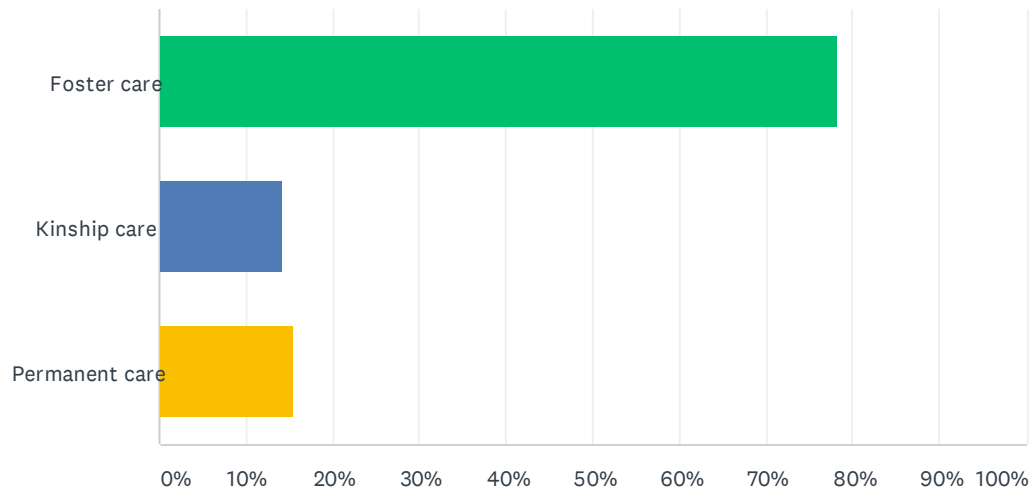# Q1 Please identify type of care you are providing (click all that apply)

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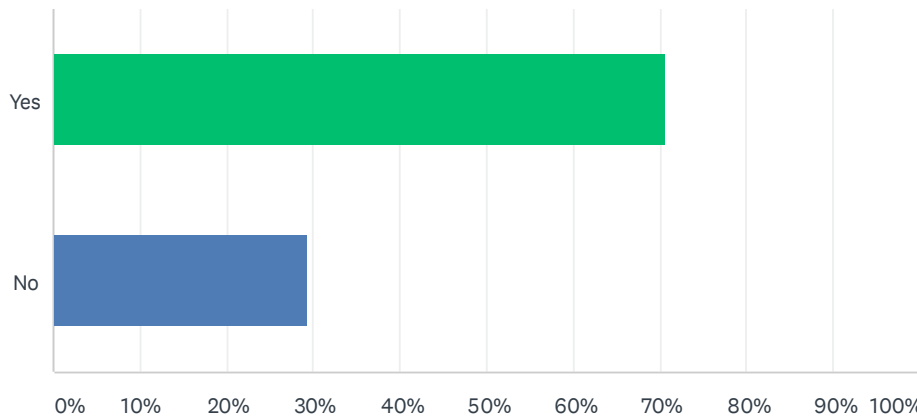

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Foster care	78.32%	177
Kinship care	14.16%	32
Permanent care	15.49%	35
Total Respondents: 226		

