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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, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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.

In 2023, new questions centered around parenting and family life were added, including:

- 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 children, young people and their families.

2. Method

The method comprised an online self-completion survey and an offline (face-to-face and telephone) 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 2023 was n=3,154 Queensland adults (Online = 3,064; Open Link* = 90). Targets were set to ensure the sample was representative in terms of age, gender and geographic region. However, Queenslanders who identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander were deliberately oversampled such that of the 3,154 Queenslanders surveyed, 273 (9%) 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=3,154

Demographic characteristics 2023	n	%	Target
Gender			
Man or male	1497	47	50
Woman or female	1652	52	50
Non-binary	4	<1%	-
Uses a different term	1	<1%	-
Age group			
18-24 years	328	10	45
25-39 years	1100	35	
40-59 years	851	27	55
60+ years	875	28	
Region*			
Brisbane and Moreton Bay	875	28	-
Far North Queensland	358	11	-
North Queensland	403	13	-
South East	462	15	-
South West	437	14	-
Sunshine Coast and Central	619	20	-
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander			
Identify	273	9	7.5
Do not identify	2881	91	92.5
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse <i>n=3,145 answered this item</i>			
Speak a language other than English at home	291	9	-
Only speak English at home	2854	91	-

- 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=60), telephone interviewing (n=21) and self-completion surveying (via a link to the online survey) (n=9). In addition to the 90 interviews collected via this method, an additional 183 were collected in the online survey.

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

Table 2.2: Parent/Carer demographics

Parent/Carer demographics	n	%	Target
Contact with child protection and family support system (current or within past five years) 2023			
<i>n=3,075 answered this item (multiple responses allowed)</i>			
As a parent	243	8	-
As a child	126	4	-
As a carer	151	5	-
As a service provider	144	5	-
In any other professional capacity (e.g. doctor, nurse, teacher, etc.)	360	12	-
SUB-TOTAL At least one contact with child protection and family support system	638	21	-
Parent/Carer Type (select all that apply)			
<i>n=3,154 answered this item (multiple responses allowed)</i>			
I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) of children under 18 years who live with me full time	1043	33	-
I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) of children under 18 years who live with me part time	104	3	-
I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) of children under 18 years who do not live with me	62	2	-
I am a foster or kinship carer	30	1	-
I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) or carer of children over 18 years who live with me full time or part time	201	6	-
I am a grandparent of children under 18 years	584	19	-
None of these	1279	41	-
Parents/Carers - Age of Children in their care			
<i>n=1,368 parents/those acting in a parenting role answered this item (multiple responses allowed)</i>			
0-4	537	39	-
5-9	512	37	-
10-14	465	34	-
15-17	280	20	-
18 and over	247	18	-
Parents/Carers - Others living in the home			
<i>n=1,379 answered this item (multiple responses allowed)</i>			
My partner	1004	73	-
Extended family (e.g. grandparents or other relatives)	177	13	-
No one else	241	17	-
Other	42	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 7.7 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: 15 May to 31 May 2023
- Offline method: 15 May to 7 June 2023.

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 (29%), Ipsos Panel (23%), Fulcrum (22%), PureProfile (18%), Dynata (8%). All panels have ISO 20252 accreditation.

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

Data analysis

At the completion of fieldwork, the survey results were analysed using Q Research Software. The analysis took the form of frequency counts for each question and cross analysis of responses to all questions by selected demographic and behavioural factors (cross tabulations). In the data analysis stage, all survey data were subjected to tests of significance for each survey question. Z-tests were applied to all frequency counts (in the tables in this report, red and blue indicate a difference at the 95% confidence level of that group compared to others in that category, e.g. males compared to females). The average calculation is based on the responses of all respondents to a question (the total). It should be noted that where a key result of one group differs significantly from another group (and is referred to in the report's commentary), it is not necessarily the group with the highest or lowest percentage (small cell sizes mean sometimes there may be a group with a higher or lower percentage, however this does not differ significantly from the average after taking sampling error into account). Blank cells in tables indicate 0%.

Weighting

The data have not been weighted.

Sampling error

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

Questionnaire

A copy of the questionnaire can be found at Appendix A. While all questions were presented to all respondents, responses were not mandatory.

Most questions comprised a pre-defined codeframe for respondents to select from or to indicate their agreement with a range of statements. There were two opportunities for respondents to answer in their own words (open-ended questions) and responses were subsequently coded into key themes for analysis.

Comparison of 2023 and 2022 data

Nine areas in 2023 can be compared with data from 2022:

- 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
- 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
- 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.

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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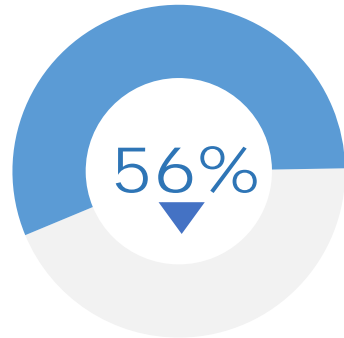
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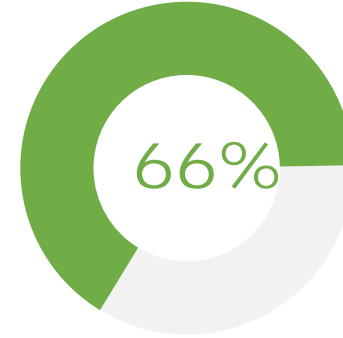
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A total of 3,154 Queenslanders participated in a survey with the aim of understanding perspectives about children and young people and the systems that are designed to support them.

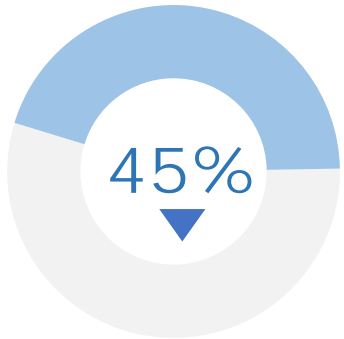
▶ EIGHT IN TEN PARENTS/CARERS (83%) AGREE THAT THEIR CHILDREN WILL HAVE A GOOD FUTURE



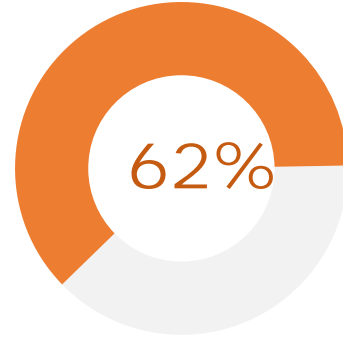
Consider children and young people live in **safe communities**



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



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



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

▶ ACCESS AND SUPPORTS AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES



77% can access sporting, recreational or community activities

71% can access services they need to stay healthy

59% can access mental health services if needed

59% are supported to connect with their culture

66% can access disability services if needed

However, there were mixed views regarding whether young people are portrayed fairly in media and whether young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them



90% of families have clear rules and routines

77% have someone they can rely on to help with parenting if they need it

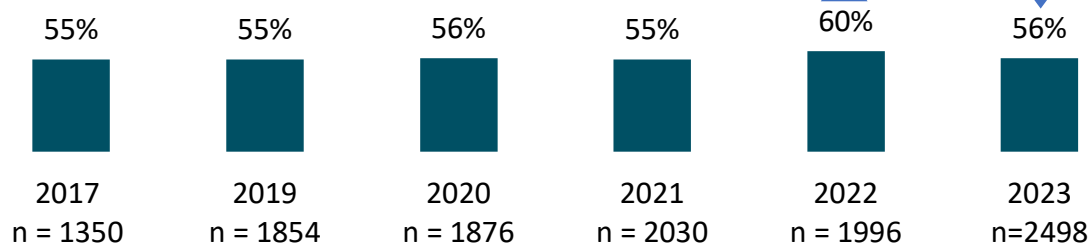
74% are satisfied with the amount of time they have available to spend with their children

94% can support their child or young person when they have worries or concerns

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

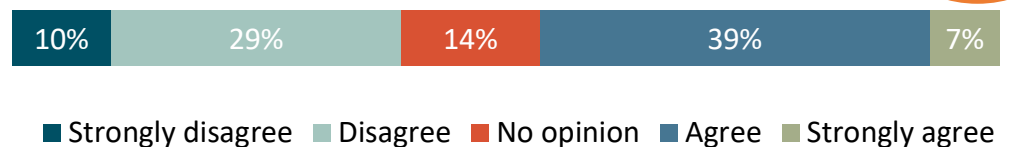
Overall confidence and trust in the child protection system in Queensland

■ Agree/Agree strongly



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

46% agree



Views of children and young people are listened to and valued by ...

55% health system

51% disability service system

47% education system

46% child protection /family support

45% mental health system

36% youth justice system

28% public housing system

There is sufficient oversight of ...

39% Queensland child protection system

37% Queensland youth justice system

The big issues facing parents and children in Queensland

33%

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

20% raise poor parent oversight, 15% raise children's behavioural issues and 12% youth crime

9% housing/affordable housing/homelessness

9% social media and screen time

9% education quality and affordability

7% health services/mental health services (access and affordability)

3. Findings

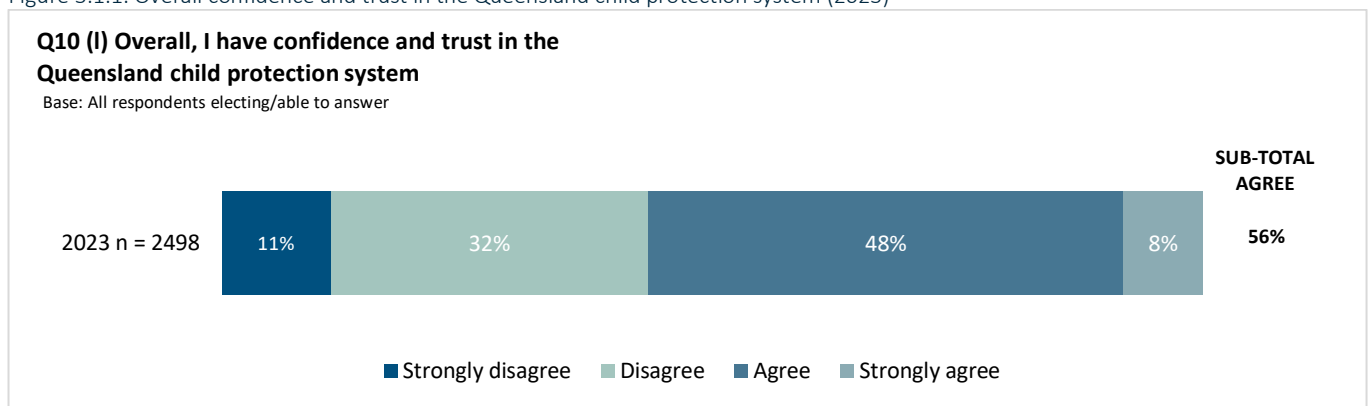
3.1 Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system

Q10(I). 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 2023 result

In the 2023 survey, 56% of respondents agreed with the statement ‘Overall, I have confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system’ (48% agreed; 8% strongly agreed). A total of 44% disagreed (32% disagreed; 11% strongly disagreed).

Figure 3.1.1: Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system (2023)

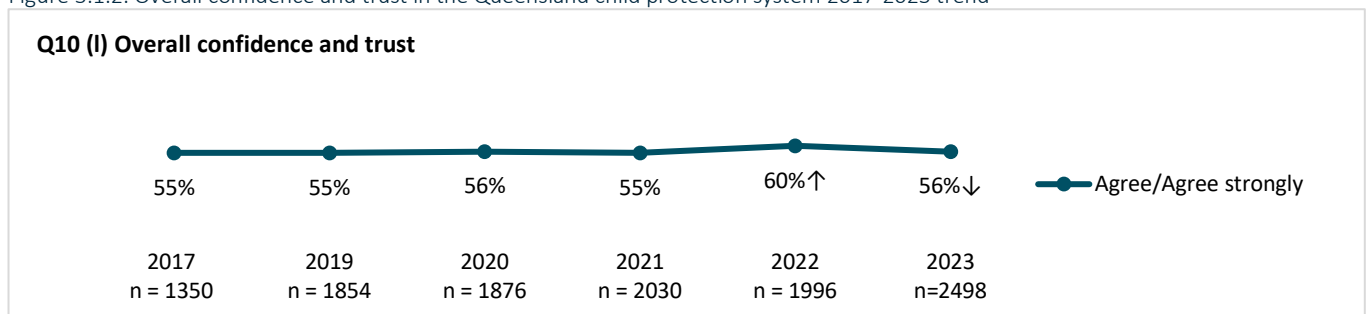


In 2023, 331 respondents answered ‘no opinion’, 323 answered ‘don’t know’ and 2 declined to answer the question. These respondents have been removed from the base when reporting results (the base is therefore those who elected or were able to answer, n=2,498).

3.1.2 Comparison to previous survey data

There was a statistically significant decrease in confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system in 2023; reverting a statistically significant improvement noted in last year’s findings (55% in 2021, 60% in 2022, and 56% in 2023). This decrease brought the level of overall confidence and trust back to levels consistently reported between 2017 and 2021.

Figure 3.1.2: Overall confidence and trust in the Queensland child protection system 2017-2023 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).

3.1.3 Sub-group differences (2023)

The following sub-groups were significantly more likely than other sub-groups (56% 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 (62%)
- Queenslanders aged under 40 years (74% 18-24 year olds, 67% 25-39 year olds)
- Those responsible for a child or young person aged between 0-17 years (61%)
- Brisbane and Moreton Bay residents (61%)
- 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 (2023)

Q10(I) Column %	Total 2023 n = 2498	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1214	Female n = 1279	Non-binary n = 5^	18-24 years n = 264	25-39 years n = 914	40-59 years n = 658	60+ years n = 662	Yes n = 976	No n = 1515	Yes n = 222	No n = 2276
% of respondents												
Strongly disagree	11	11	12		4 ↓	8 ↓	13	18 ↑	10	12	14	11
Disagree	32	28 ↓	36 ↑	40	22 ↓	25 ↓	37 ↑	41 ↑	28 ↓	35 ↑	25 ↓	33 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	44	38 ↓	49 ↑	40	26 ↓	33 ↓	50 ↑	58 ↑	39 ↓	47 ↑	40	44
Agree	48	52 ↑	45 ↓	60	65 ↑	56 ↑	42 ↓	38 ↓	51 ↑	46 ↓	50	48
Strongly agree	8	10 ↑	6 ↓		9	11 ↑	8	4 ↓	10 ↑	7 ↓	11	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	56	62 ↑	51 ↓	60	74 ↑	67 ↑	50 ↓	42 ↓	61 ↑	53 ↓	60	56

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 (2023)

Q10(I) Column %	Total 2023 n = 2498	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 695	Far North Queensland n = 280	North Queensland n = 327	South East n = 366	South West n = 337	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 493	Yes n = 237	No n = 2253
% of respondents									
Strongly disagree	11	8 ↓	14	12	11	16 ↑	12	5 ↓	12 ↑
Disagree	32	32	34	35	27	34	33	19 ↓	34 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	44	39 ↓	48	47	38	49	45	24 ↓	46 ↑
Agree	48	51	44	46	52	43	49	57 ↑	47 ↓
Strongly agree	8	10	8	7	10	7	6	19 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	56	61 ↑	52	53	62	51	55	76 ↑	54 ↓

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

Base: All respondents electing/able to answer

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

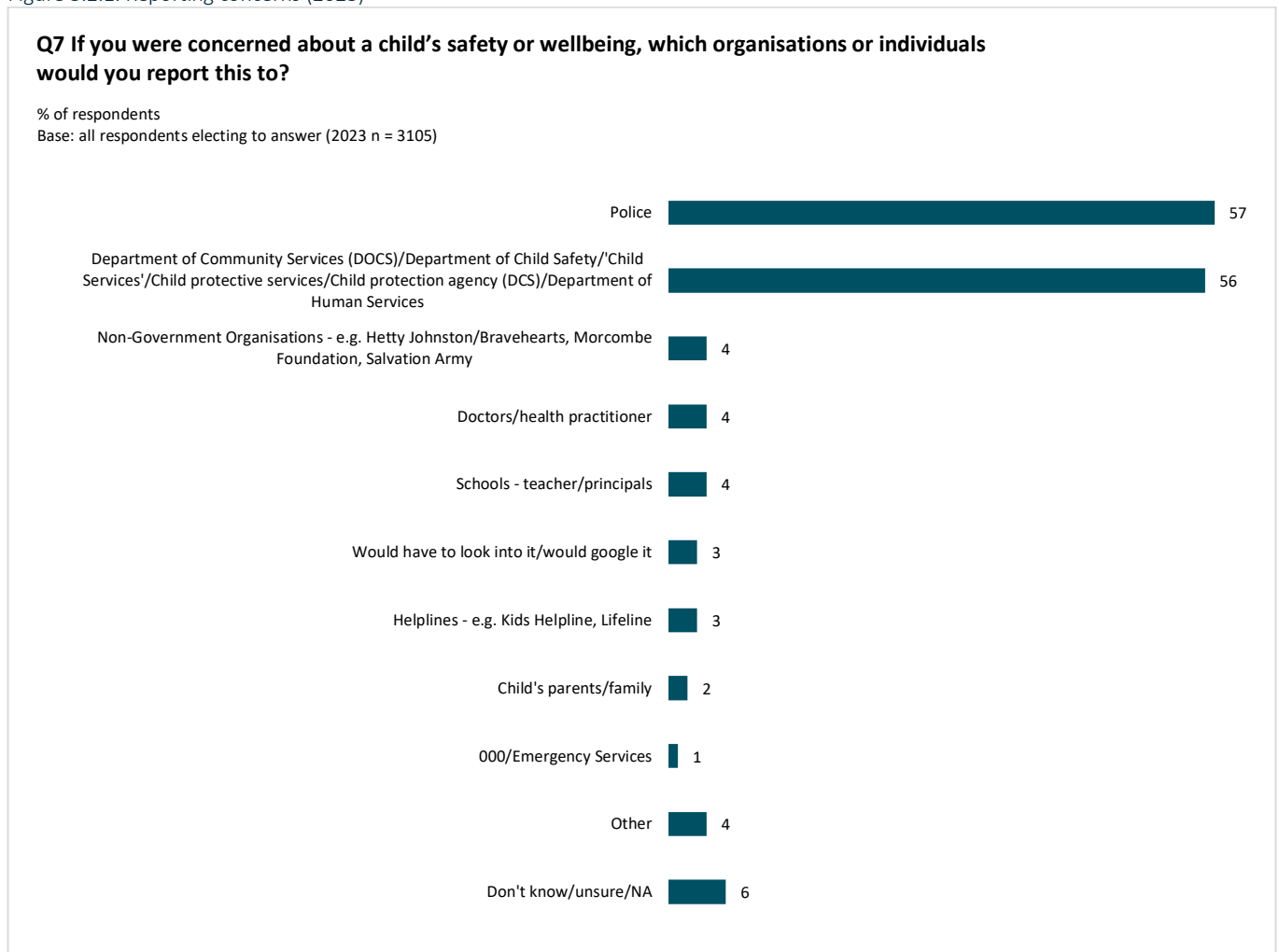
Q7. If you were concerned about a child's safety or wellbeing, which organisations or individuals would you report this to?

3.2.1 2023 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 2023, respondents were most likely to indicate they would report a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing to police (57%). 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 (56%). All other mentions were made by 4% or fewer respondents (see Figure 3.2.1. below).

Figure 3.2.1: Reporting concerns (2023)

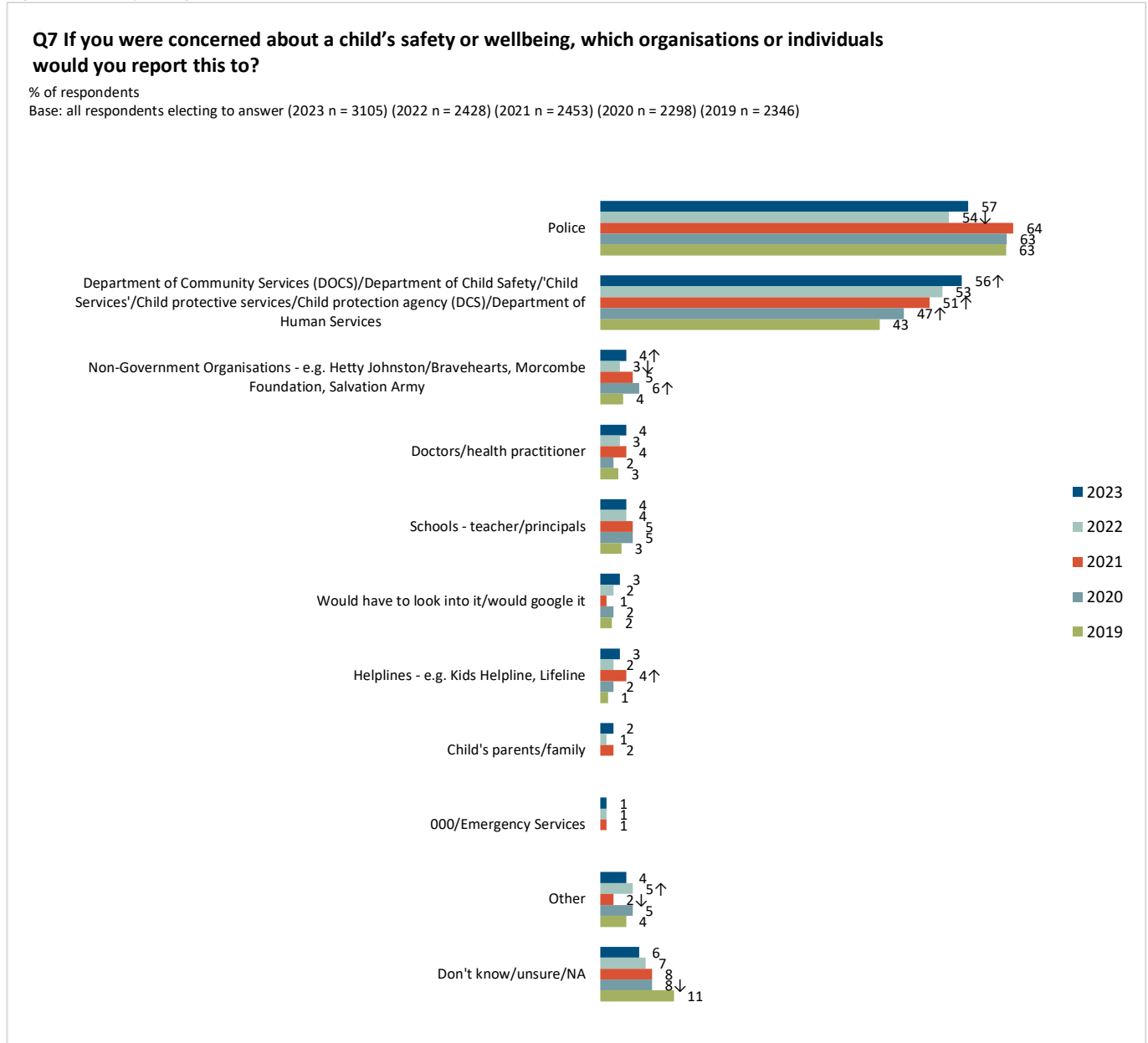


49 respondents elected not to answer this question

3.2.2 Comparison to previous survey data

In contrast to 2022 findings, significantly more respondents in the 2023 survey indicated that they would report a concern regarding a child’s safety or wellbeing to a relevant government agency (e.g. Department of Community Services/Department of Child Safety) (53% in 2022, 56% in 2023). This increase has been observed year upon year since 43% in 2019.

Figure 3.2.2: Reporting concerns 2019-2023 trend



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 (2023)

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 more likely than other sub-groups (56% average) to report a concern to a relevant government department were:

- Females (63%)
- Those aged 25-39 years old (60%) or 40-49 years old (60%)
- Those who have responsibility for a child aged 0-17 years (63%)
- Those who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (70%)
- Respondents from the South West region (63%)
- Those who do not identify as being culturally and linguistically diverse (57%, compared with 47% among those who identify as being culturally and linguistically diverse).

Respondents aged 60 years or older were more likely (65%) than younger cohorts (particularly 18-24 years 39% and 25-39 years 53%) to indicate they would report concerns to police.

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

Table 3.2.1: Reporting concerns by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023)

Q7 Column %	Total 2023 n = 3105	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1472	Female n = 1628	Non- binary n = 5^	18-24 years n = 319	25-39 years n = 1081	40-59 years n = 840	60+ years n = 865	Yes n = 1144	No n = 1951	Yes n = 265	No n = 2840
		% of respondents										
Police	57	57	56	60	39 ↓	53 ↓	60	65 ↑	54	58	45 ↓	58 ↑
Department of Community Services (DOCS)/Department of Child Safety/'Child Services'/ Child protective services/Child protection agency (DCS)/Department of Human	56	49 ↓	63 ↑	80	61	60 ↑	60 ↑	44 ↓	63 ↑	52 ↓	70 ↑	55 ↓
Non-Government Organisations - e.g. Hetty Johnson/Braveheart s, Morcombe Foundation, Salvation Army	4	4	3		4	4	4	4	4	4	6	4
Doctors/Health practitioner	4	3	4		3	3	4	5	4	4	6	3
Schools - teacher/principals	4	1 ↓	5 ↑		1	5 ↑	5 ↑	1 ↓	6 ↑	2 ↓	5	3
Would have to look into it/would google it	3	2	3	20	3	4	2	2	3	3	3	3
Helplines - e.g. Kids Helpline, Lifeline	3	4 ↑	2 ↓		6 ↑	3	2	3	2	3	4	3
Child's parents/family	2	2	3		4	2	2	1	2	2	6 ↑	2 ↓
000/Emergency Services	1	1	1		3	2	1	0 ↓	1	1	1	1
Other	4	4	5		4	5	3	4	4	4	8 ↑	4 ↓
Don't know	6	8 ↑	5 ↓		5	5	6	8 ↑	5 ↓	7 ↑	3	7

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Base: those electing to answer (49 did not answer)

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Table 3.2.2: Reporting concerns by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q7 Column %	Total 2023 n = 3105	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 862	Far North QLD n = 354	North QLD n = 398	South East n = 456	South West n = 424	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 611	Yes n = 283	No n = 2813
<i>% of respondents</i>									
Police	57	54	56	63	55	58	57	49	57
Department of Community Services (DOCS)/Department of Child Safety/'Child Services'/ Child protective services/Child protection agency (DCS)/Department of Human	56	50 ↓	58	62	55	63 ↑	55	47 ↓	57 ↑
Non-Government Organisations - e.g. Hetty Johnson/Bravehearts, Morcombe Foundation, Salvation Army	4	5	4	2	4	4	4	6	4
Doctors/Health practitioner	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	6	4
Schools - teacher/principals	4	3	6	4	3	2	4	1	4
Would have to look into it/would google it	3	4	3	2	4	1	2	3	3
Helplines - e.g. Kids Helpline, Lifeline	3	3	3	4	4	2	2	3	3
Child's parents/family	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	5 ↑	2 ↓
000/Emergency Services	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	2	1
Other	4	4	5	4	4	6	3	9 ↑	4 ↓
Don't know	6	8	4	4	7	5	7	6	6

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 Base: those electing to answer (49 did not answer)

3.3 Protections and supports for children and young people

Q51 In my community, children and young people... (Respondents were asked how strongly they agreed with a range of statements)

3.3.1 2023 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.

