

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #1676

### Youth self-esteem measure

04/05/2022 10:56 AM - Marie Mueller

<b>Status:</b>	Feedback	<b>Start date:</b>	04/05/2022
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>% Done:</b>	50%
<b>Assignee:</b>	Understanding Society User Support Team		
<b>Category:</b>	Questionnaire content		
<b>Description</b>			
Hello,			
I am using the self-esteem measure from the youth questionnaire. There are 8 items - they seem to be from the Rosenberg self-esteem scale which typically has 10 items. My questions:			
- Are these 8 items indeed taken from the Rosenberg self-esteem scale?			
- What was the reason/justification to use only 8 (not 10) items?			
- Is the 8-item measure valid/reliable?			
Thank you very much in advance for your help!			
Best wishes, Marie			
PS I see someone else raised the same issue before ( <a href="https://iserredex.essex.ac.uk/support/issues/853">https://iserredex.essex.ac.uk/support/issues/853</a> ), but I am not quite satisfied with the answer given, as it only says the items were also used in the BHPS (where they seem to have used 9 items, not 8).			

### History

#### #1 - 04/05/2022 05:47 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category set to Questionnaire content
- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee set to Understanding Society User Support Team
- Private changed from Yes to No

Many thanks for your enquiry. The Understanding Society team is looking into it and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We aim to respond to simple queries within 48 hours and more complex issues within 7 working days.

Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

#### #2 - 04/28/2022 04:10 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- % Done changed from 0 to 50

There are 9 questions (ypesta-ypesti) and the question "On the whole, I am satisfied with myself" is asked separately as part of a series of satisfaction measures - satisfaction with life overall, school, friends etc.

Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

#### #3 - 04/28/2022 05:07 PM - Marie Mueller

Hello,

Thank you very much for your reply. So, do you mean there are 10 items (9 + 1) or 9 items (8 + 1)?

The questionnaire shows 8 items for self-esteem and 6 items for life satisfaction. The item "On the whole, I am satisfied with myself." is not part of either of the 8 or 6 items (except you mean "Which best describes how you feel about your life as a whole." - but this is a life satisfaction item, not a self-esteem item). Or am I missing that additional item "On the whole, I am satisfied with myself." somewhere? I couldn't find it using the search function (ctrl + F).

[https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/mainstage/questionnaire/wave-2/Wave\\_2\\_Youth\\_self-completion\\_with\\_variable\\_names.pdf?q=8d03a3e8095f394413fa458e45393a665e1c2ea6](https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/mainstage/questionnaire/wave-2/Wave_2_Youth_self-completion_with_variable_names.pdf?q=8d03a3e8095f394413fa458e45393a665e1c2ea6)

In any case, most importantly, were the 8 self-esteem items taken from the Rosenberg self-esteem scale?

Thank you!

Marie

**#4 - 05/04/2022 01:55 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team**

Sorry I meant 8 + 1 questions, where the 8 are the YPEST\* questions and the 1 is the life satisfaction question. You are correct the latter is not the same as the one in the Rosenberg scale.