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# **Summary**

Objectives: The main aim of this longitudinal study was to describe dietary behaviors and Body Mass Index (BMI) in an adolescent cohort from age 15 to age 18 in Oslo, Norway. There were three sub-questions: ① To what extend did dietary behaviors change in the period, and were there any differences in dietary behaviors at age 18 by gender, sociodemographic background or ethnicity when controlling for dietary behaviors at age 15 ② To what extend did BMI change in the period from age 15 to age 18 and were there any differences in BMI at age 18 by gender, sociodemographic background or ethnicity when controlling for BMI at age 15. ③ To what extent were dietary behaviors at age 15 able to predict BMI at age 18, and were there any differences by gender, sociodemographic background or ethnicity.

Materials and Methods: The youth part of the Oslo Health Study (UNGHUBRO) constitutes the baseline of this longitudinal study. It was a questionnaire based study conducted in schools in 2000-2001 (N= 3811). The follow-up study, Youth 2004, was conducted partly in school and partly by mail in 2004. A total of 2489 (1112 boys and 1377 girls) or 65 % of the participants in the baseline study also participated in the follow-up study and constitutes the study population. Almost 20 % of the participants were of Non-Western origin. Mean frequencies of intake, correlation coefficients and crosstab analysis were used to describe changes and stability in dietary behaviors. Changes in BMI were described by the use of BMI-percentiles based on the WHO reference and the mean BMI z-score at age 15 and age 18. Multiple linear regression analysis was preformed to study if dietary behaviors and BMI at age 18 differed between adolescents of different sociodemographic background and ethnicity when controlling for dietary behaviors or BMI and physical activity at age 15. Indicators on sociodemographic background were parents' educational level and marital status.

**Results:** There were reduced mean frequency of intake of most of the registered food and beverage items among both genders in the period from age 15 to age 18. Among the boys, the reduction was significant for intake of juice, fruit/berries, raw vegetables, chocolate/sweets and chips. Among the girls, there were significant reductions in

intake of soda with added sugar, juice, fruit/berries, chocolate/sweets and chips, and a significant increase in the consumption of boiled vegetables. Girls of Norwegian/Western origin with married parents/common law partners, showed a significant higher intake of fruit/berries, boiled vegetables and chocolate/sweets compared to the Norwegian/Western girls with parents of unmarried/other marital status. Girls of Non-Western ethnicity with parents of unmarried/other marital status showed significant higher intake of soda with added sugar compared to the Non-Western girls with married parents/common law partners. At age fifteen, 12.6 % of the boys were at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile and could be classified as overweight or obese. At age 18, the proportion of overweight boys was 13.2 %. Among the girls, 6.7 % were at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile at age 15, while 7.5 % of them were at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile at age 18. The slightly increase in the proportion of overweight adolescents was non-significant in both genders. Mean BMI z-score values were 0.34 for boys 15 years of age and 0.03 for boys 18 years old. The mean BMI zscore values for girls were -0.01 at age 15 and -0.09 at age 18. Results therefore showed a mean decrease in age- and gender adjusted BMI both among girls and among boys. Girls of Non-Western ethnicity with parents of unmarried/other marital status were found to have significant higher BMI z-score at age 18 compared to the Non-Western girls with married partners/common law partners. In addition, there was a significant inverse association between intake of boiled vegetables and intake of chocolate at age 15 and BMI z-score at age 18 among girls of Norwegian/Western origin.

*Conclusion:* The mean decrease in frequency of intake of fruit and vegetables in the period from age 15 to age 18, support the need for identifying factors that could enhance the adolescents consumption of these healthy food items also in late adolescence. Overweight adolescents showed more variation in weight compared to the adolescents with a BMI < 85<sup>th</sup> percentile in the period from age 15 to age 18. Further researchers should therefore seek to identify factors that contribute to weight variations and weight stability in late adolescence; especially among overweight

youth. In addition, the relationship between girls' ethnicity, parents' marital status and dietary behaviors and BMI are interesting and should be further researched.

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Scope

Overweight and obesity is rapidly becoming a major public health problem in many parts of the world, and in adults as well as in children and adolescents (1-3). Overweight is responsible for a large proportion of the total burden of diseases in the world (1;2). In the WHO European region overweight and obesity contributes to more than 1 million deaths and 12 million life-years of ill health every year (3). Obesity has important consequences for morbidity, disability and quality of life (1;3). Obese adults are especially likely to develop type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and several common forms of cancer, osteoarthritis and other health problems. Obese children also show raised levels of risk factors for many of these diseases (3).

Dietary intake is a critical determinant of body weight. A consequence of the marked industrialization, urbanization and economic development that has occurred over the past decade, is a marked change in peoples diet and food preferences (1). "Modern diet" generally consists of more fat and sugar and less fiber, something that will have great impact on people's health and nutritional status. Data suggest that diets with high energy density (high in fat or sugar and low in fiber), sugar-rich drinks and large portion sizes each increases the risk of consuming excess energy (3). This dietary factors together with a more sedentary lifestyle and a decrease in level of physical activity, is probably a key factor in the explanation of the global epidemic of overweight and obesity. Identifying the role of a specific food or nutrient is difficult since many dietary factors are highly correlated and physical activity or other lifestyle traits may contribute to additional confounding.

In this master thesis, the main intention was to study dietary behaviors and BMI in an adolescent cohort from age 15 to age 18 living in Oslo Norway. This longitudinal study is based on data extracted from two studies conducted in Oslo; The Youth part of the Oslo Health Study 2000/2001 (UNGHUBRO) and Youth 2004. The information

collected at both times was based on self-administered questionnaires, and provided information concerning adolescents' weight, height and selected dietary behaviors.

## 1.2 Prevalence of overweight and obesity

Data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), a nationally representative sample of the US population in 2007-2008, show that the age-adjusted prevalence of obesity was 33.8 % overall (defined as Body Mass Index, BMI  $\geq$  30). The prevalence was 32.2 % among men and 35.5 % among women (4). Prevalence estimates of overweight and obesity combined (BMI  $\geq$  25) were 68 %. Obesity prevalence varied by age group and by racial- and ethnic group for both men and women (4). Data from the same study on the prevalence of high BMI among children and adolescents 2-19 years old, showed that 11.9 % were at or above the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile, 16.9 % were at or above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile and 31.7 % were at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of the BMI-for-age growth chart (5).

In spite of the fact that the increase in the prevalence of obesity observed previously do not appear to be continuing in the same rate, the prevalence of obesity in the world continue to rise (4;5). In Europe, the prevalence of obesity has risen threefold or more since the 1980s even in countries with traditionally low rates, and today overweight affects 30-80 % of the adults and about 20 % of children and adolescents (3). One third of the overweight children and youth are obese (3). In the European countries Ireland and United Kingdom, the prevalence of overweight among adults has risen rapidly and by more than 0.8 percentage point a year based on measured data (3). In the Nordic countries, nationally representative surveys (2002) show highest prevalence of overweight and obesity in Finland and Iceland, were 60 % and 57 % of the adult men were overweight or obese. In Norway 38 % of the men and 25.5 % of the women were overweight or obese (3).

The rapidly increase in obesity among children and adolescents is of great concern. It contributes to the obesity epidemic in adults and represents a major health challenge (3;6-8). The annual rate of increase in the prevalence of childhood obesity has been

growing steadily and the current rate is 10 times that in the 1970s (3). Among adolescents, nationally representative data (2000-2001) show highest prevalence of overweight in Irish girls (27.3 %, 9-12 years) and in Spanish boys (31.7 %, 10-17 years). The proportion of overweight adolescents were lowest in the Czech Republic (9.0 %, both genders 14-17 years) (3). In Norway, data from the Norwegian Directorate of Health 2005-2006 shows that 13,6 % of the Norwegian 15 year old boys, and 12,9 % of the Norwegian 15 year old girls were overweight or obese (9).

# 1.3 Tracking of overweight and obesity from adolescence into adulthood

BMI in childhood and adolescence may be associated with adult mortality as a result of tracking of BMI from childhood to adulthood, or because obesity in early life results in the early development and clustering of risk factors in particular those of cardiovascular disease (10). Many studies report a significant tendency for adiposities to persist from childhood and adolescence into adulthood (8;11-17). The Bogalusa Heart Study report that overweight in adolescence tend to persist into adulthood (11). A longitudinal study by Gordon-Larsen et al, found a dramatic increase in obesity prevalence from adolescence into adulthood (13). It seems that a substantial amount of weight is gained during the transition from adolescence to young adulthood (11-14). In Norway, the Oslo Youth follow-up study report substantial tracking of BMI from adolescence into adulthood suggesting a strong relationship between body weight in adolescence and body weight in adulthood (14).

Tracking of obesity from adolescence into adulthood is likely to continue as a consequence of the high rate of pediatric obesity, and because obese children and adolescents today seems less likely to "grow out of" their obesity than children and adolescents living in the past (13;16;18). Persistence of childhood obesity into adulthood has been found to be more likely if at least one of their parents is obese (8;16). There is also evidence for a stronger relationship between obesity in adolescence and obesity in adulthood than between obesity in childhood and obesity in adulthood (8;15;16;19). A study by Whitaker et al, showed that 69 % of the obese 6-9

year olds in the USA were obese as adults, while 83% of the obese 10-14 year olds in the same cohorts became obese adults (19). Obesity was defined as having a BMI >95<sup>th</sup> percentile. The reference group had a BMI <85<sup>th</sup> percentile in both groups.

Since there exist a lot of evidence for strong tracking of obesity from adolescence into adulthood and because the prevalence of obesity among children and adolescents is high and increasing, it seems necessary to implement effective obesity prevention strategies in children and adolescence (3;12;13).

# 1.4 Health consequences of overweight and obesity in childhood and adolescence

There is well documented evidence for health consequences of childhood obesity both in the short term (for the child) and in the longer term (in the adulthood) (3;8;16).

During childhood, obesity has been shown to be associated with increased risk of metabolic and cardiovascular risk factors such as high blood pressure, dyslipedimia and type 2 diabetes mellitus in addition to orthopedic problems (1;3;8;20). Obese children and adolescents also seem to be more likely to experience physiological problems compared to non-obese children, and they seem to have lower self esteem and underachievement in school (3;8). There is also growing evidence for an association between childhood obesity and asthma (8;16). Obesity appears to increase the risk of developing asthma, as well as increase the risk of deterioration in children who already have diagnosed asthma (8;16). Another adverse effect that has been reported in some studies is the relationship between childhood obesity and chronic inflammation (8;16).

Metabolic and cardiovascular risk profiles tend to track from childhood into adult life, resulting in an elevated risk of ill health and premature mortality (3;8). Obesity mediated cardiovascular morbidity in adulthood might have its origin in childhood and/or adolescents obesity, and it will probably be of greater importance now than in the past because of the rapidly increasing prevalence of childhood obesity (8;16). In

addition, studies have shown that obesity in childhood and adolescence has adverse effects on social and economic outcomes in adulthood (3;8;16;21). Such associations may be more marked in women than in men. A study by Sargent et al found that girls who were obese (BMI > 90<sup>th</sup> percentile) at age 16 had significantly lower income than non-obese girls (BMI< 85<sup>th</sup> percentile) at age 23 (22). The association was independent of social class and intelligence quotient (21;22).

## 1.5 Sociodemographic factors and obesity

Gender, socioeconomic and ethnic differences in the prevalence of obesity is well documented (23-26). Data suggest higher prevalence rates of unhealthy behaviors among lower socioeconomic groups compared to higher socioeconomic groups, and that these socioeconomic disparities in risk of overweight are increasing (26).

Studies have shown an inverse relationship between risk of overweight and parents' educational level. Adolescents having parents of higher educational level show less risk of being overweight than youth having parents of lower educational level (25;27). A study by Neumark et al consisting of 4746 adolescents 11-18 years of age, reported higher prevalence of overweight among boys and girls from families of lower socioeconomic classes (25). Socioeconomic level was primarily defined as the highest level of education of either parent (25). An article from the project EAT (Eating Among Teens-2) on a socioeconomically and ethnically diverse sample of more than 2500 adolescents from 1999 through 2004, found higher risk of overweight among boys and girls of low socioeconomic status compared to adolescents of high socioeconomic status (26). The primary determinant of socioeconomic status in the study was parents' education; defined by the higher level of either parent. Boys in the low and middle socioeconomic classes showed a consistent and relative high prevalence of overweight, while girls of lower socioeconomic classes tended to become overweight during the 5-year of study period (26). Boys in high socioeconomic classes showed a significant decrease in the prevalence of overweight during the study period, while girls of high socioeconomic classes showed a more or less stable prevalence of overweight (26).

Difference in prevalence of overweight in boys and girls has been reported in many studies (23-25;27;28). It is worth mentioning that many of these studies are based on self-reported data on weight and height (23;27;28). Some studies based on measured data on weight and height do not find this difference (29).

It also seems to exist racial- and ethnic differences in the prevalence of overweight (25;26;28). Obesity data from Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2006-2008, shows that Blacks have the highest rate of obesity (30). Blacks had 51% higher prevalence of obesity, and Hispanics had 21% higher obesity prevalence compared to Whites (30). A newly published article by de Wilde et al, investigated trends in the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children of the four major ethnic groups (Dutch, Turkish, Moroccan and Surinamese South Asian) in the Netherlands from 1999 to 2007 (31). Results showed a decrease in the prevalence of overweight in Dutch girls from 12.6 % to 10.9 %, and an increase in Turkish boys from 14.6 % to 21.4 %. There was also a significant increase in the obesity prevalence among Turkish boys and girls in the period (31). No significant trends were found among Dutch boys and Moroccan and Surinamese South Asian boys and girls (31).

In Norway, a study by Kumar et al examined ethnic differences in the prevalence of overweight among adolescents living in Oslo (28). The survey were based on data from the same group of adolescents as in this baseline study, and reported highest prevalence of overweight in adolescents from Western, East Europe and Middle East/North Africa (28).

## 1.6 Diet, physical activity and obesity

There might be many reasons for the enormous increase in overweight and obesity. At the most basic level, overweight is a result of an imbalance between energy consumed from food and beverage items and energy used to support body functions such as metabolism, growth and development and physical activity. Changes in energy balance can result from changes in food intake and/or levels of physical activity (3). Even

minor changes in activity and/or energy intake can have appreciable effects on body weight and the prevalence of obesity (3).

Overweight and obesity might be the consequence of a gradual increase in body weight during a prolonged period of time. To obtain energy balance, energy intake has to match energy requirement. It is possible to be in energy balance at any level of energy expenditure, but only if energy intake accurately match the energy requirements (3). If energy intake exceeds energy expenditure over time, overweight or obesity is a possible consequence (3;32).

#### 1.6.1 Nutritional factors

Diet and nutrition plays a key role as a risk factor for development of overweight and obesity and chronic diseases such as cardiovascular diseases and diabetes mellitus type 2 (1).

Energy density of food is supposed to be of importance for the total energy intake and thereby the risk of obtaining excess weight (3). WHO defines energy dense food as those high in fat, sugars or starch, and energy dilute food as those high in water (e.g. fruit and vegetables), and the organization considers energy density of food as the major contributor to the global epidemic of obesity (1).

Several studies have examined the relation between intake of different nutrients or food and the risk of energy imbalance and overweight or obesity (33;34). Data suggest that diets rich in energy dense food and sugar rich beverages, increases the risk of consuming excess energy (3). A review article by Drewnowski et al found a positive relationship between energy density of food and total energy intake in both crossover-laboratory studies and in large observational studies (35). On the other hand, cross-sectional and prospective epidemiological studies have failed to report an association between energy density of food and obesity risk (35).

#### Sugar-rich food items

There is growing evidence for an association between increased consumption of free sugars and sugar rich beverages and obesity (1;3). WHO considers the high and increasing intake of sugar rich beverages by children in many countries in the world as a serious problem since a diet high in free sugars threaten the nutrition quality of diets by providing significant energy without specific nutrients (1). Free sugars contribute to the overall energy density of food something that may promote a positive energy balance and overweight (1).

In the United States, data from the National representative Nationwide Food Consumption Surveys and the National Health and Nutrition Surveys, report a significant increase in the consumption of sugar-containing beverages in the period from 1965 to 2002 (36). This nationally representative data showed that consumption of soft drinks increased from 3 % to 6.9 % of total energy among children and adolescents 2-18 years old in the period from 1977 to 2001 (37). Intake of sweetened beverages increased from 4.8 % to 10.3 % of total energy (37). These trends were associated with increased proportion of individuals who consumed larger portions and more servings per day of sweetened beverages (37). Overall, the energy intake from sweetened beverages increased by 135 % (37). Consumption of fruit juice in children and adolescents aged 2-18, increased from 1.7 % of total energy in 1977 to 2.7 % of total energy in 2001. Intake of fruit drinks increased from 1.8 % to 3.4 % of total energy (37).

Three recent systematic reviews addressed the relationship between sugar-added beverages and obesity (38-40). Malik et al performed a systematic review were thirty cross-sectional, prospective and experimental studies were included. He reported that both large cross-sectional studies and cohort studies found a positive association between greater intake of sugar-sweetened beverages and weight gain in both children and adults (39). Intervention studies showed the same results; less consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages resulted in less overweight and obesity in the intervention group (39). Forshee et al included longitudinal and randomized controlled trials in

their review (38). Conclusions were that both quantitative meta-analysis and qualitative reviews showed a weak positive association between sweetened beverage consumption and BMI. Gibson et al re-examined the evidence for an association between consumption of sugar-sweetened soft drinks and weight gain in children and adults (40). Epidemiologic and intervention studies were included. Approximately half of the cross-sectional and prospective studies found a statistically significant association between consumption of sugar-sweetened soft drinks and BMI, weight, adiposity or weight gain in at least one subgroup (40). Most of the studies suggested that the effect of sugar-sweetened soft drinks were small except in susceptible individuals or at high levels of consumption (40).

A study from the Project EAT (Eating Among Teens) examined the association between beverage consumption and weight change in 2249 adolescents (41). They did not find any association between sugar-containing beverages, including juice, and weight gain during the 5 years of study period (41). Longitudinal and secular trends in adolescents beverage intake in the period from 1994 to 2004 has also been studied based on these data (42). The longitudinal part of the study consisted of two adolescent cohorts in the period from early to middle adolescence (junior high to high school) and from middle to late adolescence (high school to post high school). Results showed a longitudinal increase in the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages. The intake increased by 33 % in men and by 13 % in females during the middle to high school years (42). Consumption of fruit juice decreased with age. The study also showed a significant secular decrease in fruit juice consumption among high school youth in the period from 1999 to 2004, whereas soda and sugar-sweetened beverages showed no change over time (42). It is worth mentioning that data concerning daily intake of beverages was obtained from self-administered questionnaires.

In Norway, a study by Lien et al showed an increase in the frequency of soft drink consumption in the period from adolescence to young adulthood (43). They also found stability in rank order by frequency of consumption; the group reporting the most frequent consumption at age 14 also reported the most frequent consumption at age 21 (43). Another study in Norway by Kvaavik et al, investigated the tracking of sugar

sweetened soft drinks intake from adolescence into adulthood (age 15 to age 33) (44). They found moderate to high tracking in intake in the period from adolescence to early adulthood (25 years) and from early to late adulthood (33 years). The tracking of sugar sweetened soft drinks from adolescence to later adulthood was low (44). Data concerning the adolescents' beverage intake was obtained from self-administered questionnaires.

