

# Sports Participation and Satisfaction with Sports Provision in Northern Ireland

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## Executive Summary...

- In 2006/07, 53% of persons aged 16+ had participated in sport in the last year. This figure was 51% in 2005/06, 54% in 2004/05, and 55% in 2003/04.
- Sports participation (in the last 12 months) was highest amongst those in professional occupations (78%) and those aged 16-29 years old (77%).
- In 2006/07, 43% of persons aged 16+ had participated in sport in the last month. This figure was 39% in 2005/06, and 44% in 2003/04. These figures are not available from the 2004/05 survey.
- Sports participation (in the last month) was highest amongst 16-29 year olds (64%), and those in professional occupations (63%) in 2006/07.
- In 2006/07, 33% of persons aged 16+ participated in sport in the last week. This figure was 29% in 2005/06 and 33% in 2003/04. These figures are not available from the 2004/05 survey.
- Sports participation (in the last week) was highest amongst 16-29 year olds (49%) and those in professional occupations (49%) in 2006/07.
- In 2006/07, 54% of all persons surveyed aged 16+ were satisfied with sports provision in Northern Ireland. This figure was 57% in 2005/06, 55% in 2004/05, and 58% in 2003/04.
- Satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 (participants and non-participants) was at similar levels amongst all socio-economic groups analysed.
- In 2006/07, 64% of those who had participated in sport in the previous 12 months were satisfied with sports provision in Northern Ireland. This figure was 66% in 2005/06, 63% in 2004/05, and 67% in 2003/04.

- Satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 amongst participants was at similar levels amongst all socio-economic groups analysed.
- In 2006/07, 42% of those who had not participated in sport in the previous 12 months were satisfied with sports provision in Northern Ireland. This figure was 47% in 2005/06, 46% in 2004/05, and 47% in 2003/04.
- Satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 amongst non-participants was at similar levels amongst all socio-economic groups analysed.

## Introduction...

The aim of this bulletin is to highlight findings from the 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2006/07 Continuous Household Surveys (CHS) by providing year on year comparisons for sports participation figures for the last 12 months, last month and last week. The bulletin also compares satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland over each of the four surveys for all respondents, those who had participated in sport in the last 12 months, and those who had not participated in sport in the last 12 months. A list of the questions analysed in this bulletin can be found in the Technical Notes.

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act (1998) states that a public authority shall in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation; between men and women generally; between persons with a disability and persons without; and between persons with dependents and persons without.

Some of this Section 75 related data is collected in the CHS. Where possible, the analysis contained in this bulletin considers the Section 75 characteristics of respondents. The sports questions on participation and satisfaction are analysed according to the following list of variables:

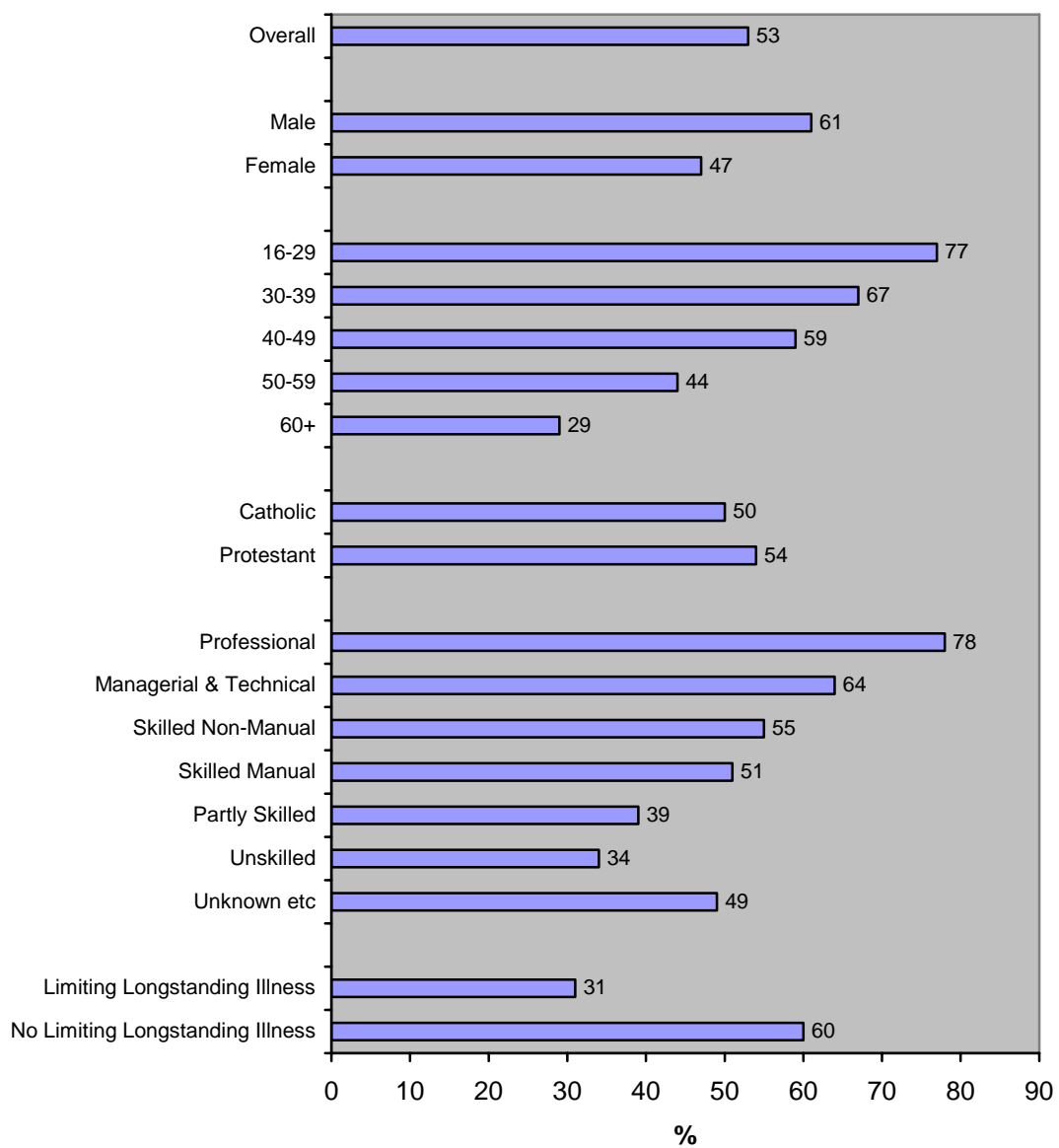
- Gender;
- Age Group;
- Religion;
- Social Class based on Current and Previous Occupation (see Technical Note for definition); and
- Limiting Longstanding Illness (see Technical Note for definition).

## Taking Part in Sport in the Last 12 Months...

In 2006/07, 53% of persons aged 16+ participated in sport in the last year. This figure was 51% in 2005/06, 54% in 2004/05 and 55% in 2003/04 (Table 1).

