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Table S1. Ethnicity, sex and age by highest educational attainment in Understanding Society (2013-2015)

Demographics	Highest educational attainment					
	GCSEs and lower		School diploma & other qualifications		Degree/higher	
	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)
Ethnicity						
White	11638	33.7	10424	30.2	12424	35.9
Black	363	25.1	400	27.6	685	47.3
Asian	1106	32.2	877	25.5	1445	42.1
Other ethnicity	201	22.1	235	25.9	472	51.9
Missing	538	36.1	491	33	401	26.9
<i>P value</i>	<0.001					
Sex						
Male	5888	30.5	6388	33.1	6927	35.9
Female	7958	35.3	6039	26.8	8500	37.7
<i>P value</i>	<0.001					
Age						
20-29 years	1462	23.9	2363	38.6	2271	37.1
30-39 years	1653	24.3	1776	26.1	3345	49.2
40-49 years	2433	29.1	2339	28	3570	42.7
50-59 years	2455	32.6	2221	29.5	2822	37.5
60+	5843	44.8	3728	28.6	3419	26.2
<i>P value</i>	<0.001					

Participants from wave 5 (2013-2015) of Understanding Society with data on educational attainment, demographics, and physical activity

Missing = missing data; not displayed where data was available in complete.

P value = χ^2

Table S2. Estimated difference in predicted probability in educational differences in physical activity by age

Physical activity	20-29			30-39			40-49			50-59			60+			education X age					
	Coef.	95% CI	p	Coef.	95% CI	p	Coef.	95% CI	p	Coef.	95% CI	p	Coef.	95% CI	p						
Active Travel																					
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>																				
School diploma	-0.03	-0.07	0.01	0.206	-0.04	-0.07	0.00	0.064	-0.01	-0.04	0.02	0.506	-0.03	-0.06	0.00	0.091	-0.04	-0.08	0.01	0.155	0.081
Degree/higher	-0.04	-0.08	0.00	0.044	-0.07	-0.10	-0.04	<0.001	-0.08	-0.10	-0.05	<0.001	-0.07	-0.10	-0.04	<0.001	-0.06	-0.11	-0.01	0.012	
Occupational																					
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>																				
School diploma	-0.10	-0.14	-0.06	<0.001	-0.14	-0.18	-0.10	<0.001	-0.06	-0.10	-0.03	<0.001	-0.03	-0.07	0.00	0.060	-0.01	-0.06	0.04	0.648	0.001
Degree/higher	-0.25	-0.29	-0.21	<0.001	-0.29	-0.33	-0.26	<0.001	-0.26	-0.29	-0.23	<0.001	-0.24	-0.27	-0.21	<0.001	-0.20	-0.25	-0.15	<0.001	
Moderate-to-vigorous leisure time																					
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>																				
School diploma	0.09	0.06	0.13	<0.001	0.08	0.04	0.11	<0.001	0.04	0.02	0.07	0.001	0.06	0.04	0.09	<0.001	0.06	0.04	0.08	<0.001	0.008
Degree/higher	0.17	0.14	0.21	<0.001	0.17	0.14	0.20	<0.001	0.16	0.14	0.19	<0.001	0.18	0.16	0.21	<0.001	0.16	0.14	0.18	<0.001	
Light leisure time																					
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>																				
School diploma	0.02	-0.01	0.04	0.173	0.03	0.00	0.06	0.030	0.04	0.01	0.06	0.002	0.02	-0.01	0.04	0.180	0.06	0.04	0.08	<0.001	<0.001
Degree/higher	0.02	0.00	0.05	0.102	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.007	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.002	0.08	0.06	0.11	<0.001	0.13	0.11	0.15	<0.001	

Estimates are derived from separate logistic regression models of each binary physical activity outcome including a two-way interaction terms (education x age), and show the education-outcome associations on the absolute scale in each sociodemographic sub group

Participants from wave 5 (2013-2015) of Understanding Society with data on educational attainment, demographics, and physical activity

**reference groups*

Table S3. Estimated difference in predicted probability in educational differences in physical activity by sex

