

Composite Indicator: Social Engagement
 Intermediate Indicator: Relationships with peers

Primary Indicator: **How easy is it to talk to your *opposite-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	17.5%	15.6%	20.6%	18.0%		8.4%	10.2%	10.6%	10.0%
Easy	25.4%	22.2%	20.3%	24.0%		24.8%	16.8%	18.7%	23.0%
Difficult	27.3%	22.8%	18.7%	22.0%		34.9%	25.9%	24.9%	28.0%
Very difficult	18.0%	23.0%	22.6%	20.0%		24.4%	31.8%	30.9%	28.0%
Don't have this person	11.7%	16.5%	17.8%	16.0%		7.6%	15.2%	14.9%	12.0%

Grade 8

	Male					Female			
	1990	1994	1998	2002		1990	1994	1998	2002
Very easy	21.8%	23.9%	21.7%	25.0%		19.2%	15.5%	16.5%	18.0%
Easy	36.4%	31.6%	31.7%	32.0%		36.7%	33.9%	34.1%	35.0%
Difficult	27.9%	22.7%	22.4%	26.0%		29.0%	28.9%	26.1%	29.0%
Very difficult	10.0%	15.8%	15.4%	12.0%		12.1%	15.1%	15.4%	14.0%
Don't have this person	4.0%	6.0%	8.8%	5.0%		3.0%	6.6%	7.8%	3.0%

Grade 10

	Male					Female			
	1990	1994	1998	2002		1990	1994	1998	2002
Very easy	27.7%	25.9%	28.9%	32.0%		30.0%	27.4%	28.1%	27.0%
Easy	39.2%	38.8%	37.9%	37.0%		40.2%	43.7%	43.6%	39.0%
Difficult	23.4%	1.8%	18.9%	22.0%		22.1%	20.0%	19.1%	25.0%
Very difficult	7.6%	10.2%	8.9%	7.0%		6.0%	6.1%	6.1%	8.0%
Don't have this person	2.1%	3.3%	5.4%	2.0%		1.7%	2.7%	3.1%	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