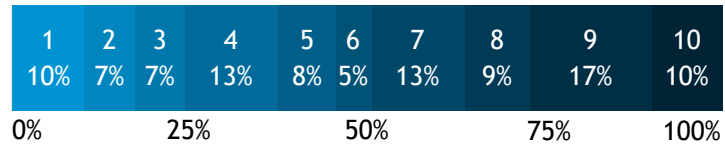




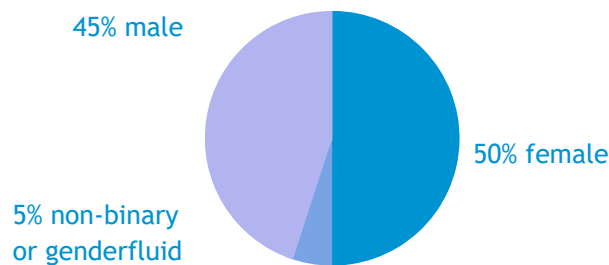
Our Membership

Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament are representative of Scotland's diverse communities of young people. Our census was designed and analysed by an external, independent consultant.

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation



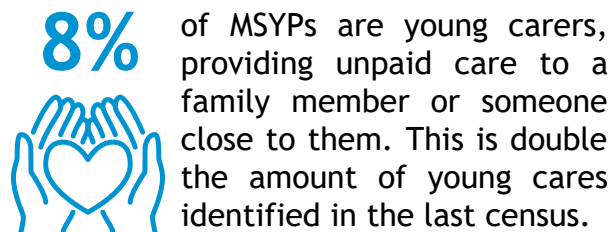
There is a relatively even representation of MSYPs from all ten Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation deciles. Nearly half (45%) of all MSYPs live in the most deprived deciles, with slightly more (55%) residing within the five least deprived deciles.



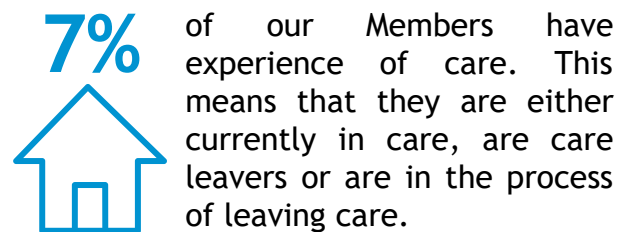
Gender

Members are relatively evenly divided in terms of gender, with slightly more identifying as female (50%) than male (45%). The remaining 5% of MSYPs identify as either non-binary or genderfluid.

Young Carers

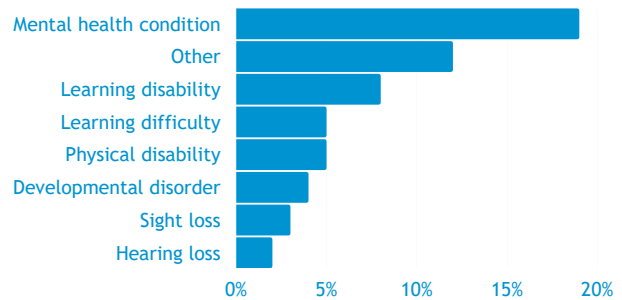


Care Experience



Health and disability

Around two-fifths (38%) of all of our MSYPs reported that they live with at least one of the conditions or disabilities listed. While one fifth (19%) of all Members live with a mental health condition.



Ethnicity

18% of MSYPs identified as belonging to a minority ethnic group. This represents a threefold increase in terms of ethnic minority representation when comparing to the most recent Scottish census data.

Sexual Orientation

When describing their sexual orientation, 39% of Members identify as LGBTI+. This includes 24% of MSYPs identifying as bisexual and 12% of representatives identifying as gay and/or lesbian.

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