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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 by various systems
- Perceptions about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by various systems
- Perceptions about accessibility of mental health services and barriers experienced when trying to access these services
- Views about how children and young people are prioritised by government, portrayed by media and involved in community
- Perceptions of the adequacy of oversight of child protection and youth justice systems
- Views about the minimum age of incarceration for children
- 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
- Perceptions on whether the cost of living is having a negative impact on families.

In 2024, new questions centered around housing and cost of living were added, including:

- Any difficulties encountered in maintaining housing
- Perceptions about the housing opportunities for their children when they are older
- Perceptions about their children being able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older.

2. Method

The method comprised an online self-completion survey and an offline (face-to-face) 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 2024 was n=3,641 Queensland adults (Online = 3,532, Open Link* = 109). Targets were set to ensure the sample was representative in terms of age, gender and geographic region. However, Queenslanders who identified as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person were deliberately oversampled such that of the 3,641 Queenslanders surveyed, 301 (8%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. See Table 2.1 below for the demographic characteristics of respondents.

Table 2.1: Demographic characteristics of respondents, n=3,641

Demographic characteristics 2024	n	%	Target
Gender			
Man or male	1779	49	50
Woman or female	1845	51	50
Non-binary	15	<1	-
Uses a different term	2	<1	-
Age group			
18-24 years	292	8	45
25-39 years	1267	35	
40-59 years	1035	28	55
60+ years	1047	29	
Region⁺			
Brisbane and Moreton Bay	1007	28	-
Far North Queensland	397	11	-
North Queensland	477	13	-
South East	547	15	-
South West	484	13	-
Sunshine Coast and Central	729	20	-

Demographic characteristics 2024	n	%	Target
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander			
Identify	301	8	7.5
Do not identify	3340	92	92.5
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse <i>n=3,632 answered this item</i>			
Speak a language other than English at home	406	11	-
Only speak English at home	3226	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 offline method refers to the sample boost of Queenslanders who identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander which was conducted using a mix of face-to-face interviewing (n=43) and self-completion surveying (via a link to the online survey) (n=66). In addition to the 109 interviews collected via this method, an additional 192 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. A minimum quota was set to ensure that at least 35% of the sample was currently responsible for the care of a child aged 0-17 years (35% achieved in 2024).

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) 2024			
<i>n=3,515 answered this item (multiple responses allowed)</i>			
As a parent	258	7	-
As a child	143	4	-
As a foster carer	47	1	-
As a kinship carer	74	2	-
As a service provider	139	4	-
In any other professional capacity (e.g. doctor, nurse, teacher, etc.)	410	11	-
SUB-TOTAL At least one contact with child protection and family support system	655	19	-

Parent/Carer demographics	n	%	Target
Parent/Carer Type (select all that apply)			
<i>n=3,634 answered this item (multiple responses allowed)</i>			
I am a parent of children under 18 years who live with me full time	1142	31	-
I am a parent of children under 18 years who live with me part time	109	3	-
I am a parent of children under 18 years who do not live with me	60	2	-
I am a foster carer	14	<1	-
I am a kinship carer	21	1	-
I am a sibling carer of children under 18 years who live with me full time or part time	48	1	-
I am a parent or carer of children over 18 years who live with me full time or part time	197	5	-
I am a grandparent of children under 18 years	673	18	-
None of these	1533	40	-
Parents/Carers - Age of Children in their care			
<i>n=1,512 parents/those acting in a parenting role answered this item (multiple responses allowed)</i>			
0-4	544	36	-
5-9	548	36	-
10-14	542	36	-
15-17	332	22	-
18 and over	243	16	-
Parents/Carers - Others living in the home			
<i>n=1,521 answered this item (multiple responses allowed)</i>			
My partner	1082	71	-
Extended family (e.g. grandparents or other relatives)	188	12	-
No one else	284	19	-
Other	43	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 9 minutes. For those completing via an offline method, the average completion time was 17 minutes.

The fieldwork dates for the survey were as follows:

- Online method: 27 March to 22 April 2024
- Offline method: 4 April to 23 April 2024.

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 offline 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 (32%), Ipsos Panel (29%), Fulcrum (10%), PureProfile (20%), Dynata (7%) and ATSIURU "iMob" panel (2%). All panels have ISO 20252 accreditation.

The offline method was conducted by Ipsos via their in-house specialist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Research Unit (ATSIURU). The interviews were conducted in language where necessary. Three interviewers were used in regional areas (Torres Strait Islands, Mt Isa and Townsville). ATSIURU 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 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 three opportunities for respondents to answer in their own words (open-ended questions) and responses were subsequently coded into key themes for analysis.

Comparison of 2024 and 2023 data

Thirteen areas in 2024 can be compared with data from 2023:

- 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
- Proportion accessing youth mental health services and barriers to accessing the services
- Agreement with statements about mental health services
- Agreement with statements about the prioritisation, safety and inclusion of children and young people
- Perceptions of incarceration of children
- 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 2024 survey, a dual methodology approach (online and face to face surveying) was undertaken across Queensland between 27 March and 23 April. A total of n=3,641 Queensland adults were interviewed in 2024 including n=1,282 people who are responsible for the care of a child aged 0-17 years (35% of the sample) and n=301 people who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person (8% of the sample).

Research Findings

Queensland Child Protection system

In 2024, **58% of respondents agreed that they have confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system**. This result was comparable to levels of confidence and trust reported in 2023 (56%). When respondents were asked to suggest what would improve their confidence in the system, hearing or seeing fewer negative outcomes for children, having a better understanding of the child protection system, seeing improvements in resources and capability, and improvements in the speed and manner in which early concerns are dealt with were all raised as potential areas to improve upon. 49% agreed that the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people with 36% disagreeing (15% had no opinion). Community agreement on this aspect increased from 46% in 2023 to 49% in 2024.

There were **mixed opinions regarding the sufficiency of oversight** of both the Queensland child protection system and the Queensland youth justice system (42% and 38% respectively agreed there was sufficient oversight). It was perceived by respondents that the health system and disability service systems were more likely to listen to and value the views of children and young people (54% and 49% agreement respectively). The systems considered least likely to listen to and value the views of young people were the mental health system (44%), the youth justice system (38%) and the public housing system (29%).

Respondents were most likely to **report a child safety concern** to either the police (58%) or a relevant government agency (54%). This was consistent with 2023 results. Over time, there has been a decline in uncertainty among the community, with fewer respondents indicating they don't know who they would report concerns to (from 11% in 2019 to 6% in 2024).

While the majority (86%) of respondents considered they would take in a friend's child during a time of emergency, only 39% of respondents would consider becoming a **foster or kinship carer**.

The big issues facing parents and children in Queensland

Queenslanders surveyed were most likely to consider the **biggest issues for parents and children in 2024** to be related to the **cost of living, poverty, inflation, and finances** (49%). At a secondary level, close to one in five respondents considered crime and youth crime (19%), housing affordability/issues and homelessness (18%), lack of child discipline and respect (18%) and education concerns such as quality and affordability (17%) as key issues for parents and children in Queensland. Beyond this, issues such as concerns surrounding parenting behaviour (16%), access to health, medical and mental health services (13%) and social media, gaming and internet issues (12%) were noted.

Since 2023, there has been an increase in the proportion of respondents noting concerns related to cost of living, crime, housing affordability/issues of homelessness, lack of child discipline, education and access to health and mental health services for families.

Perceptions of safety and wellbeing for children and young people

58% of respondents agreed overall that in their community children are supported to **live safely at home** with their families and 57% agreed that children and young people **live in safe communities**. There was a positive shift in the proportion of respondents who agreed that children are supported to live safely at home increasing from 55% in 2023 to 58% in 2024.

49% of respondents agreed that children and young people in their community are **protected from abuse and neglect**. This sentiment has also strengthened in 2024, increasing from 45% agreement in 2023 to 49% in 2024. However, approximately one third (32%) 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 44% respectively).

Over two thirds (69%) of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the involvement of young people in public life **positively contributes to social cohesion**. This sentiment increased from 66% agreement in 2023 to 69% in 2024. 63% agreed overall that the **community prioritises the safety and wellbeing** of children and young people. Fewer respondents agreed (45%) that young people have the opportunity to **contribute to discussions about issues that affect them**.

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** sporting, recreational or community activities (77% agreed overall), early childhood education (77%) and services to stay healthy (70%). Approximately two thirds of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that children and young people in their community can access disability services if needed (65%), have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (65%), can access the services they need for healthy teeth (64%) or can access NDIS supports if needed (62%).

The perceived situation with **youth mental health services** remains similar in 2024 as in 2023. There was division among respondents as to whether youth mental health services were accessible and available in their area (50% agreed, 24% disagreed). Beyond accessibility, agreement was relatively low with respect to youth mental health services being culturally appropriate (46%), affordable (32%) or timely (26%).

Among younger respondents (<26 years) or those in parenting/caring roles, 26% reported having tried to access youth mental health services in the past three years. Over two thirds (68%) of those attempting to access services experienced barriers to access, predominantly long waitlists, not being able to afford the cost of services, not knowing how to get a referral or mental health care plan, a lack of services in their area, or a lack of awareness of local services.

Cost of living and housing issues

The majority of respondents (91%) agreed that the **cost of living** is having a negative impact on families. This sentiment was similar to that reported in 2023 (92%).

A new question was added to the 2024 survey, asking whether respondents had had difficulty **maintaining housing** in the past 6 months. 20% of all respondents indicated they had had issues, including 9% who were unable to pay rent, 4% who were unable to pay their mortgage, 4% who were unable to access stable housing and 3% 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 (26%), those aged under 40 years (33%), those identifying as either an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (31%), or culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (29%).

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 (90%), do fun activities together (90%), or that they are satisfied with the amount of time they have available to spend with their children (73%). 75% reported having someone they can rely on to help with parenting if they need it.

While 83% 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 (although agreement was lower in 2024, 68%, than in 2023, 75%). 52% agreed their children will be able to afford day-to-day costs when older and 42% agreed there will be housing opportunities.

Minimum age of incarceration

Respondents were asked what they thought the minimum age should be for a child to be incarcerated. Among those respondents who were able to provide an opinion, **36% indicated an age range of 14 years or older, 72% felt children aged 12 years or older** could be incarcerated, while 10% indicated that children under 10 years could be incarcerated.

▶ **SNAPSHOT:**

Community Perceptions Research 2024

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.

▶ **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOCIETY**



Agree that the **involvement of young people in public life** positively contributes to social cohesion



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

This survey highlights that the community considers ongoing focus is needed to protect children from abuse and neglect, and that efforts are needed to improve access to youth mental health services and to ensure families and youth can access housing and afford day-to-day living.

▶ **SAFETY OF CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE**



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



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

▶ **COMMUNITY ACCESS AND SUPPORTS**

77% can access sporting, recreational or community activities

65% can access disability services if needed

77% can access early childhood education and care

▲58% are supported to live safely at home with their family

70% can access services they need to stay healthy

57% are supported to connect with their culture

▶ **FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR YOUTH**

Eight in ten parents/carers (83%) agree that their children will have a good future



■ Strongly disagree ■ Disagree ■ No opinion ■ Agree ■ Strongly agree ■ Don't know

However ...



91% consider the **cost of living is having a negative impact on families**

52% agree their children will be able to afford day-to-day costs when they are older

42% agree there will be housing opportunities for their children

▶ **YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS**



have experienced barriers to accessing youth mental health services (mainly waitlists and costs)

Agreement among youth and parents/carers, youth mental health services are

50% accessible in the area

26% timely (have enough capacity to meet demand without waitlists)

32% affordable

The big issues facing parents and children in Queensland



49%

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



19% raise crime/youth crime, 18% raise children's behavioural issues and 16% poor parenting



18% housing/affordable housing/homelessness



17% education quality and affordability



13% health services/mental health services (access and affordability)



12% social media and screen time

Arrows indicate a statistically significant change from 2023 results.

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

Overall confidence and trust in the child protection system

■ Agree/Agree strongly

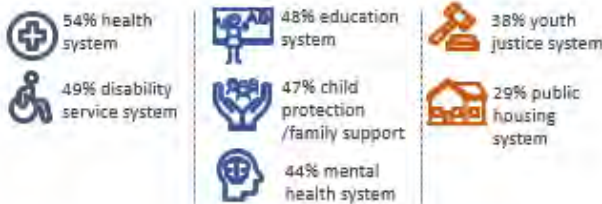


Confidence and trust in the child protection system in Queensland is highest among:

- Males
- People aged under 40 years old
- People responsible for a child or young person aged between 0-17 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 ...

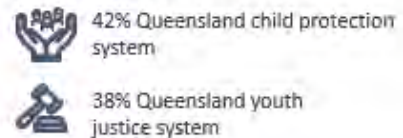


The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people

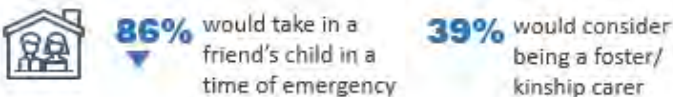
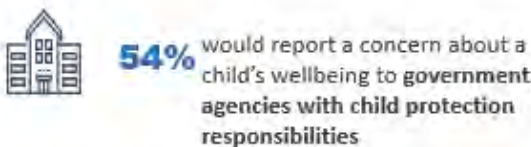
49%
Agree



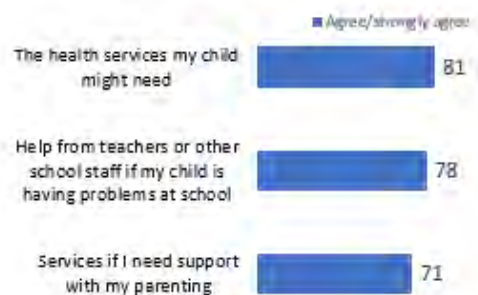
There is sufficient oversight of ...



ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (COMMUNITY)



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



Confidence and capability among parents and carers

90% of families have clear rules and routines

73% are satisfied with the amount of time they have available to spend with their children

75% have someone they can rely on to help with parenting if they need it

93% can support their child or young person when they have worries or concerns

58% are finding it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses

26% are having difficulties maintaining housing

Arrows indicate a statistically significant change from 2023 results.

3. Findings

3.1 Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system

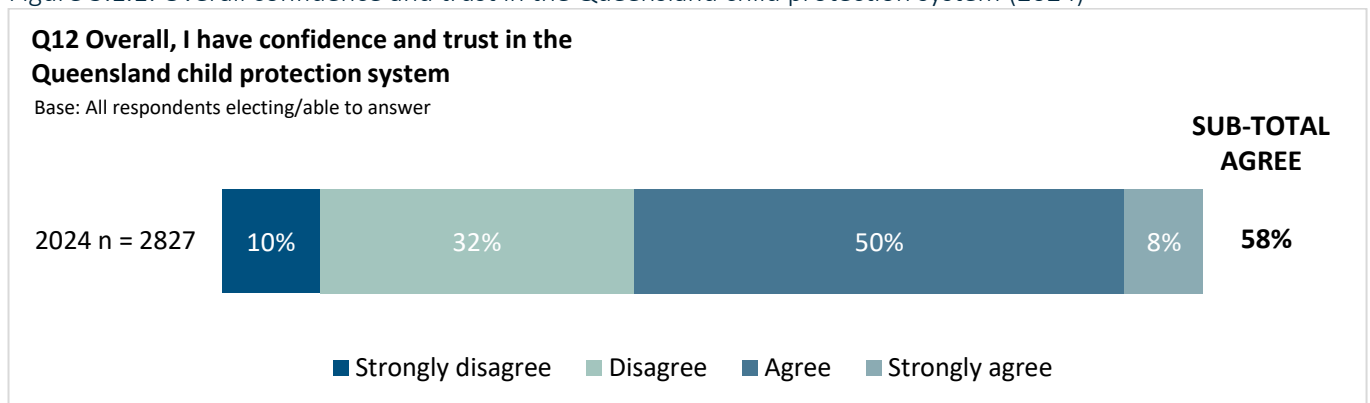
Q12. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement about the current child protection system in Queensland?

Overall, I have confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system.

3.1.1 2024 result

In the 2024 survey, 58% of respondents agreed with the statement ‘Overall, I have confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system’ (50% agreed, 8% strongly agreed). A total of 42% disagreed (32% disagreed, 10% strongly disagreed).

Figure 3.1.1: Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system (2024)

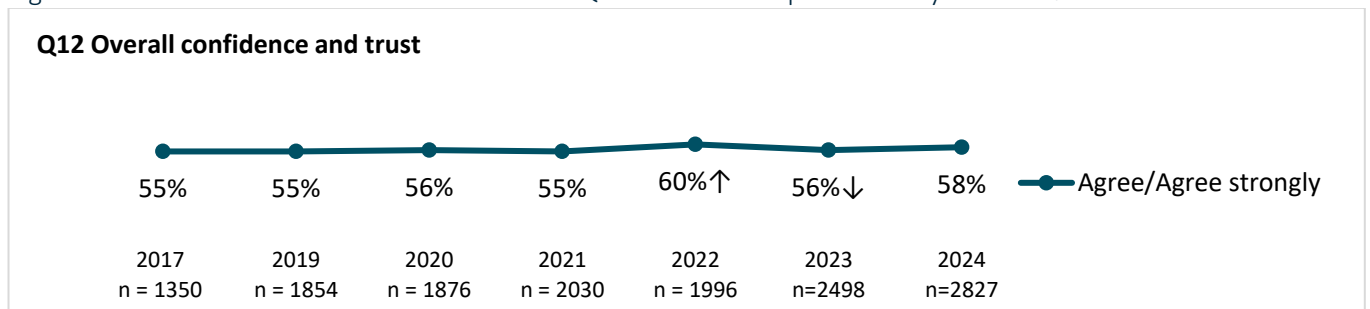


In 2024, 432 respondents answered ‘no opinion’, 380 answered ‘don’t know’ and 2 declined to answer the question. These respondents have been removed from the base when reporting results (the base is therefore those who elected or were able to answer, n=2827).

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 similar in 2024 to levels of overall confidence reported in 2023. While marginally improved, the agreement shift of +2% points was not statistically significant.

Figure 3.1.2: Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system 2017-2024 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result

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 (details on the number of respondents removed since 2021 are provided below):

- In 2021, 202 respondents answered ‘no opinion’, 287 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 in 2021, n=2030)

- In 2022, 263 respondents answered ‘no opinion’ and 250 answered ‘don’t know’. These respondents have been removed from the base when reporting results (the base is therefore those who elected or were able to answer, n=1996)
- In 2023, 331 respondents answered ‘no opinion’, 323 answered ‘don’t know’ and 2 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=2498)
- In 2024, 432 respondents answered ‘no opinion’, 380 answered ‘don’t know’ and 2 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=2827).

3.1.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

The following sub-groups were significantly more likely than other sub-groups (58% 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 (63%)
- Queenslanders aged under 40 years (73% 18-24 year olds, 64% 25-39 year olds)
- Those responsible for a child or young person aged between 0-17 years (62%)
- Brisbane and Moreton Bay residents (63%)
- Queenslanders who identify as being culturally and linguistically diverse (76%).

Table 3.1.1: Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q12 Column %	Total 2024 n = 2827	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1401	Female n = 1412	Non-binary n = 14^	18-24 years n = 236	25-39 years n = 1023	40-59 years n = 796	60+ years n = 772	Yes n = 1052	No n = 1771	Yes n = 233	No n = 2594
% of respondents												
Strongly disagree	10	10	10		5 ↓	7 ↓	11	13 ↑	8 ↓	11 ↑	13	9
Disagree	32	27 ↓	38 ↑	64	22 ↓	29 ↓	36 ↑	37 ↑	30	34	30	33
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	42	37 ↓	47 ↑	64	27 ↓	36 ↓	47 ↑	50 ↑	38 ↓	45 ↑	44	42
Agree	50	53 ↑	46 ↓	21	61 ↑	53 ↑	46 ↓	45 ↓	50	49	44	50
Strongly agree	8	10 ↑	7 ↓	14	12 ↑	10 ↑	7	5 ↓	12 ↑	6 ↓	12 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	58	63 ↑	53 ↓	36	73 ↑	64 ↑	53 ↓	50 ↓	62 ↑	55 ↓	56	58

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 (2024)

Q12 Column %	Total 2024 n = 2827	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 799	Far North QLD n = 295	North QLD n = 375	South East n = 431	South West n = 384	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 543	Yes n = 319	No n = 2500
% of respondents									
Strongly disagree	10	9	11	9	9	10	11	5 ↓	10 ↑
Disagree	32	28 ↓	37	32	29	35	37 ↑	19 ↓	34 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	42	37 ↓	48	41	38	45	48 ↑	24 ↓	44 ↑
Agree	50	51	46	52	54	48	45 ↓	57 ↑	49 ↓
Strongly agree	8	12 ↑	5	7	7	7	7	19 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	58	63 ↑	52	59	62	55	52 ↓	76 ↑	56 ↓

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

Q13. What would increase your confidence in the system?

New question in 2024 (asked of those disagreeing at Q12: 42% of respondents disagreed overall made up of 32% disagreed, 10% strongly disagreed)

3.1.4 2024 results

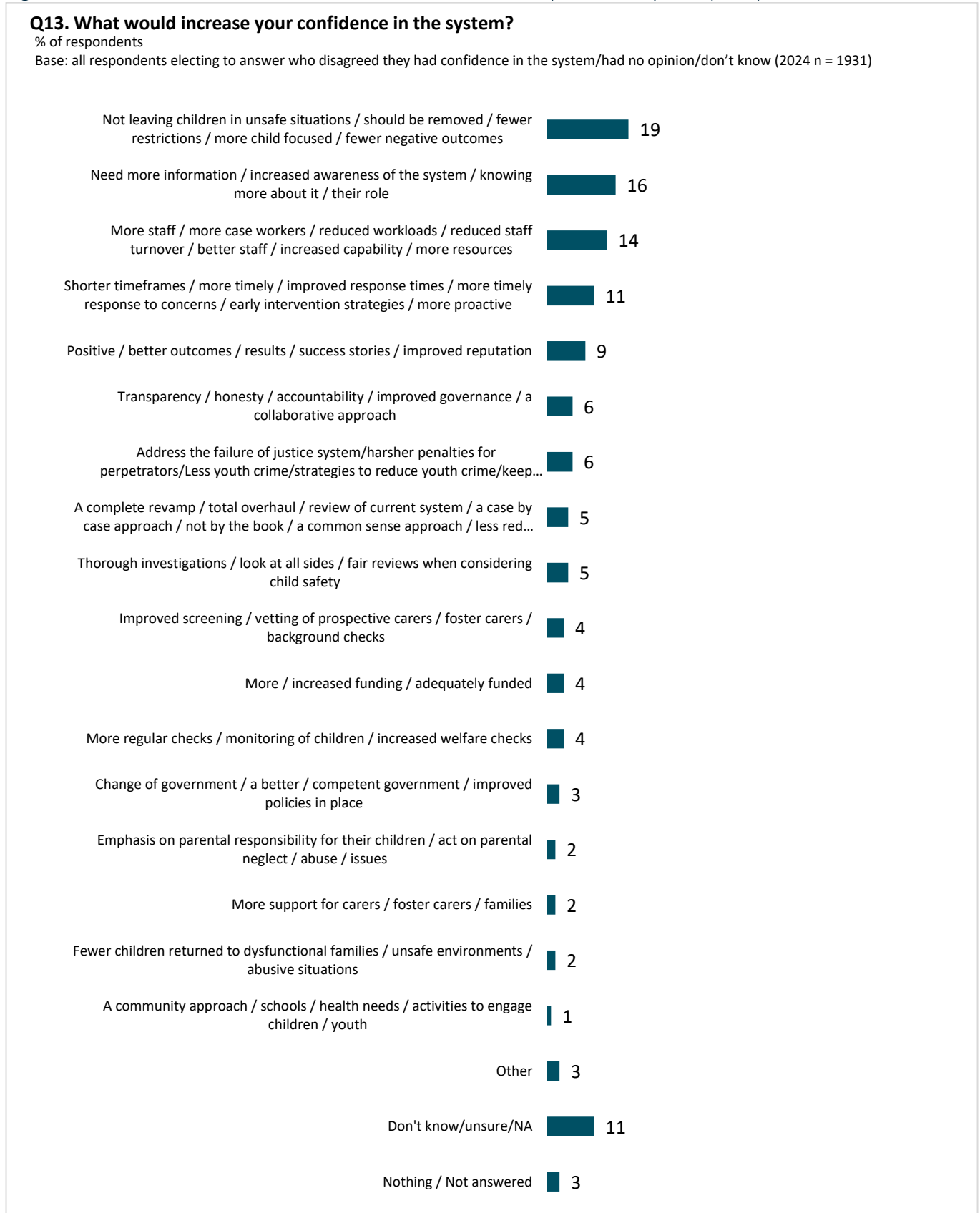
Respondents who indicated they disagreed that they have confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system were asked what would increase their confidence in the system. This was a new question in the 2024 survey and respondents were able to answer in their own words. Post-enumeration responses were coded into key themes, and these are displayed in Figure 3.1.1. on page over.

Respondents who were not confident in the Queensland child protection system considered that they would have improved confidence if they perceived that there were fewer negative outcomes for children (not leaving children in unsafe situations, more child-focussed outcomes) (19%). 16% needed more information and awareness of the child protection system in order to make a more favourable judgement.

Other comments focused upon improvements to resourcing and system processes including 14% who suggested improvements to resources and capability aspects (more staff/case workers, improved retention, skills and capability) and 11% who noted improvements to the speed and way initial concerns are dealt with (improved response times, early interventions, proactiveness).

A range of other mentions of what could be done to improve confidence in the Queensland child protection system is shown in Figure 3.1.1 on the following page.

Figure 3.1.3: Factors that would increase confidence in the child protection system (2024)



73 respondents elected not to answer this question

3.1.5 Sub-group differences (2024)

Responses to the question on how confidence in the Queensland child protection system could be improved were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.1.3 and 3.1.4).

Female respondents were more likely than male respondents to indicate that they would require more child-focused outcomes such as removing the child from unsafe situation and fewer negative outcomes for the child (23%, 13% males) or improved timeframes and early intervention or proactivity (14%, 8% males) in order to improve their confidence in the system.

A number of sub-group differences were observed according to age:

- Respondents aged 25-39 years old were significantly more likely to require more information and awareness of the child protection system (21%, 16% average)
- Those aged 40-59 years were significantly more likely to state improved timeframes and early intervention or proactivity was required (14%, 11% average)
- Those aged 60+ years were significantly more likely to suggest more resources, more staff and increased capability (19%, 14% average).

Those who are responsible for children aged 0-17 years were significantly more likely to require greater action in child-focused outcomes such as removing the child from unsafe situations or fewer negative outcomes for the child (23%) compared to those who are not responsible for children aged 0-17 years (17%).

Respondents who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person had similar response themes to the average of all respondents. However, some of the less commonly referenced responses were significantly more prominent among respondents who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person: 10% wanted reviews and investigations to be more thorough and fairer (5% average) and 10% wanted improved screening of prospective carers (4% average).

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

Table 3.1.3: Factors that would increase confidence in the child protection system by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q13 Column %	Total 2024 n = 1931	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 866	Female n = 1053	Non- binary n = 12 [^]	18-24 years n = 117	25-39 years n = 595	40-59 years n = 587	60+ years n = 632	Yes n = 611	No n = 1319	Yes n = 160	No n = 1771
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Not leaving children in unsafe situations / should be removed / fewer restrictions / more child focused / fewer negative outcomes	19	13 ↓	23 ↑	17	19	21	18	17	23 ↑	17 ↓	16	19
Need more information / increased awareness of the system / knowing more about it / their role	16	16	17	17	21	21 ↑	16	11 ↓	15	17	12	17
More staff / more case workers / reduced workloads / reduced staff turnover / better staff / increased capability / more resources	14	14	13	33	9	9 ↓	14	19 ↑	10 ↓	15 ↑	14	14
Shorter timeframes / more timely / improved response times / more timely response to concerns / early intervention strategies / more proactive	11	8 ↓	14 ↑	8	6	12	14 ↑	8 ↓	13	10	12	11
Positive / better outcomes / results / success stories / improved reputation	9	9	9	8	12	11	7	10	7	10	6	10
Transparency / honesty / accountability / improved governance / a collaborative approach	6	8	5	17	6	5	6	7	6	6	8	6
Address the failure of the justice system / harsher penalties for perpetrators / Less youth crime / strategies to reduce youth crime / keep kids off the streets / address youth crime issues	6	8	5		5	5	7	6	6	6	4	6
A complete revamp / total overhaul / review of current system / a case by case approach / not by the book / a common sense approach / less red tape	5	7 ↑	4 ↓	17	5	6	6	5	6	5	6	5
Thorough investigations / look at all sides / fair reviews when considering child safety	5	3	6	8	4	6	5	3	5	4	10 ↑	4 ↓
Improved screening / vetting of prospective carers / foster carers / background checks	4	3	5		8	4	3	3	5	3	10 ↑	3 ↓
More / increased funding / adequately funded	4	4	4	17	4	3	4	4	4	4	6	4
More regular checks / monitoring of children / increased welfare checks	4	2 ↓	5 ↑		2	3	4	4	3	4	7	3
Change of government / a better / competent government / improved policies in place	3	5 ↑	2 ↓		3	2 ↓	3	5 ↑	2	4	3	3
Emphasis on parental responsibility for their children / act on parental neglect / abuse / issues	2	2	3		1	1	3	2	2	2	2	2
More support for carers / foster carers / families	2	1 ↓	3 ↑	17	2	2	2	2	3	2	5 ↑	2 ↓
Fewer children returned to dysfunctional families / unsafe environments / abusive situations	2	1 ↓	2 ↑			2	3 ↑	1	3 ↑	1 ↓	1	2
A community approach / schools / health needs / activities to engage children / youth	1	1	2		3	2	1	1	1	1	4 ↑	1 ↓
Other mentions	3	3	3		3	3	3	2	3	2	4	3
Don't know / Not sure / No idea	11	12	10	8	7	9	11	14 ↑	9	12	4 ↓	12 ↑
Nothing / Not answered	3	4	2		3	2	2	4	2	3	3	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 to answer who disagreed they had confidence in the system/had no opinion/don't know (2024 n = 1931)

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Table 3.1.4: Factors that would increase confidence in the child protection system by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q13 Column %	Total 2024 n = 1931	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 477	Far North QLD n = 234	North QLD n = 251	South East n = 271	South West n = 264	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 434	Yes n = 154	No n = 1772
<i>% of respondents</i>									
Not leaving children in unsafe situations / should be removed / fewer restrictions / more child focused / fewer negative outcomes	19	18	16	19	17	20	21	11	19
Need more information / increased awareness of the system / knowing more about it / their role	16	15	17	14	23	14	16	25	15
More staff / more case workers / reduced workloads / reduced staff turnover / better staff / increased capability / more resources	14	13	15	11	12	19	13	6	14
Shorter timeframes / more timely / improved response times / more timely response to concerns / early intervention strategies / more proactive	11	9	9	15	11	14	11	9	11
Positive / better outcomes / results / success stories / improved reputation	9	13	10	7	8	9	7	5	10
Transparency / honesty / accountability / improved governance / a collaborative approach	6	6	8	7	7	5	5	7	6
Address the failure of the justice system / harsher penalties for perpetrators/ Less youth crime / strategies to reduce youth crime / keep kids off the streets / address youth crime issues	6	6	6	9	8	4	5	6	6
A complete revamp / total overhaul / review of current system / a case by case approach / not by the book / a common sense approach / less red tape	5	6	7	4	4	6	6	3	6
Thorough investigations / look at all sides / fair reviews when considering child safety	5	4	5	4	3	8	4	1	5
Improved screening / vetting of prospective carers / foster carers / background checks	4	3	4	5	3	5	3	5	4
More / increased funding / adequately funded	4	4	3	7	3	3	3	6	3
More regular checks / monitoring of children / increased welfare checks	4	4	3	5	3	5	3	1	4
Change of government / a better / competent government / improved policies in place	3	4	2	2	3	3	4	3	3
Emphasis on parental responsibility for their children / act on parental neglect / abuse / issues	2	2	4	0	1	2	3	1	2
More support for carers / foster carers / families	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	2
Fewer children returned to dysfunctional families / unsafe environments / abusive situations	2	0	3	2	1	3	2	2	2
A community approach / schools / health needs / activities to engage children / youth	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	3	1
Other mentions	3	3	3	4	1	3	3	3	3
Don't know / Not sure / No idea	11	10	12	12	13	9	11	13	11
Nothing / Not answered	3	3	2	2	3	3	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: all respondents electing to answer who disagreed they had confidence in the system (2024 n = 1931)

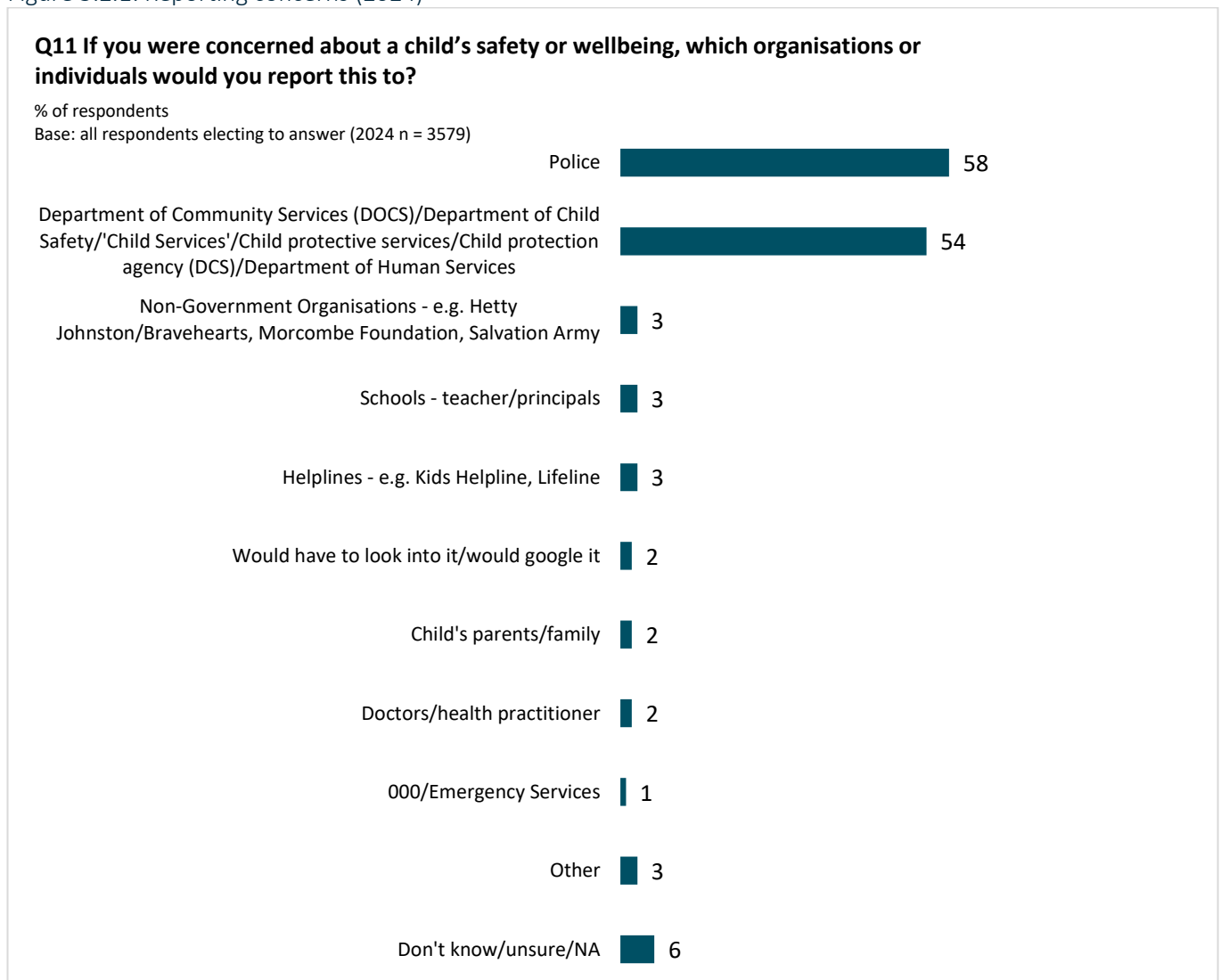
3.2 Which organisations or individuals would a concern about child safety be reported to?

