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# Kinship carers: Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

## Carer profile



### Gender

### Gender of carers: Male 6.3%, Female 93.7%, Other 0%.Age



### Location

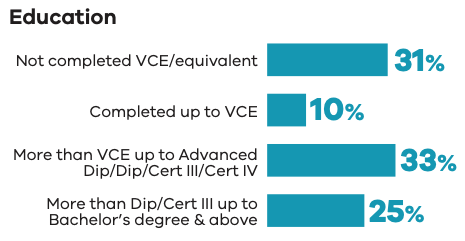


### Average number of children cared forBar chart of average number of children. 1 child 53%, 2 children 27%, 3 to 4 children 15%, 5 or more 3%

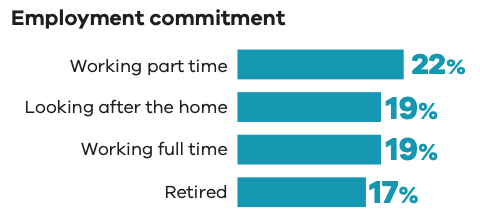
### Aboriginal carers



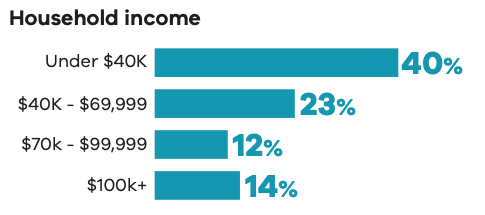
### Education



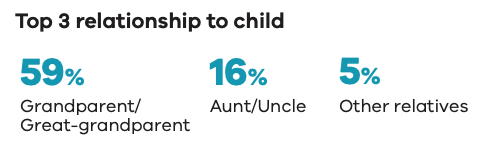
### Employment commitment



### Household income



### Top 3 relationship to child

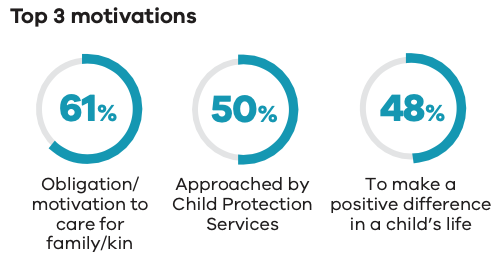


### Culturally and linguistically diverse carers



## Carer experience

### Top 3 motivations



### Top 2 reasons for placements ending

Reunification with family 22%
Behavioural or mental health issues 22%

### Top 3 financial impacts personally

Used personal savings 72%
Regularly use own funds to pay for other expenses (like medical, dental, therapies) 66%
Borrowed money from family or friends 27%

### Top 3 child challenges

History of trauma 66%
Behavioural issues 56%
Learning difficulties 45%

### Top 3 system challenges

Lack of consistency in support 59%
Lack of key documentation 52%
Access to practical support 50%

### Top 3 sources of support

DFFH 39%
Agencies 37%
Support groups 28%

### Likelihood to continue caring

Very likely 27%
Likely 13%
Neither 21%
Unlikely 22%
Very unlikely 18%

### Negative impact on social relationship



## Carer needs and possible support

### Navigating the system

54% of total respondents see this as a challenge
71% of total respondents were unaware this support was available

### Support for complex needs

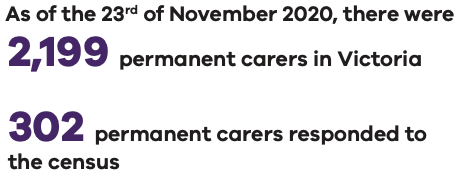
43% of total respondents see this as a challenge.
65% of total respondents were unaware this support was available

### Mental health and wellbeing

43% of total respondents see this as a challenge.
60% of total respondents were unaware this support was available.

