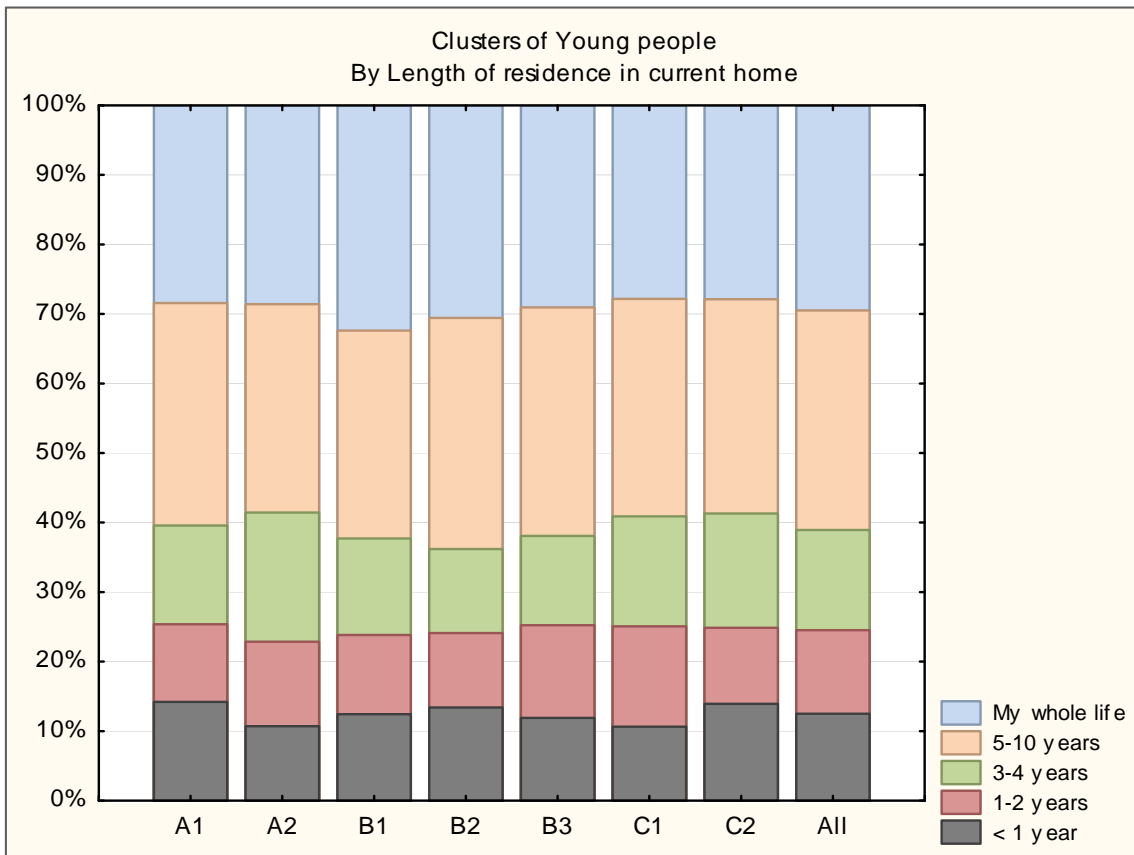
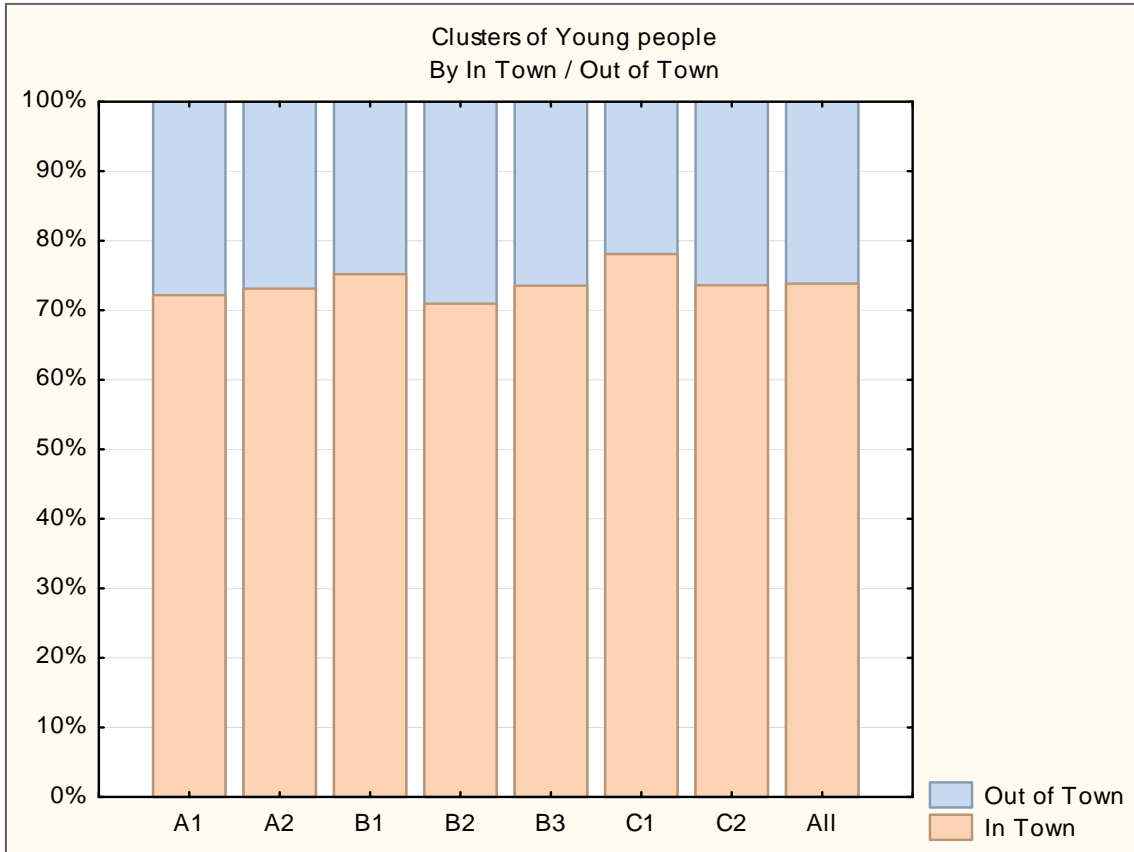


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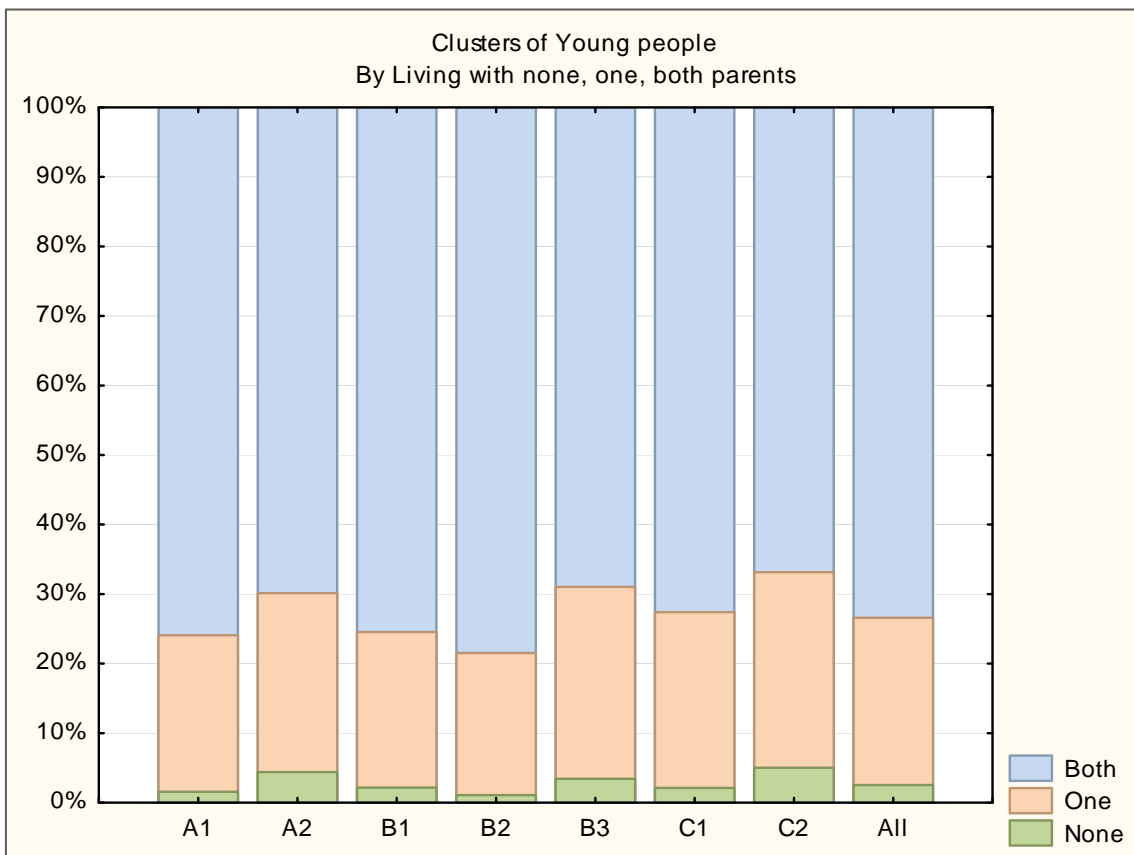
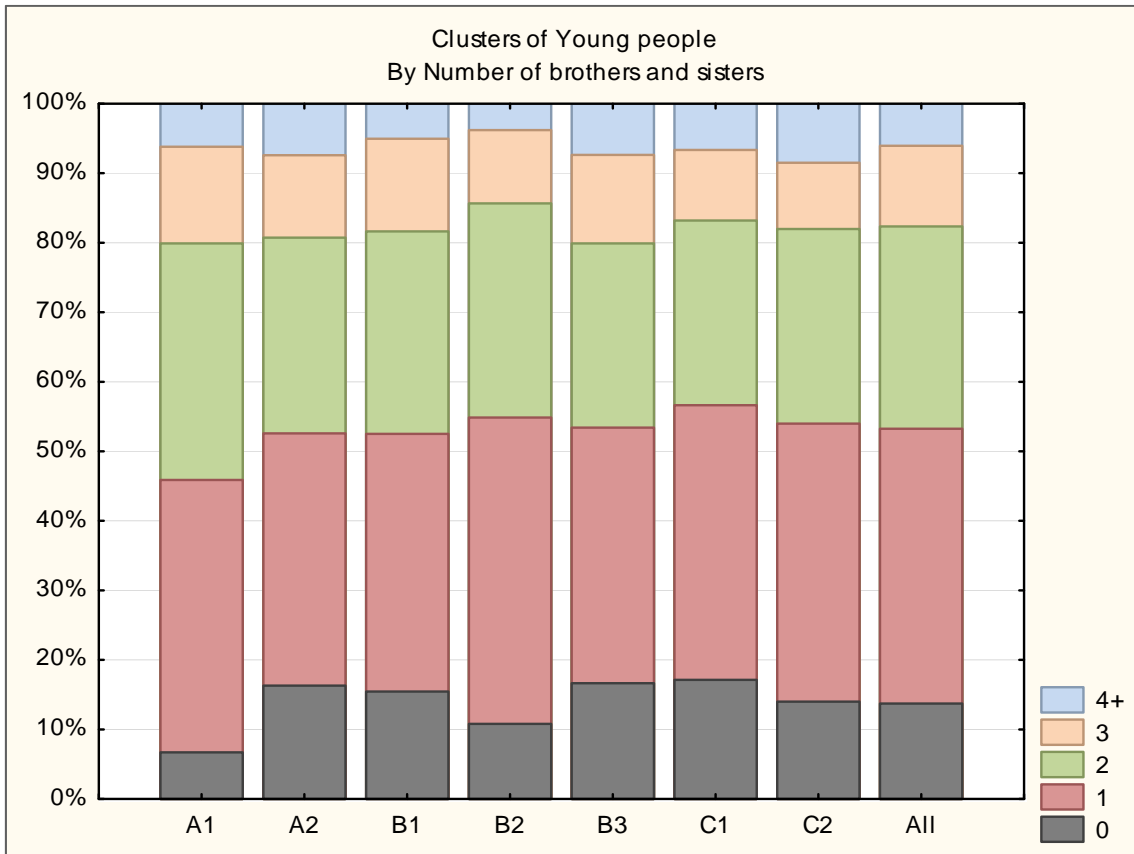




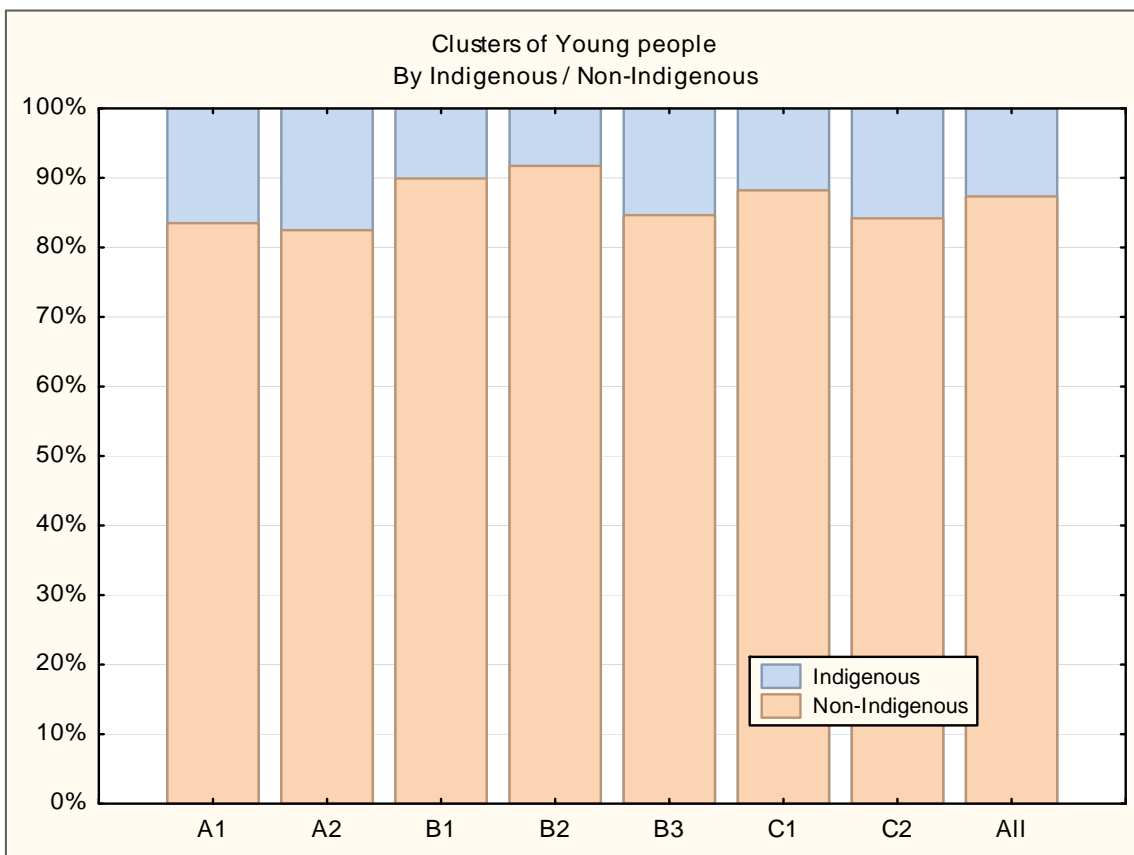
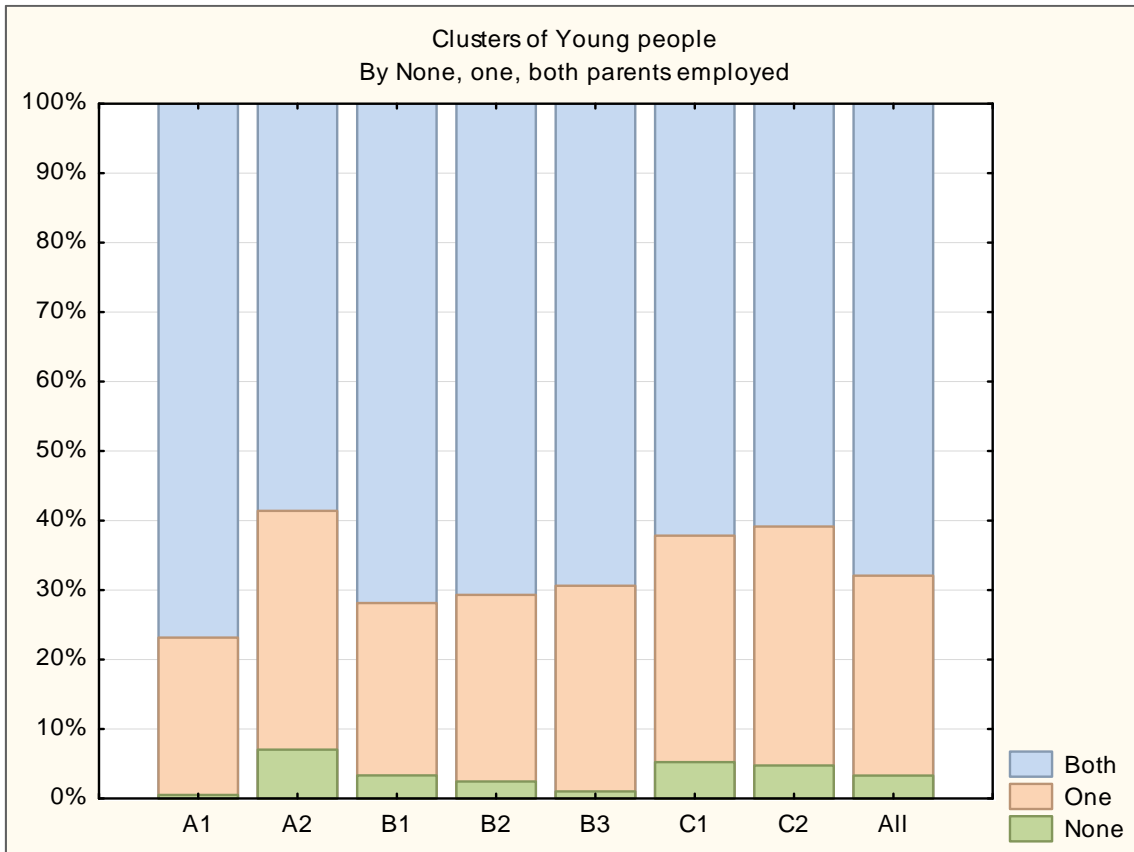
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## Samples of clusters of young people

There are two sets of charts below:

Charts showing samples of individuals within each Cluster

Charts showing samples of two clusters simultaneously.

### Samples of Individuals for each Clusters (shown separately by gender)

These charts show the individual responses for a random sample of 15 students (separately for male and female) from each Cluster of young people.

These charts show the diversity of the individuals within each Cluster. At the same time a close comparison of the different Clusters will show significant systemic differences between Clusters even given the diversity of individuals within Clusters.

Many charts in these findings use average responses. These charts highlight the diversity of individuals that are hidden in the average responses.

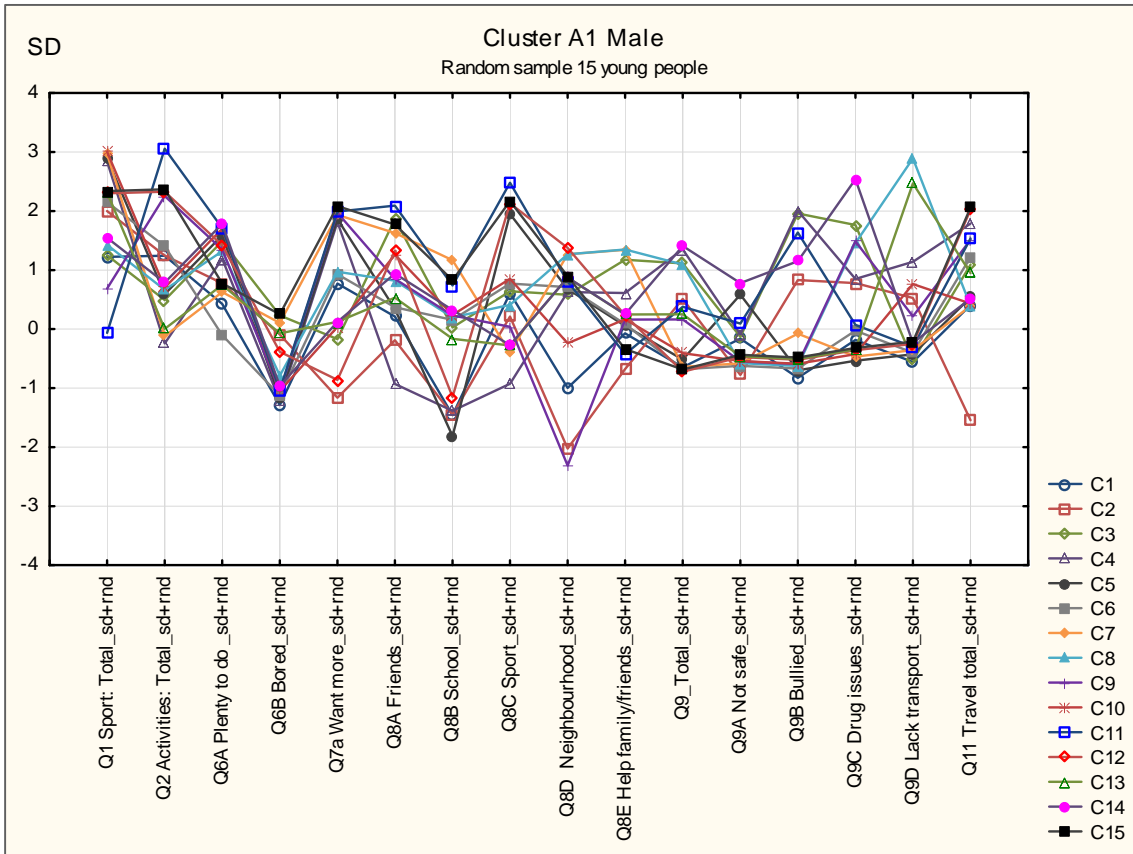
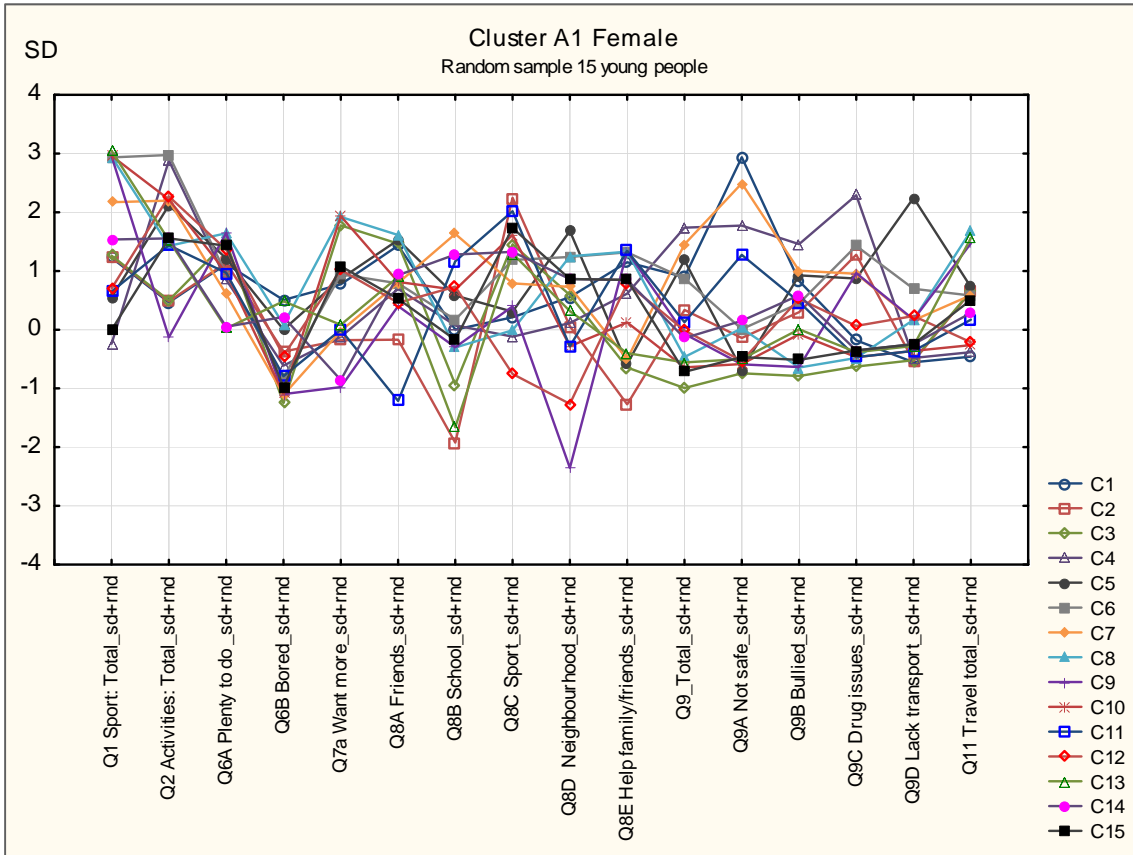
### Samples of Individuals for two Clusters simultaneously (shown separately by gender)

These charts show the individual responses for a random sample of 8 students for each of two clusters. One sample of 8 students in one Cluster is shown as Red and the other sample of 8 is shown as Blue. This allows some visual comparisons between the individuals within different Clusters – showing both the diversity between the individuals but also the systematic differences between the Clusters.

