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1. Introduction

Background

The purpose of the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) is to influence change that improves the safety and wellbeing of Queensland's children, young people and their families. QFCC's vision is that every Queensland child and young person is loved, respected and has their rights upheld.

The QFCC seeks to ensure systems are accountable for the impact they have on children, young people and their families; and to raise awareness and advocate for children, young people and their families.

MCR was commissioned by the QFCC to undertake research with adult Queenslanders to collect data on the community's perspectives about children and young people and the systems designed to support them.

A similar survey was undertaken and reported on in 2017 and annually since 2019.

Research objectives

The main objective of this project was to continue to measure confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system using a representative sample of Queensland adults.

The project also sought to understand community perspectives on a variety of issues in Queensland, including:

- Awareness of where to report child protection concerns or seek help
- Views about whether children and young people are protected and supported by various systems
- Perceptions about whether decisions are being made in the best interests of children and young people and whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by various systems
- Views about how children and young people are prioritised by government, portrayed by media and involved in community
- Views about family life and supporting the child's needs
- Perceptions about the accessibility of services
- Identifying the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland
- Identifying difficulties encountered in maintaining housing and perceptions about housing opportunities for children when they are older
- Parent perceptions about their children being able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older
- Perceptions on whether the cost of living is having a negative impact on families.

In 2025, new topics centered around family life and Queensland Child Safe Standards were added, including:

- Parent engagement with their child's academic, sporting and social life
- Parent support for their child learning about their culture, spiritual beliefs and identity
- Parent perceptions of their children's ability to cope with school pressures (both academic and social)
- Perceptions about children, young people and their families leading a healthy lifestyle
- Awareness and support of Queensland Child Safe Standards.

2. Method

The method comprised an online self-completion survey and an open link (online and face-to-face interviews with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples) survey.

Sampling frame

The survey's sampling frame was Queensland, state-wide. Postcodes were used to categorise the residential location of respondents as Brisbane and Moreton Bay, Far North Queensland, North Queensland, South East, South West, and Sunshine Coast and Central. Details of the boundaries of these regions can be found under Appendix E.

Sample size and characteristics

The total sample size achieved in 2025 was n=3,641 Queensland adults (Online = 3,533, Open Link* = 108). Targets were set to ensure the sample was representative in terms of age, gender and geographic region. However, Queenslanders who identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were deliberately oversampled such that of the 3,641 Queenslanders surveyed, 349 (9.6%) identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. See Table 2.1 below for the demographic characteristics of respondents.

Table 2.1: Demographic characteristics of respondents, n=3641

Demographic characteristics 2025	n	%	Target
Gender			
Man or male	1733	48	50
Woman or female	1900	52	50
Non-binary	7	<1	-
Uses a different term	1	<1	-
Age group			
18-24 years	268	7	45
25-39 years	1372	38	
40-59 years	1157	32	55
60+ years	844	23	
Region[+]			
Brisbane and Moreton Bay	1026	28	-
Far North Queensland	421	12	-
North Queensland	422	12	-
South East	565	16	-
South West	513	14	-
Sunshine Coast and Central	694	19	-

Demographic characteristics 2025	n	%	Target
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander			
Identify	349	9.6	7.5
Do not identify	3292	90.4	92.5
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse *n=3,638 answered this item*			
Speak a language other than English at home	400	11	-
Only speak English at home	3238	89	-

- No targets were set for this criterion. + Targets were set by 2022 regions such that 50% were achieved in the South East region and 50% in the Northern, Central and Southern regions combined. *The open link method refers to the sample boost of Queenslanders who identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander which was conducted using a mix of face-to-face interviewing (n=52) and self-completion surveying (via a link to the online survey) (n=56). In addition to the 108 interviews collected via this method, an additional 241 interviews with Queenslander who identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were collected in the online survey.

Table 2.2 shows the proportion of the sample who had recent (within the past five years) personal experience with the child protection and family support system, the type of parent/carer, age of children in their care and others living in the home.

Table 2.2: Parent/Carer demographics

Parent/Carer demographics	n	%	Target
Contact with child protection and family support system (current or within past five years) 2025 *n=3,532 answered this item (multiple responses allowed)*			
As a parent	410	11	-
As a child	261	7	-
As a foster carer	72	2	-
As a kinship carer	104	3	-
As a service provider	219	6	-
In any other professional capacity (e.g. doctor, nurse, teacher, etc.)	450	13	-
SUB-TOTAL At least one contact with child protection and family support system	**823**	**23**	**-**

Parent/Carer demographics	n	%	Target
Parent/Carer Type (select all that apply) *n=3,633 answered this item (multiple responses allowed)*			
I am a parent of children under 18 years who live with me full time	1560	43	-
I am a parent of children under 18 years who live with me part time	170	5	-
I am a parent of children under 18 years who do not live with me	70	2	-
I am a foster carer	6	<1	-
I am a kinship carer	15	<1	-
I am a sibling carer of children under 18 years who live with me full time or part time	43	1	-
I am a parent or carer of children over 18 years who live with me full time or part time	202	6	-
I am a grandparent of children under 18 years	503	14	-
None of these	1218	33	-
Parents/Carers - Age of Children in their care *n=1,981 parents/those acting in a parenting role answered this item (multiple responses allowed)*			
0-4	727	37	-
5-9	706	35	-
10-14	706	35	-
15-17	474	24	-
18 and over	279	14	-
Parents/Carers - Others living in the home *n=1,989 answered this item (multiple responses allowed)*			
My partner	1461	73	-
Extended family (e.g. grandparents or other relatives)	249	13	-
No one else	332	17	-
Other	69	3	-

- No targets were set for this criterion

Fieldwork statistics and dates

The average (median) time taken to complete the survey in the online mode was 8 minutes. For those completing via an open link method, the average completion time was 12 minutes.

The fieldwork dates for the survey were as follows:

- Online method: 13 March to 8 April 2025
- Open link method: 20 March to 7 April 2025.

Appendix C contains the fieldwork report for each method.

Fieldwork partner

MCR's fieldwork partner Ipsos was responsible for collecting, storing and coding the online and open link survey data. Ipsos has ISO 20252 accreditation and is a member of the Australian Data and Insights Association.

The online sample was sourced via the following panels: Octopus (34%), Ipsos Panel (6%), CINT (24%), PureProfile (22%), Dynata (12%) and ATSIRU "iMob" panel (2%). All panels have ISO 20252 accreditation.

The open link method was conducted by Ipsos via their in-house specialist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Research Unit (ATSIRU). The interviews were conducted in language where necessary. Two interviewers were used in regional areas (Torres Strait Islands and Townsville). ATSIRU Team Leaders use their networks and local knowledge to approach people either via phone or face-to-face in their communities to complete the interview.

Data analysis

At the completion of fieldwork, the survey results were analysed using Q Research Software. The analysis took the form of frequency counts for each question and cross analysis of responses to all questions by selected demographic and behavioural factors (cross tabulations). In the data analysis stage, all survey data were subjected to tests of significance for each survey question. Z-tests were applied to all frequency counts (in the tables in this report, red and blue indicate a difference at the 95% confidence level of that group compared to others in that category, e.g. males compared to females). The average calculation is based on the responses of all respondents to a question (the total). It should be noted that where a key result of one group differs significantly from another group (and is referred to in the report's commentary), it is not necessarily the group with the highest or lowest percentage (small cell sizes mean sometimes there may be a group with a higher or lower percentage, however this does not differ significantly from the average after taking sampling error into account). Blank cells in tables indicate no responses (0%).

Weighting

The data have not been weighted.

Sampling error

All surveys are subject to multiple sources of error which are most often not possible to quantify or estimate, including sampling error, coverage error, error associated with non-response, error associated with question wording and response options. Appendix D contains a table that details the level of sampling error associated with various cell sizes for this survey (at the 95% confidence level).

Questionnaire

A copy of the questionnaire can be found at Appendix A. While all questions were presented to all respondents, responses were not mandatory. Most questions comprised a pre-defined codeframe for respondents to select from or to indicate their agreement with a range of statements. There were two opportunities for respondents to answer in their own words (open-ended questions) and responses were subsequently coded into key themes for analysis.

Comparison of 2025 and 2024 data

In 2025, the sampling frame was altered to ensure at least 50% of the sample was currently responsible for the care of a child aged 0-17 years. In previous waves of the research, a minimum of 35% of the sample was responsible for the care of a child aged 0-17 years. It is important to note that any changes in results in 2025 compared to previous surveys may be due to this change in the profile of the sample.

Eleven areas in 2025 can be compared with data from 2024 (noting the above change in sample profile compared to 2024):

- Awareness of where to report concerns or seek help in relation to a child's safety or wellbeing
- Overall confidence and trust in the child protection system
- Contact with the child protection and family support system
- Consideration of becoming a foster or kinship carer
- Proportion agreeing they would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency
- Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people
- Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued
- Agreement with statements about the prioritisation, safety and inclusion of children and young people
- Issues in maintaining housing
- Parent (or those acting in a parenting role) agreement with statements about supporting their child and accessing services
- Perceptions of what the biggest issues are for parents and children in Queensland.

Rounding

Throughout the report, percentages are rounded to whole numbers. Some percentages may not add to 100% or sub-totals may not appear as the sum of the individual items – this is due to rounding.

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Executive Summary

Overview of Research

The Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) conducted the inaugural community perceptions survey in 2017 and has conducted annual surveys since 2019. The survey focuses on community knowledge and perceptions of child and young person safety, support and wellbeing, and the systems and services available to support children and young people.

In the 2025 survey, a dual methodology approach (online and face to face surveying) was undertaken across Queensland between 13 March and 8 April. A total of n=3,641 Queensland adults were interviewed in 2025 including n=1,857 people who are responsible for the care of a child aged 0-17 years (51% of the sample) and n=349 people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (9.6% of the sample).

Research Findings

Queensland Child Protection system

In 2025, 63% of respondents agreed that they have **confidence and trust** in the Queensland child protection system. This result was significantly higher than overall agreement reported in 2024 (58%).[1] 56% agreed that the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people with 31% disagreeing (13% had no opinion). Community agreement on this aspect increased significantly for the second year from 46% in 2023, 49% in 2024 to 56% in 2025.[2]

It was perceived by respondents that the health system and disability service systems were the most likely to listen to and value the views of children and young people (57% and 53% agreement respectively). The systems considered least likely to listen to and value the views of young people were the youth justice system (41%) and the public housing system (34%).

Respondents were most likely to **report a child safety concern** to either the police (56%) or a relevant government agency (55%). The channel of reporting child safety concerns was consistent with both 2023 and 2024 results.

While the majority (87%) of respondents considered they would take in a friend's child during a time of emergency, only 41% of respondents would consider becoming a **foster or kinship carer**.

[1] Interpretation note: While historical shifts in results need to consider the changes in sampling of parents and carers the level of overall agreement on this key metric was similar between those who had responsibility for children aged 0-17 years and those who did not (64% and 62% agreed/strongly agreed respectively) indicating that a positive shift in community sentiment likely occurred.
[2] Interpretation note: This change may be a result of changes to sampling as there were differences in perspectives with those in a parental role.

The big issues facing parents and children in Queensland

Queenslanders surveyed were most likely to consider the biggest issues for parents and children in 2025 to be related to the cost of living, poverty, inflation, and finances (54%). At a secondary level close to one in five respondents considered housing affordability/issues and homelessness (23%), crime and youth crime (17%), and education concerns such as poor education and affordability (17%) as key issues for parents and children in Queensland. Beyond this, issues such as access to health, medical and mental health services (15%), social media, gaming, screen time and internet issues (15%), and lack of parental discipline (13%) were considered to be concerning. The issues of cost of living, poverty, inflation and finances and housing affordability/issues and homelessness both increased in frequency of mention between 2024 and 2025.

While still a relatively prominent key issue, compared to 2024, in 2025 there were significantly fewer mentions of lack of discipline (18% in 2024, 13% in 2025), poor parental behaviour (16% in 2024, 9% in 2025), youth crime (19% in 2024, 17% in 2025), or leniency of the justice system (6% in 2024, 4% in 2025) as key issues of concern.

Perceptions of safety and wellbeing for children and young people

Sixty-one per cent of respondents agreed overall that in their community children are supported to **live safely at home** with their families and 58% agreed that children and young people **live in safe communities**. Forty-nine per cent of respondents agreed that children and young people in their community are **protected from abuse and neglect**. However, approximately one third (34%) disagreed that children are protected from abuse and neglect with respondents from Far North Queensland and North Queensland the most likely regional segments to have disagreed (43% and 43% respectively).

Sixty-six per cent agreed overall that the **community prioritises the safety and wellbeing** of children and young people. Fewer respondents agreed (50%) that young people have the opportunity to **contribute to discussions about issues that affect them**.

Sixty-one per cent of respondents agreed overall that in their community, children and young people have **good physical health** and 60% considered that they have access to adequate amounts of quality food. Fifty-one per cent of respondents considered that children and young people in their community **lead a healthy lifestyle**; however, 30% disagreed with this. There were also divergent perspectives on whether children and young people receive appropriate support for **mental and emotional health** (50% agreement overall, 31% disagreement overall), can cope with school pressures both academic and social (46% agreement overall, 32% disagreement overall), or avoid smoking, drinking and using other drugs (33% agreement overall, 47% disagreement overall). Sixty-one per cent of parents/carers considered that all of their **children cope well with school pressures**, 32% considered only some of their children cope well and 7% perceived none of their children cope well with school pressures.

Approximately one half (51%) of respondents considered **parents** in their community to have good mental and physical health and 41% of respondents agreed that parental use of illicit drugs is low in their community. However, 29% of respondents disagreed that parents in their community had good mental and physical health and 34% disagreed that use of illicit drugs was low among parents in their community.

Sixty per cent of respondents agreed overall that in their communities, children and young people are supported to **connect with their culture** (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people). Among parents/carers, there was a high level of reported support for their children to learn about and explore their background/culture (93%), spiritual beliefs (90%), and identity (87%).

Perceptions of access and support available for children and young people

Most respondents considered that, in their communities, children and young people were **able to access** early childhood education (79% agreed overall), sporting, recreational or community activities (78%), disability services if needed (68%), and services to stay healthy (66%). Seventy per cent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that children and young people in their community have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE.

Over the past four years of measurement there has been a gradual decline in agreement overall on whether access is available to services to stay healthy, decreasing from 73% in 2022, 71% in 2023, 70% in 2024, to 66% in 2025.

Table 2.2: Proportion of respondents agreeing that access is available to services to stay healthy

	2022	2023	2024	2023
Proportion of respondents agreeing that access is available to services to stay healthy	73%	71%	70%	66%

Cost of living and housing issues

The majority of respondents (90%) agreed that the **cost of living** is having a negative impact on families. This sentiment was similar to that reported in 2024 (91%). There was mixed opinion on whether families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children with 41% agreement overall and 45% disagreement overall. Agreement was also varied on whether families are able to access family support payments when needed with 61% of respondents agreeing overall while 20% disagreed overall. Among parents/carers, 55% find it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses for their families.

Most respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed (72% disagreed overall) that home ownership and rent was affordable for families. A specific question was asked in the survey to all respondents to measure self-reported difficulties in **maintaining housing** in the past 6 months. Consistent with results in 2024, 20% of all respondents indicated they had had issues, including 9% who were unable to pay rent, 5% who were unable to access stable housing, 4% who were unable to pay their mortgage, and 4% who had experienced discrimination in their housing search or application process. Respondents who were more likely to report having issues maintaining housing included those responsible for children 0-17 years (25%), those aged under 40 years (27%), female respondents (24%), or those identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (35%).

Parent and carer respondents

Parent and carer respondents displayed relatively high levels of **optimism for a positive family life,** though concerns for their children and evidence of difficulties dealing with life pressures were evident.

The majority of parents/carers agreed that their family has clear rules and routines (89%), do fun activities together (88%), or that they are satisfied with the amount of time they have available to spend with their children (72%). At a more granular level, 89% of parent/carers have daily conversations with their children about topics their child is interested in, 82% take their children to places or events that their child has suggested, 79% engage in homework with their child, and 78% engage in reading with their child.

While 84% of parents/carers agreed that their children will have a good future, agreement was less widespread regarding future job opportunities, cost of living, and housing. Approximately two thirds believed there would be job opportunities for their children when they are older (67%). Fifty-four per cent agreed their children will be able to afford day-to-day costs when older, and 44% agreed there will be housing opportunities.

Parent/carers expressed variable levels of **connections within their communities**. Approximately three quarters of parents/carers (73%) agreed that they are actively engaged with their children's schooling and 84% know at least two of their children's friends. While 76% reported having someone they can rely on to help with parenting if they need it, only around half (53%) considered that they have someone close by or a neighbour who can watch their children in an emergency.

Queensland Child Safe Standards

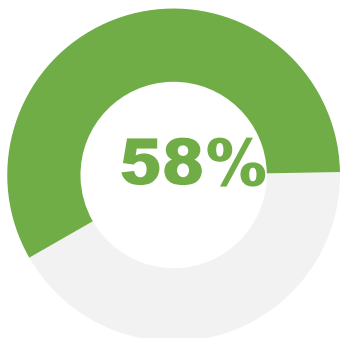
Twenty-seven per cent of respondents were aware of the **Queensland Child Safe Standards** while 54% were not. Nineteen per cent of respondents were unsure whether they knew of the Queensland Child Safe Standards. After a brief description, the majority (90%) of respondents agreed that they would support the idea that businesses and organisations have a responsibility to promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people.

▶ SNAPSHOT:

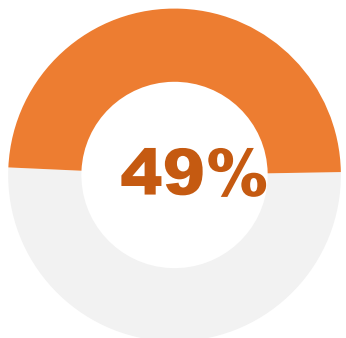
Community Perceptions Research 2025

A total of 3,641 Queenslanders participated in a survey with the aim of understanding perspectives about children and young people and the systems that are designed to support them.

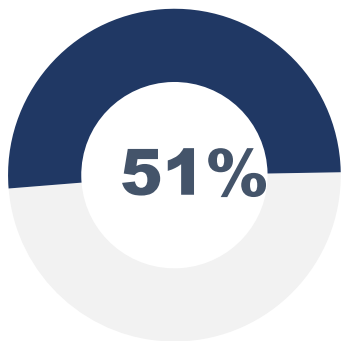
▶ SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE



Consider children and young people **live in safe communities**



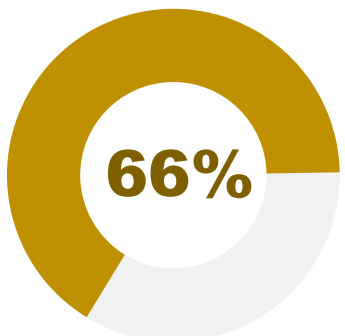
Believe children and young people are **protected from abuse and neglect**



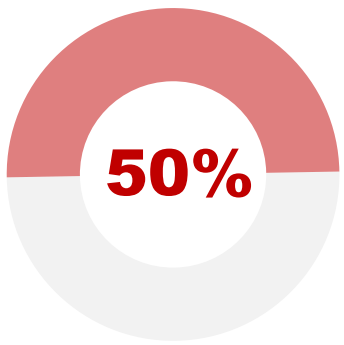
Consider children and young people **lead a healthy lifestyle**

This survey highlights that the community believes ongoing focus is needed to protect children from abuse and neglect, and that efforts are needed to ensure families and youth are supported within their community, can access housing and afford day-to-day living.

▶ CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOCIETY



Believe that the **community prioritises the safety and wellbeing** of children and young people



Agree that young people have the **opportunity to contribute to discussions** about issues that affect them

▶ COMMUNITY ACCESS AND SUPPORTS

% agreeing children and young people in their community…

79% can access early childhood education and care

66% can access services they need to stay healthy

78% can access sporting, recreational or community activities

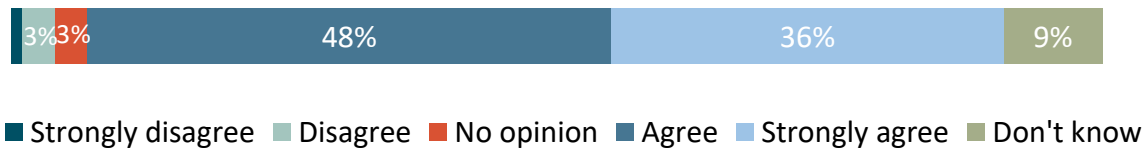
61% are supported to live safety at home with their family

68% can access disability services if needed

60% are supported to connect with their culture

▶ FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR YOUTH

Eight in ten parents/carers (84%) agree that their children will have a good future



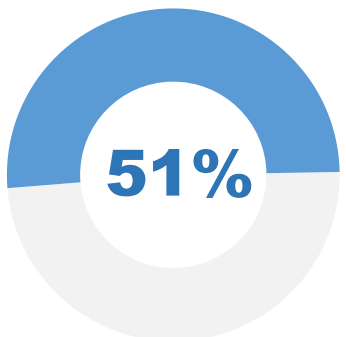
However…

90% of respondents consider the **cost of living is having a negative impact on families**

54% parents/carers agree their children will be able to afford day-to-day costs when they are older

44% parents/carers agree there will be housing opportunities for their children

▶ PARENT/CARER WELLBEING



of respondents consider that **parents in their community have good physical and mental health**

Agreement among parents/carers, that they ….

73% are actively engaged with schooling

76% have someone to rely upon for parenting help

84% know at least two of their children's friends

53% have someone nearby to help watch children in an emergency

The big issues facing parents and children in Queensland

54% nominated cost of living as having a negative impact on children, young people and their families

17% raise crime/youth crime, 13% lack of discipline/respect, and 9% poor parenting behaviour

23% housing/ affordable housing/ homelessness

17% education quality and affordability

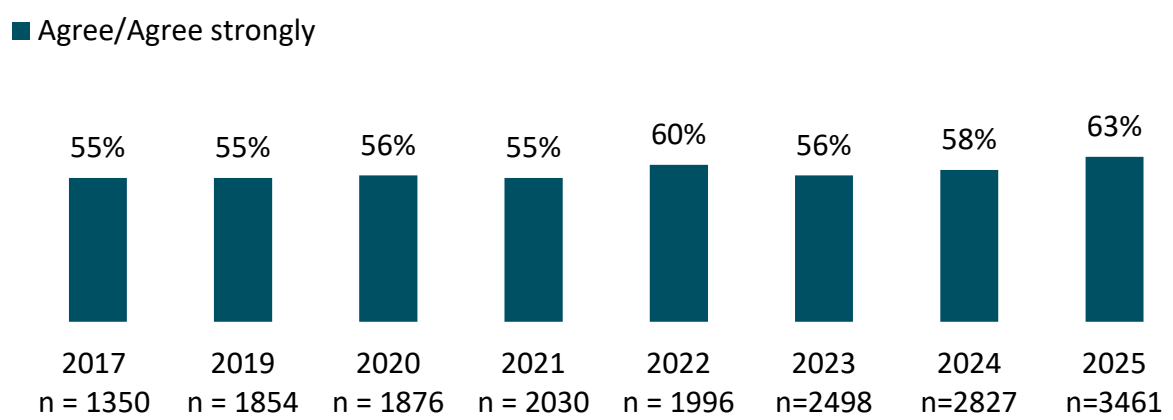
15% health services/ mental health services (access and affordability)

15% social media, gaming and screen time

Changes between 2025 and 2024 may be due to sample profile differences.

▸ PERSPECTIVES ON QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT ROLE IN SUPPORTING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Overall confidence and trust in the child protection system



Confidence and trust in the child protection system in Queensland is highest among:

- Males
- People aged under 40 years old
- Brisbane and Moreton Bay residents
- People who speak a second language at home

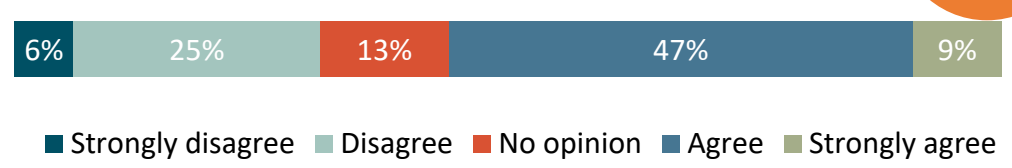
▸ ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SYSTEM SPECIFIC)

Views of children and young people are listened to and valued by… (% agreeing)

- 57% health system
- 53% disability service system
- 51% child protection /family support
- 50% education system
- 47% mental health system
- 41% youth justice system
- 34% public housing system

The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people

56% agree



Awareness of Queensland Child Safety Standards

▸ ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (COMMUNITY)

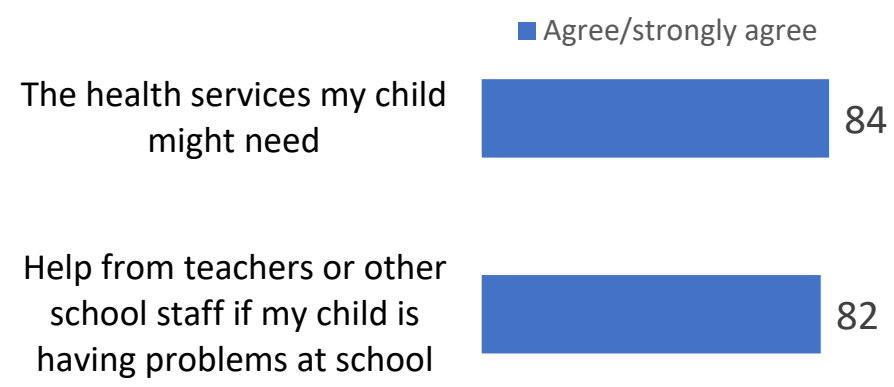
56% would report a concern about a child's wellbeing to **police**

55% would report a concern about a child's wellbeing to **government agencies with child protection responsibilities**

87% would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency

41% would consider being a foster/ kinship carer

Parents and carers feel confident in their ability to access support and services (if needed)



Confidence and capability among parents and carers

- 95% can support their child or young person when they have worries or concerns
- 89% have daily conversations with their children on topics they are interested in
- 55% are finding it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses
- 89% of families have clear rules and routines
- 72% are satisfied with the amount of time they have available to spend with their children
- 25% are having difficulties maintaining housing

Changes between 2025 and 2024 may be due to sample profile differences.

3. Findings

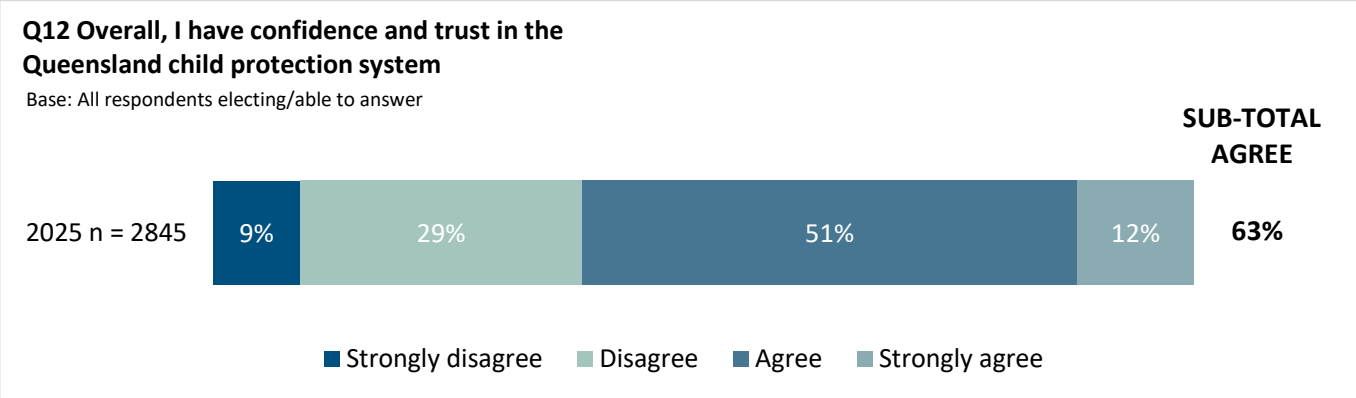
3.1 Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system

Q12. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement about the current child protection system in Queensland? Overall, I have confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system.

3.1.1 2025 result

In the 2025 survey, 63% of respondents agreed with the statement *'Overall, I have confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system'* (51% agreed, 12% strongly agreed). A total of 37% disagreed (29% disagreed, 9% strongly disagreed).

Figure 3.1.1: Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system (2025)

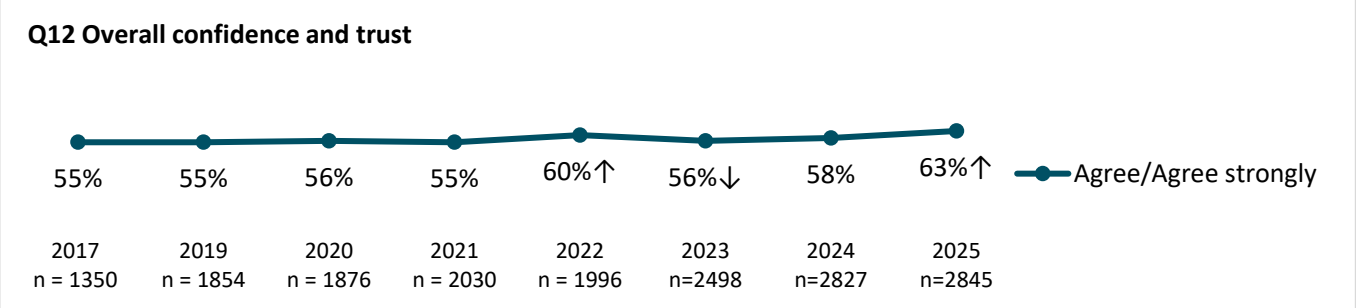


In 2025, 432 respondents answered 'no opinion', 363 answered 'don't know' and 1 declined to answer the question. These respondents have been removed from the base when reporting results (the base is therefore those who elected or were able to answer, n=2845).

3.1.2 Comparison to previous survey data

The level of overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system (agreed/strongly agreed) was higher in 2025 (63%) than 2024 (58%). While caution should be taken in interpreting this change due to an increase in sampling of both parents/carers in the 2025 sample, Table 3.1.1 shows that those responsible for children aged 0-17 years and those who were not had similar levels of overall agreement in 2025 (64% and 62% agreed/strongly agreed respectively).

Figure 3.1.2: Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system 2017-2025 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result. Important note: Any changes between the 2024 and 2025 results may be due to the change in the profile of the sample. See comparison notes. Respondents who elected not to answer or were unable to provide an agreement rating were removed from the base of this question to allow for comparison between 2017 and subsequent results: In 2021, 202 respondents answered 'no opinion', 287 answered 'don't know' and 1 declined to answer the question (n=2030). In 2022, 263 respondents answered 'no opinion' and 250 answered 'don't know' (n=1996). In 2023, 331 respondents answered 'no opinion', 323 answered 'don't know' and 2 declined to answer the question (n=2498). In 2024, 432 respondents answered 'no opinion', 380 answered 'don't know' and 2 declined to answer the question (n=2827). In 2025, 432 respondents answered 'no opinion', 363 answered 'don't know' and 1 declined to answer the question (n=2845).

3.1.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

The following sub-groups were significantly more likely than other sub-groups (63% average) to agree/strongly agree that overall they have confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system (see Tables 3.1.1 and 3.1.2):

- Males (71%)
- Queenslanders aged under 40 years (80% 18-24 year olds, 66% 25-39 year olds)
- Brisbane and Moreton Bay residents (71%)
- Queenslanders who identify as being culturally and linguistically diverse (80%).

Table 3.1.1: Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q12 Column %	Total 2025 n = 2845	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1343	Female n = 1494	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 214	25-39 years n = 1116	40-59 years n = 904	60+ years n = 611	Yes n = 1507	No n = 1338	Yes n = 277	No n = 2568
						% of respondents						
Strongly disagree	9	6 ↓	11 ↑		3 ↓	7 ↓	11 ↑	10	9	9	9	8
Disagree	29	23 ↓	34 ↑	50	17 ↓	27	31	31	27	30	28	29
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	29 ↓	44 ↑	50	20 ↓	34 ↓	42 ↑	41	36	38	37	37
Agree	51	54 ↑	48 ↓	50	64 ↑	52	45 ↓	53	49	53	44 ↓	52 ↑
Strongly agree	12	16 ↑	8 ↓		16	14 ↑	12	6 ↓	15 ↑	9 ↓	19 ↑	11 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	63	71 ↑	56 ↓	50	80 ↑	66 ↑	58 ↓	59	64	62	63	63

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing/able to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.1.2: Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q12 Column %	Total 2025 n = 2845	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 825	Far North QLD n = 332	North QLD n = 318	South East n = 436	South West n = 400	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 534	Yes n = 331	No n = 2511
					% of respondents				
Strongly disagree	9	7	7	11	8	12 ↑	8	5	9
Disagree	29	22 ↓	33	33	25	28	37 ↑	14 ↓	31 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	29 ↓	40	45 ↑	33	40	44 ↑	20 ↓	40 ↑
Agree	51	55 ↑	51	46	54	53	44 ↓	57 ↑	50 ↓
Strongly agree	12	16 ↑	9	9	13	8 ↓	12	23 ↑	11 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	63	71 ↑	60	55 ↓	67	60	56 ↓	80 ↑	60 ↓

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing/able to answer.

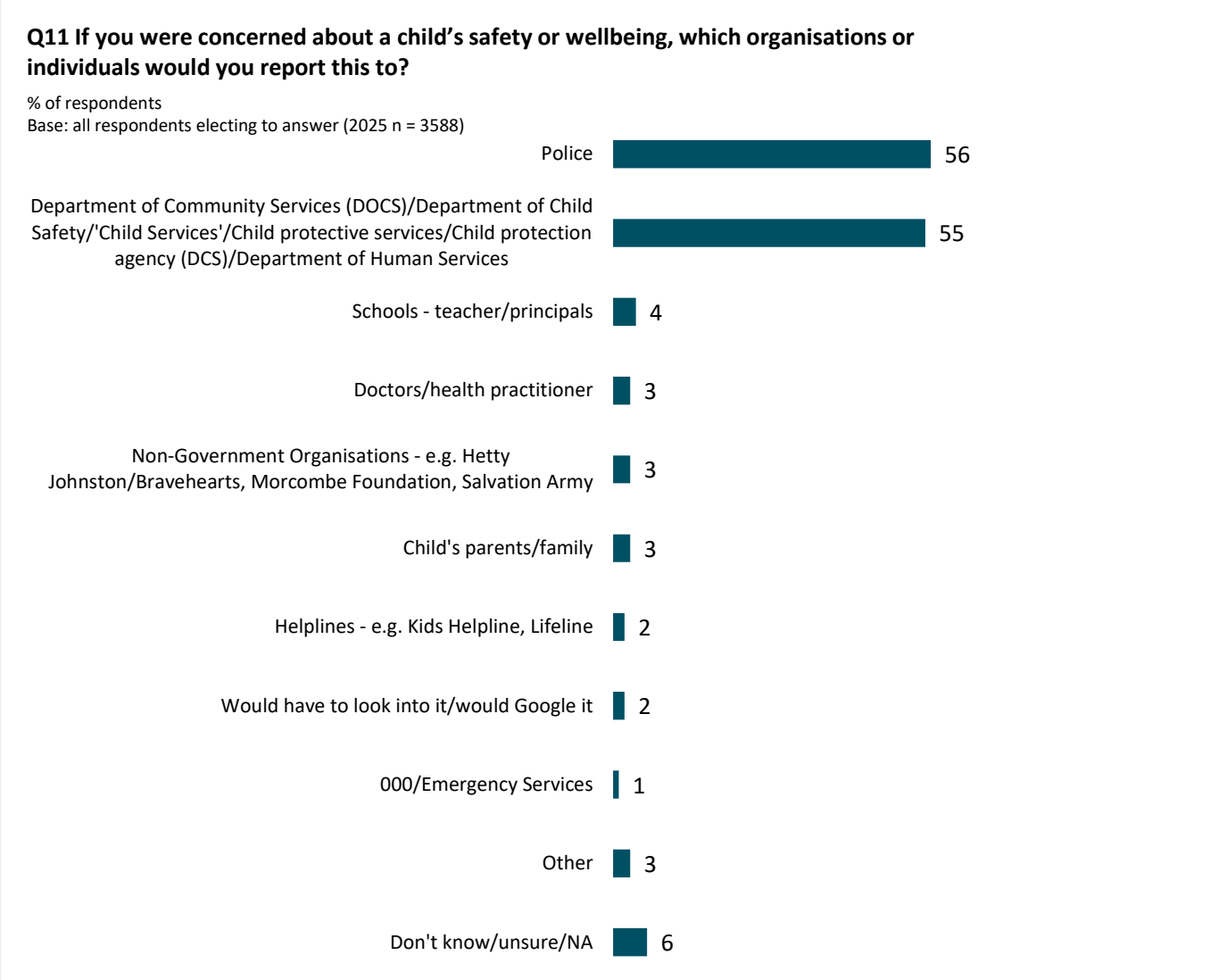
3.2 Which organisations or individuals would a concern about child safety be reported to?

Q11. If you were concerned about a child's safety or wellbeing, which organisations or individuals would you report this to?

3.2.1 2025 results

Respondents were asked which organisations or individuals they would report a child safety concern to. Respondents were able to answer in their own words and post-enumeration responses were coded into key themes. In 2025, respondents were most likely to report a concern to either the police (56%) or to a government agency such as Department of Community Services, Department of Child Safety or Department of Human Services (55%). All other mentions were made by 4% or fewer respondents (see Figure 3.2.1. below).