# Permanent carers: Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

## Carer profile



### Gender

### Gender of carers: Male 10.3%, Female 89.7%, Other 0%.Age



### Location

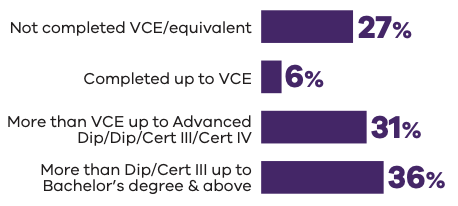


### Average number of children cared forBar chart of average number of children. 1 child 48%, 2 children 30%, 3 to 4 children 18%, 5 or more 5%

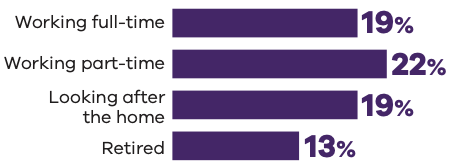
### Aboriginal carers



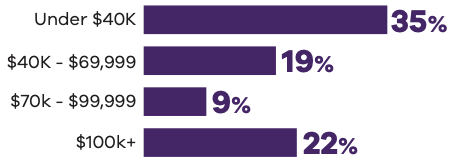
### Education



### Employment commitment



### Household income



### Culturally and linguistically diverse carers



## Carer experience

### Top 3 motivations

To make a positive difference in a child's life 61%
Obligation or motivaton to care for family or kin 38%
Approached by Child Protection services 27%

### Top 2 reasons for placements ending

Reunification with family 24%
Behavioural or mental health issues 25%

### Top 3 financial impacts personally

Regularly use own funds to pay for other expenses (like medical, dental, therapies) 71%
Used personal savings 70%
Borrowed money from family or friends 24%

### Top 3 child challenges

History of trauma 64%
Behavioural issues 55%
Learning difficulties 46%

### Top 3 system challenges

Lack of consistency in support 57%
Lack of key documentation 53%
Navigating child protection systems 52%

### Top 3 sources of support

Agencies 50%
Peak and advocacy bodies 41%
DFFH 34%

### Likelihood to continue caring

Very likely 28%
Likely 13%
Neither 18%
Unlikely 22%
Very unlikely 19%

### Negative impact on social relationship



## Carer needs and possible support

### Navigating the system

52% of total respondents see this as a challenge
60% of total respondents were unaware this support was available

### Support for complex needs

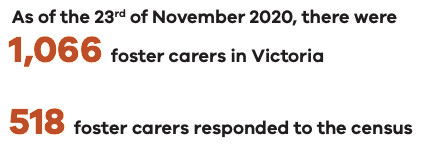
42% of total respondents see this as a challenge.
52% of total respondents were unaware this support was available

### Mental health and wellbeing

39% of total respondents see this as a challenge.
52% of total respondents were unaware this support was available.

# Foster carers: Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

## Carer profile



### Gender

### Gender of carers: Male 13.9%, Female 85.7%, Other 0.4%.Age



### Location



### Average number of children cared forBar chart of average number of children. 1 child 50%, 2 children 30%, 3 to 4 children 16%, 5 or more 3%

### Aboriginal carers



### Education

Education level bar chart.
Not completed VCE or similar 13%, Up to VCE 9%, More than VCE and up to Advanced Dip, Dip, Cert III or Cert IV 32%, More than Dip or Cert III up to Bachelor's degree and above 46%

### Employment commitment

Bar chart of employent status.
Working full-time 30%, Working part-time 27%, Looking after the home 14%, Retired 8%

### Household income

Bar chart of household income.
Under $40,000 22%, $40,000 to $69,999 16%, $70,000 to $99,999 12%, $100,000 and over 33%

### Culturally and linguistically diverse carers



## Carer experience

### Top 3 motivations

To make a positive difference in a child's life 89%
To play a positive part in the community 57%
Prompted by advertising or communications 14%

### Top 2 reasons for placements ending

Reunification with family 19%
Behavioural or mental health issues 17%

### Top 3 financial impacts personally

Regularly use own funds to pay for other expenses (like medical, dental, therapies) 59%
Used personal savings 58%
Unable to pay a utility bill on time 11%

### Top 3 child challenges

History of trauma 72%
Behavioural issues 57%
Learning difficulties 47%

### Top 3 system challenges

Lack of key documentation 63%
Lack of consistency in support 59%
Navigating child protection systems 55%

### Top 3 sources of support

Agencies 80%
Carer KaFE 51%
Peak and advocacy bodies 43%


### Likelihood to continue caring

Very likely 43%
Likely 23%
Neither 14%
Unlikely 12%
Very unlikely 8%

### Negative impact on social relationship



## Carer needs and possible support

### Navigating the system

55% of total respondents see this as a challenge.
41% of total respondents were unaware this support was available.

### Support for complex needs

44% of total respondents see this as a challenge.
32% of total respondents were unaware this support was available.

### Mental health and wellbeing

32% of total respondents see this as a challenge.
32% of total respondents were unaware this support was available.

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