The Norwegian Directorate of Health report that the intake of other sugar containing food items such as chocolate and sweets has decreased in the period from 2005 to 2008 in the Norwegian population (45). Adolescents 16 to 24 years of age showed the greatest reduction in intake, and the proportion of adolescents who reported a daily intake of sweets decreased from 13 % in 2005 to 8 % in 2008 (45).

#### Fruit, vegetables and wholegrain-cereals:

It is supposed that a diet high in vegetables, fruit and wholegrain-cereals is important for preventing weight gain and obesity, partly because of its low energy content (1). Generally, fruit and vegetables have a strong position in all dietary recommendations because of its well documented health benefits (1;3).

Plant based diets are associated with disease prevention in adults, but little is known about the role of plant-based diets in child health and the prevention of childhood obesity (46). Fruit and vegetables are low-energy-dense food that contribute to satiation and thereby might displace other high-energy-dense food (3;46). Relatively few studies have reported a relationship between consumption of fruit and vegetables and weight change (3;46). A review article by Newby report that both prospective and cross-sectional studies failed to find any protective association between fruit and vegetable consumption and obesity in children (46). A review article by Ledoux et al on studies with a longitudinal or experimental design, assessed the evidence concerning the relationship between consumption of fruit and vegetables and obesity in children, adolescents and adults (47). The studies with an experimental design found an association between increased consumption of fruit and vegetables and reduced

adiposity among overweight or obese adults (47). No such relationship was shown among children (47). Longitudinal studies of overweight adults, found an association between greater consumption of fruit and/or vegetables and slower weight gain (47). Only half of the studies on children showed an inverse association between fruit and vegetables consumption and weight gain (47). The authors conclude that the evidence for the proposed inverse relationship between consumption of fruit and vegetables and obesity among overweight adults is weak, and that the relationship in children is unclear (47).

Some studies have investigated the tracking in intake of fruit and vegetables (43;48). A study by te Velde et al assessed to what extent fruit and vegetable intake tracked over a period of 24 years (48). The study showed low to moderate tracking of fruit and vegetable intake from childhood to adulthood (48). They also found higher mean intake of fruit at age 13 compared to age 36, and lower mean intake of vegetables at age 13 compared to age 36. Only a few of the 168 participants met the national recommended intake of fruit and vegetables (48). Intake according to recommendation at younger age increased the likelihood of eating according to the recommendations also later in life (48). The authors therefore conclude that the intake of fruit and vegetables is not established at age 13 and therefore it seems necessary to continue to promote intake of fruit and vegetables also in adolescence and young adulthood (48).

In Norway, a longitudinal study by Lien et al of more than 500 adolescents 14 to 21 years old, showed some stability in consumption of fruit and vegetables (43). They report that 50-70% of the adolescents stayed in the same tracking categories at both times. However, the study also found a decrease in the mean weekly intake of fruit and vegetables in the period (43).

### 1.6.2 Dietary behavior and sociodemographic factors:

Many studies show an association between sociodemographic factors and frequency of obesity (23;25-28). Both in Europe and in the United States overweight and obesity is more frequent among people in lower socioeconomic categories (3;49-51). Food

choices and intake seem to differ among families with different education levels (49;50). Children and adolescents in families with less education and lower socioeconomic status show less healthy food choices compared to families with more education and higher status (3).

A systematic review of the literature on environmental determinants of energy, fat, fruit, vegetable, snack/fast food and soft drink intake in children and adolescents, showed that parents and siblings intake, parenting practices, household income and parents' educational level were studied most extensively as potential environmental determinants (52). The review showed consistent evidence for a relationship between parental intake and children's fat, fruit and vegetable intake, for parental and siblings' intake with adolescents' energy and fat intake, and for parents' educational level with adolescents' consumption of fruit and vegetables (52). Few studies investigated the association between parents' marital status and children and adolescents dietary habits, and no correlation were found between parents marital status and intake of any of the selected food items (52). A study of more than 18000 Canadian adolescents 12 to 19 years old reported that household education and income had significant impact on intake of fruit and vegetables (53). In addition, adolescents living with only one parent showed a significant lower intake of fruit and vegetables compared to adolescents living with both parents (53).

A systematic review article by Pearson et al investigated the relationship between consumption of fruit and vegetables and family environment (50). They found a positive association between parents occupational status and adolescents fruit consumption and between parents' education and adolescents fruit, juice and vegetable intake (50). An association between low socioeconomic status and higher consumption of fat and sugar-containing beverages but lower consumption of fruit and vegetables has also been reported in other studies (25;51). A review article by Darmon et al, studied the relation between socioeconomic status (SES) and diet quality (49). SES indicators in the review were education, income and/or occupation. Based on several cross-sectional dietary studies they found that higher SES groups were more likely to consume vegetables and fruit in higher quantities and of greater variety, while lower

SES groups consumed more added fats (49). They found less evidence for an association between SES and sweet consumption, but showed that within the sweet category, higher SES groups consumed more candy and pastries, whereas lower SES groups consumed more sugar and cake (49). Both European studies and studies in the United States on nutritional quality of diets among children and adolescents, showed less consumption of fruit and vegetables and higher consumption of sweetened beverages among children and adolescents of lower SES households (49).

In Norway, the Directorate of Health report socioeconomic differences in the prevalence of adolescents consuming fruit and vegetables daily and adolescents consuming sugar-sweetened beverages and chocolate/sweets daily (54). Fever adolescents of low socioeconomic families report daily consumption of fruit and vegetables compared to adolescents of high socioeconomic families (54). On the other hand, more adolescents of lower socioeconomic families consumed sugar-sweetened beverages and snacks daily compared to those of higher socioeconomic families (54). A longitudinal study by Lien et al found an association between socioeconomic status (SES) and intake of sugar and fruit and vegetables among Norwegian adolescents (55). SES measure in this study was parents' educational level. Adolescents with parents of high educational level had higher score on consumption of fruit and vegetables and lower score on sugar intake compared to adolescents with parents of low educational level at both age 15 and age 21 (55).

### 1.6.3 Physical activity

Physical activity increases energy expenditure and may thereby contribute to better control of body weight. The rising prevalence of overweight and obesity could partly be a consequence of a decline in people's level of physical activity (3;32). In spite of the clear relationship between regular physical activity and health, there only exists moderately strong evidence for an association between lower level of physical activity and increased sedentary behavior and greater weight gain over time (3;32). A review article on physical activity and obesity prevention, found that both observational and longitudinal studies only show a weak association between low levels of physical

activity and future weight gain (32). A longitudinal study by Haerens et al, investigated the relationship between frequency and duration of physical activity and changes in body mass index during a 4-year period from childhood to adolescence (56). They found frequency and not duration of physical activity (sport participation) to play a substantial role in weight development from childhood to adolescence (56).

For children and adolescents, regular physical activity is important for healthy growth and development and for better control of body weight (57). In spite of the health benefits, studies have shown that participation in regular physical activity decline during adolescence (57-59). In Norway, studies by Anderssen et al and Sagatun et al, report a decline in the proportion of physical activity during adolescence (57;58). Anderssen et al showed a decline in the frequency of physical activity in the period from age 13 to age 19, and a slightly increase from age 19 to age 21 (58). They also reported a weak degree of tracking of physical activity. The least active persons during early adolescence were those least likely to change during their teenage years (58). The longitudinal study by Sagatun et al investigated the levels, change and stability of physical activity during the late teens (15 and 18 years of age) among ethnic Norwegians and ethnic minorities, and the association between physical activity and sociodemographic factors (57). Results showed that boys were more physical active than girls at both ages independent of ethnic background (57). Among girls, ethnic Norwegians were more physical active than ethnic minorities (57). Hours per week spent on physical activity were found to decline in all groups during the follow-up period (57).

# 2 Aim and research questions:

The main aim of this longitudinal study was to describe dietary behaviors and BMI in a cohort of Norwegian adolescents aged 15 to 18, and to what extent dietary behaviors and BMI at age 15 were able to predict dietary behaviors and BMI at age 18.

The following research questions were investigated:

- 1. To what extent did dietary behaviors change in the period from age 15 to age 18? – Were there any differences in dietary behaviors at age 18 by gender, sociodemographic background or ethnicity when controlling for dietary behaviors at age 15?
- 2. To what extent did BMI change in the period from age 15 to age 18?
  - Were there any differences in BMI at age 18 by gender, sociodemographic background or ethnicity when controlling for BMI at age 15?
- 3. To what extent were dietary behaviors at age 15 able to predict BMI at age 18?
  - Were there any differences in these predictions by gender, sociodemographic background or ethnicity when controlling for BMI and level of physical activity at age 15?

# 3 Method

## 3.1 Background

The objectives of the youth part of The Oslo Health Study, were to obtain more knowledge about the health of adolescents, and to study if there were large geographic, ethnic and social differences in health and illness as well as differences in factors that can influence health and illness later in life (60).

# 3.2 Design

This study is a longitudinal cohort study based on data collected at two time points three years apart. Baseline data consist of the youth part of The Oslo Health Study (UNGHUBRO), which was conducted in Oslo in 2000-2001. The follow-up study, Youth 2004, was carried out in Oslo in 2003-2004.

The Oslo Health Study was a collaborative project between the municipality of Oslo, the University of Oslo and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (60).

## 3.3 Approval

The study was submitted to the Regional Committee for Ethics in Medical Research and approved by the Data Inspectorate of Norway. Additional approval has been given for the linkage of data between the youth part of The Oslo Health Study and Statistics Norway concerning parents educational level and income (60).

The Data Inspectorate of Norway accepted that the informed consent form could be signed by the student under the condition that the adolescents were 16 years of age by the day of the study, and that the parents/guardians were informed about the study (Appendix IIa and IIb) (60). When these criteria were not met the parents were contacted and asked to provide a separate informed consent form (60).

The authority to grant permission to perform the survey in the schools in Oslo was delegated to the management of each school (60).

#### 3.4 Data collection

The youth part of The Oslo Health Study was a questionnaire study conducted in the classrooms of the schools (60). The participating students were given instruction in the classes according to standard procedures prior to the study. They were informed about the background of the study, why the study was important and how the answers would be used (60). It was especially important to inform the students that all information collected was anonymous and that the researchers would not be able to identify any of the participants (60).

Those of the adolescents who were not present at the day of the survey could answer the questionnaire another day. The questionnaire was therefore left for them at school (60).

## 3.5 Subjects

All students attending 10<sup>th</sup> grade in Oslo during the school years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 were invited to participate in the health screening survey (Appendix Ia). A total of 8316 adolescents were invited, and of these 7434 (88 %) participated (60). In the school year 2000-2001 a total of 3811 students (89 %) participated in the survey, and this group comprises the baseline of this longitudinal study.

The procedure for the follow up study, Youth 2004, was similar to the baseline study. All senior year students in secondary high schools in Oslo 2003-2004 were invited to participate in the school-based part of Youth 2004 (Appendix Ib). In this school based study 3308 students participated, and of these 3036 had given their consent to link the questionnaires with other surveys and various registers. The participants from the baseline study who were not enrolled in the senior year of secondary high schools and had given their acceptance to participate in the follow-up study were invited by regular

mail. A total of 466 adolescents participated by regular mail, and of these 384 had given their consent to link the data with other surveys (60).

The students who also participated in the main study in 2001 (N= 3811) and that had given their consent to link the data from the two surveys are included in the analysis of this thesis. This is referred to as the study population or the longitudinal part of the study, and consists of 2489 adolescents, 1377 girls and 1112 boys (Figure 1).

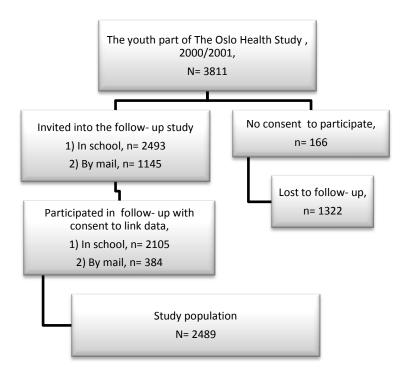


Figure 1. Flow chart of the study population in the longitudinal part of the Oslo Youth Health study (57).

### 3.5.1 Lost to follow-up

Almost 35 % of the adolescents who participated in the baseline study (UNGHUBRO 2000-2001) did not participate in the follow-up study three years later (Youth 2004). Lost to follow-up may lead to selection bias, and factors associated with non-response among adolescents and predictors of lost to follow-up have been investigated in a study of Bjertness et al (61). Significant predictors of lost to follow-up were male gender, non-western ethnicity and general and mental health problems measured at baseline (61).

#### 3.6 Questionnaires & variables

A group including representatives from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, the University of Oslo, the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences and the municipality of Oslo designed the questionnaires. It was emphasized that the questions should be validated and preferably used in previous youth surveys (60).

Among other things, there were questions concerning health, weight and height, physical activity, dietary behaviors, smoking, intoxicants, use of medicines, education and plans for the future (Appendix IIIa and IIIb)

#### 3.6.1 Dietary behaviors

Dietary behaviors were assessed by self-reported frequency of intake of different food and beverage items. In the main study UNGHUBRO (2000-2001), the questions concerning nutrition covered nine types of food and eight types of beverages. There were two dietary supplement questions and three meal questions (60). In the follow-up study, Youth 2004, there were questions concerning six types of food, three beverage items and two dietary supplements. Questions concerning frequency of intake of soda (with- and without added sugar), juice, fruit/berries, vegetables (boiled and raw), chocolate/sweets and chips were included in the questionnaires in both the baseline and the follow-up study. Intake of these food and beverage items was therefore included in the analysis.

The questions concerning frequency of beverage consumption were: "How much soda do you drink?" and "How much juice do you drink?" There were five options, and these were recoded into glasses per day as shown in the parenthesis: Seldom/never (0), 1-6 glasses per week (0.5), 1 glass per day (1), 2-3 glasses per day (2.5),  $\geq$  4 glasses per day (4). When describing changes and stability in beverage intake, glasses per day were recoded into (ordinary categories in the parenthesis): Reduced intake, stable seldom/never intake (Seldom/never), stable  $\leq$  1 glass/day (1-6 glasses/week+1 glass/day), stable  $\geq$  2 glasses/day (2-3 glasses per day+  $\geq$  4 glasses per day) and increased intake.

The questions concerning frequency of intake of the different food items were: "How much fruit/berries do you usually eat?", "How much boiled vegetables do you usually eat?", "How much raw vegetables do you usually eat?", "How much chocolate/sweets do you usually eat?" and "How much chips do you usually eat?" There were six options, and these were recoded into times per week as shown in the parenthesis: Seldom/never(0), 1-3 t/month(0.5), 1-3 t/week(2), 4-6 t/week(5), 1-2 t/day(10.5),  $\geq 3$  t/day(21). When describing changes and stability in food intake, times per week were recoded into (ordinary categories in the parenthesis): Reduced intake,  $stable \leq 1$  t/week (Seldom/never + 1-3 t/month), stable weekly intake (1-3 t/week + 4-6 t/week), stable daily intake (1-2  $t/day + \geq 3$  t/day) and increased intake.

#### 3.6.2 Body mass Index

BMI was calculated on basis of the adolescents' self-reported weight and height.

BMI in childhood and adolescence changes substantially with age as part of normal development (62). BMI-percentiles is a very commonly used method to assess the size and growth patterns of individual children and adolescents, and it can be used to screen for obesity, overweight, healthy weight and underweight (63). BMI-percentiles indicates the relative position of a children's BMI among other children of the same age and sex (63). Generally, a BMI between the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is defined as healthy weight for height. A BMI between the 85<sup>th</sup> and the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile is defined as overweight, and a BMI equal to or greater than the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile represent obesity. Underweight is defined as having a BMI less than the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile (62;63).

In this study, BMI-percentiles were used to describe the distribution of adolescents within the different percentiles at age 15 and age 18. Cut-off at BMI  $\geq$  85<sup>th</sup> percentile were used to describe the proportion of overweight (BMI  $\geq$  85<sup>th</sup> percentile) adolescents at age 15 that were overweight also at age 18, the proportion with an healthy weight (BMI < 85<sup>th</sup> percentile) at age 15 and overweight at age 18 and the proportion of overweight 15 year olds with a healthy weight at age 18. The BMI percentiles below 85<sup>th</sup> percentile were coded 0 (< 5<sup>th</sup> percentile, 5–15<sup>th</sup> percentile, 15-

50<sup>th</sup> percentile, 50-85<sup>th</sup> percentile) both at age 15 and age 18. The BMI percentiles greater than 85<sup>th</sup> percentile were coded 1 (85-95<sup>th</sup> percentile, 95-97<sup>th</sup> percentile, > 97<sup>th</sup> percentile) both at age 15 and age 18.

When comparing an adolescents BMI with others of the same age and sex, the BMI has to be standardized (64). BMI z-score is a measure of relative weight adjusted for a child's age and sex, and makes it possible to compare group means and to model relative weight longitudinally (65). BMI z-score represent an individuals BMI in a standard, normal distribution with a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1 (66). A positive z-score value corresponds to a higher BMI than the mean value of the reference population, while a negative z-score corresponds to a lower BMI than the mean value of the reference population. A positive change in BMI z-score indicates an increase in relative BMI, and a negative change indicates a decrease in relative BMI (56). A BMI z-score value can be determined by knowing a child or adolescents age, sex and BMI together with an appropriate reference standard (65). The reference standard in this study was the WHO 2007 growth reference data for school-aged children and adolescents, where the body mass index curves start at 5 years and make it possible to calculate percentiles and z-score curves on a continuous age scale from age 5 to age 19 (67;68).

### 3.6.3 Sociodemographic factors

Data concerning parents' educational level and marital status were included as indicators on the adolescents' sociodemographic background.

#### Parents' educational level

To obtain information regarding parents' educational level, the questionnaires were linked to sociodemographic information collected by Statistics Norway for all participants at age 15. Statistics Norway operates with nine education levels which is thought to provide the best possible picture of the structure of the Norwegian education system; no-education or pre-school education, lower secondary education, upper secondary basic education, upper secondary final year, post-secondary non-

tertiary education, first stage of tertiary education-graduate level, second stage of tertiary education (postgraduate education) and unspecified (69). This educational system was used as the reference when classifying parents' educational level in this study.

The households' educational level was determined on the basis of the parents with the highest level of education or else the one available. For simplicity, the education level was dichotomized into high/university or college (1) and low/maximum upper secondary school (0).

#### Parents' marital status

Information concerning parents' marital status was obtained from the questionnaires at age 15 based on the question: "Are your parents..?"- With the options: married/common law partners, unmarried, divorced/separated, equal time with both parents or mother/father and new spouse. We dichotomized into married/common law partners (1) and unmarried/other (0).

### 3.6.4 Ethnicity

The ethnicity of the participants was determined on the basis of their parents' country of birth and obtained from the questionnaire at age 15. Adolescents having both of their parents born in a country other than Norway is by Statistics Norway defined as ethnic minorities (70). In cases where the birth countries of these parents differed, the mothers country of birth was selected to determine ethnic origin (70). If one of the parents were born in Norway, the ethnic origin was set as Norwegian (70). If the birth country of one of the parents were missing and the other parents were not of Norwegian origin, the case was not included in the analysis (N=832)

The majority of the adolescents in this study were of Norwegian/Western origin. The other ethnic subgroups represented in the adolescent cohort were of very different sample size with some groups being very small. The ethnic origins East Europe, North Africa/Middle East, Africa south of the Sahara, Asia/Pacific and South/Middle

America were collapsed into Non-western ethnicity. The ethnicity variable was dichotomized into Norwegian/Western origin (1) or Non-Western origin (0).

