

OUR LIVES 2017

The Social Futures and Life Pathways Project is a longitudinal cohort study of young people who commenced secondary school in 2006. The aim of the study is to track their life pathways as they move from adolescence into adulthood. In 2017, the Wave 6 survey was completed. At this stage, participants were 23/24 years old. This report provides a broad overview of findings from this survey. It also offers some insights into how the cohort's attitudes may have shifted over time.

AT A GLANCE

GENDER

FEMALE



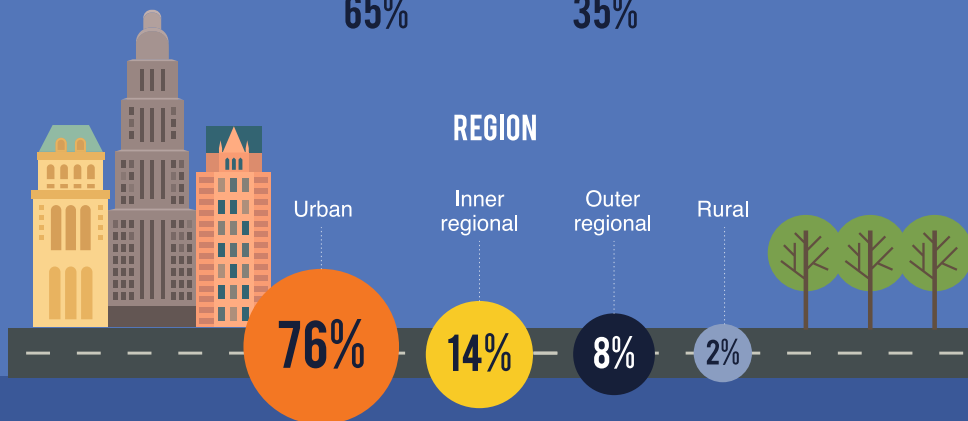
65%

MALE

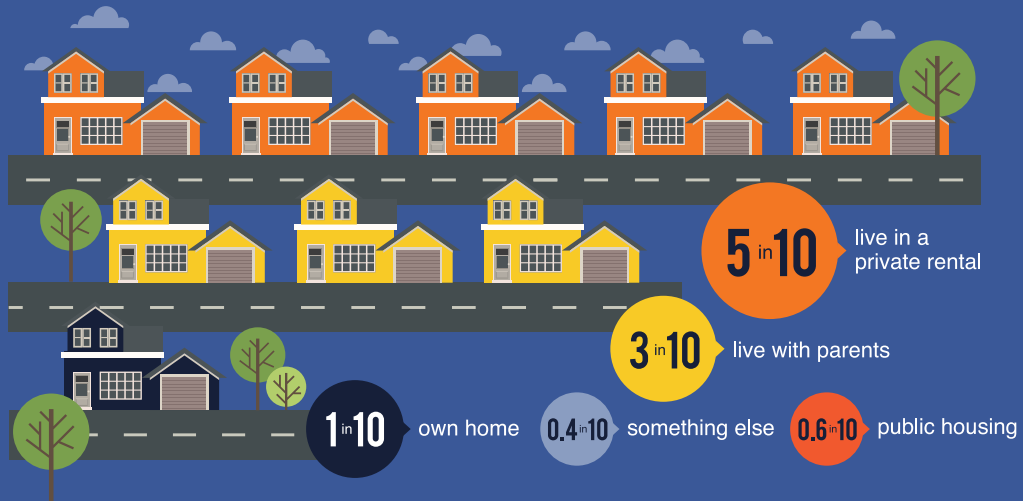


35%

REGION



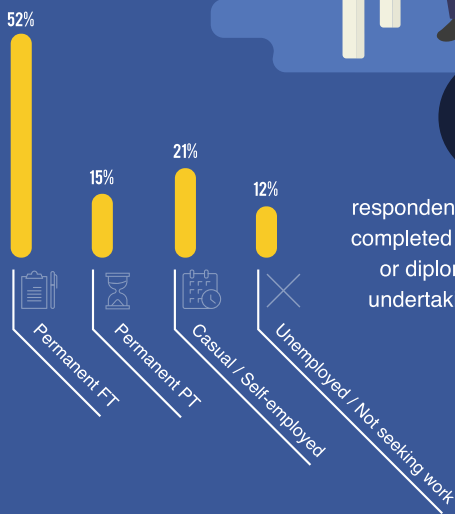
HOUSING



EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT



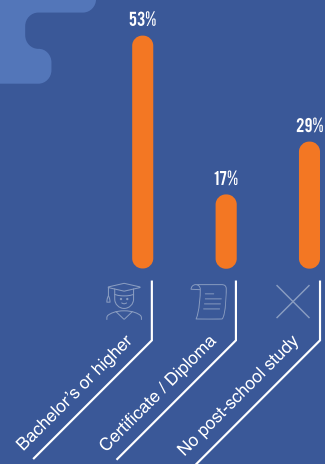
TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT



1 in 5

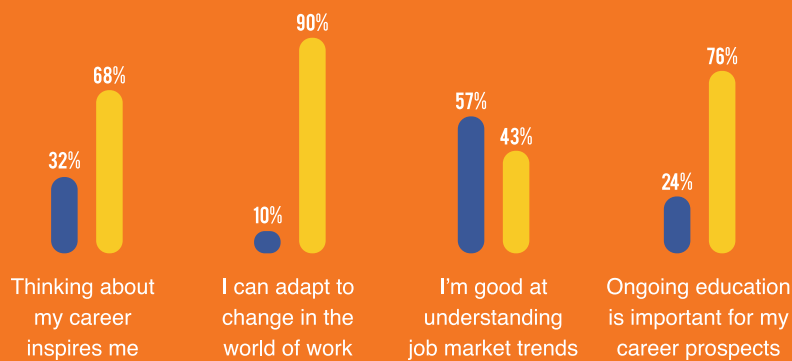
respondents who have already completed a degree, certificate or diploma by age 24 are undertaking further studies.

