

Supplementary information for: More than a feeling: Perceptions of wellbeing in regular Ashtanga Yoga practitioners

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Supplement 1. *Demographic characteristics of the current sample of Regular Ashtanga Yoga Practitioners (RAYPs) versus the broader set of surveys completed.*

Characteristic	Category	RAYPs N=166		Broader Sample N=352	
		N	%	N	%
Gender	Female	133	80.12%	253	71.88%
	Male	29	17.47%	61	17.33%
	Other/Not reported	4	2.41%	38	10.79%
Age	18 to 24 years old	14	8.43%	25	7.10%
	25 to 34 years old	53	31.93%	108	30.68%
	35 to 44 years old	47	28.31%	94	26.70%
	45 to 54 years old	34	20.48%	69	19.60%
	55 to 64 years old	16	9.64%	24	6.82%
	65 to 74 years old	1	0.60%	1	0.28%
	75 years old and above	1	0.60%	1	0.28%
	Not reported	0	0.00%	30	8.52%
Location	Americas	60	36.14%	120	30.11%
	Europe	42	25.30%	88	23.58%
	Asia	14	8.43%	36	6.25%
	Oceania	43	25.90%	69	19.60%
	Africa	2	1.20%	2	0.57%
	Not reported	5	3.01%	37	10.51%
Area	Urban	105	63.25%	204	57.95%
	Sub-urban	42	25.30%	79	22.44%
	Rural	16	9.64%	32	9.09%
	Other/Not reported	3	1.81%	37	10.51%
Citizenship	Same as location	124	74.70%	250	71.02%
	Different from location	38	22.89%	70	19.89%
	Not reported	4	2.41%	32	9.09%
Education	High school education incomplete	1	0.60%	6	1.70%
	High school education complete	9	5.42%	16	4.55%
	Trade vocational	14	8.43%	24	6.82%

Characteristic	Category	RAYPs N=166		Broader Sample N=352	
		N	%	N	%
	Bachelor	69	41.57%	131	37.22%
	Master	53	31.93%	110	31.25%
	Doctorate	20	12.05%	33	9.38%
	Not reported	0	0.00%	32	9.09%
Survey Language	English	141	84.94%	302	85.80%
	Spanish	25	15.06%	50	14.20%
Ethnicity	Arabic	1	0.60%	1	0.28%
	African	1	0.60%	2	0.57%
	Asian	16	9.64%	33	9.38%
	Caucasian	95	57.23%	182	51.70%
	Hispanic or Latino	24	14.46%	48	13.64%
	Native American	6	3.61%	8	2.27%
	Multiethnic	14	8.43%	29	8.24%
	Other/Not reported	9	5.42%	49	13.92%
Spiritual Tradition	Buddhism	33	19.88%	60	17.05%
	Christianity	24	14.46%	63	17.90%
	Hinduism	12	7.23%	20	5.68%
	Islam	2	1.20%	2	0.57%
	Judaism	1	0.60%	3	0.85%
	Atheism	21	12.65%	44	12.50%
	Agnosticism	14	8.43%	29	8.24%
	Aboriginal Spirituality	1	0.60%	2	0.57%
	None of the above	49	29.52%	73	20.74%
	Other/Not reported	9	5.42%	56	15.91%

Supplement 2. Characteristics of Regular Ashtanga Yoga Practitioners' (RAYPs) yoga practice versus the broader sample of participants