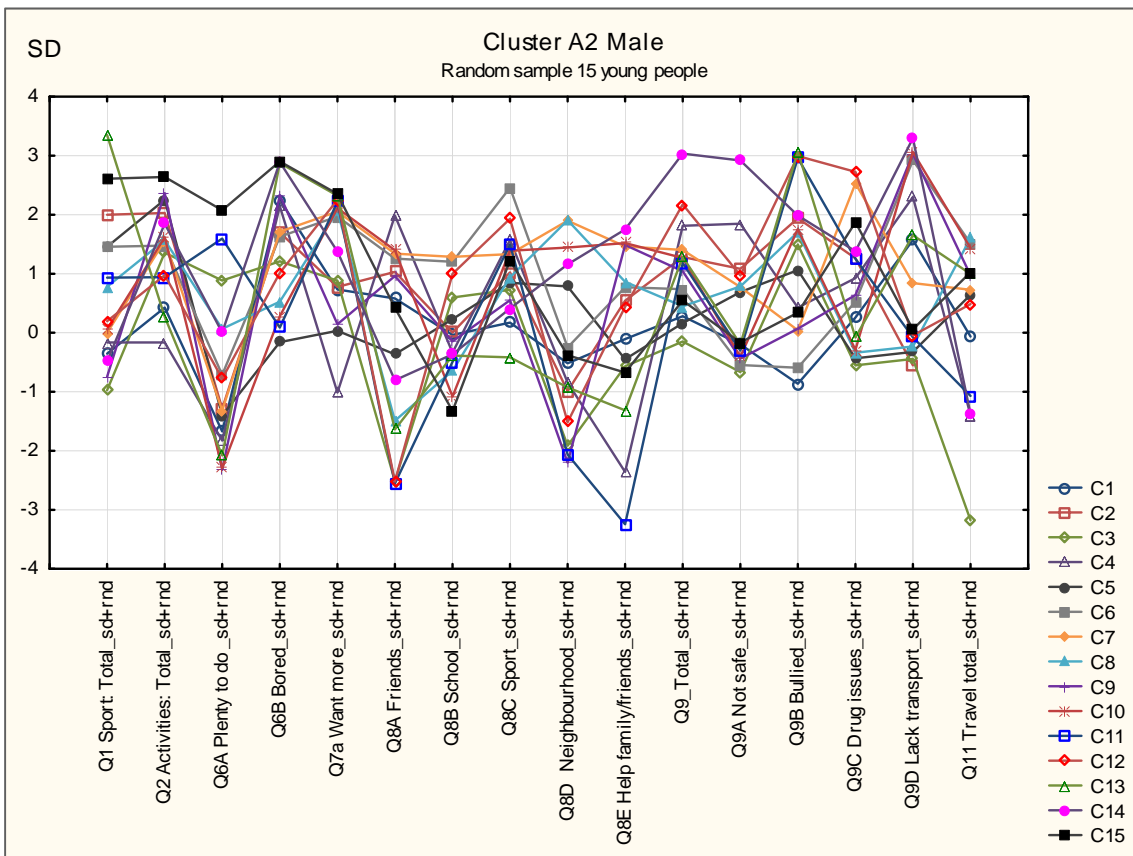
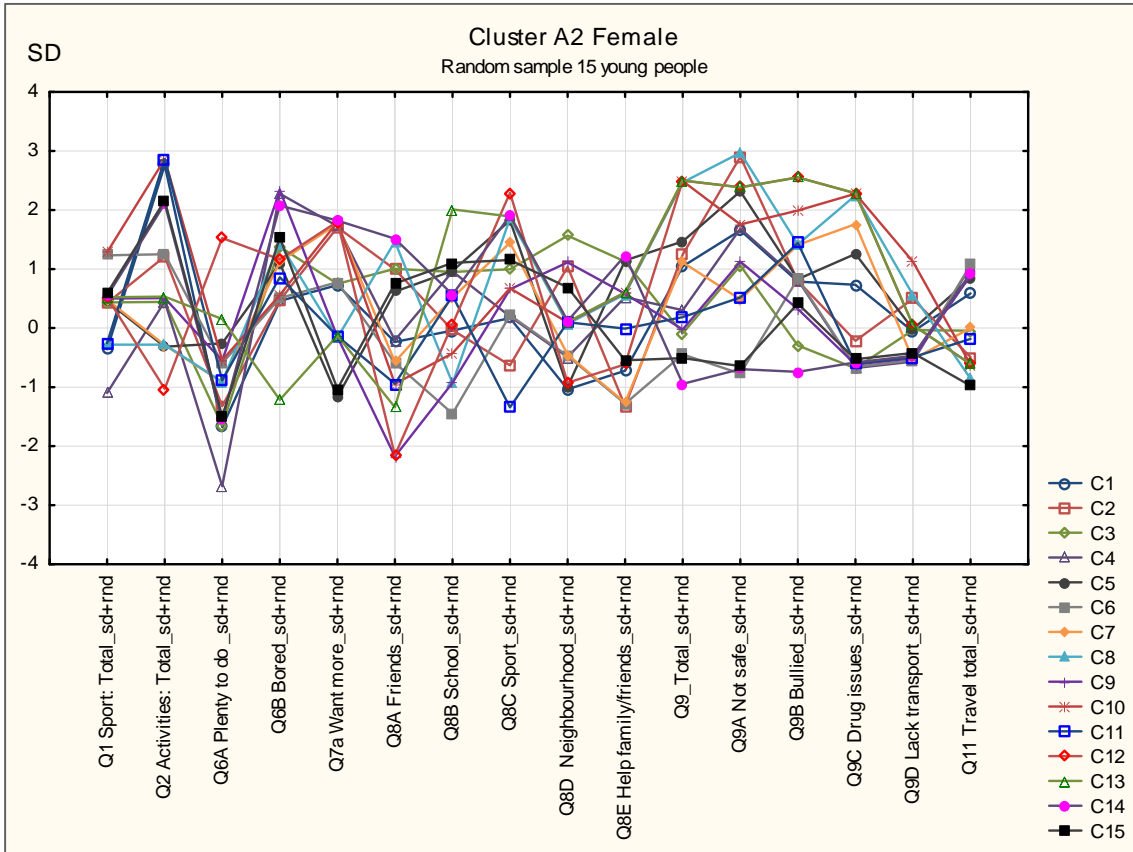
Note that a sample of 8 is very small. If a different sample of 8 had been chosen the individual variation would look very different, however the systematic differences between the Clusters would still be noticeable.

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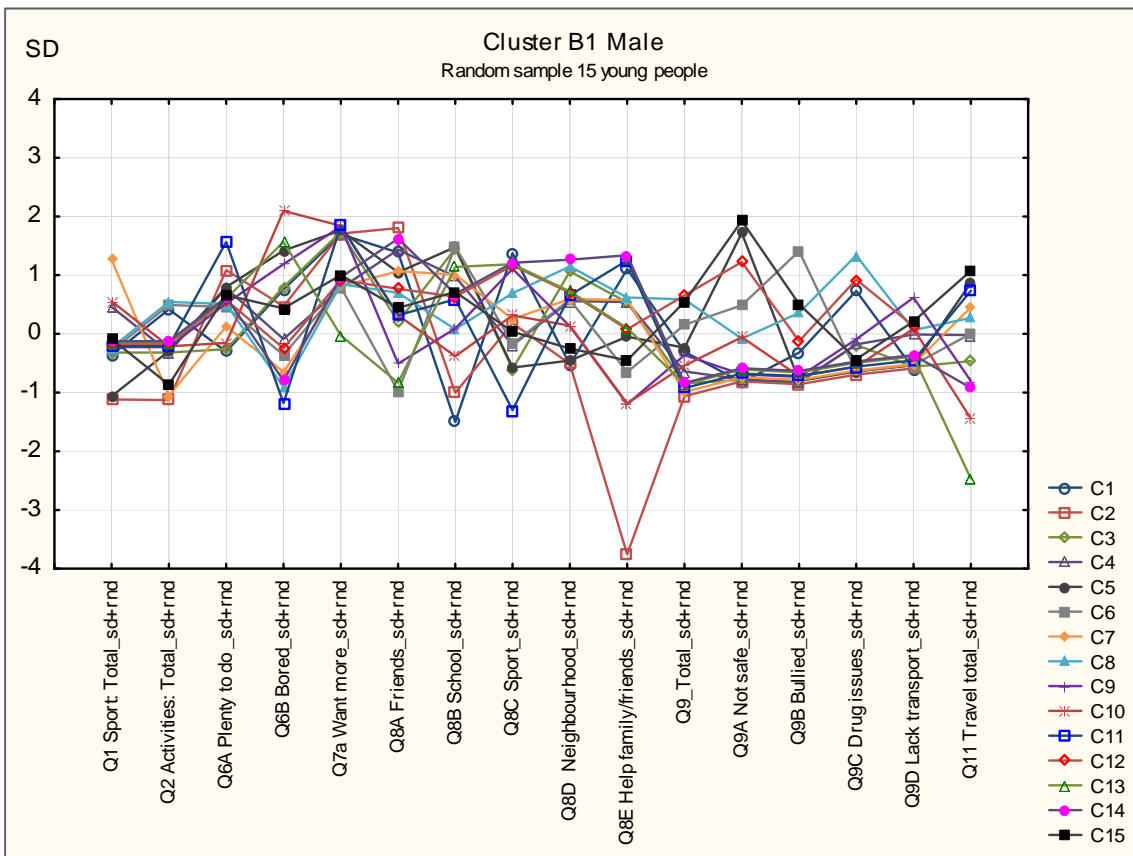
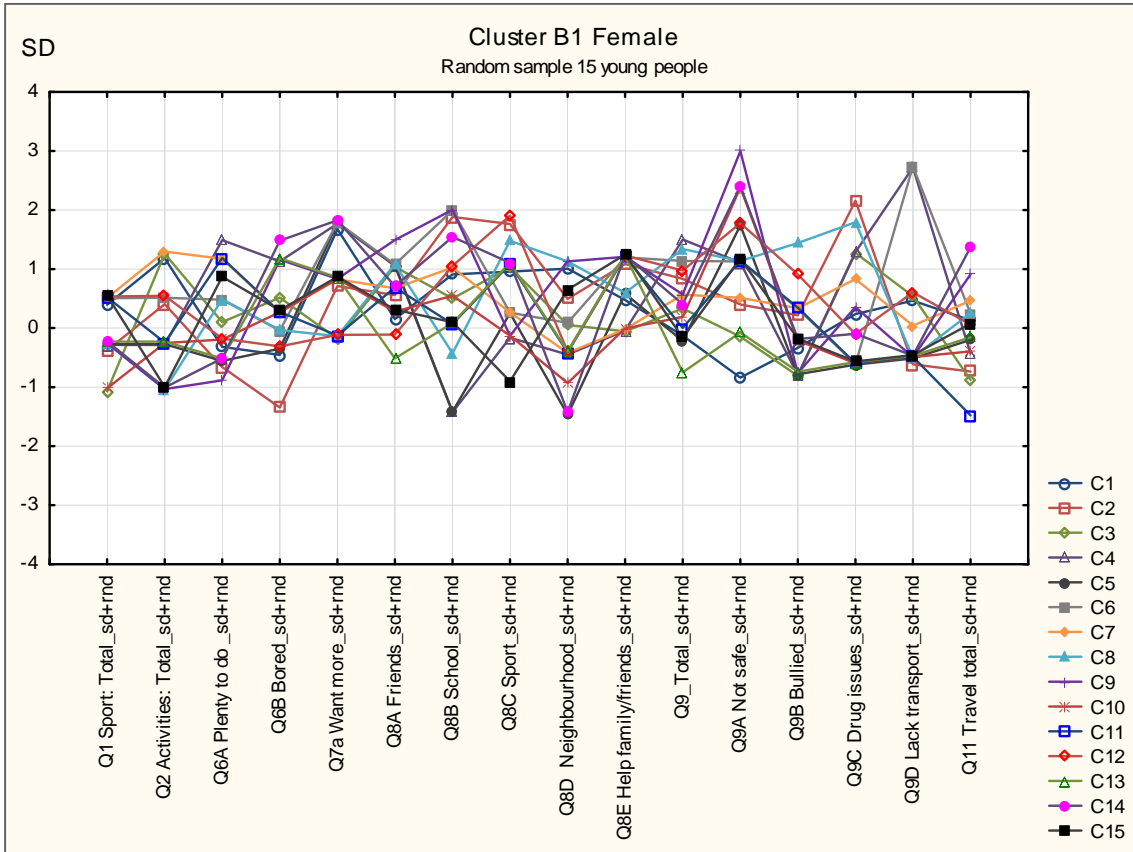
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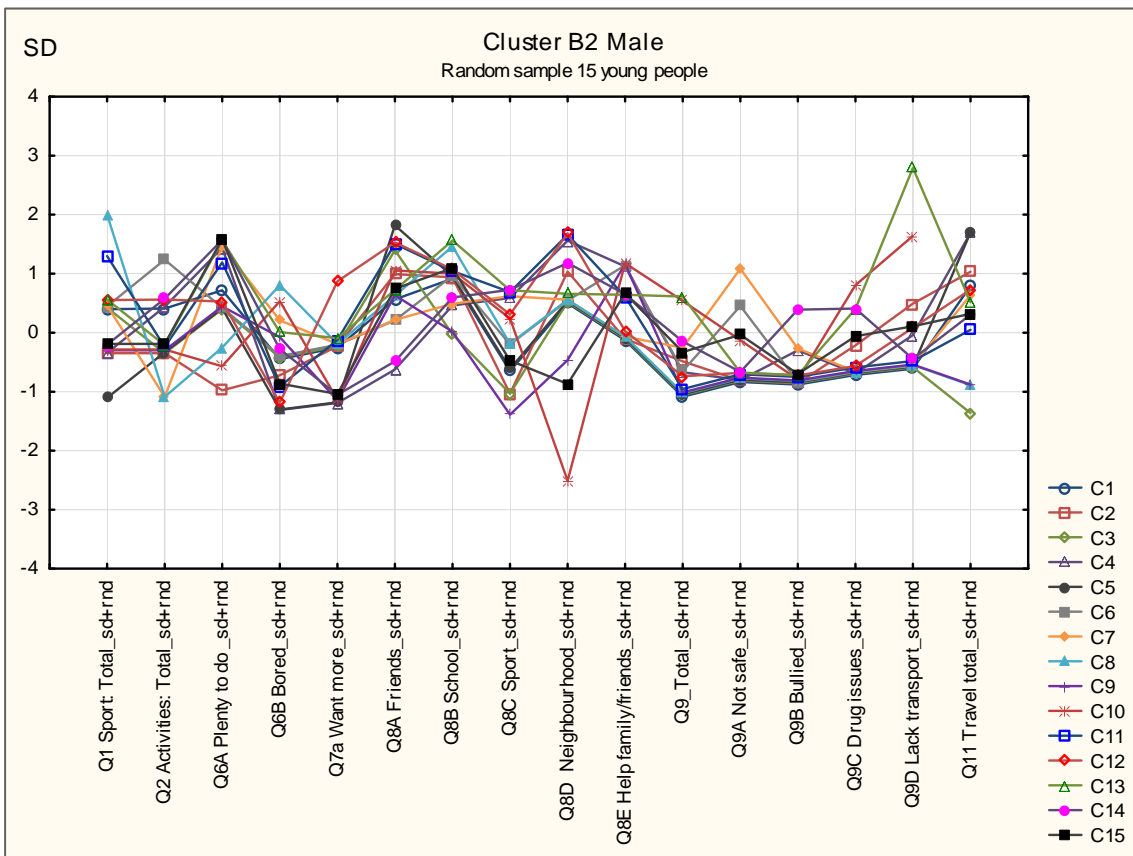
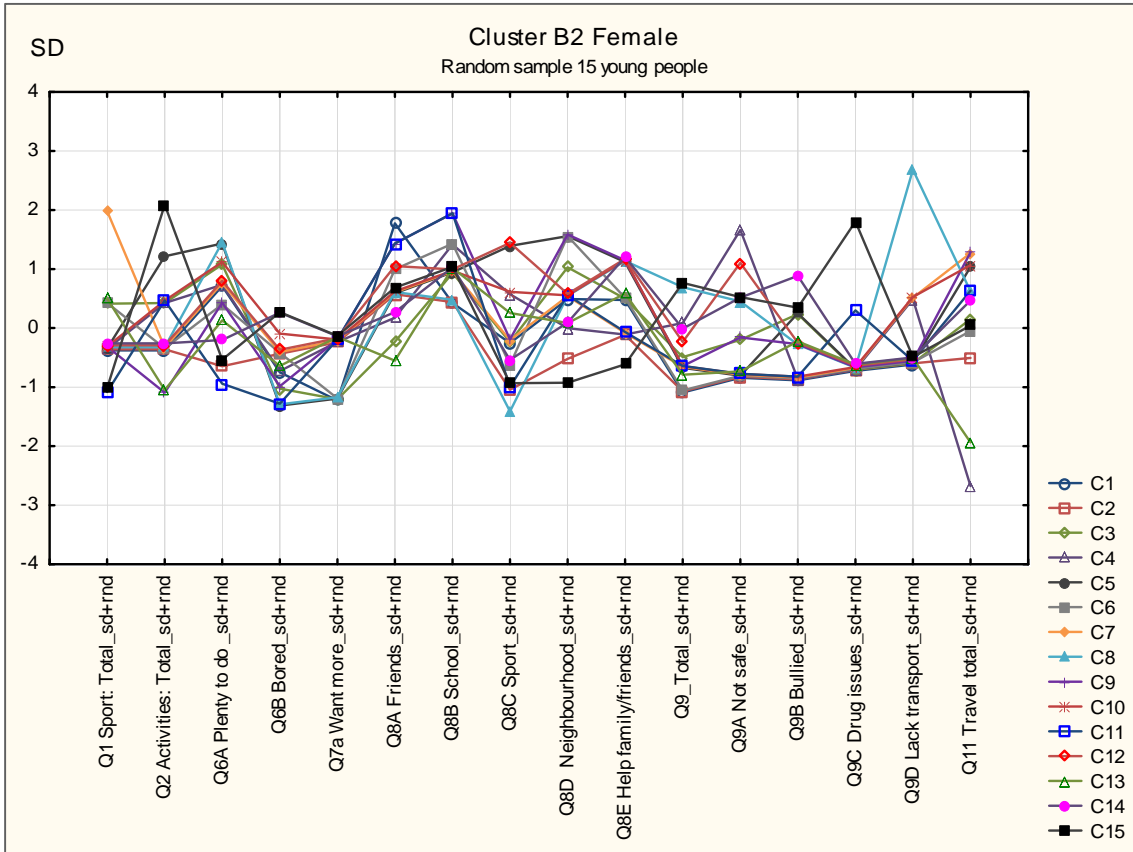
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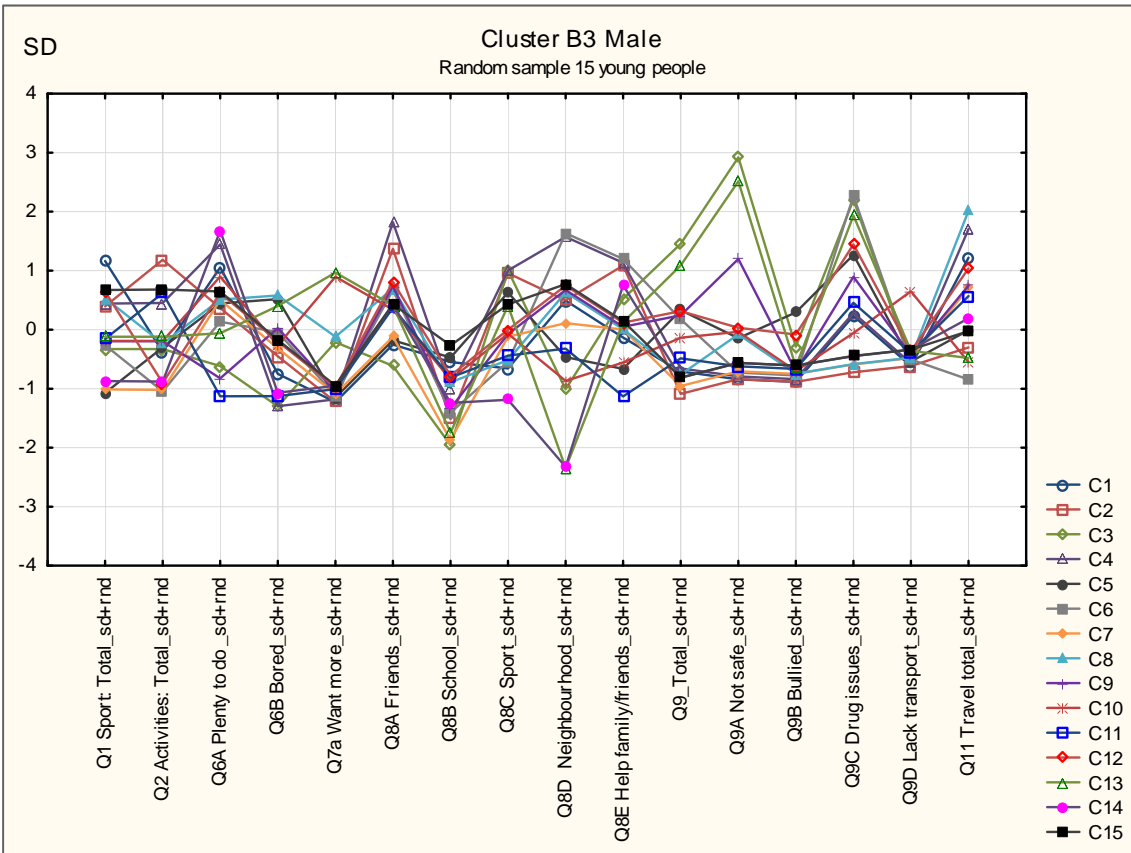
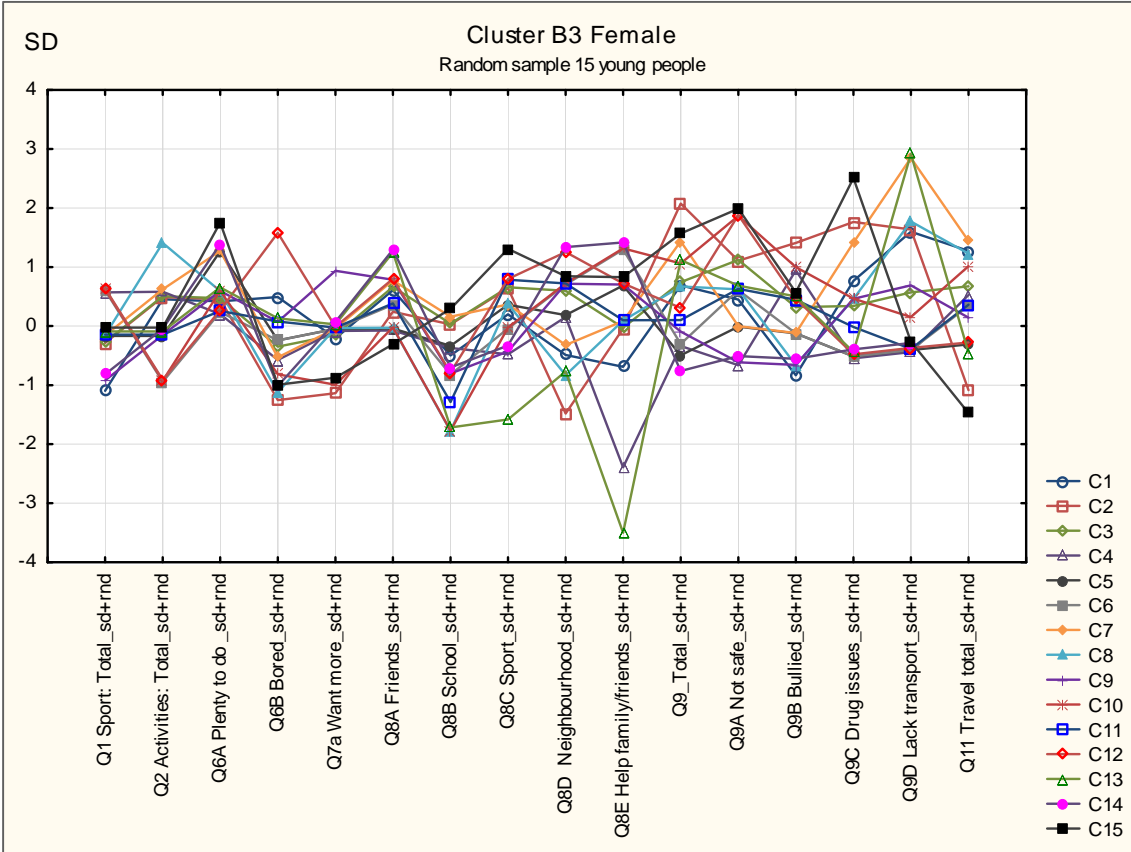


