

# DPC TRACKING RESEARCH 2023-24

## Wave 3 Report

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# Key themes that emerge

**1.** A quarter of Queenslanders cannot regularly afford groceries

**2.** Perceived youth crime issue in regional Queensland

**3.** Satisfaction with Queensland Government performance tackling crime remains low but steady

**4.** Rising interest rates and migration seen as top contributors to housing shortage

**5.** Financial barriers to education and training

**6.** Healthcare access and affordability remains a moderate concern, particularly in regional Queensland

**7.** Support for Voice to Parliament remains down

# BACKGROUND AND APPROACH

# Background and objectives



## Background

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) aims to conduct longitudinal research to gain insights about a range of issues facing everyday Queenslanders, and to track and understand the ongoing response to the government's updated Objectives for the Community.

Briefly, these Objectives include:

- Secure jobs in our traditional and emerging industries.
- Deliver even better services right across Queensland.
- Protect and enhance our Queensland lifestyle as we grow, including creating opportunities for First Nations Queenslanders to thrive in modern Queensland.

The findings from this ongoing research provide greater understanding of Queenslanders' views and expectations. Additionally, they help the Government identify any issues or concerns as they progress through the goal of growth and prosperity, and inform Government response and policy directions to enable programs and services to be tailored and targeted to the needs of the community.



## Research objectives

The ongoing objectives of this longitudinal research are to:

- **Gain insights** about a range of issues facing everyday Queenslanders.
- **Examine Queenslanders views** and ongoing response to the government's updated Objectives for the Community.
- **Identify any issues, concerns and/or potential barriers** to success to future policy direction as the government drives its forward agenda of growth and prosperity.
- **Identifying opportunities to create and sustain value** for government and its stakeholders – with insights that may help inform and/or enable policies/programs/services to be tailored and targeted to the needs of the community.

# Approach and sample

The research consists of a 10 wave (6-weekly) tracking program using a 15 minute online questionnaire of n=1,200 Queenslanders per wave. Quotas are applied for age, gender and region.

| Wave 1   | Wave 2   | Wave 3                                      | Wave 4  | Wave 5  | Wave 6   | Wave 7   | Wave 8  | Wave 9  | Wave 10  |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Fieldwork period</b><br>26 May – 6 Jun 2023 | <b>Fieldwork period</b><br>3 May – 14 Jul 2023 | <b>Fieldwork period</b><br>15 – 28 Aug 2023 | <b>Expected fieldwork period</b><br>W/C 25 Sep – 2 Oct 2023 | <b>Expected fieldwork period</b><br>W/C 6 – 11 Nov 2023 | <b>Expected fieldwork period</b><br>W/C 18 Dec 2023 – 8 Jan 2024 | <b>Expected fieldwork period</b><br>W/C 12 – 19 Feb 2024 | <b>Expected fieldwork period</b><br>W/C 25 Mar – 1 Apr 2024 | <b>Expected fieldwork period</b><br>W/C 6 – 13 May 2024 | <b>Expected fieldwork period</b><br>W/C 17 – 24 Jun 2024 |

## Reporting notes:

- **Weighting:** The weighting scheme was updated in Wave 3, including previous waves. The weighting is a multi-stage weighting with RIM weight of Age and Gender within each region, and then merged for each wave. Weighting uses ABS 2021 census data, for age, gender and region.
- **Significance testing:** Significant differences at 95% confidence intervals are shown on each slide, with the comparison groups shown in the legend:
  - Between subgroups ▲ ▼
  - Between waves ■ ■
  - Significantly different than total %%



# Context

When looking at these findings, it is important to keep in mind the context that took place within Queensland during or close to the fieldwork period which impacted the social and political climate. These include:

- The Reserve Bank of Australia hiked interest rates on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to 4.1%, leading to the highest interest rates in 12 years.
  - This was then held steady until August 2023.
- The housing crisis and increasing rate of homelessness within the community we saw throughout the end of 2022 has continued through the first half of 2023.
- The Queensland budget for 2023-24 was released on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023, including announcements for:
  - \$550 energy rebate
  - 15 hours per week of free kindergarten from January 2024 for all 4-year-old Queensland children
  - \$2.88 billion additional for Qld Health
  - Additional \$1.25 billion over 5 years for housing and homelessness across Queensland
  - Total commitments of \$88.729 billion over 4 years for The Big Build
  - Renewable energy targets outlined in the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan
- Legislation of a bill to hold a referendum to vote on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament was passed in the Federal Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
  - The date was set for the referendum to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (set on the 30<sup>th</sup> August).
- The Queensland Government's 'Concessions' communication campaign launched 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
  - Energy-efficient appliances rebate announced 4 Sep 2023.
- Australia hosted the FIFA Women's World Cup, with games hosted in Brisbane (July-Aug 2023).
- New single-use plastic bans come into effect on 1 Sep 2023.
- 24 Aug 2023, Queensland government fast-tracked new laws to allow children to be held in police watch houses for adults.

**A quarter of  
Queenslanders  
cannot regularly  
afford groceries**

**1**



# Cost of living remains top-of-mind for Queenslanders

The September Ipsos Issues Monitor\* also has cost of living as the top issue for Australians (62%) and Queenslanders (59%), although it is down slightly from the Monitor's record high of June (Australia: 68%).

## Top issues facing households at the moment



### Cost of living

First Nations – 64% ▼

### Crime and safety

50+ years – 47% ▲

### Housing availability and affordability

18-49 years – 39% ▲

### Access to affordable and quality healthcare

50+ years – 34% ▲

### Government that serves the needs of Qlders

50+ years – 32% ▲

Males – 28% ▲

### Finding a job that meets your financial needs

18-49 years – 18% ▲

### Recognition of First Nations

First Nations – 26% ▲

Parents living with children – 6% ▲

### Access to education and training

First Nations – 10% ▲

Parents living with children – 5% ▲

\*Ipsos Issues Monitor, base n=1,000 Australia monthly (Sep 2023), n=600 Queensland (Jul-Sep 2023), we ask Australians to select the three most important issues facing their state.

# Groceries are a top issue for four in five Queenslanders, although this is decreasing

After groceries, fuel prices were more likely to be an issue this wave, likely driven by the fuel price increase after a dip in July.

The September Ipsos Issues Monitor\* shows that 63% of Queenslanders are somewhat or very likely to shop around for better grocery prices (Australia: 59%), similar to 64% who say they shop around for better insurance prices, and over 55% for energy providers.

## Top cost of living issues

| % Selected (max 3)                             | Wave 1 Total | Wave 2 Total | Wave 3 Total |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Weekly groceries                               | 82%          | 84%          | 80%          |
| Utility payments such as electricity and water | 54%          | 53%          | 50%          |
| Fuel prices                                    | 52%          | 45%          | 56%          |
| Insurance                                      | 27%          | 31%          | 30%          |
| Paying rent                                    | 30%          | 26%          | 26%          |
| Mortgage repayments                            | 25%          | 29%          | 25%          |
| Going on holidays                              | 9%           | 8%           | 10%          |
| Eating out                                     | 6%           | 8%           | 8%           |
| Childcare costs                                | 5%           | 5%           | 3%           |
| School fees                                    | 3%           | 2%           | 4%           |
| Other  | 2%           | 2%           | 2%           |
| Don't know                                     | 1%           | 1%           | 0%           |

### Weekly groceries

50+ years – 84% ▲  
Wide Bay – 89% ▲  
Low income – 85% ▲

### Utility payments

50+ years – 58% ▲

### Fuel

50+ years – 62% ▲  
ROQ – 61% ▲

### Insurance

50+ years – 44% ▲  
Parents living with children – 21% ▼  
First Nations – 10% ▼

### Paying rent

18-49 years – 34% ▲  
Low income – 33% ▲  
First Nations – 54% ▲

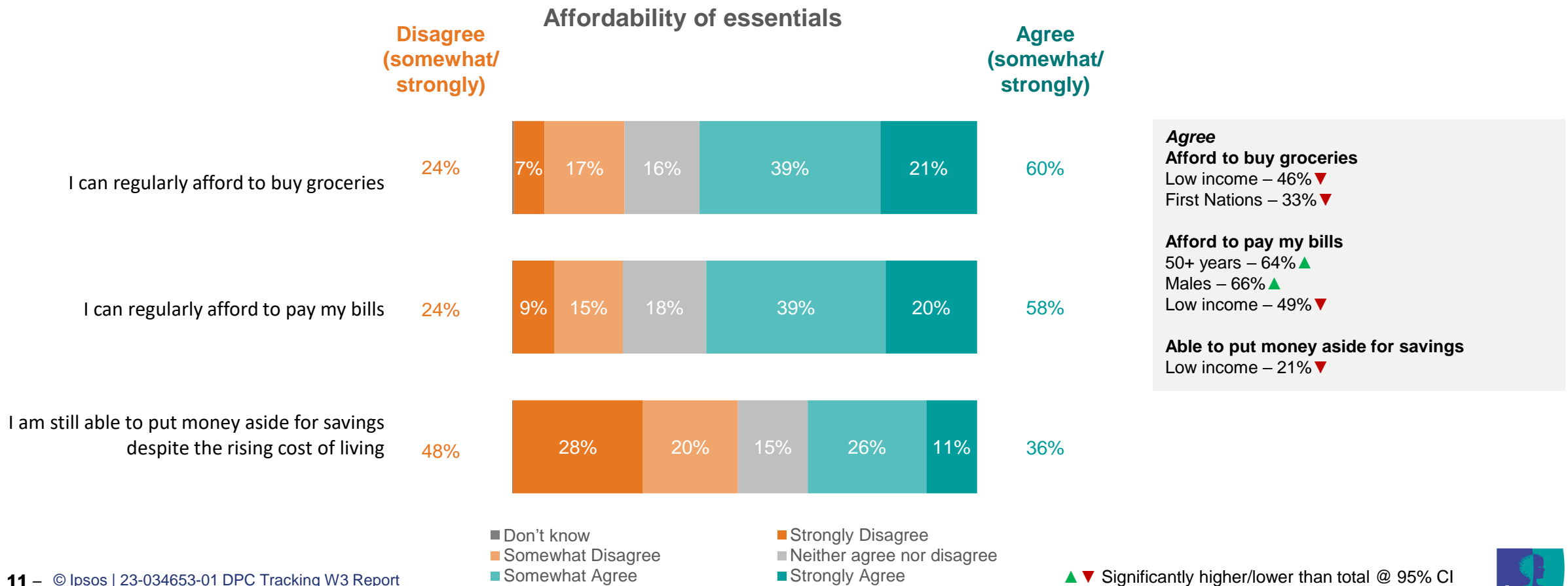
### Mortgage repayments

18-49 years – 35% ▲  
Parents living with children – 40% ▲  
Low income – 12% ▼  
CALD – 42% ▲

\*Ipsos Issues Monitor, base n=1,000 Australia monthly (Sep 2023), n=201 Queensland, Q. How likely are you to shop around for a better deal regarding the following household expenses?

# A quarter of Queenslanders cannot regularly afford groceries or bills

When looking at Queenslanders with a low income, almost half struggle to pay for groceries and bills. Only a third of Queenslanders say they are able to put money aside for savings.



# Three in five Queenslanders are aware of the energy rebate

The Concessions campaign\* saw very early campaign impacts across a range of outcomes including awareness and uptake of concessions, and importantly, ratings of the Queensland Government are improving for those that have seen the campaign.