Aspect of AY practice	Category	RAYPs N=166		Broader Sample N=352	
		N	%	N	%
Years of AY practice	Less than 3 months	1	0.60%	14	3.98%
	3 to 6 months	3	1.81%	9	2.56%
	6 months to 12 months	8	4.82%	21	5.97%
	1 to 2 years	31	18.67%	53	15.06%
	3 to 5 years	50	30.12%	84	23.86%
	6 to 10 years	30	18.07%	52	14.77%
	11 to 15 years	21	12.65%	27	7.67%
	16 to 20 years	17	10.24%	27	7.67%
	More than 20 years	5	3.01%	11	3.13%
Not reported	0	0.00%	54	15.34%	
Years of regular AY practice	Less than 3 months	3	1.81%	4	1.14%
	3 to 6 months	5	3.01%	12	3.41%
	6 months to 12 months	13	7.83%	21	5.97%
	1 to 2 years	35	21.08%	47	13.35%
	3 to 5 years	47	28.31%	66	18.75%
	6 to 10 years	32	19.28%	44	12.50%
	11 to 15 years	13	7.83%	16	4.55%
	16 to 20 years	13	7.83%	19	5.40%
	More than 20 years	3	1.81%	4	1.14%
Not reported	2	1.20%	119	33.81%	
AY practice modality	Mysore style	72	43.37%	122	34.66%
	Traditional Sanskrit-led class	3	1.81%	7	1.99%
	Led class (primary or intermediate)	2	1.20%	8	2.27%
	Guided AY based class (different each class)	5	3.01%	13	3.69%
	Self-practice	3	1.81%	3	0.85%
	Mysore and traditional Sanskrit-led class	44	26.51%	69	19.60%
	Mysore and led class	11	6.63%	18	5.11%
	Mysore and guided AY based class	1	0.60%	2	0.57%
	Mysore, Sanskrit-led and led class	16	9.64%	27	7.67%
	Mysore, Sanskrit-led and guided AY based	1	0.60%	3	0.85%
	Mysore, Sanskrit-led, led class and guided	3	1.81%	7	1.99%
	Mysore, led-class and guided AY based	2	1.20%	8	2.27%
	Mysore and Self-practice	1	0.60%	1	0.28%
	Sanskrit-led and led class	0	0.00%	2	0.57%
	Sanskrit-led and guided AY based class	0	0.00%	1	0.28%
	Led class and guided AY based class	0	0.00%	1	0.28%
	Sanskrit-led, led class and guided AY based	1	0.60%	2	0.57%
Other	1	0.60%	3	0.85%	
Not reported	0	0.00%	55	15.63%	
Frequency	Less than once a week	0	0.00%	5	1.42%
	1 to 2 days per week	11	6.63%	38	10.80%

Aspect of AY practice	Category	RAYPs N=166		Broader Sample N=352	
		N	%	N	%
	3 to 4 days per week	42	25.30%	78	22.16%
	5 to 6 days per week	98	59.04%	135	38.35%
	Everyday	9	5.42%	13	3.69%
	It depends	4	2.41%	27	7.67%
	Not reported	2	1.20%	56	15.91%
Duration	Less than 20 minutes	1	0.60%	4	1.14%
	20 to 40 minutes	0	0.00%	8	2.27%
	41 to 60 minutes	16	9.64%	39	11.08%
	61 to 80 minutes	52	31.33%	90	25.57%
	81 to 100 minutes	46	27.71%	83	23.58%
	101 to 120 minutes	37	22.29%	52	14.77%
	More than 120 minutes	12	7.23%	17	4.83%
	It depends	2	1.20%	5	1.42%
Not reported	0	0.00%	54	15.34%	
Time of the day	6am to 10am	105	63.25%	178	50.57%
	11am to 1pm	12	7.23%	20	5.68%
	2pm to 5pm	5	3.01%	12	3.41%
	6pm to 9pm	18	10.84%	44	12.50%
	It depends	26	15.66%	44	12.50%
	Not reported	0	0.00%	54	15.34%
Consistency	1	0	0.00%	3	0.85%
	2	0	0.00%	6	1.70%
	3	0	0.00%	9	2.56%
	4	3	1.81%	11	3.13%
	5	2	1.20%	15	4.26%
	6	13	7.83%	32	9.09%
	7	42	25.30%	64	18.18%
	8	51	30.72%	74	21.02%
	9	31	18.67%	43	12.22%
	10	22	13.25%	35	9.94%
	Not reported	2	1.20%	60	17.05%
Asana sequence	Surya Namaskar A and B	0	0.00%	6	1.70%
	Surya Namaskar and standing	1	0.60%	4	1.14%
	Primary series up to Janu C	3	1.81%	6	1.70%
	Primary series up to Navasana	21	12.65%	54	15.34%
	Second half of Primary series	6	3.61%	9	2.56%
	Full Primary series	46	27.71%	81	23.01%
	Primary up to 1 st half of Intermediate	55	33.13%	81	23.01%
	Primary up to 2 nd half of Intermediate	7	4.22%	10	2.84%
	Full Primary and Intermediate	13	7.83%	15	4.26%
	Primary, Int. up to 1 st half of Adv. A	5	3.01%	8	2.27%
	Primary, Int. up to 2 nd half of Adv. A	1	0.60%	1	0.28%
	Full Primary, Int. and Adv. A	3	1.81%	3	0.85%
	Full Primary, Int. and Adv. A and B	2	1.20%	2	0.57%