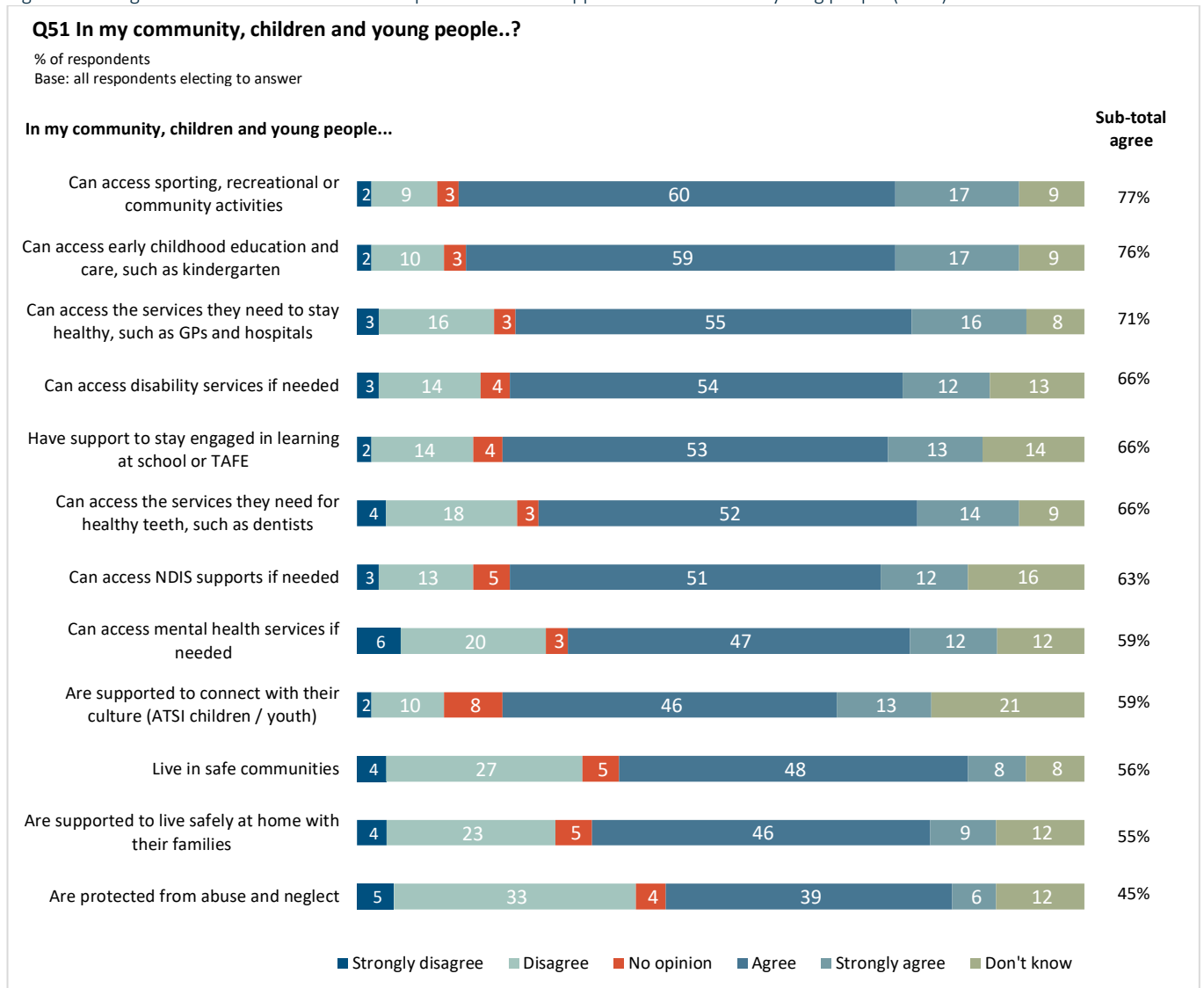
Across all statements, the highest level of agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) by respondents regarding their communities was that children and young people were able to access sporting, recreational or community activities (77%), were able to access early childhood education and care such as kindergarten (76%) or that they could access services to stay healthy, such as GPs or hospitals (71%).

Two thirds of respondents agreed that children and young people in their communities can access disability services if needed (66%), have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (66%) or can access services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists (66%). A similar proportion (63%) agreed that children and young people in their community can access NDIS supports, if needed. 59% of respondents agreed that children and young people in their communities are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people). 59% agreed that children and young people could access mental health services if needed.

With respect to the issues of safety, 56% of respondents agreed (agreed/strongly agreed) children and young people live in safe communities, while 55% of respondents agreed that children are supported to live safely at home with their families and 45% agreed that in their community, children and young people are protected from abuse and neglect.

See Figure 3.3.1 over page.

Figure 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people (2023)

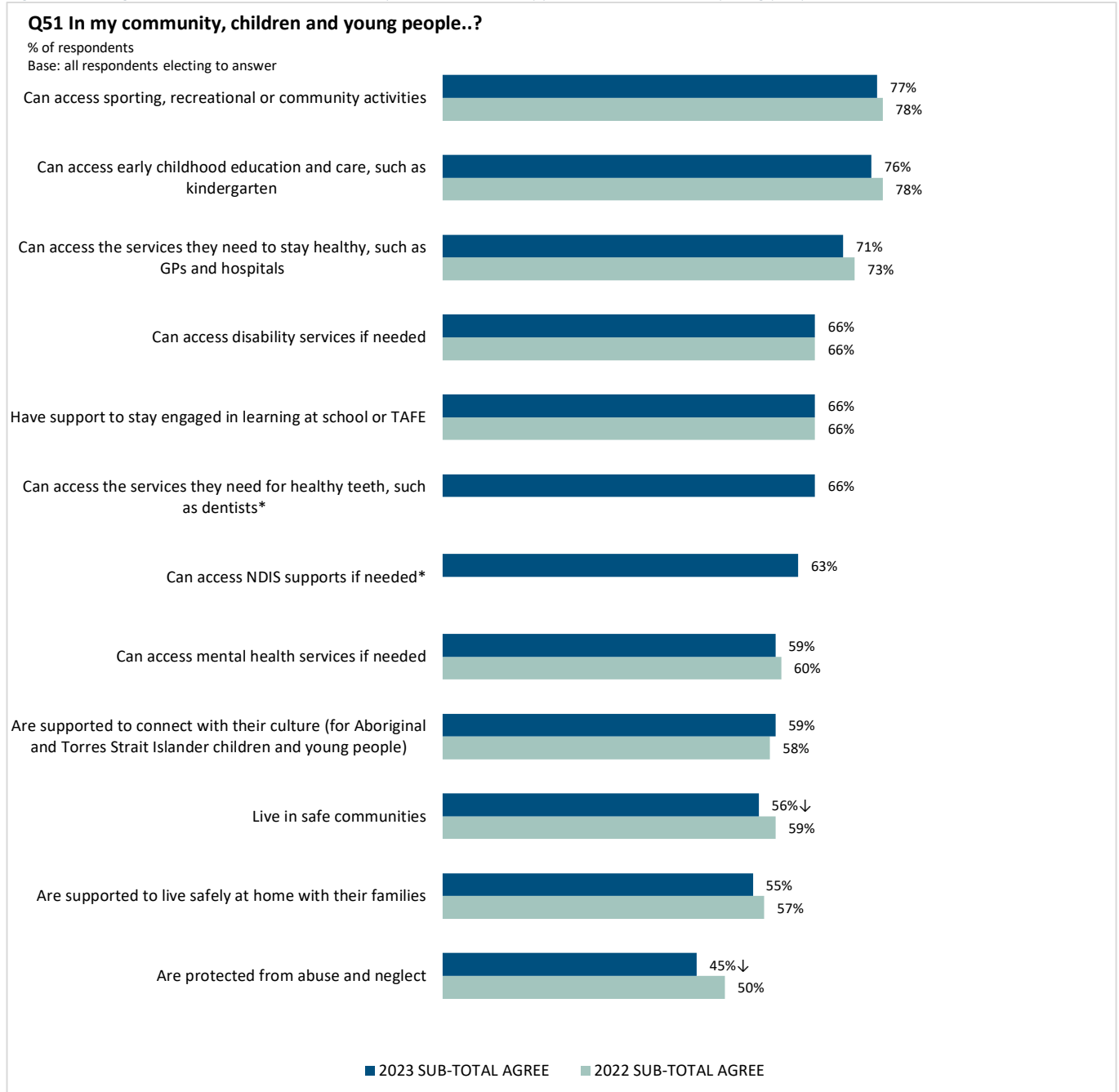


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3144 (when 10 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE'. 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 2022, there were statistically significant decreases in agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that children and young people in their communities live in safe communities (59% in 2022, 56% in 2023) and children and young people are protected from abuse and neglect (50% in 2022, 45% in 2023).

Figure 3.3.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people 2022-2023 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'. The reader is referred to Table 3.3.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.3.3 Sub-group differences (2023)

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.

Males were significantly more likely to agree/strongly agree with most of the statements about children and young people's access, safety and wellbeing within their community compared to female or non-binary respondents.

Respondents aged 25-39 years old were significantly more likely than other age groups to agree overall with all of the statements about children and young people's access, safety and wellbeing within their community. While respondents aged 60+ years old were significantly less likely to agree overall with most statements excluding three. Beyond this general age trend in agreement, respondents aged 40-59 years old were significantly less likely to agree/strongly agree that children in their communities can access services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals (67%, 71% average), can access disability services if needed (61%, 66%), can access services they need for healthy teeth such as dentists (62%, 66%), can access mental health services if needed (54%, 59%), live in safe communities (52%, 56% average) or are supported to live safely at home with their families (51%, 55%). Respondents aged 18-24 years old were significantly more likely than other age groups to strongly agree that children and young people in their communities have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (19%, 13% average).

Those who are responsible for children aged 0-17 years were significantly more likely than those without such responsibility to agree/strongly agree that children and young people in their communities can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten (80%, 74% those without responsibility for children), have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (70%, 64%), can access services they need for healthy teeth (70%, 64%), can access NDIS supports if needed (68%, 60%), are supported to connect with their culture (66%, 55%), are supported to live safely at home with their families (60%, 53%). However, they were also significantly more likely to disagree/strongly disagree that children and young people in their communities can access sporting, recreational or community activities (13%, 9% those without responsibility for children) or can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals (21%, 17%).

Respondents who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander were more likely than those who do not identify as such to agree that children and young people within their community are supported to connect with their culture (73%, 58% those who do not identify as such). Additionally, they were statistically more likely to agree overall that children and young people within their community can access mental health services if needed (70%, 58%), can access NDIS supports if needed (73%, 62%) or can access the services they need for healthy teeth (75%, 65%).

Respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse were significantly more likely than those who do not identify as such to agree/strongly agree that children and young people in their community can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals (84%, 70% those who do not identify as such), can access disability services if needed (74%, 65%), have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (75%, 65%), can access the services they need for healthy teeth (74%, 65%), can access mental health services if needed (69%, 58%), are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders) (68%, 58%), live in safe communities (71%, 54%), are supported to live safely at home with their families (73%, 54%) or are protected from abuse and neglect (61%, 44%).

Respondents living in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region were significantly more likely than those from other regions to agree that in their community, children and young people can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals (75%, 71% average), have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE (72%, 66%), live in safe communities (64%, 56%), are supported to live safely at home with their families (63%, 55%) or are protected from abuse and neglect (52%, 45%).

Residents living in the South East region of Queensland were significantly more likely to agree that in their community, children and young people live in safe communities (63%, 56% average) or are protected from abuse and neglect (53%, 45% average).

Meanwhile residents in regions of Far North Queensland or North Queensland were significantly more likely than those from other regions to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that children and young people living in their communities live in safe communities (43%, 43% respectively, 31% average disagreement), are supported to live safely at home with their families (35% and 36% respectively, 27% average disagreement) or are protected from abuse and neglect (45% and 48% respectively, 38% average disagreement). Additionally, residents in North Queensland were more likely to disagree than those from other regions that in their communities children or young people are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children/young people) (17%, 12% average disagreement).

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 (2023)

Q51 Column %	Total 2023	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1496	Female n = 1647	Non- binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1100	40-59 years n = 848	60+ years n = 872	Yes n = 1159	No n = 1979	Yes n = 272	No n = 2876
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Can access sporting, recreational or community activities												
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		1	2	2	1	2	1	4 ↑	1 ↓
Disagree	9	7 ↓	11 ↑	20	11	9	10	7 ↓	11 ↑	8 ↓	10	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	9 ↓	13 ↑	20	12	11	12	8 ↓	13 ↑	9 ↓	15	10
No opinion	3	4	3		4	3	2	4	2	3	1	3
Agree	60	60	61	80	57	63	59	60	61	60	63	60
Strongly agree	17	20 ↑	14 ↓		20	16	16	17	16	17	15	17
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	77	80 ↑	74 ↓	80	77	79	75	77	77	77	78	77
Don't know	9	8 ↓	10 ↑		7	6 ↓	11	11 ↑	7 ↓	10 ↑	6	9
Can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten												
	Total 2023 n = 3147	Male n = 1493	Female n = 1649	Non- binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1097	40-59 years n = 849	60+ years n = 873	Yes n = 1157	No n = 1980	Yes n = 272	No n = 2875
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		3	2	2	2	2	2	4 ↑	2 ↓
Disagree	10	9	11	20	11	12 ↑	10	7 ↓	11	9	9	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	12	10	13	20	14	14 ↑	11	9 ↓	13	11	13	12
No opinion	3	3	3		5	2	4	3	3	3	2	3
Agree	59	58	60	40	56	60	59	60	61	58	64	59
Strongly agree	17	19 ↑	15 ↓	40	19	18	17	15	19	16	16	17
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	76	78	75	80	75	79	76	75	80 ↑	74 ↓	80	76
Don't know	9	9	9		6	5 ↓	9	13 ↑	4 ↓	11 ↑	4 ↓	9 ↑
Can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals												
	Total 2023 n = 3149	Male n = 1494	Female n = 1650	Non- binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1099	40-59 years n = 850	60+ years n = 872	Yes n = 1161	No n = 1979	Yes n = 273	No n = 2876
Strongly disagree	3	3	3		1	3	4	3	3	3	3	3
Disagree	16	12 ↓	19 ↑	40	21 ↑	15	18	13 ↓	18 ↑	14 ↓	14	16
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	19	15 ↓	22 ↑	40	23	18	21	15 ↓	21 ↑	17 ↓	16	19
No opinion	3	3	2		2	2	3	3	2	3	3	3
Agree	55	55	55	40	51	59 ↑	52	55	57	54	62	54
Strongly agree	16	20 ↑	13 ↓	20	19	16	15	16	16	16	15	16
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	71	76 ↑	67 ↓	60	70	76 ↑	67 ↓	70	73	70	77	71
Don't know	8	7	8		6	4 ↓	9	12 ↑	4 ↓	10 ↑	4	8

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023) (continued)

Q51 Column %	Total 2023	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 = 3146	n = 1490	n = 1651	n = 5 [^]	n = 327	n = 1097	n = 848	n = 874	n = 1159	n = 1977	n = 273	n = 2873
Can access disability services if needed												
Strongly disagree	3	3	2		2	3	3	2	3	3	5 ↑	2 ↓
Disagree	14	12 ↓	17 ↑	40	16	13	17 ↑	13	16	14	14	14
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	17	14 ↓	19 ↑	40	17	16	20 ↑	15	18	16	19	17
No opinion	4	4	4		6	4	3	4	4	4	4	4
Agree	54	55	53	60	54	59 ↑	50 ↓	53	55	54	57	54
Strongly agree	12	14 ↑	9 ↓		13	12	12	10	13	11	14	11
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	69 ↑	62 ↓	60	67	71 ↑	61 ↓	63	68	64	71	65
Don't know	13	12 ↓	15 ↑		9	9 ↓	15	19 ↑	10 ↓	15 ↑	6 ↓	14 ↑
Have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE												
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		2	3	2	2	2	2	5 ↑	2 ↓
Disagree	14	11 ↓	16 ↑		16	13	16	11	15	13	16	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	13 ↓	18 ↑		18	16	18	13 ↓	17	15	22 ↑	15 ↓
No opinion	4	5	4	20	5	4	4	6	4	5	3	5
Agree	53	53	53	60	51	57 ↑	51	52	56	52	56	53
Strongly agree	13	17 ↑	9 ↓	20	19 ↑	14	12	9 ↓	13	12	14	13
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	70 ↑	62 ↓	80	70	71 ↑	63	62 ↓	70 ↑	64 ↓	69	66
Don't know	14	12	15		8 ↓	10 ↓	15	20 ↑	9 ↓	16 ↑	6 ↓	14 ↑
Can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists												
Strongly disagree	4	4	4	20	3	5	6	3 ↓	4	4	4	4
Disagree	18	15 ↓	21 ↑	20	21	19	19	15 ↓	20	17	15	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	22	19 ↓	26 ↑	40	24	24	25	17 ↓	24	22	19	23
No opinion	3	4	2		4	2	3	3	2 ↓	3 ↑	2	3
Agree	52	53	52	40	50	56 ↑	48 ↓	53	55 ↑	51 ↓	63 ↑	51 ↓
Strongly agree	14	17 ↑	11 ↓	20	16	13	14	13	14	13	12	14
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	69 ↑	63 ↓	60	66	69	62 ↓	67	70 ↑	64 ↓	75 ↑	65 ↓
Don't know	9	8	9		6	5 ↓	10	13 ↑	4 ↓	11 ↑	3 ↓	9 ↑

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023) (continued)

Q51 Column %	Total 2023	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 = 3151	n = 1496	n = 1650	n = 5 [^]	n = 328	n = 1100	n = 851	n = 872	n = 1161	n = 1980	n = 273	n = 2878
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Can access NDIS supports if needed												
Strongly disagree	3	3	3		2	3	4	3	3	3	5	3
Disagree	13	11 ↓	15 ↑	40	12	13	14	11	15 ↑	12 ↓	11	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	14 ↓	18 ↑	40	14	16	19 ↑	14	18	15	16	16
No opinion	5	5	4		9 ↑	4	4	5	4	5	4	5
Agree	51	49	52	40	51	55 ↑	48	47	55 ↑	48 ↓	59 ↑	50 ↓
Strongly agree	12	16 ↑	9 ↓		13	13	12	11	13	11	14	12
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	63	65 ↑	61	40	64	68 ↑	60	58 ↓	68 ↑	60 ↓	73 ↑	62 ↓
Don't know	16	16	17	20	13	12 ↓	18	22 ↑	10 ↓	20 ↑	7 ↓	17 ↑
Can access mental health services if needed												
Strongly disagree	6	5 ↓	7	20	4	6	8 ↑	4	7	5	6	6
Disagree	20	15 ↓	24 ↑	40	22	20	23	17 ↓	22	19	19	20
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	26	20 ↓	31 ↑	60	26	27	31 ↑	21 ↓	29 ↑	25 ↓	24	26
No opinion	3	3	3		3	3	3	4	3	4	2	4
Agree	47	49 ↑	45 ↓	20	46	53 ↑	41 ↓	46	49	46	54 ↑	46 ↓
Strongly agree	12	15 ↑	9 ↓	20	18 ↑	11	13	9 ↓	13	11	15	11
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	59	64 ↑	54 ↓	40	64	64 ↑	54 ↓	55 ↓	62 ↑	57 ↓	70 ↑	58 ↓
Don't know	12	12	11		6 ↓	7 ↓	12	20 ↑	6 ↓	15 ↑	4 ↓	12 ↑
Are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people)												
Strongly disagree	2	3	2		2	3	2	2	2	3	6 ↑	2 ↓
Disagree	10	8	11	20	14 ↑	9	11	7 ↓	10	9	14	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	12	11	13	20	16	12	13	9 ↓	12	12	19 ↑	11 ↓
No opinion	8	8	7		7	8	6	9	7	8	2 ↓	8 ↑
Agree	46	46	47	40	49	50 ↑	45	42 ↓	50 ↑	44 ↓	56 ↑	45 ↓
Strongly agree	13	15 ↑	10 ↓	20	16	14	13	9 ↓	15 ↑	11 ↓	17	12
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	59	61	57	60	64	65 ↑	58	51 ↓	66 ↑	55 ↓	73 ↑	58 ↓
Don't know	21	20	23	20	13 ↓	15 ↓	23	31 ↑	15 ↓	25 ↑	6 ↓	23 ↑

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.3.1: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023) (continued)

Q51 Column %	Total 2023	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 = 3150	n = 1494	n = 1651	n = 5 [^]	n = 328	n = 1099	n = 850	n = 873	n = 1160	n = 1980	n = 273	n = 2877
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Live in safe communities												
Strongly disagree	4	4	4		4	4	5	4	4	4	5	4
Disagree	27	23 ↓	31 ↑	20	28	27	28	25	28	27	28	27
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	27 ↓	36 ↑	20	32	31	33	30	33	31	33	31
No opinion	5	4	5		6	4	4	5	4	5	4	5
Agree	48	51 ↑	45 ↓	60	44	52 ↑	45	46	49	47	48	48
Strongly agree	8	12 ↑	5 ↓		12	9	7	7	9	8	10	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	56	63 ↑	50 ↓	60	56	61 ↑	52 ↓	53	58	55	58	56
Don't know	8	7 ↓	10 ↑	20	6	5 ↓	10 ↑	12 ↑	5 ↓	10 ↑	5	9
Are supported to live safely at home with their families												
Strongly disagree	4	4	5		2	3	5	5	4	4	6	4
Disagree	23	18 ↓	27 ↑		22	22	24	22	24	22	23	23
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	27	22 ↓	32 ↑		25	25	29	27	28	26	29	27
No opinion	5	5	6		6	4 ↓	6	7 ↑	4	6	5	6
Agree	46	50 ↑	43 ↓	100	51	53 ↑	41 ↓	41 ↓	48	45	49	46
Strongly agree	9	12 ↑	6 ↓		10	11 ↑	10	5 ↓	11 ↑	8 ↓	11	9
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	55	63 ↑	48 ↓	100	61	64 ↑	51 ↓	46 ↓	60 ↑	53 ↓	59	55
Don't know	12	11	14		8 ↓	8 ↓	14	19 ↑	8 ↓	15 ↑	7 ↓	13 ↑
Are protected from abuse and neglect												
Strongly disagree	5	5	6	20	4	5	7	6	5	5	8	5
Disagree	33	26 ↓	39 ↑		31	32	35	33	36 ↑	31 ↓	31	33
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	38	31 ↓	45 ↑	20	35	36	42 ↑	38	41 ↑	37 ↓	39	38
No opinion	4	5	4	20	6	4	4	5	3	5	4	4
Agree	39	45 ↑	33 ↓	60	42	44 ↑	36	34 ↓	41	38	42	38
Strongly agree	6	8 ↑	4 ↓		9	8 ↑	6	4 ↓	8	6	7	6
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	45	53 ↑	38 ↓	60	51	52 ↑	42	38 ↓	48 ↑	43 ↓	50	45
Don't know	12	11	14		8 ↓	8 ↓	12	19 ↑	7 ↓	16 ↑	7 ↓	13 ↑

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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 (2023)

Q51 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Can access sporting, recreational or community activities									
	Total 2023 n = 3148	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 403	South East n = 460	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 615	Yes n = 291	No n = 2848
Strongly disagree	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
Disagree	9	9	11	10	6	11	8	6	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	10	13	12	7	14	10	9	11
No opinion	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	2	3
Agree	60	59	61	63	62	58	61	57	61
Strongly agree	17	19	14	15	18	16	17	27 ↑	16 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	77	78	76	77	80	74	77	84	77
Don't know	9	9	8	7	10	9	9	6	9
Can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten									
	Total 2023 n = 3147	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 357	North Queensland n = 401	South East n = 462	South West n = 436	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 289	No n = 2850
Strongly disagree	2	1	2	3	1	2	3	2	2
Disagree	10	9	11	12	9	13	7	9	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	12	11	13	16	10	15	10	12	12
No opinion	3	3	3	2	3	3	4	3	3
Agree	59	57	60	61	57	58	63	54	60
Strongly agree	17	20	16	13	19	17	15	26 ↑	16 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	76	77	76	74	76	75	78	80	76
Don't know	9	8	8	8	11	8	9	5	9
Can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals									
	Total 2023 n = 3149	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 357	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 462	South West n = 435	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 290	No n = 2850
Strongly disagree	3	3	4	2	2	4	3	3	3
Disagree	16	12 ↓	18	19	12	17	18	7 ↓	17 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	19	15 ↓	22	21	14	21	22	9 ↓	20 ↑
No opinion	3	3	3	3	2	3	1	3	2
Agree	55	55	54	56	54	56	56	59	55
Strongly agree	16	20 ↑	15	13	20	12	13	25 ↑	15 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	71	75 ↑	69	69	74	69	69	84 ↑	70 ↓
Don't know	8	7	7	7	10	7	8	4	8
Can access disability services if needed									
	Total 2023 n = 3146	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 873	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 460	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 616	Yes n = 291	No n = 2846
Strongly disagree	3	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	3
Disagree	14	15	13	15	13	16	14	10	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	17	17	16	18	14	19	17	13	17
No opinion	4	4	4	3	3	5	4	4	4
Agree	54	54	55	56	54	52	54	54	54
Strongly agree	12	12	12	10	13	10	12	20 ↑	11 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	67	67	65	67	62	66	74 ↑	65 ↓
Don't know	13	12	13	13	17	13	14	10	14

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

Table 3.3.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023) (continued)

Q51 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE									
	Total 2023 n = 3144	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 872	Far North Queensland n = 357	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 461	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 615	Yes n = 290	No n = 2845
Strongly disagree	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	2	2
Disagree	14	10 ↓	18	16	10	17	14	11	14
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	13 ↓	20	19	10 ↓	20	17	13	16
No opinion	4	4	4	3	3	7	6	2	5
Agree	53	56	52	55	56	48	51	53	53
Strongly agree	13	16 ↑	11	9	13	12	12	22 ↑	12 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	72 ↑	63	64	69	61	63	75 ↑	65 ↓
Don't know	14	12	13	13	17	13	14	10	14
Can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists									
	Total 2023 n = 3150	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 403	South East n = 462	South West n = 436	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 291	No n = 2850
Strongly disagree	4	4	6	5	3	3	5	3	4
Disagree	18	17	20	22	16	21	17	14	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	22	21	25	27	18	24	21	17	23
No opinion	3	3	3	2	2	4	3	4	3
Agree	52	52	51	53	52	50	55	54	52
Strongly agree	14	17 ↑	11	10	16	13	11	20 ↑	13 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	69	63	63	68	64	67	74 ↑	65 ↓
Don't know	9	7	8	8	12	8	9	5	9
Can access NDIS supports if needed									
	Total 2023 n = 3151	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 403	South East n = 462	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 291	No n = 2851
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	2	2	4	4	2	3
Disagree	13	12	13	16	14	14	11	10	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	15	16	18	16	18	14	12	17
No opinion	5	5	4	5	4	6	4	6	4
Agree	51	49	53	54	47	49	54	49	51
Strongly agree	12	14	10	9	12	11	12	20 ↑	11 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	63	63	63	63	60	60	66	68	62
Don't know	16	17	17	14	21	15	15	13	17
Can access mental health services if needed									
	Total 2023 n = 3148	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 357	North Queensland n = 403	South East n = 462	South West n = 435	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 290	No n = 2849
Strongly disagree	6	5	7	6	5	7	7	3	6
Disagree	20	20	20	24	20	20	18	14	21
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	26	26	27	29	25	27	25	18 ↓	27 ↑
No opinion	3	4	4	2	3	4	3	4	3
Agree	47	47	45	49	46	46	47	51	47
Strongly agree	12	13	11	9	14	10	12	18 ↑	11 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	59	61	56	58	60	57	59	69 ↑	58 ↓
Don't know	12	10	12	10	12	12	13	9	12

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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 (2023) (continued)