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

3.2.1 2024 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 2024, respondents were most likely to indicate they would report a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing to police (58%). A similar proportion of respondents were likely to indicate they would report a concern to a government agency such as Department of Community Services, Department of Child Safety or Department of Human Services (54%). All other mentions were made by 3% or fewer respondents (see Figure 3.2.1. below).

Figure 3.2.1: Reporting concerns (2024)



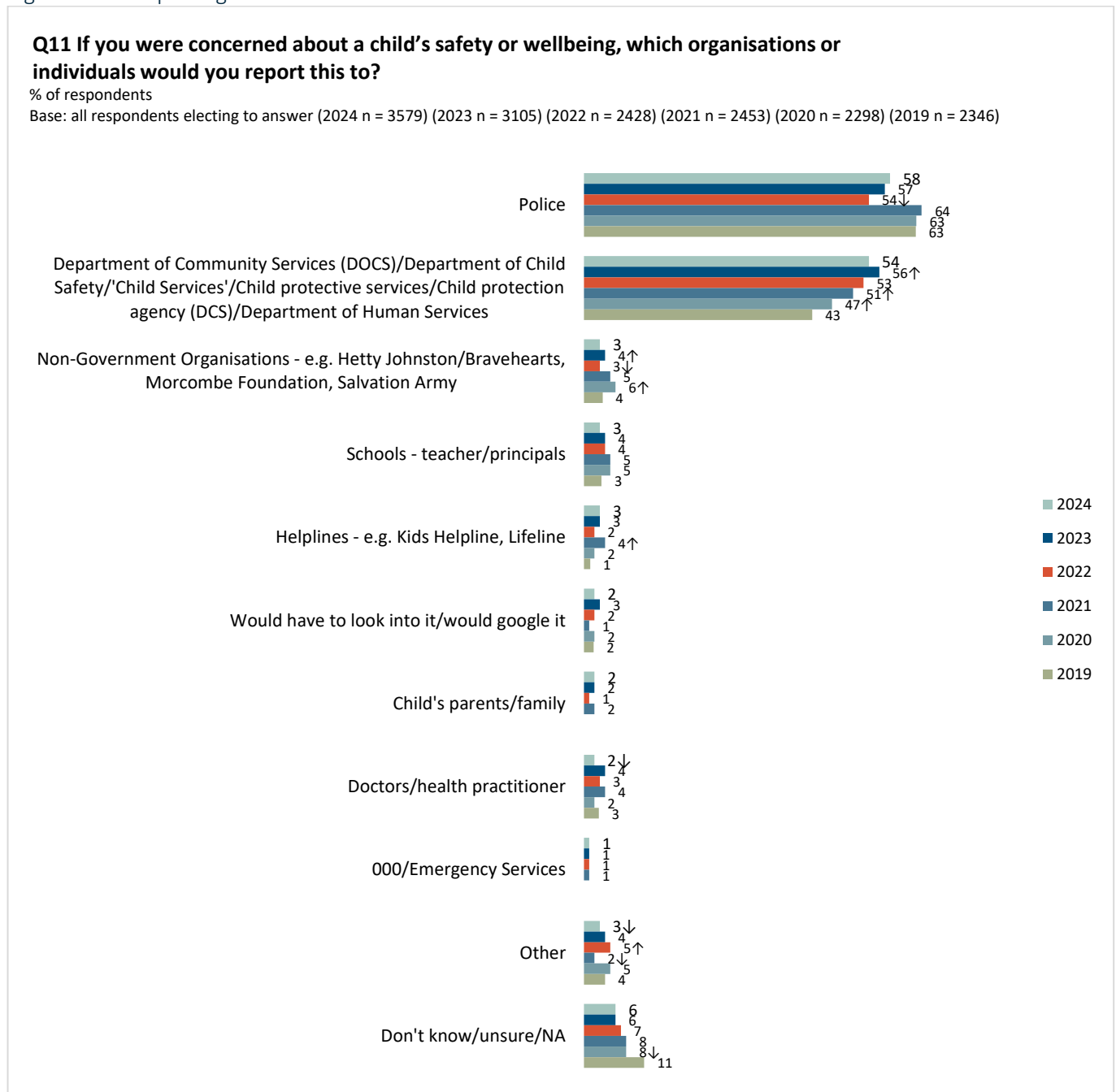
62 respondents elected not to answer this question

3.2.2 Comparison to previous survey data

As in 2023 (57%), in 2024 police were the most commonly nominated organisation that respondents would report a concern regarding a child’s safety or wellbeing to (58%) followed by a relevant government agency (e.g. Department of Community Services/Department of Child Safety) (56% in 2023, 54% in 2024).

Since 2019, the level of respondents stating they ‘don’t know’ who they would report a concern to has continued to decrease gradually with only 6% responding in this manner in 2024.

Figure 3.2.2: Reporting concerns 2019-2024 trend



62 (2024), 49 (2023), 81 (2022), 67 (2021), 232 (2020) and 157 (2019) respondents elected not to answer this question
 ↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result

3.2.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

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 (54% average) to report a concern to a relevant government department were:

- Females (61%)
- Those aged 18-24 years old (61%) or 25-39 years (59%)
- Those who have responsibility for a child aged 0-17 years (59%)
- Those who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person (67%)
- Respondents from the North Queensland region (64%).

Respondents aged 60 years or older were more likely (67%) compared to younger cohorts (particularly 18-24 years, 46%; and 25–39 years, 53%) to indicate they would report concerns to police.

Those who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse were significantly less likely to indicate they would report any child safety and wellbeing concerns to the police (42%, 60% who do not identify as culturally or linguistically diverse). This sub-group were significantly more likely to indicate they would report concerns to non-government organisations such as Hetty Johnston, Bravehearts, Morcombe Foundation, Salvation Army (8%, 3%) or be unsure who they would report to (10%, 6%).

Those who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person were also significantly less likely to indicate they would report any child safety and wellbeing concerns to the police (43%, 60% who do not identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander) and were significantly more likely to indicate they would report concerns to non-government organisations (11%, 3%).

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/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q11 Column %	Total 2024 n = 3579	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1751	Female n = 1811	Non-binary n = 17^	18-24 years n = 287	25-39 years n = 1251	40-59 years n = 1015	60+ years n = 1026	Yes n = 1266	No n = 2309	Yes n = 293	No n = 3286
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Police	58	59	58	59	46 ↓	53 ↓	60	67 ↑	54 ↓	61 ↑	43 ↓	60 ↑
Department of Community Services (DOCS)/Department of Child Safety/Child Services/ Child protective services/ Child protection agency (DCS)/ Department of Human Services	54	47 ↓	61 ↑	65	61 ↑	59 ↑	55	46 ↓	59 ↑	51 ↓	67 ↑	53 ↓
Non-Government Organisations - e.g. Hetty Johnson/ Bravehearts, Morcombe Foundation, Salvation Army	3	3	3		3	3	4	3	4	3	11 ↑	3 ↓
Schools - teacher/principals	3	1 ↓	5 ↑	18	2	3	4	2	4 ↑	2 ↓	3	3
Helplines - e.g. Kids Helpline, Lifeline	3	3 ↑	2 ↓		7 ↑	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
Would have to look into it/would google it	2	3	2	12	3	3	2	2	2	3	1	3
Child's parents/ family	2	1 ↓	2 ↑	12	3 ↑	2	2	1 ↓	2	1	3	2
Doctors/Health practitioner	2	1 ↓	3 ↑	12	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
000/Emergency Services	1	1	1	12	2	2 ↑	1	0 ↓	2	1	2	1
Other	3	3	3	6	3	4 ↑	2	3	3	3	5 ↑	3 ↓
Don't know/unsure/NA	6	7	6		7	6	6	7	5 ↓	7 ↑	3 ↓	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)

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Table 3.2.2: Reporting concerns by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q11 Column %	Total 2024 n = 3579	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 986	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 469	South East n = 534	South West n = 477	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 721	Yes n = 392	No n = 3178
<i>% of respondents</i>									
Police	58	55	63	62	57	56	61	42 ↓	60 ↑
Department of Community Services (DOCS)/Department of Child Safety/'Child Services'/ Child protective services/ Child protection agency (DCS)/ Department of Human Services	54	51	55	64 ↑	50	60	52	51	55
Non-Government Organisations - e.g. Hetty Johnson/Bravehearts, Morcombe Foundation, Salvation Army	3	4	5	4	4	2	2	8 ↑	3 ↓
Schools - teacher/principals	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	1	3
Helplines - e.g. Kids Helpline, Lifeline	3	4 ↑	1	2	3	2	2	4	2
Would have to look into it/would google it	2	3	1	2	3	3	3	2	3
Child's parents/family	2	1	3	2	1	3	1	2	2
Doctors/Health practitioner	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
000/Emergency Services	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Other	3	4	4	2	3	2	3	5	3
Don't know/unsure/NA	6	7	4	3 ↓	10 ↑	6	6	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

Q14. In my community, children and young people... (Respondents were asked how strongly they agreed with a range of statements)

3.3.1 2024 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, 58% of respondents agreed overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that children are supported to live safely at home with their families and 57% agreed that in their community, children and young people live in safe communities. 49% of respondents agreed that children and young people in their community are protected from abuse and neglect with 42% agreeing and 7% strongly agreeing; while 32% disagreed (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that children and young people in their community are protected from abuse and neglect.

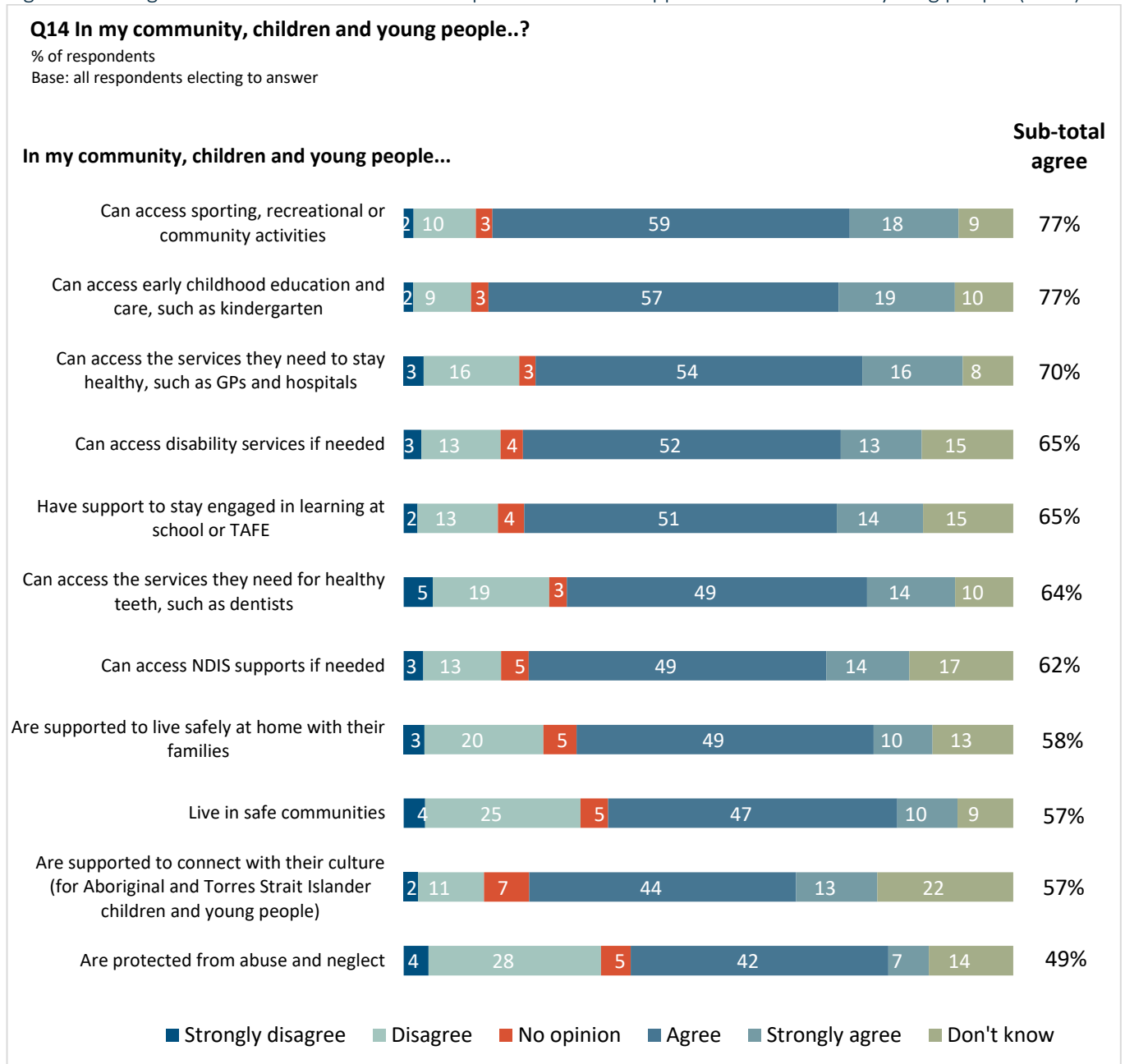
Regarding supports and wellbeing mechanisms, the highest level of agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) among respondents regarding their communities was that children and young people were able to access sporting, recreational or community activities (77%), were able to access early childhood education and care such as kindergarten (77%) or that they could access services to stay healthy, such as GPs or hospitals (70%).

Slightly fewer than two thirds of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that children and young people in their community can access disability services if needed (65%), have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (65%), can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists (64%) or can access NDIS supports if needed (62%).

57% 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). 22% of respondents responded 'don't know' when asked this statement about cultural connection for Aboriginal and/or 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 (2024)



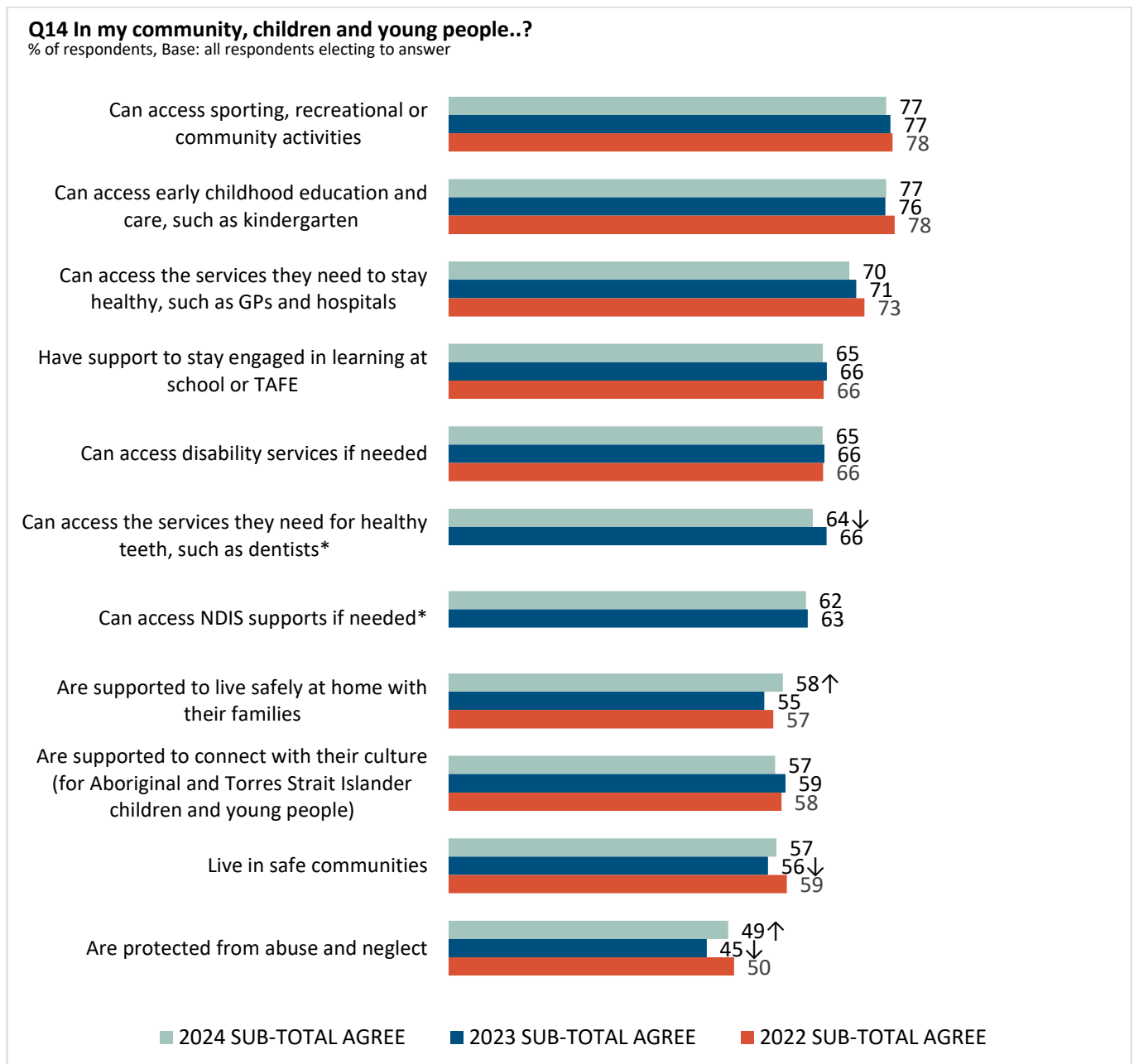
Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3622 (when 19 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'can access NDIS supports if needed'. The reader 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 2023, there were statistically significant increases in agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that in their communities, children and young people are supported to live safely at home with their families (55% in 2023, 58% in 2024) and that children and young people in their community are protected from abuse and neglect (45% in 2023, 49% in 2024).

There was a statistically significant decrease in agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that children and young people can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists (66% in 2023, 64% in 2024).

Figure 3.3.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people 2022-2024 trend



* New statements in 2023

↑ ↓ 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 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=3622 (when 19 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'can access NDIS supports if needed'. The reader is referred to Table 3.3.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.3.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

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 to agree or strongly agree compared to respondents living in other regions that children and young people in their community have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (69%, 65% average), are supported to live safely at home with their families (67%, 58% average), live in safe communities (66%, 57% average) and are protected from abuse and neglect (57%, 49% 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 live in safe communities (44% Far North QLD disagreed overall, 42% North QLD, 29% average), that they are protected from abuse and neglect (43% Far North QLD disagreed overall, 44% North QLD, 32% average) or that they are supported to live safely at home with their families (29% Far North QLD disagreed overall, 33% North QLD, 23% average) compared to respondents from other regions.

Male respondents were more likely than female respondents to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that in their communities children and young people can access sporting, recreational or community activities (80%, 73% females), can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals (74%, 67%), can access disability services if needed (69%, 63%), have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (69%, 63%), can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists (67%, 61%), are supported to live safely at home with their families (64%, 53%), live in safe communities (64%, 51%) and are protected from abuse and neglect (56%, 42%).

Respondents aged 25-39 years old were more likely to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) with many of the statements related to the protection and supports available to children and young people in their community compared to other age groups (see Tables 3.3.1 and 3.3.2). However, respondents aged 25-39 years old were also more likely to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with statements related to access to services. Overall levels of disagreement were statistically higher with respect to access to services to stay healthy, like GPs and hospitals (21% disagreed/strongly disagree, 19% overall), access to disability services if needed (18% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 16% average), access to services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists (27% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 24% average) and access NDIS services if needed (18% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 16% average).

Respondents who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person 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. Approximately two thirds (65%) of respondents who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander agreed or strongly agreed that support to connect with culture existed (compared to 56% among other respondents); however, 23% disagreed or strongly disagreed (compared to 12% among other respondents). This segment was also statistically more likely to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that children and young people in their community could access NDIS supports if needed (21% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 16% among other respondents).

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

Respondent 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/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024) (continued)

Q14 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER		
		Male	Female	Non-binary	18-24 years	25-39 years	40-59 years	60+ years	Yes	No	Yes	No
	n = 3622	n = 1771	n = 1834	n = 17 [^]	n = 291	n = 1261	n = 1029	n = 1041	n = 1275	n = 2343	n = 296	n = 3326
Can access NDIS supports if needed												
Strongly disagree	3	2 ↓	4	24	3	3	4	2	4	3	6 ↑	3 ↓
Disagree	13	11 ↓	15 ↑	29	13	15 ↑	13	10 ↓	13	12	15	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	13 ↓	19 ↑	53	16	18 ↑	17	13 ↓	17	15	21 ↑	16 ↓
No opinion	5	5	4		7	3	5	5	4	5	6	4
Agree	49	48	50	35	49	52 ↑	49	45 ↓	53 ↑	47 ↓	49	49
Strongly agree	14	16 ↑	12 ↓		15	14	13	13	16 ↑	12 ↓	16	13
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	62	64	62	35	64	66 ↑	62	58 ↓	69 ↑	59 ↓	65	62
Don't know	17	18	16	12	13	12 ↓	16	25 ↑	10 ↓	21 ↑	8 ↓	18 ↑
Are supported to live safely at home with their families												
	Total 2024 n = 3630	Male n = 1773	Female n = 1840	Non-binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 291	25-39 years n = 1263	40-59 years n = 1033	60+ years n = 1043	Yes n = 1278	No n = 2348	Yes n = 297	No n = 3333
Strongly disagree	3	2 ↓	4 ↑		3	3	5 ↑	3	4	3	5	3
Disagree	20	16 ↓	23 ↑	24	19	20	20	19	19	20	21	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	18 ↓	27 ↑	24	22	22	25	22	23	23	27	23
No opinion	5	5	5	12	5	4	6	6	5	6	7	5
Agree	49	52 ↑	46 ↓	41	52	53 ↑	48	43 ↓	51	48	46	49
Strongly agree	10	13 ↑	7 ↓	12	15 ↑	12 ↑	8 ↓	8	12 ↑	8 ↓	14 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	58	64 ↑	53 ↓	53	67 ↑	65 ↑	56	51 ↓	62 ↑	56 ↓	60	58
Don't know	13	12	14	12	6 ↓	9 ↓	14	20 ↑	10 ↓	15 ↑	6 ↓	14 ↑
Are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people)												
	Total 2024 n = 3624	Male n = 1770	Female n = 1837	Non-binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 291	25-39 years n = 1261	40-59 years n = 1031	60+ years n = 1041	Yes n = 1276	No n = 2344	Yes n = 298	No n = 3326
Strongly disagree	2	2	3	12	2	3	2	2	2	2	7 ↑	2 ↓
Disagree	11	9 ↓	12	35	14	13 ↑	10	8 ↓	11	11	16 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	13	11 ↓	14	47	15	16 ↑	13	10 ↓	13	13	23 ↑	12 ↓
No opinion	7	8	7		7	6	9	8	7	8	5	8
Agree	44	44	44	35	51	46	44	39 ↓	49 ↑	41 ↓	46	44
Strongly agree	13	14	13		16	15	13	11	16 ↑	12 ↓	19 ↑	13 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	57	58	57	35	67 ↑	61 ↑	57	50 ↓	64 ↑	53 ↓	65 ↑	56 ↓
Don't know	22	22	22	18	11 ↓	18 ↓	22	32 ↑	16 ↓	26 ↑	6 ↓	24 ↑

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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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 (2024)

Q14 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
Can access sporting, recreational or community activities									
	Total 2024 n = 3623	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1001	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 475	South East n = 546	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 726	Yes n = 401	No n = 3213
Strongly disagree	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	2
Disagree	10	8	13	10	10	12	10	9	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	12	10	15	13	11	13	12	11	12
No opinion	3	2	2	3	2	4	3	2	3
Agree	59	59	56	63	56	57	59	60	59
Strongly agree	18	19	18	15	20	18	17	22	17
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	77	79	74	77	77	75	76	83 ↑	76 ↓
Don't know	9	9	9	6	10	9	10	3 ↓	10 ↑
Can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten									
	Total 2024 n = 3627	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1003	Far North QLD n = 394	North QLD n = 474	South East n = 545	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 729	Yes n = 401	No n = 3217
Strongly disagree	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	2
Disagree	9	9	12	10	8	11	9	12	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	10	13	13	10	12	11	14	11
No opinion	3	3	2	4	3	3	2	4	3
Agree	57	56	56	59	56	57	60	56	58
Strongly agree	19	21	18	16	21	20	17	22	19
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	77	77	74	76	77	77	76	78	76
Don't know	10	10	10	8	10	8	11	4 ↓	10 ↑
Can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals									
	Total 2024 n = 3628	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1002	Far North QLD n = 393	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 546	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 728	Yes n = 402	No n = 3217
Strongly disagree	3	3	4	4	3	2	4	2	3
Disagree	16	14	19	15	11 ↓	19	19	14	16
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	19	17	23	19	14 ↓	21	22	16	19
No opinion	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3
Agree	54	52	52	56	57	53	53	53	54
Strongly agree	16	20 ↑	16	16	17	15	13 ↓	23 ↑	16 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	70	73	67	72	74	67	66 ↓	76 ↑	69 ↓
Don't know	8	8	8	6	9	9	10	4 ↓	9 ↑
Can access disability services if needed									
	Total 2024 n = 3626	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1003	Far North QLD n = 393	North QLD n = 475	South East n = 545	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 728	Yes n = 400	No n = 3217
Strongly disagree	3	3	4	3	2	2	3	2	3
Disagree	13	12	13	14	12	15	13	11	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	15	17	17	14	17	16	13	16
No opinion	4	4	4	3	3	5	4	4	4
Agree	52	50	52	54	56	51	52	54	52
Strongly agree	13	15	13	13	12	12	12	20 ↑	12 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	65	65	65	67	68	63	64	74 ↑	64 ↓
Don't know	15	16	14	13	15	15	16	9 ↓	16 ↑

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 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 (2024) (continued)

Q14 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE									
	Total 2024 n = 3625	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1005	Far North QLD n = 393	North QLD n = 473	South East n = 544	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 728	Yes n = 401	No n = 3215
Strongly disagree	2	1	3	3	2	3	3	2	2
Disagree	13	12	15	16	10	15	13	12	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	13	18	19	12	17	16	14	16
No opinion	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	3	4
Agree	51	53	47	55	53	50	48	55	51
Strongly agree	14	16	15	13	13	14	13	19 ↑	13 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	65	69 ↑	61	67	66	64	62	75 ↑	64 ↓
Don't know	15	14	17	10 ↓	17	14	17	8 ↓	16 ↑
Can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists									
	Total 2024 n = 3626	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1001	Far North QLD n = 393	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 546	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 728	Yes n = 401	No n = 3216
Strongly disagree	5	5	7	7	3	4	4	5	5
Disagree	19	17	21	22	15 ↓	22	21	18	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	24	22	28	28	18 ↓	26	25	23	24
No opinion	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	4	3
Agree	49	49	49	49	53	48	48	50	49
Strongly agree	14	17	12	13	15	14	13	19 ↑	14 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	64	66	61	62	68	62	61	69	63
Don't know	10	9	8	7	11	9	11	4 ↓	10 ↑
Can access NDIS supports if needed									
	Total 2024 n = 3622	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1004	Far North QLD n = 394	North QLD n = 473	South East n = 545	South West n = 478	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 728	Yes n = 402	No n = 3211
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	1	3
Disagree	13	12	14	13	12	15	12	11	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	15	17	16	15	19	16	12	16
No opinion	5	5	4	5	5	4	4	6	4
Agree	49	48	48	52	49	47	49	47	49
Strongly agree	14	15	14	13	12	14	14	20 ↑	13 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	62	63	61	66	62	61	63	67	62
Don't know	17	17	17	13	19	17	18	15	17
Are supported to live safely at home with their families									
	Total 2024 n = 3630	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1004	Far North QLD n = 394	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 544	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 729	Yes n = 402	No n = 3219
Strongly disagree	3	3	6	5	2	4	3	2	4
Disagree	20	13 ↓	24	28 ↑	17	22	21	13 ↓	20 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	16 ↓	29 ↑	33 ↑	20	26	23	15 ↓	24 ↑
No opinion	5	5	5	6	6	6	5	5	5
Agree	49	53 ↑	43	44	52	47	48	53	48
Strongly agree	10	14 ↑	8	8	9	8	8	19 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	58	67 ↑	51 ↓	52 ↓	61	56	56	73 ↑	57 ↓
Don't know	13	12	15	10	13	12	16	7 ↓	14 ↑

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 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 (2024) (continued)

Q14 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people)									
	Total 2024 n = 3624	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1001	Far North QLD n = 395	North QLD n = 474	South East n = 544	South West n = 481	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 729	Yes n = 402	No n = 3214
Strongly disagree	2	2	3	4 ↑	2	2	2	3	2
Disagree	11	10	13	12	10	13	10	10	11
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	13	12	16	16	12	15	12	13	13
No opinion	7	8	8	6	7	8	8	8	7
Agree	44	42	45	48	47	42	42	47	43
Strongly agree	13	15	14	15	11	14	11	17	13
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	57	57	58	63 ↑	58	56	53	64 ↑	56 ↓
Don't know	22	24	18	15 ↓	23	21	27 ↑	15 ↓	23 ↑
Live in safe communities									
	Total 2024 n = 3629	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1004	Far North QLD n = 395	North QLD n = 474	South East n = 545	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 728	Yes n = 402	No n = 3218
Strongly disagree	4	2	7 ↑	6 ↑	2	4	3	3	4
Disagree	25	19 ↓	37 ↑	35 ↑	26	27	21 ↓	20	26
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	29	21 ↓	44 ↑	42 ↑	28	31	23 ↓	23 ↓	30 ↑
No opinion	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	5
Agree	47	53 ↑	37 ↓	38 ↓	49	48	50	50	47
Strongly agree	10	13 ↑	7	8	10	8	10	20 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	57	66 ↑	44 ↓	46 ↓	59	56	60	69 ↑	56 ↓
Don't know	9	8	8	8	10	9	11	4 ↓	10 ↑
Are protected from abuse and neglect									
	Total 2024 n = 3634	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1005	Far North QLD n = 394	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 546	South West n = 484	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 729	Yes n = 402	No n = 3223
Strongly disagree	4	3	7 ↑	5	3	5	4	3	4
Disagree	28	20 ↓	36 ↑	39 ↑	27	31	27	21 ↓	29 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	32	24 ↓	43 ↑	44 ↑	30	36	30	24 ↓	33 ↑
No opinion	5	5	6	4	4	5	6	5	5
Agree	42	47 ↑	35 ↓	37	47	40	41	49 ↑	42 ↓
Strongly agree	7	10 ↑	5	5	6	5	6	13 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	49	57 ↑	40 ↓	42 ↓	53	45	47	63 ↑	47 ↓
Don't know	14	15	11	10	13	14	17 ↑	8 ↓	15 ↑

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3.4 Views of children and young people listened to and valued

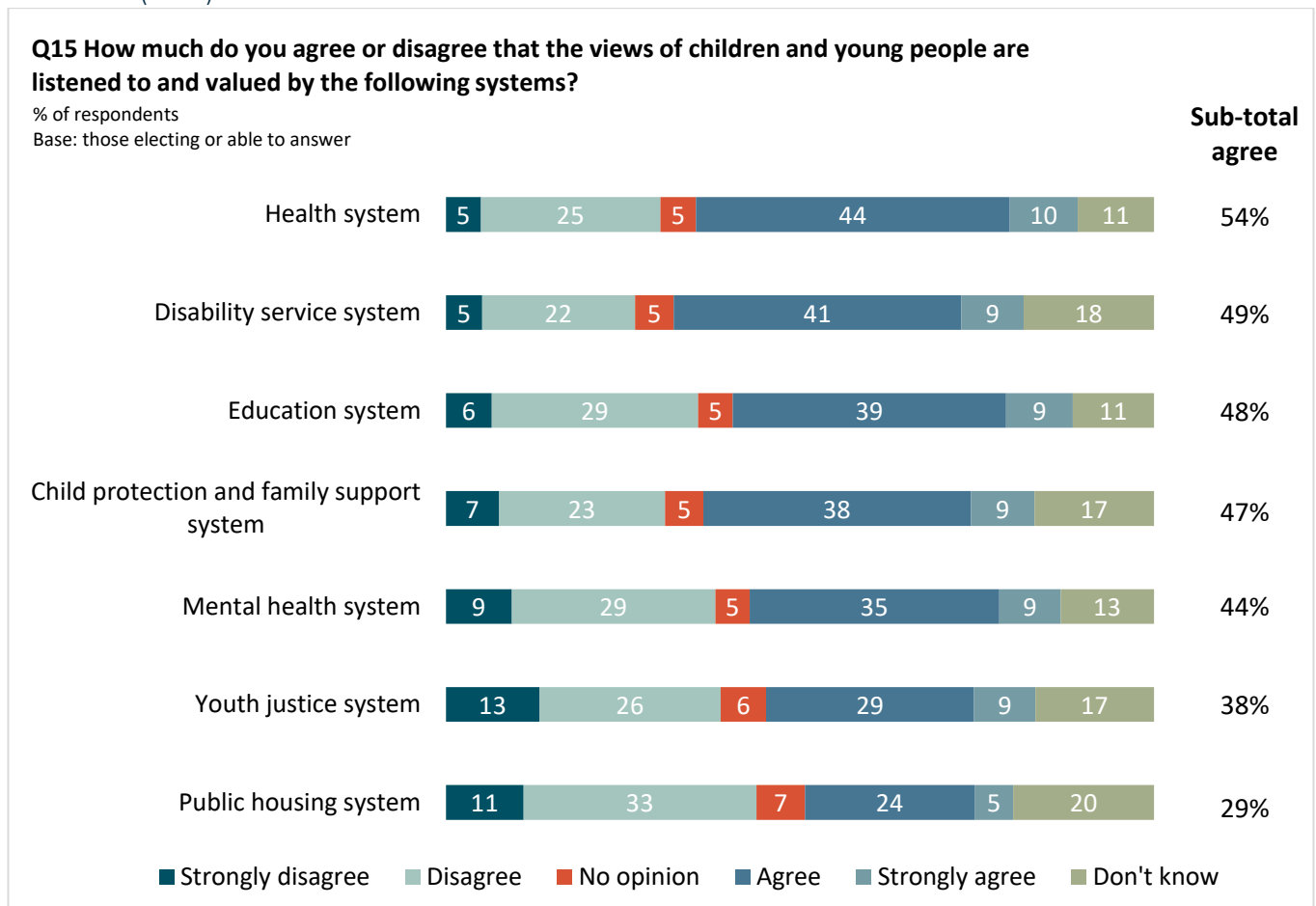
Q15 How much do you agree or disagree that the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by the following systems?