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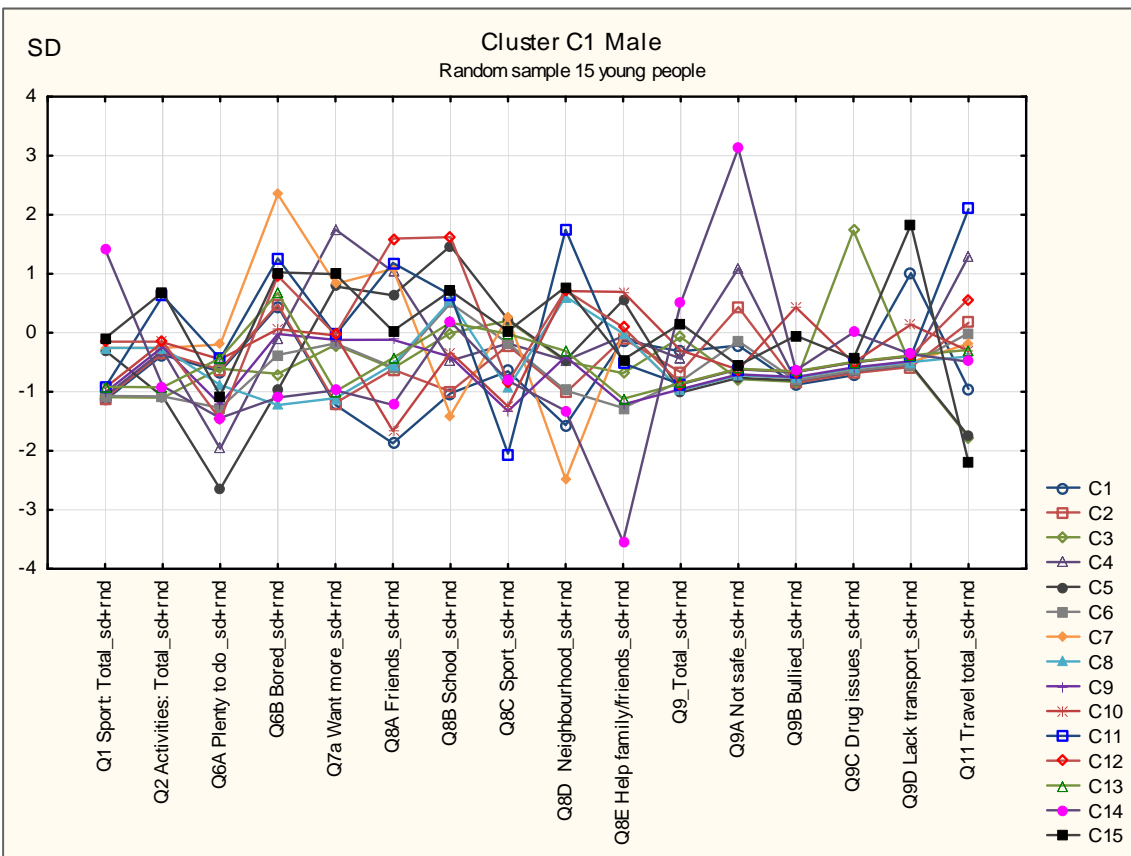
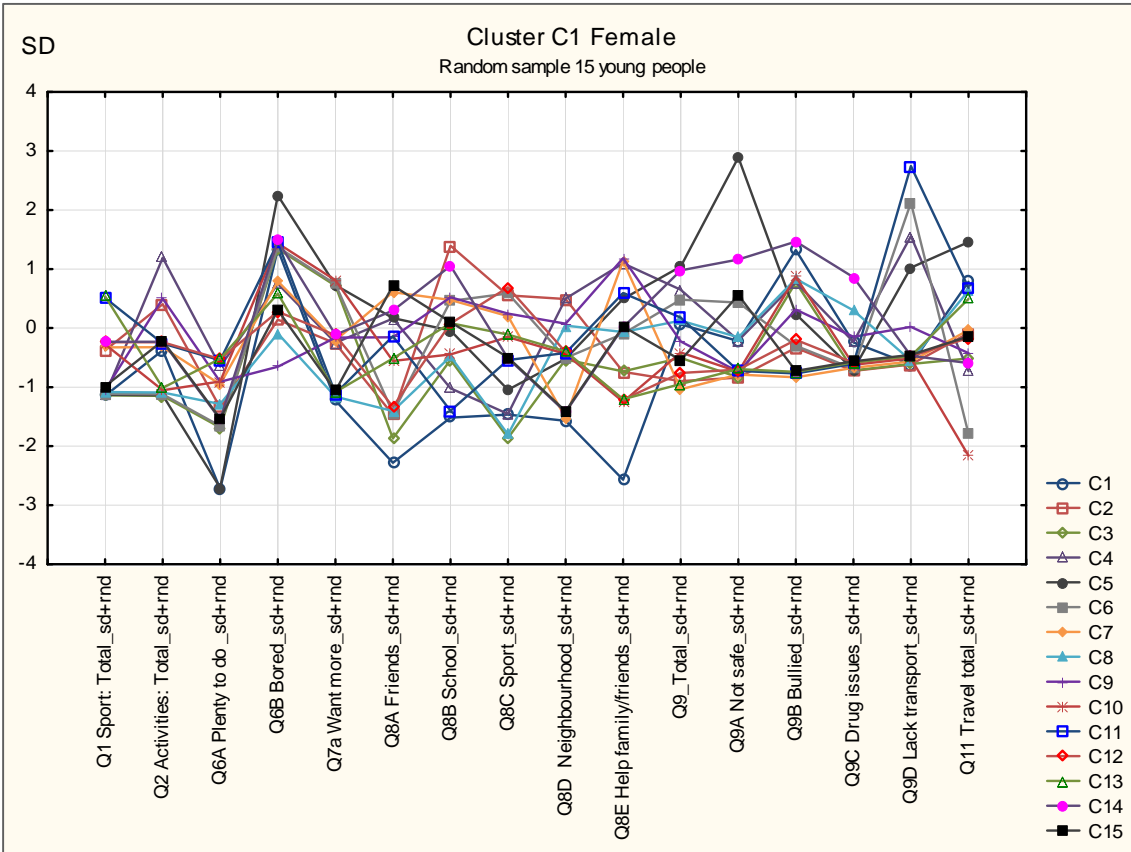




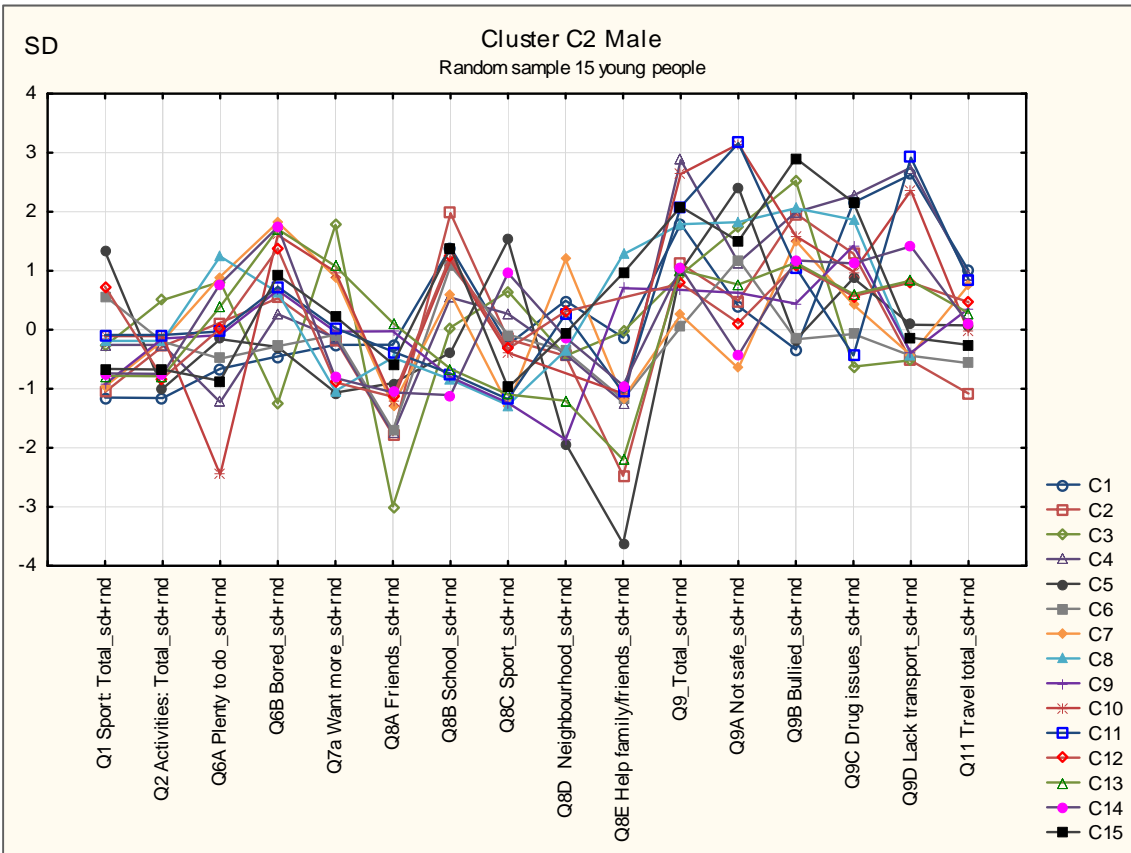
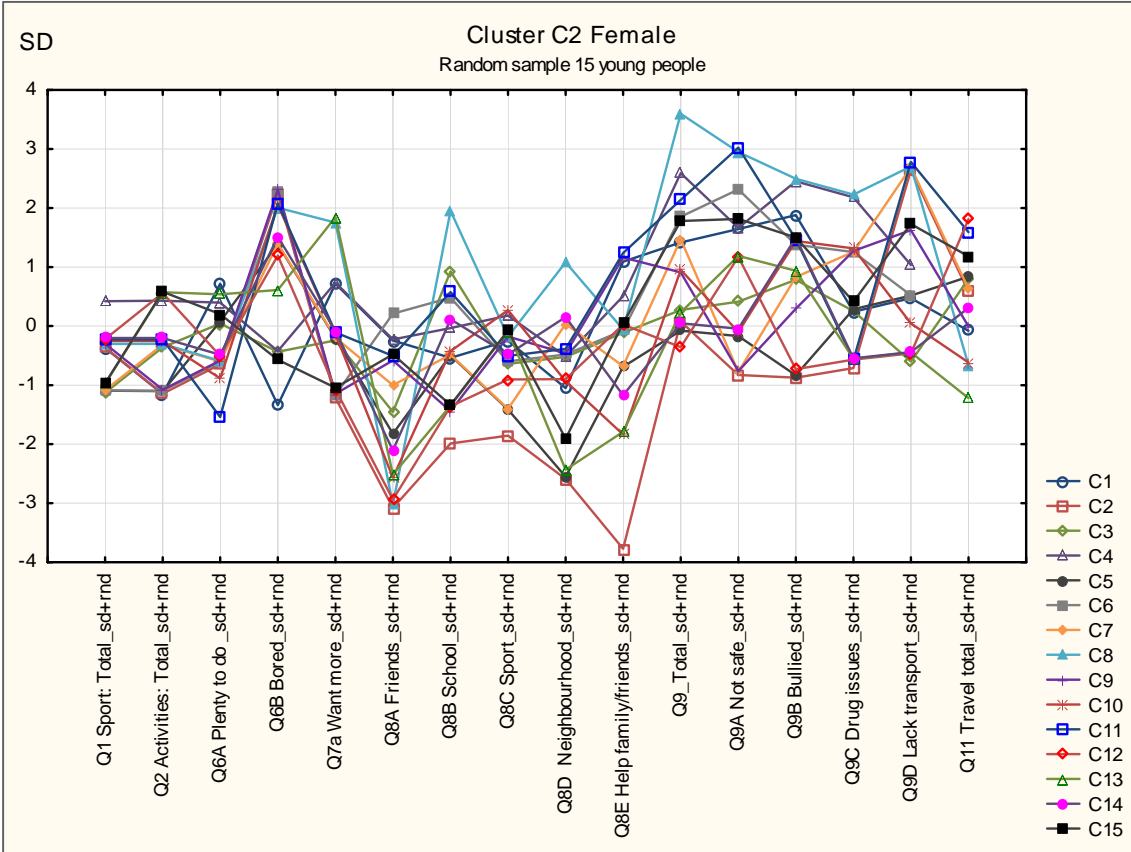
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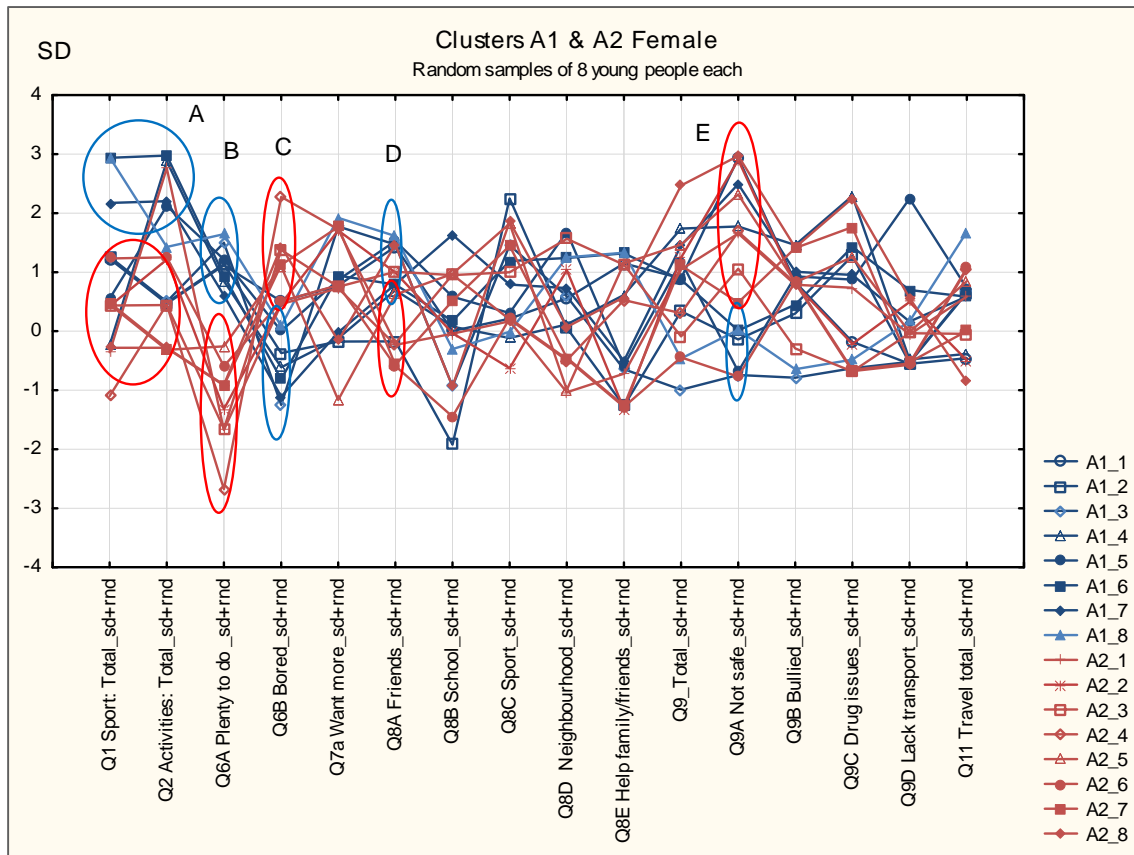


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### Samples of Individuals for two Clusters simultaneously (shown separately by gender)



The chart above shows a random sample of 8 female young people from Cluster A1 (blue) and a random sample of 8 female young people from Cluster A2 (Red).

Some of the systematic differences in the two Clusters are highlighted in the five sets of circles A to E.

