



# **THE AUSTRALIAN EARLY LEARNING MONITOR.**

Paid parental leave  
August 2021.



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BY FIVE**

# METHODOLOGY.

**Fieldwork:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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**Sample:** Parents (n=1,159, MoE  $\pm$ 2.5%)  
Parents of preschool aged children (n=670, MoE  $\pm$ 3.8%)  
Parents of school aged children (n=800, MoE  $\pm$ 3.5%)

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The quantitative poll was developed to canvas a representative sample of the Australian public on their views, attitudes and experiences with the early learning and childcare system in Australia, and to understand their views on relevant issues related to family life, working life and society more broadly.

The national online survey was hosted by Qualtrics and took respondents approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Note that some questions were asked of only half the sample to maximise the number of questions without increasing respondent burden.

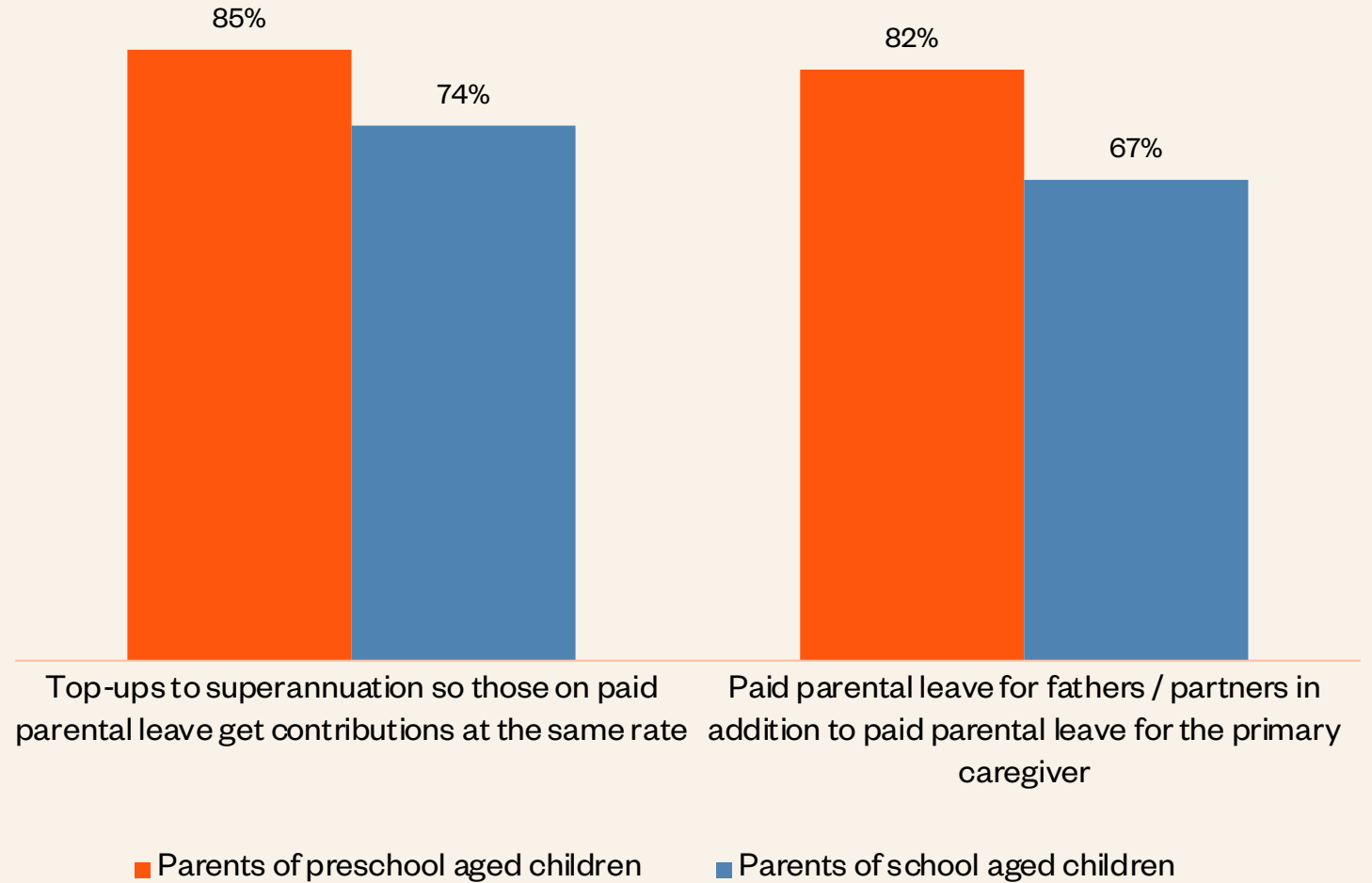
The maximum margins of error at a 95% confidence level for the full samples are shown in the left-hand table. The maximum margin of error for any sub-sample in this snapshot  $\pm$  5.8%.

