



YOUTH SURVEY REPORT 2024 QUEENSLAND

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ABOUT THIS REPORT

This is the **Queensland (QLD)** sub-report of the Mission Australia Youth Survey Report 2024 . It is based on the responses of 3782 young people in **QLD** who completed the Youth Survey 2024 .

The Mission Australia Youth Survey Report 2024 presents key findings based on national level data and can be found [here](#). It contains the methodology, national executive summary, national key findings, and findings for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. The report also includes commentary on the national findings that may assist in the interpretation of the data found within this sub-report.

This **QLD** sub-report is a state-based overview of the key findings from the Youth Survey 2024 . The report includes detailed data tables comparing state-level findings against the national data. All state and national data in this report, including demographic information and base sizes, has been **weighted** by state, gender and socio-economic advantage/disadvantage by area. Please see the 'About the survey' section of the Youth Survey Report 2024 for more information regarding our weighting method.

Care needs to be taken when interpreting and generalising some results due to variations in base sizes for different survey items. When weighted base sizes are under 100 and need to be read with caution, notes are included under the data tables. Care also needs to be taken when interpreting and generalising state-based gender breakdowns due to small base sizes. **QLD** gender breakdowns are included where weighted base size allows. Results have been excluded where weighted base sizes are under 30 respondents.

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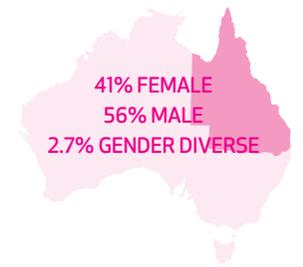
We acknowledge the traditional custodians of lands throughout Australia, and we pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the culture and dreams of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continual relationship with the land and we recognise the importance of the young people who are our future leaders.

A special thank you to the young people who shared with us in the 2024 Youth Survey. We appreciate the views they shared on current issues and personal concerns, as well as their responses to questions relating to housing and finance, education and employment, community and supports, and mental health and wellbeing.

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Queensland KEY FINDINGS

Young people shared their perspectives and experiences across a range of topics.



Biggest personal challenge

- 1 School and study, **47%**
(47% in 2023, 42% in 2022)
- 2 Personal relationships, **19%**
(19% in 2023, 20% in 2022)
- 3 Mental health, **17%**
(20% in 2023, 24% in 2022)

Education and employment

79% of respondents were studying full time
98% planned to complete Year 12
After school, **63%** planned to go to university and **33%** planned to get a job
54% were in paid work

Housing, homelessness and financial situation

93% of young people lived with their parents or guardians
Of those living elsewhere, **58%** lived at their boarding school and **11%** lived with friends
11% worried about having a safe place to stay in the past year
35% said that they and their families had to be careful with money

Wellbeing

58% of respondents reported feeling happy with their life
57% felt completely or mostly in control of their life
However, **20%** felt lonely all or most of the time in the past four weeks
19% were classified as having high psychological distress

Support and connectedness

62% of young people would go to friends and **60%** to parents/guardians for help with important issues in their lives
However, **29%** found it hard to fit in and socialise with everyone
51% felt proud to be a part of their community
35% felt that young people in their community have a say on issues that matter to them

Unfair treatment and discrimination

29% of respondents reported being treated unfairly or discriminated against in the past year
Physical appearance (**37%**), race/cultural background (**36%**) and gender (**24%**) were the top reasons for discrimination

Alcohol and drugs

53% of young people believed that alcohol and **64%** believed that drugs are a problem in Australia
19% reported that alcohol was a problem for their family or friends, **13%** for drugs
57% accessed information about the risk of alcohol or drug use from their teachers and schools, **42%** via news or advertising and **40%** from social media

Queensland KEY FINDINGS



Young people were asked to list the three most important issues in Australia today.

The open-ended responses were then thematically analysed and listed in order of frequency.

1

Cost of living, 57%
(32% in 2023, 24% in 2022)

2

Violence, safety and crime, 32%
(26% in 2023, 13% in 2022)

3

Climate change and the environment, 22%
(29% in 2023, 40% in 2022)

4

Mental health, 21%
(28% in 2023, 31% in 2022)

"[The biggest personal challenge I faced in the past year was] being in child safety and transitioning into adulthood. And lack of services given to me to help me."

Female, 19, Queensland

"In the last year I greatly struggled with mental health due to my gender identity and trust with my limited abilities caused by neurodivergence and was almost sent to the hospital because of this. Thankfully I am doing significantly better now, though the study I missed continues to impact me."