3.4.1 2024 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 (54% agreed/strongly agreed), disability services system (49%), the education system (48%), the child protection and family support system (47%) and the mental health system (44%). Agreement was lower among respondents regarding the public housing system (29%) and youth justice system (38%).

Figure 3.4.1: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued (2024)

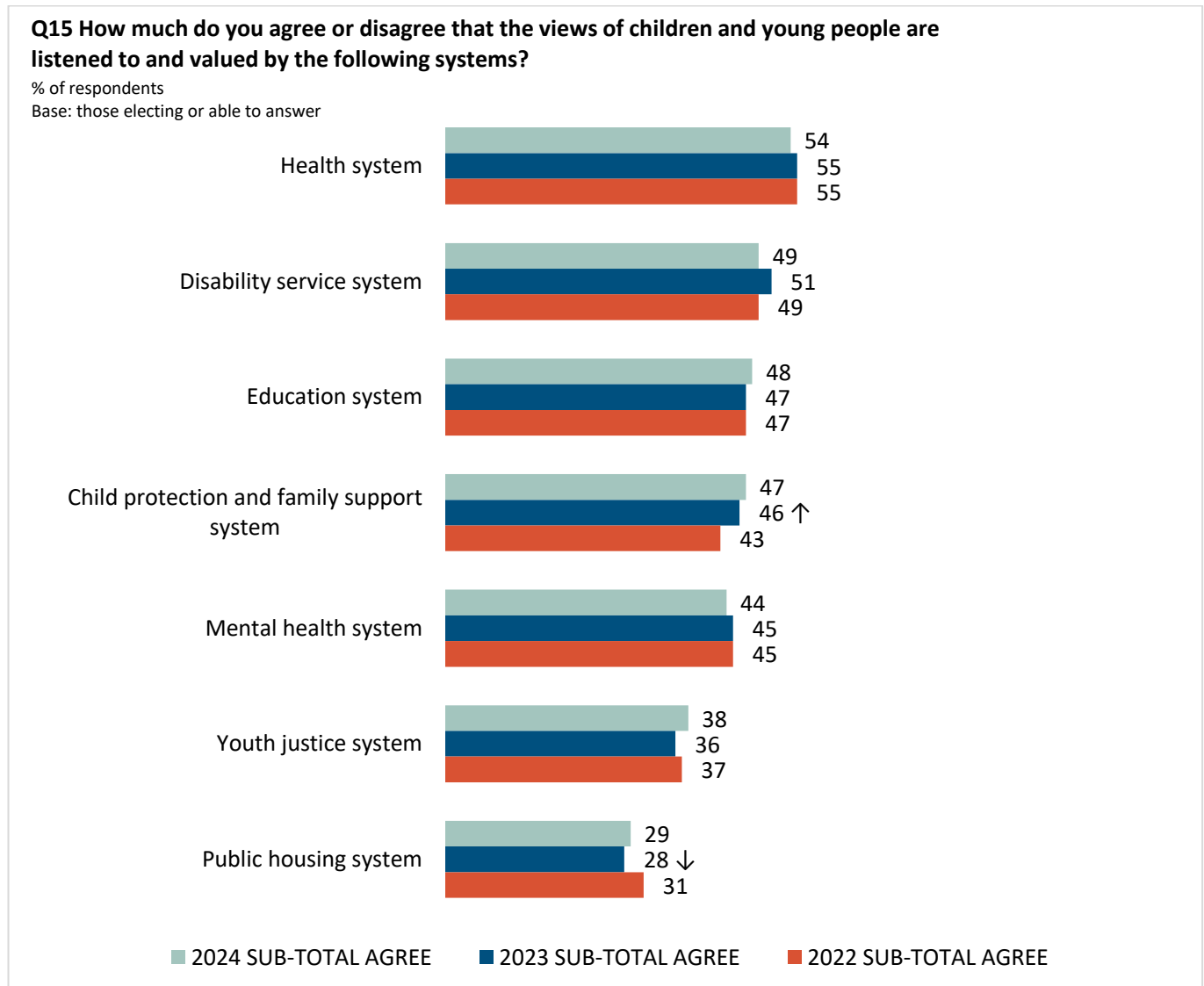


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3620 (when 21 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'Public housing system'. The reader is referred 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 was stable between 2023 and 2024.

Figure 3.4.2: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued 2022-2024 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 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'. The reader is referred to Table 3.4.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.4.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

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, respondents aged under 40 years (especially those aged 18-24 years old), 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 identifying as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person also consistently provided higher than average levels of agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) regarding all systems. 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 education system (52%, 48% average) or that the child protection and family support system (52%, 47% average) listens to and values the views of children and young people.

Those residing in the Sunshine Coast and Central region were significantly less likely than those from other regions to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that the health system (49%, 54% average) or that the youth justice system (34%, 38% average) listens to and values the views of children and young people.

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/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q15 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1773	Female n = 1836	Non-binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 292	25-39 years n = 1264	40-59 years n = 1030	60+ years n = 1040	Yes n = 1279	No n = 2343	Yes n = 299	No n = 3327
% of respondents												
Health system												
Strongly disagree	5	4 ↓	6	35	8 ↑	5	6	3 ↓	5	5	5	5
Disagree	25	23 ↓	27 ↑	47	20	28 ↑	26	23	26	25	23	26
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	30	27 ↓	33 ↑	82	28	33	32	27 ↓	31	30	28	30
No opinion	5	5	5		5	4 ↓	4	7 ↑	4 ↓	6 ↑	5	5
Agree	44	45	44	12	52 ↑	45	44	41 ↓	47 ↑	43 ↓	44	44
Strongly agree	10	13 ↑	7 ↓	6	10	12 ↑	9	8 ↓	12 ↑	8 ↓	15 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	54	58 ↑	50 ↓	18	62 ↑	57 ↑	53	49 ↓	60 ↑	51 ↓	59	53
Don't know	11	10	12		5 ↓	6 ↓	11	18 ↑	5 ↓	14 ↑	7	11

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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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/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024) (continued)

Q15 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER		
		Male	Female	Non-binary	18-24 years	25-39 years	40-59 years	60+ years	Yes	No	Yes	No
	n = 3624	n = 1772	n = 1835	n = 17 [^]	n = 292	n = 1262	n = 1030	n = 1040	n = 1276	n = 2344	n = 298	n = 3326
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Disability service system												
Strongly disagree	5	4 ↓	6 ↑	35	6	6	6	3 ↓	6	5	7	5
Disagree	22	20	23	41	19	22	22	21	22	21	24	21
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	27	24 ↓	29 ↑	76	25	28	28	24 ↓	28	26	31	26
No opinion	5	5	6	6	7	4	5	7	4	6	7	5
Agree	41	42	40	18	47 ↑	44 ↑	40	35 ↓	45 ↑	38 ↓	43	40
Strongly agree	9	10 ↑	7 ↓		10	10	8	7	11 ↑	8 ↓	10	9
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	49	52 ↑	47 ↓	18	57 ↑	54 ↑	48	43 ↓	56 ↑	46 ↓	53	49
Don't know	18	18	19		11 ↓	13 ↓	18	27 ↑	12 ↓	22 ↑	9 ↓	19 ↑
Education system												
Strongly disagree	6	6	7	35	9	8	7	4 ↓	7	6	7	6
Disagree	29	27	31	53	29	29	31	28	29	29	29	29
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	36	33 ↓	37	88	38	36	38	32 ↓	36	35	36	36
No opinion	5	5	5		5	3 ↓	4	7 ↑	3 ↓	6 ↑	5	5
Agree	39	40	38	12	41	42 ↑	38	34 ↓	44 ↑	36 ↓	38	39
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	8		11	12 ↑	9	6 ↓	12 ↑	8 ↓	14 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	48	50 ↑	46	12	52	54 ↑	47	40 ↓	56 ↑	44 ↓	52	48
Don't know	11	12	11		5 ↓	6 ↓	11	20 ↑	5 ↓	15 ↑	6 ↓	12 ↑
Child protection and family support system												
Strongly disagree	7	6 ↓	8	29	8	7	8	7	8	7	11	7
Disagree	23	21 ↓	26 ↑	41	14 ↓	24	25	24	24	23	25	23
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	27 ↓	35 ↑	71	22 ↓	32	33	31	32	30	36	31
No opinion	5	6	5		7	4 ↓	6	6	5	6	6	5
Agree	38	41 ↑	35 ↓	29	49 ↑	40	35	34 ↓	39	37	35	38
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	7 ↓		12	11 ↑	8	6 ↓	12 ↑	8 ↓	14 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	47	52 ↑	42 ↓	29	61 ↑	51 ↑	44 ↓	40 ↓	51 ↑	45 ↓	49	47
Don't know	17	15 ↓	18 ↑		11 ↓	13 ↓	17	23 ↑	12 ↓	20 ↑	9 ↓	18 ↑

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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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/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024) (continued)

Q15 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male	Female	Non-binary	18-24 years	25-39 years	40-59 years	60+ years	Yes	No	Yes	No
	n = 3625	n = 1773	n = 1835	n = 17 [^]	n = 292	n = 1261	n = 1032	n = 1042	n = 1278	n = 2343	n = 298	n = 3327
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Mental health system												
Strongly disagree	9	7 ↓	11 ↑	59	9	11 ↑	10	6 ↓	10	9	10	9
Disagree	29	27 ↓	31 ↑	24	26	30	29	28	29	29	31	29
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	38	34 ↓	42 ↑	82	35	42 ↑	38	34 ↓	39	38	41	38
No opinion	5	5	5		5	3 ↓	5	7 ↑	4	5	5	5
Agree	35	37	34	12	42 ↑	37	37	30 ↓	39 ↑	33 ↓	36	35
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	7 ↓	6	12	11 ↑	7	6 ↓	11 ↑	8 ↓	11	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	44	48 ↑	40 ↓	18	54 ↑	48 ↑	44	36 ↓	50 ↑	41 ↓	47	44
Don't know	13	14	13		6 ↓	7 ↓	13	23 ↑	8 ↓	16 ↑	7 ↓	14 ↑
Youth justice system												
Strongly disagree	13	12	14	53	15	13	14	12	13	13	16	13
Disagree	26	25	26	12	18 ↓	26	26	27	25	26	26	26
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	39	38	40	65	34	39	39	39	39	39	42	38
No opinion	6	7	6		9	4 ↓	7	8 ↑	5	7	4	7
Agree	29	31	28	29	41 ↑	32 ↑	28	24 ↓	32 ↑	28 ↓	32	29
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	7 ↓	6	9	11 ↑	8	7	11 ↑	7 ↓	13 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	38	41 ↑	35 ↓	35	50 ↑	43 ↑	36	31 ↓	44 ↑	35 ↓	45 ↑	37 ↓
Don't know	17	14 ↓	19 ↑		8 ↓	13 ↓	18	22 ↑	12 ↓	19 ↑	8 ↓	17 ↑
Public housing system												
Strongly disagree	11	10 ↓	12	47	13	11	12	10	10	11	15 ↑	11 ↓
Disagree	33	32	34	35	26 ↓	33	33	34	33	33	33	33
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	44	41 ↓	46 ↑	82	39	44	45	44	43	44	48	44
No opinion	7	8	6		8	5 ↓	6	10 ↑	6	7	7	7
Agree	24	25	23	18	33 ↑	28 ↑	23	17 ↓	27 ↑	22 ↓	27	24
Strongly agree	5	7 ↑	4 ↓		8	8 ↑	4	3 ↓	8 ↑	4 ↓	10 ↑	5 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	29	32 ↑	27 ↓	18	41 ↑	36 ↑	28	20 ↓	35 ↑	26 ↓	37 ↑	29 ↓
Don't know	20	19	21		12 ↓	15 ↓	21	26 ↑	16 ↓	22 ↑	8 ↓	21 ↑

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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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 (2024)

Q15 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Health system									
	Total 2024 n = 3626	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1002	Far North QLD n = 394	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 545	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 727	Yes n = 403	No n = 3214
Strongly disagree	5	4	6	5	6	5	5	3	5
Disagree	25	25	25	25	21	27	29	18 ↓	26 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	30	29	30	30	27	32	34	21 ↓	31 ↑
No opinion	5	5	6	4	5	5	5	4	5
Agree	44	43	45	47	48	44	41	51 ↑	44 ↓
Strongly agree	10	13 ↑	9	9	9	7	7	19 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	54	56	54	56	57	52	49 ↓	70 ↑	52 ↓
Don't know	11	10	9	9	11	11	13	5 ↓	11 ↑
Disability service system									
	Total 2024 n = 3624	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1002	Far North QLD n = 394	North QLD n = 475	South East n = 545	South West n = 481	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 727	Yes n = 403	No n = 3212
Strongly disagree	5	5	7	7	4	4	5	3	5
Disagree	22	22	18	20	21	25	22	15 ↓	22 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	27	27	25	26	25	29	27	18 ↓	28 ↑
No opinion	5	7	6	4	6	5	5	7	5
Agree	41	38	44	44	41	40	41	46	40
Strongly agree	9	10	9	9	9	7	8	17 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	49	48	53	53	50	47	48	63 ↑	48 ↓
Don't know	18	19	16	16	19	19	20	12 ↓	19 ↑
Education system									
	Total 2024 n = 3627	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1003	Far North QLD n = 395	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 545	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 726	Yes n = 404	No n = 3214
Strongly disagree	6	5	8	8	7	6	6	3 ↓	7 ↑
Disagree	29	26 ↓	29	29	28	32	33	24	30
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	36	31 ↓	37	37	34	38	39	27 ↓	37 ↑
No opinion	5	5	6	4	5	5	5	6	5
Agree	39	40	36	41	39	38	36	44	38
Strongly agree	9	12 ↑	10	8	9	7	7	18 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	48	52 ↑	47	49	49	45	44	62 ↑	46 ↓
Don't know	11	12	11	9	12	11	12	6 ↓	12 ↑
Child protection and family support system									
	Total 2024 n = 3628	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1005	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 545	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 728	Yes n = 404	No n = 3215
Strongly disagree	7	7	8	10	6	8	7	4 ↓	8 ↑
Disagree	23	22	24	24	22	28	23	18 ↓	24 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	29	33	34	28	35	31	22 ↓	32 ↑
No opinion	5	5	10 ↑	4	6	4	6	4	6
Agree	38	40	33	40	39	38	35	48 ↑	37 ↓
Strongly agree	9	12 ↑	8	7	9	8	8	16 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	47	52 ↑	41	47	48	46	42	63 ↑	45 ↓
Don't know	17	15	17	15	18	15	21 ↑	11 ↓	18 ↑

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 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 (2024) (continued)

Q15 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
<i>% of respondents</i>									
Mental health system									
	Total 2024 n = 3625	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1005	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 474	South East n = 545	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 726	Yes n = 404	No n = 3212
Strongly disagree	9	9	11	10	8	9	10	6	10
Disagree	29	29	27	28	26	31	31	23 ↓	30 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	38	38	38	38	34	40	40	29 ↓	39 ↑
No opinion	5	5	6	4	6	4	5	7	5
Agree	35	34	37	38	35	36	33	40	35
Strongly agree	9	10	8	8	11	7	8	16 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	44	44	45	46	46	43	41	56 ↑	42 ↓
Don't know	13	13	11	12	15	13	14	7 ↓	14 ↑
Youth justice system									
	Total 2024 n = 3630	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1005	Far North QLD n = 394	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 545	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 727	Yes n = 404	No n = 3212
Strongly disagree	13	12	14	16	12	13	13	9	14
Disagree	26	24	25	26	23	29	27	19 ↓	26 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	39	36	39	42	35	42	40	28 ↓	40 ↑
No opinion	6	6	7	5	6	7	7	7	6
Agree	29	32	28	30	30	28	26	40 ↑	28 ↓
Strongly agree	9	9	10	9	10	7	7	16 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	38	41	38	38	41	35	34 ↓	56 ↑	36 ↓
Don't know	17	16	17	14	18	16	19	9 ↓	18 ↑
Public housing system									
	Total 2024 n = 3620	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1004	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 543	South West n = 481	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 724	Yes n = 403	No n = 3208
Strongly disagree	11	12	12	14	10	9	10	9	11
Disagree	33	31	30	35	32	36	35	28	34
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	44	42	42	48	42	45	44	37 ↓	45 ↑
No opinion	7	8	8	5	6	6	7	8	7
Agree	24	24	25	24	26	25	22	32 ↑	23 ↓
Strongly agree	5	7	5	5	6	5	4	12 ↑	5 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	29	31	30	29	31	30	26	43 ↑	28 ↓
Don't know	20	19	20	18	20	19	23	12 ↓	21 ↑

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

3.5 Mental health

Q16 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about youth mental health services in your area? Youth mental health services in my area are:

3.5.1 2024 results

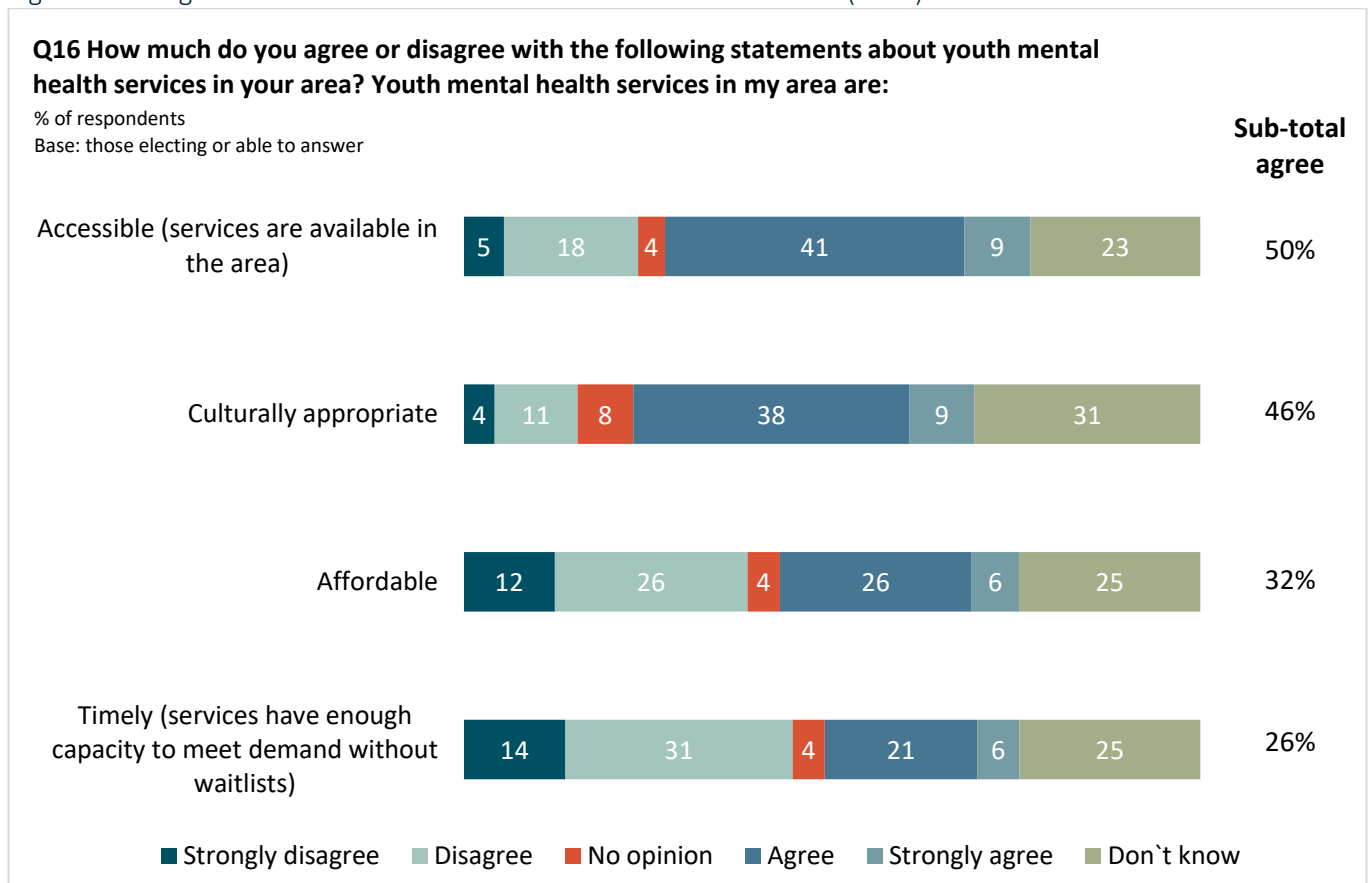
Respondents were asked to rate their agreement with various statements regarding youth mental health services in their area.

Respondents were most likely to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) that mental health services in their area are accessible (50%) or are culturally appropriate (46%). Agreement was divided on whether mental health services are affordable (32% agreed/strongly agreed, 38% disagreed/strongly disagreed).

Respondents were most likely to disagree that mental health services in their area have enough capacity to meet demand without waitlists (45% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 26% agreed/strongly agreed).

A high proportion of respondents were unable to answer these questions about mental health services (23%-31% don't know).

Figure 3.5.1: Agreement with statements about mental health services (2024)

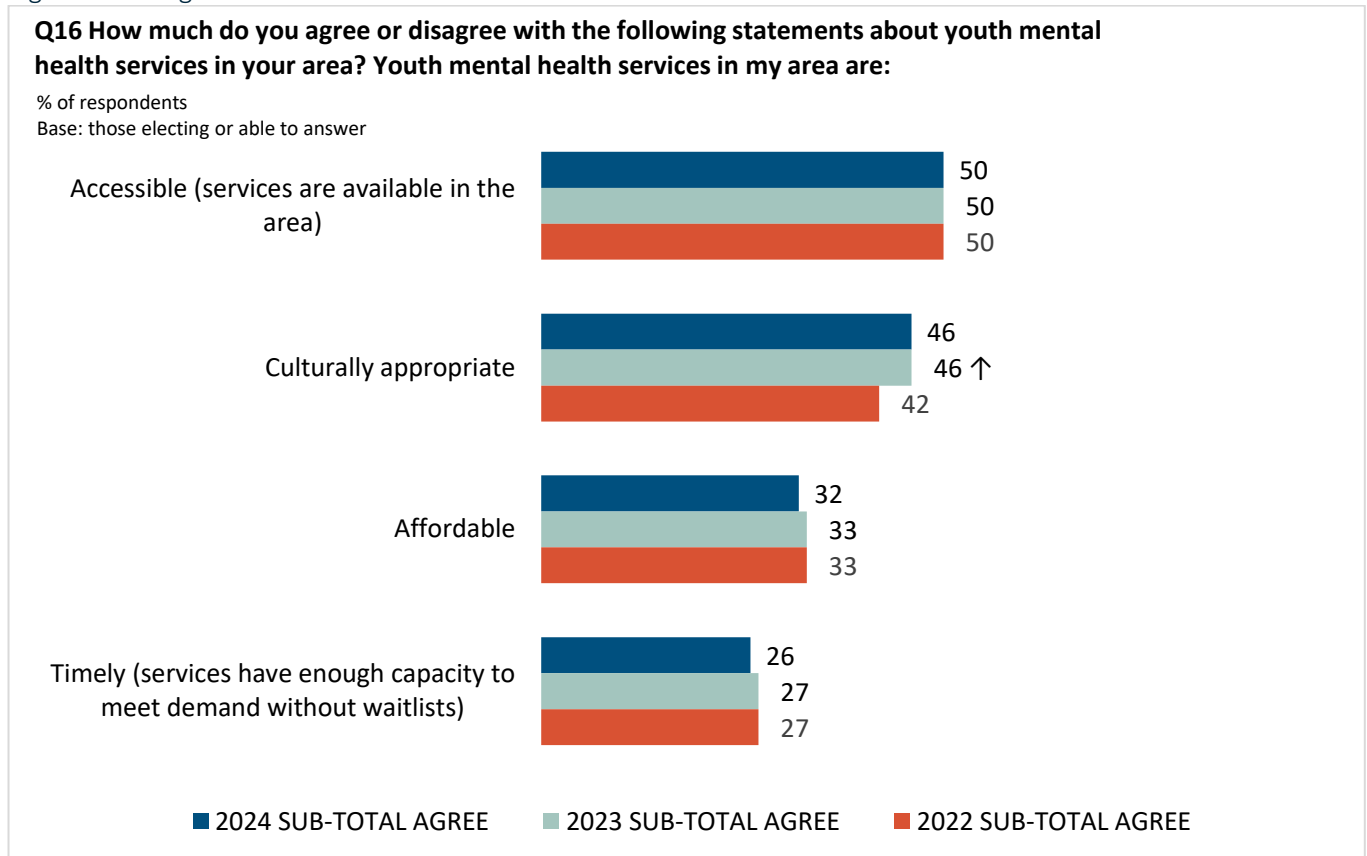


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3626 (when 15 respondents declined to answer) for two items: 'Affordable' and 'Timely'. The reader is referred to Table 3.5.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.5.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Views about youth mental health services were stable between 2023 and 2024.

Figure 3.5.2: Agreement with statements about mental health services 2022-2024 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 2022, the smallest base was n=2503 (when 6 respondents declined to answer) for two items: 'Accessible' and 'Timely'.
- In 2023, the smallest base was n=3145 (when 9 respondents declined to answer) for two items: 'Affordable' and 'Culturally appropriate'.
- In 2024, the smallest base was n=3626 (when 15 respondents declined to answer) for two items: 'Affordable' and 'Timely'. The reader is referred to Table 3.5.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.5.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

Views on youth mental health services were analysed by key sub-groups. Across all aspects of youth mental health services measured, respondents responsible for children aged 0-17 years, respondents aged under 40 years (especially those aged 18-24 years old), male respondents and respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse were more likely than their counterparts to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) that these services are accessible, culturally appropriate, affordable or timely. 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'.

Those aged 40-59 years old were significantly more likely, compared to other age sub-groups, to disagree overall that youth mental health services are available in their area (27% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 24% average) or are timely (49% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 45% average).

Respondents who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person were significantly more likely than other respondents to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that youth mental health services are affordable (46%, 31%) or timely (37%, 25%). However, these respondents were also statistically more likely to disagree that youth mental health services are accessible (30% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 23%) or are culturally appropriate (30% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 14%).

Respondents residing in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region were significantly more likely than those living in other regions to agree overall that youth mental health services are timely (30% agreed/strongly agreed, 26% average). While respondents living in the North Queensland region were significantly more likely to disagree overall that youth mental health services are accessible (29% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 24% average), are culturally appropriate (22% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 15% average) or are timely (52% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 45% average). Similarly, respondents living in the South West region were more likely to disagree that youth mental health services are accessible (30% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 24% average) or timely (51% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 45% average).

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

Table 3.5.1: Agreement with statements about mental health services by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q16 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Accessible (services are available in the area)												
	Total 2024 n = 3627	Male n = 1771	Female n = 1839	Non- binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 292	25-39 years n = 1264	40-59 years n = 1034	60+ years n = 1037	Yes n = 1279	No n = 2345	Yes n = 300	No n = 3327
Strongly disagree	5	3 ↓	7 ↑	24	4	6	7 ↑	4 ↓	7 ↑	5 ↓	9 ↑	5 ↓
Disagree	18	14 ↓	22 ↑	24	15	21 ↑	20	14 ↓	21 ↑	17 ↓	21	18
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	24	18 ↓	29 ↑	47	20	27 ↑	27 ↑	18 ↓	28 ↑	21 ↓	30 ↑	23 ↓
No opinion	4	4 ↑	3 ↓		4	2 ↓	4	5 ↑	3	4	4	4
Agree	41	43 ↑	39 ↓	41	53 ↑	44 ↑	40	33 ↓	43 ↑	39 ↓	43	40
Strongly agree	9	10 ↑	8 ↓	6	10	11 ↑	9	6 ↓	11 ↑	8 ↓	12	9
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	53 ↑	46 ↓	47	64 ↑	55 ↑	49	40 ↓	55 ↑	47 ↓	55	49
Don't know	23	25 ↑	22 ↓	6	12 ↓	16 ↓	21 ↓	37 ↑	15 ↓	28 ↑	11 ↓	24 ↑

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.5.1: Agreement with statements about mental health services by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024) (continued)

Q16 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
% of respondents												
Culturally appropriate												
	Total 2024 n = 3628	Male n = 1772	Female n = 1839	Non-binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 291	25-39 years n = 1266	40-59 years n = 1033	60+ years n = 1038	Yes n = 1281	No n = 2343	Yes n = 301	No n = 3327
Strongly disagree	4	3 ↓	5 ↑	12	4	5	4	4	5	4	11 ↑	4 ↓
Disagree	11	10	12	24	10	12	12	10	12	11	20 ↑	10 ↓
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	13 ↓	18 ↑	35	13	17	16	13 ↓	17	15	30 ↑	14 ↓
No opinion	8	8	7	6	9	6 ↓	8	8	7	8	7	8
Agree	38	39	36	29	50 ↑	44 ↑	36	28 ↓	42 ↑	35 ↓	37	38
Strongly agree	9	10 ↑	8 ↓	6	12	11 ↑	8	6 ↓	12 ↑	7 ↓	12 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	49 ↑	44 ↓	35	62 ↑	54 ↑	44	35 ↓	54 ↑	42 ↓	49	46
Don't know	31	30	31	24	16 ↓	23 ↓	31	44 ↑	22 ↓	35 ↑	14 ↓	32 ↑
Affordable												
	Total 2024 n = 3626	Male n = 1771	Female n = 1838	Non-binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 291	25-39 years n = 1266	40-59 years n = 1033	60+ years n = 1036	Yes n = 1279	No n = 2344	Yes n = 301	No n = 3325
Strongly disagree	12	8 ↓	16 ↑	41	12	15 ↑	14 ↑	7 ↓	15 ↑	11 ↓	13	12
Disagree	26	24 ↓	29 ↑	29	32 ↑	28 ↑	27	22 ↓	27	26	23	27
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	39	31 ↓	45 ↑	71	43	43 ↑	41	29 ↓	42 ↑	36 ↓	36	39
No opinion	4	5 ↑	3 ↓		5	3 ↓	4	6 ↑	4	5	5	4
Agree	26	29 ↑	23 ↓	18	30	28	26	23 ↓	30 ↑	24 ↓	34 ↑	25 ↓
Strongly agree	6	8 ↑	5 ↓	6	10 ↑	8 ↑	6	4 ↓	9 ↑	5 ↓	12 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	32	37 ↑	28 ↓	24	40 ↑	36 ↑	31	27 ↓	39 ↑	29 ↓	46 ↑	31 ↓
Don't know	25	26	24	6	11 ↓	17 ↓	24	39 ↑	15 ↓	30 ↑	13 ↓	26 ↑
Timely (services have enough capacity to meet demand without waitlists)												
	Total 2024 n = 3626	Male n = 1771	Female n = 1838	Non-binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 291	25-39 years n = 1265	40-59 years n = 1033	60+ years n = 1037	Yes n = 1280	No n = 2343	Yes n = 300	No n = 3326
Strongly disagree	14	8 ↓	18 ↑	53	14	15	17 ↑	9 ↓	16 ↑	12 ↓	16	14
Disagree	31	26 ↓	35 ↑	29	25	33	32	28	33 ↑	29 ↓	29	31
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	45	35 ↓	54 ↑	82	40	48 ↑	49 ↑	38 ↓	50 ↑	42 ↓	45	45
No opinion	4	5 ↑	3 ↓		7 ↑	3 ↓	4	5	4	5	6	4
Agree	21	26 ↑	15 ↓	12	33 ↑	24 ↑	19	15 ↓	24 ↑	19 ↓	26 ↑	20 ↓
Strongly agree	6	7 ↑	4 ↓		9 ↑	8 ↑	5	3 ↓	8 ↑	5 ↓	11 ↑	5 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	26	34 ↑	20 ↓	12	41 ↑	32 ↑	24	18 ↓	32 ↑	24 ↓	37 ↑	25 ↓
Don't know	25	26 ↑	23	6	12 ↓	17 ↓	22	39 ↑	15 ↓	30 ↑	11 ↓	26 ↑

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.5.2: Agreement with statements about mental health services by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q16 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Accessible (services are available in the area)									
	Total 2024 n = 3627	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1001	Far North QLD n = 397	North QLD n = 475	South East n = 545	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 726	Yes n = 405	No n = 3213
Strongly disagree	5	4	7	6	3	8	6	4	6
Disagree	18	15 ↓	20	23 ↑	15	22	19	17	18
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	24	19 ↓	26	29 ↑	18 ↓	30 ↑	25	21	24
No opinion	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	4
Agree	41	38	43	43	42	42	39	44	40
Strongly agree	9	11	8	10	9	7	8	16 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	49	51	53	51	49	47	60 ↑	48 ↓
Don't know	23	28 ↑	19	14 ↓	27	17 ↓	26	16 ↓	24 ↑
Culturally appropriate									
	Total 2024 n = 3628	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1000	Far North QLD n = 397	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 546	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 726	Yes n = 405	No n = 3214
Strongly disagree	4	3	6	6	3	4	4	5	4
Disagree	11	9	13	16 ↑	11	13	9	14	11
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	13 ↓	19	22 ↑	14	17	13	19	15
No opinion	8	7	8	9	7	8	8	6	8
Agree	38	37	37	37	40	37	37	47 ↑	36 ↓
Strongly agree	9	10	10	11	7	8	7	14 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	47	46	48	47	45	44	60 ↑	44 ↓
Don't know	31	33	27	22 ↓	32	30	35 ↑	15 ↓	33 ↑
Affordable									
	Total 2024 n = 3626	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1002	Far North QLD n = 397	North QLD n = 475	South East n = 545	South West n = 480	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 727	Yes n = 406	No n = 3212
Strongly disagree	12	12	13	16	11	12	11	9	13
Disagree	26	26	26	25	25	29	27	26	26
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	39	38	39	41	37	41	38	35	39
No opinion	4	4	3	6	4	5	5	4	4
Agree	26	24	27	29	27	28	25	34 ↑	25 ↓
Strongly agree	6	8 ↑	6	6	6	5	6	13 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	32	32	33	35	33	33	30	47 ↑	31 ↓
Don't know	25	26	25	18 ↓	26	22	28	14 ↓	26 ↑
Timely (services have enough capacity to meet demand without waitlists)									
	Total 2024 n = 3626	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1001	Far North QLD n = 397	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 545	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 725	Yes n = 406	No n = 3211
Strongly disagree	14	10 ↓	17	19 ↑	11	15	15	11	14
Disagree	31	27 ↓	33	33	29	36	31	29	31
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	45	38 ↓	50	52 ↑	40	51 ↑	45	39	45
No opinion	4	5	5	5	3	4	4	5	4
Agree	21	23	18	20	22	21	19	28 ↑	20 ↓
Strongly agree	6	8 ↑	4	6	6	4	5	12 ↑	5 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	26	30 ↑	22	26	28	24	24	39 ↑	25 ↓
Don't know	25	27	23	17 ↓	29	20	26	16 ↓	26 ↑

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

3.6 Accessing youth mental health services

Q17 Have you tried to access youth mental health services in the last three years?