One in five Queenslanders have sought government assistance, with younger Queenslanders (18-49 years), those with low income, and First Nations more likely to have sought assistance in the past year.

| Question   | Measure | Trend |
|--|---------|-------|
| Q41. Are you aware of the Queensland Government \$550 cost of living energy rebate announced in the recent State budget? | Yes     | 61%   |
|  | No      | 34%   |
| Q46. Have you sought government assistance to respond to cost-of-living pressures within the last 12 months?             | Yes     | 78%   |
|  | No      | 19%   |

**Wave 3: Aware**  
 50+ years – 71% ▲  
 CALD – 41% ▼

**Wave 3: Sought assistance**  
 18-49 years – 23% ▲  
 Low income – 25% ▲  
 First Nations – 44% ▲

### Concessions Campaign finding:

Awareness of energy rebates is high (67%). However, only half (50%) of respondents say they have received an energy rebate. As the energy supplier takes the energy rebate off the bill automatically, this can lower the profile of the rebate and may be causing this confusion around the receipt of the energy rebate.

\*Ipsos conducted the Concessions campaign mid-wave survey 10/07/23 to 13/07/23, with base n=1,000 Queenslanders.

# Federal and then State Government policies are considered the top contributors to rising cost of living

Fewer Queenslanders consider Housing pressures as a contributor this wave, although this remains the 3<sup>rd</sup> top issue, and is higher for younger Queenslanders. More Queenslanders consider low unemployment a contributor, a belief that is also higher for younger Queenslanders.

## Top cost of living contributors

|                             | % Selected (max 3) | Wave 1 Total | Wave 2 Total | Wave 3 Total |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Federal Government policies | -                  |              | 53%          | 53%          |
| State Government policies   | -                  |              | 45%          | 47%          |
| Housing pressures           | -                  |              | 48%          | 43%          |
| Overseas markets            | -                  |              | 32%          | 32%          |
| War in Ukraine              | -                  |              | 27%          | 27%          |
| Natural disasters           | -                  |              | 15%          | 16%          |
| Climate change              | -                  |              | 12%          | 14%          |
| Low unemployment            | -                  |              | 10%          | 14%          |
| Other                       | -                  |              | 10%          | 10%          |
| Don't know                  | -                  |              | 8%           | 6%           |

**Wave 3:**  
**Housing pressures**  
 18-49 years – 51% ▲

**War in Ukraine**  
 50+ years – 32% ▲  
 CALD – 43% ▲

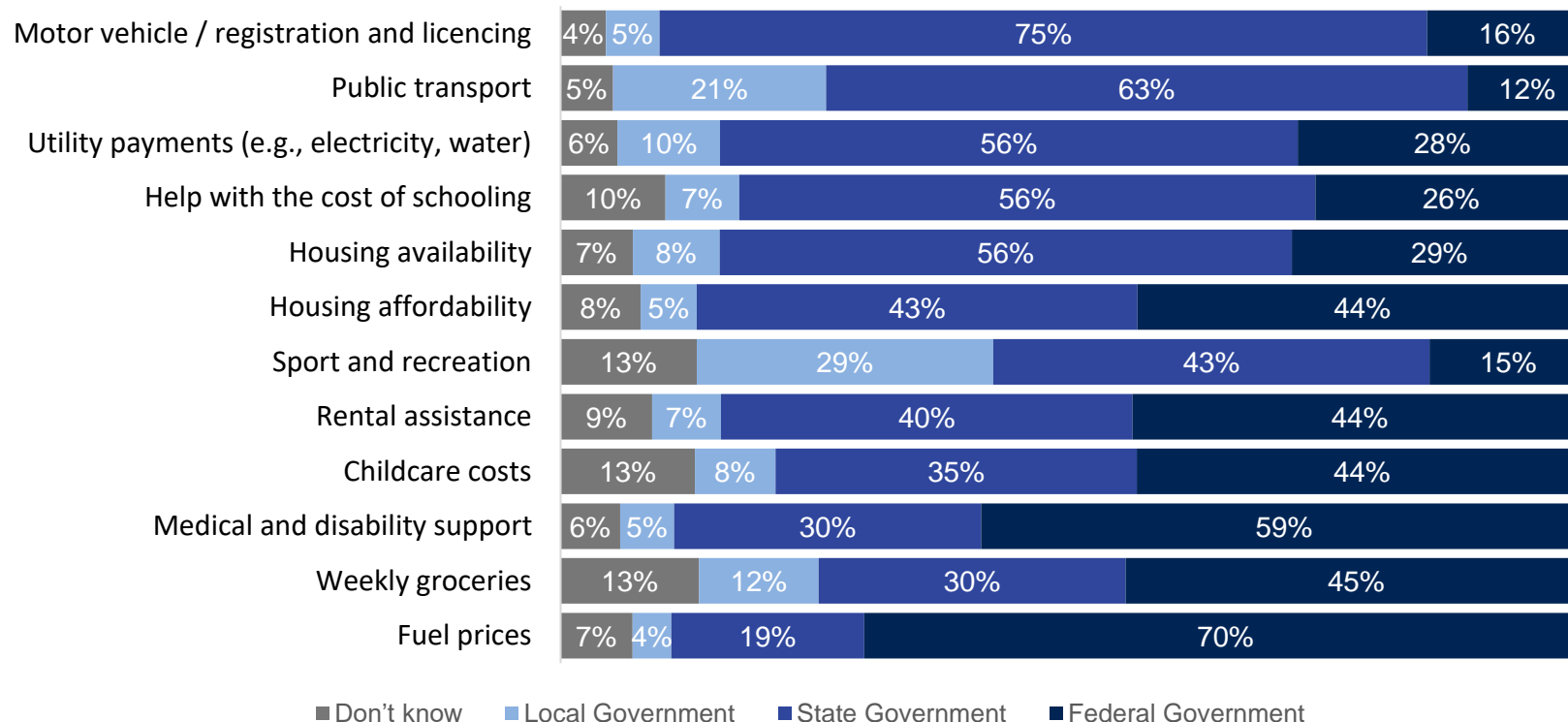
**Overseas markets**  
 First Nations – 16% ▼

**Low unemployment**  
 18-49 years – 18% ▲

# Queenslanders consider the Federal Government primarily responsible for easing the cost of groceries

The level of government Queenslanders consider most responsible for providing cost of living assistance varies on issue. Queenslanders consider State Government to have the most responsibility for easing issues around vehicles and transport, and is considered most responsible for 6 of the 12 issues discussed, with similar levels to Federal Government for rental assistance and housing affordability. Federal Government is considered most responsible for fuel prices and then medical and disability support.

## Responsibility for easing the cost of living



### Wave 3: State government

**Motor vehicle/registration and licencing**  
50+ years – 83% ▲

**Public transport**  
50+ years – 72% ▲  
Male – 68% ▲

**Utility payments**  
50+ years – 65% ▲

**Housing availability**  
50+ years – 62% ▲

**Sport and recreation**  
50+ years – 48% ▲  
Low income – 49% ▲

**Medical and disability support**  
Male – 34% ▲  
ROQ – 35% ▲

**Fuel prices**  
18-49 years – 23% ▲

# After a year of rising cost-of-living concerns, we are starting to see a decrease in life satisfaction

We see significant declines in those who are satisfied with their personal relationships, standards of living, health, and life achievements, many of these being driven by those with low incomes.

Those in Far North Queensland are lower than other regions in how safe they feel, and this has decreased over the past two waves (W1: 53%, W2: 47%, W3: 41%).

## Satisfaction with aspects of life

| % Satisfied                    | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Your personal relationships    | 70%    | 74%    | 68%    |
| Your standard of living        | 62%    | 64%    | 58%    |
| Your health                    | 59%    | 62%    | 57%    |
| How safe you feel              | 62%    | 61%    | 57%    |
| What you are achieving in life | 60%    | 60%    | 54%    |
| Feeling part of your community | 52%    | 52%    | 47%    |
| Your future security           | 49%    | 50%    | 46%    |

**Wave 3: Satisfied**

**Standard of living**  
 50+ years – 64% ▲  
 Low income – 47% ▼

**How safe you feel**  
 Far North Qld – 41% ▼

**What you are achieving in life**  
 Low income – 46% ▼

# Perceived youth crime issue in regional Queensland

Three-wave crime coverage

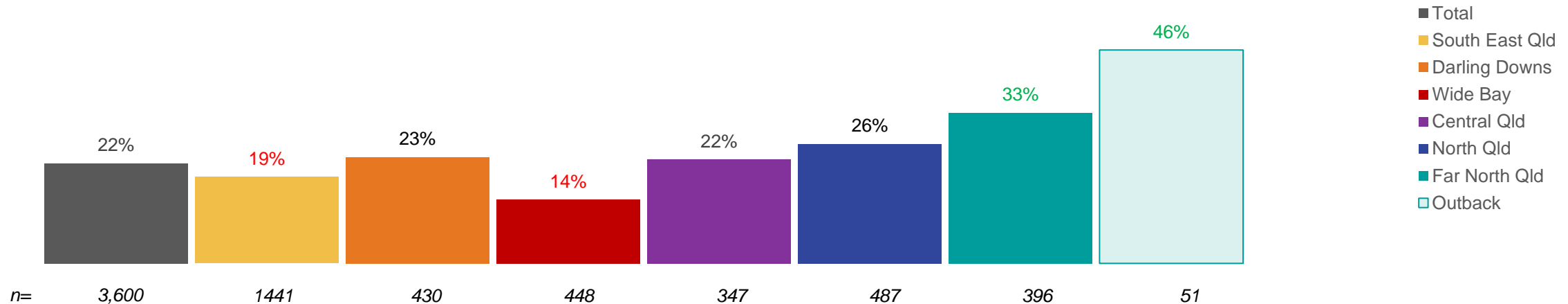
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# Respondents from Far North and Outback Queensland are more likely to have been a victim of crime in the past 12 months

And respondents from Wide Bay and SEQ are less likely to have been a victim of crime. This is important context when looking at the regional differences in perception of crime and safety.

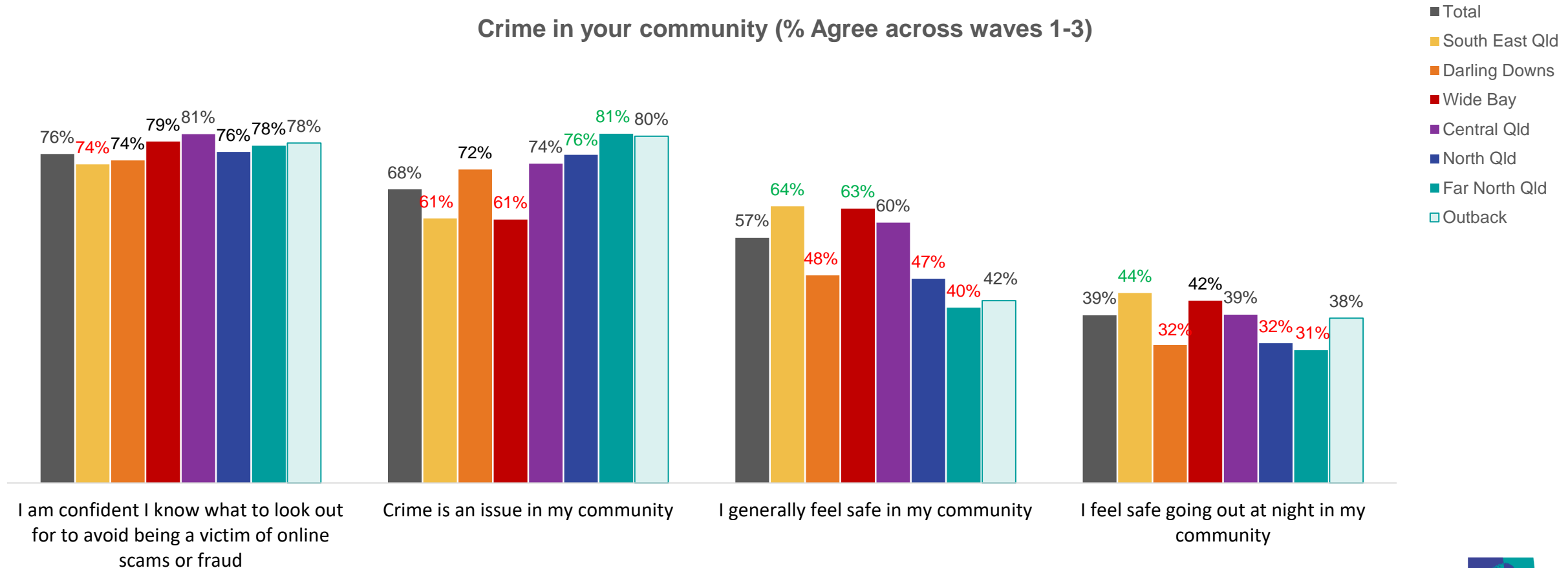
Been a victim of crime in past 12 months (% 'yes' across waves 1-3)



# Crime is more likely to be considered an issue in regional Queensland communities

When averaging across the last 3 months, SEQ and Wide Bay are less likely to consider crime and safety an issue in their community, whereas crime and safety as a perceived issue is higher in regional Queensland including Darling Downs, North and Far North Queensland, with Outback trending in the same pattern. Central Queensland sits in the middle. This same pattern of results is present when looking at those without first-hand experience of crime in the past 12 months.