Figure 3.2.1: Reporting concerns (2025)

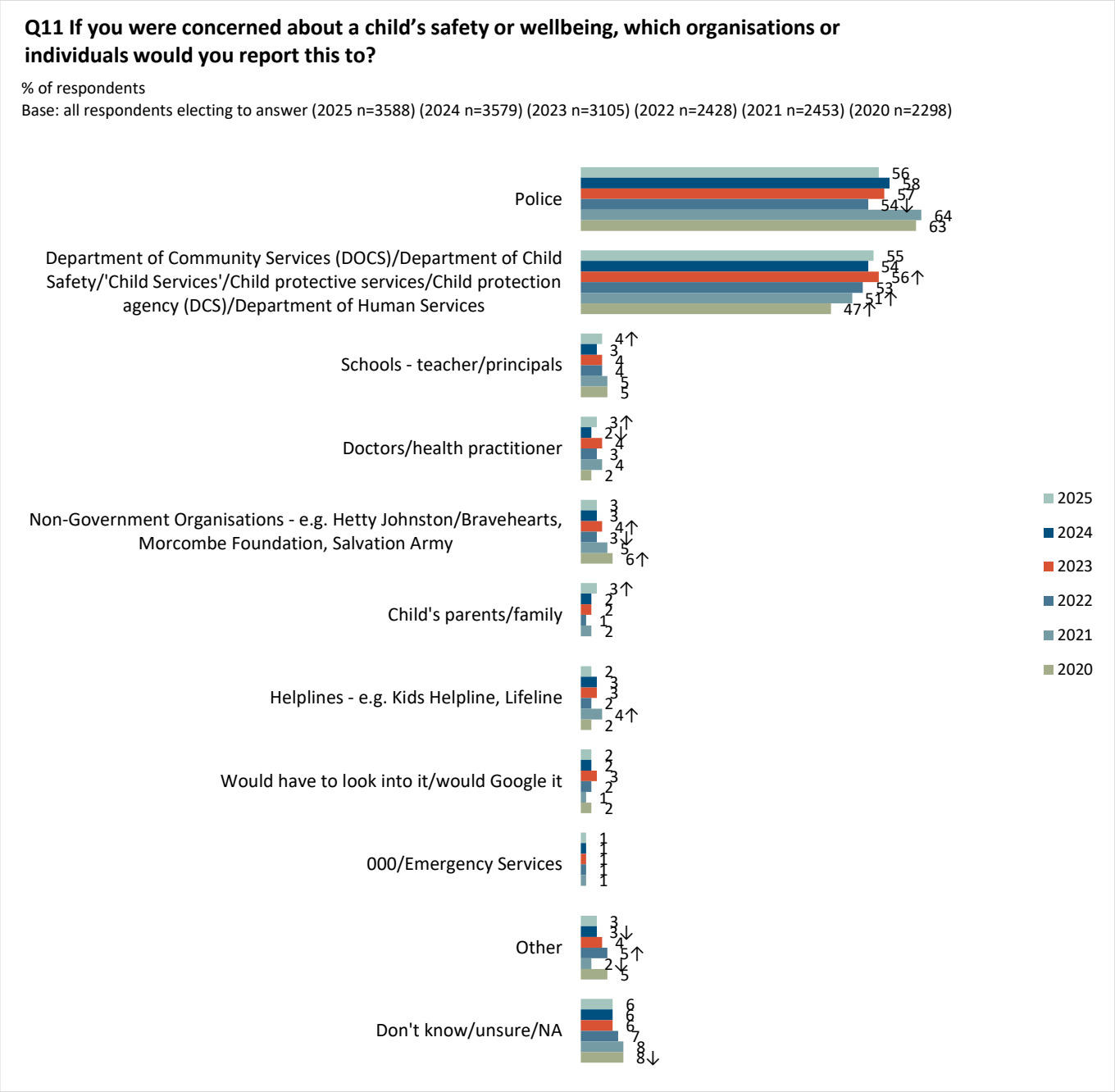


53 respondents elected not to answer this question.

3.2.2 Comparison to previous survey data

For the past three years of measurement (2023-2025), the organisations or individuals to whom a concern would be reported has been relatively stable. Although showing as a statistically significant increase between 2024 and 2025, reported mentions of schools, doctors and health practitioners, or parents/family remain minor (3%-4%.)

Figure 3.2.2: Reporting concerns 2020-2025 trend



53 (2025), 62 (2024), 49 (2023), 81 (2022), 67 (2021), and 232 (2020) respondents elected not to answer this question. ↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result. Important note: Any changes in the 2025 results may be due to the change in the profile of the sample, and not due to a change in actual sentiment. See comparison notes.

3.2.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

Responses to the question as to where respondents would report a child safety concern to were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.2.1 and 3.2.2).

Population segments that were significantly more likely than other sub-groups (55% average) to report a concern to a relevant government department were:

- Females (63%)
- Those aged 25-39 years old (62%)
- Those who have responsibility for a child aged 0-17 years (62%).

Respondents aged 60 years or older were significantly more likely (67%) compared to younger cohorts (particularly 18-24 years, 42%; and 25–39 years, 51%) to indicate they would report concerns to police. Those who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (43%), as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (44%), or those responsible for children aged 0-17 years (53%) were all significantly less likely to indicate they would report a concern to police (56% average) and favoured reporting to a government agency (53%, 58%, 62% respectively).

Female respondents (6%), those aged 40-59 years old (6%), those responsible for children aged 0-17 years (7%), and those who live in Far North Queensland (8%) were significantly more likely to intend to report a concern to a school, principal or teacher (4% average).

Those respondents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were significantly more likely to also reference organisations or individuals including doctors and health practitioners (8% agreed, compared to 2% among other respondents), non-government organisations such as Hetty Johnston, Bravehearts, Morecombe Foundation and Salvation Army (5%, 2%), or the child's parent or family (8%, 2%).

Other sub-group differences are detailed in the following tables.

Table 3.2.1: Reporting concerns by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q11 Column %	Total 2025 n = 3588	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1706	Female n = 1874	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 261	25-39 years n = 1346	40-59 years n = 1145	60+ years n = 836	Yes n = 1825	No n = 1763	Yes n = 346	No n = 3242
						% of respondents						
Police	56	55	57	38	42 ↓	51 ↓	59	67 ↑	53 ↓	60 ↑	44 ↓	58 ↑
Department of Community Services (DOCS)/Department of Child Safety/'Child Services'/ Child protective services/ Child protection agency (DCS)/ Department of Human Services	55	47 ↓	63 ↑	88	61	62 ↑	58	40 ↓	62 ↑	49 ↓	58	55
Schools - teacher/ principals	4	2 ↓	6 ↑		5	5	6 ↑	1 ↓	7 ↑	2 ↓	6	4
Doctors/Health practitioner	3	2 ↓	4 ↑		3	2	4	3	3	3	6 ↑	3 ↓
Non-Government Organisations - e.g. Hetty Johnston/ Bravehearts, Morcombe Foundation, Salvation Army	3	3	2		3	3	3	2	3	2	5 ↑	2 ↓
Child's parents/family	3	2	3		6 ↑	3	3	1 ↓	3	2	8 ↑	2 ↓
Helplines - e.g. Kids Helpline, Lifeline	2	3 ↑	2 ↓		5 ↑	3	2	2	3	2	2	2
Would have to look into it/would Google it	2	2	2		3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
000/Emergency Services	1	1	2	13	3 ↑	2 ↑	1 ↓	1	2	1	1	1
Other	3	4 ↑	2 ↓		6 ↑	4	2	2	3	3	3	3
Don't know/ unsure/NA	6	7 ↑	5 ↓		4	6	5	9 ↑	5 ↓	8 ↑	4	7

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those electing to answer (60 did not answer). ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.2.2: Reporting concerns by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q11 Column %	Total 2025 n = 3588	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1009	Far North QLD n = 412	North QLD n = 413	South East n = 559	South West n = 509	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 686	Yes n = 393	No n = 3192
					% of respondents				
Police	56	52 ↓	62	60	54	57	60	43 ↓	58 ↑
Department of Community Services (DOCS)/Department of Child Safety/'Child Services'/ Child protective services/ Child protection agency (DCS)/ Department of Human Services	55	53	55	61	54	58	54	53	56
Schools - teacher/principals	4	3	8 ↑	6	3	4	5	3	5
Doctors/Health practitioner	3	3	6 ↑	2	3	2	3	2	3
Non-Government Organisations - e.g. Hetty Johnston/Bravehearts, Morcombe Foundation, Salvation Army	3	2	3	4	3	1	2	4	3
Child's parents/family	3	2	2	2	2	6 ↑	2	2	3
Helplines - e.g. Kids Helpline, Lifeline	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2
Would have to look into it/would Google it	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	2
000/Emergency Services	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1
Other	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	6 ↑	3 ↓
Don't know/unsure/NA	6	7	6	4	6	6	7	10 ↑	6 ↓

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those electing to answer (60 did not answer).

3.3 Protections and supports for children and young people

Q13. In my community, children and young people... (Respondents were asked how strongly they agreed with a range of statements)

3.3.1 2025 result

Respondents were asked about the extent to which they agreed or disagreed with a range of statements about their community and the extent to which children and young people had appropriate access to safety, support, and wellbeing mechanisms.

With respect to the issues of safety, 61% of respondents agreed overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that children are supported to live safely at home with their families and 58% agreed that in their community, children and young people live in safe communities. Forty-nine per cent of respondents agreed that children and young people in their community are protected from abuse and neglect with 41% agreeing and 9% strongly agreeing; while 34% disagreed (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that children and young people in their community are protected from abuse and neglect.

Regarding supports and wellbeing mechanisms, the highest level of agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) among respondents regarding their communities was that children and young people were able to access early childhood education and care such as kindergarten (79%), were able to access sporting, recreational or community activities (78%), they have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (70%), or that they could access disability services if needed (68%).

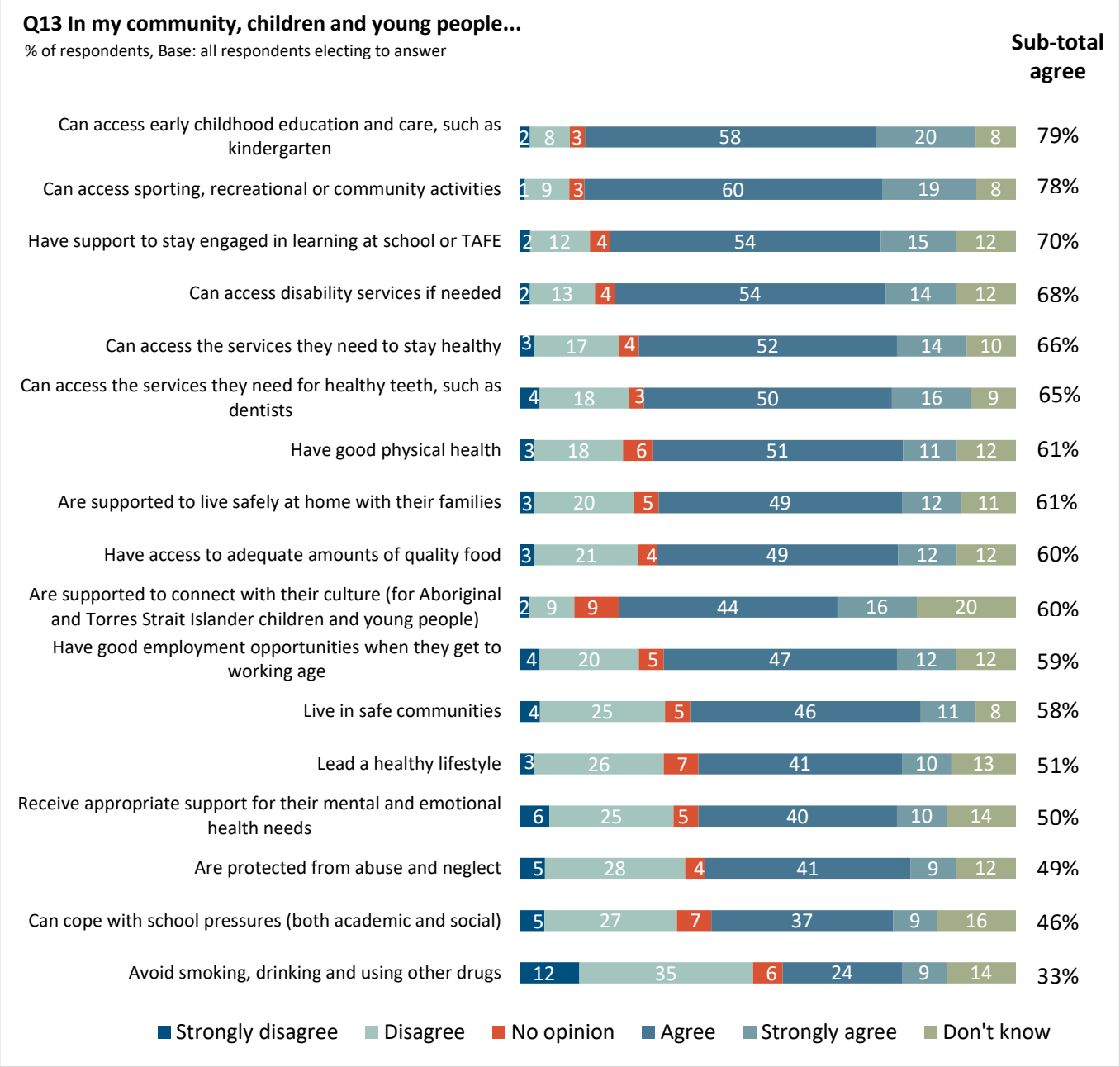
Approximately two thirds of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that children and young people in their community can access services they need to stay healthy (66%) and can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists (65%). Around three in five respondents agreed or strongly agreed that children and young people in their community have good physical health (61%), have access to adequate amounts of quality food (60%), and will have good employment opportunities when they get to working age (59%).

New statements related to individual behaviour of children and young people received mixed responses. While 46% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that children and young people in their community can cope with school pressures (both academic and social), 32% disagreed or strongly disagreed with this. More respondents disagreed overall (47% disagreed/strongly disagreed) that children and young people in their community avoid smoking, drinking and using other drugs (35% disagreed, 12% strongly disagreed) than those who agreed overall (33% agreed/strongly agreed).

Sixty per cent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that children and young people in their community are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people). Twenty per cent of respondents responded ‘don’t know’ when asked this statement about cultural connection for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

See Figure 3.3.1 over page.

Figure 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people (2025)



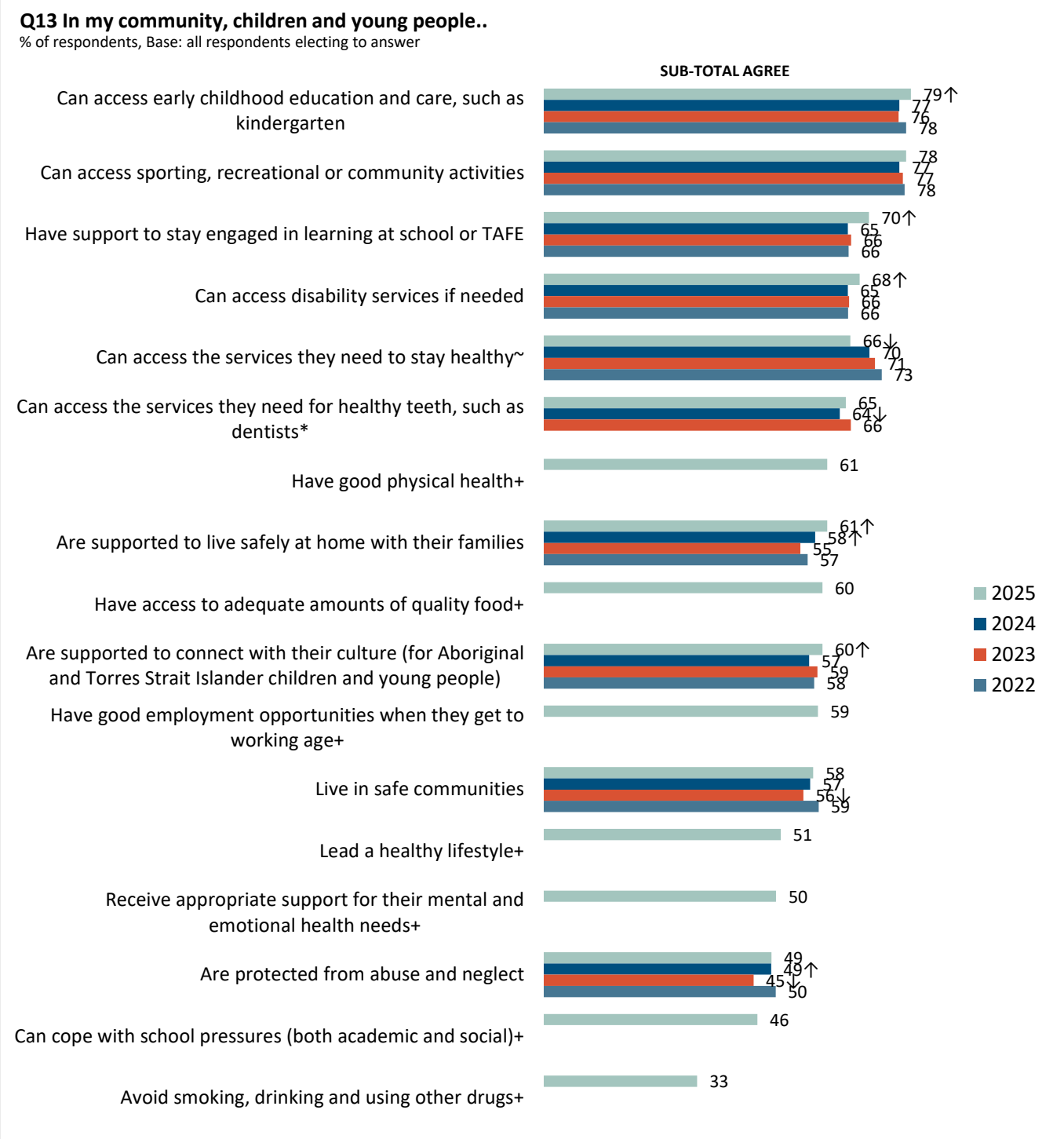
Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3630 (when 11 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'have good physical health'. The reader is referred to Table 3.3.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.3.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Compared with 2024, there were statistically significant increases in agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that in their communities, children and young people can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten (77% in 2024, 79% in 2025), have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (65% in 2024, 70% in 2025), can access disability services if needed (65% in 2024, 68% in 2025), are supported to live safely at home with their families (58% in 2024, 61% in 2025), and are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people) (57% in 2024, 60% in 2025). These increases in agreement may, however, be due to changes in the sampling of parents and carers as those respondents responsible for children aged 0-17 years were often statistically in greater agreement with many of these statements in contrast to those not responsible for children.

There was a statistically significant decrease in agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that children and young people can access the services they need to stay healthy; agreement with this factor has been in gradual decline since 2022 (73% in 2022, 71% in 2023, 70% in 2024, 66% in 2025).

Figure 3.3.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people 2022-2025 trend



~ Asked as 'Can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals' prior to 2025. * New statements in 2023. + New statements in 2025. ↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result. Important note: Any changes in the 2025 results may be due to the change in the profile of the sample, and not due to a change in actual sentiment. See comparison notes. Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements: In 2022, the smallest base was n=2504 (when 5 respondents declined to answer) for the items 'can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs' and 'can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten'. In 2023, the smallest base was n=3144 (when 10 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE'. In 2024, the smallest base was n=3623 (when 18 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'can access sporting, recreational or community activities'. In 2025, the smallest base was n=3630 (when 11 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'have good physical health'. The reader is referred to Table 3.3.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.3.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

The results were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.3.1 and 3.3.2). This commentary focuses on statistical differences evident in the proportion of overall agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) or disagreement (disagreed/strongly disagreed) against other sub-groups.

Respondents living in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region were significantly more likely than those living in other regions to agree or strongly agree that children and young people in their community have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (76%, 70% average), can access services they need to stay healthy (72%, 66% average), are supported to live safely at home with their families (71%, 61% average), have access to adequate amounts of quality food (66%, 60% average), live in safe communities (66%, 58% average), lead a healthy lifestyle (57%, 51% average), are protected from abuse and neglect (60%, 49% average), can cope with school pressures (both academic and social) (52%, 46% average), and avoid smoking, drinking and using other drugs (40%, 33% average).

Respondents living in the South East region also reported positive aspects where they agree or strongly agree significantly more with compared to other regions. Overall agreement (agreed or strongly agreed) was significantly higher than average in considering that children and young people in their community can access sporting, recreational or community activities (82%, 78% average), have good physical health (66%, 61% average), have good employment opportunities (65%, 59% average), lead a healthy lifestyle (57%, 51% average), and receive appropriate support for their mental and emotional health needs (57%, 50% average).

Those living in the Far North Queensland region and the North Queensland region were significantly more likely to disagree (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that children and young people in their communities are supported to live safely at home with their families (33% Far North QLD disagreed overall, 29% North QLD, 23% average), live in safe communities (42% Far North QLD disagreed overall, 40% North QLD, 29% average), are protected from abuse and neglect (43% Far North QLD disagreed overall, 43% North QLD, 34% average), can cope with school pressures (both academic and social) (38% Far North QLD disagreed overall, 39% North QLD, 32% average), and avoid smoking, drinking and using other drugs (59% Far North QLD disagreed overall, 56% North QLD, 47% average) compared to respondents from other regions. Further to this, those in the Far North Queensland region were also significantly more likely to disagree overall that children and young people in their communities have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (19% disagreed overall, 14% average) and have good physical health (28% disagreed overall, 21% average) compared to respondents from other regions.

Younger respondents aged 18-24 years and 25-39 years were significantly more likely to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) than older respondents that children and young people in their community have good physical health (68% 18-24 years, 64% 25-39 years, 61% average), receive appropriate support for their mental and emotional health needs (58% 18-24 years, 52% 25-39 years, 50% average), and can cope with school pressures (both academic and social) (56% 18-24 years, 51% 25-34 years, 46% average). Across other statements there were also statistically and non-statistically significant differences for the two younger respondent cohorts compared to older respondents and these are documented in Table 3.3.1. However, there was some divergence from this with respondents aged 25-39 years being significantly more likely than average to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that children and young people in their communities can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten (12% disagreed overall, 10% average), can access sporting, recreational

or community activities (12% disagreed overall, 10% average), have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (16% disagreed overall, 14% average), can access disability services if needed (18% disagreed overall, 16% average), and can access services they need to stay healthy (22% disagreed overall, 20% average).

Younger respondents aged 18-24 years were significantly more likely than older age cohorts to disagree or strongly disagree that children and young people living in their community avoid smoking, drinking and using other drugs (55% disagree overall, 47% average) with 19% strongly disagreeing and 38% disagreeing.

Respondents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander showed a divide in perceptions on whether children and young people in their community are supported to connect with their culture. Both overall agreement and overall disagreement were at higher levels than with other respondents. Seventy per cent of respondents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander agreed or strongly agreed that support to connect with culture existed (compared to 59% among other respondents); however, 18% disagreed or strongly disagreed (compared to 10% among other respondents). However, agreement with aspects around health and wellbeing was often significantly higher among those who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander compared to others. Overall agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) was higher with respect to children and young people in their communities having good physical health (70%, 60% other respondents), lead a healthy lifestyle (62%, 50%), receive appropriate support for their mental and emotional health needs (58%, 49%), are protected from abuse and neglect (55%, 49%), can cope with school pressures (56%, 45%) and avoid smoking, drinking and using other drugs (46%, 31%).

Those responsible for children aged 0-17 years were significantly more likely to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) with the majority of statements related to protection and support for children and young people in their community in contrast to respondents who were not responsible for children.

Male respondents were significantly more likely to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) with the majority of statements related to protection and support for children and young people in their community in contrast to Females.

Respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse were also significantly more likely to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) with most of the statements related to protection and support for children and young people in their community compared to respondents who do not identify in this manner.

Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 following.

Table 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten												
	Total 2025 n = 3633	Male n = 1727	Female n = 1898	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1153	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1852	No n = 1781	Yes n = 347	No n = 3286
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		1	2	2	1	2	2	3	2
Disagree	8	8	9	13	8	10 ↑	8	6 ↓	10 ↑	7 ↓	9	8
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	9	11	13	9	12 ↑	10	7 ↓	12 ↑	9 ↓	12	10
No opinion	3	4 ↑	2 ↓	13	4	3	3	3	2 ↓	4 ↑	4	3
Agree	58	56 ↓	61 ↑	50	57	58	59	59	59	58	60	58
Strongly agree	20	22	19		23	22	20	17 ↓	23 ↑	17 ↓	20	20
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	79	78	80	50	81	80	80	76	83 ↑	75 ↓	81	79
Don't know	8	9 ↑	7 ↓	25	7	5 ↓	8	13 ↑	4 ↓	12 ↑	4 ↓	8 ↑
Can access sporting, recreational or community activities												
	Total 2025 n = 3634	Male n = 1730	Female n = 1896	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1153	60+ years n = 843	Yes n = 1854	No n = 1780	Yes n = 348	No n = 3286
Strongly disagree	1	1	1			2	2	1	1	2	2	1
Disagree	9	6 ↓	11 ↑	25	10	11 ↑	10	5 ↓	11 ↑	7 ↓	11	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	8 ↓	13 ↑	25	10	12 ↑	11	6 ↓	12 ↑	8 ↓	13	10
No opinion	3	4	3		3	4	2	4	2 ↓	4 ↑	5	3
Agree	60	59	60	50	52 ↓	59	61	61	60	59	59	60
Strongly agree	19	23 ↑	15 ↓	13	28 ↑	19	17	18	20	18	18	19
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	78	82 ↑	75 ↓	63	80	78	78	79	80 ↑	76 ↓	77	78
Don't know	8	7	9	13	7	6 ↓	8	11 ↑	5 ↓	11 ↑	5 ↓	8 ↑
Have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE												
	Total 2025 n = 3636	Male n = 1730	Female n = 1898	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1372	40-59 years n = 1156	60+ years n = 841	Yes n = 1855	No n = 1781	Yes n = 349	No n = 3287
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		2	2	3	2	2	3	3	2
Disagree	12	9 ↓	14 ↑	13	9	14 ↑	12	9 ↓	13 ↑	10 ↓	13	11
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	14	12 ↓	16 ↑	13	11	16 ↑	14	11 ↓	15	13	16	14
No opinion	4	4	4		4	4	4	5	3 ↓	5 ↑	6	4
Agree	54	55	54	75	56	54	55	54	56	53	56	54
Strongly agree	15	18 ↑	14 ↓		20	17	15	12 ↓	18 ↑	13 ↓	17	15
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	70	72 ↑	68 ↓	75	76	71	70	66 ↓	73 ↑	66 ↓	73	70
Don't know	12	12	12	13	9	9 ↓	12	18 ↑	8 ↓	16 ↑	5 ↓	13 ↑

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Table 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Can access disability services if needed												
	Total 2025 n = 3636	Male n = 1731	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1156	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1854	No n = 1782	Yes n = 349	No n = 3287
Strongly disagree	2	2	3 ↑			2	3 ↑	2	3	2	5 ↑	2 ↓
Disagree	13	10 ↓	16 ↑	50	10	16 ↑	14	9 ↓	16 ↑	11 ↓	14	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	12 ↓	19 ↑	50	10 ↓	18 ↑	18	11 ↓	18 ↑	13 ↓	19	15
No opinion	4	4	3		3	5	3	4	3 ↓	5 ↑	4	4
Agree	54	55	53	25	58	55	51	55	54	53	54	54
Strongly agree	14	17 ↑	12 ↓	13	19 ↑	14	15	12	16 ↑	13 ↓	16	14
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	68	72 ↑	65 ↓	38	77 ↑	69	66	67	70 ↑	66 ↓	71	68
Don't know	12	12	12	13	9	9 ↓	13	18 ↑	8 ↓	16 ↑	6 ↓	13 ↑
Can access the services they need to stay healthy												
	Total 2025 n = 3637	Male n = 1732	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1372	40-59 years n = 1154	60+ years n = 844	Yes n = 1855	No n = 1782	Yes n = 349	No n = 3288
Strongly disagree	3	2 ↓	4 ↑	13	1	2	5 ↑	2	3	3	4	3
Disagree	17	12 ↓	22 ↑	13	21	20 ↑	16	13 ↓	19 ↑	15 ↓	15	17
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	20	14 ↓	26 ↑	25	21	22 ↑	20	16 ↓	22 ↑	17 ↓	18	20
No opinion	4	5 ↑	3 ↓		2	3	4	5 ↑	3 ↓	5 ↑	5	4
Agree	52	54	51	50	54	53	51	53	52	52	54	52
Strongly agree	14	18 ↑	11 ↓	13	18	16	14	10 ↓	16 ↑	12 ↓	18	14
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	72 ↑	62 ↓	63	73	69	65	63 ↓	69 ↑	64 ↓	72	66
Don't know	10	10	10	13	4 ↓	6 ↓	11	16 ↑	6 ↓	14 ↑	5 ↓	10 ↑
Can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists												
	Total 2025 n = 3634	Male n = 1726	Female n = 1900	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1156	60+ years n = 840	Yes n = 1853	No n = 1781	Yes n = 349	No n = 3285
Strongly disagree	4	4	5		1	4	5 ↑	3	5	4	5	4
Disagree	18	15 ↓	21 ↑	13	21	20	18	15 ↓	20 ↑	16 ↓	17	18
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	22	18 ↓	26 ↑	13	22	24	24	18 ↓	24 ↑	20 ↓	22	22
No opinion	3	4	3		2	4	3	4	2 ↓	4 ↑	3	3
Agree	50	50	50	38	48	49	49	52	50	49	51	50
Strongly agree	16	18 ↑	13 ↓	13	20	17	16	12 ↓	19 ↑	13 ↓	19	15
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	65	68 ↑	63 ↓	50	68	66	65	64	69 ↑	62 ↓	70	65
Don't know	9	10	9	38	7	7 ↓	9	14 ↑	5 ↓	14 ↑	5 ↓	10 ↑

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Table 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Have good physical health												
	Total 2025 n = 3630	Male n = 1724	Female n = 1898	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1154	60+ years n = 841	Yes n = 1853	No n = 1777	Yes n = 349	No n = 3281
Strongly disagree	3	2	3		3	2	3	2	2	3	3	2
Disagree	18	17	20 ↑		14	19	20	16	18	18	14	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	21	19 ↓	23 ↑		17	21	23 ↑	18	21	21	17	21
No opinion	6	7	6		7	6	6	7	5 ↓	7 ↑	6	6
Agree	51	49	52	50	53	52	49	50	54 ↑	47 ↓	57 ↑	50 ↓
Strongly agree	11	14 ↑	8 ↓		15 ↑	12 ↑	10	8 ↓	13 ↑	8 ↓	13	10
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	61	63	60	50	68 ↑	64 ↑	59	58 ↓	67 ↑	55 ↓	70 ↑	60 ↓
Don't know	12	12	12	50	8	8 ↓	12	17 ↑	7 ↓	16 ↑	7 ↓	12 ↑
Are supported to live safely at home with their families												
	Total 2025 n = 3638	Male n = 1731	Female n = 1899	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1372	40-59 years n = 1157	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1856	No n = 1782	Yes n = 348	No n = 3290
Strongly disagree	3	2 ↓	4 ↑	13	1	3	5 ↑	4	3	4	4	3
Disagree	20	15 ↓	24 ↑	25	20	21	20	17	21	18	21	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	17 ↓	28 ↑	38	21	23	25	21	24	22	25	23
No opinion	5	6	5	13	4	5	5	6	4 ↓	6 ↑	5	5
Agree	49	52 ↑	46 ↓	25	52	51	45 ↓	50	49	49	48	49
Strongly agree	12	15 ↑	9 ↓	13	15	14 ↑	12	7 ↓	14 ↑	9 ↓	16 ↑	11 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	61	67 ↑	55 ↓	38	67	65 ↑	57 ↓	56 ↓	64 ↑	58 ↓	64	60
Don't know	11	10	12	13	8	7 ↓	13	17 ↑	8 ↓	14 ↑	6 ↓	12 ↑
Have access to adequate amounts of quality food												
	Total 2025 n = 3639	Male n = 1732	Female n = 1899	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1372	40-59 years n = 1157	60+ years n = 843	Yes n = 1855	No n = 1784	Yes n = 349	No n = 3290
Strongly disagree	3	2 ↓	4 ↑	13	2	3	4 ↑	2	4	3	4	3
Disagree	21	17 ↓	25 ↑	13	16	23 ↑	22	18	23 ↑	19 ↓	21	21
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	24	19 ↓	29 ↑	25	18	26	26	20 ↓	26 ↑	22 ↓	24	24
No opinion	4	4	4		4	5	4	4	4	5	5	4
Agree	49	51 ↑	46 ↓	50	54	48	48	49	49	48	50	48
Strongly agree	12	14 ↑	9 ↓	13	15	13	11	8 ↓	14 ↑	9 ↓	13	11
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	60	65 ↑	56 ↓	63	69 ↑	61	59	57	63 ↑	57 ↓	64	60
Don't know	12	12	12	13	8	8 ↓	11	19 ↑	7 ↓	17 ↑	7 ↓	12 ↑

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Table 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people)												
	Total 2025 n = 3637	Male n = 1731	Female n = 1898	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1372	40-59 years n = 1156	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1856	No n = 1781	Yes n = 349	No n = 3288
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		3	2	3	2	2	3	4 ↑	2 ↓
Disagree	9	8	10	13	10	11 ↑	8	5 ↓	10 ↑	7 ↓	14 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	10	12	13	13	13 ↑	11	7 ↓	12	10	18 ↑	10 ↓
No opinion	9	11 ↑	8 ↓		6	9	9	11	9	9	6	10
Agree	44	42	45	25	48	44	44	41	46	42	49	43
Strongly agree	16	17	16		19	19 ↑	16	12 ↓	19 ↑	14 ↓	21 ↑	16 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	60	59	61	25	66	63 ↑	60	54 ↓	64 ↑	56 ↓	70 ↑	59 ↓
Don't know	20	20	20	63	15	15 ↓	20	29 ↑	14 ↓	25 ↑	5 ↓	21 ↑
Have good employment opportunities when they get to working age												
	Total 2025 n = 3631	Male n = 1726	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1370	40-59 years n = 1152	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1853	No n = 1778	Yes n = 349	No n = 3282
Strongly disagree	4	3	5	13	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	4
Disagree	20	18 ↓	22 ↑	13	21	19	22	19	21	19	20	20
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	24	21 ↓	26 ↑	25	26	22	26	23	24	23	25	24
No opinion	5	6	5		3	5	6	6	5	6	6	5
Agree	47	47	46	50	48	50 ↑	44	44	48	45	48	46
Strongly agree	12	15 ↑	10 ↓	13	15	14 ↑	12	9 ↓	14 ↑	10 ↓	15	12
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	59	62 ↑	56 ↓	63	63	64 ↑	56	53 ↓	62 ↑	55 ↓	63	59
Don't know	12	11	13	13	8	9 ↓	12	17 ↑	9 ↓	15 ↑	6 ↓	13 ↑
Live in safe communities												
	Total 2025 n = 3640	Male n = 1732	Female n = 1900	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1372	40-59 years n = 1157	60+ years n = 844	Yes n = 1856	No n = 1784	Yes n = 349	No n = 3291
Strongly disagree	4	3 ↓	5 ↑		3	3	6 ↑	3	5 ↑	3 ↓	4	4
Disagree	25	19 ↓	31 ↑	25	26	26	25	22	26	23	23	25
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	29	21 ↓	36 ↑	25	28	30	31	25 ↓	31 ↑	27 ↓	28	29
No opinion	5	6	4	13	4	4	5	6	4	6	5	5
Agree	46	50 ↑	43 ↓	50	47	47	44	48	46	47	47	46
Strongly agree	11	15 ↑	9 ↓		14	14 ↑	10	8 ↓	13 ↑	10 ↓	15	11
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	58	65 ↑	51 ↓	50	61	61 ↑	55 ↓	56	59	56	62	57
Don't know	8	8	9	13	7	5 ↓	10	12 ↑	5 ↓	11 ↑	5 ↓	9 ↑

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Table 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Lead a healthy lifestyle												
	Total 2025 n = 3632	Male n = 1727	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1370	40-59 years n = 1154	60+ years n = 841	Yes n = 1853	No n = 1779	Yes n = 349	No n = 3283
Strongly disagree	3	3	4		3	3	4	3	3	4	3	3
Disagree	26	23 ↓	29 ↑	13	23	26	27	27	26	27	21	27
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	30	26 ↓	33 ↑	13	27	28	31	30	29	30	24 ↓	30 ↑
No opinion	7	7	6	13	6	6	6	7	6	7	7	7
Agree	41	42	41	38	46	44	40	38	44 ↑	38 ↓	47 ↑	41 ↓
Strongly agree	10	13 ↑	7 ↓		12	12 ↑	9	7 ↓	13 ↑	7 ↓	14 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	51	55 ↑	48 ↓	38	58	56 ↑	49	44 ↓	57 ↑	45 ↓	62 ↑	50 ↓
Don't know	13	12	12	38	9	9 ↓	13	19 ↑	8 ↓	17 ↑	7 ↓	13 ↑
Receive appropriate support for their mental and emotional health needs												
	Total 2025 n = 3633	Male n = 1729	Female n = 1896	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1370	40-59 years n = 1153	60+ years n = 843	Yes n = 1851	No n = 1782	Yes n = 349	No n = 3284
Strongly disagree	6	4 ↓	9 ↑	13	5	7	7	4 ↓	7	6	6	6
Disagree	25	19 ↓	30 ↑	50	26	26	25	21 ↓	27 ↑	22 ↓	22	25
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	23 ↓	39 ↑	63	31	33	33	25 ↓	34 ↑	28 ↓	28	31
No opinion	5	6	4		4	4	5	7	4 ↓	6 ↑	5	5
Agree	40	44 ↑	36 ↓	13	43	41	39	39	41	38	44	39
Strongly agree	10	13 ↑	8 ↓		15 ↑	12 ↑	10	6 ↓	13 ↑	7 ↓	14 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	56 ↑	44 ↓	13	58 ↑	52 ↑	48	44 ↓	54 ↑	46 ↓	58 ↑	49 ↓
Don't know	14	15	13	25	7 ↓	10 ↓	14	24 ↑	9 ↓	20 ↑	9 ↓	15 ↑
Are protected from abuse and neglect												
	Total 2025 n = 3639	Male n = 1732	Female n = 1899	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1372	40-59 years n = 1156	60+ years n = 844	Yes n = 1856	No n = 1783	Yes n = 348	No n = 3291
Strongly disagree	5	4 ↓	7 ↑	13	2 ↓	5	8 ↑	5	6	5	6	5
Disagree	28	22 ↓	34 ↑	38	27	30	30	24 ↓	31 ↑	26 ↓	27	29
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	34	26 ↓	41 ↑	50	29	35	38 ↑	28 ↓	37 ↑	31 ↓	33	34
No opinion	4	5 ↑	3 ↓		5	4	3	5	4	5	4	4
Agree	41	46 ↑	36 ↓	38	45	41	37 ↓	43	40	42	43	41
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	6 ↓		13 ↑	10 ↑	9	4 ↓	11 ↑	6 ↓	12 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	49	57 ↑	43 ↓	38	57 ↑	52	46 ↓	48	51	48	55 ↑	49 ↓
Don't know	12	12	13	13	9	9 ↓	13	19 ↑	9 ↓	16 ↑	7 ↓	13 ↑

