

Irish Social Science Data Archive

### **Data Theme: SPORT**

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Established in 2000, ISSDA's mission is to ensure wide access to quantitative datasets in the social sciences, and to advance the promotion of international comparative studies of the Irish economy and Irish society. To this end it acquires data from academic, research bodies and public sector sources, supporting:

- Secondary use and analysis for research
- · Teaching and learning use
- Replication and validation of research
- Archival preservation

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#### Access A Variety Of Sports Datasets

While based in UCD and managed by UCD Library, ISSDA is a national service that provides access to a wide range of data.

Information about the data is available from www.ucd.ie/issda. Principal sports datasets are described to the right, with additional datasets that include sports data listed overleaf.



# The Children's Sport Participation and Physical Activity Study

#### www.ucd.ie/issda/data/csppa/

The Children's Sport Participation and Physical Activity (CSPPA) Study was undertaken in 2009 by Dublin City University, University of Limerick and University College Cork, and was funded by the Irish Sports Council.

Its aims were to:

- Provide a national database of physical activity, physical education and sport participation levels of children and youth in Ireland
- Assess indices of health and fitness in a sub-sample of the target population
- Collect and analyse information on the factors influencing participation
- Provide insight into issues surrounding volunteering in youth sports and activity clubs

### Irish Sports Monitor 2011 & 2013

#### www.ucd.ie/issda/data/irishsportsmonitor/

The Irish Sports Monitor provides information on active participation in sport and physical activity, club membership, volunteering and attendance at sporting events among a representative sample of adults (aged 16+) in the Republic of Ireland.

## All Ireland Traveller Health Study (AITHS)

### www.ucd.ie/issda/data/allirelandtraveller-healthstudy/

The All Ireland Traveller Health Study (AITHS) is the first study of Traveller health status and health needs that involves all tTravellers living on the island of Ireland, North and South. It was undertaken in 2007 by the School of Public Health and Population Science, University College Dublin. The study team worked in collaboration with the HSE and Travellers and Traveller organisations throughout the island of Ireland to conduct this research.

Included were questions on sports and leisure activities.

#### Eurostudent Survey III, IV & V

#### www.ucd.ie/issda/data/eurostudent/

The Eurostudent Surveys gives an insight into the quality of life of the increasing diversity of students in Irish higher education, and into how this affects their learning experience.

It includes details of participation in sporting activities.

# Growing up in Ireland (GUI): National Longitudinal Study of Children

## www.ucd.ie/issda/data/growingupinire-landgui/

Growing Up in Ireland is the national longitudinal study of children. It is the most significant survey of its kind ever to take place in this country, and will help us to improve our understanding of children and their development.

It includes questions on participation in exercise and sport.

#### School Leavers Survey

#### www.ucd.ie/issda/data/schoolleaverssurvey/

The School Leavers Survey is a long-running study, conducted by the ESRI and funded by the Department of Education, which examines young peoples' experiences while at school and their experiences of the transition from second-level education to labour force participation, further education, or economic inactivity. ISSDA holds data for this survey from 1980 to 2007.

It includes questions on participation in exercise and sport.

### SLÁN: Survey on Lifestyle and Attitude to Nutrition

### www.ucd.ie/issda/data/surveyonlifestylean-dattitudestonutritionslan/

SLÁN is a series of surveys commissioned by the Department of Health & Children and designed to produce baseline information for the ongoing surveillance of health and lifestyle behaviours in the Irish population.

They include questions on participation in exercise and sport.

# The Irish Longitudinal study on Ageing (TILDA)

#### www.ucd.ie/issda/data/tilda/

TILDA is a major inter-institutional initiative led by Trinity College Dublin which aims to produce a massive improvement in the quantity and quality of data, research and information relating to older people and ageing in Ireland.

It includes questions on participation in exercise and sport.



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