#### 3.7 Statistics

All calculations were performed by the use of SPSS 16.0/18.0 (SPSS INC, Chicago IL), and for all analysis the significance level was set at p<0.05.

Descriptive statistics on dietary behaviors and BMI in the period from age 15 to age 18 were mean frequencies of intake of the selected food and beverage items (described in section 3.6.1) at age 15 and age 18, paired t-test of the mean difference in frequency of intake between age 15 and age 18, mean BMI z-score at age 15 and age 18 and Pearson's correlation coefficients for the relation between dietary behaviors at age 15 and age 18, and the relation between BMI z-score at age 15 and age 18. BMI-percentiles were used to describe the proportion of adolescents within the different BMI-percentiles at age 15 and age 18, and to describe the proportion of overweight adolescents and healthy weight adolescents at age 15 and age 18. Cut off for overweight were set at BMI  $\geq$  85<sup>th</sup> percentile (described in section 3.6.2).

Changes and stability in dietary behaviors were described by the use of cross tabulations. Before performing this analysis, the frequency of intake of the selected food and beverage items was recoded as described in section 3.6.1. Cross tabulations were also used to describe changes and stability in overweight and healthy weight boys and girls in the period from age 15 to age 18.

Multiple linear regression analysis was preformed to predict if there were any differences in dietary behaviors and BMI at age 18 between subgroups of adolescents. These analyses were stratified by gender and ethnicity. In the models, the dependent variable was the mean intake of the different food or beverage item at age 18 or the mean BMI z-score at age 18, while the independent variables were parents' educational level and marital status. In addition, the models were adjusted for the

intake of the different food and beverage items or the BMI z-score at age 15 respectively.

Multiple linear regression analysis were also used to analyze to what extend intake of the different food and beverage items at age 15 predicted BMI at age 18, and if this differed between the sub-groups of adolescents when controlling for dietary behaviors, BMI z-score and level of physical activity (t/week) at age 15. Also these analyses were stratified on gender and ethnicity while parents' educational level and marital status were used as independent variables. The dependent variable in these models was the BMI z-score at age 18.

# 4 Results

# 4.1 Study population

The population in this longitudinal study consisted of a cohort of 2489 adolescents participating both at age 15 and age 18. There were 1112 boys (44.7 %) and 1377 (55.3 %) girls. At age eighteen, 65 % of the adolescents were living together with both parents, and the majority (70 %) of the parents was married/common law partners. More than 80 % of the adolescents were of Norwegian/Western origin. For more details about the study population, see table 1.

Table 1. Characteristics of the cohort of 15 and 18 years olds from Oslo, Norway.

		N	%
Gender	Boys	1112	44.7
	Girls	1377	55.3
Parents`educational level	University/College	930	37.4
	Max upper secondary school	714	28.7
	Missing	845	33.9
Ethnicity	Norwegian/Western origin	1364	82.3
	Non-Western origin	293	17.7
	Missing	832	33.4
Parents` marital status	Married/Common law partners	1763	70.8
	Unmarried/Other	715	28.7
	Missing	11	0.4
Living situation at age 18	With both parents	1620	65.0
	Other	869	35.0

# 4.1.1 Lost to follow-up and loss due to missing on education or ethnicity

In addition to lost to follow-up, some of the participants were lost in the analyses due to missing data primarily on their parents`ducational level and ethnicity. These participants were characterized at baseline by significant higher mean (SD) intake of soda with added sugar (2.5 (1.1) vs. 2.3 (1.0), p< 0.002), lower mean frequency consumption of fruit/berries (3.9 (1.4) vs. 4.1 (1.3), p< 0.03) and higher mean BMI (20.7 (2.9) vs. 20.4 (2.8), p< 0.01) compared to the adolescents with data on their parents' educational level and ethnicity.

# 4.2 Dietary behaviors

#### 4.2.1 Changes in mean frequency of intake of the selected food

Both boys and girls reduced their mean frequency of intake of most of the registered food and beverage items in the period from age 15 to age 18 (Table 2 and 3). Among boys, the reductions were significant (p< 0.001) for intake of juice, fruit/berries, raw vegetables, chocolate/sweets and chips (Table 2). Among girls, there were significant reductions in intake of soda with added sugar, juice, fruit/berries, chocolate/sweets and chips (p< 0.001), and a significant increase in the consumption of boiled vegetables (p= 0.05) (Table 3). The Pearson's correlations coefficients between intake at age 15 and 18 were below 0.5 among both the boys and the girls for all food and beverage items.

Table 2. Mean frequency of intake (t/week) of some food and beverages at age 15 and 18 among boys in Oslo, Norway (N=1112).

Food item	Mean of inta 15 y	frequency ake 18 y	Mean diff*	95 % CI of the diff*	P-value	Pearson's Corr
Soda (added sugar)	8.5	8.2	-0.38	(0.16, -0.91)	0.17	0.41
Juice	8.9	8.0	-0.96	(-0.44, -1,48)	< 0.001	0.36
Fruit/berries	6.4	4.7	-1.74	(-1.38, -2.1)	< 0.001	0.45
<b>Boiled vegetables</b>	3.6	3.6	-0.03	(0.23, -0.29)	0.830	0.39
Raw vegetables	4.4	3.7	-0.69	(-0.39, -0.99)	< 0.001	0.32
Chocolate/sweets	5.4	3.3	-2.05	(-1.72, -2.39)	< 0.001	0.30
Chips	3.3	2.2	-1.01	(-0.73, -1.29)	< 0.001	0.26

<sup>\*</sup>Paired t-test

Table 3. Mean frequency of intake (t/week) of some food and beverages at age 15 and 18 among girls in Oslo, Norway (N=1377).

Food item	Mean frequency of intake		Mean diff*	95 % CI of the diff*	P- value	Pearson's Corr
	15 y	18 y				
Soda (added sugar)	5.1	3.9	-1.2	(-0.87, -1.54)	< 0.001	0.41
Juice	8.6	6.7	-1.92	(-1.48, -2.36)	< 0.001	0.31
Fruit/berries	8.0	6.2	-1.79	(-1.43, -2.14)	< 0.001	0.44
<b>Boiled vegetables</b>	3.5	3.7	0.24	(0.06, -2.01)	0.045	0.32
Raw vegetables	5.2	4.8	-0.34	(-0.63, -2.33)	0.200	0.34
Chocolate/sweets	4.5	3.5	-1.04	(-1.3, -7.91)	< 0.001	0.38
Chips	2.4	1.8	-0.58	(-0.42, -0.75)	< 0.001	0.47

<sup>\*</sup> Paired t-test

#### 4.2.2 Distribution of changes in dietary behaviors

Tables 4 to 6 show the distribution of changes in dietary behaviors among boys and girls in the period from age 15 to age 18. Generally, between 50 % and 65 % of both the boys and the girls showed a stable intake of the selected food and beverage items in the period.

Table 4 shows that 25 % of the boys reduced their intake of soda with added sugar, while 16 % of them increased their intake in the period. Nearly 30 % of the boys reported having a stable intake of ≥1 glass per day of soda with added sugar. Thirty-four percent of the boys had a stable intake of more than 1 glass per day of juice. There were 33 % of the girls who reduced their intake of soda with added sugar, while 12 % increased their intake of this beverage item. Only 9 % of the girls reported having a stable intake of at least 1 glass per day of soda with added sugar in the period, while almost 30 % of the girls had a stable intake of at least one glass per day of juice in the period from age 15 to age 18. Approximately 20 % of both the boys and the girls increased their intake of juice in the period.

Table 4. Stability and changes in intake of some beverage items in the period from age 15 to age 18 among boys (N=112) and girls (N=1377) in Oslo, Norway.

	Soda (add	ed sugar)	Juice	
	Boys (%)	Girls (%)	Boys (%)	Girls (%)
↓ intake	25	33	27	31
Stable seldom/never	5	17	7	7
Stable 1-6 gl/week	28	29	15	18
Stable 1 - 4 or more gl/day	27	9	34	29
↑intake	16	12	17	16

Table 5 shows the distribution of changes in fruit and vegetable consumption. Thirty percent of both the boys and the girls reduced their intake of fruit/berries, while 15 % of both genders increased their intake in the period from age 15 to age 18. There were 14 % of the boys and 23 % of the girls who remained in the group that consumed fruit/berries at least 1 t/day. The majority of both the boys and the girls reported having a stable intake of vegetables corresponding to 1-6 t/week in the period. Only approximately 5 % of the boys and less than 10 % of the girls were in the group that consumed boiled or raw vegetables at least 1 t/day in this period.

Table 5. Stability and changes in intake of fruit/berries and vegetables in the period from age 15 to age 18 among boys (N=1112) and girls (N=1377) in Oslo, Norway.

	Fruit/berr	ies	Boiled vege	etables	Raw vegetables		
	Boys (%) Girls (%)		Boys (%)	Girls (%)	Boys (%)	Girls (%)	
↓ intake	31	30	16	16	22	19	
Stable $\leq$ 1 t/week	12	9	18	17	14	8	
Stable 1-6 t/week	28	23	43	43	43	45	
Stable $\geq 1 \text{ t/day}$	14	23	4	3	5	9	
↑ intake	15	15	18	22	17	19	

Table 6 shows that the majority of both the boys and the girls had a stable intake corresponding to 1-6 t/week of chocolate/sweets and chips in the period from age 15 to age 18. More than 30 % of the boys reduced their intake of chocolate/sweets, while 9 % increased their intake of these food items. There were 26 % of the boys who reduced their intake of chips, while 13 % increased their intake of chips in the period. Among girls, 24 % reduced their intake of chocolate/sweets, while 13 % increased

their intake of these food items. Twenty-two percent of the girls reduced their intake of chips, while 13 % increased the consumption of this food item in the period from age 15 to age 18. Only 2-5 % of the boys and the girls reported a daily intake of chocolate/sweets and chips at both time points.

Table 6. Stability and changes in intake of chocolate/sweets and chips in the period from age 15 to age 18 among boys (N=1112) and girls (N=1377) in Oslo, Norway.

	Chocolate/s	weets	Chips				
	Boys (%)	Girls (%)	Boys (%)	Girls (%)			
<b>↓ intake</b>	31	24	26	22			
Stable ≤ 1 t/week	8	9	21	32			
Stable 1-6 t/week	47	50	38	31			
Stable $\geq 1$ t/day	5	5	2	2			
↑ intake	9	13	13	13			

# 4.2.3 Differences in dietary behaviors at age 18 by parents' educational level and marital status

Dietary behaviors at age 18 in adolescent boys and girls of different ethnicity and their relationship with parents' educational level and marital status are shown in table 7. Among boys, there were no significant relationship between parents' educational level and dietary behaviors at age 18 or between parents' marital status reported at age 15 and dietary behaviors at age 18 in either of the two ethnic groups when controlling for the respective dietary behaviors at age 15. However, among the girls of Norwegian/Western origin those with married parents/common law partners had significant higher intake of fruit/berries (p=0.05), boiled vegetables (p=0.02) and chocolate/sweets (p=0.03) compared to the Norwegian/Western girls with parents of unmarried/other marital status. Among the girls of Non-Western ethnicity, there were significant higher intake of soda with added sugar among the girls with parents of unmarried/other marital status compared to those with married parents/common law partners (p=0.05).

Table 7: The relationship between parents' educational level and marital status reported at age 15 and intake of the different food and beverage items at age 18 in boys and girls of different ethnicity in Oslo, Norway. The model is adjusted for food and beverage intake at age 15\*

	Boys				Girls	Girls			
	Norweg	gian/	Non-W	estern	Norweg	ian/	Non-W	estern	
	Wester	n origin	origin		Western	origin	origin		
	В	p	В	p	В	p	В	p	
Soda (added sugar)									
intake at age 18									
Parents` marital status <sup>#</sup>	-0.03	0.7	0.10	0.4	0.01	0.8	-0.21	0.05	
Parents` educ. level##	-0.05	0.4	0.01	0.9	< 0.01	1	0.08	0.4	
Juice intake at age 18									
Parents` marital status <sup>#</sup>	-0.06	0.3	-0.12	0.4	0.08	0.1	0.12	0.3	
Parents` educ. level##	-0.01	0.9	-0.06	0.6	-0.04	0.4	-0.06	0.6	
Fruit/berries intake at									
age 18									
Parents` marital status <sup>#</sup>	0.10	0.1	0.20	0.2	0.11	0.05	-0.11	0.4	
Parents` educ. level##	-0.01	1	0.06	0.7	-0.06	0.2	-0.05	0.7	
<b>Boiled vegetables</b>									
intake at age 18									
Parents` marital status <sup>#</sup>	0.04	0.5	-0.03	0.76	0.11	0.02	-0.05	0.7	
Parents` educ. level <sup>##</sup>	0.06	0.2	-0.04	0.7	-0.07	0.2	-0.05	0.7	
Raw vegetables intake									
at age 18									
Parents` marital status <sup>#</sup>	-0.01	0.85	0.02	0.85	0.09	0.1	-0.03	0.8	
Parents` educ. level <sup>##</sup>	0.01	0.9	0.01	0.9	-0.08	0.1	0.09	0.4	
Chocolate/sweets									
intake at age 18									
Parents` marital status <sup>#</sup>	0.07	0.2	0.13	0.2	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.9	
Parents` educ. level <sup>##</sup>	0.21	0.4	0.15	0.1	-0.05	0.3	0.14	0.2	
Chips intake at age 18									
Parents` marital status <sup>#</sup>	0.08	0.1	0.11	0.3	0.01	0.9	0.04	0.7	
Parents` educ. level##	-0.01	0.9	0.20	0.1	-0.02	0.7	0.05	0.6	

<sup>\*</sup> Multivariate adjusted model: Food/beverage intake at age 18 = Parents' marital status+ parents' educational level+ food/beverage intake at age 15

# 4.3 Body Mass Index (BMI)

The distribution of boys and girls within the different BMI-percentiles are shown in figure 2 and 3. Almost 4 % of the boys were in the group below the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile and

<sup>#</sup> Unmarried/Other (0) Married/Common law partners (1)

<sup>##</sup> Max upper secondary school (0) University/College (1)

could be classified as underweight at age 15. At age 18, nearly 2 % of the boys were underweight.

At age fifteen, 12.6 % of the boys were at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile and could be classified as overweight or obese (Fig.2). At age 18, the proportion of overweight adolescents was 13.2 %. The increase in the proportion of overweight was slightly and not significant (data not shown). Results also showed that 92.5 % of the boys with a BMI < 85<sup>th</sup> percentile at age 15 also had a healthy weight at age 18. On the other hand, only 55 % of the boys who were overweight at age 15 were also overweight at age 18.

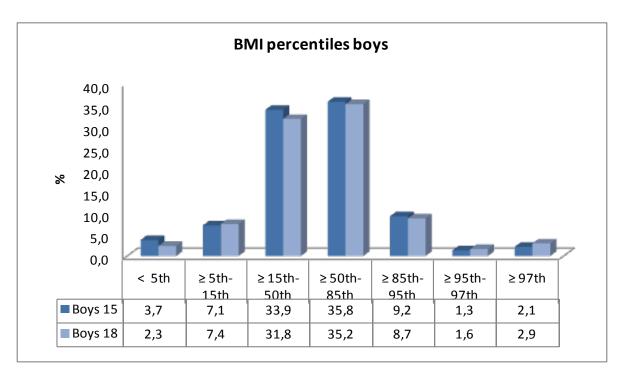


Figure 2. Percentage of 15 and 18 year old boys (N=1035) in Oslo, Norway within the different BMI-percentiles defined by the WHO growth reference 2007 (68).

Four percent of the girls were in the group below the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile at age 15. At age 18, the proportion of underweight girls was 2.5 %.

Among the girls, 6.7 % were at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile at age 15, while 7.5 % of theme were at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile at age 18 (Fig.3). Ninety-six percent of the girls with a BMI< 85<sup>th</sup> percentile at age 15 also had a BMI < 85<sup>th</sup> percentile at age 18. Forty-eight percent of the overweight girls at age 15 were also overweight at age18.

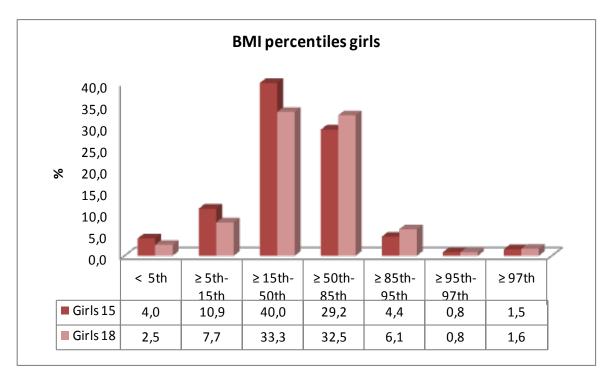


Figure 3. Percentage of 15 and 18 year old girls (N=1249) in Oslo, Norway within the different BMI-percentiles defined by the WHO growth reference 2007 (68).

In the period from age 15 to age 18, the mean BMI changed from 20.8 kg/m² to 22.7 kg/m² among the boys, and from 20.3 kg/m² at age 15 to 21.4 kg/m² at age 18 among the girls (Table 13). These values correspond to a mean BMI z-score value of 0.34 for boys 15 years old and 0.03 for boys 18 years old. Among the girls the mean BMI z-score values were -0.01 at age 15 and -0.09 at age 18. Results therefore showed a mean decrease in the age- and gender adjusted BMI both among the boys and the girls in the period from age 15 to age 18.

Table 13. Mean weight (kg), height (cm), BMI (kg/m²) and BMI z-score in boys and girls 15 and 18 years old in Oslo, Norway.

	15 year olds				18 year olds				
	Weight	Height	BMI	Mean BMI	Weight	Height	BMI	Mean BMI	Corr BMI
				z-score*				z-score*	z-score
Boys	65.8	176.8	20.8	0.343	73.5	180.4	22.7	0.034	0.61
Girls	56.4	166.5	20.3	- 0.01	60.1	167	21.4	- 0.092	0.73

<sup>\*</sup> Significant difference in the mean BMI z-score at age 15 and 18 for both gender, p< 0.001

Results from paired t-test on the BMI z-score at age 15 and 18 showed significant differences in the BMI z-score value at age 18 compared to age 15 in both genders (p < 0.001). Correlations between BMI z-scores at age 15 and age18 were 0.61 for boys and 0.73 for girls.

# 4.3.1 Differences in BMI at age 18 by parents' educational level and marital status

There were no significant difference in BMI z-score at age 18 among boys with parents of different educational level and marital status adjusted for BMI z-score at age 15 (Table 14). Among girls, there were no significant difference among those of Norwegian/Western origin with parents of different educational level and marital status and the BMI z-score at age 18. On the other hand, we found significant higher (p= 0.05) BMI z-score at age 18 among the Non-Western girls with parents of unmarried/other marital status compared to the Non-Western girls with married parents/common law partners (Table 14).

Table 14. The relationship between parents' educational level and marital status reported at age 15 and BMI z-score at age 18 in boys and girls of different ethnicity in Oslo, Norway. The model is adjusted for BMI z-score at age 15\*.

