

How the information is arranged

We attempt to present the information as accurately and helpfully as possible. The 2006 responses are summarised as percentages, in tabular form. The question wording, and the wording of the responses, are presented as accurately as space will permit. We like to indicate *Valid responses* rather than *Sample size*, as *Valid responses* excludes respondents that did not answer the question. However, some presentations combine responses to several questions or sub-questions. In this case there is no single value for *Valid responses*, instead, we give the *Sample size*. In some charts we also include *None of the these* or *None of the above*.

Schoolday lunch

17% of the Year 10 females did not have any lunch

What did you do for lunch yesterday?

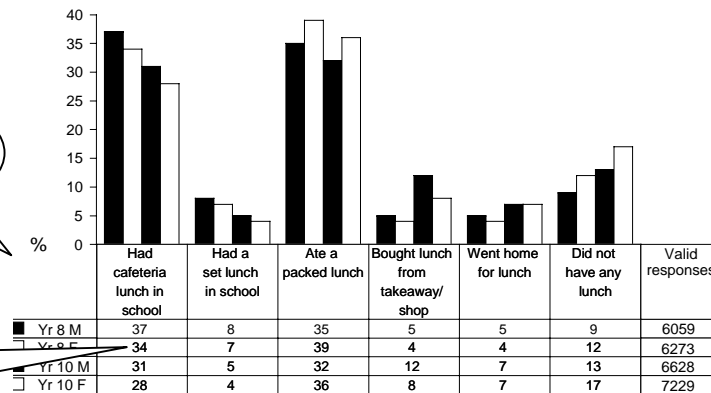
The question

1. A cafeteria lunch was the most popular option including up to 37% of the Year 8 pupils.
2. Up to 39% had a packed lunch.
3. Figures for a school set lunch show that it was most popular with Year 8 Males (8%).
4. 17% of the Year 10 females and 13% of the Year 10 males had no lunch.

Observations on the data

The 2006 data

'Rounded' percentages



Comments

1. Up to 39% of all pupils ate a packed lunch. Basic analysis of 1990s data suggested that this group were likely to enjoy a more balanced overall diet than those choosing other lunch options – not necessarily because of what was in the lunch box as parents are less likely to put in a lunch box that their child will not eat. However, those supplied with a packed lunch tended to give more thought to what pupils ate.
2. Are those who are buying their lunch from a shop allowed to leave the school premises at lunchtime or are they off-site without permission? 19% of the Year 10 males either went home for lunch or bought their lunch from a shop. Why are they choosing this option above the option of lunch at school?

The main observation

Comments on the data

Comments on linked data

Breakfast and lunch: The breakfast question is about this morning, the lunch question is about yesterday. We cannot demonstrate that a pupil missed both breakfast and lunch on the same day. We do not know that the two options are related. Of the Year 10 females who missed breakfast, 28% reported having nothing for lunch the previous day.

Proportion missing breakfast this morning: 27%
Proportion missing lunch yesterday: 17%
Proportion of those having nothing to eat for breakfast this morning who had nothing for lunch yesterday: 28%