

# ZERO MEASUREMENT RESULTS HUNGARY AND POLAND 

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The purpose of this zero measurement was to gather information and to draw a global picture of the eating habits in terms of fruit and vegetables consumption among three target groups living in each of the four regions of the EU financed "My healthy family" project.

3500 participants were contacted between November 2014 and March 2015. All received free fruit and vegetables (FRUIT AND VEGETABLES) parcels during the course of the project. The results are based on 1,414 completed questionnaires in Hungary and 1,934 in Poland.

A series of data has been analysed to draw conclusions as to how household composition, socioeconomic status (SES), shopping habits, food choice, eating as well as cooking habits affect consumption patterns.

The following segments have been created for Socio economic status (SES) using as determinants:

- Education - ranging from low (elementary and vocational) to medium (high school) and high (university degree: bachelor, master, postgraduate)
- Income - low (below 300 EUR) and high (over 700 EUR)
- Place of living - villages + towns up to 10000 inhabitants and cities above 100000 inhabitants

The results of this survey in comparison with the postevaluation at the end of the project, will permit an assessment of if and how the eating habits of the same panel of respondents have evolved. The collected data will allow an ex-ante evaluation of the project's efficiency in terms of quantity and quality.

The postevaluation questionnaire will have additional questions to identify, whenever possible, the measures that will have proven most effective.

No specific conclusions can be drawn yet from the zero measurement, for lack of comparative data. However, some factual highlight have been added to the end of each section.

## 1. HUNGARY

### 1.1.PREGNANT WOMEN

### 1.1.1. Introduction

## Country: Hungary

Target group: Pregnant
Number of responses (completed questionnaires): 470
$52,1 \%$ of the respondents live in North Hungary (245) and 47,9\% in North Great Hungarian Plain (225).
$95,7 \%$ of respondents were women. Information about nutrition habits of 20 households within this target group are based on surveys completed by male members of those households who collected the free fruit and vegetables parcels on behalf of his pregnant wife/partner/relative.

### 1.1.2. Basic information about respondents

Question 9: Number of people in the household

| Number of people in the household |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| 1 | $1,1 \%$ | 5 |
| 2 | $11,3 \%$ | 53 |
| 3 | $29,6 \%$ | 139 |
| 4 | $26,4 \%$ | 124 |
| 5 | $18,3 \%$ | 86 |
| 6 | $7,4 \%$ | 35 |
| 7 | $3,6 \%$ | 17 |
| 8 | $1,1 \%$ | 5 |
| 9 | $0,9 \%$ | 4 |
| 10 | $0,2 \%$ | 1 |
| more than10 | $0,2 \%$ | 1 |



|  | Education |  |  |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer <br> Options | Response <br> Percent | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |  |
| 1 | $1,1 \%$ | $0,9 \%$ | $0,6 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ |  |
| 2 | $11,3 \%$ | $8,4 \%$ | $14,2 \%$ | $8,1 \%$ | $13,1 \%$ | $10,7 \%$ | $10,3 \%$ |  |
| 3 | $29,6 \%$ | $26,0 \%$ | $34,3 \%$ | $29,7 \%$ | $36,1 \%$ | $31,1 \%$ | $30,1 \%$ |  |
| 4 | $26,4 \%$ | $23,3 \%$ | $26,6 \%$ | $23,0 \%$ | $14,8 \%$ | $27,2 \%$ | $28,1 \%$ |  |
| 5 | $18,3 \%$ | $20,9 \%$ | $16,0 \%$ | $18,9 \%$ | $27,9 \%$ | $22,3 \%$ | $19,2 \%$ |  |
| 6 | $7,4 \%$ | $8,8 \%$ | $7,1 \%$ | $10,8 \%$ | $6,6 \%$ | $4,9 \%$ | $7,5 \%$ |  |
| 7 | $3,6 \%$ | $7,0 \%$ | $0,6 \%$ | $5,4 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,9 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ |  |
| 8 | $1,1 \%$ | $1,9 \%$ | $0,6 \%$ | $2,7 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |  |
| 9 | $0,9 \%$ | $1,9 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,6 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $2,1 \%$ |  |
| 10 | $0,2 \%$ | $0,5 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ |  |
| more than 10 | $0,2 \%$ | $0,5 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |  |

The average household in this sample had 3.97 persons (which is significantly higher than the national averages (2.36) as reported by the KSH (Hungarian Central Institute of Statistics, Office of Education) showing a significant predominance of 3 members households with high education levels and high income. The lower the education level is, the bigger are the families.

Question 10: Sex of people in the household

Sex of people in the household
Nem:


Question 13: Is there an infant in your household (baby under 12 months?)

Is there an infant in your household (baby under 12 months?)

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $52,8 \%$ | 248 |
| No | $47,2 \%$ | 222 |
|  | answered question | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Question 15: Are the inhabitants of the household in touch with one of the grandparents (at least once a week)?

Are the inhabitants of the household in touch with one of the grandparents (at least once a week)?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $90,2 \%$ | 424 |
| No | $9,8 \%$ | 46 |

answered question 470
skipped question 0

Question 16: Who do you live with?

| Who do you live with? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| my children | $79,4 \%$ | 373 |
| my parents | $13,0 \%$ | 61 |
| my wife/husband | $64,3 \%$ | 302 |
| my partner | $21,9 \%$ | 103 |
| my grandparents | $2,3 \%$ | 11 |
| other members of the family | $7,4 \%$ | 35 |
| other members of the family | $0,2 \%$ | 1 |
| non relatives | $0,6 \%$ | 3 |

## Conclusions

The "pregnant" target group includes all families with a pregnant woman or a woman that was pregnant in the previous year. 470 families of this target group participated in the zero measurement survey. Both regions are represented pretty equally.

Over 1,866 family members have been approached within this target group. Out of this number 391 women are pregnant or gave birth recently, whereas in 313 households there is at least one baby under 12 months. 248 families not only already have a baby under 12 months but expect a new one.

This survey shows that the traditional household is composed of wife and husband / partners, living with their children.

### 1.1.3. Socio-economic issues

Question 17: Your highest level of education

| Your highest level of education |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| primary school | $15,5 \%$ | 73 |
| vocational education | $30,0 \%$ | 141 |
| high school | $18,7 \%$ | 88 |
| Bachelor degree | $24,7 \%$ | 116 |
| Masters degree | $9,6 \%$ | 45 |
| Postgraduate | $1,5 \%$ | 7 |
|  | answered question | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

## Your highest level of education


ם primary school
$\square$ vocational education
ם high school
ם Bachelor degree
$\square$ Masters degree
ם postgraduate

Question 18: Your partner's highest level of education
Your partner's highest level of education: (choose from the list)

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| primary school | $13,8 \%$ | 65 |
| vocational education | $43,0 \%$ | 202 |
| high school | $14,7 \%$ | 69 |
| Bachelor degree | $12,8 \%$ | 60 |
| Masters degree | $7,9 \%$ | 37 |
| postgraduate | $0,4 \%$ | 2 |
| I don't have a partner | $7,4 \%$ | 35 | answered question 470 skipped question 0



Among the respondents, more than a third graduated from higher education, whereas nearly half of them had a low education level (primary or vocational).

Question 19: Your occupation

| Your occupation: (choose from the list) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| I'm still at school, studying or doing an apprenticeship | $1,5 \%$ | 7 |
| I have a full time job | $16,8 \%$ | 79 |
| I have a part time job | $1,3 \%$ | 6 |
| Casual employment | $0,4 \%$ | 2 |
| I'm unemployed | $7,0 \%$ | 33 |
| I'm a pensioner/annuitant | $1,1 \%$ | 5 |
| I'm on maternity leave, | $70,9 \%$ | 333 |
| I work on my own farm | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| I run my own business | $1,1 \%$ | 5 |

Over $70 \%$ of respondents are on maternity leave and a mere $16 \%$ have a full time job. Only $7 \%$ declared to be unemployed, which corresponds to the average Hungarian unemployment rate which is $7.3 \%$ (source: http://countryeconomy.com/unemployment/hungary).

Question 20: You live in

| You live in ...(choose from the options) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| Village | $9,8 \%$ | 46 |
| City below 10 000 | $12,1 \%$ | 57 |
| City $10000-50000$ | $39,8 \%$ | 187 |
| City $50000-100000$ | $7,2 \%$ | 34 |
| City $100000-250000$ | $23,6 \%$ | 111 |
| City $250000-500000$ | $7,4 \%$ | 35 |



Where people live is pretty similar for both regions. More than $20 \%$ live in rural areas, which is similar to the average value.

Question 21: Monthly disposable income of your household (after tax):

$60 \%$ of the respondents who answered the question have less than $500 €$ disposable income per household, $16 \%$ have a monthly disposable income above $700 €$.

## Conclusions

$>$ More than half of the respondents earn little and half have low education. In terms of purchasing power, most of the household have less than $500 €$. The project was mainly promoted among people of low socio-economic status.
> More than 2 respondents out of 3 are on maternity leave.
$>$ The percentage of respondents living in rural areas coresponds to the average of the whole country.

### 1.1.4. Shopping habits

Question 22: Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household? (more than one answer is possible)

Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| You | $54,7 \%$ | 257 |
| Partner | $11,1 \%$ | 52 |
| Both | $40,9 \%$ | 192 |
| Parents | $6,0 \%$ | 28 |
| Grandparents | $1,7 \%$ | 8 |
| Other | $0,9 \%$ | 4 |

Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?


- You - Partner - Both - Parents - Grandparents - Other

|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | Village | big city |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| You | $57,7 \%$ | $49,1 \%$ | $66,2 \%$ | $37,7 \%$ | $67,0 \%$ | $47,9 \%$ |
| Partner | $8,4 \%$ | $14,2 \%$ | $9,5 \%$ | $8,2 \%$ | $8,7 \%$ | $9,6 \%$ |
| Both | $36,3 \%$ | $47,9 \%$ | $27,0 \%$ | $54,1 \%$ | $34,0 \%$ | $46,6 \%$ |
| Parents | $7,9 \%$ | $4,1 \%$ | $6,8 \%$ | $6,6 \%$ | $6,8 \%$ | $4,1 \%$ |
| Grandparents | $1,4 \%$ | $0,6 \%$ | $2,7 \%$ | $3,3 \%$ | $1,9 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ |
| Other | $1,4 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,6 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |

$54.7 \%$ of respondents do shopping individually and $40.9 \%$ together with their partner.
SES seems a major factor in determining who does the shopping. The higher the SES (high education level, high income, living in big cities), the more frequent couples shop together.

Question 23: Do you have a specific budget for food-shopping?
Do you have a specific budget for food-shopping?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $25,5 \%$ | 120 |
| No | $74,5 \%$ | 350 |
|  | answered question | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Question 24: If yes: how much per week?

| If yes: how much per week? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| $0-15 €(0-4478 \mathrm{Ft})$ | $15,9 \%$ | 21 |
| $15-25 €(4478-7463 \mathrm{Ft})$ | $38,6 \%$ | 51 |
| $25-50 €(7463-14926$ Ft $)$ | $40,2 \%$ | 53 |
| $50-100 €(14926-29852 \mathrm{Ft})$ | $3,8 \%$ | 5 |
| $100-150 €(29852-44778 \mathrm{Ft})$ | $1,5 \%$ | 2 |
| $150 €$ more $(44778 \mathrm{Ft})$ | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
|  | answered question | 132 |
|  | skipped question | 338 |

If yes: how much per week?


Question 25: How much of your expenses on food do you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables?

How much of your expenses on food do you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Less than 20\% | $47,2 \%$ | 222 |
| $21-40 \%$ | $43,8 \%$ | 206 |
| $41-60 \%$ | $7,0 \%$ | 33 |
| More than 60\% | $1,9 \%$ | 9 |
|  | answered question |  |
|  | skipped question | 470 |
|  |  | 0 |


| Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than $20 \%$ | $53,0 \%$ | $38,5 \%$ | $67,6 \%$ | $47,5 \%$ | $47,6 \%$ | $47,3 \%$ |
| $21-40 \%$ | $39,5 \%$ | $50,9 \%$ | $23,0 \%$ | $44,3 \%$ | $40,8 \%$ | $43,2 \%$ |
| $41-60 \%$ | $5,1 \%$ | $8,9 \%$ | $8,1 \%$ | $3,3 \%$ | $8,7 \%$ | $8,9 \%$ |
| More than $60 \%$ | $2,3 \%$ | $1,8 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ | $4,9 \%$ | $2,9 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ |

$75 \%$ stated to have no specific budget for food shopping. Nearly $80 \%$ of the respondents who do have a dedicated budget for food shopping spend between 15-50 $€$.
$16 \%$ spend less than $15 €$ per week on fruit and vegetables.
People with higher education and higher income spend more on fruit and vegetables

Question 26: Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees?

| Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees? |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Response | Response |  |
| Percent | Count |  |  |
| Yes | $37,9 \%$ | 178 |  |
| No | $62,1 \%$ | 292 |  |
|  | answered question |  | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 | 0 |

Question 27: If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)
\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{lcc}\text { Answer Options } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Response } \\
\text { Percent }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Response } \\
\text { Count }\end{array}
$$ <br>
100-500 \mathrm{~g} \& 58,3 \% \& 119 <br>
500 \mathrm{~g}-1000 \mathrm{~g} \& 28,4 \% \& 58 <br>
1000-2000 \mathrm{~g} \& 8,3 \% \& 17 <br>
2000-3000 \mathrm{~g} \& 2,5 \% \& 5 <br>

More than 3000 \mathrm{~g} \& 2,5 \% \& 5\end{array}\right]\)|  |
| :--- |
|  |
|  |
| answered question |
| skipped question |

If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

$\square 100-500 \mathrm{~g}$
$\square 500 \mathrm{~g}-1000 \mathrm{~g}$
$\square 1000-2000 \mathrm{~g}$
$\square 2000-3000 \mathrm{~g}$
-More than 3000 g

Compared to Poland, a higher percentage of Hungarian respondents (37.9\%) have their own garden. In $58.3 \%$ of households with the option of growing their own fruit and vegetables, the daily consumption is declared as being below $\mathbf{5 0 0 g}$, which in terms of individual makes less than 125 g per person. Only $2.5 \%$ grow enough fruit and vegetables to comply with the recommended daily consumption, making gardening more a hobby than a way of gaining food.

Question 28: How often do you buy the following items for consumption at home?

How often do you buy the following items for consumption at home?

| Answer Options | Not at allless than <br> once a <br> month | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Daily | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ready-meals | 194 | 204 | 51 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1,81 | 470 |
| Take-out food | 222 | 162 | 51 | 12 | 18 | 5 | 1,84 | 470 |
| Fast food | 219 | 212 | 34 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1,64 | 470 |
|  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 470 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |  |



|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Options | 1,78 | 1,86 | 1,54 | 2,05 | 1,75 | 1,86 |
| Ready-meals | 1,73 | 2,11 | 1,41 | 2,15 | 1,71 | 1,90 |
| Take-out food | 1,53 | 1,85 | 1,42 | 1,82 | 1,54 | 1,66 |

In general, respondents do not consume much pre-prepared food, $85 \%$ do consume it less than once a month or not at all.

Nevertheless, fast food is less appreciated than ready meals and take-out food.
People with higher education levels eat more take-out food, and to a certain extent other types of pre-prepared food. The same happens with people with higher income.

Inhabitants of big cities eat more of the three types of pre-prepared food.

Question 29: How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products:
How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products:

| Answer Options | Unimportant | Of Low <br> Importance | Neutral | Important | Very <br> Important | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The price of <br> fresh fruit is | 11 | 36 | 33 | 274 | 116 | 3,95 | 470 |
| The price of raw <br> vegetables is | 12 | 40 | 41 | 268 | 109 | 3,90 | 470 |
| The origin of my <br> food is | 16 | 36 | 70 | 202 | 146 | 3,91 | 470 |
| The season of <br> fruit and <br> vegetables is | 11 | 48 | 80 | 223 | 108 | 3,79 | 470 |
|  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  |  |
| skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |$\quad 470$


|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | Low | high | Village | big city |
| The price of fresh fruit is | 4,00 | 3,83 | 4,05 | 3,77 | 4,04 | 4,02 |
| The price of raw | 3,94 | 3,76 | 4,04 | 3,70 | 4,04 | 3,98 |
| vegetables is | 3,62 | 4,19 | 3,58 | 4,11 | 4,07 | 3,99 |
| The origin of my food is | 3,55 | 4,03 | 3,62 | 3,85 | 3,91 | 3,82 |
| The season of fruit and |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Price and origin of fresh fruit and vegetables are the major determinants for buying these products.

Price is less important to people, the better educated they are and the higher their income.
They are more concerned by the origin of their food followed by seasonality.

Question 30: How much do you agree with the following statements?

How much do you agree with the following statements?

| Answer Options | Strongly <br> Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | Rating Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Healthy food products are too expensive | 11 | 54 | 38 | 260 | 107 | 3,85 | 470 |
| Fast food is not bad for my Health | 116 | 178 | 106 | 53 | 17 | 2,31 | 470 |
| Sweets once a day are good for me | 41 | 114 | 160 | 133 | 22 | 2,96 | 470 |
| Children can have a candy bar in school | 33 | 142 | 89 | 185 | 21 | 3,04 | 470 |
| Ready-made meals are as healthy as home-cooked food | 180 | 206 | 61 | 22 | 1 | 1,85 | 470 |
| answered question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 470 |
| skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |


|  | Education |  | income | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | Village | big city |
| Healthy food products are too <br> expensive <br> Fast food is not bad for my | 3,88 | 3,75 | 4,00 | 3,72 | 3,89 | 3,76 |
| Health | 2,45 | 2,14 | 2,47 | 2,11 | 2,48 | 2,18 |
| Sweets once a day are good <br> for me <br> Children can have a candy bar <br> in school | 3,13 | 2,20 | 2,81 | 2,93 | 2,89 | 3,02 |



The overwhelming majority of the respondents believes that healthy products are too expensive.

Pre-prepared food seems to have a bad reputation in terms of health, but candies and sweets appear to be tolerated, to a certain extent and with some restrictions. Home-made food is highly appreciated, $82 \%$ of the respondents disagree or strongly disagree with the fact that ready-made meals are as healthy as home-cooked food.

As for the SES:

- Healthy products are perceived as too expensive especially by those with low income.
- In general people of low SES are also more tolerant of sweets and candies as well as ready-made meals.
- Fast food is better rated by people with lower education. Income and place of living is not correlated with how people regard fast food.
- Home-made meals are mostly appreciated by people with higher education. -

Question 31: How much do you agree with the following statements?

| How much do you agree with the following statements? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Seasonal fruit is cheaper | 11 | 53 | 28 | 257 | 121 | 3,90 | 470 |
| Seasonal vegetables are cheaper | 9 | 51 | 34 | 254 | 122 | 3,91 | 470 |
| Seasonal fruit is healthier | 5 | 43 | 54 | 214 | 154 | 4,00 | 470 |
| Seasonal vegetables are healthier | 7 | 40 | 54 | 214 | 155 | 4,00 | 470 |
| Seasonal fruit tastes better | 3 | 18 | 43 | 228 | 178 | 4,19 | 470 |
| Seasonal vegetables taste better | 4 | 14 | 39 | 238 | 175 | 4,20 | 470 |
| Buying fruit or vegetables of the season protects the | 12 | 36 | 122 | 187 | 113 | 3,75 | 470 |
| answered question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 470 |
|  |  |  |  |  | skip | d question | 0 |



|  | Education | Income | place of living |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | High | village | big city |
| Seasonal fruit is cheaper <br> Seasonal vegetables are <br> cheaper | 3,76 | 4,07 | 3,80 | 4,15 | 3,99 | 3,92 |
| Seasonal fruit is healthier | 3,78 | 4,07 | 3,77 | 4,15 | 4,00 | 3,93 |
| Seasonal vegetables are <br> healthier | 3,90 | 4,15 | 3,73 | 4,13 | 4,14 | 3,86 |
| Seasonal fruit tastes better <br> Seasonal vegetables taste | 4,08 | 4,30 | 3,99 | 4,28 | 4,33 | 4,14 |
| better <br> Buying fruit or vegetables <br> of the season protects the <br> environment | 4,08 | 4,33 | 3,96 | 4,31 | 4,31 | 4,14 |

Finally, seasonal food is mostly appreciated for its taste, its health benefits followed by a lower price. Environment seems to be considered less relevant. In other terms, in Hungary, the prevalent idea is that seasonal food is better and healthier.

Higher educated people and those having higher income are more likely to perceive seasonal fruit and vegetables as cheaper and better tasting than lower educated ones with lower income. The same is true for their appreciation of health benefits.

People of higher SES tend to be a bit more aware of the impact of seasonality of fruit and vegetables on the environment.

## Conclusions

People are concerned about their health.
They eat relatively few ready-meals, that are considered as being less healthy than homecooked dishes.

Although fresh fruit and vegetables are seen as being healthy, only a minor part of the food shopping budget is spend on them. The price seems to be the most common impeding factor, due to the low disposable food budget of the respondents. Seasonal products are appreciated for their taste and their health benefits. They are also considered to be cheaper, but still too expensive.

### 1.1.5. Food choice

Question 32: It is important to me that the food I eat on a typical day...

| It is important to me that the food I eat on a typical day... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Unimportant | Low Importante | Neutral | Important | Very Important | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Contains a lot of vitamins and minerals | 2 | 5 | 30 | 266 | 167 | 4,26 | 470 |
| Is low in calories | 17 | 48 | 186 | 158 | 61 | 3,42 | 470 |
| Is nutritious | 3 | 1 | 19 | 304 | 143 | 4,24 | 470 |
| Is low in fat | 16 | 65 | 142 | 177 | 70 | 3,47 | 470 |
| Keeps me healthy | 2 | 12 | 44 | 258 | 154 | 4,17 | 470 |
| Is high in protein | 6 | 36 | 160 | 198 | 70 | 3,62 | 470 |
| Cheers me up | 19 | 51 | 186 | 161 | 53 | 3,38 | 470 |
| Looks nice | 4 | 21 | 62 | 294 | 89 | 3,94 | 470 |
| Helps me relax | 34 | 57 | 209 | 122 | 48 | 3,20 | 470 |
| Has pleasant texture | 5 | 19 | 86 | 272 | 88 | 3,89 | 470 |
| Smells nice | 1 | 10 | 26 | 324 | 109 | 4,13 | 470 |
| Tastes good | 1 | 4 | 10 | 295 | 160 | 4,30 | 470 |
| Is not expensive | 7 | 12 | 46 | 253 | 152 | 4,13 | 470 |
| Is easily available in shops | 3 | 6 | 45 | 287 | 129 | 4,13 | 470 |
| Is easy to prepare | 5 | 23 | 77 | 240 | 125 | 3,97 | 470 |
| answered question 470 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipp | d question | 0 |


|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Contains a lot of vitamins | 4,24 | 4,24 | 4,27 | 4,16 | 4,25 | 4,31 |
| and minerals | 3,40 | 3,37 | 3,66 | 3,31 | 3,55 | 3,38 |
| Is low in calories | 4,28 | 4,17 | 4,24 | 4,16 | 4,32 | 4,20 |
| Is nutritious | 3,45 | 3,43 | 3,91 | 3,49 | 3,52 | 3,44 |
| Is low in fat | 4,10 | 4,25 | 4,11 | 4,20 | 4,20 | 4,23 |
| Keeps me healthy | 3,65 | 3,55 | 3,76 | 3,46 | 3,63 | 3,61 |
| Is high in protein | 3,35 | 3,30 | 3,54 | 3,18 | 3,49 | 3,24 |
| Cheers me up | 3,93 | 3,88 | 4,01 | 3,75 | 3,98 | 3,88 |
| Looks nice | 3,18 | 3,07 | 3,43 | 3,00 | 3,29 | 3,05 |
| Helps me relax | 3,89 | 3,80 | 4,08 | 3,67 | 3,90 | 3,89 |
| Has pleasant texture | 4,12 | 4,05 | 4,23 | 4,00 | 4,17 | 4,11 |
| Smells nice | 4,32 | 4,21 | 4,34 | 4,25 | 4,31 | 4,33 |
| Tastes good | 4,27 | 3,88 | 4,41 | 3,87 | 4,16 | 4,04 |
| Is not expensive | 4,21 | 3,95 | 4,26 | 3,82 | 4,18 | 4,11 |
| Is easily available in shops | 3,98 | 3,96 | 4,09 | 3,80 | 4,14 | 3,98 |

Taste and smell are rated very high alongside benefits usually attributed to "good" food e.g. high vitamin and protein content, nutritional aspects.

Low fat content and low calories are considered less relevant, which can be linked to traditional cooking which is high in fat and calories.

Price is also perceived as being among the leading determinants and ranks in the $5^{\text {th }}$ place alongside availability.

Price is though less important to people with higher education and higher income, but they appreciate more if their food is healthy.

Question 33: How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

|  | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | More <br> than <br> once a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chocolate bar | 55 | 113 | 132 | 113 | 47 | 7 | 3,01 | 467 |
| Candy | 33 | 133 | 122 | 125 | 49 | 7 | 3,10 | 469 |
| Cookies | 88 | 166 | 111 | 69 | 31 | 2 | 2,56 | 467 |
| Chips | 209 | 158 | 66 | 25 | 8 | 2 | 1,87 | 468 |
| Sandwich | 66 | 118 | 67 | 119 | 74 | 23 | 3,18 | 467 |
| Mini pizza | 286 | 118 | 41 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 1,59 | 467 |
| Buns | 19 | 93 | 83 | 150 | 82 | 39 | 3,64 | 466 |
| Yoghurt and other milk | 11 | 50 | 65 | 177 | 115 | 50 | 4,04 | 468 |
| products | 144 | 142 | 79 | 67 | 22 | 12 | 2,39 | 466 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 196 | 181 | 57 | 27 | 6 | 2 | 1,87 | 469 |
| Salty snacks | 8 | 46 | 62 | 151 | 130 | 70 | 4,20 | 467 |
| Fresh fruit | 12 | 57 | 83 | 166 | 101 | 48 | 3,92 | 467 |
| Fresh vegetables |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 470 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |



Question 34: What is your favourite snack? Rate from 1 to 12 , where 1 is the highest note

What is your favourite snack? Rate from 1 to 12 , where 1 is the highest note.
$\left.\begin{array}{lcccccccccccccc}\text { Rating }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Response } \\ \text { Count }\end{array}\right)$

Most frequently consumed snack are fresh fruit followed by yoghurt and other milk products and fresh vegetables.

Nevertheless, fruit and vegetables remain under-consumed. As for fruit, 57\% of respondents eat them less than once a day, for vegetables it is even $68 \%$.

People with a higher education and higher income eat significantly more fruit and vegetables, yoghurt and other milk products... and candies. They eat less sandwiches, mini-pizzas and buns.

Crisps, mini pizzas, salty snacks are the least appreciated.
Dried fruit/nuts, which are or should be known for their various benefits are not or rarely consumed by $2 / 3$ of the respondents.

Income has a positive impact on dried fruit and nuts consumption. As for those living in big cities, they eat more buns and to a certain extent more vegetables and fruit.

Fresh fruit is favoured more by better educated people, those with higher incomes and those living in rural areas.

In general, products known as being healthy (yoghurt and dried fruit/nuts) are better evaluated by respondents with higher SES.

## Conclusions

Respondents care about health issues, but they also very much appreciate emotional aspects like taste and smell. Although they are regarded as being too expensive, fruit and vegetables are the most popular snacks (in terms of consumption and preferences).

### 1.1.6. Eating habits

Question 35: Who most often prepares the main meal in your household?
The 'main meal' in this questionnaire means the (cooked) meal in which the majority of the members of the household participate.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| You | $72,3 \%$ | 340 |
| Partner | $4,0 \%$ | 19 |
| Both | $11,5 \%$ | 54 |
| Parents | $9,4 \%$ | 44 |
| Grandparents | $1,5 \%$ | 7 |
| Other | $1,3 \%$ | 6 |

answered question
470
skipped question
0


In $72.3 \%$ the pregnant women who collect the fruit and vegetables parcels are also the ones cooking the meals.

