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Introduction

The Public Health Monitors map the health, well-being and lifestyle of the Dutch population through large-scale questionnaire surveys. National Public Health Monitors exist for youth (2nd and 4th years of regular secondary education), young adults (ages 16 to 25) and adults and elderly (18 years and older).

Data from the various measurements of the Public Health Monitors are publicly available for many topics on RIVM [StatLine](#) and [VZinfo](#). These data may be used without permission, provided the correct source is cited. Under the sections for each target group, you will find the specific links and source citations.

If the desired data is not publicly available, or if additional, in-depth analyses are needed, you can request access to the relevant dataset or submit a request for data results/tables (custom request). In the case of a custom request you do not receive data access; instead, the desired analyses are performed for you and you receive the results.

This document explains which data can be requested, how the data request process works, and the criteria and costs associated with it.

You can currently submit a request for data or custom work from the following monitors and measurements:

- Public Health Monitor Youth 2015, 2019, 2023
- Corona Public Health Monitor Youth 2021
- Corona Public Health Monitor Young Adults 2022
- Public Health Monitor Young Adults 2024
- Public Health Monitor Adults and Elderly 2012, 2016, 2020, 2024
- Corona Public Health Monitor Adults and Elderly 2022

How does an application work?

Application via the application form

To request access to the data or submit a custom request (figures/tables/statistical analyses) from the Public Health Monitors, you can submit a request using the [application form](#). The request form is only available in Dutch, but may be filled out in English. This can be done for one or multiple monitors and years at the same time. A clear analysis plan and description of the required variables is mandatory. Only fully completed applications are processed. You may request data or figures from the Public Health Monitors for research and policy at the local (municipal), regional (Municipal Public Health Services or GGD region), or national level.

Data from a specific region or municipality

For requests involving data from a specific region or municipality, you can contact the relevant GGD. Contact details can be found via [Home – GGD](#). You may ask for the researcher/epidemiologist involved in the Public Health Monitors. Alternatively, you may email monitorgezondheid@ggdghor.nl, where you will be directed to the appropriate contact.

For general information about submitting applications, you may also contact monitorgezondheid@ggdghor.nl.

Assessment of the application

The registration committee of the Public Health Monitors assesses your application based on the following criteria:

- The application must serve a public purpose and contribute to insights into the health of the Dutch population.
- For estimations based on existing figures, the committee may impose additional publication requirements.
- Applications with a controversial character are submitted to the ethics committee of the Public Health Monitors.

The committee requires approximately three weeks to review applications involving national-level data or figures, and two additional weeks for regional or municipal-level requests.

What does an application cost?

GGD GHOR Nederland charges €250 for assessing and approving an application. In addition, you will receive a tailored quotation from CBS or RIVM. The costs for data access or custom work vary considerably.

Applications for access to the datafile

(Corona) Public Health Monitor Adults and Elderly

When your request for access to the dataset is approved, analyses must be performed within the secure Remote Access (RA) environment of CBS. RA access costs range from €2,500 for a simple, short project using only Public Health Monitor data, up to significantly higher amounts for complex research involving linkages with other datasets in the CBS catalogue.

(Corona) Public Health Monitor Young Adults and (corona) Public Health Monitors Youth

Access to the data file requires signing a Data Transfer Agreement (DTA) between RIVM and the researcher. There are no costs associated with receiving (a selection of) the dataset.

Custom requests

(Corona) Public Health Monitor Adults and Elderly

For a custom request, CBS or RIVM will charge the required hours based on the applicable hourly rate at that time. You will receive a tailored quotation from CBS or RIVM. Naturally, the costs for a simple table based solely on the Public Health Monitor are lower than for a custom request that requires linking with other datasets or performing various additional data processing steps.

(Corona) Public Health Monitor Young Adults and (corona) Public Health Monitors Youth

For a custom request, RIVM will charge the required hours based on the applicable hourly rate at that time. You will receive a tailored quotation from RIVM.

More information about the Public Health Monitors

Youth

Participants

The Public Health Monitor Youth maps the health, well-being and lifestyle of Dutch students in the 2nd and 4th years of regular secondary education. All Municipal Public Health Services (GGDs) and the RIVM carry out this research together, supported by GGD GHOR Nederland. In 2015, nearly 97,000 students from 377 schools participated. In 2019, more than 170,000 students from 707 schools took part, and in 2023 over 188,000 students from 885 schools participated.

The Corona Public Health Monitor Youth 2021 was an additional measurement that, like earlier years, collected information on health, well-being and lifestyle among students in the 2nd and 4th years. This special edition also examined the impact of COVID-19 following the pandemic that began in February 2020. In 2021, nearly 167,000 students from 759 schools participated.

The questionnaires and topics

Click [here](#) for all the baseline questionnaires, the comparability, the topics and the municipal reorganisations of the (Corona) Public Health Monitor Youth.

Public data

Data from the Public Health Monitor Youth is publicly available on VZinfo and RIVM StatLine. These may be used without permission when citing the source: (Corona) Public Health Monitor Youth {2015/2019/2021/2023} of the Municipal Public Health Services, and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment.

Note: Please ensure the correct year is cited.

Geographical and publication level

All monitor years of the Public Health Monitor Youth include national-level data. For 2015, regional data are available for 14 GGD regions and municipal data for 9 of those regions. For 2019, regional data are available for all 25 GGD regions and municipal data for 19 regions. For 2021, both regional and municipal data are available for all GGD regions: valid municipal figures exist for 300 municipalities (52 had an insufficient number of participants). For 2023, valid municipal figures are available for 319 municipalities (23 had an insufficient number of participants).

National-level data are supplied by default. If you require regional-level data, you may indicate this in the application form.

