Netherlands tops child well-being ranking

Wealth alone does not guarantee children's well-being, with many rich countries witnessing declines in children's life satisfaction, mental health and academic proficiency since the Covid-19 pandemic

Overall ranking		Mental well-being	Physical health	Skills
1	Netherlands	1	4	11
2	Denmark	3	3	8
3	France	11	2	9
4	Portugal	2	10	22
5	Ireland	24	11	1
6	Switzerland	13	7	6
7	Spain	4	25	16
8	Croatia	9	31	3
9	Italy	8	16	23
10	Sweden	14	13	14
11	Hungary	6	30	13
12	Austria	16	20	7
13	Slovenia	28	18	2
14	Japan	32	1	12
15	Lithuania	20	17	17
16	Romania	5	32	26
17	Finland	21	23	18
18	Czechia	25	5	31
19	Canada	23	24	21
20	Slovakia	12	29	27
21	UK	27	22	15
22	Iceland	26	6	28
23	Latvia	22	15	32
24	Greece	7	27	35
25	Germany	18	14	34
26	Malta	15	21	36
27	South Korea	34	28	4
28	Bulgaria	10	34	33
29	Poland	30	19	30
30	Estonia	33	26	24
31	Costa Rica	17	36	39
32	New Zealand	36	35	25
33	Colombia	29	39	38
34	Mexico	19	41	41
35	Türkiye	35	37	37
36	Chile	31	40	40
	Australia	n/a	33	20
	Belgium	n/a	8	5
	Israel	n/a	12	19
	Norway	n/a	9	10
	U.S.	n/a	38	29

RANKING COMPONENTS
(OECD and EU countries)

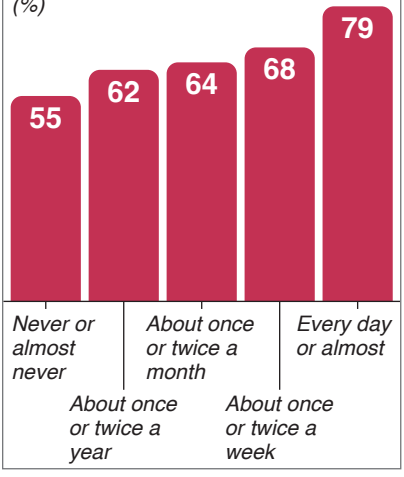
Mental well-being: Life satisfaction and adolescent suicide rate

Physical health: Child mortality and percentage of children overweight

Skills: Academic proficiency *(reading/ maths)* and social skills



HOW SIMPLY TALKING WITH PARENTS CAN IMPROVE A CHILD'S LIFE SATISFACTION
(%)



Due to lack of available data, Cyprus and Luxembourg are omitted. Likewise, it was not possible to fully rank Australia, Belgium, Israel, Norway and U.S. due to missing "satisfaction" data

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