Question 36: How often do you eat outside your home?

| How often do you eat outside your home? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Less than <br> once a <br> month | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Daily | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| Answer Options | 421 | 35 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1,15 | 470 |
| Fast food restaurant | 417 | 36 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1,17 | 470 |
| Small local restaurant | 437 | 26 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1,09 | 470 |
| (casual dining) |  |  |  |  |  | 15 | 1,31 |


|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Fast food restaurant | 1,17 | 1,12 | 1,23 | 1,11 | 1,06 | 1,20 |
| Small local restaurant (casual dining) | 1,08 | 1,28 | 1,09 | 1,23 | 1,10 | 1,14 |
| More formal restaurant | 1,07 | 1,11 | 1,08 | 1,08 | 1,01 | 1,11 |
| Canteen (at work/school) | 1,28 | 1,41 | 1,28 | 1,43 | 1,25 | 1,38 |

Nearly all participants usually eat at home, eating out is rare in all three target groups.
For those respondents who eat outside the frequency is daily or several times a week.
People living in rural areas eat out less often than those from big cities. Better educated people with higher income eat more often in small local restaurants and in canteens, whereas lower educated ones with less income visit more fast food restaurants.

Question 37: Why do you eat outside your home (in restaurants, canteen etc.) - More than one answer possible

Why do you eat outside your home (in restaurants, canteen etc.) - More than one answer possible

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Because it is cheap | $16,8 \%$ | 79 |
| Because it is convenient | $34,3 \%$ | 161 |
| Because it is healthy | $1,5 \%$ | 7 |
| Because I have no time to cook | $31,7 \%$ | 149 |
| Because it is a pleasure for me | $26,0 \%$ | 122 |
| Because it is tasty | $19,1 \%$ | 90 |
| Because I can't cook | $1,9 \%$ | 9 |
| Because I have no possibility to take already prepared | $17,9 \%$ | 84 |
| meals to work/school (no storage place etc.) | answered question | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



The reasons why people eat out are by decreasing order of importance, convenience, lack of time to cook and pleasure. With $1.5 \%$, health is considered a determining factor.

Question 38: I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box).
eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box).

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $15,1 \%$ | 71 |
| 1 portion every day | $32,3 \%$ | 152 |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $18,3 \%$ | 86 |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $14,0 \%$ | 66 |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $13,8 \%$ | 65 |
| less than 1 portion a week | $6,2 \%$ | 29 |
| never | $0,2 \%$ | 1 |
|  | answered question | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $13,5 \%$ | $19,5 \%$ | $6,8 \%$ | $23,0 \%$ | $21,4 \%$ | $14,4 \%$ |
| 1 portion every day | $28,4 \%$ | $38,5 \%$ | $32,4 \%$ | $34,4 \%$ | $28,2 \%$ | $28,8 \%$ |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $14,0 \%$ | $21,9 \%$ | $14,9 \%$ | $18,0 \%$ | $14,6 \%$ | $23,3 \%$ |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $15,8 \%$ | $11,8 \%$ | $14,9 \%$ | $11,5 \%$ | $12,6 \%$ | $16,4 \%$ |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $19,1 \%$ | $7,1 \%$ | $16,2 \%$ | $13,1 \%$ | $13,6 \%$ | $11,0 \%$ |
| less than 1 portion a week | $8,8 \%$ | $1,2 \%$ | $14,9 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $9,7 \%$ | $5,5 \%$ |
| never | $0,5 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ |


$32.3 \%$ eat fruit on a daily basis, and 15.1 several times a day. Compared to Poland, this percentage is rather high. $6.2 \%$ declared to eat less than one portion per week. Only a small percentage never eats fruit or does it less than once a week.

In terms of SES, people with higher level of education eat more fruit, but the determining factor is income, which basically makes the difference. Another determinant is living places, people living in rural area eat also significantly more fruit.

Question 39: I eat vegetables: (1 portion = about 80 gr., tick a box).
I eat vegetables: ( 1 portion $=$ about 80 gr , tick a box $)$.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $9,4 \%$ | 44 |
| 1 portion every day | $24,3 \%$ | 114 |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $19,1 \%$ | 90 |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $20,9 \%$ | 98 |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $20,0 \%$ | 94 |
| less than 1 portion a week | $5,7 \%$ | 27 |
| never | $0,6 \%$ | 3 |
|  | answered question | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

I eat vegetables: (1 portion= about 80 gr , ticka box).


■every day: at least 2 portions a day
$\square 1$ portion every day
-1 portion 5-6 times a week
-1 portion 3-4 times a week
1 portion 1-2 times a week
aless than 1 portion a week

■never

|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | Village | big city |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $10,2 \%$ | $7,1 \%$ | $12,2 \%$ | $12,2 \%$ | $10,7 \%$ | $7,5 \%$ |
| 1 portion every day | $20,9 \%$ | $30,2 \%$ | $18,9 \%$ | $18,9 \%$ | $20,4 \%$ | $23,3 \%$ |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $16,7 \%$ | $22,5 \%$ | $18,9 \%$ | $18,9 \%$ | $14,6 \%$ | $26,7 \%$ |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $23,3 \%$ | $17,8 \%$ | $17,6 \%$ | $17,6 \%$ | $17,5 \%$ | $20,5 \%$ |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $20,9 \%$ | $17,8 \%$ | $18,9 \%$ | $18,9 \%$ | $28,2 \%$ | $17,1 \%$ |
| less than 1 portion a week | $7,4 \%$ | $3,6 \%$ | $10,8 \%$ | $10,8 \%$ | $7,8 \%$ | $4,8 \%$ |
| never | $0,5 \%$ | $1,2 \%$ | $2,7 \%$ | $2,7 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |



The frequency of vegetables consumption is slightly different than that of fruit. Fewer respondents ( $33.7 \%$ ) eat a portion or more of vegetables per day. Nearly half of the respondents eat a portion less than 3-4 times a week.

People of higher education level eat considerably more vegetables once a day or 5-6
times a week. Education definitively makes the difference.

Question 40-43: How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during which season?

| How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? SUMMER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Not at all | several times a month | once a week | several times a week | Once a day | Several times a day | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Fresh fruit | 0 | 36 | 43 | 110 | 98 | 183 | 4,74 | 470 |
| Canned fruit | 284 | 115 | 46 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 1,62 | 470 |
| Frozen fruit | 322 | 107 | 24 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 1,45 | 470 |
| Raw vegetables | 16 | 50 | 72 | 148 | 94 | 90 | 4,11 | 470 |
| Canned vegetables | 272 | 145 | 37 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 1,58 | 470 |
| Frozen vegetables | 194 | 173 | 57 | 42 | 3 | 1 | 1,91 | 470 |
| answered question 470 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipp | question | 0 |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? AUTUMN

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 0 | 48 | 64 | 148 | 117 | 93 | 4,30 | 470 |
| Canned fruit | 203 | 156 | 64 | 40 | 4 | 3 | 1,93 | 470 |
| Frozen fruit | 248 | 145 | 52 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 1,70 | 470 |
| Raw vegetables | 27 | 69 | 83 | 161 | 81 | 49 | 3,74 | 470 |
| Canned vegetables | 215 | 164 | 59 | 25 | 5 | 2 | 1,82 | 470 |
| Frozen vegetables | 125 | 199 | 79 | 62 | 3 | 2 | 2,20 | 470 |
|  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 470 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? WINTER

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 9 | 73 | 94 | 150 | 95 | 49 | 3,84 | 470 |
| Canned fruit | 167 | 168 | 75 | 55 | 4 | 1 | 2,07 | 470 |
| Frozen fruit | 217 | 160 | 52 | 35 | 4 | 2 | 1,84 | 470 |
| Raw vegetables | 29 | 96 | 114 | 147 | 58 | 26 | 3,40 | 470 |
| Canned vegetables | 187 | 174 | 65 | 36 | 6 | 2 | 1,95 | 470 |
| Frozen vegetables | 87 | 194 | 103 | 81 | 3 | 2 | 2,41 | 470 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 470 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? SPRING

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 9 | 73 | 94 | 150 | 95 | 49 | 3,84 | 470 |
| Canned fruit | 167 | 168 | 75 | 55 | 4 | 1 | 2,07 | 470 |
| Frozen fruit | 217 | 160 | 52 | 35 | 4 | 2 | 1,84 | 470 |
| Raw vegetables | 29 | 96 | 114 | 147 | 58 | 26 | 3,40 | 470 |
| Canned vegetables | 187 | 174 | 65 | 36 | 6 | 2 | 1,95 | 470 |
| Frozen vegetables | 87 | 194 | 103 | 81 | 3 | 2 | 2,41 | 470 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 470 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |

## How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons



Respondents preferably eat during:
Summer: fresh fruit and vegetables (at least once day).
Autumn: fresh fruit and vegetables but rather less frequently.
Winter and spring: still domination of consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables, and increase in consumption of other proposed items.

Frozen fruit and vegetables are the least consumed.

Question 44: How often did you eat the following food items in the past month?

| How often did you eat the following food items in the past month? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Not at all | Several times a month | Once a week | Several times a week | Once a day | Several times a day | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Soup | 3 | 30 | 48 | 209 | 167 | 13 | 4,16 | 470 |
| Cooked vegetables | 17 | 63 | 120 | 207 | 55 | 8 | 3,52 | 470 |
| Roasted vegetables | 154 | 141 | 93 | 69 | 10 | 3 | 2,25 | 470 |
| Raw vegetables | 49 | 108 | 95 | 156 | 48 | 14 | 3,19 | 470 |
| Canned vegetables | 216 | 140 | 72 | 39 | 3 | 0 | 1,88 | 470 |
| Frozen vegetables | 119 | 201 | 89 | 59 | 2 | 0 | 2,20 | 470 |
| Pickled vegetables | 134 | 170 | 89 | 65 | 11 | 1 | 2,26 | 470 |
| Jams/Marmalade | 66 | 210 | 104 | 75 | 15 | 0 | 2,50 | 470 |
| Cooked potatoes | 8 | 105 | 133 | 200 | 21 | 3 | 3,28 | 470 |
| Baked/fried potatoes | 38 | 155 | 138 | 117 | 18 | 4 | 2,86 | 470 |
| Rice | 10 | 116 | 176 | 155 | 11 | 2 | 3,10 | 470 |
| Pasta | 6 | 113 | 163 | 165 | 22 | 1 | 3,19 | 470 |
| Bakery products | 9 | 71 | 82 | 158 | 105 | 45 | 3,88 | 470 |
| Fresh fruit | 5 | 42 | 64 | 179 | 121 | 59 | 4,16 | 470 |
| Canned fruit | 207 | 139 | 75 | 44 | 5 | 0 | 1,94 | 470 |
| Frozen fruit | 250 | 142 | 43 | 29 | 5 | 1 | 1,72 | 470 |
| 100\% fruit juice | 169 | 138 | 63 | 56 | 26 | 18 | 2,33 | 470 |
| Other juice | 101 | 165 | 82 | 74 | 30 | 18 | 2,62 | 470 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 470 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipp | question | 0 |

How often did you eat the following food items in the past month?


|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soup | 4,10 | 4,27 | 3,89 | 4,41 | 4,15 | 4,18 |
| Cooked vegetables | 3,42 | 3,66 | 3,26 | 3,69 | 3,56 | 3,54 |
| Roasted vegetables | 2,17 | 2,43 | 2,00 | 2,49 | 2,14 | 2,26 |
| Raw vegetables | 3,01 | 3,51 | 2,50 | 3,54 | 2,98 | 3,32 |
| Canned vegetables | 1,94 | 1,85 | 1,97 | 1,67 | 1,72 | 1,79 |
| Frozen vegetables | 2,23 | 2,22 | 2,30 | 2,23 | 2,11 | 2,19 |
| Pickled vegetables | 2,34 | 2,25 | 2,08 | 2,31 | 2,21 | 2,22 |
| Jams/Marmalade | 2,49 | 2,50 | 2,50 | 2,36 | 2,43 | 2,35 |
| Cooked potatoes | 3,27 | 3,30 | 3,16 | 3,15 | 3,34 | 3,12 |
| Baked/fried potatoes | 3,03 | 2,70 | 2,74 | 2,61 | 2,88 | 2,59 |
| Rice | 3,06 | 3,12 | 3,07 | 3,23 | 3,10 | 3,10 |
| Pasta | 3,22 | 3,17 | 3,11 | 3,16 | 3,17 | 3,16 |
| Bakery products | 3,93 | 4,00 | 3,68 | 3,93 | 3,72 | 4,05 |
| Fresh fruit | 3,89 | 4,59 | 3,62 | 4,61 | 4,24 | 4,31 |
| Canned fruit | 1,90 | 1,99 | 2,00 | 1,87 | 2,01 | 1,75 |
| Frozen fruit | 1,67 | 1,89 | 1,59 | 1,74 | 1,74 | 1,64 |
| 100\% fruit juice | 2,24 | 2,47 | 2,05 | 2,38 | 2,51 | 2,25 |
| Other juice | 2,63 | 2,59 | 2,30 | 2,46 | 2,68 | 2,42 |

During the winter month preceding the survey, the most consumed products on a daily basis were soup and fresh fruit followed by bakery products. Other prepared fruit or vegetables (frozen, canned, pickled...) were consumed very little.

Higher levels of education and higher income have the same effect on consumption: increased consumption of soups, cooked vegetables, roasted vegetables, fresh fruit and $100 \%$ fruit juice. Higher income has a particular positive impact on raw vegetables consumption.

People living in big cities eat more fresh fruit and vegetables but drink less juices.

## Conclusions

The consumption of fruit and vegetables among respondents is low. Whilst SES is a significant factor, it makes no difference where people live.

There is doubt whether people know how to translate the recommended intake of fruit and vegetables into the tangible quantities they actually eat, and to eat healthy in a responsible way.

### 1.1.7. Cooking habits

Question 45: How often do you cook yourself?

## How often do you cook yourself?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Everyday | $36,8 \%$ | 173 |
| 3-5 times a week | $45,3 \%$ | 213 |
| 1-2 times a week | $13,0 \%$ | 61 |
| Twice a month | $1,3 \%$ | 6 |
| Once a month | $0,4 \%$ | 2 |
| Less than once a month | $0,9 \%$ | 4 |
| Never | $2,3 \%$ | 11 |
|  | answered question |  |
|  | skipped question | 470 |
|  |  | 0 |



|  | Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Answer Options | $48,4 \%$ | $20,7 \%$ | $44,6 \%$ | $19,7 \%$ | $42,7 \%$ | $28,8 \%$ |
| Everyday | $34,0 \%$ | $57,4 \%$ | $36,5 \%$ | $47,5 \%$ | $43,7 \%$ | $51,4 \%$ |
| $3-5$ times a week | $9,8 \%$ | $20,1 \%$ | $12,2 \%$ | $29,5 \%$ | $9,7 \%$ | $16,4 \%$ |
| $1-2$ times a week | $1,9 \%$ | $1,2 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,9 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ |
| Twice a month | $0,9 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |
| Once a month | $1,4 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ | $1,6 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ |
| Less than once a | $3,7 \%$ | $0,6 \%$ | $2,7 \%$ | $1,6 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ |
| month |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never |  |  |  |  |  |  |

82.1\% of respondents declared to cook nearly everyday or everyday.

The higher their degree of education and income, the less frequently they cook on a daily basis.
Pregnant women living in rural areas cook more frequently.

Question 46: What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible.

| What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| Answer Options | $58,5 \%$ | 275 |
| I like cooking | $35,3 \%$ | 166 |
| I don't mind cooking | $12,8 \%$ | 60 |
| I cook, but actually I don't like it | $4,5 \%$ | 21 |
| I would like to learn how to cook | $7,0 \%$ | 33 |
| I don't have time to cook | $1,7 \%$ | 8 |
| I don't like cooking and I don't do this | answered question | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Most respondents declared to like cooking or at least not to mind. Only 1 out of 8 don't like cooking.

Question 47: How would you rate the following statements?

| How would you rate the following statements? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Colour, textures and taste of the food I cook is very important to me | 8 | 16 | 80 | 229 | 137 | 4,00 | 470 |
| I like to experiment in the kitchen | 16 | 50 | 104 | 204 | 96 | 3,67 | 470 |
| Cooking dishes from fruit and vegetables is easy. | 4 | 17 | 75 | 278 | 96 | 3,95 | 470 |
| I care about the nutritional values of the food that is cooked for my family | 4 | 14 | 98 | 233 | 121 | 3,96 | 470 |
| I like to cook with other members of my family | 14 | 46 | 87 | 234 | 89 | 3,72 | 470 |
| I often cook using fruit and vegetables | 13 | 34 | 67 | 250 | 106 | 3,86 | 470 |
| answered question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 470 |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped | question | 0 |



Question 48: Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $47,2 \%$ | 222 |
| No | $52,8 \%$ | 248 |
|  | answered question | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |


|  | Education |  | Income | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | billage city |  |
| Answer Options | Low | high | Low | high | vilage | big |
| Yes | $45,1 \%$ | $48,5 \%$ | $36,5 \%$ | $36,5 \%$ | $51,5 \%$ | $45,2 \%$ |
| No | $54,9 \%$ | $51,5 \%$ | $63,5 \%$ | $63,5 \%$ | $48,5 \%$ | $54,8 \%$ |



More than half of respondents are aware that they do not eat enough fruit and vegetables.
The more they earn, the more they are aware of it (the proportion climbs to nearly $66 \%$ declaring that what they eat at home does not contain sufficient fruit and vegetables).

The fact that education level is not a major determinant, shows that there is potential to improve the situation with clear messages and explanations to encourage people to buy, eat and cook responsibly, especially directed at those of low SES.

Question 49: Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible.

Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Because they are tasty | $73,6 \%$ | 346 |
| Because they are healthy | $84,3 \%$ | 396 |
| Because they give a lot of possibilities | $34,9 \%$ | 164 |
| Because it is easy to prepare dishes with fruit and | $15,3 \%$ | 72 |
| vegetables | $1,5 \%$ | 7 |
| We don't use fruit and vegetables during cooking | answered question | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Fruit and vegetables are associated to health and taste.
Question 50: How do you cook? More than one answer possible.

## How do you cook? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| I watch TV programmes to get inspired | $22,3 \%$ | 105 |
| I use recipes from the internet | $60,6 \%$ | 285 |
| I use the recies from the press | $16,0 \%$ | 75 |
| I use cookbooks | $48,9 \%$ | 230 |
| I use the traditional recipes that are in my family for | $51,9 \%$ | 244 |
| years | $26,8 \%$ | 126 |
| I use the recipes and ideas shared by my friends | $11,5 \%$ | 54 |
| I don't use recipes | $24,3 \%$ | 114 |
| I create my own culinary ideas | answered question | 470 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



Internet, cook books and traditional recipes provide the main sources of inspiration for cooking. Press and TV programmes are consulted less often.

## Conclusions

Women have begun to diversify. Internet and cookbooks are commonly used to find recipes. Food does no longer only respond to physiological needs, but becomes part of a cultural identity based on more emotional values related to pleasure, creativity, eye-catchiness, colours, beauty or seduction.

Promoting modern, healthier recipes can pave the way to make habits change from tradition to creativity, self-expression and pleasure, with a healthier perspective. It may also be a way to change habits to use more fruit and vegetables in cooking, by giving ideas, discovering new tastes, new colours, new pleasures.

### 1.2. PEOPLE 65 y. +

### 1.2.1. Introduction

Country: Hungary
Target group: people 65 years and older
Number of responses analysed (questionnaires): 700
$46,4 \%$ of the respondents live in North Hungary (325) and $53,6 \%$ in North Great Hungarian Plain (375).

72,9\% of respondents amongst "people 65 y . and older" were women.

### 1.2.2. Basic information about respondents

Question 9: Number of people in the household

| Number of people in the household |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| 1 | $53,4 \%$ | 374 |
| 2 | $29,7 \%$ | 208 |
| 3 | $8,3 \%$ | 58 |
| 4 | $3,9 \%$ | 27 |
| 5 | $2,7 \%$ | 19 |
| 6 | $1,7 \%$ | 12 |
| 7 | $0,3 \%$ | 2 |
| 8 | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| 9 | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| 10 | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| more than 10 | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |


| Education |  |  | income |  |  |  |  |  | place of living |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |  |  |  |
| Options |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | $55,6 \%$ | $39,4 \%$ | $63,6 \%$ | $3,0 \%$ | $59,0 \%$ | $52,9 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 2 | $29,5 \%$ | $35,1 \%$ | $23,7 \%$ | $48,5 \%$ | $23,1 \%$ | $28,4 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 3 | $7,9 \%$ | $10,6 \%$ | $6,1 \%$ | $27,3 \%$ | $9,4 \%$ | $10,0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 4 | $3,1 \%$ | $5,3 \%$ | $4,0 \%$ | $15,2 \%$ | $4,3 \%$ | $4,2 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 5 | $2,5 \%$ | $3,2 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $6,1 \%$ | $1,7 \%$ | $2,3 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 6 | $1,1 \%$ | $6,4 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,7 \%$ | $2,3 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 7 | $0,4 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,5 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,9 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 8 | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 9 | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 10 | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| more than 10 | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |  |  |  |

Question 10: Sex of people in the household

| Sex of people in the household |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex: |  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Female | Male | Response Count |
| 1. Person | 478 | 216 | 694 |
| 2. Person | 162 | 114 | 276 |
| 3. Person | 68 | 38 | 106 |
| 4. Person | 32 | 26 | 58 |
| 5. Person | 22 | 11 | 33 |
| 6. Person | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| 7. Person | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 8. Person | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | Question Totals |
| answered question |  |  | 700 |
| skipped question |  |  | 0 |

Question 16: Who do you live with?

| Who do you live with? <br> (choose all of the valid answers) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| my children | $19,1 \%$ | 134 |
| my parents | $2,0 \%$ | 14 |
| my wife/husband | $30,1 \%$ | 211 |
| my partner | $2,6 \%$ | 18 |
| my grandparents | $0,1 \%$ | 1 |
| other members of the family | $7,7 \%$ | 54 |
| non relatives | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| Single | $50,4 \%$ | 353 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



## Conclusions

The families related to the 700 respondents represent approximately 1260 people. The average household in this sample consists of 1.8 persons, which is lower than the national averages (2.36) as reported by the KSH (Central Institute of Statistics, Office of Education)

Both regions were equally represented.
More than half of the respondents live alone. $30.1 \%$ live with their husband/wife, followed by $19.1 \%$ living with their children.

The majority of single households belong to low socio-economic profile, with people living in rural areas. $63.6 \%$ of people with low income live alone.

### 1.2.3. Socio-economic issues

Question 17: Your highest level of education

| Your highest level of education: (choose from the list) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| primary school | $41,3 \%$ | 289 |
| vocational education | $33,0 \%$ | 231 |
| high school | $12,3 \%$ | 86 |
| Bachelor degree | $9,6 \%$ | 67 |
| Masters degree | $3,4 \%$ | 24 |
| postgraduate | $0,4 \%$ | 3 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Your highest level of education: (choose from the list)


Dprimary school

■vocational education
ahigh school
$\square$ Bachelor degree

- Masters degree

ロpostgraduate

Question 18: Your partner's highest level of education

| Your partner's highest level of education: (choose from the list) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| primary school | $9,9 \%$ | 69 |
| vocational education | $15,6 \%$ | 109 |
| high school | $5,0 \%$ | 35 |
| Bachelor degree | $3,9 \%$ | 27 |
| Masters degree | $3,3 \%$ | 23 |
| postgraduate | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| I don't have a partner | $62,4 \%$ | 437 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |


$13 \%$ of older people graduated from university. The share of those holding only a primary education is rather high ( $41.3 \%$ ). $45 \%$ benefitted from vocational training or high school. Few people have a higher education.
$96.3 \%$ of respondents are pensioners or annuiants. $2.9 \%$ are still economically active.

Question 20: You live in:

| You live in ...(choose from the options) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| Village | $11,6 \%$ | 81 |
| City below 10000 | $5,1 \%$ | 36 |
| City $10000-50000$ | $43,0 \%$ | 301 |
| City $50000-100000$ | $3,0 \%$ | 21 |
| City $100000-250000$ | $29,6 \%$ | 207 |
| City $250000-500000$ | $7,7 \%$ | 54 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |


$43 \%$ of respondents live in cities 10-50 000 and $37.3 \%$ in cities of $100000+$ inhabitants. Few people participating in "My healthy family" (16.7\%) live in rural areas.

Question 21: Monthly disposable income of your household (after tax):


## Conclusions

> The 65 + target group has a socio-economically rather low profile (poor income and the low level of education) with a predominance of rather poor households compared to the two other target groups.
> $80 \%$ of the households have a disposable monthly income below $500 €$.
> The average household of older people is often of a single household.

### 1.2.4. Shopping habits

Question 22: Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?

## Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?



|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | Village | big city |
| You | 50,4\% | 46,8\% | 53,5\% | 15,2\% | 53,8\% | 53,3\% |
| Partner | 9,6\% | 20,2\% | 8,6\% | 30,3\% | 11,1\% | 10,3\% |
| Both | 10,0\% | 21,3\% | 8,1\% | 33,3\% | 9,4\% | 11,5\% |
| Parents | 0,4\% | 3,2\% | 1,5\% | 0,0\% | 0,9\% | 0,4\% |
| Grandparents | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% |
| Other | 34,5\% | 20,2\% | 32,3\% | 27,3\% | 29,1\% | 33,7\% |

More than half of respondents do their own shopping but 30\% receive help from others.
SES seems a major factor in determining who does the shopping. The higher the SES (high education level, high income, living in big cities), the more frequent couples shop together.

Remarkably enough, people of low SES, are helped more frequently by others than richer people. The living place does not have a real influence, except for people living in big cities who tend to receive more outside help ( $33.7 \%$ compared to $29.1 \%$ in rural areas).

Question 23: Do you have a specific budget for food-shopping?
Do you have a specific budget for food-shopping?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $22,0 \%$ | 154 |
| No | $78,0 \%$ | 546 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



Question 25: How much of your expenses on food do you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables?
How much of your expenses on food do you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Less than 20\% | $65,6 \%$ | 459 |
| $21-40 \%$ | $26,6 \%$ | 186 |
| $41-60 \%$ | $6,7 \%$ | 47 |
| More than 60\% | $1,1 \%$ | 8 |


| answered question | 700 |
| ---: | ---: |
| skipped question | 0 |


|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | Low | high | Village | big city |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than $20 \%$ | $69,7 \%$ | $45,7 \%$ | $73,7 \%$ | $60,6 \%$ | $57,3 \%$ | $68,6 \%$ |
| $21-40 \%$ | $23,0 \%$ | $44,7 \%$ | $16,7 \%$ | $36,4 \%$ | $32,5 \%$ | $23,8 \%$ |
| $41-60 \%$ | $6,3 \%$ | $7,4 \%$ | $8,1 \%$ | $3,0 \%$ | $9,4 \%$ | $6,1 \%$ |
| More than 60\% | $1,0 \%$ | $2,1 \%$ | $1,5 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,9 \%$ | $1,5 \%$ |

Only $22 \%$ of the respondents stated to have a dedicated budget for food shopping and only 174 out of 700 actually answered the question how much that is. Of these, more than $70 \%$ spend less than $50 €$ per week on food out of which $2 / 3$ spend less than $20 \%$ on fruit and vegetables.
$65+$ are the target group with the lowest income. Although people with higher education and higher income spend more on fruit and vegetables, the total percentage of fruit and vegetables expenditure remains low ( $90 \%$ spend less than $40 \%$ of their food budget on fruit and vegetables).

Question 26: Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees?

| Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees? |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |  |
| Yes | $39,7 \%$ | 278 |  |
| No | $60,3 \%$ | 422 |  |
|  | answered question | 700 |  |
|  | skipped question | 0 |  |

Question 27: If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $100-500 \mathrm{~g}$ | $67,1 \%$ | 214 |
| $500-1000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $21,9 \%$ | 70 |
| $1000-2000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $8,8 \%$ | 28 |
| $2000-3000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $1,3 \%$ | 4 |
| More than 3000 g | $0,9 \%$ | 3 |
|  | answered question | 319 |
|  | skipped question | 381 |

If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)


- 100-500 g
- 500-1000 g

ㅁㅁㅁ0-2000 g

- 2000-3000 g
- More than 3000 g

About 40\% of respondents have their own garden and grow their own fruit and vegetables, though $67.1 \%$ eat less than 500 g , in $21.9 \%$ less than 1000 g of fruit and vegetables per day of their own harvest. Given the average number of 1.8 people per household, Hungarian older people benefit sufficiently from home grown fruit and vegetables.