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Table 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Can cope with school pressures (both academic and social)												
	Total 2025 n = 3631	Male n = 1726	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1152	60+ years n = 844	Yes n = 1850	No n = 1781	Yes n = 345	No n = 3286
Strongly disagree	5	3 ↓	6 ↑	13	5	4	6 ↑	4	5	5	5	5
Disagree	27	20 ↓	33 ↑	13	27	27	30 ↑	23 ↓	29	25	25	27
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	32	24 ↓	40 ↑	25	31	31	36 ↑	27 ↓	34	30	30	32
No opinion	7	8	6	13	4	6	6	9 ↑	6 ↓	8 ↑	6	7
Agree	37	41 ↑	33 ↓	38	41	41 ↑	34 ↓	34	40 ↑	34 ↓	44 ↑	36 ↓
Strongly agree	9	12 ↑	6 ↓		14 ↑	11 ↑	8	4 ↓	11 ↑	6 ↓	12	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	53 ↑	39 ↓	38	56 ↑	51 ↑	42 ↓	38 ↓	51 ↑	40 ↓	56 ↑	45 ↓
Don't know	16	16	15	25	9 ↓	11 ↓	15	25 ↑	10 ↓	22 ↑	8 ↓	16 ↑
Avoid smoking, drinking and using other drugs												
	Total 2025 n = 3637	Male n = 1730	Female n = 1899	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1370	40-59 years n = 1157	60+ years n = 844	Yes n = 1854	No n = 1783	Yes n = 349	No n = 3288
Strongly disagree	12	10 ↓	14 ↑	25	19 ↑	12	11	11	12	13	12	12
Disagree	35	32 ↓	38 ↑	13	36	34	34	36	33	37	26 ↓	36 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	47	41 ↓	52 ↑	38	55 ↑	47	45	47	45 ↓	49 ↑	39 ↓	48 ↑
No opinion	6	7	6		5	7	6	7	6	7	8	6
Agree	24	26 ↑	22 ↓	25	23	25	26	20 ↓	28 ↑	20 ↓	32 ↑	23 ↓
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	6 ↓	13	12	12 ↑	8	4 ↓	11 ↑	6 ↓	14 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	33	37 ↑	29 ↓	38	35	37 ↑	34	24 ↓	39 ↑	26 ↓	46 ↑	31 ↓
Don't know	14	14	13	25	6 ↓	10 ↓	14	23 ↑	10 ↓	18 ↑	7 ↓	15 ↑

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Table 3.3.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
Can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten									
	Total 2025 n = 3633	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1021	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 563	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 399	No n = 3231
Strongly disagree	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	2
Disagree	8	8	10	10	6	8	9	7	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	10	12	13	8	9	10	8	10
No opinion	3	3	3	3	4	2	4	5	3
Agree	58	55 ↓	61	58	60	63	58	58	59
Strongly agree	20	25 ↑	18	19	20	16	18	25	20
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	79	80	79	77	80	80	77	83	78
Don't know	8	7	6	8	8	9	9	4 ↓	8 ↑
Can access sporting, recreational or community activities									
	Total 2025 n = 3634	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 564	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 400	No n = 3231
Strongly disagree	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1
Disagree	9	10	12	9	6 ↓	9	9	8	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	11	14	10	7 ↓	10	10	10	10
No opinion	3	4	3	2	3	3	3	4	3
Agree	60	58	61	61	61	60	60	59	60
Strongly agree	19	20	16	17	22	17	18	24 ↑	18 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	78	78	77	78	82 ↑	76	78	82	78
Don't know	8	7	6	10	7	11	9	4 ↓	8 ↑
Have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE									
	Total 2025 n = 3636	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1024	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 565	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 400	No n = 3233
Strongly disagree	2	2	2	5 ↑	2	2	2	2	3
Disagree	12	8 ↓	17 ↑	13	9	12	13	9	12
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	14	11 ↓	19 ↑	18	11	14	16	11	14
No opinion	4	4	5	3	4	5	5	4	4
Agree	54	57	54	52	55	54	53	58	54
Strongly agree	15	19 ↑	12	14	19	12	13	22 ↑	15 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	70	76 ↑	66	65	73	66	66	79 ↑	69 ↓
Don't know	12	10 ↓	10	14	12	15	13	7 ↓	13 ↑
Can access disability services if needed									
	Total 2025 n = 3636	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1025	Far North QLD n = 419	North QLD n = 420	South East n = 565	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 400	No n = 3233
Strongly disagree	2	2	2	4	2	3	2	1	2
Disagree	13	13	15	15	10	15	14	11	14
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	15	16	18	12 ↓	18	16	12	16
No opinion	4	4	5	4	3	3	3	4	4
Agree	54	54	56	53	54	53	53	51	54
Strongly agree	14	16	12	12	17	12	14	24 ↑	13 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	68	70	68	65	71	65	67	75 ↑	67 ↓
Don't know	12	11	11	13	13	14	13	10	13

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Table 3.3.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025) (continued)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
Can access the services they need to stay healthy									
	Total 2025 n = 3637	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1025	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 565	South West n = 512	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 399	No n = 3235
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	4	2	3	3	3	3
Disagree	17	14 ↓	20	17	14	19	20	12 ↓	18 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	20	17 ↓	23	21	16	23	23	15 ↓	21 ↑
No opinion	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	3	4
Agree	52	54	53	51	53	51	50	55	52
Strongly agree	14	17 ↑	11	12	15	13	12	21 ↑	13 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	72 ↑	65	63	68	63	63	76 ↑	65 ↓
Don't know	10	8	7	12	12	11	10	6 ↓	10 ↑
Can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists									
	Total 2025 n = 3634	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 564	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 397	No n = 3234
Strongly disagree	4	3	5	5	4	4	5	3	4
Disagree	18	18	20	19	16	18	18	18	18
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	22	21	25	24	20	22	24	21	22
No opinion	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	4	3
Agree	50	48	50	49	50	51	50	45	50
Strongly agree	16	19 ↑	13	14	17	13	15	24 ↑	15 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	65	68	62	63	66	64	65	69	65
Don't know	9	9	8	10	10	10	9	6	10
Have good physical health									
	Total 2025 n = 3630	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1022	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 420	South East n = 564	South West n = 511	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 692	Yes n = 398	No n = 3229
Strongly disagree	3	2	3	4	1	2	3	3	3
Disagree	18	16	24 ↑	18	15	20	19	13 ↓	19 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	21	18	28 ↑	21	16 ↓	23	22	16	21
No opinion	6	7	6	6	5	6	7	6	6
Agree	51	51	49	50	55	49	49	54	50
Strongly agree	11	14 ↑	7	9	12	10	10	19 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	61	65	56	59	66 ↑	59	59	73 ↑	60 ↓
Don't know	12	10	10	13	13	12	12	6 ↓	12 ↑
Are supported to live safely at home with their families									
	Total 2025 n = 3638	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1025	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 564	South West n = 512	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 400	No n = 3235
Strongly disagree	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	4
Disagree	20	15 ↓	29 ↑	25 ↑	15 ↓	18	23	12 ↓	20 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	17 ↓	33 ↑	29 ↑	17 ↓	23	27 ↑	14 ↓	24 ↑
No opinion	5	4	5	7	4	6	6	4	5
Agree	49	54 ↑	45	44	52	50	44 ↓	55 ↑	48 ↓
Strongly agree	12	17 ↑	8	7 ↓	12	9	11	20 ↑	11 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	61	71 ↑	53 ↓	51 ↓	64	59	55 ↓	76 ↑	59 ↓
Don't know	11	8 ↓	9	13	14	12	12	6 ↓	12 ↑

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Table 3.3.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025) (continued)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
Have access to adequate amounts of quality food									
	Total 2025 n = 3639	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1025	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 564	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 400	No n = 3236
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	5	2	3	4	4	3
Disagree	21	19	26 ↑	23	18	22	21	17	22
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	24	22	29	27	20 ↓	26	25	21	25
No opinion	4	3	5	5	4	3	4	4	4
Agree	49	50	47	46	51	48	47	51	48
Strongly agree	12	16 ↑	8 ↓	9	13	10	9	19 ↑	11 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	60	66 ↑	54	55	64	58	57	70 ↑	59 ↓
Don't know	12	9 ↓	11	13	12	13	14	6 ↓	12 ↑
Are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people)									
	Total 2025 n = 3637	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1024	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 563	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 400	No n = 3234
Strongly disagree	2	2	3	4	2	1	2	3	2
Disagree	9	10	10	9	7	7	8	9	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	12	12	13	9	8	10	12	11
No opinion	9	10	9	7	9	8	11	9	9
Agree	44	43	46	41	47	46	40	45	44
Strongly agree	16	16	18	20	15	15	16	22 ↑	15 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	60	59	64	61	62	62	56	67 ↑	59 ↓
Don't know	20	19	15	19	19	22	22	12 ↓	21 ↑
Have good employment opportunities when they get to working age									
	Total 2025 n = 3631	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1020	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 563	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 692	Yes n = 400	No n = 3228
Strongly disagree	4	3	4	5	5	4	4	3	4
Disagree	20	18	25 ↑	19	14 ↓	20	25 ↑	16	20
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	24	21	29	23	19 ↓	23	30 ↑	19	24
No opinion	5	6	6	5	4	5	5	8	5
Agree	47	47	47	47	50	47	42 ↓	49	46
Strongly agree	12	14	10	12	15	12	11	18 ↑	12 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	59	61	57	59	65 ↑	58	53 ↓	67 ↑	58 ↓
Don't know	12	12	9	13	12	14	12	7 ↓	13 ↑
Live in safe communities									
	Total 2025 n = 3640	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1025	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 565	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 400	No n = 3237
Strongly disagree	4	3	6	5	3	4	4	4	4
Disagree	25	18 ↓	37 ↑	35 ↑	20 ↓	23	27	19 ↓	26 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	29	22 ↓	42 ↑	40 ↑	24 ↓	27	30	23 ↓	30 ↑
No opinion	5	5	5	5	4	7	5	4	5
Agree	46	50 ↑	38 ↓	38 ↓	50	47	47	47	46
Strongly agree	11	17 ↑	8 ↓	8	12	10	9	22 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	58	66 ↑	45 ↓	46 ↓	62	57	56	68 ↑	56 ↓
Don't know	8	7	7	9	11	9	9	5 ↓	9 ↑

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Table 3.3.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025) (continued)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
Lead a healthy lifestyle									
	Total 2025 n = 3632	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 419	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 564	South West n = 512	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 692	Yes n = 400	No n = 3229
Strongly disagree	3	3	5	4	2	3	4	3	3
Disagree	26	22 ↓	34 ↑	30	20 ↓	27	29	21 ↓	27 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	30	25 ↓	39 ↑	35	22 ↓	30	33	24 ↓	30 ↑
No opinion	7	6	8	8	5	6	8	7	7
Agree	41	44	37	37	46	44	37	45	41
Strongly agree	10	13 ↑	7	8	11	7	9	19 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	51	57 ↑	43 ↓	44 ↓	57 ↑	52	47 ↓	63 ↑	50 ↓
Don't know	13	12	10	13	16 ↑	13	12	6 ↓	13 ↑
Receive appropriate support for their mental and emotional health needs									
	Total 2025 n = 3633	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1021	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 565	South West n = 512	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 398	No n = 3232
Strongly disagree	6	6	6	9	4 ↓	7	8	6	6
Disagree	25	22	30	25	19 ↓	24	30 ↑	17 ↓	26 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	29	35	34	22 ↓	30	38 ↑	23 ↓	32 ↑
No opinion	5	5	7	5	4	5	5	6	5
Agree	40	40	39	38	45 ↑	40	36	47 ↑	39 ↓
Strongly agree	10	13 ↑	8	9	12	8	8	16 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	53	47	47	57 ↑	48	43 ↓	64 ↑	48 ↓
Don't know	14	13	10 ↓	14	16	17	14	8 ↓	15 ↑
Are protected from abuse and neglect									
	Total 2025 n = 3639	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1025	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 565	South West n = 512	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 399	No n = 3237
Strongly disagree	5	5	5	7	4	6	6	4	6
Disagree	28	21 ↓	39 ↑	36 ↑	24	28	33 ↑	19 ↓	30 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	34	25 ↓	43 ↑	43 ↑	29 ↓	34	39 ↑	23 ↓	35 ↑
No opinion	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	4
Agree	41	47 ↑	38	36	43	40	35 ↓	47 ↑	40 ↓
Strongly agree	9	13 ↑	5	6	8	8	7	17 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	49	60 ↑	43 ↓	42 ↓	51	47	43 ↓	64 ↑	48 ↓
Don't know	12	11	9	11	15	14	14	8 ↓	13 ↑
Can cope with school pressures (both academic and social)									
	Total 2025 n = 3631	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1020	Far North QLD n = 419	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 564	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 397	No n = 3231
Strongly disagree	5	4	6	6	3	4	6	4	5
Disagree	27	24 ↓	32	32 ↑	23	28	29	18 ↓	28 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	32	28 ↓	38 ↑	39 ↑	26 ↓	32	35	22 ↓	33 ↑
No opinion	7	6	7	8	7	6	7	6	7
Agree	37	40 ↑	36	31 ↓	38	39	34	44 ↑	36 ↓
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	8	7	10	6	7	16 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	52 ↑	44	37 ↓	49	45	41 ↓	61 ↑	44 ↓
Don't know	16	14	12	15	18	16	17	11 ↓	16 ↑

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing to answer.

Table 3.3.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025) (continued)

Q13 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
Avoid smoking, drinking and using other drugs									
	Total 2025 n = 3637	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1025	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 563	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 400	No n = 3234
Strongly disagree	12	10 ↓	18 ↑	15	9 ↓	13	12	12	12
Disagree	35	30 ↓	41 ↑	41 ↑	32	33	39 ↑	24 ↓	36 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	47	39 ↓	59 ↑	56 ↑	40 ↓	46	51 ↑	36 ↓	48 ↑
No opinion	6	7	5	5	6	6	7	7	6
Agree	24	28 ↑	18 ↓	20	28	25	20	34 ↑	23 ↓
Strongly agree	9	12 ↑	8	6	8	8	7	14 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	33	40 ↑	25 ↓	26 ↓	36	34	28 ↓	49 ↑	31 ↓
Don't know	14	14	10	12	17 ↑	14	14	9 ↓	15 ↑

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing to answer.

3.4 Views of children and young people listened to and valued

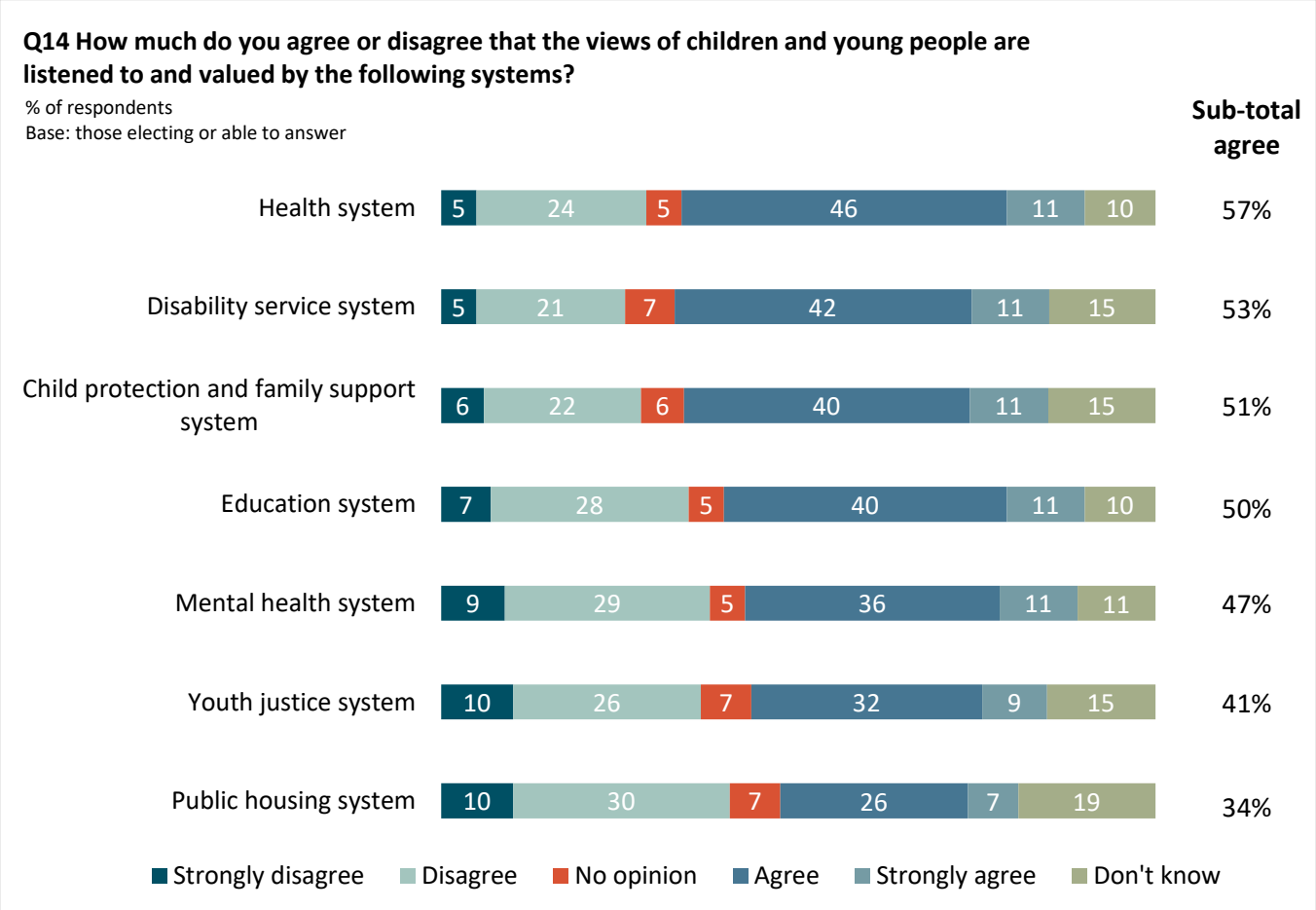
Q14 How much do you agree or disagree that the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by the following systems?

3.4.1 2025 results

Respondents were asked about their level of agreement that various systems listen to and value the views of children and young people.

The systems most likely to be considered to be listening to and valuing the views of children and young people were the health system (57% agreed/strongly agreed), disability services system (53%), the child protection and family support system (51%), the education system (50%), and the mental health system (47%). Agreement was lower among respondents regarding the public housing system (34%) and youth justice system (41%).

Figure 3.4.1: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued (2025)

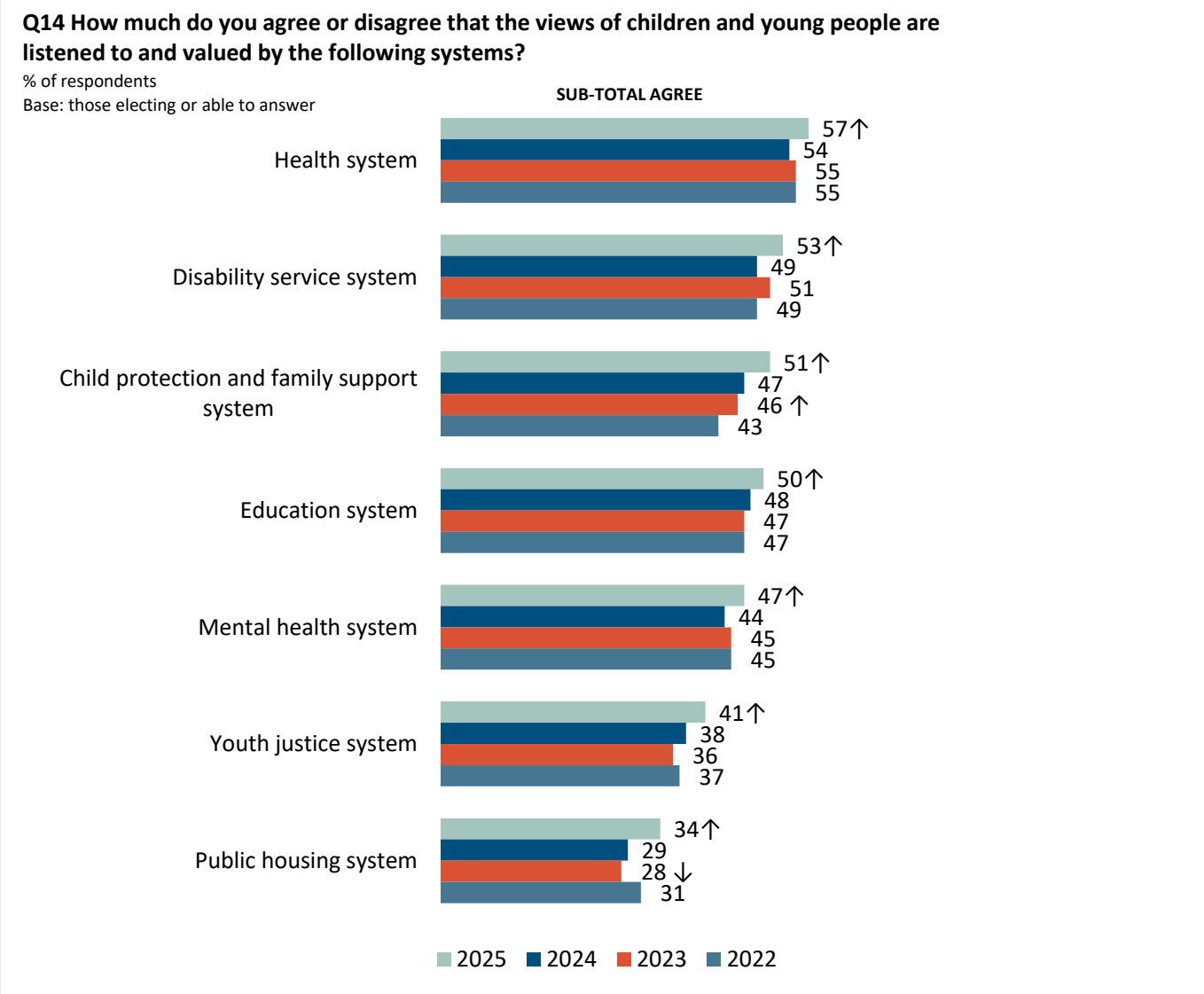


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3628 (when 13 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'Public housing system'. The reader is referred to Table 3.4.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.4.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that the views of children and young people are listened to and valued across all services prompted in the survey increased significantly between 2024 and 2025; however, changes may be due to the increase in parents and carers in the sample frame who consistently held more positive levels of overall agreement than respondents not responsible for children aged 0-17 years (see Table 3.4.1).

Figure 3.4.2: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued 2022-2025 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result. Important note: Any changes in the 2025 results may be due to the change in the profile of the sample, and not due to a change in actual sentiment. See comparison notes. Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The reader is referred to Table 3.4.1 for a description of the base for each statement. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements: In 2022, the smallest base was n=2496 (when 13 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'Youth Justice system'. In 2023, the smallest base was n=3144 (when 10 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'Health system'. In 2024, the smallest base was n=3620 (when 21 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'Public housing system'. In 2025, the smallest base was n=3628 (when 13 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'Public housing system'.

3.4.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

Agreement on whether the views of children and young people are listened to by various systems was analysed by key sub-groups.

Across all systems, those responsible for children aged 0-17 years, males, and respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse were more likely than average to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) that the views of children and young people are listened to and valued. Respondents with no responsibility for children or who were aged 60+ years old were more likely than other age groups to state they 'did not know'.

Respondents residing in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region were significantly more likely than those from other regions to agree that the child protection and family support system (55%, 51% average), the education system (55%, 50% average), the youth justice system (46%, 41% average), and the public housing system (38%, 34% average) listens to and values the views of children and young people.

Those residing in the Sunshine Coast and Central region were significantly more likely than those from other regions to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that the mental health system (42% disagreed overall, 37% average) or that the public housing system (45% disagreed overall, 40% average) listens to and values the views of children and young people.

Those residing in the Far North Queensland region were significantly more likely than those from other regions to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that the child protection and family support system (35% disagreed overall, 28% average) or that the youth justice system (43% disagreed overall, 36% average) listens to and values the views of children and young people.

Respondents identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were significantly more likely than others to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by the mental health system (53%, 46% other respondents), the youth justice system (49%, 41%), or the public housing system (44%, 32%).

Other sub-group differences are detailed in Tables 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 following.

Table 3.4.1: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q14 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Health system												
	Total 2025 n = 3632	Male n = 1727	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1152	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1849	No n = 1783	Yes n = 346	No n = 3286
Strongly disagree	5	4 ↓	6 ↑		4	5	5	4	5	4	5	5
Disagree	24	21 ↓	27 ↑	63	24	25	25	21 ↓	25	23	23	24
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	29	24 ↓	32 ↑	63	28	30	30	24 ↓	30	28	27	29
No opinion	5	6 ↑	4 ↓		4	4	4	7 ↑	4 ↓	6 ↑	6	5
Agree	46	47	45	25	49	46	47	45	48	45	44	46
Strongly agree	11	13 ↑	8 ↓		14	13 ↑	10	8 ↓	13 ↑	8 ↓	16 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	57	61 ↑	54 ↓	25	63	58	56	53 ↓	61 ↑	53 ↓	60	56
Don't know	10	9	10	13	5 ↓	8 ↓	9	16 ↑	6 ↓	14 ↑	7	10
Disability service system												
	Total 2025 n = 3631	Male n = 1727	Female n = 1896	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1370	40-59 years n = 1152	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1851	No n = 1780	Yes n = 347	No n = 3284
Strongly disagree	5	4 ↓	6 ↑	13	3	5	6	4	5	5	6	5
Disagree	21	16 ↓	25 ↑	38	18	22	22	18	22	19	21	21
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	25	20 ↓	30 ↑	50	21	26	28	22 ↓	27	24	28	25
No opinion	7	8	6		7	7	6	8	7	7	8	7
Agree	42	44	40	25	47	42	40	43	43	41	44	42
Strongly agree	11	14 ↑	8 ↓	13	15	12 ↑	10	8 ↓	12	10	12	11
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	53	58 ↑	48 ↓	38	62 ↑	55	50	50	55 ↑	51 ↓	56	52
Don't know	15	15	15	13	9 ↓	12 ↓	16	20 ↑	12 ↓	18 ↑	8 ↓	16 ↑
Child protection and family support system												
	Total 2025 n = 3629	Male n = 1727	Female n = 1894	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1152	60+ years n = 841	Yes n = 1849	No n = 1780	Yes n = 347	No n = 3282
Strongly disagree	6	5 ↓	7 ↑	13	5	6	7	6	7 ↑	5 ↓	7	6
Disagree	22	17 ↓	27 ↑		16 ↓	23	24	21	23	22	23	22
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	28	22 ↓	34 ↑	13	21 ↓	29	31	27	30	27	30	28
No opinion	6	7 ↑	5 ↓		5	6	5	7	5	7	5	6
Agree	40	44 ↑	37 ↓	50	47 ↑	40	38	41	40	40	39	40
Strongly agree	11	14 ↑	8 ↓		16 ↑	13 ↑	10	6 ↓	13 ↑	8 ↓	16 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	51	58 ↑	45 ↓	50	63 ↑	53 ↑	48 ↓	47 ↓	53 ↑	48 ↓	55	50
Don't know	15	14 ↓	16	38	11	12 ↓	16	19 ↑	12 ↓	19 ↑	10 ↓	16 ↑

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.4.1: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q14 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Education system												
	Total 2025 n = 3636	Male n = 1730	Female n = 1898	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1155	60+ years n = 843	Yes n = 1853	No n = 1783	Yes n = 348	No n = 3288
Strongly disagree	7	6	8	13	9	7	8	4 ↓	8	6	8	7
Disagree	28	25 ↓	32 ↑	50	30	29	29	25	28	28	26	28
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	35	30 ↓	39 ↑	63	39	36	37	30 ↓	36	34	34	35
No opinion	5	6 ↑	4 ↓		3	4	4	7 ↑	4 ↓	6 ↑	4	5
Agree	40	42	38	25	40	40	39	40	41	38	41	40
Strongly agree	11	13 ↑	9 ↓		12	14 ↑	10	7 ↓	14 ↑	8 ↓	15 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	55 ↑	47 ↓	25	52	53 ↑	49	47	55 ↑	46 ↓	56	50
Don't know	10	9	10	13	6	7 ↓	9	16 ↑	6 ↓	14 ↑	6	10
Mental health system												
	Total 2025 n = 3632	Male n = 1728	Female n = 1896	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1152	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1850	No n = 1782	Yes n = 347	No n = 3285
Strongly disagree	9	6 ↓	10 ↑	38	10	10	9	6 ↓	8	9	9	8
Disagree	29	23 ↓	34 ↑	13	25	29	31	26	31 ↑	27 ↓	26	29
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	29 ↓	44 ↑	50	35	39	40	31 ↓	39 ↑	35 ↓	35	37
No opinion	5	6 ↑	4 ↓		3	5	4	7 ↑	4 ↓	6 ↑	4	5
Agree	36	39 ↑	33 ↓	38	41	36	35	36	37	35	35	36
Strongly agree	11	14 ↑	8 ↓		17 ↑	12	10	7 ↓	13 ↑	8 ↓	18 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	47	53 ↑	41 ↓	38	58 ↑	48	45	43 ↓	50 ↑	43 ↓	53 ↑	46 ↓
Don't know	11	12	11	13	4 ↓	8 ↓	11	19 ↑	7 ↓	15 ↑	7	12
Youth justice system												
	Total 2025 n = 3635	Male n = 1728	Female n = 1899	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1155	60+ years n = 843	Yes n = 1853	No n = 1782	Yes n = 348	No n = 3287
Strongly disagree	10	9 ↓	11	63	12	11	11	9	11	10	11	10
Disagree	26	23 ↓	29 ↑	13	25	27	25	25	26	26	25	26
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	36	32 ↓	40 ↑	75	36	38	36	34	37	35	35	37
No opinion	7	8	6		6	6	7	8	6	7	6	7
Agree	32	35 ↑	30 ↓	13	38	33	30	31	33	31	35	32
Strongly agree	9	12 ↑	7 ↓		10	11	9	6 ↓	12 ↑	7 ↓	14 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	41	46 ↑	37 ↓	13	48	44 ↑	40	37 ↓	45 ↑	38 ↓	49 ↑	41 ↓
Don't know	15	14 ↓	17 ↑	13	10 ↓	12 ↓	17	21 ↑	12 ↓	19 ↑	9 ↓	16 ↑

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.4.1: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q14 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Public housing system												
	Total 2025 n = 3628	Male n = 1726	Female n = 1894	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1370	40-59 years n = 1150	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1850	No n = 1778	Yes n = 347	No n = 3281
Strongly disagree	10	9	11	25	13	11	10	9	11	10	10	10
Disagree	30	26 ↓	34 ↑	25	30	29	31	32	29	31	30	30
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	40	35 ↓	45 ↑	50	42	39	41	41	40	41	40	40
No opinion	7	8	7		5	7	7	9	7	8	6	8
Agree	26	30 ↑	23 ↓	13	30	29 ↑	25	23 ↓	29 ↑	24 ↓	32 ↑	26 ↓
Strongly agree	7	9 ↑	5 ↓		11 ↑	10 ↑	7	2 ↓	10 ↑	4 ↓	12 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	34	39 ↑	29 ↓	13	41 ↑	39 ↑	32	25 ↓	39 ↑	28 ↓	44 ↑	32 ↓
Don't know	19	17	20	38	12 ↓	15 ↓	20	25 ↑	14 ↓	23 ↑	10 ↓	20 ↑

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.4.2: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q14 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
Health system									
	Total 2025 n = 3632	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1022	Far North QLD n = 418	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 564	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 399	No n = 3230
Strongly disagree	5	5	4	6	4	5	4	5	5
Disagree	24	22	28	24	22	22	27	17 ↓	25 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	29	27	32	30	26	27	32	22 ↓	29 ↑
No opinion	5	5	4	5	4	6	4	3	5
Agree	46	45	45	43	49	48	46	47	46
Strongly agree	11	15 ↑	9	9	12	8	8	20 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	57	60	54	53	61	56	54	67 ↑	56 ↓
Don't know	10	9	10	12	9	11	10	7	10
Disability service system									
	Total 2025 n = 3631	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1022	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 562	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 398	No n = 3230
Strongly disagree	5	5	3	6	4	5	4	3	5
Disagree	21	19	25	20	17	22	23	15 ↓	21 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	25	24	28	26	21	27	27	18 ↓	26 ↑
No opinion	7	9	5	8	7	6	6	8	7
Agree	42	42	43	39	45	41	42	42	42
Strongly agree	11	12	10	11	11	11	10	20 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	53	53	53	50	55	51	52	62 ↑	52 ↓
Don't know	15	14	15	16	17	16	14	13	15
Child protection and family support system									
	Total 2025 n = 3629	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1022	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 420	South East n = 563	South West n = 511	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 398	No n = 3228
Strongly disagree	6	6	5	8	5	7	6	4	6
Disagree	22	20	29 ↑	25	18	22	24	13 ↓	23 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	28	26	35 ↑	33	23 ↓	29	30	17 ↓	30 ↑
No opinion	6	7	6	7	5	6	4	6	6
Agree	40	41	36	35	44	42	40	45	39
Strongly agree	11	14 ↑	9	9	12	8	8	20 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	51	55 ↑	45	45 ↓	56	50	48	65 ↑	49 ↓
Don't know	15	13	14	16	16	16	17	13	15
Education system									
	Total 2025 n = 3636	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 564	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 399	No n = 3234
Strongly disagree	7	7	6	8	5	7	8	6	7
Disagree	28	25 ↓	33	28	27	30	30	19 ↓	29 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	35	32 ↓	39	36	32	37	38	25 ↓	36 ↑
No opinion	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5
Agree	40	41	36	40	41	39	40	47 ↑	39 ↓
Strongly agree	11	15 ↑	10	8	12	8	8 ↓	17 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	55 ↑	46	48	53	47	48	64 ↑	49 ↓
Don't know	10	8	11	11	10	10	9	7	10

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing to answer.

Table 3.4.2: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025) (continued)

Q14 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
Mental health system									
	Total 2025 n = 3632	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 561	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 398	No n = 3231
Strongly disagree	9	9	6	10	7	9	8	6	9
Disagree	29	27	35 ↑	30	22 ↓	25	34 ↑	22 ↓	29 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	36	41	40	30 ↓	34	42 ↑	27 ↓	38 ↑
No opinion	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	5	5
Agree	36	36	33	34	40	40	33	42 ↑	35 ↓
Strongly agree	11	13	9	9	13	9	9	18 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	47	49	43	42	53 ↑	49	42 ↓	60 ↑	45 ↓
Don't know	11	10	11	12	12	13	12	7	12
Youth justice system									
	Total 2025 n = 3635	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1024	Far North QLD n = 419	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 563	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 399	No n = 3233
Strongly disagree	10	10	10	11	9	11	11	7	11
Disagree	26	23	33 ↑	28	22	25	28	17 ↓	27 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	36	34	43 ↑	40	31 ↓	36	39	24 ↓	38 ↑
No opinion	7	6	6	9	6	8	6	7	7
Agree	32	35	27	27	37 ↑	31	31	39 ↑	31 ↓
Strongly agree	9	11	11	8	9	7	7	17 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	41	46 ↑	38	35	46	39	38	56 ↑	40 ↓
Don't know	15	14	13	17	16	17	17	13	16
Public housing system									
	Total 2025 n = 3628	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1021	Far North QLD n = 418	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 563	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 692	Yes n = 398	No n = 3227
Strongly disagree	10	10	11	10	9	10	11	8	11
Disagree	30	28	35	29	27	29	34	23 ↓	31 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	40	38	45	39	36	39	45 ↑	31 ↓	41 ↑
No opinion	7	8	7	10	7	7	6	6	8
Agree	26	28	23	26	30	27	23	35 ↑	25 ↓
Strongly agree	7	10 ↑	5	5	7	6	6	13 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	34	38 ↑	28	31	37	33	29 ↓	48 ↑	32 ↓
Don't know	19	15 ↓	19	20	20	20	20	15	19

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing to answer.

3.5 Parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people

Q15 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

3.5.1 2025 results

Respondents were asked their level of agreement with statements relating to the parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people (see Figure 3.7.1 over page).

Agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) was highest for the statement *'the cost of living is having a negative impact on families'* (90%) with 57% strongly agreeing with this statement and 33% agreeing. The second highest level of agreement was for the statement *'being a parent is hard work'* (88%) with 48% strongly agreeing and 40% agreeing. Eight-two per cent agreed overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that '*parents struggle to discipline their children*' with 34% strongly agreeing and 48% agreeing and 73% agreed overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that *'I feel safe in my community.'*

Between 60% and 70% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the following statements in 2025:

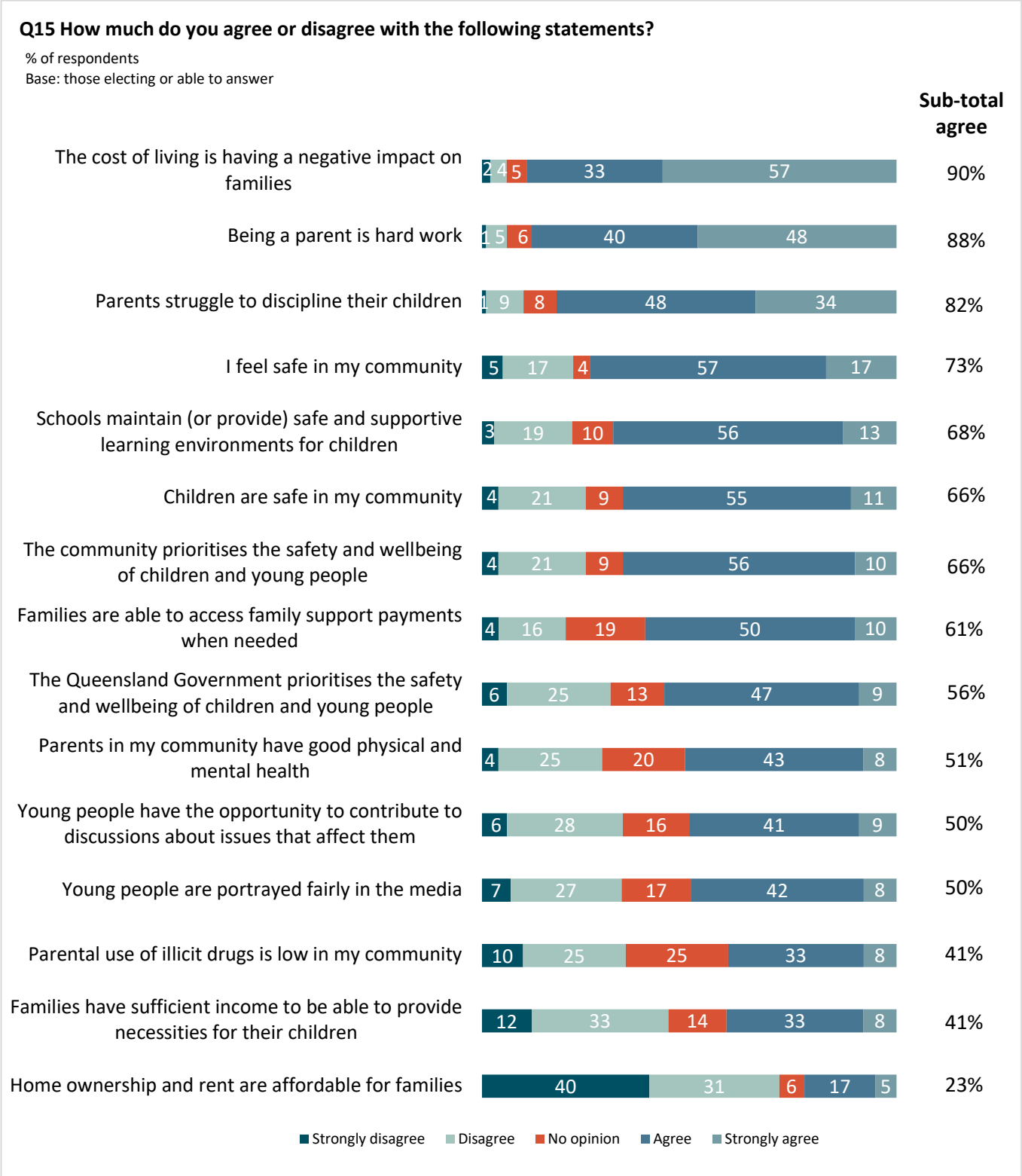
- *'Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children'* (68% agreed/strongly agreed, 22% disagreed/strongly disagreed)
- *'Children are safe in my community'* (66% agreed/strongly agreed, 25% disagreed/strongly disagreed)
- *'The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (66% agreed/strongly agreed, 25% disagreed/strongly disagreed)
- *'Families are able to access family support payments when needed'* (61% agreed/strongly agreed, 20% disagreed/strongly disagreed).

Perceptions were more divided with respect to the following statements with relatively equal proportions of agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) and disagreement (disagreed/strongly disagreed):

- *'Parental use of illicit drugs in my community is low'* (41% agreed/strongly agreed, 34% disagreed/strongly disagreed)
- *'Families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children'* (41% agreed/strongly agreed, 45% disagreed/strongly disagreed).

Disagreement was mostly common in relation to '*home ownership and rent are affordable for families'* (72% disagreement overall) with 40% strongly disagreeing and 31% disagreeing. Twenty-three per cent of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.

Figure 3.5.1: Parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people (2025)



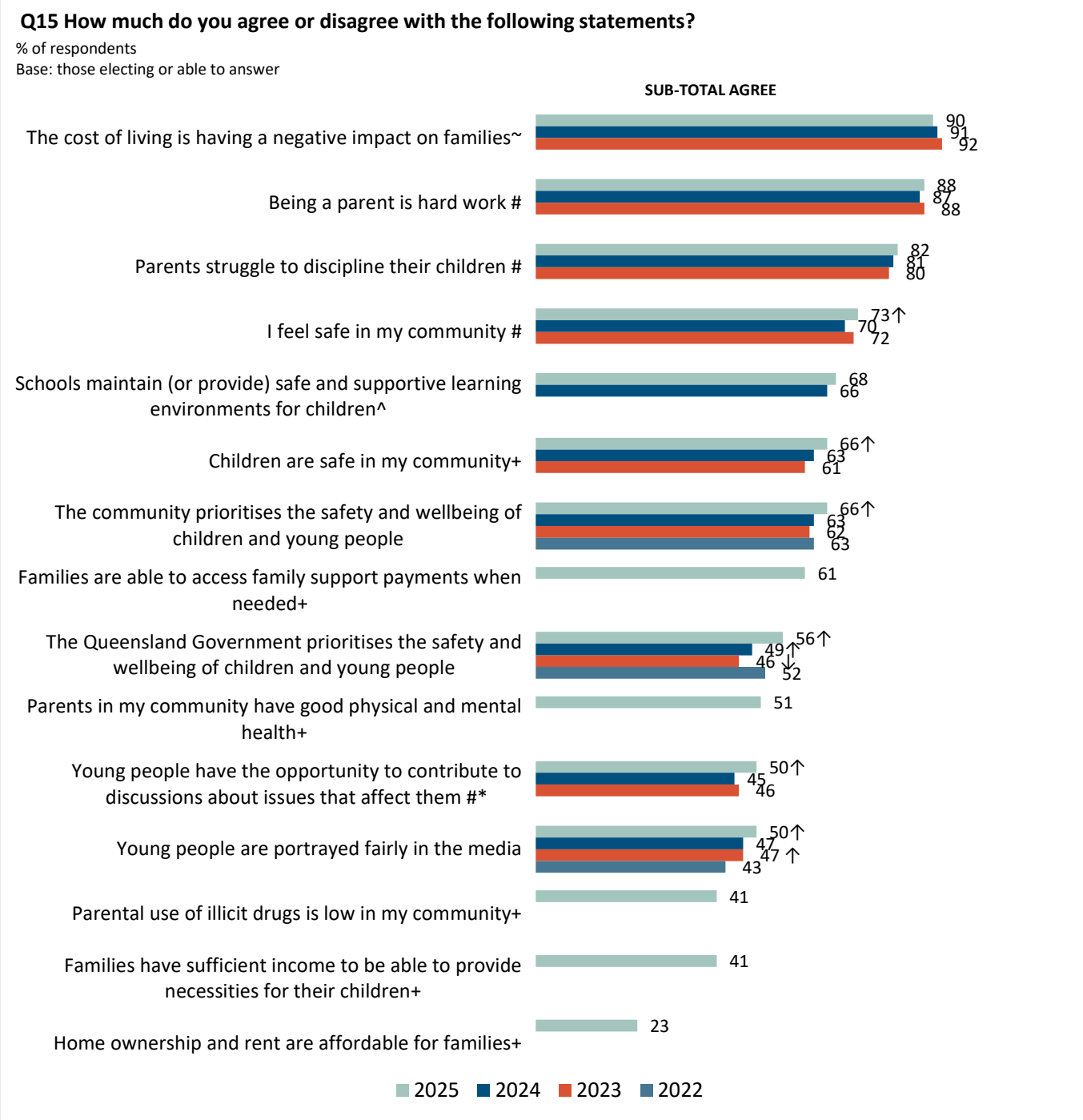
Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3626 (when 15 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'Parents in my community have good physical and mental health'). The reader is referred to Table 3.5.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.5.2 Comparison to previous survey data

In 2025, there was significantly higher agreement overall (agreed/strongly agreed) with the statements '*I feel safe in my community'* (70% in 2024, 73% in 2025), '*children are safe in my community'* (63% in 2024, 66% in 2025), *'the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (63% in 2024, 66% in 2025), that *'the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (49% in 2024, 56% in 2025), that *'young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them'* (45% in 2024, 50% in 2025), and that *'young people are portrayed fairly in the media'* (47% in 2024, 50% in 2025). Note these changes may be attributable to changes in the sampling of parents and carers in the 2025 survey.

Refer to Figure 3.5.2 for further detail including representation of new statements in 2025.

Figure 3.5.2: Parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people 2022-2025 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result. Important note: Any changes in the 2025 results may be due to the change in the profile of the sample, and not due to a change in actual sentiment. See comparison notes. In 2022, the smallest base was n=2500 (when 9 respondents declined to answer) 'Young people are portrayed fairly in the media'. In 2023, the smallest base was n=3141 (when 13 respondents declined to answer) 'I feel safe in my community'. In 2024, the smallest base was n=3620 (when 21 respondents declined to answer) 'Parents struggle to discipline their children'. In 2025, the smallest base n=3626 (when 15 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'Parents in my community have good physical and mental health' The reader is referred to Table 3.5.1 for a description of the base for each statement. # New statement in 2023. ^ New statement in 2024. + New statement in 2025. * A similar statement was included in 2022: 'Everyone in a community, including young people, **should** have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about social issues that affect them' (where 84% of respondents agreed), however this is not included in the above chart as the change in wording likely impacted the result. ~ In 2023, asked as 'the cost of living is having a negative impact on children, young people and their families' and included a 'Don't know' option. The 92 respondents answering 'Don't know' in 2023 have been excluded to match the way the question was presented in subsequent years.

3.5.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

These statements were analysed by key sub-groups (Tables 3.5.1 and 3.5.2).

Male respondents were more likely than female respondents to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) with many of the statements tested; with two exceptions where their overall agreement was significantly lower when compared to female respondents:

- *'The cost of living is having a negative impact on families'* (88%, 92% females)
- *'Being a parent is hard work'* (85%, 90%).

Respondents who are responsible for a child aged 0-17 years were more likely than those not responsible for a child to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) with the following statements:

- *'Being a parent is hard work'* (90%, 85% those not responsible for a child)
- *'Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children'* (72%, 64%)
- *'Parents in my community have good physical and mental health'* (54%, 47%)
- '*Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them'* (54%, 47%)
- '*Young people are portrayed fairly in the media'* (52%, 48%)
- *'Parent use of illicit drugs is low in my community'* (45%, 37%)
- *'Families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children'* (43%, 38%)
- *'Home ownership and rent are affordable for families'* (28%, 17%).

Respondents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander had higher agreement levels (agreed/strongly agreed) with the following statements when compared to those not identifying as such:

- '*Parental use of illicit drugs is low in my community' (48%, 41% those who do not identify as such)*
- *'Families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children' (47%, 40%)*
- *'Home ownership and rent are affordable for families' (39%, 21%).*

However, this segment was less likely than those not identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) '*the cost of living is having a negative impact on families'* (83%, 91%).

A variety of age differences were apparent:

- Respondents aged 18-24 years were significantly more likely, compared to other respondents, to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) that *'the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (75%, 66% average), '*parents in my community have good physical and mental health'* (60%, 51%), '*parental use of illicit drugs is low in my community'* (55%, 41%), '*families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children*' (51%, 41%), or '*home ownership and rent are affordable for families'* (31%, 23%). However, had significantly higher levels of overall disagreement (disagreed/strongly disagreed) compared to other respondents that '*young people are portrayed fairly in media'* (40% disagreement overall, 34% average).
- Those aged 25-39 years were significantly more likely, compared to other respondents, to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) that *'children are safe in my community'* (69%, 66% average), '*parental use of illicit drugs is low in my community*' (45%, 41%), or '*home ownership and rent are affordable for families'* (28%, 23%). However, had significantly higher levels of overall disagreement (disagreed/strongly disagreed) compared to other respondents that '*families are able to access family support payments*

when necessary' (25% disagreement overall, 20% average) *or 'parents in my community have good physical and mental health'* (33% disagreement overall, 29% average).

- Those aged 40-59 years were significantly more likely than others to disagree (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with a number of statements in contrast to other age groups including 75% disagreement overall with '*home ownership and rent are affordable for families'* (72% average disagreement) and 49% disagreement overall that '*families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children'* (45% average disagreement).
- Respondents aged 60+ years were more likely than other age groups to not express an opinion across these statements leading to a number of instances where both total agreement and total disagreement levels appear significantly lower or higher than the average.

Residents from the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region were significantly more likely, compared to those from other regions, to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that *'I feel safe in my community'* (81%, 73% average), *'schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children'* (72%, 68%), '*the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (72%, 66%), *'children are safe in my community'* (76%, 66%), *'families are able to access family support payments when needed'* (64%, 61%), '*the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people*' (63%, 56%), '*parents in my community have good physical and mental health*' (58%, 51%), '*young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them*' (55%, 50%), '*young people are portrayed fairly in the media'* (55%, 50%), '*families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children'* (46%, 41%), or that '*home ownership and rent are affordable for families'* (28%, 23%).

Those living in the South East region were significantly more likely to agree or strongly agree than other respondents that *'I feel safe in my community'* (80%, 73% average), '*children are safe in my community'* (73%, 66%), '*the community prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (71%, 66%), '*families are able to access family support payments when needed'* (66%, 61%), '*the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (62%, 56%), '*parents in my community have good physical and mental health'* (56%, 51%), or that *'families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children'* (47%, 41%).

Those living in the Sunshine Coast and Central region were significantly more likely than other respondents to disagree or strongly disagree that *'the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (28% disagreement overall, 25% average), '*parents in my community have good physical and mental health'* (36% disagreement overall, 29% average), '*parental use of illicit drugs is low in my community'* (43% disagreement overall, 34% average), or that *'families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children'* (50% disagreement overall, 45% average).

Respondents living in the Far North or North Queensland regions were statistically more likely to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with a number of statements related to parenting, safety and the inclusion of children and young people compared to residents of other regions.

Respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse were significantly more likely to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) with most of the statements related to parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people compared to respondents who do not identify in this manner.

Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 following.

Table 3.5.1: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q15 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
						% of respondents						
The cost of living is having a negative impact on families												
	Total 2025 n = 3630	Male n = 1727	Female n = 1895	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 264	25-39 years n = 1368	40-59 years n = 1154	60+ years n = 844	Yes n = 1849	No n = 1781	Yes n = 346	No n = 3284
Strongly disagree	2	2	1		0	2	2	1	2	1	3 ↑	1 ↓
Disagree	4	5 ↑	3 ↓		4	4	3	3	4	3	7 ↑	3 ↓
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	5	7 ↑	4 ↓		4	6	5	5	6 ↑	4 ↓	10 ↑	5 ↓
No opinion	5	5	4		7	3 ↓	4	7 ↑	3 ↓	7 ↑	7	4
Agree	33	36 ↑	30 ↓	13	31	30 ↓	33	38 ↑	31 ↓	35 ↑	38	33
Strongly agree	57	52 ↓	62 ↑	88	58	60 ↑	58	50 ↓	60 ↑	54 ↓	45 ↓	58 ↑
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	88 ↓	92 ↑	100	89	91	91	88	91	89	83 ↓	91 ↑
Being a parent is hard work												
	Total 2025 n = 3630	Male n = 1727	Female n = 1895	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1367	40-59 years n = 1156	60+ years n = 841	Yes n = 1850	No n = 1780	Yes n = 348	No n = 3282
Strongly disagree	1	2	1		1	1	2	1	2	1	3	1
Disagree	5	6 ↑	4 ↓		5	5	5	3	6 ↑	3 ↓	7	5
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	8 ↑	5 ↓		6	7	7	5	8 ↑	5 ↓	9 ↑	6 ↓
No opinion	6	8 ↑	5 ↓		9	6	6	6	2 ↓	10 ↑	6	6
Agree	40	40	39	63	42	40	39	40	41	39	49 ↑	39 ↓
Strongly agree	48	45 ↓	51 ↑	38	43	48	48	50	49	46	36 ↓	49 ↑
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	88	85 ↓	90 ↑	100	85	87	87	90	90 ↑	85 ↓	85	88
Parents struggle to discipline their children												
	Total 2025 n = 3631	Male n = 1725	Female n = 1898	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1153	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1852	No n = 1779	Yes n = 346	No n = 3285
Strongly disagree	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	3 ↑	1 ↓
Disagree	9	9	8	13	10	9	9	5 ↓	11 ↑	6 ↓	8	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	10	10	13	12	11	11	7 ↓	12 ↑	7 ↓	10	10
No opinion	8	8	8	38	13 ↑	8	5 ↓	9	6 ↓	10 ↑	7	8
Agree	48	48	48	38	50	51 ↑	49	42 ↓	51 ↑	45 ↓	55 ↑	47 ↓
Strongly agree	34	34	35	13	25 ↓	30 ↓	35	42 ↑	31 ↓	38 ↑	28 ↓	35 ↑
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	82	82	83	50	75 ↓	81	84	84	82	83	82	82

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.5.1: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q15 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
									% of respondents			
I feel safe in my community												
	Total 2025 n = 3628	Male n = 1724	Female n = 1896	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 265	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1153	60+ years n = 841	Yes n = 1851	No n = 1777	Yes n = 346	No n = 3282
Strongly disagree	5	4 ↓	6 ↑	13	3	4	6	5	5	5	5	5
Disagree	17	12 ↓	22 ↑	38	13	18	19	15	18	16	16	17
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	22	16 ↓	27 ↑	50	16 ↓	23	25 ↑	20	23	21	21	22
No opinion	4	5	4		6	4	4	5	3 ↓	6 ↑	5	4
Agree	57	58	56	50	59	56	57	57	57	57	60	57
Strongly agree	17	21 ↑	13 ↓		18	17	14 ↓	18	17	16	15	17
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	73	79 ↑	69 ↓	50	77	73	71	76	74	73	74	73
Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children												
	Total 2025 n = 3632	Male n = 1727	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1370	40-59 years n = 1153	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1852	No n = 1780	Yes n = 348	No n = 3284
Strongly disagree	3	3	4		3	3	4 ↑	2	4	3	3	3
Disagree	19	17	20	38	20	18	19	18	18	19	18	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	22	20 ↓	24	38	23	21	24	20	22	22	21	22
No opinion	10	10	10		8	9	9	14 ↑	7 ↓	14 ↑	10	10
Agree	56	56	56	63	58	55	55	56	56	55	54	56
Strongly agree	13	14 ↑	11 ↓		11	15 ↑	12	9 ↓	15 ↑	9 ↓	14	12
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	68	69	67	63	69	70	67	65	72 ↑	64 ↓	69	68
Children are safe in my community												
	Total 2025 n = 3634	Male n = 1729	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1156	60+ years n = 843	Yes n = 1851	No n = 1783	Yes n = 346	No n = 3288
Strongly disagree	4	2 ↓	5 ↑	13	3	3	5 ↑	2	4 ↑	3 ↓	5	3
Disagree	21	16 ↓	26 ↑	13	18	22	24 ↑	18 ↓	23 ↑	20 ↓	22	21
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	25	18 ↓	31 ↑	25	21	25	29 ↑	21 ↓	27 ↑	22 ↓	27	25
No opinion	9	9	10		8	6 ↓	9	14 ↑	6 ↓	13 ↑	7	9
Agree	55	59 ↑	51 ↓	75	57	56	51 ↓	56	54	56	51	55
Strongly agree	11	14 ↑	8 ↓		14	13	10	9 ↓	13 ↑	9 ↓	14	11
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	73 ↑	59 ↓	75	71	69 ↑	62 ↓	65	67	65	65	66

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Table 3.5.1: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q15 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
							% of respondents					
The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people												
	Total 2025 n = 3629	Male n = 1728	Female n = 1893	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1155	60+ years n = 838	Yes n = 1853	No n = 1776	Yes n = 348	No n = 3281
Strongly disagree	4	3 ↓	5 ↑		3	3	5 ↑	3	4	3	4	4
Disagree	21	15 ↓	26 ↑	38	14 ↓	22	23	19	22	20	20	21
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	25	19 ↓	30 ↑	38	17 ↓	25	28 ↑	22	26 ↑	23 ↓	25	25
No opinion	9	9	10	13	7	7 ↓	9	14 ↑	7 ↓	13 ↑	8	10
Agree	56	60 ↑	52 ↓	50	60	57	54	55	56	56	52	56
Strongly agree	10	12 ↑	8 ↓		15 ↑	11	9	9	11	9	15 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	72 ↑	60 ↓	50	75 ↑	68	63 ↓	64	67	65	67	66
Families are able to access family support payments when needed												
	Total 2025 n = 3629	Male n = 1726	Female n = 1895	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1155	60+ years n = 839	Yes n = 1850	No n = 1779	Yes n = 348	No n = 3281
Strongly disagree	4	2 ↓	5 ↑		2	5	5 ↑	1 ↓	6 ↑	2 ↓	6	4
Disagree	16	12 ↓	20 ↑	38	17	20 ↑	17	8 ↓	20 ↑	12 ↓	18	16
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	20	14 ↓	26 ↑	38	19	25 ↑	23 ↑	9 ↓	26 ↑	14 ↓	24	20
No opinion	19	20	18	38	19	15 ↓	20	25 ↑	13 ↓	25 ↑	14 ↓	20 ↑
Agree	50	54 ↑	47 ↓	25	50	49	46 ↓	58 ↑	50	51	50	50
Strongly agree	10	13 ↑	8 ↓		12	11	12	8 ↓	11	9	12	10
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	61	66 ↑	56 ↓	25	62	60	58 ↓	66 ↑	61	60	62	61
The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people												
	Total 2025 n = 3634	Male n = 1728	Female n = 1898	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1156	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1854	No n = 1780	Yes n = 348	No n = 3286
Strongly disagree	6	5	7	25	3	6	8 ↑	4 ↓	7	5	7	6
Disagree	25	20 ↓	31 ↑	38	27	26	27	21 ↓	27 ↑	24 ↓	25	25
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	25 ↓	37 ↑	63	30	33	35 ↑	25 ↓	34 ↑	29 ↓	32	31
No opinion	13	13	13		12	11 ↓	13	18 ↑	10 ↓	16 ↑	12	13
Agree	47	50 ↑	43 ↓	38	48	46	44 ↓	51 ↑	46	47	43	47
Strongly agree	9	12 ↑	7 ↓		10	10	9	6 ↓	11 ↑	7 ↓	13 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	56	62 ↑	49 ↓	38	58	56	53 ↓	57	56	55	55	56

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Table 3.5.1: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q15 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Parents in my community have good physical and mental health												
	Total 2025 n = 3626	Male n = 1725	Female n = 1893	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1368	40-59 years n = 1150	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1849	No n = 1777	Yes n = 346	No n = 3280
Strongly disagree	4	3 ↓	5 ↑		2	4	5	3	5 ↑	3 ↓	4	4
Disagree	25	22 ↓	28 ↑	38	20	29 ↑	27	17 ↓	28 ↑	23 ↓	27	25
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	29	25 ↓	33 ↑	38	23 ↓	33 ↑	32 ↑	20 ↓	33 ↑	26 ↓	32	29
No opinion	20	21	20	25	17	16 ↓	18	31 ↑	13 ↓	27 ↑	15 ↓	21 ↑
Agree	43	44	41	38	48	41	42	45	44	41	43	43
Strongly agree	8	10 ↑	6 ↓		12 ↑	10 ↑	7	4 ↓	10 ↑	6 ↓	10	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	51	55 ↑	47 ↓	38	60 ↑	51	49	49	54 ↑	47 ↓	53	50
Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them												
	Total 2025 n = 3635	Male n = 1730	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1155	60+ years n = 843	Yes n = 1853	No n = 1782	Yes n = 348	No n = 3287
Strongly disagree	6	5 ↓	7 ↑	13	9 ↑	7	5	4 ↓	6	6	7	6
Disagree	28	24 ↓	32 ↑	38	29	29	29	24 ↓	29	26	26	28
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	34	29 ↓	38 ↑	50	38	36	34	28 ↓	35	32	32	34
No opinion	16	15	17		10 ↓	12 ↓	15	25 ↑	11 ↓	21 ↑	13	16
Agree	41	45 ↑	38 ↓	25	38	41	42	42	43	40	41	41
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	7 ↓	25	13 ↑	11 ↑	9	5 ↓	11 ↑	7 ↓	14 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	57 ↑	45 ↓	50	52	52	51	47	54 ↑	47 ↓	54	50
Young people are portrayed fairly in the media												
	Total 2025 n = 3632	Male n = 1728	Female n = 1896	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1154	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1851	No n = 1781	Yes n = 349	No n = 3283
Strongly disagree	7	7	7	38	6	8	7	5 ↓	7	7	10 ↑	7 ↓
Disagree	27	23 ↓	30 ↑	25	34 ↑	27	26	24	28	26	26	27
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	34	30 ↓	37 ↑	63	40 ↑	35	33	29 ↓	34	33	36	33
No opinion	17	15 ↓	18 ↑	13	13	15 ↓	17	21 ↑	14 ↓	20 ↑	16	17
Agree	42	44 ↑	39 ↓	25	37	41	42	44	42	41	39	42
Strongly agree	8	11 ↑	6 ↓		10	9	8	7	10 ↑	7 ↓	10	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	55 ↑	45 ↓	25	47	50	49	50	52 ↑	48 ↓	49	50

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Table 3.5.1: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q15 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
Parental use of illicit drugs is low in my community												
	Total 2025 n = 3635	Male n = 1730	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1153	60+ years n = 844	Yes n = 1853	No n = 1782	Yes n = 347	No n = 3288
Strongly disagree	10	7 ↓	12 ↑	13	5 ↓	10	11	8	11 ↑	8 ↓	11	9
Disagree	25	22 ↓	27 ↑	38	21	25	27	23	25	24	26	25
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	34	29 ↓	39 ↑	50	27 ↓	35	38 ↑	31	36 ↑	32 ↓	37	34
No opinion	25	24	25	13	18 ↓	20 ↓	23	36 ↑	18 ↓	31 ↑	15 ↓	26 ↑
Agree	33	36 ↑	30 ↓	38	39	36 ↑	32	28 ↓	36 ↑	30 ↓	36	33
Strongly agree	8	11 ↑	6 ↓		16 ↑	9	7	5 ↓	9	7	11	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	41	47 ↑	36 ↓	38	55 ↑	45 ↑	39	33 ↓	45 ↑	37 ↓	48 ↑	41 ↓
Families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children												
	Total 2025 n = 3633	Male n = 1729	Female n = 1896	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1371	40-59 years n = 1154	60+ years n = 841	Yes n = 1853	No n = 1780	Yes n = 348	No n = 3285
Strongly disagree	12	8 ↓	15 ↑	13	6 ↓	13	14 ↑	8 ↓	14 ↑	9 ↓	15	11
Disagree	33	28 ↓	38 ↑	25	28	34	35	33	35	32	25 ↓	34 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	45	36 ↓	54 ↑	38	34 ↓	47	49 ↑	41 ↓	49 ↑	41 ↓	40	46
No opinion	14	15	13	25	15	11 ↓	12	22 ↑	8 ↓	20 ↑	13	14
Agree	33	38 ↑	28 ↓	25	40 ↑	33	31	34	33	33	37	33
Strongly agree	8	10 ↑	5 ↓	13	11 ↑	10 ↑	7	4 ↓	9 ↑	6 ↓	9	7
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	41	48 ↑	34 ↓	38	51 ↑	42	38	38	43 ↑	38 ↓	47 ↑	40 ↓
Home ownership and rent are affordable for families												
	Total 2025 n = 3635	Male n = 1730	Female n = 1897	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1370	40-59 years n = 1157	60+ years n = 841	Yes n = 1854	No n = 1781	Yes n = 348	No n = 3287
Strongly disagree	40	33 ↓	47 ↑	50	33 ↓	41	46 ↑	36 ↓	42 ↑	38 ↓	32 ↓	41 ↑
Disagree	31	32	31	38	29	27 ↓	29	41 ↑	27 ↓	36 ↑	20 ↓	32 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	72	65 ↓	78 ↑	88	62 ↓	68 ↓	75 ↑	77 ↑	69 ↓	74 ↑	52 ↓	74 ↑
No opinion	6	6	5		7	4 ↓	5	9 ↑	3 ↓	8 ↑	8	6
Agree	17	22 ↑	13 ↓	13	24 ↑	20 ↑	16	13 ↓	20 ↑	15 ↓	29 ↑	16 ↓
Strongly agree	5	7 ↑	4 ↓		7	8 ↑	4	2 ↓	8 ↑	3 ↓	10 ↑	5 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	23	29 ↑	17 ↓	13	31 ↑	28 ↑	20 ↓	14 ↓	28 ↑	17 ↓	39 ↑	21 ↓

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Table 3.5.2: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q15 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
The cost of living is having a negative impact on families									
	Total 2025 n = 3630	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1024	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 562	South West n = 511	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 691	Yes n = 399	No n = 3228
Strongly disagree	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
Disagree	4	5	4	3	3	3	4	5	4
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	5	7	6	4	5	3	5	5	5
No opinion	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	7 ↑	4 ↓
Agree	33	37 ↑	36	32	34	29	29 ↓	38	32
Strongly agree	57	52 ↓	54	60	56	62 ↑	61	49 ↓	58 ↑
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	89	90	92	90	91	90	87	90
Being a parent is hard work									
	Total 2025 n = 3630	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1021	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 564	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 690	Yes n = 397	No n = 3230
Strongly disagree	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
Disagree	5	6	5	3	5	4	6	5	5
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	7	6	4	6	5	7	6	6
No opinion	6	5	6	7	6	7	6	7	6
Agree	40	40	43	42	38	40	38	42	39
Strongly agree	48	48	44	47	50	49	49	45	48
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	88	87	87	89	88	89	86	88	87
Parents struggle to discipline their children									
	Total 2025 n = 3631	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1019	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 562	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 400	No n = 3228
Strongly disagree	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
Disagree	9	11 ↑	8	7	7	9	8	8	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	12 ↑	10	8	8	10	9	10	10
No opinion	8	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	8
Agree	48	50	49	47	48	46	46	50	48
Strongly agree	34	30 ↓	34	38	35	36	35	32	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	82	80	83	85	84	82	82	81	82
I feel safe in my community									
	Total 2025 n = 3628	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 419	North QLD n = 420	South East n = 562	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 691	Yes n = 397	No n = 3228
Strongly disagree	5	3 ↓	10 ↑	9 ↑	3 ↓	4	3	4	5
Disagree	17	11 ↓	31 ↑	25 ↑	13 ↓	16	19	12 ↓	18 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	22	14 ↓	41 ↑	33 ↑	16 ↓	20	22	16 ↓	23 ↑
No opinion	4	5	4	4	5	5	4	6	4
Agree	57	58	46 ↓	51 ↓	63 ↑	60	57	58	57
Strongly agree	17	23 ↑	9 ↓	12 ↓	16	14	17	21	16
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	73	81 ↑	55 ↓	63 ↓	80 ↑	75	74	79	73
Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children									
	Total 2025 n = 3632	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1025	Far North QLD n = 419	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 565	South West n = 509	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 692	Yes n = 400	No n = 3229
Strongly disagree	3	3	4	5	2	3	4	2	3
Disagree	19	16 ↓	23	17	17	21	22	13 ↓	19 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	22	19 ↓	26	21	19	24	25	15 ↓	23 ↑
No opinion	10	9	10	9	11	10	10	8	10
Agree	56	57	55	58	56	54	53	59	55
Strongly agree	13	15 ↑	9	11	14	12	11	18 ↑	12 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	68	72 ↑	64	69	70	66	64	77 ↑	67 ↓

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Table 3.5.2: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025) (continued)

Q15 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
Children are safe in my community									
	Total 2025 n = 3634	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 564	South West n = 511	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 400	No n = 3231
Strongly disagree	4	3	5	5	1 ↓	4	4	6	3
Disagree	21	14 ↓	37 ↑	28 ↑	18	20	23	14 ↓	22 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	25	17 ↓	42 ↑	33 ↑	18 ↓	23	27	20 ↓	26 ↑
No opinion	9	7 ↓	9	8	9	12 ↑	11	7	9
Agree	55	60 ↑	41 ↓	51	61 ↑	55	53	56	55
Strongly agree	11	16 ↑	7 ↓	7 ↓	12	10	9	18 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	76 ↑	48 ↓	59 ↓	73 ↑	65	62	73 ↑	65 ↓
The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people									
	Total 2025 n = 3629	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 420	South East n = 561	South West n = 511	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 399	No n = 3227
Strongly disagree	4	3	4	5	3	5	4	4	4
Disagree	21	16 ↓	28 ↑	26 ↑	17	20	24	13 ↓	22 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	25	19 ↓	31 ↑	31 ↑	20 ↓	25	28 ↑	17 ↓	26 ↑
No opinion	9	8	10	9	9	12	10	7	10
Agree	56	60 ↑	50	50	59	55	54	61	55
Strongly agree	10	12 ↑	9	10	12	8	8	15 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	72 ↑	59 ↓	60 ↓	71 ↑	64	62	76 ↑	65 ↓
Families are able to access family support payments when needed									
	Total 2025 n = 3629	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1021	Far North QLD n = 417	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 565	South West n = 511	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 397	No n = 3229
Strongly disagree	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	3	4
Disagree	16	14	21 ↑	17	11 ↓	17	19	13	17
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	20	17 ↓	26 ↑	22	15 ↓	21	24	16	21
No opinion	19	19	18	23	19	20	18	17	19
Agree	50	53	47	44 ↓	55	50	49	53	50
Strongly agree	10	11	10	11	11	9	9	14 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	61	64 ↑	56	55	66 ↑	59	58	68 ↑	60 ↓
The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people									
	Total 2025 n = 3634	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1022	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 564	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 399	No n = 3232
Strongly disagree	6	5	7	7	4	7	6	5	6
Disagree	25	21 ↓	33 ↑	32 ↑	20 ↓	27	27	16 ↓	27 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	26 ↓	40 ↑	39 ↑	24 ↓	35	33	21 ↓	33 ↑
No opinion	13	11	15	14	13	15	13	13	13
Agree	47	50 ↑	38 ↓	40 ↓	51	43	48	50	46
Strongly agree	9	13 ↑	7	7	12 ↑	7	6 ↓	17 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	56	63 ↑	45 ↓	47 ↓	62 ↑	50	54	66 ↑	54 ↓
Parents in my community have good physical and mental health									
	Total 2025 n = 3626	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1022	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 420	South East n = 563	South West n = 510	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 691	Yes n = 399	No n = 3224
Strongly disagree	4	3	5	4	2	6	4	4	4
Disagree	25	19 ↓	31 ↑	34 ↑	20 ↓	22	32 ↑	18 ↓	26 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	29	22 ↓	36 ↑	38 ↑	22 ↓	28	36 ↑	22 ↓	30 ↑
No opinion	20	19	18	20	21	23	20	15 ↓	21 ↑
Agree	43	48 ↑	41	36 ↓	46	43	37 ↓	51 ↑	42 ↓
Strongly agree	8	10 ↑	5	5	10	6	7	13 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	51	58 ↑	46	42 ↓	56 ↑	50	44 ↓	63 ↑	49 ↓

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Table 3.5.2: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025) (continued)

Q15 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
					% of respondents				
Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them									
	Total 2025 n = 3635	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 564	South West n = 512	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 399	No n = 3233
Strongly disagree	6	5	6	7	4	5	6	4	6
Disagree	28	26	30	33	26	28	29	20 ↓	29 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	34	31	37	40 ↑	30	33	35	23 ↓	35 ↑
No opinion	16	14	17	18	15	18	16	15	16
Agree	41	44	41	35 ↓	45	41	39	46	41
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	5 ↓	7	10	8	10	16 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	55 ↑	46	42 ↓	55	49	49	62 ↑	49 ↓
Young people are portrayed fairly in the media									
	Total 2025 n = 3632	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1024	Far North QLD n = 420	North QLD n = 420	South East n = 564	South West n = 512	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 692	Yes n = 399	No n = 3230
Strongly disagree	7	6	8	8	6	7	8	6	7
Disagree	27	24	28	29	25	27	29	21 ↓	27 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	34	31	35	37	31	34	36	27 ↓	34 ↑
No opinion	17	15	18	18	15	19	18	18	17
Agree	42	45	41	37	43	41	39	46	41
Strongly agree	8	10 ↑	6	8	11	6	6	10	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	55 ↑	47	45	54	47	45 ↓	56 ↑	49 ↓
Parental use of illicit drugs is low in my community									
	Total 2025 n = 3635	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1025	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 563	South West n = 511	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 400	No n = 3232
Strongly disagree	10	6 ↓	11	15 ↑	6 ↓	9	14 ↑	8	10
Disagree	25	18 ↓	34 ↑	28	21	26	28	18 ↓	26 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	34	24 ↓	46 ↑	43 ↑	27 ↓	35	43 ↑	26 ↓	35 ↑
No opinion	25	25	22	25	27	26	22	22	25
Agree	33	40 ↑	28	25 ↓	35	32	30	39 ↑	32 ↓
Strongly agree	8	11 ↑	5 ↓	7	10	6	6	13 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	41	51 ↑	33 ↓	32 ↓	45	39	36 ↓	52 ↑	40 ↓
Families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children									
	Total 2025 n = 3633	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1024	Far North QLD n = 418	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 563	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 397	No n = 3233
Strongly disagree	12	9 ↓	13	16 ↑	8 ↓	15	13	8 ↓	12 ↑
Disagree	33	31	37	38	30	32	37	23 ↓	35 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	45	40 ↓	50	54 ↑	38 ↓	47	50 ↑	31 ↓	47 ↑
No opinion	14	14	13	13	15	17	13	13	14
Agree	33	37 ↑	30	28	37	31	31	45 ↑	32 ↓
Strongly agree	8	9 ↑	7	5	9	6	6	12 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	41	46 ↑	37	33 ↓	47 ↑	36	38	56 ↑	39 ↓
Home ownership and rent are affordable for families									
	Total 2025 n = 3635	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1021	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 565	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 399	No n = 3233
Strongly disagree	40	36 ↓	38	45	38	42	46 ↑	28 ↓	42 ↑
Disagree	31	31	35	33	31	30	29	27	32
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	72	67 ↓	74	78 ↑	69	72	75	54 ↓	74 ↑
No opinion	6	5	5	5	6	8	6	8	6
Agree	17	20 ↑	16	13	19	16	15	29 ↑	16 ↓
Strongly agree	5	8 ↑	5	4	5	4	4	9 ↑	5 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	23	28 ↑	21	17 ↓	25	20	19	38 ↑	21 ↓

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing to answer.

3.6 Difficulty maintaining housing

Q16. In the last 6 months, have you had difficulty maintaining housing?