Crime in your community (% Agree across waves 1-3)

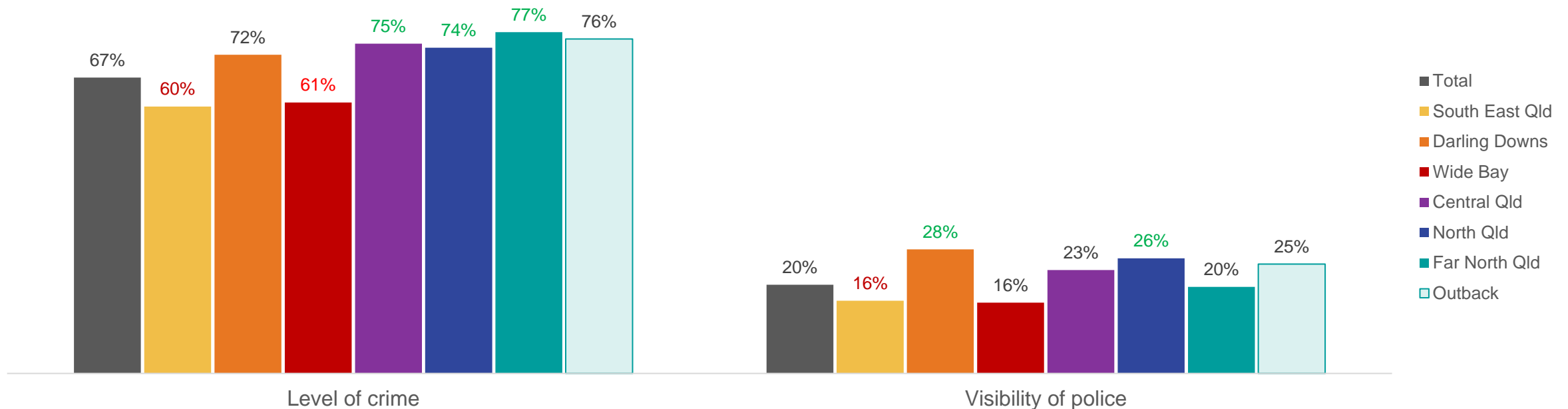


# There are higher perceived levels of crime in regional Queensland

This same pattern of results is present when looking at those with or without first-hand experience of crime in the past 12 months. This mostly matches an increased perceived visibility of police, and although these significant differences disappear when looking at victims, the pattern remains the same, with Wide Bay the lowest perceived visibility.

Again, we see that SEQ and Wide Bay are most similar here than the rest of Queensland. Interestingly, while Far North Queensland has the highest perception of crime, it has an average perceived visibility of police, possibly suggesting a great visibility of police might be appreciated.

Change in crime and police in past 12 months (% increased across waves 1-3)



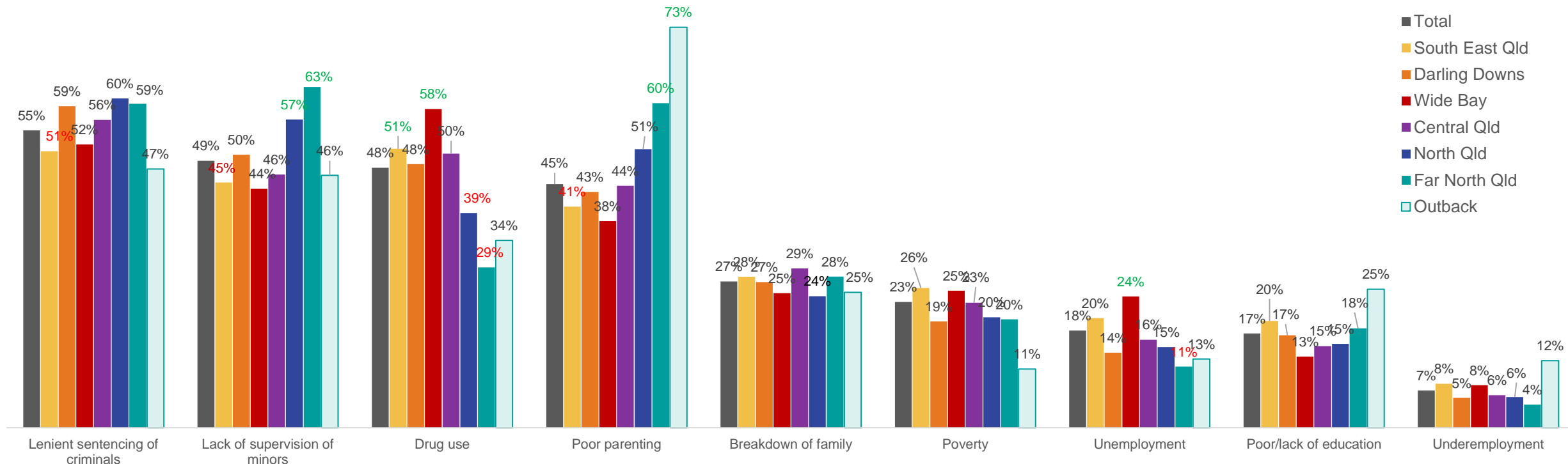
# Perceived drivers of crime differ by location

However, lenient sentencing, lack of supervision, drug use and poor parenting are the top nominations across all regions.

After lenient sentencing, North, Far North and Outback Queenslanders attribute criminal activity to poor parenting and lack of supervision. Conversely, regions where crime is considered less of an issue (SEQ and Wide Bay) are more likely to attribute more serious adult issues such as drug use, and unemployment is also cited significantly more in Wide Bay.

This suggests that in those regions where crime is an issue, it is considered to be an issue of adolescence.

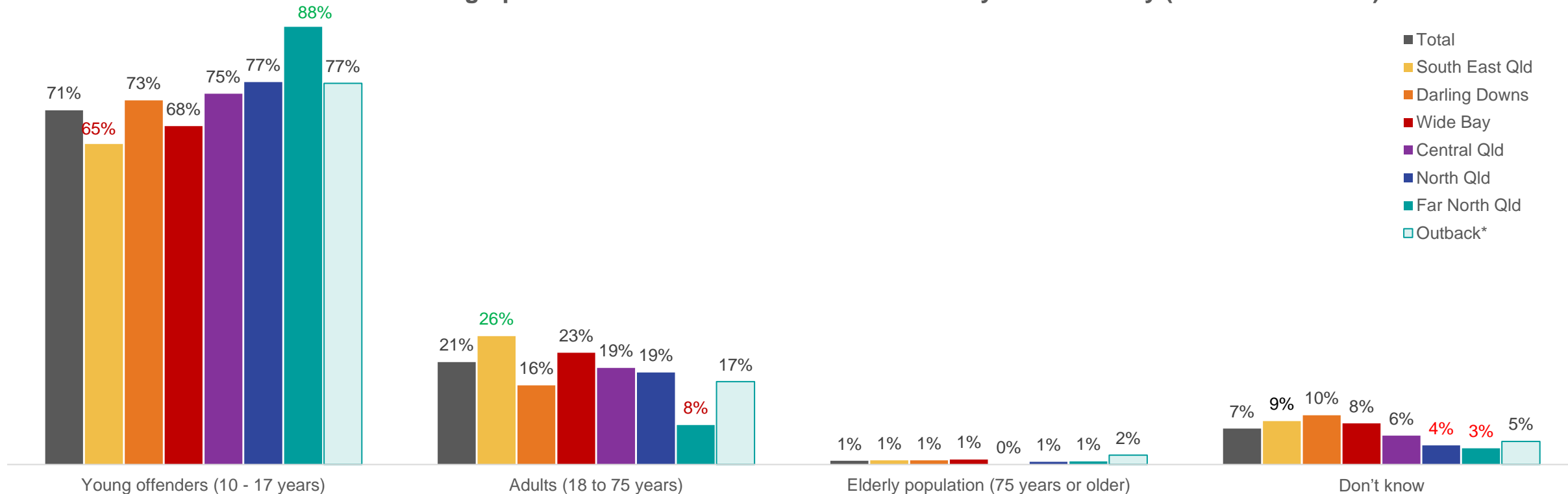
## Top reasons why people commit crime (across waves 1-3)



# Perceived demographics reflect perceived drivers of criminal activity

Consistent with criminal reasons, Far North Queenslanders are more likely to associate criminal activity with adolescents, and those in SEQ are more likely to associate it with adults.

Demographic most associated with criminal activity in community (across waves 1-3)

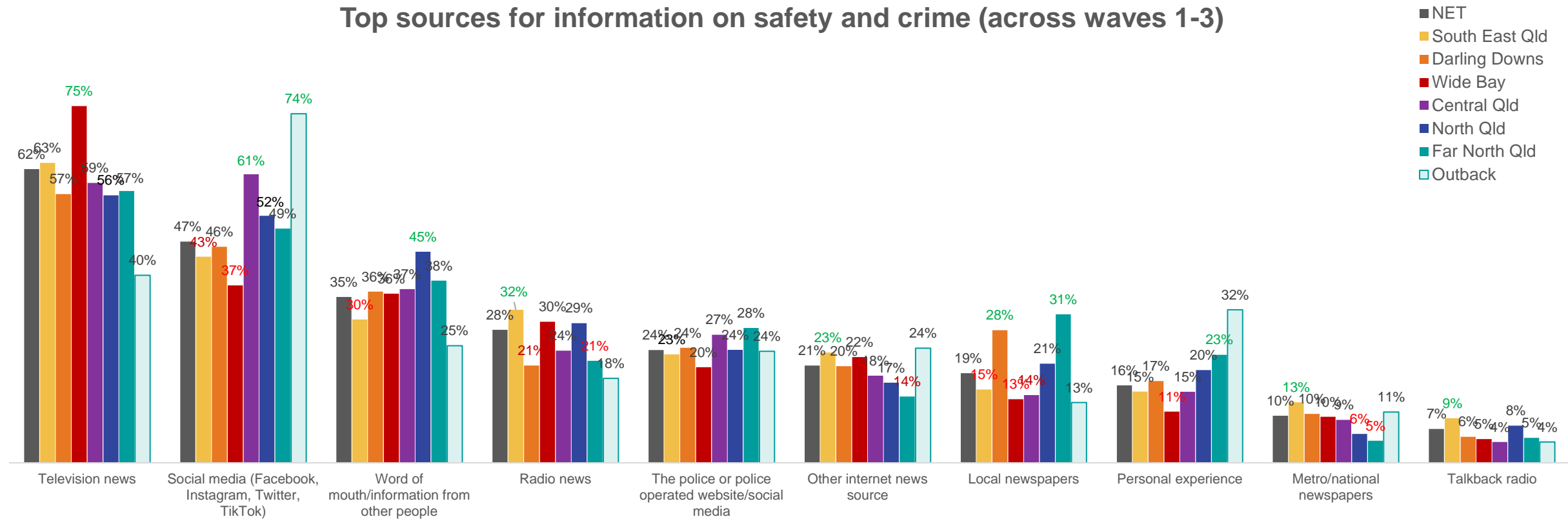


# Preferred information sources for crime news differ by region

Those in SEQ and Wide Bay are most likely to prefer TV and to a lesser extent radio news. Central and Outback Queensland are most likely to rely on social media.