Question 28: How often do you buy the following items for consumption at

home?

|  | Education |  | income |  |  | place of living |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | Village | big city |
| Ready-meals | 1,50 | 1,72 | 1,52 | 1,48 | 1,50 | 1,54 |
| Take-out food | 2,01 | 2,39 | 1,90 | 2,30 | 1,59 | 1,98 |
| Fast food | 1,06 | 1,26 | 1,09 | 1,12 | 1,05 | 1,13 |

Less than $10 \%$ of respondents purchase any of the three proposed pre-prepared food at all. Those that do prefer take-out food, followed by ready meals to fast food which is nearly never consumed by 65 y.+.

People with higher education levels and higher income eat more pre-prepared food, especially take-out food, with one exception. People with low income eat more ready-meals.

Those living in big cities do eat more take-out food which can probably be linked to an increased availability.

Question 29: How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products:

How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products:

| Answer Options | Unimportant | Low Importance | Neutral | Important | Very Important | Rating Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The price of fresh fruit is | 26 | 33 | 26 | 376 | 239 | 4,10 | 700 |
| The price of raw vegetables is | 27 | 33 | 31 | 367 | 242 | 4,09 | 700 |
| The origin of my food is | 36 | 29 | 69 | 359 | 207 | 3,96 | 700 |
| The season of fruit and vegetables is | 57 | 49 | 75 | 360 | 159 | 3,74 | 700 |
| answered question skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 700 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |


|  | Education |  | income | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| The price of fresh <br> fruit is | 4,07 | 4,13 | 4,25 | 4,12 | 3,92 | 4,24 |
| The price of raw <br> vegetables is | 4,06 | 4,12 | 4,24 | 4,12 | 3,89 | 4,22 |
| The origin of my <br> food is <br> The season of fruit <br> and vegetables is | 3,92 | 4,29 | 4,02 | 4,09 | 3,99 | 3,99 |

Among this target groups, price followed by origin of the food are more important determinants than seasonality.

Differences in rating the price are less remarkable between SES, unlike the origin and the seasonality that are better rated by better educated people and people with higher income.

Where people live influences their attitude towards the price. People living in big cities consider it much more important.

Question 30: How much do you agree with the following statements?


|  | Education |  | income | place of living |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |  |
| Healthy food products are too <br> expensive <br> Fast food is not bad for my | 3,90 | 3,86 | 4,06 | 4,15 | 3,68 | 4,01 |  |
| Health <br> Sweets once a day are good <br> for me | 2,52 | 2,34 | 2,80 | 2,27 | 2,64 | 2,57 |  |
| Children can have a candy bar <br> in school | 2,92 | 2,98 | 2,99 | 3,15 | 2,77 | 2,99 |  |
| Ready-made meals are as <br> healthy as home-cooked food | 1,98 | 1,86 | 2,63 | 2,98 | 2,79 | 2,88 | 2,93 |

A vast majority of the respondents believes that healthy products are too expensive.
Ready-made meals have a bad reputation in terms of health, but candies and sweets appear to be largely tolerated. About 25\% think fast-food is not bad for one's health.

Healthy products are perceived as too expensive especially for those with low income and those living in big cities.

Home-made meals are better appreciated by people of higher SES.

Question 31: How much do you agree with the following statements?

| How much do you agree with the following statements? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Seasonal fruit is cheaper | 63 | 110 | 45 | 364 | 118 | 3,52 | 700 |
| Seasonal vegetables are cheaper | 63 | 105 | 45 | 363 | 124 | 3,54 | 700 |
| Seasonal fruit is healthier | 36 | 27 | 62 | 358 | 217 | 3,99 | 700 |
| Seasonal vegetables are healthier | 34 | 28 | 61 | 362 | 215 | 3,99 | 700 |
| Seasonal fruit tastes better | 34 | 13 | 47 | 357 | 249 | 4,11 | 700 |
| Seasonal vegetables taste better | 35 | 12 | 47 | 351 | 255 | 4,11 | 700 |
| Buying fruit or vegetables of the season protects the environment | 40 | 31 | 162 | 312 | 155 | 3,73 | 700 |
| answered question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 700 |
| skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |



|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Seasonal fruit is cheaper | 3,49 | 3,69 | 3,73 | 3,67 | 3,53 | 3,66 |
| Seasonal vegetables are cheaper | 3,51 | 3,72 | 3,76 | 3,85 | 3,55 | 3,64 |
| Seasonal fruit is healthier | 3,95 | 4,10 | 4,06 | 4,06 | 3,91 | 4,05 |
| Seasonal vegetables are healthier | 3,95 | 4,16 | 4,08 | 4,15 | 3,92 | 4,05 |
| Seasonal fruit tastes better | 4,06 | 4,26 | 4,21 | 4,33 | 4,09 | 4,15 |
| Seasonal vegetables taste better | 4,08 | 4,23 | 4,24 | 4,27 | 4,16 | 4,11 |
| Buying fruit or vegetables of the | 3,65 | 3,96 | 3,88 | 3,82 | 3,81 | 3,65 |
| season protects the environment |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Seasonal food is mostly appreciated for its better taste and its health benefits. Lower price comes third in the ratings and environmental concerns seem to be considered less relevant.

The better educated people are, the more they agree that seasonal ingredients are cheaper, healthier, have a better taste and contribute to protect the environment.

## Conclusions

Although fresh fruit and vegetables are recognised as healthy, the fruit and vegetables expenses of 65 y. + are among the lowest of the 4 regions and the 3 target groups. Although the price is extremely important in terms of purchasing capacities, taste matters to people in relation to fresh fruit and vegetables.

### 1.2.5. Food choice

Question 32: It is important to me that the food I eat on a typical day...
It is important to me that the food I eat on a typical day...

| Answer Options | Unimportant | Low <br> Importance | Neutral | Important | Very <br> Important | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Contains a lot of vitamins | 20 | 12 | 29 | 441 | 198 | 4,12 | 700 |
| and minerals | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Is low in calories | 45 | 55 | 159 | 356 | 85 | 3,54 | 700 |
| Is nutritious | 36 | 4 | 41 | 436 | 183 | 4,04 | 700 |
| Is low in fat | 47 | 71 | 128 | 338 | 116 | 3,58 | 700 |
| Keeps me healthy | 31 | 13 | 59 | 397 | 200 | 4,03 | 700 |
| Is high in protein | 35 | 45 | 190 | 339 | 91 | 3,58 | 700 |
| Cheers me up | 127 | 66 | 213 | 216 | 78 | 3,07 | 700 |
| Looks nice | 36 | 30 | 83 | 406 | 145 | 3,85 | 700 |
| Helps me relax | 137 | 68 | 242 | 203 | 50 | 2,94 | 700 |
| Has pleasant texture | 42 | 45 | 90 | 400 | 123 | 3,74 | 700 |
| Smells nice | 34 | 14 | 50 | 441 | 161 | 3,97 | 700 |
| Tastes good | 31 | 3 | 33 | 415 | 218 | 4,12 | 700 |
| Is not expensive | 36 | 9 | 31 | 350 | 274 | 4,17 | 700 |
| Is easily available in | 33 | 12 | 65 | 392 | 198 | 4,01 | 700 |
| shops | 35 | 20 | 89 | 365 | 191 | 3,94 | 700 |
| Is easy to prepare | 35 |  |  |  |  | answered question | 700 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question |


|  | Education |  | Income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Low | high | Low | high | village | big city |
| Contains a lot of vitamins and minerals | 4,09 | 4,28 | 4,21 | 4,21 | 4,23 | 4,15 |
| Is low in calories | 3,50 | 3,76 | 3,59 | 3,55 | 3,49 | 3,50 |
| Is nutritious | 4,02 | 4,10 | 4,17 | 3,97 | 3,99 | 4,04 |
| Is low in fat | 3,57 | 3,67 | 3,66 | 3,58 | 3,53 | 3,59 |
| Keeps me healthy | 3,98 | 4,27 | 4,19 | 3,94 | 4,01 | 4,10 |
| Is high in protein | 3,53 | 3,81 | 3,71 | 3,42 | 3,58 | 3,62 |
| Cheers me up | 3,04 | 3,20 | 3,16 | 3,21 | 3,21 | 3,10 |
| Looks nice | 3,79 | 4,00 | 3,96 | 4,00 | 3,65 | 3,87 |
| Helps me relax | 2,90 | 3,11 | 2,99 | 2,94 | 2,99 | 2,97 |
| Has pleasant texture | 3,70 | 3,89 | 3,83 | 3,88 | 3,54 | 3,74 |
| Smells nice | 3,96 | 4,04 | 4,07 | 4,03 | 3,82 | 3,94 |
| Tastes good | 4,09 | 4,27 | 4,22 | 4,21 | 4,03 | 4,11 |
| Is not expensive | 4,16 | 4,18 | 4,34 | 4,21 | 4,08 | 4,18 |
| Is easily available in shops | 4,01 | 4,07 | 4,18 | 4,12 | 4,11 | 4,04 |
| Is easy to prepare | 3,95 | 3,89 | 4,13 | 3,97 | 4,00 | 3,90 |

Benefits usually attributed to "good" food e.g. high vitamin and protein content, nutritional aspects or good for health obtain the highest scores, together with good taste.

The most important determinant is claimed to be the price which ranks in $1^{\text {st }}$ place.
Low fat content and low calories are considered less relevant, which might be linked to traditional cooking which is high in fat and calories.

All major issues related to health e.g. protein, vitamin, minerals, low fat content obtained better scores among better educated people.

Question 33: How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chocolate bar | 259 | 173 | 173 | 63 | 24 | 6 | 2,19 | 698 |
| Candy | 212 | 212 | 162 | 81 | 25 | 6 | 2,30 | 698 |
| Cookies | 217 | 225 | 122 | 91 | 29 | 11 | 2,31 | 695 |
| Chips | 591 | 65 | 28 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 1,24 | 698 |
| Sandwich | 357 | 147 | 79 | 83 | 26 | 5 | 1,98 | 697 |
| Mini pizza | 607 | 58 | 22 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1,20 | 697 |
| Buns | 79 | 130 | 84 | 150 | 170 | 82 | 3,64 | 695 |
| Yoghurt and other milk | 86 | 121 | 99 | 170 | 180 | 43 | 3,52 | 699 |
| products | 307 | 162 | 90 | 77 | 48 | 10 | 2,17 | 694 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 480 | 117 | 61 | 30 | 4 | 4 | 1,52 | 696 |
| Salty snacks | 35 | 98 | 96 | 157 | 184 | 128 | 4,06 | 698 |
| Fresh fruit | 47 | 110 | 111 | 185 | 166 | 80 | 3,79 | 699 |
| Fresh vegetables |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 700 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |

How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month?


|  | Education |  | income |  |  | place of living |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Chocolate bar | 2,17 | 2,31 | 2,08 | 2,30 | 2,21 | 2,02 |
| Candy | 2,29 | 2,43 | 2,16 | 2,67 | 2,42 | 2,18 |
| Cookies | 2,38 | 2,31 | 2,24 | 2,52 | 2,38 | 2,24 |
| Chips | 1,25 | 1,25 | 1,28 | 1,21 | 1,41 | 1,12 |
| Sandwich | 1,97 | 2,14 | 1,90 | 2,18 | 1,72 | 1,91 |
| Mini pizza | 1,20 | 1,24 | 1,26 | 1,15 | 1,16 | 1,17 |
| Buns | 3,63 | 3,73 | 3,48 | 3,64 | 3,31 | 3,69 |
| Yoghurt and other | 3,55 | 3,44 | 3,48 | 3,64 | 3,66 | 3,46 |
| milk products | 2,07 | 2,62 | 1,99 | 1,97 | 2,34 | 2,19 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 1,58 | 1,46 | 1,54 | 1,24 | 1,71 | 1,30 |
| Salty snacks | 4,05 | 4,15 | 4,10 | 4,03 | 4,28 | 4,00 |
| Fresh fruit | 3,84 | 3,76 | 3,87 | 3,58 | 4,08 | 3,67 |
| Fresh vegetables |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Question 34:What is your favourite snack?

|  | Education |  |  | Income |  | place of living |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Low | high | Low | High | village | big city |
| Answer Options |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 6,33 | 6,13 | 6,65 | 5,61 | 7,29 | 6,08 |
| Chocolate bar | 6,41 | 6,39 | 6,87 | 5,85 | 7,25 | 6,19 |
| Candy | 5,88 | 6,28 | 6,06 | 6,55 | 6,09 | 6,15 |
| Cookies | 9,05 | 9,79 | 8,95 | 10,55 | 8,75 | 9,34 |
| Chips | 6,98 | 6,87 | 6,99 | 7,06 | 7,26 | 7,05 |
| Sandwich | 9,73 | 9,62 | 9,62 | 9,45 | 9,54 | 9,55 |
| Mini pizza | 4,40 | 4,93 | 4,53 | 4,33 | 5,36 | 4,25 |
| Buns |  |  |  |  |  | 4,48 |
| Yoghurt and | 4,55 | 4,70 | 4,50 | 4,06 |  | 4,47 |
| other milk | 7,51 | 6,05 | 7,36 | 7,21 | 6,52 | 7,01 |
| products | 9,70 | 10,09 | 9,79 | 9,67 | 8,98 | 10,43 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 3,25 | 3,12 | 2,94 | 3,21 | 2,79 | 3,27 |
| Salty snacks | 4,22 | 4,04 | 3,74 | 4,45 | 3,68 | 4,21 |

Chips, mini pizzas, salty snacks and to a certain extent candy, chocolate bars and cookies are least consumed. Remarkably enough, dried fruit/nuts, which are or should be known for their various benefits also obtained a very bad score.

Fresh fruit, buns and fresh vegetables are claimed to be the most consumed snacks, followed by yoghurt and other milk products. Nevertheless, fruit and vegetables are under-consumed. As for fruit, $19 \%$ of respondents eat them less than once a week, whereas as for vegetables the rate is $22.5 \%$.

Whereas sandwiches are quite widely appreciated in Poland, they are much less in Hungary, in favour of buns.

People with a higher SES tend to eat chocolate, cookies, yoghurt and other milk products and dried fruit more often. But SES has no significant influence on fruit and vegetables consumption. In general, better educated people living in big cities seem to eat less "bad" food.

People living in rural areas have a more pronounced preference for fresh fruit and vegetables.

## Conclusions

Health benefits are the main issue for the $65+$ target group. However, availability, personal taste or price are predominant determinants when it comes to motivating food purchase and choice.

Although fruit and vegetables are claimed to be too expensive, they are the most preferred and consumed snacks.

### 1.2.6. Eating habits

Question 35: Who most often prepares the main meal in your household?

| Who most often prepares the main meal in your household? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| You | $62,6 \%$ | 438 |
| Partner | $12,6 \%$ | 88 |
| Both | $6,0 \%$ | 42 |
| Parents | $0,9 \%$ | 6 |
| Grandparents | $0,4 \%$ | 3 |
| Other | $17,6 \%$ | 123 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question |  |
|  |  | 0 |

In more than $60 \%$ of concerned households, the people collecting the fruit and vegetables parcels (predominantely women), most often do the cooking. $17.6 \%$ respondents declared that "others" prepare their main meal.

Question 36: How often do you eat outside your home?
How often do you eat outside your home?

|  | Less <br> than <br> once a <br> month | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Daily | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | 694 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1,02 | 700 |
| Fast food restaurant | 672 | 18 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1,07 | 700 |
| Small local restaurant <br> (casual dining) | 693 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1,01 | 700 |
| More formal restaurant <br> Canteen (at <br> work/school) | 651 | 7 | 3 | 16 | 23 | 1,22 | 700 |
|  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 700 |  |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |


|  | Education |  | income |  |  | place of living |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | Village | big city |
| Fast food restaurant | 1,01 | 1,07 | 1,03 | 1,03 | 1,02 | 1,03 |
| Small local restaurant | 1,05 | 1,16 | 1,06 | 1,06 | 1,05 | 1,08 |
| (casual dining) | 1,01 | 1,06 | 1,02 | 1,06 | 1,01 | 1,03 |
| More formal restaurant | 1,19 | 1,40 | 1,17 | 1,24 | 1,11 | 1,21 |
| Canteen (at |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Contrary to results from Poland, nearly all participants in Hungary eat exclusively at home. People with higher education levels eat more often in canteens or at workplace/school.

Question 38: I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box).

| I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box). |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Response | Response |
| Answer Options | Percent | Count |
|  | $15,1 \%$ | 106 |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $42,1 \%$ | 295 |
| 1 portion every day | $8,6 \%$ | 60 |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $10,4 \%$ | 73 |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $17,4 \%$ | 122 |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $5,6 \%$ | 39 |
| less than 1 portion a week | $0,7 \%$ | 5 |
| never | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

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|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $13,4 \%$ | $23,4 \%$ | $14,6 \%$ | $15,2 \%$ | $17,1 \%$ | $13,4 \%$ |
| 1 portion every day | $43,5 \%$ | $34,0 \%$ | $38,4 \%$ | $54,5 \%$ | $58,1 \%$ | $41,4 \%$ |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $7,5 \%$ | $12,8 \%$ | $6,6 \%$ | $6,1 \%$ | $3,4 \%$ | $12,3 \%$ |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $10,7 \%$ | $8,5 \%$ | $8,1 \%$ | $12,1 \%$ | $2,6 \%$ | $13,0 \%$ |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $19,2 \%$ | $12,8 \%$ | $19,7 \%$ | $9,1 \%$ | $16,2 \%$ | $12,6 \%$ |
| less than 1 portion a week | $5,2 \%$ | $7,4 \%$ | $11,6 \%$ | $3,0 \%$ | $1,7 \%$ | $6,5 \%$ |
| never | $0,6 \%$ | $1,1 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,9 \%$ | $0,8 \%$ |

$57.2 \%$ of the respondents declared to eat at least one fruit on a daily basis, but $6.3 \%$ never eats fruit or less than once a week.

More people with higher SES eat a fruit per day.
Living in rural areas seems to improve the situation.

Question 39: I eat vegetables: (1 portion = about 80 gr., tick a box).
I eat vegetables: ( 1 portion $=$ about 80 gr , tick a box $)$.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $9,1 \%$ | 64 |
| 1 portion every day | $33,6 \%$ | 235 |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $9,7 \%$ | 68 |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $15,9 \%$ | 111 |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $23,0 \%$ | 161 |
| less than 1 portion a week | $7,1 \%$ | 50 |
| never | $1,6 \%$ | 11 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $8,2 \%$ | $12,8 \%$ | $10,6 \%$ | $3,0 \%$ | $11,1 \%$ | $7,7 \%$ |
| 1 portion every day | $35,2 \%$ | $25,5 \%$ | $32,3 \%$ | $39,4 \%$ | $44,4 \%$ | $34,9 \%$ |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $9,0 \%$ | $12,8 \%$ | $7,6 \%$ | $9,1 \%$ | $7,7 \%$ | $11,5 \%$ |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $14,9 \%$ | $21,3 \%$ | $11,6 \%$ | $21,2 \%$ | $12,0 \%$ | $19,2 \%$ |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $24,9 \%$ | $17,0 \%$ | $27,3 \%$ | $9,1 \%$ | $19,7 \%$ | $16,9 \%$ |
| less than 1 portion a week | $6,5 \%$ | $9,6 \%$ | $9,1 \%$ | $15,2 \%$ | $3,4 \%$ | $8,4 \%$ |
| never | $1,1 \%$ | $1,1 \%$ | $1,5 \%$ | $3,0 \%$ | $1,7 \%$ | $1,5 \%$ |



The frequency of vegetables consumption is slightly different than that of fruit. +/- $15 \%$ fewer respondents eat a portion of vegetables per day.
$8.7 \%$ eat a portion of vegetables less than twice a week.

Question 40-43: How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during which season?

| How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? SUMMER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Not at all | Several times a month | Once a week | Several times a week | Once a day | Several times a day | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Fresh fruit | 21 | 47 | 60 | 182 | 216 | 174 | 4,50 | 700 |
| Canned fruit | 514 | 99 | 55 | 19 | 11 | 2 | 1,46 | 700 |
| Frozen fruit | 561 | 81 | 37 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 1,32 | 700 |
| Raw vegetables | 94 | 79 | 90 | 184 | 152 | 101 | 3,75 | 700 |
| Canned vegetables | 534 | 96 | 39 | 20 | 10 | 1 | 1,40 | 700 |
| Frozen vegetables | 474 | 136 | 64 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 1,51 | 700 |
| answered question 700 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skippe | question | 0 |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? AUTUMN

| Answer Options | Not at <br> all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once <br> a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once <br> a day | Several <br> times a day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 26 | 70 | 100 | 150 | 215 | 139 | 4,25 | 700 |
| Canned fruit | 450 | 148 | 56 | 33 | 12 | 1 | 1,59 | 700 |
| Frozen fruit | 502 | 120 | 51 | 17 | 9 | 1 | 1,45 | 700 |
| Raw vegetables | 115 | 102 | 117 | 158 | 131 | 77 | 3,46 | 700 |
| Canned vegetables | 490 | 130 | 44 | 25 | 10 | 1 | 1,48 | 700 |
| Frozen vegetables | 410 | 184 | 67 | 25 | 11 | 3 | 1,65 | 700 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 700 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? WINTER

| Answer Options | Not at <br> all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 57 | 110 | 136 | 118 | 194 | 85 | 3,77 | 700 |
| Canned fruit | 348 | 171 | 99 | 61 | 16 | 5 | 1,92 | 700 |
| Frozen fruit | 421 | 160 | 77 | 29 | 9 | 4 | 1,65 | 700 |
| Raw vegetables | 140 | 147 | 143 | 105 | 113 | 52 | 3,09 | 700 |
| Canned vegetables | 412 | 164 | 69 | 38 | 13 | 4 | 1,70 | 700 |
| Frozen vegetables | 312 | 227 | 99 | 43 | 14 | 5 | 1,91 | 700 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 700 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? SPRING

| Answer Options | Not at <br> all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 46 | 83 | 147 | 140 | 178 | 106 | 3,91 | 700 |
| Canned fruit | 388 | 154 | 95 | 49 | 12 | 2 | 1,78 | 700 |
| Frozen fruit | 449 | 140 | 72 | 31 | 4 | 4 | 1,59 | 700 |
| Raw vegetables | 140 | 125 | 115 | 143 | 120 | 57 | 3,21 | 700 |
| Canned vegetables | 448 | 141 | 67 | 31 | 10 | 3 | 1,60 | 700 |
| Frozen vegetables | 353 | 204 | 95 | 34 | 9 | 5 | 1,80 | 700 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 700 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons


Just like pregnant women, older people prefer to eat during:
Summer: fresh fruit and vegetables (at least once a day).
Autumn: fresh fruit and vegetables, but rather less frequently (several times a week).
Winter and spring: domination of consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables, but with increased consumption of frozen and canned ingredients.

Question 44: How often did you eat the following food items in the past month?

| How often did you eat the following food items in the past month? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Not at all | Several times a month | Once a week | Several times a week | Once a day | Several times a day | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Soup | 25 | 29 | 27 | 129 | 459 | 31 | 4,52 | 700 |
| Cooked vegetables | 36 | 69 | 113 | 285 | 183 | 14 | 3,79 | 700 |
| Roasted vegetables | 327 | 137 | 118 | 81 | 33 | 4 | 2,10 | 700 |
| Raw vegetables | 149 | 133 | 144 | 148 | 109 | 17 | 2,98 | 700 |
| Canned vegetables | 445 | 163 | 61 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 1,55 | 700 |
| Frozen vegetables | 365 | 217 | 81 | 30 | 5 | 2 | 1,71 | 700 |
| Pickled vegetables | 202 | 201 | 125 | 140 | 24 | 8 | 2,44 | 700 |
| Jams/Marmalade | 94 | 197 | 188 | 160 | 50 | 11 | 2,87 | 700 |
| Cooked potatoes | 37 | 96 | 143 | 351 | 64 | 9 | 3,48 | 700 |
| Baked/fried potatoes | 135 | 215 | 180 | 137 | 27 | 6 | 2,61 | 700 |
| Rice | 47 | 152 | 238 | 223 | 34 | 6 | 3,09 | 700 |
| Pasta | 44 | 134 | 233 | 247 | 34 | 8 | 3,17 | 700 |
| Bakery products | 48 | 92 | 79 | 162 | 230 | 89 | 4,00 | 700 |
| Fresh fruit | 42 | 75 | 110 | 154 | 233 | 86 | 4,03 | 700 |
| Canned fruit | 409 | 153 | 82 | 39 | 14 | 3 | 1,72 | 700 |
| Frozen fruit | 460 | 152 | 52 | 30 | 4 | 2 | 1,53 | 700 |
| 100\% fruit juice | 390 | 160 | 56 | 36 | 41 | 17 | 1,90 | 700 |
| Other juice | 327 | 202 | 59 | 59 | 40 | 13 | 2,03 | 700 |
| answered question 700 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped | question | 0 |

How often did you eat the following food items in the past month?


|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Soup | 4,53 | 4,54 | 4,55 | 4,67 | 4,68 | 4,34 |
| Cooked vegetables | 3,80 | 3,81 | 3,76 | 4,00 | 3,93 | 3,72 |
| Roasted vegetables | 2,07 | 2,29 | 2,06 | 2,21 | 2,29 | 2,18 |
| Raw vegetables | 2,97 | 2,98 | 2,82 | 2,76 | 3,22 | 2,97 |
| Canned vegetables | 1,57 | 1,57 | 1,54 | 1,30 | 1,50 | 1,61 |
| Frozen vegetables | 1,71 | 1,88 | 1,69 | 2,03 | 1,56 | 1,79 |
| Pickled vegetables | 2,42 | 2,62 | 2,40 | 2,39 | 2,62 | 2,32 |
| Jams/Marmalade | 2,86 | 2,98 | 2,86 | 2,94 | 3,12 | 2,64 |
| Cooked potatoes | 3,52 | 3,44 | 3,54 | 3,64 | 3,67 | 3,38 |
| Baked/fried potatoes | 2,63 | 2,56 | 2,70 | 2,73 | 3,01 | 2,50 |
| Rice | 3,12 | 2,98 | 3,15 | 3,00 | 3,15 | 3,03 |
| Pasta | 3,19 | 3,04 | 3,21 | 3,21 | 3,26 | 3,09 |
| Bakery products | 4,00 | 3,98 | 3,88 | 4,21 | 3,62 | 4,09 |
| Fresh fruit | 3,99 | 4,14 | 3,96 | 4,27 | 4,15 | 3,98 |
| Canned fruit | 1,71 | 1,86 | 1,69 | 1,45 | 1,56 | 1,71 |
| Frozen fruit | 1,53 | 1,65 | 1,47 | 1,61 | 1,45 | 1,57 |
| 100\% fruit juice | 1,89 | 2,06 | 1,85 | 2,00 | 2,22 | 1,85 |
| Other juice | 2,10 | 2,00 | 2,08 | 1,79 | 2,44 | 1,91 |

During the last month preceding the survey, which coincides with winter months, the most consumed product on a daily basis were soup, followed by fresh fruit, bakery products and cooked vegetables and cooked potatoes. Roasted, canned, pickled and frozen fruit and vegetables were less consumed.

## Conclusions

The consumption of fruit and vegetables among $65+$ in Hungary is low, but higher than in Poland. Fruit are preferred to vegetables and thus are more consumed.

People seem to have difficulties to translate the recommended daily intake of fruit and vegetables into the tangible quantities they actually eat.

### 1.2.7. Cooking habits

Question 45: How often do you cook yourself?

| How often do you cook yourself? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| Everyday | $28,3 \%$ | 198 |
| $3-5$ times a week | $25,7 \%$ | 180 |
| 1-2 times a week | $29,6 \%$ | 207 |
| Twice a month | $2,3 \%$ | 16 |
| Once a month | $1,7 \%$ | 12 |
| Less than once a month | $2,6 \%$ | 18 |
| Never | $9,9 \%$ | 69 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |


| Education |  |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Low | high | low | high | Village | big city |
| Answer Options |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Everyday | $28,7 \%$ | $28,7 \%$ | $24,7 \%$ | $18,2 \%$ | $37,6 \%$ | $24,1 \%$ |
| $3-5$ times a week | $23,8 \%$ | $30,9 \%$ | $25,8 \%$ | $36,4 \%$ | $23,1 \%$ | $35,2 \%$ |
| 1-2 times a week | $31,0 \%$ | $22,3 \%$ | $34,8 \%$ | $15,2 \%$ | $29,1 \%$ | $24,1 \%$ |
| Twice a month | $2,3 \%$ | $3,2 \%$ | $1,5 \%$ | $3,0 \%$ | $0,9 \%$ | $2,3 \%$ |
| Once a month | $1,5 \%$ | $1,1 \%$ | $1,5 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,9 \%$ | $2,3 \%$ |
| Less than once a month | $2,9 \%$ | $3,2 \%$ | $2,5 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,7 \%$ | $2,3 \%$ |
| Never | $9,8 \%$ | $10,6 \%$ | $9,1 \%$ | $27,3 \%$ | $6,8 \%$ | $9,6 \%$ |

$54 \%$ of the respondents declared to cook every day or nearly every day, much fewer than in families with pregnant women or infants. $29.6 \%$ cook only 1 or 2 times a week, the rest cooks very rarely to never.