Physical activity	Male			Female			education X sex
	Coef.	95% CI	p	Coef.	95% CI	p	
Active Travel							
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>						
School diploma	-0.02	-0.05 0.00	0.050	-0.03	-0.05 0.00	0.027	<0.001
Degree/higher	-0.03	-0.05 0.00	0.018	-0.10	-0.12 -0.08	0.000	
Occupational							
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>						
School diploma	-0.06	-0.09 -0.04	<0.001	-0.08	-0.11 -0.06	<0.001	<0.001
Degree/higher	-0.35	-0.37 -0.32	<0.001	-0.17	-0.19 -0.15	<0.001	
Moderate-to-vigorous leisure time							
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>						
School diploma	0.06	0.05 0.08	<0.001	0.07	0.05 0.08	<0.001	0.550
Degree/higher	0.17	0.15 0.18	<0.001	0.17	0.15 0.18	<0.001	
Light leisure time							
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>						
School diploma	0.03	0.01 0.04	0.001	0.05	0.03 0.06	<0.001	<0.001
Degree/higher	0.02	0.01 0.03	0.005	0.12	0.10 0.13	<0.001	

Estimates are derived from separate logistic regression models of each binary physical activity outcome including a two-way interaction terms (education x sex), and show the education-outcome associations on the absolute scale in each sociodemographic sub group

Participants from wave 5 (2013-2015) of Understanding Society with data on educational attainment, demographics, and physical activity

**reference group*

Table S4. Estimated difference in predicted probability in educational differences in physical activity by ethnicity

Physical activity	White			Black			Asian			Other ethnicity			education X ethnicity P	
	Coef.	95% CI	p	Coef.	95% CI	p	Coef.	95% CI	p	Coef.	95% CI	p		
Active Travel														
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>													
School diploma	-0.02	-0.04 0.00	0.013	0.02	-0.08 0.11	0.723	-0.07	-0.13 0.00	0.040	-0.04	-0.17 0.08	0.523	0.038	
Degree/higher	-0.06	-0.08 -0.04	<0.001	-0.12	-0.20 -0.05	0.002	-0.11	-0.17 -0.05	<0.001	-0.04	-0.15 0.07	0.465		
Occupational														
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>													
School diploma	-0.08	-0.10 -0.06	<0.001	-0.03	-0.12 0.06	0.526	-0.07	-0.13 0.00	0.035	-0.04	-0.17 0.08	0.502	0.155	
Degree/higher	-0.27	-0.29 -0.25	<0.001	-0.14	-0.22 -0.06	0.001	-0.18	-0.24 -0.13	<0.001	-0.19	-0.30 -0.08	0.001		
Moderate-to-vigorous leisure time														
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>													
School diploma	0.06	0.05 0.08	<0.001	0.02	-0.04 0.08	0.488	0.09	0.06 0.12	<0.001	0.12	0.04 0.20	0.004	0.001	
Degree/higher	0.17	0.16 0.19	<0.001	0.06	0.01 0.12	0.030	0.16	0.13 0.19	<0.001	0.13	0.06 0.20	<0.001		
Light leisure time														
GCSEs and lower	<i>*ref</i>													
School diploma	0.04	0.02 0.05	<0.001	0.05	0.00 0.09	0.046	0.04	0.01 0.07	0.008	0.08	0.01 0.14	0.026	0.057	
Degree/higher	0.07	0.06 0.08	<0.001	0.02	-0.02 0.06	0.351	0.07	0.05 0.10	<0.001	0.12	0.06 0.17	<0.001		

Estimates are derived from separate logistic regression models of each binary physical activity outcome including a two-way interaction terms (education x ethnicity), and show the education-outcome associations on the absolute scale in each sociodemographic sub group

Participants from wave 5 (2013-2015) of Understanding Society with data on educational attainment, demographics, and physical activity

**reference group*

Table S5. Unadjusted associations (OR (95% CI)) of education and demographics with domain specific PA (complete case analysis)