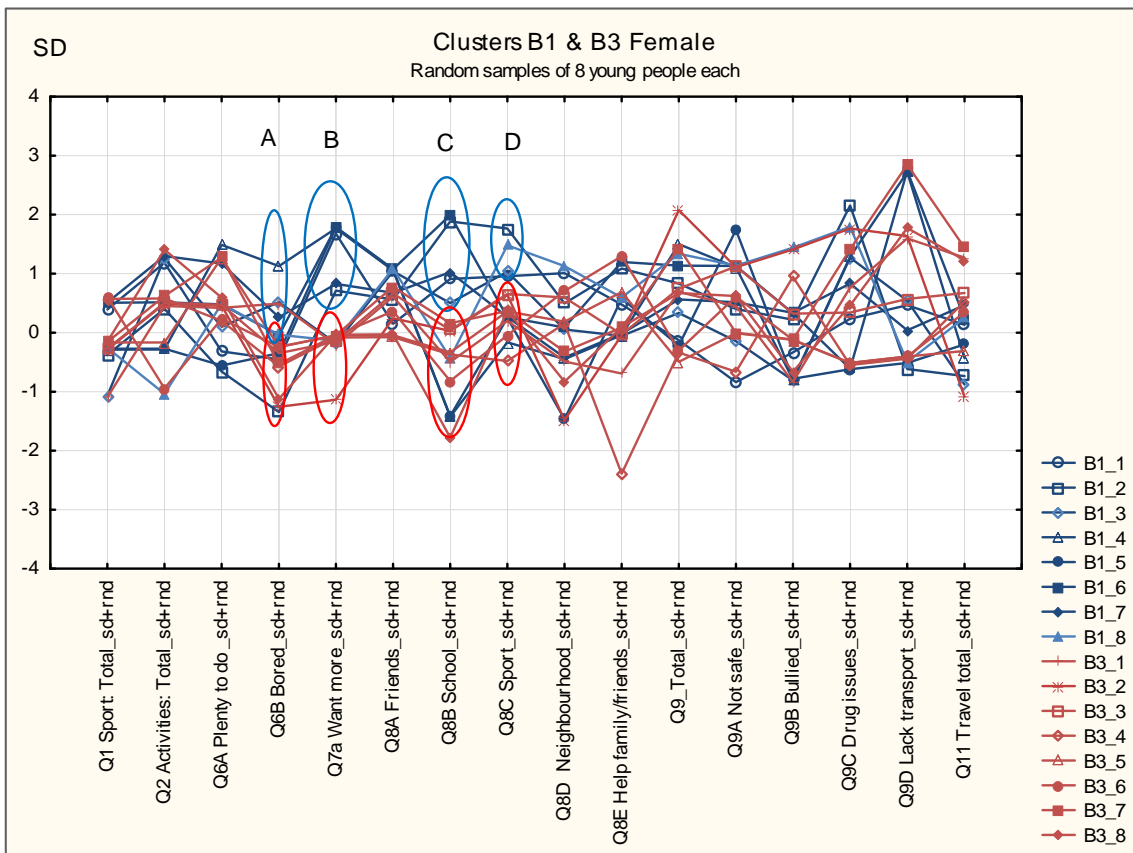
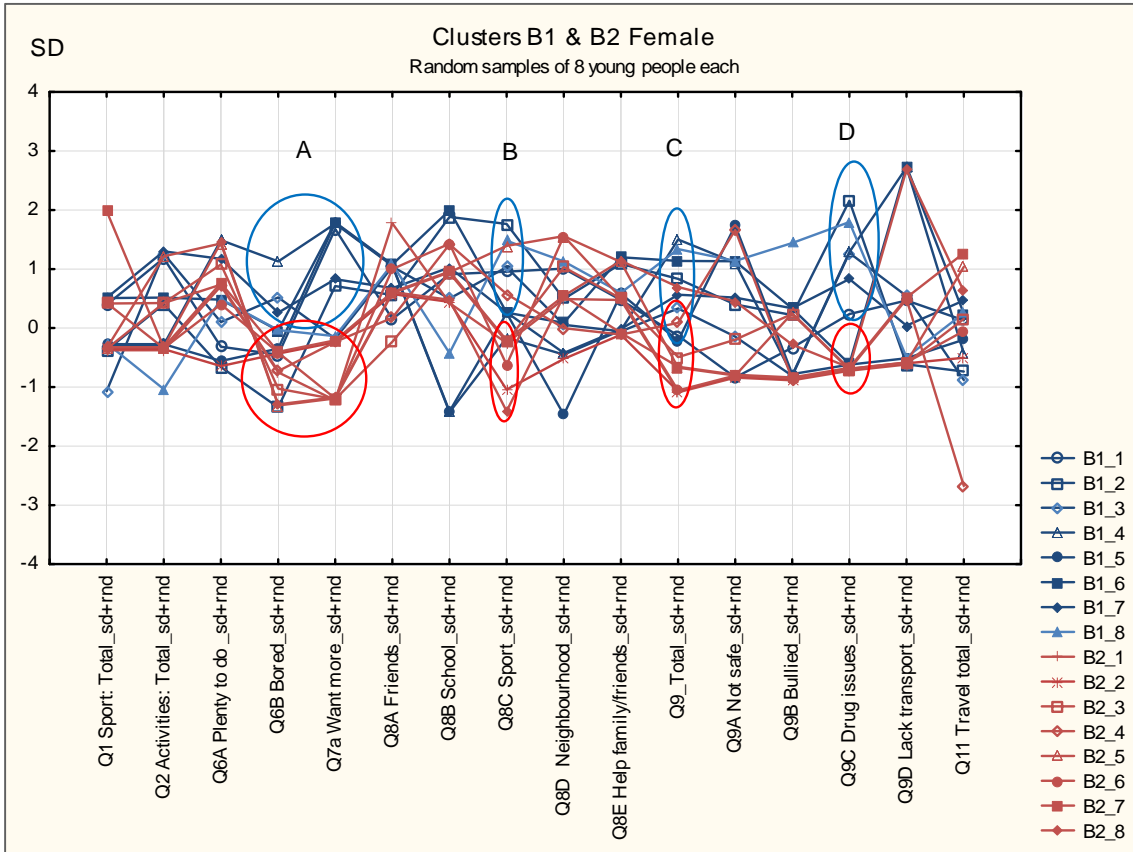
In the first set of circles, A, the top circle is mainly blue and the bottom circle is mainly red (Cluster A1 is involved in more activities than Cluster A2). The same pattern is true for the second set of circles, B. In the third set of circles, C the top circle is mainly red and the bottom circle is mainly blue (and so on for sets D and E).

The charts below show similar systemic differences between the Clusters (but on different questions). The parts of the charts showing systemic differences are the parts of the charts where the two colours (red and blue) seem to separate from each other. Each of the charts below has circles highlighting these differences.

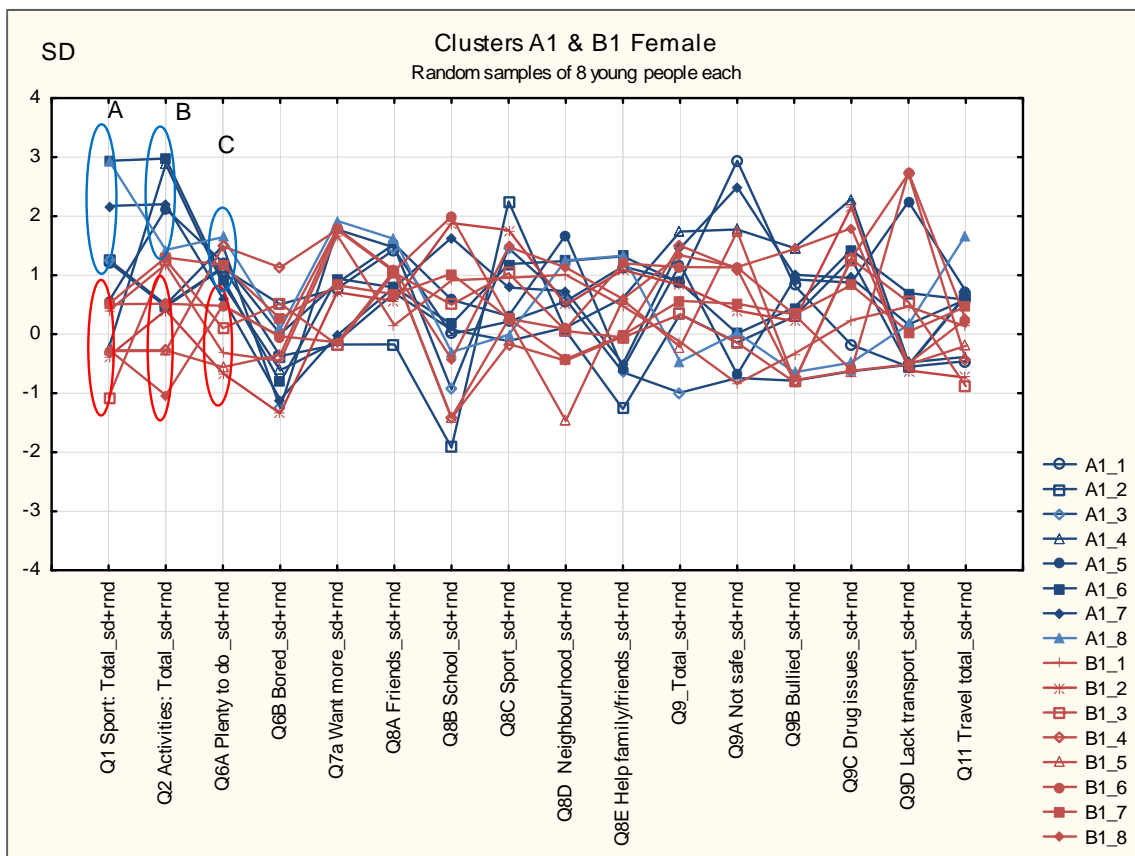
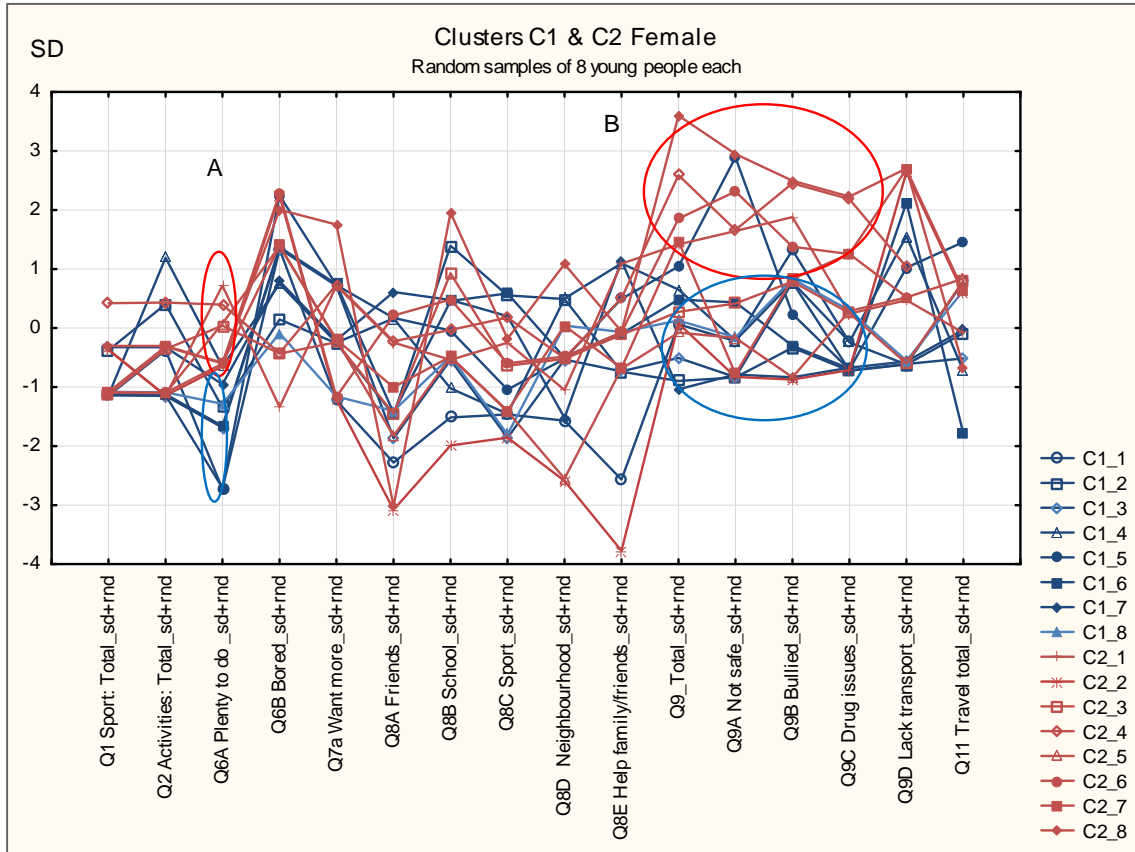
The extent of the differences between the clusters varies with the comparisons, for example differences between A1 and A2 in the chart above are less than the differences between A1 and C2 in the chart below.

These systemic differences are consistent with the descriptions of the Clusters on pages 28 and 29.

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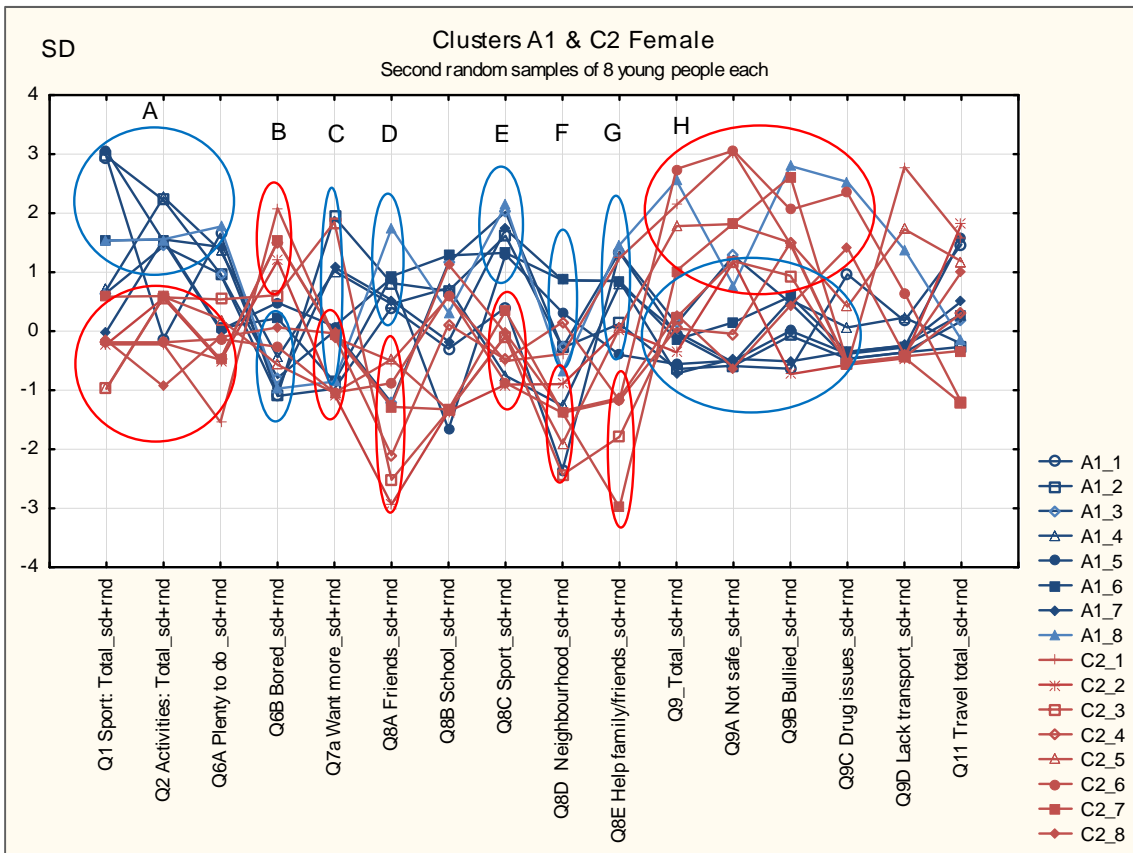
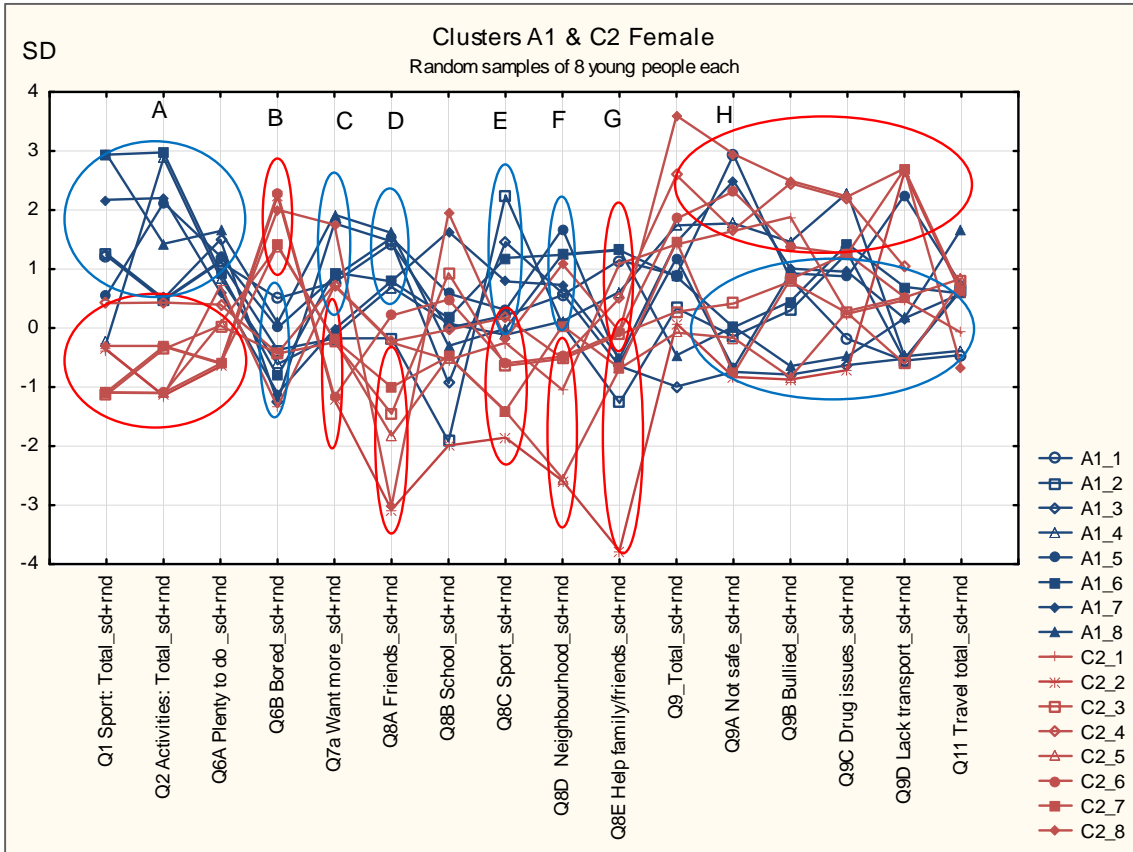


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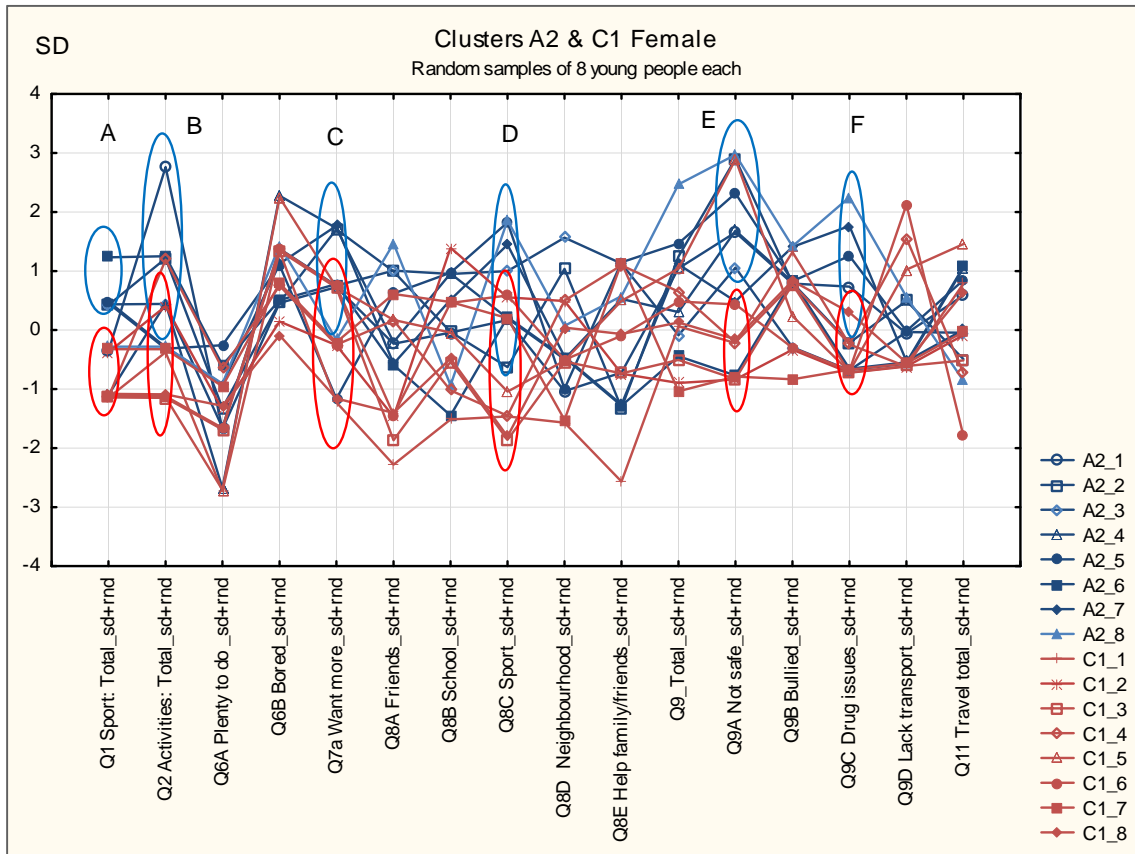




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## D. The findings: Open ended comments (By question)

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**Question 1: Other sports**

**Question 2: Other activities**

**Question 7: Other activities**

**Question 10: Other ways of finding out**

**Question 21: Changes**

**Question 22: Improvements**

## Introduction to the Open ended comments (By question)

Section D includes the full text of the open-ended comments. There are comments from 6 questions. The first four questions are lists of additional items:

- Question 1: Other sports
- Question 2: Other activities
- Question 7: Other activities
- Question 10: Other ways of finding out

The last two questions asked young people for ideas about changes and improvements:

- Question 21: Changes
- Question 22: Improvements

The full text of all the comments is included. The comments are grouped by:

- Question
- Location (Upper Hunter Shire, Muswellbrook Shire, Singleton LGA)
- Gender
- School Year.

The comments are sorted alphabetically. Where people make the same comment it is included as many times as it was made. Alphabetical sorting works well for the list of additional items. It also works reasonably well for Questions 21 and 22.

It is very important to note that the open-ended comments cannot be used to determine how many young people were thinking about a particular issue. Over one third of young people didn't make any comments. The following table shows the percentage of young people making comments for each question.

Question	Number commenting	Percentage commenting
1: Other sports	570	24%
2: Other activities	241	10%
7: Other activities	247	11%
10: Other ways of finding out	192	8%
21: Changes	1457	63%
22: Improvements	1226	53%
Comments on Q21 and/or Q22	1481	64%
Total responses	2331	NA

There are differences between those who make comments and those who don't. For example those who make comments are more likely to participate in more sports and activities than those who don't comment; those who make comments are slightly more likely to have experience negative social issues than those who don't make comments; and those who make comments want more additional things to do than those who don't comment.

A useful way to consider the open-ended comments is to see them as a mind-map of the things that young people were thinking about.