Older people most frequently cook daily in rural areas.
People of higher education level and higher income, living in big cities usually cook 3-5 times a week.
Nearly one third of people with high income declared never to cook.

Question 46: What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible

## What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| I like cooking | $50,0 \%$ | 350 |
| I don't mind cooking | $33,9 \%$ | 237 |
| I cook, but actually I don't like it | $13,7 \%$ | 96 |
| I would like to learn how to cook | $0,4 \%$ | 3 |
| I don't have time to cook | $1,3 \%$ | 9 |
| I don't like cooking and I don't do this | $9,9 \%$ | 69 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Cooking seems to be appreciated by a majority of respondents that declared to like cooking, not to mind or would like to learn how to cook. $23.6 \%$ of respondents don't like it, which is almost every 4th person.

Question 47: How would you rate the following statements?


More than $70 \%$ of the older people asked, consider the colour, texture and taste of their food as most important. Almost as many think fruit and vegetables are easy to cook, but only $60 \%$ care enough about the nutritional value of their meals to actually do it.

Question 48: Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $68,0 \%$ | 476 |
| No | $32,0 \%$ | 224 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |


|  | Education |  | income |  |  | place of living |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Yes | $70,9 \%$ | $59,6 \%$ | $60,6 \%$ | $57,6 \%$ | $82,1 \%$ | $58,6 \%$ |
| No | $29,1 \%$ | $40,4 \%$ | $39,4 \%$ | $42,4 \%$ | $17,9 \%$ | $41,4 \%$ |

A vast majority of older people are convinced that they eat enough fruit and vegetables, but the better educated people with higher income as well as those living in big cities are less convinced.

Question 49: Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible.

Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Because they are tasty | $57,7 \%$ | 404 |
| Because they are healthy | $80,1 \%$ | 561 |
| Because they give a lot of possibilities | $31,6 \%$ | 221 |
| Because it is easy to prepare dishes with fruit and vegetables | $17,6 \%$ | 123 |
| We don't use fruit and vegetables during cooking | $2,0 \%$ | 14 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

The main reasons why fruit and vegetables are included in meals are their health benefits and taste.

Question 50: How do you cook? More than one answer possible.

| How do you cook? More than one answer possible. |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| I watch TV programmes to get inspired | $14,0 \%$ | 98 |
| I use recipes from the internet | $9,1 \%$ | 64 |
| I use the recipes from the press | $11,4 \%$ | 80 |
| I use cookbooks | $27,7 \%$ | 194 |
| I use the traditional recipes that are in my family for years | $65,4 \%$ | 458 |
| I use the recipes and ideas shared by my friends | $15,4 \%$ | 108 |
| I don't use recipes | $23,1 \%$ | 162 |
| I create my own culinary ideas | $22,9 \%$ | 160 |
|  | answered question | 700 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



Older people most frequently use traditional recipes passed down in their family. They also rely on cookbooks for inspiration. More than every $5^{\text {th }}$ creates his/her own culinary delights.

On the other hand, older people are less keen to look for recipes on the internet, on TV programmes or in papers.

## Conclusions

Older people are less open to new ways, there seems to be less opportunity to influence the way they prepare their meals by diversifying their recipes. To fruit and vegetables they attribute health benefits and good taste, but their widespread belief that they already consume enough might make it even harder to convince them to eat more.

### 1.3. CHILDREN

### 1.3.1. Introduction

Country: Hungary
Target group: families with children 10-15 years old
Number of responses (questionnaires): 244
23,4\% of the respondents live in North Hungary (57) and 76,6\% in North Great Hungarian Plain (187).
$59,8 \%$ of respondents were girls.
The households and families concerned by this questionnaire are families with at least one child aged $10-15$ that took part in the pilot project. Although the questionnaire addressed children, parents were asked to help their children to answer the questions, especially those concerning socio-economic status. However, many questionnaires have been completed by the parents themselves distorting the overall results in this target group. Hence, those data sets were excluded from the analysis.

### 1.3.2. Basic information about respondents

Question 9: Number of people in the household

| Number of people in the household |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| 1 | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| 2 | $4,1 \%$ | 10 |
| 3 | $13,9 \%$ | 34 |
| 4 | $29,5 \%$ | 72 |
| 5 | $38,5 \%$ | 94 |
| 6 | $10,2 \%$ | 25 |
| 7 | $2,5 \%$ | 6 |
| 8 | $0,4 \%$ | 1 |
| 9 | $0,4 \%$ | 1 |
| 10 | $0,4 \%$ | 1 |
| more than 10 | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
|  | answered question |  |
|  | skipped question | 244 |

The households in this sample consists of 4.5 persons on average, which is much higher than the national averages (2.36) as reported by the KSH (Hungarian Central Institute of Statistics, Office of Education)

Question 16: Who do you live with?

Who do you live with?
(choose all of the valid answers)

## Answer Options

my children
my parents
my wife/husband
my partner
my grandparents
other members of the family
non relatives
Response
Response Percent Count
0,0\% 0 95,5\% 239 0,0\% 0 0,0\% 0 8,6\% 21

Single 28,7\% 70 0,4\% 1
Single 0,0\% 0 answered question

## Conclusions

. The 244 families represent a total number of 1099 people.
$95,5 \%$ of the respondents live logically with their parents.

### 1.3.3. Socio-economic issues

Question 20: You live in:

| You live in ...(choose from the options) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| Village | $18,4 \%$ | 45 |
| City below 10000 | $13,5 \%$ | 33 |
| City $10000-50000$ | $36,9 \%$ | 90 |
| City $50000-100000$ | $7,8 \%$ | 19 |
| City $100000-250000$ | $14,8 \%$ | 36 |
| City $250000-500000$ | $8,6 \%$ | 21 |
|  | answered question | 542 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



The majority of the children participating in the project live in cities 10-50 000. 31,9\% live in rural areas despite the fact that distribution points were located only in cities.

### 1.3.4. Shopping habits

Question 22: Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?

| Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| You | $3,3 \%$ | 8 |
| Partner | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| Both | $0,4 \%$ | 1 |
| Parents | $95,1 \%$ | 232 |
| Grandparents | $3,3 \%$ | 8 |
| Other | $1,6 \%$ | 4 |
|  | answered question | 244 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Question 26: Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees?

| Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response | Response |
| Yes | Percent | Count |
| No | $57,4 \%$ | 140 |
|  | $42,6 \%$ | 104 |
|  | answered question | 244 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Question 27: If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

| If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| $100-500 \mathrm{~g}$ | 58,0\% | 87 |
| $500-1000 \mathrm{~g}$ | 26,0\% | 39 |
| $1000-2000 \mathrm{~g}$ | 11,3\% | 17 |
| $2000-3000 \mathrm{~g}$ | 3,3\% | 5 |
| More than 3000 g | 1,3\% | 2 |
|  | answered question | 150 |
|  | skipped question | 94 |

Over half of the children's families grow their own fruit and vegetables. However, to provide the average 4.5 members of each household with sufficient fresh fruit and vegetables, their harvest should amount to more than 2 kg per day, which is only produces by $4.6 \%$ of respondents.

Question 28: How often do you buy the following items for consumption at home?


Although the consumption of pre-prepared meals is very low, it is slightly higher than among older people. Ready meals are, unlike for the two other target groups, the most consumed. However the scores remain low with less than $11 \%$ of respondents ( 1 child of 9 ) consuming pre-prepared food several times a week or daily. Fast-food is the least consumed.

Question 29: How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products:

| How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Unimportant | Low Important | Neutral | Important | Very Important | Rating Average | Response Count |
| The price of fresh fruit is | 11 | 23 | 44 | 113 | 53 | 3,71 | 244 |
| The price of raw vegetables is | 13 | 21 | 46 | 111 | 53 | 3,70 | 244 |
| The origin of my food is | 17 | 22 | 42 | 104 | 59 | 3,68 | 244 |
| The season of fruit and vegetables is | 11 | 26 | 63 | 106 | 38 | 3,55 | 244 |
| answered question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 244 |
| skipped question 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Seasonality is less important than price and origin of the food.

Question 30: How much do you agree with the following statements?
How much do you agree with the following statements?


The highest scores are gained by the following affirmations:

- People agree that healthy products are too expensive
- That children can have a candy bar in school (although more than a quarter of them disagree with this statement)

Question 31: How much do you agree with the following statement?

How much do you agree with the following statements?

| Answer Options | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | Rating Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Seasonal fruit is cheaper | 11 | 33 | 46 | 119 | 35 | 3,55 | 244 |
| Seasonal vegetables are cheaper | 9 | 29 | 50 | 120 | 36 | 3,59 | 244 |
| Seasonal fruit is healthier | 4 | 20 | 59 | 108 | 53 | 3,76 | 244 |
| Seasonal vegetables are healthier | 4 | 17 | 60 | 108 | 55 | 3,79 | 244 |
| Seasonal fruit tastes better | 4 | 7 | 49 | 104 | 80 | 4,02 | 244 |
| Seasonal vegetables taste better | 6 | 9 | 52 | 104 | 73 | 3,94 | 244 |
| Buying fruit or vegetables of the season protects the environment | 8 | 19 | 76 | 92 | 49 | 3,64 | 244 |
|  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 244 |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 0 |



Seasonal food is mostly appreciated for its better taste followed by health benefits. Lower price comes fourth, behind environmental considerations.

## Conclusions

Fresh fruit and vegetables are considered as being healthy, but they are only a minor part of the shopping basket. The price of fresh fruit and vegetables is the most determining factor as far as purchasing them is concerned.

Hungarian children eat very few ready-made meals and prefer home-cooked dishes, which they recognise as being healthier.

### 1.3.5. Food choice

Question 32: It is important to me $t$ hat the food I eat on a typical day...
It is important to me that the food I eat on a typical day...

| Answer Options | Unimportant | Low <br> Importance | Neutral | Important | Very <br> Important | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Contains a lot of | 2 | 8 | 43 | 125 | 66 | 4,00 | 244 |
| vitamins and minerals | 2 | 13 | 29 | 93 | 74 | 35 | 3,36 |
| Is low in calories | 1 | 2 | 37 | 132 | 72 | 4,11 | 244 |
| Is nutritious | 12 | 32 | 98 | 70 | 32 | 3,32 | 244 |
| Is low in fat | 2 | 10 | 49 | 112 | 71 | 3,98 | 244 |
| Keeps me healthy | 9 | 22 | 107 | 76 | 30 | 3,39 | 244 |
| Is high in protein | 23 | 32 | 86 | 69 | 34 | 3,24 | 244 |
| Cheers me up | 4 | 19 | 45 | 135 | 41 | 3,78 | 244 |
| Looks nice | 32 | 43 | 100 | 47 | 22 | 2,93 | 244 |
| Helps me relax | 9 | 21 | 74 | 109 | 31 | 3,54 | 244 |
| Has pleasant texture | 1 | 6 | 43 | 143 | 51 | 3,97 | 244 |
| Smells nice | 0 | 2 | 18 | 145 | 79 | 4,23 | 244 |
| Tastes good | 9 | 9 | 50 | 114 | 62 | 3,86 | 244 |
| Is not expensive | 1 | 9 | 44 | 139 | 51 | 3,94 | 244 |
| Is easily available in | 1 | 16 | 56 | 118 | 50 | 3,80 | 244 |
| shops | Is easy to prepare | 4 |  |  |  | answered question | 244 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |

Children 10-15 y. want their food to taste good and have the nutrients to keep them healthy.
Price comes in $7^{\text {th }}$ place after availability in the shops.

Question 33: How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several times a month | Once a week | Several times a week | Once a day | Several times a day | Rating Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chocolate bar | 14 | 50 | 55 | 82 | 25 | 18 | 3,44 | 244 |
| Candy | 6 | 56 | 47 | 83 | 26 | 26 | 3,59 | 244 |
| Cookies | 36 | 63 | 64 | 64 | 9 | 7 | 2,87 | 243 |
| Chips | 65 | 60 | 51 | 38 | 22 | 8 | 2,66 | 244 |
| Sandwich | 14 | 25 | 17 | 68 | 72 | 46 | 4,23 | 242 |
| Mini pizza | 99 | 70 | 29 | 22 | 17 | 5 | 2,19 | 242 |
| Buns | 14 | 29 | 27 | 78 | 63 | 31 | 3,99 | 242 |
| Yoghurt and other milk products | 9 | 25 | 33 | 73 | 65 | 38 | 4,13 | 243 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 78 | 67 | 42 | 35 | 11 | 5 | 2,37 | 238 |
| Salty snacks | 75 | 76 | 55 | 24 | 7 | 5 | 2,29 | 242 |
| Fresh fruit | 4 | 23 | 29 | 82 | 68 | 37 | 4,23 | 243 |
| Fresh vegetables | 13 | 32 | 44 | 73 | 55 | 26 | 3,84 | 243 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 244 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |



Fresh fruit and sandwiches are the most consumed snacks, followed by yoghurt and other milk products.

Products usually considered as bad for one's health (and shape) like crisps, mini pizzas, salty snacks are the least consumed.

Nevertheless, fruit and vegetables remain under-consumed. More than 56\% of the children do not eat fruit on a daily basis. $67 \%$ do not consume vegetables every day.

Question 34: What is your favourite snack? Rate from 1 to 12 , where 1 is the highest note

| What is your favou | s | ?? | f |  |  | 1 | e |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Chocolate bar | 58 | 28 | 29 | 20 | 16 | 11 | 26 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 4,80 | 244 |
| Candy | 24 | 35 | 27 | 21 | 18 | 19 | 16 | 28 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 5,66 | 244 |
| Cookies | 7 | 10 | 18 | 24 | 22 | 28 | 24 | 36 | 38 | 22 | 10 | 5 | 6,73 | 244 |
| Chips | 12 | 24 | 16 | 12 | 23 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 26 | 33 | 22 | 26 | 7,15 | 244 |
| Sandwich | 15 | 13 | 26 | 34 | 29 | 26 | 30 | 21 | 26 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 5,84 | 244 |
| Mini pizza | 7 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 23 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 46 | 35 | 30 | 8,23 | 244 |
| Buns | 20 | 19 | 17 | 32 | 39 | 37 | 28 | 10 | 18 | 7 | 15 | 2 | 5,54 | 244 |
| Yoghurt and other milk products | 25 | 22 | 43 | 23 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 26 | 19 | 12 | 12 | 3 | 5,37 | 244 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 1 | 12 | 13 | 19 | 15 | 17 | 10 | 17 | 23 | 21 | 38 | 58 | 8,42 | 244 |
| Salty snacks | 3 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 14 | 33 | 25 | 38 | 41 | 52 | 9,13 | 244 |
| Fresh fruit | 66 | 39 | 25 | 18 | 19 | 10 | 18 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 16 | 2 | 4,34 | 244 |
| Fresh vegetables | 6 | 36 | 20 | 20 | 15 | 24 | 21 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 22 | 38 | 6,80 | 244 |
| answered question skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 244 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |

Fresh fruit are the favourite snack followed by chocolate. Yoghurt is ranked third. Fresh vegetables are ranked after candy, cokies and sandwiches.

## Conclusions

The children care about their health. Food with bad reputation like salty snacks, mini pizzas and chips are the least popular.

Although they are regarded as being too expensive, fruits are the favourite snack (in terms of consumption and preferences), fresh vegetables not so much.

Pleasure and spontaneity are important determinants to children.

### 1.3.6. Eating habits

Question 36: How often do you eat outside your home?

How often do you eat outside your home?


These figures show that a great percentage of children eat at school canteens. Over 60\% have a meal in a canteen several times a week at least. Other meals are rarely eaten outside their homes.

Question 38: I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box).

I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box).

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $13,1 \%$ | 32 |
| 1 portion every day | $34,0 \%$ | 83 |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $14,8 \%$ | 36 |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $16,0 \%$ | 39 |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $15,6 \%$ | 38 |
| less than 1 portion a week | $6,1 \%$ | 15 |
| Never | $0,4 \%$ | 1 |
|  | answered question | 244 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

$47.1 \%$ of the respondents eat one portion on a daily basis, or more. Less than $7 \%$ eat fruit less than once a week.

Question 39: I eat vegetables: (1 portion = about 80 gr., tick a box).
I eat vegetables: ( 1 portion $=$ about 80 gr , tick a box $)$.

## Answer Options

every day: at least 2 portions a day
1 portion every day
1 portion 5-6 times a week
1 portion 3-4 times a week
Response
Response Percent Count

1 portion 1-2 times a week
9,0\% 22
21,7\% 53
less than 1 portion a week 11,5\% 28 18,0\% 44 Never 23,8\% 58 16,0\% 39
0,0\% 0
answered question 244
skipped question
0

Compared to fruit, vegetables are less consumed. Less than a third eat them on a daily basis, and $16 \%$ eat them less than once a week.

Only 9\% eat at least 2 portions a day.

Question 40-43: How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during which season?


How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? SUMMER

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 2 | 20 | 18 | 62 | 54 | 88 | 4,68 | 244 |
| Canned fruit | 132 | 54 | 28 | 23 | 3 | 4 | 1,86 | 244 |
| Frozen fruit | 157 | 49 | 17 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 1,69 | 244 |
| Raw vegetables | 32 | 35 | 54 | 54 | 30 | 39 | 3,54 | 244 |
| Canned vegetables | 159 | 55 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 1,57 | 244 |
| Frozen vegetables | 130 | 61 | 34 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 1,80 | 244 |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? AUTUMN

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 2 | 36 | 28 | 62 | 71 | 45 | 4,23 | 244 |
| Canned fruit | 98 | 75 | 41 | 17 | 7 | 6 | 2,09 | 244 |
| Frozen fruit | 129 | 74 | 23 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 1,76 | 244 |
| Raw vegetables | 31 | 44 | 54 | 71 | 28 | 16 | 3,28 | 244 |
| Canned vegetables | 130 | 73 | 28 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 1,72 | 244 |
| Frozen vegetables | 101 | 90 | 27 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 1,97 | 244 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 244 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? WINTER

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 10 | 49 | 40 | 62 | 50 | 33 | 3,79 | 244 |
| Canned fruit | 77 | 86 | 39 | 26 | 9 | 7 | 2,28 | 244 |
| Frozen fruit | 114 | 75 | 31 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 1,93 | 244 |
| Raw vegetables | 41 | 63 | 64 | 41 | 24 | 11 | 2,91 | 244 |
| Canned vegetables | 110 | 85 | 28 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 1,89 | 244 |
| Frozen vegetables | 83 | 98 | 31 | 21 | 6 | 5 | 2,11 | 244 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 244 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons? SPRING

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 7 | 43 | 29 | 63 | 61 | 41 | 4,03 | 244 |
| Canned fruit | 79 | 80 | 43 | 23 | 14 | 5 | 2,30 | 244 |
| Frozen fruit | 114 | 75 | 24 | 16 | 11 | 4 | 1,96 | 244 |
| Raw vegetables | 31 | 55 | 55 | 54 | 36 | 13 | 3,20 | 244 |
| Canned vegetables | 115 | 73 | 35 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 1,89 | 244 |
| Frozen vegetables | 90 | 91 | 32 | 21 | 5 | 5 | 2,08 | 244 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 244 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |

Respondents prefer to eat during:
Summer and autumn: fresh fruit and vegetables
Winter and spring: fresh fruit and vegetables, but with increased consumption of frozen and canned ingredients, with a preference for canned products (that are more practical to deal with).

Question 44: How often did you eat the following food items in the past month?


During winter month preceding the survey, the most consumed product on a daily basis were soup, bakery products and fresh fruit. Cooked vegetables, cooked potatoes and pasta were also relatively frequently consumed.

Canned and frozen fruit and vegetables were the least consumed.

### 1.3.7. Cooking habits

Question 46: What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible
What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| I like cooking | $24,2 \%$ | 59 |
| I don't mind cooking | $18,9 \%$ | 46 |
| I cook, but actually I don't like it | $5,3 \%$ | 13 |
| I would like to learn how to cook | $39,3 \%$ | 96 |
| I don't have time to cook | $6,1 \%$ | 15 |
| I don't like cooking and I don't do this | $12,7 \%$ | 31 |

answered question

Question 47: How would you rate the following statements?


Children appreciate colour, taste, texture of their food followed by its health benefits but also consider social aspects linked to cooking with others.

Question 48: Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $68,4 \%$ | 167 |
| No | $31,6 \%$ | 77 |
|  | answered question | 244 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

$68.4 \%$ of "children" are convinced they eat enough fruit and vegetables, proving that they are not really aware of how much they should consume.

Question 49: Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible

Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Because they are tasty | $67,2 \%$ | 164 |
| Because they are healthy | $74,6 \%$ | 182 |
| Because they give a lot of possibilities | $25,0 \%$ | 61 |
| ecause it is easy to prepare dishes with fruit and vegetables | $9,8 \%$ | 24 |
| We don't use fruit and vegetables during cooking | $0,8 \%$ | 2 |
|  | answered question | 244 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Health benefits and taste are the prime motivator for the use of fruit and vegetables. This response demonstrates that being aware is not sufficient when it comes to change behaviours.

Question 50: How do you cook? More than one answer possible.



## Conclusions

Although most are still using traditional recipes or cookbooks, children answering the survey are also eager to try out new things, to move towards culinary diversification.

They exchange recipes with friends or search for inspiration on the internet. This is part of a larger social evolution where food does no longer only respond to physiological needs, but becomes part of a cultural identity based on more emotional values related to pleasure, creativity, eye-catchiness, colours, beauty or seduction.

This might prove that besides awareness, information and education, children would like to be shown how to cook rather than simply being fed.

Their conviction of consuming enough fruit and vegetables is unfortunately not reflected by quantities effectively consumed.

## 2. POLAND

### 2.1.PREGNANT WOMEN

### 2.1.1. Introduction

## Country : Poland

Target group: Pregnant women
Number of responses (questionnaires): 597
$47,9 \%$ of the respondents live in Kujawsko-Pomorskie (286) and 52,1\% in Podkarpackie (311).
$98,49 \%$ of respondents were women, the rest of the questionnaires might have been filled in by their partners.

Nearly $20 \%$ of respondents avoided answering the question on their income.

### 2.1.2. Basic information about respondents

Question 9: Number of people in the household

| Number of people in the household |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response | Response <br> Count |
| 1 | Percent | 1 |
| 2 | $0,2 \%$ | 57 |
| 3 | $9,5 \%$ | 175 |
| 4 | $29,3 \%$ | 188 |
| 5 | $31,5 \%$ | 80 |
| 6 | $13,4 \%$ | 60 |
| 7 | $10,1 \%$ | 22 |
| 8 | $3,7 \%$ | 10 |
| 9 | $1,7 \%$ | 0 |
| 10 | $0,0 \%$ | 3 |
| more than 10 | $0,5 \%$ | 1 |
|  | $0,2 \%$ | 597 |

The average household in this sample had 4.06 persons (which is significantly higher than the regional averages as reported by the Polish statistical office) showing a significant predominance of 6 members households with low education levels. The lower the education level is, the bigger are the families.

Question 10: Sex of people in the household

| Sex of people in the household |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Female | Male | Response <br> Count |
| person 1 | 462 | 135 | 597 |
| person 2 | 205 | 388 | 593 |
| person 3 | 274 | 264 | 538 |
| person 4 | 149 | 213 | 362 |
| person 5 | 76 | 101 | 177 |
| person 6 | 38 | 58 | 96 |
| person 7 | 17 | 19 | 36 |
| person 8 | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| TOTAL | 1230 | 1183 |  |

Question 13: Is there an infant in your household (baby under 12 months?)
Is there an infant in your household (baby under 12 months?)

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $52,4 \%$ | 313 |
| No | $47,6 \%$ | 284 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Question 15: Are the inhabitants of the household in touch with one of the grandparents (at least once a week)?

Are the inhabitants of the household in touch with one of the grandparents (at least once a week)?

## Answer Options

Yes

| Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :---: | :---: |
| $93,5 \%$ | 558 |
| $6,5 \%$ | 39 |

answered question 597
skipped question 0

Question 16: Who do you live with?

## Who do you live with?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| my children | $80,1 \%$ | 478 |
| my parents | $18,9 \%$ | 113 |
| my wife/husband | $83,9 \%$ | 501 |
| my partner | $9,5 \%$ | 57 |
| my grandparents | $4,9 \%$ | 29 |
| other members of the family | $12,6 \%$ | 75 |
| non relatives | $1,7 \%$ | 10 |
| Alone | $0,2 \%$ | 1 |
|  | answered question | 597 |

## Conclusions

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is target group includes all families with a pregnant woman, a woman that was pregnant in the previous year, as well as those households with at least one baby under 12 months. 597 families (over 2426 family members) participated in the zero measurement survey.

Out of this number 535 women are pregnant or gave birth recently, whereas in 313 households there is at least one infant. 251 families already have a baby under 12 months and a new one is expected.

The previous figures show clearly that the composition of the "traditional" family is respected, woman + partner + child/children. Although they are not part of the family nucleus, grandparents seem to be very much present, since in $93.5 \%$ of the cases, respondents declared to be in touch with them at least once a week.

A significant proportion of the respondents declared to live with their parents (20\%).
Both regions are represented pretty equally.

### 2.1.3. Socio-economic issues

Question 17: Your highest level of education

| Your highest level of education |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| primary school | $1,8 \%$ | 11 |
| vocational education | $4,7 \%$ | 28 |
| high school | $18,6 \%$ | 111 |
| Bachelor degree | $10,7 \%$ | 64 |
| Masters degree | $51,3 \%$ | 306 |
| Postgraduate | $12,9 \%$ | 77 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Question 18: Your partner's highest level of education

| Your partner's highest level of education |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |  |
| primary school | $2,3 \%$ | 14 |  |
| vocational education | $9,4 \%$ | 56 |  |
| high school | $28,8 \%$ | 172 |  |
| Bachelor degree | $14,4 \%$ | 86 |  |
| Masters degree | $39,7 \%$ | 237 |  |
| Postgraduate | $3,5 \%$ | 21 |  |
| I don't have a partner | $1,8 \%$ | 11 |  |
|  | answered question | 597 |  |
|  | skipped question | 0 |  |

Among the respondents, more than half graduated from university, which is considerably above the average in Poland (c.a. 20\%). Pregnant women and new mothers tend to be rather young. According to the Statistical Yearbook 2014, 49,2\% of people aged between 19 and 24 enrol in tertiary education.

Question 19: Your occupation

| Your occupation |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| I'm still at school, studying or doing an apprenticeship | $4,5 \%$ | 27 |
| I have a full time job | $37,9 \%$ | 226 |
| I have a part time job | $1,8 \%$ | 11 |
| Casual employment | $1,7 \%$ | 10 |
| I'm unemployed | $14,6 \%$ | 87 |
| I'm a pensioner/annuitant | $1,0 \%$ | 6 |
| I'm on maternity leave, | $33,0 \%$ | 197 |
| I work on my own farm, | $0,3 \%$ | 2 |
| I run my own business | $5,2 \%$ | 31 |

skipped question
0


Over $70 \%$ of respondents have a full time job, of which a third is currently on maternity leave. Nearly $15 \%$ are unemployed, which is a bit more than the average statistics for the region.

Question 20: You live in a

| You live in |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |  |
| Village | $22,9 \%$ | 137 |  |
| City below 10 000 | $6,2 \%$ | 37 |  |
| City $10000-50000$ | $15,1 \%$ | 90 |  |
| City $50000-100000$ | $8,4 \%$ | 50 |  |
| City $100000-250000$ | $38,0 \%$ | 227 |  |
| City $250000-500000$ | $9,4 \%$ | 56 |  |
|  | answered question | 597 |  |
|  | skipped question | 0 | 0 |

Where people live is pretty similar for both regions. Nearly 30\% of all participants of "My healthy family" live in rural areas (villages and towns below 10000 inhabitants). Distribution points for fruit and vegetables were situated only in the cities. This is worth considering for future projects.

Question 21: Monthly disposable income of your household (after tax):


Nearly half of the respondents have less than $500 €$ disposable income per household (48\%). 1 out of 5 earns less than the national average (Central Statistical Office of Poland) of 1240 PLN (c.a. 306 €). On the other hand, $27 \%$ of the surveyed households have a monthly disposable income above $700 €$.