	Boys				Girls	Girls			
	Norwegian/		Non-Western		Norwegian/		Non-Western		
	Weste	rn origin	origin		Western origin		origin		
BMI z- score age 18	В	p	В	p	В	p	В	p	
Parents` marital status#	-0.02	0.8	-0.23	0.2	0.02	0.7	-0.29	0.05	
Parents` educ. level##	0.12	0.1	-0.25	0.1	0.05	0.3	-0.10	0.5	

<sup>\*</sup> Multivariate adjusted model: BMI z-score age18= Parents`marital status+ parents`educational level

<sup>+</sup> BMI z-score at age 15

<sup>#</sup> Unmarried/Other (0) Married/Common law partners (1)

<sup>##</sup> Max upper secondary school (0) University/College (1)

# 4.4 Dietary behaviors at age 15 and differences in BMI at age 18

Neither among boys of Norwegian/Western origin nor among boys of Non-Western ethnicity, were there any significant association between intake of any of the selected food and beverage items at age 15 and BMI z-score at age 18 when adjusting for BMI z-score and physical activity level at age 15, as well as parents' educational level and marital status (Table 15).

Among girls of Norwegian/Western origin, the intake of boiled vegetables and the intake of chocolate/sweets at age 15 was significantly and inversely associated with BMI z-score at age 18 when adjusting for BMI z-score and physical activity level at age 15, parents' educational level and marital status (Table 15). When including both intake of boiled vegetables and intake of chocolate/sweets at age 15 in the model, there was still a significant inverse association between intake of boiled vegetables at age 15 (p= 0.04) and BMI z-score at age 18 (data not shown). The association between intake of chocolate/sweets and BMI z-score at age 18 was "borderline" inverse significant (p= 0.06) in this model. Among girls of Non-Western ethnicity there were no significant associations between intake of any of the actual food and beverage items at age 15 and BMI z-score at age 18.

Table 15: The relationship between dietary behaviors at age 15 and BMI z-score at age 18 in boys and girls of different ethnicity in Oslo, Norway. The model is adjusted for BMI z-score and physical activity level at age 15 and parents' educational level and marital status\*

Norwegian		Boys				Girls	Girls				
Soda (added sugar)   0.01   0.84   0.06   0.68   -0.06   0.10   0.02   0.9		Norwe	gian/	Non-W	estern	Norwe	gian/	Non-Western			
Soda (added sugar)   0.01   0.84   0.06   0.68   -0.06   0.10   0.02   0.9     Intake at age 15   BMI z-score at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.70   <0.001   0.70   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.37   0.04   0.37   0.03   0.29   -0.01   0.87     At age 15   Juice intake at age 15   -0.03   0.51   0.02   0.90   0.01   0.87   -0.07   0.51     BMI z-score at age 15   -0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.70   <0.001   0.68   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.03   0.32   0.04   0.41   0.03   0.21   0.00   1.00     At age 15   Fruit/berries intake at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.70   <0.001   0.68   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.70   0.17   0.15   -0.03   0.53   0.08   0.43     Age 15   BMI z-score at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.70   <0.001   0.70   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.44   0.04   0.47   0.02   0.27   -0.04   0.95     At age 15   BMI z-score at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.01   0.70   <0.001   0.67   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.33   0.04   0.41   0.02   0.30   -0.02   0.74     At age 15   BMI z-score at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.01   0.70   <0.001   0.67   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.33   0.04   0.41   0.02   0.30   -0.02   0.74     At age 15   BMI z-score at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.70   <0.001   0.69   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.40   0.04   0.43   0.02   0.25   -0.02   0.97     At age 15   BMI z-score at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.69   <0.001   0.69   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.38   0.04   0.38   0.02   0.36   -0.02   0.97     At age 15   BMI z-score at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.69   <0.001   0.70   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.38   0.04   0.38   0.02   0.36   -0.02   0.97     At age 15   BMI z-score at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.93   -0.03   0.79   -0.07   0.1   -0.16   0.2     Chips intake at age 15   0.01   0.93   -0.03   0.79   -0.07   0.1   -0.16   0.2		Wester	n origin	origin		Wester	n origin	origin			
intake at age 15         0.46         <0.001         0.58         <0.001         0.70         <0.001         0.70         <0.001           Physical activity level at age 15         0.02         0.37         0.04         0.37         0.03         0.29         -0.01         0.87           Juice intake at age 15         -0.03         0.51         0.02         0.90         0.01         0.87         -0.07         0.51           BMI z-score at age 15         -0.46         <0.001	BMI z-score at age 18	В	p	В	p	В	p	В	p		
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BMI z-score at age 15		0.01	0.84	0.06	0.68	-0.06	0.10	0.02	0.9		
Physical activity level at age 15 at	<u> </u>	0.46	رم مرم ا	0.50	رم مرم 1 مرم	0.70	رم مرم ا	0.70	رم مرم ا		
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BMI z-score at age 15		-0.03	0.51	0.02	0.90	0.01	0.87	-0.07	0.51		
at age 15#           Fruit/berries intake at age 15         0.02         0.70         0.17         0.15         -0.03         0.53         0.08         0.43           age 15         0.46         <0.001	_	-0.46	< 0.001	0.58	< 0.001	0.70	< 0.001	0.68	< 0.001		
Pruit/berries intake at age 15		0.03	0.32	0.04	0.41	0.03	0.21	0.00	1.00		
### BMI z-score at age 15	at age 15 <sup>#</sup>										
BMI z-score at age 15	Fruit/berries intake at	0.02	0.70	0.17	0.15	-0.03	0.53	0.08	0.43		
Physical activity level at age 15#   0.02   0.44   0.04   0.47   0.02   0.27   -0.04   0.95     Boiled vegetables   -0.10   0.07   0.06   0.6   -0.09   0.03   0.19   0.09     Intake at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.01   0.70   <0.001   0.67   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.33   0.04   0.41   0.02   0.30   -0.02   0.74     Raw vegetables intake   0.01   0.83   0.01   0.94   -0.01   0.89   0.06   0.65     At age 15   BMI z-score at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.70   <0.001   0.69   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.40   0.04   0.43   0.02   0.25   -0.02   0.97     At age 15   Chocolate/sweets   -0.07   0.27   0.09   0.48   -0.09   0.04   0.03   0.82     Intake at age 15   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.69   <0.001   0.70   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.02   0.38   0.04   0.38   0.02   0.36   -0.02   0.97     At age 15   Chips intake at age 15   -0.01   0.93   -0.03   0.79   -0.07   0.1   -0.16   0.2     BMI z-score at age 15   -0.01   0.93   -0.03   0.79   -0.07   0.1   -0.16   0.2     BMI z-score at age 15   Flysical activity level   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.69   <0.001   0.68   <0.001     Physical activity level   0.46   <0.001   0.58   <0.001   0.69   <0.001   0.68   <0.001     O.68   <0.001   0.69   <0.001   0.68   <0.001											
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Physical activity level at age 15 at	<u> </u>										
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	at age 15 <sup>#</sup>	0.02	0.41	0.04	0.44	0.02	0.30	-0.01	0.92		

<sup>\*</sup> Multivariate adjusted model: BMI z-score age 18= Food/beverage intake at age 15+ BMI z-score at age 15+ physical activity level at age 15+ parents' marital status+ parents' educational level # t/week

In all models, there were a significant relationship between BMI z-score at age 15 and BMI z-score at age 18. Among boys, the multivariate models explained approximately 30 % ( $R^2$ = 0.3) of the variation in the BMI z-score at age 18. The models explained approximately 50 % ( $R^2$ = 0.5) of the variations in the girls BMI z-score at age 18 (data not shown).

# 5 Discussion

In this longitudinal study of adolescents from age 15 to age 18 there were three main findings. ① A significant reduction in the mean frequency of intake of most of the studied food and beverage items among boys as well as among girls. Girls of different ethnicity and with parents of different marital status were found to have significant different mean frequency of intake of a few of the selected food at age 18. ② The study showed a significant reduction in the mean age- and gender adjusted BMI in the period from age 15 to age 18 in both genders. On the other hand, there was a slightly and non-significant increase in the proportion of adolescents with an age- and gender adjusted BMI > 85<sup>th</sup> percentile at age 18 compared to age 15. Differences in BMI at age 18 were found among the girls of Non-Western ethnicity with parents of different marital status. ③ Associations between dietary behaviors at age 15 and BMI at age 18 was only found among girls of Norwegian/Western origin who showed a significant inverse association between intake of boiled vegetables and intake of chocolate/sweets at age 15 and BMI at age 18.

## 5.1 Methodological consideration

### 5.1.1 Study design

This study is an epidemiological prospective cohort study. It had a longitudinal design, since information about dietary behaviors and weight/height were collected at two time points from the same individuals.

#### Strengths of the study

An epidemiological study makes it possible to include a large number of subjects, something that increases the strength of the study. It also makes it possible to compare subgroups of participants. In our study, there was a high response rate from the start since 88 % of the 10<sup>th</sup> graders in Oslo participated in the baseline study. In addition, there was a substantial group of non-western adolescents.

Our study had a longitudinal design; something that made it possible to study changes and stability in dietary behaviors and weight status between the two measure points (age 15 and age 18). The longitudinal design also made it possible to identify predictors of lost to follow-up.

Additionally, an epidemiological study is relatively easy and inexpensive to conduct (71).

#### 5.1.2 Biases in epidemiological studies

There are several potential biases associated with epidemiological studies, something that might impact the validity of the study (72). A study is considered as valid if the design, method and procedure of the study will produce credible results (73).

The most common errors in epidemiological studies are systematic errors, random errors and confounding (72).

#### **Systematic errors**

A systematic error in the design or conduct of the study results in an incorrect or invalid association between the exposure and outcome (74). A study can be biased because of the way the participants have been selected (**selection bias**), the way the study variables have been measured (**information bias**), or some confounding factor that is not completely controlled (**confounding**) (71;72).

**Selection bias** occur if the subjects studied are not representative for the target population on which conclusions are to be drawn (72;74). Selection biases as a consequence of invitees who decline to participate are well known in epidemiological studies. In this longitudinal study 88 % of all 10<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the baseline study, UNGHUBRO (2000-2001). There might be a problem that the adolescents who did not attend the study differed systematically from the participants in the study. However, because of the relatively high participant rate (N= 3811) and because of the substantial group of non-western adolescents, the study population were considered as rather representative for the 10<sup>th</sup> graders in Oslo, Norway in 2000-2001.

Selection bias due to lost to follow-up is also well known in epidemiological studies (61). Minimizing lost to follow up is important because it reduces the ability of the study to detect an eventual association between exposure and outcome because those who are lost to follow-up may differ in important ways from those who are traced (74). It will therefore be of importance to check if the non-responders differ from participants in important ways. In this study, there were some significant differences in dietary behaviors and BMI between those adolescents who participated in both the baseline and the follow-up study, and those who were lost to follow-up. In addition some of the adolescents were lost in the analysis due to missing data on their parents' ethnicity and educational level. This has clearly reduced the sample sizes of the adolescent subgroups, and especially the group of Non-Western adolescents. Thus, there might be a problem that we compared changes in dietary behaviors and BMI in a healthier selection of adolescents 15 and 18 years of age living in Oslo, Norway. Nonresponders and predictors of lost to follow-up were discussed in a study of Bjertness et al (61). The study were based on data from the same group of adolescents as in our study, and showed that significant predictors of lost to follow-up were invitation by post, male gender, Non-Western ethnicity, postal survey compared to school-based survey, lower educational plans than university/higher education, low education- and income of father, low perceived economy in the family, unmarried as compared to married parents, poor self-reported health, externalized symptoms and smoking (61).

Information bias is a systematic error that might occur if the information collected from the study subjects is erroneous (72;74). In this study, self-administered questionnaires were used to obtain information about adolescents' weight, height and dietary behaviors. Information bias is therefore likely to be a main type of systematic error in this study because of imperfect information about dietary behaviors and weight/height. Questions concerning dietary behaviors in the questionnaires only covered frequency of intake of the different food and beverages something that might give rather weak estimates on intake. In addition, information obtained from questionnaires may be biased due to a permanent tendency to exaggerate or

underestimate behavior and/or because of a subjects state of mind when answering the questions (71).

Underestimation of weight and thus BMI in self-reported data is documented and discussed in a review article by Sherry et al (75). The review examined the accuracy of self-reported data in contrast to directly measured data for identifying and monitoring overweight among US adolescents (75). They concluded from results on sensitivity tests that self-reported height and weight were relatively weak estimates of directly measured values for categorizing overweight status (75). They also found females to underestimate their weight and BMI more than males, and overweight youth to underestimate their weight and BMI more than normal weight youth (75). On the other hand, validation studies on adolescents self-reported weight and height have shown high correlation between self-reported and measured weight and height (76). We therefore consider the proportion of overweight adolescents found in our study as rather credible.

Recall bias and social desirability bias are other well-known factors that can contribute to information bias in self-reported studies (71). The inverse association between consumption of chocolate/sweets at age 15 and BMI at age 18 found in this study, might be due to an underestimation of chocolate/sweets intake, and an example of social desirability because consumption of chocolate/sweets often is considered as unhealthy food items.

**Confounding** is often present in epidemiological studies and may impact the validity of the study. A confounder will disturb the association between the exposure and the outcome because of its relationship with both the exposure and the outcome (74).

In this study possible confounders were; already established dietary behaviors and physical activity. We have tried to minimize the effect of these possible confounders by including and adjusting for baseline levels (age 15) of dietary behaviors, BMI as well as physical activity in the multivariate analysis. Another possible confounder is dieting which is not included in the analysis because of rather weak estimates on

occurrence (e.g. only one question concerning dieting was present in both baselineand follow-up study).

#### Random errors

Random errors are those errors that remain after the systematic errors are eliminated, and they are a consequence of variability in the data that we can not really explain (72). There are two main types of random errors; sampling variation and random measurement errors (72).

**Sampling variation** arises as no sample will be exactly identical to the target population and because individual variation always occurs. A method for reducing the sample variation is to enlarge the sample size (72). Our study consisted of 2489 adolescents; a sample size that probably were large enough to produce rather precise overall results.

Random measurement errors may lead to a reduction in the reliability of the measurements. In this study, information about dietary behaviors and weigh/height was self-reported, and it was therefore impossible to secure precision in measurements. It is also probable that the different questions were interpreted differently among the participants. In addition, there exists no reliability study on the questionnaire used in the study.

Ambrosini et al, evaluated the reliability of a food frequency questionnaire for use among adolescents (77). A food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) was compared to a 3-day food record (FR) in adolescents 14 years old in Western Australia. They found an agreement between absolute nutrition intake, their correlations and the ranking ability, but the FFQ tended to overestimate nutrient intake compared to FR (77). They also showed that boys performed marginally better than girls for all indicators of reliability (77). Reliability of questionnaires used to asses adolescents dietary behaviors were also discussed in a master thesis by Skårer (78). Questions concerning intake of fruit and vegetables, soda with added sugar and chocolate/sweets were found to have low reliability (78). There were lower reliability in questionnaires with many answering

categories, and a tendency to lower values when re-testing the questionnaires (78). A study by Andersen et al, investigated the reproducibility and the validity of a questionnaire on the intake of fruit and vegetables among Norwegian 6<sup>th</sup> graders (79). A 7-day precoded food diary was used as the reference method, and they found good reproducibility of the questionnaire in the test-retest (79). The validity test showed overestimated intake of fruit, fruit juice and potato compared to the reference method, while no significant differences were observed for vegetables (79).

#### 5.1.3 Statistical aspect

An association between an exposure and an outcome or lack of association might be the result of chance. The probability that the results are due to chance decreases as the sample size increases (74). Our study consisted of 2489 Norwegian adolescents. Because of this relatively large sample size it was possible to detect very small differences in dietary behaviors and BMI as significant. Whether a small effect size is considered as important depend on the context of measurements compared. In medical and nutritional research, small effect sizes usually reflected by small increases of risk are often considered clinically relevant (73). On the other hand, the small sample sizes of some of the ethnic subgroups in this study probably reduce our possibility to obtain adequate statistical power to detect significant relationship between dietary behaviors and outcome variables.

## 5.2 Discussion of the specific results

### 5.2.1 Dietary behaviors in the period from age 15 to age 18

#### Sugar-containing beverages

The consumption of soda with added sugar and juice were found to decrease in the period from age 15 to age 18. But, there was a high (> 8 t/week e.g. >1 t/day) and more or less stable mean frequency of intake of soda with added sugar among the boys in the period from age 15 to age 18. The mean frequency of intake of soda with added

sugar was lower among the girls both at age 15 and at age 18, and decreased from 5 t/week to nearly 4 t/week. Mean frequency of juice intake was high in both genders and at both ages ( $\geq 8$  t/week at both ages among girls, and > 8 t/week at age 15 and nearly 7 t/week at age 18 among girls).

Many epidemiological studies report an increase in the intake of sugar-rich beverages in adults as well as in children and adolescents (36;43;80;81). The high intake of sugar-containing beverages during adolescence found in this and other studies are apprehensive because there might be a link between increased consumption of sugar-rich beverages and weight gain/promoting obesity (1;3;82). Mali et al, Forshee et al and Gibson et al concluded from their review articles on the relationship between sugar-sweetened beverages and obesity that the associations were week and non-conclusive (38-40). More research is needed, but sufficient evidence exists for public health strategies to discourage consumption of sugary-drinks as part of a healthy lifestyle (39).

A recent report from the Norwegian Directorate of Health, shows that energy intake from sugar among adolescents still is higher than the recommended 10 % of energy intake (45). National diet and nutrition surveys shows that in the period from 1993 to 2000, sugar intake among adolescents 13 years of age has increased from 11-12 % of energy intake to 18 % of energy intake (45). On the other hand, the Norwegian Directorate of Health report a decrease in daily consumption of soda with added sugar among adolescent 16-24 years of age in the period from 2005 to 2008 (45). Based on the growing evidence for a link between increased consumption of sugar-rich beverages and obesity (1;3;83), it is natural to consider the mean decrease in frequency of intake found in this study as positive. However, 30 % of the boys showed a daily intake of at least 1 glass of soda with added sugar both at age 15 and age 18.

Consumption of fruit-juice has also been questioned as a potential risk factor for obesity development (84). A high proportion of the adolescents in our study were found to have a high and stable daily intake of juice in the period from age 15 to age 18. The adolescents showed a mean frequency of juice consumption that corresponds

to a daily frequency of intake at both times. Approximately 30 % of both the boys and the girls had a daily intake of at least one glass of juice both at age 15 and age 18.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (2001) has recommended that in the evaluation of over-nutrition in children, consumption of 100 % fruit-juice should be evaluated because it might contribute to a child's over-nutrition (85). To our knowledge no study has identified a significant relationship between consumption of fruit juice and obesity development, but in some studies there seems to exist a relationship between fruit juice consumption in already overweight children and obesity development (86-89). This suggests that a reduction in fruit-juice intake should be included in obesity treatment.

#### Fruit/berries and vegetables

In this study there was a significant reduction in the mean frequency of intake of fruit/berries in the period from age 15 to age 18 in both genders. Boys showed an intake of fruit/berries and vegetables that correspond to < 1 t/day both at age 15 and at age 18. Girls mean weekly frequency of fruit/berries intake correspond to at least 1 time per day at age 15, but the consumption decreased to < 1 t/day at age 18. Like boys, the girls did not show a daily consumption of either raw or boiled vegetables neither at age 15 nor at age 18.

