

Remedies and medication

50% of 14–15 year old females report taking painkillers in the past week

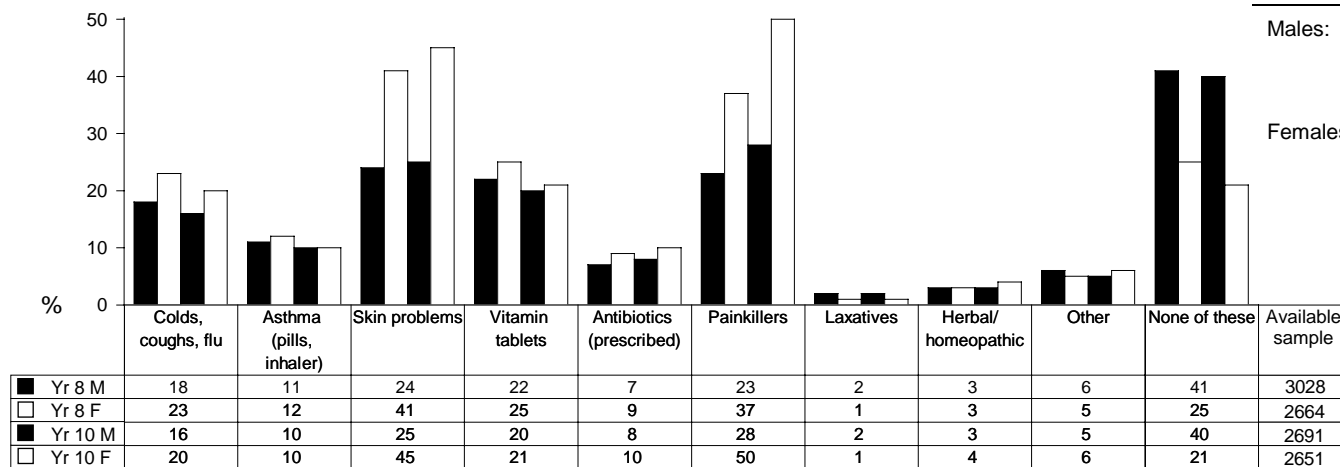
On how many days, in the last week, have you used remedies or medications?

1. The 'remedies and medication' options now show *Painkillers* remaining the most frequently used remedy followed by medications for *Skin problems* and up to 25% report taking *Vitamin tablets* 'at least one day in the last week'.
2. In almost all cases, more females than males report having used these remedies and medications, the exception being *Asthma*.

Comments

1. This is the third time this question has been asked using the options shown below which were previously covered by two questions.
2. 50% of the 14-15 year old females are taking *Painkillers*, but they cannot all be suffering from period pains during the week before the survey. Assuming that up to a quarter are, the remainder must be taking them for other reasons, compared with 28% of older males.
3. Worries may literally prove to be a headache: when we look at the number of significant worries against painkiller use, there is a clear association:

Remedies/medications taken at least one day



	Painkillers	Count	% who worry about 5 or more topics
Males:	No	5141	13%
	Yes	1856	18%
Females:	No	4187	21%
	Yes	3130	28%