## Conclusions

> More than half of the respondents earn relatively little, although half of them hold a university degree. This may be linked to the fact that many professions in Poland that involve university degrees have a low remuneration level - mainly public services (like health care, education).
> Respondents are mainly young persons, at the beginning of their career.
> In terms of purchasing power, the traditional couple benefits from a disposable monthly income below 2000 PLN (+/- $500 €$ ), below the average. This has to be tempered by the fact that the project was mainly promoted among people of low socio-economic status.

### 2.1.4. Shopping habits

Question 22: Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?

| Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| You | 36,5\% | 218 |
| Partner | 7,2\% | 43 |
| Both | 49,2\% | 294 |
| Parents | 6,0\% | 36 |
| Grandparents | 0,5\% | 3 |
| Other | 0,5\% | 3 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |


|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| You | 38,5\% | 38,0\% | 39,6\% | 38,5\% | 40,2\% | 34,3\% |
| Partner | 5,1\% | 7,6\% | 8,3\% | 7,7\% | 9,8\% | 6,4\% |
| Both | 28,2\% | 49,7\% | 37,5\% | 48,1\% | 38,5\% | 55,1\% |
| Parents | 17,9\% | 4,5\% | 10,4\% | 3,8\% | 10,3\% | 3,5\% |
| Grandparents | 2,6\% | 0,2\% | 2,1\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,7\% |
| Other | 7,7\% | 0,0\% | 2,1\% | 1,9\% | 1,1\% | 0,0\% |

About 93\% of respondents do shopping individually or together with their partner.
SES seems a major factor in determining who does the shopping. The higher the SES (high education level, high income, living in big cities), the more frequent couples shop together, making it a social moment involving the entire household, besides being a "family" activity.

Question 23: Do you have a specific budget for food-shopping?

Do you have a specific budget for food-shopping?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $43,7 \%$ | 261 |
| No | $56,3 \%$ | 336 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Question 24: If yes: how much per week?

| If yes: how much per week? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| $0-15 €(0-62 ~ z ł)$ | $10,1 \%$ | 28 |
| $15-25 €(62-104 ~ z ł)$ | $30,6 \%$ | 85 |
| $25-50 €(104-208 ~ z ł)$ | $38,5 \%$ | 107 |
| $50-100 €(208-416 ~ z ł)$ | $16,9 \%$ | 47 |
| $100-150 €(416-624 ~ z ł)$ | $3,2 \%$ | 9 |
| more than150 € (624 zł) | $0,7 \%$ | 2 |
|  | answered question | 278 |
|  | skipped question | 319 |

Question 25: How much of your expenses on food do you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables?
How much of your expenses on food do you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables?

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| below 20\% | $47,4 \%$ | 283 |
| $21-40 \%$ | $43,9 \%$ | 262 |
| $41-60 \%$ | $7,5 \%$ | 45 |
| more than 60\% | $1,2 \%$ | 7 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |


|  | education |  | income |  |  | place of living |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | low | high | Low | high | village | big city |
| below $20 \%$ | $64,1 \%$ | $46,5 \%$ | $50,0 \%$ | $48,1 \%$ | $56,9 \%$ | $39,9 \%$ |
| $21-40 \%$ | $25,6 \%$ | $45,0 \%$ | $43,8 \%$ | $46,2 \%$ | $36,2 \%$ | $52,3 \%$ |
| $41-60 \%$ | $5,1 \%$ | $7,6 \%$ | $4,2 \%$ | $3,8 \%$ | $6,3 \%$ | $7,1 \%$ |
| more than | $5,1 \%$ | $0,9 \%$ | $2,1 \%$ | $1,9 \%$ | $0,6 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ |
| $60 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

$79,2 \%$ of the respondents stated to have a dedicated budget for food shopping between 15-50 € per week. One out of ten spends less than $15 €$ per week on fruit and vegetables and only $3.9 \%$ can afford to spend more than $100 €$ on food shopping. Pregnant women, though spend more on fruit and vegetables than the two other target groups (children and older people).

The average Polish household has a weekly food expenditure of $263,88 \mathrm{zł}$ (c.a. $65,15 €$ ), so in this survey over $40 \%$ of respondents declared spending less than that or the same. People with higher education spend more on fruit and vegetables.

People living in big cities spend more than those living in the countryside (prices in the cities are higher in general, consumption of self-grown fruit and vegetables in rural areas)

Question 26: Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees?

| Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Yes | 22,1\% | 132 |
| No | 77,9\% | 465 |
|  | answered question | 597 |

Question 27: If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $100-500 \mathrm{~g}$ | $68,2 \%$ | 133 |
| $500-1000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $25,1 \%$ | 49 |
| $1000-2000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $4,1 \%$ | 8 |
| $2000-3000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $1,0 \%$ | 2 |
| more than 3000 g | $1,5 \%$ | 3 |
|  | answered question | 195 |
|  | skipped question | 402 |

If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

$\square 100-500 \mathrm{~g}$
$\square 500-1000 \mathrm{~g}$
$\square 1000-2000 \mathrm{~g}$
$\square 2000-3000 \mathrm{~g}$
$\square$ more than 3000 g

The figures of respondents growing their own fruit and vegetables correspond to the number of people living in villages (22,9\%). However, in $93 \%$ of households with the option of growing their own fruit and vegetables, the daily consumption is declared as being below 250 g per person, making gardening more a hobby than a way of gaining food.

How often do you buy the following items for consumption at home?

| Answer Options | Not at allless than <br> once a <br> month | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Daily | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ready- <br> meals | 209 | 268 | 98 | 15 | 7 | 0 | 1,90 | 597 |
| Take-out <br> food | 214 | 298 | 72 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 1,81 | 597 |
| Fast food | 183 | 348 | 54 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 1,83 | 597 |
|  |  |  |  |  | answered question <br> skipped question | 597 |  |  |

Question 28: How often do you buy the following items for consumption at home?

In general, respondents do not consume much of this kind of food, less than $8 \%$ once a week or more often, with a preference for ready-meals.

This might be influenced by the awareness of the quality of food, but also by:

- Lack of economical availability - our respondents spend less than the Polish average on food
- Living in bigger households prevents frequent eating out and creates more opportunity for preparing meals at home.


|  | education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Ready-meals | 1,85 | 1,90 | 1,74 | 2,13 | 1,80 | 1,98 |
| Take-out food | 1,67 | 1,83 | 1,58 | 2,00 | 1,72 | 1,90 |
| Fast food | 1,82 | 1,83 | 1,72 | 1,94 | 1,84 | 1,87 |

People with higher education levels tend to eat more take-out food, probably due to lack of time for preparing meals, establishing a certain correlation between consumption of ready food and income, especially for ready-meals and take-out food.

Surprisingly those living in big cities do not eat more ready made food, contradicting the assumption that a lack of availability of such meals is the reason of limited consumption in rural areas.

Question 29: How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products:

How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products:

| Answer Options | Unimportant | Low <br> Importance | Neutral | Important | Very <br> Important | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The price of fresh | 11 | 22 | 40 | 374 | 150 | 4,06 | 597 |
| fruit is | 14 | 29 | 47 | 366 | 141 | 3,99 | 597 |
| The price of raw <br> vegetables is | 7 | 12 | 37 | 272 | 269 | 4,31 | 597 |
| The origin of my <br> food is | 0 | 4 | 37 | 275 | 281 | 4,40 | 597 |
| The season of fruit <br> and vegetables is | 0 |  |  | answered question | 597 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | education |  | income | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| The price of fresh fruit is | 4,18 | 4,05 | 4,23 | 3,87 | 4,13 | 4,01 |
| The price of raw | 4,13 | 3,98 | 4,17 | 3,83 | 4,09 | 3,95 |
| vegetables is | 4,26 | 4,36 | 4,31 | 4,44 | 4,28 | 4,33 |
| The origin of my food is | 4,33 | 4,41 | 4,35 | 4,38 | 4,45 | 4,37 |

For the great majority of respondents, the following factors are the main determinants for the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables

- The price
- The seasonality
- The origin

Question 30: How much do you agree with the following statements?

| How much do you agree with the following statements? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Healthy food products are too expensive | 9 | 49 | 39 | 319 | 181 | 4,03 | 597 |
| Fast food is not bad for my health | 289 | 173 | 36 | 46 | 53 | 2,00 | 597 |
| Sweets once a day are good for me | 96 | 275 | 134 | 88 | 4 | 2,38 | 597 |
| Children can have a candy bar in school | 100 | 284 | 93 | 119 | 1 | 2,39 | 597 |
| Ready-made meals are as healthy as home-cooked food | 309 | 242 | 38 | 5 | 3 | 1,58 | 597 |
| answered questionskipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Healthy food products are <br> too expensive | 4,21 | 4,07 | 4,08 | 3,92 | 4,06 | 4,03 |
| Fast food is not bad for my <br> health | 2,38 | 1,93 | 1,99 | 2,04 | 1,99 | 1,98 |
| Sweets once a day are <br> good for me | 2,67 | 2,35 | 2,26 | 2,13 | 2,48 | 2,36 |
| Children can have a candy <br> bar in school | 2,54 | 2,32 | 2,36 | 2,37 | 2,46 | 2,35 |
| Ready-made meals are as <br> healthy as home-cooked <br> food | 1,92 | 1,51 | 1,64 | 1,60 | 1,65 | 1,52 |



The overwhelming majority of the respondents believes that healthy products are too expensive.

Pre-prepared food seems to have a bad reputation in terms of health, but candies and sweets appear to be largely tolerated.

Home-made food is highly appreciated, nearly $92 \%$ respondents believe that it is healthier than ready-made meals.

As for their SES:

- Healthy products are perceived as too expensive especially for those with low income.
- Fast food is better rated by people with lower education. Income and place of living is not correlated with how people regard fast food.
- Home-made meals are mostly appreciated by people with high education status.

Question 31: How much do you agree with the following statements?


|  | education | Income | place of living |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Answer Options | low | high | low | High | village | big city |
| Seasonal fruit is <br> cheaper <br> Seasonal vegetables <br> are cheaper | 3,64 | 4,14 | 3,90 | 4,12 | 4,09 | 4,13 |
| Seasonal fruit is <br> healthier | 3,69 | 4,17 | 3,93 | 4,12 | 4,09 | 4,17 |
| Seasonal vegetables <br> are healthier <br> Seasonal fruit taste <br> better | 4,36 | 4,30 | 4,16 | 4,21 | 4,29 | 4,32 |
| Seasonal vegetables <br> taste better <br> Buying fruit or <br> vegetables of the <br> season protects the <br> environment | 4,36 | 4,31 | 4,15 | 4,23 | 4,29 | 4,32 |

Finally, seasonal food is mostly appreciated for its lower price, health benefits and taste (environment seems to be considered less relevant in that respect). The belief that seasonal food is better and cheaper is quite widespread among the pregnant participants in Poland.

Higher educated people are more likely to perceived seasonal fruit and vegetables as cheaper and better tasting than by lower educated ones with lower income.

Both categories seem to be more or less equally aware of the health benefits of such food. Neither one considers the impact of seasonality of fruit and vegetables on the environment as very relevant.

## Conclusions

Although fresh fruit and vegetables are seen as being healthy, only a minor part of the food shopping budget is spend on them. As for the other target groups, the price seems to be the most common impeding factor, due to the low disposable food budget of the respondents. Seasonal products are perceived as being cheaper, but still too expensive.

### 2.1.5. Food choice

Question 32: It is important to me that the food I eat on a typical day...

| Answer Options | Unimportant | Low <br> Importance | Neutral | Important | Very <br> Important | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Contains a lot of <br> vitamins and | 0 | 0 | 21 | 326 | 250 | 4,38 | 597 |
| minerals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Is low in calories | 21 | 46 | 209 | 266 | 55 | 3,48 | 597 |
| Is nutritious | 0 | 3 | 39 | 396 | 159 | 4,19 | 597 |
| Is low in fat | 10 | 34 | 157 | 313 | 83 | 3,71 | 597 |
| Keeps me | 0 | 4 | 25 | 306 | 262 | 4,38 | 597 |
| healthy | 8 | 41 | 239 | 258 | 51 | 3,51 | 597 |
| Is high in protein | 3 | 33 | 142 | 322 | 97 | 3,80 | 597 |
| Cheers me up | 9 | 30 | 137 | 347 | 74 | 3,75 | 597 |
| Looks nice | 21 | 51 | 210 | 255 | 60 | 3,47 | 597 |
| Helps me relax | 23 | 57 | 208 | 266 | 43 | 3,42 | 597 |
| Has pleasant | 1 | 8 | 28 | 425 | 135 | 4,15 | 597 |
| texture | 0 | 0 | 13 | 331 | 253 | 4,40 | 597 |
| Smells nice | 6 | 25 | 95 | 369 | 102 | 3,90 | 597 |
| Tastes good | 4 | 22 | 86 | 374 | 111 | 3,95 | 597 |
| Is not expensive | Is easily available | 42 | 111 | 329 | 111 | 3,84 | 597 |
| in shops |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | education |  |  | Income |  | place of living |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Contains a lot of vitamins |  |  |  |  |  | 4,35 |
| and minerals | 4,46 | 4,41 | 4,38 | 4,33 | 4,42 |  |
| Is low in calories | 3,67 | 3,51 | 3,39 | 3,40 | 3,56 | 3,42 |
| Is nutritious | 4,28 | 4,21 | 4,17 | 4,17 | 4,21 | 4,19 |
| Is low in fat | 3,79 | 3,74 | 3,68 | 3,56 | 3,74 | 3,69 |
| Keeps me healthy | 4,41 | 4,42 | 4,35 | 4,31 | 4,32 | 4,43 |
| Is high in protein | 3,79 | 3,49 | 3,65 | 3,44 | 3,50 | 3,48 |
| Cheers me up | 3,72 | 3,81 | 3,70 | 3,73 | 3,75 | 3,82 |
| Looks nice | 3,87 | 3,79 | 3,65 | 3,79 | 3,72 | 3,73 |
| Helps me relax | 3,67 | 3,47 | 3,41 | 3,44 | 3,52 | 3,42 |
| Has pleasant texture | 3,64 | 3,40 | 3,34 | 3,52 | 3,48 | 3,32 |
| Smells nice | 4,18 | 4,16 | 4,01 | 4,08 | 4,12 | 4,13 |
| Tastes good | 4,36 | 4,41 | 4,32 | 4,37 | 4,34 | 4,44 |
| Is not expensive | 4,26 | 3,86 | 4,14 | 3,69 | 4,00 | 3,82 |
| Is easily available in | 4,13 | 3,92 | 4,16 | 3,73 | 4,03 | 3,89 |
| shops | 4,00 | 3,83 | 3,98 | 3,71 | 3,84 | 3,81 |

Common sense is determining respondent's answers. Benefits usually attributed to "good" food e.g. high vitamin and protein content, nutritional aspects are chosen first, followed by more subjective considerations e.g. tastes good, looks nice.

Low fat content and low calories are considered less relevant, which can be linked to Polish traditional cooking which is high in fat and calories.

Price just ranks in $7^{\text {th }}$ place.

Question 33: How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several times a month | Once a week | Several times a week | Once a day | Several times a day | Rating Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chocolate bar | 61 | 255 | 125 | 109 | 39 | 8 | 2,72 |
| Candy | 177 | 227 | 86 | 82 | 16 | 5 | 2,24 |
| Cookies | 63 | 245 | 116 | 138 | 25 | 6 | 2,72 |
| Chips | 341 | 205 | 25 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 1,56 |
| Sandwich | 44 | 55 | 36 | 133 | 190 | 127 | 4,28 |
| Mini pizza | 322 | 237 | 29 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1,55 |
| Buns | 87 | 134 | 109 | 166 | 75 | 22 | 3,12 |
| Yoghurt and other milk products | 17 | 64 | 67 | 208 | 164 | 73 | 4,11 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 100 | 178 | 97 | 145 | 53 | 22 | 2,90 |
| Salty snacks | 222 | 251 | 79 | 34 | 8 | 1 | 1,92 |
| Fresh fruit | 1 | 42 | 46 | 179 | 180 | 148 | 4,58 |
| Fresh vegetables | 15 | 72 | 60 | 192 | 162 | 94 | 4,17 |
| answered question skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



|  | education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | Low | high | village | big city |
| Chocolate bar | 2,51 | 2,77 | 2,49 | 2,81 | 2,76 | 2,73 |
| Candy | 2,44 | 2,19 | 2,31 | 2,18 | 2,41 | 2,10 |
| Cookies | 2,58 | 2,73 | 2,49 | 2,80 | 2,87 | 2,70 |
| Chips | 2,00 | 1,50 | 1,59 | 1,58 | 1,61 | 1,46 |
| Sandwich | 4,46 | 4,31 | 4,47 | 3,86 | 4,47 | 4,24 |
| Mini pizza | 1,90 | 1,53 | 1,55 | 1,54 | 1,58 | 1,48 |
| Buns | 3,54 | 3,10 | 3,23 | 3,04 | 3,26 | 3,08 |
| Yoghurt and other milk products | 4,08 | 4,16 | 3,97 | 4,14 | 4,08 | 4,24 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 2,37 | 3,06 | 2,44 | 3,00 | 2,66 | 3,11 |
| Salty snacks | 2,26 | 1,88 | 1,96 | 1,85 | 1,98 | 1,86 |
| Fresh fruit | 4,23 | 4,65 | 4,41 | 4,69 | 4,57 | 4,64 |
| Fresh vegetables | 4,23 | 4,20 | 4,11 | 4,17 | 4,25 | 4,18 |

Products that are typically known as being bad for one's health (and shape) e.g. crisps, mini pizzas, salty snacks and to a certain extent candy are least consumed (based on these answers).

Dried fruit/nuts, which are or should be known for their various benefits are not or rarely consumed by $47 \%$ of the respondents (several times a month or less often).

Fresh fruit and vegetables are claimed to be the most consumed snacks, followed by sandwiches as well as yoghurt and other milk products.

Nevertheless, fruit and vegetables remain under-consumed. As for fruit $45 \%$ of respondents eat them less than once a day, for vegetables it is even $57 \%$.

People with a higher SES tend to eat chocolate, cookies, yoghurt and other milk products and dried fruit more often. People with a high SES eat more fruit whereas there are no significant differences in consumption of vegetables. In general, better educated people living in big cities seem to eat less "bad" food.

Question 34: What is your favourite snack? Rate from 1 to 12 , where 1 is the highest note

| What is your favourite snack? Rate from 1 to 12 , where 1 is the highest note |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Chocolate bar | 89 | 57 | 42 | 36 | 47 | 51 | 72 | 62 | 47 | 37 | 30 | 27 | 5,80 | 597 |
| Candy | 22 | 40 | 19 | 22 | 35 | 30 | 55 | 82 | 69 | 89 | 68 | 66 | 7,86 | 597 |
| Cookies | 34 | 35 | 54 | 32 | 52 | 77 | 68 | 98 | 73 | 43 | 19 | 12 | 6,39 | 597 |
| Chips | 16 | 12 | 13 | 29 | 14 | 19 | 25 | 28 | 59 | 79 | 114 | 189 | 9,42 | 597 |
| Sandwich | 40 | 45 | 62 | 86 | 120 | 76 | 58 | 33 | 34 | 25 | 9 | 9 | 5,27 | 597 |
| Mini pizza | 8 | 5 | 11 | 13 | 22 | 53 | 53 | 63 | 81 | 95 | 113 | 80 | 8,86 | 597 |
| Buns | 6 | 23 | 30 | 53 | 85 | 107 | 92 | 66 | 55 | 35 | 25 | 20 | 6,62 | 597 |
| Yoghurt and other milk products | 91 | 92 | 133 | 95 | 53 | 26 | 27 | 30 | 12 | 24 | 8 | 6 | 4,04 | 597 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 33 | 44 | 71 | 84 | 58 | 59 | 44 | 39 | 51 | 30 | 44 | 40 | 6,13 | 597 |
| Salty snacks | 8 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 21 | 29 | 52 | 57 | 82 | 107 | 115 | 96 | 9,09 | 597 |
| Fresh fruit | 232 | 125 | 68 | 43 | 40 | 21 | 10 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 25 | 7 | 3,09 | 597 |
| Fresh vegetables | 18 | 110 | 86 | 91 | 50 | 49 | 41 | 27 | 28 | 25 | 27 | 45 | 5,44 | 597 |
| answered question 597 <br> skipped question 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | education |  | Income | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | low | high | low | High | village | big city |
| Chocolate bar | 6,15 | 5,63 | 6,16 | 5,12 | 6,11 | 5,60 |
| Candy | 7,03 | 8,00 | 7,22 | 8,44 | 7,47 | 8,22 |
| Cookies | 7,03 | 6,45 | 7,11 | 6,50 | 6,63 | 6,36 |
| Chips | 8,62 | 9,49 | 9,01 | 9,83 | 9,06 | 9,70 |
| Sandwich | 4,95 | 5,29 | 4,73 | 4,38 | 5,07 | 5,26 |
| Mini pizza | 8,15 | 8,87 | 8,99 | 8,63 | 8,78 | 9,01 |
| Buns | 5,33 | 6,79 | 5,98 | 6,87 | 6,33 | 6,86 |
| Yoghurt and other milk products | 4,36 | 4,07 | 3,91 | 4,31 | 4,22 | 3,92 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 7,08 | 5,86 | 7,00 | 6,06 | 6,60 | 5,57 |
| Salty snacks | 9,13 | 9,11 | 9,24 | 9,13 | 8,98 | 9,08 |
| Fresh fruit | 4,38 | 3,00 | 3,38 | 2,62 | 3,29 | 3,01 |
| Fresh vegetables | 5,79 | 5,43 | 5,28 | 6,12 | 5,47 | 5,42 |

These answers show what the respondents like, whereas the previous question was about what they eat.

Fresh fruit is by far the favourite snack - nearly $60 \%$ of respondents gave it the highest scores (1 or 2). Yoghurt and other milk products come second. Dried fruit and nuts remain unappreciated - over $20 \%$ of respondents gave them the lowest ranks (10-12).

Better educated people like chocolate and cookies, as well as fresh fruit best. Those products are also better rated by people with higher income and those living in big cities.

In general, products known as being healthy (yoghurt and dried fruit/nuts) are better evaluated by respondents with higher SES. There is one exception - people with low income like yoghurt more than richer respondents.

## Conclusions

Respondents care about health issues, however they remain pragmatic when taking decision about food e.g. availability, taste or price.

Although they are regarded as being too expensive, fruit and vegetables are positively rated as a snack (in terms of consumption and preferences).

### 2.1.6. Eating habits

Question 35: Who most often prepares the main meal in your household?
Who most often prepares the main meal in your household?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| You | $70,0 \%$ | 418 |
| Partner | $2,3 \%$ | 14 |
| Both | $17,1 \%$ | 102 |
| Parents | $8,7 \%$ | 52 |
| Grandparents | $1,0 \%$ | 6 |
| Other | $0,8 \%$ | 5 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



The participants who collected the fruit and vegetables parcels usually are the ones also cooking the meals, in most cases the women.

Question 36: How often do you eat outside your home?


| education |  | income |  | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Fast food restaurant | 1,13 | 1,08 | 1,07 | 1,21 | 1,11 | 1,08 |
| Small local restaurant | 1,13 | 1,17 | 1,07 | 1,37 | 1,13 | 1,21 |
| (casual dining) | 1,05 | 1,03 | 1,02 | 1,06 | 1,03 | 1,03 |
| More formal restaurant | 1,10 | 1,18 | 1,07 | 1,23 | 1,14 | 1,16 |
| Canteen (at |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| work/school) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Nearly all participants usually eat at home, eating out is very rare in all three target groups.

Less than $15 \%$ eat out once a month or more often, most frequently in canteens at school/workplace. Few respondents visit more formal restaurants several times a month or more often.

People living in villages do not eat out less often than those from big cities, they even attend more fast food restaurants.

Question 37: Why do you eat outside your home (in restaurants, canteen etc.) - More than one answer possible

Why do you eat outside your home (in restaurants, canteen etc.) - More than one answer possible

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Because it is cheap | $8,4 \%$ | 50 |
| Because it is convenient | $50,8 \%$ | 303 |
| Because it is healthy | $0,7 \%$ | 4 |
| Because I have no time to cook | $30,0 \%$ | 179 |
| Because it is a pleasure for me | $37,9 \%$ | 226 |
| Because it is tasty | $17,4 \%$ | 104 |
| Because I can't cook | $2,0 \%$ | 12 |
| Because I have no possibility to take already prepared meals to work/school | $13,2 \%$ | 79 |
| (no storage place etc.) | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



The reasons why people eat out are by decreasing order of importance, convenience, pleasure and lack of time. Health considerations (only $0,4 \%$ of the responses) are not a determining factor in more emotional and spontaneous decision-making processes.

Question 38: I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box).

I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box).

## Answer Options

| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $30,2 \%$ | 180 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1 portion every day | $31,3 \%$ | 187 |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $11,4 \%$ | 68 |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $15,4 \%$ | 92 |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $8,5 \%$ | 51 |
| less than 1 portion a week | $2,8 \%$ | 17 |
| Never | $0,3 \%$ | 2 |


|  | education |  | income | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| every day: at least 2 | $12,8 \%$ | $31,1 \%$ | $22,9 \%$ | $30,8 \%$ | $28,2 \%$ | $31,8 \%$ |
| portions a day | $20,5 \%$ | $33,6 \%$ | $35,4 \%$ | $34,6 \%$ | $32,8 \%$ | $31,4 \%$ |
| 1 portion every day | $20,5 \%$ | $11,4 \%$ | $7,3 \%$ | $13,5 \%$ | $10,9 \%$ | $11,3 \%$ |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $23,1 \%$ | $15,2 \%$ | $18,8 \%$ | $13,5 \%$ | $15,5 \%$ | $17,3 \%$ |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $5,1 \%$ | $6,9 \%$ | $10,4 \%$ | $3,8 \%$ | $8,6 \%$ | $6,4 \%$ |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $15,4 \%$ | $1,8 \%$ | $4,2 \%$ | $3,8 \%$ | $3,4 \%$ | $1,8 \%$ |
| less than 1 portion a | $2,6 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,6 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |
| week |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box).


More than half of the respondents declared to eat one fruit on a daily basis. Only a small percentage never eats fruit or does it less than once a week.

People with high SES eat significantly more fruit. Better education makes the difference. Differences in income situation or living places have a lower impact.

Question 39: I eat vegetables: (1 portion = about 80 gr , tick a box).
I eat vegetables: ( 1 portion $=$ about 80 gr, tick a box $)$.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $18,6 \%$ | 111 |
| 1 portion every day | $31,5 \%$ | 188 |
| 1portion 5-6 times a week | $14,6 \%$ | 87 |
| 1portion 3-4 times a week | $17,4 \%$ | 104 |
| 1portion 1-2 times a week | $12,9 \%$ | 77 |
| less than 1 portion a week | $4,4 \%$ | 26 |
| Never | $0,7 \%$ | 4 |
|  | answered question |  |
|  | skipped question | 597 |
|  |  | 0 |


| education |  | income |  |  | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big <br> city |  |
| every day: at least 2 portions a | $5,1 \%$ | $21,3 \%$ | $14,6 \%$ | $11,5 \%$ | $14,9 \%$ | $20,5 \%$ |  |
| day | $3,3 \%$ | $31,5 \%$ | $29,2 \%$ | $42,3 \%$ | $32,8 \%$ | $33,6 \%$ |  |
| 1 portion every day | $12,8 \%$ | $15,0 \%$ | $14,6 \%$ | $11,5 \%$ | $12,1 \%$ | $13,1 \%$ |  |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $17,9 \%$ | $18,1 \%$ | $15,6 \%$ | $21,2 \%$ | $17,8 \%$ | $20,5 \%$ |  |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $17,9 \%$ | $9,6 \%$ | $17,7 \%$ | $11,5 \%$ | $15,5 \%$ | $9,9 \%$ |  |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $10,3 \%$ | $3,8 \%$ | $7,3 \%$ | $1,9 \%$ | $5,7 \%$ | $2,1 \%$ |  |
| less than 1 portion a week | $2,6 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,1 \%$ | $0,4 \%$ |  |
| Never |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The frequency of vegetables consumption is slightly different than that of fruit. Fewer respondents ( $10 \%$ ) eat a portion of vegetables per day. A rather high percentage eats a portion of vegetables less than twice a week.