Q51 Column %	Total 2023	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 2023 n = 3151	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 462	South West n = 436	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 291	No n = 2851
Strongly disagree	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2
Disagree	10	9	11	14 ↑	10	9	7	10	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	12	11	15	17 ↑	12	11	10	12	12
No opinion	8	8	8	7	9	8	6	6	8
Agree	46	47	47	45	43	47	47	47	46
Strongly agree	13	12	13	14	12	13	14	21 ↑	12 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	59	59	60	59	55	60	61	68 ↑	58 ↓
Don't know	21	23	18	17	25	21	23	14 ↓	22 ↑
Live in safe communities									
	Total 2023 n = 3150	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 357	North Queensland n = 403	South East n = 462	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 291	No n = 2850
Strongly disagree	4	2 ↓	10 ↑	7 ↑	3	5	3	5	4
Disagree	27	22 ↓	33 ↑	36 ↑	23	28	27	14 ↓	28 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	24 ↓	43 ↑	43 ↑	25 ↓	32	30	19 ↓	33 ↑
No opinion	5	4	4	5	3	8 ↑	5	3	5
Agree	48	53 ↑	39 ↓	39 ↓	54 ↑	46	47	55	47
Strongly agree	8	11 ↑	6	5	9	7	8	16 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	56	64 ↑	44 ↓	44 ↓	63 ↑	53	55	71 ↑	54 ↓
Don't know	8	8	8	7	8	7	10	6	8
Are supported to live safely at home with their families									
	Total 2023 n = 3149	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 356	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 461	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 290	No n = 2850
Strongly disagree	4	3	7	6	4	3	4	3	4
Disagree	23	18 ↓	28	30 ↑	19	25	22	12 ↓	24 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	27	21 ↓	35 ↑	36 ↑	23	29	26	15 ↓	28 ↑
No opinion	5	4	7	5	4	8	6	4	6
Agree	46	52 ↑	38 ↓	43	50	42	45	53	46
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	8	5 ↓	10	8	9	20 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	55	63 ↑	46 ↓	48 ↓	60	50	54	73 ↑	54 ↓
Don't know	12	11	12	10	13	14	14	8	13
Are protected from abuse and neglect									
	Total 2023 n = 3150	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 873	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 403	South East n = 462	South West n = 436	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 291	No n = 2850
Strongly disagree	5	3 ↓	7	7	4	6	6	4	5
Disagree	33	29 ↓	38	40 ↑	28	34	33	20 ↓	34 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	38	32 ↓	45 ↑	48 ↑	32 ↓	40	40	24 ↓	40 ↑
No opinion	4	4	4	6	3	5	4	5	4
Agree	39	45 ↑	33	33	45 ↑	33	36	48 ↑	38 ↓
Strongly agree	6	7	6	3	7	6	7	13 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	45	52 ↑	38 ↓	37 ↓	53 ↑	40	43	61 ↑	44 ↓
Don't know	12	12	13	10	13	15	13	9	13

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

3.4 Views of children and young people listened to and valued

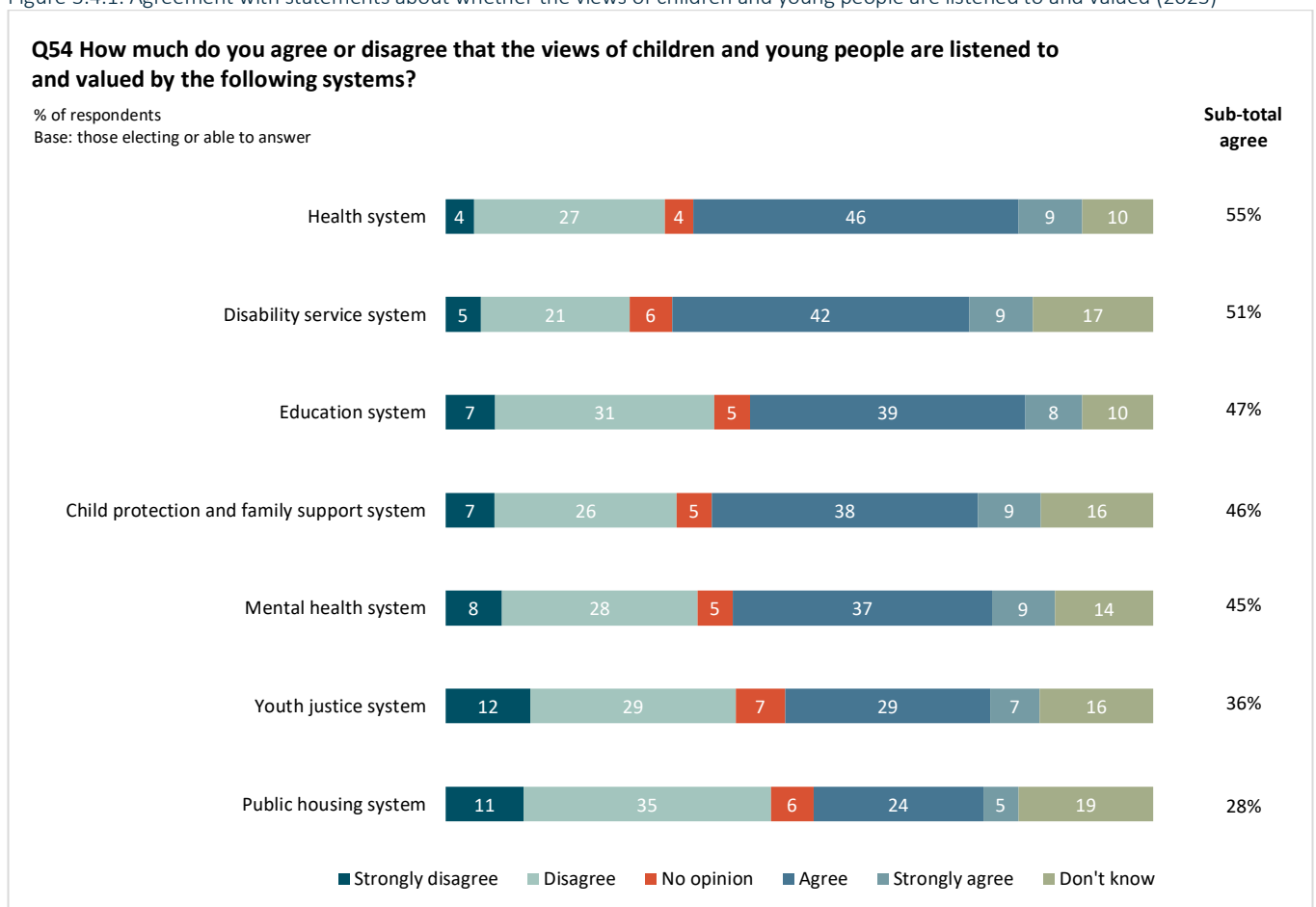
Q54 How much do you agree or disagree that the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by the following systems?

3.4.1 2023 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 (55% agreed/strongly agreed), disability services system (51%), the education system (47%), the child protection and family support system (46%) and the mental health system (45%). Agreement was lower among respondents regarding the public housing system (28%) and youth justice system (36%).

Figure 3.4.1: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued (2023)

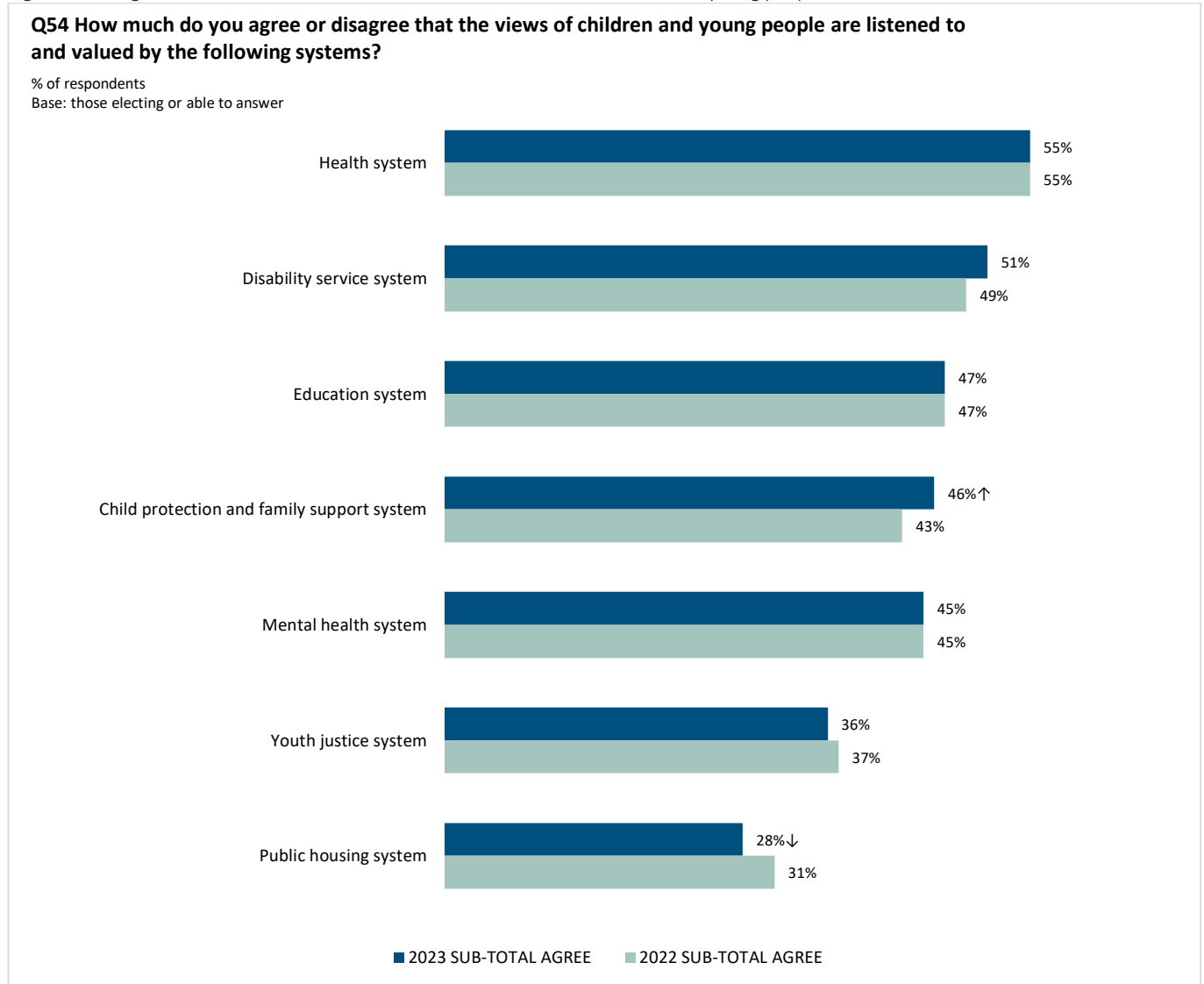


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3144 (when 10 respondents declined to answer) for the item 'Health system'. The reader is referred to Table 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 in the child protection and family support system increased significantly in 2023 compared to 2022 (43% in 2022, 46% in 2023). However, there was a statistically significant decrease in levels of overall agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that the public housing system listens to and values the views of children and young people in 2023 (31% in 2022, 28% in 2023).

Figure 3.4.2: Agreement with statements about whether the views of children and young people are listened to and valued 2022-2023 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'. The reader is referred to Table 3.4.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.4.3 Sub-group differences (2023)

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 and males 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 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander or as culturally and linguistically diverse 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'.

Those aged 18-24 years old were significantly more likely than other age groups to disagree overall (disagreed/strongly disagreed) that the education system listens to and values the views of children and young people (44% disagreed/strongly disagreed, 38% average). While respondents aged 40-59 years old were more likely than others to disagree overall that the mental health system listens to or values views of children and young people (40%, 36% average).

Respondents residing in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region were significantly more likely than those from other regions to agree that the health system (59%, 55% average) or that the child protection and family support system (51%, 46% 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 (2023)

Q54 Column %	Total 2023	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER		
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Health system												
	Total 2023 n = 3144	Male n = 1491	Female n = 1648	Non-binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1100	40-59 years n = 849	60+ years n = 867	Yes n = 1161	No n = 1973	Yes n = 273	No n = 2871
Strongly disagree	4	4	5		3	5	6	3	5	4	6	4
Disagree	27	24 ↓	29 ↑	40	26	26	28	26	27	26	23	27
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	28 ↓	34 ↑	40	29	31	33	29	32	30	29	31
No opinion	4	4	4		5	4	3	6 ↑	3	5	2	4
Agree	46	46	45	20	49	50 ↑	43	41 ↓	50 ↑	43 ↓	54 ↑	45 ↓
Strongly agree	9	13 ↑	6 ↓	40	12	9	9	8	10	9	10	9
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	55	59 ↑	51 ↓	60	61	60 ↑	52	49 ↓	59 ↑	52 ↓	64 ↑	54 ↓
Don't know	10	9	11		6 ↓	6 ↓	12	16 ↑	6 ↓	13 ↑	4 ↓	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 (2023) (continued)

Q54 Column %	Total 2023	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1493	Female n = 1649	Non- binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1100	40-59 years n = 851	60+ years n = 868	Yes n = 1160	No n = 1977	Yes n = 273	No n = 2874
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Disability service system												
	Total 2023 n = 3147	Male n = 1493	Female n = 1649	Non- binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1100	40-59 years n = 851	60+ years n = 868	Yes n = 1160	No n = 1977	Yes n = 273	No n = 2874
Strongly disagree	5	4	5		4	4	6 ↑	4	5	5	7	4
Disagree	21	20	22	40	19	20	21	23	21	21	17	22
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	26	25	27	40	23	25	27	27	26	26	23	26
No opinion	6	6	6		7	6	4 ↓	8 ↑	6	6	6	6
Agree	42	42	42		47	48 ↑	39	35 ↓	45	40	52 ↑	41 ↓
Strongly agree	9	12 ↑	7 ↓	40	11	11 ↑	8	7 ↓	11	8	11	9
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	51	54 ↑	49 ↓	40	58 ↑	59 ↑	48 ↓	42 ↓	55 ↑	49 ↓	63 ↑	50 ↓
Don't know	17	15 ↓	19 ↑	20	12 ↓	10 ↓	21 ↑	23 ↑	13 ↓	19 ↑	7 ↓	18 ↑
Education system												
	Total 2023 n = 3145	Male n = 1491	Female n = 1649	Non- binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 326	25-39 years n = 1100	40-59 years n = 850	60+ years n = 869	Yes n = 1159	No n = 1976	Yes n = 273	No n = 2872
Strongly disagree	7	5 ↓	8 ↑	20	9	7	8	5 ↓	7	6	9	6
Disagree	31	30	32	40	35	31	31	29	32	30	30	31
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	38	35 ↓	40 ↑	60	44 ↑	38	38	34 ↓	39	37	40	37
No opinion	5	5	5		4	5	4	7 ↑	4 ↓	6 ↑	3	5
Agree	39	40	39	20	40	43 ↑	39	36 ↓	43 ↑	38 ↓	41	39
Strongly agree	8	10 ↑	6 ↓	20	9	9	8	7	9	7	11	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	47	50 ↑	45 ↓	40	48	52 ↑	46	43 ↓	52 ↑	45 ↓	52	47
Don't know	10	10	10		4 ↓	6 ↓	11	16 ↑	5 ↓	13 ↑	5 ↓	10 ↑
Child protection and family support system												
	Total 2023 n = 3145	Male n = 1492	Female n = 1648	Non- binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1098	40-59 years n = 851	60+ years n = 868	Yes n = 1159	No n = 1976	Yes n = 273	No n = 2872
Strongly disagree	7	6	8		5	7	8	7	7	7	8	7
Disagree	26	24 ↓	28 ↑	20	22	22 ↓	29	30 ↑	25	26	24	26
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	33	30 ↓	35 ↑	20	27 ↓	29 ↓	36 ↑	37 ↑	32	33	32	33
No opinion	5	6	5		8	4 ↓	5	7	5	6	5	5
Agree	38	39	36	40	40	46 ↑	32 ↓	31 ↓	40 ↑	36 ↓	43	37
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	6 ↓	20	13 ↑	11 ↑	8	5 ↓	10	8	11	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	51 ↑	42 ↓	60	53 ↑	57 ↑	40 ↓	36 ↓	50 ↑	44 ↓	53 ↑	45 ↓
Don't know	16	13 ↓	18 ↑	20	12	10 ↓	19 ↑	20 ↑	13 ↓	17 ↑	9 ↓	16 ↑

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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 (2023)

Q54 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Health system									
	Total 2023 n = 3144	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 399	South East n = 460	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 615	Yes n = 291	No n = 2844
Strongly disagree	4	3	4	6	5	5	4	3	5
Disagree	27	25	27	31	23	26	29	17 ↓	27 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	31	28	31	37	28	32	33	20 ↓	32 ↑
No opinion	4	3	5	5	4	5	5	3	4
Agree	46	47	48	46	47	44	42	56 ↑	45 ↓
Strongly agree	9	11 ↑	6	5 ↓	10	8	10	16 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	55	59 ↑	54	51	57	52	51	72 ↑	53 ↓
Don't know	10	9	10	8	12	12	11	5 ↓	11 ↑
Disability service system									
	Total 2023 n = 3147	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 400	South East n = 461	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 616	Yes n = 291	No n = 2847
Strongly disagree	5	4	4	6	5	5	4	4	5
Disagree	21	21	20	23	18	23	22	14 ↓	22 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	26	25	23	29	23	28	26	19 ↓	26 ↑
No opinion	6	6	6	7	5	7	6	7	6
Agree	42	44	44	43	44	39	39	52 ↑	41 ↓
Strongly agree	9	9	8	8	9	10	11	14 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	51	53	52	50	53	48	50	66 ↑	50 ↓
Don't know	17	17	18	14	19	16	18	8 ↓	18 ↑
Education system									
	Total 2023 n = 3145	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 400	South East n = 461	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 615	Yes n = 290	No n = 2846
Strongly disagree	7	6	7	7	7	9	6	4	7
Disagree	31	29	29	36	28	33	32	23 ↓	32 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	38	35	36	43	35	42	38	27 ↓	39 ↑
No opinion	5	5	5	6	5	6	4	4	5
Agree	39	42	44	39	40	33 ↓	37	49 ↑	39 ↓
Strongly agree	8	9	6	6	9	8	9	16 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	47	51	49	45	49	41 ↓	47	64 ↑	46 ↓
Don't know	10	10	9	7	11	11	11	4 ↓	11 ↑
Child protection and family support system									
	Total 2023 n = 3145	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 873	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 400	South East n = 460	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 291	No n = 2845
Strongly disagree	7	6	8	7	8	9	6	3 ↓	7 ↑
Disagree	26	24	28	28	22	26	29	17 ↓	27 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	33	30	35	35	30	35	35	20 ↓	34 ↑
No opinion	5	4	5	5	5	8 ↑	6	7	5
Agree	38	41	38	39	37	35	34	49 ↑	36 ↓
Strongly agree	9	10	6	7	12	7	8	15 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	51 ↑	44	46	49	42	42	64 ↑	44 ↓
Don't know	16	15	15	15	16	15	17	9 ↓	16 ↑

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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 (2023) (continued)

Q54 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		<i>% of respondents</i>							
Mental health system									
	Total 2023 n = 3146	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 400	South East n = 461	South West n = 435	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 290	No n = 2847
Strongly disagree	8	7	8	9	9	10	8	4 ↓	9 ↑
Disagree	28	27	29	30	26	28	28	22	28
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	36	34	36	39	34	38	36	26 ↓	37 ↑
No opinion	5	5	6	6	4	5	3	7	5
Agree	37	38	38	36	39	34	35	43	36
Strongly agree	9	10	7	10	7	8	9	15 ↑	8 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	45	48	45	46	46	41	44	58 ↑	44 ↓
Don't know	14	13	12	10	15	15	16	9 ↓	14 ↑
Youth justice system									
	Total 2023 n = 3146	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 357	North Queensland n = 399	South East n = 462	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 616	Yes n = 290	No n = 2847
Strongly disagree	12	10	15	15	12	11	12	6 ↓	13 ↑
Disagree	29	29	31	30	25	29	29	24	29
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	41	39	46	45	36	40	41	30 ↓	42 ↑
No opinion	7	6	6	5	8	10 ↑	5	7	7
Agree	29	31	28	31	31	26	28	40 ↑	28 ↓
Strongly agree	7	8	6	5	8	6	8	13 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	36	39	33	36	38	32	36	53 ↑	35 ↓
Don't know	16	15	15	14	18	17	18	10 ↓	17 ↑
Public housing system									
	Total 2023 n = 3148	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 399	South East n = 462	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 291	No n = 2848
Strongly disagree	11	11	10	13	11	12	11	11	11
Disagree	35	35	32	38	32	36	34	28	35
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	46	46	42	51	43	48	45	38	46
No opinion	6	6	8	6	7	8	5	8	6
Agree	24	25	25	24	23	21	24	32 ↑	23 ↓
Strongly agree	5	5	5	4	6	4	5	10 ↑	4 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	28	30	30	28	29	25	29	42 ↑	27 ↓
Don't know	19	18	20	16	21	20	21	12 ↓	20 ↑

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

3.5 Mental health

Q56 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 2023 results

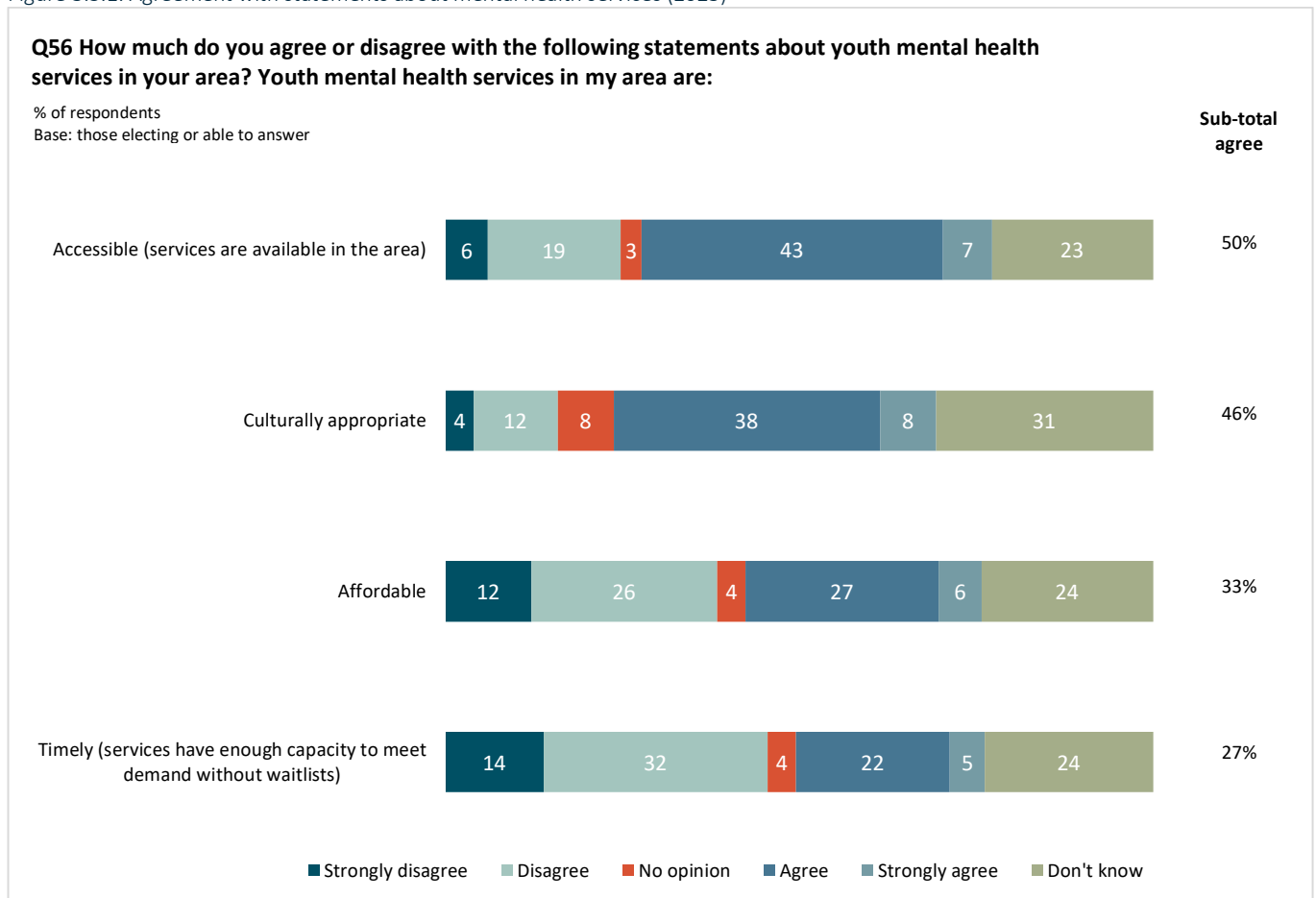
Respondents were asked to rate their agreement with various statements regarding youth mental health services in their area.

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 (33% 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; 27% 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 (2023)

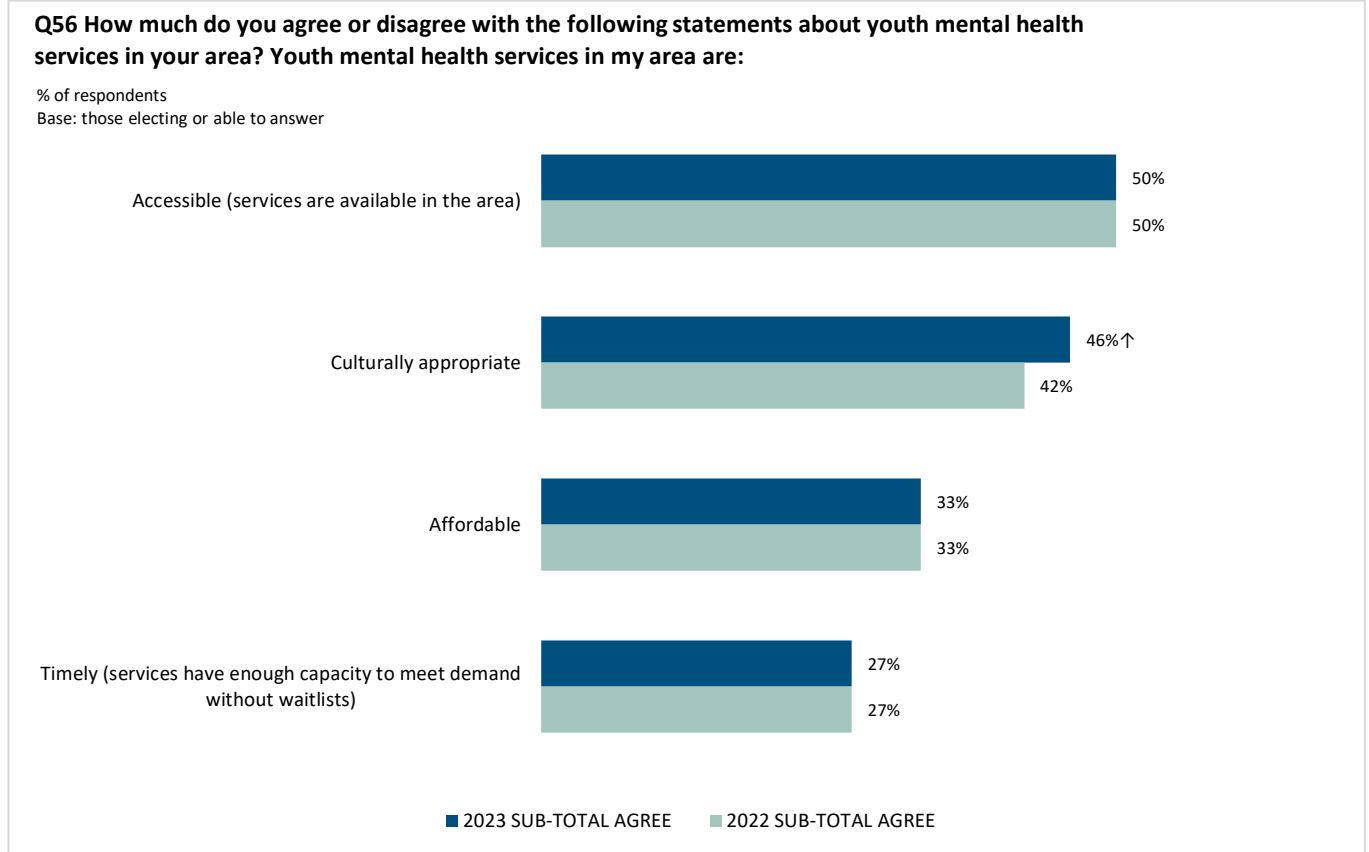


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3145 (when 9 respondents declined to answer) for two items: 'Affordable' and 'Culturally appropriate'. The 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

There was a statistically significant increase in overall agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that youth mental health services in a respondent's local area are culturally appropriate, increasing from 42% agreed/strongly agreed in 2022 to 46% in 2023.