While TV is highest for Darling Downs and Far North Queensland, social media is similar and word of mouth isn't far behind. These two regions are also significantly more likely to rely on local newspapers compared to other regions.

## Top sources for information on safety and crime (across waves 1-3)



**Satisfaction with  
Queensland  
Government  
performance on  
tackling crime  
remains low but  
steady**

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# Crime and safety remains a top issues facing Queensland households

Crime appears to be a bigger issue in Queensland than the rest of Australia, with crime being the 3<sup>rd</sup> top issue facing Queenslanders (39%) when asked to select the three most important issues facing their state in the September Ipsos Issues Monitor\*, compared to 5<sup>th</sup> for Australia (18%). Crime is more likely to be chosen as a top issue for older Queenslanders.

## Top issues facing households at the moment

| % Selected (max 3)  | Wave 1 Total | Wave 2 Total | Wave 3 Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cost of living  | 82%          | 83%          | 83%          |
| Crime and safety  | 39%          | 40%          | 40%          |
| Housing availability and affordability  | 31%          | 28%          | 30%          |
| Access to affordable and quality healthcare   | 26%          | 32%          | 27%          |
| Having a government that serves the needs of Queenslanders                                    | 20%          | 23%          | 23%          |
| Personal wellbeing  | 23%          | 22%          | 20%          |
| Climate change  | 11%          | 12%          | 18%          |
| Finding a job that meets your financial needs   | 13%          | 15%          | 13%          |
| Building infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, public housing and roads                  | 8%           | 9%           | 7%           |
| Support for the local economy and small business  | 7%           | 7%           | 6%           |
| Access to affordable and reliable public transport  | 5%           | 4%           | 6%           |
| Natural disasters (bushfires, flood and drought)  | 4%           | 3%           | 4%           |
| Recognition of First Nations  | 3%           | 3%           | 4%           |
| Access to education and training  | 3%           | 3%           | 3%           |
| Social cohesion (e.g. acceptance of multiculturalism, religious groups living in harmony etc) | 3%           | 3%           | 2%           |

### Wave 3:

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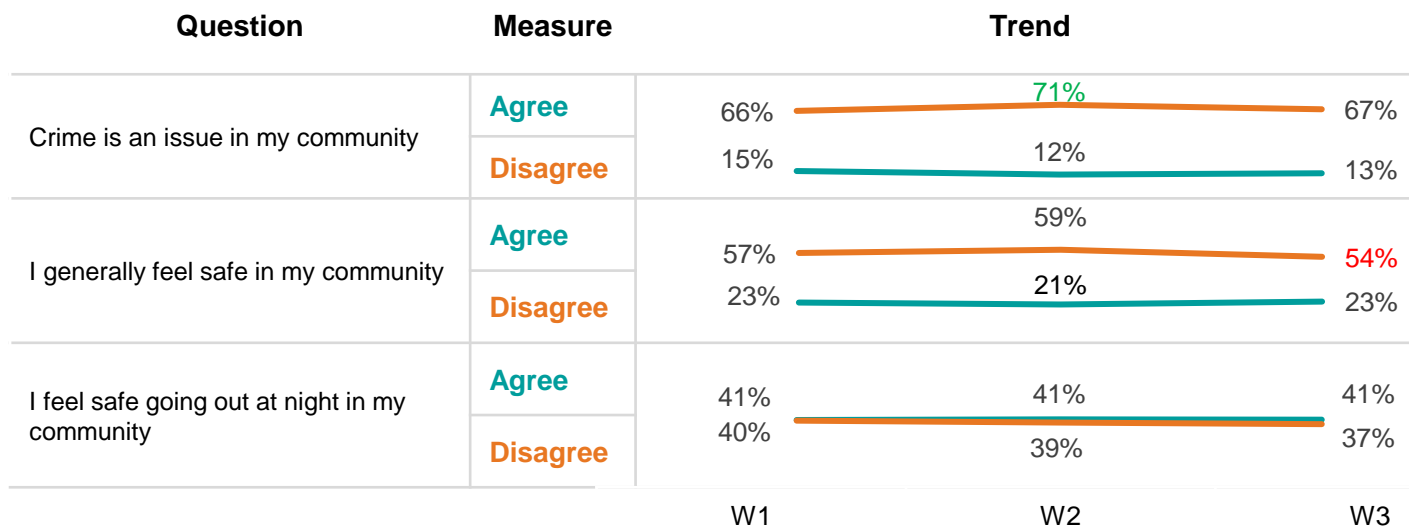
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# Fewer negative associations with community safety

Queenslanders are less likely to disagree that they ‘generally feel safe in my community’, although those in regional Queensland are less likely to agree that they feel safe, particularly in Far North Queensland. Crime as a perceived issue has trended back to wave 1 levels after a spike in wave 2, with females and those with low income reporting less likelihood to feel safe going out at night.

## Crime in your community



**Agree:**  
**Crime is an issue**  
 CALD – 45% ▼

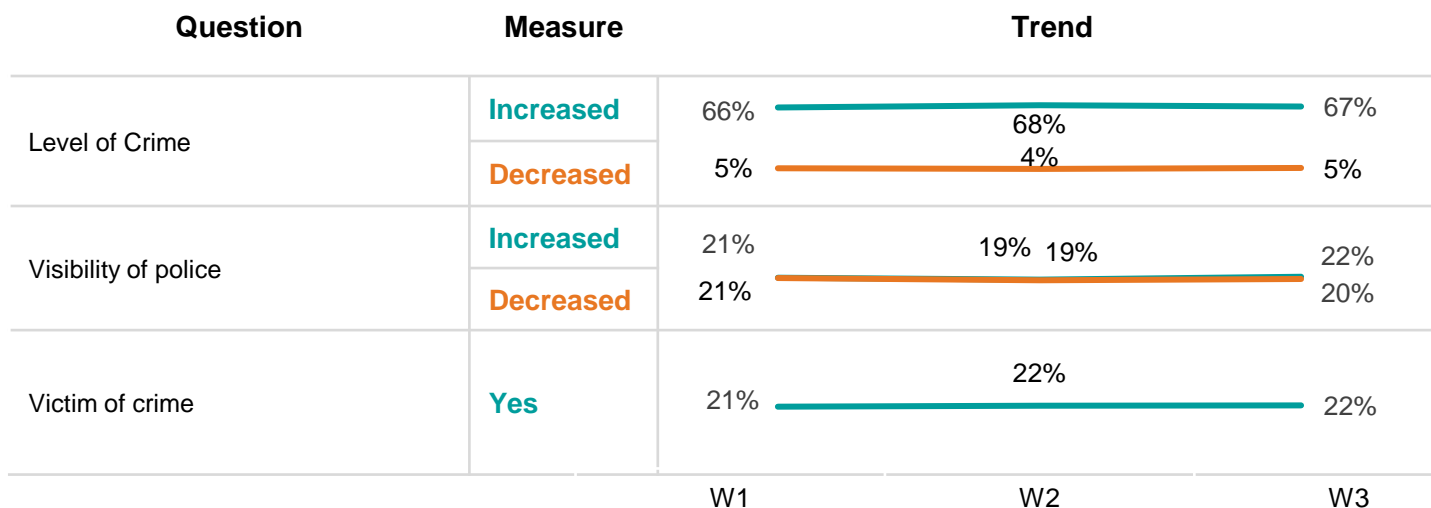
**I generally feel safe**  
 ROQ (Far North Qld) – 50% ▼ (40% ▼)

**I feel safe going out at night**  
 Male – 49% ▲  
 Low income – 29% ▼

# Queenslanders' experience with crime and police remains steady

There are no significant changes to the perceived levels of crime and visibility of police this wave, with the same subgroups showing higher perceptions of increased police visibility.

## Experience with crime and police



**Increased:**  
**Visibility of police**  
 18-49 years – 26% ▲  
 Female – 25% ▲  
 Parents living with children – 26% ▲  
 First Nations – 38% ▲

**Yes (victim of crime)**  
 18-49 years – 29% ▲  
 Far North Qld – 31% ▲  
 First Nations – 46% ▲

# Satisfaction with Queensland Government performance on tackling crime remains low but stable

And this is higher among First Nations peoples.

## Satisfaction with Qld state government performance

| % Satisfied  | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Managing natural disaster and emergency preparedness                                 | 46%    | 51%    | 49%    |
| Delivering quality education and training  | 37%    | 42%    | 37%    |
| Creating jobs for Queenslanders  | 31%    | 32%    | 33%    |
| Building local infrastructure (such as schools, hospitals, public housing and roads) | 29%    | 33%    | 30%    |
| Delivering quality healthcare services   | 30%    | 31%    | 32%    |
| Maintaining a quality lifestyle for Queenslanders                                    | 28%    | 31%    | 29%    |
| Being a trustworthy government   | 24%    | 24%    | 25%    |
| Managing population and economic growth  | 23%    | 24%    | 24%    |
| Tackling climate change  | 21%    | 21%    | 23%    |
| Making more homes and land available   | 15%    | 16%    | 16%    |
| Tackling crime   | 15%    | 15%    | 15%    |
| Easing the cost of living  | 10%    | 9%     | 11%    |
| Making housing more affordable   | 9%     | 10%    | 9%     |

**Wave 3: Satisfied**  
**Creating Jobs for Queenslanders**  
 Low income – 26% ▼

**Maintaining a quality lifestyle**  
 Low income – 21% ▼  
 CALD – 49% ▲

**Being a trustworthy government**  
 CALD – 42% ▲

**Making more homes and land available**  
 18-49 years – 20% ▲  
 First Nations – 33% ▲

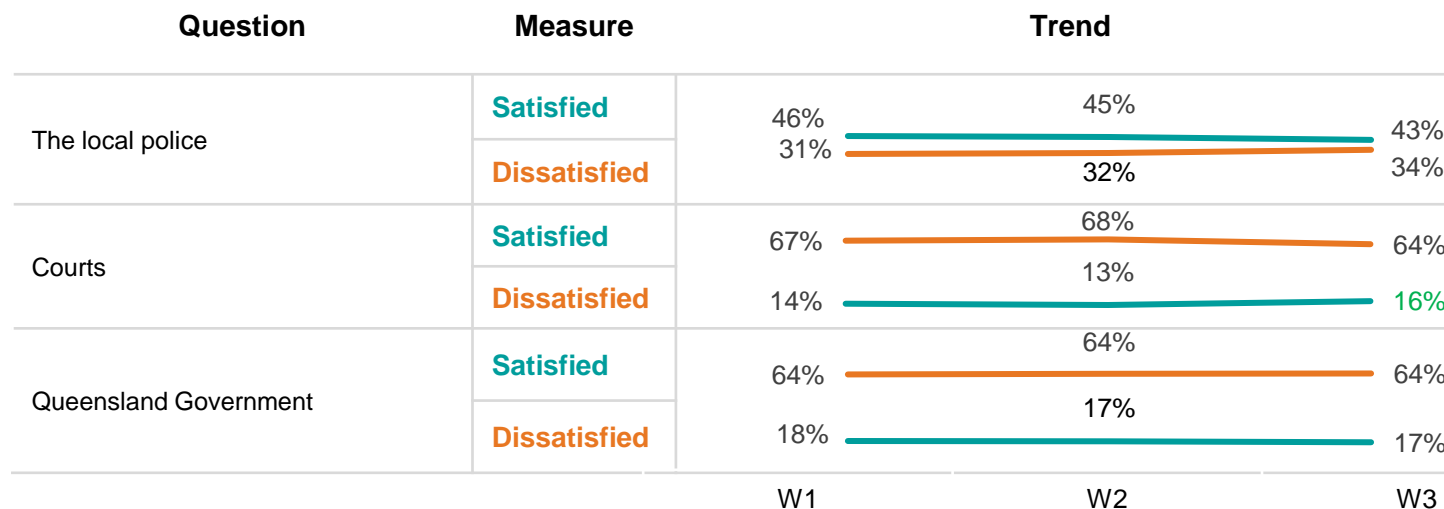
**Tackling crime**  
 First Nations – 32% ▲

**Making housing more affordable**  
 First Nations – 24% ▲

# Satisfaction with the Courts' response to local crime and anti social behaviour has increased

However, two thirds of Queenslanders remain dissatisfied with the response from both the Courts and Queensland Government. Local police response continues to show the highest level of satisfaction out of the three categories.

