

## TABLE TENNIS

Central to [Sport England's 2008-11 strategy](#) is the commissioning of national governing bodies of sport (NGBs) by Sport England. NGBs will contribute to Sport England's strategic 'grow' outcome by setting targets to increase the 'once a week' adult participation rates in their sport. The growth targets across sports will contribute to Sport England's overall target of getting one million people doing more sport by 2012/13.

In addition, within the 'sustain' outcome of Sport England's strategy, a number of sports will aim to reduce the drop off in participation among 16-18 year olds. This document summarises key data in relation to the above strategic outcomes, drawn from Sport England's [Active People Survey](#).



Creating sporting opportunities in every community

### Sport England strategic outcome: Grow

Participation – once a week, 30 minutes moderate intensity

- 75,700 adults (age 16 and over) have participated in table tennis at least once a week (0.18%). There has been no statistically significant change in participation between 2005/6 and 2007/8.
- There has been no statistically significant change in participation in table tennis among any age group.
- Participation among those with a limiting long term illness, disability or infirmity has increased from 0.1% to 0.2% between 2005/6 and 2007/8, an increase of 4,000 participants.

Participation – once in the last four weeks

- 196,000 adults have participated in table tennis at least once in the last four weeks. This represents 0.5% of the adult population, and participation has significantly increased from 0.4% (an increase of 33,000 participants) when compared with Active People Survey 1.

## Table tennis participation – once a week, 30 minutes moderate intensity



Active People Survey (APS)	APS 1 (2005/06)		APS 2 (2007/08)		Change (Numbers)	Significant Difference
	Number	%	Number	%		
<b>Overall</b>	69,300	0.17%	<b>75,700</b>	<b>0.18%</b>		<b>FALSE</b>
Male	50,100	0.25%	<b>53,600</b>	<b>0.27%</b>		FALSE
Female	19,300	0.09%	<b>22,100</b>	<b>0.10%</b>		FALSE
Age 16-34	18,200	0.14%	<b>23,100</b>	<b>0.18%</b>		FALSE
Age 35-54	19,400	0.14%	<b>23,200</b>	<b>0.16%</b>		FALSE
Age 55+	31,700	0.23%	<b>29,200</b>	<b>0.21%</b>		FALSE
White	62,000	0.17%	<b>65,300</b>	<b>0.18%</b>		FALSE
Non White	7,400	0.21%	<b>9,900</b>	<b>0.24%</b>		FALSE
Limiting Disability or Illness	7,200	0.11%	<b>11,100</b>	<b>0.17%</b>	3,900	<b>TRUE</b>
No Limiting Disability or Illness	62,200	0.18%	<b>64,600</b>	<b>0.18%</b>		FALSE
NS SEC 1-4	42,400	0.20%	<b>46,200</b>	<b>0.21%</b>		FALSE
NS SEC 5-8	16,100	0.10%	<b>18,000</b>	<b>0.12%</b>		FALSE
NS SEC 9	11,000	0.26%	<b>11,500</b>	<b>0.26%</b>		FALSE

### Table tennis and organised sport\*

#### Club membership

109,500 adults are members of a club where they participate in table tennis, this is **56%** of those who have participated in table tennis in the last four weeks.

#### Tuition

59,000 adults have received tuition in table tennis in the last 12 months, this is **30%** of those who have participated in table tennis in the last four weeks.

#### Organised Competition

85,000 adults have taken part in organised competition in table tennis in the last 12 months, **43%** of those who have participated in table tennis in the last four weeks.