**Note:** ? = the respondent wrote a question mark; ??? = what the respondent wrote was not legible.

**Q1 Other sport**

<b>Q1 Other sport</b>		<b>Male</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Upper Hunter Shire</b>	<b>Muswellbrook Shire</b>	<b>Singleton LGA</b>
<b>7</b>	AFL Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket, Cricket Golf Golf Grid Iron Motocross Motocross Motocross Motocross Polocrosse Racing Rugby Union Rugby Union Rugby Union Shooting and Karate Squash Taekwondo Tennis Tennis Workout	AFL AFL AFL AFL AFL AFL cricket Boxing Boxing Boxing, Parkour Boxing, running Cricket Cricket Cricket Gaming Golf Motocross Motocross Parkour Parkour Shooting Squash, cricket Taekwondo	AFL AFL Archery Boxing Bullrush Cricket Cricket, futsal Fishing, boating Futsal Rugby League Taekwondo
<b>8</b>	AFL AFL AFL BMX Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Golf Golf Jogging/running Kickboxing Martial Arts MMA Motocross Motocross Rec walking Rodeo Rugby	AFL AFL AFL Cricket Cricket Lawn bowls School sports Tennis	AFL Archery Archery Archery, Parkour Boxing Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Fishing Games Golf Lawn bowls

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Q1 Other sport		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
	Rugby Rugby Union Sailing, tennis Taekwondo Taekwondo Tennis Tennis Tennis Tennis, Aikido		Motocross Motocross Motocross Motocross/enduro motorbikes PE Prac, Sport Tennis Tennis
9	Archery Boxing Cricket Cricket Cycling Fishing, Hunting Golf Gym Hunting Motocross Racing Motorbike riding Rugby Rugby Union Taekwondo Taekwondo Taekwondo Tennis Tennis Tennis Vortex	Archery Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cycling Everything Golf Golf Golf Golf Golf MMA Motorbike Motorbikes Parkour Rugby Union Skatepark Skiing Squash, cricket Squash, gym Tennis, cricket Track and road cycling Vortex	AFL AFL, Tennis BMX Boxing, MMA Cricket Cricket Cross country running Futsal Futsal Futsal Futsal, karate Ride Scooter bike Skateboarding Ten Pin bowling Tennis
10	AFL AFL Archery, Squash Cricket Cricket European Handball Golf Golf Hunting, Rural Fire Service Kickboxing Rugby Union Rugby Union	AFL Archery Archery Boxing Boxing Boxing Boxing Cricket Cricket Croquet Futsal Futsal Futsal	AFL Archery Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket, AFL Esports Futsal, cricket Motocross Rugby League Taekwondo Ultimate Frisbee

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Q1 Other sport		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
	Squash Squash	Golf Motocross Parkour Squash Taekwondo Tennis, Tennis Tennis, Tennis Union	
<b>11/12</b>	AFL Bike riding Clay target, shotgun shooting Cricket Cricket Cricket Cricket Cycling Cycling Cycling Cycling, squash, Taekwondo, MMA Extreme downhill longboarding Golf Golf Golf Golf Golf, motocross Golf, Tennis Gym Gym Hunting Mixed Martial Arts Mixed Martial Arts MMA MMA MMA Motorbike Parkour, gymnastics Rugby Union Rugby Union, MMA Shooting Table tennis Taekwondo Vaulting Weights, biking	AFL, cricket, golf Boxing, gym, MMA Cricket Cricket Cricket Cycling Cycling Cycling, motocross Dance Golf Mixed Martial Arts Paintball Running Skate boarding Skate boarding Tennis	AFL Bushwalking Cheerleading Cricket Futsal Futsal Futsal Martial Arts Motocross Skating X Box

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Q1 Other Sport		Female	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	AFL AFL Cricket Dance Dance, AFL Dancing Taekwondo Tennis Tennis, cricket	AFL AFL AFL, Running Baseball Boxing, motorcycle racing Dance Dance and Dodge ball Dancing Dancing Dancing Oz-Tag Oz-Tag Physi Tennis Tennis Tennis	AFL Ballet, dancing Cheerleading Cricket Cricket Dance Dancing Dancing Dancing Dancing Dancing Dancing Dancing Doing sports around the home Futsal Futsal Karate Table tennis Table tennis
8	Boxing Cross country Dance Dance Dance Dancing Lawn bowls Rec walking Tennis	Boxing Dance Dance Dance Dance Dance Dance Dance Dance (school sport) Dancing Herdsman team Physical Culture Physie Physie Running e.g. cross country School sport Walking	Archery Cheerleading Cricket Cricket Dance Dance Dance Dance Dancing Dancing Dancing Dancing Dancing Dancing Golf Gym Motor bike riding Squash Taekwondo Taekwondo Tennis Triathlon Volleyball
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Q1 Other sport		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
	Dancing Dancing Dancing Dancing Dancing Gym/personal training Shooting Tennis Tennis Tennis Tennis Tennis	Dancing Facebook Herdsman team Motocross Running long distance Shooting Squash vodex	Cheerleading Cheerleading  Cheerleading and dancing Cheerleading, dance Cheerleading, dance Dancing Gym Gym Salmon Tennis Volleyball Volleyball Volleyball
<b>10</b>	Dance Dance Kick Boxing Squash Taekwondo Tennis Water polo	Cricket Cross country Dance Dance Dance Futsal Running School sport UHPPC	Cheerleading Cheerleading Cheerleading Dance Dance, moto riding Dancing Dancing Dancing Fishing Work experience
<b>11/12</b>	Archery Cricket Dancing Golf Gymnastics Gymnastics Lawn bowls Mixed Martial Arts, Archery Tennis, shooting Water skiing	Cheerleading Cheerleading Cheerleading Cheerleading/dance Dance Dance Dance Dance Dancing Dancing Gym Jogging Lawn bowls Mixed Martial Arts and tap dancing Personal Fitness Running Taekwondo Taekwondo Water skiing/water sports	Dancing Dancing Gym, Zumba Gym/Zumba Tennis Tennis Walking Yoga, walking

## Q2 Other activities

Q2 Other activities		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	Archery Cricket Gaming Gaming Gaming Making movies Motocross Motocross Motorbike riding Scooter riding Scooter riding, Pig Hunting Shooting Shooting and Karate Squash Taekwondo	Cross country Games Gaming Golf Motorbike riding Parkour/ movie making	Boxing PS3 Singing Tech computer
8	Cinematography Gym Hunting and shot gun shooting Kickboxing Rugby Scooter Scouts Skiing Sport Taekwondo Taekwondo	Exercise Football Hunting Motorbike riding Running	Archery Archery, Parkour Digital media Martial Arts Metal, timber Motocross Motocross Motocross/enduro (motorbikes) PS3, X-Box 360 Skiing Walking X-Box
9	Bow fishing Boxing cricket Dozer operating Hunting Motorbike riding Quad Riding Reading Running Scooter Snowboarding Taekwondo Tennis, cycling Weight training	Air Force Cadets (Newcastle) Golf Hunting Hunting Motorbike riding Parkour Running Shooting stabbing pigs Swimming Wakeboarding	Agriculture Farm related Futsal metal, pass Motocross Tennis Wakeboard



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Q2 Other activities		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
10	Agriculture Computer Tech Hunting Hunting, Rural Fire Service Motorbike riding Software development, graphic design Water Skiing Work	Archery Body Boarding Body Boarding Boxing Film making Gym Gym Running	Gaming Motocross Tutoring
11/12	Archery Army cadets Beat boxing Camping cricket Film, entertainment Golf, touch, outdoor activities Hunting Hunting Hunting Hunting, camping Lawn Bowls Motocross Motorbike riding Novel writing Vaulting	Golf Gym Interpretive dance, bagpipes Part Time job Running, climbing Taekwondo, cooking Water Skiing Weight Lifting Work YMCA, gym	Cheerleading Gym Motocross/trail biking X Box

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Q2 Other activities		Female	
Gender Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
Y7	Cricket Scouts Sports	Computers Workout	Cricket Embroidery Gym Just being active around the home
Y8	Lawn Bowls Netball Pig chasing	Facebook Physie Scouts Writing stories	Cooking Jogging Read Swimming
Y9	MMA Motorbike riding Reading Writing	Cooking Facebook Motorbike riding Reading Shooting	Cheerleading Cheerleading Cooking Guides Hanging with friends Motorbike riding Playing my laptop Salmon Sports Tennis
Y10	Agriculture Writing	Aboriginal painting Going to the gym regularly Motorbike riding Skiing (water) Tumblr	Childcare Greyhound races Motorbike riding Walking
Y11/12	Cattle handling/showing Cattle Showing Creative Writing Creative Writing Going to gigs Motorbikes Work Work, study, read	Exercise Exercise Guides Jogging Motorbike riding Netball Public Speaking Water Skiing	Gym Languages, work Motorbikes, water sports (speed boats) Yoga, Rural Fire Service, Work

## Q7b Other Activities

Q7b Other Activities		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	Archery Cadets Fishing Parkour - tumbling	Bike riding da fone Football Football Gaming Gaming Parkour Parkour Parkour/free running Shooting Shooting Squash	Archery Cadets Fishing Parkour - tumbling
8	Aquaculture Archery Archery  BMX Design Motocross Motocross Motocross Theme parks	Archery Basketball  Bike riding Bike riding Camp drafting Downhill Mountain biking Fun things for teens Motocross	Aquaculture Archery Archery BMX Design Motocross Motocross Motocross Theme parks
9	Ag Army Cadets Fight, MMA Motorbike riding  War hammer 40K	Cinema, ice skating, paintball Cinema, ice skating, paintball Computers Cycling Hunting Motorbikes Motorbikes Wakeboarding	Ag Army Cadets Fight, MMA Motorbike riding War hammer 40K
10	Computing Cricket Football Footy Game design, web development Gaming Rural Fire Service Shooting Shooting	Entertainment Film Fishing comps Hunting Martial Art Martial Arts Motorbike Sky Diving	Gaming needs better internet IDK

D. The findings: Open ended comments

Q7b Other Activities		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
	Swimming		
11/12	Automotive Extreme Filming Gaming Gymnastics Have fun Longboarding, Clay target shooting Paragliding Rock climbing, paintball Shooting sports Technological classes etc. Writing club	Anything and everything available Gym Gym Hunting Touch Football	Cheer Fishing Party Play station Trail biking/motocross

D. The findings: Open ended comments

Q7b Other Activities		Female	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	Archery Gymnastics Gymnastics Gymnastics Karate, Gymnastics Swimming Tennis Video games	Cello Computers Cooking Gymnastics Hockey Netball Rock Climbing	Cooking Play the Play station or go fishing Schools for talented children Skiing Technology
8	Anything Cheerleading Gymnastics Hockey Soccer State age netball	Anything fun and energetic Cheerleading Cooking classes Discos Raves Swimming	Barrel racing Creative writing Fishing Gymnastics Interesting ones Modelling More dancing Motorbike riding, cooking Parties
9	Bike related activities Camel riding	Hunting and shooting activities Leisure Martial Arts Shooing, going out Yoga/gym Youth group	Cooking More tennis Motocross
10	Cadets Cooking	Archery Art Motorbike riding	Chillin with friends Unsure Work Writers group
11/12	Cricket Gymnastics Roller derby Roller derby, gymnastics Sewing Club Skateboarding	Circus Craft/sewing club, arcade, movies, skating rink Exercise Fishing Gymnastics I don't know Shopping, movies	Beach Languages Makeup artistry More exercise - non competitive Skating Volunteering

## Q10a Other forms of communication

Q10a Other forms of communication		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	Come to my house and tell me Friends Friends Friends Instagram Kik My space Posters	Friends Gaming I message Mum tells me Yo mumma Yo mumma	Instagram Phone Phone Talking
8	Billboards I Don't Kik Mum, dad, friends Other people People tell me Tumblr	I Don't Notes from school	Parents Talk to people Talking Text message
9	Friends Google Skywriter Snap chat, askfn	Google, ask FM, Instagram Hang with friends Instagram, Skype Teachers Texting Texting	Notes home  People Text message Text message Wouldn't like to Ya mum
10	Friends Friends and such I don't want to know iPhone App Notes home Word of mouth Word of mouth	Friends and family  Texting	I don't care Mail School doesn't do anything Talking to people (communication)
11/12	From friends People Simply word of mouth	Billboard Face to face I Don't Morse Code Reddit Smoke and or flag signals Word of mouth	Gossip I don't care

D. The findings: Open ended comments

<b>Q10a Other forms of communication</b>			
<b>Female</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Upper Hunter Shire</b>	<b>Muswellbrook Shire</b>	<b>Singleton LGA</b>
<b>Y7</b>	Booklet Friends Friends Friends Friends and family Friends tell me School Website	Instagram Instagram, friends, parents Instagram, phone Instagram, phone Mail flyer Mailing Mum Other people e.g. family and friends Word of mouth	Flyers around town Friends, family Going fishing with my brother Home email Instagram Instagram Instagram Library Social Networking Texting
<b>8</b>	Friends From the people themselves Pamphlets Texting	Dad (council) Friends Friends, family Instagram Mum and Dad Talking to people Text	Family and friends Find out from friends Friends Friends and family Local billboards Parents Text messages Text messages
<b>9</b>	Friends Friends Parents Text UHYC member organised events Youth workers tell us	I Don't Parents	Friends Friends Friends Salmon Post Texting Texting Texts
<b>10</b>	Friends People from youth organisations talking to school groups, informing us what is out there People telling me Ringer Text Texting Texts Youth Council	Another paper with the news and school info Friends letter home Other people People talking such as friends School Website Text message Word of mouth	Friends and family General people finding out and telling me  Letter in the mail
<b>11/12</b>	Flyers Friends and family Nowhere Parents Text Text message Tumblr	I hear it People talking via posters etc. on other local business walls Word of mouth	Friends and family Friends, family

## Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?

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			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	A better road A car club for rotors A footy field A new skate park and better and more houses A skate park A skatepark put in Aberdeen plus a cinema A train and bus system Aberdeen should have more events for kids including fishing because many kids in our town (including me) like fishing Animation and game design class studios Better maintained public areas Better roads Better shire to fix roads Better skate park and more sport EB Games shop EB Games, Big W Everything Fix up Quirindi MX track and build a skate park in Murrurundi Get some more stuff I would like them to get more shops I would like to see a bridge over the train track in Scone and the skate park Lolly shop, cinema Make more activities such as Cinema and Ten-Pin bowling More activities, buses that run from town to town More activities, sports, fitness More archery places to shoot More businesses like Big W, KFC, EB Games More community involvement More facilities	? A movie theatre. A basketball court that you don't have to pay to get into Another better skatepark and a BMX bike shop in Muswellbrook Better fishing spots and more fishing shops like BCF Better roads Better sporting facilities Big skatepark Cinema Cinema Cinema Cinema Cinema in Muswellbrook Extension to the skatepark Get a cinema Get more kids involved Grow bigger and more people to live there Gym Gym, PCYC to be made. Shop I don't care KFC and a cinema Less bullies Less dust Less school smokers More activities are available More activities around here More children More people enjoying the community More stuff get built like movie theatre in Muswellbrook More things for youths to do	A big shopping centre, football field A lot... Better football fields Better internet speed!! Better roads Better rugby league field It's all good Less houses More activities More parks More/better sporting grounds and facilities Music Studio Nicer area No more apartments i.e. place where Church St intersects Kelso St None None None None None really Nothing Nothing Safer Water Park



Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			
		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	<p>More Shops</p> <p>More shops, less highways</p> <p>More sport games</p> <p>More stuff to be able to do on the weekend</p> <p>More than NO people my age</p> <p>More things for kids to do</p> <p>More willow trees</p> <p>Most of the bad people move away</p> <p>Movies</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>People are sensible in my area</p> <p>Public pool in summer</p> <p>Road tarred - the road for the bus to drive on</p> <p>Skate Park</p> <p>Skate Park</p> <p>Skate Park</p> <p>Skate Park</p> <p>Stronger enforced speeding limit</p> <p>The cinema should be put in</p> <p>The overpass- get rid of the idea</p> <p>To fix the cinema in Scone</p> <p>Too many smokers</p>	<p>New activities</p> <p>No trouble in Wollombi</p> <p>None</p> <p>Nursing homes, more corner shops and another market place</p> <p>Nursing homes, more corner shops and another market place</p> <p>Oz Tag for a sport</p> <p>Scabbyness (messyness)</p> <p>Stop violence in the town</p> <p>That more sports are introduced into local area</p> <p>The improvement on our football field and golf course</p> <p>The whole thing</p> <p>They make a better bridge</p> <p>Up frades to local back roads eg Epperton Rd Muswellbrook</p>	
8	<p>A new skate park in Scone and open the cinema back up in Scone</p> <p>A skate park in Aberdeen</p> <p>A skate park they said they would make</p> <p>Better shops/shop hours</p> <p>Better skate park, better local soccer</p> <p>Bigger improvement in train/bus services between. Scone/Aberdeen/Muswellbrook</p>	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>A bigger skatepark</p> <p>A cinema</p> <p>A cinema and more sporting activities</p> <p>A cinema in Muswellbrook</p> <p>A cinema in Muswellbrook.</p> <p>More specialty shops</p> <p>A heated pool</p> <p>A lot less graffiti</p> <p>Archery</p>	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>A better BMX track in Singleton</p> <p>A bigger BMX track</p> <p>Better facilities for sport</p> <p>Better roads</p> <p>Better roads!</p> <p>Better schools, better streets, cops doing</p>

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			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
8	<p>on a weekend and better Scone skate park</p> <p>Bigger shops like Muswellbrook market place, more Police</p> <p>Bike track in Scone, better AFL facilities in Muswellbrook</p> <p>Build things faster, skate park in Aberdeen</p> <p>Everything</p> <p>For the town to be better</p> <p>I want to live in town more so I can get to places like shops and the pool and other places</p> <p>I would like to see a cinema and shopping centre</p> <p>I would like to see the area I live become more popular</p> <p>Its good as it is</p> <p>Less traffic lights</p> <p>More activities in school holidays and weekends</p> <p>More explosives and weaponry</p> <p>More motorbike tracks and skate park. Paths for bikes</p> <p>More places to go and maybe a pool where the old (?) spot</p> <p>More safety</p> <p>More sport</p> <p>More street lights</p> <p>Movie theatre</p> <p>Movies in Scone</p> <p>New skate park and a BMX track</p> <p>No</p> <p>No Bypass</p> <p>No traffic lights - go back to roundabout</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p>	<p>Cinema</p> <p>Cinema</p> <p>Cinema</p> <p>Cinema</p> <p>Clean up the streets</p> <p>Crime</p> <p>Denman should get BigW.</p> <p>Woolies, Coles, McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, KFC</p> <p>Don't know</p> <p>Gymnastics stadium</p> <p>I want a downhill Mountain</p> <p>Bike track near Denman or Muswellbrook</p> <p>It's already good</p> <p>Less rat bags and idiots at skateparks</p> <p>More shops and more people</p> <p>More sporting ovals, improved sporting ovals</p> <p>More things to do</p> <p>More things to do, more cops around</p> <p>More town activity, BMX tracks</p> <p>New sport grounds and maybe new rodeo area</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>People be nicer</p> <p>Pool covers and better pools at local pool make it better</p> <p>Sporting</p> <p>Sporting facilities looked after better</p> <p>Stop drugs</p> <p>The amount of rubbish needs to be cleaned up around Muswellbrook</p> <p>The community</p> <p>To put a corner shop in</p> <p>Unsure</p>	<p>more to help</p> <p>Better sporting and free time facilities, massive water slides</p> <p>Better trains like in Europe</p> <p>Cleaner town maybe</p> <p>Dunno</p> <p>Dunno</p> <p>Get rid of housing commission</p> <p>Honestly do not care</p> <p>Less people</p> <p>More activities for youth</p> <p>More excursions</p> <p>More help in school</p> <p>More male shops, any shops</p> <p>More motorbike stuff</p> <p>More music (concerts, raves, jam sessions etc.)</p> <p>More places to go (cinema)</p> <p>More Shops</p> <p>More skate parks/ areas to ride</p> <p>More things to do for teenagers</p> <p>More things to do for teenagers</p> <p>More things to do for teens</p> <p>More transport from Hunterview and Heights downtown</p> <p>My area is fine to me</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>No changes</p> <p>No changes</p> <p>No school, if you can't do that, no homework or assignments</p> <p>No stabbings in Singo</p>

Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			
		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
8	<p>Nothing is perfect            Road repairs, path repairs, building removal            Rugby field to not be cut off by bypass            Safe train transport            Segenhoe Rd improvement in Aberdeen. Scone rail crossing completed            Skateparks            To have more sporting opportunities            Town buses, better skate park</p>		<p>None            Not as many deros            Not as many deros            Nothing            Nothing            Nothing            Nothing            Piss off the housos            Roller coasters instead of roads            Roller coasters instead of roads            Safer and wider roads            Theme parks and more things to do            They could stop building Hunterview closer to the retreat/wattle ponds            Wider roads, Singleton bypass, Expressway</p>
9	<p>A lot            A lot            A gym in Aberdeen            A movie theatre            A new youth centre            Aberdeen touch Footy            Better facilities            Better skate park, better rugby fields, motocross track            Cinema            Fixing up my dirt road that I live on. There are really dangerous pot holes            Get rid of monster in tunnel under bridge that eats all of the cheese burgers for McDonalds            Gym, indoor centre, Skate park            Gymnastics centre            Having a Go-kart track and have better sport centres for rugby league and Athletics            I don't know            I don't really care            I don't really think that many</p>	<p>A cinema, ice skating, paintball, new squash court            Add a cinema            Better air, better teachers            Better roads            Better roads!!!            Bowling alley, cinema, paintball            Build a cinema            Cinema, paintball, shooting range, better jumps at the BMX track            Cinema            Cinema in Muswellbrook            Cinema, ice skating, paintball, better council, New squash courts            Denman movies bro            Fish            Get a cinema, bowling alley            Get a movie cinema. A giant rope swing            Get rid of Wollombi Rd            I don't care</p>	<p>A new skate park/extension on skate park            Basketball court            Everything            Everything            Internet!            Less cars and trucks using my street for slightly faster route            More activities, like go-karting            More male shops, new BMX track            More parties            More sport            N/A            New skate park            None            None            Nothing            Nothing            Skate park expansion, legal graffiti walls,</p>

Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			
Male			
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
9	<p>changes may have to occur in the area that I live</p> <p>I would like to see a cinema or park in my town</p> <p>Less bullying and misuse of drugs by teens</p> <p>Less coal mines</p> <p>Less lowlife, better maintained roads</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More activities around town would be nice, a heated pool</p> <p>More community groups</p> <p>More houses, buildings in the area</p> <p>More pizza and food shops</p> <p>More shops, better shops</p> <p>More shops, better shops</p> <p>More sport and recreation</p> <p>More sport opportunities, more people</p> <p>More things to do</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing, Scone is pretty cool</p> <p>People stop yelling around our house at night time</p> <p>S'all good bro</p> <p>Scone cinemas open again</p> <p>Skate Park</p> <p>Skate park in Scone</p> <p>Skate park, basketball courts, bus service</p> <p>The changes in which I would consider changing include a better council</p>	<p>I want to see a cinema built in Muswellbrook so we have something to do on weekends</p> <p>I would like to see a cinema and shopping centre</p> <p>I would like to see a cinema in Muswellbrook</p> <p>I would like to see a cinema in Muswellbrook (movies)</p> <p>I would like to see more activities to do on the weekend</p> <p>I'd like to be safer walking home at night</p> <p>I'm not sure, everything feel fine. But maybe a cinema on North Mus.</p> <p>Its ok as it is. More services for Denman as it wasn't included in this survey</p> <p>Less bogans</p> <p>Less coal dust</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More activities with more funding because we are in a rich mining area</p> <p>More bike lanes on busy roads. Cleaner towns.</p> <p>Cleaner main St. More lighting at velodrome</p> <p>More computer related opportunities for programming, software classes</p> <p>More entertainment and no drugs here too</p> <p>More sport, better schools</p> <p>More sporting opportunities are made available</p> <p>More stuff to do</p> <p>Movie cinema, paintball centre</p> <p>Movie theatre in Mussy, a big ass slide</p>	<p>underage music events (Hip hop, metal)</p> <p>The skate park to get lights</p>