Figure 3.5.2: Agreement with statements about mental health services 2022-2023 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'. The reader is referred to Table 3.5.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

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 (2023) (continued)

Q56 Column %	Total 2023	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1491	Female n = 1649	Non- binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1099	40-59 years n = 848	60+ years n = 870	Yes n = 1159	No n = 1976	Yes n = 273	No n = 2872
Culturally appropriate												
Strongly disagree	4	3	4		4	4	5 ↑	3	4	3	7 ↑	3 ↓
Disagree	12	11 ↓	14 ↑		13	11	13	12	13	12	15	12
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	14 ↓	18 ↑		16	15	18	15	17	15	22 ↑	15 ↓
No opinion	8	8	7	20	6	7	7	10 ↑	8	8	5	8
Agree	38	39	37		48 ↑	47 ↑	33 ↓	27 ↓	41 ↑	36 ↓	48 ↑	37 ↓
Strongly agree	8	10 ↑	6 ↓	40	12 ↑	9 ↑	8	5 ↓	9 ↑	7 ↓	8	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	50 ↑	43 ↓	40	59 ↑	57 ↑	41 ↓	32 ↓	51 ↑	43 ↓	56 ↑	45 ↓
Don't know	31	28 ↓	33 ↑	40	19 ↓	21 ↓	34 ↑	44 ↑	24 ↓	34 ↑	16 ↓	32 ↑
Affordable												
Strongly disagree	12	8 ↓	15 ↑	20	14	11	15 ↑	8 ↓	13 ↑	11 ↓	9	12
Disagree	26	23 ↓	30 ↑	40	29	29 ↑	27	22 ↓	30 ↑	24 ↓	18 ↓	27 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	38	31 ↓	45 ↑	60	43	40	42 ↑	30 ↓	44 ↑	35 ↓	28 ↓	39 ↑
No opinion	4	5	4		5	3 ↓	5	6	4	5	4	5
Agree	27	30 ↑	24 ↓		28	33 ↑	24	22 ↓	28	26	43 ↑	25 ↓
Strongly agree	6	8 ↑	4 ↓	40	10 ↑	7 ↑	6	3 ↓	8 ↑	5 ↓	11 ↑	5 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	33	38 ↑	28 ↓	40	38 ↑	40 ↑	30 ↓	25 ↓	36 ↑	31 ↓	54 ↑	31 ↓
Don't know	24	26	23		13 ↓	17 ↓	24	39 ↑	17 ↓	29 ↑	14 ↓	25 ↑
Timely (services have enough capacity to meet demand without waitlists)												
Strongly disagree	14	9 ↓	18 ↑	40	9 ↓	13	19 ↑	11 ↓	16 ↑	12 ↓	11	14
Disagree	32	26 ↓	37 ↑	40	36	31	31	30	33	31	29	32
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	45	35 ↓	54 ↑	80	45	44	50 ↑	41 ↓	49 ↑	43 ↓	40	46
No opinion	4	5 ↑	3		4	4	4	4	4	4	5	4
Agree	22	27 ↑	17 ↓		31 ↑	28 ↑	18 ↓	14 ↓	25 ↑	20 ↓	34 ↑	21 ↓
Strongly agree	5	7 ↑	3 ↓	20	8 ↑	6 ↑	5	2 ↓	7 ↑	4 ↓	9 ↑	4 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	27	34 ↑	20 ↓	20	39 ↑	35 ↑	23 ↓	15 ↓	31 ↑	24 ↓	44 ↑	25 ↓
Don't know	24	26	23		12 ↓	17 ↓	23	39 ↑	16 ↓	29 ↑	11 ↓	25 ↑

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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 (2023)

Q56 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Accessible (services are available in the area)									
	Total 2023 n = 3147	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 873	Far North Queensland n = 357	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 460	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 291	No n = 2847
Strongly disagree	6	5	6	6	5	7	6	4	6
Disagree	19	17	19	22	16	20	21	14	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	24	21	25	27	21	27	27	18	25
No opinion	3	4	2	3	3	3	2	5	3
Agree	43	41	44	48	45	42	43	50	42
Strongly agree	7	7	6	7	7	6	7	9	7
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	50	48	50	55	52	48	49	59 ↑	49 ↓
Don't know	23	27 ↑	22	14 ↓	25	21	22	18	23
Culturally appropriate									
	Total 2023 n = 3145	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 873	Far North Queensland n = 357	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 458	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 291	No n = 2845
Strongly disagree	4	3	5	7 ↑	3	3	3	4	4
Disagree	12	11	13	12	11	14	13	13	12
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	14	19	19	14	16	16	18	16
No opinion	8	9	7	10	5	9	6	10	8
Agree	38	38	39	39	40	38	36	44	37
Strongly agree	8	8	8	9	8	7	7	11	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	46	48	48	47	45	44	54 ↑	45 ↓
Don't know	31	32	26	23 ↓	33	30	34	18 ↓	32 ↑
Affordable									
	Total 2023 n = 3145	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 401	South East n = 459	South West n = 436	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 290	No n = 2846
Strongly disagree	12	11	13	11	14	11	11	9	12
Disagree	26	30	21	26	27	28	24	24	27
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	38	40	34	38	41	39	35	33	39
No opinion	4	5	4	5	3	5	5	6	4
Agree	27	25	30	29	26	26	28	34	26
Strongly agree	6	6	9	5	7	4	5	10 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	33	31	39	34	33	30	33	43 ↑	32 ↓
Don't know	24	24	23	23	23	26	27	18 ↓	25 ↑
Timely (services have enough capacity to meet demand without waitlists)									
	Total 2023 n = 3148	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 459	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 291	No n = 2848
Strongly disagree	14	12	15	17	14	12	14	7 ↓	14 ↑
Disagree	32	28	31	32	30	38 ↑	33	22 ↓	32 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	45	40 ↓	46	49	43	50	47	30 ↓	47 ↑
No opinion	4	5	5	4	3	4	3	7	4
Agree	22	24	21	25	22	18	19	37 ↑	20 ↓
Strongly agree	5	6	5	2	6	3	5	9 ↑	4 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	27	30	26	28	29	22	24	46 ↑	25 ↓
Don't know	24	25	23	20	25	24	26	18	25

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

3.6 Accessing youth mental health services

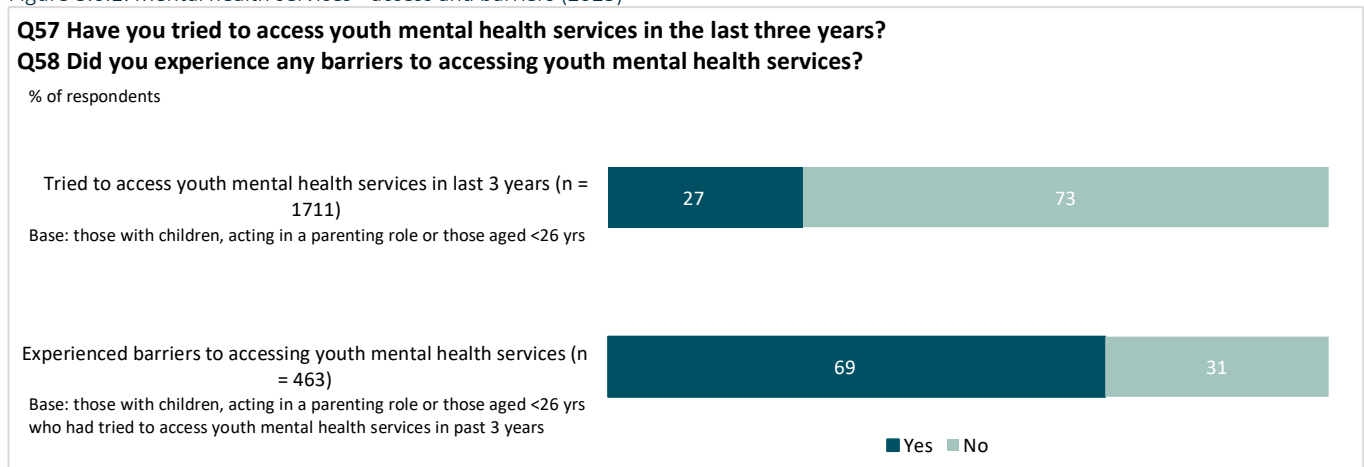
Q57 Have you tried to access youth mental health services in the last three years?
 Q58 Did you experience any barriers to accessing youth mental health services?

3.6.1 2023 results

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

27% of these respondents had tried to access youth mental health services in the past three years. 69% of those who had tried to access youth mental health services indicated they experienced barriers when trying to access these services.

Figure 3.6.1: Mental health services - access and barriers (2023)

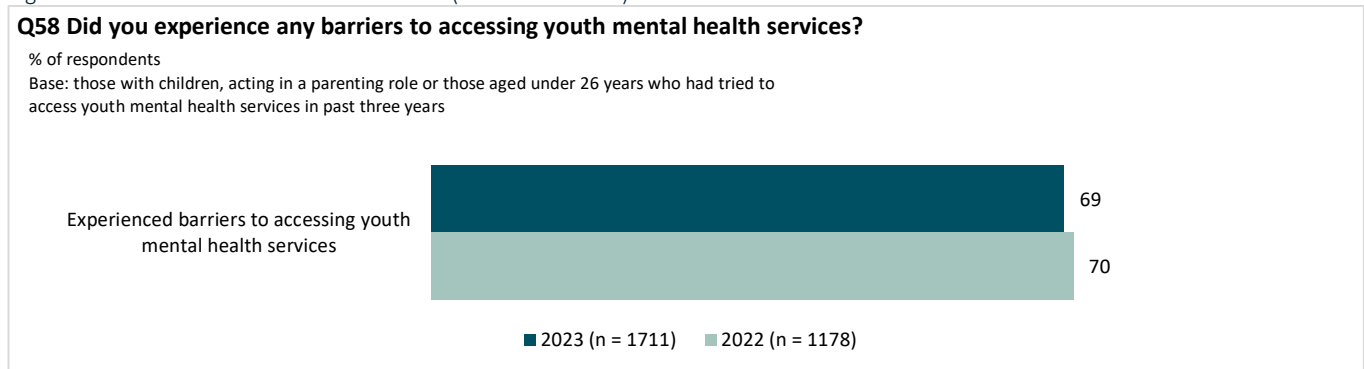


3.6.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Figure 3.6.2 shows that the proportion of respondents experiencing barriers to accessing youth mental health services remained consistent at approximately seven in ten of those who tried to access services across both years (70% in 2022, 69% in 2023).

The question ‘Have you tried to access youth mental health services in the last three years?’ was also asked in 2022, however the question was asked to those currently responsible for the care of a child aged 0-17 years or those born in or after 1996. The result was in 2022 was 31%, however no comparison has been made with the 2023 result (31%) due to the change in who was asked this question. In 2023, the question was asked of more respondents: respondents currently responsible for the care of a child aged 0-17 years, those born in or after 1997 or those acting in a parenting role (n=1711, with a result of 27%, as described above).

Figure 3.6.2: Mental health services - barriers (2022-2023 trend)



3.6.3 Sub-group differences (2023)

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).

Respondents aged 18 to 24 years (35%) were more likely than other age groups (27% average) to indicate that they had tried to access youth mental health services in the past three years. As were respondents aged 40-59 years old (31%). Female respondents (32%) or those who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (38%) were also significantly more likely than their respective counterparts to have tried to access youth mental health services in 2023.

Among respondents who tried to access services, female respondents were significantly more likely to report that they experienced barriers to accessing youth mental health services (73%, 60% males). While analysis of age sub-groups highlights that respondents aged 18-24 years old were significantly less likely to report having experienced barriers to accessing youth mental health services in contrast to older age groups (59%, 69% average).

Table 3.6.1: Mental health services - access by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023)

Q57 Column %	Total 2023 n = 1711	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 705	Female n = 1002	Non- binary n = 4 [^]	18-24 years n = 327	25-39 years n = 742	40-59 years n = 534	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1160	No n = 545	Yes n = 222	No n = 1489
% of respondents												

Q57. Have you tried to access youth mental health services in the last three years?												
Yes	27	21 ↓	32 ↑	75	35 ↑	24 ↓	31 ↑	10 ↓	28	26	38 ↑	26 ↓
No	73	79 ↑	68 ↓	25	65 ↓	76 ↑	69 ↓	90 ↑	72	74	62 ↓	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

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Table 3.6.2: Mental health services - access by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q57 Column %	Total 2023 n = 1711	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 437	Far North Queensland n = 196	North Queensland n = 250	South East n = 253	South West n = 272	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 303	Yes n = 205	No n = 1502
% of respondents									

Q57. Have you tried to access youth mental health services in the last three years?									
Yes	27	25	33	20	29	26	31	26	27
No	73	75	67	80	71	74	69	74	73

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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 (2023)

Q58 Column %	Total 2023 n = 463	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 144	Female n = 316	Non- binary n = 3 [^]	18-24 years n = 112	25-39 years n = 175	40-59 years n = 165	60+ years n = 11 [^]	Yes n = 321	No n = 140	Yes n = 84	No n = 379

% of respondents

Q58. Did you experience any barriers to accessing youth mental health services?												
Yes	69	60 ↓	73 ↑	33	59 ↓	69	73	91	72	62	64	70
No	31	40 ↑	27 ↓	67	41 ↑	31	27	9	28	38	36	30

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 (2023)

Q58 Column %	Total 2023 n = 463	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 109	Far North Queensland n = 64	North Queensland n = 51	South East n = 73	South West n = 72	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 94	Yes n = 54	No n = 409

% of respondents

Q58. Did you experience any barriers to accessing youth mental health services?									
Yes	69	67	75	59	62	78	70	72	68
No	31	33	25	41	38	22	30	28	32

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

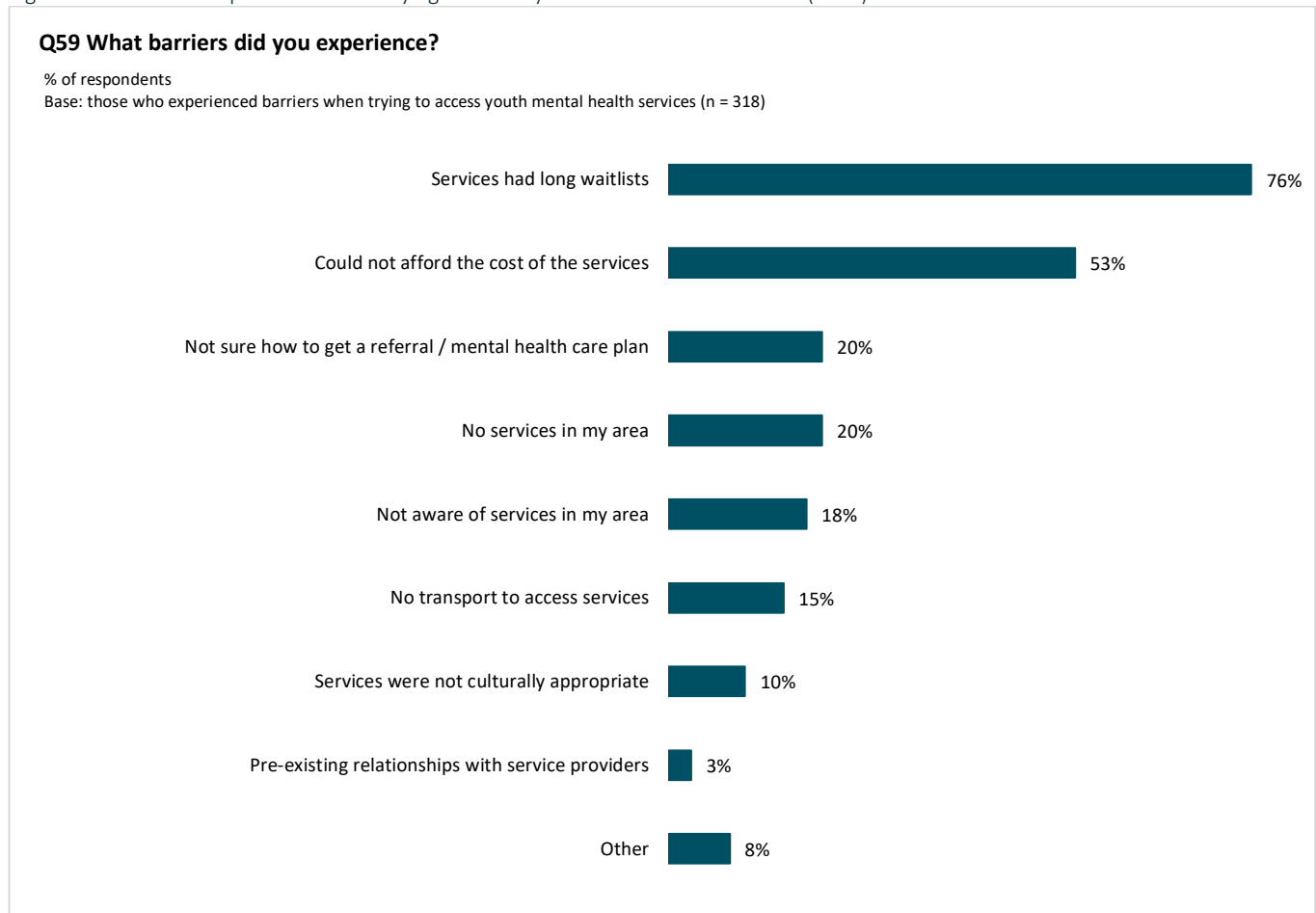
3.6.4 Barriers experienced when trying to access youth mental health services

Q59 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 (76%) or not being able to afford the cost of the services (53%).

20% were unsure how to get a referral or mental health care plan, 20% felt there were no services available in their area while 18% were not aware of the services in their area.

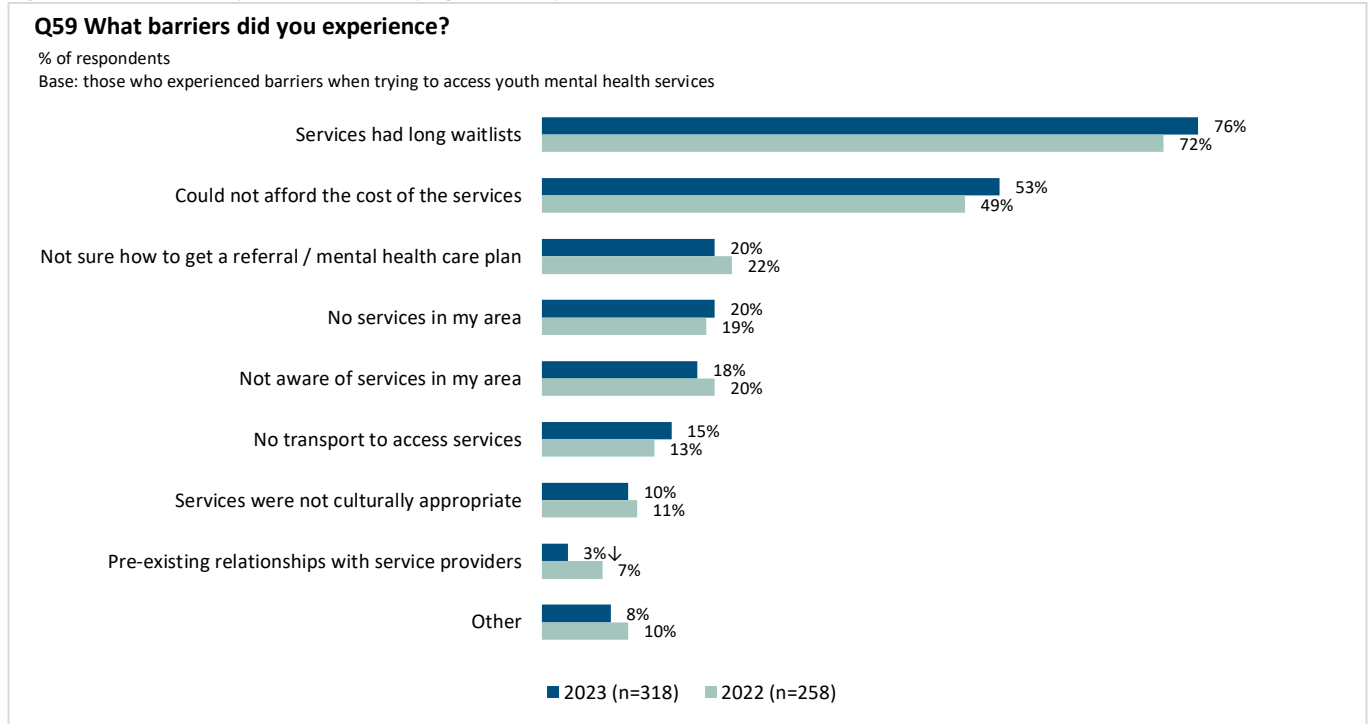
Figure 3.6.3: Barriers experienced when trying to access youth mental health services (2023)



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 2023 and 2022. One of the minor barriers [pre-existing relationships with service providers] was noted less often at a statistically significant level dropping from 7% in 2022 to 3% in 2023.

Figure 3.6.4: Barriers experienced when trying to access youth mental health services 2022-2023 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).

Female respondents who had difficulties accessing mental health services were more likely than males to report long waitlists (80%, 63% males), while respondents who had responsibility for a child aged 0-17 years were more likely than average to report they felt there were no services in their area (25%, 9% among those not responsible for a child).

Those aged 18-24 years old were significantly more likely than their older counterparts to report that they had no transport to access services (26%, 15% average).

Respondents who identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander were more likely than others to state that services available were not culturally appropriate (26%, 6% others); as were respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (36%, 6% others).

There were no statistically significant differences by region.

Table 3.6.5: Barriers experienced when trying to access youth mental health services (2023)

Q59 Column %	Total 2023 n = 318	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 87	Female n = 230	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 66	25-39 years n = 121	40-59 years n = 121	60+ years n = 10^	Yes n = 230	No n = 87	Yes n = 54	No n = 264
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Services had long waitlists	76	63 ↓	80 ↑	100	64	74	83	80	75	77	67	78
Could not afford the cost of the services	53	40 ↓	57	100	52	55	51	50	52	54	30 ↓	58 ↑
Not sure how to get a referral / mental health care plan	20	28	18		27	24	14	10	19	24	28	19
No services in my area	20	29	17		11	26	21	10	25 ↑	9 ↓	7	23
Not aware of services in my area	18	17	18		18	21	15	10	18	16	28	16
No transport to access services	15	21	13		26 ↑	15	8	20	13	21	24	13
Services were not culturally appropriate	10	16	7		8	15	6	10	12	5	26 ↑	6 ↓
Pre-existing relationships with service providers	3	6	2		3	2	2	20	3	2	2	3
Other	8	6	9		3	5	14 ↑	10	9	6	6	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 (2023)

Q59 Column %	Total 2023 n = 318	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 73	Far North Queensland n = 48	North Queensland n = 30	South East n = 45	South West n = 56	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 66	Yes n = 39	No n = 279
<i>% of respondents</i>									
Services had long waitlists	76	68	77	90	84	77	70	46 ↓	80 ↑
Could not afford the cost of the services	53	60	52	70	58	41	44	36	55
Not sure how to get a referral / mental health care plan	20	18	23	20	16	21	24	33	19
No services in my area	20	18	21	10	27	23	21	18	21
Not aware of services in my area	18	10	29	10	22	21	15	21	17
No transport to access services	15	10	15	17	9	20	20	23	14
Services were not culturally appropriate	10	7	15	10	4	11	12	36 ↑	6 ↓
Pre-existing relationships with service providers	3	1	2		4	7	2		3
Other	8	8	6	7	4	7	14	5	9

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

3.7 Prioritisation, safety and inclusion of children and young people

Q60 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

3.7.1 2023 results

Respondents were asked their level of agreement with statements relating to the prioritisation, safety and inclusion of children and young people.

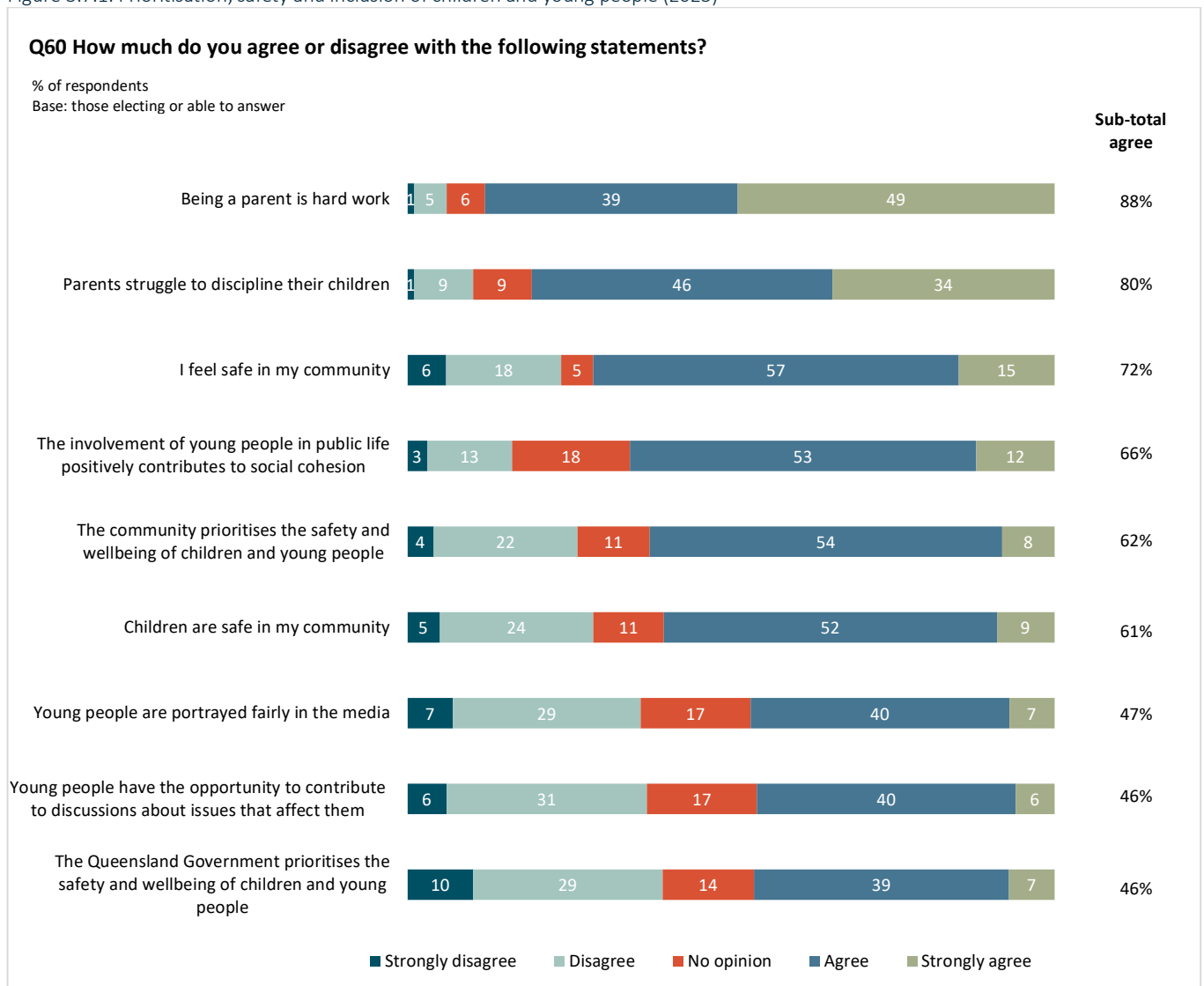
Agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) was highest for the statement *'being a parent is hard work'* (88%) with 49% strongly agreeing with this statement and 39% agreeing. The second highest level of agreement was for the statement *'parents struggle to discipline their children'* (80%) with 34% strongly agreeing and 46% agreeing.