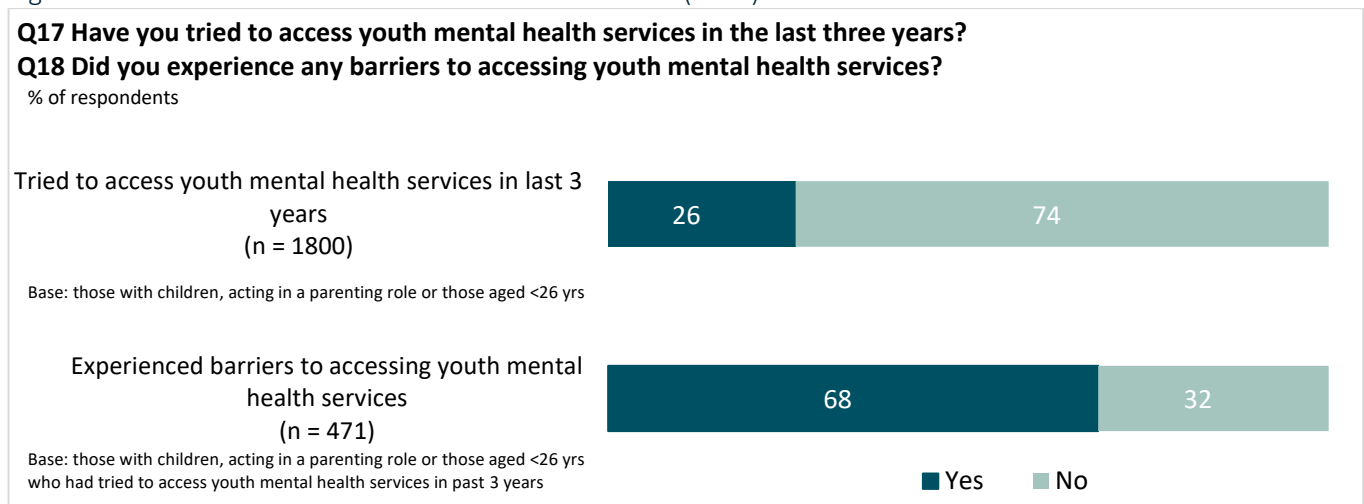
Q18 Did you experience any barriers to accessing youth mental health services?

3.6.1 2024 results

Respondents who were either aged under 26 years, had children or were acting in a parenting role were asked about their past access to youth mental health services.

26% of these respondents had tried to access youth mental health services in the past three years. 68% of those who had tried to access youth mental health services indicated they experienced barriers when trying to do so.

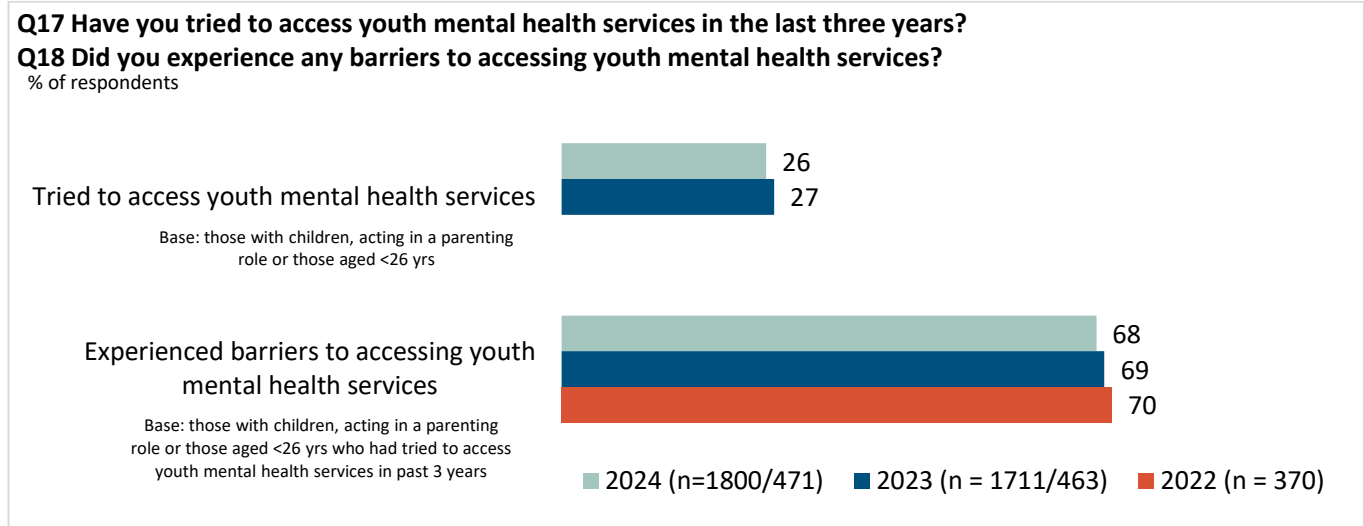
Figure 3.6.1: Mental health services - access and barriers (2024)



3.6.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Figure 3.6.2 shows that the proportion of respondents trying to access youth mental health services, and subsequently experiencing barriers remained consistent between 2023 and 2024.

Figure 3.6.2: Mental health services – access and barriers (2022-2024 trend)



3.6.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

The two questions related to access to youth mental health services were analysed by key sub-groups (Tables 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.6.3 and 3.6.4).

Female respondents were significantly more likely than male respondents to have tried to access youth mental health services in the past three years (31% female, 20% male) with both sub-groups experiencing similar levels of barriers to access. It is noted that while the sample of non-binary respondents is small for this question (n=11) that approximately three quarters (73%) attempted to access youth mental health services and all those that did, experienced barriers (n=8, 100%) [note: results are indicative only due to small sample sizes].

Respondents aged 18-24 years old (36%) were more likely than other age groups (26% average) to indicate that they had tried to access youth mental health services in the past three years. While respondents aged 60+ years old who had parenting responsibility for children aged 0-17 years were significantly less likely to have tried to access youth mental health services (5%).

There were no significant differences observed based upon cultural heritage and region.

Table 3.6.1: Mental health services - access by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q17 Column %	Total 2024 n = 1800	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 766	Female n = 1023	Non- binary n = 11 [^]	18-24 years n = 291	25-39 years n = 752	40-59 years n = 629	60+ years n = 128	Yes n = 1281	No n = 519	Yes n = 225	No n = 1575

% of respondents

Q17. Have you tried to access youth mental health services in the last three years?

Yes	26	20 ↓	31 ↑	73	36 ↑	25	28	5 ↓	27	26	31	26
No	74	80 ↑	69 ↓	27	64 ↓	75	72	95 ↑	73	74	69	74

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, acting in a parenting role or those aged under 26 years

[^] Caution small cell size

Table 3.6.2: Mental health services - access by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q17 Column %	Total 2024 n = 1800	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 458	Far North QLD n = 211	North QLD n = 275	South East n = 256	South West n = 267	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 333	Yes n = 268	No n = 1529

% of respondents

Q17. Have you tried to access youth mental health services in the last three years?

Yes	26	25	28	28	29	27	24	23	27
No	74	75	72	72	71	73	76	77	73

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, acting in a parenting role or those aged under 26 years

Table 3.6.3: Mental health services - barriers by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q18 Column %	Total 2024 n = 471	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 151	Female n = 312	Non- binary n = 8 [^]	18-24 years n = 105	25-39 years n = 186	40-59 years n = 173	60+ years n = 7 [^]	Yes n = 338	No n = 133	Yes n = 68	No n = 403

% of respondents

Q18. Did you experience any barriers to accessing youth mental health services?

Yes	68	62	71	100	61	66	76	71	67	71	65	69
No	32	38	29		39	34	24	29	33	29	35	31

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, acting in a parenting role or those aged under 26 years who had tried to access youth mental health services in past three years

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Table 3.6.4: Mental health services - barriers by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q18 Column %	Total 2024 n = 471	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 112	Far North QLD n = 60	North QLD n = 78	South East n = 72	South West n = 70	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 79	Yes n = 62	No n = 408

% of respondents

Q18. Did you experience any barriers to accessing youth mental health services?

Yes	68	61	70	71	71	74	68	68	69
No	32	39	30	29	29	26	32	32	31

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, acting in a parenting role or those aged under 26 years who had tried to access youth mental health services in past three years

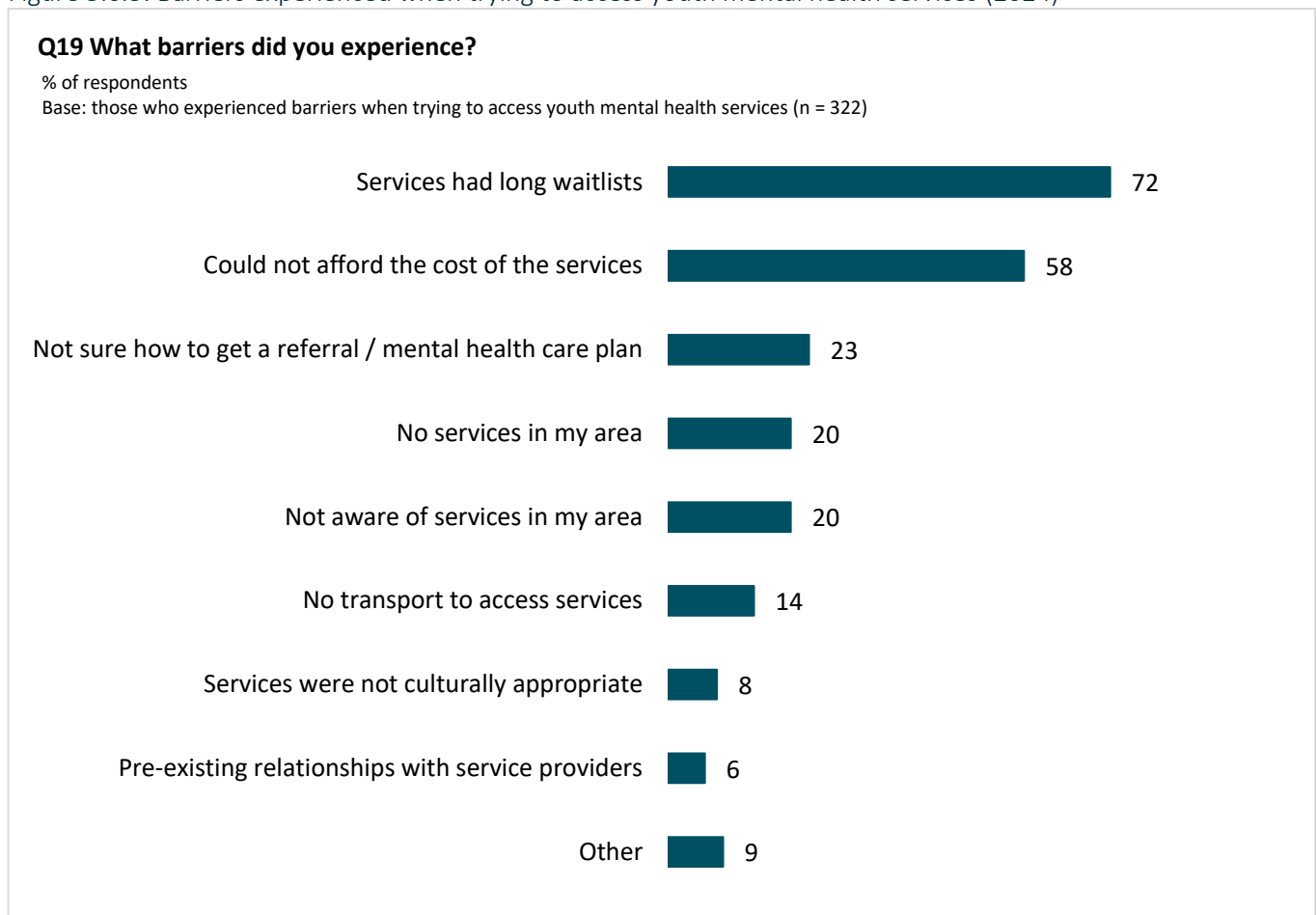
3.6.4 Barriers experienced when trying to access youth mental health services

Q19 What barriers did you experience?

Specific barriers that were experienced by respondents who tried to access youth mental health services were most commonly related to long wait lists (72%) or not being able to afford the cost of the services (58%).

23% were unsure how to get a referral or mental health care plan, 20% felt there were no services available in their area and 20% were not aware of the services in their area. A further 14% were unable to get transport to access services.

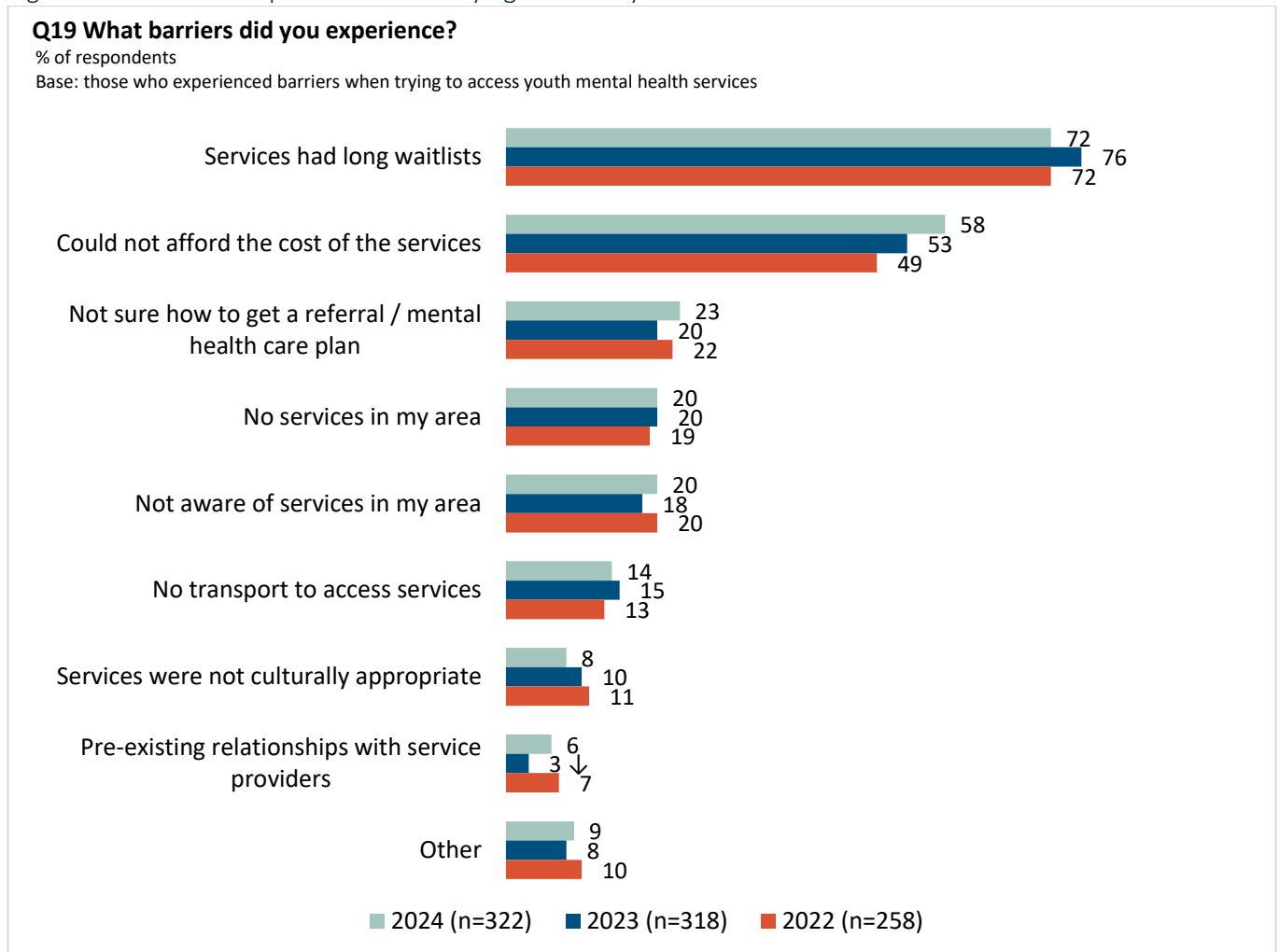
Figure 3.6.3: Barriers experienced when trying to access youth mental health services (2024)



3.6.5 Comparison to previous survey data

The main barriers (namely long waitlists and cost) experienced among respondents who tried to access youth mental health services remained consistent between 2024 and 2023. However, over the past two years there has been a substantial increase in respondents reporting cost as a barrier increasing from 49% in 2022 to 58% in 2024 (statistically significant between 2022 and 2024 but not year-on-year).

Figure 3.6.4: Barriers experienced when trying to access youth mental health services 2022-2024 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result

3.6.6 Sub-group differences

The barriers to accessing youth mental health services were analysed by key sub-groups (Tables 3.6.5 and 3.6.6).

While wait lists were a key barrier for respondents of all gender types, male respondents were significantly more likely than female respondents to report a lack of transportation as a barrier to access (22%, 10% female) while female respondents were more likely to note that affordability of services was a key barrier (63%, 45% males).

Respondents aged 18-24 years old were significantly more likely to report barriers related to lack of understanding and awareness of how to get referrals or mental health care plans compared to other age groups, especially those aged 40-59 years old (42% 18-24 years old, 14% 40-59 years old, 23% average).

One quarter (25%) of respondents who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who experienced barriers to accessing youth mental health services reported that services were not culturally appropriate (compared to 6% among those who do not identify as such).

Respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse were more likely than other respondents to report key barriers of transportation (29%, 11%) or services not being culturally appropriate (29%, 5%).

Those experiencing barriers and living in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region reported a lack of transportation to a significantly greater degree than those in other regions (25%, 14% average).

Other sub-group differences are detailed in Tables 3.6.5 and 3.6.6 following.

Table 3.6.5: Barriers experienced when trying to access youth mental health services (2024)

Q19 Column %	Total 2024 n = 322	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 94	Female n = 220	Non-binary n = 8 [^]	18-24 years n = 64	25-39 years n = 122	40-59 years n = 131	60+ years n = 5 [^]	Yes n = 228	No n = 94	Yes n = 44	No n = 278
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Services had long waitlists	72	64	75	88	72	66	76	80	73	68	66	73
Could not afford the cost of the services	58	45 ↓	63	75	61	60	56	40	58	59	50	59
Not sure how to get a referral / mental health care plan	23	21	23	50	42 ↑	22	14 ↓	40	18 ↓	35 ↑	16	24
No services in my area	20	26	17	13	19	20	18	40	20	19	18	20
Not aware of services in my area	20	19	21	25	20	23	19		19	23	25	20
No transport to access services	14	22 ↑	10 ↓	13	16	15	11	40	12	17	14	14
Services were not culturally appropriate	8	13	6	13	5	13	5	20	9	7	25 ↑	6 ↓
Pre-existing relationships with service providers	6	5	6	13	9	6	5		4	10	11	5
Other	9	11	9	13	2	8	15		11	6	11	9

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 who experienced barriers when trying to access youth mental health services

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Table 3.6.6: Barriers experienced when trying to access youth mental health services by region (2024)

Q19 Column %	Total 2024 n = 322	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 68	Far North QLD n = 42	North QLD n = 55	South East n = 51	South West n = 52	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 54	Yes n = 42	No n = 280
<i>% of respondents</i>									
Services had long waitlists	72	69	69	76	73	65	78	64	73
Could not afford the cost of the services	58	51	67	64	65	54	52	48	60
Not sure how to get a referral / mental health care plan	23	24	24	20	24	25	22	26	23
No services in my area	20	21	19	11	8	33	26	19	20
Not aware of services in my area	20	26	21	16	18	27	13	26	20
No transport to access services	14	25 ↑	10	9	10	13	11	29 ↑	11 ↓
Services were not culturally appropriate	8	9	10	11	10	10	2	29 ↑	5 ↓
Pre-existing relationships with service providers	6	9	10	5	2	6	4	12	5
Other	9	13	14	5	4	8	11	2	10

Base: those who experienced barriers when trying to access youth mental health services

3.7 Parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people

Q20 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

3.7.1 2024 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'* (91%) with 60% strongly agreeing with this statement and 31% agreeing. The second highest level of agreement was for the statement *'being a parent is hard work'* (87%) with 49% strongly agreeing and 38% agreeing. 81% agreed overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that *'parents struggle to discipline their children'* with 34% strongly agreeing and 47% agreeing.

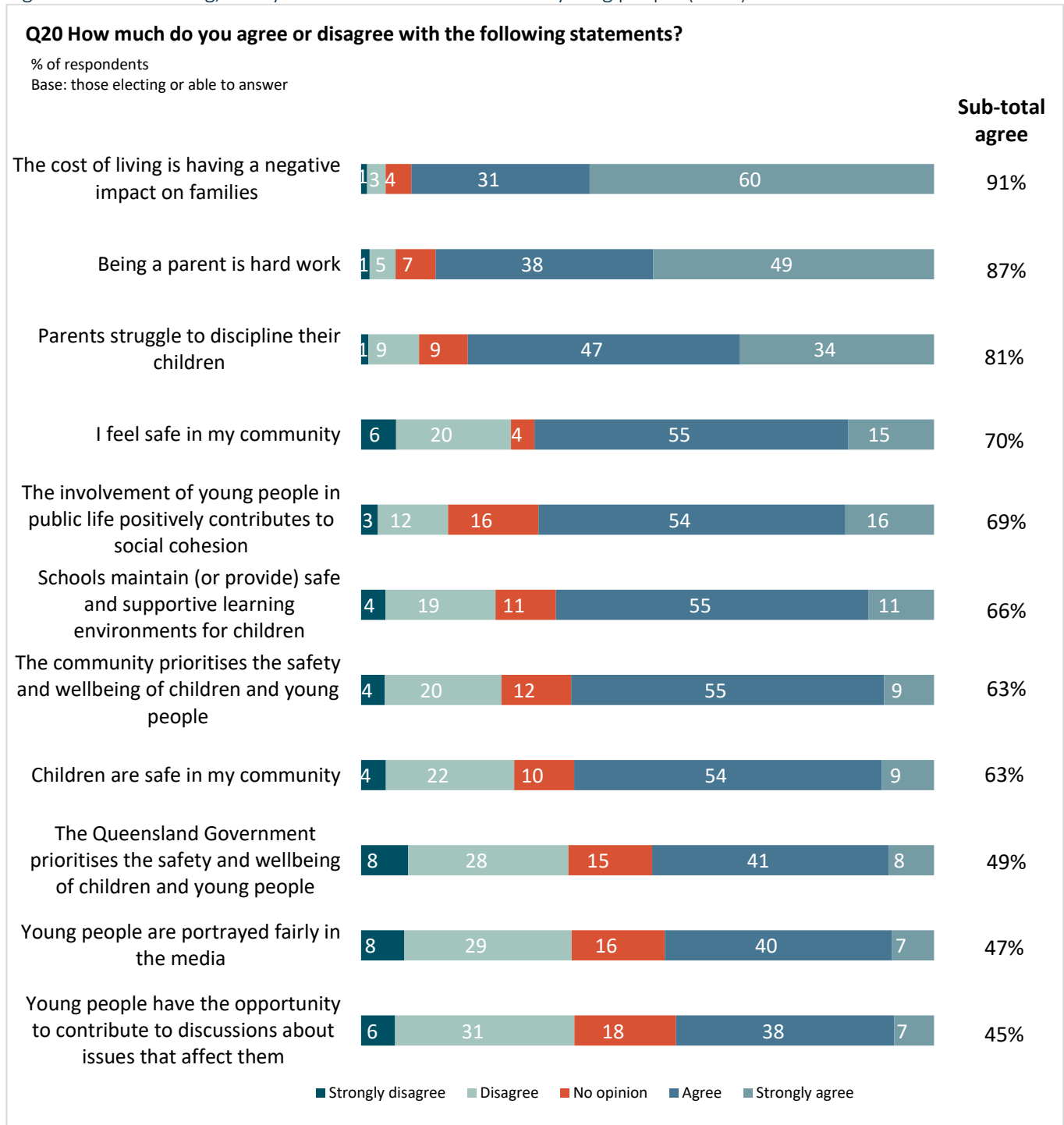
Between 60% and 70% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the following statements in 2024:

- *'I feel safe in my community'* (70% agreed/strongly agreed, 26% disagreed/strongly disagreed)
- *'The involvement of young people in public life positive contributes to social cohesion'* (69% agreed/strongly agreed, 15% disagreed/strongly disagreed)
- *'Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children'* (66% agreed/strongly agreed, 23% disagreed/strongly disagreed)
- *'The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (63% agreed/strongly agreed, 24% disagreed/strongly disagreed)
- *'Children are safe in my community'* (63% agreed/strongly agreed, 26% disagreed/strongly disagreed).

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

- *'The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (49% agreed/strongly agreed, 36% disagreed/strongly disagreed).
- *'Young people are portrayed fairly in the media'* (47% agreed/strongly agreed, 37% disagreed/strongly disagreed)
- *'Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them'* (45% agreed/strongly agreed, 37% disagreed/strongly disagreed).

Figure 3.7.1: Parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people (2024)



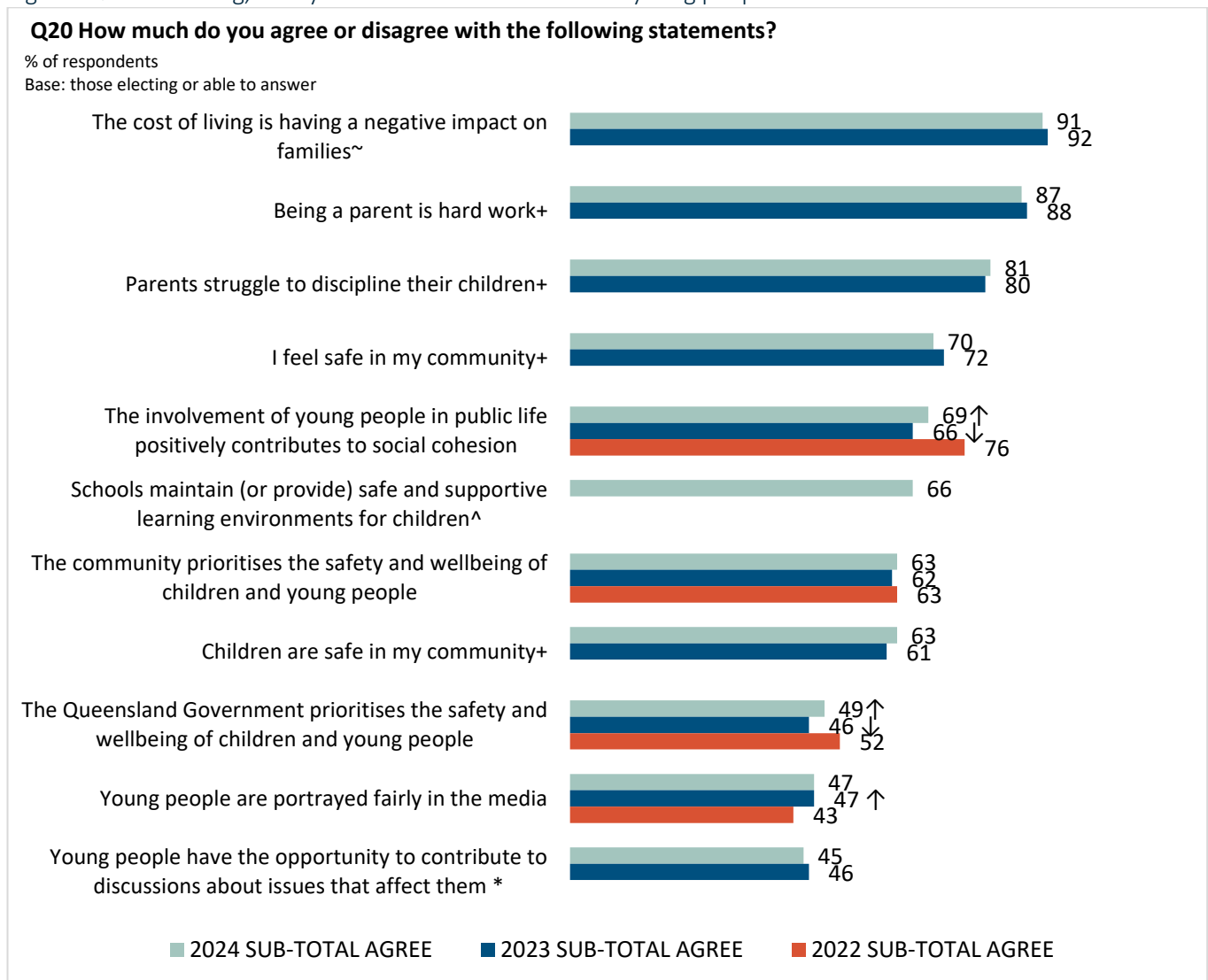
Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3619 (when 22 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'The involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion'. 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

In 2024, there was significantly higher agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that ‘the involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion’ (66% in 2023, 69% in 2024) or that ‘the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people’ (46% in 2023, 49% in 2024).

All other statements were stable between 2023 and 2024, with one new statement included in 2024.

Figure 3.7.2: Parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people 2022-2024 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result
 In 2022, the smallest base was n=2498 (when 11 respondents declined to answer) for the item ‘The involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion’.
 In 2023, the smallest base was n=3140 (when 14 respondents declined to answer) for the item ‘The involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion’.
 In 2024, the smallest base was n=3619 (when 22 respondents declined to answer) for the item ‘The involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion’. The reader is referred to Table 3.7.1 for a description of the base for each statement.
 + New statement in 2023
 * 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.
 ^ New statement in 2024
 ~ 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 2024.