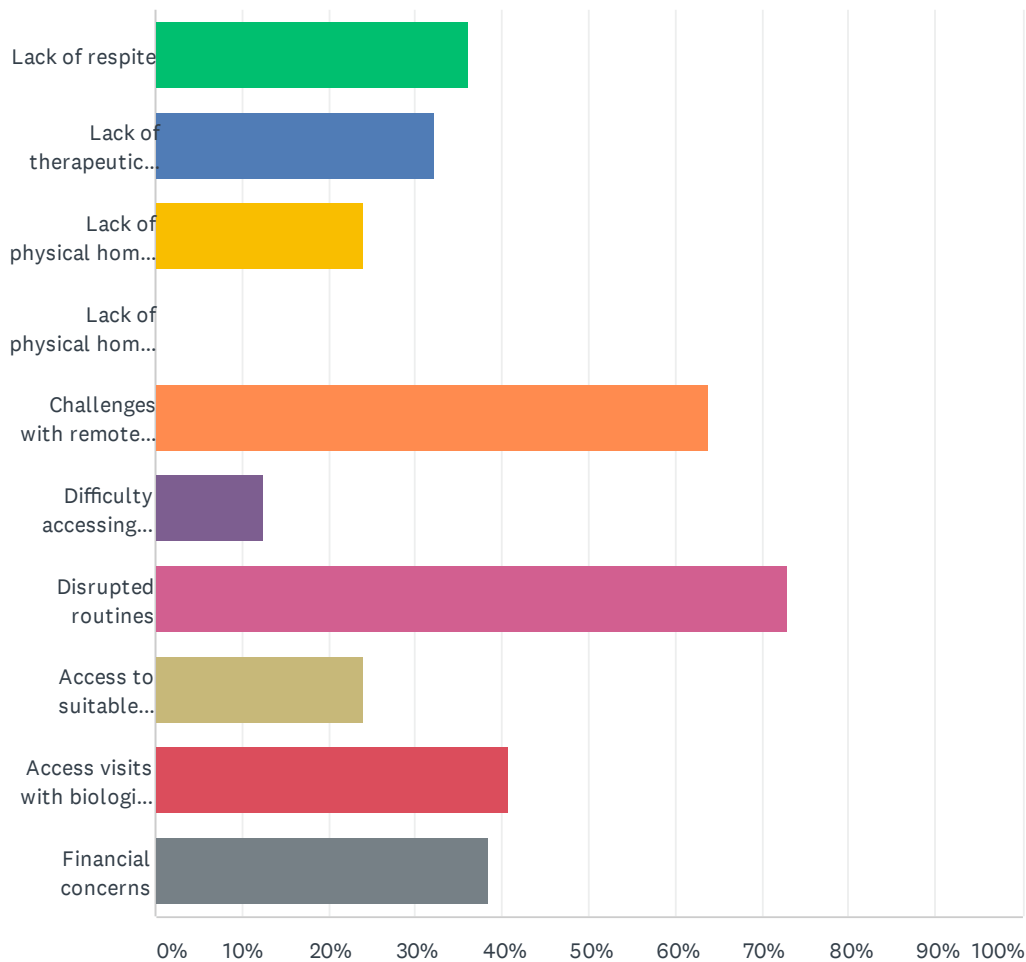## Q2 Has your carer family struggled more than usual during COVID-19?

Answered: 225   Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.67%	159
No	29.33%	66
TOTAL		225

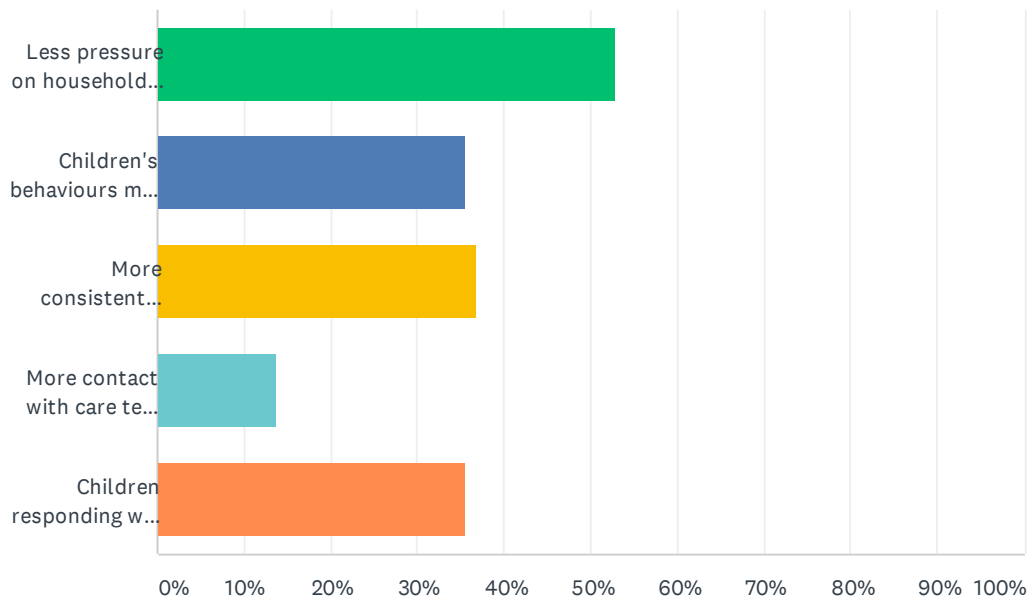# Q3 If you selected Yes to Question 2, please select the areas of most difficulty (click all that apply)

Answered: 174   Skipped: 52

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of respite	36.21%	63
Lack of therapeutic intervention for children in placement	32.18%	56
Lack of physical home visits from case workers	24.14%	42
Lack of physical home visits from DHHS case worker	0.00%	0
Challenges with remote schooling	63.79%	111
Difficulty accessing onsite supervision at school for children in care	12.64%	22
Disrupted routines	72.99%	127
Access to suitable technology	24.14%	42
Access visits with biological family	40.80%	71
Financial concerns	38.51%	67
Total Respondents: 174		