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		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
9		Muswellbrook hockey No changes No drugs No illegal drugs No pedos None None None None at all Nothing Nothing Sports Shop There should be a bowling alley or a movie cinema To finish the skate park	
10	? A skatepark built An archery store put in An overpass in Scone Better football for school, Oztag competition Better funding for the fire brigade I'm in. Scone and Muswellbrook Shires link up. Better shops Better train times and a movie theatre in Scone or Mussys Better transport Clean energy, Wind power Cleaner, more shops Easier transport Get a beach or trips to beaches Get a brothel I don't know I would like for there to be a cinema to be built at either Scone or Muswellbrook I would like more businesses in my town or nearby towns so the travel isn't so far I'd like to see something for Youth to do in Aberdeen desperately, for example open up a gym (weights) Less money, more stuff More activities for younger	A cinema of something for film fans A movie theatre, muso's corner, things that aren't trades Better health situation? Better music scene Better sport fields Cheaper petrol and better payment from jobs Cinema Cinema, bowling centre Cinemas Cinemas! Elimination of da stupid hoes Funnier stuff like cinemas Get a space station I would like to see a cinema in Muswellbrook and maybe a bowling alley It's fine for me Less coal mines, Rebel sport Less drugs Less mines please Less rubbish Local cinema Mayor More activities More activities like fishing	Air quality Better roads Don't care Free sausage sizzles everyday outside every shop Get all the ghetto people out of it Gutters and no mines and a tar road More hot girls More Shops More skate comps More skate parks and skating areas More skate spots around town/ skateboard only area More social events for young people More support of Esports, High speed internet similar to the new NBN network More things to do at night time More weed, Legalize it Not much Nothing Tared roads

Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			
		Male	
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
10	people More activities involving the young musicians and bands of the area More agricultural activities involving cattle More facilities More good places More opportunities for sports and traveling More opportunities for young people interested in software and computer sciences More places fixed up for use of younger people like the Scone skatepark More places to go More things to do in Aberdeen e.g. fishing comp Na Na Na New updated skatepark None None None None to be honest, I like things the way they are Not sure Nothing Nothing, Rouchel is awesome Scone cinema Skate park in Murrurundi Stop developing so far into the mountains and just knock down old homes and build new ones	comps More buses going out to Denman to take people places More community activities More drugs More frequent trains to Singleton and Newcastle More houses More or better shops and things like a movie cinema More outlets and things to do for example a cinema or bowling alley More Shops More sporting opportunities More things need to be done transport wise More transport to bigger towns i.e. train station and buses More youth activities for teens More/something to do after school, movies, bowling, paintball? Skatepark comps Na No comment. I think it is fine the way it is None None None None None Nothing Nothing Nothing Nothing Nothing Nothing I live on a farm Sporting complex upgrades	

Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			
	Male		
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
11/12	<p>A cinema in Scone  A movie theatre, Big W  A pool, cinema, shopping centre, a huge bridge  All good  Another train that comes to Scone during the day like Muswellbrook's 10.20am train  Better law enforcement  Better roads  Better roads. Tarring whole roads, not just one side  Better sporting facilities  Better train times!!! Better info on buses!!!  Big music festivals, clubs, new basketball stadium, less essays, AFL team for Scone, paintball field, cinema in Scone  Cinema  Cinema  Cinema, allow more band nights in the Muswellbrook area  Cinemas, dancing classes (freestyle/hip-hop)  Don't care, the area is bad and cannot be fixed. Rather move  Don't need any  Extreme sports and motocross as well as RC (remote controlled) events and adventure races  Gymnastics made available and easier access to transport  I do not know  I would like a decent skate park in Scone and a cinema  Improvements and maintenance of the basketball court in Scone  Its good  Less bullying  More activities  More activities for the youth, more rugby league</p>	<p>A movie theatre  A new Motocross track, more council approved mountain bike trails  Athletics track cleaned up  Better dance stuff  Better public transport, garbage collection  Bring Supafest to Muswellbrook. Outdoor basketball court in Muswellbrook!!!!  Cinema  Flying cars and laser guns  Free food  Free food  I want a cinema. I want a sandpit  Less drugs, lights at the skate park, more youth based activities, more band nights, go carts, flow rider!!!!  Less littering and violence  Live closer to the shops and friends  More activities  More activities  More activities for young people  More activities for young people  More allowance of heavy metal concerts to be put on more often  More basketball courts  More music, less mining. I don't care for bogans and football  More opportunities for social events e.g. concert band nights. It is very hard due to the Council  More opportunities for transport to places out of town</p>	<p>Basketball teams  Better facilities  Better gym equipment in YMCA, Gym and swim, better maintained parks, better police influence  Better skate park access, perhaps another venue downtown  Extension to skate park, skate shops, cycle ways, better train service  XX's parents let us sleep together and snuggle  Growth of social activities, a music festival would be great  Gymnastics gym  I want to leave  More choices for activities on the weekend  More motocross tracks/BMX tracks/skate parks  More stores and events  More stuff to so for people who live out of town  N/A  N/A  N/A  Nil  None  None  None because I don't outside  Nothing at all  Paintball</p>

Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			
			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
11/12	<p>More activities for young people in Merriwa especially the school kids (climbing, weights)</p> <p>More community activities make the town exciting! Open up the movies in Scone</p> <p>More events</p> <p>More jobs, a shopping centre, more interesting things to happen</p> <p>More malls</p> <p>More MTB tracks. No traffic lights</p> <p>More production, Wingen is a really small town</p> <p>More regular train services to Newcastle</p> <p>More sport</p> <p>More sport</p> <p>More sporting opportunities and events to be involved in</p> <p>More sports. Public activities</p> <p>More trains coming and going</p> <p>More trains going to Newcastle.</p> <p>More selectors for representative sports and not biased selectors</p> <p>More transport! Lots more activities to do after school on weekends</p> <p>Movies</p> <p>New cricket training nets, gym, pool.</p> <p>No changes</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Not much</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing really</p> <p>Overpass for coal trains</p> <p>replace traffic lights with roundabout, again a</p>	<p>More public transport</p> <p>More regular public transport to rural areas</p> <p>More safety for cyclists</p> <p>More sports, attractions - cinema, go karts</p> <p>More sports, go karts</p> <p>Na</p> <p>No</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Soundproof wall along the train track on the highway</p> <p>Teleporters (from unreal tournament) and rocket boots</p> <p>Transport systems and better roads for cyclists</p> <p>Wouldn't care</p>	<p>X Box connection</p>



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Male			
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
11/12	roundabout at intersection of thoroughbred Safer people, Aberdeen skatepark, Scone gets cinema That Parkville gets counted as a town! This is where feedback can be given Variety of cricket and other sports in Merriwa		

Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			
			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	<p>???</p> <p>A bigger heated pool</p> <p>A bridge over the railway line</p> <p>A cinema and more activities that we don't have in our area</p> <p>A local cinema</p> <p>A supermarket because we need to travel too far to the shops in Scone</p> <p>Aberdeen isn't so scabby</p> <p>An EB games shop</p> <p>Another sport activities.</p> <p>Netball carnival</p> <p>Buses and trains</p> <p>Cinema</p> <p>Community spirit! When someone moves into our town they are always welcome</p> <p>Don't know</p> <p>Fix up the fences</p> <p>Getting to know my neighbours more</p> <p>Happy with how it is</p> <p>Have a big sports shop!!</p> <p>Heated swimming pool</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I think we can change...well I wouldn't change anything about Scone</p> <p>I want more activities and more shops and a bigger town</p> <p>I would like more activities like a pool and skate park</p> <p>I would like there to be more shops</p> <p>I would like to put in a gymnasium</p> <p>I would like to see more activities in Aberdeen for kids my age</p> <p>More activities</p>	<p>?</p> <p>A cinema</p> <p>A cinema in Muswellbrook would be good. A Pizza Hut in Muswellbrook would be nice</p> <p>A movie cinema should be put here</p> <p>A professional dance studio in Denman. Cinema</p> <p>A truck stop/park</p> <p>Better pathways, more jobs, better roads</p> <p>Big shopping centres, high school</p> <p>Cinema please. Something to do with photography</p> <p>Cleaner, less mines</p> <p>Have more shops</p> <p>I think they should put a cinema in Muswellbrook</p> <p>I would like a cinema</p> <p>I would like it to be cleaner and more safe for children</p> <p>I would like there to be more bike lanes</p> <p>I would like to see a bigger shopping centre and a movie theatre</p> <p>I would like to see less mines around but wouldn't mind if they get bigger</p> <p>I would love to see the dairy milk factory up and running or a cinema. Our town would be amazing then</p> <p>Ice skating rink, cinema, hip hop classes</p> <p>In Denman I think another pub with a restaurant.</p> <p>Maybe another gift wear shop</p> <p>Jay Jays, Supre, Valley Girl, Cotton On, ICE</p> <p>Less rubbish</p>	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>Better police, more help for depressed people</p> <p>Better shops</p> <p>Dero people</p> <p>Don't know don't care</p> <p>Don't know don't care</p> <p>Everyone to stop fighting</p> <p>Get better maths teachers</p> <p>I don't think any changes are required</p> <p>I would like to see the road improved in the area I live</p> <p>Less alcohol, pollution, violence and drugs and all pets looked after and not running around the streets</p> <p>Less damage</p> <p>Less dodgy people</p> <p>Less street fights</p> <p>Lollies</p> <p>More areas to sit and classrooms with air conditioners</p> <p>More community activities</p> <p>More good shops</p> <p>More shops!!</p> <p>No bats</p> <p>No bats</p> <p>None</p> <p>Pathways</p> <p>Safer, easier</p> <p>Shops closer to where I live</p> <p>There should be more playgrounds and</p>

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7	<p>More activities closer to where we live -available to us easier</p> <p>More activities that don't involve sport</p> <p>More activities, cinema re-open</p> <p>More dance and photography courses or classes</p> <p>More horse riding events, swimming activities</p> <p>More netball courts</p> <p>More photography and art classes/courses</p> <p>More Shops</p> <p>More sport. More dance, art places</p> <p>More sports</p> <p>More stuff to do on weekends and holidays</p> <p>NM</p> <p>No</p> <p>No rubbish beside the road</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None. It's perfect. That's why I live there</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing much</p> <p>Nothing. I like it how it is</p> <p>Nursing home, bigger shops, more parks, road crossings, fun things for older kids</p> <p>The road getting fix</p> <p>The road needs working on and littering</p> <p>The roads need to be fixed</p>	<p>Maybe another PCYC so there is enough room to have kids like me to participate in fun things/sport</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More activities for teen and clean up Muswellbrook and more nursing homes, activities for old people</p> <p>More activities, drama, music, computer and photography workshops</p> <p>More activities, shops and children/adult activities - cinemas, bowling and things like that</p> <p>More opportunities to see what career I want (work experience)</p> <p>More safe and kid friendly</p> <p>More safety. More areas to hang out with friends</p> <p>More Shops</p> <p>More Shops</p> <p>More shops and malls</p> <p>More things to do</p> <p>More things to do e.g. movies, laser tag, bowling, shopping centre</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>New shops (jay jays, valley girl, supre cotton on, ICE)</p> <p>No graffiti</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None. You live where you live and you have to accept what people do and stuff</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing, I like where I live</p> <p>People not litter and not graffiti</p> <p>The pub, service station,</p>	<p>parks</p> <p>Unsure?</p> <p>None, I'm fine with where I live</p> <p>Get a water park</p> <p>Get a water park with a big bucket</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>More help and support and fun things to do</p> <p>More fun things</p> <p>Water Park</p> <p>Better street lights on some streets in the heights</p> <p>Improved programs for holidays and after school</p> <p>Less loud music from the neighbours and less mine blasts</p> <p>Everyone should be involved without getting picked on for doing a certain activity</p> <p>Nah</p> <p>Better people</p> <p>More police officers at night</p> <p>More chances for entering in Capa schools</p> <p>More things available for teenagers and have more notice about them</p> <p>More information about what's going on and police officers at night</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>None</p> <p>More sports</p>

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	up	they should put a park there, doctors Tidy the town and less drugs Water park near the swimming pool	
8	? A bike track at Moobi Rd and more events for teenagers to attend A heated indoor pool, a dance company and studio All my brother and sisters live with me Better roads Better roads/footpaths Bypass/ less trains traffic Cinema Don't know Gymnastics gym because the closest is Gosford, it is too far away Have a bridge over the train track I would like to see more social events for teenagers around my age I wouldn't change anything I'd like to see more individuality among the citizens and the town itself In Scone I would like the dressage arena to be indoor Indoor pool, new youth centre Less bullying More activities More activities and sports More activities for people my age More activities for people my age More activities for	A gymnastics centre. More safe/reliable transport. Something to do in the holidays e.g. movie cinema Add a movie cinema Better facilities Better roads and footpaths Better things to do instead of going to the pools Buses and trains Cinema Everything!! For my neighbour to move Get a cinema, make it more children friendly) I don't know I think there should be more sports/activities for both genders and more notices about them I would like Muswellbrook to be a safer area, where kids can walk home and be safe I would like to see more things for entertainment I'd like to see safer areas and more parks Less mines, less people, cinema, not making more homes and bring new people (too crowded) Less Young people smoking, drinking and doing stupid things Maybe a Muswellbrook pony club or Jump Club More activities More activities for kids and teenagers	? A better place Being able to walk places without feeling a bit worried about who is around you Being safer, hitting down hard on illegal smoking for all kids under 18 Better places to go with friends Better youth outlook Buses to and from Broke Cleaner, safer Don't know For the mines to stop mining our home because people are getting sick I DON'T want the mines to take over and destroy the town. A pool would be good too. IDK Kids my age Less drop kicks Less speeding cars Less stupid people Main street to look nice More activities More activities for younger people More buses in the heights to go downtown More events should

Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			
			Female
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8	teenagers More activities for young adults More activities offered to schools so kids can be with their peer groups whilst participating More activities outside of school More activities, more shops More children sport activities More cinemas More dance programs More drama things and music More entertainment like the theatre on main street to be restored More events More events - social events More facilities for young people More horse events More horse events provided More netball courts More notice about events coming up More opportunities to participate in activities where I live More social events for our age group More social events. More facilities and shops More things to do and more activities New better youth centre No Bypass No by-pass - it will take away my paddocks No coal seam gas! None	More activities for kids in teenage years More activities involving people my age More activities to do in school holidays More activities, more buses, more shops More fun activities to do More kids activities More Shops More Shops More stuff for people to do. A decent bookshop More things available for country kids, stuff for the holidays etc. More trains and a bus route More transport More transport and activities More variety of activities to do Movies No change No change No change No more graffiti and a bigger car park None None None- I think it's fine None really Nothing Nothing Nothing Nothing really People be nicer Roads Fixed Safety and more good shops Some more clubs for teens to join aka- photography club The behaviour of people,	occur at the local hall More options for younger children More public transport More shopping centres and more parks More shops e.g. clothing More shops for teenagers More shops in Hunterview and the Heights More shops so we don't have to go to Newcastle all the time More sporting activities available More sporting facilities More sporting facilities More sporting programs More sporting things that are affordable for all More sports events More teenager shops (Supre etc) More theme parks More theme parks More turtles No No None Not as many car accidents Not sure Nothing Nothing Nothing People getting out and playing more

D. The findings: Open ended comments

Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			
			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
8	<p>Not as many drugs being used</p> <p>Not have any</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Not sure, I think we're fine</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing I can think of</p> <p>Nothing is perfect</p> <p>Overpass, fix movie theatre</p>	<p>the cleanness of shops</p> <p>The drugs and drinking around Muswellbrook to stop</p> <p>The roads</p> <p>The roads</p> <p>The services need improving e.g. road bins and we need more local sports and extra things</p> <p>To get a cinema</p> <p>Train stations and buses</p>	<p>instead of on their laptops and phones</p> <p>Rodeo, better skate park</p> <p>Rodeo, better skate parks and mines to be more out of town</p> <p>Safer area. Less stupidity and less damage to our belongings</p> <p>Shop in Hunter view, corner shop, ice skating rink</p> <p>Sporting groups like triathlon groups and cycling groups, more people being physically active</p> <p>x</p> <p>You should have a basketball team at school, where different schools compete for girls and boys</p>
9	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>A pool or a gym in Aberdeen</p> <p>A wider variety of activities for students my age</p> <p>A youth centre</p> <p>Better activities and more opportunities</p> <p>Better facilities</p> <p>Better transports and more activities to occur</p> <p>Bike riders don't ride out on our dangerous roads, pot holes, mowed on sides of road so you can see</p> <p>Bus stop so young people don't have to rely on their parents all the time</p>	<p>A cinema for the young people and families in Muswellbrook</p> <p>A cute little shop where young people can sell their designs e.g. clothes, jewellery</p> <p>A small supermarket</p> <p>Better things to do for kids i.e. cinemas, shops etc.</p> <p>Better town</p> <p>Bike paths and more shops</p> <p>Can't think of anything</p> <p>Development of more exotic sporting activities that are unusual and someone like me can come along and play the sport and feel really good about themselves and write</p>	<p>?</p> <p>A lot</p> <p>A park so kids that are boring can go play on it where I live</p> <p>Better spots where teenagers can go or more events for teens</p> <p>Better transport.</p> <p>More shops</p> <p>Bigger shopping centre</p> <p>Clean town</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I would like to see more dance like activities as just a friendly fun thing, not as serious as others</p>

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9	<p>Cinema and more shops for teenagers</p> <p>Cinema, more shops for teenagers, ice skating rink</p> <p>Facilities/groups - gymnastics. More bike paths. A cinema/mpre shops bowling alley/laser tag?</p> <p>Get rid of the drop kicks in town</p> <p>I don't care</p> <p>I don't care</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I live out of town so to me it doesn't really matter</p> <p>I would like to see more different opportunities for different activities</p> <p>I would like to see more local activities come about as it is very boring here</p> <p>Less emphasis on Scone and more on the surrounding areas</p> <p>Less noise, less siblings, no ideas about smashing our house to put a road there</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More activities for my age</p> <p>More activities for young people</p> <p>More activities in Aberdeen coz it sux</p> <p>More activities involving dance and horse riding</p> <p>More activities to do and better time for buses and trains</p> <p>More activities to participate in, friendly neighbourhood</p> <p>More excitement</p> <p>More for teens to do after</p>	<p>about it later.</p> <p>Don't know</p> <p>Holiday activities and advertised well</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I would like a cinema or bowling alley or something to do of a weekend</p> <p>I would like a few more shops around town</p> <p>I would like to see more centres for more activities</p> <p>Less crime</p> <p>Less violence</p> <p>Maccas</p> <p>More activities in Muswellbrook and advertise them so everyone knows</p> <p>More activities, events, shopping centres</p> <p>More community events</p> <p>More entertainment e.g. movies, bowling.</p> <p>More fun things to do around like movies closer</p> <p>More fun things to so, like a cinema in Muswellbrook and shops</p> <p>More job opportunities for young people with a decent pay</p> <p>More photography courses, cinema</p> <p>More places to hang out like a cinema or larger shopping centre</p> <p>More Shops</p> <p>More shops for teenage girls. Scone cinema needs to be opened</p> <p>More shops! Movies!</p> <p>Something to do!</p> <p>More shops, anything fun</p> <p>More social places to go</p>	<p>Less deros would be fab</p> <p>More clothing shops and more things to do!</p> <p>More clothing shops, more cafes</p> <p>More drama related activity. Better advertised</p> <p>More equestrian sport opportunities</p> <p>More gyms, e.g. PCYC, gymnastic training or sport centres</p> <p>More jobs so I don't have to move out of the area e.g. MINING</p> <p>More salmon</p> <p>More Shops</p> <p>More shops, more things to do on the weekend</p> <p>More social music and art programs</p> <p>More sporting opportunities</p> <p>More sporting opportunities</p> <p>More things for people living out of town</p> <p>More train time and more buses to the retreat</p> <p>None</p> <p>Not changing the school times</p> <p>Note sure</p> <p>Shopping, track (running)</p> <p>There's no changes I wand, only safer streets</p> <p>To feel safe walking</p>

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9	school, weekends and in holidays More fun/ affordable activities More girl sports and a gymnastics centre open More musical opportunities, karaoke nights More opportunities to become active that are cheaper for less fortunate families More opportunities to meet with young girls my age More parking areas for the local shopping areas More parties More paths around streets More pathways around Satur More pathways! Movie cinemas re-open More police in Merriwa because there are hoons at night, guns going off More shops for local teenagers, to open up the movie theatre in Scone and open up above the Kodak shop in Scone More shops for teenagers and open movie cinemas More shops like Supre and other fashion shops. Sporting grounds More skate parks. More places to go. Maybe a cinema in Scone More sporting events More sports available - out of school and in school More stuff to do More stuff to do More things to do	example shopping centres More sports and less kidnapping and cinema More take away shops More things to do. Like a cinema Movie cinema Movies Movies come here Nothing Nothing Nothing Nothing Safer streets at night Safer streets, less pot holes, more walking paths, better sporting facilities Shooting club Shopping Centre Turf hockey fields at Scone We need a cinema	around



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9	<p>More things to do around town</p> <p>More things to do for teen</p> <p>More understanding of the problem linked with the Youth services. They should be run by people who know</p> <p>More variety for people/children/teenagers</p> <p>Movies and more shops</p> <p>Movies to be reopened again</p> <p>Muswellbrook cinema, open Scone cinema</p> <p>Na</p> <p>No bullies and no suicide people like the town</p> <p>Muswellbrook</p> <p>Not the bypass through the netball courts and sporting fields</p> <p>Reopen the cinema</p> <p>Safer environment. Better looking town. More shopping centres in Muswellbrook</p> <p>Shopping Centre</p> <p>Skate park in Murrurundi</p> <p>The cinema re-open</p> <p>There should be more opportunities and activated provided</p>		
10	<p>10:13am trains to run from Aberdeen as well</p> <p>A bus to school coming closer to my house</p> <p>A movie theatre</p> <p>Activities advertised more, more ranges of activities</p> <p>Cinema re-opened</p> <p>Community activities</p> <p>I want it to burn down</p> <p>I would like it to be more safer for young teenagers to walk around town</p>	<p>?</p> <p>Better shops. More shops</p> <p>Better sporting facilities</p> <p>Buses, trains, movies</p> <p>Cleaner and safer streets</p> <p>Drag strips</p> <p>Easier ways to get to their towns without having to get your parents to drive you everywhere</p> <p>For it to be safer, easier ways to get around, more facilities where you can</p>	<p>Better (earlier) bell times for SHS</p> <p>Don't care</p> <p>Free sausage sizzles everyday outside every shop</p> <p>I don't care because nothing interesting happened here anyway</p> <p>I'm moving so IDK (I don't know)</p> <p>Less pollution</p>

