

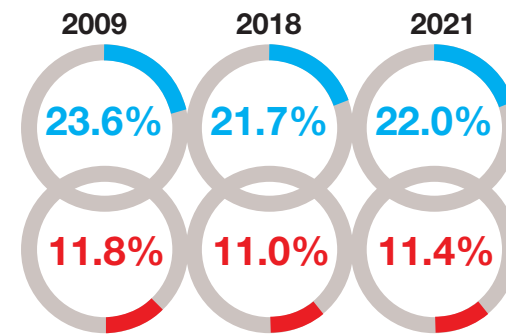
ABOUT THE AEDC. The AEDC is Australia's national progress measure of children's early development



1,467,091 children have been included over five data collections (2009, 2012, 2015, 2018, 2021)

305,015 children were included in the 2021 data collection

That's **95.5%** of children who started school in 2021



of children were developmentally vulnerable in **at least one** area of their development in 2021

of children were developmentally vulnerable in **two or more** areas of their development in 2021



There has been a significant increase in vulnerability since 2018 but a significant decrease in vulnerability overall since 2009

On Track on 5 domains (OT5), over five data collections, **improvement of 4.1% nationally** with the gap closing for some children but widening for others:

For Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children, **improvement of 8%**



For children in remote/very remote areas, **improvement of 7.1%**



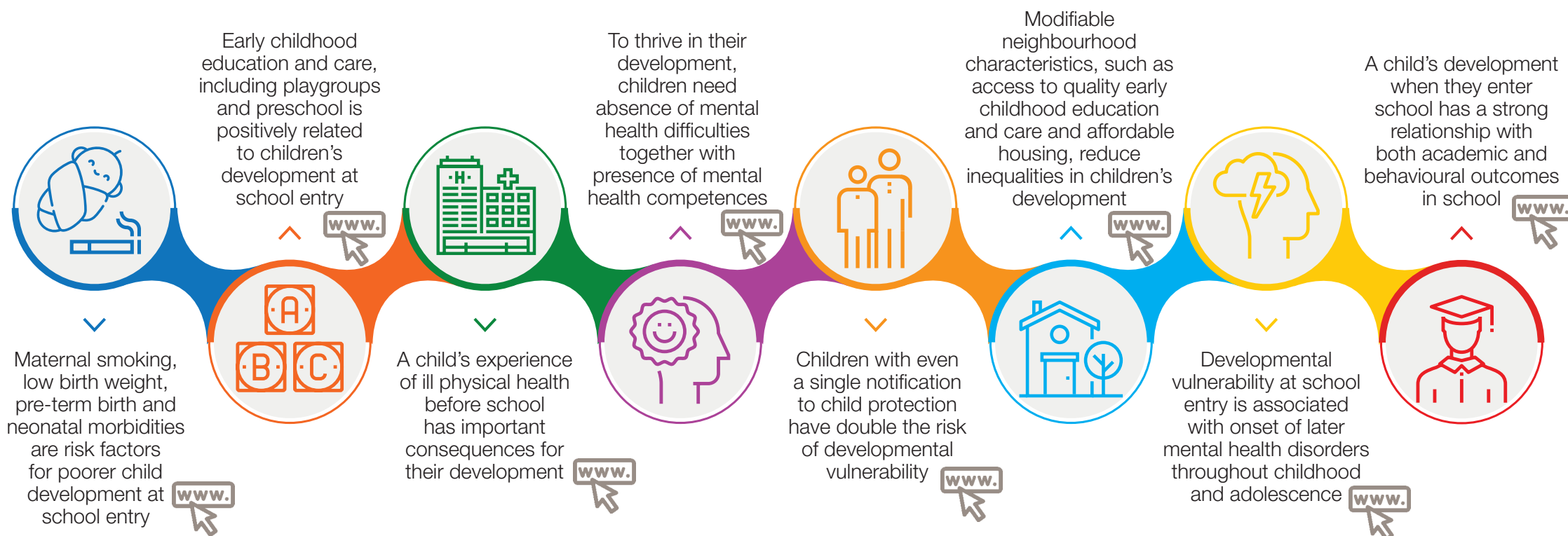
For the most disadvantaged children, **decline of 1.1%**



For children with non-English language background, **improvement of 8.2%**



WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?



RELEVANT FACTS

1 in 4 children notified to child protection before age 10



1 in 10 women smoke in pregnancy



22 per cent of children live in households with housing stress

92.3% of children attended a preschool program



1 in 7 children living in socio-economically disadvantaged communities attend playgroup compared with **1 in 4** children living in advantaged communities



WHAT ARE THE KEY GAPS?