Aspect of AY practice	Category	RAYPs N=166		Broader Sample N=352	
		N	%	N	%
AY elements	Other	3	1.81%	16	4.55%
	Not reported	0	0.00%	56	15.91%
	Free breathing with sound	149	89.76%	253	71.88%
	Use of bandhas	153	92.17%	251	71.31%
	Use of drishti	159	95.78%	266	75.57%
	Chanting opening and closing mantras	144	86.75%	244	69.32%
	Meditation before or after practice	81	48.80%	139	39.49%
	Pranayama before or after practice	91	54.82%	124	35.23%
	Resting on moon days	116	69.88%	190	53.98%
	Vinyasa throughout practice	161	96.99%	276	78.41%
	Other	10	6.02%	18	5.11%
	Not reported	0	0.00%	54	15.34%

**see details of survey questions exploring each aspect of the AY practice in supplement 3*

Supplement 3. Regular Ashtanga Yoga Practitioners' (AYPs) engagement in Ashtanga Yoga Philosophy

Aspect of Yoga Philosophy		Category	RAYP N=166		Broader Sample N=352	
			N	%	N	%
Yama	0		0	0.00%	1	0.28%
	1		0	0.00%	2	0.57%
	2		0	0.00%	2	0.57%
	3		0	0.00%	3	0.85%
	4		1	0.60%	2	0.57%
	5		5	3.01%	22	6.25%
	6		11	6.63%	17	4.83%
	7		9	5.42%	63	17.90%
	8		43	25.90%	79	22.44%
	9		29	17.47%	46	13.07%
	10		18	10.84%	31	8.81%
	Not reported		0	0.00%	84	23.86%
Niyama	0		0	0.00%	1	0.28%
	1		0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	2		1	0.60%	2	0.57%
	3		1	0.60%	4	1.14%
	4		6	3.61%	12	3.41%
	5		8	4.82%	19	5.40%
	6		21	12.65%	34	9.66%
	7		41	24.70%	67	19.03%
	8		55	33.13%	77	21.88%
	9		20	12.05%	31	8.81%
	10		12	7.23%	18	5.11%
	Not reported		1	0.60%	87	24.72%
Asana	0		0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	1		0	0.00%	1	0.28%
	2		0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	3		0	0.00%	1	0.28%
	4		1	0.60%	3	0.85%
	5		6	3.61%	12	3.41%
	6		0	0.00%	6	1.70%
	7		11	6.63%	21	5.97%
	8		31	18.67%	46	13.07%
	9		32	19.28%	56	15.91%
	10		84	50.60%	120	34.09%
	Not reported		1	0.60%	86	24.43%

Aspect of Yoga Philosophy	Category	RAYP N=166		Broader Sample N=352	
		N	%	N	%
Pranayama	0	0	0.00%	1	0.28%
	1	1	0.60%	2	0.57%
	2	1	0.60%	3	0.85%
	3	3	1.81%	6	1.70%
	4	2	1.20%	6	1.70%
	5	8	4.82%	19	5.40%
	6	10	6.02%	18	5.11%
	7	17	10.24%	25	7.10%
	8	40	24.01%	64	18.18%
	9	29	17.47%	47	13.35%
	10	55	33.13%	77	21.88%
	Not reported	0	0.00%	84	23.86%
Pratyahara	0	3	1.81%	6	1.70%
	1	3	1.81%	7	1.99%
	2	5	3.01%	17	4.83%
	3	9	5.42%	13	3.69%
	4	12	7.23%	20	5.68%
	5	24	14.46%	37	10.51%
	6	19	11.45%	35	9.94%
	7	36	21.69%	50	14.20%
	8	30	18.07%	41	11.65%
	9	13	7.83%	21	5.97%
	10	8	4.82%	12	3.41%
	Not reported	4	2.41%	93	26.42%
Dharana	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	1	0	0.00%	2	0.57%
	2	0	0.00%	1	0.28%
	3	1	0.60%	3	0.85%
	4	2	1.20%	7	1.99%
	5	16	9.64%	24	6.82%
	6	20	12.05%	33	9.38%
	7	39	23.49%	58	16.48%
	8	54	32.53%	83	23.58%
	9	23	13.86%	36	10.23%
	10	9	5.42%	18	5.11%
	Not reported	2	1.20%	87	24.72%

