

The Child Activity Survey (CAS) 2001 took place within the framework of the Statistical Information and Monitoring Programme (SIM-POC) of the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) of the International Labour Office (ILO). The CAS was an independent survey intended to collect information on the socio-economic and demographic characteristics of boys and girls aged between 5 and 17 years and their households. The survey fieldwork was conducted between April and May of 2001. The Belize Central Statistical Office (CSO) was in charge of the survey.

Objectives OF THE CHILD ACTIVITY SURVEY

- Generate statistical information that is reliable, comparable between countries, and up-to-date on the economic, educational, domestic and recreational activities of the child population in Belize, as well as on its socio-economic and demographic conditions and those of its households.
- Inform and assist the development, the implementation and the monitoring of policies, projects and programmes targeted at the child population in the country.

Coverage OF THE SURVEY

The survey was carried out at the national level, and included only those households with at least one member between 5 and 17 years. A total of 6 058 households were interviewed, 3 136 in urban areas and 2 922 in rural areas. Information was collected on 7 872 girls and boys between 5 and 17 years. The sampling was stratified, probabilistic and two-stage.

Main results

Girls and boys between 5 and 17 years

Girls and boys	79 061
Working girls and boys	8 581
Males	67,5%
Females	32,5%
From 5 to 9 years	10,6%
From 10 to 14 years	36,3%
From 15 to 17 years	53,2%
From Urban area	25,4%
From Rural area	74,6%
Total	100,0%

Percentage of girls and boys between 5 and 17 years who work

Work rate of girls and boys	10,9
Males	14,4
Females	7,2
From 5 to 9 years	2,9
From 10 to 14 years	9,7
From 15 to 17 years	29,1
Urban area	6,6
Rural area	13,9

Working girls and boys between 5 and 17 years by age at which started to work

Before 10 years	53,2%
Between 10 and 14 years	35,5%
Between 15 and 17 years	11,3%
Total	100,0%

Percentage of working girls and boys between 5 and 17 years who started working before the age of 15

Girls and boys	88,7
Males	87,5
Females	91,3
Urban area	81,3
Rural area	91,1

Mean age of working girls and boys between 5 and 17 years

Girls and boys	13,9 years
Males	14,1 years
Females	13,5 years
Urban area	14,4 years
Rural area	13,7 years

Working girls and boys under 14 years

Girls and boys	3 032
Percentage of total working girls and boys	35,3

School attendance rate of girls and boys between 5 and 17 years (in %)

Girls and boys not working	90,2
Working girls and boys	51,9
Males	50,3
Females	55,1
From 5 to 9 years	93,5
From 10 to 14 years	80,8
From 15 to 17 years	23,9
Urban area	57,8
Rural area	51,0

Industry of working girls and boys between 5 and 17 years

Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	47,6%
Manufacturing industry	6,0%
Trade, hotels and restaurants	20,5%
Community, social and personal services	17,9%
Other	8,1%
Total	100,0%

Status in employment of working girls and boys between 5 and 17 years

Unpaid family worker	33,9%
Self-employed or paid employee	66,1%
Total	100,0%



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Mean hours worked per working day by girls and boys between 5 and 17 years

Girls and boys	6,0
Males	6,0
Females	6,1
From 5 to 9 years	1,9
From 10 to 14 years	5,1
From 15 to 17 years	6,7
Urban area	5,5
Rural area	6,3

Percentage of working girls and boys aged between 5 and 17 years who work in the evening and/or night

Girls and boys	11,9
Males	11,2
Females	13,3
From 5 to 14 years	13,4
From 15 to 17 years	10,5
Urban area	16,6
Rural area	10,3

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- be born well
- a wholesome family life that will provide him/her with love, care, understanding, guidance, counselling, moral and material security
- a well-rounded development of his/her personality
- a well-balanced diet, adequate clothing, shelter, proper medical attention and the fulfilment of the basic physical requirements for a healthy and vigorous life
- be brought up in an atmosphere of morality and rectitude
- an education commensurate with his/her abilities
- full opportunities for safe and wholesome recreation and activities
- protection against exploitation, improper influences, hazards and other conditions or circumstances prejudicial to his/her physical, mental, emotional, social and moral development
- live in a community and a society that can offer him/her an environment free from pernicious influences and is conducive to the promotion of his/her health and the cultivation of his/her traits and attributes
- care, assistance, and protection of the State particularly when the parents or guardians fail or are unable to provide him/her with his/her fundamental needs for growth development and improvement
- an efficient and honest government
- grow up as a free individual in an atmosphere of peace understanding, tolerance and universal brotherhood and with the determination to contribute his/her share in the building of a better world

Source:
2001 Survey on Children 5-17 years old (NSO, ILO).

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