## Satisfaction with response to local crime and anti social behaviour



**Wave 3: Satisfied**

**Courts**  
 18-49 years – 22% ▲  
 First Nations – 39% ▲

**Queensland government**  
 18-49 years – 21% ▲  
 First Nations – 38% ▲  
 CALD – 33% ▲

**Rising interest  
rates and migration  
seen as top  
contributors to  
housing shortage**

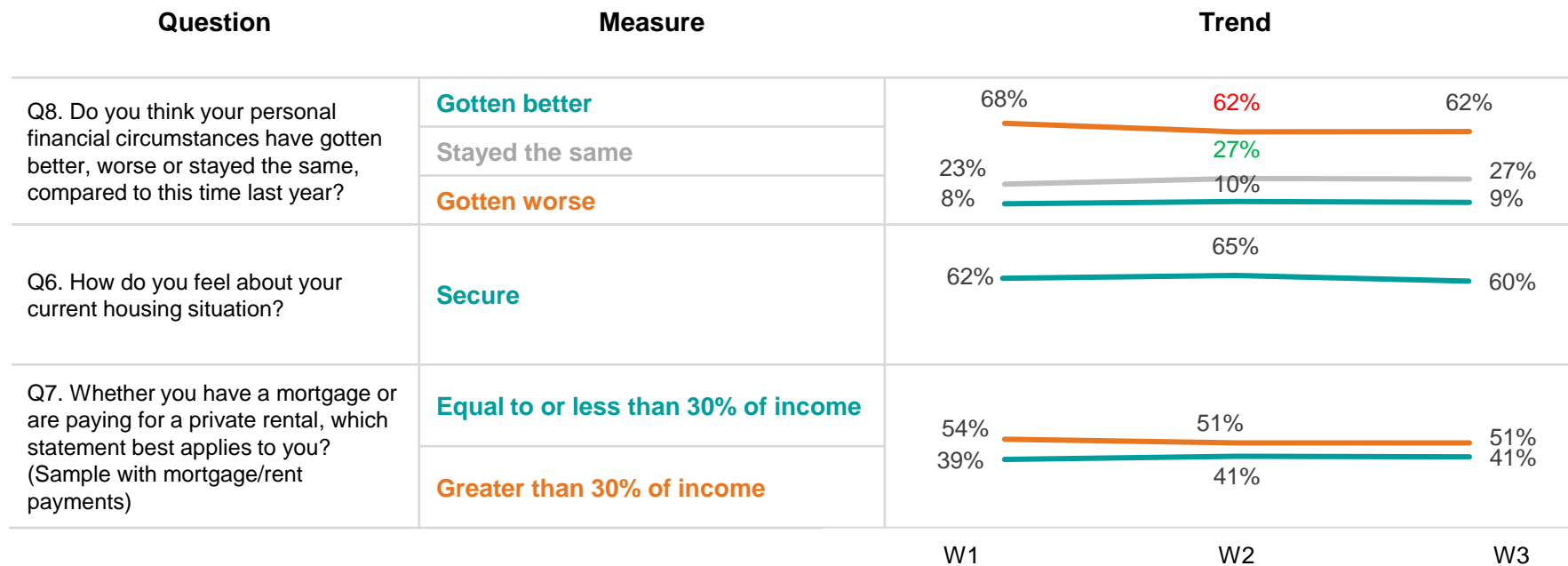
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# Half of Queenslanders spend more than 30% of their income on housing

The September Ipsos Issues Monitor\* has Housing as the second most important issue for Queenslanders (45%) after cost of living, which is 7pts higher than at a national level (38%).

While 60% of Queenslanders feel secure in their housing situation, this decreases to 40% for those with more than 30% of their income going towards housing. Financial situation has remained stable this wave, with 62% of Queenslanders saying their financial situation is worse than this time last year.

## Personal finances and housing



**Wave 3:**  
**Gotten better**  
 18-49 years – 13% ▲  
 Low income – 4% ▼

**Stayed the same**  
 50+ years – 31% ▲

**Gotten worse**  
 Low income – 71% ▲

**Wave 3: Secure**  
 50+ years – 70% ▲  
 CALD – 42% ▼

\*Ipsos Issues Monitor, base n=1,000 Australia monthly (Sep 2023), n=600 Queensland (Jul-Sep 2023), we ask Australians to select the three most important issues facing their state.

# Rising interest rates and migration are seen as top contributors to the housing shortage

Government rules and regulations are also increasingly seen as contributing to the housing shortage. Fewer than one in ten Queenslanders say housing shortages are caused by lack of acceptance of high density housing or land availability.

## Top housing shortage contributors

|   | % Selected (max 3) | Wave 1 Total | Wave 2 Total | Wave 3 Total |
|---|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Rising interest rates                           | -                  | 46%          | 44%          |              |
| Increases in migration to Queensland            | -                  | 41%          | 43%          |              |
| Lack of government investment in housing        | -                  | 34%          | 32%          |              |
| Government rules and regulations                | -                  | 24%          | 28%          |              |
| Slower construction due to materials shortage   | -                  | 28%          | 26%          |              |
| Investors buying multiple properties            | -                  | 23%          | 22%          |              |
| Vacant homes not being offered for rent         | -                  | 20%          | 20%          |              |
| Lack of properties being built                  | -                  | 19%          | 19%          |              |
| Increase in short term holiday letting services | -                  | 19%          | 17%          |              |
| Lack of acceptance of high density housing      | -                  | 10%          | 10%          |              |
| Lack of land supply                             | -                  | 8%           | 8%           |              |
| Natural disasters (e.g., fire and flood)        | -                  | 6%           | 5%           |              |

**Wave 3:**

**Rising interest rates**  
 18-49 years – 51% ▲  
 Females – 51% ▲  
 Parents living with children – 52% ▲  
 Low income – 36% ▼

**Increases in migration to Queensland**  
 50+ years – 50% ▲

**Lack of government investing in housing**  
 50+ years – 38% ▲  
 Low income – 38% ▲

**Slower construction**  
 50+ years – 30% ▲

**Lack of properties being built**  
 50+ years – 24% ▲  
 Males – 24% ▲

**Increase in short term holiday letting**  
 Far North Qld – 28% ▲

# Financial barriers to education and training

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# After a spike last wave, satisfaction with the Queensland Government's delivery of education is back to levels of wave 1

This spike was driven by younger Queenslanders (18-49 years), who are generally more satisfied with the delivery of education.

## Satisfaction with Qld state government performance

|  | % Satisfied | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 |
|--|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Managing natural disaster and emergency preparedness                                 |             | 46%    | 51%    | 49%    |
| Delivering quality education and training  |             | 37%    | 42%    | 37%    |
| Creating jobs for Queenslanders  |             | 31%    | 32%    | 33%    |
| Building local infrastructure (such as schools, hospitals, public housing and roads) |             | 29%    | 33%    | 30%    |
| Delivering quality healthcare services   |             | 30%    | 31%    | 32%    |
| Maintaining a quality lifestyle for Queenslanders                                    |             | 28%    | 31%    | 29%    |
| Being a trustworthy government   |             | 24%    | 24%    | 25%    |
| Managing population and economic growth  |             | 23%    | 24%    | 24%    |
| Tackling climate change  |             | 21%    | 21%    | 23%    |
| Making more homes and land available   |             | 15%    | 16%    | 16%    |
| Tackling crime   |             | 15%    | 15%    | 15%    |
| Easing the cost of living  |             | 10%    | 9%     | 11%    |
| Making housing more affordable   |             | 9%     | 10%    | 9%     |

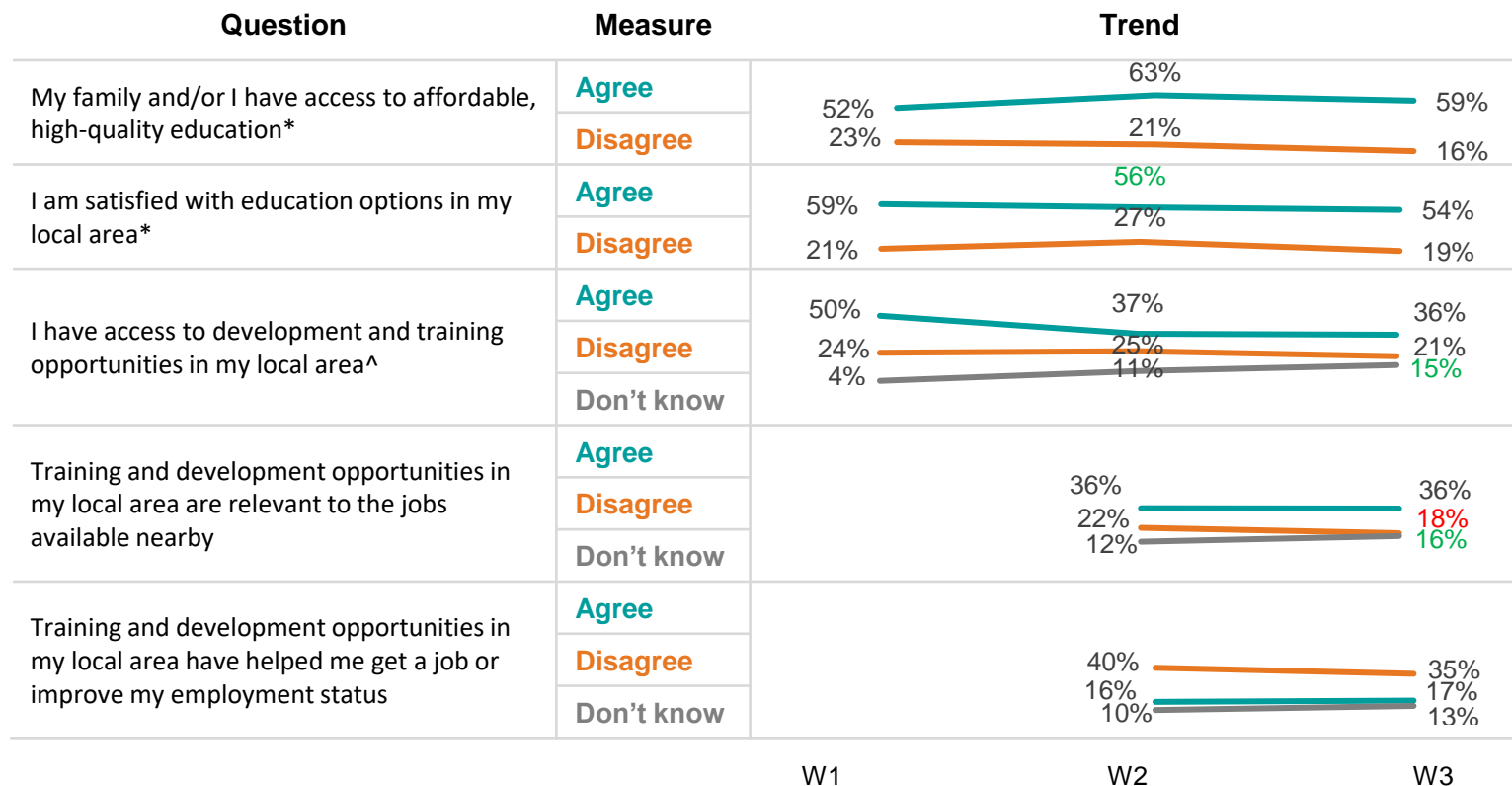
**Wave 3 Satisfied:**

- Delivering quality education**  
18-49 years – 41% ▲
- Creating Jobs for Queenslanders**  
Low income – 26% ▼
- Maintaining a quality lifestyle**  
Low income – 21% ▼  
CALD – 49% ▲
- Being a trustworthy government**  
CALD – 42% ▲
- Making more homes and land available**  
18-49 years – 20% ▲  
First Nations – 33% ▲
- Tackling crime**  
First Nations – 32% ▲
- Making housing more affordable**  
First Nations – 24% ▲

# Many Queenslanders are unsure about the accessibility or relevance of available training opportunities

Three in five parents of children 5-17 years indicate they have access to affordable, high-quality education, however parents with low income are less likely to say they have access or are satisfied with their education opportunities in their local area.