3.7.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

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

Male respondents were more likely than female respondents to agree with many of the statements tested; with three exceptions where their overall agreement was significantly lower when compared to female respondents:

- *'The cost of living is having a negative impact on families'* (89%, 93% females)
- *'Being a parent is hard work'* (84%, 90%)
- *'Parents struggle to discipline their children'* (80%, 83%).

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:

- *'The cost of living is having negative impact on families'* (93%, 90% those not responsible for a child)
- *'Being a parent is hard work'* (90%, 85%)
- *'Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children'* (72%, 63%)
- *'The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (68%, 61%)
- *'The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (52%, 48%).

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

- *'The cost of living is having a negative impact on families'* (84%, 92% those who do not identify as such)
- *'Being a parent is hard work'* (82%, 87%)
- *'I feel safe in my community'* (62%, 70%)
- *'The involvement of young people in public life positive contributes to social cohesion'* (57%, 70%)
- *'Children are safe in my community'* (51%, 64%).

Those who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse had higher agreement levels (agreed/strongly agreed) compared to other respondents that:

- *'I feel safe in my community'* (76%, 69% those who do not identify as such)
- *'Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children'* (75%, 65%)
- *'The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (71%, 62%)
- *'The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (64%, 47%)
- *'Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them'* (58%, 43%).

Those who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse were significantly less likely to agree *'The cost of living is having a negative impact on families'* (84%, 92% those who do not identify as such).

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'* (71%, 63% average) or *'the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (61%, 49%).
- Those aged 25-39 years were significantly more likely, compared to other respondents, to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) that *'the cost of living is having a negative impact on families'* (93%, 91% average), *'the involvement of young people in public life positive contributes to social cohesion'* (72%, 69%), *'schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children'* (72%, 66%), *'the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (69%, 63%), *'children*

are safe in my community' (69%, 63%) or 'the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people' (56%, 49%).

- Those aged 40-59 years were significantly more likely than others disagree (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with a number of statements in contrast to other age groups: 'I feel safe in my community' (30% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 26% average disagreement), 'schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children' (27% disagreement, 23%), 'the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people' (29% disagreement, 25%), 'children are safe in my community' (32% disagreement, 27%) or 'the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people' (40% disagreement, 36%).
- 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 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' (77%, 70% average), 'the involvement of young people in public life positive contributes to social cohesion' (72%, 69%), 'schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children' (71%, 66% average), 'the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people' (71%, 63% average), 'children are safe in my community' (72%, 63%), or that 'the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people' (56%, 49%).

Those living in the Sunshine Coast and Central region were significantly more likely than other respondents to agree or strongly agree that 'I feel safe in my community' (74% agreement overall, 70% average).

Respondents living in the North Queensland region were statistically more likely to agree or strongly agree that 'the cost of living is having a negative impact on families' (95% agreement overall, 91% average). However, they were significantly more likely to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that 'I feel safe in my community' (41% disagreement overall, 26% average), 'the involvement of young people in public life positive contributes to social cohesion' (21% disagreement, 15%), 'the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people' (34% disagreement, 25%), 'children are safe in my community' (41% disagreement, 27%), or that 'the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people' (43% disagreement, 36%).

Respondents living in Far North Queensland were also significantly more likely than respondents living in other regions to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that 'I feel safe in my community' (42% disagreement overall, 26% average), 'the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people' (32% disagreement, 25%), 'children are safe in my community' (41% disagreement, 27%), or that 'the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people' (44% disagreement, 36%).

Those living in the South West region were significantly more likely to disagree than other respondents that 'schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children' (28% disagreement overall, 23% average).

Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.7.1 and 3.7.2 following.

Table 3.7.1: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q20 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER		
		Male	Female	Non-binary	18-24 years	25-39 years	40-59 years	60+ years	Yes	No	Yes	No
	n = 3627	n = 1774	n = 1836	n = 17 [^]	n = 290	n = 1261	n = 1034	n = 1042	n = 1274	n = 2349	n = 295	n = 3332
The cost of living is having a negative impact on families												
Strongly disagree	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	3 ↑	1 ↓
Disagree	3	4 ↑	2 ↓		6	3	3	3	3	3	7 ↑	3 ↓
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	5 ↑	3 ↓		7	4	4	4	4	4	10 ↑	4 ↓
No opinion	4	5 ↑	4 ↓		6	3 ↓	5	5	3 ↓	5 ↑	5	4
Agree	31	35 ↑	28 ↓		27	27 ↓	30	39 ↑	29 ↓	32 ↑	33	31
Strongly agree	60	54 ↓	65 ↑	100	61	66 ↑	61	52 ↓	65 ↑	58 ↓	51 ↓	61 ↑
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	91	89 ↓	93 ↑	100	88	93 ↑	90	91	93 ↑	90 ↓	84 ↓	92 ↑
Being a parent is hard work												
Strongly disagree	1	2	1		1	2	2	1	1	1	4 ↑	1 ↓
Disagree	5	6 ↑	3 ↓		5	5	5	4	6 ↑	4 ↓	7	4
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	8 ↑	4 ↓		6	7	6	5	7	5	11 ↑	6 ↓
No opinion	7	8 ↑	6 ↓		9	7	8	6	3 ↓	9 ↑	7	7
Agree	38	40 ↑	36 ↓	35	36	37	39	39	42 ↑	36 ↓	41	38
Strongly agree	49	44 ↓	54 ↑	65	48	50	47	51	49	49	41 ↓	50 ↑
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	87	84 ↓	90 ↑	100	85	87	86	89 ↑	90 ↑	85 ↓	82 ↓	87 ↑
Parents struggle to discipline their children												
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	3 ↑	1 ↓
Disagree	9	10 ↑	8 ↓	18	9	10	10	6 ↓	12 ↑	7 ↓	7	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	11	9 ↓	29	11	12	11	7 ↓	13 ↑	8 ↓	11	10
No opinion	9	9	8	18	11	9	8	8	6 ↓	10 ↑	10	8
Agree	47	45 ↓	49 ↑	41	51	50	47	44 ↓	53 ↑	44 ↓	46	48
Strongly agree	34	34	34	12	27 ↓	30 ↓	33	41 ↑	28 ↓	37 ↑	34	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	81	80 ↓	83 ↑	53	78	80	81	85 ↑	80	82	80	82

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.7.1: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024) (continued)

Q20 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER		
% of respondents												
I feel safe in my community												
	Total 2024 n = 3622	Male n = 1767	Female n = 1838	Non- binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 292	25-39 years n = 1264	40-59 years n = 1031	60+ years n = 1035	Yes n = 1277	No n = 2341	Yes n = 297	No n = 3325
Strongly disagree	6	5 ↓	8 ↑		4	5	8 ↑	6	6	6	6	6
Disagree	20	17 ↓	23 ↑	24	17	20	22	18	22	19	26 ↑	20 ↓
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	26	21 ↓	31 ↑	24	22	25	30 ↑	25	28	25	32 ↑	26 ↓
No opinion	4	4	4		5	3 ↓	4	5	3 ↓	5 ↑	6	4
Agree	55	56	54	65	57	56	54	54	56	54	45 ↓	56 ↑
Strongly agree	15	19 ↑	11 ↓	12	16	16	12 ↓	16	13	16	16	15
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	70	75 ↑	65 ↓	76	73	72	66 ↓	70	69	70	62 ↓	70 ↑
The involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion												
	Total 2024 n = 3619	Male n = 1771	Female n = 1831	Non- binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 289	25-39 years n = 1261	40-59 years n = 1033	60+ years n = 1036	Yes n = 1273	No n = 2342	Yes n = 293	No n = 3326
Strongly disagree	3	3	3		2	3	3	3	3	3	5	3
Disagree	12	11	13	12	13	12	14	10 ↓	14 ↑	11 ↓	20 ↑	12 ↓
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	14	16	12	15	15	17	13	17	14	26 ↑	14 ↓
No opinion	16	14 ↓	18 ↑	6	16	13 ↓	15	20 ↑	13 ↓	17 ↑	17	16
Agree	54	55	52	29	53	56	51	53	54	53	41 ↓	55 ↑
Strongly agree	16	16	14	53	17	16	17	13	16	15	16	15
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	69	72 ↑	66 ↓	82	70	72 ↑	68	67	70	69	57 ↓	70 ↑
Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children												
	Total 2024 n = 3628	Male n = 1775	Female n = 1836	Non- binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 290	25-39 years n = 1261	40-59 years n = 1034	60+ years n = 1043	Yes n = 1275	No n = 2349	Yes n = 295	No n = 3333
Strongly disagree	4	4	4	6	5	3 ↓	6 ↑	4	4	4	6	4
Disagree	19	18	20	47	22	17 ↓	22 ↑	19	18	20	21	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	23	24	53	27	20 ↓	27 ↑	23	23	24	27	23
No opinion	11	11	10	12	9	8 ↓	11	14 ↑	6 ↓	13 ↑	11	10
Agree	55	55	55	29	54	59 ↑	51 ↓	53	58 ↑	53 ↓	49	55
Strongly agree	11	12	11	6	10	13 ↑	11	10	14 ↑	10 ↓	13	11
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	67	66	35	64	72 ↑	62 ↓	63	72 ↑	63 ↓	62	66

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.7.1: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024) (continued)

Q20 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER		
		Male n = 1772	Female n = 1836	Non- binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 290	25-39 years n = 1261	40-59 years n = 1033	60+ years n = 1041	Yes n = 1273	No n = 2348	Yes n = 295	No n = 3330
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Young people are portrayed fairly in the media												
Strongly disagree	8	7	8	35	12 ↑	7	9	6 ↓	7	8	12 ↑	7 ↓
Disagree	29	27 ↓	31 ↑	41	32	31	30	26 ↓	31	28	34	29
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	34 ↓	39 ↑	76	44 ↑	38	39	31 ↓	38	36	45 ↑	36 ↓
No opinion	16	15 ↓	18 ↑		14	13 ↓	17	20 ↑	13 ↓	18 ↑	13	17
Agree	40	42 ↑	38	24	35	40	39	42	41	39	32 ↓	40 ↑
Strongly agree	7	10 ↑	5 ↓		7	9 ↑	6	7	8	7	10	7
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	47	51 ↑	43 ↓	24	42	49	45	49	49	46	42	47
Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them												
Strongly disagree	6	5 ↓	7	59	9 ↑	7 ↑	6	4 ↓	6	6	10 ↑	6 ↓
Disagree	31	28 ↓	35 ↑	35	30	36 ↑	32	26 ↓	34 ↑	30 ↓	33	31
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	33 ↓	41 ↑	94	40	43 ↑	38	29 ↓	40 ↑	36 ↓	43	37
No opinion	18	17	18		10 ↓	11 ↓	18	28 ↑	12 ↓	21 ↑	11 ↓	18 ↑
Agree	38	42 ↑	35 ↓	6	42	38	38	38	38	38	34	38
Strongly agree	7	9 ↑	5 ↓		9	9 ↑	6	5 ↓	9 ↑	6 ↓	12 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	45	50 ↑	40 ↓	6	51	47	44	42	47	44	46	45

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.7.2: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q20 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
The cost of living is having a negative impact on families									
	Total 2024 n = 3627	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1006	Far North QLD n = 391	North QLD n = 475	South East n = 545	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 727	Yes n = 399	No n = 3219
Strongly disagree	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Disagree	3	3	3	2	4	3	4	7 ↑	3 ↓
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	4	5	3	5	4	5	8 ↑	4 ↓
No opinion	4	5	3	3	7	5	3	5	4
Agree	31	33	28	32	32	27	32	32	31
Strongly agree	60	58	63	63	57	64	60	55	61
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	91	91	92	95 ↑	89	91	92	87 ↓	92 ↑
Being a parent is hard work									
	Total 2024 n = 3625	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1005	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 474	South East n = 544	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 728	Yes n = 400	No n = 3216
Strongly disagree	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1
Disagree	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	7	4
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	6	7	5	6	6	6	8	6
No opinion	7	6	6	5	9	8	8	5	7
Agree	38	36	37	47 ↑	37	36	37	38	38
Strongly agree	49	51	50	44	48	51	49	49	49
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	87	87	87	90	85	86	86	87	87
Parents struggle to discipline their children									
	Total 2024 n = 3620	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1004	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 541	South West n = 481	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 726	Yes n = 400	No n = 3211
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Disagree	9	10	8	8	8	8	9	11	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	10	12	9	10	9	9	10	12	10
No opinion	9	10	6	7	9	8	8	8	9
Agree	47	47	48	48	47	48	47	49	47
Strongly agree	34	31	37	35	35	34	35	31	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	81	78 ↓	85	83	82	83	81	80	81
I feel safe in my community									
	Total 2024 n = 3622	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1003	Far North QLD n = 391	North QLD n = 474	South East n = 546	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 726	Yes n = 401	No n = 3213
Strongly disagree	6	4 ↓	10 ↑	12 ↑	3 ↓	6	6	3	6
Disagree	20	15 ↓	32 ↑	28 ↑	19	20	16 ↓	17	20
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	26	19 ↓	42 ↑	41 ↑	22	26	21 ↓	20 ↓	27 ↑
No opinion	4	4	3	3	5	4	5	3	4
Agree	55	59 ↑	44 ↓	48 ↓	57	57	56	59	54
Strongly agree	15	18 ↑	11	9 ↓	16	13	18	17	15
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	70	77 ↑	54 ↓	57 ↓	73	70	74 ↑	76 ↑	69 ↓
The involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion									
	Total 2024 n = 3619	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1003	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 475	South East n = 544	South West n = 480	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 725	Yes n = 399	No n = 3211
Strongly disagree	3	2	4	5	1	2	4	3	3
Disagree	12	9 ↓	16	16	11	13	12	13	12
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	12 ↓	19	21 ↑	13	16	16	16	15
No opinion	16	16	16	16	16	18	14	12	16
Agree	54	55	51	51	54	50	57	53	54
Strongly agree	16	18	14	13	17	16	14	20	15
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	69	72 ↑	65	64 ↓	71	66	70	73	69

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

Table 3.7.2: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024) (continued)

Q20 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children									
	Total 2024 n = 3628	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1006	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 475	South East n = 544	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 728	Yes n = 399	No n = 3220
Strongly disagree	4	3 ↓	5	6	3	6	5	3	4
Disagree	19	17	21	18	18	23	21	14 ↓	20 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	20 ↓	26	24	21	28 ↑	26	17 ↓	24 ↑
No opinion	11	9	12	8	13	12	10	9	11
Agree	55	57	52	57	54	50	55	59	54
Strongly agree	11	14 ↑	9	11	13	10	9	16 ↑	11 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	71 ↑	62	68	67	59 ↓	64	75 ↑	65 ↓
The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people									
	Total 2024 n = 3626	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1002	Far North QLD n = 391	North QLD n = 477	South East n = 546	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 727	Yes n = 399	No n = 3218
Strongly disagree	4	3	7 ↑	7 ↑	3	5	3	5	4
Disagree	20	15 ↓	25	27 ↑	20	21	22	14 ↓	21 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	25	18 ↓	32 ↑	34 ↑	22	25	25	19 ↓	25 ↑
No opinion	12	12	16	9	13	14	11	10	12
Agree	55	59 ↑	46 ↓	51	56	53	55	58	54
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	7	7	9	7	8	14 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	63	71 ↑	52 ↓	58 ↓	65	61	64	71 ↑	62 ↓
Children are safe in my community									
	Total 2024 n = 3629	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1003	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 477	South East n = 546	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 728	Yes n = 401	No n = 3219
Strongly disagree	4	3 ↓	9 ↑	7 ↑	3	4	4	3	4
Disagree	22	15 ↓	32 ↑	34 ↑	19	22	22	20	23
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	27	18 ↓	41 ↑	41 ↑	23	26	26	24	27
No opinion	10	10	11	8	11	12	10	7	11
Agree	54	59 ↑	42 ↓	44 ↓	56	56	55	52	54
Strongly agree	9	13 ↑	6	6	10	6 ↓	9	17 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	63	72 ↑	48 ↓	51 ↓	66	62	64	69	62
The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people									
	Total 2024 n = 3624	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1001	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 477	South East n = 545	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 726	Yes n = 399	No n = 3217
Strongly disagree	8	7	12 ↑	13 ↑	7	7	7	5 ↓	9 ↑
Disagree	28	23 ↓	32	30	27	31	29	20 ↓	29 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	36	30 ↓	44 ↑	43 ↑	34	37	36	24 ↓	38 ↑
No opinion	15	14	17	12	15	14	16	12	15
Agree	41	45 ↑	33 ↓	39	42	42	40	49 ↑	40 ↓
Strongly agree	8	10 ↑	5	5	9	6	8	15 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	49	56 ↑	39 ↓	45	51	48	48	64 ↑	47 ↓
Young people are portrayed fairly in the media									
	Total 2024 n = 3625	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1004	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 476	South East n = 545	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 725	Yes n = 400	No n = 3216
Strongly disagree	8	8	10	8	5	7	8	5	8
Disagree	29	27	31	32	31	28	30	30	29
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	35	41	39	36	36	37	35	37
No opinion	16	17	19	14	16	17	16	15	16
Agree	40	40	33 ↓	40	42	40	40	42	39
Strongly agree	7	9	7	7	6	7	6	9	7
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	47	49	41 ↓	47	48	48	47	51	47

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

Table 3.7.2: Agreement with statements about parenting, safety and inclusion of children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024) (continued)

Q20 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them									
	Total 2024 n = 3625	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1006	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 477	South East n = 542	South West n = 482	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 726	Yes n = 400	No n = 3216
Strongly disagree	6	6	8	7	4	6	6	6	6
Disagree	31	29	33	35	29	33	33	25 ↓	32 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	34	41	42	33	39	38	31 ↓	38 ↑
No opinion	18	18	20	15	20	18	15	12 ↓	18 ↑
Agree	38	38	34	38	39	37	40	45 ↑	37 ↓
Strongly agree	7	9 ↑	5	6	7	6	6	12 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	45	47	39	44	47	43	46	58 ↑	43 ↓

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

3.8 Oversight of the Queensland systems

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

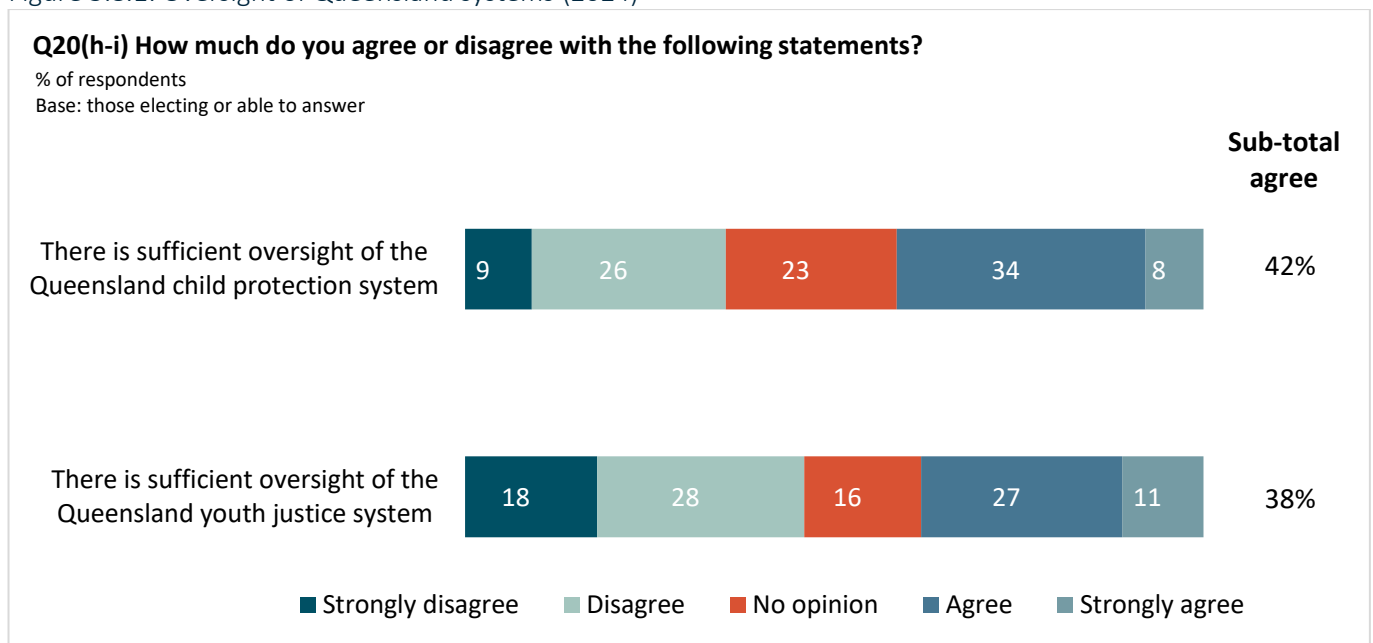
3.8.1 2024 results

Respondents were asked their level of agreement with statements about oversight of the Queensland child protection system and youth justice systems.

Respondents were divided on these issues: 42% of respondents agreed (agreed/strongly agreed) with the statement ‘there is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system’ while 35% disagreed (disagreed/strongly disagreed). Similarly, 38% of respondents agreed overall that ‘there is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice system’ while 46% disagreed overall.

Compared with other measures, a relatively high proportion of ‘no opinion’ responses were registered in relation to these statements.

Figure 3.8.1: Oversight of Queensland systems (2024)

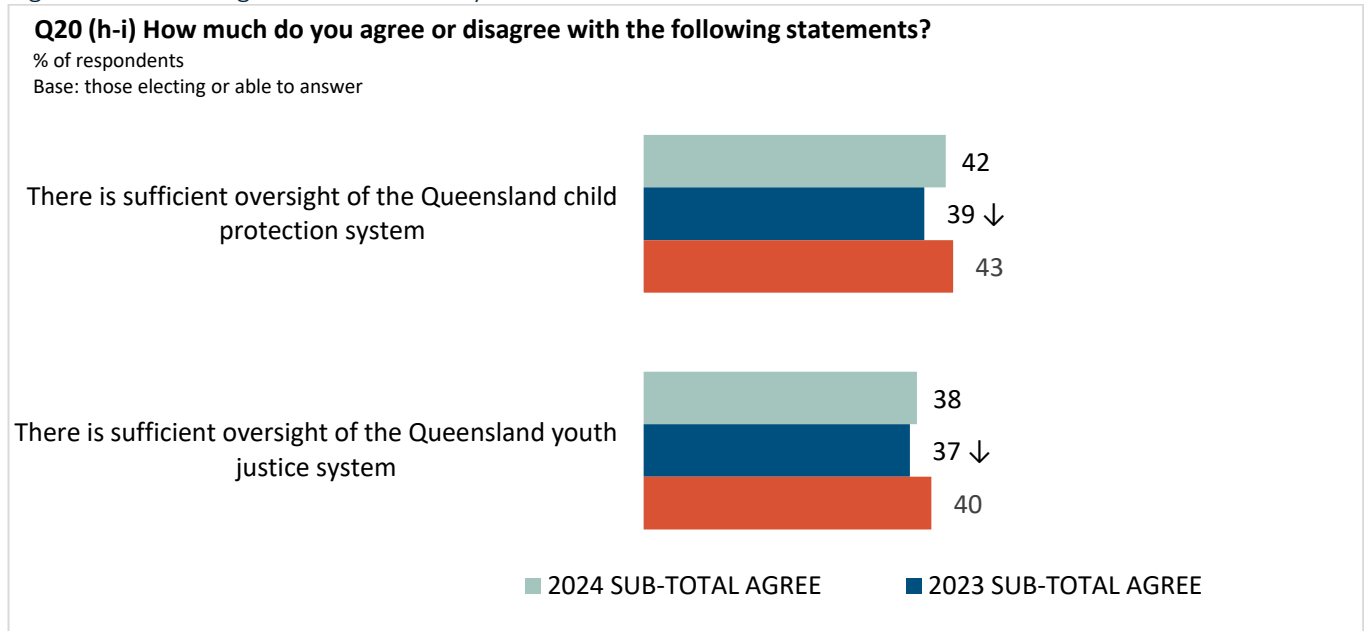


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3612 (when 29 respondents declined to answer) for the item ‘There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system’. 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

Perceptions about the degree of oversight of the Queensland child protection and youth justice systems were consistent in 2024 with those seen in the 2023 survey.

Figure 3.8.2: Oversight of Queensland systems 2022-2024 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 2022, the smallest base was n=2504 (when 4 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice system'.
- In 2023, the smallest base was n=3144 (when 10 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice system'.
- In 2024, the smallest base was n=3612 (when 29 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system'. The reader is referred to Table 3.8.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

Table 3.8.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q20 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system									
	Total 2024 n = 3612	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 996	Far North QLD n = 392	North QLD n = 473	South East n = 545	South West n = 481	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 725	Yes n = 395	No n = 3208
Strongly disagree	9	8	9	11	7	10	9	5 ↓	9 ↑
Disagree	26	25	27	25	28	28	26	23	27
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	35	34	36	36	35	38	35	28 ↓	36 ↑
No opinion	23	23	22	21	24	22	26	19	24
Agree	34	35	33	35	34	32	33	41 ↑	33 ↓
Strongly agree	8	9	10	8	7	8	7	12 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	42	43	43	43	41	40	39	53 ↑	40 ↓
There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice system									
	Total 2024 n = 3616	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1000	Far North QLD n = 391	North QLD n = 475	South East n = 542	South West n = 481	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 727	Yes n = 397	No n = 3210
Strongly disagree	18	16	21	22 ↑	18	17	16	9 ↓	19 ↑
Disagree	28	27	28	25	27	32	30	21 ↓	29 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	46	43	49	47	45	48	46	30 ↓	48 ↑
No opinion	16	16	14	13	16	16	18	17	16
Agree	27	30 ↑	23	29	29	25	25	39 ↑	26 ↓
Strongly agree	11	11	15	10	11	11	11	14	11
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	38	41	37	40	39	36	35	53 ↑	36 ↓

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

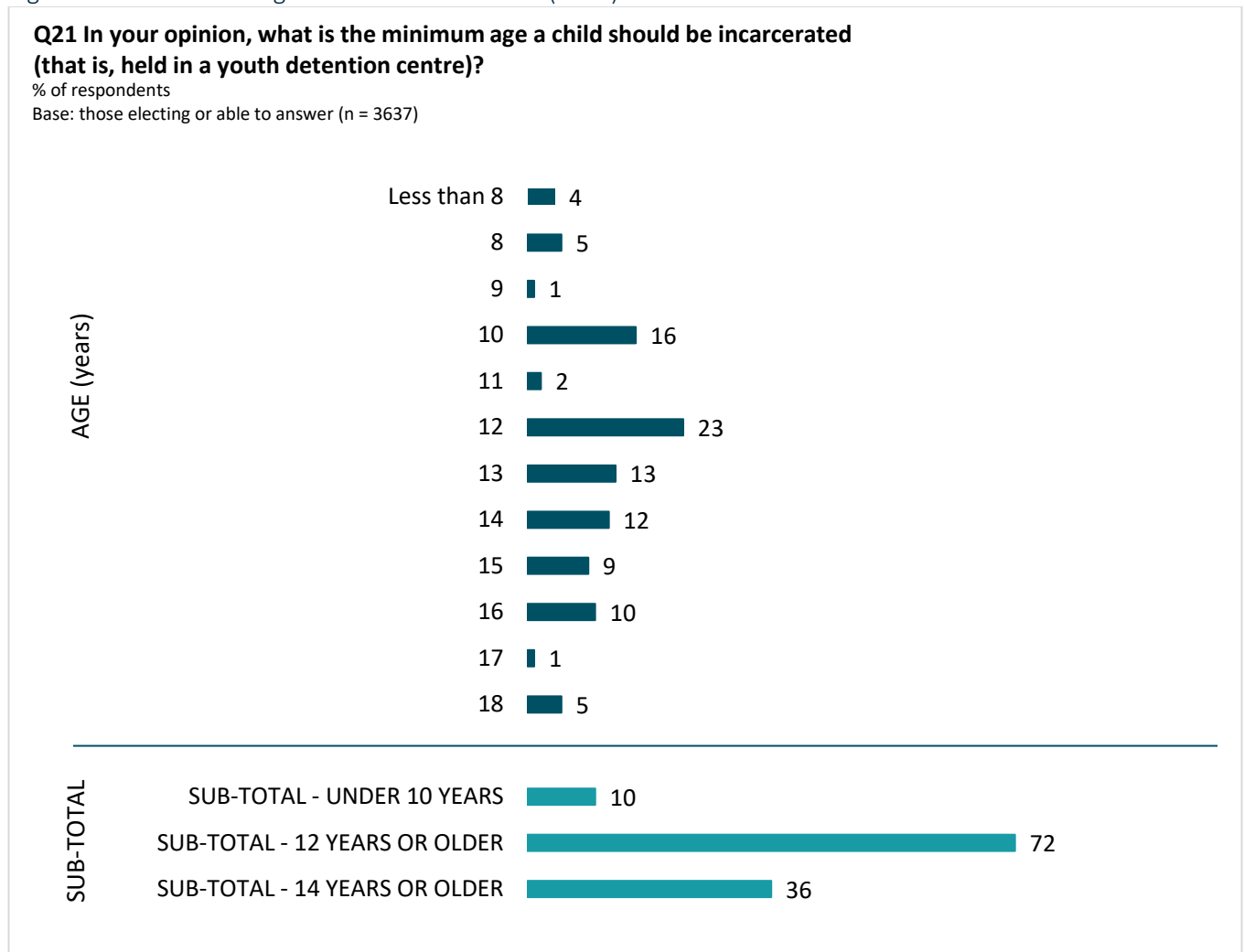
3.9 Minimum age for a child to be incarcerated

Q21 In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a youth detention centre)?

3.9.1 2024 results

Respondents were asked what they thought the minimum age should be for a child to be incarcerated. Among those respondents who were able to provide an opinion, 36% indicated an age range of 14 years or older, 72% felt children aged 12 years or older could be incarcerated, while 10% indicated that children under 10 years could be incarcerated.

Figure 3.9.1: Minimum age for child incarceration (2024)

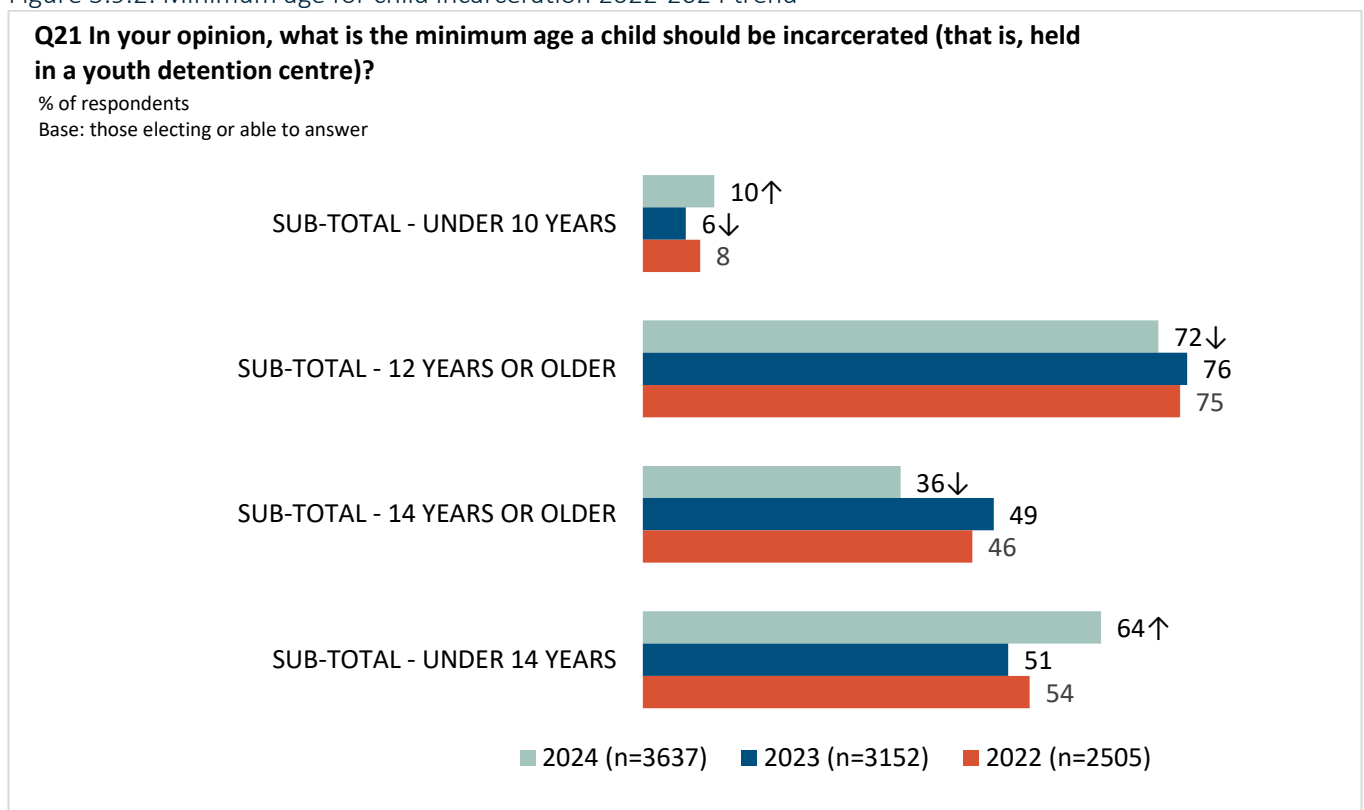


3.9.2 Comparison to previous survey data

As was the case in both 2022 and 2023, the 2024 survey shows that most respondents consider the minimum age a child should be incarcerated is 12 years or older (76% in 2023, 72% in 2024).

Compared with the 2023 survey, there has been a decrease in the proportion of respondents nominating 14 years as the minimum age for incarceration (49% in 2023, 36% in 2024) and a corresponding increase in those nominating anyone under 14 years (51% in 2023, 64% in 2024). Although some differences in question wording should be considered when interpreting this result*.

Figure 3.9.2: Minimum age for child incarceration 2022-2024 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result

*In 2022, asked as: In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a police watchhouse or placed in youth detention)?