POST-SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS



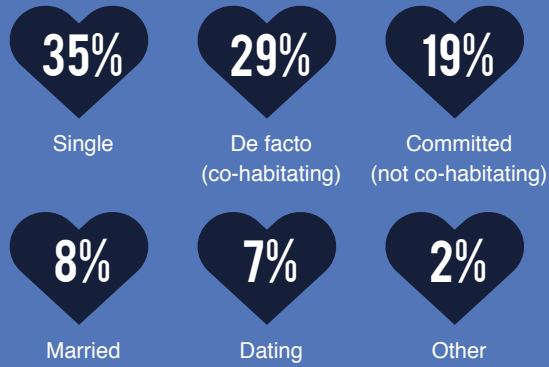
CAREER FUTURES INVENTORY

● Not agree
● Agree

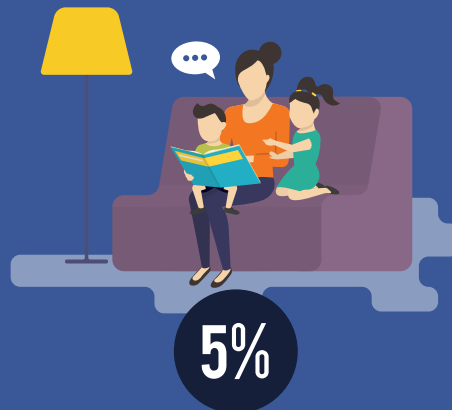


RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILY FORMATION

CURRENT RELATIONSHIP STATUS



CHILDREN



of the cohort have children of their own.

Thinking about when you might consider having children, how important are the following things?



CHANGE OVER TIME

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

2015
(AGE 22)



2017
(AGE 24)

84%



Felt positive about their *mental* health ↓

75%



88%



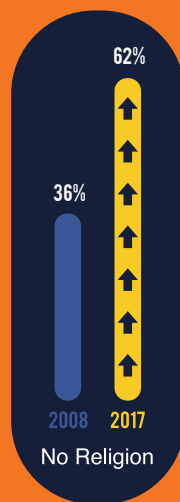
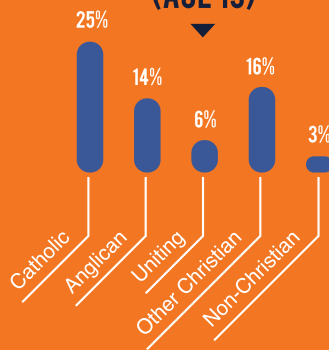
Felt positive about their *physical* health ↓

82%

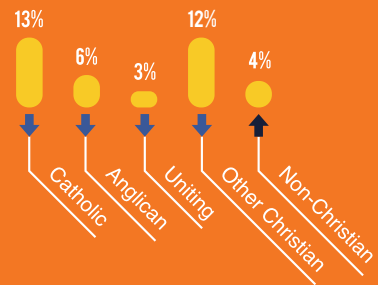


RELIGION

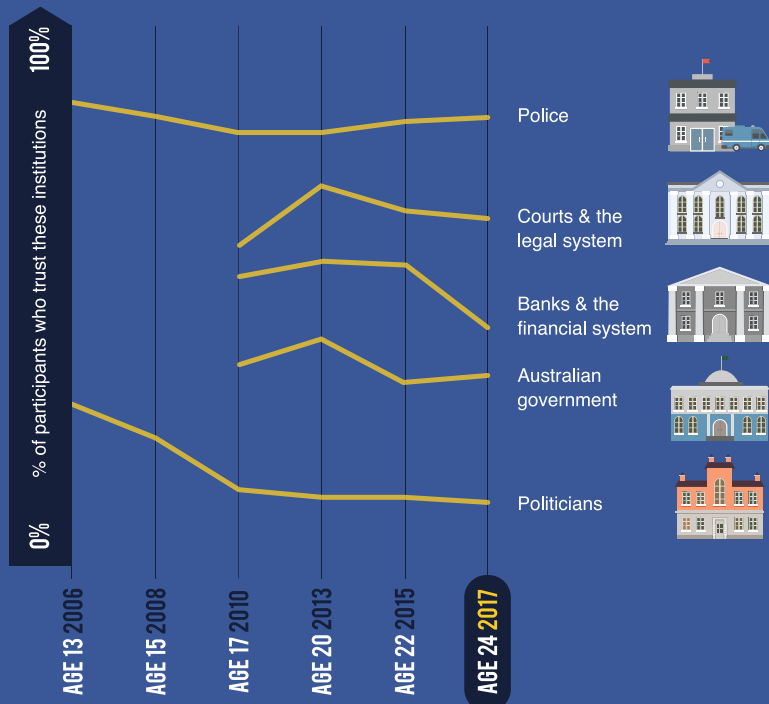
2008
(AGE 15)



2017
(AGE 24)



INSTITUTIONAL TRUST



ATTITUDES TOWARDS IMMIGRATION



% agree "Immigrants make Australia more open to new ideas and culture"