Transgender, 15, Queensland



PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

Table 1: Gender

	QLD %	National %
Base	3812	17212
Female	40.6	46.4
Male	55.8	49.5
Gender diverse^	2.7	3.0
Prefer not to say	0.9	1.1

^A-gender/non-gendered, non-binary gender, transgender and not listed are combined under the gender diverse reporting category.

Table 2: Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3728	1514	2074	100	16917
Non-Indigenous	90.0	89.7	90.8	79.6	92.3
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	10.0	10.3	9.2	20.4	7.7
Aboriginal	6.3	7.5	5.4	9.9	6.0
Torres Strait Islander	1.2	0.7	1.5	2.8	0.9
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2.5	2.1	2.4	7.7	0.8

Table 3: Identify with a cultural or ethnic identity

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3701	1501	2061	100	16728
Yes	21.8	21.0	21.9	29.2	24.4
No	78.2	79.0	78.1	70.8	75.6

Table 4: Spoke a language other than English

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3707	1506	2062	100	16710
Yes	20.7	20.3	20.5	23.4	22.9
No, English only	79.3	79.7	79.5	76.6	77.1

Table 5: Identify as a person with disability

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3684	1496	2051	98	16572
Yes, I have disability	8.3	6.1	8.3	36.4	8.7
No	86.3	90.2	85.8	45.0	86.3
Prefer not to say	5.4	3.7	5.8	18.5	5.1

*Sample is less than 100, please use caution when interpreting results.

Table 6: Identify as a person with a mental health condition

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3673	1490	2047	96	16506
Yes, I have a mental health condition	14.1	18.3	9.6	39.8	15.9
No	74.9	68.9	81.7	36.5	72.6
Prefer not to say	10.9	12.8	8.7	23.7	11.5

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PERSONAL CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS

Table 7: Biggest personal challenge experienced by young people

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3412	1385	1895	98	15052
School and study	47.0	52.2	44.4	25.3	44.7
Personal relationships	19.4	25.7	15.1	15.1	20.6
Mental health	17.2	23.3	12.0	28.7	19.6
Finance and housing	5.4	5.1	5.6	5.4	5.6
Physical health	5.4	4.3	6.0	7.7	5.3
Other (includes various low frequency challenges not listed above)	15.8	10.4	19.1	26.7	14.6
Not sure/no challenges identified	7.3	5.1	9.1	4.7	7.4

Note: Items based on content analysis of 100% of responses to this question. The percentages may not total 100% as responses can fall into multiple items. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

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Table 8: Top five supports when facing their challenge, by biggest personal challenge experienced in the past year

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	National %
School and study challenge (Base)	1591	718	833	6689
Sleeping	45.2	47.1	44.1	43.5
Being more organised	43.8	43.6	45.1	42.6
Entertainment and recreation	42.3	46.4	38.6	41.9
Studying	40.4	37.2	44.3	37.2
Taking a break	40.4	44.1	37.1	42.0
Personal relationships challenge (Base)	663	355	286	3102
Distracting myself	52.1	53.0	51.1	49.1
Entertainment and recreation	50.3	49.2	50.9	49.9
Sleeping	42.6	50.2	32.8	41.7
Reaching out to friends	42.4	45.2	39.3	41.2
Self-care	35.4	41.3	29.0	36.6
Mental health challenge (Base)	583	319	228	2936
Entertainment and recreation	52.6	52.7	49.8	53.2
Distracting myself	48.9	52.4	42.7	48.4
Sleeping	44.2	49.5	38.1	45.2
Taking a break	40.0	42.7	36.7	40.3
Self-care	34.7	44.0	23.1	42.9

Note: Sample sizes vary per challenge. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency within each challenge. Gender diverse data is not included as sample size was less than 30.