*In 2023, asked as: In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a jail or prison)?

The sub-total – under 14 years was previously reported based on a direct question ‘Do you believe that children under the age of 14 should be incarcerated (that is, held in a jail or prison)?’. This question was not asked in 2024, so results for all years in the above chart are derived from Q21 ‘In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a youth detention centre)?’. These percentages are therefore different to those previously reported (2022 57%, 2023 54%).

3.9.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

The results on minimum incarceration age were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.9.1 and 3.9.2).

Respondents aged 25-39 years old were significantly more likely to nominate that children under 10 years could be incarcerated compared to other respondents (13%, 10% average). Respondents in the North Queensland region were also more likely to hold this perception compared to other locations (16%, 10%).

Respondents living in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region and the South East region were significantly more likely than other regions to consider the minimum age for incarceration could be 12 years or older (76% and 79% respectively, 72% average).

Respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse were significantly more likely to consider the minimum age of incarceration should be 14 years or older compared to other respondents (44%, 35%).

Other sub-group differences can be found in Tables 3.9.1 and 3.9.2 following.

Table 3.9.1: Minimum age child should be incarcerated by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q21 Column %	Total 2024 n = 3637	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1777	Female n = 1843	Non-binary n = 17^	18-24 years n = 291	25-39 years n = 1265	40-59 years n = 1035	60+ years n = 1046	Yes n = 1281	No n = 2352	Yes n = 299	No n = 3338

% of respondents

Q62 In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a youth detention centre)?												
Less than 8	4	5	4	6	7	6	4	3	5	4	5	4
8	5	4	6		4	6	6	3 ↓	6	4	6	5
9	1	1	1		<1	1	<1	2	1	1	1	1
10	16	14	17	18	14	15	15	18	14	17	14	16
11	2	2	2		3	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
12	23	25	21	12	21	20	21	29 ↑	22	23	21	23
13	13	14	13	18	14	14	15	11	15	12	14	13
14	12	12	12	6	11	11	12	13	11	12	10	12
15	9	9	8	12	10	9	8	8	9	8	10	8
16	10	9	10	12	9	10	11	8	10	10	10	10
17	1	1	1		2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1
18	5	4	5	18	5	5	5	3 ↓	5	4	6	4
SUB-TOTAL - UNDER 10 YEARS	10	10	10	6	11	13 ↑	10	8 ↓	12	10	12	10
SUB-TOTAL - 12 YEARS OR OLDER	72	74	71	76	72	70	74	73	73	72	73	72
SUB-TOTAL - 14 YEARS OR OLDER	36	35	37	47	37	37	38	33	36	36	37	36

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.9.2: Minimum age child should be incarcerated by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q21 Column %	Total 2024 n = 3637	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1006	Far North QLD n = 396	North QLD n = 477	South East n = 545	South West n = 484	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 729	Yes n = 405	No n = 3223

% of respondents

Q62 In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a youth detention centre)?									
Less than 8	4	4	5	5	3	6	5	7 ↑	4 ↓
8	5	3 ↓	6	9 ↑	4	5	4	5	5
9	1	1	1	2	<1	1	<1	1	1
10	16	13	18	20	13	20	15	10 ↓	16 ↑
11	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	2
12	23	21	24	24	25	21	23	19	23
13	13	13	13	13	14	12	15	13	13
14	12	13	10	8 ↓	14	12	12	11	12
15	9	9	9	7	9	7	9	10	8
16	10	11	6	8	11	11	10	12	10
17	1	2	2	<1	<1	1	1	1	1
18	5	6 ↑	5	2 ↓	4	3	5	9 ↑	4 ↓
SUB-TOTAL - UNDER 10 YEARS	10	8	12	16 ↑	7	12	10	13	10
SUB-TOTAL - 12 YEARS OR OLDER	72	76 ↑	69	62 ↓	79 ↑	67 ↓	74	75	72
SUB-TOTAL - 14 YEARS OR OLDER	36	42 ↑	32	25 ↓	39	33	36	44 ↑	35 ↓

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

3.10 Difficulty maintaining housing

Q22. In the last 6 months, have you had difficulty maintaining housing?

New question in 2024

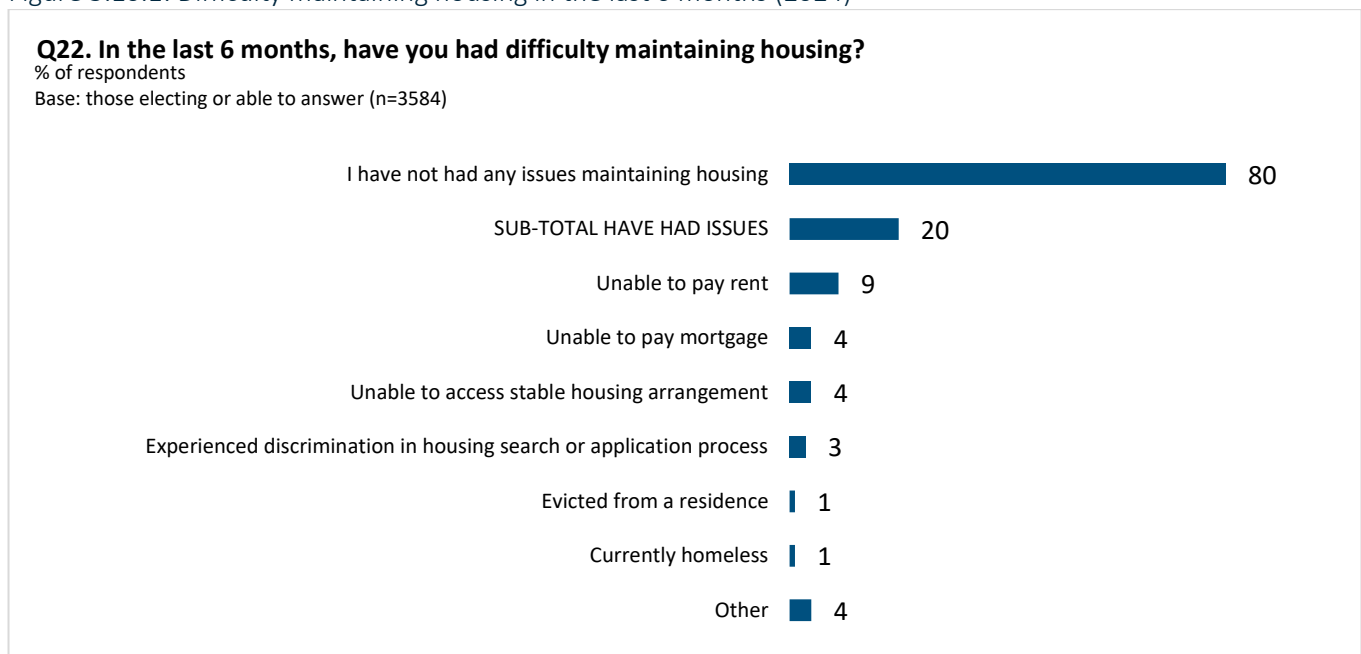
3.10.1 2024 result

A new question was added to the 2024 survey asking whether respondents had had difficulty maintaining housing in the past 6 months.

20% of respondents indicated they had issues including 9% who were unable to pay rent, 4% unable to pay their mortgage, 4% unable to access stable housing and 3% experiencing discrimination in their housing search or application process.

1% 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 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander audiences].

Figure 3.10.1: Difficulty maintaining housing in the last 6 months (2024)



3.10.2 Sub-group differences (2024)

The results were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.10.1 and 3.10.2).

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

- Respondents under 40 years old (33% 18-24 years old, 25% 25-39 years old)
- Those responsible for children aged 0-17 years (26%)
- Respondents who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (31%)
- Respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (29%).

Those aged under 40 years old were significantly more likely to have been unable to pay rent (22% 18-24 years old, 12% 25-39 years old), unable to access stable housing arrangements (10% and 5% respectively) and 5% of those aged 25-39 years old reported being unable to pay their mortgage. Respondents aged 60+ years old were the most likely to report not having any issues maintaining housing (90%).

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 (4%, 2%).

In addition to having issues paying rent (16%), those identifying as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person were also significantly more likely than other respondents to report more issues being able to access stable housing arrangements (8%, 4%), to have experienced discrimination (7%, 2%), been evicted (3%, 1%) or were currently homeless (3%, 1%).

Those who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse also were significantly more likely to have had issues of being unable to access stable housing arrangements (8%, 4%) or to have experienced discrimination (6%, 2%), compared to respondents who did not identify as such.

Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.10.1 and 3.10.2 following.

Table 3.10.1: Difficulty maintaining housing in the last 6 months by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q22 Column %	Total 2024 n = 3584	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1752	Female n = 1815	Non-binary n = 17 [^]	18-24 years n = 288	25-39 years n = 1231	40-59 years n = 1025	60+ years n = 1040	Yes n = 1260	No n = 2320	Yes n = 298	No n = 3286
<i>% of respondents</i>												
I have not had any issues maintaining housing	80	82 ↑	79 ↓	29	67 ↓	75 ↓	81	90 ↑	74 ↓	83 ↑	69 ↓	81 ↑
SUB-TOTAL HAVE HAD ISSUES	20	18 ↓	21 ↑	71	33 ↑	25 ↑	19	10 ↓	26 ↑	17 ↓	31 ↑	19 ↓
Unable to pay rent	9	7 ↓	9	41	22 ↑	12 ↑	8	2 ↓	11 ↑	7 ↓	16 ↑	8 ↓
Unable to pay mortgage	4	3	4	6	3	5 ↑	4	1 ↓	7 ↑	2 ↓	3	4
Unable to access stable housing arrangement	4	4	5	18	10 ↑	5 ↑	3	2 ↓	5	4	8 ↑	4 ↓
Experienced discrimination in housing search or application process	3	2 ↓	3	12	5	4	3	2 ↓	4 ↑	2 ↓	7 ↑	2 ↓
Evicted from a residence	1	1	1		1	1	1	<1 ↓	1	1	3 ↑	1 ↓
Currently homeless	1	1	1	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	3 ↑	1 ↓
Other	4	4	5	12	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	4

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 3.10.2: Difficulty maintaining housing in the last 6 months by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q22 Column %	Total 2024 n = 3584	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 988	Far North QLD n = 391	North QLD n = 470	South East n = 534	South West n = 481	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 720	Yes n = 400	No n = 3176
<i>% of respondents</i>									
I have not had any issues maintaining housing	80	81	78	82	78	79	83	71 ↓	82 ↑
SUB-TOTAL HAVE HAD ISSUES	20	19	22	18	22	21	17	29 ↑	18 ↓
Unable to pay rent	9	9	11	7	9	9	7	14 ↑	8 ↓
Unable to pay mortgage	4	2 ↓	4	3	5	6 ↑	3	5	3
Unable to access stable housing arrangement	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	8 ↑	4 ↓
Experienced discrimination in housing search or application process	3	3	4	3	2	4	2	6 ↑	2 ↓
Evicted from a residence	1	1	2 ↑	1	1	1	1	2	1
Currently homeless	1	1	1	<1	1	1	1	1	1
Other	4	5	4	4	5	3	3	5	4

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

3.11 Family life

Q25. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

3.11.1 2024 result

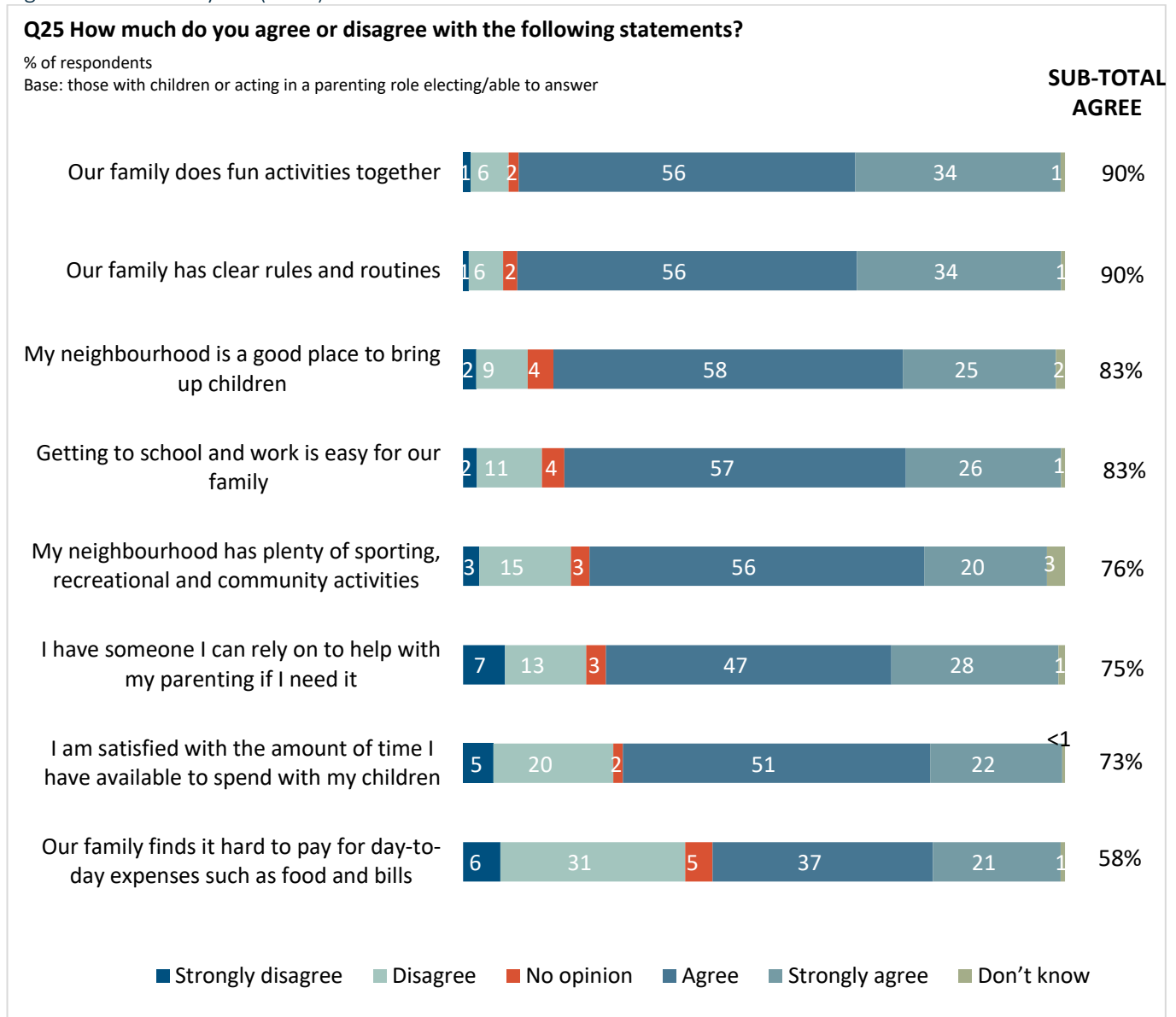
As referenced overleaf in Figure 3.11.1, agreement was highest with the following statements related to family life:

- *'Our family does fun activities together'* (90%, with 34% strongly agreeing and 56% agreeing)
- *'Our family has clear rules and routines'* (90%, with 34% strongly agreeing and 56% agreeing)
- *'My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children'* (83%, with 25% strongly agreeing and 58% agreeing)
- *'Getting to school and work is easy for our family'* (83%, with 26% strongly agreeing and 57% agreeing).

Respondents were also likely to agree overall that 'my neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities' (76%), 'I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it' (75%) and 'I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children' (73%).

58% of respondents agreed overall that 'our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills' with 21% strongly agreeing and 37% agreeing. 37% of respondents disagreed overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with this statement.

Figure 3.11.1: Family life (2024)

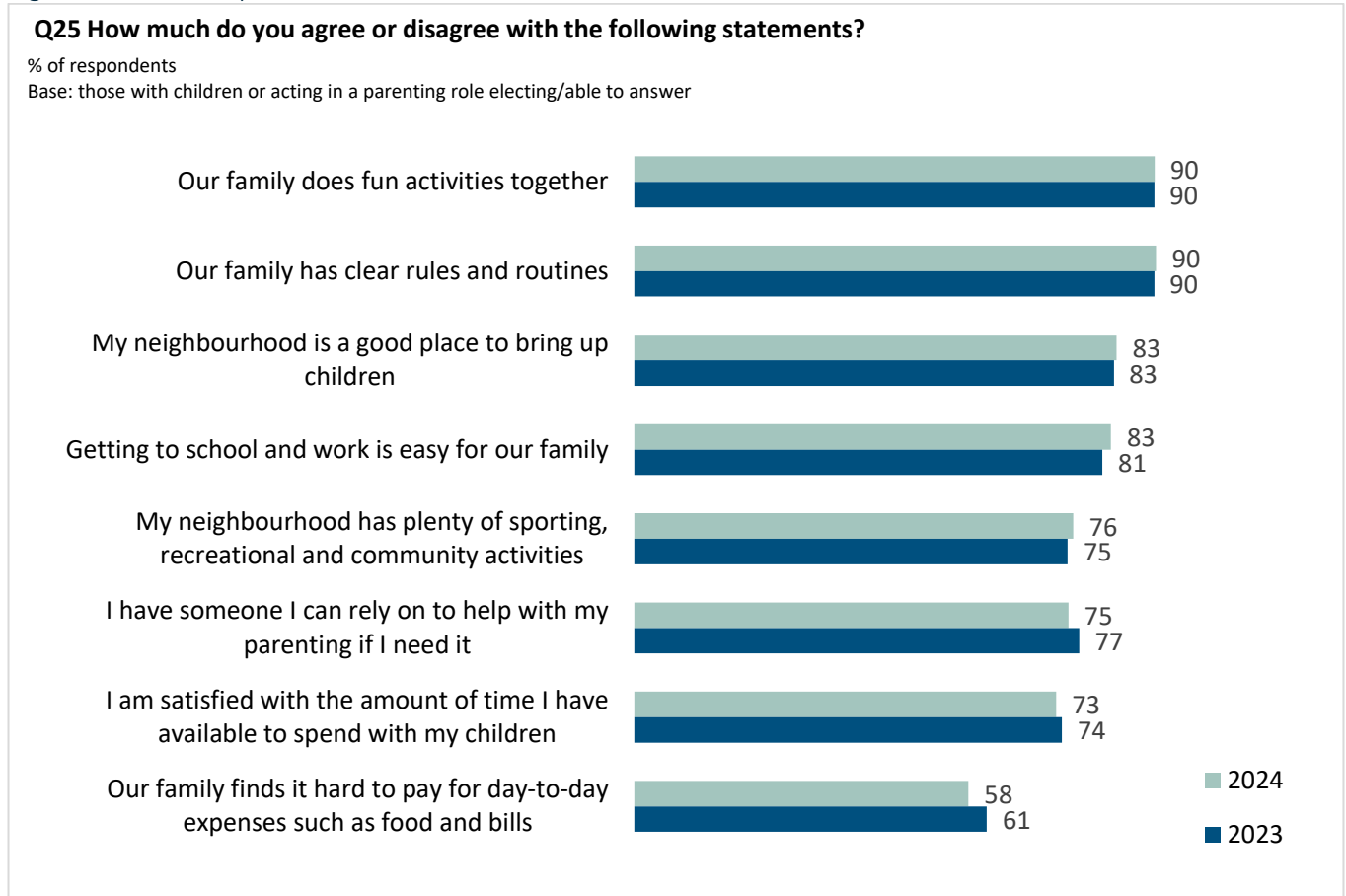


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=1518 (when 5 respondents declined to answer for the items 'Our family does fun activities together' and 'Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills'). The reader is referred to Table 3.11.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.11.2 Comparison to previous survey data

The family based behaviours and supports being reported by respondents acting in a parenting role or with children are stable between 2023 and 2024 with no statistically significant shifts.

Figure 3.11.2: Family life 2023-2024 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 items 'I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children', 'Our family has clear rules and routines' and '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' and 'Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills'). The reader is referred to Table 3.11.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.11.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

These statements were analysed by key sub-groups (Tables 3.11.1 and 3.11.2).

Male respondents were significantly more likely than female respondents to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) that 'I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it' (79%, 72%). One quarter (25%) of female respondents disagreed (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with this statement.

Respondents who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person were significantly less likely than others to agree with the statement *my neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children* (76%, 85%).

There were no statistically significant differences in the region analysis or among those who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse. Other sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.11.1 and 3.11.2 following.

Table 3.11.1: Family life by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q25 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male	Female	Non-binary	18-24 years	25-39 years	40-59 years	60+ years	Yes	No	Yes	No
	n = 1518	n = 651	n = 861	n = 6^	n = 90	n = 673	n = 628	n = 127	n = 1278	n = 240	n = 201	n = 1317
Our family does fun activities together												
Strongly disagree	1	2	1		1	1	2	2	1	3	1	1
Disagree	6	6	7	17	6	5	8	7	6	9	3	7
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	8	7	8	17	7	6	9	9	7	12	5	8
No opinion	2	2	2		2	1	2	2	1	3	2	2
Agree	56	58	55	67	59	56	55	59	56	57	60	55
Strongly agree	34	33	35	17	32	36	33	30	35	27	31	35
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	90	90	83	91	92	88	89	91 ↑	84 ↓	91	90
Don't know	1	1	<1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Our family has clear rules and routines												
Strongly disagree	1	1	1			1	1	2	1	1	2	1
Disagree	6	5	6	17	9	5	6	3	6	6	3	6
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	7	6	7	17	9	6	7	5	6	7	5	7
No opinion	2	3	2		2	2	3	2	2	4	3	2
Agree	56	57	56	50	59	58	54	55	56	57	60	56
Strongly agree	34	33	35	33	29	32	36	37	35	31	32	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	90	90	83	88	91	90	92	91	88	92	90
Don't know	1	1	<1		1	1	<1	1	1	1	2	1
My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children												
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		2	2	2	3	2	3	3	2
Disagree	9	7	10	17	15	9	8	5	9	5	11	8
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	9	12	17	17	11	10	8	11	8	14	10
No opinion	4	4	4	17	6	5	4	4	4	7	9 ↑	3 ↓
Agree	58	60	57	67	55	57	60	58	58	60	54	59
Strongly agree	25	26	25		20	26	25	27	26	22	21	26
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	83	86	82	67	75	83	85	85	84	82	76 ↓	85 ↑
Don't know	2	1	2		2	1	1	3	1	3	1	2

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Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer

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Table 3.11.1: Family life by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024) (continued)

Q25 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
% of respondents												
Getting to school and work is easy for our family												
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Male n = 652	Female n = 862	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 674	40-59 years n = 629	60+ years n = 127	Yes n = 1279	No n = 241	Yes n = 201	No n = 1319
Strongly disagree	2	2	3		1	1	3	3	2	3	1	2
Disagree	11	10	11	50	12	11	11	8	11	9	10	11
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	13	12	14	50	13	13	14	11	13	12	12	13
No opinion	4	4	3		4	3	3	9 ↑	3 ↓	9 ↑	5	4
Agree	57	60	55	50	57	56	57	59	56	59	57	57
Strongly agree	26	23	28		26	28	26	17	27	18	25	26
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	83	83	83	50	82	84	82	76	84	77	82	83
Don't know	1	1	<1			<1	<1	3 ↑	<1	2	1	1
My neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities												
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Male n = 652	Female n = 862	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 674	40-59 years n = 629	60+ years n = 127	Yes n = 1279	No n = 241	Yes n = 200	No n = 1320
Strongly disagree	3	2	3	17	3	3	2	2	3	2	4	3
Disagree	15	12	17	33	17	15	16	13	15	14	19	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	18	14 ↓	20	50	20	18	18	16	18	15	23	17
No opinion	3	4	2		3	3	4	2	3	5	6	3
Agree	56	58	54	50	52	55	57	54	56	54	52	56
Strongly agree	20	21	20		22	21	19	25	20	21	17	21
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	76	79	74	50	74	76	75	79	76	75	69	77
Don't know	3	2	4		2	3	3	3	3	5	3	3
I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it												
	Total 2024 n = 1521	Male n = 652	Female n = 863	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 675	40-59 years n = 629	60+ years n = 127	Yes n = 1280	No n = 241	Yes n = 201	No n = 1320
Strongly disagree	7	3 ↓	10 ↑		1	7	9	5	7	6	6	7
Disagree	13	12	15	17	11	13	15	11	14	12	8	14
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	20	15 ↓	25 ↑	17	12	20	24	16	21	17	14	21
No opinion	3	5	2		4	1 ↓	3	12 ↑	2 ↓	9 ↑	5	3
Agree	47	52 ↑	44 ↓	17	53	46	47	51	47	48	52	47
Strongly agree	28	27	28	67	30	31	25	20	28	24	27	28
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	75	79 ↑	72 ↓	83	83	78	72	71	76	72	79	75
Don't know	1	1	1			1	1	2	1	2	1	1

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Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer

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Table 3.11.1: Family life by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024) (continued)

Q25 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER		
					% of respondents							
I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children												
	Total 2024 n = 1522	Male n = 653	Female n = 863	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 675	40-59 years n = 629	60+ years n = 128	Yes n = 1281	No n = 241	Yes n = 201	No n = 1321
Strongly disagree	5	5	5	17	2	5	5	4	5	5	6	5
Disagree	20	19	20	17	16	21	22	9 ↓	21	13	11 ↓	21 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	25	25	25	33	18	26	27	13 ↓	26	19	17	26
No opinion	2	2	2		3	1	1	3	1 ↓	4 ↑	3	1
Agree	51	55	48	50	58	50	49	63	50	56	54	51
Strongly agree	22	18 ↓	25 ↑	17	21	22	22	20	22	20	24	22
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	73	73	73	67	79	72	71	82	72	76	78	72
Don't know	<1	<1	<1			1	<1	2	<1	1	1	<1
Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills												
	Total 2024 n = 1518	Male n = 651	Female n = 861	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 89	25-39 years n = 674	40-59 years n = 628	60+ years n = 127	Yes n = 1278	No n = 240	Yes n = 201	No n = 1317
Strongly disagree	6	6	6		4	6	6	8	6	7	8	6
Disagree	31	32	29	50	28	28	34	31	30	34	20 ↓	32 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	39	35	50	33	34	40	39	36	41	28	38
No opinion	5	6	4	17	4	4	5	3	4	7	5	4
Agree	37	36	37	17	44	36	34	46	37	35	42	36
Strongly agree	21	19	23	17	18	24	21	11	22	17	24	21
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	58	55	60	33	62	61	55	57	59	51	66	57
Don't know	1	1	1		1	1	<1	1	1	1	1	1

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 Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer

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Table 3.11.2: Family life by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q25 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
Our family does fun activities together									
	Total 2024 n = 1518	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 361	Far North QLD n = 188	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 212	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 287	Yes n = 223	No n = 1292
Strongly disagree	1	2	1	1	1	1	<1	<1	1
Disagree	6	5	7	5	5	6	9	5	7
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	8	7	8	7	7	7	9	5	8
No opinion	2	3	2	<1	2	1	1	3	1
Agree	56	54	55	57	56	50	63	53	56
Strongly agree	34	35	35	34	35	41	26	37	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	89	90	92	91	91	89	91	90
Don't know	1	1		1	1	<1	1	1	1
Our family has clear rules and routines									
	Total 2024 n = 1519	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 187	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 213	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 287	Yes n = 223	No n = 1293
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	1		<1	1	2	1
Disagree	6	6	5	5	8	3	6	6	6
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	7	7	6	6	8	4	7	8	6
No opinion	2	3	3	2	3	<1	2	4	2
Agree	56	56	55	58	53	55	61	53	57
Strongly agree	34	33	35	34	35	40	29	35	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	88	90	92	88	95	90	88	91
Don't know	1	1	1	1	<1	<1	1	1	1
My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children									
	Total 2024 n = 1519	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 188	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 212	South West n = 232	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 222	No n = 1294
Strongly disagree	2	1	4	2	4	3	1	3	2
Disagree	9	7	12	13	8	7	7	8	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	9	15	15	11	9	7	11	11
No opinion	4	5	6	3	5	3	3	4	4
Agree	58	59	53	56	58	56	64	57	58
Strongly agree	25	26	26	24	25	30	24	26	25
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	83	85	78	80	83	86	87	83	84
Don't know	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Getting to school and work is easy for our family									
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 188	North QLD n = 236	South East n = 213	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 223	No n = 1294
Strongly disagree	2	2	2	3	4	2	1	2	2
Disagree	11	10	12	6	15	12	11	9	11
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	13	12	14	9	19	14	12	11	14
No opinion	4	6	4	2	2	3	5	3	4
Agree	57	53	56	62	57	52	61	58	56
Strongly agree	26	29	26	27	21	30	22	27	26
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	83	81	82	89	78	82	83	85	82
Don't know	1	1		<1	1	1	1	1	1
My neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities									
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 361	Far North QLD n = 188	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 213	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 222	No n = 1295
Strongly disagree	3	1	4	3	3	2	3	3	3
Disagree	15	11	16	16	11	21	18	16	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	18	12	20	19	14	23	21	19	18
No opinion	3	4	4	3	3	2	2	4	3
Agree	56	55	57	58	58	49	57	53	56
Strongly agree	20	25	18	17	22	23	16	21	20
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	76	80	74	75	80	72	73	73	76
Don't know	3	3	2	3	2	3	4	4	3

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 Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer

Table 3.11.2: Family life by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024) (continued)

Q25 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it									
	Total 2024 n = 1521	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 188	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 213	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 223	No n = 1295
Strongly disagree	7	6	7	8	4	8	9	7	7
Disagree	13	12	16	10	14	14	16	11	14
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	20	18	23	18	18	22	24	18	21
No opinion	3	4	3	2	4	2	3	5	3
Agree	47	46	48	51	50	45	46	47	47
Strongly agree	28	30	24	28	27	31	25	30	27
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	75	76	72	78	77	76	71	76	75
Don't know	1	2	2	2	<1		1	<1	1
I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children									
	Total 2024 n = 1522	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 188	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 213	South West n = 234	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 223	No n = 1296
Strongly disagree	5	6	5	5	5	4	6	5	5
Disagree	20	18	22	14	20	24	22	13	21
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	25	23	28	19	25	28	28	17	26
No opinion	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Agree	51	52	50	57	55	45	48	55	50
Strongly agree	22	22	21	23	19	25	22	25	21
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	73	73	71	80	74	71	70	80	72
Don't know	<1	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 2024 n = 1518	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 189	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 211	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 286	Yes n = 223	No n = 1292
Strongly disagree	6	11 ↑	6	3	4	7	4	8	6
Disagree	31	31	26	30	33	33	30	28	31
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	43	32	33	36	40	34	36	37
No opinion	5	6	6	2	5	4	4	8	4
Agree	37	31	34	41	39	36	40	34	37
Strongly agree	21	19	27	23	20	20	21	22	21
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	58	50	61	65	59	56	60	56	58
Don't know	1	1	1	1			1	1	1

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 Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer

3.12 Supporting the child's needs

Q26 (a-h). How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

3.12.1 2024 result

In the 2024 survey, 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'* (93%, with 38% strongly agreeing and 55% agreeing)
- *'I can support my child to do well at school'* (91%, with 38% strongly agreeing and 53% agreeing)
- *'I can support my child to attend sporting, recreational and community activities'* (89%, with 35% strongly agreeing and 54% agreeing)
- *'My children will have a good future'* (83%, with 34% strongly agreeing and 48% agreeing and 9% don't know).

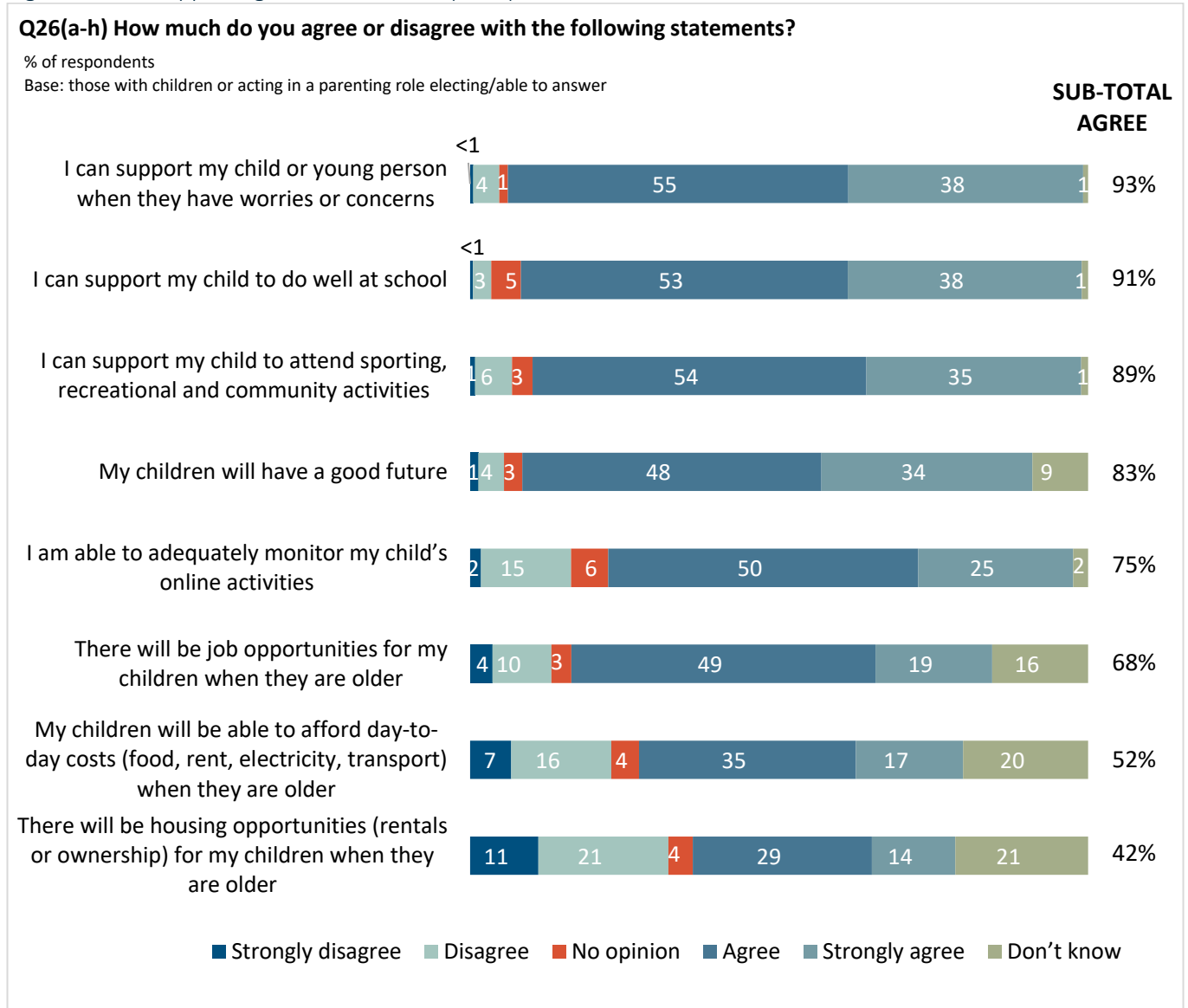
75% of respondents agreed overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that *'I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities'*, with 17% of respondents disagreeing.