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10	<p>I would like to see a cadet unit start up, the closest here is Maitland, a lot of my friends are interested travel is affective Improvement to hockey fields, a better twilight hockey association for Summer.</p> <p>More activities to do with friends like movies</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More activities and different sports options</p> <p>More activities and things to do any ways to get there</p> <p>More activities for people to do like a movie theatre etc.</p> <p>More activities for young kids and movies</p> <p>More activities for young people to do. There's nothing to do in this town</p> <p>More activities for youth</p> <p>More activities to do with mates like the movies</p> <p>More bus, train and travel services to other towns</p> <p>More buses and taxis</p> <p>More fundraisers for young people to participate</p> <p>More groups for youth to participate in after school</p> <p>More of a community feel</p> <p>More opportunities in sport around Merriwa area</p> <p>More opportunities/ activities for us to do</p> <p>More sport activities, shops</p> <p>More train lines</p> <p>More trains that go to</p>	<p>enjoy yourself e.g. movies</p> <p>I would like it to be more safe because I want to go to town without the family</p> <p>I would like more shopping places and for use to do just more fun things</p> <p>I would like pwoplw rps top trying to kidnap people, it's really scary! And makes you feel unsafe.</p> <p>I would like to see more fun whole community events. Movies in Muswellbrook</p> <p>I would like to see more houses and new faces in my neighbourhood</p> <p>Mainly just environmental conservation programs regarding the mines</p> <p>More fun stuff</p> <p>More fun things to do</p> <p>More options for children and teens</p> <p>More respect</p> <p>More safety for kids to feel comfort and safety walking around</p> <p>More Shops</p> <p>More shops, better activities etc.</p> <p>More shops, cafes, movies and places to go</p> <p>More things for teenage girls to so like a movie theatre of better clothing shops</p> <p>More things like movies and more shops for teenagers clothes wise</p> <p>More things to do like a movie theatre</p> <p>More things to do like have a cinema here and things for little kids to keep them</p>	<p>Make it cleaner, put flowers around the town</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More activities, more trains</p> <p>More clothing shops and shops to buy dance gear</p> <p>More pools, water not costing as much as it does, less rubbish</p> <p>More shops and social activities</p> <p>More trains and buses</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Non-violence, happy place to live</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Safe and more transport out of town (retreat)</p> <p>Safer areas</p> <p>The prices to go down as not everyone works in the mines in Singleton</p> <p>To be able to keep to school easy</p> <p>Make it more fun for teenagers like disco, dances etc. More shops</p> <p>New town</p>

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<b>10</b>	<p>Singleton            Movie theatre in Scone            Movie theatre, more fun activities            No Bypass            Nothing really            Shops?            They should have Rebel Sports            To get more people involved in tennis around Scone            Trains come more regularly</p>	<p>out of trouble            More things to do on weekend, movie theatre, more weed            More trains running and appropriate times            More transport            More variety of opportunities such as Outward Bound courses            Movie theatre. More trains to Newcastle            Movies and more shops            Nicer people in the general public            No more coal mines            None            None            None            Nothing            Nothing            Notices about activities as in the radio, school assemblies            Public transport - Muswellbrook to Merriwa            Roads more fixed            Something for the youth around            Muswellbrook/Scone area to do e.g. movie theatre            Transport in and out of Denman            Wollombi Rd blown up</p>	
<b>11/12</b>	<p>?            A better awareness and better resources to the young people involved in the agriculture industry            A gym in Denman. More restaurant and job possibilities            A movie cinema closer to where I live and some study groups for school            A railway bypass!!!</p>	<p>A want a cinema            Attitudes and drug use fixed up            Better public transport            Better public transport            Better roads, more town activities            Doesn't phase me            General cleanliness, more to do etc.            Get a chance at home alone the whole day</p>	<p>(Re question 7c respondent indicated main barrier was time)            A fake beach, concerts, shopping, skate park, train services            Another skate park            Better road maintenance            Better shops, more</p>

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			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
11/12	<p>AFL fields fixed up. It's a disgrace</p> <p>Beach</p> <p>Better transport, on time</p> <p>Cheaper Gyms</p> <p>Cinema in either Muswellbrook or Scone</p> <p>Cinema in Muswellbrook</p> <p>Cinema in Muswellbrook or Scone</p> <p>Fix the crappy falling down buildings</p> <p>Fix the roads, Shopping Centres</p> <p>Fix up the fences</p> <p>Further opportunities for youth to be involved in Charity and community work</p> <p>Gymnastic facility, insurance for under 18s in Roller Derby</p> <p>Gymnastics, more trains</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know of what changes would be made would stay through the generations</p> <p>I'd like more out of town trips and a cinema</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More activities closer to Scone especially cinemas</p> <p>More activities for photography. To have a cinema so don't have to travel far</p> <p>More activities for the Youth. Not just football and horse sports etc. e.g. drama</p> <p>More activities for young people to do, that just doesn't apply for skilled people</p> <p>More activities or</p>	<p>Get rid of the jail along with the drop kicks that came with it</p> <p>I think it's fine</p> <p>In the basketball stadium, the roof needs to be fixed because it pours down rain esp. in the little room</p> <p>Less break ins</p> <p>Less break ins, more sporting activities available in Denman</p> <p>Less break ins. More sporting activities available, more shops</p> <p>Less coal mines</p> <p>Less gronks</p> <p>Less gronks and drugos</p> <p>Less verbal abuse thrown around</p> <p>More activities. More youth oriented shops.</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More activities for teenagers to do</p> <p>More activities to do in Muswellbrook</p> <p>More activities, More gyms or a free exercise gym.</p> <p>More all ages live music functions, Support hombre events</p> <p>More clean parks, shopping centres</p> <p>More community activities for young people and more advertising for these</p> <p>More facilities that cater for younger people</p> <p>More opportunity to do sport eg better athletics track and equipment, more notice about sporting events</p> <p>More people, more shopping availabilities less .</p>	<p>things to do</p> <p>Cleaner, more shops, more nightlife</p> <p>Clothe shops</p> <p>Get rid of the sluts who walk around like they own the place.</p> <p>Girls need to learn</p> <p>I don't care</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More activities for young people</p> <p>More activities for younger people e.g. ice rink or skate park</p> <p>More activities for younger people where they will not be judged</p> <p>More centres with more activities for teenagers</p> <p>More festivals</p> <p>More publicity on local activities and better transport availability</p> <p>More publicity on local activities and better transport availability</p> <p>More respect and variety of more sport options</p> <p>More services</p> <p>More trains</p> <p>More trains to Newcastle on weekends and more fun youth activities</p> <p>i.e. ice skating</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>No mines, better shops</p> <p>Shopping centre</p>

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Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
11/12	<p>transport to other towns e.g. Scone, Tamworth, Muswellbrook</p> <p>More activities such as movies and better shops for young people</p> <p>More after school activities for high school students</p> <p>More creative activities such as music workshops, creative writing and art courses</p> <p>More encouragement of young people to try something new. And something to actually try.</p> <p>More events to a wider variety of people, and more notices about them</p> <p>More music gigs</p> <p>More people my age</p> <p>More police</p> <p>More rules and consequences against bullying, more trains at our area and safer in Muswellbrook at night</p> <p>More shopping centres and train lines</p> <p>More social activities e.g. movies, more things to do</p> <p>More stuff for teenagers to do e.g. fix the movie theatre</p> <p>More things to do</p> <p>More trains</p> <p>Movie cinema opened</p> <p>Movie theatre</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>No bypass through the complex</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>	<p>. . . around the pub, more people my age</p> <p>More places for teenagers to hang out</p> <p>More recreational activities, places to go with friends</p> <p>More shopping centres, movies etc. close by</p> <p>More shopping centres, movies etc. close by</p> <p>More shopping centres/movies</p> <p>More Shops</p> <p>More shops and a beach</p> <p>More stuff to do</p> <p>More things for teenagers to do</p> <p>More things for the Youth e.g. shops (clothes),Movie cinema</p> <p>More things for young people to do</p> <p>More things to do so maybe a cinema</p> <p>More train services leaving from Muswellbrook by city Rail, rather than the few they have now at inconvenient times.</p> <p>Muswellbrook should get a cinema</p> <p>More train services on the Hunter Line</p> <p>Movies, shopping centre</p> <p>Na</p> <p>None, I want to move</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Outdoor basketball, better parks etc.</p> <p>Passion, more local businesses, more support for local business, respect, coal mins putting money back into town</p> <p>Photography classes that</p>	<p>extended with good shops</p> <p>Wider advertisement of sports and activities</p> <p>X Box</p>

Q21 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			
			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
11/12	None None None, its fine Nothing Roller derby. More trains to Newcastle etc. Shopping centres in Merriwa Shops, cinema The town looking better Train lines in Merriwa. Shopping centres Youth centre aimed for everyone not just loss of population Youth getting involved more	aren't overly expensive Shopping Centre, movies, bowling Something fun to do. Muswellbrook has nothing! Movie Theatre! We need a youth group/council group for the upper Hunter shire. More activities in Muswellbrook - cinema, skating rink, arcade Workshops for HSC students	

**Q22 How do you think activities and services  
can be improved for young people your age?**

Q22 How do you think activities and services can be improved for young people your age?			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	? ? ? Already fine Bus drivers that don't threaten to punch you Buses running every half hour to Muswellbrook and Scone Buses running to the skatepark, YMCA and PCYC By everyone donating more Do stuff we like and we would go to Don't know Don't know Dunno Getting more involved Having a pool that everyone can use I disagree I do not know I don't know I don't know I don't know I have no idea If the council actually used their money for more than just a highway in front of my house It would just be fun Its good Its good Make the groups of sport bigger More activities More and involving activities that are new and fun	? ?? A water park Activity days Better quality Bigger facilities Bring more sports in By getting involved in the activities that you think you will be good at By putting things up around Muswellbrook and on the TV By young people helping out more Get better ones Get Muswellbrook High to put smoke alarms in Get them outside and doing more stuff Getting a skate park Happier people in the area Huh? I really don't know It is very poor Less cost Make stuff and workers more friendly and get feral kid off the street Make them more available More around the area More of them More people getting involved More places to hang out More stuff for younger kids More stuff to do. It's always the same stuff Most activities apply to older ages their needs to be more for kids may age Most activities apply to	Don't know Get Active Get Physical I don't know I don't know I don't really know I think we should have more than one Singleton Show It's all good Make more announcements to help let people know that they're on, what time and where More jobs More sport More transport N/A No way possible None Not sure They are advertised more They're good already

Q22 How do you think activities and services can be improved for young people your age?			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	<p>More buses</p> <p>More employment</p> <p>More fun</p> <p>More help with upcoming athletes</p> <p>More money</p> <p>More of them</p> <p>More of them around with colourful ads</p> <p>More people pray and the town need to make more sports</p> <p>More sport</p> <p>More sporting carnivals</p> <p>More trains, buses</p> <p>No</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Nothing much. Don't know</p> <p>Quicker service</p> <p>They are all good</p> <p>They can't</p> <p>Very well</p> <p>Youth centre (more activities), more sport committees (touch footy, union etc.)</p>	<p>older ages their needs to be more for kids may age</p> <p>Music</p> <p>Muswellbrook should have a cinema</p> <p>None</p> <p>Rides at school</p> <p>Sell V's cheaper</p> <p>That it will make people not doing bad things</p> <p>They can be quicker and more secure</p> <p>They make people do sport so Australia is not the fattest country</p> <p>To get them in the paper more and on social network sites</p> <p>To get them together and have fun</p>	
8	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>Anti-alcohol agency</p> <p>Better times</p> <p>Bigger shops like Muswellbrook market place, and many things need improvement. E.g. footpath on more streets near hospital. Skatepark needs more cement</p> <p>Bring judo to Scone</p> <p>Cheaper prices</p> <p>Don't know</p> <p>Get kids involved more at school</p>	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>Activities can help young people develop their social skills</p> <p>By team work and help</p> <p>Cinema</p> <p>Could be more affordable</p> <p>Don't know</p> <p>Get more things to do</p> <p>If a young kid has something to say don't just listen, act on it</p> <p>If there was more to do and get people involved</p> <p>Just be cared for better</p> <p>More encouragement to participate in local sports</p>	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>Activities and services can be improved through more organisation and publicity</p> <p>Advertising more so more people come and making them more enjoyable</p> <p>Better buildings</p> <p>Better facilities</p> <p>Blah, blah, blah</p> <p>By making more and</p>



Q22 How do you think activities and services can be improved for young people your age?			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
8	Getting youth clubs out so people can see what they do Have more events I don't know I don't know I don't know I need to drive a bit to get to my bus stop. I live near Giants Creek and more people get on there than my bus stop Less bored and more to do Make more fun stuff to do Make something for young people to actually enjoy Make them more fun Maybe More advertising More availability More cricket More explosives and guns More fish on Glenborn More inclusive More of them More sports, better skate park More stuff to do No No None None None Putting them near towns Same as above Skatepark So they can make new friends There should be more announcements of things so I can know	More games (supported) More of them More sporting clubs and more people to make teams Not really Not sure Nothing Parent permission Soccer club needs to be more active than they are now Stop alcohol and drugs Stop them doing the wrong stuff The Council could finish building the skatepark quicker. We have no water source e.g. bubbler The PCYC and kids help lines They are all good Unsure When you say something is on, don't call it off e.g. skatepark comp in Denman Wider range You can make the skatepark bigger	putting more money to invest on the sporting parks e.g. Cooks park By people supporting it Don't know Don't know Dunno Dunno Get more stars to come in Get Singleton to have more to do and clean up the Hunter River Honestly do not care I don't have a solution I don't know I don't know I don't know IDK? Make it more fun More activities and services More activities available More places for us to see More publicity so more people know it's on More Sports !!! (cricket) N/A No improvements No improvements Probably To not be scared if you walk around Singleton or Cessnock at night Transport to and from Yes

Q22 How do you think activities and services can be improved for young people your age?			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
8	To make them more known and have a wide variety of things Very improved		
9	A lot of people in Aberdeen play footy Act older Activities and services should be made more friendly Add archery to list activities so kids know at least some sort of skill Ask us what we want to do Better jobs in Scone Better potatoes Better range of activities By having more opportunities Don't know Dunno Facebook, TV I don't care, I don't do sports I don't know I think that activities can be improved by adding more of a thrill to them as young people my age enjoy thrilling things If they were cheaper and done by trained In sport facilities Keep them occupied Make better Maybe a laser tag or paintball area outside town More advertisement on social media More community	? Add more outdoor activities Anything physical Better educated staff Bring them closer to your hometown so you don't travel as much Build a skyscraper (with an elevator) By actually having activities and services By having more fun activities like a movie theatre and bowling alley By listening and putting ideas in for consideration By listening to our ideas Cinemas Don't know Dunno Have lessons at the Muswellbrook skatepark Have more especially arts and photography I don't care I don't know I don't know I don't know I think they're good enough IDK I'm not too sure? It would bring people together and create more social groups Keep them busy Keep them off drugs Lay off the bong and drugs Less bitching, more enjoying	Better facilities Don't know Getting them active Go-karting Less money received More activities, more transport More parties More places for young teen to hang out and stay out of trouble More variety of sports No reason to None Participation Yes

Q22 How do you think activities and services can be improved for young people your age?			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
9	<p>events in my area</p> <p>More involvement</p> <p>More money. Ask the community what they want</p> <p>more publications</p> <p>More shops</p> <p>More stuff in this area and Aberdeen</p> <p>More surveys to get an idea of what we enjoy</p> <p>More town activities to raise money</p> <p>No. I think it is OK</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>S'all good bro</p> <p>Sponsor people like Muswellbrook amateur boxing</p> <p>There could be more organised music groups out of school to participate in</p> <p>They're fine the way they are</p> <p>Transportation</p>	<p>Make them better, safer and more things to do</p> <p>Make them free</p> <p>More bongs</p> <p>More indoor sports centres. Be a good idea to have a go-kart track in Muswellbrook</p> <p>More paintball</p> <p>More parks</p> <p>More sports</p> <p>More stuff to do on weekends and holidays</p> <p>More supervision</p> <p>New velodrome</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Offer more chance to participate</p> <p>Roller coasters</p> <p>Teamwork</p> <p>They can be improved by the costs being lower</p> <p>Unsure</p> <p>Yes, you should be able to drive at 15 years old</p>	
10	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>By making a friendly environment for all people</p> <p>By actually listening to what we want instead of talking amongst each other and assuming we'll enjoy it</p> <p>By listening to us</p> <p>Don't get lazy people to do the jobs</p> <p>Don't have to travel to have fun</p> <p>Don't know</p> <p>Don't know</p>	<p>Better</p> <p>Bus services and more sports e.g. shooting</p> <p>By listening to these people and putting that information into practice</p> <p>Don't know</p> <p>Easier and more ways to get there and more affordable activities</p> <p>Free cost and easier access</p> <p>Get movies, bowling</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>Less Wollombi Road</p> <p>Let the driving spaceship age to 16</p>	<p>?</p> <p>Be more pro-active</p> <p>By getting to join and practise a lot</p> <p>Don't care</p> <p>don't know</p> <p>Hosting Esport comps, internet improvement, closer internet towers?</p> <p>I don't care</p> <p>IDK</p> <p>If there were more girls</p> <p>Not a lot</p> <p>Put ads on Facebook, have sausage sizzles</p>

Q22 How do you think activities and services can be improved for young people your age?			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
10	<p>Have the activities on at better times e.g. after school hours, on weekends vs being told when transport is available</p> <p>I don't</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't really care about kids my age</p> <p>I have 2 jobs, school and I'm a volunteer fire-fighter. I don't have time for much</p> <p>Less money received</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More advertisements of sports</p> <p>More footy, touch, oztag, those sort of things</p> <p>More money input, better equipment</p> <p>More money into local activities</p> <p>More of them</p> <p>More of them</p> <p>scheduled more often</p> <p>More sporting venues</p> <p>Na</p> <p>Na</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Simply more activities, Local cadets</p> <p>Stop being lazy and get out and do something</p> <p>Supervision</p> <p>Support the local archery club</p> <p>Swimming Pool</p> <p>They can be improved by giving us something to do, it would make a big difference</p> <p>They would allow you to</p>	<p>Local Cinema</p> <p>Magic</p> <p>Making them easier to access</p> <p>More acknowledgement, not a day before the event happens</p> <p>More active people</p> <p>More advertisements (Facebook)</p> <p>More available</p> <p>More funding to the events</p> <p>More money put into them</p> <p>More organising</p> <p>More sports</p> <p>More stuff that's fun rather than stupid skate park</p> <p>More variety and allowing some activities to run in the holidays</p> <p>Na</p> <p>Need to be better to find/know about</p> <p>No comment. I think it is fine the way it is</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Not sure bro</p> <p>Open up more sports clubs</p> <p>Put better more appealing stuff in to local areas for kids to do</p> <p>There could be more things for people to do in Muswellbrook because it can get boring sometimes</p> <p>They're pretty good as they are</p> <p>TV</p> <p>Very well</p> <p>Wall at Denman you could fix up the sporting complex</p> <p>Yes for people to know and be and meet other people who live in the local area</p>	<p>Smoke weed everyday</p> <p>They can't, they are good</p> <p>Use the internet, it's the most popular form of communication</p>

Q22 How do you think activities and services can be improved for young people your age?			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
10	<p>have more confidence</p> <p>Trains running more often</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>We could have more discos. Community discos. Woo Hoo!</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>		
11/12	<p>A wider range</p> <p>Advertising for events and fun stuff</p> <p>All good</p> <p>Allow more band nights in Muswellbrook</p> <p>Better quality</p> <p>Bus timetables available</p> <p>By getting more sporting equipment and sporting fields in our area. Also lowering the cost would help</p> <p>By having them available</p> <p>By making the activities more appealing and by improving the condition of the equipment</p> <p>By putting more announcements during school about activities outside of school</p> <p>Cinema</p> <p>Cinema in Scone</p> <p>Community pages on social media e.g. Facebook.</p> <p>Don't have a bunch of drugged up kids in the area with police who do nothing</p> <p>don't know</p> <p>Don't know, sorry.</p> <p>Dunno</p> <p>Free entry would help lots of people</p>	<p>?</p> <p>A lot</p> <p>Better notification of events</p> <p>By getting something organised for once</p> <p>Don't know don't care</p> <p>Everything going alright</p> <p>Finding their needs and wants</p> <p>Make me look fitter, stronger and faster</p> <p>Make them cheaper and more accessible</p> <p>Make them more accessible, advertise them more</p> <p>More accessible (more public transport)</p> <p>More free food</p> <p>More free food</p> <p>More metal concerts</p> <p>More metal concerts</p> <p>More notice towards sporting activities e.g. basketball. Muswellbrook needs more community involvement in this sport</p> <p>More of them, more accessible</p> <p>More surveys like this finding out what people want</p> <p>More transport more often</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Na</p> <p>Na</p>	<p>Cheaper. More sport in school. Buses for kids everywhere.</p> <p>Go through council</p> <p>Good</p> <p>Have input about changes from people my age</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>If we get involved with the local council it helps a lot</p> <p>More extreme stuff</p> <p>More places</p> <p>More skate parks, youth venues etc.</p> <p>More things to do there i.e. air hockey</p> <p>More X Box</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Nil it's fantastic</p> <p>None</p> <p>They can't</p> <p>Transport, trains buses etc. hours should be lowered to get your licence</p>

Q22 How do you think activities and services can be improved for young people your age?			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
11/12	<p>Get more activities first before you can improve them</p> <p>Getting them active</p> <p>Gymnastics</p> <p>Have a higher variety</p> <p>Have activities instead of none</p> <p>Have better transport</p> <p>I do not know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know, I've never needed them.</p> <p>Make them more appealing</p> <p>Make them more appealing</p> <p>Make them more youth friendly</p> <p>More advertisement, transport to the activity</p> <p>More easily accessed</p> <p>More equipment, new cricket nets</p> <p>More fundraisers</p> <p>More government funding and better support, as well as a government who can actually lead instead of the incompetent ones we have today!</p> <p>More help from teachers, school principal to give school kids a chance to do more extracurricular activities</p> <p>More interclub sports (Basketball)</p> <p>More people can join in</p> <p>More promotional ads</p> <p>More quality people</p> <p>No sports that I am interested in are available, and when</p>	<p>No, nothing can fix it</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Yes</p>	

Q22 How do you think activities and services can be improved for young people your age?			Male
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
11/12	they are available, they aren't available for my age group None Not sure Not sure People to come together Safer people, stricter rules Scone Cinema, if redone would turn a great profit, maybe one or two new movies per day Sporting days/activities Trains running more often and both ways morning and night Transport, get togethers, shin-digs, Hooternannys, get more people involved Unknown With money		

Q22 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
7	? ? ? ? ??? ??? Advertise it as much as possible Arcade cause video games be fun Be more organised By building more places such as skateparks etc. By getting everyone involved By having more people come By having them more easy to go to and more range By opening up activities that we don't have in our area Capable of making us feel better and stronger about ourself Dance studio Do things we like Don't know Don't know Don't know Get activities we actually like Get more people to participate Good not that many activities for teenagers Have them not so far away I don't because we get around on horseback, bikes or running - we also go for a lot of jogs because we have Burning Mountain and	? ? ? ??? A water park in Muswellbrook. Maybe a wave pool By getting gymnastics in Denman/Muswellbrook By having better safety changing times Closer movie cinema, more shops like Supre, Target etc. Create more activities, things more available for our age group Encouraging more kids to do sport Have more Upper Hunter teams in sport instead of always having every town separate I don't know I don't know I don't know I think there should be more out of school activities in the holidays in walking distance areas I think we should get more activities and make the buildings new and clean IDK I'm not sure Investing in more activities said above rather than little things! It will get us out of the house and off our phones Join in more Less cost. Times not so late at night Make them less expensive so you can do more	? ? ? ...upgrades Don't care Don't know don't care Easier times for people that live out of town Encouragement and friends I don't know I don't know I don't know I don't know as I haven't lived here long enough IDK IDK Just upgrade Less technology Listen to what they want to happen Lower costs, more notice Make it more fun Making them more fun and not boring Maybe Maybe More advertised More advertisement More advertisement More chances to do what you want to do More interesting things More parent involvement More resources Not sure Not to be so scary to participate in