### Latent demand for table tennis\*\*

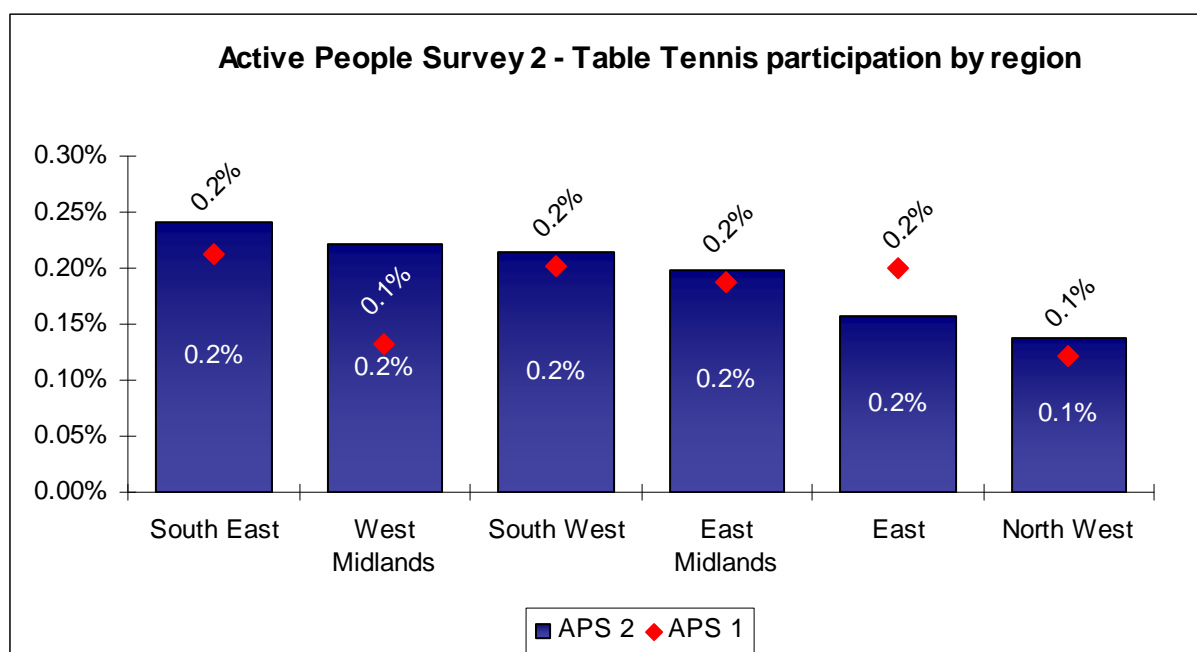
Table tennis is the one sport that 74,000 adults (0.2%) said they would like to participate in, or participate in more often. This represents 0.3% of all adults who would like to do more sport and active recreation (22.3 million adults, or 53.8% of adults would like to participate in sport, or participate in sport more often). Table tennis is the one sport that 0.3% of males would like to do, or do more often, and the equivalent figure for females is 0.1%.

## Table tennis participation – once a week, 30 minutes moderate intensity

by region



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	Number	%	Number	%		
<b>Overall</b>	69,300	0.17%	75,700	0.18%		<b>FALSE</b>
East	9,000	0.20%	7,300	0.16%		FALSE
East Midlands	6,600	0.19%	7,100	0.20%		FALSE
London	10,200	0.17%		*		
North East		*		*		
North West	6,700	0.12%	7,700	0.14%		FALSE
South East	14,000	0.21%	16,300	0.24%		FALSE
South West	8,400	0.20%	9,200	0.21%		FALSE
West Midlands	5,700	0.13%	9,700	0.22%	4,000	<b>TRUE</b>
Yorkshire	7,000	0.17%		*		



- There has been a statistically significant increase in participation in table tennis in the West Midlands region.

## Notes

Active People Survey 2 took place between October 2007 and October 2008 and interviewed c.191,000 adults (aged 16 and over) by telephone. Active People Survey 1 took place between October 2005 and October 2006, and interviewed 363,724 adults (age 16 and over) by telephone. For more information on Active People, visit the Sport England website [www.sportengland.org/research](http://www.sportengland.org/research)

Participation once a week is defined as participation on at least four days out of the previous 28 days.

Please note that this report highlights whether changes from Active People Survey 1 to Active People Survey 2 are statistically significant. A statistically significant increase is indicated by 'TRUE' or green shading and red shading and 'TRUE' indicates a statistically significant decrease. This means we are 95% certain that there has been a real change in the population (increase or decrease). Where there has been no statistically significant change this is indicated by 'FALSE'.

For more information on measuring statistically significant change between Active People Survey 1 and Active People survey 2, see the briefing note on Sport England's website:

[http://www.sportengland.org/active\\_people\\_2.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/active_people_2.htm)

Office for National Statistics (ONS) population data has been used - ONS mid year 2005 estimates and ONS mid year 2007 population estimates. To view a briefing note on population data used within Active People Survey see:

[http://www.sportengland.org/index/active\\_people\\_2](http://www.sportengland.org/index/active_people_2).

Disability is defined by how the question is asked within the survey which is consistent with the 2001 Census definition: 'do you have a longstanding illness, disability or infirmity? By longstanding I mean anything that has troubled you over a long period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time?'

NS-SEC is the National Statistics Socio-economic Classification. It is derived by combining information on occupation and employment status. NS-SEC: 1. Higher managerial and professional occupations; 2. Lower managerial and professional occupations; 3. Intermediate occupations; 4. Small employers and own account workers; 5. Lower supervisory and technical occupations; 6. Semi-routine occupations; 7. Routine occupations; 8. Never worked and long-term unemployed; 9. Full time students and Occupations not stated or inadequately described.

\*Sport specific information on organised sport (club membership, tuition and competition) was not collected in Active People Survey 1 so no comparison data is available. Club membership is based on those who have been a member of a sports club to participate in table tennis in the last four weeks.

\*\*Data on latent demand is based on 88,000 (half the overall sample) adults from APS2. This question was not included in Active People Survey 1 so no comparison data is available. The question was asked as follows: 'would you like to do more sport and recreational physical activity than you do at the moment?'. If yes, 'which one sport or recreational physical activity would you most like to do, or to do more often?'

Further headline sport-based analysis is available via the Sport England website:

[http://www.sportengland.org/active\\_people\\_2.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/active_people_2.htm)

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