Chart 1 shows how participation was highest amongst those in professional occupations (78%) and those aged 16-29 (77%).

**Chart 1: Participated in Sporting Activity in the last 12 months to end March 2007**



## Taking Part in Sport in the Last 12 Months...

### Sex (Table 2)

Males were more likely than females to have participated in sport in the last 12 months:

- For males, sports participation in 2006/07 was 61%.
- For females, sports participation in 2006/07 was 47%.

This pattern was reflected in each of the CHS datasets analysed.

### Age Group (Table 3)

The highest rate of sports participation in the last 12 months was amongst 16-29 year olds:

- For 16-29 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 77%.
- For 30-39 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 67%.
- For 40-49 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 59%.
- For 50-59 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 44%.
- For 60+ year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 29%.

This pattern was repeated in each of the last four years.

### Religion (Table 4)

Protestants were more likely than Catholics to have participated in sport in the last 12 months:

- For Catholics, sports participation in 2006/07 was 50%.
- For Protestants, sports participation in 2006/07 was 54%.

There was a similar pattern in the 2003/04 data.

### Social Class (Table 5)

Respondents in higher social classes had the higher rates of participation than those in lower social classes:

- For the professional social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 78%.
- For the managerial and technical social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 64%.
- For the skilled non-manual social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 55%.
- For the skilled manual social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 51%.
- For the partly skilled social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 39%.

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- For the unskilled social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 34%. This figure, however, is based on just 80 respondents and must be treated with caution.

This pattern was reflected in each CHS dataset analysed.

### **Limiting Long-Standing Illness (Table 6)**

People without a limiting longstanding illness were more likely to have participated in the last year than those with a limiting longstanding illness:

- For people with a limiting longstanding illness, sports participation in 2006/07 was 31%.
- For people without a limiting longstanding illness, sports participation in 2006/07 was 60%.

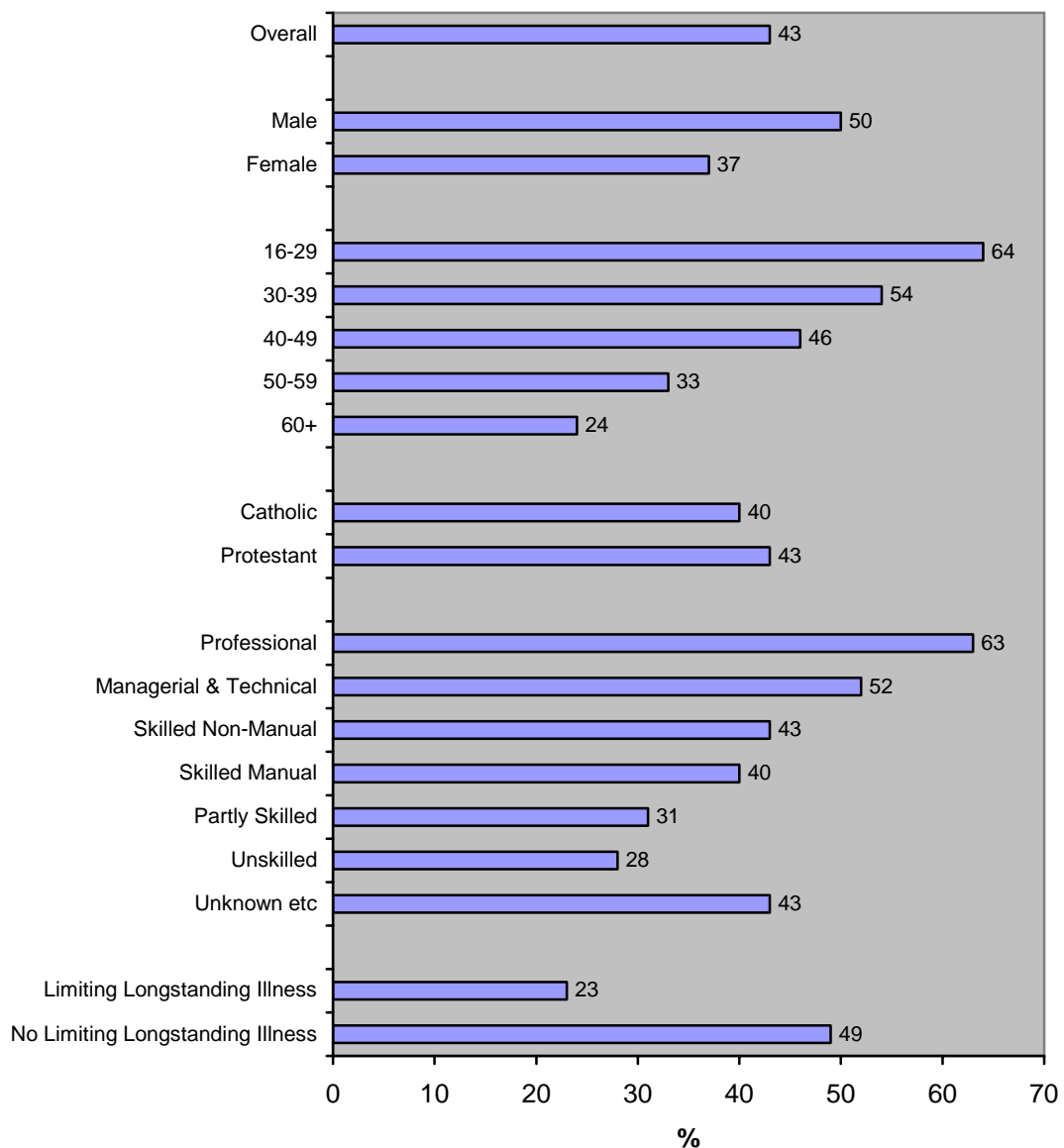
This pattern was evident in each of the last four years.

## Taking Part in Sport in the Last Month...

In 2006/07, 43% of persons aged 16+ participated in sport in the last month. This figure was 39% in 2005/06, and 44% in 2003/04 (Table 7). These figures are not available from the 2004/05 survey.

Chart 2 shows how participation was highest amongst 16-29 year olds (64%).

**Chart 2: Participated in Sporting Activity in the last Month to end March 2007**



## Taking Part in Sport in the Last Month...

### Sex (Table 8)

Males were more likely than females to have participated in sport in the last month:

- For males, sports participation in 2006/07 was 50%.
- For females, sports participation in 2006/07 was 37%.

This pattern was repeated in each of the three datasets analysed.

### Age Group (Table 9)

The highest rate of sports participation in the last month was amongst 16-29 year olds:

- For 16-29 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 64%.
- For 30-39 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 54%.
- For 40-49 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 46%.
- For 50-59 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 33%.
- For 60+ year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 24%.

This was a consistent pattern in 2003/04, 2005/06, and 2006/07.

### Religion (Table 10)

Protestants and Catholics had similar levels of participation in sport in the last month:

- For Catholics, sports participation in 2006/07 was 40%.
- For Protestants, sports participation in 2006/07 was 43%.

This pattern was repeated in each of the three datasets analysed.