Table 9: Issues of concern to young people in the past year (*extremely or very concerned*)

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Cost of living	33.5	37.6	29.4	50.0	34.0
School or study problems	31.8	40.8	25.0	37.9	34.5
Coping with stress	27.5	40.2	16.9	48.9	30.1
Mental health	24.5	35.2	15.1	53.4	28.0
Body image	23.0	36.2	12.5	37.5	25.3
Physical health	17.3	21.2	13.8	30.5	18.8
Global conflicts	13.9	17.6	10.3	28.4	16.5
Social media use	13.8	16.7	11.4	15.9	15.3
Climate change	13.2	16.8	9.2	38.0	15.9
Suicide	12.5	15.3	9.2	34.3	13.7
Discrimination	11.2	14.7	7.0	35.9	13.3
Bullying/emotional abuse	10.5	14.7	6.5	24.4	12.4
Vaping/e-cigarettes	10.0	10.0	9.5	18.1	10.2
LGBTIQA+^ issues	10.0	7.4	8.9	62.6	9.8
Personal safety	9.6	12.3	6.9	21.2	11.5
Artificial intelligence	9.3	11.3	7.0	19.7	10.2
Domestic/family violence	8.7	11.5	6.0	17.6	10.1
Alcohol and other drugs	6.7	7.5	5.4	21.1	7.5

^Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer, Asexual issues.

Note: Sample sizes vary per statement. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

NATIONAL ISSUES

Table 10: Top 10 most important issues in Australia today

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3457	1384	1946	91	15044
Cost of living	57.5	56.9	58.0	52.1	56.2
Violence, safety and crime	31.8	36.2	29.8	14.7	25.3
Climate change and the environment	21.8	24.2	20.0	21.3	26.6
Mental health	21.4	29.1	16.8	9.9	23.3
Discrimination and inequality	20.1	24.0	16.6	27.5	21.7
Alcohol and other drugs	18.7	16.2	20.4	22.0	16.7
Housing and homelessness	18.5	17.0	19.8	13.0	17.0
Global affairs	6.8	4.0	8.7	8.3	7.1
Internet, social media and technology	6.6	8.5	5.5	2.0	6.2
Education	6.4	7.3	5.9	2.5	7.5

Note: Respondents were able to write up to three issues. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency. Labels describing some issues have been updated in 2024 to better reflect contemporary language.

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EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Table 11: Participation in education

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3812	1541	2125	102	17434
Studying full-time	79.0	83.6	76.0	76.1	80.8
Studying part-time	9.1	7.5	10.4	8.5	9.1
Not studying	11.8	8.9	13.6	15.4	10.1

Table 12: Satisfaction with studies

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3332	1398	1815	86	15547
Very satisfied or satisfied	64.3	69.8	61.0	49.3	61.2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	27.2	24.1	29.3	27.0	29.4
Dissatisfied or very dissatisfied	8.5	6.1	9.7	23.6	9.4

Base: Respondents currently studying.

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Table 13: Plan to complete Year 12

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3232	1355	1764	81	14807
Yes	98.0	99.2	97.4	88.1	95.2
No	2.0	0.8	2.6	11.9	4.8

Base: Respondents currently studying at school or equivalent.

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Table 14: Plans after leaving school

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3250	1363	1774	81	14913
Go to university	62.7	74.0	55.3	38.4	61.4
Get a job	32.9	35.2	31.0	40.5	36.7
Travel/gap year	22.2	26.8	18.1	33.5	26.6
Get an apprenticeship	12.4	3.6	19.1	16.8	12.8
Go to TAFE or college	10.9	10.5	10.9	15.0	11.9
Join the defence force or emergency services	9.0	5.1	12.1	7.2	8.1
Start a business	8.6	4.2	11.5	17.1	9.3
Become a professional athlete	7.3	3.4	10.7	3.3	7.1
Do something in the creative and/or performing arts	6.1	6.3	5.1	20.9	6.8
Other	1.3	1.5	1.1	2.7	1.5
Not sure	6.8	4.8	8.0	12.2	7.7
No choices are available to me	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1

Base: Respondents currently studying at school or equivalent.

Note: Respondents were able to choose more than one option. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

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Table 15: Are there any barriers to young people achieving study/work goals

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3217	1353	1757	78	14713
Yes	27.0	29.5	23.8	50.1	28.8
No	73.0	70.5	76.2	49.9	71.2

Base: Respondents currently studying at school or equivalent.