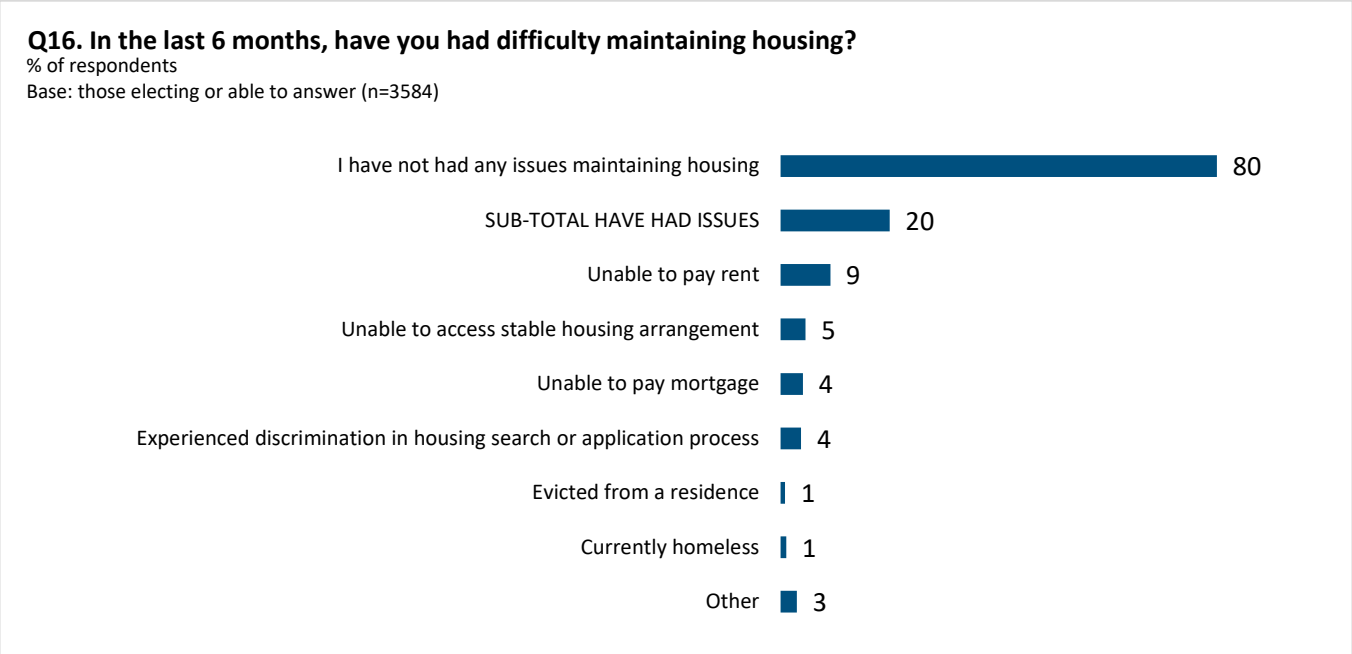
3.6.1 2025 result

Respondents were asked whether they had had difficulty maintaining housing in the past 6 months.

Twenty per cent of respondents indicated they had issues including 9% who were unable to pay rent, 5% unable to access stable housing, 4% unable to pay their mortgage, and 4% experiencing discrimination in their housing search or application process.

One per cent of respondents reported having been evicted from a residence in the past 6 months and 1% self-reported being currently homeless [note: caution should be applied when interpreting this result given that sample was mainly collected via online panel sampling with face to face interviewing included for the primary purpose of boosting responses from those identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander].

Figure 3.6.1: Difficulty maintaining housing in the last 6 months (2025)

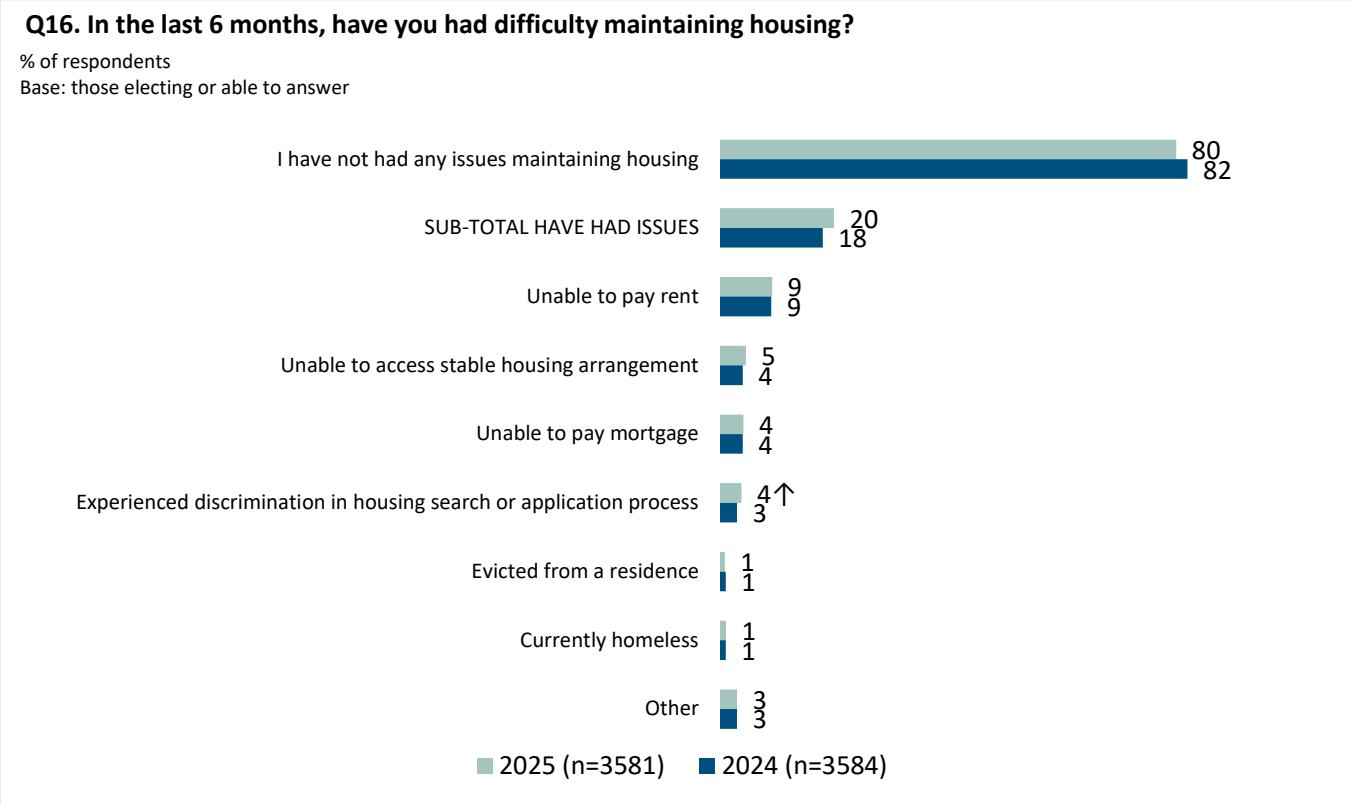


57 respondents elected not to answer this question.

3.6.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Compared to 2024, respondents' actual experience with housing difficulties was relatively stable with approximately four in five not having any difficulties in 2025. The reported incidence of experiencing discrimination during a housing search or application process increased from 3% in 2024 to 4% in 2025.

Figure 3.6.2: Parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people 2024-2025 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result. Important note: Any changes in the 2025 results may be due to the change in the profile of the sample, and not due to a change in actual sentiment. See comparison notes. In 2024, 57 respondents elected not to answer this question. In 2025, 60 respondents elected not to answer this question.

3.6.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

The results were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.6.1 and 3.6.2).

Sub-groups significantly more likely to report having had issues in maintaining housing in the past six months (20% average) included:

- Females (24%)
- Respondents under 40 years old (28% 18-24 years old, 27% 25-39 years old)
- Those responsible for children aged 0-17 years (25%)
- Respondents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (35%).

Females were significantly more likely than males to have been unable to pay rent (10%, 8% males), unable to access stable housing arrangements (5%, 4% males), or to have been unable to pay their mortgage (5%, 3% males).

Those aged under 40 years old were significantly more likely to have been unable to pay rent (14% 18-24 years old, 13% 25-39 years old), or unable to access stable housing arrangements (8% and 6% respectively). Five per cent of those aged 25-39 years old reported being unable to pay their mortgage and 6% of those aged 25-39 years old reported discrimination. Respondents aged 60+ years old were the most likely age group to report not having any issues maintaining housing (92%).

In addition to the key issues of being unable to pay rent and mortgages, respondents responsible for children aged 0-17 years were significantly more likely than those not responsible for children to have experienced discrimination in the housing search or application process (5%, 2% not responsible for child 0-17) or to have been unable to access stable housing (6%, 3%).

In addition to the more common housing challenges, those identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were also significantly more likely than other respondents to have been evicted (3%, 1% not identifying as such) or were currently homeless (3%, 1%).

Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.6.1 and 3.6.2 following.

Table 3.6.1: Difficulty maintaining housing in the last 6 months by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q16 Column %	Total 2025 n = 3581	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1703	Female n = 1870	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 260	25-39 years n = 1343	40-59 years n = 1142	60+ years n = 836	Yes n = 1829	No n = 1752	Yes n = 343	No n = 3238
						% of respondents						
I have not had any issues maintaining housing	80	83 ↑	76 ↓	75	72 ↓	73 ↓	80	92 ↑	75 ↓	85 ↑	66 ↓	81 ↑
SUB-TOTAL HAVE HAD ISSUES	20	17 ↓	24 ↑	25	28 ↑	27 ↑	20	8 ↓	25 ↑	15 ↓	35 ↑	19 ↓
Unable to pay rent	9	8 ↓	10 ↑		14 ↑	13 ↑	8	2 ↓	11 ↑	7 ↓	16 ↑	8 ↓
Unable to access stable housing arrangement	5	4 ↓	5 ↑	13	8 ↑	6 ↑	4	1 ↓	6 ↑	3 ↓	9 ↑	4 ↓
Unable to pay mortgage	4	3 ↓	5 ↑	13	2	5 ↑	5 ↑	1 ↓	6 ↑	2 ↓	6	4
Experienced discrimination in housing search or application process	4	3	4		5	6 ↑	3	1 ↓	5 ↑	2 ↓	6 ↑	4 ↓
Evicted from a residence	1	1	1		2	1	1	0 ↓	1	1	3 ↑	1 ↓
Currently homeless	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	3 ↑	1 ↓
Other	3	2 ↓	4 ↑		4	3	3	2	4	3	5	3

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing/able to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.6.2: Difficulty maintaining housing in the last 6 months by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q16 Column %	Total 2025 n = 3581	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1003	Far North QLD n = 416	North QLD n = 414	South East n = 556	South West n = 508	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 684	Yes n = 395	No n = 3183
				% of respondents					
I have not had any issues maintaining housing	80	80	76	79	82	81	78	76	80
SUB-TOTAL HAVE HAD ISSUES	20	20	24	21	18	19	22	24	20
Unable to pay rent	9	10	9	9	9	8	9	11	9
Unable to access stable housing arrangement	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	7	4
Unable to pay mortgage	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	3	4
Experienced discrimination in housing search or application process	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	7 ↑	3 ↓
Evicted from a residence	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1
Currently homeless	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other	3	2	3	4	2	4	4	4	3

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing/able to answer.

3.7 Family life

Q19. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

3.7.1 2025 result

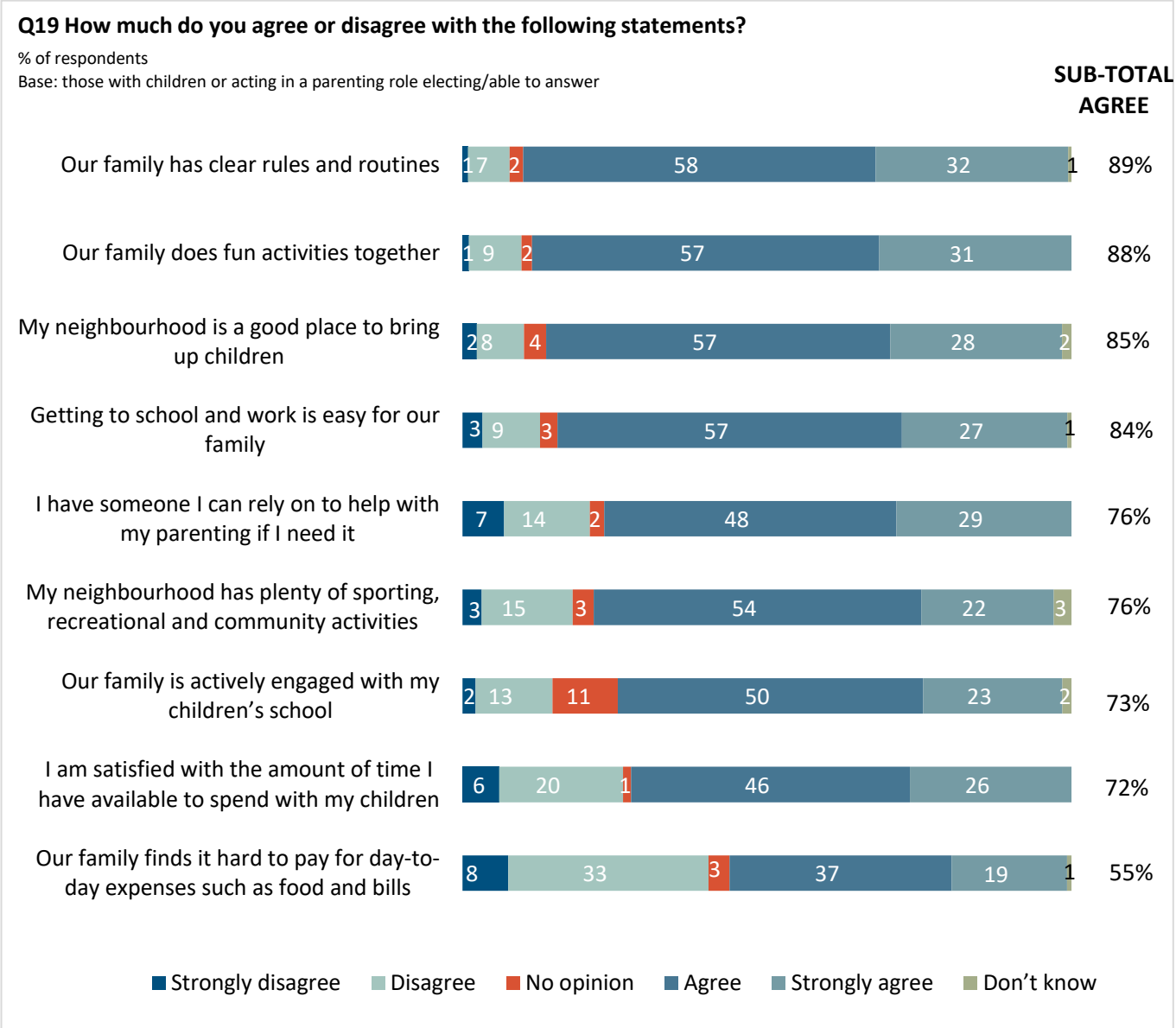
As referenced overleaf in Figure 3.7.1, among those with children or acting in a parenting role agreement was highest with the following statements related to family life:

- *'Our family has clear rules and routines'* (89%, with 32% strongly agreeing and 58% agreeing)
- *'Our family does fun activities together'* (88%, with 31% strongly agreeing and 57% agreeing)
- *'My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children'* (85%, with 28% strongly agreeing and 57% agreeing)
- *'Getting to school and work is easy for our family'* (84%, with 27% strongly agreeing and 57% agreeing).

Respondents were also likely to agree overall that '*I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it'* (76%), *'my neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities'* (76%), *'our family is actively engaged with my children's schooling'* (73%), and '*I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children'* (72%).

Fifty-five per cent of respondents agreed overall that *'our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills'* with 19% strongly agreeing and 37% agreeing. Forty-one per cent of respondents disagreed overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with this statement.

Figure 3.7.1: Family life (2025)

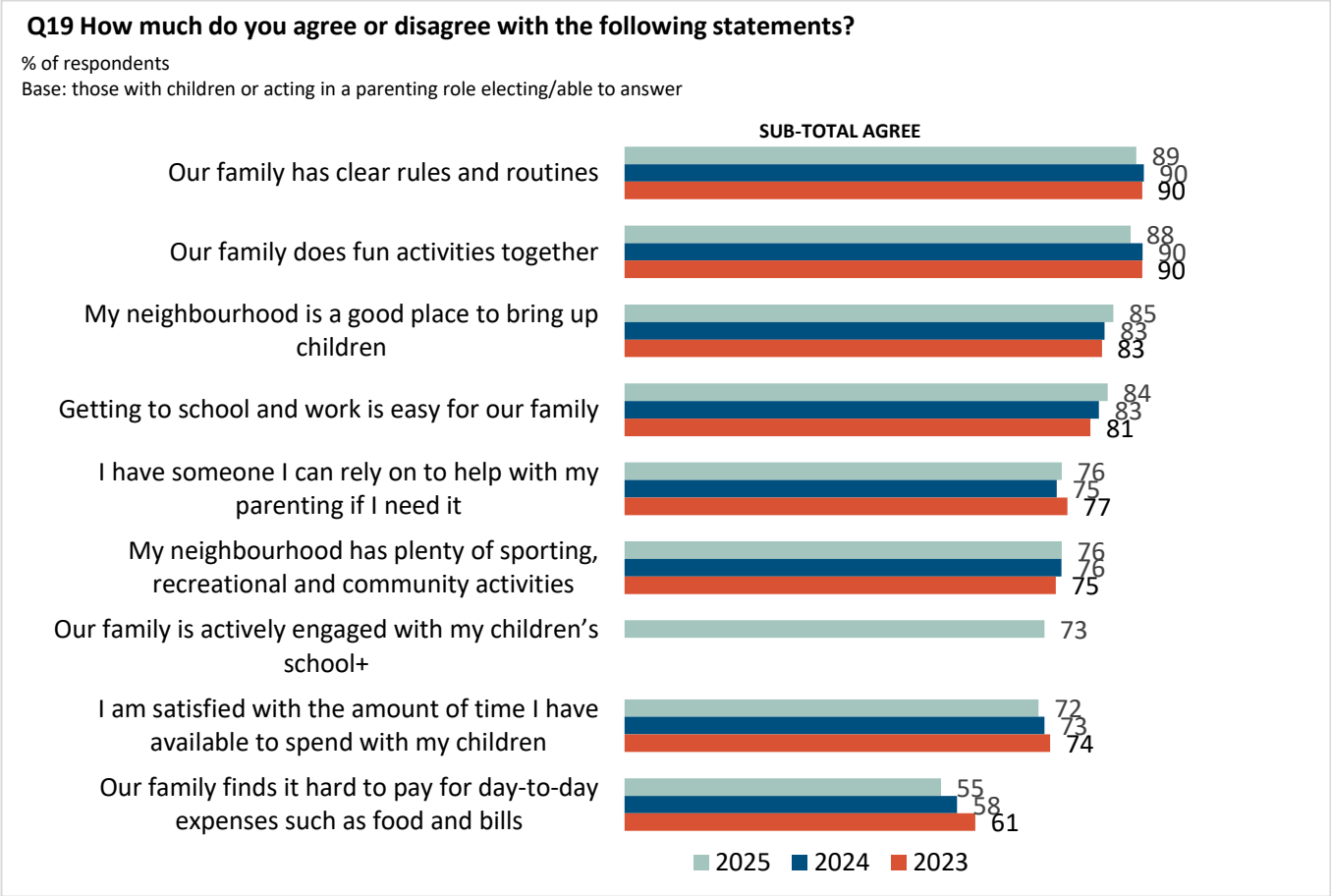


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=1852 (when 5 respondents declined to answer for the items 'My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children', 'My neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities', or 'Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills'). The reader is referred to Table 3.7.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.7.2 Comparison to previous survey data

The family based behaviours and supports being reported by respondents acting in a parenting role or with children were stable between 2024 and 2025 with no statistically significant shifts. However, a longer-term decline was noted in overall agreement with '*our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills'* from 61% overall agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) in 2023 to 55% in 2025.

Figure 3.7.2: Family life 2023-2025 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result. + New statement in 2025. Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. In 2023, the smallest base was n=1377 (when 2 respondents declined to answer for the items 'I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children', 'Our family has clear rules and routines' or 'My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children'). In 2024, the smallest base was n=1518 (when 5 respondents declined to answer for the items 'Our family does fun activities together' or 'Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills'). In 2025, the smallest base was n=1852 (when 5 respondents declined to answer for the items 'My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children', 'My neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities', or 'Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills'). The reader is referred to Table 3.7.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.7.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

These statements were analysed by key sub-groups (Tables 3.7.1 and 3.7.2).

Female parents/carers were significantly more likely than male respondents to disagree (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that *'our family does fun activities together* (11% disagreement overall, 7% males), *'my neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children'* (12% disagreement overall, 7%), *'I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it'* (24% disagreement overall, 15%), and *'my neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities'* (21% disagreement overall, 13%).

Parents/carers who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were significantly more likely than others to disagree with the statement *'our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food'* (29% disagreement overall, 42% those not identifying as such).

Those living in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region were significantly more likely than those living in other regions to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that '*my neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities'* (84%, 76% average) or *'our family is actively engaged with my children's school'* (79%, 73% average). Respondents living on the Sunshine Coast and Central region were significantly more likely to agree than other respondents that *'our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills'* (66%, 55% average). While respondents living in the South West region were significantly less likely to agree than others that *'my neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities'* (67%, 76% average).

There were no statistically significant differences among those who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse. Other sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.7.1 and 3.7.2 following.

Table 3.7.1: Family life by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q19 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
					% of respondents							
Our family has clear rules and routines												
	Total 2025 n = 1853	Male n = 675	Female n = 1176	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 85	25-39 years n = 917	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1853	No n = 0^	Yes n = 243	No n = 1610
Strongly disagree	1	1	1		2	1	1		1		2	1
Disagree	7	6	7		8	6	8	4	7		6	7
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	8	7	8		11	7	9	4	8		7	8
No opinion	2	3	2		4	3	1	6	2		2	2
Agree	58	56	59		54	57	60	50	58		57	58
Strongly agree	32	33	31	100	32	33	29	40	32		33	31
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	89	89	90	100	86	90	89	90	89		91	89
Don't know	1	1	<1			1	1		1			1
Our family does fun activities together												
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Male n = 674	Female n = 1178	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 917	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1854	No n = 0^	Yes n = 241	No n = 1613
Strongly disagree	1	1	1		1	1	1		1		1	1
Disagree	9	6 ↓	10 ↑		13	8	10	2	9		7	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	7 ↓	11 ↑		14	8	11	2	10		9	10
No opinion	2	3	1		5	2	1 ↓	10 ↑	2		1	2
Agree	57	57	56	50	52	56	58	59	57		56	57
Strongly agree	31	33	31	50	29	34	29	29	31		33	31
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	88	90	87	100	81	89	88	88	88		90	88
Don't know	<1	<1	<1			1	<1		<1		<1	<1
My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children												
	Total 2025 n = 1852	Male n = 673	Female n = 1177	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 915	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1852	No n = 0^	Yes n = 241	No n = 1611
Strongly disagree	2	1	3			2	3	2	2		3	2
Disagree	8	5	9	50	10	9	6	6	8		7	8
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	7 ↓	12 ↑	50	10	11	9	9	10		10	10
No opinion	4	4	3		3	3	4	7	4		4	4
Agree	57	56	57	50	49	56	59	52	57		60	56
Strongly agree	28	32	26		36	28	27	30	28		24	29
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	85	88	83	50	85	84	86	83	85		84	85
Don't know	2	1	2		1	2	1	1	2		1	2

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Table 3.7.1: Family life by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q19 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
							% of respondents					
Getting to school and work is easy for our family												
	Total 2025 n = 1853	Male n = 675	Female n = 1176	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 916	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1853	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1611
Strongly disagree	3	3	4		1	3	4	1	3		5	3
Disagree	9	8	10		9	9	10	7	9		8	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	13	10	14		10	13	13	9	13		13	13
No opinion	3	4	2		3	3	2	10 ↑	3		2	3
Agree	57	56	57	50	57	57	56	56	57		55	57
Strongly agree	27	29	26	50	28	27	28	24	27		29	27
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	84	85	83	100	85	84	84	80	84		85	84
Don't know	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		<1	1
I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it												
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Male n = 674	Female n = 1178	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 917	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1854	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1612
Strongly disagree	7	5	8		2	8	7	2	7		7	7
Disagree	14	11 ↓	16 ↑		7	15	15	6	14		10	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	21	15 ↓	24 ↑		9	22	21	9	21		17	21
No opinion	2	3	2		5	2	2	9 ↑	2		2	2
Agree	48	48	47	100	42	46	50	59	48		52	47
Strongly agree	29	32	26		44 ↑	29	27	24	29		27	29
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	76	81 ↑	74 ↓	100	86	75	76	83	76		80	76
Don't know	<1	1	<1			1	1		<1		<1	<1
My neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities												
	Total 2025 n = 1852	Male n = 674	Female n = 1176	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 916	40-59 years n = 768	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1852	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1610
Strongly disagree	3	2	4		2	3	3	1	3		6	3
Disagree	15	11 ↓	17 ↑		22	15	14	10	15		14	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	18	13 ↓	21 ↑		24	19	17	11	18		19	18
No opinion	3	3	3		3	3	3	9	3		3	4
Agree	54	55	53	50	41	55	53	59	54		51	54
Strongly agree	22	27 ↑	19 ↓		24	20	24	20	22		24	21
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	76	81 ↑	72 ↓	50	65	75	77	78	76		75	76
Don't know	3	3	3	50	7	3	2	2	3		3	3

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Table 3.7.1: Family life by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q19 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
							% of respondents					
Our family is actively engaged with my children's school												
	Total 2025 n = 1856	Male n = 676	Female n = 1178	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 918	40-59 years n = 770	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1856	No n = 0^	Yes n = 243	No n = 1613
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		1	2	3	1	2		2	2
Disagree	13	14	12		12	12	13	11	13		13	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	16	14		13	14	16	12	15		15	15
No opinion	11	9	12		19	13	7 ↓	20	11		8	11
Agree	50	49	51		43	48	53	54	50		50	50
Strongly agree	23	24	22	100	22	23	24	13	23		26	22
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	73	73	73	100	65	71	76	67	73		75	73
Don't know	2	1	2		3	2	1	1	2		2	1
I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children												
	Total 2025 n = 1856	Male n = 676	Female n = 1178	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 918	40-59 years n = 770	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1856	No n = 0^	Yes n = 243	No n = 1613
Strongly disagree	6	5	6		6	7	5		6		7	6
Disagree	20	17	22	100	10	22	21	10	20		14	21
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	26	22 ↓	29	100	16	29	26	10 ↓	26		21	27
No opinion	1	2	1		2	1	0	7 ↑	1		2	1
Agree	46	48	44		44	42 ↓	49	57	46		47	46
Strongly agree	26	28	26		35	28	24	26	26		30	26
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	72	76	70		79	69	73	83	72		77	71
Don't know	<1	<1	<1		2 ↑	<1			<1			<1
Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills												
	Total 2025 n = 1852	Male n = 673	Female n = 1177	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 916	40-59 years n = 768	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1852	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1610
Strongly disagree	8	9	7		9	7	8	12	8		5	8
Disagree	33	32	34		22	31	35	41	33		24	34
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	41	41	40		31	38	43	54	41		29 ↓	42 ↑
No opinion	3	3	3		3	4	3	5	3		6	3
Agree	37	35	37	50	41	37	36	29	37		39	36
Strongly agree	19	19	18	50	23	20	18	12	19		24	18
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	55	55	56	100	64	57	54	41	55		63	54
Don't know	1	1	1		1	1	1		1		1	1

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Table 3.7.2: Family life by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q19 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
					% of respondents				
Our family has clear rules and routines									
	Total 2025 n = 1853	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 271	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 230	No n = 1621
Strongly disagree	1	1	<1	1	1	<1	1	<1	1
Disagree	7	6	8	4	6	6	10	8	7
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	8	8	9	5	7	7	10	9	8
No opinion	2	4	1	1	3	1	2	4	2
Agree	58	55	60	63	54	63	57	55	58
Strongly agree	32	33	30	31	36	28	30	32	32
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	89	88	90	94	89	91	87	87	90
Don't know	1	1		<1	1	1	1	<1	1
Our family does fun activities together									
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 270	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 230	No n = 1622
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	2	1	1		<1	1
Disagree	9	8	9	4	6	9	13 ↑	6	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	10	10	6	7	11	13	6	10
No opinion	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	2
Agree	57	52	60	62	53	63	58	59	56
Strongly agree	31	36	29	31	38	25	28	33	31
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	88	87	89	93	90	87	85	92	88
Don't know	<1	1			1	<1	<1	<1	<1
My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children									
	Total 2025 n = 1852	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 269	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1621
Strongly disagree	2	2	3	3	1	4	2	3	2
Disagree	8	6	9	8	8	7	10	8	8
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	8	12	10	9	10	13	11	10
No opinion	4	4	4	5	3	1	5	2	4
Agree	57	54	60	54	56	63	55	56	57
Strongly agree	28	33	24	28	31	23	26	31	28
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	85	87	83	82	87	86	81	86	85
Don't know	2	1		3	2	2	2	1	2
Getting to school and work is easy for our family									
	Total 2025 n = 1853	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 516	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 270	South West n = 269	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1622
Strongly disagree	3	2	3	5	3	2	5	3	3
Disagree	9	9	8	6	11	9	12	8	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	13	11	12	11	14	12	17	11	13
No opinion	3	3	2	3	1	3	4	2	3
Agree	57	55	63	59	53	60	52	59	56
Strongly agree	27	29	23	27	30	24	27	27	27
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	84	84	86	86	83	84	79	86	83
Don't know	1	1			1	1	<1	1	1
I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it									
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 270	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 230	No n = 1622
Strongly disagree	7	7	6	12 ↑	5	6	6	7	7
Disagree	14	12	15	13	13	16	17	15	14
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	21	18	21	25	18	22	23	22	21
No opinion	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	3	2
Agree	48	48	46	44	49	50	48	46	48
Strongly agree	29	30	29	29	30	25	28	28	29
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	76	78	75	73	79	75	76	74	77
Don't know	<1	1	<1		1	1		1	<1

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer.

Table 3.7.2: Family life by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025) (continued)

Q19 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
					% of respondents				
My neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities									
	Total 2025 n = 1852	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 231	South East n = 269	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1621
Strongly disagree	3	2	2	5	1	5	4	2	3
Disagree	15	9 ↓	19	14	10	23 ↑	19	14	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	18	11 ↓	21	19	12	27 ↑	23	17	18
No opinion	3	4	5	5	3	2	3	4	3
Agree	54	56	54	55	54	51	51	55	54
Strongly agree	22	28 ↑	17	19	29	16	17	22	22
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	76	84 ↑	71	73	83	67 ↓	69	77	75
Don't know	3	1	4	2	3	3	5	2	3
Our family is actively engaged with my children's school									
	Total 2025 n = 1856	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 516	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 271	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 230	No n = 1624
Strongly disagree	2	3	1	2	1	2	3	2	2
Disagree	13	10	15	13	11	16	13	10	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	13	16	15	13	17	16	13	15
No opinion	11	7	11	12	12	13	12	7	11
Agree	50	53	52	48	49	47	49	57	49
Strongly agree	23	25	20	25	24	21	20	22	23
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	73	79 ↑	72	73	73	68	70	79	72
Don't know	2	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	2
I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children									
	Total 2025 n = 1856	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 516	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 271	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 230	No n = 1624
Strongly disagree	6	5	8	6	4	6	7	3	6
Disagree	20	19	22	22	18	22	21	14	21
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	26	23	30	28	23	28	29	18	28
No opinion	1	2	1		2	1	1	2	1
Agree	46	48	45	44	45	48	43	50	45
Strongly agree	26	27	23	28	30	21	28	30	26
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	72	75	69	71	75	70	70	80	71
Don't know	<1	<1		<1	<1	1		<1	<1
Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills									
	Total 2025 n = 1852	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 231	South East n = 270	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 228	No n = 1622
Strongly disagree	8	9	6	6	11	3	7	8	7
Disagree	33	34	32	37	33	38	25 ↓	35	33
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	41	43	39	44	45	41	32 ↓	43	40
No opinion	3	4	5	3	5	3	2	2	4
Agree	37	33	39	33	33	36	45 ↑	36	37
Strongly agree	19	19	17	19	16	19	21	18	19
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	55	52	56	53	49	55	66 ↑	54	55
Don't know	1	1	1		1	1	<1	1	1

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer.

3.8 Supporting the child's needs

Q20 (a-h). How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

3.8.1 2025 result

In the 2025 survey, among those with children or acting in a parenting role agreement was highest with the following statements related to supporting a child's needs:

- *'I can support my child or young person when they have worries or concerns'* (95%, with 40% strongly agreeing and 55% agreeing)
- *'I can support my child to do well at school'* (94%, with 41% strongly agreeing and 53% agreeing)
- *'I can support my child to attend sporting, recreational and community activities'* (90%, with 38% strongly agreeing and 52% agreeing)
- *'My children will have a good future'* (84%, with 36% strongly agreeing and 48% agreeing and 9% don't know).

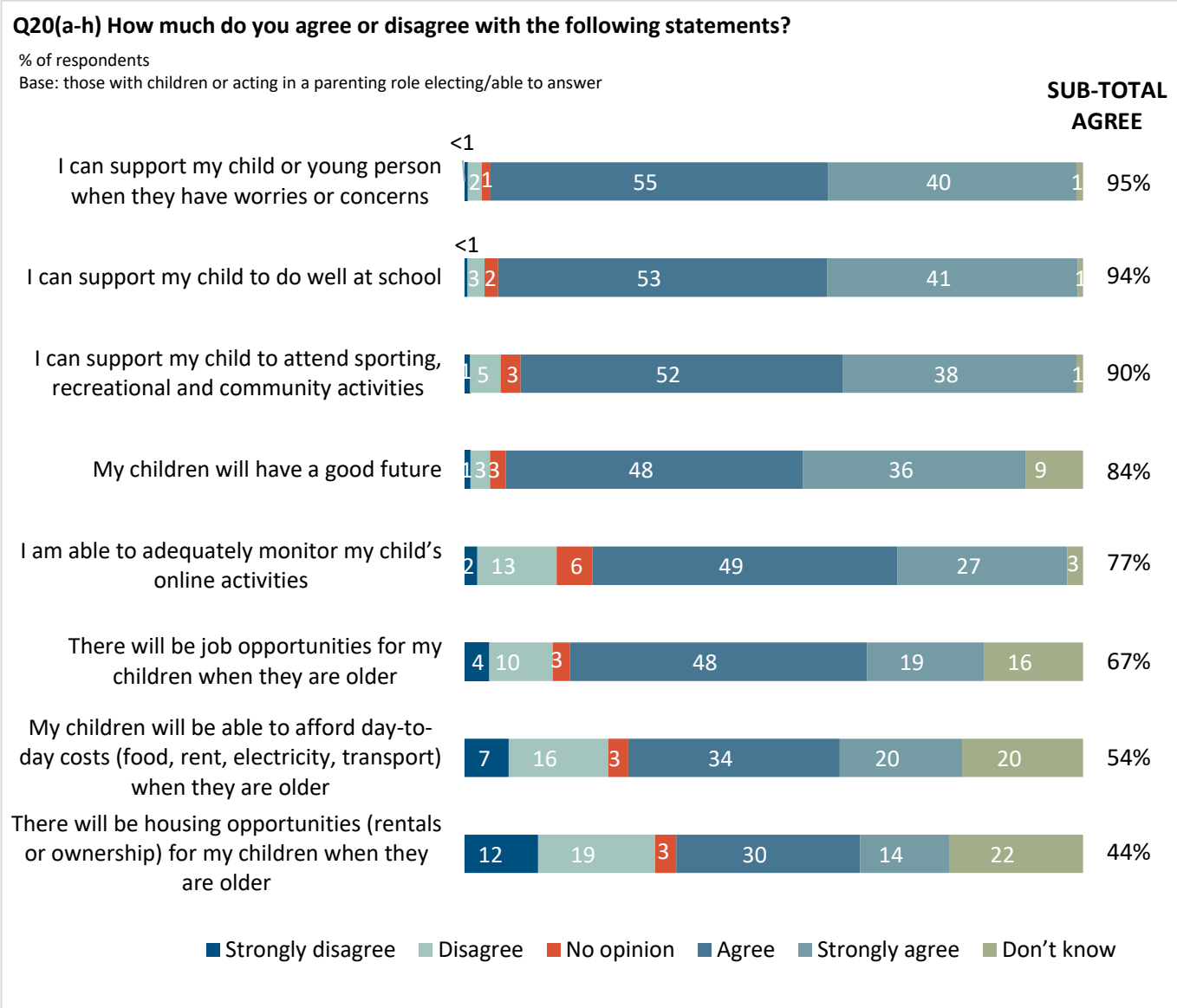
77% of respondents agreed overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that '*I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities'*, with 15% of respondents disagreeing.

Respondents were divided and less sure regarding future outcomes for their children, although on balance there was more agreement overall than disagreement:

- *'There will be job opportunities for my children when they are older'* (67% agreement overall, 14% disagreement, 16% don't know)
- *'My children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older'* (54% agreement, 23% disagreement, 20% don't know)
- *'There will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older'* (44% agreement, 31% disagreement, 22% don't know).

See Figure 3.8.1 over page for detailed results.

