

What do children and young people think about the climate crisis?

U-Report Poll Results
July-September 2023



About U-Report Poll on Climate Crisis



- Children and young people have taken independent action around the world to address the climate crisis, but their potential is limited due to the lack of adequate resources and opportunities to develop green skills. Furthermore, despite the fact that children are the ones who will experience the most future impacts of climate change, their participation in processes and events where critical climate-related decisions are made is limited.
- Ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) and its Presidency focusing on youth skills and education, the poll conducted through the U-Report platform focused on whether children and young people have the resources to cope with the effects of climate change.
- The results of the poll will feed into the Global Youth Consultation and Global Youth Statement to be presented at COP28, providing a unique opportunity for the voice of young people to be heard by world leaders.

What is U-Report?

[U-Report](#) is a UNICEF global platform that aims to empower adolescents and young people to express their views on issues that concern them and encourage their democratic participation.

The results of the polls aim to contribute to the awareness of the communities, but also to influence policies and programs concerning children and young people.

The poll "*What do children and young people think about the climate crisis*" was conducted from **July to September 2023** and 422 children and young people from all over Greece participated.



Did you **learn** about the **climate crisis** **at school**?



Children and young people are the most affected by the **climate crisis**.

Text "COP28" on U-Report and share how you are preparing.



Send "**COP28**" to U-Report.

Make your voice heard!



Climate change is here... and we are all **at risk.**

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Complete a short U-Report poll and share how you are preparing for the **climate crisis**.

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The children and young people who took part in the U-Report poll are...

- **Age categories of respondents:**

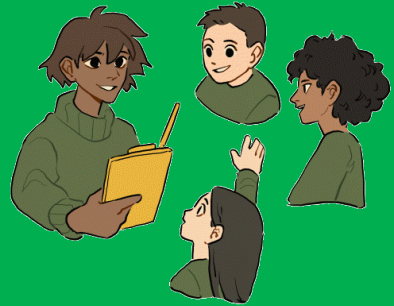
14 years old and below	8%
15-19 years old	60%
20-24 years old	16%
25-30 years old	8%
- Total number of respondents: **422**
- Sex of respondents: **Girls 65%, Boys 35%**
- Response rate: **93%**

Have you learned about the climate crisis at school?

The majority of participants stated that they did not learn at all or did not learn enough about the climate crisis at school.



YES, BUT NOT ENOUGH	55%
YES, I LEARNED A LOT	20%
NOT AT ALL	19%
NOT SURE	5%



2/3 of children consider that they do not receive adequate climate education at school

In response to whether they feel they are receiving the appropriate education and equipping them with the appropriate skills to respond to climate change and its impacts, the majority of children said no.

NO	65%
YES	22%
NOT SURE	13%

It is noteworthy that in the **20-24 age group**, who have now completed their schooling, the percentage who answered negatively increases, reaching **75%**.

20-24 years old	75%
15-19 years old	61%
14 years old or younger	56%

Children feel that their **future is at risk** if they don't learn about climate change



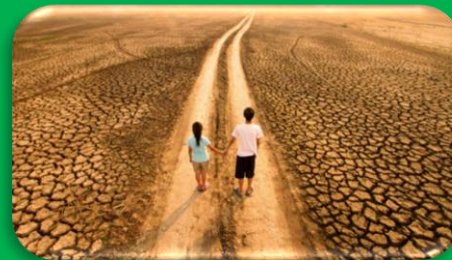
Do you agree with the following sentence?
"If I don't learn about climate change and ways to deal with it, I will be at risk in the future."

YES	82%
NOT SURE	11%
NO	7%

Do you think you can do something to improve climate policies in Greece?



YES	60%
NOT SURE	25%
NO	15%



55% of children and young people do not know how to contribute to changing Greece's climate policies

Age group up to 14	Age group 15-19	Age group 20-24
Not sure 52%	No 53%	No 64%
No 45%	Not sure 34%	Not sure 28%
Yes 3%	Yes 13%	Yes 8%

What would you like to say to world leaders ahead of COP28?

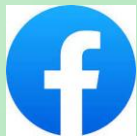
Make it clear with your example, your strategies and your words, to everyone without exception that there are only two choices: either we continue as we are for as many decades as humanity can last, or we change now to save what can be saved for the next generations.
18-year-old girl, Thessaly

It is important that all of us realize the need for immediate actions and not to be satisfied with only theoretical solutions. Because after all, every disaster in the natural environment has direct consequences for us, our health, the way and the quality of our lives.
17-year-old girl, Attica

Political leaders, it is time to act now without considering financial interests. It is time for the planet to act united to save its home. Education and investment in education will give young people the capacity to recreate a more sustainable planet.
15-year-old girl, Thessaly

We must all unite for our common goal! If we do not take measures to protect the environment immediately there will be no planet left to live on.
17-year-old girl, Central Macedonia

We need more information about climate change at school, because then we will be able to do something important to stop the climate crisis.
15-year-old girl, Western Macedonia



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