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Table 16: Barriers to achieving study/work goals

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	862	398	415	37	4182
Lack of motivation	34.9	33.9	34.5	49.9	37.3
Financial difficulties	31.3	35.3	29.0	17.0	29.3
Lack of confidence	30.8	28.8	30.2	50.7	31.2
Mental health	30.6	37.0	21.5	58.7	33.4
Academic ability	25.6	26.7	26.0	6.5	26.7
Where you live	16.8	16.7	16.9	19.8	18.2
Family responsibilities	11.4	12.3	10.6	7.3	12.3
Disability	10.2	5.8	11.2	37.0	8.9
Lack of information	10.2	9.8	9.7	18.2	11.7
Transport	10.0	10.7	9.5	2.2	13.3
Admission/job requirements	10.0	9.6	9.6	17.0	10.4
Lack of jobs	9.5	10.4	8.7	6.0	10.5
Lack of family support	9.5	11.3	7.4	12.3	8.7
Lack of school support	8.1	9.7	6.7	9.9	8.6
Physical health	7.3	4.8	9.2	13.8	8.5
Lack of stable housing	5.7	7.0	4.7	3.6	5.7
Discrimination	4.2	3.3	3.1	26.0	5.4
Cultural responsibilities	2.9	1.9	3.4	6.1	3.1
Other	4.5	4.8	4.6	2.6	5.4

Base: Respondents who said there were barriers to achieving study/work goals.

Note: Respondents were able to choose more than one option. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

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Table 17: Participation in paid employment

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3822	1546	2129	102	17437
Permanent employee	3.7	4.0	3.5	4.8	4.3
Casual employee	49.8	50.6	49.5	44.8	47.6
Not in paid employment, looking for work	29.1	29.1	29.1	27.4	28.9
Not in paid employment, not looking for work	17.4	16.3	17.9	23.0	19.2

Table 18: Employment type

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	2036	842	1123	51	8953
Working full-time	2.7	0.3	3.7	21.4	1.9
Working part-time	97.3	99.7	96.3	78.6	98.1

Base: Respondents in paid employment.

Note: Part-time employment is considered to be less than 35 hours per week, while full-time employment is considered to be 35 hours or more.

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HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND FINANCIAL SITUATION

Table 19: Residential setting in the past three months

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3748	1525	2082	101	16975
A home owned or rented by me or someone I live with	87.3	88.2	87.2	74.5	90.5
Boarding school	7.3	8.2	6.6	11.0	4.0
Public/social housing	2.4	1.1	3.2	7.5	2.3
Out-of-home care	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.7
Somewhere else	2.3	1.6	2.5	6.1	2.5

Note: Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

Table 20: Living with parents or somewhere else in the past three months

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3759	1529	2087	102	17032
Living with parent(s) or guardian(s)	92.9	92.1	93.7	87.6	94.6
Living somewhere else	7.1	7.9	6.3	12.4	5.4

Table 21: Living somewhere else in the past three months

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	National %
Base	269	122	131	906
Other students at my boarding school	58.3	66.8	54.3	41.0
Relatives/siblings	11.3	11.3	10.6	11.3
Non-related person(s) (e.g., share house)	8.8	9.2	7.8	9.8
I live alone	6.3	2.0	8.7	11.5
Friend(s)	6.1	4.8	8.1	10.0
Partner or significant other	2.8	1.3	3.2	7.1
Foster parent(s)	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1
Other	5.3	3.4	6.3	8.2

Base: Respondents living somewhere else (not with parent(s) or guardian(s)).

Note: Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

Gender diverse data is not included as sample size was less than 30.

Table 22: No fixed address or lived in a refuge or transitional accommodation

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3747	1521	2084	101	16960
Yes, in the last year	2.9	2.0	3.2	9.7	3.0
Yes, but not in the last year	6.6	5.8	6.6	15.6	5.7
No	90.6	92.2	90.3	74.7	91.3

Table 23: Spent time away from home because they felt they could not go back

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3749	1525	2084	100	16985
Yes, in the last year	7.1	7.7	5.9	22.7	7.4
Yes, but not in the last year	6.7	8.4	4.7	18.3	6.2
No	86.2	84.0	89.4	59.0	86.3

Table 24: Worried about having a safe place to stay in the past year

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3746	1523	2080	101	17024
Yes	10.7	11.4	9.3	28.4	11.2
No	89.3	88.6	90.7	71.6	88.8

Table 25: Financial concerns experienced in the past year by young person and/or their family

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3659	1492	2027	101	16647
Had to be careful with money	34.8	39.4	31.1	39.3	34.5
Had trouble paying for things	17.1	19.5	14.8	25.8	17.9
Sought financial help from family, friends or a charity	7.5	9.2	6.3	7.4	8.4
Could not afford school fees, supplies or excursions	6.7	8.3	5.3	11.9	6.5
Could not pay bills or car expenses	6.1	6.9	5.2	9.6	6.8
Went without essential goods or services (<i>e.g., medical appointments, groceries</i>)	5.1	5.9	4.3	10.4	5.7
Went without a meal(s)	4.6	4.7	4.2	7.8	4.4
Could not pay rent/mortgage	4.2	5.2	3.4	9.2	4.9
Other	1.0	0.3	1.2	5.3	1.0
I'm not sure	11.7	10.9	12.0	14.3	11.4
No, none of the above	48.7	46.4	51.6	29.6	49.4

