**Socialising indoors and outdoors**

20th October 2020

* The percentage of people socialising indoors is increasing, from 19.3% reporting socialising mostly or exclusively indoors in the past week on 1-2 September 2020 to 30.4% on 12-14 October 2020 (see Table 1).

Table 1. Percentage of people who tended to socialise indoors and outdoors over time.

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|  | You have said that you have left your home in the last seven days to meet up with friends and/or family that you don't live with. Please tell us where you tend to socialise with others. | | | | | |
|  | Exclusively outdoors, n (%) | Mostly outdoors, n (%) | Equally split between indoors and outdoors, n (%) | Mostly indoors, n (%) | Exclusively indoors, n (%) | Exclusively/mostly indoors, n (%) |
| 1 – 2 September | 223 (22.5) | 299 (30.2) | 277 (28.0) | 146 (14.7) | 45 (4.5) | 191 (19.3) |
| 14 – 16 September | 238 (23.8) | 276 (27.6) | 288 (28.8) | 164 (16.4) | 34 (3.4) | 198 (19.8) |
| 28 – 30 September | 170 (20.0) | 221 (26.1) | 221 (26.1) | 176 (20.8) | 60 (7.1) | 236 (27.8) |
| 12 – 14 October | 155 (18.7) | 187 (22.5) | 236 (28.4) | 193 (23.3) | 59 (7.1) | 252 (30.4) |

Methods:

* We used fortnightly polling conducted by BMG Research on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care (n≈2000 per wave, demographically representative sample of the UK population).
* Data collected 1st September to 14th October 2020.
* Participants were asked how many times in the last seven days they had been out “to meet up with friends and/or family that [they didn’t] live with”.
* People who reported having met up with friends or family were asked where they tended to socialise.

*Please note that this work has been conducted rapidly and has not been peer reviewed or subject to normal quality control measures.*

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