Figure 3.8.1: Supporting the child's needs (2025)

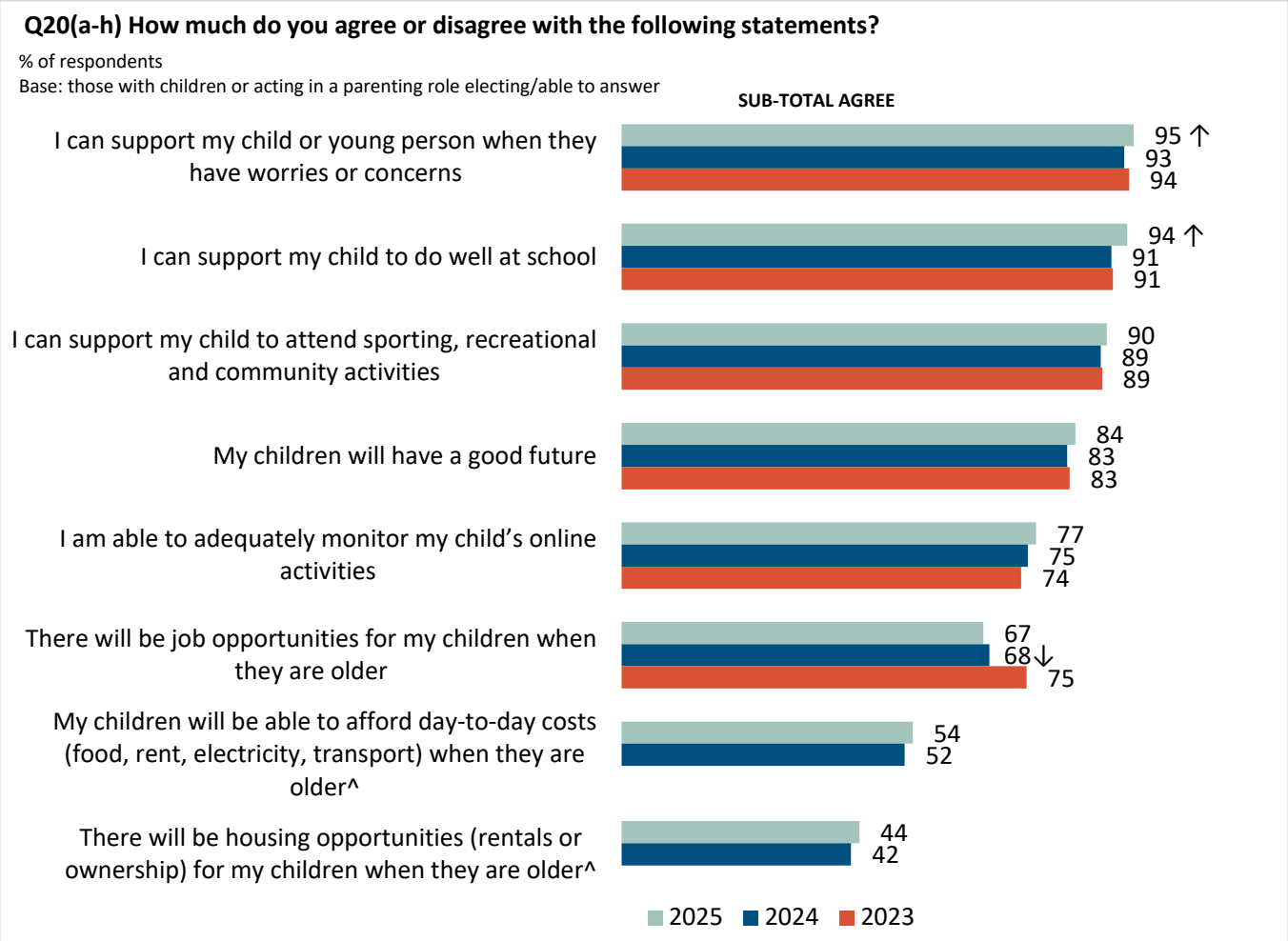


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=1849 (when 8 respondents declined to answer for the item 'there will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older'). The reader is referred to Table 3.8.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.8.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Compared to 2024, there was significantly higher agreement that *'I can support my child or young person when they have worries or concerns'* (93% in 2024, 95% in 2025) or *'I can support my child to do well at school'* (91% in 2024, 94% in 2025). All other statements regarding support able to be provided to children remained consistent with 2024.

Figure 3.8.2: Supporting the child's needs 2023-2025 trend



^ New statement in 2024. ↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result. Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. In 2023, the smallest base was n=1370 (when 9 respondents declined to answer for the item 'My children will have a good future'). In 2024, the smallest base was n=1517 (when 6 respondents declined to answer for the items 'I can support my child to do well at school', 'I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities' and 'My children will have a good future'). In 2025, the smallest base was n=1849 (when 8 respondents declined to answer for the item 'there will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older'. The reader is referred to Table 3.8.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.8.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

Respondents aged 40-59 years old who have children or are in a parenting role were significantly more likely than other age groups to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that *'I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities'* (20% disagreed overall, 15% average disagreement) or '*there will be housing opportunities for my children when they are older*' (35% disagreement, 31% average). While respondents aged 25-29 years old in a parenting role were significantly more likely to have agreed or strongly agreed that '*there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older'* (70%) compared to respondents of older age cohorts in particular (64% among 40-59 years old, 52% among 60+ years old).

Those who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were significantly more optimistic on future outlook with higher agreement for the statements *'there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older'* (76%, 66% not identifying as such), *'my children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older'* (63%, 53%), and *'there will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older'* (58%, 42%) compared to those who do not identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

Respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse also held significantly higher agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) than other respondents that *'my children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older'* (72%, 51% not identifying as such) or *'there will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older'* (58%, 42%).

Respondents living in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region were more optimistic than those living in other regions on their children's future needs with significantly higher levels of overall agreement than average on '*there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older'* (72%, 67% average), *'my children will be able to afford day-to-day costs when they are older'* (64%, 54% average), and *'there will be housing opportunities for my children when they are older'* (55%, 44% average). Those living in the South East region were also more optimistic across these measures. Respondents living in the Sunshine Coast and Central region were the least likely to agree with these metrics with ratings of 59%, 46% and 36% overall agreement respectively (agreed/strongly agreed).

Female respondents were significantly more likely than male respondents to indicate a 'don't know' response when considering their children's future needs; resulting in males having a significantly higher level of agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) than females on the following statements: '*there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older'* (64% females, 72% males), '*my children will be able to afford day-to-day costs'* (48%, 65%), and *'there will be housing opportunities for my children when they are older'* (39%, 54%). The level of 'don't know' responses for females can be found in Tables 3.8.1.

Other sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.8.1 and 3.8.2 following.

Table 3.8.1: Supporting the child's needs by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q20 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
							% of respondents					
I can support my child or young person when they have worries or concerns												
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Male n = 676	Female n = 1176	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 916	40-59 years n = 770	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1854	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1612
Strongly disagree	<1	1	<1			1	1		<1		1	<1
Disagree	2	3	2		3	2	3	1	2		2	2
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	3	3	3		3	2	3	1	3		3	3
No opinion	1	2	1		2	1	1	5 ↑	1		<1	1
Agree	55	55	54	100	49	53	57	59	55		50	55
Strongly agree	40	38	41		43	42	38	34	40		47	39
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	95	94	95	100	92	95	95	93	95		97	95
Don't know	1	1	1		2	1	1	1	1			1
I can support my child to do well at school												
	Total 2025 n = 1850	Male n = 676	Female n = 1172	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 914	40-59 years n = 768	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1850	No n = 0^	Yes n = 241	No n = 1609
Strongly disagree	<1	1	<1		1	1	<1		<1		1	<1
Disagree	3	2	3		3	2	4	1	3		2	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	3	3	3		5	3	4	1	3		2	3
No opinion	2	2	2		5	3	1 ↓	6	2		2	2
Agree	53	56	51	50	45	49 ↓	58 ↑	60	53		49	54
Strongly agree	41	38	42		45	44 ↑	36 ↓	33	41		46	40
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	94	94	93	50	91	94	94	93	94		95	94
Don't know	1	1	1	50		1	1		1		1	1
I can support my child to attend sporting, recreational and community activities												
	Total 2025 n = 1851	Male n = 674	Female n = 1175	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 914	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1851	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1609
Strongly disagree	1	1	1			1	1	1	1		2	1
Disagree	5	4	5		5	5	5	4	5		5	5
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	5	6		5	6	6	5	6		6	6
No opinion	3	4	3		1	3	3	10 ↑	3		1	4
Agree	52	54	51	50	48	53	52	50	52		46	53
Strongly agree	38	37	38	50	45	37	38	34	38		45	37
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	91	89	100	93	90	90	84	90		90	90
Don't know	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		2	1

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Table 3.8.1: Supporting child's needs by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q20 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
							% of respondents					
My children will have a good future												
	Total 2025 n = 1852	Male n = 676	Female n = 1174	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 85	25-39 years n = 915	40-59 years n = 770	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1852	No n = 0^	Yes n = 241	No n = 1611
Strongly disagree	1	1	1			1	1	2	1		1	1
Disagree	3	3	3		5	2	4	4	3		2	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	4	4		5	3	5	6	4		3	4
No opinion	3	4 ↑	2 ↓		1	3	2	6	3		2	3
Agree	48	49	48	50	48	45	52	44	48		45	48
Strongly agree	36	36	36		42	40 ↑	31 ↓	34	36		42	35
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	84	85	84	50	91	85	82	78	84		87	84
Don't know	9	8	10	50	4	9	11	10	9		8	9
I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities												
	Total 2025 n = 1851	Male n = 675	Female n = 1174	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 913	40-59 years n = 770	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1851	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1609
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		2	1	3	1	2		2	2
Disagree	13	12	13		13	10 ↓	17 ↑	9	13		10	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	14	16		15	11 ↓	20 ↑	10	15		12	15
No opinion	6	6	6		6	8 ↑	3 ↓	11	6		5	6
Agree	49	51	48	50	44	45 ↓	54 ↑	54	49		52	49
Strongly agree	27	27	28	50	34	33 ↑	21 ↓	23	27		30	27
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	77	78	76	100	78	78	75	77	77		82	76
Don't know	3	3	2		1	3	2	2	3		2	3
There will be job opportunities for my children when they are older												
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Male n = 676	Female n = 1176	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 916	40-59 years n = 770	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1854	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1612
Strongly disagree	4	3	4		3	3	5	7	4		4	4
Disagree	10	11	10		10	9	11	11	10		9	11
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	14	13	15		14	12	16	18	14		13	14
No opinion	3	4	2		5	2	3	4	3		2	3
Agree	48	49	48	50	49	49	49	40	48		49	48
Strongly agree	19	24 ↑	16 ↓		22	22 ↑	16 ↓	12	19		27 ↑	17 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	67	72 ↑	64 ↓	50	71	70 ↑	64	52 ↓	67		76 ↑	66 ↓
Don't know	16	11 ↓	19 ↑	50	10	15	17	26	16		9 ↓	17 ↑

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.8.1: Supporting child's needs by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025) (continued)

Q20 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
							% of respondents					
My children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older												
	Total 2025 n = 1850	Male n = 674	Female n = 1174	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 915	40-59 years n = 767	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1850	No n = 0^	Yes n = 240	No n = 1610
Strongly disagree	7	5	8		6	7	8	4	7		8	7
Disagree	16	15	17		12	15	18	11	16		12	17
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	20 ↓	25 ↑		17	22	26	15	23		20	24
No opinion	3	4	3		7	3	3	7	3		6	3
Agree	34	38 ↑	32 ↓		36	33	35	38	34		37	34
Strongly agree	20	26 ↑	16 ↓	50	26	23 ↑	16 ↓	15	20		26	19
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	54	65 ↑	48 ↓	50	62	56	51	52	54		63 ↑	53 ↓
Don't know	20	12 ↓	24 ↑	50	14	19	20	26	20		12 ↓	21 ↑
There will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older												
	Total 2025 n = 1849	Male n = 673	Female n = 1174	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 912	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1849	No n = 0^	Yes n = 240	No n = 1609
Strongly disagree	12	12	12		10	11	13	11	12		10	12
Disagree	19	17	20		14	17	22	16	19		16	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	29	32		24	28	35 ↑	27	31		26	32
No opinion	3	4	3		2	4	2	6	3		4	3
Agree	30	33	28	50	36	30	28	35	30		37	29
Strongly agree	14	20 ↑	11 ↓		21	16	12	5	14		21 ↑	13 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	44	54 ↑	39 ↓	50	57	46	40 ↓	40	44		58 ↑	42 ↓
Don't know	22	14 ↓	26 ↑	50	16	21	22	27	22		12 ↓	23 ↑

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.8.2: Supporting the child's needs by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q20 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
					% of respondents				
I can support my child or young person when they have worries or concerns									
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 271	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1623
Strongly disagree	<1	1				1	1		1
Disagree	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	3
No opinion	1	2	2	1	2	1	<1	2	1
Agree	55	55	56	50	52	57	57	59	54
Strongly agree	40	40	38	46	42	37	38	37	41
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	95	95	94	96	94	95	95	96	95
Don't know	1	<1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
I can support my child to do well at school									
	Total 2025 n = 1850	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 230	South East n = 271	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 348	Yes n = 228	No n = 1620
Strongly disagree	<1	<1		<1	1		1	<1	<1
Disagree	3	4	2	2	3	2	3	2	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	3	4	2	2	4	2	4	2	3
No opinion	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2
Agree	53	53	53	50	46	59	57	53	53
Strongly agree	41	40	42	45	45	37	37	43	40
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	94	93	95	95	91	96	94	96	93
Don't know	1	1	1	1	2		1	1	1
I can support my child to attend sporting, recreational and community activities									
	Total 2025 n = 1851	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 231	South East n = 270	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1620
Strongly disagree	1	1		2		1	1	1	1
Disagree	5	6	5	3	5	3	6	6	5
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	7	5	5	5	4	7	7	6
No opinion	3	3	4	2	4	4	2	3	3
Agree	52	51	52	48	43 ↓	61 ↑	56	54	52
Strongly agree	38	38	39	45	46 ↑	30	32	34	38
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	89	90	92	89	91	89	89	90
Don't know	1	<1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
My children will have a good future									
	Total 2025 n = 1852	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 270	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 348	Yes n = 229	No n = 1621
Strongly disagree	1	1	<1	1	<1	1	1	<1	1
Disagree	3	3	3	4	2	4	4	2	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	4	4	5	3	5	5	3	4
No opinion	3	3	3		4	2	3	3	2
Agree	48	50	50	50	41	53	43	52	48
Strongly agree	36	36	35	34	44	30	37	37	36
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	84	86	85	84	85	83	80	88	83
Don't know	9	7	8	11	8	10	12	6	10

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer.

Table 3.8.2: Supporting the child's needs by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025) (continued)

Q20 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities									
	Total 2025 n = 1851	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 231	South East n = 271	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 348	Yes n = 229	No n = 1621
Strongly disagree	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	2
Disagree	13	12	16	16	11	10	14	10	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	14	17	18	12	13	17	12	15
No opinion	6	6	7	3	6	7	6	3	6
Agree	49	48	46	46	53	51	51	53	49
Strongly agree	27	29	26	29	28	28	24	29	27
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	77	78	72	75	80	79	75	82	76
Don't know	3	3	4	4	2	1	2	3	3
There will be job opportunities for my children when they are older									
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 516	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 271	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 348	Yes n = 229	No n = 1623
Strongly disagree	4	3	3	3	3	6	5	2	4
Disagree	10	8	10	7	8	15	14	10	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	14	11	13	11	11	21 ↑	19	12	14
No opinion	3	4	2	3	4	2	1	5	2
Agree	48	49	50	50	47	49	45	46	48
Strongly agree	19	23 ↑	18	17	25 ↑	11 ↓	15	24	18
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	67	72 ↑	68	67	72	60	59 ↓	70	66
Don't know	16	13	16	19	13	17	21	12	17
My children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older									
	Total 2025 n = 1850	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 270	South West n = 269	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 348	Yes n = 229	No n = 1619
Strongly disagree	7	6	5	9	3	9	11 ↑	3	8
Disagree	16	12 ↓	21	16	11	23 ↑	18	10	17
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	18 ↓	26	25	14 ↓	32 ↑	30 ↑	14 ↓	25 ↑
No opinion	3	4	3	3	5	1	3	3	3
Agree	34	38	29	29	37	35	33	48 ↑	32 ↓
Strongly agree	20	26 ↑	21	16	27 ↑	12 ↓	14 ↓	25	19
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	54	64 ↑	49	45 ↓	64 ↑	47	46 ↓	72 ↑	51 ↓
Don't know	20	15 ↓	22	28 ↑	17	20	22	10 ↓	21 ↑
There will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older									
	Total 2025 n = 1849	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 216	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 269	South West n = 269	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 348	Yes n = 229	No n = 1618
Strongly disagree	12	10	10	12	10	16	14	7	13
Disagree	19	15 ↓	22	19	18	21	23	12 ↓	20 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	24 ↓	32	30	29	37	37	19 ↓	33 ↑
No opinion	3	3	4	4	7 ↑	2	1	7	3
Agree	30	37 ↑	26	27	28	28	26	41 ↑	28 ↓
Strongly agree	14	17	17	11	20	9 ↓	11	17	14
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	44	55 ↑	43	38	48	37	36 ↓	58 ↑	42 ↓
Don't know	22	18	21	28	16	24	25	16	22

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3.9 Access to services

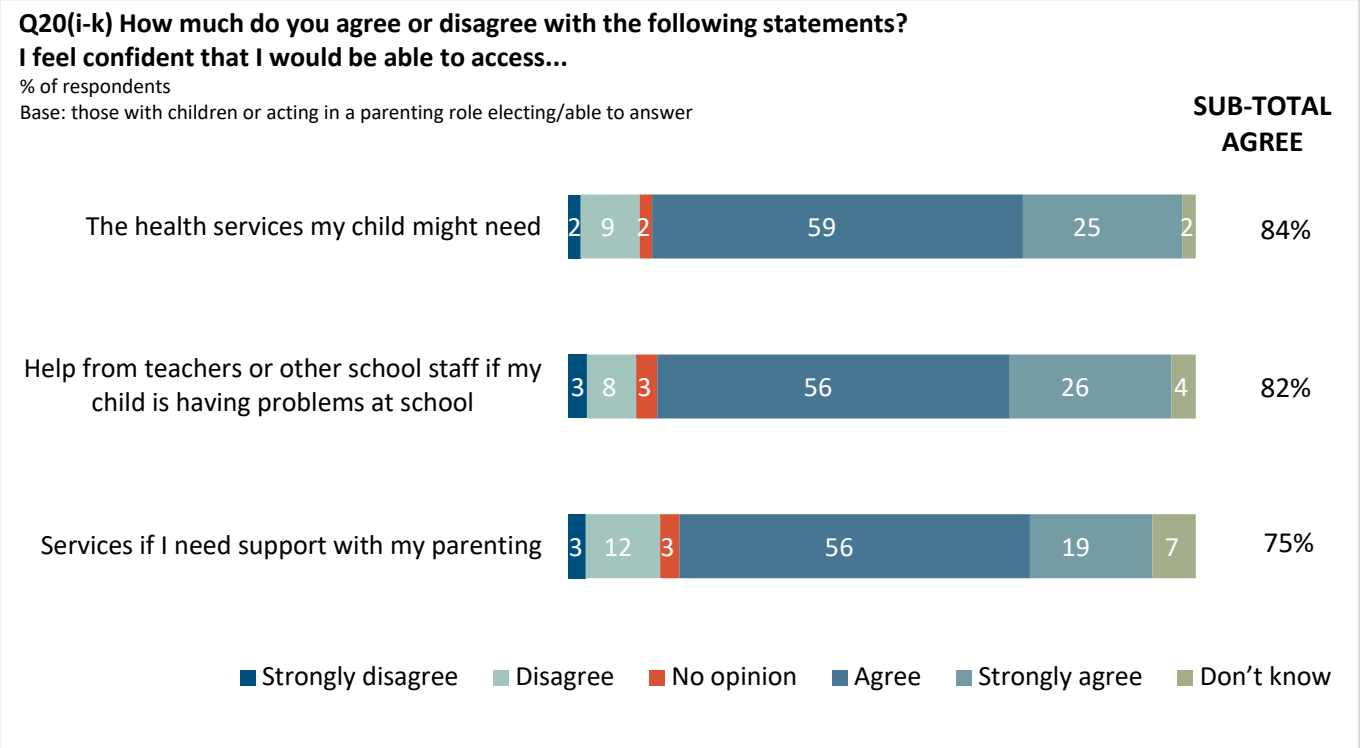
Q20 (i-k). How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I feel confident that I would be able to access…

3.9.1 2025 result

Eighty-four per cent of those with children or acting in a parenting role agreed they feel confident they would be able to access health services that their child might need with 25% strongly agreeing and 59% agreeing with this statement. Eleven per cent disagreed overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that they would be confident getting access to health services their child might need. A similar level of overall agreement was reported with respect to feeling confident about accessing help from teachers or other school staff if their child was having problems at school (82% agree/strongly agree, 11% disagree/strongly disagree).

Seventy-five per cent of parents/carers agreed overall that they feel confident they would be able to access services if they needed support with their parenting (19% strongly agreeing and 56% agreeing). Fifteen per cent reported that they would not feel confident (disagree/strongly disagree) and 7% were unsure.

Figure 3.9.1: Access to services (2025)

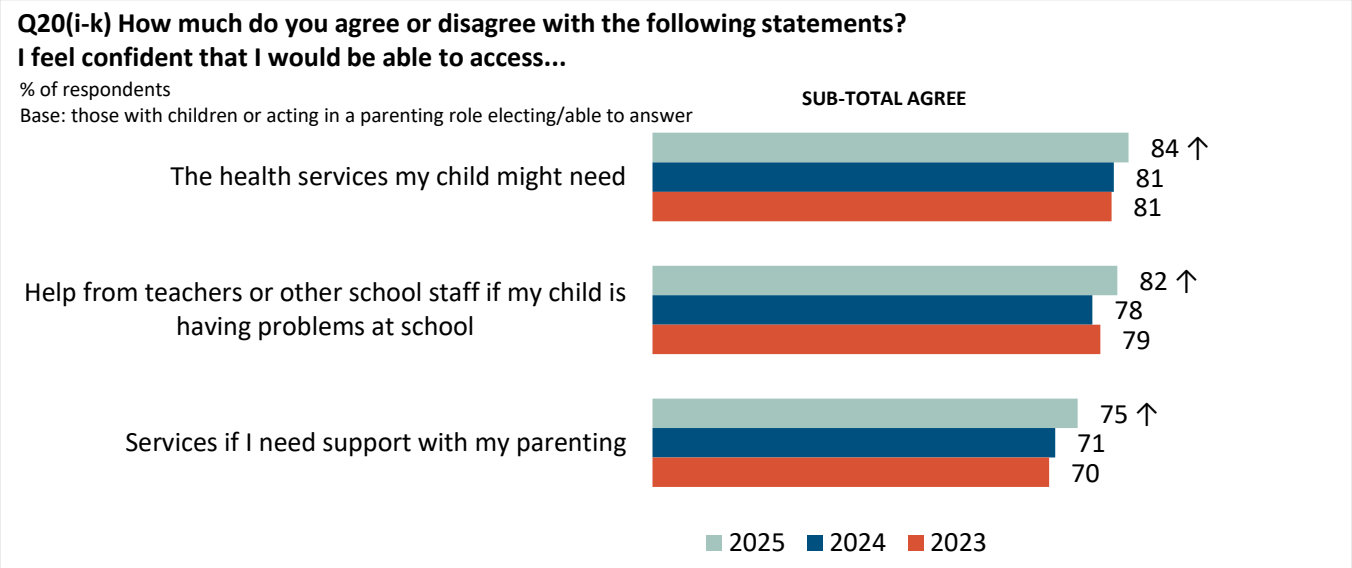


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=1851 (when 6 respondents declined to answer for the item 'the health services my child might need'). The reader is referred to Table 3.9.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.9.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Among respondents in a parenting role, overall agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) regarding their level of confidence in accessing support and services was significantly higher in 2025 than reported in 2024 across all aspects.

Figure 3.9.2: Access to services 2023-2025 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result.
Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. In 2023, the smallest base was n=1377 (when 2 respondents declined to answer for the item 'accessing services if I need support with my parenting'). In 2024, the smallest base was n=1517 (when 6 respondents declined to answer for the item 'accessing services if I need support with my parenting'). In 2025. the smallest base was n=1851 (when 6 respondents declined to answer for the item 'the health services my child might need'). The reader is referred to Table 3.9.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.9.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

The questions related to access to services were analysed by key sub-groups (Tables 3.9.1 and 3.9.2).

Male respondents were significantly more likely than females to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that they feel confident they would be able to access health services (89%, 82% females) or services to support with parenting (79%, 73%).

Respondents aged 18-24 years old in a parenting role were significantly more likely than the average to feel confident (agreed/strongly agreed) that they could access services to support their parenting (88% agreement overall, 75% average).

Brisbane and Moreton Bay based respondents were significantly more likely to indicate they were confident (agreed/strongly agreed) that they could access services if they needed support with their parenting (81%, 75% average) in contrast to respondents from other regions. While those living in North Queensland (66% agreement overall, 75% average) or the Sunshine and Central Coast (21% disagreement overall, 15% average) displayed lower levels of confidence in accessing parenting services compared to other regions.

No significant differences by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identification or culturally linguistically diverse identification were evident. Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.9.1 and 3.9.2 following.

Table 3.9.1: Access to services by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q20 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
							% of respondents					
The health services my child might need												
	Total 2025 n = 1851	Male n = 674	Female n = 1175	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 915	40-59 years n = 768	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1851	No n = 0^	Yes n = 241	No n = 1610
Strongly disagree	2	2	2			2	2	2	2		3	2
Disagree	9	5 ↓	12 ↑	50	8	10	10	7	9		9	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	7 ↓	14 ↑	50	8	11	12	10	11		12	11
No opinion	2	3	1		2	2	1	5	2		2	2
Agree	59	59	59	50	52	58	61	57	59		57	59
Strongly agree	25	29 ↑	23 ↓		37	26	23	26	25		28	25
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	84	89 ↑	82 ↓	50	90	84	84	83	84		85	84
Don't know	2	2	2			2	2	2	2		1	2
Help from teachers or other school staff if my child is having problems at school												
	Total 2025 n = 1853	Male n = 673	Female n = 1178	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 915	40-59 years n = 770	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1853	No n = 0^	Yes n = 241	No n = 1612
Strongly disagree	3	3	3			2	4	2	3		5	3
Disagree	8	8	8	50	8	7	9	11	8		7	8
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	11	11	50	8	9	13	13	11		12	11
No opinion	3	4	3		2	4	2	11 ↑	3		2	4
Agree	56	57	56		58	56	56	50	56		54	57
Strongly agree	26	25	26	50	28	26	25	22	26		30	25
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	82	82	82	50	86	83	82	72	82		83	82
Don't know	4	3	4		3	5	3	4	4		3	4
Services if I need support with my parenting												
	Total 2025 n = 1853	Male n = 674	Female n = 1177	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 917	40-59 years n = 768	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1853	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1611
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	50		3	3	2	3		4	3
Disagree	12	7 ↓	15 ↑		6	12	14	4	12		9	12
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	10 ↓	17 ↑	50	6	15	16	6	15		13	15
No opinion	3	4	2		2	2	4	9 ↑	3		4	3
Agree	56	55	56		60	54	58	50	56		56	56
Strongly agree	19	24 ↑	17 ↓	50	28	22 ↑	15 ↓	22	19		25	19
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	75	79 ↑	73 ↓	50	88 ↑	76	73	72	75		81	75
Don't know	7	7	7		3	6	7	13	7		2 ↓	8 ↑

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.9.2: Access to services by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q20 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
The health services my child might need									
	Total 2025 n = 1851	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 269	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 228	No n = 1621
Strongly disagree	2	2	1	3	<1	1	4	3	2
Disagree	9	6	8	10	7	11	15 ↑	5	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	8	9	14	7	12	19 ↑	8	12
No opinion	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	2	2
Agree	59	59	62	58	54	66	57	61	59
Strongly agree	25	29	25	27	32	19	20	27	25
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	84	87	87	84	86	86	77 ↓	88	84
Don't know	2	2	2		4	2	2	3	2
Help from teachers or other school staff if my child is having problems at school									
	Total 2025 n = 1853	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 270	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1622
Strongly disagree	3	3	2	5	3	2	4	3	3
Disagree	8	7	9	6	8	9	10	7	8
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	9	11	11	10	10	13	10	11
No opinion	3	4	4	3	3	4	2	3	4
Agree	56	54	62	55	52	59	58	59	56
Strongly agree	26	30	20	27	29	22	23	27	26
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	82	83	82	82	81	81	81	86	81
Don't know	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	2	4
Services if I need support with my parenting									
	Total 2025 n = 1853	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 269	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1622
Strongly disagree	3	2	1	4	1	2	5 ↑	3	3
Disagree	12	9	12	16	7	14	15	8	12
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	11	13	21	8 ↓	16	21 ↑	10	15
No opinion	3	3	3	6	3	1	3	4	3
Agree	56	57	61	50	53	60	54	61	55
Strongly agree	19	24 ↑	15	16	28 ↑	15	15	20	19
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	75	81 ↑	75	66 ↓	81	76	69	81	75
Don't know	7	5	8	7	9	7	7	4	7

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer.

3.10 What do you think are the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland?

Q21. What do you think are the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland?

3.10.1 2025 results

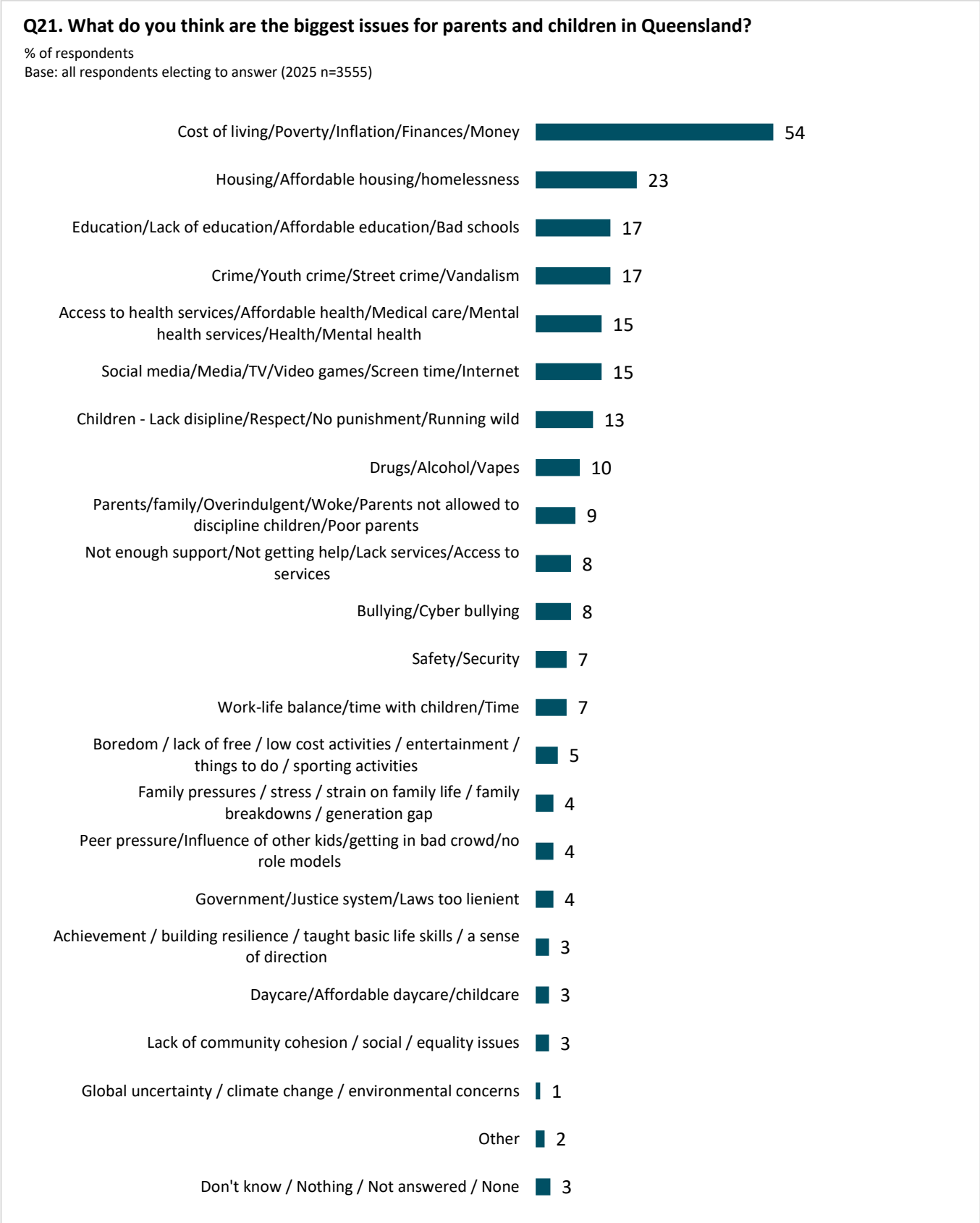
Respondents were asked what they thought were the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland. Respondents were able to answer in their own words and post-enumeration responses were coded into key themes (refer to Figure 3.10.1).

The cost of living, poverty, inflation, and finances were the most commonly identified biggest issues facing parents and children in Queensland (54%). After this, close to one in five respondents considered housing affordability/issues and homelessness (23%), crime and youth crime (17%), and education concerns such as poor education and affordability (17%) as key issues for parents and children in Queensland.

Beyond this, issues such as access to health, medical and mental health services (15%), social media, gaming, screen time and internet issues (15%), and lack of parental discipline (13%) were considered to be concerning.

Drugs, alcohol and vapes were considered a key issue by 10% of respondents and 8% considered bullying and cyber bullying a key issue. Eight per cent of respondents were concerned about the lack of or difficulties accessing services and 3% were concerned about access to daycare and childcare including affordability. Figure 3.10.1 shows the full list of coded concerns expressed by respondents.

Figure 3.10.1: Biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland (2025)



86 respondents elected not to answer this question.

3.10.2 Comparison to previous survey data

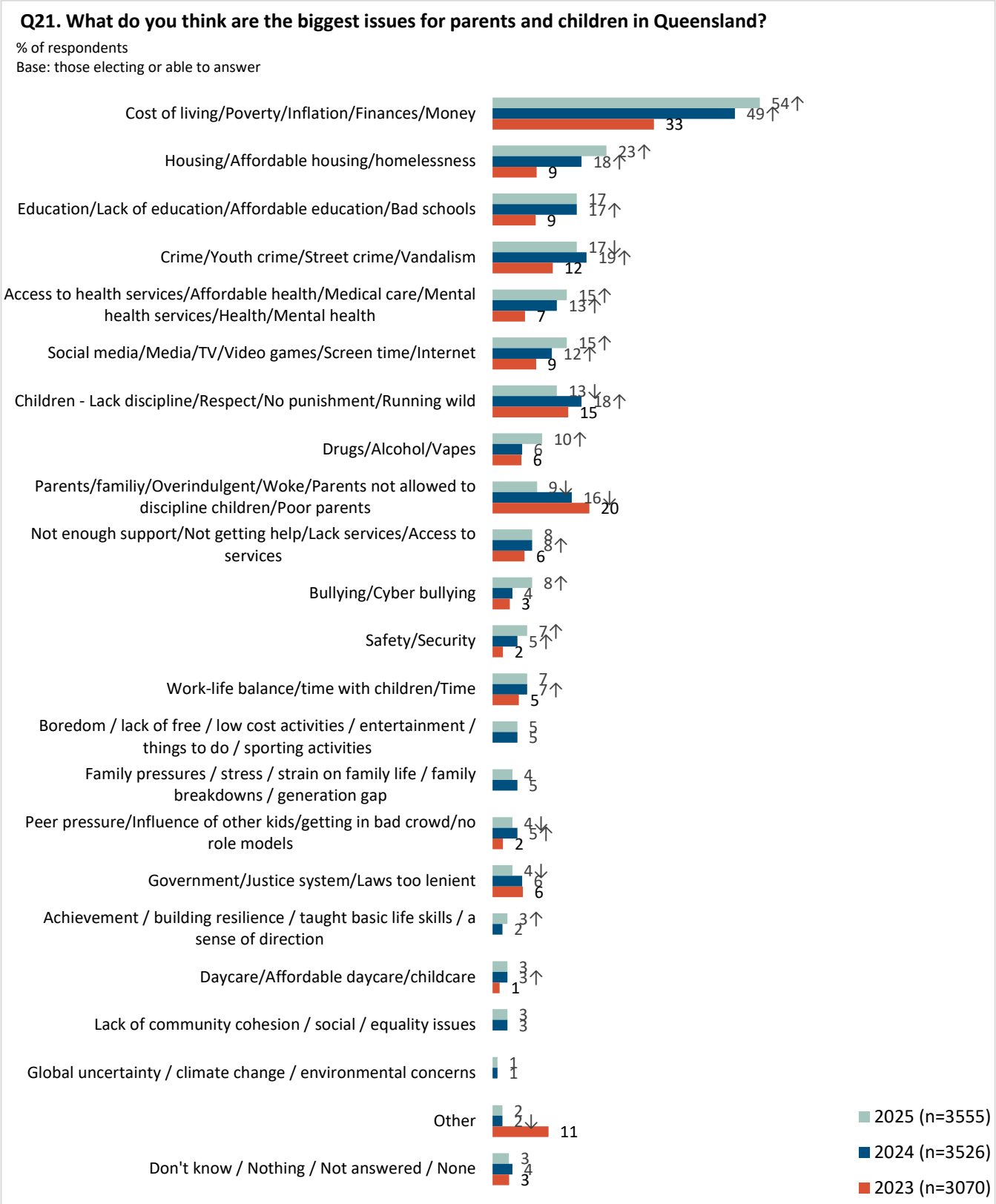
There were significant increases in mentions of the following key issues raised for Queensland parents and children in 2025:

- Cost of living/poverty/inflation/finances/money (49% in 2024, 54% in 2025)
- Housing/affordable housing/homelessness (18% in 2024, 23% in 2025)
- Access to health services or mental health services (13% in 2024, 15% in 2025)
- Social media/media/TV/video games/screen time/internet (12% in 2024, 15% in 2025)
- Drugs/alcohol/vapes (6% in 2024, 10% in 2025)
- Bullying/cyber bullying (4% in 2024, 8% in 2025)
- Safety/security (5% in 2024, 7% in 2025)
- Achievement/building resilience/teaching basic life skills/a sense of direction (2% in 2024, 3% in 2025).

While still a noteworthy issue for Queensland parents and children, there were significantly fewer mentions of lack of discipline as a key issue in contrast to 2024 (18% in 2024, 13% in 2025), poor parental behaviour (16% in 2024, 9% in 2025), youth crime (19% in 2024, 17% in 2025), or leniency of the justice system (6% in 2024, 4% in 2025).

As indicated earlier, any changes since 2024 should be considered in light of the change in sample profile in 2025.

Figure 3.10.2: Access to services 2023-2025 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result. Important note: Any changes in the 2025 results may be due to the change in the profile of the sample, and not due to a change in actual sentiment. See comparison notes. Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. 84 (2023), 115 (2024), and 86 (2025) respondents elected not to answer this question.

3.10.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

Responses to the question on the biggest issues facing parents and children in Queensland were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.10.1 and 3.10.2).

Population segments most likely (54% average) to be concerned about cost of living, poverty, expenses, inflation and finance were:

- Females (57%)
- Those aged 25-39 years old (61%)
- Respondents who did not identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (55%)
- Respondents who did not identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (55%).

Cost of living related concerns were significantly less likely to be raised by respondents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (42%), those who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (42%), male respondents (50%), and those aged 60+ years old (41%).

Housing availability, affordability and homelessness issues (23% average) were significantly more frequently referenced by younger respondents aged 18-24 years old (31%), respondents who were not responsible for a child aged 0-17 years (28%), those who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (30%), and those living in the South West region (29%).

Crime and youth crime issues were most commonly mentioned by respondents who were not responsible for a child aged 0-17 years (18%, 15% those responsible for child 0-17 years) or by respondents who do not identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (17%, 11% those who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander).