Note: Respondents were able to choose more than one option. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

Table 26: Support/assistance received from a charity/foundation in the past year for young person and/or their family

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3646	1488	2022	97	16429
Yes, Mission Australia and/or a different charity or foundation (e.g. <i>The Salvation Army, The Smith Family, Beyond Blue</i>)	2.7	2.8	2.3	11.1	3.9
No, but I needed support or assistance	3.4	3.0	3.3	10.6	3.3
No, I did not need support or assistance from a charity or foundation	70.4	72.7	69.8	50.7	68.5
I'm not sure	23.4	21.6	24.5	27.7	24.2

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WELLBEING

Table 27: Level of happiness with their life as a whole

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3765	1523	2100	101	17061
Very happy or happy (70-100)	57.9	55.4	61.0	36.9	57.0
Not happy or sad (40-60)	33.8	35.5	32.2	38.4	33.9
Sad or very sad (0-30)	8.4	9.1	6.8	24.8	9.0

Note: Respondents were asked to rate how happy they are with their life as a whole on a scale of 0 to 10. Responses were standardised on a scale of 0 to 100. For reporting purposes, the responses have been categorised into three groupings: the 70-100 range denotes very happy or happy; 40-60 signifies not happy or sad; and 0-30 indicates sad or very sad.

Table 28: Level of control over their life

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3740	1515	2083	100	16889
Complete control	9.7	6.0	12.3	13.6	9.8
Mostly in control	47.0	45.0	49.8	22.3	46.6
Some control	32.8	37.2	29.5	35.0	33.2
Almost no control	9.0	10.4	7.1	23.3	8.3
No control	1.5	1.4	1.3	5.8	2.0

Table 29: Level of loneliness in the past four weeks

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3754	1521	2090	101	16932
None of the time	22.7	15.2	28.3	20.2	21.5
A little of the time	28.9	30.4	28.3	17.7	29.2
Some of the time	28.4	30.8	27.1	24.0	28.5
Most of the time	15.9	19.7	12.5	21.2	15.8
All of the time	4.2	3.9	3.7	16.9	4.9

Table 30: Feelings about the future

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3751	1521	2087	101	16930
Very positive or positive	50.0	51.5	50.6	28.3	47.1
Neither positive nor negative	32.8	32.5	32.8	29.4	34.2
Negative or very negative	17.2	16.0	16.6	42.3	18.7

Table 31: Impact of climate change on thinking, feelings and/or behaviour

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3717	1515	2066	97	16764
Yes	16.2	20.4	12.1	33.9	19.7
No	57.9	49.6	65.5	32.1	53.5
I'm not sure	25.9	30.0	22.4	34.0	26.8

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Table 32: Level of psychological distress

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3656	1486	2032	97	16628
Low psychological distress	53.2	42.0	62.5	38.0	50.1
Moderate psychological distress	27.4	31.3	24.5	21.5	28.3
High psychological distress	19.4	26.7	13.0	40.5	21.6

Note: Cut-off scores for categories of psychological distress are as follows: low = 0 to 7, moderate = 8 to 12 and high = 13 to 24 (Hilton, M. F., Whiteford, H. A., Sheridan, J. S., Cleary, C. M., Chant, D. C., Wang, P. S., & Kessler, R. C. (2008). The prevalence of psychological distress in employees and associated occupational risk factors. *Journal of occupational and environmental medicine, 50(7)*, 746-757). These cut-off scores are used by the Australian Institute of Family Studies (Rioseco, P., Warren, D., & Daraganova, G. (2020). *Children's social-emotional wellbeing: The role of parenting, parents' mental health and health behaviours*. Southbank, Victoria: Australian Institute of Family Studies).