## Access to Education



**Agree:**  
**Access to affordable, high-quality education**  
 SEQ – 71% ▲  
 Low income – 33% ▼

**Access to development and training**  
 18-49 years – 43% ▲  
 Parents living with children - 47% ▲  
 Low income – 28% ▼

**Training and development is relevant**  
 18-49 years – 41% ▲  
 Parents living with children - 43% ▲  
 Low income – 28% ▼

**Training helped me get a job**  
 18-49 years – 25% ▲  
 Parents living with children - 25% ▲  
 Low income – 10% ▼

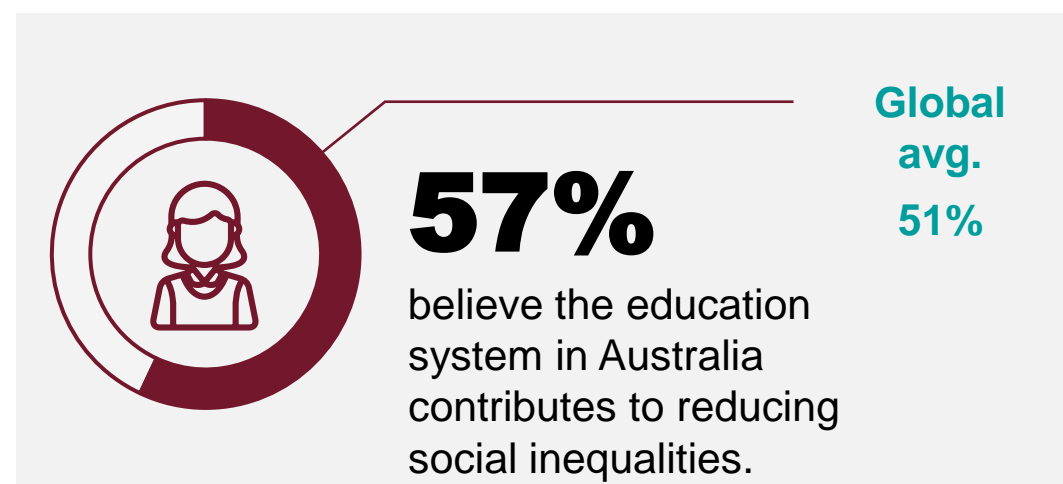
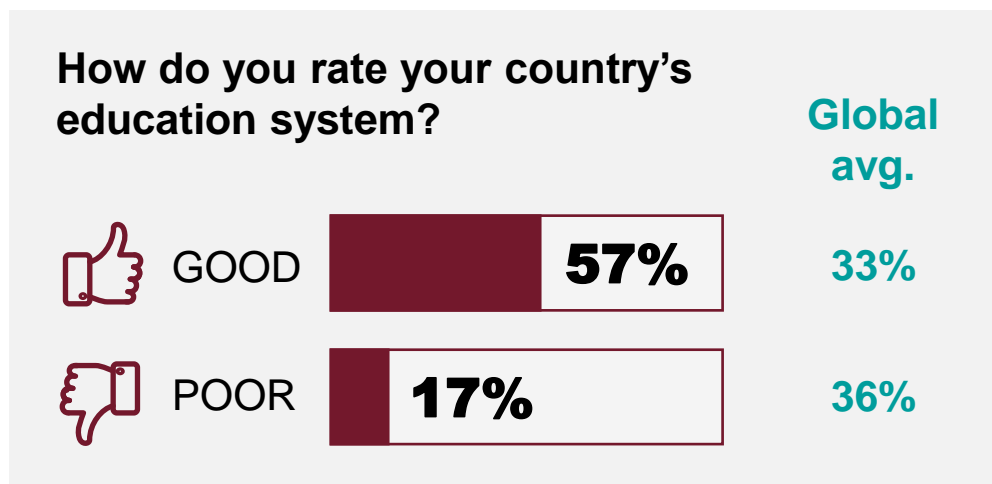


Q9. Please indicate to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements. Total sample, base n = 1200 per wave. \*Sample with children 5-17 years, wave 2/3 base n = 273/296.

^Question asked of those with children ages 5-17 years in Wave 1, and asked of everyone in Wave 2. No significance testing conducted between wave 1 and 2.

# Ipsos Education Monitor 2023: Key stats Australia

The lower perceived access and relevance of education and training experienced by low income Queenslanders suggests there is a financial barrier to education and training, which is supported by the Ipsos Education Monitor 2023 findings, where lack of public funding is the most cited challenge facing the Australian education system.



**Most cited challenge facing the education system:**

Lack of public funding

**Healthcare access  
and affordability  
remains a  
moderate concern,  
particularly in  
regional  
Queensland**

**6**

# After a spike into the top 3 last wave, healthcare is back to number 4 on list of issues facing Queensland households

This remains a bigger issue for older Queenslanders, but is still far behind cost of living.

## Top issues facing households at the moment

| % Selected (max 3)  | Wave 1 Total | Wave 2 Total | Wave 3 Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cost of living  | 82%          | 83%          | 83%          |
| Crime and safety  | 39%          | 40%          | 40%          |
| Housing availability and affordability  | 31%          | 28%          | 30%          |
| Access to affordable and quality healthcare   | 26%          | 32%          | 27%          |
| Having a government that serves the needs of Queenslanders                                    | 20%          | 23%          | 23%          |
| Personal wellbeing  | 23%          | 22%          | 20%          |
| Climate change  | 11%          | 12%          | 18%          |
| Finding a job that meets your financial needs   | 13%          | 15%          | 13%          |
| Building infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, public housing and roads                  | 8%           | 9%           | 7%           |
| Support for the local economy and small business  | 7%           | 7%           | 6%           |
| Access to affordable and reliable public transport  | 5%           | 4%           | 6%           |
| Natural disasters (bushfires, flood and drought)  | 4%           | 3%           | 4%           |
| Recognition of First Nations  | 3%           | 3%           | 4%           |
| Access to education and training  | 3%           | 3%           | 3%           |
| Social cohesion (e.g. acceptance of multiculturalism, religious groups living in harmony etc) | 3%           | 3%           | 2%           |

### Wave 3:

#### Cost of living

First Nations – 64% ▼

#### Crime and safety

50+ years – 47% ▲

#### Housing availability and affordability

18-49 years – 39% ▲

#### Access to affordable and quality healthcare

50+ years – 34% ▲

#### Government that serves the needs of Qlders

50+ years – 32% ▲

Males – 28% ▲

#### Finding a job that meets your financial needs

18-49 years – 18% ▲

#### Recognition of First Nations

First Nations – 26% ▲

Parents living with children – 6% ▲

#### Access to education and training

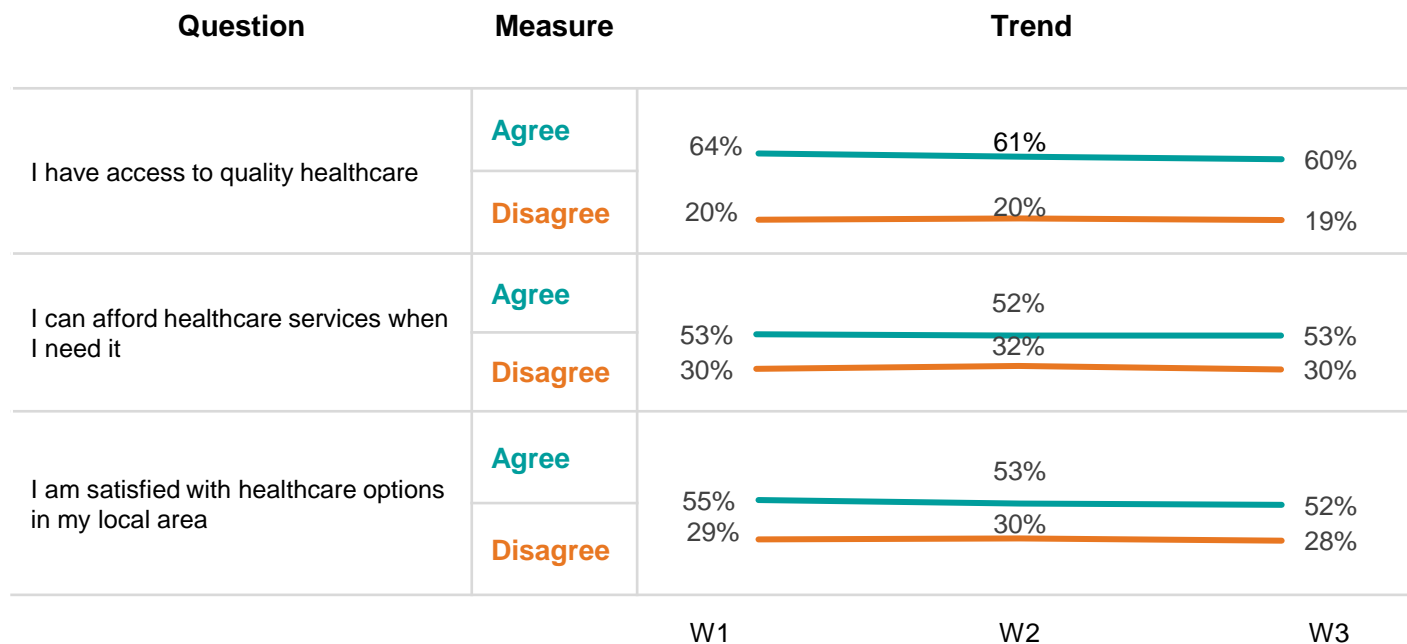
First Nations – 10% ▲

Parents living with children – 5% ▲

# Access to and satisfaction with healthcare remains steady

While three in five Queenslanders agree they have access to quality healthcare, this leaves one in five who disagree, and more in regional Queensland, who are also less likely to agree that their healthcare options are satisfactory or affordable.