A decrease in the consumption of fruit and vegetables during adolescence has also been reported in other studies (43;48;90). A study by Larson et al examined the longitudinal and secular trends in intake of fruit and vegetables among two cohorts of American adolescents in the period from 1999-2004 (90). They found a decrease in the total daily servings of fruit and vegetables during the transition from early to middle adolescence and from middle to late adolescence. They also reported a mean decrease in total daily servings of fruit and vegetables among middle adolescent boys and girls in the period from 1999-2004 (90).

Because of the well documented health benefits of a diet high in fruit and vegetables (1;3;90), the low intake and the longitudinal decrease in consumption of fruit and vegetables found in this and other studies are rather apprehensive.

#### Chocolate/sweets and chips

In our study, there was a mean decrease in intake of chocolate/sweets and chips in the period from age 15 to age 18 in both genders. The majority of both the boys and the girls showed a stable weekly (1-6 t/week) consumption of chocolate/sweets and chips. Only about 5 % of both the boys and the girls had a stable daily consumption of chocolate/sweets (≥ 1 t/day), while less than 2 % of the adolescents showed a stable daily consumption of chips. More girls than boys increased their intake of chocolate/sweets in the period, while there were small gender differences in the proportion that increased their intake of chips.

Similar results have been reported in a longitudinal study by Lien et al, who showed that 1 % of the Norwegian boys and 2 % of the Norwegian girls had a stable daily consumption of chocolate/sweets in the period from age 14 to age 21 (43). The Norwegian Directorate of Health also showed a decrease in the Norwegians consumption of sweet snacks (45). In spite of this, the Directorate of Health reports a higher sugar intake in the Norwegian population than the recommended 10 % of total energy intake (45). This might be related to soda with added sugar as a more important source of sugar compared to sweets among adolescents (43;45;91;92). A study by Guthrie et al showed that adolescents aged 12 to 17 consumed 20 % of their total energy from added sugar (91). Most of the adolescents in our study reported an intake of chocolate/sweets corresponding to 1-6 t/week both at age 15 and age 18. Since there seem to exist an association between a diet high in sugar and increased risk of consuming excess energy and thereby become overweight or obese (1;3), it seems necessary to promote efforts that contribute to reduced sugar consumption also in late adolescence.

#### Dietary behaviors at age 18 by parents' educational level and marital status

In this study we found significant differences between girls of Norwegian/Western origin with parents of different marital status and between girls of Non-Western origin with parents of different marital status on dietary behaviors at age 18 when controlling for dietary behaviors at age 15. Girls of Norwegian/Western origin with married

parents/common law partners were found to have significant more frequent intake of fruit/berries, boiled vegetables and chocolate/sweets compared to the Norwegian/Western girls with parents of unmarried/other marital status. Girls of Non-Western ethnicity with parents of unmarried/other marital status showed significant higher intake of soda with added sugar compared to those with married parents/common law partners.

Differences in dietary behaviors based on indicators of family circumstances are also reported in other studies (93;94). A study by Pearson et al examined cross-sectional and longitudinal relationship between indicators of family circumstances and consumption of snacks and fruit and vegetables among adolescents at year 7 and 9 in secondary schools in Australia (94). The study showed that adolescent boys from dualparent families were less likely to be low-vegetable consumers, and that girl of dualparent families were less likely to increase their snacks and vegetables consumption with age compared to those of single-parent families (94). A Swedish study investigated the relationship between mothers' marital status and their children's food consumption (93). Girls with single mothers were found to consume significant more soft drinks compared to girls with married/cohabiting mothers. No significant difference was found among the boys (93). In Norway, a study of Wandel among others investigated the relationship between household structure and consumption of fruit and vegetables (95). Households with two or more members were found to consume significantly more fruit and vegetables compared to persons living alone (95).

Our study failed to find any relationship between parents 'educational level and dietary behaviors. This is in contrast to many other studies that show a positive association between parents' educational level and consumption of fruit and vegetables and a negative association between parents' educational level and intake of sweetened beverages (49;50;52;53).

#### 5.2.2 BMI at age 15 and age 18

In this study there was a mean decrease in the age- and gender adjusted BMI both among girls and among boys in the period from age 15 to age 18. On the other hand, there was a slightly and non significant increase in the proportion of adolescents of both genders with an age- and gender adjusted BMI  $\geq 85^{th}$  percentile at age 18 compared to age 15. In addition, BMI at age 18 was more spread out.

Results also showed greater stability in age- and gender adjusted BMI among those adolescents with a BMI  $< 85^{th}$  percentile in the period from age 15 to age 18. More than 90 % of both the boys and the girls had a BMI  $< 85^{th}$  percentile both at age 15 and age 18. On the other hand, approximately 50 % of the adolescents of both genders that were overweight (BMI  $\ge 85^{th}$  percentile) at age 15, had a BMI  $< 85^{th}$  percentile at age 18. This group of adolescents therefore showed more variations in weight in the period from age 15 to age 18.

#### BMI at age 18 by parents' educational level and marital status

In this study there was no significant differences in BMI z-score at age 18 neither in boys of Norwegian/Western origin with parents of different educational level and marital status, or in boys of Non-Western ethnicity with parents of different educational level and marital status. On the other hand, girls of Non-Western ethnicity with parents of unmarried/other marital status showed a significant higher BMI z-score at age 18 compared to the Non-Western girls with married parents/common law partners.

Gender, socioeconomic and ethnic differences in the prevalence of obesity is well documented (23-26;28). To our knowledge, there are few studies on the relationship between parents' marital status and adolescents' weight status. However, the Swedish study by Elfhag et al supports findings in our study (93). Girls with single mothers were found to have a significant higher BMI and a higher proportion of child overweight and obesity compared to married/cohabiting mothers (93). A smaller and non-significant difference in BMI and child overweight/obesity was found among the

boys (93). A study by Gray et al, investigated the relationship between children's weight status and family characteristics (96). They found low household income to be an important predictor of overweight, but parents' marital status and race added no further explanatory power to the model (96).

Many studies show an inverse association between risk of overweight and parents' educational level (23-27). Adolescents with parents of higher educational level show less risk of being overweight compared to adolescents with parents of lower educational level. Our study failed to find any association between adolescents` BMI and parents' educational level.

#### 5.2.3 Dietary behaviors at age 15 and BMI at age 18

In this study we only found a relationship between dietary behaviors at age 15 and BMI at age 18 in girls of Norwegian/Western origin. Results showed a significant inverse association between intake of boiled vegetables at age 15 and BMI at age 18, and a significant inverse association between consumption of chocolate/sweets at age 15 and BMI at age 18.

The significant inverse relationship between intake of chocolate/sweets at age 15 and BMI at age 18 may be a result of underestimation of intake of these food items, especially among the overweight Norwegian/Western girls. Studies have shown greater variation in dietary intake among girls compared to boys (97). This might be because girls are more likely to be concerned about body image and therefore are more aware of healthy eating and/or they are on a diet (97). Because chocolate/sweets often is considered as unhealthy food items and linked to weight gain/overweight, the overweight Norwegian/Western girls in our study might have underestimated their intake of these food items. In addition, our data are based on self-reported frequency of intake and we therefore know nothing about quantities of intake.

An inverse relationship between intake of sweets and overweight has also been reported in a study by Andersen et al (76). In this nationwide survey of fourth and eight grade Norwegian schoolchildren, those in the highest quartile of sweet intake

(candy and chocolate) were found to have 50 % lower odds of being overweight compared to those in the lowest quartile of sweet intake (76). Like our study, data on intake was self-reported. Such finding was also reported in 91 % of the 34 countries included in the WHO Health Behavior in School-aged children 2001-2002 cross-sectional study (98). On the other hand, a longitudinal 21-year follow-up study of Finnish children and adolescents from adolescence to adulthood did not find any clear association between consumption of sweets and sugar-sweetened soft drinks in childhood and adolescence and BMI in adulthood (99). No association was found between changes in consumption of sweets and BMI in adulthood or between overweight in adulthood and consumption of sweets in childhood or the change in consumption from childhood to adulthood (99). A recent published study by Gibson et al on trends in sugar intakes and BMI between 1983 and 1997 among children in Great Britain also failed to find any causal relationship between sugar-intake and obesity (100).

# 6 Conclusion and implications

The results showed a significant reduction in the mean frequency of intake of most of the studied food and beverage items in the period from age 15 to age 18. The found reduction in the mean consumption of fruit/berries and vegetables, support the need for further research to investigate determinants and potential intervention strategies that could enhance consumption of these healthy food items also in late adolescence.

The boys had a stable mean frequency of intake of both soda with added sugar and juice corresponding to more than 1 glass per day in the age period covered. Future research on consumption of these sugar-rich beverages should therefore focus on boys, and seek to identify factors that could reduce their consumption in this late adolescence.

Significant mean decreases in the age- and gender adjusted BMI were found for both genders in the period from age 15 to age 18. On the other hand, there was a slightly and non-significant increase in the proportion of overweight or obese (BMI  $\geq$  85<sup>th</sup> percentile) adolescents at age 18 compared to age 15. There was a strong degree of stability in the group of adolescents with a BMI < 85<sup>th</sup> percentile both at age 15 and at age 18. On the other hand, the overweight adolescents showed more variations in weight in the period from age 15 to age 18. Future researcher should therefore have a special focus on overweight adolescents, and seek to identify factors that contribute to these weight variations in late adolescence.

The results also indicated that parents' marital status was of significant importance for girls' intake of fruit/berries, boiled vegetables, soda with added sugar and chocolate/sweets. Among the girls of Non-western ethnicity, there was also a significant higher BMI at age 18 among girls with parents of unmarried/other marital status compared to girls with married parents/common law partners. No such association was found among the boys. This relationship between parents' marital status and adolescent girls' dietary behaviors and BMI is interesting and should be further investigated to find potential mechanisms explaining these relationships. This

might be especially important since family situations and household structure are more varied than in the past; something that could influence the needs for different intervention strategies.

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# Appendices

# **Appendix I**

### **Information brochures**

- a) The youth part of The Oslo Health study
  - o Parents (1)
  - o Youth (2)
- b) Youth 2004

#### Helseundersøkelsen i Oslo er et samarbeid mellom:

#### Oslo kommune

Byrådsavdeling for eldre og bydelene Rådhuset, 0037 OSLO. Tlf. 22 86 16 00



#### Universitetet i Oslo

Institutt for allmennmedisin og samfunnsmedisin Postboks 1130 Blindern, 0317 OSLO. Tlf. 22 85 05 50.



#### Statens helseundersøkelser

Postboks 8155 Dep., 0033 OSLO Tlf. 22 24 21 00 (9-15) e-post: post@shus.no

Du finner også informasjon om helseundersøkelsen på hjemmesidene våre www.shus.no

Kontaktperson for ungdomsundersøkelsen: Tove Eie Tlf. 22 24 21 22 tove.eie@shus.no

# Helseundersøkelsen i Oslo

# **UNGDOM**

Informasjon til foreldre/foresatte til ungdom som fyller 15/16 år i 2000

## Til foreldre/foresatte til ungdom som fyller 15/16 år i 2000

Nå skal Oslohelsa under lupen. Hvordan står det egentlig til i hovedstaden? Hvordan har ungdommen i Oslo det i dag? Hvordan vurderer ungdommen sine egne problemer, vaner og situasjon?

Dette er noe av det vi håper å få svar på gjennom denne helseundersøkelsen. Data som samles inn skal bl.a. brukes til å finne ut hva som er viktig for ungdommens helse og trivsel, både i den enkelte bydel og i hele Oslo. Resultatene skal brukes til å planlegger en bedre helsetjeneste, og til å finne ut mer om årsaker til sykdom.

I tillegg til ungdomsprosjektet inviterer vi utvalgte voksne aldersgrupper til Helseundersøkelsen i Oslo, til sammen ca. 50.000 personer.

Dette er første gang vi inviterer ungdom til en slik undersøkelse!

Hvorfor bør ungdommene være med i denne helseundersøkelsen? Hva vil vi med ungdomsundersøkelsen?

- finne ut hvordan helsa til ungdommene er
- finne ut hvordan de trives
- finne ut hva som bidrar til god helse og trivsel
- bedre helsetjenesten og det forebyggende helsearbeidet for ungdom
- arbeide for å finne ut mer om forskjeller mellom bydelene
- finne ut hva som kjennetegner et godt oppvekstmiljø

## / Hvordan foregår undersøkelsen?

Helseundersøkelsen (utfylling av to spørreskjemaer, ingen helsesjekk) foregår på skolen i skoletiden, og finner sted i løpet av våren og høsten 2000.

## Hva spør vi om?

Vi spør bl.a. om sykdom og helse, kosthold, idrett, nærmiljøet og hvordan ungdommen selv synes de har det.

## Må alle være med?

Undersøkelsen er frivillig. Vi håper at alle deltar. De som ikke deltar i undersøkelsen, bruker tiden til vanlig skolearbeid .

## Hvordan skal resultatene brukes?

Elever som er 15 år og eldre skriver selv under på samtykke om bruk av data til planlegging og forskning. Vi ber også om muligheten til å ta ny kontakt for å gi tilbud om eventuelle nye undersøkelser senere. Spørreskjemaene inneholder ikke navn eller personnummer, men skal merkes med en kode som bare kan leses av en datamaskin. De utfylte skjemaene blir samlet inn av en person fra Statens helseundersøkelser. Dataene blir behandlet strengt fortrolig.

Etter godkjenning fra Datatilsynet kan svarene kobles mot andre helse-trygde- og sykdomsregistre og mot registre fra for eksempel folketellinger. Dataene kan lagres uten noen spesiell tidsbegrensning. Det er likevel fullt mulig når som helst å trekke seg fra undersøkelsen, og be om å bli slettet fra registeret. Dette må i så fall gjøres skriftlig.

## Hvem godkjenner undersøkelsen?

Undersøkelsen er forelagt Den regionale komite for medisinsk forskningsetikk, og den er godkjent av Datatilsynet.

## De som står bak undersøkelsen.

Statens helseundersøkelser har i over 50 år drevet store befolkningsundersøkelser i hele landet. Denne undersøkelsen gjennomføres i samarbeid med Oslo kommune og Universitetet i Oslo. Skolesjefen i Oslo har anbefalt undersøkelsen.

Undersøkelsen er tilknyttet Oslos 1000-års jubileum.

## Helseundersøkelsen i Oslo er et samarbeid mellom:

## Oslo kommune

Byrådsavdeling for eldre og bydelene Rådhuset, 0037 OSLO. Tlf. 22 86 16 00



### Universitet i Oslo

Institutt for allmennmedisin og samfunnsmedisin Postboks 1130 Blindern, 0317 OSLO. Tlf. 22 85 05 50.



## Statens helseundersøkelser

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Kontaktperson for ungdomsundersøkelsen: tove Eie Tlf. 22 24 21 22 E-mail: tove.eie@shus.no

Ønsker du å snakke med noen etter at du har svart på spørsmålene, kan du kontakte **skolehelsetjenesten** på skolen din, eller du kan ringe til:

*Barn og unges Kontakttelefon: Tlf. 80 03 33 21* Kontakttelefonen er åpen mellom kl. 14.00 og 20.00 alle ukedager, fra mandag til fredag.

## Helseundersøkelsen i Oslo

**UNGDOM** 

Informasjon til dere som fyller 15/16 år i 2000

## Hei!

Hvordan har **du** det? Hvordan er **helsa di** for tida? Hvordan synes **du** det er å være ungdom i Oslo?

Dette er noe av det vi håper å få svar på gjennom denne helseundersøkelsen. Opplysningene som samles inn skal bl.a. brukes til å finne ut hva som er viktig for ungdommens helse og trivsel - både i din bydel og i hele Oslo. Resultatene skal brukes til å planlegge en bedre helsetjeneste, og til å finne ut mer om årsaker til sykdom.

Nå har du sjansen til å være med å planlegge framtida! Dere som er 15 og 16 år er de eneste ungdommene som blir spurt om å være med.

## Det er første gang vi inviterer ungdom i Oslo til en helseundersøkelse!

Flere voksne aldersgrupper vil også bli invitert til Helseundersøkelsen i Oslo, til sammen ca. 50.000 personer.

## Hvordan foregår undersøkelsen?

Undersøkelsen blir gjort i skoletiden, og vi ber deg svare på to spørreskjemaer. Vi spør om sykdom og helse, kosthold, idrett, nærmiljø, og hvordan du har det. Du skal <u>ikke</u> gjennom en helsesjekk.

## Hvordan skal resultatene brukes?

Før du fyller ut skjemaene, ber vi deg skrive under en godkjenning (samtykkeerklæring). Der sier du deg enig i at vi kan bruke svarene fra spørreskjemaene til planlegging og forskning. Vi ber også om muligheten til

å kontakte deg senere for å gi deg tilbud om å være med i eventuelle nye undersøkelser.

Dataene blir behandlet strengt fortrolig. Det er ikke noen spesiell tidsbegrensning for hvor lenge opplysningene kan lagres. Du kan når som helst trekke deg fra undersøkelsen. Dette må i såfall gjøres skriftlig. Opplysningene kan kobles opp mot andre registre hvis Datatilsynet gir tillatelse til det. Dette kan for eksempel være andre helse-, trygde- og sykdomsregistre, eller data fra for eksempel folketellinger. Det er ikke navn og personnummer på spørreskjemaene, men en kode som bare kan leses av en datamaskin.

## Undersøkelsen er frivillig.

Undersøkelsen er frivillig. Vi håper at du vil delta. Det er veldig viktig at flest mulig er med. De som ikke ønsker å delta, vil få vanlig skolearbeid mens undersøkelsen pågår.

## Hvem står bak undersøkelsen?

Vi i Statens helseundersøkelser (SHUS) samarbeider med Oslo kommune og Universitetet i Oslo. Datatilsynet har godkjent undersøkelsen. Skolesjefen i Oslo har anbefalt undersøkelsen

## Du skal vite at:

- alle som jobber med helseundersøkelsen har taushetsplikt
- resultatene skal brukes i planlegging og forskning og blir behandlet helt fortrolig
- I dine foreldre/foresatte er informert om undersøkelsen
- det er viktig at nettopp <u>du</u> deltar

# KOPI AV SAMTYKKEERKLÆRING

for å delta i Helseundersøkelsen av ungdom i Oslo UNGDOM 2004

Jeg har mottatt informasjon om Helseundersøkelsen av ungdom - UNGDOM 2004, som er en del av Landsomfattende helseundersøkelse i Norge Jeg er informert om **formålet** med undersøkelsen og at:

- opplysninger om meg blir behandlet strengt fortrolig
- undersøkelsen er godkjent av Datatilsynet og forelagt Den regionale komité for medisinsk forskningsetikk
- ingen forskere vil få tilgang til opplysninger som direkte kan tilbakeføres til meg
- børsteprøver og spørreskjema lagres nedlåst ved Nasjonalt folkehelseinstitutt
- det ikke er satt noen spesiell tidsbegrensning for hvor lenge opplysningene om meg kan lagres
- jeg på et senere tidspunkt kan be om å bli slettet fra registeret og/eller at børsteprøven destrueres uten å oppgi noen grunn, ved å sende skriftlig henvendelse til: Nasjonalt folkehelseinstitutt, Postboks 4404, Nydalen, 0403 Oslo.

Erklæringen nedenfor er avgitt innenfor rammene av informasjon jeg har mottatt om helseundersøkelsen.