Around half of respondents eat less than 2 portions of fruit and vegetables a day, which is a far cry from the commonly suggested 5 a day.

People of higher SES eat fruit and vegetables more often. Education is the most influencing factor.

Question 40-43: How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during which season?

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the summer?

| Answer | Not at all | several <br> times a <br> month | once a <br> week | several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 1 | 11 | 14 | 97 | 121 | 353 | 5,32 | 597 |
| Canned fruit | 349 | 216 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1,49 | 597 |
| Frozen fruit | 414 | 154 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1,39 | 597 |
| Raw <br> vegetables | 17 | 33 | 35 | 175 | 156 | 181 | 4,61 | 597 |
| Canned <br> vegetables | 319 | 224 | 42 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1,58 | 597 |
| Frozen <br> vegetables | 280 | 233 | 60 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1,72 | 597 |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the autumn?

| Answer Options | Not at all | several times a month | once a week | several times a week | Once a day | Several times a day | Rating Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 1 | 38 | 55 | 146 | 195 | 162 | 4,64 | 597 |
| Canned fruit | 272 | 268 | 39 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 1,68 | 597 |
| Frozen fruit | 276 | 241 | 49 | 25 | 4 | 2 | 1,74 | 597 |
| Raw vegetables | 16 | 69 | 74 | 192 | 158 | 88 | 4,12 | 597 |
| Canned vegetables | 235 | 262 | 66 | 29 | 3 | 2 | 1,84 | 597 |
| Frozen vegetables | 131 | 295 | 92 | 70 | 6 | 3 | 2,22 | 597 |
| answered question |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 597 |
| skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the winter?

| Answer Options | Not at all | several <br> times a <br> month | once a <br> week | several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 9 | 83 | 75 | 169 | 179 | 82 | 4,13 | 597 |
| Canned fruit | 207 | 314 | 53 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 1,83 | 597 |
| Frozen fruit | 188 | 285 | 77 | 42 | 3 | 2 | 1,98 | 597 |
| Raw vegetables <br> Canned | 22 | 106 | 103 | 184 | 127 | 55 | 3,76 | 597 |
| vegetables | 182 | 299 | 73 | 39 | 4 | 0 | 1,97 | 597 |
| Frozen <br> vegetables | 69 | 293 | 110 | 110 | 13 | 2 | 2,52 | 597 |

Question 43: How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the spring?

| Answer Options | Not at all | several <br> times a <br> month | once a <br> week | several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 3 | 52 | 59 | 161 | 183 | 139 | 4,48 | 597 |
| Canned fruit | 251 | 287 | 36 | 18 | 1 | 4 | 1,73 | 597 |
| Frozen fruit | 232 | 267 | 63 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 1,86 | 597 |
| Raw vegetables | 16 | 81 | 77 | 188 | 146 | 89 | 4,06 | 597 |
| Canned <br> vegetables | 220 | 282 | 61 | 27 | 4 | 3 | 1,86 | 597 |
| Frozen |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 111 |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons


Respondents prefer to eat during:
Summer: fresh FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (at least once day).
Autumn: fresh FRUIT AND VEGETABLES but rather less frequently (several times a week).
Winter and spring: domination of consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables, but with increased consumption of frozen ingredients.

Canned fruit and vegetables are not so common.

Question 44: How often did you eat the following food items in the past month?

| How often did you eat the following food items in the past month? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Not at all | Several times a month | Once a week | Several times a week | Once a day | Several times a day | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Soup | 4 | 66 | 86 | 272 | 161 | 8 | 3,91 | 597 |
| Cooked vegetables | 21 | 105 | 98 | 262 | 103 | 8 | 3,58 | 597 |
| Roasted vegetables | 196 | 204 | 112 | 64 | 18 | 3 | 2,18 | 597 |
| Raw vegetables | 29 | 105 | 79 | 208 | 120 | 56 | 3,76 | 597 |
| Canned vegetables | 278 | 229 | 58 | 27 | 3 | 2 | 1,75 | 597 |
| Frozen vegetables | 187 | 256 | 90 | 60 | 4 | 0 | 2,06 | 597 |
| Pickled vegetables | 281 | 201 | 69 | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1,80 | 597 |
| Jams/Marmalade | 92 | 206 | 136 | 131 | 22 | 10 | 2,69 | 597 |
| Cooked potatoes | 3 | 42 | 70 | 363 | 118 | 1 | 3,93 | 597 |
| Baked/fried potatoes | 176 | 226 | 108 | 78 | 8 | 1 | 2,19 | 597 |
| Rice | 25 | 213 | 184 | 159 | 14 | 2 | 2,88 | 597 |
| Pasta | 6 | 161 | 207 | 209 | 12 | 2 | 3,11 | 597 |
| Bakery products | 3 | 23 | 4 | 72 | 201 | 294 | 5,22 | 597 |
| Fresh fruit | 5 | 37 | 32 | 156 | 201 | 166 | 4,69 | 597 |
| Canned fruit | 345 | 192 | 32 | 22 | 2 | 4 | 1,59 | 597 |
| Frozen fruit | 325 | 186 | 49 | 27 | 8 | 2 | 1,68 | 597 |
| 100 \% fruit juice | 80 | 163 | 89 | 143 | 77 | 45 | 3,18 | 597 |
| Other juice | 149 | 166 | 76 | 121 | 55 | 30 | 2,76 | 597 |
| answered question 597 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skippe | question | 0 |


|  | education |  | income | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | low | high | low | high | village | big city |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soup | 3,90 | 3,94 | 3,93 | 3,79 | 4,06 | 3,78 |
| Cooked vegetables | 3,49 | 3,66 | 3,31 | 3,60 | 3,44 | 3,65 |
| Roasted vegetables | 2,08 | 2,26 | 2,00 | 2,12 | 2,10 | 2,23 |
| Raw vegetables | 3,33 | 3,90 | 3,48 | 3,79 | 3,59 | 3,89 |
| Canned vegetables | 1,97 | 1,77 | 1,58 | 1,83 | 1,71 | 1,80 |
| Frozen vegetables | 2,21 | 2,10 | 2,00 | 2,17 | 2,06 | 2,05 |
| Pickled vegetables | 1,90 | 1,83 | 1,61 | 1,92 | 1,84 | 1,78 |
| Jams/Marmalade | 2,87 | 2,71 | 2,52 | 2,54 | 2,78 | 2,76 |
| Cooked potatoes | 4,08 | 3,89 | 3,96 | 3,81 | 3,97 | 3,89 |
| Baked/fried potatoes | 2,36 | 2,18 | 2,25 | 2,12 | 2,22 | 2,11 |
| Rice | 2,79 | 2,90 | 2,78 | 2,96 | 2,84 | 2,93 |
| Pasta | 3,28 | 3,08 | 3,08 | 3,13 | 3,05 | 3,13 |
| Bakery products | 5,28 | 5,24 | 5,24 | 5,42 | 5,20 | 5,31 |
| Fresh fruit | 4,13 | 4,79 | 4,54 | 4,85 | 4,61 | 4,77 |


| Canned fruit | 1,74 | 1,57 | 1,60 | 1,42 | 1,63 | 1,60 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Frozen fruit | 1,85 | 1,66 | 1,73 | 1,46 | 1,82 | 1,63 |
| $100 \%$ fruit juice | 3,00 | 3,24 | 2,89 | 3,29 | 3,11 | 3,22 |
| Other juice | 3,18 | 2,65 | 2,81 | 3,02 | 2,74 | 2,70 |

During the winter month preceding the survey, the most consumed products on a daily basis were bakery products, followed by fresh fruit. Roasted, canned, pickled and frozen vegetables were consumed very little, so were canned and frozen fruit.

Cooked potatoes were eaten most frequently (several times a week), followed by cooked vegetables, soup, pasta and fresh fruit.

People with higher levels of education tend to eat more raw vegetables and fresh fruit, less cooked potatoes, frozen or canned ingredients. The more people earn though, the more canned and frozen ingredients they consume. In Poland canned fruit and vegetables e.g. canned pineapples or peaches but also beans, corn or peas are much more expensive than fresh produce. They also drink $100 \%$ fruit juice more often.

People living in rural areas do not eat more fresh fruit and vegetables, despite the fact that many households have their own garden.

## Conclusions

The consumption of fruit and vegetables among respondents is extremey low, around half of them eat less than 2 portions a day favouring fruit over vegetables.

The question is whether people have the knowledge and understanding to translate the recommended intake of fruit and vegetables into the tangible quantities they actually eat?

### 2.1.7. Cooking habits

Question 45: How often do you cook yourself?
How often do you cook yourself?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Everyday | $57,5 \%$ | 343 |
| $3-5$ times a week | $31,0 \%$ | 185 |
| $1-2$ times a week | $8,0 \%$ | 48 |
| Twice a month | $1,8 \%$ | 11 |
| Once a month | $0,7 \%$ | 4 |
| Less than once a month | $0,5 \%$ | 3 |
| Never | $0,5 \%$ | 3 |
|  | answered question | $\mathbf{5 9 7}$ |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



|  | education |  | Income |  |  |  |  |  | place of living |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | low | high | Low | high | village | big city |  |  |  |
| Everyday | $61,5 \%$ | $55,5 \%$ | $60,4 \%$ | $48,1 \%$ | $59,2 \%$ | $56,2 \%$ |  |  |  |
| $3-5$ times a week | $10,3 \%$ | $35,3 \%$ | $27,1 \%$ | $46,2 \%$ | $27,6 \%$ | $32,2 \%$ |  |  |  |
| $1-2$ times a week | $17,9 \%$ | $7,4 \%$ | $7,3 \%$ | $3,8 \%$ | $8,6 \%$ | $7,4 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Twice a month | $5,1 \%$ | $0,9 \%$ | $2,1 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,7 \%$ | $2,8 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Once a month | $0,0 \%$ | $0,2 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,6 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Less than once a month | $0,0 \%$ | $0,4 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,6 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Never | $5,1 \%$ | $0,2 \%$ | $1,0 \%$ | $1,9 \%$ | $1,7 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |  |  |  |

Question 46: What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible.

| What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| I like cooking | $60,8 \%$ | 363 |
| I don't mind cooking | $41,5 \%$ | 248 |
| I cook, but actually I don't like it | $12,2 \%$ | 73 |
| I would like to learn how to cook | $8,9 \%$ | 53 |
| I don't have time to cook | $6,9 \%$ | 41 |
| I don't like cooking and I don't do this | $0,5 \%$ | 3 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

More than half of them declared to cook every day and next to a third cook nearly every day.
$71,8 \%$ of respondents with low education cook only 3 or more times a week, whereas $90,8 \%$ of university degree holders cook with the same frequency.

Most respondents declared to like cooking (60.8 \%) or at least not to mind (41.5 \%). Only a small number of people don't like cooking.

Question 47: How would you rate the following statements?


How would you rate the following statements?

| Answer Options | Strongly <br> disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly <br> Agree | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Colour, textures and <br> taste of the food I <br> cook is very <br> important to me | 7 | 17 | 91 | 347 | 133 | 3,98 | 595 |  |
| I like to experiment in <br> the kitchen | 14 | 38 | 120 | 279 | 146 | 3,85 | 597 |  |
| Cooking dishes from <br> fruit and vegetables <br> is easy | 6 | 27 | 85 | 346 | 129 | 3,95 | 593 |  |
| I care about the <br> nutritional values of <br> the food that is <br> cooked for my family <br> I like to cook with <br> other members of my <br> family <br> l often cook using <br> fruit and vegetables | 27 | 9 | 6 | 27 | 30 | 323 | 229 | 4,27 |

What is relevant to people are nutritional values, ingredients as well as ease and pleasure coming from the environment they cook in e.g. cooking within relatives/friends, experimentation.

Question 48: Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Yes | $40,7 \%$ | 243 |
| No | $59,3 \%$ | 354 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |


|  | education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | low | high | low | high | Village | big city |
| Yes | 53,8\% | 38,3\% | 46,9\% | 34,6\% | 37,4\% | 37,5\% |
| No | 46,2\% | 61,7\% | 53,1\% | 65,4\% | 62,6\% | 62,5\% |

Nearly everybody knows that eating fruit and vegetables is good for a variety of reasons. but they might have trouble attributing the benefits they know about to the quantities they eat. Over $40 \%$ of respondents are convinced that they eat enough fruit and vegetables, although according to questions 38 and 39 half of respondents eat less than 2 portions a day proving that people are not really aware of how much fruit and vegetables they should consume. Respondents of higher SES are more critical of themselves (they find that they do not eat enough fruit and vegetables) although they consume more than people of low SES .

There is potential to improve the situation with clear informative messages and explanations to encourage people to buy, eat and cook responsibly, especially directed at those of low SES.

Question 49
Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible.

Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Because they are tasty | $86,9 \%$ | 519 |
| Because they are healthy | $94,6 \%$ | 565 |
| Because they give a lot of possibilities | $46,1 \%$ | 275 |
| Because it is easy to prepare dishes with fruit and vegetables | $39,0 \%$ | 233 |
| We don't use fruit and vegetables during cooking | $1,0 \%$ | 6 |

Question 50: How do you cook? More than one answer possible.

## How do you cook? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| I watch TV programmes to get inspired | $27,3 \%$ | 163 |
| I use recipes from the internet | $73,4 \%$ | 438 |
| I use the recipes from the press | $28,8 \%$ | 172 |
| I use cookbooks | $43,2 \%$ | 258 |
| I use the traditional recipes that are in my family for years | $70,7 \%$ | 422 |
| I use the recipes and ideas shared by my friends | $52,9 \%$ | 316 |
| I don't use recipes | $3,5 \%$ | 21 |
| I create my own culinary ideas | $41,2 \%$ | 246 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



Consistent with previous questions, health aspects and taste are the main factors justifying the consumption of fruit and vegetables. Tradition and habits but also exploring new ways of cooking (Internet) are the most important drivers of cooking habits.

## Conclusions

Women have begun to experiment and diversify, but new ways of communicating eating issues other than the internet are not yet sufficiently accessible or widespread. This is part of a larger social evolution where food does no longer only respond to physiological needs, but becomes part of a cultural identity based on more emotional values related to pleasure, creativity, eye-catchiness, colours, beauty or seduction.

## Promoting modern, healthier recipes can pave the way to make habits change from tradition to creating culinary pleasures with a healthier perspective.

### 2.2.PEOPLE 65 y. and OLDER

### 2.2.1. Introduction

## Country : Poland

Target group: people 65 years and older
Number of responses (questionnaires): 740
$56,8 \%$ of the respondents live in Kujawsko-Pomorskie (420) and 43,2\% in Podkarpackie (320).
$71,8 \%$ of respondents amongst were women.

### 2.2.2. Basic information about respondents

| Question 9: Number of people in the household |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Number of people in the household |  |  |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| A | $31,4 \%$ | 232 |
| 1 | $21,4 \%$ | 158 |
| 2 | $13,8 \%$ | 102 |
| 3 | $8,2 \%$ | 61 |
| 4 | $10,7 \%$ | 79 |
| 5 | $9,7 \%$ | 72 |
| 6 | $3,1 \%$ | 23 |
| 7 | $0,8 \%$ | 6 |
| 8 | $0,7 \%$ | 5 |
| 9 | $0,1 \%$ | 1 |
| 10 | $0,1 \%$ | 1 |
| more than 10 | answered question |  |
|  | skipped question | 740 |
|  |  |  |


|  | education |  | income |  |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | low | high | Low | high | village | big city |  |
| 1 | $35,8 \%$ | $15,6 \%$ | $44,6 \%$ | $2,9 \%$ | $15,2 \%$ | $48,1 \%$ |  |
| 2 | $17,1 \%$ | $36,7 \%$ | $15,5 \%$ | $28,6 \%$ | $14,8 \%$ | $20,3 \%$ |  |
| 3 | $13,8 \%$ | $12,2 \%$ | $10,8 \%$ | $15,7 \%$ | $12,6 \%$ | $12,8 \%$ |  |
| 4 | $8,2 \%$ | $11,1 \%$ | $5,8 \%$ | $11,4 \%$ | $9,4 \%$ | $6,7 \%$ |  |
| 5 | $10,8 \%$ | $13,3 \%$ | $10,4 \%$ | $11,4 \%$ | $17,9 \%$ | $5,2 \%$ |  |
| 6 | $8,9 \%$ | $8,9 \%$ | $9,4 \%$ | $21,4 \%$ | $19,7 \%$ | $4,6 \%$ |  |
| 7 | $3,3 \%$ | $2,2 \%$ | $1,8 \%$ | $5,7 \%$ | $7,2 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ |  |
| 8 | $0,7 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ | $1,3 \%$ | $0,6 \%$ |  |
| 9 | $0,9 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ | $1,4 \%$ | $0,9 \%$ | $0,3 \%$ |  |
| 10 | $0,2 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,4 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |  |
| more than 10 | $0,2 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,4 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,4 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ |  |

The average household in this sample records 2.97 persons, which corresponds approximately to the regional averages as reported by the Polish statistical office.

The majority (48.1\%) of older people living on their own have a low socio-economic profile and live in big cities.

Question 10: Sex of people in the household

| Gender of the people in the household |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Female | Male |
| person 1 | 542 | 194 |
| person 2 | 302 | 193 |
| person 3 | 185 | 147 |
| person 4 | 103 | 138 |
| person 5 | 71 | 109 |
| person 6 | 40 | 68 |
| person 7 | 13 | 24 |
| person 8 | 6 | 7 |

Question Totals answered question 740 skipped question 0

Question 16: Who do you live with?
Who do you live with? Choose all of the valid answers:

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| my children | $47,7 \%$ | 353 |  |
| my parents | $4,1 \%$ | 30 |  |
| my wife/husband | $35,8 \%$ | 265 |  |
| my partner | $1,1 \%$ | 8 |  |
| my grandparents | $1,4 \%$ | 10 |  |
| other members of the family | $23,4 \%$ | 173 |  |
| non relatives | $13,5 \%$ | 100 | 135 |
| on my own | $18,2 \%$ |  | 740 |
|  | answered question | 0 |  |



## Conclusions

740 families representing approximately 2,200 people completed the zero measurement questionnaire. Nearly half of $65+$ people live with their children, the rest either lives on their own or with their partner.

Both regions were equally represented.

### 2.2.3. Socio-economic issues

Question 17: Your highest level of education

| Your highest level of education: |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| primary school | $30,0 \%$ | 222 |
| vocational education | $27,7 \%$ | 205 |
| high school | $30,1 \%$ | 223 |
| Bachelor degree | $3,8 \%$ | 28 |
| Masters degree | $7,2 \%$ | 53 |
| Postgraduate | $1,2 \%$ | 9 |

In both regions the share of those holding only a primary education is pretty high (30\%), only $12 \%$ of the older people graduated from university. Nearly two third of the respondents benefitted from vocational training or high school.

Question 18: Your partner's highest level of education

| Your partner's highest level of education: |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| primary school | $7,7 \%$ | 57 |
| vocational education | $18,0 \%$ | 133 |
| high school | $20,3 \%$ | 150 |
| Bachelor degree | $3,2 \%$ | 24 |
| Masters degree | $5,3 \%$ | 39 |
| Postgraduate | $0,3 \%$ | 2 |
| I don't have a partner | $45,3 \%$ | 335 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

## Question 19: Your occupation

| Your occupation |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| Answer Options | $0,3 \%$ | 2 |
| I'm still at school, studying or doing an apprenticeship | $2,3 \%$ | 17 |
| I have a full time job | $0,4 \%$ | 3 |
| I have a part time job | $0,3 \%$ | 2 |
| Casual employment | $0,7 \%$ | 5 |
| I'm unemployed | $94,7 \%$ | 701 |
| I'm a pensioner/annuitant | $0,4 \%$ | 3 |
| I'm on maternity leave | $0,5 \%$ | 4 |
| I work on my own farm | $0,4 \%$ | 3 |

Nearly $95 \%$ of respondents are pensioners or annuiants. Less than $4 \%$ are still economically active.

Question 20: You live in:

| You live in: |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| Village | $21,2 \%$ | 157 |
| City below 10 000 | $8,9 \%$ | 66 |
| City 10 000-50 000 | $15,4 \%$ | 114 |
| City 50 000-100 000 | $7,8 \%$ | 58 |
| City 100 000-250 000 | $36,5 \%$ | 270 |
| City 250 000-500 000) | $10,1 \%$ | 75 |
|  | answered question |  |
|  | skipped question | 740 |



Distribution points were exclusively located in the cities, nevertheless about 30\% of the respondents living in rural areas (villages and towns below 10000 inhabitants) made it there to benefit from the "My healthy family" project.

Question 21: Monthly disposable income of your household (after tax):


## Conclusions

> Based on two of the SES determinants, small income and the low level of education, the group of $65+$ is socio-economically rather disadvantaged.
> Nearly 60\% of respondents have only graduated from primary or vocational education.
$>66 \%$ of the households have a disposable monthly income that is below 2000 PLN (+/-500 €)
$>$ Older people often live on their own. Compared to the two other target groups, there are fewer very poor or very rich households.

### 2.2.4. Shopping habits

Question 22: Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?
Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| You | $41,2 \%$ | 305 |
| Your partner | $8,8 \%$ | 65 |
| Both | $12,4 \%$ | 92 |
| Parents | $0,5 \%$ | 4 |
| Grandparents | $0,1 \%$ | 1 |
| Other | $36,9 \%$ | 273 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

## Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?


םYou
■Your partner
םBoth
םParents
■Grandparents
-Other

|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big cit |
| You | 36,1\% | 44,4\% | 46,4\% | 37,1\% | 39,0\% | 40,99 |
| Your partner | 8,7\% | 14,4\% | 6,5\% | 4,3\% | 12,1\% | 6,1\% |
| Both | 7,5\% | 21,1\% | 7,6\% | 32,9\% | 12,1\% | 9,9\% |
| Parents | 0,2\% | 3,3\% | 0,4\% | 0,0\% | 0,9\% | 0,3\% |
| Grandparents | 0,0\% | 1,1\% | 0,4\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% |
| Other | 47,5\% | 15,6\% | 38,8\% | 25,7\% | 35,9\% | 42,9\% |

Nearly half of respondents shop individually or with their partners.

The higher their SES (high education level, high income, living in big cities), the more frequent couples shop together.

In $36,9 \%$ of low SES households, especially in big cities, shopping is usually done by others (children supporting parents, social assistance...?).

Question 23: Do you have a specific budget for food-shopping?

| Do you have a specific budget for food-shopping? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Yes | 58,1\% | 430 |
| No | 41,9\% | 310 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Question 24: If yes: how much per week?

| If yes: how much per week? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| 0-15 € (0-62 zł) | 31,9\% | 146 |
| 15-25 € (62-104 zł) | 31,3\% | 143 |
| 25-50 € (104-208 zł) | 24,1\% | 110 |
| 50-100 € (208-416 zł) | 11,2\% | 51 |
| 100-150 € (416-624 zł) | 1,1\% | 5 |
| more than $150 €$ (more than 624 zt ) | 0,4\% | 2 |
|  | answered question | 457 |
|  | skipped question | 283 |



Question 25: How much of your expenses on food do you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables?

| How much of your expenses on food do you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Response | Response |
| Answer Options | Percent | Count |
| Less than $20 \%$ | $68,2 \%$ | 505 |
| $21-40 \%$ | $27,6 \%$ | 204 |
| $41-60 \%$ | $3,6 \%$ | 27 |
| More than 60\% | $0,5 \%$ | 4 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |


|  | Education |  | income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | low | high | village | big city |
| Less than $20 \%$ | $74,5 \%$ | $55,6 \%$ | $78,4 \%$ | $55,7 \%$ | $70,4 \%$ | $69,9 \%$ |
| $21-40 \%$ | $22,2 \%$ | $40,0 \%$ | $19,4 \%$ | $38,6 \%$ | $26,0 \%$ | $25,8 \%$ |
| $41-60 \%$ | $3,0 \%$ | $3,3 \%$ | $1,1 \%$ | $5,7 \%$ | $3,1 \%$ | $4,1 \%$ |
| More than $60 \%$ | $0,2 \%$ | $1,1 \%$ | $1,1 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $0,4 \%$ | $0,3 \%$ |

58.1 \% of the respondents stated to have a dedicated budget for food shopping below 50 $€$ (over 87.3 \% of population fit within these figures). $30 \%$ spend less than $15 €$ per week on fruit and vegetables.

The average Polish household has a weekly food expenditure of $263,88 \mathrm{zł}$ (c.a. $65,15 €$ ), but in this survey around two thirds of respondents declared spending less than that or the same, probably because "My healthy family" focused on groups with low-income.

Although compared to pregnant women there are less households with lower income, there are considerably more households spending very little on food. The majority $(68,2 \%)$ of respondents spend less than $20 \%$ of total food expenses on fruit and vegetables.

People with higher education and higher income spend more on fruit and vegetables

Question 26: Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees?

| Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Yes | 25,5\% | 189 |
| No | 74,5\% | 551 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Question 27: If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

| If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per <br> day in your household (in grams) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |  |
| $100-500 \mathrm{~g}$ | $72,8 \%$ | 195 |
| $500-1000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $22,0 \%$ | 59 |
| $1000-2000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $3,7 \%$ | 10 |
| $2000-3000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $1,1 \%$ | 3 |
| More than 3000 g | $0,4 \%$ | 1 |
|  | answered question | 268 |
|  | skipped question | 472 |

If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)


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\square100-500 g
\square500-1000 g
\square口1000-2000 g
\square2000-3000 g
■More than 3000 g
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The figures of respondents growing their own fruit and vegetables correspond to the number of people living in villages (21.2\%). However, in $72.8 \%$ of households with the option of growing their own fruit and vegetables, the daily consumption is declared as being below 500 g which represents an average of 160 g per person, making gardening more a hobby than a way of gaining food.

Question 28: How often do you buy the following items for consumption at home?

| How often do you buy the following items for consumption at home? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Not at all | Less than once a month | Several times a month | Once a week | Several times a week | Daily | Rating <br> Average | Response Count |
| Ready-meals | 425 | 226 | 61 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 1,61 | 740 |
| Take-out food | 550 | 163 | 21 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1,31 | 740 |
| Fast food | 588 | 136 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1,23 | 740 |
| answered question 740 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



Less than $10 \%$ of respondents purchase any of the three items once or more a week. This statistic is even lower than for the families with pregnant women or infants.

|  | Education |  | Income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer <br> Options | Low | high | low | high | Village | big city |
| Ready- <br> meals | 1,55 | 1,80 | 1,41 | 1,73 | 1,57 | 1,60 |
| Take-out <br> food | 1,26 | 1,33 | 1,26 | 1,44 | 1,30 | 1,31 |
| Fast food | 1,22 | 1,32 | 1,17 | 1,33 | 1,27 | 1,19 |

People with higher education levels and higher income tend to eat more ready meals and take-out food.

Those living in big cities do not eat more ready made food, contradicting the assumption that a lack of availability of such meals is the reason of limited consumption in rural areas.

Question 29: How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products:
How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products:

| Answer <br> Options | Unimportant | Low <br> Importance | Neutral | Important | Very <br> important | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The price of <br> fresh fruit is | 3 | 17 | 20 | 433 | 267 | 4,28 | 740 |
| The price of <br> raw <br> vegetables is | 3 | 18 | 31 | 434 | 254 | 4,24 | 740 |
| The origin of <br> my food is <br> The season of <br> fruit and <br> vegetables is | 5 | 17 | 48 | 399 | 271 | 4,24 | 740 |
|  |  | 16 | 43 | 404 | 274 | 4,26 | 740 |


|  | education | Income | place of living |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Answer Options | Low | high | Low | high | Village | big city |
| The price of fresh fruit is | 4,26 | 4,18 | 4,37 | 4,07 | 4,30 | 4,24 |
| The price of raw | 4,22 | 4,16 | 4,34 | 3,99 | 4,26 | 4,20 |
| vegetables is | 4,15 | 4,39 | 4,22 | 4,34 | 4,33 | 4,16 |
| The origin of my food is | 4,24 | 4,28 | 4,22 | 4,20 | 4,29 | 4,21 |
| The season of fruit and |  |  |  |  |  |  |

People of higher income care less about the price.
People with higher education levels and higher income pay more attention to the origin of their food. People living in cities pay less attention to what is grown in any given season where they live and where what they buy comes from.