	Physical Activity															
	Active travel			Occupational			Moderate-to-vigorous			Leisure						
	OR	N=18,404 95% CI		p	OR	N=22,287 95% CI		p	OR	N= 40,270 95% CI		p	OR	N= 40,270 95% CI		p
Education																
GCSEs and lower	*ref															
School diploma	0.86	0.77	0.96	0.006	0.75	0.69	0.81	<0.001	1.59	1.50	1.69	<0.001	1.23	1.16	1.31	<0.001
Degree/higher	0.62	0.55	0.68	<0.001	0.35	0.33	0.38	<0.001	2.55	2.41	2.69	<0.001	1.41	1.33	1.50	<0.001
Ethnicity																
White	*ref															
Black	0.89	0.71	1.13	0.358	1.87	1.59	2.20	<0.001	0.84	0.75	0.95	0.005	0.38	0.31	0.45	<0.001
Asian	1.07	0.92	1.25	0.388	1.38	1.23	1.55	<0.001	0.74	0.68	0.81	<0.001	0.47	0.42	0.52	<0.001
Other ethnicity	1.25	0.97	1.61	0.080	1.20	0.99	1.44	0.061	1.08	0.94	1.25	0.277	0.66	0.55	0.80	<0.001
Sex																
Male	*ref															
Female	1.09	1.01	1.19	0.033	0.99	0.94	1.05	0.822	0.85	0.82	0.89	<0.001	1.17	1.12	1.23	<0.001
Age																
20-29 years	*ref															
30-39 years	0.75	0.65	0.85	<0.001	0.68	0.62	0.75	<0.001	1.01	0.93	1.09	0.875	1.05	0.95	1.16	0.353
40-49 years	0.68	0.60	0.77	<0.001	0.69	0.63	0.76	<0.001	0.84	0.78	0.90	<0.001	1.38	1.25	1.51	<0.001
50-59 years	0.76	0.67	0.87	<0.001	0.78	0.71	0.85	<0.001	0.60	0.56	0.65	<0.001	1.56	1.42	1.71	<0.001
60+ years	0.70	0.58	0.83	<0.001	0.88	0.79	0.99	0.034	0.43	0.39	0.46	<0.001	1.64	1.50	1.80	<0.001

Participants from wave 5 (2013-2015) of Understanding Society with data on educational attainment, demographics, and physical activity

Samples were restricted to those with valid demographic and physical activity data

Active travel to work: non-active/active; Occupational: non-physical/physical; Leisure-time: <weekly/ ≥ 1x weekly*reference groups

OR= Odds Ratio, CI= 95% Confidence intervals

Table S6. Unadjusted associations (OR (95% CI)) of education and demographics with domain specific PA (maximum available samples)

	Physical Activity																			
	Active travel					Occupational					Moderate-to-vigorous				Leisure		Light			
	N	OR	95% CI	p	N	OR	95% CI	p	N	OR	95% CI	p	N	OR	95% CI	p				
Education																				
GCSEs and lower	18535	<i>*ref</i>			22431					41700					41700					
School diploma		0.86	0.77	0.96	0.006		0.75	0.69	0.81	<0.001		1.59	1.50	1.69	<0.001		1.23	1.16	1.31	<0.001
Degree/higher		0.62	0.55	0.69	<0.001		0.35	0.33	0.38	<0.001		2.56	2.43	2.70	<0.001		1.43	1.35	1.52	<0.001
Ethnicity																				
White	18430	<i>*ref</i>			22317										40364					
Black		0.89	0.71	1.13	0.360		1.87	1.59	2.20	<0.001		0.84	0.75	0.95	0.005		0.38	0.31	0.45	<0.001
Asian		1.07	0.92	1.25	0.385		1.38	1.23	1.55	<0.001		0.74	0.68	0.81	<0.001		0.47	0.42	0.52	<0.001
Other ethnicity		1.25	0.97	1.61	0.080		1.20	0.99	1.44	0.062		1.08	0.94	1.25	0.282		0.66	0.55	0.80	<0.001
Sex																				
Male	18568	<i>*ref</i>			22470										41853					
Female		1.09	1.00	1.18	0.039		0.99	0.94	1.04	0.688		0.90	0.86	0.93	<0.001		1.22	1.17	1.28	<0.001
Age																				
20-29 years	18568	<i>*ref</i>			22470										41853					
30-39 years		0.74	0.65	0.85	<0.001		0.68	0.62	0.75	<0.001		1.04	0.96	1.12	0.380		1.07	0.97	1.18	0.192
40-49 years		0.68	0.60	0.77	<0.001		0.69	0.63	0.75	<0.001		0.87	0.81	0.94	<0.001		1.40	1.28	1.54	<0.001
50-59 years		0.76	0.67	0.87	<0.001		0.77	0.71	0.84	<0.001		0.63	0.59	0.68	<0.001		1.58	1.45	1.74	<0.001
60+ years		0.70	0.59	0.84	<0.001		0.88	0.79	0.99	0.031		0.45	0.42	0.48	<0.001		1.69	1.54	1.84	<0.001