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SUPPORT AND CONNECTEDNESS

Table 33: Where young people go for help with important issues

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3760	1529	2087	102	17126
Friend(s)	62.0	68.0	58.4	50.4	63.6
Parent(s) or guardian(s)	59.6	61.5	59.7	34.1	58.7
Brother/sister	31.1	35.4	28.7	16.7	32.9
Relative(s)	28.3	29.0	28.8	13.5	27.7
Pet(s)	23.1	30.5	16.8	33.0	23.7
Partner or significant other	22.8	23.5	21.9	26.6	21.1
Internet	18.6	18.0	18.7	21.2	20.2
Teacher/coach	17.9	18.0	18.0	13.9	16.9
GP or health professional	15.9	20.7	12.5	12.6	17.2
School counsellor	11.8	11.9	11.5	16.3	11.0
Social media	11.2	14.1	8.7	16.1	13.2
Mobile apps	6.9	7.4	6.3	11.0	8.1
Spiritual/religious mentor	6.3	6.3	6.4	3.1	6.4
Community service	3.8	4.0	3.4	8.0	5.0
Other	3.1	1.8	3.6	10.6	2.7
None of the above, I would keep the issue to myself	11.6	8.1	13.9	16.9	11.6

Note: Respondents were able to choose more than one option. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

Table 34: Family's ability to get along with one another

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3754	1522	2090	101	16958
Excellent	20.0	16.7	22.7	15.2	19.1
Very good	29.1	27.7	30.8	17.6	29.4
Good	25.0	26.2	24.1	25.0	25.2
Fair	16.6	18.7	15.1	16.4	16.3
Poor	9.3	10.8	7.3	25.9	9.9

Table 35: Activities involved in during the past year

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3743	1519	2083	99	17012
Sports (as a participant)	63.7	60.7	67.9	28.6	61.8
Sports (as a spectator)	48.6	42.0	54.9	24.3	47.3
Volunteer work	42.6	47.6	39.9	34.7	39.0
Student leaderships groups/activities	29.9	36.5	25.8	20.0	26.8
Arts/cultural/music groups/activities	29.1	37.4	22.6	33.6	26.4
Youth groups/activities	21.9	24.0	20.8	15.5	20.4
Religious groups/activities	18.3	18.5	18.4	13.4	17.3
Environmental groups/activities	7.1	7.2	6.7	14.1	6.9
Political groups/activities	4.3	4.8	3.6	10.4	3.6
None of the above	12.1	10.6	12.2	29.2	14.4

Note: Respondents were able to choose more than one option. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

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Table 36: Activities young people find hard to do

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3668	1491	2037	101	16612
Fit in and socialise with everyone? (e.g., at school, work or socially)	28.7	35.1	22.9	45.0	29.6
Turn to friends and family if you need help?	28.3	32.6	24.1	41.2	29.5
Make choices and feel independent?	20.4	24.9	15.9	37.5	22.5
Turn to services/organisations if you need help?	19.2	22.9	16.1	26.3	20.8
Do everyday activities as young people your age usually do?	18.2	21.9	14.1	42.5	20.0
Do things in public places with friends? (e.g., go to shopping centres, sporting or music events)	15.0	16.4	13.2	25.2	16.3
Travel around the community? (e.g., using footpaths or public transport)	9.9	13.8	6.9	15.7	9.9
None of the above	45.8	36.6	53.7	27.2	43.9

Note: Respondents were able to choose more than one option. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

Table 37: Feelings young people have about their community

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
I am proud to be part of my community (Base)	3623	1469	2019	95	16119
Strongly agree/agree	51.1	50.0	53.4	26.6	51.5
Mixed feelings	37.3	39.6	35.3	34.3	37.3
Disagree/strongly disagree	11.6	10.4	11.2	39.1	11.3
Young people in my community have a say on issues that matter to them (Base)	3624	1464	2023	98	16120
Strongly agree/agree	34.7	36.2	33.8	30.0	36.2
Mixed feelings	41.7	40.3	43.5	25.9	40.9
Disagree/strongly disagree	23.6	23.4	22.7	44.1	22.9
My community has the things that I need to have a positive and thriving future (Base)	3613	1463	2013	98	16119
Strongly agree/agree	50.9	50.1	53.0	28.5	49.7
Mixed feelings	37.0	37.7	36.1	38.3	36.7
Disagree/strongly disagree	12.1	12.1	10.9	33.3	13.6

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Table 38: Whether young people have cultural and/or spiritual beliefs

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	3716	1507	2071	97	16899
Yes – both spiritual and cultural beliefs	19.5	21.3	18.0	24.7	18.5
Yes – spiritual beliefs	21.4	20.3	22.4	18.4	19.9
Yes – cultural beliefs	11.8	10.3	13.1	8.5	11.7
No spiritual or cultural beliefs	47.2	48.0	46.4	48.4	50.0