72% of respondents agreed with the statement *'I feel safe in my community'* and 66% agreed that *'the involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion'*. Slightly lower levels of agreement were noted for *'the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (62%) with 8% strongly agreeing and 54% agreeing; and for the statement *'children are safe in my community'* (61%) with 9% strongly agreeing and 52% agreeing.

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):

- *'Young people are portrayed fairly in the media'* (47% agreed, 36% disagreed)
- *'Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them'* (46% agreed, 37% disagreed)
- *'The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people'* (46% agreed, 39% disagreed).

Figure 3.7.1: Prioritisation, safety and inclusion of children and young people (2023)



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=3140 (when 14 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.

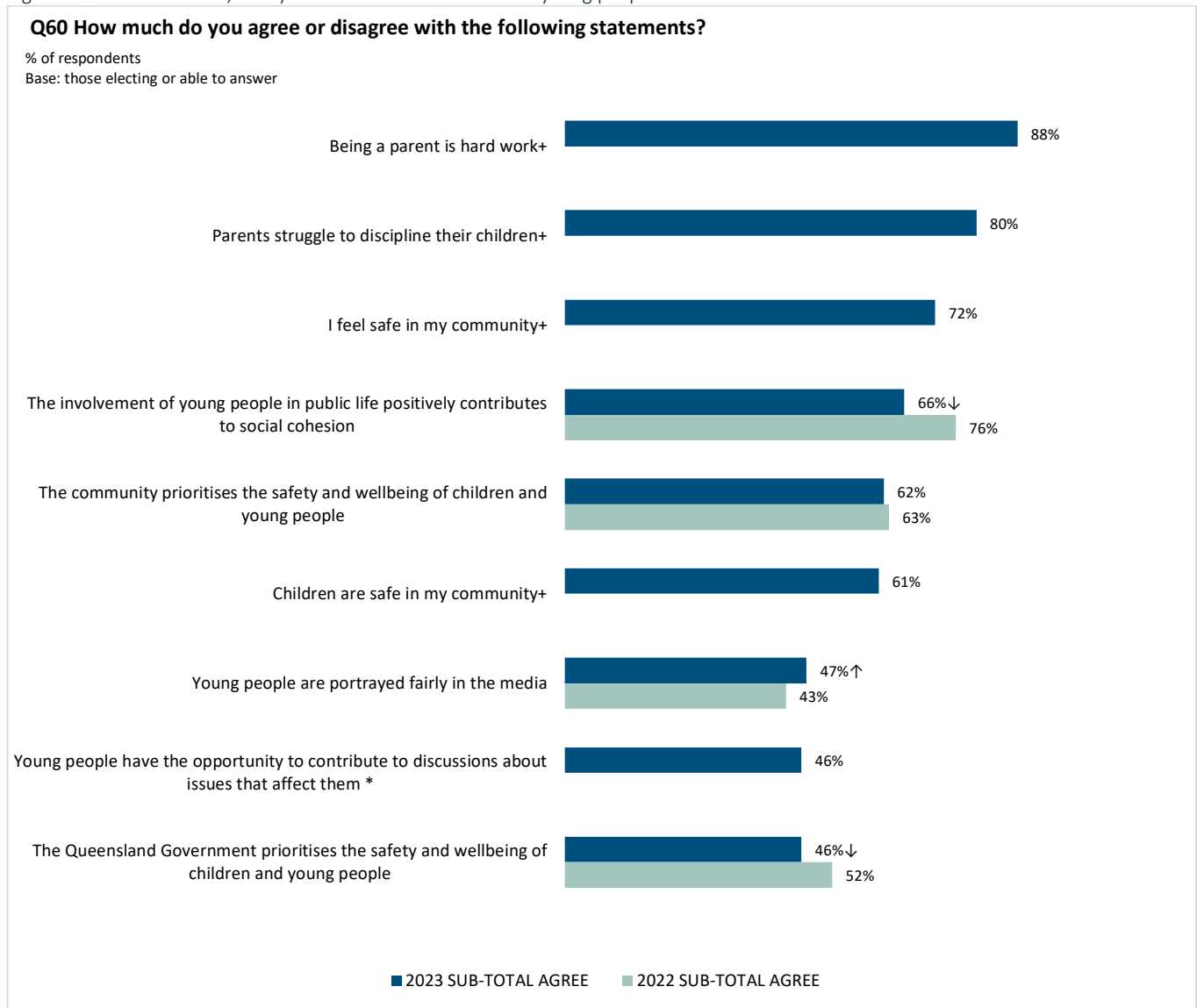
3.7.2 Comparison to previous survey data

Four of the statements included in the 2023 survey were also asked in the 2022 survey and comparisons can be made over time.

There was significantly higher agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that ‘young people are portrayed fairly in the media’ in contrast to 2022 (43% in 2022, 47% in 2023).

Lower agreement was registered for the statements ‘the involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion’ (76% in 2022, 66% in 2023) and ‘the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people’ (52% in 2022, 46% in 2023).

Figure 3.7.2: Prioritisation, safety and inclusion of children and young people 2022-2023 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’. 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.

3.7.3 Sub-group differences (2023)

These statements were analysed by key sub-groups (Tables 3.7.1 and 3.7.2). Male respondents were more likely than females to agree with all the statements tested with one exception [*parents struggle to discipline their children*] where their agreement was the same as females.

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

- '*Being a parent is hard work*' (92%, 86% those not responsible for a child)
- '*The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people*' (65%, 60%)
- '*The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people*' (51%, 44%)
- '*Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them*' (50%, 44%).

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

- '*I feel safe in my community*' (80%, 71% those who do not identify as such)
- '*The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people*' (72%, 61%)
- '*Children are safe in my community*' (72%, 60%)
- '*The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people*' (63%, 45%)
- '*Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them*' (57%, 45%).

Respondents who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander had higher disagreement levels (disagreed/strongly disagreed) with the following statements:

- '*Being a parent is hard work*' (9%, 5% those who do not identify as such)
- '*The involvement of young people in public life positive contributes to social cohesion*' (22%, 16%)
- '*Young people are portrayed fairly in the media*' (43%, 36%).

A variety of age differences were apparent in levels of agreement and disagreement:

- The statements '*parents struggle to discipline their children*' and '*I feel safe in my community*' were significantly more likely to be agreed to by respondents aged 60+ years old (83% and 76% respectively, 80% and 72% average respectively).
- The statements '*the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people*' and '*children are safe in my community*' were significantly more likely to be disagreed with by respondents aged 40-59 years old in comparison to the level of disagreement among other age groups (32% and 31% respectively, 27% and 28% average disagreement overall). Respondents aged 25-39 years old were significantly more likely to agree overall with these two statements (68% and 65% respectively, 62% and 61% average agreement overall).
- The statement '*young people are portrayed fairly in the media*' garnered greater disagreement from respondents aged 18-24 years old in contrast to other age groups (46%, 36% average disagreement).
- Respondents aged under 40 years old were significantly more likely than older age groups to agree overall with the statements '*the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people*' (53% 18-24, 55% 25-39, 46% average) or '*young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them*' (56% 18-24, 50% 25-39, 46% 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*' (82%, 72% average), '*the involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion*' (70%, 66%), '*the community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people*' (69%, 62%), '*children are safe in my community*' (72%, 61%) or '*the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people*' (56%, 46%). Residents in the South East region were significantly more likely to agree with statements '*I feel safe in my community*' (82%, 72% average), '*children are safe in my community*' (70%, 61%) and '*the Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people*' (52%, 46%).

Respondents in the regions of Far North Queensland, North Queensland and South West were significantly less likely than those living in other regions to agree with statements related to community safety and the safety of children and young people in the community in contrast to the average (refer to Table 3.7.2 for specific proportions).

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 protections and supports for children and young people by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023)

Q60 Column %	Total 2023	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 = 3146	n = 1493	n = 1648	n = 5 [^]	n = 327	n = 1099	n = 850	n = 870	n = 1160	n = 1976	n = 272	n = 2874
Being a parent is hard work												
Strongly disagree	1	1	1		2	1	1	0	1	1	2	1
Disagree	5	6 ↑	3 ↓		3	5	5	5	5	4	7	4
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	7 ↑	4 ↓		6	6	6	5	7	5	9 ↑	5 ↓
No opinion	6	7	6		9	5	6	7	2 ↓	9 ↑	6	6
Agree	39	41 ↑	36 ↓	80	36	41	38	37	41	37	43	38
Strongly agree	49	45 ↓	54 ↑	20	50	48	51	50	51	48	42 ↓	50 ↑
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	88	86 ↓	90 ↑	100	85	89	88	88	92 ↑	86 ↓	85	88
Parents struggle to discipline their children												
	Total 2023	Male	Female	Non-binary	18-24 years	25-39 years	40-59 years	60+ years	Yes	No	Yes	No
	n = 3149	n = 1494	n = 1650	n = 5 [^]	n = 327	n = 1099	n = 850	n = 873	n = 1159	n = 1980	n = 273	n = 2876
Strongly disagree	1	2 ↑	1 ↓	20	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Disagree	9	10	8	20	9	10	9	8	13 ↑	7 ↓	8	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	12	9 ↓	40	12	12	10	9	15 ↑	8 ↓	9	11
No opinion	9	8	10	20	15 ↑	10	8	8	7 ↓	11 ↑	8	9
Agree	46	45	48	40	47	51 ↑	46	41 ↓	51 ↑	44 ↓	56 ↑	45 ↓
Strongly agree	34	35	33		27 ↓	28 ↓	36	42 ↑	28 ↓	37 ↑	27 ↓	34 ↑
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	80	80	80	40	73 ↓	79	82	83 ↑	79	81	83	80
I feel safe in my community												
	Total 2023	Male	Female	Non-binary	18-24 years	25-39 years	40-59 years	60+ years	Yes	No	Yes	No
	n = 3141	n = 1491	n = 1645	n = 5 [^]	n = 325	n = 1099	n = 849	n = 868	n = 1159	n = 1972	n = 272	n = 2869
Strongly disagree	6	5 ↓	7 ↑		6	6	7	5	6	6	7	6
Disagree	18	14 ↓	21 ↑		19	19	19	14 ↓	20 ↑	16 ↓	20	17
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	19 ↓	28 ↑		25	25	25	19 ↓	26 ↑	22 ↓	28	23
No opinion	5	4 ↓	6 ↑		6	3 ↓	6	5	3 ↓	6 ↑	6	5
Agree	57	58	56	80	51	57	56	61 ↑	57	57	55	57
Strongly agree	15	19 ↑	11 ↓	20	17	14	13	16	13	16	12	15
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	72	77 ↑	67 ↓	100	68	71	68 ↓	76 ↑	70	72	67	72

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.7.1: 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 (2023) (continued)

Q60 Column %	Total 2023	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER		
% of respondents												
The involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion												
	Total 2023 n = 3140	Male n = 1488	Female n = 1647	Non-binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 327	25-39 years n = 1098	40-59 years n = 846	60+ years n = 869	Yes n = 1157	No n = 1973	Yes n = 271	No n = 2869
Strongly disagree	3	4	3		6	4	3	2	3	4	6 ↑	3 ↓
Disagree	13	12	14		14	14	14	11	15 ↑	11 ↓	16	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	16	17		19	17	17	13 ↓	18 ↑	15 ↓	22 ↑	16 ↓
No opinion	18	15 ↓	20 ↑	60	15	15 ↓	19	22 ↑	14 ↓	20 ↑	15	18
Agree	53	56 ↑	51	20	52	57 ↑	50 ↓	53	55	53	53	53
Strongly agree	12	13	11	20	13	12	13	12	13	12	10	13
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	69 ↑	63 ↓	40	65	68	63	65	68	65	63	66
The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people												
	Total 2023 n = 3149	Male n = 1494	Female n = 1650	Non-binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1099	40-59 years n = 850	60+ years n = 872	Yes n = 1160	No n = 1979	Yes n = 272	No n = 2877
Strongly disagree	4	4	5		5	4	6	3	5	4	7 ↑	4 ↓
Disagree	22	19 ↓	26 ↑	40	20	19 ↓	26 ↑	23	23	22	24	22
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	27	23 ↓	30 ↑	40	25	23 ↓	32 ↑	26	28	26	31	26
No opinion	11	10 ↓	13 ↑		9	8 ↓	12	16 ↑	7 ↓	14 ↑	7	12
Agree	54	56 ↑	52 ↓	60	59	60 ↑	48 ↓	50 ↓	55	53	53	54
Strongly agree	8	11 ↑	5 ↓		7	8	8	8	10 ↑	7 ↓	8	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	62	68 ↑	57 ↓	60	66	68 ↑	57 ↓	58 ↓	65 ↑	60 ↓	61	62
Children are safe in my community												
	Total 2023 n = 3146	Male n = 1492	Female n = 1649	Non-binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1100	40-59 years n = 848	60+ years n = 870	Yes n = 1161	No n = 1975	Yes n = 273	No n = 2873
Strongly disagree	5	4	5		5	5	5	3	5	4	7	4
Disagree	24	18 ↓	28 ↑	40	23	23	26	21	25	23	25	23
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	28	22 ↓	33 ↑	40	28	28	31 ↑	25 ↓	30	27	33	28
No opinion	11	9 ↓	12 ↑		8	7 ↓	11	16 ↑	6 ↓	13 ↑	7	11
Agree	52	57 ↑	48 ↓	20	49	55	50	52	54	52	48	53
Strongly agree	9	12 ↑	6 ↓	40	14 ↑	10	7	7 ↓	10	9	12	9
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	61	69 ↑	54 ↓	60	64	65 ↑	58 ↓	59	63	60	60	61

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

[^] Caution small cell size

Table 3.7.1: 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 (2023) (continued)

Q60 Column %	Total 2023	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 = 3148	n = 1494	n = 1649	n = 5 [^]	n = 327	n = 1098	n = 851	n = 872	n = 1158	n = 1980	n = 272	n = 2876
Young people are portrayed fairly in the media												
Strongly disagree	7	7	7	20	9	8	7	5 ↓	8	7	11 ↑	7 ↓
Disagree	29	26 ↓	32 ↑	20	36 ↑	29	29	27	31	28	32	29
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	36	34 ↓	38 ↑	40	46 ↑	37	36	32 ↓	38	35	43 ↑	36 ↓
No opinion	17	14 ↓	19 ↑		10 ↓	13 ↓	19	21 ↑	13 ↓	19 ↑	11 ↓	17 ↑
Agree	40	43 ↑	37 ↓	40	35	42	39	40	41	39	35	40
Strongly agree	7	9 ↑	6 ↓	20	9	7	7	7	8	7	11 ↑	7 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	47	52 ↑	43 ↓	60	44	49	46	47	49	46	46	47
The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people												
Strongly disagree	10	10	10	20	9	9	11	10	10	10	13	10
Disagree	29	27 ↓	32 ↑	20	27	25 ↓	31	34 ↑	29	29	26	30
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	39	36 ↓	42 ↑	40	35	34 ↓	42	45 ↑	39	39	39	39
No opinion	14	13 ↓	16 ↑	20	12	11 ↓	15	18 ↑	10 ↓	17 ↑	10 ↓	15 ↑
Agree	39	42 ↑	37 ↓		45	46 ↑	37	32 ↓	42 ↑	38 ↓	43	39
Strongly agree	7	9 ↑	5 ↓	40	8	9 ↑	6	5 ↓	9 ↑	6 ↓	8	7
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	51 ↑	42 ↓	40	53 ↑	55 ↑	43 ↓	37 ↓	51 ↑	44 ↓	51	46
Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them												
Strongly disagree	6	5	6	20	9 ↑	7	6	3 ↓	6	5	11 ↑	5 ↓
Disagree	31	29	32	20	27	31	33	31	32	30	26	31
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	34 ↓	39 ↑	40	36	37	38	34	38	36	37	37
No opinion	17	16	19		9 ↓	12 ↓	19	26 ↑	12 ↓	21 ↑	13	18
Agree	40	42	38	60	45	43 ↑	37	37	42	39	41	40
Strongly agree	6	8 ↑	4 ↓		10 ↑	7	6	3 ↓	8 ↑	5 ↓	10 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	50 ↑	43 ↓	60	56 ↑	50 ↑	43	40 ↓	50 ↑	44 ↓	51	46

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

[^] Caution small cell size

Table 3.7.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q60 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
<i>% of respondents</i>									
Being a parent is hard work									
	Total 2023 n = 3146	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 872	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 461	South West n = 436	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 291	No n = 2846
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	1
Disagree	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	5	5
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	6	5	5	6	5	6	7	6
No opinion	6	5	8	6	6	8	6		6
Agree	39	36	41	39	40	37	40	41	38
Strongly agree	49	53	45	50	48	50	47	47	50
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	88	89	86	89	88	87	88	88	88
Parents struggle to discipline their children									
	Total 2023 n = 3149	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 401	South East n = 461	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 291	No n = 2849
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
Disagree	9	11	8	9	11	8	7	11	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	11	12	9	11	12	9	9	13	10
No opinion	9	10	9	6	11	11	8	8	9
Agree	46	46	43	48	47	46	48	48	46
Strongly agree	34	32	39	35	30	33	35	31	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	80	78	82	83	77	80	83	79	80
I feel safe in my community									
	Total 2023 n = 3141	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 867	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 461	South West n = 436	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 290	No n = 2842
Strongly disagree	6	2 ↓	14 ↑	10 ↑	3 ↓	8	4		6
Disagree	18	12 ↓	29 ↑	23 ↑	11 ↓	20	18	12	18
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	23	14 ↓	44 ↑	33 ↑	14 ↓	28	23	17 ↓	24 ↑
No opinion	5	4	5	4	5	7	5	3	5
Agree	57	60	43 ↓	53	63 ↑	56	60	61	57
Strongly agree	15	22 ↑	8 ↓	9 ↓	18	10 ↓	13	19	14
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	72	82 ↑	51 ↓	62 ↓	82 ↑	65 ↓	72	80 ↑	71 ↓
The involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion									
	Total 2023 n = 3140	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 869	Far North Queensland n = 355	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 459	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 288	No n = 2844
Strongly disagree	3	3	5	4	3	4	3	2	4
Disagree	13	11	17	16	11	14	12	12	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	13 ↓	22 ↑	20	14	18	16	14	17
No opinion	18	16	18	18	20	19	18	17	18
Agree	53	57	48	51	52	54	54	51	54
Strongly agree	12	13	13	10	14	10	13	18 ↑	12 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	66	70 ↑	61	62	66	63	67	69	66
The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people									
	Total 2023 n = 3149	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 401	South East n = 461	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 290	No n = 2850
Strongly disagree	4	2 ↓	8 ↑	6	3	5	3	4	4
Disagree	22	18 ↓	25	29 ↑	19	24	24	16 ↓	23 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	27	20 ↓	33 ↑	35 ↑	22	30	27	19 ↓	27 ↑
No opinion	11	10	11	7 ↓	13	16 ↑	12	9	12
Agree	54	61 ↑	48	52	56	47 ↓	52	61	53
Strongly agree	8	9	7	6	9	7	9	11	8
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	62	69 ↑	55 ↓	58	65	54 ↓	61	72 ↑	61 ↓

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

Table 3.7.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023) (continued)

Q60 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Children are safe in my community									
	Total 2023 n = 3146	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 873	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 401	South East n = 460	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 291	No n = 2846
Strongly disagree	5	2 ↓	9 ↑	8 ↑	3	5	4	5	5
Disagree	24	15 ↓	33 ↑	33 ↑	18 ↓	25	27	15 ↓	24 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	28	17 ↓	42 ↑	41 ↑	21 ↓	31	31	20 ↓	29 ↑
No opinion	11	11	12	7	9	14	10	8	11
Agree	52	59 ↑	40 ↓	47	58 ↑	49	51	58	52
Strongly agree	9	12 ↑		4 ↓	12	7	8	14 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	61	72 ↑	46 ↓	52 ↓	70 ↑	55 ↓	59	72 ↑	60 ↓
Young people are portrayed fairly in the media									
	Total 2023 n = 3148	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 872	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 461	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 290	No n = 2849
Strongly disagree	7	6	10	8	6	7	7	7	7
Disagree	29	28	31	30	28	32	28	25	30
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	36	34	41	38	34	38	35	32	37
No opinion	17	16	16	15	18	20	16	17	17
Agree	40	42	37	41	38	35	42	40	40
Strongly agree	7		6	6	9	6	6		7
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	47	50	43	47	48	42	49	50	47
The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people									
	Total 2023 n = 3145	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 873	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 399	South East n = 461	South West n = 436	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 289	No n = 2847
Strongly disagree	10	7 ↓	15 ↑	12	9	13	8	7	10
Disagree	29	24 ↓	31	36 ↑	26	30	34 ↑	18 ↓	31 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	39	31 ↓	46 ↑	48 ↑	35	43	42	25 ↓	41 ↑
No opinion	14	14	16	10	12	17	17	12	15
Agree	39	47 ↑	31 ↓	36	44	34	36	48 ↑	38 ↓
Strongly agree	7	9	8	6	8	6	5	15 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	56 ↑	39 ↓	41	52 ↑	40 ↓	41 ↓	63 ↑	45 ↓
Young people have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about issues that affect them									
	Total 2023 n = 3143	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 873	Far North Queensland n = 357	North Queensland n = 401	South East n = 459	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 616	Yes n = 290	No n = 2844
Strongly disagree	6	5	8	7	5	6	6	6	6
Disagree	31	30	32	36	29	33	28	23 ↓	
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	37	35	40	43 ↑	33	40	33	29 ↓	37 ↑
No opinion	17	16	18	15	16	20	19	14	18
Agree	40	44	35	38	43	33 ↓	41	44	39
Strongly agree	6	5	7	4	7	7	6	12 ↑	6 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	46	49	42	42	50	41	47	57 ↑	45 ↓

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

3.8 Oversight of the Queensland systems

Q60(g-h) How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

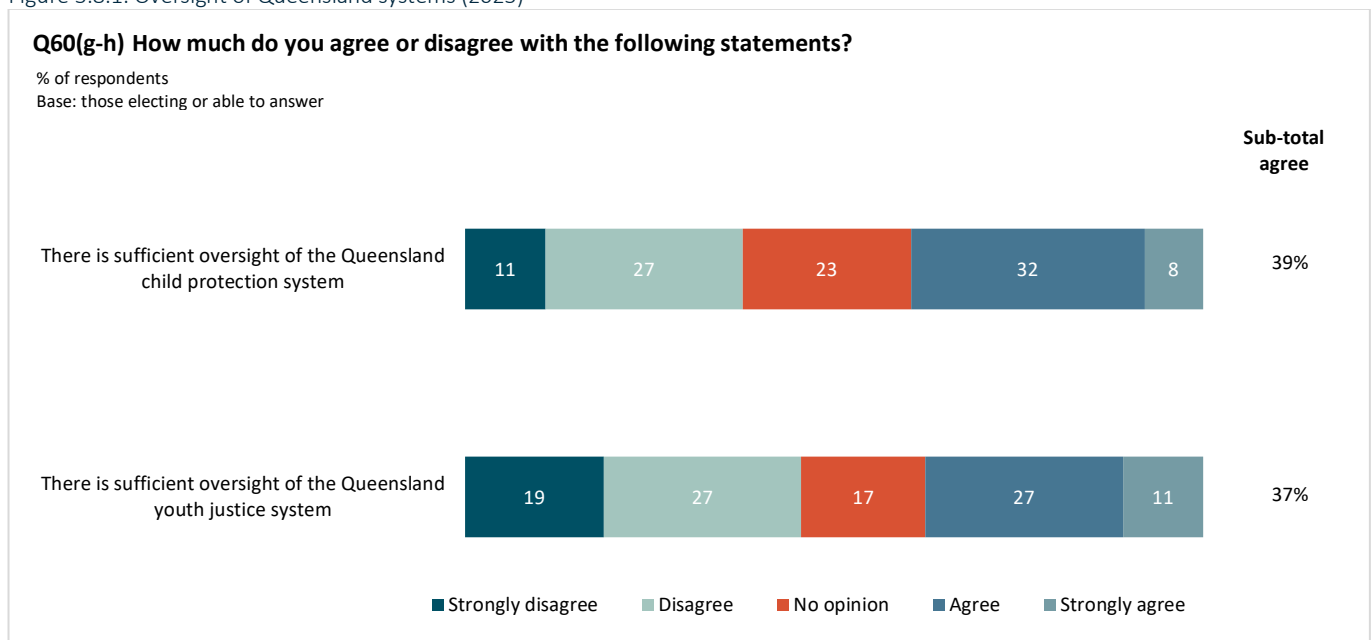
3.8.1 2023 results

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

Respondents were divided on these issues: 39% of respondents agreed with the statement ‘there is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system’ while 38% disagreed. Similarly, 37% of respondents agreed that ‘there is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice system’ while 46% disagreed.

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 (2023)

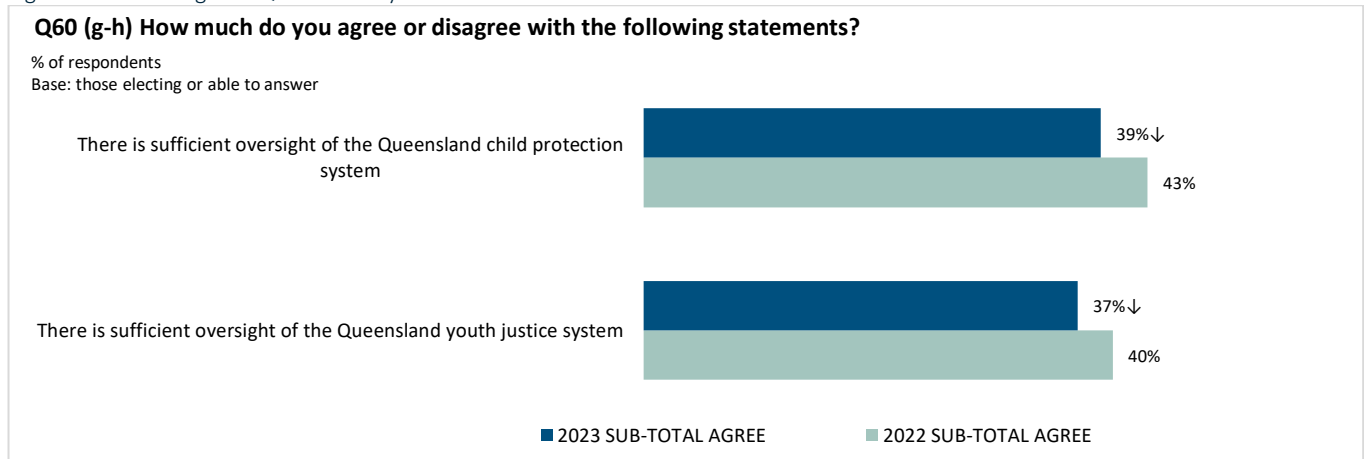


Respondents who declined to answer the question have been removed from the base when reporting results. The base is therefore different for each of the above statements. The smallest base was n=3144 (when 10 respondents declined to answer) for the item ‘There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice 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 both the Queensland child protection system and the Queensland youth justice system were significantly weaker in 2023 compared to 2022. Agreement (agreed/strongly agreed) that *‘there is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system’* decreased from 43% in 2022 to 39% in 2023. Agreement that *‘there is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice system’* decreased significantly from 40% in 2022 to 37% in 2023.