Aspect of Yoga Philosophy	Category	RAYP N=166		Broader Sample N=352	
		N	%	N	%
Dhyana	0	1	0.60%	5	1.42%
	1	3	1.81%	6	1.70%
	2	3	1.81%	7	1.99%
	3	6	3.61%	14	3.98%
	4	4	2.41%	9	2.57%
	5	21	12.65%	33	9.38%
	6	27	16.27%	45	12.78%
	7	43	25.90%	59	16.76%
	8	32	19.28%	49	13.92%
	9	17	10.24%	25	7.10%
	10	7	4.22%	12	3.41%
	Not reported	2	1.20%	88	25.00%
Samadhi	0	3	1.81%	5	1.42%
	1	4	2.41%	10	1.70%
	2	9	5.42%	12	3.41%
	3	16	9.64%	26	7.39%
	4	14	8.43%	24	6.82%
	5	26	15.66%	33	9.38%
	6	15	9.04%	31	8.81%
	7	26	15.66%	38	10.80%
	8	31	18.67%	51	14.49%
	9	14	8.43%	20	5.68%
	10	7	4.22%	13	3.69%
	Not reported	1	0.60%	89	25.28%
Relevance of philosophy	0	0	0.00%	2	0.57%
	1	3	1.81%	3	0.85%
	2	1	0.60%	6	1.70%
	3	4	2.41%	7	1.99%
	4	5	3.01%	11	3.13%
	5	9	5.42%	16	4.55%
	6	15	9.04%	23	6.53%
	7	21	3.01%	35	9.94%
	8	28	16.87%	54	15.34%
	9	18	10.84%	29	8.24%
	10	61	36.75%	78	22.16%
	Not reported	1	0.60%	88	25.00%
Philosophy frequency	Never	4	2.41%	12	3.41%
	Less than once per month	28	16.87%	44	12.50%
	Once or twice per month	33	19.88%	58	16.48%
	Once or twice per week	42	25.30%	70	19.89%
	Almost daily	59	35.54%	83	23.58%
	Not reported	0	0.00%	85	24.15%

Aspect of Yoga Philosophy	Category	RAYP N=166		Broader Sample N=352	
		N	%	N	%
Type of yoga philosophy	After class conference by teacher	68	40.96%	97	27.57%
	Study and chanting of mantras	82	49.40%	119	33.81%
	Yoga teacher training programs	60	36.14%	80	22.73%
	Yoga retreats	51	30.72%	73	20.74%
	Public events	29	17.47%	43	12.22%
	Face to face courses	43	25.90%	61	17.33%
	Online courses	46	27.71%	63	17.90%
	Reading books and texts	138	83.13%	208	59.09%
	Online videos	80	48.19%	124	35.23%
	Reading blogs	86	51.81%	125	35.51%
	Reading social media posts	88	53.01%	126	35.80%
	Other	10	6.02%	18	5.11%
Not reported	4	2.41%	100	28.41%	

Supplement 4. Questions Included from the Ashtanga Yoga and Wellbeing Online Survey

Topic	Item	Type
Ashtanga Yoga Practice		
Criterion for selection	Do you consider yourself a regular Ashtanga Yoga practitioner?	Close-ended
Years of AY practice	How many years have you been practising Ashtanga Yoga?	Close-ended
Years of regular AY practice	How long have you been practising Ashtanga Yoga on a regular basis?	Close-ended
AY practice modality	What is your Ashtanga Yoga practice like? Select all that apply	Close-ended
Frequency	How many days do you usually practice per week?	Close-ended
Duration	How many minutes does your practice usually last, during an average session?	Close-ended
Time of the day	At what time do you usually practice?	Close-ended
Consistency	In a scale from 0 to 10, with 0 being completely inconsistent and 10 being completely consistent, how consistent is your practice?	Close-ended
Asana sequence	What sequence(s) are you currently practising? Select the option that best represents your regular asana practice	Close-ended
AY elements	What elements does your Ashtanga Yoga practice include? Select all that apply	Close-ended
Ashtanga Yoga Philosophy		
	Ashtanga Yoga can be translated as the “8 limbs of yoga” and refer not only to the physical practice of yoga, but also to a philosophical framework describing 8 different and interconnected aspects of yoga.	
Introduction to questions on eight limbs	These eight aspects (i.e. yama, niyama, asana, pranayama, pratyahara, dharana, dhyana, samadhi) might be or not a part of your practice, and might vary in terms of their presence.	
	On a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being never and 10 being always, please indicate to what extent you consider the presence of each element in your regular practice and/or life:	
Yama	To what extent do you consider and apply moral observances (e.g. non-violence, truthfulness, non-stealing, non-temptation, non-collecting) in your behaviour with others?	Close-ended
Niyama	To what extent do you consider and apply moral inner observances (e.g. cleanliness, contentment, self-discipline, self-study, devotion) in your own behaviour?	Close-ended
Asana	To what extent do you incorporate physical postures into	Close-ended