### Social Class (Table 11)

Respondents in higher social classes had the higher rates of participation than those in lower social classes:

- For the professional social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 63%. However, this is based on only 87 respondents and must therefore be treated with caution.
- For the managerial and technical social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 52%.

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- For the skilled non-manual social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 43%.
- For the skilled manual social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 40%.
- For the partly skilled social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 31%.
- For the unskilled social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 28%. This figure is based on only 66 respondents.

There was a similar trend in previous surveys.

### **Limiting Long-Standing Illness (Table 12)**

People without a limiting longstanding illness were more likely than those with a limiting longstanding illness to have participated in the last month:

- For people with a limiting longstanding illness, sports participation in 2006/07 was 23%.
- For people without a limiting longstanding illness, sports participation in 2006/07 was 49%.

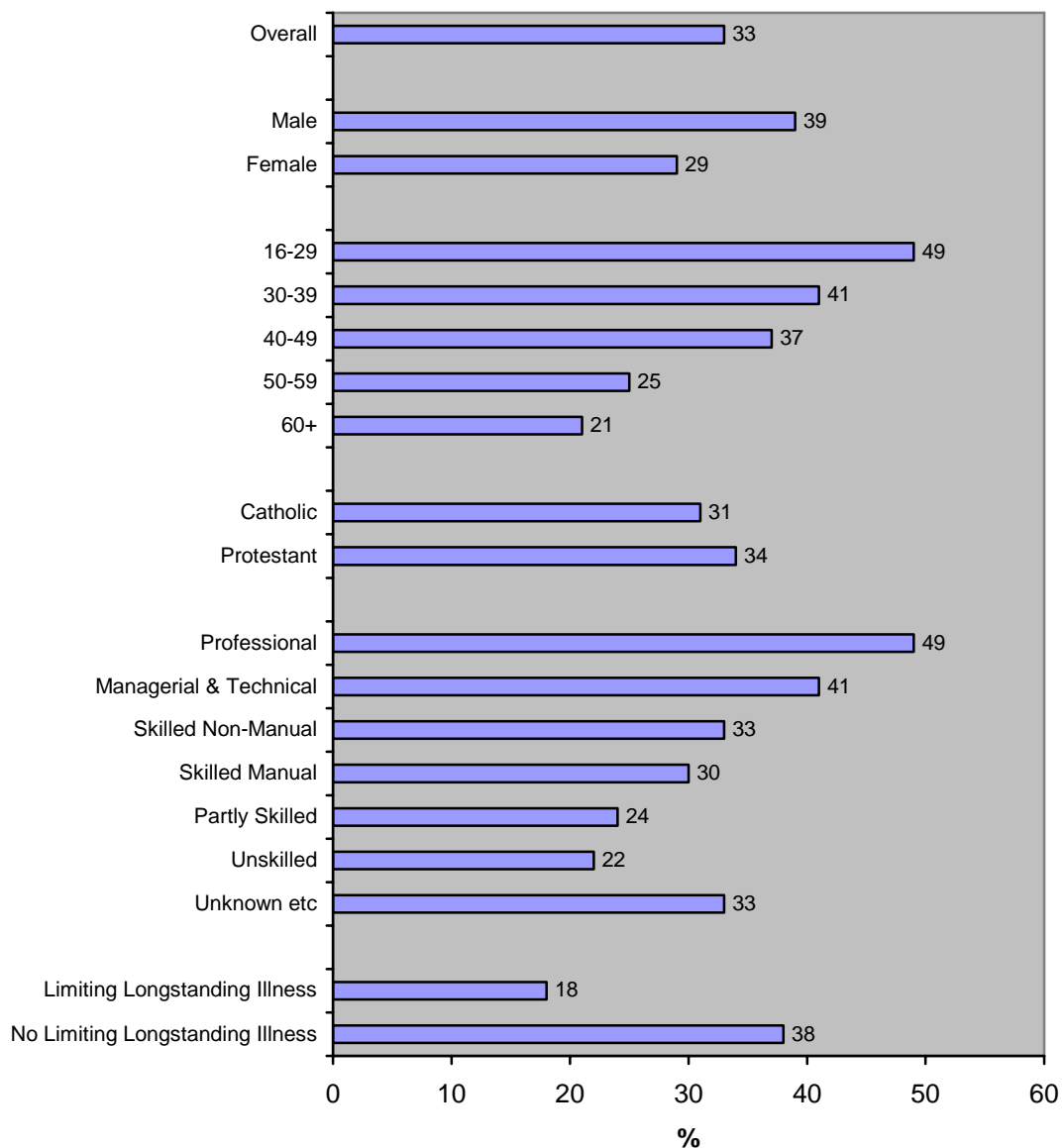
There was a consistent trend in each of the three datasets analysed.

## Taking Part in Sport in the Last Week...

In 2006/07, 33% of persons aged 16+ participated in sport in the last week. This figure was 29% in 2005/06 and 33% in 2003/04 (Table 13). These figures are not available from the 2004/05 survey.

Chart 3 shows how participation was highest amongst 16-29 year olds (49%) and those in professional occupations (49%).

**Chart 3: Participated in Sporting Activity in the last Week to end March 2007**



## Taking Part in Sport in the Last Week...

### Sex (Table 14)

Males were more likely than females to have participated in sport in the last week:

- For males, sports participation in 2006/07 was 39%.
- For females, sports participation in 2006/07 was 29%.

This pattern was repeated in each of the three datasets analysed.

### Age Group (Table 15)

The highest rate of sports participation in the last week was amongst 16-29 year olds:

- For 16-29 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 49%.
- For 30-39 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 41%.
- For 40-49 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 37%.
- For 50-59 year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 25%.
- For 60+ year olds, sports participation in 2006/07 was 21%.

There was a similar pattern in each of the previous three datasets analysed.

### Religion (Table 16)

Protestants and Catholics had similar levels of participation in sport in the last week:

- For Catholics, sports participation in 2006/07 was 31%.
- For Protestants, sports participation in 2006/07 was 34%.

This pattern was also true in previous years' data.

### Social Class (Table 17)

Respondents in higher social classes had the higher rates of participation than those in lower social classes:

- For the professional social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 49%. This is based on only 67 respondents.
- For the managerial and technical social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 41%.

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- For the skilled non-manual social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 33%.
- For the skilled manual social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 30%.
- For the partly skilled social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 24%.
- For the unskilled social class, sports participation in 2006/07 was 22%. This percentage is based on just 52 respondents.

This pattern was repeated in each of the three datasets analysed.

### **Limiting Long-Standing Illness (Table 18)**

People without a limiting longstanding illness were more likely than those with a limiting longstanding illness to have participated in sport in the last week:

- For people with a limiting longstanding illness, sports participation in 2006/07 was 18%.
- For people without a limiting longstanding illness, sports participation in 2006/07 was 38%.