Themes related to lack of child discipline/punishment, poor parenting and drugs/alcohol/vaping were significantly more likely to be raised as a key issue by respondents aged 60+ years old or respondents not responsible for children aged 0-17 years. See Tables 3.14.1 for specific proportions of both themes.

While respondents who were responsible for children aged 0-17 years, female respondents and those aged 40-59 years old were significantly more likely than others to have concerns about access to health and mental health services, concern about social media, gaming, screen time and the internet or about bullying and cyber bullying. See Tables 3.14.1 for specific proportions of these themes.

Respondents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were significantly more likely than other respondents to raise concerns about lack of, and difficulties accessing, services and support (14%, 8% those not identifying as such).

Additional significant differences exist across the issues raised and can be found in Tables 3.10.1 and 3.10.2.

Table 3.10.1: Biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q21 Column %	Total 2025 n = 3555	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1701	Female n = 1846	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 256	25-39 years n = 1337	40-59 years n = 1134	60+ years n = 828	Yes n = 1808	No n = 1747	Yes n = 341	No n = 3214
						% of respondents						
Cost of living/Poverty/ Inflation/ Finances/Money	54	50 ↓	57 ↑	100	61	61 ↑	52	41 ↓	54	53	42 ↓	55 ↑
Housing/Affordable housing/homelessness	23	23	23	50	31 ↑	22	21 ↓	26	18 ↓	28 ↑	30 ↑	22 ↓
Education/Lack of education/Affordable education/Bad schools	17	17	17	25	20	17	17	15	18	16	21	16
Crime/Youth crime/Street crime/Vandalism	17	17	16		9 ↓	15	19	19	15 ↓	18 ↑	11 ↓	17 ↑
Access to health services/ Affordable health/Medical care/Mental health services/ Health/Mental health	15	13 ↓	17 ↑	38	14	16	17 ↑	10 ↓	17 ↑	13 ↓	17	15
Social media/Media/TV/ Video games/Screen time/ Internet	15	13 ↓	16 ↑		11	14	17 ↑	14	18 ↑	11 ↓	9 ↓	15 ↑
Children - Lack discipline/Respect/No punishment/Running wild	13	13	12		10	8 ↓	12	22 ↑	10 ↓	16 ↑	12	13
Drugs/Alcohol/Vapes	10	10	10		9	7 ↓	12	14 ↑	9 ↓	12 ↑	9	10
Parents/family/Overindulgent/Woke/Parents not allowed to discipline children/Poor parents	9	9	8	13	7	7 ↓	7	14 ↑	6 ↓	11 ↑	11	8
Not enough support/Not getting help/Lack services/Access to services	8	6 ↓	10 ↑		10	10 ↑	8	5 ↓	10 ↑	7 ↓	14 ↑	8 ↓
Bullying/Cyber bullying	8	6 ↓	10 ↑		3 ↓	8	12 ↑	5 ↓	12 ↑	4 ↓	11	8
Safety/Security	7	6 ↓	8 ↑		7	7	8	5	7	6	8	7
Work-life balance/time with children/Time	7	4 ↓	9 ↑		5	8 ↑	7	5 ↓	8 ↑	5 ↓	4	7
Boredom / lack of free / low cost activities / entertainment / things to do / sporting activities	5	3 ↓	6 ↑		2	6 ↑	4	3	6 ↑	3 ↓	4	5
Family pressures / stress / strain on family life / family breakdowns / generation gap	4	4	5		3	5	5	3 ↓	5 ↑	3 ↓	4	4
Peer pressure/Influence of other kids/getting in bad crowd/no role models	4	3	4		3	2 ↓	4	6 ↑	4	4	2	4
Government/Justice system/Laws too lenient	4	5 ↑	3 ↓		2	3	4	6 ↑	3 ↓	5 ↑	2	4
Achievement / building resilience / taught basic life skills / a sense of direction	3	3	3		1	3	3	4	3	4	3	3
Daycare/Affordable daycare/childcare	3	3	4		4	5 ↑	2 ↓	1 ↓	4 ↑	2 ↓	3	3
Lack of community cohesion / social / equality issues	3	3	3	13	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	3
Global uncertainty / climate change / environmental concerns	1	2 ↑	1 ↓		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other	2	2	1	13	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	2
Don't know / Nothing / Not answered / None	3	4	3		3	3	3	4	2 ↓	4 ↑	4	3

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those electing to answer (115 did not answer). ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.10.2: Biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland concerns by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q21 Column %	Total 2025 n = 3555	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 999	Far North QLD n = 411	North QLD n = 408	South East n = 556	South West n = 505	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 676	Yes n = 391	No n = 3161
					% of respondents				
Cost of living/Poverty/ Inflation/ Finances/ Money	54	52	54	50	51	56	58	42 ↓	55 ↑
Housing/Affordable housing/homelessness	23	22	20	18	24	29 ↑	24	20	23
Education/Lack of education/Affordable education/Bad schools	17	19	20	16	14	18	16	17	17
Crime/Youth crime/Street crime/Vandalism	17	15	20	16	20	16	14	13	17
Access to health services/ Affordable health/ Medical care/Mental health services/ Health/Mental health	15	15	13	19	12	16	16	12	15
Social media/Media/ TV/Video games/Screen time/Internet	15	15	12	17	15	14	15	14	15
Children - Lack discipline/Respect/No punishment/Running wild	13	11	14	13	15	10	15	12	13
Drugs/Alcohol/Vapes	10	9	10	12	9	12	11	11	10
Parents/family/Overindulgent/Woke/Parents not allowed to discipline children/Poor parents	9	7	10	15 ↑	9	7	7	8	9
Not enough support/Not getting help/Lack services/Access to services	8	7	9	10	6	10	9	8	8
Bullying/Cyber bullying	8	8	9	10	7	7	8	7	8
Safety/Security	7	8	8	8	7	3 ↓	6	8	7
Work-life balance/time with children/Time	7	7	6	7	5	7	7	7	6
Boredom / lack of free / low cost activities / entertainment / things to do / sporting activities	5	4	6	6	4	6	5	4	5
Family pressures / stress / strain on family life / family breakdowns / generation gap	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	4
Peer pressure/Influence of other kids/getting in bad crowd/no role models	4	2	4	5	5	4	5	3	4
Government/Justice system/Laws too lenient	4	4	2	5	4	4	3	2	4
Achievement / building resilience / taught basic life skills / a sense of direction	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	4	3
Daycare/Affordable daycare/childcare	3	3	4	5	2	3	3	5	3
Lack of community cohesion / social / equality issues	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3
Global uncertainty / climate change / environmental concerns	1	2	1	1	1	<1	1	2	1
Other	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Don't know / Nothing / Not answered / None	3	3	2	3	4	4	3	6	3

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: those electing to answer (115 did not answer).

3.11 Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer

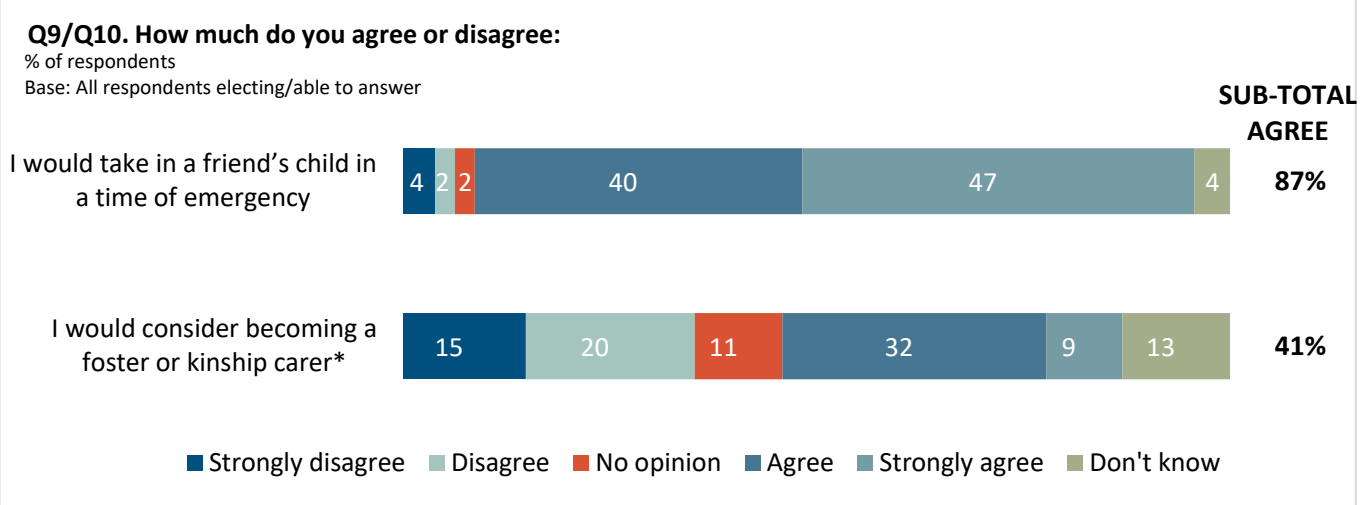
Q9. How much do you agree or disagree: I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer
Q10. How much do you agree or disagree: I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency

3.11.1 2025 result

The majority (87%) of respondents agreed overall that they would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency with 47% strongly agreeing and 40% agreeing with this statement.

Respondents were more divided in their consideration as to whether they would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer with 41% agreement overall, 35% disagreement overall and collectively 24% who responded 'don't know' or 'no opinion'.

Figure 3.11.1 Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer (2025)

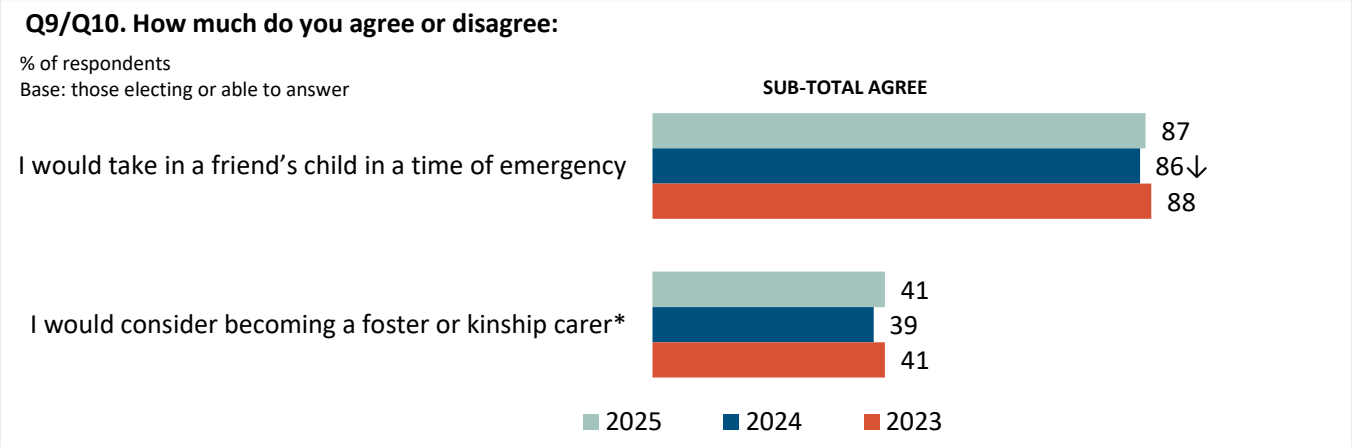


* Excludes respondents who are already foster or kinship carers (21 respondents identified they were foster or kinship carers). Respondents who declined to answer the question have also been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. 1 declined to answer 'I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer', 18 declined to answer 'I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency'.

3.11.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Compared with 2024 findings, the findings remained stable in 2025 for both foster and kinship care and taking care of a friend's child in times of emergency.

Figure 3.11.2: Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer 2023-2025 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result. Important note: Any changes in the 2025 results may be due to the change in the profile of the sample, and not due to a change in actual sentiment. See comparison notes.* Excludes respondents who are already foster or kinship carers (in 2023, 30 respondents identified they were foster or kinship carers, 33 in 2024, and 21 in 2025). Respondents who declined to answer the question have also been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. In 2023, 3 declined to answer 'I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer', 17 declined to answer 'I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency'. In 2024, 3 declined to answer 'I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer', 28 declined to answer 'I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency'. In 2025, 1 declined to answer 'I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer', 18 declined to answer 'I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency'. The reader is referred to Table 3.11.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.11.3 Sub-group differences (2025)

Consideration of various care roles for children in need were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.11.1 and 3.11.2).

Female respondents, those aged under 40 years old, those responsible for children aged 0-17 years or those who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were significantly more likely than others to agree that they would consider taking a foster care or kinship care role.

Whereas, males, those aged 40-59 years, and those not identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were just as likely to their above-mentioned counterparts to also be in agreement that they would take in a friend's child in times of emergency (but not as likely with respect to foster care or kinship care).

No significant differences by region were evident. Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.11.1 and 3.11.2 following.

Table 3.11.1: Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q9/Q10 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency												
	Total 2025 n = 3623	Male n = 1723	Female n = 1892	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 266	25-39 years n = 1367	40-59 years n = 1152	60+ years n = 838	Yes n = 1851	No n = 1772	Yes n = 348	No n = 3275
Strongly disagree	4	5	3		3	3 ↓	4	6 ↑	2 ↓	6 ↑	3	4
Disagree	2	3	2		2	2	2	5 ↑	1 ↓	4 ↑	3	2
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	7 ↑	5 ↓		5	4 ↓	6	11 ↑	3 ↓	9 ↑	5	6
No opinion	2	3	2		2	2	2	3	2	3	3	2
Agree	40	44 ↑	35 ↓	63	35	36 ↓	39	48 ↑	35 ↓	44 ↑	41	40
Strongly agree	47	41 ↓	53 ↑	38	53	54 ↑	50	31 ↓	57 ↑	38 ↓	45	48
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	87	86 ↓	88	100	87	90 ↑	89	79 ↓	92 ↑	82 ↓	86	87
Don't know	4	4	4		6	3 ↓	3	7 ↑	2 ↓	6 ↑	6	4
I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer*												
	Total 2025 n = 3619	Male n = 1722	Female n = 1889	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 264	25-39 years n = 1364	40-59 years n = 1149	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1835	No n = 1784	Yes n = 345	No n = 3274
Strongly disagree	15	18 ↑	12 ↓		7 ↓	9 ↓	13	29 ↑	9 ↓	20 ↑	6 ↓	16 ↑
Disagree	20	22 ↑	19 ↓	13	16	15 ↓	21	30 ↑	17 ↓	24 ↑	13 ↓	21 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	35	40 ↑	31 ↓	13	23 ↓	25 ↓	34	58 ↑	27 ↓	44 ↑	19 ↓	37 ↑
No opinion	11	13 ↑	8 ↓	13	12	9	11	12	10	12	13	10
Agree	32	29 ↓	35 ↑	63	44 ↑	40 ↑	33	14 ↓	39 ↑	25 ↓	38 ↑	31 ↓
Strongly agree	9	8 ↓	10 ↑	13	10	14 ↑	8	4 ↓	13 ↑	6 ↓	15 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	41	37 ↓	45 ↑	75	53 ↑	53 ↑	41	18 ↓	51 ↑	31 ↓	53 ↑	40 ↓
Don't know	13	10 ↓	16 ↑		12	13	14	12	13	13	16	13

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing/able to answer. * Excludes respondents who are already foster or kinship carers (35 respondents identified they were foster or kinship carers). ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.11.2: Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q9/Q10 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency									
	Total 2025 n = 3623	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1022	Far North QLD n = 418	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 560	South West n = 510	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 692	Yes n = 394	No n = 3226
Strongly disagree	4	4	5	3	3	4	4	5	4
Disagree	2	3	1	3	2	1	2	3	2
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	7	6	6	5	5	7	8	6
No opinion	2	3	1	1	2	4	2	4	2
Agree	40	42	37	34	40	40	41	45	39
Strongly agree	47	44	50	54	50	44	47	39 ↓	48 ↑
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	87	86	86	88	90	84	88	84	87
Don't know	4	4	6	4	3	7	3	4	4
I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer*									
	Total 2025 n = 3619	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1020	Far North QLD n = 417	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 560	South West n = 512	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 689	Yes n = 395	No n = 3221
Strongly disagree	15	13	15	15	14	14	18	12	15
Disagree	20	22	18	22	18	20	20	14 ↓	21 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	35	36	33	37	32	34	38	26 ↓	36 ↑
No opinion	11	12	10	10	11	11	9	14	10
Agree	32	32	33	31	32	33	31	38	31
Strongly agree	9	10	9	8	11	8	9	9	9
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	41	42	42	39	43	41	40	47	40
Don't know	13	10 ↓	14	14	14	15	13	13	13

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: All respondents electing/able to answer. * Excludes respondents who are already foster or kinship carers (35 respondents identified they were foster or kinship carers).

3.12 Knowledge of neighbours and children's friends

Q22. Which of the following apply to you?

a) I know more than two neighbours well (Asked of all respondents)

Only asked to those in parenting role:

b) I could have a neighbour or someone close to my house watch my child/children in an emergency.

c) I know at least two of my child/children's friends

New questions in 2025

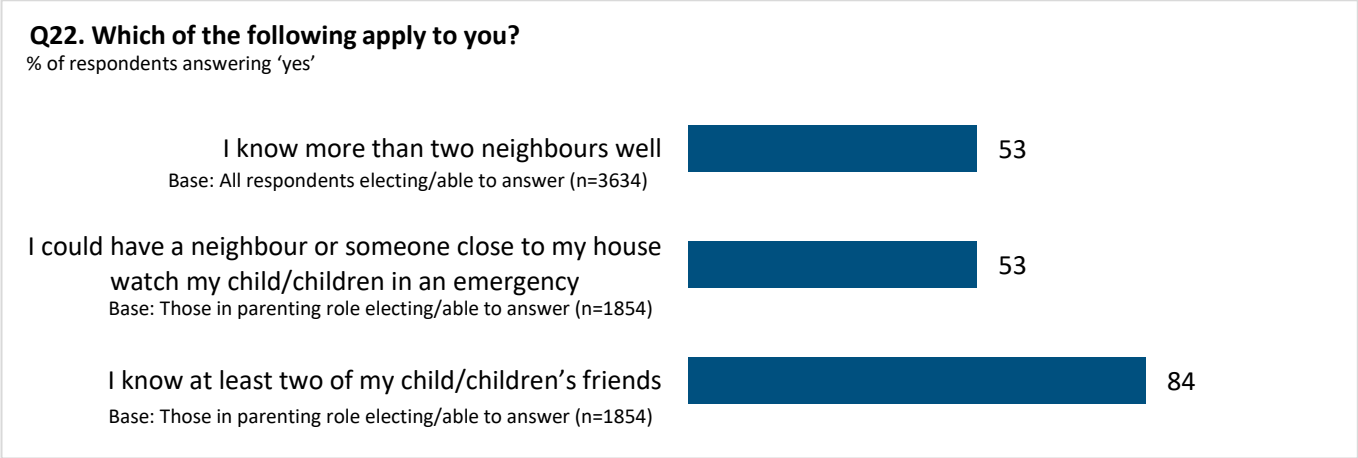
3.12.1 2025 result

In 2025, respondents were asked of their relationships with neighbours and their children's friend network as a gauge on the potential community support available.

Eighty-four per cent of those in a parenting role know at least two of their child/children's friends. Approximately half (53%) of those in a parenting role have someone close or a neighbour who can watch their children in an emergency.

Fifty-three per cent of respondents reported knowing more than two neighbours well.

Figure 3.12.1 Knowledge of neighbours and children's friends (2025)



Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. 7 respondents declined to answer 'I know more than two neighbours well', 3 declined to answer 'I could have a neighbour or someone close to my house watch my child/children in an emergency', and 3 declined to answer 'I know at least two of my child/children's friends'.

3.12.2 Sub-group differences (2025)

Knowledge of neighbours and children's friends were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.12.1 and 3.12.2).

While females were significantly more likely than males in a parenting role to know two or more of their children's friends (86%, 81% males); they were significantly less likely than males to know more than two of their neighbours well (50%, 57% males) or to have a neighbour or someone close to be able to look after their children in an emergency (51%, 57%).

Older respondents had more connections in general, with those aged 40-59 years old significantly more likely than other age groups to have someone close who could look after their children in an emergency (58% 40-59 years, 48% 25-39 years, 53% average), or to know two or more of their children's friends (90% 40-59 years, 73% 18-24 years, 81% 25-39 years, 84% average). Those aged 60+ years old were significantly more likely to know more than two of their neighbours well (65% 60+ years, 53% average).

Respondents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were significantly more likely than other respondents to know more than two neighbours well (65%, 52% do not identify as such), or to have a neighbour or someone close by to watch their children in an emergency (61%, 52%).

Respondents living in the Far North Queensland region (62%) or the South East region were significantly more likely than other respondents to know more than two neighbours well, while respondents living in the South West region were the regional segment least likely to agree with this (47%) (53% average agreement).

Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.12.1 and 3.12.2 following.

Table 3.12.1: Knowledge of neighbours and children's friends by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q22 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
							% of respondents					
I know more than two neighbours well*												
	Total 2025 n = 3634	Male n = 1730	Female n = 1896	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1370	40-59 years n = 1154	60+ years n = 843	Yes n = 1852	No n = 1782	Yes n = 349	No n = 3285
Yes	53	57 ↑	50 ↓	25	49	47 ↓	53	65 ↑	53	53	65 ↑	52 ↓
No	44	40 ↓	47 ↑	63	45	50 ↑	45	31 ↓	44	43	30 ↓	45 ↑
Not sure	3	3	3	13	6	3	3	4	3	4	5	3
I could have a neighbour or someone close to my house watch my child/children in an emergency+												
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Male n = 675	Female n = 1177	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 917	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1854	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1612
Yes	53	57 ↑	51 ↓	50	62	48 ↓	58 ↑	59	53		61 ↑	52 ↓
No	40	35 ↓	43 ↑	50	31	45 ↑	36 ↓	32	40		34	41
Not sure	7	8	6		7	7	6	10	7		5	7
I know at least two of my child/children's friends+												
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Male n = 676	Female n = 1176	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 917	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1854	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1612
Yes	84	81 ↓	86 ↑	100	73 ↓	81 ↓	90 ↑	77	84		85	84
No	13	16 ↑	12 ↓		17	16 ↑	9 ↓	17	13		13	13
Not sure	3	3	3		9 ↑	3	1 ↓	6	3		2	3

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. *Base: All respondents electing/able to answer. +Base: Those in parenting role electing/able to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.12.2: Knowledge of neighbours and children's friends by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q22 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
					% of respondents				
I know more than two neighbours well*									
	Total 2025 n = 3634	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 564	South West n = 511	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 398	No n = 3233
Yes	53	52	62 ↑	49	59 ↑	47 ↓	51	54	53
No	44	45	34 ↓	49	37 ↓	50 ↑	46	40	44
Not sure	3	4	3	2	4	3	4	6 ↑	3 ↓
I could have a neighbour or someone close to my house watch my child/children in an emergency+									
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 516	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 270	South West n = 269	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1623
Yes	53	53	60	50	54	53	51	48	54
No	40	38	36	41	40	41	44	42	40
Not sure	7	9	4	9	7	7	5	10	6
I know at least two of my child/children's friends+									
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 516	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 231	South East n = 271	South West n = 269	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1623
Yes	84	82	89	87	86	81	83	84	84
No	13	15	10	12	10	16	13	12	13
Not sure	3	3	2	1	4	3	3	4	3

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. *Base: All respondents electing/able to answer. +Base: Those in parenting role electing/able to answer.

3.13 Activities engaged in by parents with their children

Only asked to those in parenting role:
Q23. Which of the following do you do with your child/children?

a) My child/children and I attend parks and sporting events in my neighbourhood at least once a month.
b) I read books with my child/children regularly or witness them reading at least once a week.
c) I support my child/children with homework or witness them completing homework at least once a week.
d) I take my child/children to a location or event that they have suggested at least once a month.
e) I have daily conversations with my child/children about topics that they are interested in.

New questions in 2025

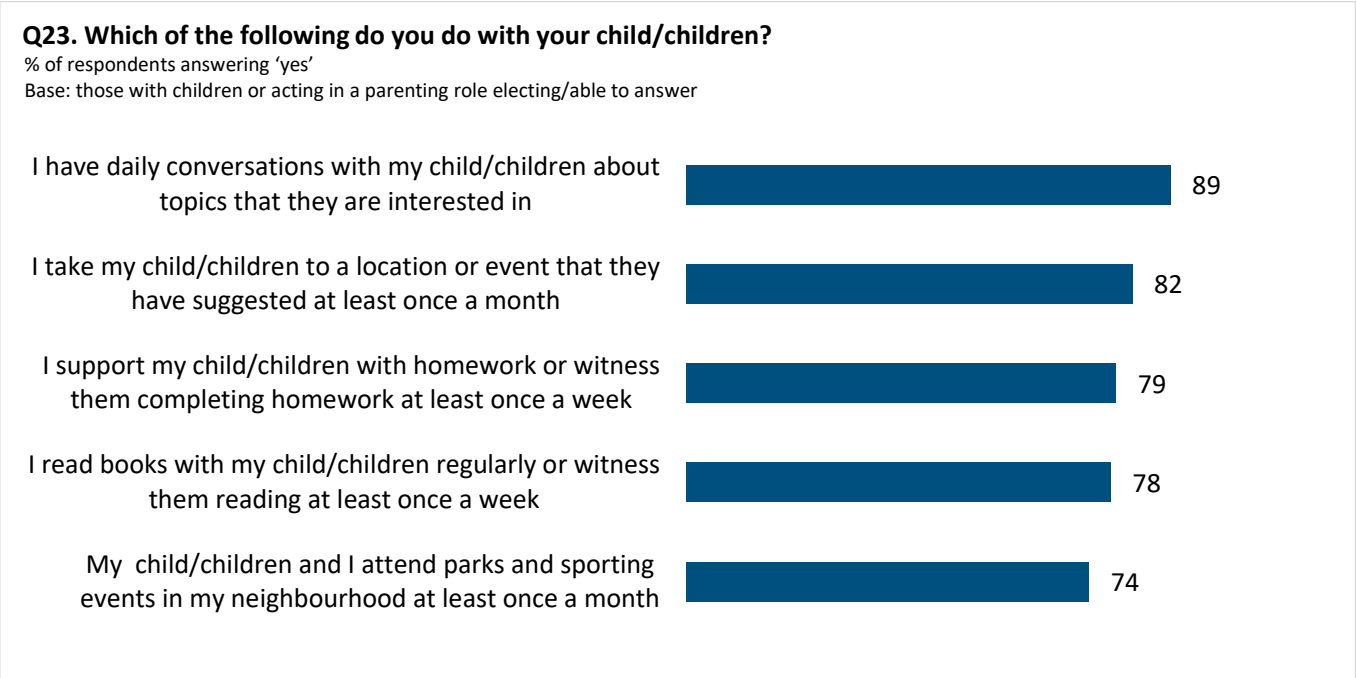
3.13.1 2025 result

New in 2025, respondents in a parenting role were asked about the nature of activities they undertook with their child/children.

Eighty-nine per cent of respondents in a parenting role have daily conversations with their children about topics they are interested in, while 82% reported taking their child/children to a location or event that the child/children have suggested at least once a month.

Between 70%-80% of respondents in a parenting role also engaged in activities such as assisting or observing homework, reading with their child or observing this and engaging in sporting activities or going to the park.

Figure 3.13.1 Activities engaged in by parents with their children (2025)



Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=1850 (when 7 respondents declined to answer for the item 'I have daily conversations with my child/children about topics that they are interested in'). The reader is referred to Table 3.13.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.13.2 Sub-group differences (2025)

Activities engaged in by parents with their children were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.13.1 and 3.13.2).

Females in a parenting role were significantly more likely than males to have daily conversations with their child about topics of interest to the child (92%, 85% males).

Those identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were significantly more likely than other respondents in a parenting role to take their child/children to a location or event of interest to them at least monthly (88%, 81% those not identifying as such), to support or observe homework (87%, 78%), or to attend parks and go to sporting events in their neighbourhood at least monthly (83%, 73%).

Respondents aged 25-39 years old were significantly more likely than other age groups to indicate they read books with their children at least weekly (86%, 78% average), or attend parks or local sporting events at least monthly (77%, 74% average). Respondents aged 40-59 years old were significantly more likely than other age groups to indicate they support or observe homework activities on at least a weekly basis (83%, 79% average).

Respondents living in the South West region were significantly more likely than other respondents living elsewhere to indicate they read books with their child/children at least weekly (86%, 78% average). While those living in Brisbane and Moreton Bay were less likely than other regions to have daily conversations with their child/children about topics they are interested in (85%, 89% average).

Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.13.1 and 3.13.2 following.

Table 3.13.1: Activities engaged in by parents with their children by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q23 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
								% of respondents				
I have daily conversations with my child/children about topics that they are interested in												
	Total 2025 n = 1850	Male n = 673	Female n = 1175	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 914	40-59 years n = 768	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1850	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1608
Yes	89	85 ↓	92 ↑	100	90	88	91	84	89		93	89
No	7	11 ↑	5 ↓		6	8	7	11	7		6	7
Not sure	4	4	3		5	4	3	5	4		2	4
I take my child/children to a location or event that they have suggested at least once a month												
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Male n = 676	Female n = 1176	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 917	40-59 years n = 770	60+ years n = 81	Yes n = 1854	No n = 0^	Yes n = 243	No n = 1611
Yes	82	82	82	50	84	82	82	80	82		88 ↑	81 ↓
No	12	12	13		10	12	13	12	12		6 ↓	13 ↑
Not sure	6	6	6	50	6	6	5	7	6		5	6
I support my child/children with homework or witness them completing homework at least once a week												
	Total 2025 n = 1851	Male n = 673	Female n = 1176	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 914	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1851	No n = 0^	Yes n = 242	No n = 1609
Yes	79	81	78	100	76	76 ↓	83 ↑	79	79		87 ↑	78 ↓
No	15	14	15		12	16	14	16	15		9 ↓	16 ↑
Not sure	6	5	7		13 ↑	8 ↑	3 ↓	5	6		5	6
I read books with my child/children regularly or witness them reading at least once a week												
	Total 2025 n = 1855	Male n = 675	Female n = 1178	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 918	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1855	No n = 0^	Yes n = 243	No n = 1612
Yes	78	76	79	100	83	86 ↑	70 ↓	62 ↓	78		81	78
No	20	21	19		15	12 ↓	28 ↑	35 ↑	20		16	20
Not sure	2	3	2		2	2	2	2	2		3	2
My child/children and I attend parks and sporting events in my neighbourhood at least once a month												
	Total 2025 n = 1856	Male n = 676	Female n = 1178	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 918	40-59 years n = 770	60+ years n = 82	Yes n = 1856	No n = 0^	Yes n = 243	No n = 1613
Yes	74	75	73	100	80	77 ↑	69 ↓	77	74		83 ↑	73 ↓
No	24	21	25		16	20 ↓	29 ↑	20	24		14 ↓	25 ↑
Not sure	2	4 ↑	2 ↓		3	3	2	4	2		2	2

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: Those in parenting role electing/able to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.13.2: Activities engaged in by parents with their children by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q23 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
					% of respondents				
I have daily conversations with my child/children about topics that they are interested in									
	Total 2025 n = 1850	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 230	South East n = 269	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1619
Yes	89	85 ↓	91	91	90	91	91	89	89
No	7	10 ↑	6	6	7	6	7	6	7
Not sure	4	5	4	3	4	3	3	5	3
I take my child/children to a location or event that they have suggested at least once a month									
	Total 2025 n = 1854	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 231	South East n = 271	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 230	No n = 1622
Yes	82	80	84	85	80	80	85	84	82
No	12	12	11	13	14	14	11	6 ↓	13 ↑
Not sure	6	8	4	3	6	6	5	10 ↑	5 ↓
I support my child/children with homework or witness them completing homework at least once a week									
	Total 2025 n = 1851	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 270	South West n = 269	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1620
Yes	79	79	77	81	77	84	77	84	78
No	15	15	17	14	16	8 ↓	18	8 ↓	16 ↑
Not sure	6	6	6	4	7	7	5	8	6
I read books with my child/children regularly or witness them reading at least once a week									
	Total 2025 n = 1855	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 271	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 230	No n = 1623
Yes	78	75	77	78	75	86 ↑	79	81	78
No	20	22	21	20	22	13	20	14	21
Not sure	2	3	2	2	3	<1	1	4	2
My child/children and I attend parks and sporting events in my neighbourhood at least once a month									
	Total 2025 n = 1856	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 516	Far North QLD n = 218	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 271	South West n = 270	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 230	No n = 1624
Yes	74	75	75	77	75	70	73	71	74
No	24	22	23	22	22	28	26	24	24
Not sure	2	3	2	2	4	2	2	5	2

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3.14 Ability of children to cope with school pressures

Only asked to those in parenting role:
Q24. Which statement best describes your family?

1. *All of my children cope well with school pressures (both academic and social)*
2. *Some of my children cope well, some do not cope so well*
3. *None of my children cope well with school pressures*

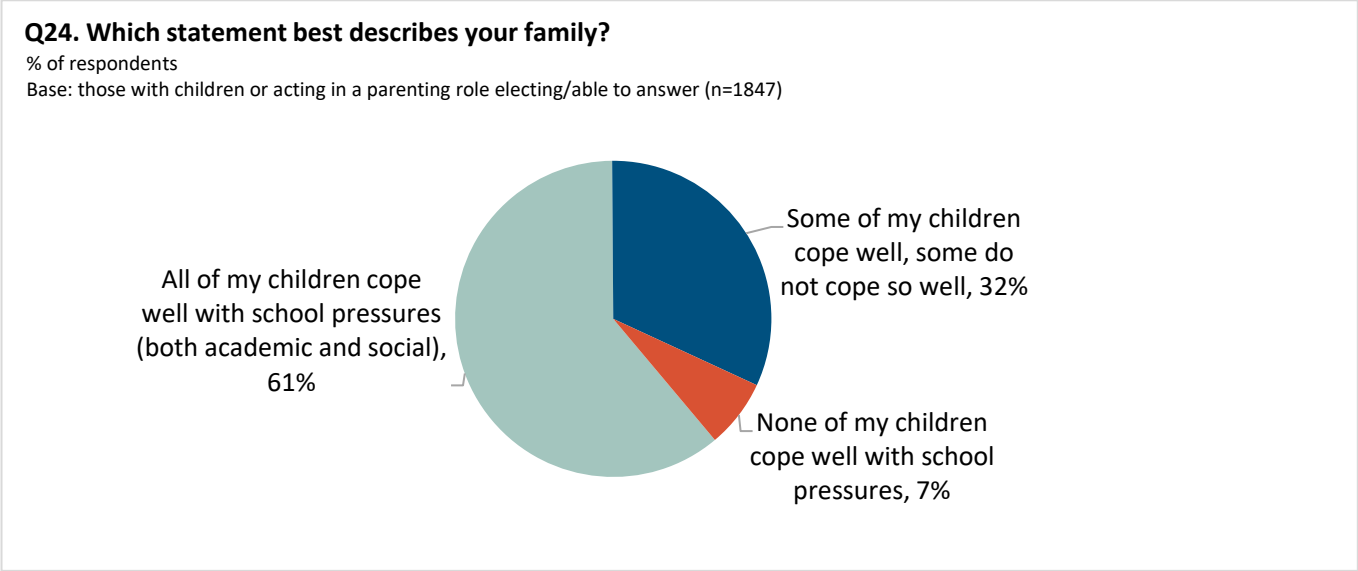
New question in 2025

3.14.1 2025 result

In 2025, respondents in a parenting role were asked further questions about their child/children's ability to cope with school pressures.

Sixty-one per cent of those in a parenting role indicated that all of their children cope well with school pressures both academic and social. Approximately one third (32%) indicated that some of their children cope well and others not so well. Seven per cent of those in a parenting role indicated that none of their children cope well with school pressures.

Figure 3.14.1 Ability of children to cope with school pressures (2025)



Respondents who declined to answer the question (n=10) have been removed from the base when reporting results.

3.14.2 Sub-group differences (2025)

The ability of children to cope with school pressures was analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.14.1 and 3.14.2).

Males (68%), younger respondents (75% 18-24 years, 64% 25-39 years), those living in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region (67%), and those identifying as culturally and linguistically diverse (70%) were significantly more likely to feel that **all** of their children cope well with school pressures (61% average).

Females (34%), those aged 40-59 years old (38%), those living in the Sunshine Coast and Central region (38%), and those who do not identify as being culturally and linguistically diverse (33%) were significantly more likely than other respondents to indicate that **some** of their children coped well while others did not (32% average).

Ten per cent of those residing in the Sunshine Coast and Central region and 9% of females in a parenting role indicated that **none** of their children cope well with school. This was statistically higher than noted on average (7%).

No significant differences by those identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander were reported. Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.14.1 and 3.14.2 following.

Table 3.14.1: Ability of children to cope with school pressures by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q24 Column %	Total 2025 n = 1847	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 671	Female n = 1174	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 83	25-39 years n = 915	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 80	Yes n = 1847	No n = 0^	Yes n = 239	No n = 1608
% of respondents												
All of my children cope well	61	68 ↑	57 ↓		75 ↑	64 ↑	54 ↓	66	61		59	61
Some of my children cope well, some do not	32	29 ↓	34 ↑	100	16 ↓	30 ↓	38 ↑	29	32		36	32
None of my children cope well	7	4 ↓	9 ↑		10	6	8	5	7		6	7

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: Those in parenting role electing/able to answer. ^ Caution small cell size.

Table 3.14.2: Ability of children to cope with school pressures by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q24 Column %	Total 2025 n = 1847	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 514	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 231	South East n = 271	South West n = 268	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 346	Yes n = 229	No n = 1616
% of respondents									
All of my children cope well	61	67 ↑	65	61	63	55	51 ↓	70 ↑	59 ↓
Some of my children cope well, some do not	32	28	29	30	31	38	38 ↑	25 ↓	33 ↑
None of my children cope well	7	5	6	9	6	7	10 ↑	5	7

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: Those in parenting role electing/able to answer.