Respondents with children or acting in a parenting role 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'* (68% 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'* (52% agreement, 23% disagreement, 20% don't know)
- *'There will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older'* (42% agreement, 32% disagreement, 21% don't know).

See Figure 3.12.1 over page for detailed results.

Figure 3.12.1: Supporting the child’s needs (2024)

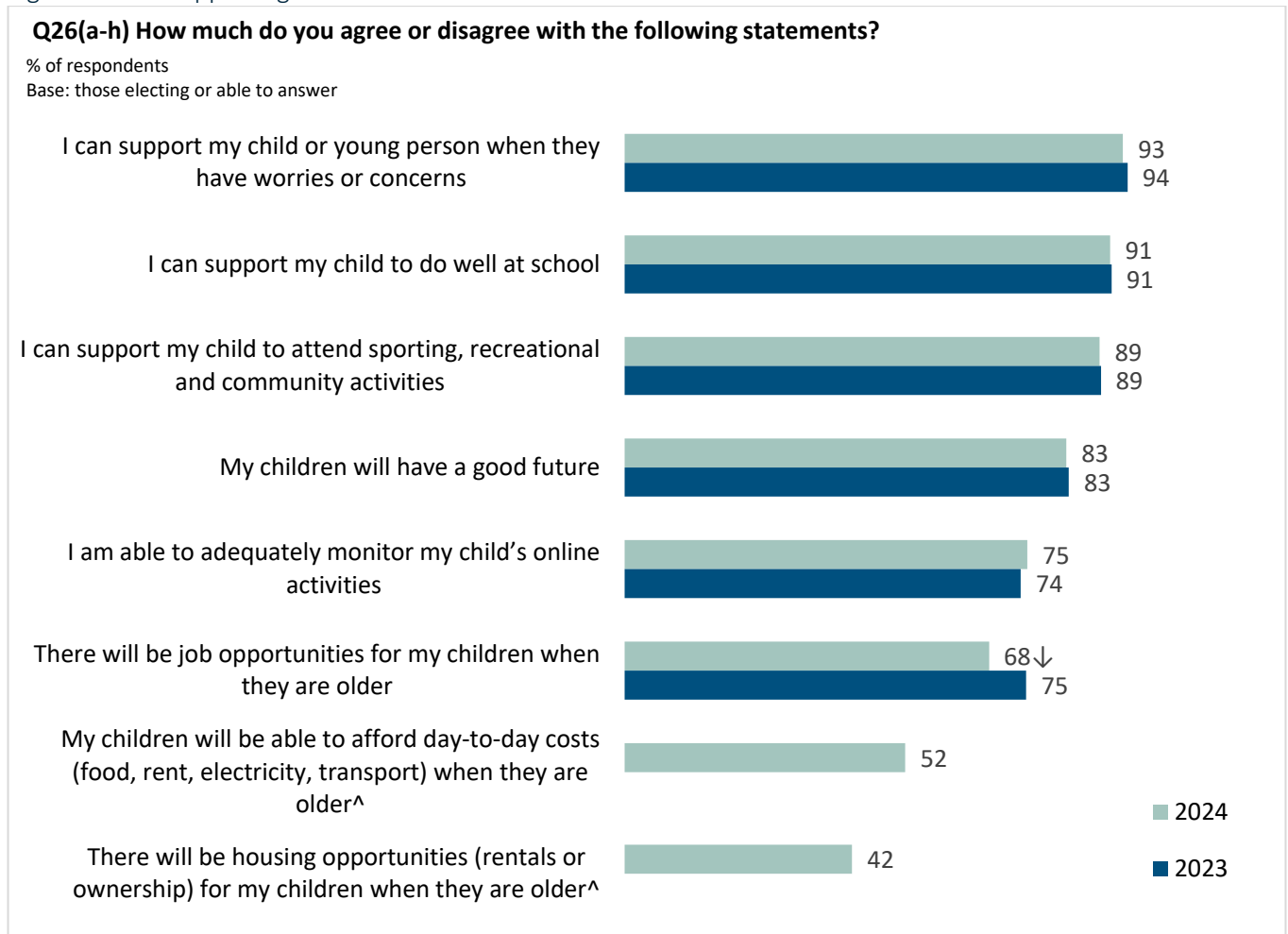


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=1517 (when 6 respondents declined to answer for the items 'I can support my child to do well at school', 'I am able to adequately monitor my child’s online activities' and 'My children will have a good future'). The reader is referred to Table 3.12.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.12.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Compared to 2023, there was significantly less agreement that *'there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older'* (75% in 2023, 68% in 2024). However, 83% consistently agreed that *'my children will have a good future'* (83% in 2023). The other statements related to future outlook for children are new to the 2024 survey and historical comparison is not available.

Figure 3.12.2: Supporting the child's needs 2023-2024 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'). The reader is referred to Table 3.12.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.12.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

These statements were analysed by key sub-groups (Tables 3.12.1 and 3.12.2).

Male respondents were in greater agreement with the statements related to the future for children; with significantly higher levels of agreement than females for the statements *'there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older'* (72%, 65%), *'my children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older'* (60%, 47%), and *'there will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older'* (48%, 39%).

Respondents aged 25-39 years old who have children or are in a parenting role were significantly more likely than other age groups to agree overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that *'I can support my child to do well at school'* (94%, 91% average), *'my children will have a good future'* (86%, 83%), *'I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities'* (81%, 75%), and *'there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older'* (73%, 68%). While younger respondents (18-24 years old) in a parenting role reported significantly greater agreement compared to other groups that *'there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older'* (82%, 68% average) and *'my children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older'* (71%, 52%).

Respondents aged 40-59 years old in a parenting role were statistically more likely to indicate disagreement overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with a number of the statements related to a child's needs and parenting support (see Table 3.12.1).

Those who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person were significantly more optimistic on future outlook with higher agreement for the statements *'my children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older'* (65%, 50% not identifying as such) and *'there will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older'* (59%, 40%) compared to those who do not identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

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'* (68%, 50% not identifying as such) or *'there will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older'* (59%, 40%).

Residents living in the Far North Queensland region were significantly more likely to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with the statement *'my children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older'* (33% disagreement overall, 23% average), compared to respondents from other regions.

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

Table 3.12.1: Supporting the child’s needs by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q26 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
					% of respondents							
I can support my child or young person when they have worries or concerns												
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Male n = 653	Female n = 861	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 676	40-59 years n = 628	60+ years n = 126	Yes n = 1279	No n = 241	Yes n = 201	No n = 1319
Strongly disagree	<1	1	<1		1	<1	1	1	<1	1	1	<1
Disagree	4	4	5		8	4	4	3	4	4	5	4
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	5	4	5		9	4	5	4	5	5	6	5
No opinion	1	2	1		2	1	2	2	1 ↓	3 ↑	2	1
Agree	55	57	54	33	47	54	55	65	55	57	52	56
Strongly agree	38	36	39	67	42	40	38	28	39	33	39	38
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	93	93	93	100	89	94	93	93	94	90	91	93
Don't know	1	1	1			1	<1	1	1	1	1	1
I can support my child to do well at school												
	Total 2024 n = 1517	Male n = 652	Female n = 859	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 89	25-39 years n = 673	40-59 years n = 629	60+ years n = 126	Yes n = 1276	No n = 241	Yes n = 199	No n = 1318
Strongly disagree	<1	1	<1		2	<1	<1		<1	1	2	<1
Disagree	3	4	3		2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	3	4	3		4	3	4	2	4	2	5	3
No opinion	5	5	5		3	2 ↓	5	20 ↑	2 ↓	19 ↑	5	5
Agree	53	54	52	67	45	53	55	50	54	49	51	53
Strongly agree	38	36	39	33	47	42 ↑	35	24 ↓	40 ↑	27 ↓	40	38
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	91	90	91	100	92	94 ↑	90	74 ↓	93 ↑	76 ↓	90	91
Don't know	1	1	1			1	1	4 ↑	1	2	1	1
I can support my child to attend sporting, recreational and community activities												
	Total 2024 n = 1521	Male n = 653	Female n = 862	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 675	40-59 years n = 629	60+ years n = 127	Yes n = 1280	No n = 241	Yes n = 200	No n = 1321
Strongly disagree	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	<1	1	1
Disagree	6	5	7	33	9	7	6	3	6	5	4	6
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	7	6	8	33	10	7	7	3	7	5	5	7
No opinion	3	4	3	17	2	2 ↓	4	9 ↑	2 ↓	12 ↑	5	3
Agree	54	55	53	50	42	55	55	54	54	54	55	54
Strongly agree	35	34	36		46	35	34	31	36 ↑	27 ↓	36	35
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	89	89	89	50	88	90	89	85	90 ↑	81 ↓	90	89
Don't know	1	2	1			1	1	2	1	2	1	1

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) 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 3.12.1: Supporting child’s needs by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024) (continued)

Q26 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
					% of respondents							
My children will have a good future												
	Total 2024 n = 1517	Male n = 650	Female n = 861	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 89	25-39 years n = 674	40-59 years n = 628	60+ years n = 126	Yes n = 1276	No n = 241	Yes n = 198	No n = 1319
Strongly disagree	1	2	1			1	1	3	1 ↓	4 ↑	2	1
Disagree	4	4	4		7	3	4	10 ↑	4	7	6	4
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	5	6	5		7	4	5	13 ↑	4 ↓	11 ↑	8	5
No opinion	3	3	3		2	2	3	6	2 ↓	7 ↑	2	3
Agree	48	50	47	50	43	47	50	48	48	50	51	48
Strongly agree	34	34	35	17	46	38 ↑	31	21 ↓	37 ↑	21 ↓	33	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	83	84	82	67	89	86 ↑	81	69 ↓	85 ↑	71 ↓	83	82
Don't know	9	7	10	33	2	8	10	12	9	11	7	9
I am able to adequately monitor my child’s online activities												
	Total 2024 n = 1517	Male n = 650	Female n = 861	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 673	40-59 years n = 628	60+ years n = 126	Yes n = 1276	No n = 241	Yes n = 198	No n = 1319
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		2	1	2	2	1	4	2	2
Disagree	15	13	16	17	14	9 ↓	19 ↑	20	13 ↓	20 ↑	13	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	15	17	17	17	11 ↓	21 ↑	22	15 ↓	24 ↑	14	17
No opinion	6	6	6		2	5	5	17 ↑	4 ↓	17 ↑	5	6
Agree	50	53	48	67	48	51	52	39	52 ↑	38 ↓	55	50
Strongly agree	25	24	26	17	33	30 ↑	20 ↓	17	27 ↑	17 ↓	25	25
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	75	76	74	83	81	81 ↑	72	56 ↓	79 ↑	55 ↓	79	75
Don't know	2	3	2			3	1	6	2	5	2	3
There will be job opportunities for my children when they are older												
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Male n = 652	Female n = 862	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 675	40-59 years n = 629	60+ years n = 126	Yes n = 1279	No n = 241	Yes n = 200	No n = 1320
Strongly disagree	4	4	4		2	3	4	8 ↑	3 ↓	7 ↑	5	3
Disagree	10	8	10	33	6	7 ↓	13 ↑	10	9	12	9	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	13	12	14	33	8	10 ↓	17 ↑	18	12 ↓	19 ↑	14	13
No opinion	3	4	3	17	2	3	3	6	3 ↓	7 ↑	4	3
Agree	49	52	48	17	53	50	48	44	50	43	50	49
Strongly agree	19	21	18		29	23 ↑	15 ↓	11	20	15	25	18
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	68	72 ↑	65	17	82 ↑	73 ↑	63 ↓	56 ↓	70 ↑	58 ↓	75	67
Don't know	16	13 ↓	18	33	8	15	17	20	15	16	8 ↓	17 ↑

Blue↑/Red↓ figures and arrows indicate the result is significantly higher/lower compared with others within that sub-group (e.g. age) 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 3.12.1: Supporting child’s needs by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024) (continued)

Q26 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR 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 2024 n = 1518	Male n = 650	Female n = 862	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 674	40-59 years n = 629	60+ years n = 125	Yes n = 1277	No n = 241	Yes n = 199	No n = 1319
Strongly disagree	7	6	7	17	4	6	8	4	6	7	8	7
Disagree	16	13 ↓	18 ↑	33	9	13 ↓	19	24	15	21	14	17
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	19 ↓	26 ↑	50	13	20	27 ↑	28	22	29	22	23
No opinion	4	5	4		4	4	5	6	4	7	4	5
Agree	35	39 ↑	32 ↓	17	43	36	32	38	35	34	40	34
Strongly agree	17	21 ↑	15 ↓		28 ↑	19	15	10	18	12	26 ↑	16 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	52	60 ↑	47 ↓	17	71 ↑	55	47 ↓	49	54	46	65 ↑	50 ↓
Don't know	20	16 ↓	23 ↑	33	11	21	21	17	21	18	9 ↓	22 ↑
There will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older												
	Total 2024 n = 1518	Male n = 651	Female n = 861	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 673	40-59 years n = 629	60+ years n = 126	Yes n = 1277	No n = 241	Yes n = 200	No n = 1318
Strongly disagree	11	10	12	17	6	9	13	17	10	16	11	11
Disagree	21	20	21	50	20	19	24	19	20	24	13 ↓	22 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	32	31	33	67	26	28 ↓	37 ↑	36	31 ↓	40 ↑	23 ↓	33 ↑
No opinion	4	4	4		6	4	3	6	3	7	6	4
Agree	29	33 ↑	26 ↓	17	28	31	27	29	30	25	36	28
Strongly agree	14	15	13		23 ↑	15	12	8	14	9	24 ↑	12 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	42	48 ↑	39 ↓	17	51	45	39	37	44 ↑	34 ↓	59 ↑	40 ↓
Don't know	21	18 ↓	24 ↑	17	18	23	21	21	22	19	13 ↓	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

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Table 3.12.2: Supporting the child’s needs by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q26 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
I can support my child or young person when they have worries or concerns									
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 361	Far North QLD n = 188	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 213	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 223	No n = 1294
Strongly disagree	<1	1	1		<1		1	<1	<1
Disagree	4	5	4	2	5	5	5	4	4
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	5	6	4	2	5	5	5	4	5
No opinion	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Agree	55	54	56	59	57	53	54	57	55
Strongly agree	38	37	39	37	36	41	39	38	38
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	93	91	95	96	92	94	93	94	93
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	<1	1	1	1
I can support my child to do well at school									
	Total 2024 n = 1517	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 360	Far North QLD n = 187	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 212	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 222	No n = 1292
Strongly disagree	<1	1		<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Disagree	3	4	2	2	1	4	4	3	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	3	5	2	3	1	4	4	4	3
No opinion	5	6	6	3	6	3	5	3	5
Agree	53	51	54	54	54	48	56	53	53
Strongly agree	38	36	37	39	37	44	34	40	37
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	91	88	91	94	91	92	90	93	90
Don't know	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	<1	1
I can support my child to attend sporting, recreational and community activities									
	Total 2024 n = 1521	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 187	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 213	South West n = 234	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 222	No n = 1296
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	<1	<1	<1	1	1	1
Disagree	6	4	6	4	6	7	9	3	6
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	7	6	7	4	6	8	10	4	7
No opinion	3	6	2	2	3	2	3	3	3
Agree	54	52	55	59	50	53	55	60	53
Strongly agree	35	35	36	34	39	37	30	32	35
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	89	86	91	93	89	90	85	92	88
Don't know	1	2		1	2		1	<1	1
My children will have a good future									
	Total 2024 n = 1517	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 187	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 213	South West n = 231	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 287	Yes n = 221	No n = 1293
Strongly disagree	1	1	2	2	2	<1	2	1	1
Disagree	4	5	5	3	4	6	3	5	4
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	5	6	6	4	6	6	5	6	5
No opinion	3	6 ↑	3	1	2	3	2	4	3
Agree	48	48	46	53	50	45	48	48	48
Strongly agree	34	33	36	32	36	35	34	37	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	83	81	82	85	86	81	82	86	82
Don't know	9	8	9	9	7	10	11	5	10
I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities									
	Total 2024 n = 1517	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 361	Far North QLD n = 187	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 213	South West n = 232	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 287	Yes n = 222	No n = 1292
Strongly disagree	2	2	3	2	2		2	2	2
Disagree	15	14	14	11	18	13	17	17	14
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	16	17	14	20	13	19	19	16
No opinion	6	7	5	4	7	7	6	4	6
Agree	50	45	54	57	49	50	49	51	50
Strongly agree	25	28	24	22	23	29	23	25	25
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	75	73	78	79	72	79	72	76	75
Don't know	2	4	1	3	1	1	2	1	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 with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer

Table 3.12.2: Supporting the child’s needs by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)
(continued)

Q26 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
There will be job opportunities for my children when they are older									
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 187	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 213	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 222	No n = 1295
Strongly disagree	4	2	5	4	3	4	5	2	4
Disagree	10	8	15	7	7	10	11	8	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	13	10	20	11	10	14	16	10	14
No opinion	3	5	3	1	5	3	1	5	3
Agree	49	49	50	52	52	48	45	48	50
Strongly agree	19	21	14	18	20	19	19	27 ↑	17 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	68	70	65	70	72	68	64	75	67
Don't know	16	16	12	18	13	15	18	9	17
My children will be able to afford day-to-day costs (food, rent, electricity, transport) when they are older									
	Total 2024 n = 1518	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 187	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 211	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 222	No n = 1293
Strongly disagree	7	4	10	9	4	6	8	4	7
Disagree	16	14	22	9 ↓	17	19	18	10	17
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	18	33 ↑	18	21	26	26	14 ↓	24 ↑
No opinion	4	5	5	1	4	8	4	5	4
Agree	35	36	30	41	38	31	34	46 ↑	33 ↓
Strongly agree	17	21	15	18	21	13	15	23	16
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	52	56	45	58	59	45	49	68 ↑	50 ↓
Don't know	20	21	17	23	16	22	21	12 ↓	22 ↑
There will be housing opportunities (rentals or ownership) for my children when they are older									
	Total 2024 n = 1518	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 187	North QLD n = 236	South East n = 213	South West n = 232	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 222	No n = 1293
Strongly disagree	11	9	14	12	9	12	11	9	11
Disagree	21	23	24	13 ↓	20	24	21	15	22
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	32	32	39	25	30	36	33	24	33
No opinion	4	6	4	2	4	4	2	5	4
Agree	29	29	28	36	25	26	30	39 ↑	27 ↓
Strongly agree	14	14	13	13	17	13	11	19	12
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	42	43	41	49	43	38	41	59 ↑	40 ↓
Don't know	21	19	17	23	24	22	24	13 ↓	23 ↑

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

3.13 Access to services

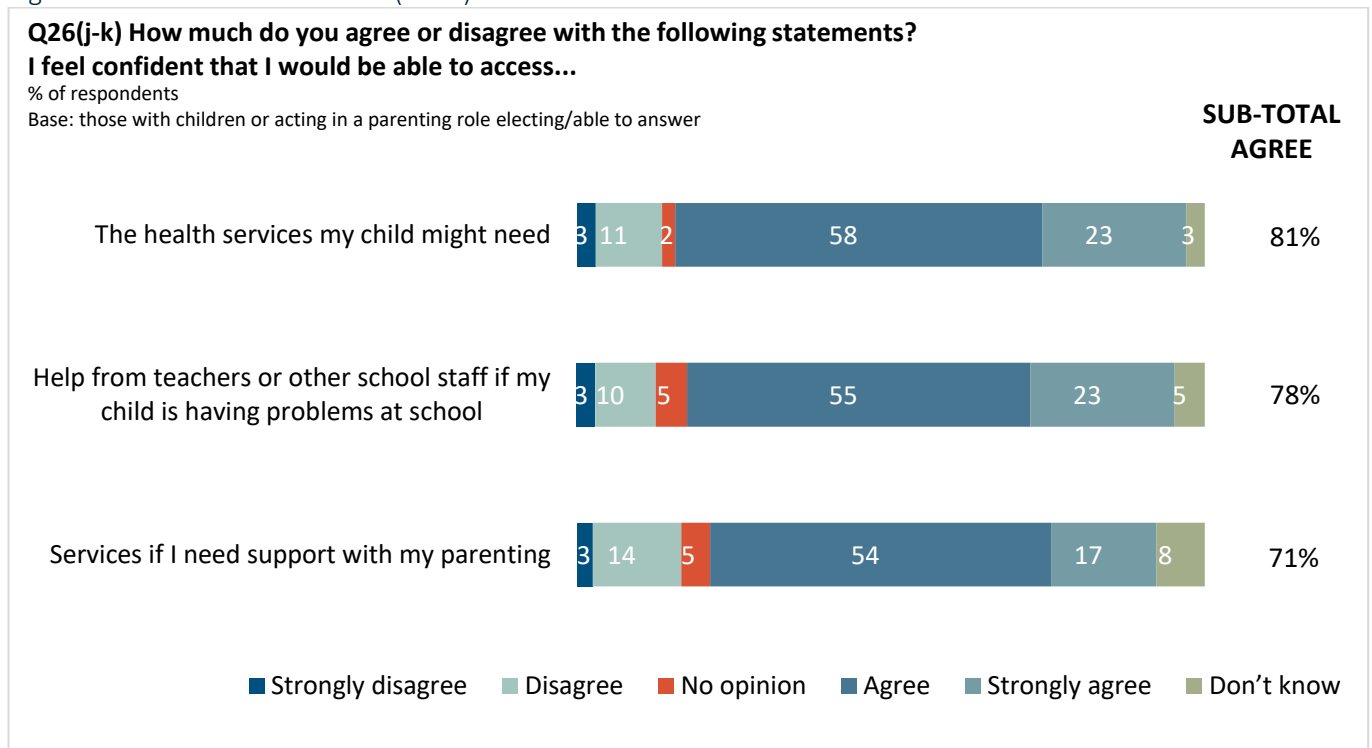
Q26 (i-k). How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

3.13.1 2024 result

81% of respondents agreed that they feel confident they would be able to access health services that their child might need with 23% strongly agreeing and 58% agreeing with this statement. 14% disagreed overall that they would be confident getting access to health services their child might need. A similar level of 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 (78% agree/strongly agree, 13% disagree/strongly disagree).

71% of respondents agreed overall that they would feel confident that they would be able to access services if they needed support with their parenting (17% strongly agreeing and 54% agreeing). 17% reported that they would not feel confident (disagree/strongly disagree) and 8% were unsure.

Figure 3.13.1: Access to services (2024)

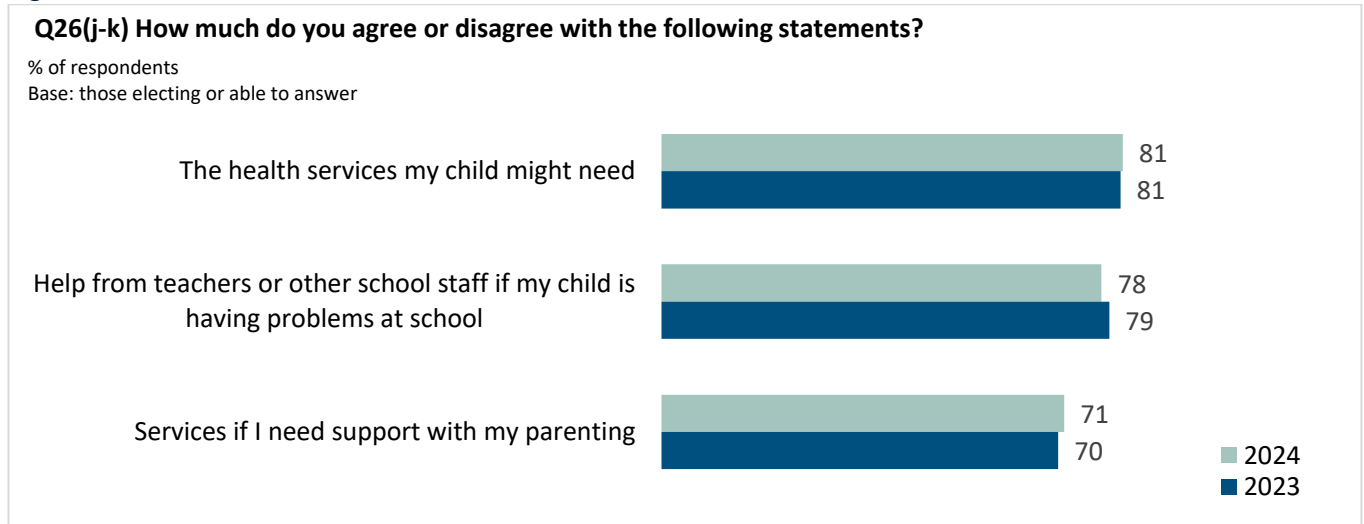


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=1517 (when 6 respondents declined to answer for the item 'accessing services if I need support with my parenting'). The reader is referred to Table 3.13.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.13.2 Comparison to previous survey data

The 2024 results were statistically consistent with the 2023 survey results.

Figure 3.13.2: Access to services 2023-2024 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'). The reader is referred to Table 3.13.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.13.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

The questions related to access to services were analysed by key sub-groups (Tables 3.13.1 and 3.13.2).

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 (85%, 79% females) or services to support with parenting (75%, 68%).

Respondents aged 25-39 years old were significantly more likely, while respondents aged 60+ years were significantly less likely, to feel confident (agreed/strongly agreed) that they could access help from teachers or school staff if there were problems at school (83% 25-39 years old, 67% 60+ years old, 78% average) or services to support with parenting (75% 25-39 years old, 59% 60+ years old, 71% average).

No significant differences by region or culturally linguistically diverse identification were evident. Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.13.1 and 3.13.2 following.

Table 3.13.1: Access to services by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q26 Column %	Total 2024	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
					% of respondents							
The health services my child might need												
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Male n = 653	Female n = 861	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 674	40-59 years n = 628	60+ years n = 128	Yes n = 1279	No n = 241	Yes n = 201	No n = 1319
Strongly disagree	3	2	3	17	2	3	3	2	3	2	4	3
Disagree	11	7 ↓	13 ↑	17	7	9	13	9	10	12	9	11
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	14	9 ↓	17 ↑	33	9	12	16	12	14	14	13	14
No opinion	2	3	2		3	2	2	5	1 ↓	5 ↑	4	2
Agree	58	64 ↑	54 ↓	50	52	57	61	59	58	59	53	59
Strongly agree	23	21	24	17	36 ↑	26	19 ↓	20	24	18	27	22
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	81	85 ↑	79 ↓	67	88	83	79	78	82	76	80	82
Don't know	3	3	3			3	3	5	3	5	2	3
Help from teachers or other school staff if my child is having problems at school												
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Male n = 652	Female n = 862	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 90	25-39 years n = 675	40-59 years n = 628	60+ years n = 127	Yes n = 1279	No n = 241	Yes n = 201	No n = 1319
Strongly disagree	3	3	3		4	2	4	2	3	4	5	3
Disagree	10	8	10	50	16	8	11	9	9	12	7	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	13	11	13	50	20	9 ↓	15	12	12	15	12	13
No opinion	5	6	4	17	2	3	5	16 ↑	3 ↓	17 ↑	6	5
Agree	55	56	54	17	48	56	55	50	56	47	58	54
Strongly agree	23	23	23	17	28	26 ↑	20	17	25 ↑	15 ↓	21	23
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	78	79	77	33	76	83 ↑	75	67 ↓	81 ↑	61 ↓	79	77
Don't know	5	4	5		2	5	5	6	5	6	3	5
Services if I need support with my parenting												
	Total 2024 n = 1517	Male n = 653	Female n = 858	Non-binary n = 6^	18-24 years n = 89	25-39 years n = 673	40-59 years n = 628	60+ years n = 127	Yes n = 1276	No n = 241	Yes n = 200	No n = 1317
Strongly disagree	3	2	3			2	3	2	3	1	2	3
Disagree	14	11 ↓	17 ↑	33	12	12	16	15	14	15	14	14
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	17	13 ↓	19 ↑	33	12	14	20	17	17	16	16	17
No opinion	5	6	4		3	3	5	13 ↑	3 ↓	12 ↑	7	4
Agree	54	58	51	67	57	56	54	45	55	50	49	55
Strongly agree	17	17	16		24	20	13 ↓	14	18	12	24 ↑	16 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	71	75 ↑	68 ↓	67	81	75 ↑	67	59 ↓	73 ↑	62 ↓	73	71
Don't know	8	6	9		3	7	8	11	7	9	5	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 3.13.2: Access to services by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q26 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
The health services my child might need									
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 188	North QLD n = 236	South East n = 213	South West n = 233	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 223	No n = 1294
Strongly disagree	3	3	4	2	2	3	4	3	3
Disagree	11	8	8	9	10	14	14	7	11
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	14	11	12	11	12	18	18	10	14
No opinion	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
Agree	58	61	59	60	60	53	57	62	58
Strongly agree	23	22	25	25	23	25	19	24	23
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	81	83	84	85	84	78	76	86	81
Don't know	3	2	3	2	2	3	5	2	3
Help from teachers or other school staff if my child is having problems at school									
	Total 2024 n = 1520	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 362	Far North QLD n = 188	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 213	South West n = 232	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 223	No n = 1294
Strongly disagree	3	2	3	3	1	5	4	2	3
Disagree	10	9	10	8	10	9	12	9	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	13	11	13	11	12	13	16	10	13
No opinion	5	7	7	3	4	5	3	4	5
Agree	55	55	57	57	57	48	55	56	54
Strongly agree	23	22	19	26	22	29	20	26	22
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	78	77	76	83	79	77	75	82	77
Don't know	5	6	4	3	5	5	6	4	5
Services if I need support with my parenting									
	Total 2024 n = 1517	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 361	Far North QLD n = 189	North QLD n = 237	South East n = 211	South West n = 231	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 288	Yes n = 223	No n = 1291
Strongly disagree	3	2	1	2	1	4	4	1	3
Disagree	14	11	14	14	14	16	18	12	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	17	13	14	16	15	20	22	13	17
No opinion	5	4	5	5	6	3	5	4	5
Agree	54	58	58	54	55	52	50	56	54
Strongly agree	17	17	16	17	18	19	15	22	16
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	71	75	74	72	72	70	65	78	70
Don't know	8	8	7	8	7	6	9	5	8

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 Base: those with children or acting in a parenting role electing/able to answer

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

Q27. What do you think are the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland?

3.14.1 2024 results

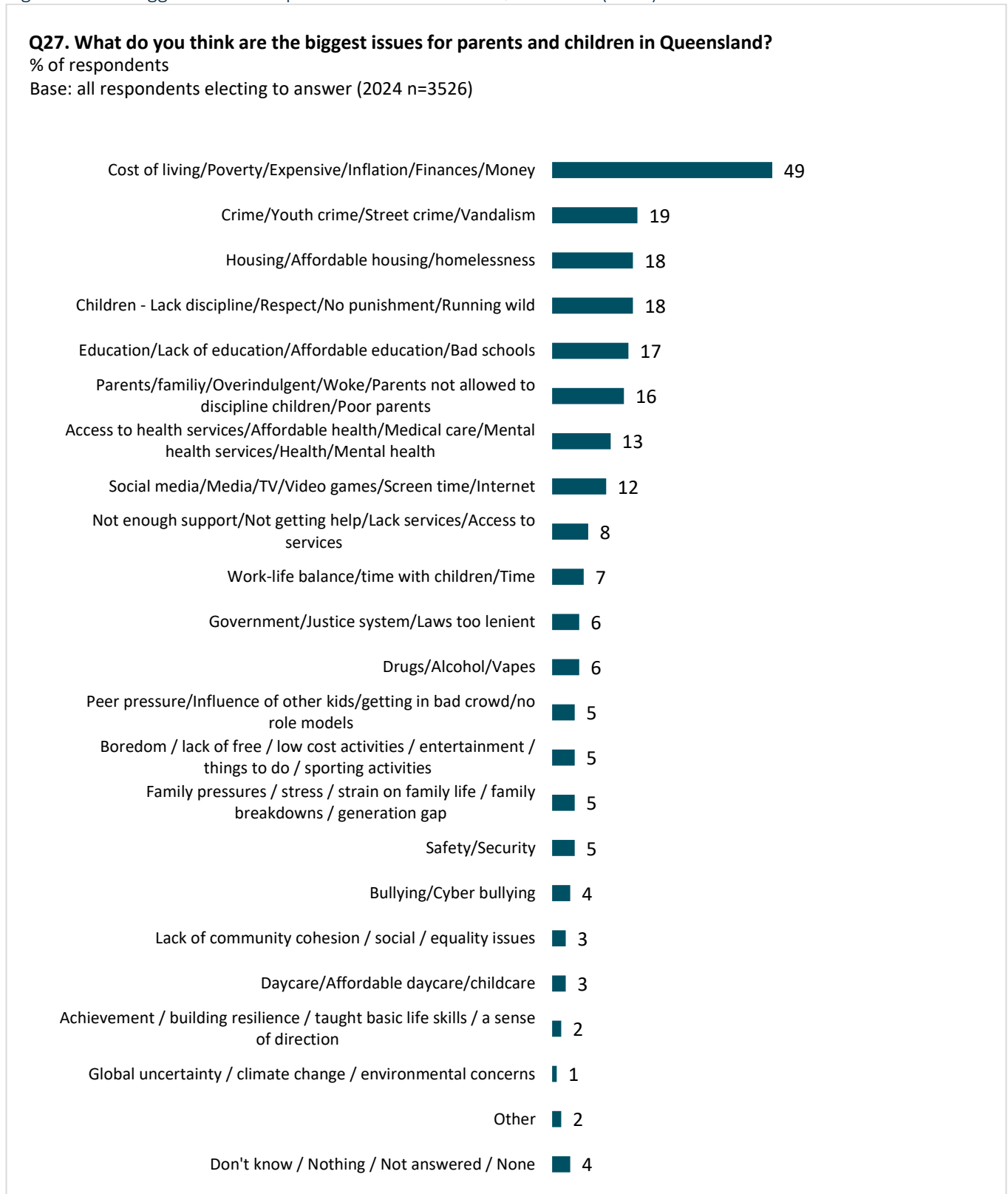
Respondents were asked what they thought were the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland. Respondents were able to answer in their own words and post-enumeration responses were coded into key themes (refer to Figure 3.14.1).