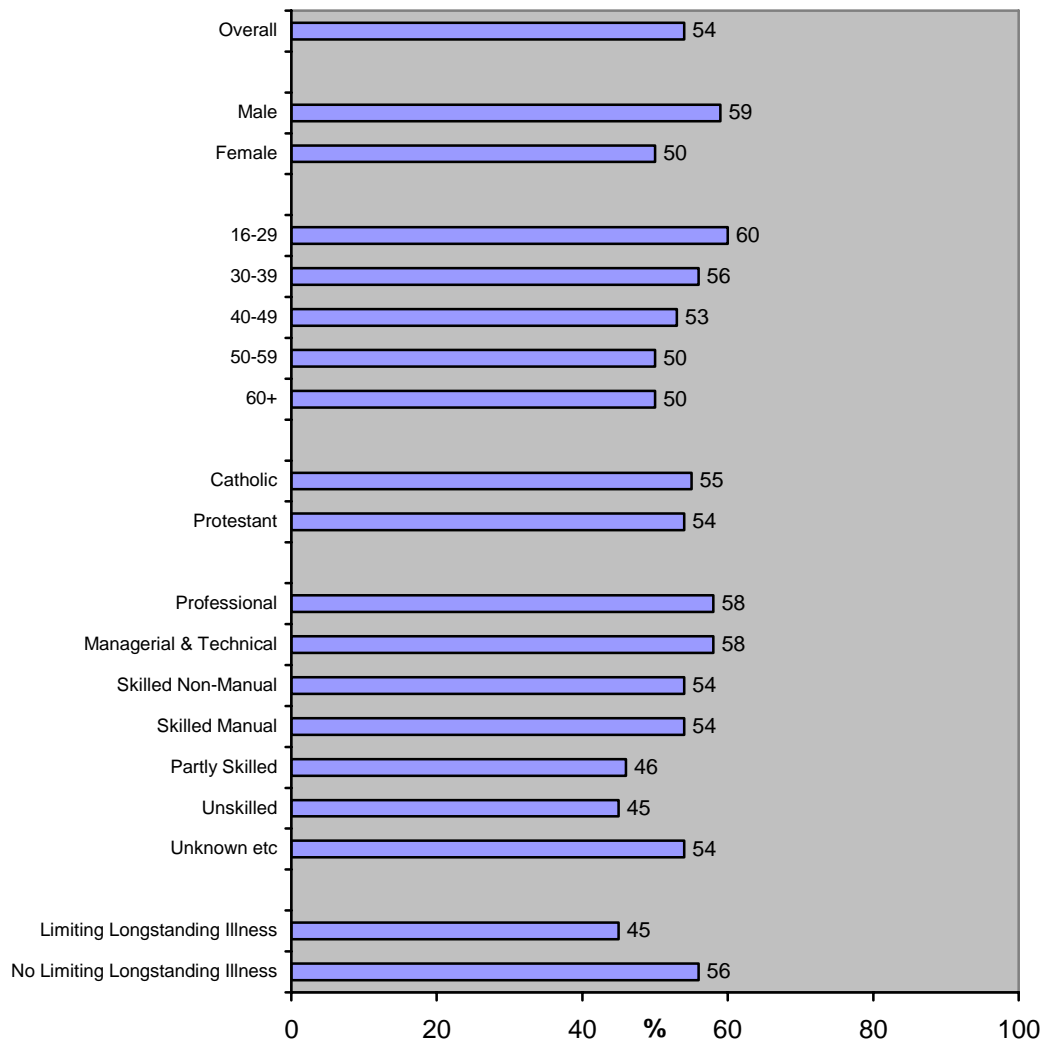
This pattern was repeated in each of the three datasets analysed.

## Satisfied with Sports Provision? All Respondents...

In 2006/07, 54% of all persons surveyed aged 16+ were satisfied with sports provision in Northern Ireland. The satisfaction rate was 57% in 2005/06, 55% in 2004/05, and 58% in 2003/04 (Table 19).

Chart 4 below shows how satisfaction levels were similar amongst all groups.

**Chart 4: Satisfied with Sports Provision In Northern Ireland, 12 months to end March 2007 - All Respondents**



## **Satisfied with Sport? All Respondents...**

### **Sex (Table 20)**

Males were more satisfied than females with sports provision in Northern Ireland:

- For males, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 59%.
- For females, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 50%.

This trend was consistent in the 2004/05 and 2005/06 surveys.

### **Age Group (Table 21)**

Levels of satisfaction generally declined with increasing age:

- For 16-29 year olds, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 60%.
- For 30-39 year olds, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 56%.
- For 40-49 year olds, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 53%.
- For 50-59 year olds, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 50%.
- For 60+ year olds, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 50%.

This pattern was evident in the 2004/05 and 2005/06 surveys.

### **Religion (Table 22)**

Catholics and Protestants had similar levels of satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland:

- For Catholics, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 55%.
- For Protestants, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 54%.

In each of the four surveys analysed, levels of satisfaction were similar between Catholics and Protestants.

### **Social Class (Table 23)**

Respondents in higher social classes had higher levels of satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland than those in lower social classes:

- For those in the professional social class, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 58%. However, this is based on only 80 respondents.

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- For those in the managerial and technical social class, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 58%.
- For those in the skilled non-manual social class, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 54%.
- For those in the skilled manual social class, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 54%.
- For those in the partly skilled social class, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 46%.
- For those in the unskilled social class, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 45%.

This was not a uniform trend over the last four years of CHS survey data.

### **Limiting Longstanding Illness (Table 24)**

Respondents without a limiting longstanding illness were more likely to be satisfied with sports provision in Northern Ireland than those with an illness:

- For people with a limiting longstanding illness, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 45%.
- For people without a limiting longstanding illness, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 56%.