Some figures in this report will not total 100% due to rounding. Full methodology can be found [here](#). For more results from the Early Learning Monitor go to:

<https://thrivebyfive.org.au/earlylearningmonitor/>

**THE VAST MAJORITY OF PARENTS WITH CHILDREN UNDER SCHOOL AGE, SAY PAID PARENTAL LEAVE FOR FATHERS WOULD HELP THEIR FAMILIES A LOT.**

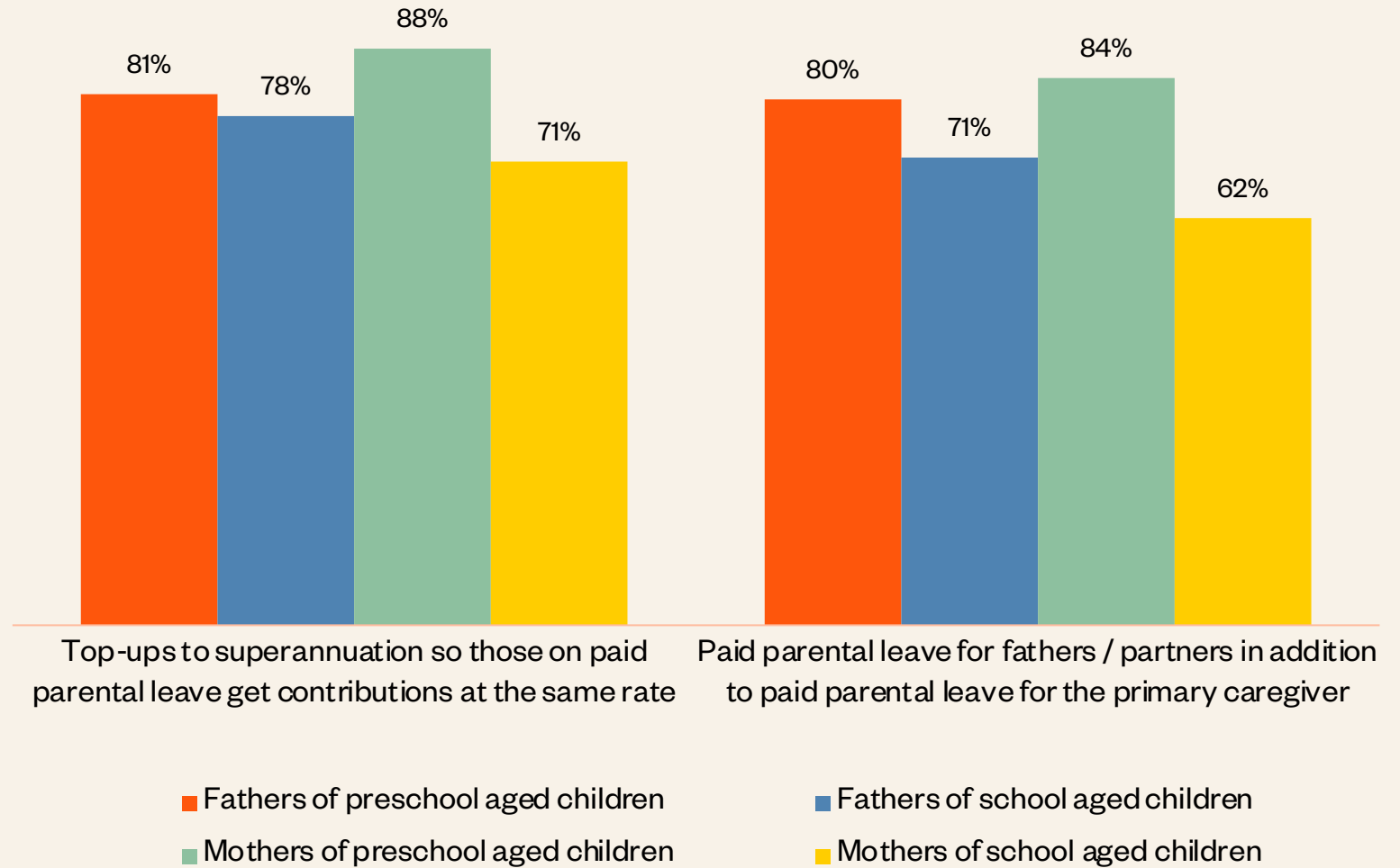
What would help respondents and their families  
(% A lot /A fair amount)



Q. How much would each of the following help you and your family, now or in the future?  
Base: Parents of preschool aged children, n=670; Parents of school aged children, n=800

