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GIVING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE

The experience of the sample survey on children and young people in Italy

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1. Statistics on children: following the guidelines

“Countries should include children in regular data collection, including **child focused surveys**, to ensure that the main national statistical reports highlight the situation and needs of child and youth in all relevant policy areas”



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The survey on Behaviours, attitudes and future plans of children and young people

Field period: from 2 October to 20 December 2023

Target: a statistically representative sample of residents aged between 11 and 19 years (Italian and foreign citizens)

Method: online questionnaire planned to minimize the statistical burden for young respondents and designed to be comfortably filled out even on a smartphone.

Response: approximately 40 thousand residents directly interviewed

Large sample: information about the 5 most numerous citizenships

Dissagregation by sex, age, migration status, educational level, geographic location, etc.

The voice of children

“Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that children have **the right to express views freely** in all matters affecting them and that the views of the child must be given due weight in accordance with their age and maturity. Efforts should therefore be made to **include children in data collection activities** and to ensure that their voices are reflected in statistics” (Unece, 2021, p.81)



The voice of children

- Information about **different dimensions** of young people's everyday life: school life, social relationships, use of social networks, leisure time, sport, future projects, etc...
- **Vulnerabilities** such as bullying, cyberbullying and educational poverty.
- Efforts to use a **simply and clear** language

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Innovations

For the first time, a **QR code** for direct and personalized access to the questionnaire was experimented

Two access modes:

- A. Using the link <https://survey.istat.it/ragazzi>, and entering the access code
- B. Scanning the QR code, without the need to enter the code access



Ethical issues

- Questionnaire - completion time: **23 minutes**
- Longer for respondents that used a PC
- Informed consent of the parents
- Special attention to layout and readability of informative letters



HOW CAN I ACCESS THE QUESTIONNAIRE?

<NOME> must complete the on-line questionnaire between 2 October and 20 December 2023.

This questionnaire can be taken using a PC, smart phone or tablet by scanning the QR code.

It can also be taken using a PC, smart phone or tablet at the link <https://survey.istat.it/ragazzi> by entering the access code below:

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The Website is protected with the SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) protocol and guarantees the authentication and protection of the data transmitted.



TO GET HELP

Call the toll-free number **800.188.802** active from Monday to Saturday (except holidays) from 9:00 to 20:30, providing the User code: <CAMPO_1>

Send an e-mail to ragazzi@istat.it including the User code: <CAMPO_1>



Ethical issues

- Proxy respondents not allowed (only in cases of disabilities).
- Privacy and confidentiality: high protection
- Long process with the Italian Data Protection Authority

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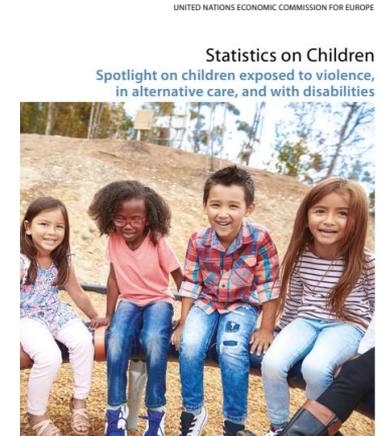
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2. Statistics on children: following the guidelines

“Specialized methods may be required to target and **include the most vulnerable groups** of children including very young children. In general, data should capture the children most at risk of social exclusion....”



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Innovations: the target of foreigners

- Informative letter **available in 11 languages**: Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, French, English, Italian, Romanian, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish and German
- Questionnaire translated into **9 other languages**.



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يقوم المعهد الوطني للإحصاء بعمل مسح حول التصرفات والسلوكيات والمشروعات المستقبلية للأطفال والفتيان والفتيات ممن تتراوح أعمارهم بين 11 و19 عاما.

وسوف يتم المسح اعتبارا من تاريخ 2 أكتوبر إلى 20 ديسمبر 2023 عن طريق استبيان أون لاين، يشارك فيه حوالي 100 ألف شاب وشابة من الإيطاليين والأجانب المقيمين في كافة أرجاء التراب الوطني.

هذا، ولقد تم استخراج اسمك بمحض الصدفة من سجل محفوظاتنا الإحصائية لكي تجيب على الاستبيان.