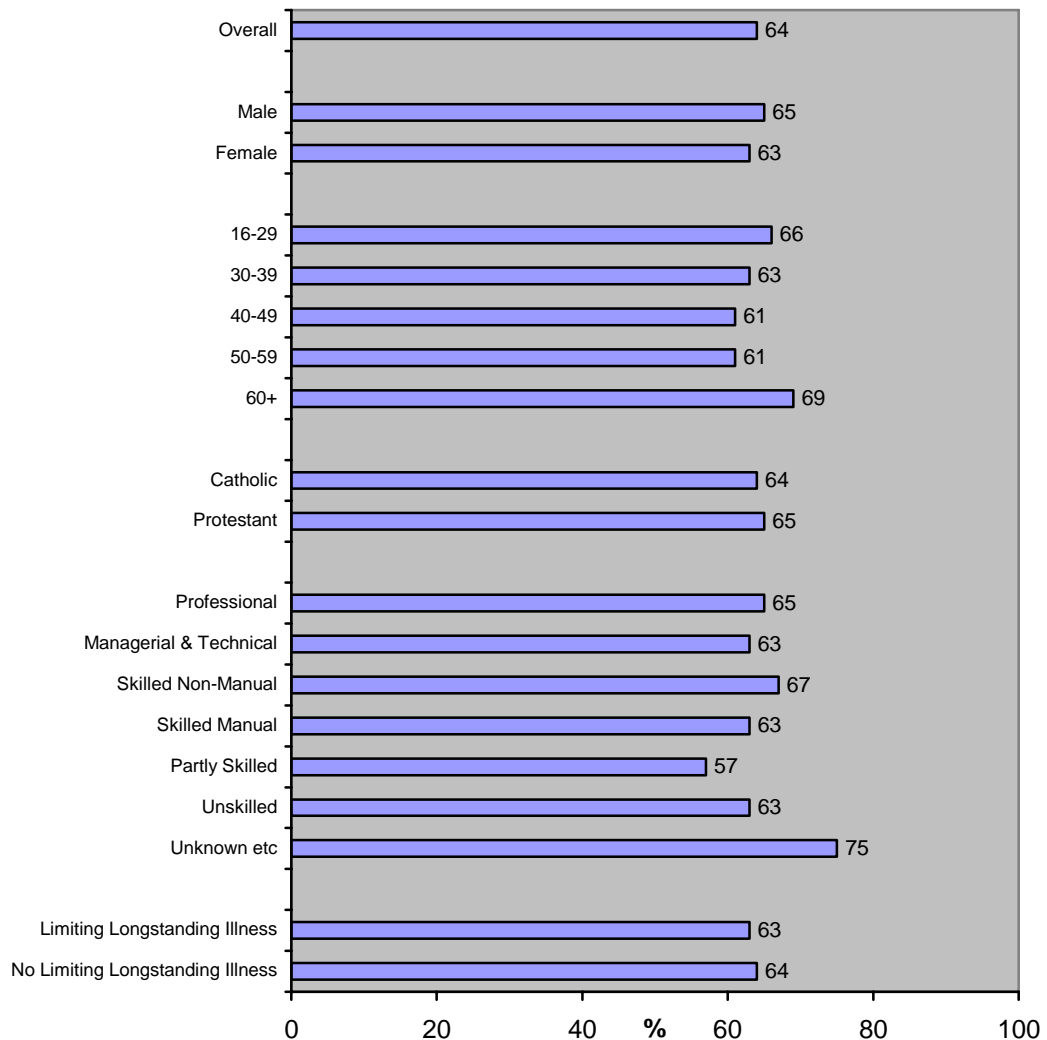
This pattern was evident in each of the last four years of survey data.

## Satisfied with Sports Provision? Participants...

In 2006/07, of those who had taken part in sport in the previous 12 months, 64% were satisfied with provision. Sports participants were more satisfied with sports provision than the entire survey population (which comprises those who participate and those who don't participate). The satisfaction rate for participants was 66% in 2005/06, 63% in 2004/05, and 67% in 2003/04 (Table 25).

Chart 5 below shows how satisfaction levels were similar amongst all groups.

**Chart 5: Satisfied with Sports Provision In Northern Ireland, 12 months to end March 2007 - Participants**



## Satisfied with Sports Provision? Participants...

### Sex (Table 26)

Male sports participants and female sports participants had similar levels of satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland:

- For males who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 65%.
- For females who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 63%.

Male participants and female participants also had similar levels of satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2005/06 and 2004/05. In 2003/04, female participants were more likely than male participants to be satisfied with sports provision in Northern Ireland.

### Age Group (Table 27)

Satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland was fairly consistent across all age-groups, with levels of satisfaction being in the range of 61% to 69% across all groups:

- For 16-29 year olds who had participated in sport, sports satisfaction in 2006/07 was 66%.
- For 30-39 year olds who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 63%.
- For 40-49 year olds who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 61%.
- For 50-59 year olds who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 61%.
- For 60+ year olds who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 69%.

A similar pattern can be seen in the last four years' data.

### Religion (Table 28)

Protestant sports participants and Catholic sports participants had similar levels of satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07:

- For Catholics who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 64%.
- For Protestants who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 65%.

Trends over the last four years follow this pattern.

## Satisfied with Sports Provision? Participants...

### Social Class (Table 29)

In 2006/07 levels of satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland were fairly similar across the different social classes:

- For those in the professional social class who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 65%. However, this is based on only 69 respondents, so the findings must be treated with some caution.
- For those in the managerial and technical social class who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 63%.
- For those in the skilled non-manual social class who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 67%.
- For those in the skilled manual social class who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 63%.
- For those in the partly skilled social class who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 57%.
- For those in the unskilled social class who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 63%, however, this is based on only 50 respondents, so the findings must be treated with some caution.

Analysis shows a similar pattern across the last four years.

### Limiting Longstanding Illness (Table 30)

Sports participants with and without limiting longstanding illnesses had similar levels of satisfaction with sports facilities in Northern Ireland:

- For people with a limiting longstanding illness who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 63%.
- For people without a limiting longstanding illness who had participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 64%.

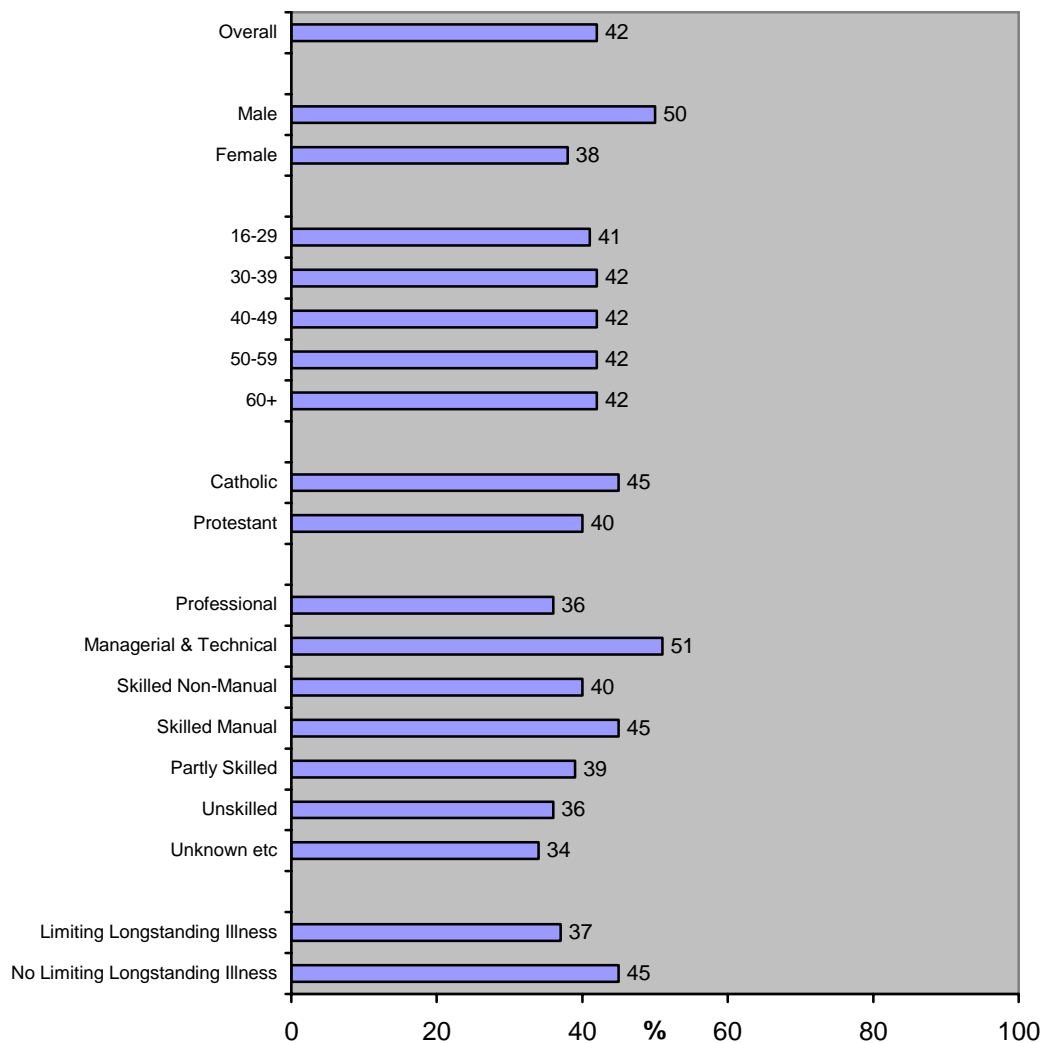
In 2005/06, 2004/05 and 2003/04, sports participants with limiting longstanding illness were less likely than those without limiting longstanding illness to be satisfied with sports provision in Northern Ireland.