Figure 3.8.2: Oversight of Queensland systems 2022-2023 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’.
- The reader is referred to Table 3.8.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.8.3 Sub-group differences (2023)

Respondents aged under 40 years, those responsible for children aged 0-17 years, those who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander or as culturally and linguistically diverse people were more likely than other sub-groups to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) with statements related to there being sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection and youth justice systems.

Male respondents were more likely than females to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) that there is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system (43%, 36% females).

There were no statistically significant differences in results by region. Specific details are outlined in Tables 3.8.1 and 3.8.2 following.

Table 3.8.1: Oversight of Queensland systems by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023)

Q60 Column %	Total 2023	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER		
					% of respondents							
There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system												
	Total 2023 n = 3145	Male n = 1491	Female n = 1649	Non-binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 327	25-39 years n = 1097	40-59 years n = 849	60+ years n = 872	Yes n = 1158	No n = 1977	Yes n = 272	No n = 2873
Strongly disagree	11	11	11	20	5 ↓	7 ↓	12	17 ↑	10	12	8	11
Disagree	27	26	28		21 ↓	23 ↓	28	34 ↑	25 ↓	29 ↑	18 ↓	28 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	38	37	40	20	26 ↓	30 ↓	40	51 ↑	34 ↓	41 ↑	26 ↓	39 ↑
No opinion	23	20 ↓	25 ↑	60	23	20 ↓	24	25	20 ↓	24 ↑	18	23
Agree	32	35 ↑	29 ↓	20	42 ↑	41 ↑	28 ↓	20 ↓	36 ↑	29 ↓	46 ↑	30 ↓
Strongly agree	8	8	7		9	9	9	4 ↓	10 ↑	6 ↓	10	7
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	39	43 ↑	36 ↓	20	51 ↑	50 ↑	36	24 ↓	46 ↑	35 ↓	56 ↑	38 ↓
There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice system												
	Total 2023 n = 3144	Male n = 1491	Female n = 1648	Non-binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 327	25-39 years n = 1097	40-59 years n = 847	60+ years n = 873	Yes n = 1156	No n = 1978	Yes n = 272	No n = 2872
Strongly disagree	19	19	18	20	10 ↓	15 ↓	19	27 ↑	18	20	11 ↓	20 ↑
Disagree	27	27	26	20	21	22 ↓	28	33 ↑	23 ↓	29 ↑	17 ↓	28 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	46	47	44	40	31 ↓	37 ↓	47	60 ↑	41 ↓	48 ↑	28 ↓	47 ↑
No opinion	17	15 ↓	19 ↑	40	19	16	18	17	14 ↓	19 ↑	15	17
Agree	27	28	25	20	40 ↑	34 ↑	23 ↓	17 ↓	30 ↑	25 ↓	45 ↑	25 ↓
Strongly agree	11	10	11		9	14 ↑	12	5 ↓	15 ↑	8 ↓	12	10
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	37	38	36	20	49 ↑	47 ↑	35	22 ↓	45 ↑	33 ↓	57 ↑	35 ↓

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.8.2: Agreement with statements about protections and supports for children and young people by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q60 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
<i>% of respondents</i>									
There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system									
	Total 2023 n = 3145	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 871	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 400	South East n = 462	South West n = 435	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 619	Yes n = 289	No n = 2847
Strongly disagree	11	11	13	9	10	12	11	4 ↓	12 ↑
Disagree	27	26	26	28	24	29	30	19 ↓	28 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	38	37	39	37	34	40	42	22 ↓	40 ↑
No opinion	23	23	22	20	25	23	22	24	22
Agree	32	34	31	36	31	29	28	42 ↑	31 ↓
Strongly agree	8	7	8	7	10	7	8	11	7
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	39	40	39	43	40	37	36	53 ↑	38 ↓
There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice system									
	Total 2023 n = 3144	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 401	South East n = 457	South West n = 436	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 290	No n = 2845
Strongly disagree	19	17	24	19	18	20	18	9 ↓	20 ↑
Disagree	27	27	27	27	24	25	30	20 ↓	27 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	46	44	51	46	42	45	48	29 ↓	47 ↑
No opinion	17	17	15	15	21	18	18	23	17
Agree	27	29	22	28	28	26	25	37 ↑	26 ↓
Strongly agree	11	11	12	11	10	11	9	11	11
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	37	40	34	39	38	38	34	48 ↑	36 ↓

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 Base: All respondents electing to answer

3.9 Minimum age for a child to be incarcerated

Q61 Do you believe that children under the age of 14 should be incarcerated (that is, held in a jail or prison)?

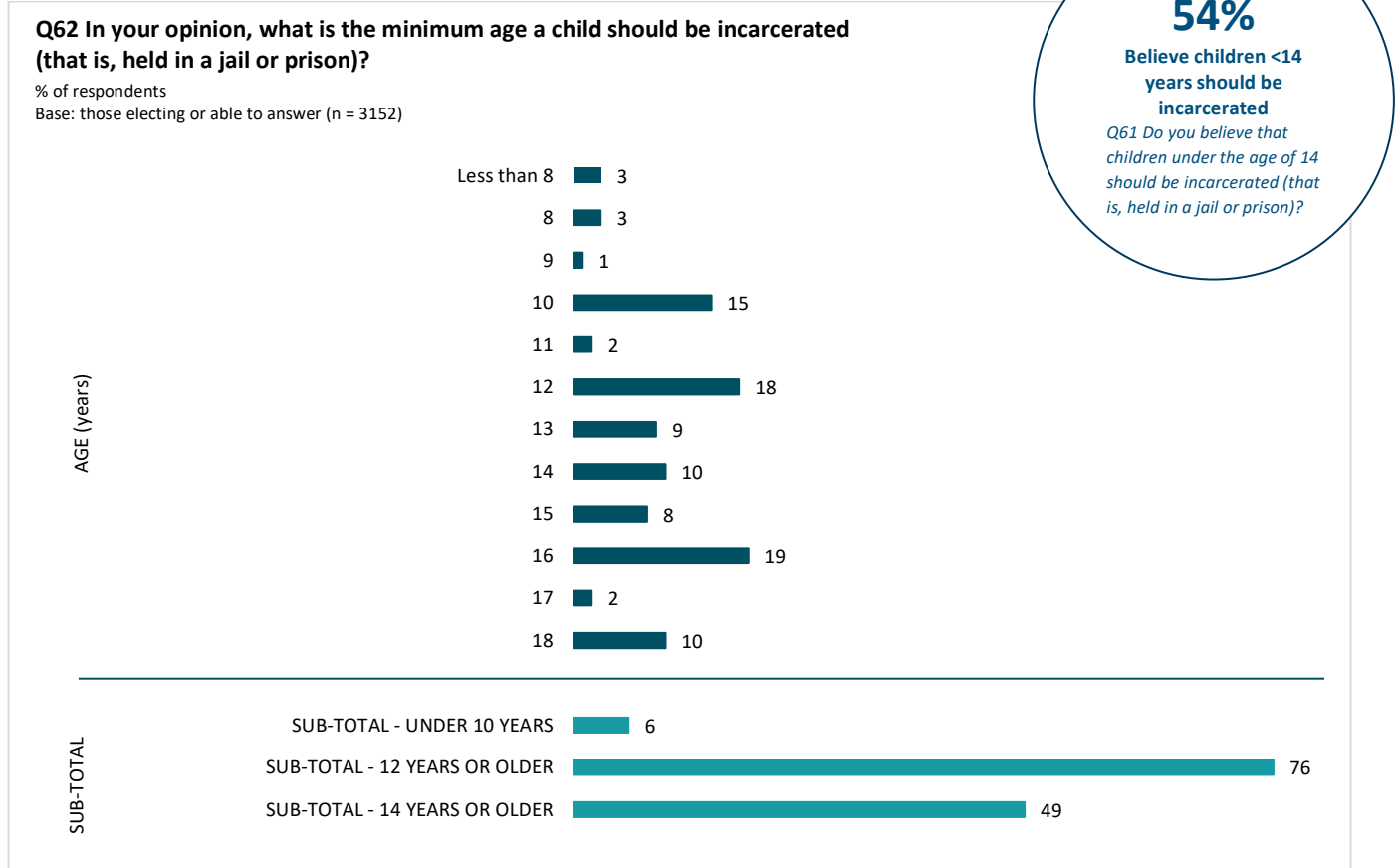
Q62 In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a jail or prison)?

3.9.1 2023 results

The survey asked respondents if they believe that children under the age of 14 years should be incarcerated. More than half (54%) of respondents believed children under the age of 14 years should be able to be incarcerated.

Respondents were then 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, 49% indicated an age range of 14 years or older, 76% felt children aged 12 years or older could be incarcerated, while 6% indicated that children under 10 years should be incarcerated.

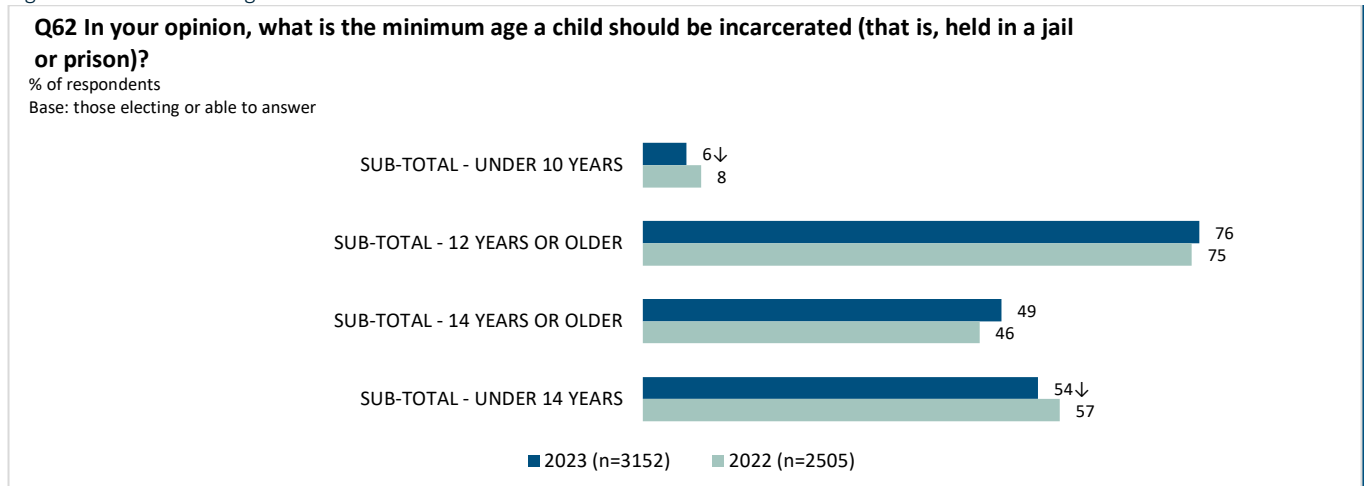
Figure 3.9.1: Minimum age for child incarceration (2023)



3.9.2 Comparison to previous survey data

As was the case in 2022, the 2023 survey shows that most respondents consider the minimum age a child should be incarcerated is 12 years or older (75% and 76% respectively). There was a significant decrease in perceptions that children aged under 14 years should be incarcerated (57% in 2022, 54% in 2023) which included a significant decrease in the proportion indicated the minimum age should be under 10 years (8% in 2022, 6% in 2023).

Figure 3.9.2: Minimum age for child incarceration 2022-2023 trend



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

In 2022, Asked as: Q61 Do you believe that children under the age of 14 should be incarcerated (that is, held in a police watchhouse or placed in youth detention)?
 Q62 In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated?

3.9.3 Sub-group differences (2023)

Respondents who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse or those from the Brisbane and Moreton Bay region were significantly less likely than their counterparts to consider that children under the age of 14 should be incarcerated (43% and 47% respectively, 54% average).

Other sub-group differences can be found in Tables 3.9.1, 3.9.2, 3.9.3 and 3.9.4 following.

Table 3.9.1: Belief that children under the age of 14 years should be incarcerated by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023)

Q61 Column %	Total 2023 n = 3152	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1495	Female n = 1652	Non-binary n = 5^	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1099	40-59 years n = 851	60+ years n = 874	Yes n = 1161	No n = 1981	Yes n = 273	No n = 2879

% of respondents

Q61 Do you believe that children under the age of 14 should be incarcerated (that is, held in a jail or prison)?												
Yes	54	56	52		53	54	53	54	55	53	47	54
No	31	31	31	80	31	33	30	30	31	31	41 ↑	30 ↓
Don't know	15	13 ↓	17 ↑	20	16	13	17	16	15	15	12	15

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.9.2: Belief that children under the age of 14 years should be incarcerated by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q61 Column %	Total 2023 n = 3152	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 403	South East n = 462	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 291	No n = 2852

% of respondents

Q61 Do you believe that children under the age of 14 should be incarcerated (that is, held in a jail or prison)?									
Yes	54	47 ↓	54	58	54	59	56	43 ↓	55 ↑
No	31	36 ↑	35	31	31	25 ↓	27 ↓	43 ↑	30 ↓
Don't know	15	17	11	11 ↓	15	16	17	14	15

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

Base: All respondents electing to answer

Table 3.9.3: Minimum age child should be incarcerated by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023)

Q62 Column %	Total 2023 n = 3152	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1496	Female n = 1651	Non-binary n = 5^	18-24 years n = 328	25-39 years n = 1100	40-59 years n = 850	60+ years n = 874	Yes n = 1161	No n = 1981	Yes n = 272	No n = 2880

% of respondents

Q62 In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a jail or prison)?												
Less than 8	3	4	3		5	3	3	2	2	4	3	3
8	3	3	3		3	3	2	3	3	3	4	3
9	1	1	1		1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
10	15	15	16		11	14	17	18	14	16	11	16
11	2	2	2		4	1	2	2	2	2	3	2
12	18	17	19		15	21 ↑	15	18	19	17	13	19
13	9	9	10		12	8	12	9	10	9	9	10
14	10	10	10		14	9	10	11	10	10	11	10
15	8	7	9	20	9	9	7	8	8	8	9	8
16	19	21	17		17	19	17	20	17	19	14	19
17	2	2	2	20	2	2	3	2	3	2	5	2
18	10	8	11	60	8	10	12	7	11	9	19 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL - UNDER 10 YEARS	6	7	6		9	7	6	6	6	7	7	6
SUB-TOTAL - 12 YEARS OR OLDER	76	75	77	100	76	78	76	74	78	75	79	76
SUB-TOTAL - 14 YEARS OR OLDER	49	49	49	100	49	49	49	48	49	49	57	48

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

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Table 3.9.4: Minimum age child should be incarcerated by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q62 Column %	Total 2023 n = 3152	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 875	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 403	South East n = 461	South West n = 437	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 618	Yes n = 291	No n = 2852

% of respondents

Q62 In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a jail or prison)?										
Less than 8	3	2	5	4	3	4	3	3	3	3
8	3	2	4	5	2	3	3	2	2	3
9	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
10	15	13	19	16	16	19	14	11	11	16
11	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
12	18	17	15	17	18	23 ↑	19	11 ↓	11 ↓	19 ↑
13	9	10	7	10	8	9	12	8	8	10
14	10	10	8	11	12	7	13	9	9	10
15	8	8	8	8	9	8	7	6	6	8
16	19	22 ↑	16	17	20	18	16	23	23	18
17	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	5 ↑	5 ↑	2 ↓
18	10	12	11	8	8	8	8	20 ↑	20 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL - UNDER 10 YEARS	6	5	9	10 ↑	5	6	6	5	5	7
SUB-TOTAL - 12 YEARS OR OLDER	76	81 ↑	68 ↓	72	78	73	78	82	82	76
SUB-TOTAL - 14 YEARS OR OLDER	49	54 ↑	47	46	52	41 ↓	48	63 ↑	63 ↑	47 ↓

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Base: All respondents electing to answer

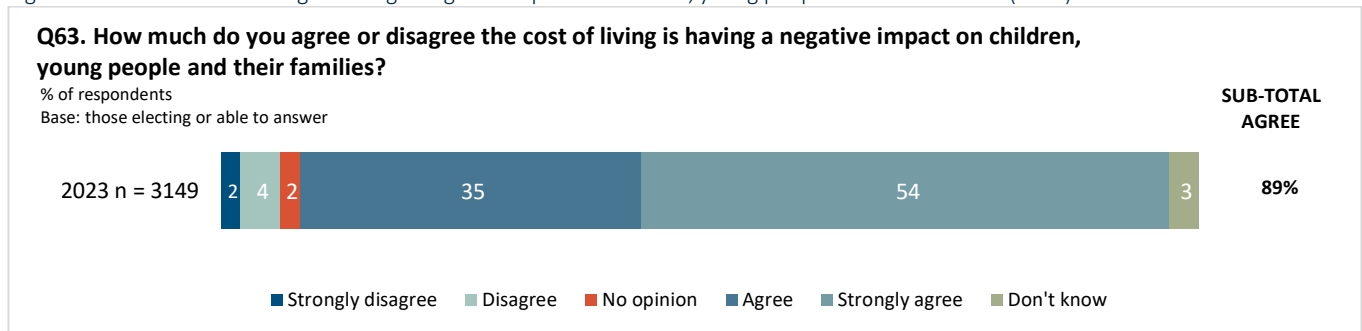
3.10 Cost of living impact on children, young people and their families

Q63. How much do you agree or disagree the cost of living is having a negative impact on children, young people and their families?
 New question in 2023

3.10.1 2023 result

A new question was added to the 2023 survey asking whether the cost of living is having a negative impact on children, young people and their families. The majority (89%) of respondents agreed overall that the cost of living is having a negative impact with 54% strongly agreeing and 35% agreeing.

Figure 3.10.1: The cost of living is having a negative impact on children, young people and their families (2023)



Base: those who elected or were able to answer, n = 3149.

3.10.2 Sub-group differences (2023)

Respondents aged 25-39 years old were significantly more likely than other age groups to agree that the cost of living is having a negative impact on children, young people and their families (93% agreed/strongly agreed, 89% average). While respondents aged 60+ years old were significantly less likely to agree overall (84%, 89% average).

Those responsible for children aged 0-17 years old were significantly more likely to agree that cost of living is having a negative impact on children, young people and their families (92%) in contrast to those who are not responsible for children (87%).

Far North Queensland residents were significantly less likely than those from other regions to agree overall with this statement in contrast to the average (83%, 89% average). Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.10.1 and 3.10.2 following.

Table 3.10.1: The cost of living is having a negative impact on children, young people and their families by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023)

Q63 Column %	Total 2023 n = 3149	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1495	Female n = 1649	Non-binary n = 5 [^]	18-24 years n = 326	25-39 years n = 1098	40-59 years n = 850	60+ years n = 875	Yes n = 1159	No n = 1980	Yes n = 271	No n = 2878
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Strongly disagree	2	3	2		2	2	3	2	3	2	4 ↑	2 ↓
Disagree	4	5 ↑	3 ↓		2 ↓	3 ↓	4	6 ↑	3 ↓	5 ↑	2	4
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	7 ↑	5 ↓		4	5 ↓	7	8 ↑	5	7	6	6
No opinion	2	2	2		3	1 ↓	2	3	1 ↓	2 ↑	2	2
Agree	35	38 ↑	32 ↓	40	28 ↓	33	32	42 ↑	30 ↓	37 ↑	34	35
Strongly agree	54	50 ↓	58 ↑	60	63 ↑	60 ↑	56	43 ↓	61 ↑	50 ↓	55	54
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	89	88	90	100	91	93 ↑	88	84 ↓	92 ↑	87 ↓	89	89
Don't know	3	3	3		2	2 ↓	3	4 ↑	2 ↓	4 ↑	3	3

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 Base: All respondents electing/able to answer; ^ Caution small cell size

Table 3.10.2: The cost of living is having a negative impact on children, young people and their families by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q63 Column %	Total 2023 n = 3149	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 874	Far North Queensland n = 358	North Queensland n = 402	South East n = 462	South West n = 436	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 617	Yes n = 291	No n = 2849
<i>% of respondents</i>									
Strongly disagree	2	2	5 ↑	2	2	3	1	3	2
Disagree	4	4	6	2	3	4	5	3	4
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	6	10 ↑	5	5	7	6	7	6
No opinion	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	2
Agree	35	37	30	32	36	33	35	34	35
Strongly agree	54	52	53	59	55	55	54	54	54
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	89	89	83 ↓	92	91	89	89	88	89
Don't know	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3

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

3.11 Family life

Q66. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

New question in 2023

3.11.1 2023 result

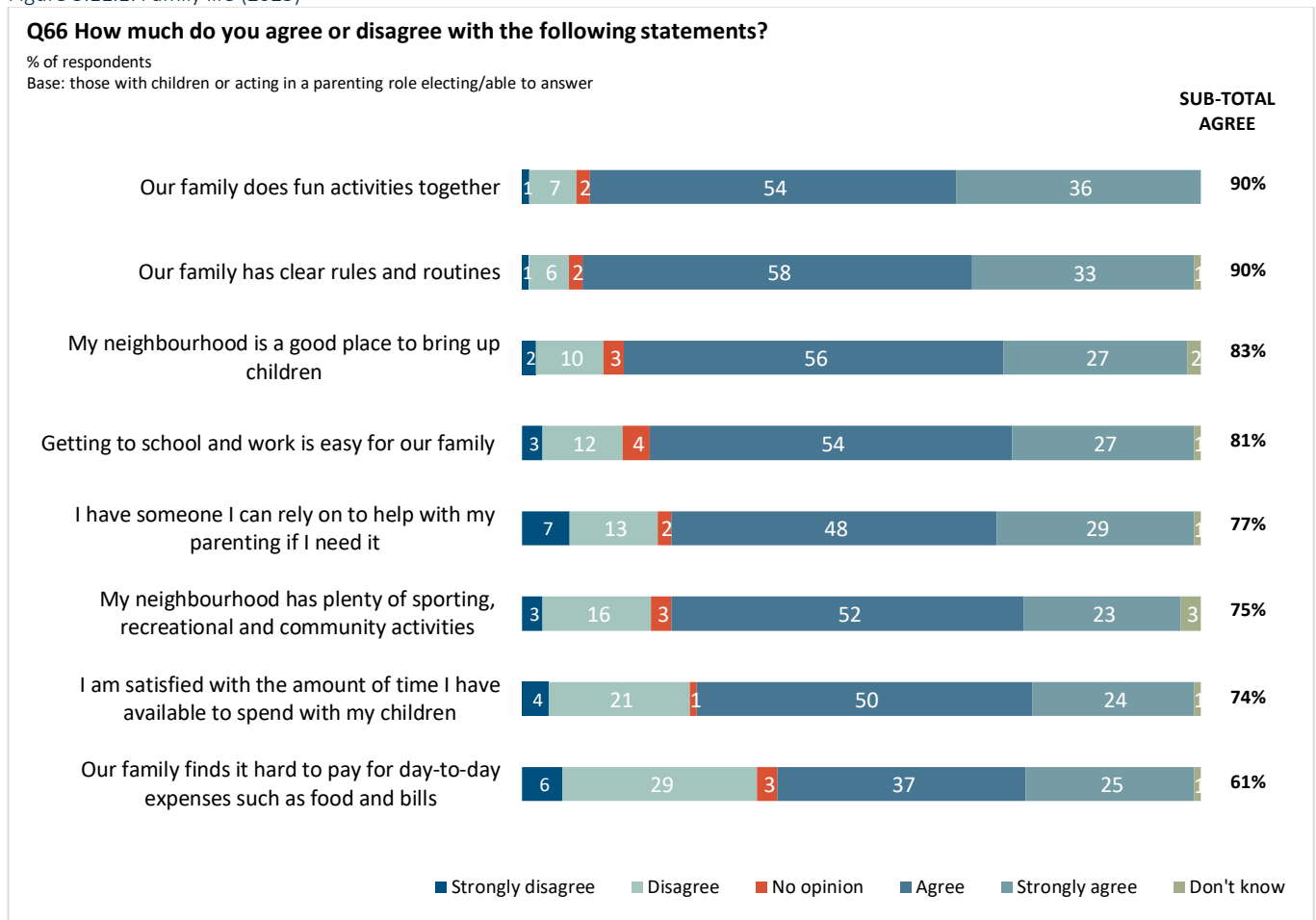
In the 2023 survey, agreement was highest with the following statements related to family life:

- 'Our family does fun activities together' (90%, with 36% strongly agreeing and 54% agreeing)
- 'Our family has clear rules and routines' (90%, with 33% strongly agreeing and 58% agreeing)
- 'My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children' (83%, with 27% strongly agreeing and 56% agreeing)
- 'Getting to school and work is easy for our family' (81%, with 27% strongly agreeing and 54% agreeing).

Respondents were also likely to agree overall that 'I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it' (77%), 'my neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities' (75%) or 'I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children' (74%).

61% of respondents agreed that 'our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills' with 25% strongly agreeing and 37% agreeing. 35% of respondents disagreed overall with this statement.

Figure 3.11.1: Family life (2023)



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=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'). The reader is referred to Table 3.11.1 for a description of the base for each statement.

3.11.2 Sub-group differences (2023)

Respondents aged 18-24 years old were significantly less likely to agree (agreed/strongly agreed) compared to older cohorts with the statements *'our family has clear rules and routines'* (78%, 90% average) or *'my neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children'* (68%, 83%). However, this age group was significantly more likely to agree overall that *'our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills'* (82%, 61% average). Respondents aged 25-39 years old were significantly more likely to disagree overall (disagree/strongly disagree) that *'I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children'* (28%, 24% average).

Females were significantly more likely to disagree overall that *'I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it'* (23%, 15% males disagreed/strongly disagreed).

Respondents who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander were significantly more likely than others to agree with the statements *'I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children'* (86%, 72% those who do not identify as such) or *'our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills'* (76%, 59%).