3.15 Engagement with identity and culture

Only asked to those in parenting role:
Q25. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about you and your child/children's engagement with identity and culture?

a) I support my child/children to learn about their background and culture
b) I support my child/children to pursue their own spiritual beliefs
c) I support my child/children to explore their identity

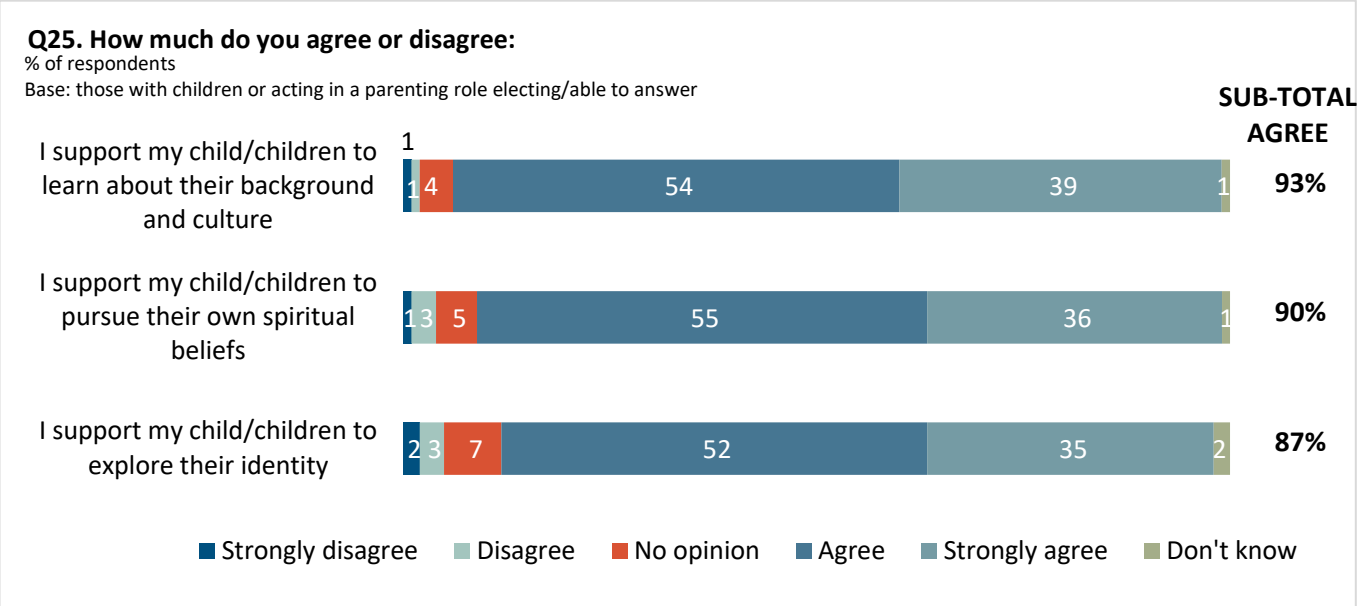
New question in 2025

3.15.1 2025 result

New in 2025, those in a parenting role were asked questions about identity and cultural exploration and understanding by their children.

Respondents in a parenting role had high overall agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that they support their child/children with respect to learning about their background and culture (93% with 54% agreement and 39% strong agreement), their own spiritual beliefs (90% with 55% agreement and 36% strong agreement), and to explore their own identity (87% with 52% agreement and 35% strong agreement).

Figure 3.15.1 Engagement with identity and culture (2025)



Respondents who answered 'Not applicable' or declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The bases for each statement are as follows: 'I support my child/children to learn about their background and culture', n=1687 (168 respondents answered 'not applicable' and 2 respondents declined to answer); 'I support my child/children to pursue their own spiritual beliefs', n=1721 (132 respondents answered 'not applicable' and 4 respondents declined to answer); 'I support my child/children to explore their identity', n=1853 (there was no 'not applicable' option and 4 respondents declined to answer).

3.15.2 Sub-group differences (2025)

When considering overall agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) and overall disagreement (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with statements regarding support given in engaging children with identity and culture there were no statistically significant differences across the demographic, identity and regional factors. Other key sub-group differences for discrete response codes are outlined in Tables 3.15.1 and 3.15.2 following.

Table 3.15.1: Engagement with identity and culture by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q25 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
							% of respondents					
I support my child/children to learn about their background and culture												
	Total 2025 n = 1687	Male n = 640	Female n = 1045	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 77	25-39 years n = 831	40-59 years n = 707	60+ years n = 72	Yes n = 1687	No n = 0^	Yes n = 234	No n = 1453
Strongly disagree	1	<1	1		1	1	<1	1	1		<1	1
Disagree	1	2	1		3	1	2	1	1		2	1
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	2	3	2		4	2	2	3	2		2	2
No opinion	4	5	4			4	4	8	4		3	5
Agree	54	50	56	100	51	53	55	60	54		42 ↓	56 ↑
Strongly agree	39	41	38		44	40	38	29	39		52 ↑	37 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	93	91	94	100	95	93	93	89	93		94	93
Don't know	1	1 ↑	<1 ↓		1	1	1		1			1
I support my child/children to pursue their own spiritual beliefs												
	Total 2025 n = 1721	Male n = 636	Female n = 1083	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 77	25-39 years n = 854	40-59 years n = 717	60+ years n = 73	Yes n = 1721	No n = 0^	Yes n = 232	No n = 1489
Strongly disagree	1	1	1			1	<1	4	1		<1	1
Disagree	3	4	2		5	2	3	4	3		1	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	5	3		5	3	4	8	4		1	4
No opinion	5	6	4		6	5	4	7	5		5	5
Agree	55	54	55		48	52	57	63	55		50	55
Strongly agree	36	34	37	100	39	39	34	22	36		42	35
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	88	92	100	87	91	91	85	90		93	90
Don't know	1	1	1		1	1	1		1		1	1
I support my child/children to explore their identity												
	Total 2025 n = 1853	Male n = 674	Female n = 1177	Non-binary n = 2^	18-24 years n = 86	25-39 years n = 917	40-59 years n = 769	60+ years n = 81	Yes n = 1853	No n = 0^	Yes n = 243	No n = 1610
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		2	2	1	2	2		<1	2
Disagree	3	4	2		3	3	2	4	3		3	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	5	5	4		6	5	4	6	5		4	5
No opinion	7	8	6		7	6	7	16 ↑	7		5	7
Agree	52	52	52		50	51	54	52	52		49	53
Strongly agree	35	33	36	100	35	36	34	26	35		42	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	87	85	88	100	85	87	89	78	87		91	87
Don't know	2	1	2		2	2	1		2		1	2

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Table 3.15.2: Engagement with identity and culture by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q25 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
I support my child/children to learn about their background and culture									
	Total 2025 n = 1687	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 490	Far North QLD n = 199	North QLD n = 205	South East n = 250	South West n = 234	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 309	Yes n = 224	No n = 1461
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	<1	<1	1	1	1	1
Disagree	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2
No opinion	4	3	5	3	4	6	6	1	5
Agree	54	50	50	52	54	62	57	43 ↓	56 ↑
Strongly agree	39	43	44	42	39	29 ↓	35	53 ↑	37 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	93	93	93	95	93	91	92	96	92
Don't know	1	1			1	<1	<1	<1	1
I support my child/children to pursue their own spiritual beliefs									
	Total 2025 n = 1721	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 487	Far North QLD n = 209	North QLD n = 217	South East n = 249	South West n = 238	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 321	Yes n = 223	No n = 1496
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Disagree	3	4	1	1	4	1	3	4	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	5	3	2	5	2	4	5	3
No opinion	5	7	7	3	4	4	4	4	5
Agree	55	49	56	53	55	63	58	51	55
Strongly agree	36	39	34	41	35	31	33	40	35
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	88	90	94	90	94	91	91	90
Don't know	1	1	<1	1	1		2		1
I support my child/children to explore their identity									
	Total 2025 n = 1853	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 515	Far North QLD n = 217	North QLD n = 232	South East n = 271	South West n = 269	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 349	Yes n = 229	No n = 1622
Strongly disagree	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	2
Disagree	3	4	3	1	3	2	3	3	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	5	5	6	3	5	4	4	5	5
No opinion	7	6	8	5	6	8	8	6	7
Agree	52	47	50	53	50	58	58	46	53
Strongly agree	35	40	35	38	37	28	29	42	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	87	87	86	91	87	86	87	88	87
Don't know	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: Those in parenting role electing/able to answer.

3.16 Queensland Child Safe Standards

Q26. Are you aware of the Queensland Child Safe Standards?

The standards apply to businesses and organisations (including sporting and social clubs) that interact with or involve children. A Child Safe Organisation is one that creates a culture, adopts strategies and takes action to promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people. The Child Safe Standards will come into effect from 1 October 2025 through a staged approach, with all Child Safe Organisations required to comply with the Child Safe Standards by 1 April 2026.

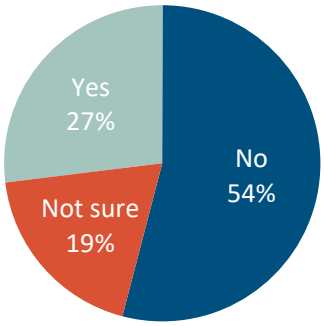
New question in 2025

3.16.1 2025 result

When asked in 2025, 27% of respondents were aware of the Queensland Child Safe Standards and 54% were not. Nineteen per cent of respondents were unsure whether they knew of the Queensland Child Safe Standards.

Figure 3.16.1 Awareness of Queensland Child Safe Standards (2025)

Q26. Are you aware of the Queensland Child Safe Standards?
% of respondents
Base: All respondents electing/able to answer (n=3635)



Respondents who declined to answer the question (n=6) have been removed from the base when reporting results.

3.16.2 Sub-group differences (2025)

Awareness of the Queensland Child Safe Standards was significantly higher among females (28%, 25% males), younger respondents (38% 18-24 years old, 33% 25-29 years old, 28% 40-59 years old, 13% 60+ years old), those responsible for a child aged 0-17 years (35%, 19% those not responsible for child 0-17), respondents identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (44%, 25% do not identify as such), and those identifying as culturally and linguistically diverse (34%, 26% do not identify as such).

No significant differences by region were evident. Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.16.1 and 3.16.2 following.

Table 3.16.1: Awareness of Queensland Child Safe Standards by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q26 Column %	Total 2025 n = 3635	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1731	Female n = 1896	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1369	40-59 years n = 1157	60+ years n = 842	Yes n = 1854	No n = 1781	Yes n = 349	No n = 3286
% of respondents												
Yes	27	25 ↓	28 ↑	38	38 ↑	33 ↑	28	13 ↓	35 ↑	19 ↓	44 ↑	25 ↓
No	54	55	53	50	45 ↓	52 ↓	53	62 ↑	48 ↓	60 ↑	34 ↓	56 ↑
Not sure	19	20	19	13	17	16 ↓	19	25 ↑	17 ↓	21 ↑	21	19

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Table 3.16.2: Awareness of Queensland Child Safe Standards by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q26 Column %	Total 2025 n = 3635	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1024	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 422	South East n = 562	South West n = 513	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 693	Yes n = 398	No n = 3234
% of respondents									
Yes	27	29	26	26	26	27	25	34 ↑	26 ↓
No	54	54	52	55	54	50	57	42 ↓	55 ↑
Not sure	19	17	22	19	19	23	18	24	19

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: Those in parenting role electing/able to answer.

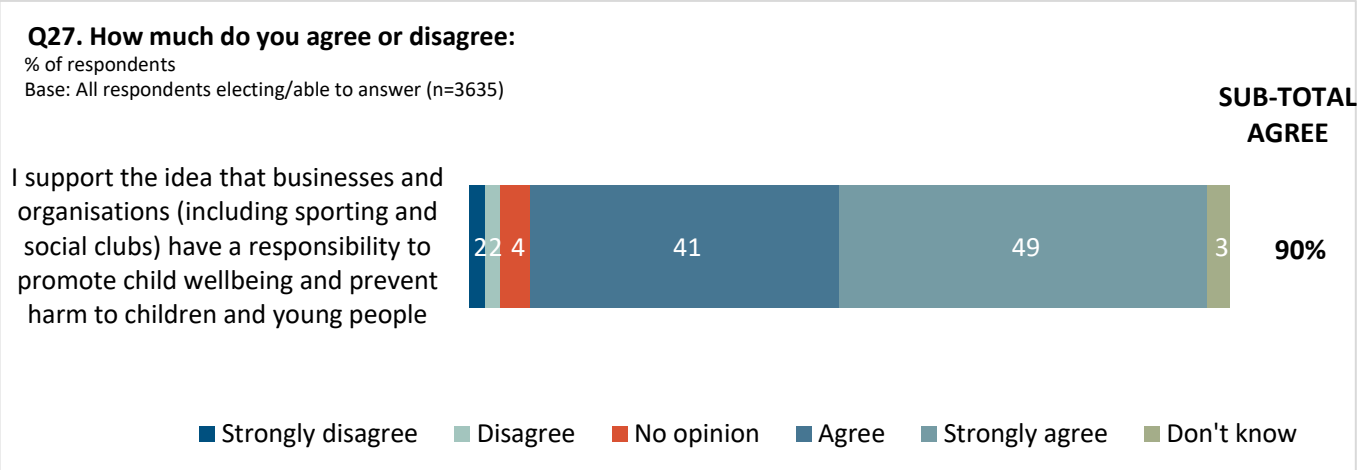
Q27. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
I support the idea that businesses and organisations (including sporting and social clubs) have a responsibility to promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people.
New question in 2025

3.16.3 2025 result

Ninety per cent of respondents agreed overall that they support the idea that businesses and organisations have a responsibility to promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people with 41% agreeing and 49% strongly agreeing.

Four per cent of respondents disagreed overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) and 7% either had no opinion or responded 'don't know'.

Figure 3.16.2 Support for Queensland Child Safe Standards (2025)



Respondents who declined to answer the question (n=6) have been removed from the base when reporting results.

3.16.4 Sub-group differences (2025)

Female respondents (91%), those aged 25-39 years old (92%), those responsible for a child aged 0-17 years (93%), and those who did not identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (90%) had significantly higher levels of overall agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) with the idea that businesses and organisations have a responsibility to promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people (90% agreed overall average).

No significant differences by region or by cultural and linguistic diversity identity were evident. Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.16.3 and 3.16.4 following.

Table 3.16.3: Support for Queensland Child Safe Standards by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (2025)

Q27 Column %	Total 2025	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
% of respondents												
I support the idea that businesses and organisations (including sporting and social clubs) have a responsibility to promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people												
	Total 2025 n = 3635	Male n = 1729	Female n = 1898	Non-binary n = 8^	18-24 years n = 267	25-39 years n = 1370	40-59 years n = 1154	60+ years n = 844	Yes n = 1854	No n = 1781	Yes n = 349	No n = 3286
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		1	1 ↓	3	3	2	2	3	2
Disagree	2	2 ↑	1 ↓		1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	5 ↑	3 ↓		3	3	4	5 ↑	3 ↓	5 ↑	5	4
No opinion	4	4	3		3	3 ↓	4	6 ↑	3 ↓	5 ↑	5	4
Agree	41	44 ↑	38 ↓	38	45	40	41	40	39	42	42	41
Strongly agree	49	44 ↓	53 ↑	63	45	52 ↑	49	46	53 ↑	44 ↓	42 ↓	50 ↑
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	88 ↓	91 ↑	100	90	92 ↑	90	86 ↓	93 ↑	87 ↓	84 ↓	90 ↑
Don't know	3	3	3		5	3	2	3	2 ↓	4 ↑	6 ↑	2 ↓

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Table 3.16.4: Support for Queensland Child Safe Standards by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2025)

Q27 Column %	Total 2025	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
I support the idea that businesses and organisations (including sporting and social clubs) have a responsibility to promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people									
	Total 2025 n = 3635	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1023	Far North QLD n = 421	North QLD n = 421	South East n = 564	South West n = 512	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 694	Yes n = 398	No n = 3234
Strongly disagree	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	4	2
Disagree	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	3	5	4	5	4	3	6	3
No opinion	4	4	3	3	3	5	4	4	4
Agree	41	42	41	38	43	39	40	45	40
Strongly agree	49	48	49	53	47	46	50	43	50
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	90	90	91	90	86	91	88	90
Don't know	3	3	2	2	2	5 ↑	3	2	3

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. region) at at least the 95% confidence level. Base: Those in parenting role electing/able to answer.

4. Appendices

Appendix A – Survey Items

No.	Item	Response scale
Q1.	What is your residential postcode? *Exit message if not a Queensland postcode:* Thank you for your interest in completing this survey. We are interested in the views of people who live in Queensland.	Free text (4 numerical spaces)
Q2.	In what year were you born?	Free text (2-4 numerical spaces)
Q3.	How do you describe your gender?	☐ Man or male ☐ Woman or female ☐ Non-binary ☐ I use a different term
Q4.	Do you identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person?	☐ Yes, Aboriginal person ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander person ☐ Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person ☐ No
Q5.	Do you speak a language other than English at home	☐ Yes, I speak another language at home ☐ No, I only speak English at home
Q6.	Are you currently responsible for the care of a child aged 0-17 years?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Q7.	Do you fall within any of the following groups (please select all that apply): a) I am a parent of children under 18 years who live with me full time b) I am a parent of children under 18 years who live with me part time c) I am a parent of children under 18 years who do not live with me d) I am a foster carer e) I am a kinship carer f) I am a sibling carer of children under 18 years who live with me full time or part time g) I am a parent or carer of children over 18 years who live with me full time or part time h) I am a grandparent of children under 18 years. *(must answer yes at Q7 at any of a-g above to go on to parenting questions)* *(if they only answer yes at h it does not count for parenting)*	☐ Yes – for each item ☐ Or, None of these
Q8.	Are you currently, or have you in the past five years, been in contact with the child protection and family support system as: a) A parent b) A child c) A foster carer d) A kinship carer e) A child protection and family support system worker or service provider? f) In any other professional capacity (e.g. a doctor, nurse, teacher, etc.)	☐ Yes ☐ No

No.	Item	Response scale
Q9.	*Don't ask to those who said yes to Q7 d or e* I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐ No opinion ☐ Don't know
Q10.	I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐ No opinion ☐ Don't know
Q11.	If you were concerned about a child's safety or wellbeing, which organisations or individuals would you report this to?	Free text
Q12.	Overall, I have confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐ No opinion ☐ Don't know
Q13.	In my community, children and young people: a) are protected from abuse and neglect b) are supported to live safely at home with their families c) live in safe communities d) can access the services they need to stay healthy e) can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists f) can access disability services if needed g) can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten h) have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE i) can access sporting, recreational or community activities j) are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people) k) have good employment opportunities when they get to working age l) can cope with school pressures (both academic and social) m) receive appropriate support for their mental and emotional health needs n) have good physical health o) lead a healthy lifestyle p) avoid smoking, drinking and using other drugs q) have access to adequate amounts of quality food	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐ No opinion ☐ Don't know
Q14.	How much do you agree or disagree that **the views of children and young people are listened to and valued** by the following systems? a) education system b) health system c) mental health system d) disability service system e) public housing system f) child protection and family support system g) youth justice system	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐ No opinion ☐ Don't know

No.	Item	Response scale
Q15.	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? a) The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people b) Children are safe in my community c) I feel safe in my community d) The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people e) Young people are portrayed fairly in the media f) Young people should have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them g) Being a parent is hard work h) Parents struggle to discipline their children i) Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children j) The cost of living is having a negative impact on families k) Parents in my community have good physical and mental health l) Parental use of illicit drugs is low in my community m) Families are able to access family support payments when needed. n) Families have sufficient income to be able to provide necessities for their children. o) Home ownership and rent are affordable for families.	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐ No opinion
Q16.	In the last 6 months, have you had difficulty maintaining housing?	☐ I have not had any issues maintaining housing ☐ Unable to pay rent ☐ Unable to pay mortgage ☐ Unable to access stable housing arrangement ☐ Experienced discrimination in housing search or application process ☐ Evicted from a residence ☐ Currently homeless ☐ Other (free text)
Q17.	*Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)* We are now going to ask you some questions about your experiences of being a parent, carer or grandparent Are the children in your care in the following age groups?	☐ 0-4 ☐ 5-9 ☐ 10-14 ☐ 15-17 ☐ 18 and over
Q18.	*Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)* As well as you and your children, does anyone else live at your home?	☐ My partner ☐ Extended family (E.g.: grandparents or other relatives) ☐ No one else ☐ Other (please specify)

No.	Item	Response scale
Q19.	*Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)* How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? a) I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children b) I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it c) Our family does fun activities together d) Our family has clear rules and routines e) My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children f) My neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities g) Getting to school and work is easy for our family h) Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills i) Our family is actively engaged with my children's school	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐ No opinion ☐ Don't know
Q20.	*Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)* How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I feel confident that: a) I can support my child or young person when they have worries or concerns b) I can support my child to do well at school c) I can support my child to attend sporting, recreational and community activities d) I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities e) my children will have a good future f) my children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older g) there will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older h) there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older I feel confident that I would be able to access: i) the health services my child might need j) services if I need support with my parenting k) help from teachers or other school staff if my child is having problems at school	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ No opinion ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐ Don't know
Q21.	*Please ask all respondents this question* What do you think are the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland? List up to three.	Free text
Q22.	*Ask (a) to all* Which of the following apply to you? a) I know more than two neighbours well. *For B&C: Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)* b) I could have a neighbour or someone close to my house watch my child/children in an emergency. c) I know at least two of my child/children's friends	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

No.	Item	Response scale
Q23.	*Note: Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)* Which of the following do you do with your child/children? a) My child/children and I attend parks and sporting events in my neighbourhood at least once a month. b) I read books with my child/children regularly or witness them reading at least once a week. c) I support my child/children with homework or witness them completing homework at least once a week. d) I take my child/children to a location or event that they have suggested at least once a month. e) I have daily conversations with my child/children about topics that they are interested in.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure
Q24.	*Note: Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)* Which statement best describes your family? 1. All of my children cope well with school pressures (both academic and social) 2. Some of my children cope well, some do not cope so well 3. None of my children cope well with school pressures	Pick one statement
Q25.	*Note: Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)* How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about you and your child/children's engagement with identity and culture? a) I support my child/children to learn about their background and culture b) I support my child/children to pursue their own spiritual beliefs c) I support my child/children to explore their identity	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ No opinion ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐ Don't know ☐ Not applicable (show for item a and b only)
Q26.	Are you aware of the Queensland Child Safe Standards? The standards apply to businesses and organisations (including sporting and social clubs) that interact with or involve children. A Child Safe Organisation is one that creates a culture, adopts strategies and takes action to promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people. The Child Safe Standards will come into effect from 1 October 2025 through a staged approach, with all Child Safe Organisations required to comply with the Child Safe Standards by 1 April 2026.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure
Q27.	*Ask all* How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I support the idea that businesses and organisations (including sporting and social clubs) have a responsibility to promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people.	☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ No opinion ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐ Don't know

Appendix B – Sample Composition

GENDER		Survey year							
Column % n		2017 n = 1703	2019 n = 2503	2020 n = 2530	2021 n = 2520	2022 n = 2509	2023 n=3154	2024 n=3641	2025 n=3641
Male		47%	50%	48%	47%	48%	47%	49%	48%
	n =	800	1250	1225	1,192	1,201	1497	1779	1733
Female		53%	50%	51%	52%	52%	52%	51%	52%
	n =	898	1250	1298	1,320	1,302	1652	1845	1900
Non-binary		<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
	n =	5	3	7	8	5	4	15	7
Use a different term						<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
	n =					1	1	2	1

AGE		Survey year							
Column % n		2017 n = 1703	2019 n = 2503	2020 n = 2530	2021 n = 2520	2022 n = 2509	2023 n = 3154	2024 n=3641	2025 n=3641
18-24 years		8%	10%	10%	8%	12%	10%	8%	7%
	n =	130	251	265	208	293	328	292	268
25-39 years		28%	35%	35%	33%	33%	35%	35%	38%
	n =	485	875	875	828	836	1100	1267	1372
40-59 years		34%	25%	26%	26%	24%	27%	28%	32%
	n =	585	626	654	661	605	851	1035	1157
60+ years		30%	30%	29%	33%	31%	28%	29%	23%
	n =	503	751	736	823	775	875	1047	844

IDENTIFY AS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander		Survey year							
Column % n		2017 n = 1703	2019 n = 2503	2020 n = 2530	2021 n = 2520	2022 n = 2509	2023 n = 3154	2024 n=3641	2025 n=3641
Yes, Aboriginal person		7%	8%	5%	7%	6%	6%	6%	7%
	n =	116	197	138	167	148	183	202	271
Yes, Torres Strait Islander person		1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	n =	21	13	28	7	25	40	41	44
Yes, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander person		1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%
	n =	16	23	29	16	51	50	58	34
SUB-TOTAL Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person		9%	9%	8%	8%	9%	9%	8%	10%
	n =	153	233	195	190	224	273	301	349
No		91%	91%	92%	92%	91%	91%	92%	90%
	n =	1541	2270	2335	2330	2285	2881	3340	3292

CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE		Survey year		
Column % n		2023 n=3145	2024 n=3632	2025 n=3638
Speak a language other than English at home		9%	11%	11%
	n =	291	406	400
Only speak English at home		91%	89%	89%
	n =	2854	3226	3238

In 2023, the Region was re-classified into 6 subgroups:

REGION		Survey year		
Column % n		2023 n=3154	2024 n=3641	2025 n=3641
Brisbane and Moreton Bay		28%	28%	28%
	n =	875	1007	1026
Far North Queensland		11%	11%	12%
	n =	358	397	421
North Queensland		13%	13%	12%
	n =	403	477	422
South East		15%	15%	16%
	n =	462	547	565
South West		14%	13%	14%
	n =	437	484	513
Sunshine Coast and Central		20%	20%	19%
	n =	619	729	694

Previous regions included:

REGION		Survey year				
Column % n		2017 n = 1703	2019 n = 2503	2020 n = 2530	2021 n = 2520	2022 n = 2509
South East		54%	50%	51%	52%	50%
	n =	922	1252	1281	1,319	1254
Northern		18%	19%	19%	20%	20%
	n =	312	476	475	500	503
Southern		19%	19%	19%	18%	20%
	n =	322	475	475	452	502
Central		9%	12%	12%	10%	10%
	n =	147	300	299	249	250

RESPONSIBLE FOR CARE OF CHILD		Survey year							
Column % n		**2017 n = 1696**	**2019 n = 2498**	**2020 n = 2525**	**2021 n = 2518**	**2022 n = 2498**	**2023 n=3144**	**2024 n=3637**	**2025 n=3633**
Yes		31%	32%	31%	33%	34%	37%	35%	49%
	n =	530	803	791	821	860	1161	1282	1770
No		69%	68%	69%	67%	66%	63%	65%	51%
	n =	1166	1695	1734	1,697	1638	1983	2355	1863

PARENT/CARER TYPE		Survey year		
Column % n		**2023 n=3154**	**2024 n=3634**	**2025 n=3633**
I am a parent of children under 18 years who live with me full time		33%	31%	43%
	n =	1043	1142	1560
I am a parent of children under 18 years who live with me part time		3%	3%	5%
	n =	104	109	170
I am a parent of children under 18 years who do not live with me		2%	2%	2%
	n =	62	60	70
I am a foster carer*		1%	<1%	<1%
	n =	30	14	6
I am a kinship carer*		-	1%	<1%
	n =	-	21	15
I am a sibling carer of children under 18 years who live with me full time or part time+		-	1%	1%
	n =	-	48	43
I am a parent or carer of children over 18 years who live with me full time or part time		6%	5%	6%
	n =	201	197	202
I am a grandparent of children under 18 years		19%	18%	14%
	n =	584	673	503
None of these		41%	42%	33%
	n =	1279	1533	1218

* Asked as 'I am a foster or kinship carer' in 2023
+ Not asked in 2023

PARENTS/CARERS – AGE OF CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE		Survey year		
Column % n		**2023 n=1368**	**2024 n=1512**	**2025 n=1981**
0-4		39%	36%	37%
	n =	537	544	727
5-9		37%	36%	35%
	n =	512	548	706
10-14		34%	36%	35%
	n =	465	542	706
15-17		20%	22%	24%
	n =	280	332	474
18 and over		18%	16%	14%
	n =	247	243	279

PARENTS/CARERS – OTHERS LIVING IN THE HOME		Survey year		
Column % n		**2023 n=1377**	**2024 n=1521**	**2025 n=1989**
My partner		73%	71%	73%
	n =	1004	1082	1461
Extended family (E.g.: grandparents or other relatives)		13%	12%	13%
	n =	177	188	249
No one else		17%	19%	17%
	n =	241	284	332
Other		3%	3%	3%
	n =	42	43	69

Appendix C – Fieldwork Report

Online method

Sub-contractor: Ipsos.

Dates of Fieldwork: 13 March to 8 April 2025.

Average (median) survey length: 8 minutes.

Sample sources: Six panels were used - Octopus (34%), Ipsos Panel (6%), CINT (24%), PureProfile (22%), Dynata (12%) and ATSIRU "iMob" panel (2%). All panels have ISO 20252 accreditation.

In the total online sample of completed surveys, 241 surveys were collected with Queenslanders who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and 3,292 with those who do not identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (3,533 surveys in total).

Open link method

Sub-contractor: Ipsos via their in-house specialist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Research Unit (ATSIRU). The interviews were conducted in language where necessary. Two interviewers were used in regional areas (Torres Strait Islands and Townsville).

Dates of Fieldwork: 20 March to 7 April 2025.

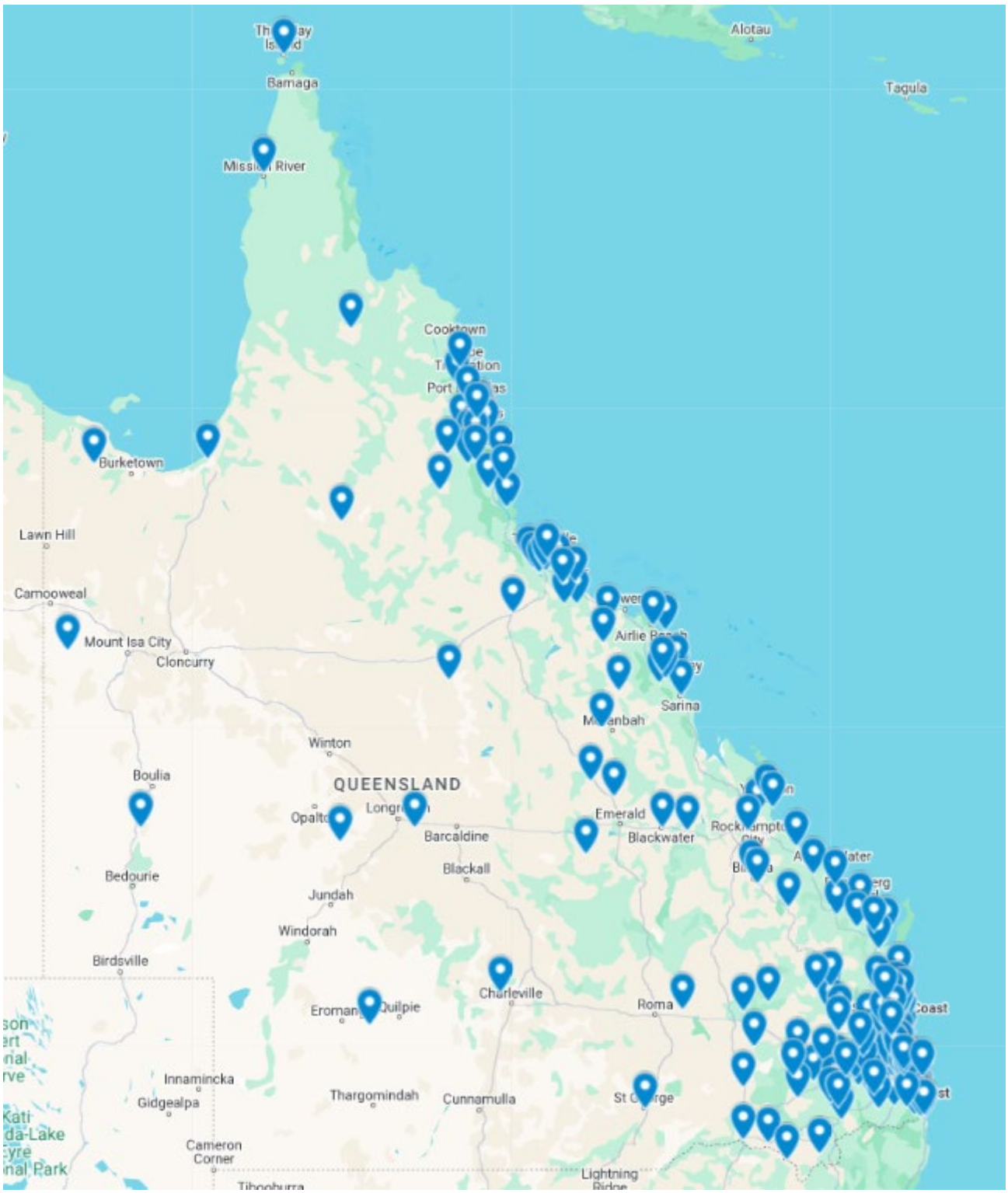
Average (median) survey length: 12 minutes.

Sample sources: ATSIRU Team Leaders use their networks and local knowledge to approach people either via phone or face-to-face in their communities to complete the interview.

The open link method comprised a mix of face-to-face interviewing (n=52) and self-completion surveying (via a link to the online survey) (n=56).

Distribution of interviews

The map below shows the location of respondents who took part in the survey in 2025. Each flag represents a postcode where at least one interview was completed.

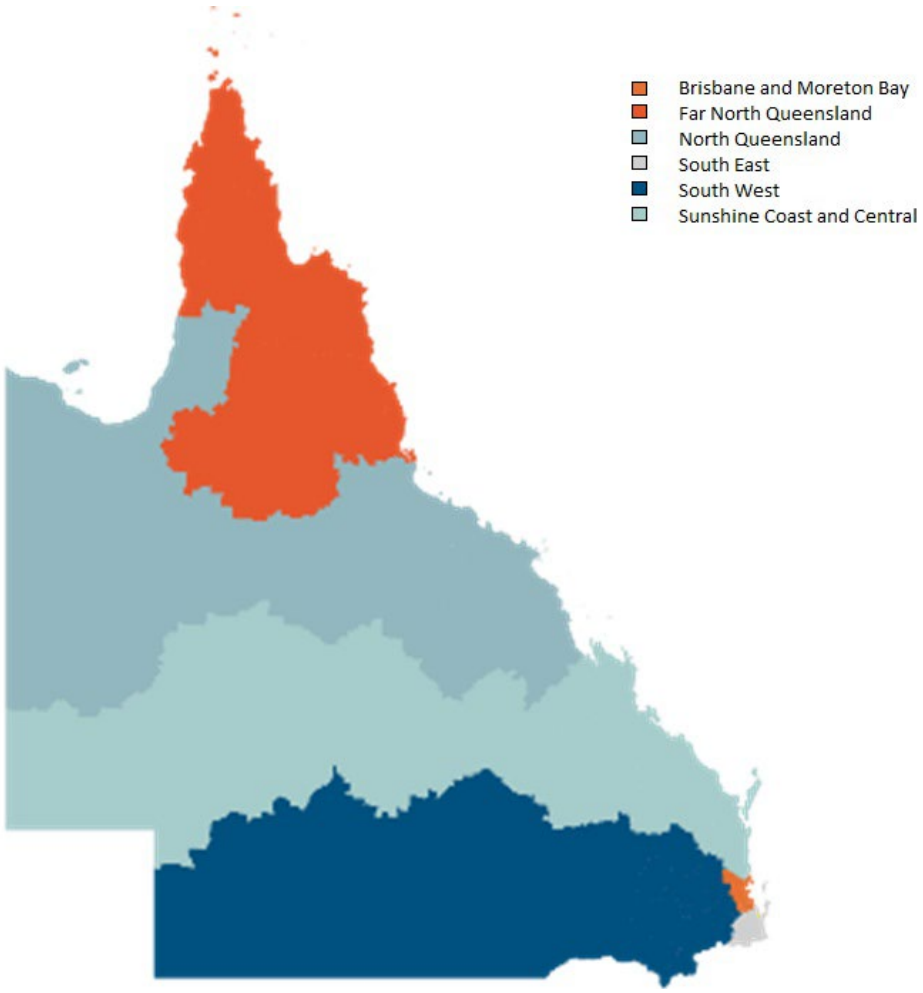


Appendix D – Sampling Error Chart

All sample surveys and polls, whether or not they use probability sampling, are subject to multiple sources of error which are most often not possible to quantify or estimate, including sampling error, coverage error, error associated with non-response, error associated with question wording and response options and post survey weighting and adjustments. Therefore, MCR avoids the words 'margin of error' as they are not able to be verified. All that can be calculated are different possible sampling errors with different probabilities of pure, unweighted, random samples with 100% response rates. These are only theoretical because no published surveys come close to this ideal. At the absolute minimum, sampling error based on various cell sizes for this survey could fall within the following ranges (at the 95% confidence level).

Sample size	10/90	20/80	30/70	40/60	50/50
100	±6.0	±8.0	±9.2	±9.8	±10.0
200	±4.2	±5.6	±6.5	±6.9	±7.0
300	±3.5	±4.6	±5.3	±5.7	±5.8
400	±3.0	±4.0	±4.6	±4.9	±5.0
500	±2.7	±3.6	±4.1	±4.4	±4.5
600	±2.4	±3.3	±3.7	±4.0	±4.1
700	±2.3	±3.0	±3.5	±3.7	±3.8
800	±2.1	±2.8	±3.2	±3.5	±3.5
900	±2.0	±2.4	±3.1	±3.3	±3.3
1000	±1.9	±2.5	±2.9	±3.1	±3.2
1100	±1.8	±2.4	±2.7	±2.9	±3.0
1200	±1.7	±2.3	±2.6	±2.8	±2.8
1300	±1.6	±2.2	±2.5	±2.7	±2.7
1400	±1.6	±2.1	±2.4	±2.6	±2.6
1500	±1.5	±2.0	±2.3	±2.5	±2.5
1600	±1.5	±2.0	±2.3	±2.4	±2.5
1700	±1.4	±1.9	±2.2	±2.3	±2.4
1800	±1.4	±1.9	±2.1	±2.3	±2.3
1900	±1.4	±1.8	±2.1	±2.2	±2.3
2000	±1.3	±1.8	±2.0	±2.2	±2.2
2100	±1.3	±1.7	±2.0	±2.1	±2.1
2200	±1.3	±1.7	±1.9	±2.1	±2.1
2300	±1.2	±1.6	±1.9	±2.0	±2.0
2400	±1.2	±1.6	±1.8	±2.0	±2.0
2500	±1.2	±1.6	±1.8	±1.9	±2.0

Appendix E – Regional Boundaries

Throughout the tables in this report, the data has been reported on a regional basis, with these six regions being:

1. Brisbane and Moreton Bay
2. Far North Queensland
3. North Queensland
4. South East
5. South West
6. Sunshine Coast and Central