Q4 If you selected No to Question 2, please select the reasons why (click all that apply)
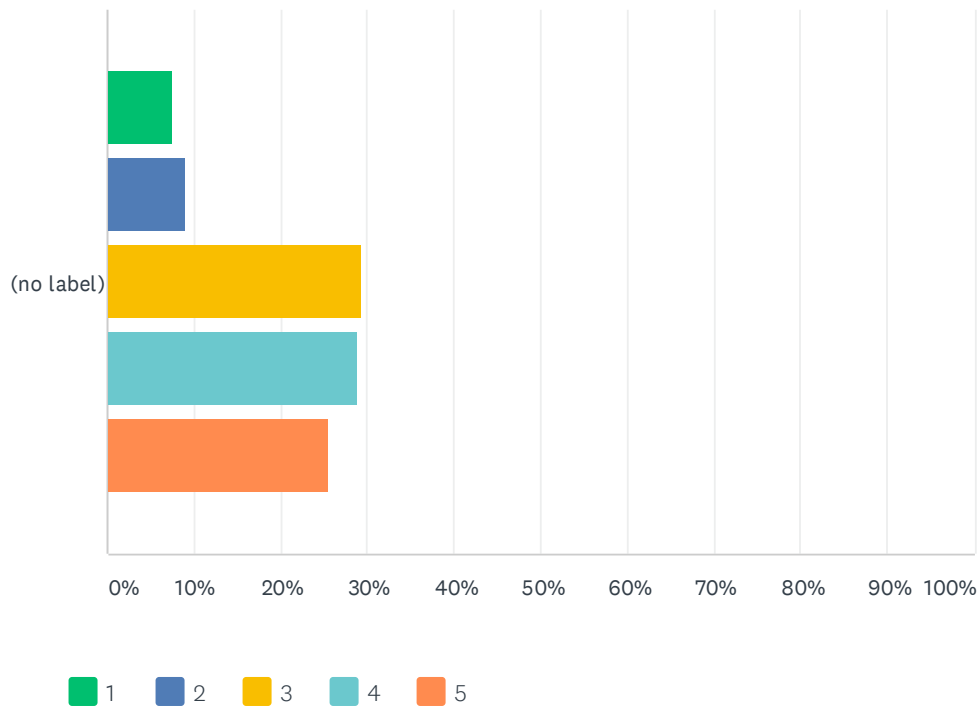
Answered: 87   Skipped: 139

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less pressure on household to meet appointment times	52.87%	46
Children's behaviours more settled due to reduced schedule	35.63%	31
More consistent routine with less outside activity	36.78%	32
More contact with care team through other means (i.e. phone, video linking)	13.79%	12
Children responding well to home learning	35.63%	31
Total Respondents: 87		

Q5 Please rank your consideration of the support provided to you by the education system in the period (1 being poor, 5 being excellent)
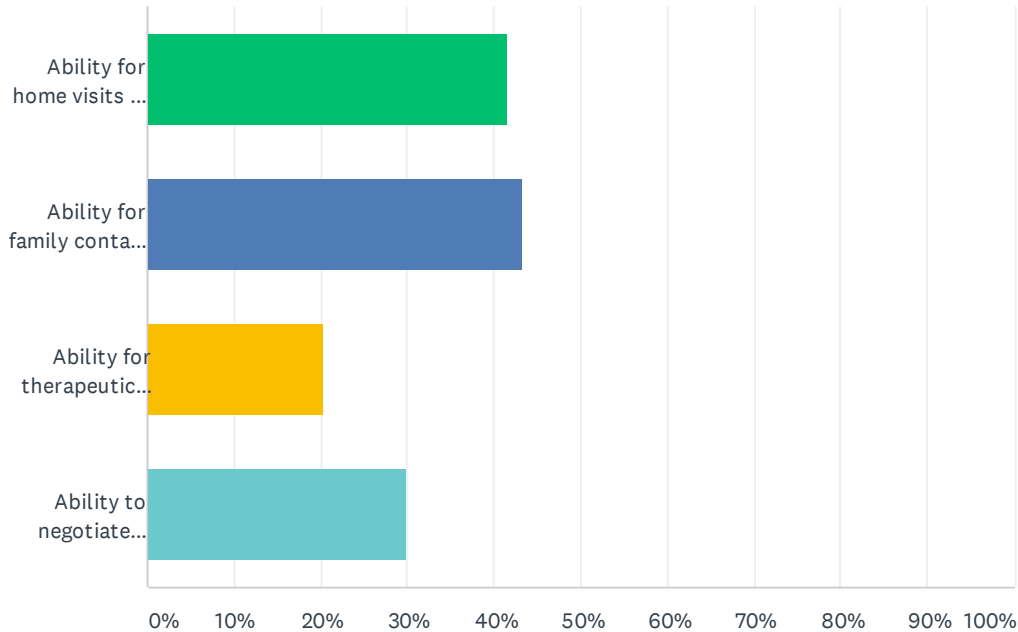
Answered: 212   Skipped: 14