There were minimal statistically significant differences in the region analysis. Other key 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 (2023)

Q66 Column %	Total 2023	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
% of respondents												
Our family does fun activities together												
	Total 2023 n = 1378	Male n = 542	Female n = 835	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 74	25-39 years n = 662	40-59 years n = 534	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1160	No n = 218	Yes n = 181	No n = 1197
Strongly disagree	1	1	1		1	1	1	2	0 ↓	4 ↑	1	1
Disagree	7	6	7		5	6	7	12	7	8	3	8
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	8	8	8		7	7	8	14	7	12	4	9
No opinion	2	2	2		5	1	1	5	2	4	3	2
Agree	54	51	56		43	54	57	47	54	52	64	52
Strongly agree	36	39	34	100	42	38	33	33	37	31	29	37
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	90	90	100	85	92	90	81 ↓	91 ↑	83 ↓	93	89
Don't know	0	1	0		3 ↑		1	1	0	1	1	0
Our family has clear rules and routines												
	Total 2023 n = 1377	Male n = 542	Female n = 834	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 73	25-39 years n = 661	40-59 years n = 535	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1159	No n = 218	Yes n = 181	No n = 1196
Strongly disagree	1	1	1		5 ↑	1	1		1	2	1	1
Disagree	6	5	6		10	5	6	7	6	6	4	6
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	7	6	7		15	6	7	7	7	8	5	7
No opinion	2	2	2		5	1	2	6	2 ↓	5 ↑	3	2
Agree	58	58	57	100	48	61	56	49	59	51	67	56
Strongly agree	33	33	33		30	31	34	36	32	35	24	34
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	91	90	100	78 ↓	93	91	85	91	86	92	90
Don't know	1	1	1		1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children												
	Total 2023 n = 1377	Male n = 542	Female n = 834	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 74	25-39 years n = 662	40-59 years n = 533	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1160	No n = 217	Yes n = 181	No n = 1196
Strongly disagree	2	2	2		7	2	2	1	2	1	2	2
Disagree	10	9	11		15	11	8	7	10	8	13	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	12	11	13		22	13	10	8	13	10	15	12
No opinion	3	3	4		4	3	3	3	3	5	3	3
Agree	56	55	56		42	54	60	58	56	58	53	56
Strongly agree	27	29	25		26	28	25	28	27	25	25	27
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	83	85	82		68 ↓	82	85	86	83	83	78	84
Don't know	2	2	2	100	7 ↑	1	1	3	2	2	3	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 (2023) (continued)

Q66 Column %	Total 2023	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 2023 n = 1378	Male n = 542	Female n = 835	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 74	25-39 years n = 662	40-59 years n = 534	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1160	No n = 218	Yes n = 181	No n = 1197
Strongly disagree	3	2	3		4	3	1	3	3	3	3	3
Disagree	12	11	12		7	13	11	10	12	9	10	12
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	14	13	15		11	16	13	13	15	12	13	15
No opinion	4	4	3		9	3	2	9 ↑	3 ↓	8 ↑	4	4
Agree	54	52	55	100	46	53	57	46	55	50	57	54
Strongly agree	27	30	25		28	27	27	30	27	28	26	27
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	81	82	80	100	74	80	84	76	82	78	83	81
Don't know	1	1	1		5 ↑	0	1	2	1	2		1
I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it												
	Total 2023 n = 1378	Male n = 542	Female n = 835	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 74	25-39 years n = 662	40-59 years n = 534	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1161	No n = 217	Yes n = 181	No n = 1197
Strongly disagree	7	5	8		1	6	8	5	7	6	3	7
Disagree	13	10 ↓	16 ↑	100	8	13	15	10	14	10	8	14
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	20	15 ↓	23 ↑	100	9	20	23	15	21	16	12 ↓	21 ↑
No opinion	2	3	2		4	1 ↓	2	12 ↑	1 ↓	8 ↑	3	2
Agree	48	49	47		39	48	49	44	48	45	60 ↑	46 ↓
Strongly agree	29	32	28		46 ↑	31	25	27	29	29	25	30
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	77	81	74		85	79	74	71	77	74	85	76
Don't know	1	1	1		1	0	1	2	1	1	1	1
My neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities												
	Total 2023 n = 1379	Male n = 543	Female n = 835	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 74	25-39 years n = 662	40-59 years n = 535	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1161	No n = 218	Yes n = 181	No n = 1198
Strongly disagree	3	3	3		5	4	2	2	3	2	4	3
Disagree	16	13	17		15	16	15	15	16	15	18	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	18	16	20		20	20	17	17	19	17	22	18
No opinion	3	2	4		7	2	3	5	3	5	4	3
Agree	52	53	52	100	45	52	55	43	53	46	48	53
Strongly agree	23	28 ↑	20 ↓		20	23	22	31	22	28	25	23
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	75	80 ↑	72 ↓	100	65	76	77	74	76	74	73	76
Don't know	3	2	4		8	2	2	5	3	5	1	3

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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 (2023) (continued)

Q66 Column %	Total 2022 n = 1996	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 2023 n = 1377	Male n = 543	Female n = 833	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 74	25-39 years n = 660	40-59 years n = 535	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1159	No n = 218	Yes n = 181	No n = 1196
Strongly disagree	4	3	4		3	5	3	2	4	5	2	4
Disagree	21	21	21		12	24	20	9 ↓	22	14	12 ↓	22 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	24	24	25		15	28 ↑	24	11 ↓	25	19	13 ↓	26 ↑
No opinion	1	2	1		1	1	1	6 ↑	1 ↓	4 ↑		2
Agree	50	50	49	100	51	46	53	55	50	48	61 ↑	48 ↓
Strongly agree	24	23	25		28	25	22	28	23	29	24	24
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	74	73	74	100	80	70	75	82	73	77	86 ↑	72 ↓
Don't know	1	1	0		4 ↑	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills												
	Total 2023 n = 1378	Male n = 542	Female n = 835	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 74	25-39 years n = 662	40-59 years n = 535	60+ years n = 107	Yes n = 1161	No n = 217	Yes n = 181	No n = 1197
Strongly disagree	6	7	6		3	5	7	9	6	7	6	6
Disagree	29	31	27		9 ↓	26	34 ↑	32	28	30	15 ↓	31 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	35	38	33		12 ↓	31	41 ↑	41	34	38	21 ↓	37 ↑
No opinion	3	3	3		4	2	4	4	3	3	3	3
Agree	37	33	39		50	39	32	37	37	35	46	35
Strongly agree	25	26	24	100	32	27	22	17	25	24	30	24
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	61	58	63	100	82 ↑	66 ↑	55 ↓	54	62	58	76 ↑	59 ↓
Don't know	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 (2023)

Q66 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
Our family does fun activities together									
	Total 2023 n = 1378	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 157	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 205	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1207
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1		2	1
Disagree	7	8	7	8	8	5	5	6	7
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	8	9	8	9	10	7	5	8	8
No opinion	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2
Agree	54	52	55	59	47	54	56	54	54
Strongly agree	36	36	34	30	41	37	36	36	36
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	88	90	89	89	91	92	89	90
Don't know	0	1	1	0			1		0
Our family has clear rules and routines									
	Total 2023 n = 1377	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 157	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 206	South West n = 222	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 254	Yes n = 169	No n = 1206
Strongly disagree	1	1	3	0	1	1	0	2	1
Disagree	6	6	7	6	6	4	5	8	5
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	7	7	10	6	8	5	6	10	6
No opinion	2	2	3	1	3	1	2	3	2
Agree	58	59	56	63	47	64	55	54	58
Strongly agree	33	31	31	29	42	29	36	31	33
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	90	90	87	92	88	93	91	86	91
Don't know	1	1	1	0	0		2	1	1
My neighbourhood is a good place to bring up children									
	Total 2023 n = 1377	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 157	North Queensland n = 204	South East n = 205	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1206
Strongly disagree	2	1	3	2	2	5	2	2	2
Disagree	10	10	14	11	7	8	11	9	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	12	11	17	14	9	13	13	11	12
No opinion	3	4	1	3	1	5	4	4	3
Agree	56	56	56	60	48	59	56	57	56
Strongly agree	27	27	24	21	40 ↑	22	26	25	27
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	83	83	80	81	88	81	82	83	83
Don't know	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2
Getting to school and work is easy for our family									
	Total 2023 n = 1378	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 157	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 205	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1207
Strongly disagree	3	2	2	3	2	5	2	2	3
Disagree	12	9	11	12	12	14	13	11	12
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	14	11	13	15	14	19	15	14	14
No opinion	4	5	4	2	2	4	4	4	4
Agree	54	50	59	59	51	54	55	52	54
Strongly agree	27	34	22	24	31	23	24	28	27
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	81	83	82	83	82	77	79	80	81
Don't know	1	1	1		1		3 ↑	2	1
I have someone I can rely on to help with my parenting if I need it									
	Total 2023 n = 1378	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 157	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 205	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1207
Strongly disagree	7	6	8	8	5	6	9	5	7
Disagree	13	14	12	11	12	18	12	13	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	20	20	20	19	17	24	20	18	20
No opinion	2	4	2	1	3	2	2	2	2
Agree	48	43	41	54	50	46	51	56	46
Strongly agree	29	32	36	25	30	27	26	22	30
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	77	75	77	79	80	74	78	79	77
Don't know	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1

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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 (2023) (continued)

Q66 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		% of respondents							
My neighbourhood has plenty of sporting, recreational and community activities									
	Total 2023 n = 1379	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 157	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 206	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1208
Strongly disagree	3	1	3	6	1	5	4	4	3
Disagree	16	11	22	14	12	20	18	20	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	18	12 ↓	25	20	13	25	22	23	18
No opinion	3	3	3	3	2	5	2	4	3
Agree	52	50	55	56	51	50	53	50	52
Strongly agree	23	31 ↑	14	19	33	18	20	21	24
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	75	81	69	74	83	68	73	71	76
Don't know	3	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	3
I am satisfied with the amount of time I have available to spend with my children									
	Total 2023 n = 1377	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 156	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 206	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 254	Yes n = 169	No n = 1206
Strongly disagree	4	2	4	4	4	5	4	4	4
Disagree	21	22	20	21	20	24	17	20	21
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	24	23	24	25	24	29	21	24	24
No opinion	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Agree	50	51	51	54	45	45	52	45	50
Strongly agree	24	23	23	20	29	24	25	30	23
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	74	74	74	74	74	69	78	75	74
Don't know	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Our family finds it hard to pay for day-to-day expenses such as food and bills									
	Total 2023 n = 1378	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 157	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 205	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1207
Strongly disagree	6	9	7	3	7	4	7	5	6
Disagree	29	34	23	25	27	32	26	26	29
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	35	42	30	28	35	36	33	31	35
No opinion	3	4	3	3	4	2	2	5	3
Agree	37	30	41	42	40	38	36	38	37
Strongly agree	25	23	25	26	21	24	28	25	24
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	61	53	66	68	60	61	64	63	61
Don't know	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	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

Q67 (a-f). How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
New question in 2023

3.12.1 2023 result

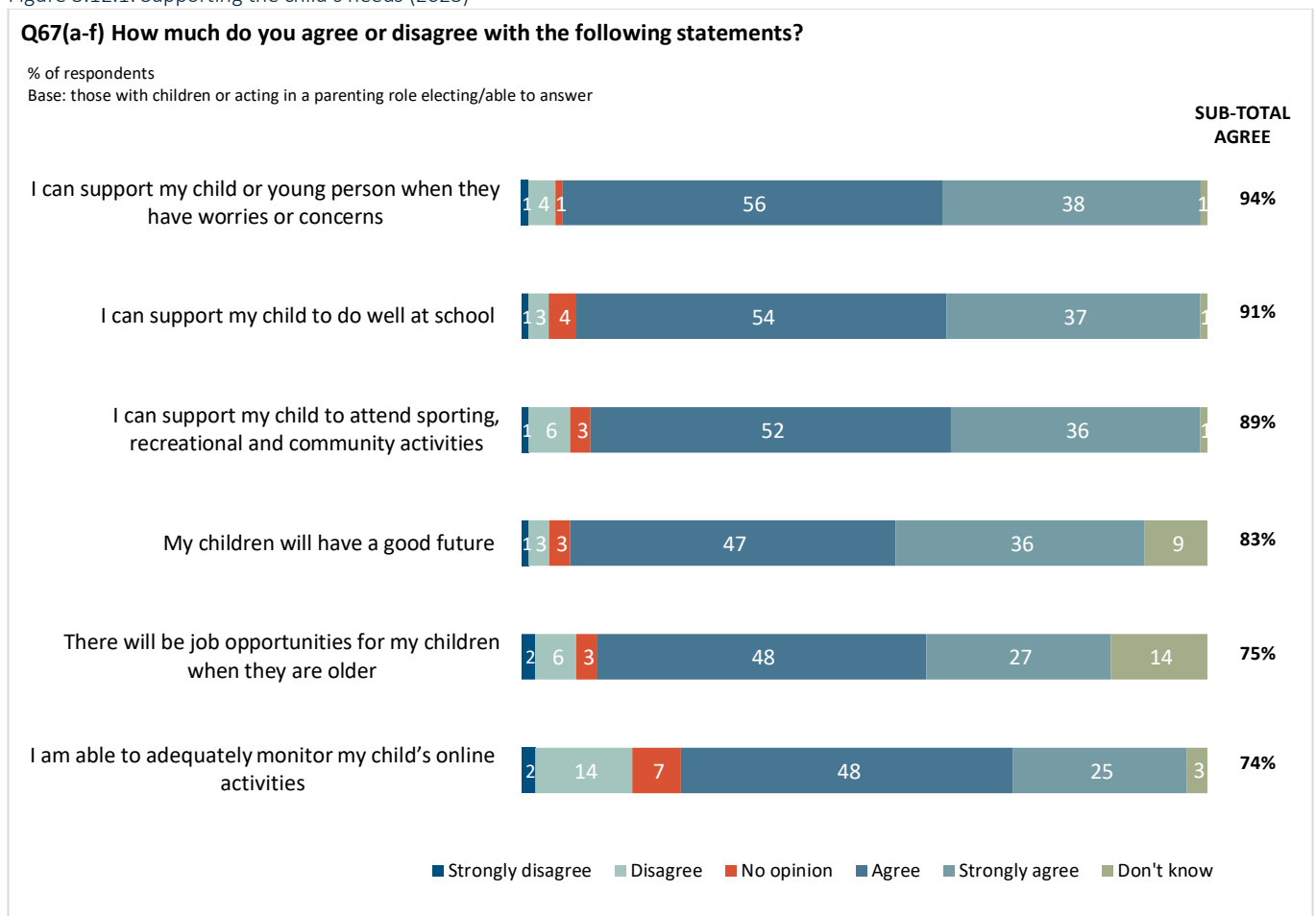
In the 2023 survey, agreement was highest with the following statements related to supporting a child’s needs:

- ‘I can support my child or young person when they have worries or concerns’ (94%, with 38% strongly agreeing and 56% agreeing)
- ‘I can support my child to do well at school’ (91%, with 37% strongly agreeing and 54% agreeing)
- ‘I can support my child to attend sporting, recreational and community activities’ (89%, with 36% strongly agreeing and 52% agreeing)
- ‘My children will have a good future’ (83%, with 36% strongly agreeing and 47% agreeing and 9% don’t know).

75% of respondents agreed that ‘there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older’, with 14% of respondents unable to form an opinion on this issue.

A similar proportion agreed overall (74%) that ‘I am adequately able to monitor my child’s online activities’, however 16% of respondents disagreed with this statement.

Figure 3.12.1: Supporting the child’s needs (2023)



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=1370 (when 9 respondents declined to answer for the item ‘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.

Table 3.12.2: Supporting the child’s needs by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q67 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
% of respondents									
I can support my child or young person when they have worries or concerns									
	Total 2023 n = 1376	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 332	Far North Queensland n = 156	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 205	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1205
Strongly disagree	1	0		1	1	1	0	2	0
Disagree	4	2	4	7	2	3	4	5	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	3	4	8	3	4	4	7	4
No opinion	1	1	1	0	1	1			1
Agree	56	57	53	62	51	51	58	53	56
Strongly agree	38	37	39	29	44	42	37	38	38
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	94	95	92	91	96	93	95	91	94
Don't know	1	2	3	0		2	1	2	1
I can support my child to do well at school									
	Total 2023 n = 1374	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 332	Far North Queensland n = 156	North Queensland n = 204	South East n = 204	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1203
Strongly disagree	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	1
Disagree	3	2	1	5	2	4	3	1	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	2	2	6	3	5	5	2	4
No opinion	4	5	3	4	3	4	3	1	4
Agree	54	51	57	60	50	55	53	53	54
Strongly agree	37	40	36	29	41	36	39	42	36
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	91	91	93	89	91	91	92	95	91
Don't know	1	2	3	1	2		1	2	1
I can support my child to attend sporting, recreational and community activities									
	Total 2023 n = 1375	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 331	Far North Queensland n = 156	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 205	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1204
Strongly disagree	1	0		2	1	1	1	1	1
Disagree	6	5	5	7	7	5	7	7	6
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	7	5	5	9	8	6	8	8	7
No opinion	3	4	2	2	3	2	4	3	3
Agree	52	51	53	58	44	56	53	53	52
Strongly agree	36	38	37	30	43	35	33	35	36
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	89	89	90	88	87	91	87	88	89
Don't know	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1
My children will have a good future									
	Total 2023 n = 1370	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 332	Far North Queensland n = 156	North Queensland n = 204	South East n = 203	South West n = 220	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1199
Strongly disagree	1	2		3	1	1	1	1	1
Disagree	3	2	4	3	1	2	5	1	3
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	4	4	4	6	2	3	6	2	5
No opinion	3	3	5	3	2	3	4	4	3
Agree	47	46	51	50	47	45	46	46	47
Strongly agree	36	37	34	32	40	39	34	41	35
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	83	83	85	82	87	85	80	87	83
Don't know	9	10	6	9	8	10	10	7	9
There will be job opportunities for my children when they are older									
	Total 2023 n = 1376	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 332	Far North Queensland n = 156	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 205	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1205
Strongly disagree	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	3	1
Disagree	6	6	9	6	5	4	8	6	6
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	8	8	10	10	6	5	9	9	8
No opinion	3	3	4	2	1	5	4	4	3
Agree	48	46	55	50	45	48	47	46	48
Strongly agree	27	28	22	23	32	29	27	28	27
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	75	74	78	73	77	77	73	73	75
Don't know	14	15	9	15	15	13	13	14	14

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 (2023) (continued)

Q67 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		<i>% of respondents</i>							
I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities									
	Total 2023 n = 1376	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 332	Far North Queensland n = 156	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 205	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1205
Strongly disagree	2	2	1	4	3	1	1	4	2
Disagree	14	15	14	14	10	13	16	15	14
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	16	17	15	18	13	14	17	19	16
No opinion	7	8	8	7	10	5	5	2	8
Agree	48	46	53	52	45	48	49	50	48
Strongly agree	25	25	22	20	28	28	27	27	25
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	74	71	75	72	73	76	77	77	73
Don't know	3	3	1	3	3	4	2	2	3

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

3.13 Access to services

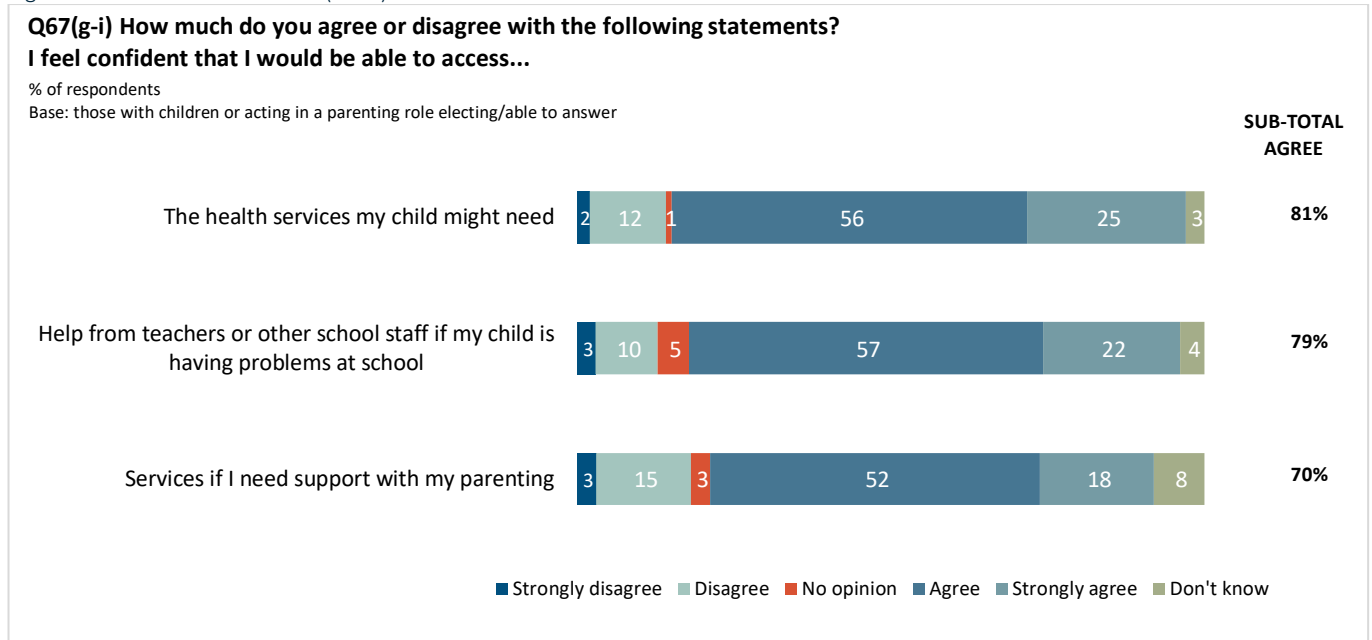
Q67 (g-i). How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
New question in 2023

3.13.1 2023 result

81% of respondents agreed that they feel confident they would be able to access health services that their child might need with 25% strongly agreeing and 56% agreeing with this statement. 14% disagreed overall that they would be confident in accessing health services their child might need. A similar level of agreement was reported with respect to feeling confident in accessing help from teachers or other school staff if their child was having problems at school (79% agree/strongly agree; 13% disagree/strongly disagree).

70% of respondents agreed overall that they would feel confident that they would be able to access services if they needed support with their parenting (18% strongly agreeing and 52% agreeing). 18% reported that they would not feel confident (disagree/strongly disagree) and 8% were unsure.

Figure 3.13.1: Access to services (2023)



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=1377 (when 2 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 Sub-group differences (2023)

Females were significantly more likely than males to disagree that they would feel confident that they could access health services their child might need (17%, 10% males) or access services if they needed support with their parenting (21%, 14% males).

Respondents aged 40-59 years old were significantly more likely to disagree compared to other age groups that they would feel confident accessing health services their child might need (18%, 15% average). While respondents aged 25-39 years old were significantly more likely to agree than others that they would feel confident accessing help from teachers and other school staff if their child was having problems at school (82%, 79% average).

No significant differences by region 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 (2023)

Q67 Column %	Total 2023	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 2023 n = 1379	Male n = 543	Female n = 835	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 74	25-39 years n = 662	40-59 years n = 535	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1161	No n = 218	Yes n = 181	No n = 1198
Strongly disagree	2	2	3			2	3	3	2	3	3	2
Disagree	12	9 ↓	14 ↑	100	11	11	15 ↑	6	12	12	7	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	10 ↓	17 ↑	100	11	13	18 ↑	8	15	15	10	15
No opinion	1	2	1		3	1	1	6 ↑	1 ↓	5 ↑	1	2
Agree	56	56	56		49	57	55	62	57	54	61	55
Strongly agree	25	28	23		32	26	23	22	25	24	24	25
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	81	85	79		81	84	78	84	82	78	86	81
Don't know	3	3	3		5	2	3	2	2	3	3	3
Help from teachers or other school staff if my child is having problems at school												
	Total 2023 n = 1379	Male n = 543	Female n = 835	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 74	25-39 years n = 662	40-59 years n = 535	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1161	No n = 218	Yes n = 181	No n = 1198
Strongly disagree	3	3	3		1	2	3	3	2	4	3	3
Disagree	10	9	10		9	9	10	9	9	11	9	10
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	12	11	13		11	11	14	12	12	15	13	12
No opinion	5	5	5		12 ↑	3 ↓	5	16 ↑	3 ↓	15 ↑	4	5
Agree	57	56	57	100	45	58	58	53	58 ↑	48 ↓	57	57
Strongly agree	22	23	21		27	24	19	16	23	17	22	22
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	79	80	78	100	72	82 ↑	77	69	81 ↑	65 ↓	79	79
Don't know	4	4	4		5	4	4	4	4	5	4	4
Services if I need support with my parenting												
	Total 2023 n = 1377	Male n = 541	Female n = 835	Non-binary n = 1^	18-24 years n = 73	25-39 years n = 662	40-59 years n = 534	60+ years n = 108	Yes n = 1160	No n = 217	Yes n = 181	No n = 1196
Strongly disagree	3	3	3		4	3	3	2	3	3	3	3
Disagree	15	11 ↓	18 ↑	100	10	18	15	6	16	12	12	16
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	18	14 ↓	21 ↑	100	14	21	18	8 ↓	19	15	15	19
No opinion	3	5 ↑	2 ↓		3	2 ↓	4	12 ↑	2 ↓	10 ↑	1	4
Agree	52	57 ↑	49 ↓		51	53	51	55	53	51	59	51
Strongly agree	18	18	18		27	18	16	18	18	17	19	17
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	70	75 ↑	67 ↓		78	71	67	72	70	68	78	69
Don't know	8	6	10		5	6	11 ↑	7	9	7	6	9

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

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Table 3.13.2: Access to services by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q67 Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		<i>% of respondents</i>							
The health services my child might need									
	Total 2023 n = 1379	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 157	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 206	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1208
Strongly disagree	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
Disagree	12	9	7	11	12	14	19 ↑	7	13
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	15	12	9	14	14	16	21	9	15
No opinion	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Agree	56	54	66	63	53	54	53	63	55
Strongly agree	25	31	20	20	29	27	21	25	25
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	81	84	86	82	82	81	74	88	80
Don't know	3	2	3	2	3	2	4	2	3
Help from teachers or other school staff if my child is having problems at school									
	Total 2023 n = 1379	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 157	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 206	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1208
Strongly disagree	3	2	3	2	4	2	3	2	3
Disagree	10	9	11	9	8	11	9	14	9
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	12	12	14	12	12	13	12	16	12
No opinion	5	7	5	4	1	5	5	3	5
Agree	57	53	63	61	54	56	57	56	57
Strongly agree	22	23	15	19	27	21	23	22	22
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	79	77	78	80	82	77	80	78	79
Don't know	4	5	3	4	5	5	3	4	4
Services if I need support with my parenting									
	Total 2023 n = 1377	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 333	Far North Queensland n = 157	North Queensland n = 205	South East n = 204	South West n = 223	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 255	Yes n = 169	No n = 1206
Strongly disagree	3	2	1	4	2	2	5	4	3
Disagree	15	15	16	13	15	15	16	14	15
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	18	18	17	18	18	17	21	17	18
No opinion	3	5	3	4	3	2	3	3	4
Agree	52	49	53	60	50	53	53	55	52
Strongly agree	18	20	18	13	21	19	14	18	18
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	70	69	71	72	71	72	67	73	69
Don't know	8	8	9	6	9	9	9	7	9

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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?