**MOST MOTHERS AND FATHERS SAY THAT PAID PARENTAL LEAVE WOULD HELP THEIR FAMILIES A LOT OR A FAIR AMOUNT.**

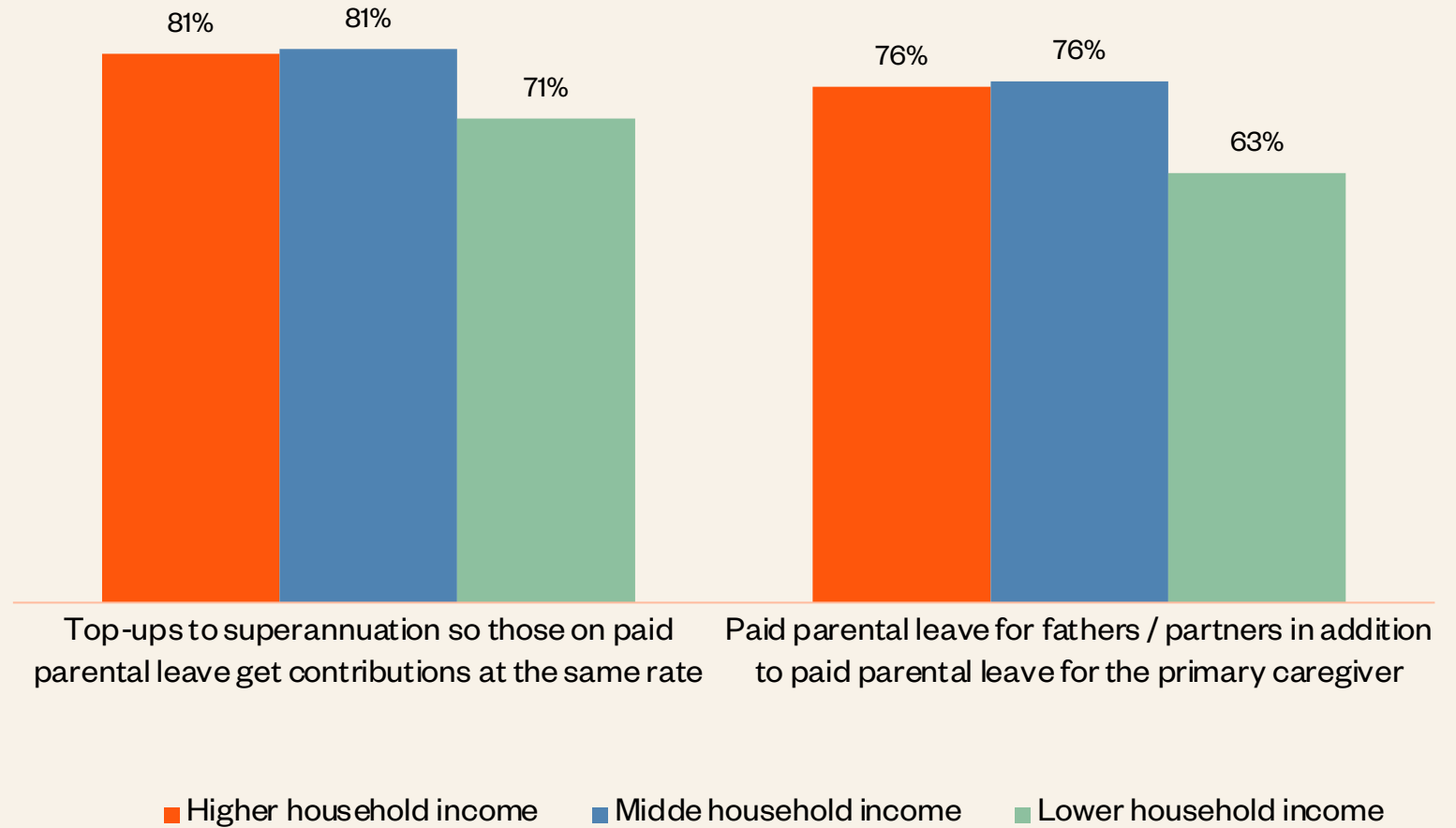
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Q. How much would each of the following help you and your family, now or in the future?  
Base: Fathers of preschool aged children, n=304; Fathers of school aged children, n=405; Mothers of preschool aged children, n=366; Mothers of school aged children, n=393

**MOST PARENTS IN ALL  
INCOME GROUPS SAY  
EXPANDED PAID  
PARENTAL LEAVE  
ENTITLEMENTS  
WOULD HELP THEIR  
FAMILIES.**

What would help respondents and their families  
(% A lot /A fair amount)



Q. How much would each of the following help you and your family, now or in the future?  
Base: Higher income household, n=654; Middle income household, n=485; Lower income household, n=282