## **ERKLÆRING**

- Jeg vil delta i spørreskjemaundersøkelsen og samtykker til at data kan benyttes til planlegging og forskning nå og i fremtiden.
- Jeg vil avgi børsteprøve og samtykker til at data kan benyttes til forskning, herunder analyser av arvemateriale og sammenheng med sykdom og helseplager nå og i fremtiden.
- Jeg samtykker til at jeg på et senere tidspunkt kan bli kontaktet og få tilbud om å være med i nye undersøkelser.
- Jeg samtykker til at dataene etter godkjenning fra Datatilsynet, kan kobles med opplysninger om meg i andre helseundersøkelser og registre. Dette kan for eksempel være tidligere helseundersøkelser, helse-, trygde- eller sykdomsregistre, eller data fra folketellinger.

Jeg samtykker i punktene ovenfor. Jeg samtykker <u>ikke</u> til følgende punkter:.....

Dette eksemplaret <u>beholder du selv</u>. Du vil motta en ny samtykkeerklæring i forbindelse med selve undersøkelsen. Denne underskrives og returneres sammen med spørreskjema/børsteprøver. Den returnerte samtykkeerklæringen vil bli oppbevart på et nedlåst sted atskilt fra spørreskjema/børsteprøver slik at forskere ikke vil ha adgang til opplysninger som kan identifisere deg som person.

# Invitasjon til å delta i Helseundersøkelsen

# **UNGDOM 2004**









## Et samarbeidsprosjekt mellom:



Universitet i Oslo
Institutt for allmenn- og samfunnsmedisin
Postboks 1130 Blindern, 0317 OSLO.
Prosjektleder professor
Espen Bjertness



Nasjonalt folkehelseinstitutt Postboks 4404 Nydalen 0403 Oslo Avd.direktør Wenche Nystad

Kontaktperson for undersøkelsen: Åse Sagatun tlf 22 85 06 77 E-post ase.sagatun @ samfunnsmed.uio.no

# Hva er viktig for ungdoms helse og velvære? Hvordan kan vi unngå at ungdom blir syke?

Dette er noe av det vi håper å få svar på gjennom helseundersøkelsen UNGDOM 2004.

DU er invitert til å delta sammen med alle dine medelever som går siste året på videregående skole i Oslo. Målet er å få en bedre helsetjeneste for ungdom, og å finne ut mer om årsaker til sykdom. Derfor er nettopp DIVE svar viktige.

Undersøkelsen er unik i Norge, bl.a. fordi mange av dere har deltatt på en tilsvarende undersøkelse i 10. klasse. Ved å sammenligne resultatene med forrige undersøkelse, kan vi lære mye om hvordan ungdoms helse endrer seg over tid.

Undersøkelsen dreier seg om hvordan du har det, om sykdom og helse, om sosial støtte og mestring, om nærmiljøet, om idrett, lese-/skrivevansker og kosthold. Vi vil også undersøke om forhold knyttet til arvematerialet kan forklare hvorfor noen har helseproblemer mens andre ikke har det.

Som takk for at du deltar, blir du med i trekningen av tre pengepremier à kr. 15.000

## Hvordan foregår undersøkelsen?

Undersøkelsen blir gjort i skoletiden, og vi ber deg svare på et spørreskjema. Vi vil også be om at du tar en børsteprøve, som fungere omtrent som å gni en tannbørste over tannkjøttet. Børsteprøvene skal brukes til å studere arvestoffet for å se om spesielle typer arvestoff kan beskytte mot eller gi økt risiko for lærevansker eller helseproblemer som f. eks. angst, depresjon, astma, allergi og kreft.

## Hvordan skal resultatene brukes?

Før du tar børsteprøven og fyller ut spørreskjemaet, ber vi deg skrive under en godkjenning (samtykkeerklæring). Der sier du deg enig i at vi kan bruke



opplysningene til planlegging og forskning. Vi ber også om muligheten til å kontakte deg senere for å gi deg tilbud om å være med i eventuelle nye undersøkelser.

Opplysningene dine blir behandlet strengt fortrolig, og de blir oppbevart og sikret i henhold til regelverk vedtatt av Stortinget. Det er kke noen spesiell tidsbegrensning for hvor lenge børsteprøve og spørreskjema kan lagres. Du kan når som helst senere be om å bli slettet fra registeret uten å oppgi noen grunn. Dette må i så fall skje skriftlig til Nasjonalt folkehelseinstitutt.

Opplysningene kan kobles opp mot andre helseundersøkelser (f.eks. fra 10. klasse) og fra andre registre f.eks. Medisinsk fødselsregister (for å se hvordan forhold ved fødsel kan påvirke helsen senere), Kreftregisteret og Utdanningsregisteret dersom Datatilsynet gir tillatelse til det. Det er ikke navn eller fødselsnummer på spørreskjemaet og børsteprøvene, men en kode som bare kan leses av en datamaskin, slik at forskere ikke kan gjenkjenne deltakerne.

## Undersøkelsen er frivillig.

Undersøkelsen er frivillig. Vi håper at du vil delta, slik at vi kan få et mest mulig riktig og nyansert bilde av ungdoms helse. Det er veldig viktig at flest mulig er med. De som ikke ønsker å delta, vil få vanlig skolearbeid mens undersøkelsen pågår.

## Hvem står bak undersøkelsen?

Undersøkelsen er et samarbeid mellom Nasjonalt folkehelseinstitutt og Universitetet i Oslo. Undersøkelsen er godkjent av Datatilsynet og forelagt Regional etisk komité for medisinsk forskning. Skoleetaten i Oslo har anbefalt at alle videregående skoler i Oslo deltar i undersøkelsen.

## Du skal vite at:

- alle som jobber med helseundersøkelsen har taushetsplikt
- resultatene skal bare brukes i planlegging og forskning og blir behandlet helt fortrolig
- det er viktig at nettopp du deltar

## **Appendix II**

## **Informed consents**

- a) The youth part of the Oslo Health study
- b) Youth 2004

Lim inn etikett med navn og personnummer

## SAMTYKKEERKLÆRING for deltakelse i Helseundersøkelsen i Oslo

## **UNGDOM**

Jeg har mottatt informasjon om ungdomsdelen av Helseundersøkelsen i Oslo. Jeg er informert om formålet med undersøkelsen. Jeg er også kjent med at opplysninger om meg blir behandlet strengt fortrolig og at undersøkelsen er godkjent av Datatilsynet. Undersøkelsen er forelagt Den regionale komité for medisinsk forskningsetikk. Jeg er videre kjent med at det ikke er satt noen spesiell tidsbegrensning for hvor lenge opplysningene om meg kan lagres. Jeg kan på et senere tidspunkt be om å bli slettet fra registeret uten å oppgi noen grunn. Dette må i så fall sendes skriftlig til Statens helseundersøkelser.

- 1. Jeg samtykker i at svarene mine kan brukes til planlegging og forskning.
- 2. Jeg samtykker i at jeg på et senere tidspunkt kan bli kontaktet og få tilbud om å være med i nye undersøkelser.
- 3. Jeg samtykker i at dataene, etter godkjenning fra Datatilsynet, kan kobles med opplysninger om meg i andre registre. Dette kan for eksempel være andre helse-, trygde- eller sykdomsregistre, eller data fra for eksempel folketellinger.

Du kan stryke det eller de punkter som du vil reservere deg mot.

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3.	Jeg samtykker til at jeg på et senere tidspunkt kan bli kontaktet og få tilbud om å være med i nye undersøkelser.
4.	Jeg samtykker til at dataene etter godkjenning fra Datatilsynet, kan kobles med opplysninger om meg i andre helseundersøkelser og registre. Dette kan for eksempel være tidligere helseundersøkelser, helse-, trygde- eller sykdomsregistre, eller data fra folketellinger.
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## **Appendix III**

## Questionnaires

- a) The youth part of the Oslo Health Study 2000-2001
- b) Youth 2004

## Helse-undersøkelsen

i Oslo Dato for utfylling: Dag Måned År

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	Bronkitt eller lungebetennelse		Utenom skoletid: ganger i uka driv slik at du blir and	Hvor mange er du idrett/mosjon dpusten eller svett?  Inge timer pr. uke bruk	ganger pr. uke er du på dette?
1.4			(Individuelt eller på Bruker du nature	onkurranseidrett?	JA NEI
1.5	Har du i løpet av de siste 12 mnd flere ganger vært plaget med smerter i? (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  JA  Hode (hodepine, migrene e.l.)	NEI	Sommer: Vinter:		n måneden eller mer
	Nakke/skuldre	3.6	(mandag til fredag TV, video og/eller Inntil 1 time 1-2  1 Hvordan kommer	: Hvor mange timer pr.  a) sitter du i gjennomsi r PC (spill og internett) timer 3-5 timer Mer  2 3  r du deg normalt til ske t? (Sett bare ett kryss)	nitt foran 1? r enn 5 timer
1.6	Har disse smertene ført til at du har vært hjemme fra skolen?  Oppgi også ca. antall skoledager de siste 12 mnd: (Sett bare ett kryss)  Nei dager dager dager 10 dager		Med bil/moped  På sykkel  Til fots	(offentlig transport)	2 3
1.7	JA N  Har smertene ført til redusert aktivitet i fritida?		Hvor lang skolev Mindre enn 2 km	ei har du? 2-4 km	Т
Ikke	skriv her: 1.3 (skade) 8.1 (utdanning - annet)	9.5 (far født)	(mor født)		
	9.7 (far - yrke) 9.7 (m	or - yrke)		12.5 (prevensjon)	12.6 (p-pille merke)

U4	. RØYKING, RUSMIDLER OG DOP	U5.	. Mat, drikke og spisevaner (fortsettelse)
4.1	Røyker du, eller har du røykt? (Sett bare ett kryss)  Nei, aldri Ja, men jeg har sluttet Ja, av og til Ja, hver dag  1 2 3 4	5.2	Hvor mye drikker du vanligvis av følgende? (Sett ett kryss pr. linje) Sjelden 1-6 1 glass 2-3 4 glass (1/2 liter = 3 glass) /aldri glass pr.dag pr.dag pr.dag
	Hvis du har svart «NEI, ALDRI»; hopp til pkt. 4.3		Helmelk, kefir, yoghurt
4.2	Hvor gammel var du da du begynte å røyke? år		Lettmelk, cultura, lettyoghurt
4.3	Bruker du eller har du brukt snus, skrå eller		Cola/brus med sukker
	lignende? (Sett bare ett kryss)  Nei, aldri Ja, men jeg har sluttet Ja, av og til Ja, hver dag		Cola/brus «light»
	Nei, aldri Ja, men jeg har sluttet Ja, av og til Ja, hver dag		Fruktjuice
11	Røyker noen av de du bor sammen med?		Saft
7.7	(Sett ett eller flere kryss)		Vann 1 2 3 4 5
	Ja, mor Ja, far Ja, søsken Ja, andre Nei	5.3	Hva slags fett bruker du oftest på brødet? (Sett bare ett kryss) Smør/hard Myk/lett Oljer Bruker
	JA NEI		margarin margarin ikke
4.5	Har du noen gang drukket alkohol?	5.4	Hvor ofte spiser du disse måltidene en vanlig uke?
	(f.eks. alkoholholdig øl, rusbrus, vin, brennevin eller hjemmebrent)		(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Sjelden 1-2 3-4 5-6 Hver
	Hvis du svarte «NEI»; hopp til pkt. 4.8		Frokost
4.6	Har du noen gang drukket så mye alkohol		Formiddagsmat/matpakke
	at du har vært beruset (full)? (Sett bare ett kryss)		Middag
	Nei, Ja, Ja, Ja, Ja, mer aldri en gang 2-3 ganger 4-10 ganger enn 10 ganger	5.5	1 2 3 4 5  Hvor mye penger bruker du <u>i uka</u> på snop, snacks,
			cola/brus og gatekjøkkenmat? (Sett bare ett kryss)
4.7	Omtrent hvor ofte har du i løpet av det siste		0-25 kr 26-50 kr 51-100 kr 101-150 kr 151-200 kr over 200
	året drukket alkohol? (Sett bare ett kryss) (Lettøl og alkoholfritt øl regnes ikke med)	5.6	Bruker du følgende kosttilskudd: Ja, daglig Iblant Nei
	4-7 ganger 2-3 ganger ca. 1 gang 2-3 ganger i uka i uka pr. måned		Tran, trankapsler, fiskeoljekapsler?
	1 2 3 4		Vitamin- og/eller mineraltilskudd?
	Omtrent 1 gang Noen få ganger Har ikke drukket Har aldri	5.7	Har du noen gang prøvd å slanke deg? (Sett bare ett kryss) Nei, aldri Ja, tidligere Ja, nå Ja, hele tiden
	i måneden siste år alkohol siste år drukket alkohol		1 2 3 4
4.8	Har du noen gang prøvd dopingmidler? (Sett bare ett kryss)		Hvis du svarte «NEI, ALDRI»; hopp til pkt. 5.9: Hva har du gjort for å slanke deg?
	Nei, Ja, en Ja, flere Ja, jeg bruker		(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Aldri Sjelden Ofte Alltid
	aldri gang ganger det regelmessig		Jeg spiser mindre
			Jeg faster
U5.	MAT, DRIKKE OG SPISEVANER		Jeg kaster opp.
5.1	Hvor ofte spiser du vanligvis disse matvarene?		Jeg kaster opp
	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Sjelden 1-3 g. 1-3 g. 4-6 g. 1-2 g. 3 g. el. mer		vanndrivende midler
	/aldri pr.mnd pr.uke pr.uke pr.dag pr.dag		Jeg tar mettende eller sult-dempende piller
	Frukt, bær	5.9	Hva veide du sist du veide deg?
	Ost (alle typer)	5 10	Hvor høy var du sist du målte deg?
	Poteter		Hva synes du om vekta di? (Sett bare ett kryss)
	Kokte grønnsaker		Vekta er Veier litt Veier alt Veier litt Veier alt OK for mye for mye for lite for lite
	Rå grønnsaker/salat		
	Feit fisk (f.eks. laks, ørret, makrell, sild)	5.12	Jeg bryr meg mye om vekta mi. (Sett bare ett kryss)  Enig Litt enig Likke enig
	Sjokolade/smågodt		Hvilken vekt ville du vært tilfreds med nå (din «trivselsvekt»)? hele kg
	Chips, potetgull		Har du vært behandlet for spiseforstyrrelser (Sett bare ett kryss)  Nei Nei, men jeg ønsker hjelp Ja

U6.	PÅKJENNINGER OG MESTRI	NG			U7.	. BRUK AV HELSETJENESTER
6.1	Under finner du en liste over ulike plager. Ha noe av dette <u>den siste uken</u> (til og med i dag (Sett ett kryss for hver linje) lkke	?		Maldia	7.1	Har du de <u>siste 12 mnd.</u> selv brukt?: Ingen 1-3 4 ganger (Sett ett kryss for hver linje) anger ganger genger eller mer
	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Ikke plaget	plaget	Ganske mye	wye		Skolehelsetjenesten
	Plutselig frykt uten grunn					Helsestasjon for ungdom
	Føler deg redd eller engstelig					Vanlig lege (Allmennpraktiserende lege)
	Matthet eller svimmelhet					PP-tjenesten
	Føler deg anspent eller oppjaget					Psykolog eller psykiater
	Lett for å klandre deg selv					Familierådgivning
	Søvnproblemer					Annen spesialist (privat eller på poliklinikk)
	Nedtrykt, tungsindig (trist)	П				Legevakt (privat eller offentlig)
	Følelse av å være unyttig, lite verd					Sykehusinnleggelse
	Følelse av at alt er et slit		П	П		Sosialtjenesten i kommunen
	Følelse av håpløshet mht. framtida					Fysioterapeut
	1	2	3	4		Tannlege/skoletannlege
6.2	Under finner du noen påstander. (Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Helt	Nokså	Nokså	Helt		Alternativ behandler
	Jeg klarer alltid å løse vanskelige	galt	riktig	riktig	U8	. UTDANNING OG UTDANNINGSPLANER
	problemer hvis jeg prøver hardt nok  Hvis noen motarbeider meg, så kan jeg	Ш			8.1	Hva er den <u>høyeste utdanning</u> du har tenkt å ta? (Sett bare ett kryss)
	finne måter og veier for å få det som jeg vil  Hvis jeg har et problem og står helt fast,					Universitet eller høyskoleutdanning av høyere grad
	så finner jeg vanligvis en vei ut				1.4	Universitet eller høyskoleutdanning <u>på mellomnivå</u>
	takle uventede hendelser på en effektiv måte					Videregående allmennfaglig/økonomisk administrative fag 3
	Jeg beholder roen når jeg møter vanskeligheter, fordi jeg stoler på mine					Yrkesfaglig utdanning på videregående skole
	evner til å mestre/få til ting	2	3	4		Ett år på videregående skole
6.3	Har du i løpet av de siste 12 mnd selv					Annet: 6
	opplevd noe av følgende? (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)	11	1			Har ikke bestemt meg7
	Foreldre (foresatte) har blitt arbeidsløse eller uføretrygdet		NEI		8.2	Hvor mye egne penger brukte du siste uke?kr (Småinnkjøp pluss større gjenstander som
	Alvorlig sykdom eller skade hos deg selv	🗌			06()	f.eks. musikkanlegg o.l.)
	Alvorlig sykdom eller skade hos noen som står deg nær	🗆			8.3	Har du lønnet arbeid i <u>løpet av skoleåret</u> ?
	Dødsfall hos noen som sto deg nær	🗆				Hvor mange timer <u>i uka</u> arbeider du? ca. hele timer
	Seksuelle overgrep (f.eks. blotting, beføling, ufrivillig samleie m.m.)	🗆				Hvor mye tjener du i gjennomsnitt  pr. måned på dette arbeidet?  kr
6.4	Har du opplevd noe av følgende? (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)	Nei	Ja, av	Ja,	8.4	i karakter fikk du siste gangen i karakterboken? (Sett bare inn hele tallkarakterer)
	Stort arbeidspress på skolen		og til	ofte		Matte Norsk skriftlig Engelsk Samfunnsfag
	Stort press fra andre for å lykkes/ gjøre det bra på skolen				U9	. OPPVEKST OG TILHØRIGHET
	Store vansker med å konsentrere deg i timen				9.1	Hvor lenge har du bodd i Norge? hele år
	Store vansker med å forstå læreren når hun/han underviser				9.2	Hvor lenge har du bodd der du bor nå?
6.5	Har fagpersonell sagt at du har eller har hatt skrivevansker. (Sett bare ett kryss)		Т		9.3	Har du flyttet i løpet av de siste 5 årene? (Sett bare ett kryss)  Nei Ja, en gang Ja, 2-4 ganger Ja, 5 ganger eller flere  1 2 3 4
	Ja, store Ja, middels Ja, lette Nei				9.4	Mine foreldre er: (Sett bare ett kryss)  Gift/samboere Ugift Skilt/separert En eller begge er døde Anne
6.6	Har du i løpet av de <u>siste 12 mnd.</u> opplevd problemer med mobbing på skolen/skoleveien	?			9.5	l 1 2 3 4 Hvor er dine foreldre født?
	(Sett bare ett kryss)  Aldri Av og til Omtrent en Flere ga gang i uka i uk:					Norge Annet land Hvilket land:  Far: Far:
	1 2 3					Mor:

U9.	Oppvekst og tilhørighet (fortsettelse)	U1	1. SEKSUELL AD	FERD	OG PRE	VENSJ	ON
9.6	Jeg tror vår familie, sett i forhold til andre i Norge, har:		they observe your	H of SH	Ja, med en partner fle	Ja, med	Nei
	(Sett bare ett kryss)  Dårlig råd Middels råd God råd Svært god råd	11.1	Har du noen gang hatt s Hvis du svarte «NEI»; hop				
9.7	Er far og/eller mor i arbeid nå?	11.2	Alder første gang?			var	år
	Ja, Ja, Arbeidsløs/ Hjemme- Går på skole/ Død		Brukte du/dere prevensj		The state of the s		al
	Far: 1 2 3 4 5 6		Nei Ja, kondom Ja, p			et Vetikke	
	Mor: 1 2 3 4 5 6  Hvis far og/eller mor er i arbeid, hvilket yrke har de?	11.4	Har du noen gang blitt gr	avid/gjo	rt ei jente grav	JA Ni	El Vet ikke
	Far:		Hvis du svarte «JA»;				
	Skriv kort hva han gjør på jobben:		Hvor gammel var du da	dette sl	cjedde? Jeg	var	år
	Mor:		Ble det utført abort?			JA N	El Vet ikke
	Skriv kort hva hun gjør på jobben:	U12					
U10	D. FAMILIE OG VENNER		Hvor ofte har du i løpet			rukt.	No. of St.
10.1	Hvem bor du sammen med nå? (Sett bare ett kryss) (Ta ikke med søsken og halvsøsken.)	12.1	følgende medisiner? (So Med medisiner mener vi I Kosttilskudd og vitaminer	ett ett kry ner medi	yss for hver lin siner kjøpt på	ie)	
	Mor og far Bare mor Bare far Omtrent like mye hos mor og far		Nostaiskada og vitalilliter	regries i	Hver u men ik		ere Ikke brukt er siste
-	Mor el. far og ny samboer el. ektefelle Fosterforeldre Andre		0 1 1 1 1	Aldri	Daglig daglig	uke	4 uker
	5 6 7		Smertestillende uten rese				
10.2	Hvor mange søsken eller halvsøsken		Smertestillende på resept				
10.0	bor du sammen med?  Antall søsken		Allergi-medisin				
10.3	Hvor mange av disse er like gamle eller eldre enn deg?  Antall søsken		Astma-medisin	🗆			
	Når du tenker på familien din, vil du si at:		Sovemedisin	📙			
	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Helt Delvis Delvis Helt enig enig uenig uenig		Beroligende medisin				
	Jeg føler meg knyttet til familien min		Medisin mot depresjon				
	Jeg blir tatt på alvor i familien min		Annen medisin på resept	🗆			
	Familien legger vekt på mine meninger	12.2	Skriv navnet på medisin	ene son	2 3 n du har krys	set av for	5
	Jeg betyr mye for familien min	10.000	ovenfor, og hva grunner (sykdom eller symptom)	var til a	at du tok med	lisinene	
	Jeg kan regne med familien min når jeg trenger hjelp		(Kryss av for hvor lenge d	u har br	ukt medisinen)	Hvor len	ge har du
	1 2 3 4 Hvilket forhold har du til		Navn på medisinen:	Gr	runn til bruk	Inntil	Ett år
	dine foreldre?  (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Foreldrene mine vet hvor jeg er og hva jeg gjør i helgene		(ett nävn pr. linje):	av	medisinen:	1 år	eller mer
	Foreldrene mine vet hvor jeg er og hva jeg gjør på hverdagene				Leader		
	ForeIdrene mine vet hvem jeg		Dersom det ikke er nok plass he	r, kan du f	ortsette på eget a	rk som du le	gger ved.
	er sammen med i fritida	N. S.	SPØRSMÅL TIL JI	ENTE	NE		
	Foreldrene mine liker vennene jeg er sammen med på fritida	12.3	Har du fått menstruasjon	(«mens	sen»)?	JA 1	NEI
10.6	Når du tenker på vennene dine, vil du si at: (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Helt Delvis Delvis Helt enig enig uenig uenig		Hvis du svarte «NEI»; hop	p til 12.5	i		
	Jeg føler meg nært knyttet til vennene mine.	12.4	Hvor gammel var du da d	lu fikk d	lin første mer	struasjon	1?
	Vennene mine legger vekt på mine meninger.		Jeg var år				
	Jeg kan bidra/være til støtte for vennene mine.						03.00
	Jeg kan regne med vennene mine når jeg trenger hjelp	12.5	Bruker du, eller har du b (Sett ett kryss for hver linje		Nå Før, m	en ikke nå	Aldri Beyer-Hecos o
10.7	1 2 3 4  Hvor mange personer <u>utenfor</u> din nære familie står		P-pille/minipille/ p-sprøyte.		. 📙		Bayer
	deg så nær at du kan regne med å få hjelp hvis du:  Har personlige problemer  Antall personer		Annen prevensjon Hvilken type prevensjon		. 🗌		10.000
	Har praktiske problemer (f.eks. m/ skolearbeidet) Antall personer		he de la la			nadi.	
10.8 H	ar du selv vært utsatt for vold (blitt slått, sparket e.l.)	12.6	Til deg som bruker p-pill Hvilket merke bruker du	e/minipi nå?:	lle:		E 03000-1002-1
	Aldri Ja, bare av ungdom Ja, bare av voksne ungdom og voksne						E 03
	1 2 3 4						

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	Т	Dato for uti	fylling: Måned	under:	søkelser i Oslo

## HER KOMMER FLERE SPØRSMÅL!!!

Du synes kanskje vi allerede har spurt deg om det meste - men enda er det mer vi gjerne vil vite. Dette skjemaet har blant annet spørsmål om de sterke og svake sidene dine, om skolesituasjonen, om kultur og kontakt og om idrett og aktivitet.

Vi håper du tar deg tid til å tenke gjennom det vi spør om og at du svarer det **du** mener er riktig for **deg.** 

Lykke til!

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## U/T1. DINE STERKE OG SVAKE SIDER

1.1 Svar på grunnlag av slik du har hatt det de siste 6 månedene. (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)

	Stemmer ikke	Stemmer delvis	Stemmer helt	l	Stemmer ikke	Stemmer delvis	Stemme helt
Jeg prøver å være hyggelig mot andre. Jeg bryr meg om hva de føler				Jeg er ofte lei meg, nedfor eller på gråten			
Jeg er rastløs. Jeg kan ikke være lenge i	o 🗌			Jeg blir som regel likt av andre på min alder			
Jeg får ofte hodepine, vondt i magen eller kvalme				Jeg blir lett forstyrret. Jeg synes det er vanskelig å konsentrere meg	🗆		
Jeg deler gjerne med andre (mat, spill, blyanter osv.)	🗆			Jeg blir nervøs i nye situasjoner. Jeg blir lett usikker			
Jeg blir veldig sint og har			_	Jeg er snill mot de som er yngre enn meg			
et hissig temperament	🔲			Jeg blir ofte beskyldt for å lyve eller jukse			
Jeg er vanligvis for meg selv. Jeg gjør som regel ting alene	🗆			Andre barn eller unge erter eller plager meg			
Jeg gjør vanligvis det jeg får beskjed om	]			Jeg tilbyr meg ofte å hjelpe andre (foreldre, lærere, andre barn/unge)		• ; ;	
Jeg bekymrer meg mye	🗌			Jeg tenker meg om før jeg handler (gjør noe	) 🗆		
Jeg er hjelpsom hvis noen er såret, oppskaket eller føler seg dårlig	🗌			Jeg tar ting som ikke er mine, hjemme, på skolen eller andre steder			
Jeg er stadig urolig, det kribler i kroppen	[			Jeg kommer bedre overens med voksne enn de på min egen alder			
Jeg har en eller flere gode venner	🗌			Jeg er redd for mye. Jeg blir lett skremt			
Jeg slåss mye. Jeg kan presse andre til å gjøre det jeg vil	📋	2	3	Jeg fullfører oppgaver. Jeg er god til å holde på oppmerksomheten	📋	2	3

0000000000	<ol><li>BEKYMRINGER OG P</li></ol>	ROBLE	MER		U/T	5. KULTUR OG KONTAKT				
2.1	Har du i løpet av de siste 12 måne av disse problemene?(Sett ett krys	is for hver li	nje)		5.1	Hvordan er det å ha kontakt med folk fr (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)	Helt		kulture Delvis	Helt
	Krangler, eller konflikter med foreidrene dine	aldri og	av Flere til gange			Jeg liker meg like godt blant nordmenn som blant folk fra andre land og kulturer	enig	enig	uenig	uenig
	Bekymringer i forhold til seksualitet					Jeg foretrekker å være sammen med folk fra det landet jeg kommer fra	. 🗆			
	Psykiske problemer hos foreldre/foresatte					Jeg synes at folk fra andre land og kulturer burde tilpasse seg norske kultur- tradisjoner og ikke holde på sine egne	. 🗆	<u> </u>		
	Økonomiske problemer hos foreldre/foresatte			["]		Jeg har like godt forhold til nordmenn som til folk fra andre land og kulturer				
	Rusproblemer hos foreidre/foresatte	-				Siden jeg bor i Norge, er det best jeg lever helt som nordmenn				
	Andre problemer	🔲 🛚	2 3	4	Т	Jeg synes at folk fra andre land og kulturer skal leve som de gjør i hjemlandet sitt, selv om de bor i Norge	. 🗀			
U/T	3. SKOLESITUASJONEN	DIN			•	Jeg synes det er vanskelig å velge om jeg skal leve som nordmenn, eller som folk fra andre land og kulturer				
3.1	Hvordan har du det på skolen? (S	ett ett kryss Helt enig	Delvis D			Det er ofte vanskelig for ungdom med norsk og innvandrer bakgrunn å være sammen på fritida, fordi vi har ulike regler	П	Г		П
	Jeg trives i klassen	-				vi må følge Foreldrene mine har godt kjennskap				
	Jeg har mye til felles med andre i kl Jeg føler meg knyttet til klassen					til hva ungdommene her i Norge gjør på fritida	. 🗆			
	Klassen legger vekt på mine mening	ger				Jeg synes det er vanskelig å bestemme om jeg skal leve som nordmenn, eller som	ı			
	Lærerne legger vekt på meningene	mine.				folk fra andre land og kulturer	. 1	2	3	4
	Lærerne mine setter pris på meg		Ш		5.2	Du kan føle deg som medlem av ulike et som pakistanere, vietnamesere, eller and				
	Lærerne hjelper meg med fagene når jeg trenger det					en del av et større samfunn som for eks			1010 41	
	Lærerne hjelper meg med personlig problemer hvis jeg trenger det		_			Hvordan ser du på deg selv?		D-M-	Delvis	Helt
		1	2	3 4		(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)	Helt	enig	uenig	uenig
3.2	Hvor lett er det for deg å få nye ve	1	kolen?	3 4		Jeg ser på meg selv som norsk	enig			
3.2	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Blant ungdom Alltid lett	1	kolen? Som r vansk			Jeg ser på meg selv som norsk	enig			
3.2	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Blant ungdom lett med norsk bakgrunn	1 enner på si Som regel	Som r			Jeg ser på meg selv som norsk	enig			
3.2	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Blant ungdom lett med norsk bakgrunn	1 enner på si Som regel	Som r	kelig vanske		Jeg ser på meg selv som norsk  Jeg ser på meg selv som pakistaner/ vietnameser/ chilener/ iraner/ annet  Jeg føler jeg er en del av kulturen til pakistanere/ vietnamesere/ chilenere/ iranere/ annet  Jeg er glad for å være norsk	enig .			
3.2	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Blant ungdom lett med norsk bakgrunn	1 enner på si Som regel	Som r vansk	kelig vanske		Jeg ser på meg selv som norsk	enig			
3.2	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Blant ungdom lett med norsk bakgrunn	anner på si Som regel lett	Som r vansk	kelig vanske		Jeg ser på meg selv som norsk	enig			
<b>U/</b> 1	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Blant ungdom lett med norsk bakgrunn	anner på si Som regel lett 2	Som r vansk 3	kelig vanske		Jeg ser på meg selv som norsk	enig			
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<b>U/</b> 1	Alltid lett start	anner på si Som regel lett 2  ILLEIN D t kryss for h at Ganske	Som r vansk 	kelig vanske	lig	Jeg ser på meg selv som norsk	enig	enig	uenig	uenig
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<b>U/</b> 1	Alltid lett kryss for hver linje)  Blant ungdom lett med norsk bakgrunn	anner på si Som regel lett  2  ILEIEN D t kryss for h et Ganske viktig	Som r varisk	kelig vanske	lig	Jeg ser på meg selv som norsk	enig	enig	uenig	uenig
<b>U/</b> 1	Alltid lett wryss for hver linje)  Blant ungdom lett med norsk bakgrunn	anner på si Som regel lett  2  ILEIEN D t kryss for h et Ganske viktig	Som r varisk	kelig vanske	lig	Jeg ser på meg selv som norsk	enig	enig	uenig	uenig

U/	6. KRIGSOPPLEVELSER			UΓ	Γ8. TANNHELSE	
	Har noen av foreldrene dine opplevd krig og følgene av krig på nært hold?	NEI V	fet ikke		8.1 Dersom du skulle til tannlegen i morgen, hva ville du da føle? (Med tannlege menes også skoletannlege) (Sett kryss ved det alternativet som passer best)	
	krig og følgene av krig på nært hold?				Jeg ville se frem til det som en ganske	
U/r	7. SORG				hyggelig opplevelse	
	Har du opplevd sorg, som har eller har hatt	********	***************************************		Ville ikke føle noe, det ville være det samme for meg	_
	betydning for din helse? (Sett bare ett kryss)				Det ville gjøre meg litt urolig	3
	Ja, Ja, Ja, har en gang for flere ganger for nå	Nei			Jeg ville bli redd for at det skulle bli ubehagelig og vondt	4
	1 2 3	4			Jeg ville bli svært redd med tanke på hva tannlegen skulle gjøre	5
7.2	Hvilke helseplager fikk du i så fall av hendelsen (den <u>siste</u> , hvis du har opplevd flere)	?				
	Mest Mest Begge omtrent kroppslige følelsesmessige like mye	_		8.2	Når du venter på tannlegens venteværelse, eller venter på å bli hentet til tannlegen, hvordan føler du deg da? (Sett kryss ved det alternativet som passer best)	
	1 2 3	Т			Avslappet	_ 1
7.3	Omtrent hvor lenge varte/ har helseplagene vart (den siste, hvis du har opplevd flere)	?			Litt urolig	_ 2
	learning brandamid lear				Anspent, nervøs	3
	uker eller måneder eller	1	år		Redd, engstelig	4
7.4	Hvis du har opplevd slik sorg, var den en følge (den <u>siste</u> , hvis du har opplevd flere) (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)	av?			Så redd at jeg av og til begynner å svette eller nesten løler meg syk	5
	Dødsfall av:	JA	NEI	8.3	Når du sitter i tannlegestolen og venter på at tannlegen	
	Foreldre				skal begynne behandlingen, hvordan føler du deg da? (Sett kryss ved det alternativet som passer best)	
	Besteforeldre				Avslappet	П
	Søsken				Litt urolig	
	Annen nær slektning				Anspent, nervøs	
	Venn				Redd, engstelig	
	Andre	П			Så redd at jeg av og til begynner å svette	
		JA	NEI		eller nesten føler meg syk	5
	Alvorlig sykdom:					
	Kjærlighetssorg:			8.4	Tenk deg at du sitter i tannlegestolen og skal få tennene renset og pusset. Mens du sitter og venter på at	
	Annet:				tannlegen skal finne instrumentene som brukes til å pusse og skrape med, hvordan føler du deg da?	
	Hvis «JA» på annet, spesifiser:				(Sett kryss ved det alternativet som passer best)	,
					Avsiappet	
7.5	Har du fått profesjonell hjelp etter hendelsen?	JA	NEI		Litt urolig	
,	(den siste, hvis du har opplevd flere)				Anspent, nerves	_
	Hvis «JA»; Kryss av for hvem som har gitt denne hjelpen:				Redd, engstelig	4
	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Allmennpraktiker		$\Box$		Så redd at jeg av og til begynner å svette eller nesten føler meg syk	5
			:			
	Psykiater			8.5	Hvor redd er du for å få utført tannbehandlingen,	
	Psykolog				alle forhold tatt i betraktning? (Sett kryss ved det alternativet som passer best)	
	Lærer				Ikke i det hele tatt	1
	Annen rådgiver				Litt	_ 2
	Prest				Noe	3
	Sorggruppe				Mye	□ 4
	Annet				Veldig mye	_
	Hvis «JA» på annet, spesifiser:					
7.6	Fikk du medisiner på resept som en del av beha lingen?(siste gang, hvis du har opplevd flere sorge	_ ind- ir) [	A NEI		Т	

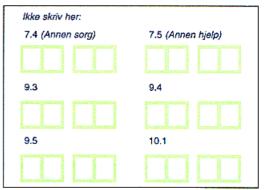
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Annen aktivitet .....