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7	<p>the Stock Route in Wingen</p> <p>I don't have any idea because I don't attend any</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know. I don't do any of it anyway.</p> <p>I think there should be more sports available. I would like there to be netball and gymnastics</p> <p>IDK</p> <p>Lawn Bowling</p> <p>Let more people know about it</p> <p>Lots of sport</p> <p>Making more friends</p> <p>More activities</p> <p>More activities close to you</p> <p>More activities that don't involve sport</p> <p>More buses</p> <p>More in Aberdeen</p> <p>More people moving to Murrurundi</p> <p>More social areas</p> <p>My age group does not have enjoyable activities, more fun activities</p> <p>None</p> <p>Not sure, sorry</p> <p>Offer more activities</p> <p>Put out our age groups not with 10-16</p> <p>Taking us to the movies and things like that</p> <p>There can be more groups of people my age that get along</p> <p>There should be more activated/services so people can get involved</p>	<p>because it costs \$40 to register for a sport</p> <p>More activities, more supervision, bigger rooms at Youth centre etc., and more bike ramps, skateparks, shops etc.</p> <p>More applicants to our local sports</p> <p>More athletic groups e.g. volleyball</p> <p>More buses that travel around the Upper Hunter and more often</p> <p>More involvement</p> <p>More of them e.g. more dance studios; cheaper sport participation fee, so families can afford them</p> <p>More professionals</p> <p>More variety of activities</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing, maybe more sporting opportunities</p> <p>People can get more occupied and happy. They will also find new friends</p> <p>Sport</p> <p>That's OK as well</p> <p>Theme parks, cinemas</p> <p>There should be more.</p> <p>Youthies should be on every day.</p> <p>They can help make more friends</p> <p>We don't have many hang out areas for us. We can only hang out at home=boring</p> <p>With better timing during the week and more things to do in holidays</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Notify us more often</p> <p>Provide more shops</p> <p>Should be published more</p> <p>The community should put notices up around the town</p> <p>To have more fun and interesting activities</p> <p>Unsure?</p> <p>We can work at the water park</p> <p>We can work at the water park</p>

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	more easily Transport! Buses, trains taxi. Yes		
8	? ? ? ? ? ? Advertising more activities Being more available in my town By adding more social events like dances, to improve social skills By councils, more people getting involved By having workshops and transport e.g. bus to take you to that destination Cinema restored don't know Don't know Don't know Don't make everything so expensive Getting grants and people to help Getting more people involved I don't know I don't know I have no idea. More fun stuff I suppose I like swimming but the pool costs too much. More teenage activities, maybe a disco I think that alternate group-activities other than sport, should be more accessible to the	? ? Advertisement Better facilities built Better parks Building More Shops By getting the skate park By letting them have fun instead of sitting around all day Can be more organised Doing it around and a main town everyone might go to Dramatic/performing arts centre Dunno For their parents to put them into sport Get Laser tag, go karts and movies I don't know I don't know I don't know I think they can be improved by making activities something we enjoy and look forward to I think we should be trying these activities at school more and have special days to try them out I'd like it if there was a place to roller skate. Newcastle is the nearest place with a skating place. Kids are having to travel to Muswellbrook if they want to do anything outside school e.g. gym Lawn Bowling Make everyone aware of	? Better facilities Booo! By being more interesting then maybe they wouldn't get in so much trouble By getting a pool By letting kids have more choices in sports, not just having a few to choose from By the government actually trying to care for their/our community Cheaper prices Don't know Gatorade Gets them socialising Have a big multipurpose centre that has lots of activities Have the activity more than once or twice so people can choose a day that best suits them I don't know I don't know I don't know Ice skating rink Ice skating rink, water park IDK I'm not sure Improvement on council!

Q22 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
8	<p>Youth Kids don't drink or smoke and listen to your parent and they'll guide you through life Make it cheaper and travel to and from Make them fun and enjoyable but not really expensive Maybe more opportunities More activities More advertising More of them and more advertising More places to ride horses More safety More stuff to do More things to so, police crack down in crimes None Not have any Not sure Not sure Not sure Professional people helping doing the activities Role models There is not much at all at Merriwa/Sandy Hollow. There could be more sports in Sandy Hollow and a pool They can be advertised more They could have them more often and put up more notices To actually have activities To do more out of the</p>	<p>these activities Make whatever service they are the best that they can be Maybe more opportunities More bus/train services More friends, social skills More fun activities to do More help involvement, less cost, easy access More music facilities More of a variety More of them More opportunities for activities More opportunity for young people out of time More people can talk to the council More safety More things available at school e.g. drama etc. would be great More transport like buses No comment No sure Not sure Not sure Not sure? Older people supervising all the time Parent permission Safer and cheaper They have improved by more things becoming available to get more stuff Unknown We could volunteer to run or help run workshops for different activities We need more gigs discos n stuff Well there can be more of them!!</p>	<p>Make a larger variety of activities for both boys and girls Make them fun More activities on weekends for people our age More advertising and people organising groups More fun stuff More interesting, appealing e.g. under 18 dances More of them and more trains More places we can go on the weekends More places where kids can chill More public transport and a wider range More stuff to do - Redance was fun More theme parks Not sure Not sure but it helps because the community and services understand Offer more opportunities Producing a survey to see what they enjoy Rodeo, it gives kids something to watch Rodeo, it gives kids something to watch and it is a fun outing Singleton Heights sport centre run holiday activities Something They could open a bog game centre</p>

Q22 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
8	<p>Upper Hunter</p> <p>Travel to and from the activity</p> <p>Try to get more variety of sports and more people involved</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>Using people who have only just left school to run it</p> <p>Yes, more activities, more opportunities</p> <p>Yes, they can have a gymnastic stadium</p>	<p>When people stop bullying people for who they are</p>	<p>To add a theme park, water park or zoo</p> <p>Unsure</p> <p>x</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes by more of them</p> <p>Yes! By getting kids involved in schools around our local area</p>
9	<p>?</p> <p>A wider variety, instead of just sport, have some creative arts activities</p> <p>Advertise it more</p> <p>Advertise the activities and services more and tell people about them</p> <p>Advertise them more and make it more fun and enjoyable</p> <p>Advertising</p> <p>Be more promoted</p> <p>Being put on radio and the local billboard to let you know what's going on</p> <p>Build a place for them to have fun or somewhere for them to go on the weekends</p> <p>By asking young people and getting their advice</p> <p>By getting more facilities</p> <p>By having more events for different people</p> <p>By making more fun things to do</p> <p>By making the target age more accurate</p>	<p>?</p> <p>A lot. There is nothing really to do in Muswellbrook. It's either the skatepark or shops.</p> <p>And you really need more things for girls</p> <p>Advertised and cheaper</p> <p>Better advertisement. I do not know they are on. We do not get the newspaper</p> <p>Better sporting grounds would attract more talent, more shops you would get more money from the whole Upper Hunter, because Muswellbrook is between all towns and more shops would make people come to Muswellbrook instead of Tamworth, Sydney etc.</p> <p>By getting a cinema</p> <p>By having an exotic range, lower process, and/or movement of Scone. In Muswellbrook there has been a set of traffic lights put in around the Post Office area. This is of high inconvenience as the traffic</p>	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>Better places like dance teachers, other than that , no</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>It can help kids my age, so they can stop doing drugs and scamming and watch their parents do drugs</p> <p>It's fine now</p> <p>Large amount of people becoming interested</p> <p>More activities more appealing and fun</p> <p>More advantages for younger kids to get on the right track in their life</p> <p>More advertisement</p> <p>More can be done at the Youth centre and in our newsletter</p> <p>there should be up to date activity notifications</p> <p>More in town and</p>

Q22 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
9	<p>don't know</p> <p>Get people (kids) off the street</p> <p>Have more options</p> <p>Having a range of things to choose from</p> <p>having activities to do</p> <p>Having cost go down and having more opportunities out for young people</p> <p>Hockey and horse riding</p> <p>I don't care</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I think by thinking more about the kind of activities that young people enjoy</p> <p>I think these things can be improved by getting them on things people are on e.g. Facebook</p> <p>If more people wanted to do them</p> <p>Instead of our Youth centre being organised by other people, our workers should organise it.</p> <p>Just some more advertising</p> <p>Look at small towns too! Not just bigger ones</p> <p>Lower job age restriction</p> <p>Make them less expensive and easier to access</p> <p>Making them do something</p>	<p>backs up through the roundabout</p> <p>By allowing them to get out and do more instead of being trapped inside</p> <p>Cinema. Do It!!!!!!</p> <p>Counselling or service to help find jobs that are ideal for us</p> <p>Do it more often</p> <p>Do not know</p> <p>don't know</p> <p>Find ways to get them more involved</p> <p>Give us more</p> <p>Have more activities</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I think activities and services could be improved by getting more trainers and doing lessons at times where people are available</p> <p>I think that we should have more activities and entertainment for people in the Upper Hunter</p> <p>I think they are fine</p> <p>I think they could improve be allowing kids to go out more</p> <p>IDK</p> <p>In the holidays make the activities in more available places</p> <p>Make more of them</p> <p>More activities provided for people my age</p> <p>More activities that we like</p> <p>More facilities for young people and safer environment</p> <p>More notice</p> <p>More opportunities</p> <p>More respect</p>	<p>less money to pay for</p> <p>More of them and more open for us.</p> <p>More opportunities given to students</p> <p>More services</p> <p>More trains to Newcastle</p> <p>Nah</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes if we all help</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>More advertisement</p>

Q22 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
9	<p>Making them fun</p> <p>More activities kids like and enjoy. Need movies and shops</p> <p>More advertising, better facilities</p> <p>More advertising, more facilities/ improved facilities</p> <p>more employment</p> <p>More employment and Shops</p> <p>More opportunities for sporting carnivals and events</p> <p>More sport</p> <p>More sports</p> <p>More things to do around town</p> <p>More volunteers for clubs and groups</p> <p>Na</p> <p>Na</p> <p>Put the skate park in town. Merriwa is stupid and put it out of town near the highway which is unsafe</p> <p>Run by younger people, make them so you want to do them</p> <p>Safer environment</p> <p>Shops and movies and a movie hire shop</p> <p>There should be more opportunities and activities provided</p> <p>There should be more opportunities and activities provided</p> <p>They can't be improved coz there is none</p> <p>They could make some where I live</p> <p>Transport services for</p>	<p>Na</p> <p>Na</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>They can improve because of all young people's comment</p> <p>They could occur more often</p> <p>Thinking about what we want not what other people want</p> <p>To actually have more activities in Muswellbrook and fun things</p> <p>To actually have things to do here</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes do there are more things to do</p>	

Q22 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
	people of Merriwa Wide range of sports and age groups for them		
10	? Ask people our age what they want Be more social Bus service on weekends By encouraging people to spend less time inside with technology By making a way to get there and more fun Don't have a clue Encourage more kids to them Fix the movies in Scone Free taxi Fundraisers and more publicity Getting more!! Have a bus services on weekends mainly Having more different activities I don't know If everyone was involved and didn't leave out others It will give them something to do. Make new friends, get them out of the house. Just more convenient Less cost More advertisement More advertisement More publications about them Na Not sure regular buses, Scone needs to upgrade	? ? There are none Build a cinema or bowling alley, even ice skating By advertising them and have more interesting activities By putting more exciting things in the town for everyone By sending out surveys, asking young people what they need and promoting their services more. Don't do drugs Easier access For people to help out the community Get more people involved I don't know I'm not sure It will get kids off the streets and they will stop doing stupid stuff because they won't be bored Local camps for people in the area to go away and travel Lowering legal age for driving (Hooning 4 life) Maintenance needs to be improved Make more teams for each sport and more sports closer to our home Make sure they don't have alcohol on them More advertisement More of them More opportunities More regular buses for out	Better shops which is happening now, more entertainment like cinema, pool, bowling etc. Buses should have air-conditioning By doing stuff Don't care Get young people to organise them Have a car service just for teenagers so they can get to and from places if parents are busy Have more parties in better areas so everyone can enjoy and be safe from older kids I dunno I want horse riding Less boredom Make activities and services people actually want Make them interesting More after school activities, but not too late More entertainment None Not sure Not sure Put ads on Facebook, have sausage sizzles Put news places where they would look i.e. Facebook

Q22 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
10	They can be advertised more and can be more things that interest us To have kids more motivated to do them	of town No None Not running so late so you're home before dark Nothing Provide out of town transport into towns and activities in Halls in places out of town Reaching them via social networking sites and including them in the activities Safe train services Sport transport on weekends Have trains running later on weekends They can make it appeal for younger people Through community etc. Treat us like adults unless we give you reason not to Yes, they should be more open for people to participate	Trains can be improved in the Hunter so there are more opportunities and trains are less crowded Writers groups and more discos or things like Redance! Yes
11/12	A gym in Denman, A cinema in Muswellbrook Actually have some Actually have some Advertise activities better Beach Better communication, more enthusiasm Better facilities. Ones that exist should be updated Better transport By making more things available to us Easier access, low cost transport for youth and	? A cinema in Mussys, a bowling alley too A variety of activities available A variety of activities available Access to more activities so that we don't have to leave town Advertising through schools so people are aware of these services Building more activity places - movies etc. closer By actually being applied Can practice for the career then	? Build a place where young people want to hang out and is cool (not another youth venue- how embarrassing) Council events Don't make them stupid Get more sports activities running Have more options and encourage people to do sport Have our own common room at school for year 12



Q22 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
11/12	<p>creating facilities in Merriwa rather than having to travel.</p> <p>Merriwa needs a cinema!</p> <p>Excel in relevant classes at school and gain experience with the community</p> <p>Get large groups of friends to participate</p> <p>Get out more</p> <p>Have more social events</p> <p>Having younger people more to do with the organisation.</p> <p>Higher engagement and more advertisement</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>It would bring many people into the community and be more involved in the town</p> <p>Less use of drugs and alcohol</p> <p>Less young people getting into trouble</p> <p>Let young people know about the activities more. Allow friend activities</p> <p>Made suitable for all peer groups</p> <p>More advertising</p> <p>More available and transport</p> <p>More available in our area and when they are available in other areas be good if we could afford it</p> <p>More awareness about now to start a sporting team</p>	<p>Cinema in Scone and Muswellbrook</p> <p>Cleaner</p> <p>Cleaner</p> <p>Don't know</p> <p>Dunno</p> <p>Enthusiasm, passion</p> <p>Getting a meeting together</p> <p>Give us something to do.</p> <p>We are bored!</p> <p>Have more activities and services available</p> <p>Have more things to do.</p> <p>Having more activities/ like movies closer, bowling, massive park with better equipment.</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>I don't think any activities need to be improved</p> <p>I'm not sure</p> <p>It can improve healthy lifestyle and will help lessen stress</p> <p>It would be helpful to have things more closer to home</p> <p>Make sporting activities allocated ,ore in Denman/ Muswellbrook (Hockey, Gym) for people who don't have a licence</p> <p>Making more facilities available</p> <p>Making them more noticeable</p> <p>More access to transport e.g. trains and buses. Make timetables available online</p> <p>More accessibility, more involvement, more awareness, more openness to outsiders</p> <p>More announcements, competitions</p> <p>More availability and free</p>	<p>If more people turned up</p> <p>More involvement, more mature activities</p> <p>More places to hang with friends</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>New clothes</p> <p>Painting classes etc.</p> <p>Put them in</p> <p>Stop giving us surveys. Nobody goes to them</p> <p>Stronger advertising</p> <p>They keep the, out of dangerous influences and can make new friends while having fun.</p> <p>Wider advertisement, better qualified coaches</p> <p>More notice</p> <p>More advertisement</p> <p>N/A</p>

Q22 What changes would you like to see in the area where you live?			Female
Year	Upper Hunter Shire	Muswellbrook Shire	Singleton LGA
11/12	<p>More drama!!!  More of them  More opportunities  More police.  More supervision.  More promotion at schools  More services to events  More variety of activities, more accessible  Nil  No changes needed  None  Not sure  Not sure  Not sure  Possibly by better promotion of activities so it acts as a better way to connect with the generation  Provide more transport for kids who don't have any  Re-set up the cinema  Respect  Shops, cinema  They can't be</p>	<p>activities  More competitions  More facilities in the local area for us  More fun stuff  More of them  More opportunities for people, more better advertisement  More organisation and notice so everyone has a chance to participate  More related to our age and fun. Cinema, an arcade, skating rink, all like in the olden days, it was fun and less concentration of youth were surrounded by alcohol and drugs  More sports in town  More things to do which will keep kids out of trouble  More train services for people to go places rather than having to skip school to get the train  More transport services  Na  Organise more events and transport  That's OK as well  They should be available at cheaper prices  Yes  Yes definitely</p>	

## E. The Survey (text)

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## The YOU in YOUTH Survey

### Introduction

To improve youth activities and services in the Upper Hunter we need to hear from you.

This survey is being completed by all Year 7 to Year 12 students in the Upper Hunter. It will help with planning youth activities and services in the Upper Hunter. The findings from the survey will be available on the Upper Hunter Community Services Facebook page.

You do not need to put your name on the survey.

Thanks for participating.

*Esther Mines*

I am the Upper Hunter Youth Development Officer. My role is to work alongside young people and also the organisations that provide services to the youth. For example your local youth centre, PCYC or sports organiser.

Activities	<i>Tick your answers</i>			
<b>1. This year which of the following sports have you regularly participated in?</b>				
<input type="radio"/> 0 Not applicable: I do NOT regularly participate in sport				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Football <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Touch football <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Soccer <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Netball <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Basketball <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Hockey <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Swimming <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Athletics <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Horse related <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Other regular sport, specify.....				
<b>2. This year which of the following activities have you regularly participated in?</b>				
<input type="radio"/> 0 Not applicable: I do NOT regularly participate in any of these activities				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Skate boarding <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Bike riding <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Dance <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Music <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Drama <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Photography <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Art/painting <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Horse related <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Other regular activity, specify .....				
<b>3. This year have you been to any of the following?</b>				
<b>Cinema:</b>	No	Once	Occasionally	Often
Singleton	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Newcastle	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Tamworth	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
<b>Indoor Sports Centre:</b>				
Muswellbrook	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Scone	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
<b>Skate parks:</b>				
Merriwa	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Scone	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Muswellbrook	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Singleton	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Newcastle	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3

<b>4. This year have you been to any of the following Youth Centres?</b>				
	No	Once	Occasionally	Often
Muswellbrook PCYC	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Muswellbrook Youth Centre	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Singleton Youth Venue	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Singleton PCYC	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Murrurundi Youth Centre	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Scone Youth Centre	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
Merriwa Youth Centre	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
<b>5. Do you ride a bike? If so, what for?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I don't ride bikes				
	No	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
I ride to school	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
I ride to friends houses	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
I ride to the shops	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
I ride to other towns	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3
<b>6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:</b> <i>Circle your answer</i>				
Use the codes: <b>SD</b> =Strongly Disagree <b>D</b> = Disagree <b>?</b> = Unsure <b>A</b> = Agree <b>SA</b> =Strongly Agree				
This year I have had plenty of activities :				
On the weekends (during term)	SD	D	?	A SA
On week nights (during term)	SD	D	?	A SA
During school holidays	SD	D	?	A SA
I am often bored with nothing to do:				
On the weekends (during term)	SD	D	?	A SA
On week nights (during term)	SD	D	?	A SA
During school holidays	SD	D	?	A SA

**7. a) Do you want to be involved in more activities than you currently are?**

- 0 No       1 Yes, a little       2 Yes       3 Yes, most definitely

**b) If yes, what kind of activities?**

- 1 Sport     2 Art/painting     3 Music     4 Drama     5 Dance  
 6 Photography     7 Horse related     8 Other, specify.....

**c) If yes, what are the barriers to participating in more activities?**

Rank the following in order of how big the barrier is.

Put 1 next to the biggest barrier. Put 2 next to the second biggest barrier. Put 3 next to the third biggest barrier. And so on for each barrier.

Only rank items that are barriers for you. If an item is not a barrier at all for you don't rank it.

- ..... The activities I would like to be involved in are **not available**
- ..... The activities are there - **but none of my friends want to go with me**
- ..... The activities are there - but they are too far from where I live - **transport** is the problem
- ..... The activities are there - **but I don't feel I would fit in** with the group that are already going there
- ..... The activities are there - but I would be **worried about my safety**
- ..... **My parent(s) do not want me** to be involved
- ..... My parents can't afford to pay the fees and other **costs** involved

**Your experience**

**8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:** *Circle your answer*  
 Use the codes: **SD**=Strongly Disagree **D**= Disagree **?** = Unsure **A**= Agree **SA**=Strongly Agree

- |  |    |   |   |   |    |
|--|----|---|---|---|----|
| a) Most kids have more friends than I do                   | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| b) I enjoy being at school                                 | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| c) Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| d) At my school it is difficult to make new friends        | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| e) I make friends easily                                   | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| f) I am good at things like sports                         | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| g) I am good at things like gym and dance                  | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| h) I am good at things like art, music and drama           | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| i) I like the local neighbourhood where I am living        | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| j) I feel part of my local community/town                  | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| k) I can get help from my friends when I need to.          | SD | D | ? | A | SA |
| l) I can get help from my family when I need to.           | SD | D | ? | A | SA |

**9. Are any of the following issues for you and/or your friends?** *Tick your answers*

- |   | Not an<br>issue         | Small<br>Issue          | Medium<br>Issue         | Big<br>Issue            |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| a) Not feeling safe walking home in the daytime                     | <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 |
| b) Not feeling safe walking home at night                           | <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 |
| c) Being looked down on by other groups<br>of young people your age | <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 |
| d) Being bullied  | <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 |
| e) Misuse of alcohol by young people your age                       | <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 |
| f) Illegal drugs  | <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 |
| g) Trains don't run when I need them                                | <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 |
| h) Buses don't run when/where I need them                           | <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 |

**Communication***Tick your answers*

**10. a) How do you want to find out about local events and activities for young people?  
 What are the four most important ways?**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Facebook                | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Twitter            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Email                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Internet web sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Radio                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 TV                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 School Newsletters      | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Local newspaper    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Community Notice Boards | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 School Assemblies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Other, specify.....    |   |

<b>Travel</b>		<i>Tick your answers</i>				
<b>11. This year how often have you travelled to each of the following?</b>						
(if you live in the place choose NA)						
	NA: I live here	Not once	Once	A few times	Often	
Tamworth	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	
Scone	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	
Aberdeen	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	
Muswellbrook	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	
Singleton	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	
Maitland	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	
Newcastle	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	
Sydney	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	
<b>12. If you travelled to the following locations this year what transport did you usually use?</b>						
(If you live in the place or have not been there choose NA)?						
	NA: I live here	NA: Not been here	I have usually travelled there by:			
			Car	Minibus	Bus service	Train
Tamworth	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Scone	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Aberdeen	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Muswellbrook	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Singleton	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Maitland	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Newcastle	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Sydney	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4



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