

AEDC 2021: Key Findings

National results from the 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018 and 2021 data collections

The AEDC is a measure of young children's development at the start of their



In 2021
95.7%
of children have
been included

That's almost
305,000
children in 2021

The AEDC shows where we need to work differently to improve the experiences of children and families in the first five years of life.

It is desirable to see the percentage of children who are 'developmentally vulnerable' decrease with each new AEDC collection cycle.

Find out more

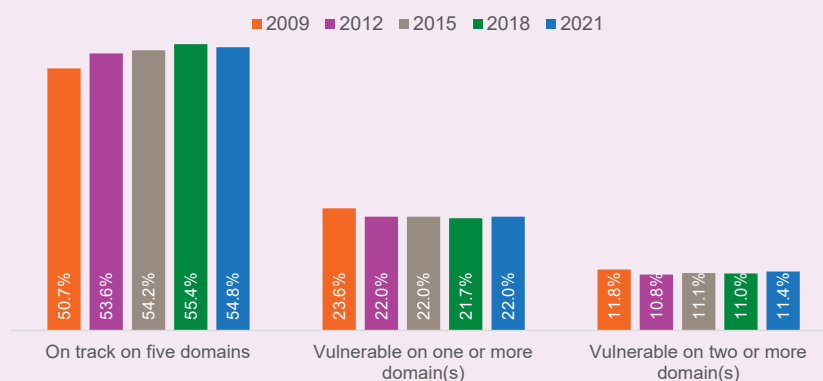
For more information about the AEDC, visit www.aedc.gov.au

AEDC Summary Indicators

Children who are
On track on five domains
decreased from
55.4% in 2018 to
54.8% in 2021

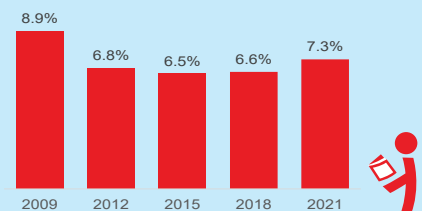
Children who are
Developmentally vulnerable on one or more domain(s)
increased from 21.7% in 2018 to **22.0%** in

Children who are
Developmentally vulnerable on two or more domain(s) increased from 11.0% in 2018 to **11.4%** in 2021



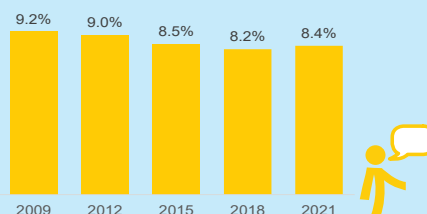
Language and cognitive skills

Developmental vulnerability has increased significantly since 2018 but is lower than 2009



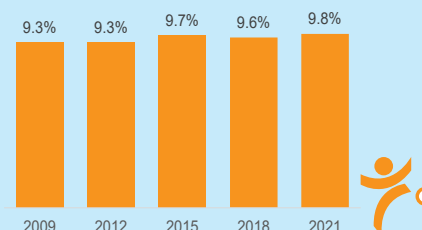
Communication skills and general knowledge

Developmental vulnerability has risen to a level similar to 2015



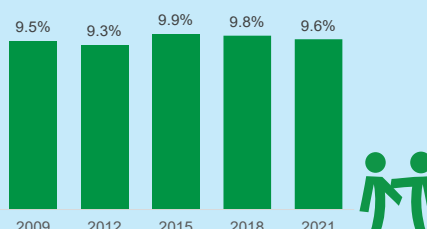
Physical health and wellbeing

Developmental vulnerability has increased to a peak since 2009



Social competence

Developmental vulnerability decreased in 2021



Emotional maturity

Developmental vulnerability increased slightly in 2021