The most common responses were that the cost of living, poverty, inflation, and finances are the biggest issues facing parents and children in Queensland (49%). At a secondary level close to one in five respondents considered crime and youth crime (19%), housing affordability/issues and homelessness (18%), lack of child discipline and respect (18%) and education concerns such as poor education and affordability (17%) as key issues for parents and children in Queensland.

Beyond this, issues such as general concerns surrounding parenting behaviour (16%), access to health, medical and mental health services (13%) and social media, gaming and internet issues (12%) were considered to be concerning.

Drugs, alcohol and vapes were considered a key issue by 6% of respondents and 4% considered bullying and cyber bullying a key issue. Figure 3.14.1 shows the full list of coded concerns expressed by respondents.

Figure 3.14.1: Biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland (2024)



115 respondents elected not to answer this question

3.13.2 Comparison to previous survey data

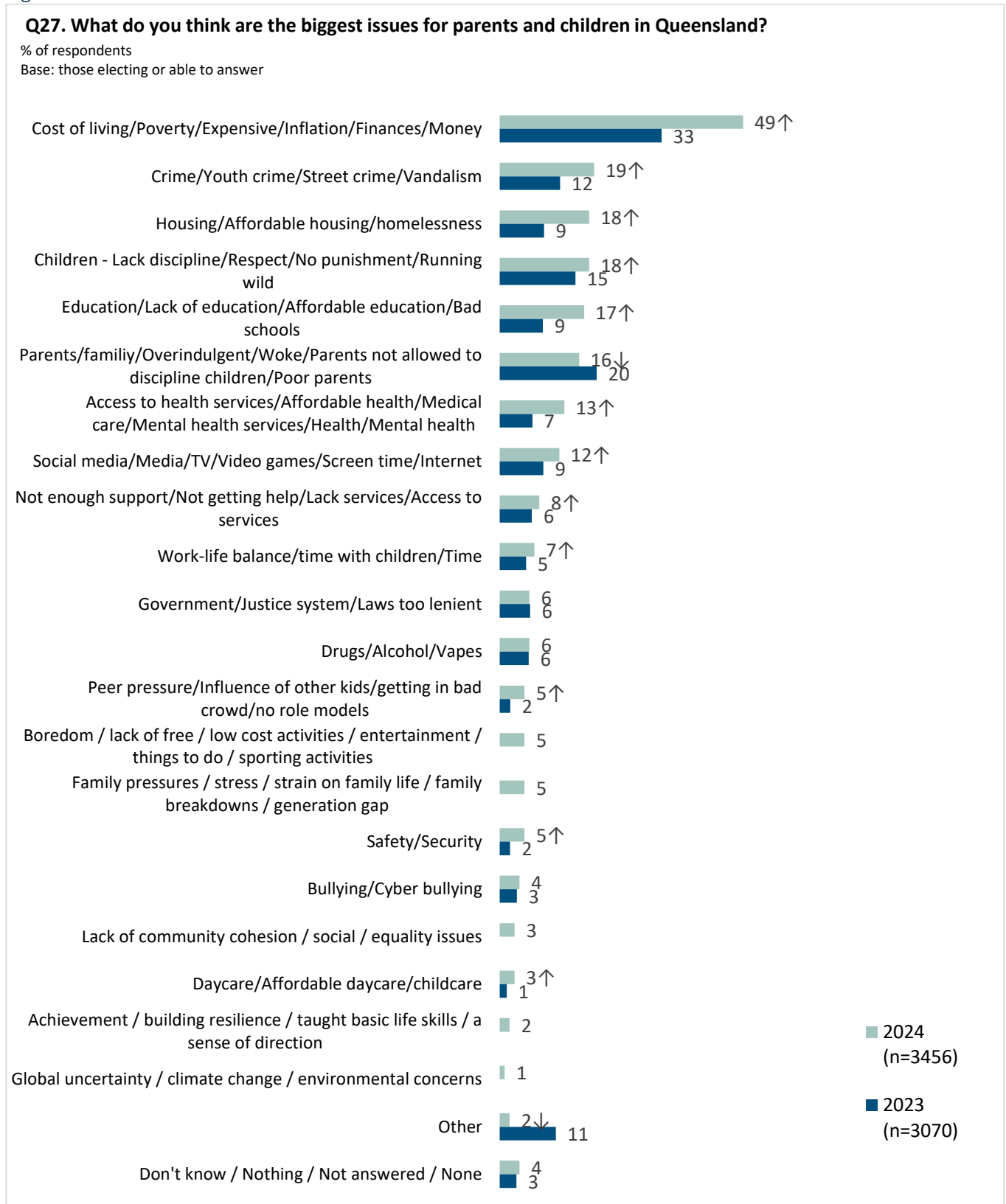
There were significant increases in mentions of the following key issues raised for Queensland parents and children in 2024:

- Cost of living/poverty/expense/inflation/finances/money (33% in 2023, 49% in 2024)
- Crime/youth crime/street crime/vandalism (12% in 2023, 19% in 2024)
- Housing/affordable housing/homelessness (9% in 2023, 18% in 2024)
- Children – lack discipline/respect/no punishment/running wild (15% in 2023, 18% in 2024)
- Education/lack of education/affordable education/bad schools (9% in 2023, 17% in 2024).

Other issues which were raised more often by respondents in 2024 included access to health or mental health services (7% in 2023, 13% in 2024), social media, internet and gaming (9% in 2023, 12% in 2024), not enough support or access to services (6% in 2023, 8% in 2024), work-life balance for families (5% in 2023, 7% in 2024), peer pressure and influence of other kids (2% in 2023, 5% in 2024), safety and security (2% in 2023, 5% in 2024) and daycare availability and affordability (1% in 2023, 3% in 2024).

While still a noteworthy issue for Queensland parents and children, there were significantly fewer mentions of poor parenting as a key issue in contrast to the prior year (20% in 2023, 16% in 2024).

Figure 3.14.2: Access to services 2023-2024 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.
 In 2023, 84 respondents elected not to answer this question.
 In 2024, 115 respondents elected not to answer this question.

3.14.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

Responses to the question on the biggest issues facing parents and children in Queensland were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.14.1 and 3.14.2).

Population segments most likely (49% average) to be concerned about cost of living, poverty, expenses, inflation and finance were:

- Females (51%)
- Those aged 18-24 years old (63%) or those aged 25-39 years old (56%).

Cost of living related concerns were significantly less likely to be raised by respondents who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (39%), male respondents (46%) and those aged 60+ years old (36%).

Crime and youth crime issues were most commonly mentioned by respondents residing in the Far North region (27%, 19% average) or by respondents who do not identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (20%).

Both themes related to lack of child discipline/punishment and poor parenting were significantly more likely to be raised as a key issue by respondents aged 60+ years old, respondents not responsible for children aged 0-17 years or those who do not identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. See Tables 3.14.1 for specific proportions of both themes.

Access to health and mental health services (16%, 13% average) or a lack of access to support and services in general (10%, 8% average) were significantly more likely to be raised as a key issue by respondents aged 25-39 years old compared to those in other age brackets. Concern about social media, gaming and the internet were more likely to be raised by respondents aged 40-59 years old (14%, 12% average).

Respondents responsible for children aged 0-17 years were significantly more likely than their counterparts with no child responsibility to highlight key issues of access to health, medical and mental health services (16%, 11%), work life balance and time with children (10%, 5%), boredom, lack of free or low cost activities or things to do (7%, 4%), family pressures, stress, strain, family breakdowns and generational gaps (6%, 4%), bullying and cyberbullying (7%, 3%) and daycare availability and affordability (4%, 2%).

Respondents who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person were significantly more likely compared to other respondents to raise lack of access to services and supports for parents and children (13%, 8%), drugs, alcohol and vapes (10%, 6%) and family pressures stress, family breakdowns and generational gaps (9%, 4%) as key issues.

Additional significant differences exist across the issues raised and can be found in Tables 3.14.1 and 3.14.2.

Table 3.14.1: Biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2024)

Q27 Column %	Total 2024 n = 3526	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1734	Female n = 1775	Non-binary n = 17^	18-24 years n = 284	25-39 years n = 1232	40-59 years n = 1000	60+ years n = 1010	Yes n = 1243	No n = 2279	Yes n = 288	No n = 3238
% of respondents												
Cost of living/ Poverty/ Expensive/Inflation/ Finances/Money	49	46 ↓	51 ↑	71	63 ↑	56 ↑	48	36 ↓	51	47	39 ↓	49 ↑
Crime/Youth crime/ Street crime/Vandalism	19	19	19	6	19	18	21	19	20	19	14 ↓	20 ↑
Housing/Affordable housing/homelessness	18	17	19	24	20	17	18	18	15 ↓	20 ↑	22	18
Children - Lack discipline/ Respect/No punishment/ Running wild	18	18	18		10 ↓	12 ↓	17	28 ↑	12 ↓	21 ↑	11 ↓	18 ↑
Education/Lack of education/Affordable education/Bad schools	17	18	17		20	17	18	16	18	16	17	17
Parents/family/Over-indulgent/Woke/Parents not allowed to discipline children/Poor parents	16	15	18		7 ↓	10 ↓	17	26 ↑	10 ↓	20 ↑	13	17
Access to health services/ Affordable health/ Medical care/ Mental health services/ Health/ Mental health	13	12 ↓	14	29	12	16 ↑	15	8 ↓	16 ↑	11 ↓	12	13
Social media/ Media/ TV/Video games/ Screen time/Internet	12	12	12	12	8	10 ↓	14 ↑	14	13	12	8 ↓	12 ↑
Not enough support/ Not getting help/Lack services/ Access to services	8	6 ↓	11 ↑	29	8	10 ↑	10	5 ↓	10	8	13 ↑	8 ↓
Work-life balance/time with children/Time	7	5 ↓	9 ↑	6	8	8	7	5 ↓	10 ↑	5 ↓	7	7
Drugs/Alcohol/Vapes	6	6	7		6	4 ↓	8	7	5	7	10 ↑	6 ↓
Government/Justice system/Laws too lenient	6	7 ↑	5 ↓	6	3	4 ↓	5	9 ↑	4 ↓	6 ↑	5	6
Peer pressure/ Influence of other kids/getting in bad crowd/no role models	5	5	6		4	3 ↓	6	7 ↑	6	5	2	6
Boredom / lack of free / low cost activities / entertainment / things to do / sporting activities	5	4 ↓	6 ↑	24	2 ↓	6	6	4	7 ↑	4 ↓	6	5
Family pressures / stress / strain on family life / family breakdowns / generation gap	5	4 ↓	6 ↑		6	5	5	4	6 ↑	4 ↓	9 ↑	4 ↓
Safety/Security	5	4	5	24	7	5	5	4	5	5	5	5
Bullying/Cyber bullying	4	3 ↓	5 ↑	6	3	4	6 ↑	4	7 ↑	3 ↓	4	4
Lack of community cohesion / social / equality issues	3	3	3	24	5	4	2	3	3	3	5	3
Daycare/Affordable daycare/childcare	3	2 ↓	4 ↑	6	5	5 ↑	2	1 ↓	4 ↑	2 ↓	3	3
Achievement / building resilience / taught basic life skills / a sense of direction	2	2	1		1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Global uncertainty / climate change / environmental concerns	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Other	2	3 ↑	2 ↓	12	1	3 ↑	3	1 ↓	4 ↑	2 ↓	3	2
Don't know / Nothing / Not answered / None	4	5 ↑	3 ↓		6	4	3	5	2 ↓	5 ↑	5	4

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 Base: those electing to answer (115 did not answer)^ Caution small cell size

Table 3.14.2: Biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland concerns by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q27 Column %	Total 2024 n = 3526	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 971	Far North QLD n = 383	North QLD n = 463	South East n = 530	South West n = 468	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 711	Yes n = 380	No n = 3138
<i>% of respondents</i>									
Cost of living/ Poverty/ Expensive/Inflation/ Finances/Money	49	49	48	49	48	49	49	41	50
Crime/Youth crime/ Street crime/Vandalism	19	17	27 ↑	24	19	19	15	14	20
Housing/Affordable housing/homelessness	18	17	17	19	19	16	20	17	18
Children - Lack discipline/Respect/No punishment/Running wild	18	17	18	18	15	22	18	14	18
Education/Lack of education/Affordable education/Bad schools	17	17	15	15	18	17	19	16	17
Parents/family/Overindulgent/Woke/Parents not allowed to discipline children/Poor parents	16	14	19	18	15	17	18	11	17
Access to health services/Affordable health/Medical care/ Mental health services/ Health/Mental health	13	15	13	8 ↓	13	16	13	13	13
Social media/ Media/ TV/Video games/ Screen time/Internet	12	12	11	12	13	12	12	10	12
Not enough support/ Not getting help/Lack services/Access to services	8	8	9	10	6	10	8	9	8
Work-life balance/time with children/Time	7	7	8	7	7	9	5	10	7
Drugs/Alcohol/Vapes	6	7	7	7	6	8	4	7	6
Government/Justice system/Laws too lenient	6	4	8	6	6	7	6	3	6
Peer pressure/ Influence of other kids/getting in bad crowd/no role models	5	6	5	4	5	5	5	6	5
Boredom / lack of free / low cost activities / entertainment / things to do / sporting activities	5	4	6	6	5	5	5	6	5
Family pressures / stress / strain on family life / family breakdowns / generation gap	5	5	6	4	4	5	5	6	5
Safety/Security	5	5	6	6	5	5	3	6	5
Bullying/Cyber bullying	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
Lack of community cohesion / social / equality issues	3	4	4	2	3	2	3	6 ↑	3 ↓
Daycare/Affordable daycare/childcare	3	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3
Achievement / building resilience / taught basic life skills / a sense of direction	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	1
Global uncertainty / climate change / environmental concerns	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other	2	4	1	2	2	3	2	4	2
Don't know / Nothing / Not answered / None	4	4	4	3	6	3	4	6	4

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 Base: those electing to answer (115 did not answer)

3.15 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

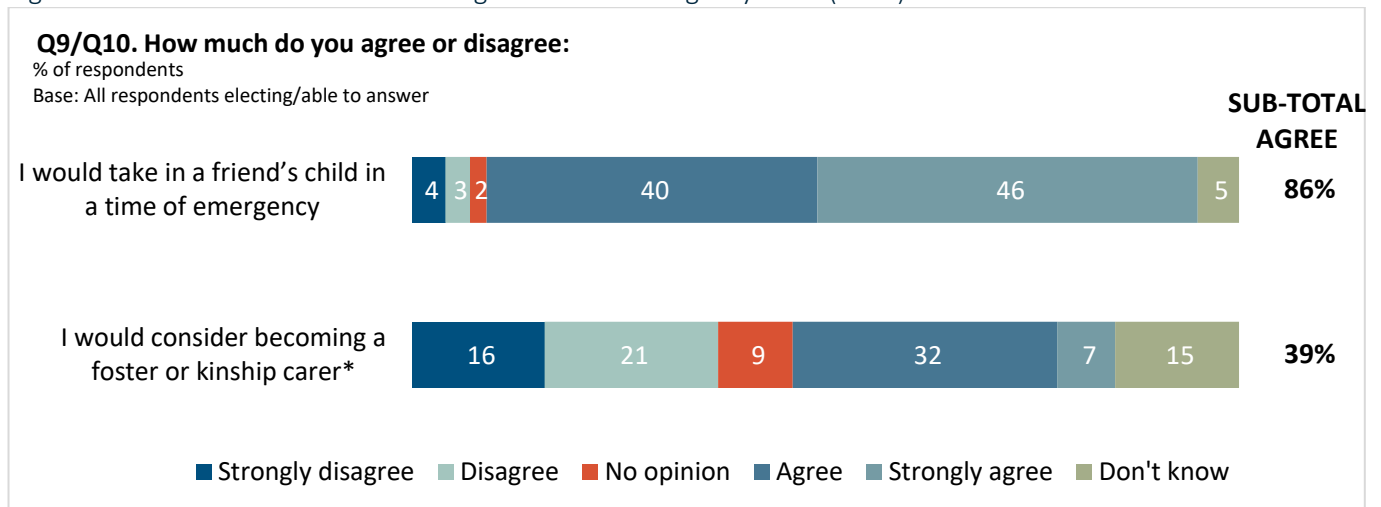
Q10. How much do you agree or disagree: I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency

3.15.1 2024 result

The majority (86%) of respondents agreed overall that they would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency with 46% 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 39% agreement overall, 37% disagreement overall and collectively 24% who responded 'don't know' or 'no opinion'.

Figure 3.15.1 Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer (2024)



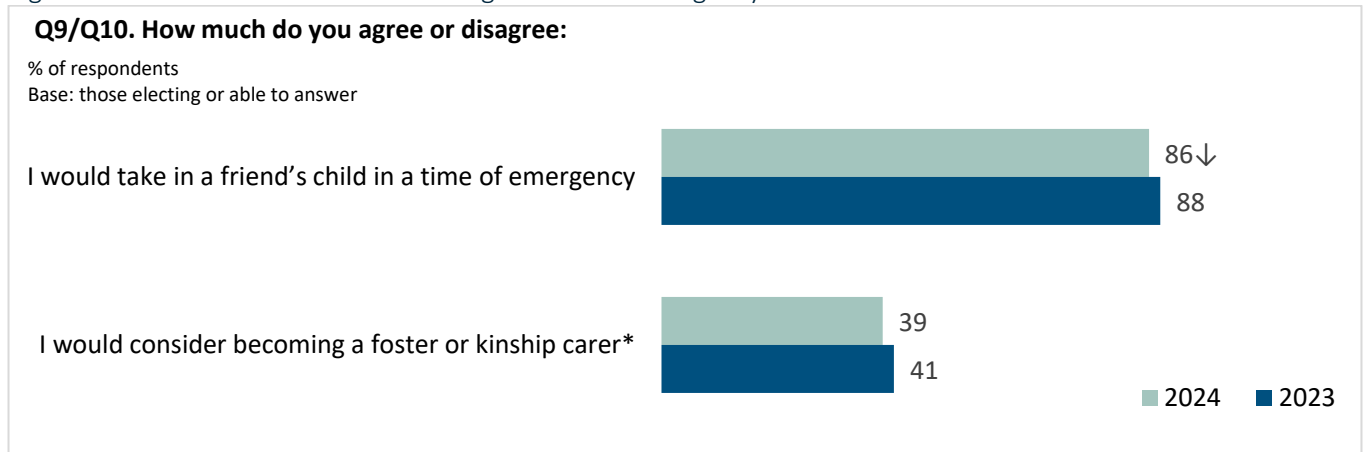
* Excludes respondents who are already foster or kinship carers (35 respondents identified they were foster or kinship carers)
Respondents who declined to answer the question have also been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. 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'.

3.15.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Compared with 2023 findings, in 2024 statistically fewer respondents agreed overall (agreed/strongly agreed) that they would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency (88% in 2023, 86% in 2024); however, the majority of respondents still held this opinion.

Consideration of foster or kinship care remained stable in 2024.

Figure 3.15.2: Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer 2023-2024 trend



↑ ↓ indicates the result is a significant increase or decrease from the prior year result

* Excludes respondents who are already foster or kinship carers (in 2023, 30 respondents identified they were foster or kinship carers, 35 in 2024)

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'. The reader is referred to Table 3.15.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.15.3 Sub-group differences (2024)

Consideration of various care roles for children in need were analysed by key sub-groups (see Tables 3.15.1 and 3.15.2).

Female respondents, those aged under 40 years old or those responsible for children aged 0-17 years were significantly more likely than others to agree that they would consider taking care of a friend's child in an emergency and taking a foster care or kinship care role.

Both those identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander or as culturally and linguistically diverse displayed significantly higher levels of agreement that they would consider taking on a foster or kinship care role than their counterparts who don't identify in such a way (51% Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait islander, 48% culturally and linguistically diverse, 39% average).

No significant differences by region were evident. Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.15.1 and 3.15.2 following.

Table 3.15.2: Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2024)

Q9/Q10 Column %	Total 2024	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency									
	Total 2024 n = 3613	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 997	Far North QLD n = 394	North QLD n = 471	South East n = 544	South West n = 483	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 724	Yes n = 400	No n = 3204
Strongly disagree	4	3	4	6	4	4	5	4	4
Disagree	3	4	3	2	4	3	3	3	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	7	7	6	8	8	7	8	6	7
No opinion	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	4	2
Agree	40	40	42	38	42	36	42	45	39
Strongly agree	46	46	44	49	44	47	44	42	46
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	86	86	87	87	86	84	85	86	86
Don't know	5	4	6	4	5	6	6	4	5
I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer*									
	Total 2024 n = 3603	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 1003	Far North QLD n = 386	North QLD n = 470	South East n = 545	South West n = 478	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 721	Yes n = 395	No n = 3199
Strongly disagree	16	16	19	15	16	14	18	11 ↓	17 ↑
Disagree	21	21	17	22	22	19	23	14 ↓	22 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	37	35	38	38	34	41	25 ↓	39 ↑
No opinion	9	10	7	8	8	10	7	13 ↑	8 ↓
Agree	32	32	33	33	34	32	28	37 ↑	31 ↓
Strongly agree	7	8	5	7	7	9	7	10	7
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	39	39	39	40	41	41	35	48 ↑	38 ↓
Don't know	15	14	19	14	13	15	16	14	15

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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)

4. Appendices

Appendix A – Survey Items

No.	Item	Response scale
	What is your residential postcode?	
Q1.	<i>Exit message if not a Queensland postcode:</i> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Man or male <input type="checkbox"/> Woman or female <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary <input type="checkbox"/> I use a different term
Q4.	Do you identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Aboriginal person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Torres Strait Islander person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q5.	Do you speak a language other than English at home	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I speak another language at home <input type="checkbox"/> No, I only speak English at home
Q6.	Are you currently responsible for the care of a child aged 0-17 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – for each item <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

No.	Item	Response scale
Q9.	<p><i>Don't ask to those who said yes to Q7 d or e</i></p> <p>I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Q10.	I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Q13.	<p><i>Note: Don't ask to those who answered agree or strongly agree to Q12</i></p> <p>What would increase your confidence in the system?</p>	Free text
Q14.	<p>In my community, children and young people:</p> <p>a) are protected from abuse and neglect</p> <p>b) are supported to live safely at home with their families</p> <p>c) live in safe communities</p> <p>d) can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals</p> <p>e) can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists</p> <p>f) can access disability services if needed</p> <p>g) can access NDIS supports if needed</p> <p>h) can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten</p> <p>i) have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE</p> <p>j) can access sporting, recreational or community activities</p> <p>k) are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Q15.	<p>How much do you agree or disagree that the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by the following systems?</p> <p>a) education system</p> <p>b) health system</p> <p>c) mental health system</p> <p>d) disability service system</p> <p>e) public housing system</p> <p>f) child protection and family support system</p> <p>g) youth justice system</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Q16.	<p>How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about youth mental health services in your area?</p> <p>Youth mental health services in my area are:</p> <p>a) accessible (services are available in the area)</p> <p>b) timely (services have enough capacity to meet demand without waitlists)</p> <p>c) affordable</p> <p>d) culturally appropriate</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

No.	Item	Response scale
Q17.	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g) or ≥ 1998 for Q2</i> Have you tried to access youth mental health services in the last three years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q18.	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q17</i> Did you experience any barriers to accessing youth mental health services?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not aware of services in my area <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure how to get a referral / mental health care plan <input type="checkbox"/> No services in my area <input type="checkbox"/> Services had long waitlists <input type="checkbox"/> No transport to access services <input type="checkbox"/> Could not afford the cost of the services <input type="checkbox"/> Services were not culturally appropriate <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-existing relationships with service providers <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
Q19.	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q18</i> What barriers did you experience? [tick all that apply]	<input type="checkbox"/> Not aware of services in my area <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure how to get a referral / mental health care plan <input type="checkbox"/> No services in my area <input type="checkbox"/> Services had long waitlists <input type="checkbox"/> No transport to access services <input type="checkbox"/> Could not afford the cost of the services <input type="checkbox"/> Services were not culturally appropriate <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-existing relationships with service providers <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
Q20.	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) The involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion h) There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system i) There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice system j) Being a parent is hard work k) Parents struggle to discipline their children l) Schools maintain (or provide) safe and supportive learning environments for children m) The cost of living is having a negative impact on families	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion
Q21.	In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a youth detention centre)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 13 <input type="checkbox"/> 14 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 18

No.	Item	Response scale
Q22.	In the last 6 months, have you had difficulty maintaining housing?	<input type="checkbox"/> I have not had any issues maintaining housing <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to pay rent <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to pay mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to access stable housing arrangement <input type="checkbox"/> Experienced discrimination in housing search or application process <input type="checkbox"/> Evicted from a residence <input type="checkbox"/> Currently homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Other (free text)
	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)</i>	
Q23.	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?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-17 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 and over
Q24.	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)</i> As well as you and your children, does anyone else live at your home?	<input type="checkbox"/> My partner <input type="checkbox"/> Extended family (E.g.: grandparents or other relatives) <input type="checkbox"/> No one else <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)</i>	
Q25.	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	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

No.	Item	Response scale
Q26.	<p>Only ask if 'yes' to Q6 or Q7(a-g)</p> <p>How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</p> <p>I feel confident that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>I feel confident that I would be able to access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<i>Please ask all respondents this question</i>		
Q27.	What do you think are the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland? List up to three.	Free text

Appendix B – Sample Composition

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

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

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

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

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

REGION	Survey year	
Column % n	2023 n=3154	2024 n=3641
Brisbane and Moreton Bay	28%	28%
	n =	875
Far North Queensland	11%	11%
	n =	358
North Queensland	13%	13%
	n =	403
South East	15%	15%
	n =	462
South West	14%	13%
	n =	437
Sunshine Coast and Central	20%	20%
	n =	619

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
Northern	18%	19%	19%	20%	20%
	n =	312	476	475	500
Southern	19%	19%	19%	18%	20%
	n =	322	475	475	452
Central	9%	12%	12%	10%	10%
	n =	147	300	299	249

RESPONSIBLE FOR CARE OF CHILD		Survey year					
		2017 n = 1696	2019 n = 2498	2020 n = 2525	2021 n = 2518	2022 n = 2498	2023 n=3144
Column %							
n							
Yes		31%	32%	31%	33%	34%	37%
	n =	530	803	791	821	860	1161
No		69%	68%	69%	67%	66%	63%
	n =	1166	1695	1734	1,697	1638	1983

PARENT/CARER TYPE		Survey year	
		2023 n=3154	2024 n=3641
Column %			
n			
I am a parent of children under 18 years who live with me full time		33%	31%
	n =	1043	1142
I am a parent of children under 18 years who live with me part time		3%	3%
	n =	104	109
I am a parent of children under 18 years who do not live with me		2%	2%
	n =	62	60
I am a foster carer*		1%	<1%
	n =	30	14
I am a kinship carer*		-	1%
	n =	-	21
I am a sibling carer of children under 18 years who live with me full time or part time[†]		-	1%
	n =	-	48
I am a parent or carer of children over 18 years who live with me full time or part time		6%	5%
	n =	201	197
I am a grandparent of children under 18 years		19%	18%
	n =	584	673
None of these		41%	42%
	n =	1279	1533

* 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
0-4		39%	36%
	n =	537	544
5-9		37%	36%
	n =	512	548
10-14		34%	36%
	n =	465	542
15-17		20%	22%
	n =	280	332
18 and over		18%	16%
	n =	247	243

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

Appendix C – Fieldwork Report

Online method

Sub-contractor: Ipsos.

Dates of Fieldwork: 27 March to 22 April 2024.

Average (median) survey length: 9 minutes.

Sample sources: Six panels were used - Octopus (32%), Ipsos Panel (29%), Fulcrum (10%), PureProfile (20%), Dynata (7%) and ATSIU “iMob” panel (2%). All panels have ISO 20252 accreditation.

In the total online sample of completed surveys, 192 surveys were collected with Queenslanders who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and 3,340 with those who do not identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (3,532 surveys in total).

Offline method

Sub-contractor: Ipsos via their in-house specialist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Research Unit (ATSIU). The interviews were conducted in language where necessary. Three interviewers were used in regional areas (Torres Strait, Mt Isa, Townsville).

Dates of Fieldwork: 4 April to 23 April 2024.

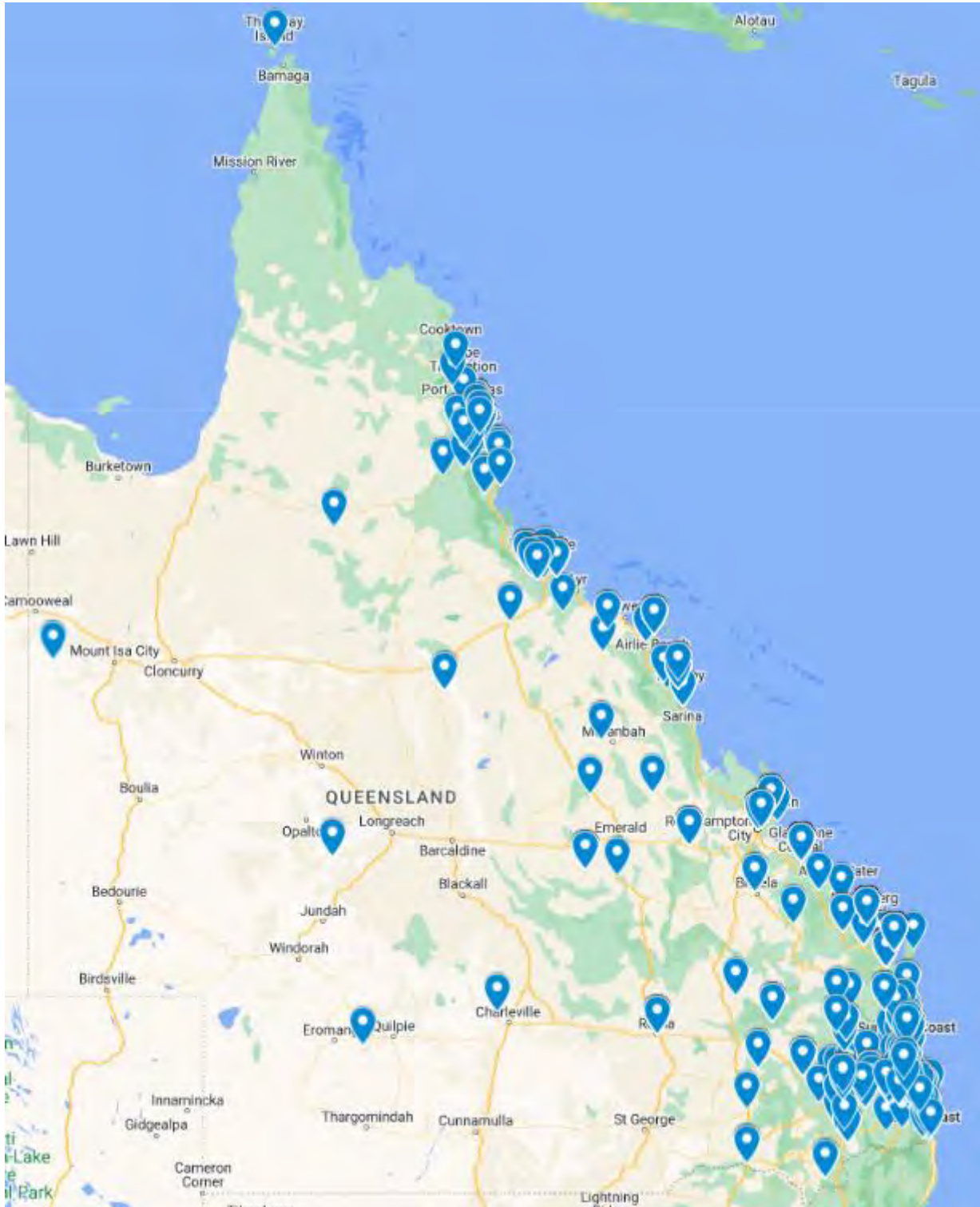
Average (median) survey length: 17 minutes.

Sample sources: ATSIU Team Leaders use their networks and local knowledge to approach people either via phone or face-to-face and in a small number of cases via a link to the online survey to self-complete (guided where necessary) in their communities to complete the interview.

The offline method comprised a mix of face-to-face interviewing (n=43) and guided self-completion (via a link to the online survey) (n=66) surveying.

Distribution of interviews

The map below shows the location of respondents who took part in the survey in 2024. 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