Hvis "Annen aktivitet" - hvilken:



9. KOSTHOLD OG SLANKING	10.4 Har du noen gang blitt gravid/gjort ei jente gravid?  Ja	Ungdomshelse i Oslo,	2.3 Hvor slitsom er denne idretts-/mosjonsaktiviteten? (Sett bare ett kryss)
9.1 Hvor mye drikker du vanligvis av følgende? (1/2 liter = 3 glass)		,	Driver ikke Litt Ganske Meget Svært idrett/mosjon anstrengende anstrengende anstrengende anstrengende
(Sett ett kryss Sjelden/ 1-6 gl. 1 gl. 2-3 gl. 4 gl. el. mer for hver linje) aldri pr. uke pr. dag pr. dag pr. dag	Hvis «NEI» hopp til pkt. 11.1	Oppland, Hedmark og	
Cola/brus med sukker	10.5 Hvor gammel var du da dette (sist) skjedde?		2.4 Hvor ofte har du drevet med følgende treningsaktiviteter i løpet
Cola/brus «light»	Jeg var år	Tromsø by	av de siste 12 mnd. i snitt? (Sett ett kryss for hver aktivitetsgruppe)
Fruktjuice 1 2 3 4 5	10.6 Ble det utført abort?	-	Under 1 gang Flere ganger Aldri 1 gang pr uke pr uke pr uke
9.2 Hvor ofte spiser du vanligvis disse matvarene?  (Sett ett kryss Sjelden/ 1-3 g. 1-3 g. 4-6 g. 1-2 g. 3 g. el. mer for hver linje) aldri pr. mnd pr. uke pr. uke pr. dag pr. dag	Ja Nei Vet ikke		Utholdenhetsidrett (f.eks. løp, sykling, langrenn, svømming)
Frukt, bær	11. BRUK AV MEDISINER		håndball, fotball, ishockey) 🔲 🔲 🔲
Kokte grønnsaker	11.1 Hvor ofte har du i løpet av de siste 4 ukene brukt		Estetisk idrett (f.eks. dans, turn, aerobics)
Rå grønnsaker/salat	følgende medisiner? (Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Med medisiner mener vi her medisiner		Styrkeidrett
Feit fisk (f.eks. laks, makrell, sild, ørret)	kjøpt på apotek. Kosttilskudd og Hver uke, Sjeldnere Ikke brukt vitaminer regnes <u>ikke</u> med her. Brukke enn hver siste		(f.eks. bryting, vekttrening)
Sjokolade/smågodt	Aldri Daglig daglig uke maned		karate, taekwondo) 🔲 🔲 🔲
Chips, potetgull 1 2 3 4 5 6	Smertestillende uten resept		Tekniske idretter (f.eks. ridning, alpint, telemark, friidrett, snow-
9.3 Bruker du følgende kosttilskudd?	Allergi-medisin	Dato for utfylling:	board, golf, rullebrett/skøyter)
(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Ja, daglig Iblant Nei	Astma-medisin	Dag Måned Ar	Risikoidrett (f.eks. elvepadling, fjellklatring, paragliding)
Tran, trankapsler, fiskeoljekapsler U U U Vitamin-og/eller mineraltilskudd U U	Sovemedisin		Annet: Kryss av
•	Medisin mot depresjon		og skriv aktivitet her:
9.4 Har du noen gang prøvd å slanke deg? (Sett bare ett kryss)  Nei, aldri 1 Ja, tidligere 2 Ja, nå 3 Ja, hele tiden 4	Annen medisin på resept	1. EGEN HELSE  1.1 Hvordan er helsen din nå? (Sett bare ett kryss)	Hvis du <u>ikke</u> driver med idrett/mosjon slik at du blir andpusten eller svett (utenom skoletid), gå direkte til pkt. 2.6
9.5 Har du noen gang vært til behandling for spiseforstyrrelser?  Nei Nei, men jeg burde vært Ja	11.2 Skriv navnet på medisinene som du har krysset av for	Dårlig ☐ 1 Ikke helt god ☐ 2 God ☐ 3 Svært god ☐ 4	2.5 Hvor viktig er ulike årsaker til at du trener?
9.6 Er det viktig for hva slags syn du har på deg selv at du er slank?	ovenfor, og hva grunnen var til at du tok medisinene (sykdom eller symptom):	Ja, Ja, 1.2 Har du, eller har du hatt?	(Sett ett kryss for hvert utsagn) Svært Ganske Ikke ei viktig viktig viktig
Ja, svært viktig Ja, nokså viktig Nei, ikke særlig viktig	(Kryss av for hvor lenge du har brukt medisinen) brukt medisinen?	Astma	Synes det er gøy
	Navn på medisinen: Grunn til bruk Inntil Ett år eller mer	Høysnue (pollenallergi, allergisk reaksjon, rennende nese, svie i øynene)	Tenker klarere
9.7 Har det i løpet av de siste 6 mnd. hendt at:  Du selv syntes at du var for tykk?		Eksem	
Ja, en god del Ja, litt Nei		Diabetes (sukkersyke)	
Du var redd for å legge på deg eller bli for tykk?	Dersom det ikke er nok plass her, kan du fortsette på eget ark som du legger ved.	Dysleksi	Det er sunt
Ja, veldig Nokså Ikke særlig Nei	12. BRUK AV HELSETJENESTER	1.3 Har du de <u>siste 12 mnd</u> hatt? (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Ja Nei	Viser fremgang
Andre sa du var for tynn, mens du selv syntes at du var for tykk?	12.1 Har du i løpet av de siste 12 mnd. selv brukt?	Halsbetennelse (minst 3 ganger)	Slanker meg
Ja, ofte Noen få ganger Nei	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Ingen 1-3 4 ganger ganger eller mer	Bronkitt eller lungebetennelse	Andre synes jeg bør
Du følte at du mistet kontrollen mens du spiste og	Skolehelsetjenesten	1.4 Har du i løpet av <u>de siste 12 mnd</u> flere ganger vært	2.6 Har du sluttet med noen organisert
klarte ikke å stoppe før du hadde spist for mye?  Ja, minst to ☐ 1-4 ganger ☐ Sjelden ☐	Helsestasjon for ungdom	plaget med smerter i? (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Ja Nei	idrettsaktivitet etter 10. klasse?
ganger i uka i måneden eller aldri	Vanlig lege (Allmennpraktiserende lege)	Hode (hodepine, migrene e.l.).	Hvis «JA»: hvor viktig er disse årsaker til at du har sluttet:
9.8 Har du gjort noe av følgende for å kontrollere vekten de siste 12 mnd. (Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Minst 2  1-4	PP-tjenesten	Nakke/skuldre	Svært Ganske lkke ⊥ viktig viktig
ganger ganger Sjelden Aldri i uka i mnd.	Psykolog eller psykiater (privat eller på poliklinikk)	Mage	Vennene mine sluttet
Jeg spiser mindre	Psykiatrisk ungdomsteam	Rygg	Det tok for mye tid
Jeg faster	Annen spesialist (privat eller på poliklinikk) U U Legevakt (privat eller offentlig) U U	Hvis du har svart «NEI» på alle spørsmålene under 1.4: Hopp til pkt. 1.6	Jeg synes ikke jeg var flink nok
Jeg driver hard fysisk trening	Sykehusinnleggelse	1.5 Har <u>disse smertene</u> ført til at du har vært hjemme	Likte ikke miljøet/treneren
Jeg bruker avføringspiller eller	Sosialtjenesten i kommunen	fra skolen/studiene/jobben i løpet av de siste 12 mnd? (Sett bare ett kryss)	Lang reisevei
vanndrivende midler	Fysioterapeut	Nei	Begynte med annen aktivitet
Spørsmål 9.9 gjelder <u>bare jentene.</u> Gutter, hopp til pkt. 10.1.	Alternativ behalfuler	Nei⊡i dagei⊡≥ dagei⊡s dagei⊡+ 10 dagei⊡s	Måtte jobbe med skolen
9.9 Har du i løpet av de to siste årene slanket deg Ja Nei Ikke fått	13. HUD	1.6 Hva veide du sist du veide deg? Hele kilo	
eller trent så mye at mensen har forsvunnet i 3 måneder eller mer?	13.1 Har du den siste uken hatt?  13.2 Hvis «JA», når startet hudplagen?	1.7 Hvor høy var du sist du målte deg? Hele cm	2.7 Driver du eller har du drevet med konkurranseidrett? (Sett bare ett kryss)
10. SEKSUELL ADFERD OG PREVENSJON	Ja, Ja, Siste Mer enn ಕ Nei Ja, litt endel mye 12 mnd. 12 mnd. siden ಕ	1.7 Tivor noy var du sist du maite deg : Tiele chi	Ja, nå ☐ Ja, før ☐ Nei, aldri ☐
10.1 Har du noen gang hatt samleie  Ja, med en partner  Ja, med flere partnere  Nei	Kviser	2. MOSJON OG FYSISK AKTIVITET	2.8 Har du noen gang prøvd dopingmidler? (Sett bare ett kryss)
Hvis «NEI» på pkt. 10.1, hopp til pkt. 11.1	Tørr hud	2.1 Utenom skoletid (studie-, arbeidstid): Hvor	Nei, Ja, en Ja, flere Ja, jeg bruker aldri
10.2 Alder første gang? Jeg var år	Utslett	mange ganger i uka driver du idrett/mosjon slik at du blir andpusten eller svett?  ganger pr uke	2.9 Utenom skole/arbeidstid: Hvor mange timer pr. ukedag
10.3 Brukte du/dere prevensjon ved siste samleie?	Andre hudplager	2.2 Omtrent hvor mange timer pr. uke bruker du på dette?	(mandag til fredag) sitter du i gjennomsnitt foran
Nei Kondom P-pille/ Nødprevensjon/ Annet Vet ikke sprøyte/ring angrepillen	13.3 Hvor på kroppen har du hudplager?	0 1-2 3-4 5-7 8-10 11	TV, video og/eller PC (spill og internett)? (Sett bare ett kryss) Inntil 1 time 1-2 timer 3-5 timer mer enn 5 timer
	Ansikt Hodebunn Hender/håndledd Andre steder	timer timer timer timer timer timer eller mer	1 2 3 4

3. PÅKJENNINGER, MESTRING OG SOSIAL STØTTE 3.1 Under finner du en liste over ulike plager. Har du opplevd	Nei, aldri Ja, nå Ja, før  3.6 Har du, eller har du hatt kjæreste?	6. STERKE OG SVAKE SIDER 6.1 Hva slags oppfatning har du av	Ikke i det Bare En god hele tatt litt del My Fungering på skole, i jobb
noe av dette den siste uken (til og med i dag)?	Hvis du <u>ikke</u> går på skole, hopp til pkt. 4.1	deg selv?(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Svært enig Uenig Svært enig	Fritidsaktiviteter
(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Ikke Litt Ganske Veldig plaget plaget mye mye	3.7 Hvordan har du det på skolen?  Helt Delvis Delvis Helt	Jeg har en positiv holdning til meg selv	1 2 3 4
Plutselig frykt uten grunn	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)	⊥ Jeg føler meg virkelig ubrukelig til tider    □    □    □    □    □	6.7 Er vanskene en belastning for de rundt deg? (familie, venner, lærere osv.)
	Jeg trives i klassen	Jeg føler at jeg ikke har mye å	Ikke i det Bare En god
Føler deg redd eller engstelig	Jeg har mye til felles med andre i klassen	være stolt av	hele tatt litt dĕl Mye ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
Føler deg anspent eller oppjaget	Jeg føler meg knyttet til klassen	Jeg føler at jeg er en verdifull person,	
Lett for å klandre deg selv	Lærerne mine setter pris på meg	i hvert fall på lik linje med andre	7. OPPVEKST OG TILHØRIGHET
Søvnproblemer	Lærerne hjelper meg med fagene når jeg trenger det	Jeg er fornøyd med kroppen min	7.1 Jeg tror vår familie, sett i forhold til andre i Norge, har:
Nedtrykt, tungsindig (trist)	Lærerne hjelper meg med personlige	6.2 Svar på grunnlag av slik du har hatt det de siste 6 månedene.	(Sett bare ett kryss)
Følelse av å være unyttig, lite verd	problemer hvis jeg trenger det	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) Stemmer Stemmer Stemmer ikke delvis helt	Dårlig råd Middels råd God råd Svært god råd
Følelse av at alt er et slit	1 2 3 4		7.2 Er far og/eller mor i arbeid nå?
Følelse av håpløshet mht. fremtiden	4. UTDANNING OG UTDANNINGSPLANER	Jeg prøver å være hyggelig mot andre. Jeg bryr meg om hva de føler	Ja, Ja, Arbeidsløs/ Hjemme- Går på skole/ Død heltid deltid trygdet værende studerer
Følelse av ensomhet	4.1 Går du på skole/studerer eller jobber du? (Sett bare ett kryss)	Jeg er rastløs. Jeg kan ikke være lenge i ro	Far:
Tanker om å gjøre slutt på livet ditt	Videregående skole: allmenne-, økonadm. fag/idrettsfag/	Jeg har ofte hodepine,	Mor:
1 2 3 4	musikk, dans og drama	vondt i magen eller kvalme	
3.2 Under finner du noen påstander.	Videregående skole: yrkesfag med allmenn påbyggingskurs	Jeg deler gjerne med andre (mat, spill, andre ting)	7.3 Mine foreldre er: (Sett bare ett kryss)  Gift/ Skilt/ En eller begge
(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Helt Nokså Nokså Helt galt galt riktig riktig	Videregående skole: yrkesfag3	Jeg blir ofte sint og har kort lunte	samboere Ugift separert er døde Annet
Jeg klarer alltid å løse vanskelige problemer hvis jeg prøver hardt nok	Høyskole/universitet4	Jeg er ofte for meg selv. Jeg gjør som	12345
Hvis noen motarbeider meg,	Folkehøyskole 5	regel ting alene	7.4 Hvem bor du sammen med nå? (Sett bare ett kryss)
så kan jeg finne måter og veier for å	Jobber (som hovedbeskjeftigelse)	Jeg gjør som regel det jeg får beskjed om	(Ta ikke med søsken og halvsøsken)  Mor og Bare Bare Omtrent like mye Mor/far og ny
få det som jeg vil 📙 📙 📙	Arbeidsledig	Jeg bekymrer meg mye	Mor og Bare Bare Omtrent like mye Mor/far og ny far mor far hos mor og far samb./ektefelle
Hvis jeg har et problem og står helt fast, så finner jeg vanligvis en vei ut	Annet: skriv her:	Jeg stiller opp hvis noen er såret, lei seg eller føler seg dårlig	
Jeg føler meg trygg på at jeg ville kunne	$\perp$	Jeg er stadig urolig eller i bevegelse	Foster- Bokol- Alene på Sammen med foreldre lektiv hybel/leil. kjæreste Andre
takle uventede hendelser på en	4.2 Hva er den høyeste utdanning du har tenkt å ta?	Jeg har en eller flere gode venner	
effektiv måte	(Sett bare ett kryss) Universitet eller høyskoleutdanning av høyere grad	Jeg slåss mye. Jeg kan få andre	
Jeg beholder roen når jeg møter vanskeligheter fordi jeg stoler på mine	(F.eks. master, lektor, advokat, sivilingeniør, lege)	til å gjøre det jeg vil 📙 📙 📙	8. ADFERD
evner til å mestre/få til ting 🔲 🔲 🔲	Universitet eller høyskoleutdanning av <u>lavere grad (F.eks.</u>	Jeg er ofte lei meg, nedfor eller på gråten ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	8.1 Har du gjort eller vært med på noe av dette de siste 12 mnd.?
1 2 3 4	bachelor, lærer, politi, sykepleier, ingeniør, journalist) 🗀 2	Jeg blir som regel likt av andre	(Sett ett kryss for hver linje)  Stiålet penger eller ting fra  1-5 6-10 Mer e Aldri ganger ganger 10 gan
3.3 Har du etter 10. klasse opplevd hvis «JA», opplevd opplevd	Videregående skole: allmenne-, økonadm. fag/idrettsfag/ musikk, dans og drama 3	Jeg blir lett distrahert, jeg synes det er	noen i familien din
Foreldre (foresatt) har blitt arbeidsløse  Nei  Ja siste 12 mnd?	Videregående skole: yrkesfag 4	vanskelig å konsentrere meg	Lurt deg fra å betale på kino,
eller uføretrygdet	Annet: skriv her:	Jeg blir nervøs i nye situasjoner. Jeg	buss, tog e.l
Alvorlig sykdom eller skade hos deg selv	Har ikke bestemt meg	blir lett usikker	Slått eller truet med å slå noen
Alvorlig sykdom eller skade hos noen	Tide like 50000 in mog	Jeg blir ofte beskyldt for å lyve eller jukse	Skulket skole/jobb
som står deg nær U U  Dødsfall hos noen som sto deg nær	5. LESING OG SKRIVING	Andre unge plager eller mobber meg	Sniffet
Vært utsatt for seksuelle overgrep		Jeg tilbyr meg ofte å hjelpe andre	Bare til deg som går på skolen:
Selv blitt mobbet	5.1 Har fagpersonell sagt at du har eller har hatt lese-/skrivevansker? (Sett bare ett kryss)	(foreldre, lærere, barn, andre unge)	Blitt innkalt til rektor for noe galt du
Opplevd vold i hjemmet		Jeg tenker meg om før jeg handler	har gjort
Selv vært utsatt for vold fra ungdom	Ja, store 1 Ja, middels 2 Ja, lette 3 Nei 4	(gjør noe)	Bare til deg som bor hos en eller begge foreldre: Vært hjemmefra en hel natt uten at
Selv vært utsatt for vold fra voksne	5.2 Hvor god er du til å lese nå? (Sett bare ett kryss)	på skolen eller andre steder	foreldrene visste hvor du var, eller du
3.4 Når du tenker på familie og venner,	Veldig god 1 God 2 Mindre god 3 Dårlig 4	Jeg kommer bedre overens med voksne	sa at du var et annet sted enn du var i virkeligheten
vil du si at: Helt Delvis Delvis Helt		enn de på min egen alder	- J
(Sett ett kryss for hver linje) enig enig uenig uenig	5.3 Hvor godt liker du å lese? (Sett bare ett kryss)	Jeg er redd for mye, jeg blir lett skremt ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	8.2 Røyker du, eller har du røykt? (Sett bare ett kryss)
Jeg føler meg knyttet til familien min	Veldig godt 1 Godt 2 Mindre godt 3 Dårlig 4	til å konsentrere meg	Nei, Ja, men jeg Ja, Ja, hver Ja, hver dag 4
Familien legger vekt på mine meninger		6.2. Comist sympo du et du hou yangkay må on allay flavo	
Jeg betyr mye for familien min   Jeg kan regne med familien min når	5.4 Synes du det er vanskelig å lese underteksten på utenlandske	6.3 Samlet, synes du at du har vansker på en eller flere av følgende områder: med følelser, konsentrasjon, oppførsel	8.3 Bruker du eller har du brukt snus, skrå e.l.? (Sett bare ett krys:
jeg trenger hjelp	filmer? (Sett bare ett kryss)	eller med å komme overens med andre mennesker?	Nei, ☐ Ja, men jeg ☐ Ja, ☐ Ja, hver☐ 4 aldri ☐ 1 har sluttet ☐ 2 av og til ☐ 3 dag ☐ 4
Jeg føler meg nært knyttet til	Ja, ofte 1 Ja, av og til 2 Sjelden 3 Aldri 4	Ja, små Ja, betydelige Ja, alvorlige Nei	Hvis du har svart « <b>NEI, ALDRI</b> » på pkt. 8.2 <b>og</b> 8.3: hopp til pkt. 8.5
vennene mine	5.5 Har du opplevd pinlige situasjoner fordi du		
Vennene mine legger vekt på mine meninger	ikke har lest riktig eller raskt nok? (Sett bare ett kryss)	Hvis du har svart «NEI», gå direkte til pkt. 7.1	8.4 Hvor gammel var du da du begynte å:
Jeg kan bidra/være til støtte for	Ja, ofte 1 Ja, av og til 2 Sjelden 3 Aldri 4	6.4 Hvor lenge har disse vanskene vært tilstede?	Røyke? år Snuse? år
vennene mine		Mindre enn 1-5 6-12 Mer enn en måned 1 måneder 2 måneder 3 ett år 1 4	
Jeg kan regne med vennene mine	5.6 Har du vanligvis lett for å bytte om på bokstaver eller ord		8.5 Omtrent hvor ofte har du i løpet av det siste året drukket alkohol? (Sett bare ett kryss) (Lettøl og alkoholfritt øl regnes ikke med)
når jeg trenger hjelp L L L L L L L 1 2 3 4	når du skriver? (Sett bare ett kryss)	6.5 Forstyrrer eller plager vanskene deg?	2-7 ganger 1 gang 1-3 ganger Noen få
3.5 Har du etter 10. klasse opplevd noe av Ja, av Ja, ofte opplevd noe av Nei og til ofte	Ja, ofte 1 Ja, av og til 2 Sjelden 3 Aldri 4	lkke i det □ Bare □ En god □ 3 Mye □ 4	i uka i uka i måneden ganger i året Aldri
Tølgende? (Sett ett kryss for nver linje)	5.7 Synes du rettskrivning er vanskeligere		
Stort arbeidspress på skolen	enn andre ting på skolen?	6.6 Virker vanskene inn på livet ditt på Ikke i det Bare En god noen av disse områdene? Ikke i det Bare En god	8.6 Har du noen gang drukket så mye alkohol at du har vært beruset (full)? (Sett bare ett kryss)
Stort press fra andre for å lykkes/ gjøre det bra på skolen		Hjemme/i familien	Nei, 1-4 5-10 11-25 26-50 Over 50
Store vansker med å forstå læreren når	5.8 Hvilken karakter fikk du sist i norsk skriftlig?	Forhold til venner	aldri ganger ganger ganger ganger ganger
hun/han underviser	(termin-/standpunktkarakter)	1 2 3 4	