	your own practice?	
Pranayama	To what extent do you practice yoga breathing techniques?	Close-ended
Pratyahara	To what extent do you practice withdrawal from your senses during your practice?	Close-ended
Dharana	To what extent do you experience a state of concentration during your practice?	Close-ended
Dhyana	To what extent do you experience a state of meditation during your practice?	Close-ended
Samadhi	To what extent do you experience a state of bliss, absorption and oneness in your practice?	Close-ended
Relevance of philosophy	On a scale from 0 to 10, 0 being completely irrelevant and 10 being completely relevant, how relevant is yoga philosophy to your own practice?	Close-ended
Philosophy frequency	How often do you engage with yoga philosophy?	Close-ended
Type of yoga philosophy	In which type(s) of yoga philosophy activity do you engage with? Select all that apply	Close-ended
Wellbeing		
Perception of wellbeing	What does wellbeing mean to you?	Open-ended
Demographics		
Age	What is your age?	Close-ended
Gender	What is your gender?	Close-ended
Location	Where do you live?	Close-ended
Area	In which are do you live?	Close-ended
Citizenship	What is your nationality?	Close-ended
Ethnicity	Please specify your ethnicity	Close-ended
Education	What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?	Close-ended
Spiritual tradition	With which of the following spiritual or religious traditions do you relate the most?	Close-ended
	Comments	Open-ended

Supplement 5. Word count and word frequency of open-ended response to define wellbeing

	Number of Words
Minimum	1
Maximum	87
Mean	16
Median	11

Word	Length	Count	Weighted Percentage
well	4	41	3.05%
feeling	7	38	2.82%
mental	6	36	2.67%
body	4	35	2.60%
physical	8	35	2.60%
life	4	32	2.38%
mind	4	29	2.15%
good	4	25	1.86%
healthy	7	23	1.71%
health	6	22	1.63%
mentally	8	22	1.63%
balance	7	21	1.56%
means	5	21	1.56%
physically	10	21	1.56%
able	4	18	1.34%
spiritual	9	17	1.26%
state	5	17	1.26%
feel	4	14	1.04%
peace	5	14	1.04%
happy	5	12	0.89%
others	6	9	0.67%
social	6	9	0.67%
content	7	8	0.59%
contentment	11	8	0.59%
emotional	9	8	0.59%
one	3	8	0.59%
better	6	7	0.52%
calm	4	7	0.52%
ease	4	7	0.52%
harmony	7	7	0.52%
overall	7	7	0.52%
self	4	7	0.52%
things	6	7	0.52%
balanced	8	6	0.45%
change	6	6	0.45%
happiness	9	6	0.45%

pain	4	6	0.45%
present	7	6	0.45%
spirit	6	6	0.45%
think	5	6	0.45%
way	3	6	0.45%
wellbeing	9	6	0.45%
inner	5	5	0.37%
live	4	5	0.37%
people	6	5	0.37%
sense	5	5	0.37%
stress	6	5	0.37%
work	4	5	0.37%
ability	7	4	0.30%
accept	6	4	0.30%
accepting	9	4	0.30%
around	6	4	0.30%
best	4	4	0.30%
come	4	4	0.30%
connected	9	4	0.30%
day	3	4	0.30%
emotionally	11	4	0.30%
freedom	7	4	0.30%
kind	4	4	0.30%
moment	6	4	0.30%
something	9	4	0.30%
spiritually	11	4	0.30%
strong	6	4	0.30%
time	4	4	0.30%
world	5	4	0.30%
acceptance	10	3	0.22%
anxiety	7	3	0.22%
areas	5	3	0.22%
aspects	7	3	0.22%
comfortable	11	3	0.22%
current	7	3	0.22%
enjoy	5	3	0.22%
every	5	3	0.22%
family	6	3	0.22%
find	4	3	0.22%
free	4	3	0.22%
fully	5	3	0.22%
grateful	8	3	0.22%
hard	4	3	0.22%
illness	7	3	0.22%
joy	3	3	0.22%

keep	4	3	0.22%
living	6	3	0.22%
love	4	3	0.22%
making	6	3	0.22%
now	3	3	0.22%
optimal	7	3	0.22%
positive	8	3	0.22%
practicing	10	3	0.22%
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Supplement 6. Proportions of participants' responses across overarching themes

Quotes Across Themes	Participants	Proportion
Quotes spanning one overarching theme	5	3.01%
Quotes spanning two overarching themes	34	20.48%
Quotes spanning three overarching themes	65	39.16%
Quotes spanning four overarching themes	62	37.35%
TOTAL	166	100.00%

Overarching Theme	Participants	Proportion
Multidimensional nature of wellbeing	152	91.57%
Holistic nature of wellbeing	103	62.05%
Non-dualistic nature of wellbeing	160	96.39%
Dynamic nature of wellbeing	101	60.84%

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