

Composite Indicator: Social Engagement
 Intermediate Indicator: Relationships with peers

Primary Indicator: **How easy is it to talk to your *same-sex friends* about things that really bother you?**
 By school grade and gender, 1990 to 2002

Grade 6

	Male					Female			
	1990	1994	1998	2002		1990	1994	1998	2002
Very easy	37.5%	30.0%	35.4%	29.0%		42.0%	36.3%	41.4%	39.0%
Easy	38.0%	38.8%	29.7%	40.0%		42.6%	41.2%	37.0%	42.0%
Difficult	16.0%	15.7%	15.8%	17.0%		11.0%	13.9%	12.5%	11.0%
Very difficult	6.2%	9.9%	11.4%	8.0%		3.6%	6.4%	3.2%	5.0%
Don't have this person	2.3%	5.5%	7.7%	6.0%		0.8%	2.3%	2.8%	3.0%

Grade 8

	Male					Female			
	1990	1994	1998	2002		1990	1994	1998	2002
Very easy	36.7%	35.0%	30.4%	29.0%		55.5%	49.9%	52.2%	43.0%
Easy	42.8%	38.6%	38.8%	43.0%		36.5%	39.6%	38.0%	46.0%
Difficult	15.0%	16.1%	16.9%	17.0%		6.1%	7.5%	6.4%	8.0%
Very difficult	3.7%	8.4%	9.4%	8.0%		1.6%	2.4%	2.3%	3.0%
Don't have this person	1.8%	1.8%	4.5%	3.0%		0.3%	0.6%	1.1%	-

Grade 10

	Male					Female			
	1990	1994	1998	2002		1990	1994	1998	2002
Very easy	37.9%	35.8%	36.5%	27.0%		62.9%	57.0%	57.4%	43.0%
Easy	43.3%	41.7%	40.8%	47.0%		31.8%	36.7%	35.2%	46.0%
Difficult	14.4%	4.9%	13.4%	19.0%		4.6%	4.6%	5.6%	8.0%
Very difficult	3.7%	6.0%	6.3%	5.0%		5.0%	1.1%	9.0%	2.0%
Don't have this person	0.7%	1.5%	2.9%	2.0%		2.0%	0.6%	8.0%	1.0%

Source: Health Canada, *Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children: A World Health Organization Cross-National Study*, 1989/90, 1993/94, 1997/98, & 2002. Conducted in Canada by Social Program Evaluation Group, Queen's University. www.hc-sc.gc.ca