## Access to Healthcare



### Wave 3: Agree

#### Access to healthcare

50+ years – 65% ▲  
 ROQ (Wide Bay, Central Qld) – 53% ▼ (46% ▼, 41% ▼)

#### Healthcare affordability

ROQ – 49% ▼  
 Low income – 42% ▼

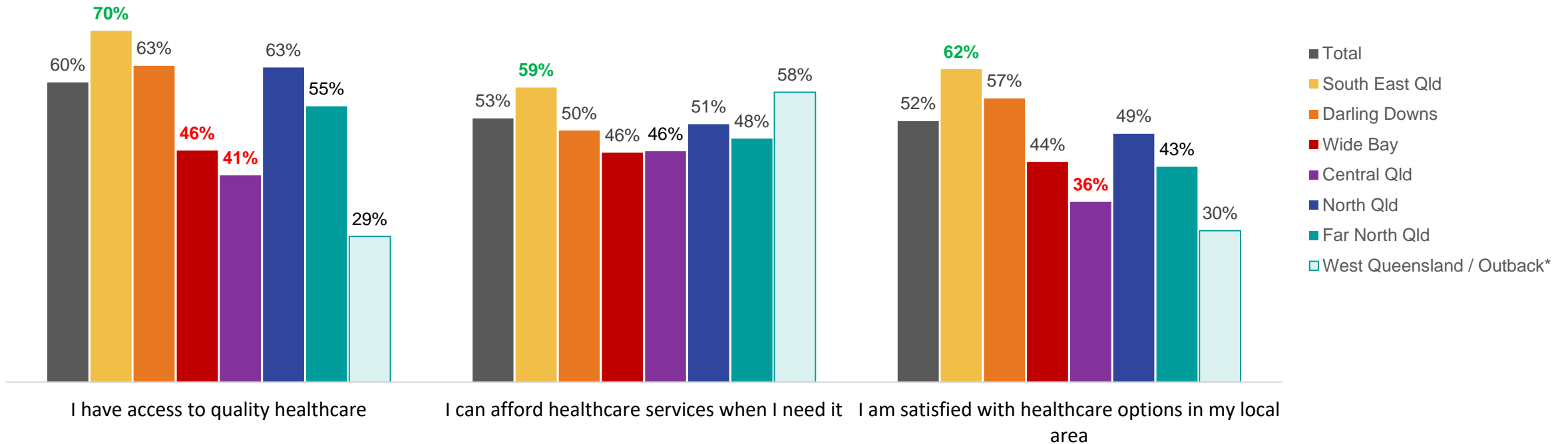
#### Satisfaction with healthcare options

ROQ (Central Qld) – 45% ▼ (36% ▼)

# Central Queenslanders remain less satisfied with their access to quality healthcare in their local area

SEQ is consistently more satisfied with their accessibility and affordability of healthcare.

Access to Healthcare (% Agree)



# Access to GPs remains the most important issue facing the healthcare system

And there is an increasing concern around elective surgery wait times, driven by older Queenslanders. Access to maternity services remains a higher concern amongst those living in Central Queensland, as well as First Nations peoples and younger Queenslanders.

## Most important issues facing the healthcare system

| % Selected (max 3)                              | Wave 1 Total* | Wave 2 Total | Wave 3 Total |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Access to a GP when I need one                  | 24%           | 55%          | 50%          |
| Out of pocket medical expenses                  | 25%           | 51%          | 49%          |
| Emergency department wait times                 | 10%           | 39%          | 40%          |
| Enough medical workers in your area/ hospital   | 10%           | 35%          | 31%          |
| Elective surgery wait times                     | 5%            | 19%          | 23%          |
| Access to an outpatients specialist appointment | 4%            | 15%          | 18%          |
| Number of hospital beds                         | 3%            | 17%          | 18%          |
| Access to mental health facilities              | 6%            | 20%          | 16%          |
| Access to an ambulance                          | 3%            | 15%          | 16%          |
| Health support in the home                      | 2%            | 8%           | 8%           |
| Access to maternity services                    | 1%            | 5%           | 4%           |
| Don't know                                      | 5%            | 2%           | 3%           |

### Wave 3:

#### Elective surgery wait times

50+ years – 28% ▲

#### Access to mental health facilities

18-49 years – 21% ▲

Parents living with children – 22% ▲

First Nations – 40% ▲

#### Access to an ambulance

SEQ – 21% ▲

#### Access to maternity services

18-49 years – 8% ▲

Central Qld – 11% ▲

First Nations – 15% ▲



# SUPPORT FOR VOICE TO PARLIAMENT REMAINS DOWN

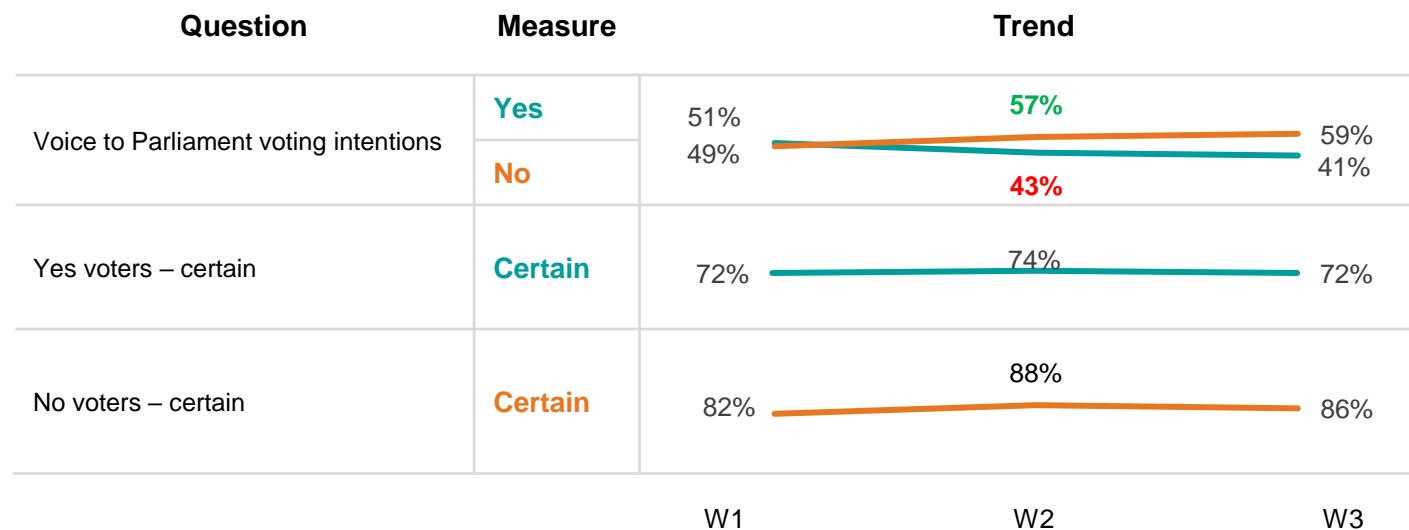
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# Support for Voice to Parliament continues it's downward trend

With the announcement of the Voice to Parliament referendum to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October, voter intentions are continuing to trend downwards, with a stronger 'no' vote in regional Queensland (particularly Wide Bay). This trend is consistent with national polls, with the latest August 2023 polls showing 'no' votes higher than 'yes' (Essential 42% 'yes', 48% no; Newspoll 38% 'yes', 53% 'no')

'No' voters are more likely to be certain than 'yes' voters. This reduction in 'yes' votes is seen across gender and age, although younger Queenslanders, females, parents, First Nations Peoples and CALD Queenslanders remain more likely to vote 'yes'.

Voice to Parliament voting intentions and certainty



**Yes, in support**  
 18-49 years – 52% ▲  
 Female – 45% ▲  
 ROQ (Wide Bay) – 37% ▼ (28% ▼)  
 Parents living with children – 46% ▲  
 First Nations – 68% ▲  
 CALD – 62% ▲

**Voting No – Very certain**  
 Age 50+ – 77% ▲



# APPENDIX

# 8

# Upcoming dates

|                        | Wave 3               | Wave 4                | Wave 5         | Wave 6                | Wave 7    | Wave 8         | Wave 9         | Wave 10   |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Questionnaire approval | 4 Aug                | <b>15 Sep</b>         | 27 Oct         | 8 Dec                 | 2 Feb     | 15 Mar         | 26 Apr         | 7 Jun     |
| Scripting & testing    | <del>7-11 Aug</del>  | <b>18-22 Sep</b>      | 30 Oct - 3 Nov | 11-15 Dec             | 5-9 Feb   | 18-22 Mar      | 29 Apr - 3 May | 10-14 Jun |
| Fieldwork              | <del>14-25 Aug</del> | <b>25 Sep – 6 Oct</b> | 6-17 Nov       | 18 Dec 23 - 12 Jan 24 | 12-23 Feb | 25 Mar - 5 Apr | 6-17 May       | 17-28 Jun |
| Data processing        | <del>28-30 Aug</del> | <b>9-13 Oct</b>       | 20-24 Nov      | 15-17 Jan             | 26-28 Feb | 8-10 Apr       | 20-22 May      | 1-3 Jul   |
| Full report            | <b>13 Sep</b>        | <b>25 Oct</b>         | 6 Dec          | 31 Jan                | 13 Mar    | 24 Apr         | 5 Jun          | 17 Jul    |
| Presentation           | 14 Sep               | <b>27 Oct</b>         | 8 Dec          | 2 Feb                 | 15 Mar    | 26 Apr         | 7 Jun          | 19 Jul    |

# Demographics

Sample size n=1,200 per wave

|          | Unweighted                | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Age      | 18-29                     | 25%    | 25%    | 18%    |
|          | 30-49                     | 30%    | 34%    | 39%    |
|          | 50+                       | 45%    | 42%    | 43%    |
| Gender   | Male                      | 42%    | 39%    | 47%    |
|          | Female                    | 58%    | 61%    | 53%    |
| Region   | SEQ                       | 43%    | 38%    | 39%    |
|          | ROQ                       | 57%    | 62%    | 61%    |
| Region 2 | South East Qld            | 43%    | 38%    | 39%    |
|          | Darling Downs             | 13%    | 11%    | 12%    |
|          | Wide Bay                  | 14%    | 11%    | 12%    |
|          | Central Qld               | 8%     | 11%    | 11%    |
|          | North Qld                 | 14%    | 14%    | 13%    |
|          | Far North Qld             | 8%     | 13%    | 12%    |
|          | West Queensland / Outback | 1%     | 2%     | 2%     |

|                  | Weighted                     | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Parents          | Parents living with children | 35%    | 35%    | 37%    |
|                  | Other                        | 65%    | 65%    | 63%    |
| Employment       | Employed                     | 56%    | 56%    | 58%    |
|                  | Studying                     | 3%     | 3%     | 3%     |
|                  | Retired                      | 22%    | 23%    | 21%    |
|                  | Others                       | 19%    | 18%    | 18%    |
| Education        | Year 12 or below             | 34%    | 30%    | 33%    |
|                  | Advanced education           | 66%    | 70%    | 67%    |
| Household income | Low income (<\$51,999)       | 35%    | 33%    | 34%    |
|                  | \$52,000 - \$207,999         | 53%    | 55%    | 53%    |
|                  | \$208,000+                   | 6%     | 6%     | 6%     |
|                  | Refused                      | 6%     | 6%     | 8%     |
| First Nations    | Yes                          | 4%     | 4%     | 5%     |
|                  | No                           | 95%    | 95%    | 93%    |
|                  | Prefer not to say            | 1%     | 1%     | 2%     |
| CALD             | Yes                          | 6%     | 7%     | 7%     |
|                  | No                           | 93%    | 92%    | 92%    |
|                  | Prefer not to say            | 1%     | 1%     | 1%     |

# Questionnaire

## 1. Screener Questions

**SQ1** Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?

**Q2** What is your date of birth?

**Q3** And what is the postcode where you live?

**SQ4** Which of the following best describes your household?

**SQ5.** You mentioned that you live with your child(ren). How old are they? *Please select all ages that apply.*

**[validation question] SQ6.** The following question is to verify that you are a real person. Please select the image displaying a traffic light.

## 2. General Perceptions of Queensland

**Q1** From the following list, please select the top three most important issues facing you or your household at the moment.

**Q2** How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Queensland State Government's performance in each of the following areas?

**Q42** In general, how optimistic or pessimistic are you about the future of:

**Q3** To what extent do you agree or disagree that Queensland is headed in the right direction?

## 3. Cost of Living

**Q4** How concerned are you about the rising cost of living?

**Q5** Below is a list of issues that are impacted by the rising costs of living. Which three of the following issues affect you the most?

**Q39.** Please select up to three items from the following list that you believe has contributed the most to the rising cost of living.