Question 30: How much do you agree with the following statements?

| How much do you agree with the following statements? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Healthy food products are too expensive | 21 | 17 | 57 | 411 | 234 | 4,11 | 740 |
| Fast food is not bad for my health | 295 | 216 | 65 | 80 | 84 | 2,25 | 740 |
| Sweets once a day are good for me | 89 | 246 | 209 | 178 | 18 | 2,72 | 740 |
| Children can have a candy bar in school | 89 | 259 | 184 | 195 | 13 | 2,71 | 740 |
| Ready-made meals are as healthy as home-cooked food | 262 | 351 | 79 | 29 | 19 | 1,91 | 740 |
| answered question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 740 |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipp | question | 0 |


|  | education | income |  |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | low | high | Low | high | Village | big <br> city |
| Healthy food products <br> are too expensive | 4,14 | 4,06 | 4,16 | 3,93 | 4,21 | 4,07 |
| Fast food is not bad for <br> my health | 2,30 | 1,99 | 2,39 | 2,10 | 2,26 | 2,22 |
| Sweets once a day are <br> good for me | 2,79 | 2,51 | 2,81 | 2,51 | 2,78 | 2,80 |
| Children can have a <br> candy bar in school <br> Ready-made meals are <br> as healthy as home- <br> cooked food | 2,78 | 2,50 | 2,72 | 2,66 | 2,80 | 2,71 |

The overwhelming majority of respondents believes that healthy products are too expensive.

Pre-prepared food seems to have a bad reputation in terms of health, but candies and sweets appear to be largely tolerated. Older people seem to be more tolerant when it comes to children eating candy bars at schools.

Healthy products are perceived as too expensive especially for those with low income.
Home-made meals are better appreciated by people of higher SES and particularly by people with high education status.

Question 31: How much do you agree with the following statements?

| How much do you agree with the following statements? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Strongly disagre | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Seasonal fruit is cheaper | 12 | 38 | 25 | 499 | 166 | 4,04 | 740 |
| Seasonal vegetables are cheaper | 11 | 37 | 20 | 508 | 164 | 4,05 | 740 |
| Seasonal fruit is healthier | 10 | 23 | 79 | 419 | 209 | 4,07 | 740 |
| Seasonal vegetables are healthier | 10 | 21 | 74 | 425 | 210 | 4,09 | 740 |
| Seasonal fruit taste better | 8 | 13 | 37 | 417 | 265 | 4,24 | 740 |
| Seasonal vegetables taste better | 8 | 14 | 42 | 414 | 262 | 4,23 | 740 |
| Buying fruit or vegetables of the season protects the environment | 7 | 14 | 288 | 290 | 141 | 3,74 | 740 |
| answered question 740 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 740 |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipp | d question | 0 |



|  | education | Income |  | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Answer Options | low | high | low | high | Village | big city |
| Seasonal fruit is <br> cheaper | 4,02 | 4,10 | 4,06 | 4,09 | 3,93 | 4,09 |
| Seasonal vegetables <br> are cheaper | 4,04 | 4,09 | 4,08 | 4,09 | 3,96 | 4,08 |
| Seasonal fruit is <br> healthier | 4,06 | 4,12 | 4,05 | 4,17 | 4,09 | 4,09 |
| Seasonal vegetables <br> are healthier <br> Seasonal fruit taste <br> better <br> Seasonal vegetables <br> taste better <br> Buying fruit or <br> vegetables of the <br> season protects the <br> environment | 4,07 | 4,13 | 4,08 | 4,19 | 4,11 | 4,11 |

Seasonal food is mostly appreciated for its lower price, health and for its taste (environmental concerns seem to be considered less relevant). The belief that seasonal food is better and cheaper is quite widespread among the older participants in Poland.

People of higher SES are more aware that seasonal ingredients are cheaper and healthier, although they do not pay as much attention to the price as people of low income.

Higher educated people are more likely to perceive seasonal fruit and vegetables as cheaper and better tasting than less educated ones with lower income.

Both categories seem to be more or less equally aware of the health benefits of such food.

The impact of seasonality of fruit and vegetables on the environment seems a little bit more important to respondents of higher income.

## Conclusions

Although fresh fruit and vegetables are recognised as healthy, the fruit and vegetables expenses are even lower than in the average Polish family. The price seems to be the most common impeding factor, taking into account the small available food budget of the respondents.

### 2.2.5. Food choice

Question 32: It is important to me that the food I eat on a typical day...

| It is important to me that the food I eat on a typical day... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Unimportant | Low Importance | Neutral | Important | Very important | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Contains a lot of vitamins and minerals Is low in calories | 1 | 11 | 38 | 476 | 214 | 4,20 | 740 |
|  | 11 | 44 | 223 | 366 | 96 | 3,66 | 740 |
| Is nutritious | 0 | 8 | 54 | 515 | 163 | 4,13 | 740 |
| Is low in fat | 1 | 27 | 153 | 410 | 149 | 3,92 | 740 |
| Keeps me healthy | 1 | 3 | 39 | 424 | 273 | 4,30 | 740 |
| Is high in protein | 10 | 36 | 285 | 327 | 82 | 3,59 | 740 |
| Cheers me up | 6 | 41 | 171 | 403 | 119 | 3,79 | 740 |
| Looks nice | 9 | 41 | 138 | 445 | 107 | 3,81 | 740 |
| Helps me relax | 14 | 72 | 255 | 321 | 78 | 3,51 | 740 |
| Has pleasant texture | 10 | 67 | 229 | 360 | 74 | 3,57 | 740 |
| Smells nice | 1 | 15 | 53 | 495 | 176 | 4,12 | 740 |
| Tastes good | 1 | 5 | 9 | 453 | 272 | 4,34 | 740 |
| Is not expensive | 4 | 14 | 52 | 431 | 239 | 4,20 | 740 |
| Is easily available in shops | 3 | 9 | 73 | 484 | 171 | 4,10 | 740 |
| Is easy to prepare | 6 | 33 | 110 | 441 | 150 | 3,94 | 740 |
|  |  |  |  |  | answered question skipped question |  | 740 |
|  | Education |  |  | income | place of living |  |  |
| Answer Options | low | High |  | low | high | village | big city |
| Contains a lot of vitamins and minerals | 4,13 | 4,30 |  | 4,22 | 4,30 | 4,18 | 4,21 |
| Is low in calories | 3,59 | 3,86 |  | 3,65 | 3,74 | 3,61 | 3,68 |
| Is nutritious | 4,10 | 4,14 |  | 4,18 | 4,14 | 4,11 | 4,14 |
| Is low in fat | 3,88 | 4,07 |  | 3,94 | 3,89 | 3,87 | 3,90 |
| Keeps me healthy | 4,26 | 4,42 |  | 4,32 | 4,27 | 4,33 | 4,25 |
| Is high in protein | 3,56 | 3,63 |  | 3,65 | 3,34 | 3,54 | 3,61 |
| Cheers me up | 3,78 | 3,80 |  | 3,83 | 3,76 | 3,82 | 3,75 |
| Looks nice | 3,79 | 3,79 |  | 3,83 | 3,74 | 3,77 | 3,85 |
| Helps me relax | 3,49 | 3,47 |  | 3,53 | 3,37 | 3,52 | 3,50 |
| Has pleasant texture | 3,56 | 3,51 |  | 3,62 | 3,49 | 3,47 | 3,62 |
| Smells nice | 4,10 | 4,24 |  | 4,14 | 4,21 | 4,04 | 4,18 |
| Tastes good | 4,30 | 4,43 |  | 4,36 | 4,44 | 4,29 | 4,37 |
| Is not expensive | 4,22 | 4,06 |  | 4,32 | 3,97 | 4,24 | 4,17 |
| Is easily available in shops | 4,07 | 4,04 |  | 4,17 | 4,03 | 4,11 | 4,09 |
| Is easy to prepare | 3,96 | 4,01 |  | 3,95 | 3,89 | 3,94 | 3,97 |

Common sense is determining respondent's answers. Benefits usually attributed to "good" food e.g. high vitamin and protein content, nutritional aspects are chosen first, followed by more subjective considerations e.g. tastes good, looks nice.

Low fat content and low calories are considered less relevant, which can be linked to Polish traditional cooking which is high in fat and calories.

Price ranks in $3^{\text {rd }}$ place.

Question 33: How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chocolate | 93 | 384 | 165 | 71 | 25 | 2 | 2,40 | 740 |
| Candy | 148 | 360 | 117 | 84 | 23 | 5 | 2,31 | 737 |
| Cookies | 58 | 322 | 186 | 137 | 30 | 3 | 2,68 | 736 |
| Crisps | 628 | 78 | 12 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 1,22 | 734 |
| Sandwich | 74 | 114 | 59 | 131 | 219 | 137 | 3,98 | 734 |
| Mini pizza | 588 | 111 | 12 | 14 | 7 | 1 | 1,29 | 733 |
| Buns | 105 | 181 | 118 | 175 | 129 | 23 | 3,15 | 731 |
| Yoghurt and other | 27 | 143 | 110 | 220 | 211 | 24 | 3,70 | 735 |
| milk products | 198 | 279 | 111 | 100 | 39 | 7 | 2,35 | 734 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 198 | 228 | 74 | 27 | 12 | 2 | 1,70 | 732 |
| Salty snacks | 389 | 2 | 57 | 89 | 260 | 228 | 100 | 4,30 |
| Fresh fruit | 20 | 74 | 94 | 262 | 212 | 74 | 4,08 | 736 |
| Fresh vegetables | 204 |  |  |  | answered question | 740 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |



Products that are typically known as being bad for one's health (and shape) e.g. crisps, mini pizzas, salty snacks and to a certain extent candy are least consumed. $55 \%$ of respondents only eat dried fruit/nuts, which are or should be known for their various benefits, several times a month or less often.

Fresh fruit and sandwiches are claimed to be the most consumed snacks, followed by yoghurt and other milk products.

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Nevertheless, fruit and vegetables are under-consumed. As for fruit, 20\% of respondents eat them less than once a week, whereas as for vegetables the rate is even higher (25\%).

People with a higher SES tend to eat chocolate, cookies, yoghurt and other milk products and dried fruit more often. As for consumption of fresh ingredients, people of high SES eat more fruit whereas there are no significant differences in consumption of vegetables. In general, better educated people living in big cities declare to eat less "bad" food less often.

Question 34:What is your favourite snack? Rate from 1 to 12 , where 1 is the highest note

|  | education |  |  | income |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Low | high | Low | high | village | big city |
| Chocolate | 5,79 | 6,26 | 5,86 | 5,81 | 6,52 | 5,29 |
| Candy | 6,16 | 6,44 | 6,27 | 6,50 | 6,78 | 6,07 |
| Cookies | 5,64 | 5,81 | 5,73 | 5,40 | 6,09 | 5,31 |
| Crisps | 9,79 | 9,78 | 9,48 | 10,00 | 9,85 | 9,66 |
| Sandwich | 4,86 | 5,42 | 5,15 | 5,10 | 4,54 | 5,42 |
| Mini pizza | 9,51 | 8,86 | 9,22 | 9,19 | 9,42 | 9,21 |
| Buns | 5,93 | 6,60 | 6,05 | 6,64 | 6,05 | 6,10 |
| Yoghurt and other milk | 4,98 | 4,63 | 5,15 | 4,74 | 4,80 | 5,09 |
| products | 6,90 | 6,24 | 6,87 | 6,03 | 6,74 | 6,83 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 8,96 | 8,79 | 8,91 | 9,56 | 8,93 | 8,97 |
| Salty snacks | 4,03 | 3,92 | 3,97 | 3,61 | 3,46 | 4,31 |
| Fresh fruit | 5,45 | 5,24 | 5,34 | 5,41 | 4,83 | 5,73 |

Fresh fruit are the favourite snack of nearly $47 \%$ of, followed by yoghurt and other milk products, and fresh vegetables. Whereas dried fruit and nuts are less appreciated, sandwiches are popular snacks.

Better educated people like chocolate and cookies, as well as fresh fruit best. Those products are also better rated by people with higher income and those living in big cities. In general, products known as being healthy (yoghurt and dried fruit/nuts) are better evaluated by respondents with higher SES, with one exception: people with small incomes like yoghurt better than wealthier respondents.

Health issues, availability, personal taste or price are predominant determinants for older people motivating the choice of food they purchase. Although fruit and vegetables claimed to be one of the preferred snacks, they are regarded as too expensive.

### 2.2.6. Eating habits

Question 35: Who most often prepares the main meal in your household?

| Who most often prepares the main meal in your household? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Response | Response |
| You | Percent | Count |
| Your partner | $48,5 \%$ | 359 |
| Both | $12,4 \%$ | 92 |
| Parents | $5,9 \%$ | 44 |
| Grandparents | $1,1 \%$ | 8 |
| Other | $0,1 \%$ | 1 |
|  | $31,9 \%$ | 236 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



In over $60 \%$ of concerned households, women most frequently collected the fruit and vegetables parcels and then turned them into meals.

Question 36: How often do you eat outside your home?

| How often do you eat outside your home? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Less than once a month | Several times a month | Once a week | Several times a week | Daily | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Fast food restaurant | 731 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1,01 | 740 |
| Small local restaurant (casual dining) | 705 | 31 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1,05 | 740 |
| More formal restaurant | 734 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1,01 | 740 |
| Canteen (at work/school) | 666 | 18 | 2 | 15 | 39 | 1,30 | 740 |
| answered question 740 <br> skipped question 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | Education |  | income | place of living |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | low | High | Low | high | village | big <br> city |
| Fast food restaurant |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Small local restaurant | 1,02 | 1,01 | 1,02 | 1,00 | 1,01 | 1,02 |
| (casual dining) | 1,04 | 1,09 | 1,03 | 1,07 | 1,04 | 1,06 |
| More formal restaurant | 1,00 | 1,04 | 1,00 | 1,01 | 1,00 | 1,01 |
| Canteen (at work/school) | 1,40 | 1,08 | 1,55 | 1,03 | 1,05 | 1,57 |

Nearly all participants usually eat at home, eating out is very rare in all three target groups.
Less than $8 \%$ eat outside once a month or more often, most frequently in canteens at workplaces. Very few respondents go to more formal restaurant several times a month or more often.

Among other reasons e.g. financial considerations, the major factor is the lack of socio-cultural habits of eating out in Poland.

People living in villages do not eat out less often than those from big cities, they even attend more fast food restaurants.

People of low SES eat more frequently in canteens although a majority of them live in rural areas.

Question 37: Why do you eat outside your home (in restaurants, canteen etc.) - More than one answer possible

Why do you eat outside your home (in restaurants, canteen etc.) - More than one answer possible.

## Answer Options

| Pecause it is cheap | Percent | Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Because it is convenient | $11,6 \%$ | 86 |
| Because it is healthy | $50,8 \%$ | 376 |
| Because I have no time to cook | $2,8 \%$ | 21 |
| Because it is a pleasure for me | $11,5 \%$ | 85 |
| Because it is tasty | $27,8 \%$ | 206 |
| Because I can't cook | $9,3 \%$ | 69 |
| Because I have no possibility to take already prepared meals to work/school (no | $3,8 \%$ | 28 |
| storage place etc.) | $7,2 \%$ | 53 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

The reasons why people eat out are by decreasing order of importance, convenience, pleasure and lack of time. Health considerations (only $0,4 \%$ of the responses) are marginal

Surprisingly, 81 respondents find eating outside cheap.

Question 38: I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box).

| I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Response | Response |  |
| Answer Options | Percent | Count |  |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $19,5 \%$ | 144 |  |
| 1 portion every day | $34,7 \%$ | 257 |  |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $18,4 \%$ | 136 |  |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $13,9 \%$ | 103 |  |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $10,3 \%$ | 76 |  |
| less than 1 portion a week | $3,1 \%$ | 23 |  |
| Never | $0,1 \%$ | 1 |  |
|  | answered question | 740 |  |
|  | skipped question | 0 |  |



|  | education |  | Income |  | place of living |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | low | high | Low | High | village | big city |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | 15,9\% | 25,6\% | 17,6\% | 24,3\% | 18,8\% | 17,4\% |
| 1 portion every day | 31,9\% | 38,9\% | 27,3\% | 45,7\% | 35,4\% | 33,9\% |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | 20,8\% | 11,1\% | 21,2\% | 12,9\% | 15,2\% | 24,3\% |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | 15,5\% | 11,1\% | 17,3\% | 10,0\% | 11,2\% | 13,6\% |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | 12,2\% | 10,0\% | 12,2\% | 5,7\% | 14,8\% | 8,4\% |
| less than 1 portion a week | 3,5\% | 3,3\% | 4,3\% | 1,4\% | 4,0\% | 2,3\% |
| never | 0,2\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,4\% | 0,0\% |

More than half of the respondents declared to eat at least one fruit every day. Only a small percentage does never or less than once a week eat a portion of fruit.

People of high SES eat significantly more fruit than those with a lower profile.

Question 39: I eat vegetables: (1 portion = about 80 gr, tick a box).

| I eat vegetables: (1 portion = about $\mathbf{8 0}$ gr, tick a box). |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $16,1 \%$ | 119 |
| 1 portion every day | $30,3 \%$ | 224 |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $15,7 \%$ | 116 |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $25,4 \%$ | 188 |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $8,6 \%$ | 64 |
| less than 1 portion a week | $3,9 \%$ | 29 |
| Never | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |



|  | education |  | Income |  | place of living |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | low | high | Low | High | village | big city |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | 12,4\% | 22,2\% | 15,1\% | 24,3\% | 14,8\% | 15,7\% |
| 1 portion every day | 28,6\% | 32,2\% | 27,3\% | 30,0\% | 32,3\% | 28,7\% |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | 15,9\% | 13,3\% | 15,1\% | 12,9\% | 15,2\% | 14,8\% |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | 28,3\% | 22,2\% | 30,2\% | 18,6\% | 20,2\% | 32,2\% |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | 10,1\% | 6,7\% | 7,9\% | 10,0\% | 11,7\% | 5,8\% |
| less than 1 portion a week | 4,7\% | 3,3\% | 4,3\% | 4,3\% | 5,8\% | 2,9\% |
| Never | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% | 0,0\% |

The frequency of vegetables consumption is slightly different than that of fruit. Compared to fruit, $10 \%$ fewer respondents eat a portion of vegetables per day. $12.5 \%$ eat a portion of vegetables less than twice a week.

People of higher SES eat more fruit and vegetables and more often. Education and income are major determinants.

As for fruit and vegetables consumption, half of the respondents eat less than 2 portions a day, much less than the recommended 5 portions a day.

Question 40-43: How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during which season?
How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following season? SUMMER

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 0 | 28 | 39 | 195 | 216 | 262 | 4,87 | 740 |
| Canned fruit | 394 | 283 | 38 | 21 | 3 | 1 | 1,59 | 740 |
| Frozen fruit | 431 | 232 | 42 | 24 | 9 | 2 | 1,59 | 740 |
| Raw vegetables | 31 | 59 | 61 | 256 | 203 | 130 | 4,26 | 740 |
| Canned | 355 | 317 | 47 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 1,65 | 740 |
| vegetables | 345 | 297 | 55 | 37 | 4 | 2 | 1,74 | 740 |
| Frozen vegetables | 345 |  |  |  |  | answered question | 740 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following season? AUTUMN

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 1 | 64 | 75 | 245 | 217 | 138 | 4,39 | 740 |
| Canned fruit | 312 | 344 | 59 | 18 | 5 | 2 | 1,74 | 740 |
| Frozen fruit | 321 | 320 | 72 | 22 | 5 | 0 | 1,74 | 740 |
| Raw vegetables | 23 | 107 | 85 | 274 | 184 | 67 | 3,93 | 740 |
| Canned vegetables | 286 | 357 | 67 | 25 | 5 | 0 | 1,79 | 740 |
| Frozen vegetables | 217 | 382 | 87 | 44 | 10 | 0 | 1,98 | 740 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 740 |  |
| skipped question | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following season? WINTER

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several times a month | Once a week | Several times a week | Once a day | Several times a day | Rating Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 14 | 130 | 104 | 250 | 186 | 56 | 3,85 | 740 |
| Canned fruit | 245 | 389 | 68 | 30 | 8 | 0 | 1,87 | 740 |
| Frozen fruit | 226 | 379 | 83 | 45 | 6 | 1 | 1,96 | 740 |
| Raw vegetables | 31 | 143 | 119 | 279 | 138 | 30 | 3,59 | 740 |
| Canned vegetables | 244 | 381 | 68 | 38 | 8 | 1 | 1,90 | 740 |
| Frozen vegetables | 111 | 413 | 124 | 82 | 10 | 0 | 2,28 | 740 |
| answered question skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 740 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following season? SPRING

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 8 | 117 | 103 | 245 | 188 | 79 | 3,98 | 740 |
| Canned fruit | 266 | 369 | 62 | 36 | 5 | 2 | 1,85 | 740 |
| Frozen fruit | 239 | 371 | 79 | 41 | 8 | 2 | 1,94 | 740 |
| Raw vegetables | 29 | 134 | 104 | 268 | 157 | 48 | 3,72 | 740 |
| Canned | 251 | 381 | 63 | 37 | 5 | 3 | 1,88 | 740 |
| vegetables | 259 | 406 | 107 | 67 | 15 | 1 | 2,20 | 740 |
| Frozen vegetables | 144 | 406 |  |  | answered question | 740 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |

## How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following seasons



Respondents prefer to eat during:
Summer: fresh fruit and vegetables (at least once a day).
Autumn: fresh fruit and vegetables, but rather less frequently (several times a week).
Winter and spring: domination of consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables, but with increased consumption of frozen ingredients.

Canned fruit and vegetables are not so common.

Question 44: How often did you eat the following food items in the past month?
How often did you eat the following food items in the past month?

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several times a month | Once a week | Several times a week | Once a day | Several times a day | Rating Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Soup | 4 | 69 | 65 | 295 | 301 | 6 | 4,13 | 740 |
| Cooked vegetables | 12 | 102 | 115 | 373 | 133 | 5 | 3,71 | 740 |
| Roasted vegetables | 284 | 257 | 98 | 74 | 26 | 1 | 2,06 | 740 |
| Raw vegetables | 34 | 137 | 113 | 282 | 147 | 27 | 3,61 | 740 |
| Canned vegetables | 326 | 321 | 59 | 25 | 9 | 0 | 1,74 | 740 |
| Frozen vegetables | 250 | 344 | 89 | 45 | 11 | 1 | 1,95 | 740 |
| Pickled vegetables | 290 | 291 | 87 | 61 | 10 | 1 | 1,94 | 740 |
| Jams/Marmalade | 62 | 225 | 196 | 187 | 63 | 7 | 2,98 | 740 |
| Cooked potatoes | 9 | 52 | 33 | 402 | 238 | 6 | 4,12 | 740 |
| Baked/fried potatoes | 282 | 262 | 100 | 75 | 20 | 1 | 2,04 | 740 |
| Rice | 42 | 292 | 279 | 104 | 23 | 0 | 2,69 | 740 |
| Pasta | 18 | 248 | 215 | 219 | 34 | 6 | 3,03 | 740 |
| Bakery products | 4 | 26 | 9 | 66 | 235 | 400 | 5,30 | 740 |
| Fresh fruit | 9 | 67 | 63 | 254 | 239 | 108 | 4,31 | 740 |
| Canned fruit | 347 | 298 | 66 | 18 | 9 | 2 | 1,72 | 740 |
| Frozen fruit | 322 | 306 | 71 | 30 | 10 | 1 | 1,79 | 740 |
| 100 \% fruit juice | 172 | 270 | 103 | 111 | 64 | 20 | 2,57 | 740 |
| Other juice | 117 | 318 | 108 | 123 | 56 | 18 | 2,64 | 740 |
| answered question skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 740 |



|  | education |  | Income |  | place of living |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Answer Options | low | high | Low | high | village | big city |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soup | 4,16 | 4,13 | 4,20 | 3,93 | 4,14 | 4,22 |
| Cooked vegetables | 3,62 | 3,97 | 3,67 | 3,77 | 3,62 | 3,77 |
| Roasted vegetables | 2,02 | 2,11 | 1,95 | 1,81 | 2,01 | 2,07 |
| Raw vegetables | 3,55 | 3,96 | 3,55 | 3,77 | 3,56 | 3,69 |
| Canned vegetables | 1,77 | 1,66 | 1,74 | 1,57 | 1,75 | 1,84 |
| Frozen vegetables | 1,92 | 1,91 | 1,95 | 1,80 | 1,81 | 2,06 |
| Pickled vegetables | 1,87 | 2,03 | 1,81 | 2,09 | 2,04 | 1,86 |
| Jams/Marmalade | 3,04 | 2,90 | 2,99 | 2,83 | 2,90 | 3,11 |
| Cooked potatoes | 4,11 | 4,16 | 4,15 | 4,06 | 4,23 | 4,05 |
| Baked/fried potatoes | 2,02 | 1,96 | 2,05 | 1,94 | 2,20 | 2,02 |
| Rice | 2,74 | 2,62 | 2,73 | 2,54 | 2,66 | 2,79 |
| Pasta | 3,12 | 2,86 | 3,08 | 2,91 | 2,99 | 3,13 |
| Bakery products | 5,27 | 5,39 | 5,19 | 5,56 | 5,26 | 5,32 |
| Fresh fruit | 4,18 | 4,71 | 4,11 | 4,71 | 4,23 | 4,30 |
| Canned fruit | 1,71 | 1,64 | 1,71 | 1,57 | 1,71 | 1,81 |
| Frozen fruit | 1,78 | 1,81 | 1,77 | 1,64 | 1,75 | 1,90 |
| 100 \% fruit juice | 2,47 | 2,74 | 2,46 | 2,81 | 2,61 | 2,57 |
| Other juice | 2,68 | 2,47 | 2,57 | 2,81 | 2,73 | 2,66 |

During the winter months preceeding this survey, bakery products were most consumed on a daily basis, followed by fresh fruit and soup. Even though roasted, canned, pickled, cooked and frozen fruit and vegetables were very little consumed, if added to the fresh produce the overall share of fruit and vegetables is not too bad. Fruit are preferred to vegetables.

People with higher level of education tend to eat more raw vegetables and fresh fruit, less pasta.
The more people earn, the more they consume $100 \%$ fruit juice and bakery products. Canned and frozen ingredients are less consumed.

People living in rural areas mostly eat cooked potatoes and less fresh fruit and vegetables.

## Conclusions

The consumption of fruit and vegetables among $65+$ is too low. Half of them eat less than 2 portions on a daily basis.

People seem to have difficulties to translate the recommended intake of fruit and vegetables into the tangible quantities they actually eat.

### 2.2.7. Cooking habits

Question 45: How often do you cook yourself?

| How often do you cook yourself? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| Everyday | $42,7 \%$ | 316 |
| 3-5 times a week | $16,5 \%$ | 122 |
| 1-2 times a week | $11,9 \%$ | 88 |
| Twice a month | $3,0 \%$ | 22 |
| Once a month | $0,9 \%$ | 7 |
| Less than once a month | $5,3 \%$ | 39 |
| Never | $19,7 \%$ | 146 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



|  | education |  | income |  |  |  |  | place of living |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | low | high | low | high | village | big city |  |  |
| Everyday | $38,4 \%$ | $45,6 \%$ | $40,3 \%$ | $50,0 \%$ | $52,5 \%$ | $33,6 \%$ |  |  |
| $3-5$ times a week | $13,6 \%$ | $23,3 \%$ | $12,9 \%$ | $22,9 \%$ | $14,8 \%$ | $13,3 \%$ |  |  |
| $1-2$ times a week | $12,6 \%$ | $11,1 \%$ | $15,8 \%$ | $4,3 \%$ | $11,2 \%$ | $13,6 \%$ |  |  |
| Twice a month | $3,3 \%$ | $4,4 \%$ | $2,9 \%$ | $4,3 \%$ | $4,0 \%$ | $1,7 \%$ |  |  |
| Once a month | $1,2 \%$ | $1,1 \%$ | $0,7 \%$ | $0,0 \%$ | $1,3 \%$ | $1,2 \%$ |  |  |
| Less than once a month | $6,3 \%$ | $6,7 \%$ | $5,4 \%$ | $4,3 \%$ | $4,5 \%$ | $5,8 \%$ |  |  |
| Never | $24,6 \%$ | $7,8 \%$ | $21,9 \%$ | $14,3 \%$ | $11,7 \%$ | $30,7 \%$ |  |  |

Question 46: What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible
What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| I like cooking | $42,2 \%$ | 312 |
| I don't mind cooking | $43,9 \%$ | 325 |
| I cook, but actually I don't like it | $10,8 \%$ | 80 |
| I would like to learn how to cook | $2,4 \%$ | 18 |
| I don't have time to cook | $3,8 \%$ | 28 |
| I don't like cooking and I don't do this | $11,6 \%$ | 86 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

$59,3 \%$ of respondents declared to cook every day or nearly every day, but a significant number of respondents never cooks. In families with pregnant women or infants $88,5 \%$ cook just as often, not cooking is not an option for them.