## Satisfied with Sports Provision? Non-Participants...

In 2006/07, of those who had not taken part in sport in the previous 12 months, 42% were satisfied with sports provision in Northern Ireland. This figure shows that sports participants are more satisfied with sports provision than non-participants. The satisfaction rate for non-participants was 47% in 2005/06, 46% in 2004/05, and 47% in 2003/04 (Table 31).

Chart 6 below shows satisfaction levels with sports provision amongst non-participants in Northern Ireland across the various socio-economic groups under analysis.

**Chart 6: Satisfied with Sports Provision In Northern Ireland, 12 months to end March 2007 - Non-Participants**



## Satisfied with Sports Provision? Non-Participants...

### Sex (Table 32)

Male non-participants were more satisfied than females:

- For males who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 50%.
- For females who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 38%.

This pattern is consistent with the 2004/05 and the 2005/06 datasets.

### Age Group (Table 33)

Satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland was fairly evenly spread amongst all of the age categories for non-participants:

- For 16-29 year olds who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 41%. However, this percentage is based on only 62 respondents and it must therefore be treated with caution.
- For 30-39 year olds who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 42%. This figure is based on only 88 respondents and must also be treated with caution.
- For 40-49 year olds who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 42%.
- For 50-59 year olds who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 42%.
- For 60+ year olds who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 42%.

Findings have been mixed in the four datasets analysed with no clear pattern emerging.

### Religion (Table 34)

Catholic non-participants were more satisfied with sports provision in Northern Ireland than Protestant non-participants:

- For Catholics who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 45%.
- For Protestants who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 40%.

A similar pattern was also evident in 2005/06, but prior to that, levels of satisfaction between Catholic non-participants and Protestant non-participants were similar.

## Satisfied with Sports Provision? Non-Participants...

### Social Class (Table 35)

In the case of non-participants, there is no discernable relationship between levels of satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland and social class.

- For those in the professional social class who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 36%. However, this rate is based on only 11 respondents and must be treated with caution.
- For those in the managerial and technical social class who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 51%.
- For those in the skilled non-manual social class who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 40%.
- For those in the skilled manual social class who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 45%.
- For those in the partly skilled social class who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 39%.
- For those in the unskilled social class who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 36%. This figure represents only 57 respondents and caution must be exercised, therefore, when using it to draw conclusions.

The small numbers in many of these groups over the various years of the survey preclude meaningful analysis of trends.

### Limiting Longstanding Illness (Table 36)

Satisfaction with sports provision was lower for those non-participants who had a limiting long-standing illness:

- For people with a limiting longstanding illness who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 37%.
- For people without a limiting longstanding illness who had not participated in sport, satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland in 2006/07 was 45%.

This was a consistent trend in each of the last four years.

## Taking Part in Sport in the Last 12 Months - Tabular Information...

Numbers of respondents have been included in brackets beside the percentages where they are less than 100. Findings using these percentages and numbers must be treated with caution.

**Table 1: Overall rates of participation in sport in the last 12 months**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Overall</b>	55%	54%	51%	53%

**Table 2: Participation rates by sex - last 12 months**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Male</b>	63%	62%	59%	61%
<b>Female</b>	50%	49%	45%	47%
<b>Overall</b>	55%	54%	51%	53%

**Table 3: Participation rates by age group - last 12 months**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>16-29</b>	85%	80%	80%	77%
<b>30-39</b>	74%	69%	64%	67%
<b>40-49</b>	57%	60%	57%	59%
<b>50-59</b>	44%	45%	45%	44%
<b>60+</b>	25%	28%	23%	29%
<b>Overall</b>	55%	54%	51%	53%

**Table 4: Participation rates by religion - last 12 months**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Catholic</b>	52%	54%	49%	50%
<b>Protestant</b>	56%	54%	51%	54%
<b>Other/None</b>	68%	65% (98)	58% (65)	63%
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	69% (33)	66% (43)	56% (37)	56% (20)
<b>Overall</b>	55%	54%	51%	53%

## Taking Part in Sport in the Last 12 Months - Tabular Information...

**Table 5: Participation rates by social class (current & previous occupation) - last 12 months**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Professional</b>	73%	74%	68%	78%
<b>Managerial &amp; Technical</b>	64%	65%	60%	64%
<b>Skilled Non-Manual</b>	56%	57%	51%	55%
<b>Skilled Manual</b>	55%	54%	48%	51%
<b>Partly Skilled</b>	41%	41%	38%	39%
<b>Unskilled</b>	35% (56)	32% (77)	30% (64)	34% (80)
<b>Unknown/ Unclassified/ Never Worked</b>	56%	48%	50%	49%
<b>Overall</b>	55%	54%	51%	53%

**Table 6: Participation rates by limiting longstanding illness - last 12 months**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Yes</b>	29%	30%	25%	31%
<b>No</b>	66%	63%	60%	60%
<b>Overall</b>	55%	54%	51%	53%

## Taking Part in Sport in the Last Month - Tabular Information...

In 2004/05 a shortened version of the survey was used, therefore cells are blank for this year.