**Q43** When it comes to easing the cost of living, which level of government do you believe has most responsibility for providing assistance for:

**Q44** Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

**Q46** Have you sought government assistance to respond to cost-of-living pressures within the last 12 months?

## 4. Housing

**Q6** How do you feel about your current housing situation?

**Q7** Whether you have a mortgage or are paying for a private rental, which statement best applies to you?

**Q40.** Please select up to three items from the following list that you believe has contributed the most to the housing shortage.

## 5. Finances and Economy

**Q8** Do you think your personal financial circumstances have gotten better, worse or stayed the same, compared to this time last year?

**Q41.** Are you aware of the Queensland government \$550 cost of living energy rebate announced in the recent state budget?

## 6. Education

**Q9** Please indicate to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements.

**9.1** My family and/or I have access to affordable, high-quality education

**9.2** I have access to development and training opportunities in my local area

**9.3** I am satisfied with education options in my local area

**9.4** Training and development opportunities in my local area have helped me get a job or improve my employment status

**9.5** Training and development opportunities in my local area are relevant to the jobs available nearby

## 7. First Nations

**Q10** To the best of your knowledge, what does an Indigenous Voice to parliament mean?

**Q11** ...It is compulsory for Australian citizens to vote "yes" or "no" in a referendum. Even if it's a leaning at the moment, how do you currently plan to vote?

**Q12** How certain or uncertain do you feel about your decision to vote [yes/no] in the referendum?

# Questionnaire

## 8. Crime and Safety

**Q13** Please indicate your top three primary sources for information on safety and crime?

**Q14** In the past 12 months, have you, or someone in your household, been a victim of crime in your community?

**Q15** How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way in which local crime and anti-social behaviour are dealt with by...

**Q16** Please indicate to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements.

**16.1** I generally feel safe in my community

**16.2** Crime is an issue in my community

**16.3** I feel safe going out at night in my community

**16.4** I am confident I know what to look out for to avoid being a victim of online scams or fraud

**Q17** Reflecting on the last 12 months, please indicate whether you think each of the following has increased or decreased in your community:

**Q18** What demographic do you believe is most commonly associated with criminal activity in your community?

**Q19** What type of crime do you feel is more of a problem in your community?

**Q20** Thinking about the reasons that may cause people to commit crimes, what do you think is the most common reason?

## 9. Energy and Environment

**Q21** To what extent are you concerned about the impact of climate change on the future of Queensland?

**Q22** Please rate how responsible you think each group below is for leading a reduction in carbon emissions.

**Q23** Renewable energy is produced using natural resources that are constantly replaced and never run out (e.g., solar power, wind power, hydropower, battery technology).

**Q24** Please indicate to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements.

**24.1** I support the Queensland Government's renewable energy target of 70% by 2032 and 80% by 2035.

**24.2** I support the Queensland Government's approach to charging mining companies more when commodity prices are higher.

**24.3** I believe that renewable energy sources (e.g., wind, solar, hydrogen) will reduce electricity bills in the future.

**24.4** I believe there are economic benefits in taking up renewable energy.

**Q25** Some people try to reduce their impact on climate change by making changes to their lifestyle or the goods and services they purchase. For each, please indicate whether you have done this, are considering this, or are not going to do this.

## 10. Planning for the Future

**Q26** Please indicate to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements.

**26.1** The Olympics are a good idea for Brisbane

**26.2** Queensland's population is growing. To plan for this growth, we require more infrastructure to support this growth.

**26.3** By planning well, we can ensure the community has the infrastructure and services it needs to maintain Queensland's great lifestyle.

**26.4** To ensure everyone has access to housing, we need to re-think the type of housing and the block sizes we live on.

**26.5** Infrastructure is being delivered at the pace needed to keep up with Queensland's growth.

**26.6** Growth is good for me and my local community.

**26.7** To improve local infrastructure, we accept there will be short term disruption and inconvenience.

# Questionnaire

## 11. Health and Wellbeing

**Q27** How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of your personal life?

**Q28** Please indicate to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements.

**28.1** I have access to quality healthcare

**28.2** I can afford healthcare services when I need it

**28.3** I am satisfied with healthcare options in my local area

**Q29** Below are some issues facing the health care system. Please select up to three items that are most important to you.

**Q30** In the past 12 months, have you or an immediate family member attended a Queensland public hospital emergency department for medical care/treatment?

**Q31** What was your main reason for attending a Queensland public hospital emergency department for medical care/treatment?

**Q32** Overall, how would you rate the care you received?

**Q33** How many times in the past twelve (12) months did you visit a GP, clinic, or other health care place, other than an Emergency Department, to get medical care or advice about your health?

## 12. Demographics

**Q34** Which of these best describes your employment status? Please select the one that best describes your situation.

**Q35** What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

**Q36** What is your approximate annual household income before tax? That is, the combined income of all members of your household

**Q37** Do you identify as a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?

**Q38** Do you speak a language other than English at home?

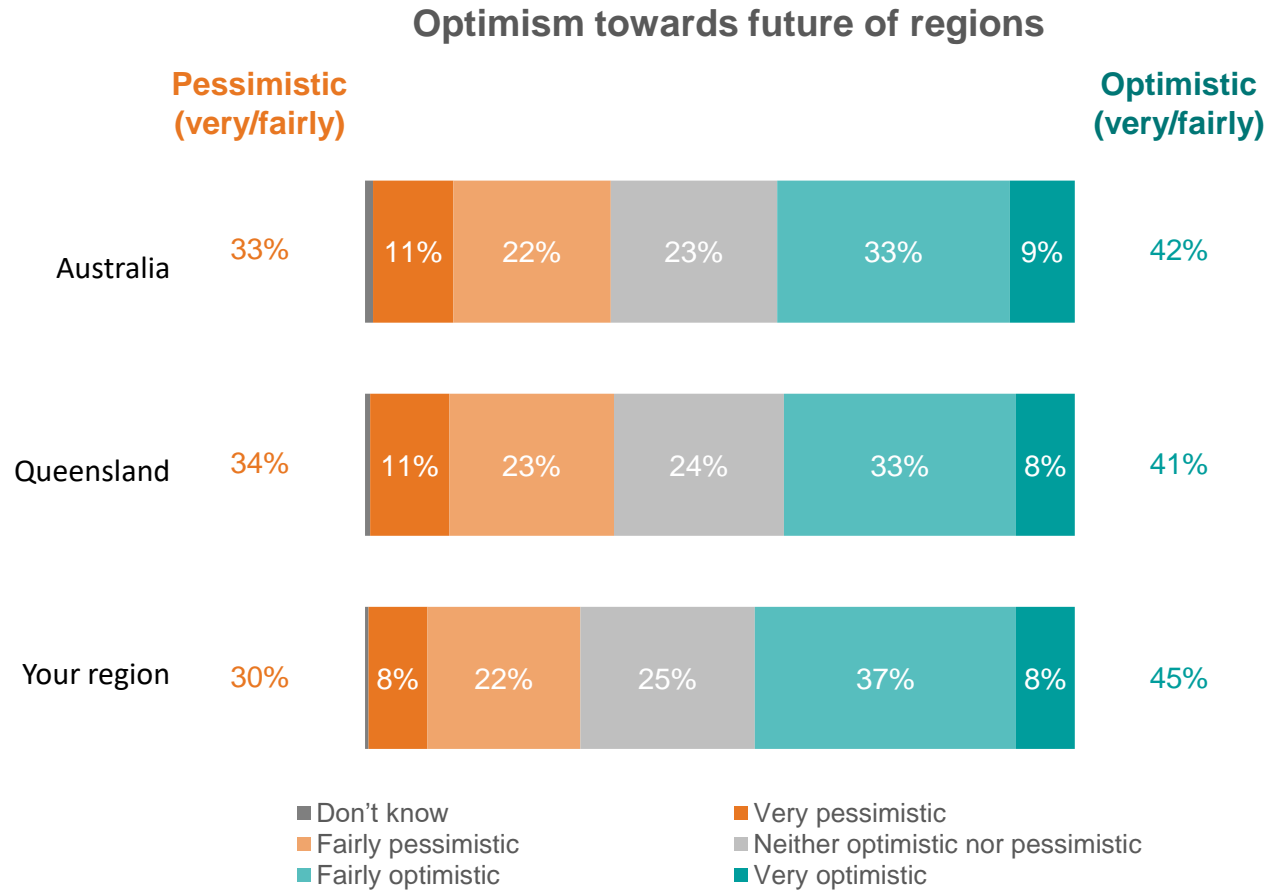
**Q45** Do you have any other comments about the survey?



# Question changes per wave

| Wave | Added                   | Changed / updated   | Removed            |
|------|-------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 2    | SQ6, Q39, Q40, Q41      | Q33 (added code 0)<br>Q9 (added codes 4 & 5, updated logic) | Q10                |
| 3    | Q42, Q43, Q44, Q45, Q46 |   | Q3, Q21-25, Q30-33 |

# Optimism towards future of regions



# TRACKING – Safety and Crime information sources

## Top 3 sources for information on safety and crime

| % Selected (max 3)                                  | Wave 1 Total | Wave 2 Total | Wave 3 Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Television news                                     | 62%          | 62%          | 61%          |
| Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok) | 45%          | 48%          | 47%          |
| Word of mouth/information from other people         | 35%          | 36%          | 34%          |
| Radio news  | 32%          | 28%          | 25%          |
| The police or police operated website/social media  | 22%          | 24%          | 25%          |
| Other internet news source                          | 21%          | 20%          | 20%          |
| Local newspapers                                    | 18%          | 19%          | 19%          |
| Personal experience                                 | 16%          | 16%          | 17%          |
| Metro/national newspapers                           | 10%          | 9%           | 11%          |
| Talkback radio                                      | 7%           | 8%           | 6%           |
| Don't know  | 2%           | 1%           | 2%           |
| None of these                                       | 2%           | 2%           | 2%           |
| Other   | 2%           | 1%           | 1%           |

### Across waves 1-3, top two channels:

#### Television news

- 50+ years – 79% ▲
- Males – 67% ▲
- Wide Bay – 75% ▲
- Low income – 69% ▲
- Parents living with children – 54% ▼
- First Nations – 49% ▼
- CALD – 53% ▼

#### Social media

- 18-49 years – 62% ▲
- Females – 59% ▲
- ROQ (Central Qld, Outback) – 49% ▲ (61% ▲, 74% ▲)
- Parents living with children – 58% ▲
- Low income – 50% ▼

# TRACKING – Perceptions of criminals

## Top 3 reasons why people commit crime

| Total % selected (max 3)        | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Lenient sentencing of criminals | 54%    | 56%    | 55%    |
| Lack of supervision of minors   | 48%    | 50%    | 49%    |
| Drug use                        | 50%    | 47%    | 46%    |
| Poor parenting                  | 44%    | 44%    | 45%    |
| Breakdown of family             | 25%    | 28%    | 27%    |
| Poverty                         | 24%    | 21%    | 24%    |
| Unemployment                    | 16%    | 19%    | 18%    |
| Poor/lack of education          | 18%    | 17%    | 17%    |
| Underemployment                 | 7%     | 6%     | 8%     |
| Other                           | 4%     | 5%     | 3%     |
| Don't know                      | 3%     | 2%     | 2%     |
| None of these                   | 0%     | 0%     | 1%     |

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| <b>Lenient sentencing</b> |
| 50+ years – 62% ▲         |
| First Nations – 20% ▼     |
| <b>Drug use</b>           |
| Far North Qld – 24% ▼     |
| <b>Poor parenting</b>     |
| Far North Qld – 64% ▲     |
| <b>Lack of education</b>  |
| 18-49 years – 23% ▲       |
| Low income – 11% ▼        |

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To do this we use the best of science, technology and know-how and apply the principles of security, simplicity, speed and substance to everything we do.

So that our clients can act faster, smarter and bolder. Ultimately, success comes down to a simple truth:  
**You act better when you are sure.**