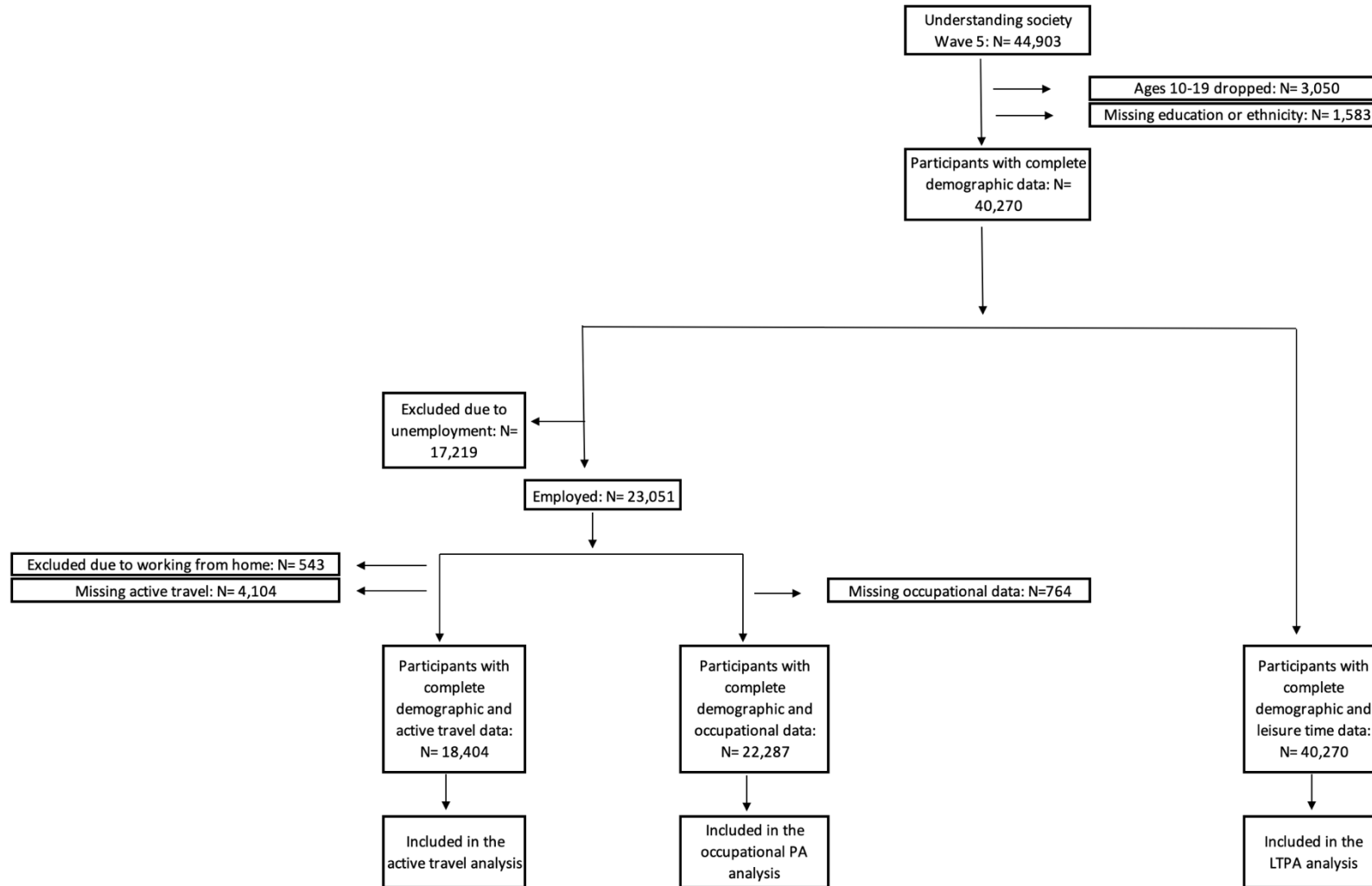
Participants from wave 5 (2013-2015) of Understanding Society with data on educational attainment, demographics, and physical activity

Sample size was not restricted and represents total available sample

Active travel to work: non-active/active; Occupational: non-physical/physical; Leisure-time: <weekly/ ≥ 1x weekly*reference groups

OR= Odds Ratio, CI= 95% Confidence intervals

Figure S1. Flow diagram of analyses in Understanding Society



There was no missing data for sex and age demographics.

Active travel and occupational physical activity only include individuals who are currently employed, due to questionnaire routing.