**Table 7: Overall rates of participation in sport in the last Month**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Overall</b>	44%	-	39%	43%

**Table 8: Participation rates by sex - last Month**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Male</b>	53%	-	47%	50%
<b>Female</b>	38%	-	33%	37%
<b>Overall</b>	44%	-	39%	43%

**Table 9: Participation rates by age group - last Month**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>16-29</b>	71%	-	64%	64%
<b>30-39</b>	58%	-	49%	54%
<b>40-49</b>	46%	-	43%	46%
<b>50-59</b>	34%	-	32%	33%
<b>60+</b>	20%	-	19%	24%
<b>Overall</b>	44%	-	39%	43%

**Table 10: Participation rates by religion - last Month**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Catholic</b>	42%	-	38%	40%
<b>Protestant</b>	45%	-	39%	43%
<b>Other/None</b>	55% (84)	-	47% (53)	51% (98)
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	65% (31)	-	47% (31)	56% (20)
<b>Overall</b>	44%	-	39%	43%

## Taking Part in Sport in the Last Month - Tabular Information...

**Table 11: Participation rates by social class (current & previous occupation) - last Month**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Professional</b>	64% (87)	-	54% (95)	63% (87)
<b>Managerial &amp; Technical</b>	51%	-	47%	52%
<b>Skilled Non-Manual</b>	43%	-	38%	43%
<b>Skilled Manual</b>	44%	-	38%	40%
<b>Partly Skilled</b>	31%	-	29%	31%
<b>Unskilled</b>	29% (47)	-	23% (49)	28% (66)
<b>Unknown/ Unclassified/ Never Worked</b>	47%	-	40%	43%
<b>Overall</b>	44%	-	39%	43%

**Table 12: Participation rates by limiting longstanding illness - last Month**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Yes</b>	21%	-	18%	23%
<b>No</b>	53%	-	47%	49%
<b>Overall</b>	44%	-	39%	43%

## Taking Part in Sport in the Last Week - Tabular Information...

**Table 13: Overall rates of participation in sport in the last Week**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Overall</b>	33%	-	29%	33%

**Table 14: Participation rates by sex - last Week**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Male</b>	38%	-	36%	39%
<b>Female</b>	29%	-	25%	29%
<b>Overall</b>	33%	-	29%	33%

**Table 15: Participation rates by age group - last Week**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>16-29</b>	53%	-	48%	49%
<b>30-39</b>	42%	-	38%	41%
<b>40-49</b>	33%	-	30%	37%
<b>50-59</b>	25%	-	24%	25%
<b>60+</b>	16%	-	16%	21%
<b>Overall</b>	33%	-	29%	33%

**Table 16: Participation rates by religion - last Week**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Catholic</b>	31%	-	30%	31%
<b>Protestant</b>	34%	-	28%	34%
<b>Other/None</b>	41% (63)	-	31% (35)	39% (75)
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	44% (21)	-	39% (36)	33% (12)
<b>Overall</b>	33%	-	29%	33%

## Taking Part in Sport in the Last Week - Tabular Information...

**Table 17: Participation rates by social class (current & previous occupation) - last Week**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Professional</b>	46% (63)	-	41% (72)	49% (67)
<b>Managerial &amp; Technical</b>	41%	-	37%	41%
<b>Skilled Non-Manual</b>	30%	-	27%	33%
<b>Skilled Manual</b>	32%	-	28%	30%
<b>Partly Skilled</b>	22%	-	22%	24%
<b>Unskilled</b>	18% (29)	-	14% (31)	22% (52)
<b>Unknown/ Unclassified/ Never Worked</b>	36%	-	31%	33%
<b>Overall</b>	33%	-	29%	33%

**Table 18: Participation rates by limiting longstanding illness - last Week**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Yes</b>	15%	-	13%	18%
<b>No</b>	40%	-	35%	38%
<b>Overall</b>	33%	-	29%	33%

**Satisfied with Sports Provision? All Respondents - Tabular Information...**

**Table 19: Overall Satisfaction Rates**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>All Respondents</b>	58%	55%	57%	54%

**Table 20: Satisfaction rates by sex - All Respondents**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Male</b>	59%	58%	62%	59%
<b>Female</b>	58%	53%	53%	50%
<b>Overall</b>	58%	55%	57%	54%

**Table 21: Satisfaction rates by age group - All Respondents**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>16-29</b>	63%	62%	63%	60%
<b>30-39</b>	61%	58%	61%	56%
<b>40-49</b>	60%	57%	58%	53%
<b>50-59</b>	59%	54%	53%	50%
<b>60+</b>	50%	49%	51%	50%
<b>Overall</b>	58%	55%	57%	54%

**Table 22: Satisfaction rates by religion - All Respondents**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Catholic</b>	58%	57%	58%	55%
<b>Protestant</b>	59%	55%	56%	54%
<b>Other/None</b>	50% (77)	42% (64)	47%	44% (85)
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	48% (23)	49% (32)	56% (37)	39% (14)
<b>Overall</b>	58%	55%	57%	54%

**Satisfied with Sports Provision? All Respondents - Tabular Information...**

**Table 23: Satisfaction rates by social class (current & previous occupation) - All Respondents**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Professional</b>	66% (90)	62%	56% (98)	58% (80)
<b>Managerial &amp; Technical</b>	62%	58%	57%	58%
<b>Skilled Non-Manual</b>	61%	56%	56%	54%
<b>Skilled Manual</b>	57%	60%	62%	54%
<b>Partly Skilled</b>	55%	50%	54%	46%
<b>Unskilled</b>	49% (78)	49%	50%	45%
<b>Unknown/ Unclassified/ Never Worked</b>	57%	50%	57%	54%
<b>Overall</b>	58%	55%	57%	54%

**Table 24: Satisfaction rates by limiting longstanding illness - All Respondents**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Yes</b>	49%	44%	47%	45%
<b>No</b>	62%	59%	60%	56%
<b>Overall</b>	58%	55%	57%	54%

## Satisfied with Sports Provision? Participants - Tabular Information...

**Table 25: Overall Satisfaction Rates**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Participants</b>	67%	63%	66%	64%

**Table 26: Satisfaction rates by sex - Participants**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Male</b>	64%	63%	67%	65%
<b>Female</b>	70%	64%	64%	63%
<b>Overall</b>	67%	63%	66%	64%

**Table 27: Satisfaction rates by age group - Participants**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>16-29</b>	67%	65%	66%	66%
<b>30-39</b>	67%	60%	66%	63%
<b>40-49</b>	66%	62%	65%	61%
<b>50-59</b>	68%	66%	60%	61%
<b>60+</b>	70%	66%	71%	69%
<b>Overall</b>	67%	63%	66%	64%

**Table 28: Satisfaction rates by religion - Participants**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Catholic</b>	68%	65%	66%	64%
<b>Protestant</b>	68%	64%	66%	65%
<b>Other/None</b>	59% (61)	49% (48)	62% (40)	54% (65)
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	52% (17)	51% (22)	71% (27)	40% (8)
<b>Overall</b>	67%	63%	66%	64%

