



### **Emotional problems**

are a major topic for forum users and in conversations.



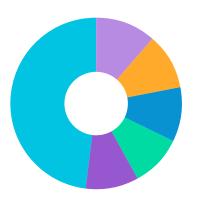
#### **Age distribution**

8-9 years 7,7%

• 10-12 years 43%

13-15 years 38,3%

• 16-17 years **11%** 



### Main topics (chat and phone)

SexualityEmotional problemsHome & Family10,8%10,1%

Relationships & Love 9,9%

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Bullying 9,8%

Other **48%** 



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With us, children experience a genuine connection. They are listened to, free to be themselves, and able to talk about anything. Our conversations are confidential. Our volunteers help children express their feelings and increase their self-awareness, empowering them to rely on their own strength. When needed, we provide information and connect them to appropriate resources or professional support.

### **Conversation distribution**

boys girls groups

In 2023, the majority of contacts were made by **boys (42%)**, followed by **girls (35%)** and **groups (22%)**. In addition, **1% identified as non-binary or transgender**.

## MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND CONVERSATIONS DAILY

Every day, we have over one thousand conversations via phone and chat. Children can talk to De Kindertelefoon about anything, from feelings of insecurity to difficult home situations. But they also regularly call or chat about something fun, such as a joke or a song. De Kindertelefoon takes every child seriously and believes it's important that they can talk about everything. This includes sharing a laughter or experimenting with conversations. Our volunteers let children know they are always welcome to ask or talk about more serious topics besides a joke. We keep these conversations short, so we can assist as many children as possible. Want to know more? Scan the QR code to access our annual report (in Dutch).



### Sexuality is the most-discussed topic on our forum.



### Main topics (forum)

<ul><li>Sexuality</li></ul>	30,2%
<ul><li>Emotional issues</li></ul>	19,6%
• Relationships & Love	13,3%
<ul><li>Body &amp; Health</li></ul>	9,6%
<ul><li>Home &amp; Family</li></ul>	5,9%
• Other	48%



"It feels good to be there for other young people and help them take a step in the right direction."

# FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, BY YOUNG PEOPLE

Children can chat with young volunteers (16–18 years old) every day between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Sometimes, children feel more comfortable talking to someone their own age. For this group we offer the jongerenchat. In these conversations, volunteers may share their experiences and opinions—only if both parties feel comfortable doing so.



De Kindertelefoon is entirely demand-driven. It's crucial for us to understand what is going on among young people so we can better align with their world. That's why we have a Youth Council, which helps us stay in touch with what is happening in society. They actively discuss developments, think about improvements, and help us determine the best way to reach children and young people. We also rely on our online youth panel, which includes around 200 participants, allowing us to test ideas and gather insights more broadly.

### **OUR FORUM**

For over 10 years, our forum has been a safe space for young people to share experiences, offer support, and provide advice. Every year the forum attracts more than one million unique visitors. Young people use it to share their thoughts and find support, especially on sexuality and emotional problems.

Need a virtual hug? The forum's 'four-leaf clover' symbol represents love, trust, happiness, and hope.



### The Alles Oké? Supportlijn

The COVID-19 pandemic acted as a catalyst for pre-existing problems among young adults. This group also needs a safe space to share their stories.

That is why, in 2021, De Kindertelefoon launched the Alles Oké? Supportlijn for young adults aged 18-25. Since its launch, over 60,000 conversations have taken place.

### **Conversation distribution**

women	men

Most conversations with young adults were with women (61%), followed by men (38%). Additionally, 1% identified as non-binary or transgender.

#### **Emotional issues**

Since the launch of the Alles Oké? Supportlijn, emotional problems have been the most-discussed topic. Nearly a third of conversations with young adults was about this topic. Recurring topics include long waiting times for mental health care, loneliness, stress, and thoughts of self-harm. Young adults who contact us often express feelings of being unheard or misunderstood in their environment. Shame or fear of judgment can also play a role. This sentiment is reflected in other common topics, such as relationships, sexuality, family, and body image.



### Age distribution

<ul><li>18-19 years</li></ul>	41%
<ul><li>20-21 years</li></ul>	25%
<ul> <li>22-23 years</li> </ul>	21%
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#### Main topics (chat and phone)

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•	Emotional problems	33%
•	Relationships & Love	18%
•	Sexuality	11%
•	Home & Family	9%
•	Body	6%
•	Other	23%

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### **WE GIVE CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS A VOICE**

A lot of children and young adults actively share us unique. That is why we regularly conduct research based on anonymised data. We examine what is going on in the lives of children and young people and look for signals about topics that are relevant or current at that time. By sharing these insights with society, we give children and young research on topics such as online behavior, gaming, substance use, and other current affairs. Visit kindertelefoon.nl/news for our latest research!

### **OUR VOLUNTEERS**

They are invaluable to us! Thanks to them, we are

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