

# Raising of Children By Biological parents

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# 1. Methodology

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# Methodology

- ▶ This study was conducted on the Galaxy Telephone Omnibus on the weekend of 20-22 November 2009.
- ▶ The sample was 1,053 respondents aged 18 years and older distributed throughout Australia, as follows:
  - ▶ NSW/ACT 317
  - ▶ Victoria/Tasmania 296
  - ▶ Queensland 189
  - ▶ South Australia 124
  - ▶ Western Australia 126
- ▶ Interviews were conducted using CATI (computer assisted telephone interviewing) with telephone numbers randomly selected from electronic White Pages. All interviewers were personally trained and briefed on the requirements of the study.
- ▶ Age, gender and region quotas were applied to the sample. Following the completion of interviewing, the data was weighted by age, gender and region to reflect the latest ABS population estimates.



## 2. Main Findings

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# Main Findings

- ▶ Nine out of ten (86%) of adult Australians believe that wherever possible children should be raised by their biological mother and biological father.
- ▶ This view is more likely among males (89%) than among females (83%), and is also more likely among lower income families (90%) compared to medium income (85%) or high income (86%) families.



# 3. Questionnaire

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**SECTION B – ASK ALL RESPONDENTS AGED 18 YEARS AND OVER**

- B1. Thinking now about children. Ideally, wherever possible, should children be raised by their biological mother and biological father? Yes ..... 1  
No..... 2  
Don't know .... 3



## 4. Detailed Tabular Findings

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# Tables

▶ **The tables of findings are set out such that they include the following details:**

**1 BASE: Weight Sample (000's):**

The number of completed interviews has been weighted to reflect the latest ABS population estimates. These estimates are shown in thousands (000's). The percentages in the table are based on these weighted figures.

**2 WEIGHTS:**

This indicates that in order to reflect the latest ABS population estimates the data has been weighted by age, gender and area.

**3 FILTERS (Where applicable):**

If the table is based on a subset of respondents then this will be titled as a Filter and accompanied by a description of the sample upon which the table is based.

**4 RESPONDENTS:**

These figures show the actual sample size, indicating the total number of respondents who were asked the relevant question.



# Tables ... continued

▶ Each question has been analysed by a series of demographic variables as follows:

→ **SEX:**

- Male
- Female

→ **AGE:**

- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-49 years
- 50 years or older

→ **MARITAL STATUS:**

- Married (married/de facto/living together)
- Not married (never married/separated/divorced/widowed)

→ **MAIN GROCERY BUYER:**

- Yes/Shared
- No

→ **CHILDREN AT HOME:**

- Children under 18 living in the household
- No children under 18 living in the household



# Tables ... continued

## → WORK STATUS:

- Working full-time
- Working part-time
- Not working

## → SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS:

- *Occupation of the main income earner of the household:*
  - White collar (professional/senior management, upper white collar, lower white collar)
  - Blue collar (upper blue collar, lower blue collar)

## → LOCATION:

- NSW / ACT
- Victoria / Tasmania
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Western Australia

## → CAPITAL CITY:

- Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Rest of Australia



# Tables ... continued

→ **HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**

- Under \$40,000
- \$40,000 - \$69,999
- \$70,000 plus

→ **HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOLING:**

- Below Year 12
- Year 12

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TABLE 1 Standard Banner 1 \*BY\* B1 Children be raised by biological parents

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age				Marital Status		Grocery Buyer		Children		Work Status			S.E.S.		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Yes /Shared	No	Yes	No	Full Time	Part Time	Not Working	White	Blue
RESPONDENTS	1052	522	530	107	110	383	452	670	382	700	352	378	674	449	228	375	607	445
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	16228	7902	8326	1991	2832	4769	6636	10159	6069	10703	5525	5876	10352	6968	3597	5663	9374	6854
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
B1 Children be raised by biological parents																		
Yes	13928	7036	6892	1612	2429	4014	5873	8711	5216	9057	4870	5075	8853	6000	3034	4893	8051	5877
	86%	89%	83%	81%	86%	84%	88%	86%	86%	85%	88%	86%	86%	86%	84%	86%	86%	86%
No	1471	549	922	308	258	577	328	996	474	1031	440	586	885	678	358	434	949	522
	9%	7%	11%	15%	9%	12%	5%	10%	8%	10%	8%	10%	9%	10%	10%	8%	10%	8%
Don't know	830	317	513	71	145	178	436	451	379	615	215	216	614	289	205	336	374	456
	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%	7%	4%	6%	6%	4%	4%	6%	4%	6%	6%	4%	7%
TOTALS	16228	7902	8326	1991	2832	4769	6636	10159	6069	10703	5525	5876	10352	6968	3597	5663	9374	6854
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

GALAXY RESEARCH

TABLE 2 Standard Banner 2 \*BY\* B1 Children be raised by biological parents

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	State					Capital City		Household Income			Schooling	
		NSW Vic/Tas	Qld	SA	WA	Yes	No	< \$40K	\$40K-\$69K	\$70K+	Below Year 12	Year 12	
RESPONDENTS	1052	317	296	189	124	126	670	382	308	199	408	392	660
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	16228	5675	4494	3182	1273	1604	10007	6221	4644	3067	6413	5781	10447
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
B1 Children be raised by biological parents													
Yes	13928	4819	3825	2818	1041	1425	8428	5499	4171	2615	5500	4973	8954
	86%	85%	85%	89%	82%	89%	84%	88%	90%	85%	86%	86%	86%
No	1471	497	482	243	148	101	1099	371	167	338	753	477	994
	9%	9%	11%	8%	12%	6%	11%	6%	4%	11%	12%	8%	10%
Don't know	830	360	187	121	85	78	480	350	305	114	161	331	499
	5%	6%	4%	4%	7%	5%	5%	6%	7%	4%	3%	6%	5%
TOTALS	16228	5675	4494	3182	1273	1604	10007	6221	4644	3067	6413	5781	10447
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



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