Q68. What do you think are the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland?
 New question in 2023

3.14.1 2023 results

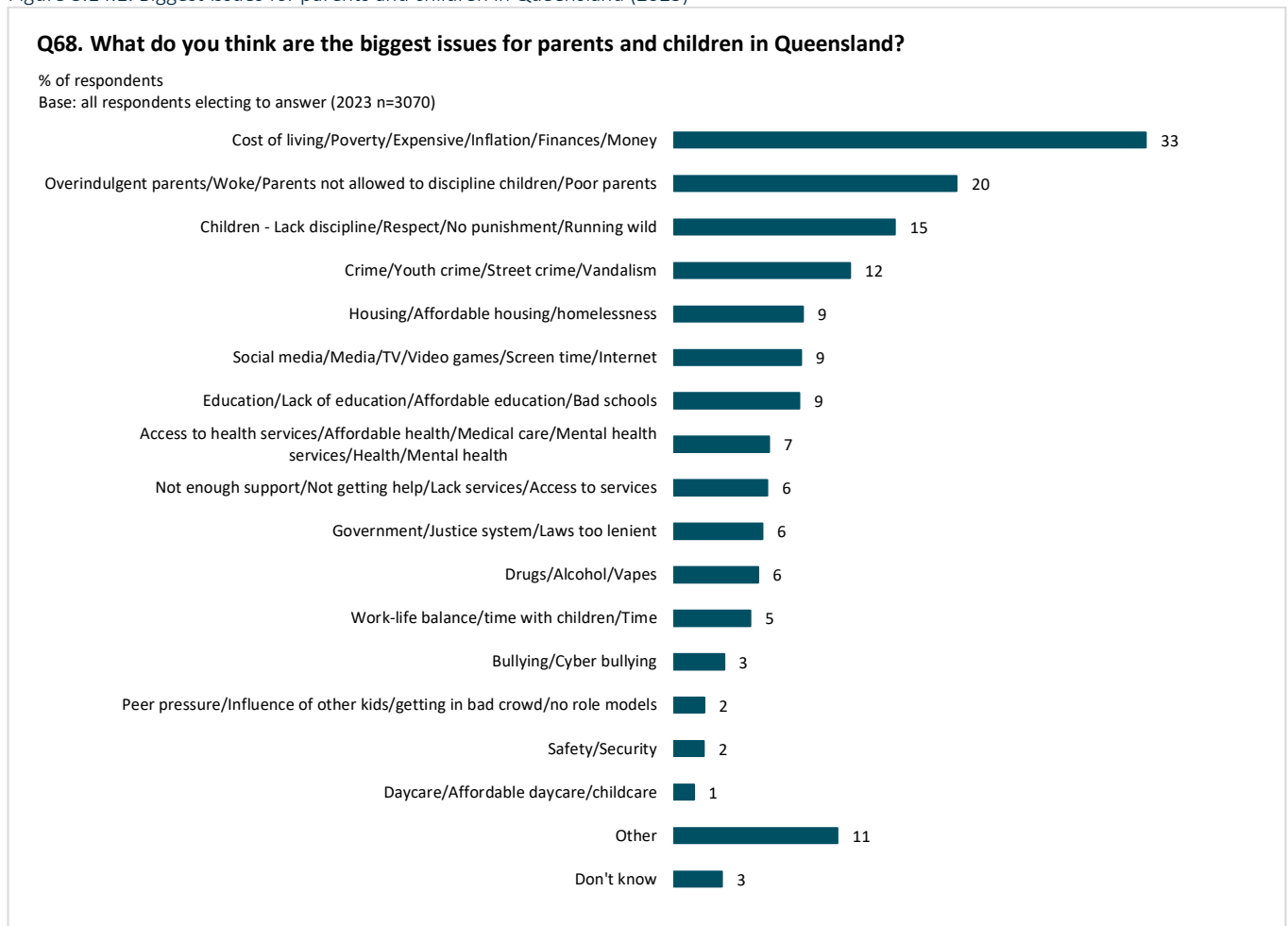
Respondents were asked what they thought were the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland. Respondents were able to answer in their own words and post-enumeration responses were coded into key themes (refer to Figure 3.14.1).

The most common responses were that the cost of living, poverty, inflation, and finances are the biggest issues facing parents and children in Queensland (33%). Additionally, 9% added concern about housing affordability and homelessness.

A broad theme surrounding children’s behaviour, discipline and accountability was also raised with 20% commenting on parental actions and not appropriately disciplining their children, 15% commenting on children being seen to lack discipline, respect, not getting punished for behaviour and being allowed to ‘run wild’ and 12% identifying youth crime as an issue.

After these two themes, 9% of respondents considered social media, media, screen time and the internet an issue facing parents and children in Queensland. A similar proportion (9%) commented upon education issues (affordability and quality of schooling) and 7% commented upon access to, and affordability of, health services and mental health services.

Figure 3.14.1: Biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland (2023)



84 respondents elected not to answer this question

3.14.2 Sub-group differences (2023)

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 (33% average) to be concerned about cost of living, poverty, expenses, inflation and finance were:

- Females (35%)
- Those aged 18-24 years old (47%) or those aged 25-39 years old (40%)
- Those who have responsibility for a child aged 0-17 years (36%).

Housing affordability and homelessness were significantly more likely to be noted by respondents who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (13%, 9% among those who do not identify as such).

Sub-groups more likely than others (20% average) to identify parents overindulging or not disciplining their children as a big issue were those aged 60 years or older (34%) or those who do not have responsibility for a child (24%). These were also the two groups who were more likely to comment on children lacking discipline or respect, or 'running wild' and not being punished (22% 60+ years, 18% not responsible for child 0-17, 15% average).

Population segments most likely (12% average) to raise youth crime as an issue for parents and children in Queensland were:

- Females (15%)
- Those aged 25-39 years old (15%)
- Those who have responsibility for a child aged 0-17 years (15%)
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander respondents (17%)
- Residents of the Far North Queensland region (19%) or the North Queensland region (18%).

Other key sub-group differences included:

- Respondents living in North Queensland were significantly more likely to mention lack of access to or lack of support services (10%, 6% average). As were respondents who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (11%, 6% among those who do not identify as such)
- Concerns related to access to health services and mental health services and affordability of such services were more likely to be raised by females (9%, 4% males) or those with responsibility for a child aged 0-17 years (9%, 5% among those without such responsibility) than other sub-groups
- Drugs, alcohol and vapes were significantly more likely to be mentioned by females (7%, 5% males) or respondents who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (13%, 5% among those who do not identify as such).

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 (2023)

Q68 Column %	Total 2023 n = 3070	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS		ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	
		Male n = 1461	Female n = 1604	Non-binary n = 5^	18-24 years n = 320	25-39 years n = 1056	40-59 years n = 828	60+ years n = 866	Yes n = 1123	No n = 1937	Yes n = 262	No n = 2808
<i>% of respondents</i>												
Cost of living/Poverty/ Expensive/Inflation/ Finances/Money	33	30 ↓	35 ↑	80	47 ↑	40 ↑	31	21 ↓	36 ↑	31 ↓	30	33
Overindulgent parents/ Woke/Parents not allowed to discipline children/Poor parents	20	20	19	20	13 ↓	14 ↓	15 ↓	34 ↑	11 ↓	24 ↑	12 ↓	20 ↑
Children - Lack discipline/ Respect/No punishment/ Running wild	15	16	15		10 ↓	10 ↓	16	22 ↑	10 ↓	18 ↑	15	15
Crime/Youth crime/ Street crime/Vandalism	12	10 ↓	15 ↑		13	15 ↑	14	7 ↓	15 ↑	11 ↓	17 ↑	12 ↓
Housing/Affordable housing/homelessness	9	8	10		10	7 ↓	10	10	6 ↓	11 ↑	13 ↑	9 ↓
Social media/ Media/TV/Video games/ Screen time/ Internet	9	8 ↓	10 ↑		6	7 ↓	12 ↑	9	11 ↑	8 ↓	6	9
Education/Lack of education/Affordable education/Bad schools	9	9	8		8	7 ↓	8	12 ↑	7	9	8	9
Access to health services/Affordable health/Medical care/ Mental health services/ Health/Mental health	7	4 ↓	9 ↑	40	4	8	8	5 ↓	9 ↑	5 ↓	5	7
Not enough support/ Not getting help/Lack services/Access to services	6	4 ↓	8 ↑	40	5	8	7	5	7	6	11 ↑	6 ↓
Government/Justice system/Laws too lenient	6	8 ↑	5 ↓		4	5	6	9 ↑	5 ↓	7 ↑	3 ↓	6 ↑
Drugs/Alcohol/Vapes	6	5 ↓	7 ↑		5	6	7	5	5	6	13 ↑	5 ↓
Work-life balance/time with children/Time	5	4 ↓	6 ↑		4	6	6	4	7 ↑	4 ↓	3	6
Bullying/Cyber bullying	3	2 ↓	4 ↑		1 ↓	3	5 ↑	3	5 ↑	2 ↓	5	3
Peer pressure/ Influence of other kids/ getting in bad crowd/ no role models	2	2	2		2	1 ↓	2	3 ↑	2	2	2	2
Safety/Security	2	2	2		1	2	2	3	3	2	1	2
Daycare/Affordable daycare/childcare	1	1 ↓	2 ↑	20	1	3 ↑	1	0 ↓	2 ↑	1 ↓	2	1
Other	11	12	10	40	9	13	11	10	12	11	21 ↑	10 ↓
Don't know	3	3	3		6 ↑	4	2	3	2	4	2	3

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Base: those electing to answer (84 did not answer)

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Table 3.14.2: Biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland concerns by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q68 Column %	Total 2023 n = 3070	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 854	Far North QLD n = 348	North QLD n = 393	South East n = 451	South West n = 417	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 607	Yes n = 278	No n = 2783
<i>% of respondents</i>									
Cost of living/ Poverty/ Expensive/Inflation/ Finances/Money	33	33	29	34	35	33	31	28	33
Over-indulgent parents/ Woke/Parents not allowed to discipline children/Poor parents	20	18	22	18	19	19	23	14	20
Children - Lack discipline/Respect/No punishment/Running wild	15	14	18	14	13	17	16	9	16
Crime/Youth crime/ Street crime/Vandalism	12	7 ↓	19 ↑	18 ↑	13	14	10	9	13
Housing/Affordable housing/homelessness	9	9	9	8	9	8	10	9	9
Social media/ Media/TV/Video games/ Screen time/ Internet	9	11	9	7	8	10	7	7	9
Education/Lack of education/Affordable education/Bad schools	9	9	10	8	8	8	9	10	9
Access to health services/Affordable health/Medical care/ Mental health services/ Health/Mental health	7	7	5	8	7	7	5	5	7
Not enough support/ Not getting help/Lack services/ Access to services	6	6	7	10 ↑	4	5	8	7	6
Government/Justice system/Laws too lenient	6	5	7	7	6	7	6	4	6
Drugs/Alcohol/Vapes	6	4	9	8	6	5	5	7	6
Work-life balance/time with children/Time	5	7	3	6	4	6	4	6	5
Bullying/Cyber bullying	3	4	2	3	3	4	4	4	3
Peer pressure/ Influence of other kids/ getting in bad crowd/ no role models	2	2	1	2	2	4	2	2	2
Safety/Security	2	2	4 ↑	2	1	1	2	2	2
Daycare/Affordable daycare/childcare	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1
Other	11	12	12	13	9	12	10	17 ↑	11 ↓
Don't know	3	4	2	2	5	4	2	6	3

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3.15 Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer

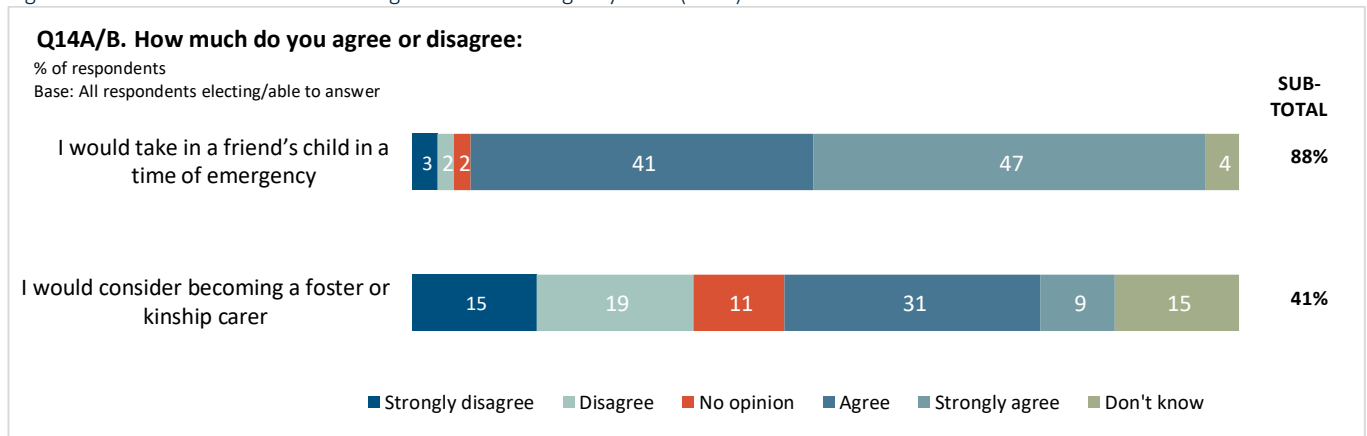
Q14A. How much do you agree or disagree: I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer
 Q14B. How much do you agree or disagree: I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency
 New questions in 2023

3.15.1 2023 result

New questions were asked in the 2023 survey regarding foster or emergency care. 88% of respondents agreed overall they would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency (47% strongly agreed, 41% agreed) while 41% agreed that they would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer (9% strongly agreed, 31% agreed).

15% of respondents were unsure whether they would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer and 34% would not consider (disagreed/strongly disagreed).

Figure 3.15.1 Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer (2023)



* Excludes respondents who are already foster or kinship carers (30 respondents identified they were foster or kinship carers)

3.15.2 Sub-group differences (2023)

Females, respondents aged under 40 years, those who were responsible for children aged 0-17 years, those who identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, or culturally and linguistically diverse people were significantly more likely than other sub-groups to agree that they would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer (refer to Table 3.15.1 and 3.15.2 for proportions).

There was less variability with results regarding taking in a friend's child in a time of emergency with agreement overall being high across most sub-groups. However, respondents aged 60+ years or those currently without responsibility for a child aged 0-17 years were significantly less likely to agree overall that they would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency (80% and 84% respectively, 88% average).

Other key sub-group differences are outlined in Tables 3.15.1 and 3.15.2 following.

Table 3.15.1: Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer by gender, age, responsibility for children and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status (2023)

Q14a/b Column %	Total 2023	GENDER			AGE (years)				RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD 0-17 YRS	ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER		
% of respondents												
I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency												
	Total 2023 n = 3137	Male n = 1490	Female n = 1642	Non-binary n = 5^	18-24 years n = 326	25-39 years n = 1097	40-59 years n = 848	60+ years n = 866	Yes n = 1156	No n = 1971	Yes n = 272	No n = 2865
Strongly disagree	3	4	3		2	2 ↓	3	6 ↑	1 ↓	5 ↑	3	3
Disagree	2	2	2	20	2	2	2	3 ↑	1 ↓	3 ↑	1	2
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	7 ↑	5 ↓	20	4	4 ↓	5	9 ↑	3 ↓	7 ↑	3	6
No opinion	2	3	2		2	1 ↓	2	4 ↑	1 ↓	3 ↑	3	2
Agree	41	43 ↑	38 ↓	20	37	37 ↓	41	47 ↑	36 ↓	43 ↑	45	40
Strongly agree	47	43 ↓	51 ↑	60	54 ↑	57 ↑	48	33 ↓	59 ↑	41 ↓	46	48
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	88	87	89	80	90	93 ↑	89	80 ↓	94 ↑	84 ↓	91	88
Don't know	4	4	4		3	2 ↓	4	7 ↑	2 ↓	5 ↑	3	4
I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer*												
	Total 2023 n = 3121	Male n = 1480	Female n = 1636	Non-binary n = 5^	18-24 years n = 321	25-39 years n = 1085	40-59 years n = 843	60+ years n = 872	Yes n = 1139	No n = 1972	Yes n = 266	No n = 2855
Strongly disagree	15	17 ↑	13 ↓		6 ↓	8 ↓	12 ↓	29 ↑	7 ↓	20 ↑	8 ↓	16 ↑
Disagree	19	21 ↑	17 ↓		9 ↓	15 ↓	20	26 ↑	17 ↓	20 ↑	13 ↓	19 ↑
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	34	37 ↑	31 ↓		16 ↓	23 ↓	32	55 ↑	24 ↓	40 ↑	21 ↓	35 ↑
No opinion	11	12 ↑	9 ↓	20	13	11	8 ↓	12	9 ↓	12 ↑	7	11
Agree	31	29 ↓	33 ↑	40	45 ↑	39 ↑	33	15 ↓	39 ↑	27 ↓	35	31
Strongly agree	9	9	10	20	13 ↑	14 ↑	9	3 ↓	14 ↑	7 ↓	17 ↑	9 ↓
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	41	38 ↓	43 ↑	60	58 ↑	53 ↑	42	18 ↓	53 ↑	33 ↓	52 ↑	40 ↓
Don't know	15	13 ↓	17 ↑	20	14	13	17 ↑	15	14	15	20 ↑	14 ↓

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Base: All respondents electing/able to answer

* Excludes respondents who are already foster or kinship carers (30 respondents identified they were foster or kinship carers)

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Table 3.15.2: Consideration of becoming a foster or emergency carer by region and culturally and linguistically diverse respondents (2023)

Q14a/b Column %	Total 2023	REGION						CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE	
		<i>% of respondents</i>							
I would take in a friend's child in a time of emergency									
	Total 2023 n = 3137	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 872	Far North Queensland n = 356	North Queensland n = 399	South East n = 461	South West n = 435	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 614	Yes n = 290	No n = 2838
Strongly disagree	3	2	5	4	3	2	5	2	3
Disagree	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	2
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	6	5	6	6	5	5	6	5	6
No opinion	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
Agree	41	42	45	40	37	38	42	45	40
Strongly agree	47	46	46	49	51	49	46	43	48
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	88	88	90	89	88	87	87	88	88
Don't know	4	4	2	3	5	7	4	4	4
I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer*									
	Total 2023 n = 3121	Brisbane and Moreton Bay n = 866	Far North Queensland n = 355	North Queensland n = 397	South East n = 458	South West n = 434	Sunshine Coast and Central n = 611	Yes n = 285	No n = 2827
Strongly disagree	15	14	16	13	14	15	17	8 ↓	16 ↑
Disagree	19	18	21	21	19	19	18	14	19
SUB-TOTAL DISAGREE	34	33	37	34	33	33	35	22 ↓	35 ↑
No opinion	11	11	10	10	11	11	10	17 ↑	10 ↓
Agree	31	32	34	32	33	28	29	38	31
Strongly agree	9	10	5	9	10	12	9	11	9
SUB-TOTAL AGREE	41	42	39	41	43	40	38	49 ↑	40 ↓
Don't know	15	14	14	15	13	16	17	12	15

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 Base: All respondents electing/able to answer

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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)
Q11.	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
Q12.	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
Q12A	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
Q13.	Are you currently responsible for the care of a child aged 0-17 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q13A	Do you fall within any of the following groups (please select all that apply): a) I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) of children under 18 years who live with me full time b) I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) of children under 18 years who live with me part time c) I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) of children under 18 years who do not live with me d) I am a foster or kinship carer e) I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) of children over 18 years who live with me full time or part time f) I am a grandparent of children under 18 years. (must answer yes at Q13 above to go on to parenting questions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – for each item <input type="checkbox"/> Or, None of these
Q14.	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 carer d) A child protection and family support system worker or service provider? e) In any other professional capacity (e.g. a doctor, nurse, teacher, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

No.	Item	Response scale
Q14A	<i>Don't ask to those who said yes to foster care at code d Q13a</i> I would consider becoming a foster or kinship carer	<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
Q14B	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
Q7.	If you were concerned about a child's safety or wellbeing, which organisations or individuals would you report this to?	Free text
Q10I	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
Q51	In my community, children and young people: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> are protected from abuse and neglect are supported to live safely at home with their families live in safe communities can access the services they need to stay healthy, such as GPs and hospitals can access the services they need for healthy teeth, such as dentists can access mental health services if needed can access disability services if needed can access NDIS supports if needed can access early childhood education and care, such as kindergarten have support to stay engaged in learning at school or TAFE can access sporting, recreational or community activities are supported to connect with their culture (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people) 	<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
Q54	How much do you agree or disagree that the views of children and young people are listened to and valued by the following systems? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> education system health system mental health system disability service system public housing system child protection and family support system youth justice 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
Q56	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about youth mental health services in your area? <p>Youth mental health services in my area are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> accessible (services are available in the area) timely (services have enough capacity to meet demand without waitlists) affordable culturally appropriate 	<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
Q57	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q13 or Q13A(a-e) or ≥ 1997 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

No.	Item	Response scale
Q58	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q57</i> Did you experience any barriers to accessing youth mental health services?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Q59	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q58</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)
Q60	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? a) The community prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people i) Children are safe in my community c) I feel safe in my community b) The Queensland Government prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people d) Young people are portrayed fairly in the media e) Young people, should have the opportunity to contribute to discussions about social issues that affect them f) The involvement of young people in public life positively contributes to social cohesion g) There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland child protection system h) There is sufficient oversight of the Queensland youth justice system j) Being a parent is hard work k) Parents struggle to discipline their children	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion
Q61	Do you believe that children under the age of 14 should be incarcerated (that is, held in a jail or prison)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Q62	In your opinion, what is the minimum age a child should be incarcerated (that is, held in a jail or prison)?	<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
Q63	The cost of living is having a negative impact on children, young people and their families?	<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
	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q13 or Q13A(a-e)</i>	
Q64	We are now going to ask you some questions about your experiences of being a parent, carer or grandparent	<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
	Are the children in your care in the following age groups?	
Q65	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q13 or Q13A(a-e)</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 Q13 or Q13A(a-e)</i>	
	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	
Q66	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
	<i>Only ask if 'yes' to Q13 or Q13A(a-e)</i>	
	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	
Q67	I feel confident that: a) I can support my child or young person when they have worries or concerns b) I can support my child to do well at school c) I can support my child to attend sporting, recreational and community activities d) I am able to adequately monitor my child's online activities e) my children will have a good future f) there will be job opportunities for my children when they are older I feel confident that I would be able to access: g) the health services my child might need h) services if I need support with my parenting i) help from teachers or other school staff if my child is having problems at school	<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>	
Q68	What do you think are the biggest issues for parents and children in Queensland?	Free text

Appendix B – Sample Composition

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

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

IDENTIFY AS Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person		Survey year				
Column % n	2017 n = 1694	2019 n = 2503	2020 n = 2530	2021 n = 2520	2022 n = 2509	2023 n=3154
Yes, Aboriginal person	7%	8%	5%	7%	6%	6%
n =	116	197	138	167	148	183
Yes, Torres Strait Islander person	1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%
n =	21	13	28	7	25	40
Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
n =	16	23	29	16	51	50
SUB-TOTAL Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person	9%	9%	8%	8%	9%	9%
n =	153	233	195	190	224	273
No	91%	91%	92%	92%	91%	91%
n =	1541	2270	2335	2330	2285	2881

CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE		Survey year
Column %		2023
n		n=3154
Speak a language other than English at home		9%
	n =	291
Only speak English at home		91%
	n =	2854

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

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

Previous regions included:

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

RESPONSIBLE FOR CARE OF CHILD	Survey year					
	2017 n = 1696	2019 n = 2498	2020 n = 2525	2021 n = 2520	2022 n = 2509	2023 n=3154
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
Column % n	2023 n=3154
I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) of children under 18 years who live with me full time	33%
n =	1043
I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) of children under 18 years who live with me part time	3%
n =	104
I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) of children under 18 years who do not live with me	2%
n =	62
I am a foster or kinship carer	1%
n =	30
I am a parent (biological or acting in parenting role) or carer of children over 18 years who live with me full time or part time	6%
n =	201
I am a grandparent of children under 18 years	19%
n =	584
None of these	41%
n =	1279

PARENTS/CARERS – AGE OF CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE	Survey year
Column % n	2023 n=1379
0-4	39%
n =	537
5-9	37%
n =	512
10-14	34%
n =	465
15-17	20%
n =	280
18 and over	18%
n =	247

PARENTS/CARERS – OTHERS LIVING IN THE HOME		Survey year
Column % n		2023 n=1379
My partner		73%
	n =	1004
Extended family (E.g.: grandparents or other relatives)		13%
	n =	177
No one else		17%
	n =	241
Other		3%
	n =	42

Appendix C – Fieldwork Report

Online method

Sub-contractor: Ipsos.

Dates of Fieldwork: 15 May to 31 May 2023.

Average (median) survey length: 7.7 minutes.

Sample sources: Five panels were used - Ipsos Panel (23%), PureProfile (18%), Octopus (29%), Fulcrum (22%) Dynata (8%). All panels have ISO 20252 accreditation.

In the total online sample of completed surveys, 183 surveys were collected with Queenslanders who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and 2,882 with those who do not identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (3,065 surveys in total).

Offline method

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

Dates of Fieldwork: 15 May to 7 June 2023.

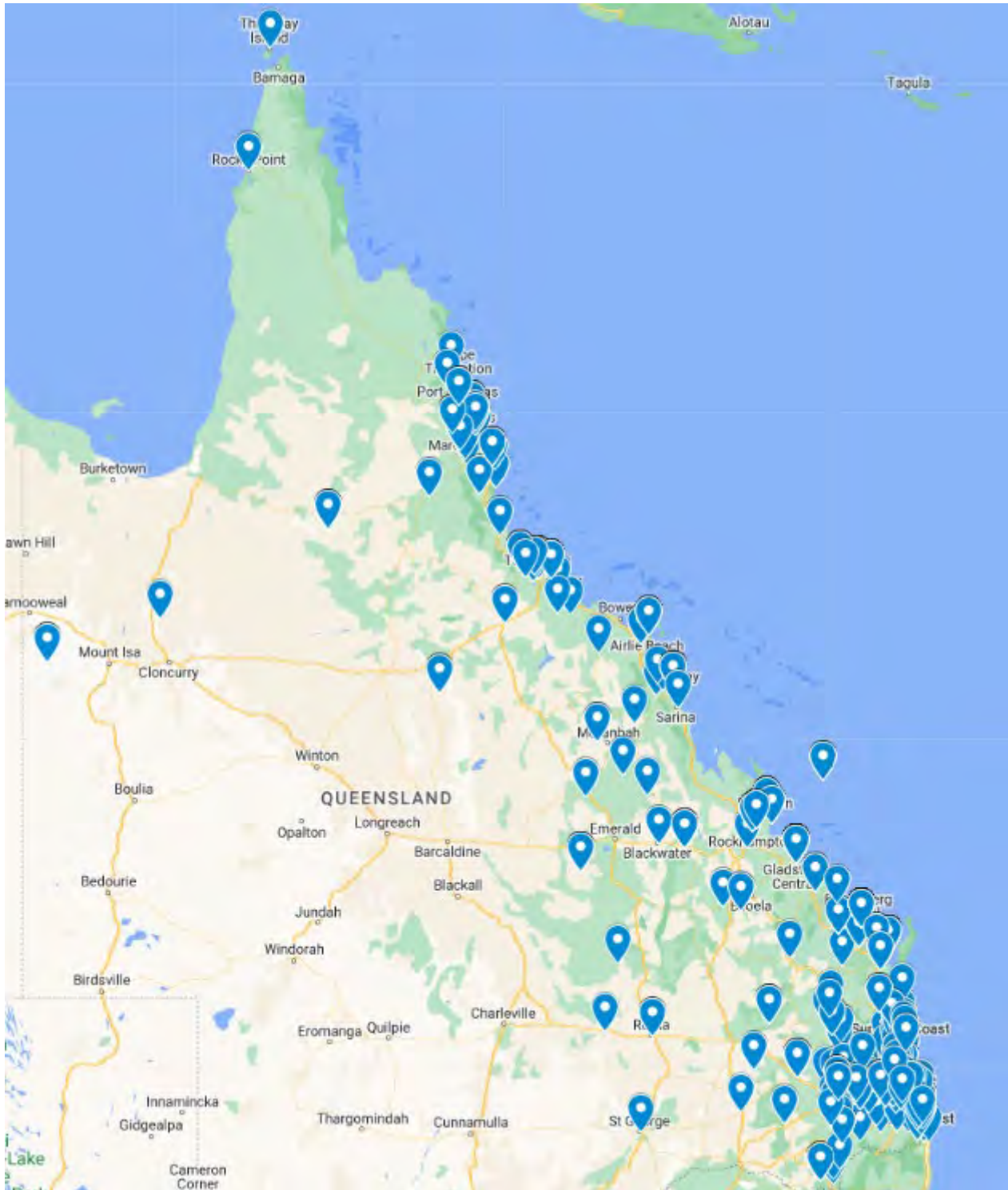
Average (median) survey length: 17 minutes.

Sample sources: ATSIRU 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=60), telephone interviewing (n=21) and guided self-completion (via a link to the online survey) (n=9) surveying.

Distribution of interviews

The map below shows the location of respondents who took part in the survey in 2023. 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