Municipality data

Dataset access is not available at municipal level because anonymity of schools and students cannot be guaranteed. If you need additional municipal figures for (Corona) Public Health Monitor Youth, you may submit a custom request via the application form.

Note: Not all GGD regions have municipal data available for all survey years.

Application approved: receiving the data

Access to the dataset

Dataset access is facilitated by the RIVM. Once your application is approved by the registration committee, the RIVM prepares a tailored dataset based on your request and securely provides it via RIVM FileSender. A Data Transfer Agreement (DTA) is required before data can be shared externally.

Note: (Corona) Public Health Monitor Youth cannot be linked to other datasets or registries because no citizen service numbers (BSN) of students are collected.

Custom request

For custom analyses, the RIVM performs the required analyses on your behalf. Processing time depends on the scale of the request; small requests are typically planned within one month. You will receive a quotation in advance, outlining the cost and expected timeline.

Young Adults

Participants

The Public Health Monitor Young Adults maps the health, well-being and lifestyle of Dutch young adults aged 16 to 25. It also examines the impact of the COVID-19 period. All Municipal Public Health Services (GGDs) and the RIVM conduct this research jointly, supported by GGD GHOR Nederland. In spring and summer 2022, the Corona Public Health Monitor Young Adults (cGM Young Adults) was conducted for the first time due to COVID-19, with around 70,000 young adults participating. The second measurement took place in spring and summer 2024, involving more than 135,000 young adults. Most participants were recruited via social media advertisements and completed the digital questionnaire via an open link.

The questionnaire

Click [here](#) for the questionnaires and topics for the (Corona) Public Health Monitor Young Adults 2022 and 2024.

Public data

Data from the cGM Young Adults 2022 and the GM Young Adults 2024 are available on [VZinfo](#) and [RIVM StatLine](#). This data may be used without permission when citing the source: (Corona) Public Health Monitor Young Adults {2022/2024} of the Municipal Public Health Services and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment. Note: Please ensure the correct year is cited.

Geographical and publication level

Results from the (Corona) Public Health Monitors Young Adults are available at national and regional levels for all GGD regions. In addition, the 2024 results include data for most municipalities. Data from these monitors are delivered by default at the national level. If you need additional regional or municipal figures, you can submit a custom request for figures/tables via the application form.

Application approved: receiving the data

Access to the dataset

Access to the Public Health Monitor Young Adults dataset is facilitated by the RIVM. After the registration committee approves the application, you coordinate the access with the RIVM. The RIVM prepares a tailored selection of the national dataset based on your approved request and delivers it securely via RIVM FileSender. A Data Transfer Agreement (DTA) is required to share data externally.

Note: The (Corona) Public Health Monitor Young Adults cannot be linked to other datasets or registries because no citizen service numbers (BSN) of respondents are available.

Custom request

For custom analyses, the RIVM performs the analyses for you. Processing time depends on the scale of the request; small custom requests are generally scheduled within a month. Before work begins, you receive a quotation specifying the associated costs and the expected timeline.

Adults and Elderly

Participants

The Public Health Monitor Adults and Elderly provides insight into the health, well-being and lifestyle of Dutch residents aged 18 years and older. All Municipal Public Health Services (GGDs), the RIVM and Statistics Netherlands (CBS) jointly conduct this large-scale survey, supported by GGD GHOR Nederland. In 2012, more than 387,000 people participated; in 2016 around 457,000; in 2020 nearly 540,000; and in 2024 approximately 450,000.

The Corona Public Health Monitor Adults and Elderly 2022 was an additional measurement designed to assess the impact of COVID-19 on public health. This survey collected data from nearly 365,000 respondents.

The questionnaires

Click [here](#) for all baseline questionnaires, information on comparability, topics covered and municipal reorganisations for the Public Health Monitor Adults and Elderly.

Public data

Data from all survey years of the Public Health Monitor Adults and Elderly are publicly available on [VZinfo](#) and [RIVM StatLine](#). This data may be used without permission when citing the source: (corona) Public Health Monitor Adults and Elderly {2012/2016/2020/2022/2024} of the Municipal Public Health Services, Statistics Netherlands and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment.

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Geographical and publication level

For all monitor years, it is possible to perform analyses at neighbourhood or district level, although this is not available for all neighbourhoods because not every GGD used that granularity when drawing the sample. Publication below the municipal level is not permitted due to privacy and confidentiality requirements.

Migration background not standardly available from 2020 onwards

Beginning with the 2020 monitor year, migration background and ethnicity are no longer included by default in the national dataset. Researchers requiring these variables must request them from CBS after receiving approval from the Public Health Monitors registration committee. Requests must include a clear justification and should be submitted by email to the CBS Expert Group on Migration and Integration Statistics: migratie@cbs.nl. Applicants receive a response within two working days.

Application approved: receiving the data

Access to the dataset

Access to the Public Health Monitor Adults and Elderly dataset is provided through the CBS microdata facility. Once approved, you coordinate with CBS to determine when data access will begin. Formalities generally take about two weeks, or longer if the research project is complex.

If your institution is authorised to use CBS microdata, access is possible through CBS Remote Access (RA) or onsite at CBS offices in The Hague or Heerlen. This process requires additional agreements regarding confidentiality, privacy protection and costs in accordance with the CBS [service catalogue](#).

Within the CBS RA environment, it is possible to link the Adults and Elderly dataset to other datasets or registries available within the CBS catalogue.

Custom request

For custom analyses, the RIVM or CBS performs the analyses on your behalf. Processing time depends on the scale of the request; small custom requests are usually planned within a month. You will receive a quotation in advance with the associated costs and timeline.

Questions or more information

Do you have questions or would you like more information about requesting data from the Public Health Monitors? Please send an email to: monitorgezondheid@ggdghor.nl.