ويهدف البحث إلى التعرف على بعض ملامح الحياة اليومية للأجيال الجديدة، على سبيل المثال العلاقة مع الأصدقاء ومع الأسرة، واستعمال مواقع التواصل الاجتماعي، والعلاقة مع المدرسة، ومدى الرضا عن بعض ملامح الحياة، والمشروعات المستقبلية، وموضوعات أخرى مختلفة.

Innovations: the target of foreigners



Language:

English - English

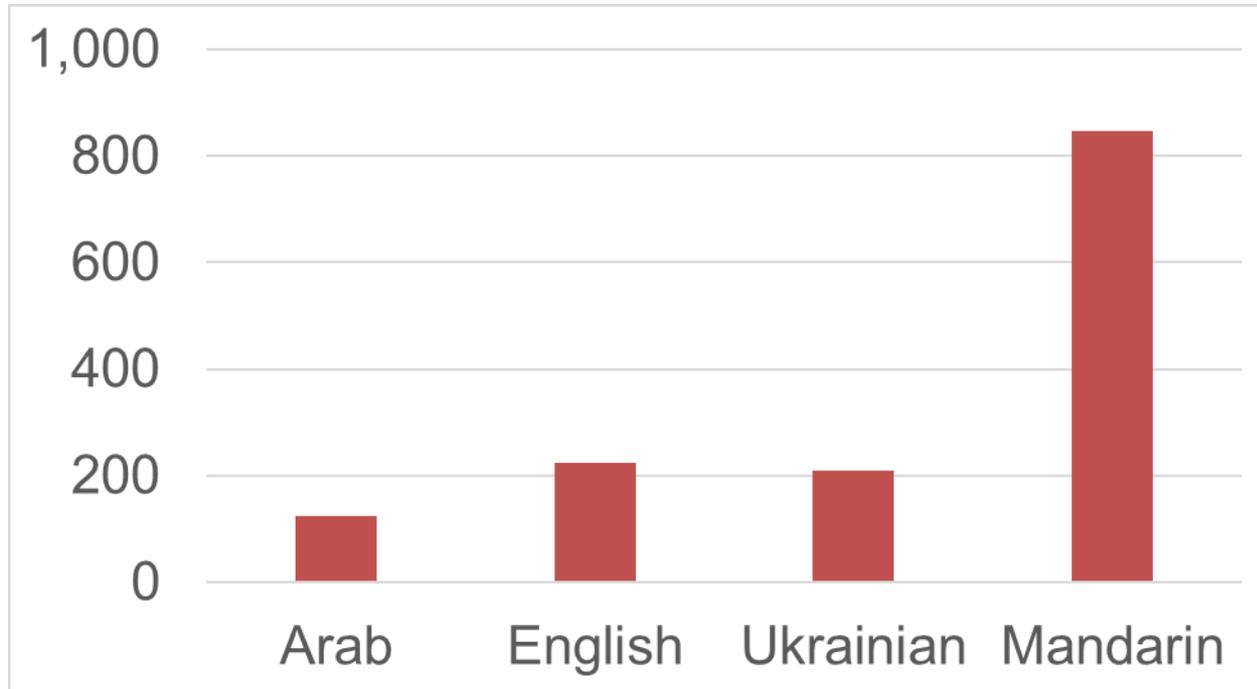


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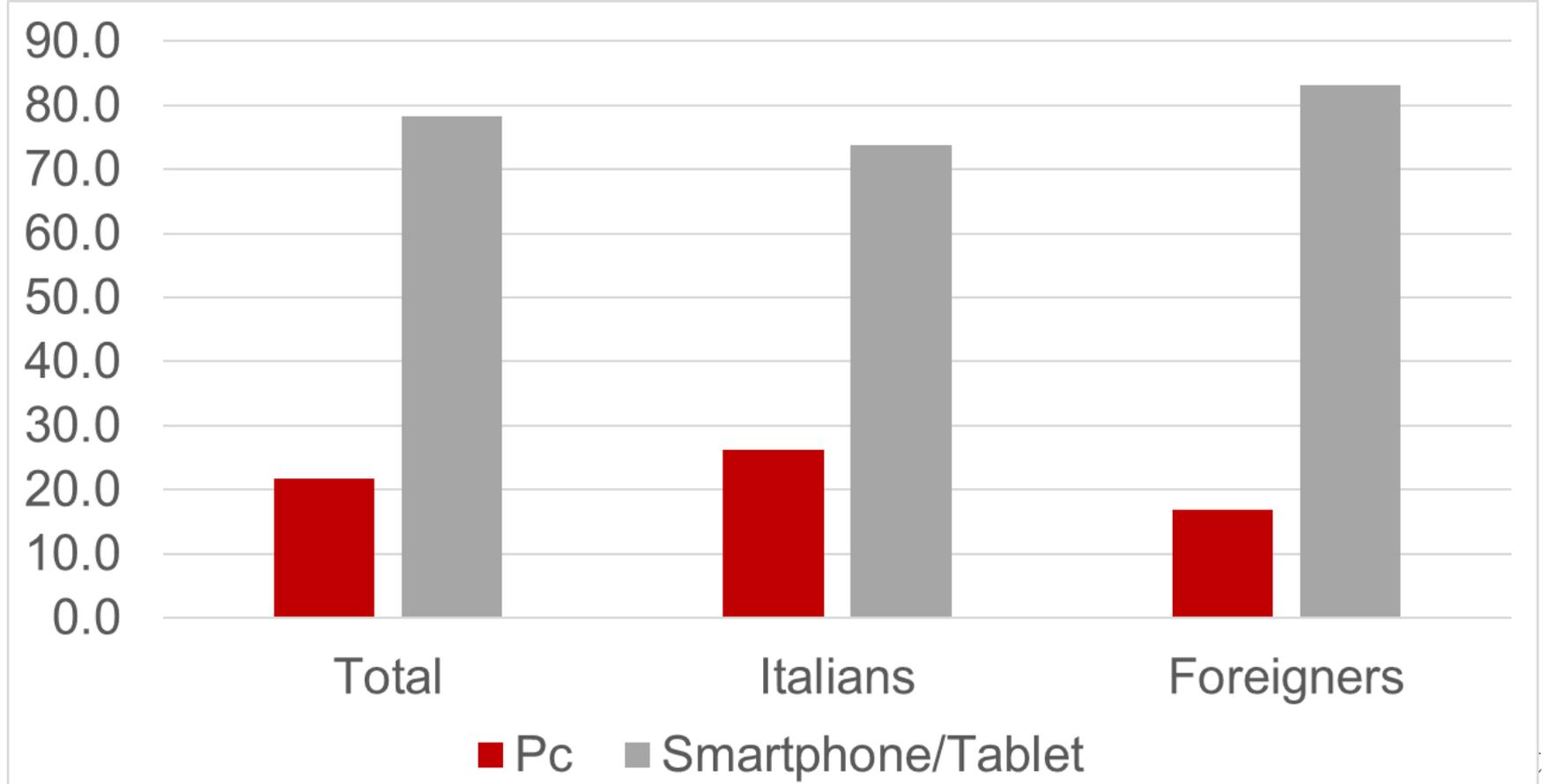
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Questionnaires filled out by foreigners in languages other than Italian (absolute numbers)



Access by PC or smartphone/tablet (percentages)



3. Statistics on children: following the guidelines

“Increase and **promote the visibility of data** on children and youth through: (...) The development of user-friendly approaches to disseminating data on and to children and youth, including the use of interactive platforms, infographics, videos, and social media. Children and youth should be consulted on the design of dissemination products aimed at them”

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Innovations: a special communication campaign

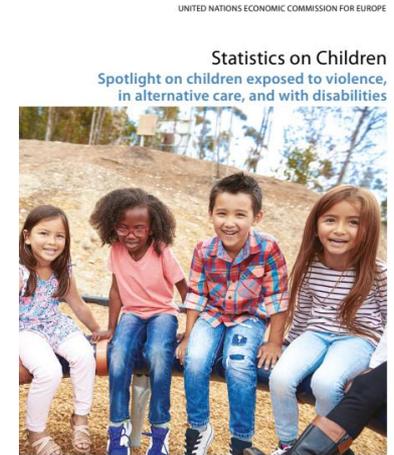
- ✓ Using social networks to raise awareness and encourage participation in the survey
- ✓ Stressing out the importance of hearing their voice!



4. Statistics on children: following the guidelines

“Further work is required to **promote a structured collaboration** between international organizations producing statistics on children and youth to harmonize methods, increase efficiencies, identify data gaps to be addressed at national and international levels, and recognize collaborative opportunities.”

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Cooperation

- The survey has been supported by other institutions: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Department for youth policy (on their websites and using their mailing lists)
- The same strategies for data dissemination



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