



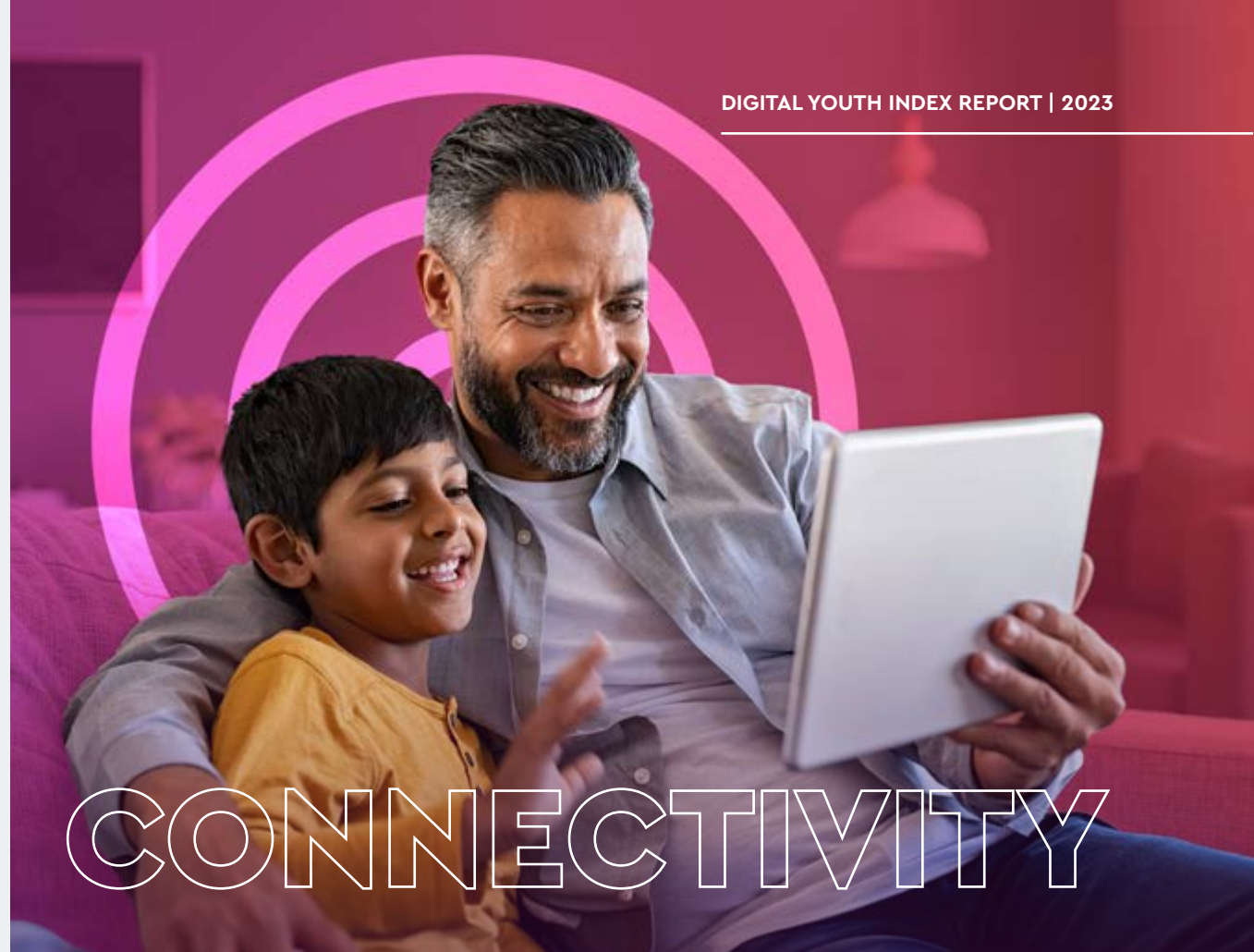
Key findings

Index Score: 71

While this year's Connectivity Index score is higher than last year's, this trend could be masking a more troubling reality.

15% of all young people are without broadband access at home. Young people in receipt of free school meals remain worse affected than the overall population (23%).

In the 2022 Digital Youth Index, 10% of respondents said they had to change or cancel their internet package; 11% stated the same this year.



The Connectivity pillar of the Digital Youth Index examines a young person's ability to connect to the digital world, regardless of device. It explores a young person's home broadband connection, connectivity in a school or workplace setting, and their ability to access mobile data.

THE DEEPENING IMPACT OF THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The cost of living crisis is being felt by more and more young people. Nearly three-quarters (73%) of young people say they are feeling the impact of the crisis – up from 71% in 2022. This could reflect nearly 300,000 more young people across the UK feeling the impact of the cost of living crisis in one year alone.

The proportion who said they're struggling to pay their monthly household bills has remained constant at 22%. The proportion who said they have had to change or cancel their internet package is 11%, building on 10% of respondents last year.