Who are the Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament?

**MSYPs by gender**

- Female (54.89%)
- Male (42.86%)
- Prefer to use my own term (1.50%)
- Prefer not to say (0.75%)

There are more MSYPs who identify as female than male.

The SYP Board has an equal gender split.

**MSYPs with experience of care**

11.29% of MSYPs reported having an experience of care. This is much higher than Scotland's population of young people as a whole (2%).

- No experience of care (88.72%)
- Experience of care (11.28%)

**Sexual orientation of MSYPs**

Over 39% of MSYPs identify as LGBTI+.

- Heterosexual (57.14%)
- Bisexual (27.07%)
- Gay / Lesbian (8.27%)
- Prefer to use my own term (3.76%)
- Prefer not to say (3.76%)

**MSYPs who are young carers**

Over 9% of MSYPs carry out roles as young carers in addition to their SYP duties, providing unpaid care for a family member.

- Yes (9.02%)
- No (90.98%)
MSYPs with disabilities

SYP is committed to removing barriers to representation for young people with disabilities. Nearly 17% of MSYPs consider themselves to have a disability.

MSYPs’ ethnicity

More than 14% of MSYPs are from minority ethnic groups. According to the 2011 Census, the percentage of people in Scotland from minority ethnic groups is 4%.

MSYPs per SIMD decile

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) breaks down Scotland into 6,505 areas, each containing around 800 people, ranked from 1 (most deprived) to 6,505 (least deprived). This pie chart records the percentage of MSYPs in each decile (grouping of 10%) of the SIMD scale.

There is a fairly even representation of MSYPs from all ten deciles.

Job aspirations

Only 21.8% of MSYPs want to work as a politician or elected official.

The Scottish Youth Parliament is the democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people. Our vision for Scotland is of a nation that actively listens to and values the meaningful participation of its children and young people.

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