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UNFAIR TREATMENT AND DISCRIMINATION

Table 39: Unfair treatment or discrimination in the past year

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3758	1525	2088	101	17089
Yes	29.4	31.2	26.5	63.1	29.7
No	70.6	68.8	73.5	36.9	70.3

Table 40: Reason(s) for being treated unfairly in the past year

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %*	National %
Base	1088	469	545	64	4990
Physical appearance	36.9	35.8	38.5	33.4	37.5
Race/cultural background	36.2	35.2	38.5	25.1	33.4
Gender	23.8	28.9	14.5	62.8	25.6
Personal views	23.4	24.0	21.8	35.4	25.1
Mental health	20.5	24.7	15.7	29.7	22.5
Sexuality	15.1	13.1	10.8	59.0	17.1
Age	12.3	13.2	10.6	20.9	13.8
Disability	11.2	8.5	11.2	30.7	10.3
Religion	10.8	10.7	10.9	12.4	13.8
Financial background	5.6	5.5	5.6	6.1	6.8
Other	9.5	6.5	10.5	23.7	7.8
I'm not sure	9.0	7.9	10.6	2.9	8.7

Base: Respondents who reported they had been treated unfairly or faced discrimination.

Note: Respondents were able to choose more than one option. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

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ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Table 41: Feelings young people have about alcohol

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Alcohol is a problem in Australia (Base)	3720	1514	2069	101	16940
Strongly agree/agree	52.9	59.8	47.7	52.9	54.5
Neither agree nor disagree	31.2	30.5	32.4	15.9	31.1
Disagree/strongly disagree	16.0	9.6	19.9	31.2	14.4
Alcohol is a problem in my community (Base)	3697	1500	2060	101	16793
Strongly agree/agree	29.2	33.4	26.0	33.5	28.7
Neither agree nor disagree	36.9	38.7	36.1	24.4	37.9
Disagree/strongly disagree	33.9	27.9	38.0	42.0	33.5
Alcohol is a problem for my family/friends (Base)	3705	1506	2062	101	16820
Strongly agree/agree	19.2	21.9	16.6	29.5	18.3
Neither agree nor disagree	22.8	22.5	23.2	14.3	23.2
Disagree/strongly disagree	58.1	55.6	60.1	56.2	58.5

Table 42: Feelings young people have about drugs

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Drugs are a problem in Australia (Base)	3704	1506	2059	100	16798
Strongly agree/agree	63.8	67.6	61.7	57.0	64.1
Neither agree nor disagree	25.8	25.4	26.3	13.0	25.8
Disagree/strongly disagree	10.4	7.0	12.0	30.1	10.1
Drugs are a problem in my community (Base)	3696	1502	2055	100	16737
Strongly agree/agree	35.1	36.2	34.3	35.4	35.1
Neither agree nor disagree	33.3	35.8	32.3	16.1	32.8
Disagree/strongly disagree	31.6	28.0	33.4	48.5	32.1
Drugs are a problem for my family/friends (Base)	3690	1496	2055	100	16718
Strongly agree/agree	13.3	13.2	12.8	24.1	13.3
Neither agree nor disagree	18.7	18.5	19.1	13.1	18.7
Disagree/strongly disagree	68.0	68.3	68.1	62.8	67.9

Table 43: Sources of information about risk of alcohol or drug use in the last year

	QLD %	Female %	Male %	Gender diverse %	National %
Base	3662	1487	2037	100	16536
From my teachers or at school	57.2	66.5	51.2	40.2	59.6
In the media, via news or advertising	42.0	46.3	39.4	36.0	43.0
Online, via social media	40.1	45.2	36.9	35.4	41.6
From my parent(s) or guardian(s)	39.7	43.3	37.8	28.0	40.0
From my peers or friends	29.1	33.0	26.6	26.9	30.5
Online, via websites	28.4	29.2	27.8	28.7	29.3
Via a public awareness campaign	24.1	26.5	22.4	22.0	25.4
From other family members	24.1	25.0	23.2	27.7	24.7
From health professionals	20.9	21.9	20.2	19.3	19.7
Other	1.5	0.8	1.9	4.9	1.6
None of the above, I have not accessed information	19.6	13.8	23.9	16.9	18.1

Note: Respondents were able to choose more than one option. Items are listed in order of QLD frequency.

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