Respondents with low education, low income and those living in cities cook less. Better educated people and those with higher income appreciate cooked meals better. More than one third of respondents living in cities does not cook at all.

Cooking seems to be appreciated by a majority of respondents that declared to like cooking, not to mind cooking or would like to learn it. Only 15.4 \% of respondents don't have time to cook or don"t like it.

Question 47: How would you rate the following statements?
How would you rate the following statements?

| Answer Options | Strongly <br> disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly <br> agree | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Colour, textures and taste of the <br> food I cook is very important to me | 12 | 25 | 209 | 362 | 126 | 3,77 | 734 |
| I like to experiment in the kitchen <br> Cooking dishes from fruit and | 40 | 159 | 260 | 215 | 61 | 3,13 | 735 |
| vegetables is easy <br> I care about the nutritional values of <br> the food that is cooked for my <br> family <br> I like to cook with other members of <br> my family | 10 | 44 | 143 | 433 | 108 | 3,79 | 738 |
| l often cook using fruit and <br> vegetables | 28 | 9 | 128 | 443 | 144 | 3,95 | 736 |



What is relevant to respondents are health benefits, ease and pleasure. Older people don't enjoy cooking with their family as much as other target groups and they definitely don't like to experiment in the kitchen.

Question 48: Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?


Nearly half of the respondents are convinced that they eat enough fruit and vegetables.
There is potential to improve the situation with clear informative messages and explanations to encourage people to buy, eat and cook responsibly, especially directed at those of low SES.

Question 49: Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible

Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Because they are tasty | $75,4 \%$ | 558 |
| Because they are healthy | $90,4 \%$ | 669 |
| Because they give a lot of possibilities | $33,4 \%$ | 247 |
| Because it is easy to prepare dishes with fruit and vegetables | $30,5 \%$ | 226 |
| We don't use fruit and vegetables during cooking | $0,7 \%$ | 5 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Health benefits and taste are the main factors motivating the use of fruit and vegetables in homemade dishes.

Question 50: How do you cook? More than one answer possible.

## How do you cook? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| I watch TV programmes to get inspired | $14,5 \%$ | 107 |
| I use recipes from the internet | $16,9 \%$ | 125 |
| I use the recipes from the press | $23,4 \%$ | 173 |
| I use cookbooks | $27,6 \%$ | 204 |
| I use the traditional recipes that are in my family for years | $72,3 \%$ | 535 |
| I use the recipes and ideas shared by my friends | $31,5 \%$ | 233 |
| I don't use recipes | $17,7 \%$ | 131 |
| I create my own culinary ideas | $22,8 \%$ | 169 |
|  | answered question | 740 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



Most of the time tradition and habits determine how older people cook, they use the Internet less than the other target groups. Most respondents either use family recipes or don't use recipes at all.

## Conclusion

There seems to be less opportunities to introduce new ways of finding recipes for healthier cooking into the methods used by older people.

### 2.3.CHILDREN

### 2.3.1. Introduction

## Country : Poland

Target group: children 10-15 years old
Number of responses (questionnaires): 597 representing approximately 2610 people
$56,4 \%$ of the respondents live in Kujawsko-Pomorskie (337) and 43,6\% in Podkarpackie (260).
$49,1 \%$ of respondents were girls.
The households and families concerned by this questionnaire are families with at least one child aged 10-15 that took part in the pilot project. Although the questionnaire addressed children, parents were asked to help their children to answer the questions, especially those concerning socio-economic status. However, many questionnaires have been completed by the parents themselves distorting the overall results in this target group. Hence, those data sets were excluded from the analysis.

### 2.3.2. Basic information about respondents

Question 9: Number of people in the household


The average household in this sample had 4,37 persons which is much more than the regional average reported by the Polish statistical office. $60 \%$ of the households are composed of 4 or five members.

Question 10: Sex of people in the household

Gender of the people in the household

| Answer <br> Options | Female | Male | Response Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 357 | 238 | 595 |
| 2 | 315 | 224 | 539 |
| 3 | 248 | 267 | 515 |
| 4 | 173 | 259 | 432 |
| 5 | 110 | 129 | 239 |
| 6 | 50 | 48 | 98 |
| 7 | 22 | 25 | 47 |
| 8 | 14 | 15 | 29 |


|  | Question Totals |
| ---: | ---: |
| answered question | 597 |
| skipped question | 0 |

Question 16: Who do you live with?

Who do you live with? Choose all of the valid answers:

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| my children | $1,2 \%$ | 0 |
| my parents | $88,3 \%$ | 538 |
| my wife/husband | $0,7 \%$ | 0 |
| my partner | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| my grandparents | $10,2 \%$ | 61 |
| other members of the family | $41,5 \%$ | 248 |
| non relatives | $11,6 \%$ | 69 |
| on my own | $0,2 \%$ | 1 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

About $10 \%$ of the families live together with grandparents.

### 2.3.3. Socio-economic issues

Question 17: Your highest level of education

| Your highest level of education: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| primary school | 100,0\% | 644 |
| vocational education | 0,0\% | 0 |
| high school | 0,0\% | 0 |
| Bachelor degree | 0,0\% | 0 |
| Masters degree | 0,0\% | 0 |
| postgraduate | 0,0\% | 0 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

## Question 20: You live in

| You live in: |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| Village | $23,5 \%$ | 140 |
| City below 10000 | $4,2 \%$ | 25 |
| City $10000-50000$ | $17,3 \%$ | 103 |
| City $50000-100$ 000 | $6,7 \%$ | 40 |
| City $100000-250000$ | $32,2 \%$ | 192 |
| City 250 000-500 000) | $16,2 \%$ | 97 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |



Where people live is pretty identical for both regions. About a third of children participating in "My healthy family" live in rural areas, despite the fact that distribution points were located only in cities.

### 2.3.4. Shopping habits

Question 22: Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?

Who most often does the (food) shopping in your household?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| You | $0,5 \%$ | 3 |
| Your partner | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| Both | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| Parents | $88,9 \%$ | 531 |
| Grandparents | $0,8 \%$ | 5 |
| Other | $9,7 \%$ | 58 |
|  | answered question | 579 |
|  | skipped question | 18 |



In most cases the parents are responsible do the food shopping.

Question 23: Do you have a specific budget for food-shopping?
Do you have a specific budget for food-shopping?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $33,2 \%$ | 198 |
| No | $66,8 \%$ | 399 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 18 |

Question 24: If yes: how much per week?

| If yes: how much per week? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| 0-15 € (0-62 zł) | 14,8\% | 30 |
| 15-25 € (62-104 zł) | 26,1\% | 53 |
| 25-50 € (104-208 zł) | 33,0\% | 67 |
| 50-100 € (208-416 zł) | 21,2\% | 43 |
| 100-150 € (416-624 zł) | 3,9\% | 8 |
| more than $€$ (more than $624 \mathrm{zł}$ ) | 1,0\% | 2 |
|  | answered question | 203 |
|  | skipped question | 394 |



Question 25: How much of your expenses on food do you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables?

| How much of your expenses on food do you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Less than 20\% | 58,1\% | 347 |
| 21-40\% | 33,7\% | 201 |
| 41-60 \% | 6,4\% | 38 |
| More than 60\% | 1,8\% | 11 |
|  | answered question | 597 |

More than $65 \%$ of respondents avoided answering the question about the budget.

Question 26: Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees?

| Do you have your own garden/field/fruit trees? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Answer Options | Response | Response |
| Yes | Percent | Count |
| No | $27,1 \%$ | 162 |
|  | $72,9 \%$ | 435 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Question 27: If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $100-500 \mathrm{~g}$ | $67,4 \%$ | 145 |
| $500-1000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $23,7 \%$ | 51 |
| $1000-2000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $5,6 \%$ | 12 |
| $2000-3000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $2,8 \%$ | 6 |
| More than 3000 g | $0,5 \%$ | 1 |
|  | answered question | 215 |
|  | skipped question | 382 |

If yes, please try to specify how much fresh fruit/vegetables come from this source per day in your household (in grams)


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\square100-500 g
\square500-1000 g
\square1000-2000 g
\square2000-3000 g
@More than 3000 g
```

The figure of respondents growing their own fruit and vegetables corresponds to the number of people living in villages (23,5\%). However, in $67.4 \%$ of households with the option of growing their own fruit and vegetables, the daily consumption is declared as being below 500 g per household (average of 120 $g$ per person), making gardening more a hobby than a way of gaining food.

Question 28: How often do you buy the following items for consumption at home?
How often do you buy the following items for consumption at home?

| Answer Options | Not at <br> all | Less than <br> once a <br> month | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Daily | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ready-meals | 245 | 217 | 103 | 27 | 3 | 2 | 1,88 | 597 |
| Take-out <br> food | 266 | 256 | 62 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1,70 | 597 |
| Fast food | 172 | 326 | 77 | 17 | 5 | 0 | 1,92 | 597 |
|  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 597 |  |  |
| skipped question | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

How often do you buy the following items for consumption at home?


The consumption of pre-prepared meals is very low. However the scores are a little higher than among $65+$ or pregnant women. About $11.2 \%$ consume pre-prepared meals once a week or more often and $22.6 \%$ several times a month. Families with children consume such food more frequently than pregnant women.

Question 29: How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products:

| How do you rate the following statements? While buying food products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Unimportant | Low Importance | Neutral | Important | Very important | Rating Average | Response Count |
| The price of fresh fruit is | 12 | 34 | 59 | 372 | 120 | 3,93 | 597 |
| The price of raw vegetables is | 14 | 34 | 73 | 378 | 98 | 3,86 | 597 |
| The origin of my food is | 6 | 18 | 91 | 247 | 235 | 4,15 | 597 |
| The season of fruit and vegetables is | 10 | 14 | 80 | 319 | 174 | 4,06 | 597 |
| answered question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 597 |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipp | ed question | 0 |

Families with children are less sensitive to the price of fresh fruit and vegetables. Rating average for the price of fruit is 3.93 , compared to 4.28 for older people and 4.28 for pregnant women. Most important determinants are the origin followed by the seasonality of fruit and vegetables.

Question 30: How much do you agree with the following statements?

| How much do you agree with the following statements? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Healthy food products are too expensive | 15 | 37 | 126 | 288 | 131 | 3,81 | 597 |
| Fast food is not bad for my health | 208 | 164 | 106 | 82 | 37 | 2,29 | 597 |
| Sweets once a day are good for me | 42 | 191 | 196 | 154 | 14 | 2,84 | 597 |
| Children can have a candy bar in school | 30 | 121 | 123 | 294 | 29 | 3,29 | 597 |
| Ready-made meals are as healthy as home-cooked food | 194 | 253 | 120 | 26 | 4 | 1,98 | 597 |
| answered question skipped question |  |  |  |  |  |  | 597 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |

How much do you agree with the following statements?


The overwhelming majority of the respondents believes that healthy products are too expensive.
Pre-prepared food seems to have a bad reputation in terms of health, but candies and sweets appear to be largely tolerated. Home-made food is highly appreciated, nearly $75 \%$ respondents believe that it is healthier than ready-made meals.

Question 31: How much do you agree with the following statements?
How much do you agree with the following statements?

| Answer Options | Strongly <br> disagre | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly <br> agree | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Seasonal fruit is <br> cheaper | 4 | 32 | 75 | 363 | 123 | 3,95 | 597 |
| Seasonal vegetables <br> are cheaper <br> Seasonal fruit is <br> healthier <br> Seasonal vegetables <br> are healthier <br> Seasonal fruit tastes | 4 | 29 | 73 | 367 | 124 | 3,97 | 597 |
| better <br> Seasonal vegetables <br> taste better | 3 | 19 | 118 | 299 | 158 | 3,99 | 597 |
| Buying fruit or <br> vegetables of the <br> season protects the <br> environment | 3 | 18 | 116 | 304 | 156 | 3,99 | 597 |



## Conclusions

Seasonal food is mostly appreciated for its lower price, health benefits and for its taste (environmental concerns seem to be considered less relevant). The belief that seasonal food is better and cheaper is quite widespread among children in Poland.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are considered as being healthy, but they are only a minor part of the shopping basket. Seasonal products are perceived as being cheaper.

### 2.3.5. Food choice

Question 32: It is important to me that the food I eat on a typical day...

| It is important to me that the food I eat on a typical day... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Unimportant | Low Importance | Neutral | Important | Very important | Rating Average | Response Count |
| Contains a lot of vitamins and minerals | 7 | 22 | 96 | 331 | 141 | 3,97 | 597 |
| Is low in calories | 29 | 68 | 233 | 217 | 50 | 3,32 | 597 |
| Is nutritious | 6 | 17 | 88 | 376 | 110 | 3,95 | 597 |
| Is low in fat | 26 | 44 | 252 | 217 | 58 | 3,40 | 597 |
| Keeps me healthy | 5 | 6 | 84 | 309 | 193 | 4,14 | 597 |
| Is high in protein | 27 | 50 | 309 | 170 | 41 | 3,25 | 597 |
| Cheers me up | 14 | 23 | 132 | 333 | 95 | 3,79 | 597 |
| Looks nice | 15 | 42 | 134 | 334 | 72 | 3,68 | 597 |
| Helps me relax | 31 | 56 | 234 | 237 | 39 | 3,33 | 597 |
| Has pleasant texture | 32 | 62 | 233 | 239 | 31 | 3,29 | 597 |
| Smells nice | 4 | 12 | 61 | 406 | 114 | 4,03 | 597 |
| Tastes good | 1 | 1 | 18 | 331 | 246 | 4,37 | 597 |
| Is not expensive | 18 | 30 | 140 | 297 | 112 | 3,76 | 597 |
| Is easily available in | 11 | 21 | 130 | 342 | 93 | 3,81 | 597 |
| Is easy to prepare | 8 | 25 | 174 | 301 | 89 | 3,73 | 597 |
| $\begin{array}{rr}\text { answered question } & 597 \\ \text { skipped question } & 0\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Children are rather more concerned by quality issues than by the price of food compared to the other target groups. High vitamin and minerals content is important to over $79 \%$ of respondents, nutrition values are appreciated by $81 \%$ and for over $84 \%$ health benefits are a major issue.

Health benefits, pleasure, easy to cook, not expensive and easily available are usually attributed to "good" food.

Question 33: How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

How often did you eat the following snacks in the past month? A snack is a small portion of food generally eaten between meals.

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chocolate | 20 | 246 | 158 | 129 | 39 | 4 | 2,89 | 596 |
| Candy | 61 | 228 | 130 | 133 | 35 | 9 | 2,80 | 596 |
| Cookies | 25 | 230 | 167 | 139 | 30 | 1 | 2,87 | 592 |
| Crisps | 203 | 247 | 88 | 45 | 9 | 4 | 2,03 | 596 |
| Sandwich | 23 | 31 | 20 | 66 | 240 | 206 | 4,85 | 586 |
| Mini pizza | 195 | 333 | 49 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 1,83 | 595 |
| Buns | 27 | 81 | 103 | 181 | 159 | 35 | 3,80 | 586 |
| Yoghurt and other | 13 | 58 | 62 | 228 | 162 | 68 | 4,14 | 591 |
| milk products | 206 | 196 | 81 | 75 | 29 | 6 | 2,23 | 593 |
| Dried fruit/ nuts | 117 | 304 | 104 | 52 | 12 | 1 | 2,22 | 590 |
| Salty snacks | 5 | 48 | 61 | 223 | 169 | 89 | 4,29 | 595 |
| Fresh fruit | 27 | 82 | 86 | 213 | 137 | 52 | 3,85 | 597 |
| Fresh vegetables |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 597 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |



Sandwiches are the most consumed snacks, followed by fresh fruit and yoghurt and other milk products in third place. Fresh vegetables occupy fourth position.

Products usually considered as bad for one's health (and shape) like crisps, mini pizzas, salty snacks and to a certain extent candy are less consumed (apart from chocolate). Dried fruit/nuts, which are or should be known for their various benefits are not consumed by $64 \%$ of the respondents (several times a month or less often).

Nevertheless, fruit and vegetables remain under-consumed. As for fruit $20 \%$ of respondents eat them less than once a week, for vegetables $30 \%$ do not consume them every day.

Question 34: What is your favourite snack? Rate from 1 to 12 , where 1 is the highest note

| What is your favourite snack? Rate from $\mathbf{1}$ to $\mathbf{1 2}$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | Rating <br> Average | Response |
| Count |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Fresh fruit are the favourite snack. $38 \%$ of respondents rated them with the highest score (1 or 2 ) followed by yoghurt and other milk products. Chocolate is ranked third. Fresh vegetables are ranked after sandwiches, buns, cookies and candy. Dried fruit and nuts remain again unappreciated.

## Conclusions

Children care about health issues, however they remain pragmatic when taking decision about food e.g. availability, taste or price.

Although they are regarded as being too expensive, fruit are positively rated as a snack (in terms of consumption and preferences), fresh vegetables are less popular.

Among children, pleasure and spontaneity are important determinants.

### 2.3.6. Eating habits

Question 35: Who most often prepares the main meal in your household?

Who most often prepares the main meal in your household?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| You | $1,0 \%$ | 6 |
| Your partner | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| Both | $0,0 \%$ | 0 |
| Parents | $86,1 \%$ | 514 |
| Grandparents | $2,5 \%$ | 15 |
| Other | $10,4 \%$ | 62 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

Who most often prepares the main meal in your household?


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\squareYou
@ Your partner
\squareBoth
\squareParents
■Grandparents
\squareOther
```

Question 36: How often do you eat outside your home?

## How often do you eat outside your home?

| Answer Options | Less than <br> once a <br> month | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Daily | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fast food restaurant | 507 | 79 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 1,17 | 597 |
| Small local restaurant | 521 | 66 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1,15 | 597 |
| (casual dining) | 577 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1,04 | 597 |
| More formal restaurant <br> Canteen (at | 285 | 27 | 10 | 98 | 177 | 2,76 | 597 |
| work/school) |  |  |  | answered question | 597 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |

Nearly all participants usually eat at home, eating out is very rare in all three target groups.
Nevertheless, children eat most often outside, nearly exclusively in canteens (average rating of 2.76 ). $46 \%$ of them attend canteens at least several times a week.

Question 37: Why do you eat outside your home (in restaurants, canteen etc.) - More than one answer possible


The reasons for eating outside are by decreasing order of importance, convenience, lack of possibility to take already prepared meals, pleasure and taste.

Question 38: I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or nectarine; tick a box).

| I eat fruit: (1 portion = one piece of fruit, such as one apple, banana, pear, orange or |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| nectarine; tick a box) |  |  |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $20,3 \%$ | 121 |
| 1 portion every day | $30,3 \%$ | 181 |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $13,2 \%$ | 79 |
| 1 portion 3-4 times a week | $20,9 \%$ | 125 |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $11,1 \%$ | 66 |
| less than 1 portion a week | $3,9 \%$ | 23 |
| never | $0,3 \%$ | 2 |

More than half of the children eat one portion on daily basis. Less than $5 \%$ eat fruit less than once a week.

Question 39: I eat vegetables: (1 portion $=$ about 80 gr , tick a box).
I eat vegetables: ( 1 portion $=$ about 80 gr, tick a box).

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| every day: at least 2 portions a day | $11,6 \%$ | 69 |
| 1 portion every day | $26,0 \%$ | 155 |
| 1 portion 5-6 times a week | $15,1 \%$ | 90 |
| portion 3-4 times a week | $20,9 \%$ | 125 |
| 1 portion 1-2 times a week | $14,7 \%$ | 88 |
| less than 1 portion a week | $10,9 \%$ | 65 |
| never | $0,8 \%$ | 5 |

Compared to fruit, $13 \%$ fewer children eat a portion of vegetables per day and more than $1 / 4$ eats a portion of vegetables only twice a week or less.

Nearly 9 respondents out of 10 eat less than 2 portions a day, which is a far cry from consuming the commonly suggested 5 portions a day.

Question 40-43: How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during which season?


How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following season? AUTUMN

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 4 | 41 | 73 | 199 | 171 | 109 | 4,37 | 597 |
| Canned fruit | 265 | 246 | 45 | 28 | 12 | 1 | 1,79 | 597 |
| Frozen fruit | 279 | 223 | 53 | 31 | 8 | 3 | 1,79 | 597 |
| Raw vegetables | 36 | 113 | 96 | 192 | 117 | 43 | 3,62 | 597 |
| Canned vegetables | 266 | 261 | 44 | 17 | 8 | 1 | 1,73 | 597 |
| Frozen vegetables | 205 | 269 | 68 | 41 | 10 | 4 | 1,98 | 597 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 597 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following season? WINTER

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 14 | 85 | 92 | 211 | 135 | 60 | 3,92 | 597 |
| Canned fruit | 229 | 261 | 64 | 33 | 8 | 2 | 1,89 | 597 |
| Frozen fruit | 214 | 240 | 80 | 46 | 14 | 3 | 2,02 | 597 |
| Raw vegetables | 45 | 136 | 116 | 191 | 88 | 21 | 3,34 | 597 |
| Canned vegetables | 238 | 253 | 59 | 39 | 6 | 2 | 1,87 | 597 |
| Frozen vegetables | 133 | 283 | 84 | 77 | 16 | 4 | 2,28 | 597 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 597 |  |
| skipped question | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following season? SPRING

| Answer Options | Not at all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh fruit | 10 | 66 | 84 | 184 | 162 | 91 | 4,16 | 597 |
| Canned fruit | 255 | 247 | 57 | 27 | 7 | 4 | 1,82 | 597 |
| Frozen fruit | 249 | 226 | 72 | 35 | 12 | 3 | 1,90 | 597 |
| Raw vegetables | 40 | 119 | 108 | 171 | 114 | 45 | 3,56 | 597 |
| Canned vegetables | 260 | 244 | 57 | 24 | 8 | 4 | 1,81 | 597 |
| Frozen vegetables | 163 | 286 | 78 | 50 | 15 | 5 | 2,13 | 597 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question | 597 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | skipped question | 0 |  |  |

How often do you eat fruit and vegetables during the following season?


Children prefer to eat during:
Summer and autumn: fresh fruit and vegetables
Winter and spring: fresh fruit and vegetables, but with increased consumption of frozen and canned ingredients.

Question 44: How often did you eat the following food items in the past month?

| How often did you eat the following food items in the past month? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Not at <br> all | Several <br> times a <br> month | Once a <br> week | Several <br> times a <br> week | Once a <br> day | Several <br> times a <br> day | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |
| Soup | 8 | 53 | 72 | 265 | 196 | 3 | 4,00 | 597 |
| Cooked vegetables | 32 | 109 | 102 | 247 | 102 | 5 | 3,49 | 597 |
| Roasted vegetables | 265 | 156 | 104 | 54 | 18 | 0 | 2,00 | 597 |
| Raw vegetables | 46 | 122 | 108 | 198 | 99 | 24 | 3,43 | 597 |
| Canned vegetables | 298 | 230 | 46 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 1,66 | 597 |
| Frozen vegetables | 224 | 239 | 88 | 37 | 9 | 0 | 1,94 | 597 |
| Pickled vegetables | 320 | 164 | 60 | 43 | 10 | 0 | 1,76 | 597 |
| Jams/Marmalade | 61 | 155 | 128 | 178 | 74 | 1 | 3,09 | 597 |
| Cooked potatoes | 4 | 26 | 36 | 381 | 142 | 8 | 4,10 | 597 |
| Baked/fried potatoes | 161 | 215 | 112 | 92 | 16 | 1 | 2,31 | 597 |
| Rice | 46 | 206 | 191 | 135 | 19 | 0 | 2,79 | 597 |
| Pasta | 9 | 154 | 206 | 202 | 23 | 3 | 3,14 | 597 |
| Bakery products | 1 | 7 | 10 | 57 | 181 | 341 | 5,40 | 597 |
| Fresh fruit | 6 | 34 | 65 | 181 | 211 | 100 | 4,44 | 597 |
| Canned fruit | 299 | 218 | 47 | 26 | 6 | 1 | 1,70 | 597 |
| Frozen fruit | 309 | 191 | 57 | 28 | 9 | 3 | 1,74 | 597 |
| 100 \% fruit juice | 79 | 170 | 88 | 150 | 66 | 44 | 3,14 | 597 |
| Other juice | 67 | 147 | 80 | 171 | 87 | 45 | 3,33 | 597 |

How often did you eat the following food items in the past month?


During the winter month preceding the survey, the most consumed product on a daily basis were bakery products, similarly to the other groups.

Roasted, canned, pickled and frozen fruit and vegetables were little consumed. Regarding fruit and vegetables, fresh fruit, followed by cooked potatoes and soup were eaten most frequently.

The consumption of fruit and vegetables among children is too low, around half of them eat less than 2 portions a day favouring fruit over vegetables.

### 2.3.7. Cooking habits

Question 45: How often do you cook yourself?
How often do you cook yourself?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Everyday | $6,4 \%$ | 38 |
| $3-5$ times a week | $5,0 \%$ | 30 |
| $1-2$ times a week | $8,5 \%$ | 51 |
| Twice a month | $9,4 \%$ | 56 |
| Once a month | $5,4 \%$ | 32 |
| Less than once a month | $14,9 \%$ | 89 |
| Never | $50,4 \%$ | 301 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |


$34,7 \%$ of children cook at least once a month and nearly $20 \%$ once a week or more. This tends to show that children are involved in cooking, however over a half of them never cook.

Question 46: What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible

| What is your attitude towards cooking? More than one answer possible. |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| I like cooking | $21,3 \%$ | 127 |
| I don't mind cooking | $20,3 \%$ | 121 |
| I cook, but actually I don't like it | $3,4 \%$ | 20 |
| I would like to learn how to cook | $52,3 \%$ | 312 |
| I don't have time to cook | $9,5 \%$ | 57 |
| I don't like cooking and I don't do this | $13,2 \%$ | 79 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

General attitude towards cooking is positive. A majority of children stated to like cooking, not to mind cooking or would like to learn how to cook.

Question 47: How would you rate the following statements?


How would you rate the following statements?

| Answer Options | Strongly <br> disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly <br> agree | Rating <br> Average | Response <br> Count |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I often cook using fruit <br> and vegetables | 22 | 29 | 217 | 222 | 102 | 3,60 | 592 |  |
| I like to cook with other <br> members of my family <br> I care about the <br> nutritional values of the <br> food that is cooked for <br> my family | 23 | 10 | 25 | 158 | 265 | 126 | 3,75 | 597 |
| Cooking dishes from fruit <br> and vegetables is easy <br> I like to experiment in the <br> kitchen <br> Colour, textures and <br> taste of the food I cook is <br> very important to me | 8 | 11 | 24 | 29 | 280 | 229 | 49 | 3,47 |

What is relevant to children are colour, taste, texture followed by the social experience of cooking with others, nutritional values, easiness...

Question 48: Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

Do the dishes that are prepared at home in your family (by any of the members of your family) contain in your opinion enough fruit and vegetables?

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $64,0 \%$ | 382 |
| No | $36,0 \%$ | 215 |
|  | answered question | 597 |
|  | skipped question | 0 |

$64 \%$ of children are convinced they eat enough fruit and vegetables, proving that people are not really aware of how much fruit and vegetables they should consume.

Question 49: Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible

Why do you or other members of your family use fruit and vegetables in the kitchen? More than one answer possible.

| Answer Options | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Because they are tasty | $80,6 \%$ | 481 |  |
| Because they are healthy | $92,0 \%$ | 549 |  |
| Because they give a lot of possibilities | $37,4 \%$ | 223 |  |
| Because it is easy to prepare dishes with fruit and | $30,7 \%$ | 183 |  |
| vegetables | $1,3 \%$ | 8 | 597 |
| We don't use fruit and vegetables during cooking | answered question | 50 |  |

Health and taste come first when it comes to using fruit and vegetables.

Question 50: How do you cook? More than one answer possible.



Tradition, internet, counselling, cookbooks are the main sources of recipes.

## Conclusion

Children have begun to experiment in the kitchen finding recipes also on the Internet (41\%) Other new ways of communicating eating issues are not yet accessible or widespread enough, but the opportunity to fill the gap exists. Promoting modern, healthier recipes can pave the way to make habits change from tradition to creativity with a healthier perspective.

