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| **Supplementary Table 1:** Demographic characteristics of the total population for the NCFS and NCFSII |
|  | NCFS |  | NCFS II |
| Demographics | *n* 594 |  | *n* 600 |
| **Age group (%)** |  |  |  |
| 5 - 8 years | 49.8 |  | 50.0 |
| 9 - 12 years | 50.1 |  | 50.0 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Gender (%)** |  |  |  |
| Boys | 49.3 |  | 50.0 |
| Girls | 50.7 |  | 50.0 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Location (%)** |  |  |  |
| Open country/village (≤1499)§ | 40.7 |  | 39.8 |
| Small town (1500 - 9999) | 5.72 |  | 12.8 |
| Large town (≥10000) | 24.7 |  | 29.0 |
| City (Dublin/Cork) | 28.8 |  | 18.3 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Social class\* (%)** |  |  |  |
| Professional/managerial/technical | 52.5 |  | 53.2 |
| Non manual workers | 20.0 |  | 20.2 |
| Skilled manual workers | 15.9 |  | 14.7 |
| Semi-skilled/unskilled/students | 11.6 |  | 11.9 |
| *n,* number; \*excludes 9 and 4 missing values in the NCFS and the NCFS II, respectively; §refers to the number of inhabitants |