**Satisfied with Sports Provision? Participants - Tabular Information...**

**Table 29: Satisfaction rates by social class (current & previous occupation) - Participants**

	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>
<b>Professional</b>	70% (70)	65% (79)	62% (75)	65% (69)
<b>Managerial &amp; Technical</b>	68%	63%	63%	63%
<b>Skilled Non-Manual</b>	67%	61%	65%	67%
<b>Skilled Manual</b>	62%	66%	71%	63%
<b>Partly Skilled</b>	68%	64%	68%	57%
<b>Unskilled</b>	63% (35)	61% (47)	65% (43)	63% (50)
<b>Unknown/ Unclassified/ Never Worked</b>	68%	67%	70%	75%
<b>Overall</b>	67%	63%	66%	64%

**Table 30: Satisfaction rates by limiting longstanding illness - Participants**

	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>
<b>Yes</b>	60%	57%	58%	63%
<b>No</b>	68%	64%	67%	64%
<b>Overall</b>	67%	63%	66%	64%

**Satisfied with Sports Provision? Non-Participants - Tabular Information...**

**Table 31: Overall Satisfaction Rates**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Non-Participants</b>	47%	46%	47%	42%

**Table 32: Satisfaction rates by sex – Non Participants**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Male</b>	51%	50%	54%	50%
<b>Female</b>	46%	43%	43%	38%
<b>Overall</b>	47%	46%	47%	42%

**Table 33: Satisfaction rates by age group - Non Participants**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>16-29</b>	42% (49)	51% (81)	50% (64)	41% (62)
<b>30-39</b>	47%	54%	51%	42% (88)
<b>40-49</b>	52%	50%	49%	42%
<b>50-59</b>	52%	44%	47%	42%
<b>60+</b>	44%	42%	44%	42%
<b>Overall</b>	47%	46%	47%	42%

**Table 34: Satisfaction rates by religion - Non Participants**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Catholic</b>	48%	48%	51%	45%
<b>Protestant</b>	48%	45%	45%	40%
<b>Other/None</b>	32% (16)	30% (16)	27% (13)	28% (20)
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	40% (6)	46% (10)	36% (10)	38% (6)
<b>Overall</b>	47%	46%	47%	42%

**Satisfied with Sports Provision? Non-Participants - Tabular Information...**

**Table 35: Satisfaction rates by social class (current & previous occupation) - Non Participants**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Professional</b>	54% (20)	55% (23)	43% (23)	36% (11)
<b>Managerial &amp; Technical</b>	52%	49%	48%	51%
<b>Skilled Non-Manual</b>	54%	50%	46%	40%
<b>Skilled Manual</b>	51% (96)	52%	52%	45%
<b>Partly Skilled</b>	47%	40%	46%	39%
<b>Unskilled</b>	41% (43)	43% (69)	43% (65)	36% (57)
<b>Unknown/ Unclassified/ Never Worked</b>	42%	35% (69)	44% (74)	34% (53)
<b>Overall</b>	47%	46%	47%	42%

**Table 36 Satisfaction rates by limiting longstanding illness - Non Participants**

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Yes</b>	44%	38%	43%	37%
<b>No</b>	50%	51%	49%	45%
<b>Overall</b>	47%	46%	47%	42%

### Continuous Household Survey

The source of all data in this bulletin is the Continuous Household Survey (CHS).

The Continuous Household Survey is designed and conducted by the Central Survey Unit of the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency. It is based on a sample of the general population resident in private households and individual interviews are conducted with each adult (aged 16+) living in these households.

The CHS is based on a set sample of 4,500 addresses selected each year from the Valuation and Lands Agency's property database. A simple random sample of all the addresses in Northern Ireland is drawn using the regional strata: Belfast (Belfast District Council only), East of the Province, and West of the Province. Data is collected by personal interview using CAPI (Computer Aided Personal Interview), and the interviews are spread equally over the 12 months from April to March (allocated on a monthly basis).

The CHS is an important source of information in Northern Ireland and is used by many Government departments and Agencies.

The number of respondents to the sports questions in these surveys were as follows:

2003/04: 4,007

2004/05: 4,055

2005/06: 3,726

2006/07: 3,686

## Technical Notes...

A shortened version of the sport and leisure module was used in the 2004/05 survey, and therefore not all analysis can be conducted on this year of data.

The questions which were analysed for this bulletin were:

- Have you taken part in or played any of the 38 listed sports during the last year?
- Looking back over the last 12 months, how often do you usually participate in any sports?
- Overall, how satisfied are you with sports provision in Northern Ireland?

The list of 38 sports which was used to measure participation included (other/none were also provided):

- American football
- Angling/fishing
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Camogie
- Canoeing
- Cricket
- Cycling
- Darts
- Football Indoors (including 5 aside)
- Football Outdoors (including 5 aside)
- Gaelic football
- Golf, pitch and putt, putting
- Gymnastics
- Hockey (excluding ice, roller or street)
- Horse riding
- Hurling

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- Ice skating
- Indoor bowls
- Jogging
- Keepfit, aerobics, yoga, dance exercise
- Martial arts
- Motor sports
- Netball
- Outdoor bowls
- Rugby union or league
- Shooting
- Skiing
- Snooker, pool, billiards
- Squash
- Swimming or diving
- Table tennis
- Tennis
- Tenpin bowling
- Track and field athletics
- Weight training, weight lifting, body building
- Windsurfing, boardsailing
- Yachting or dinghy sailing

### **Definition of Participation in Sport**

This is taking part in or playing (but excluding teaching, coaching or refereeing) any sport on one or more occasions during the last 12 months. Analysis can also be done on sports participation in the last month and also in the last 7 days. This bulletin presents analysis for all three categories.

### **Definition of Satisfaction with Sport**

This is satisfaction with sports provision in Northern Ireland. This can be broken down for those who have participated in sport and those who have not. This bulletin provides satisfaction figures in three sections: all survey respondents, those who have participated in sport in the last 12 months, and those who have not participated in sport in the last 12 months. Respondents self-define “satisfaction” with “sports provision in Northern Ireland”.

### **Measuring Social Class**

The measurement used in this bulletin is Social Class based on current and previous occupation - formerly known as the Registrar General's Social Class.

A scale is used to classify people into five groups with one subdivided (based on a number of other employment related questions). The composition of the classes is brought together, as far as possible, for people with similar levels of occupational skill ([www.statistics.gov.uk](http://www.statistics.gov.uk)).

### **Limiting Longstanding Illness**

This variable is derived from two questions. Respondents are firstly asked “Do you have any longstanding illness, disability or infirmity? By longstanding I mean anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time.” If respondents answer “Yes” to this question, they are then asked “Does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way?” Respondents who answer “Yes” to both of these questions are coded as having a limiting longstanding illness.

## **Technical Notes...**

### **“Unknown etc” Occupations**

Occupation is coded as “Unknown” for those respondents who have never worked or are long-term unemployed; this also includes fulltime students and those who are retired. It includes occupations not stated or inadequately described and not classifiable for other reasons.

### **Sampling Error**

Estimates quoted in this Bulletin are based on data collected from a sample of the population and are therefore subject to sampling error. It is important to note that some trends observed in the data may be attributable to sampling error particularly where the numbers in the cells are small.

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