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	7.55% 16	8.96% 19	29.25% 62	28.77% 61	25.47% 54	212	3.56

Q6 What has worked well for children and young people in your care during COVID-19 that you would like to see continue (click all that apply)
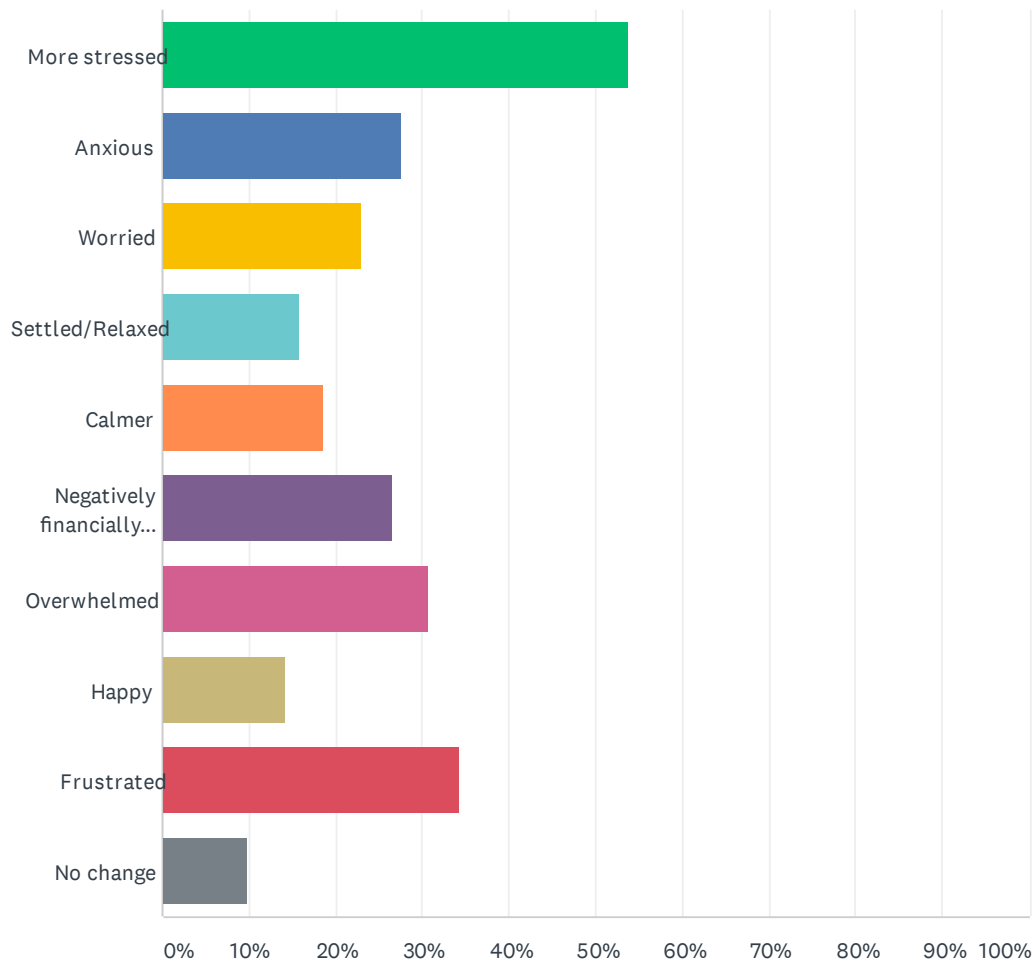
Answered: 187   Skipped: 39

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ability for home visits to be conducted virtually and online	41.71%	78
Ability for family contact to be supported through FaceTime, video conferencing etc.	43.32%	81
Ability for therapeutic intervention to be available to children virtually (Skype, Zoom etc.)	20.32%	38
Ability to negotiate remote learning or a mix of onsite schooling and remote learning for children with complex needs where the mainstream education system does not always meet their needs	29.95%	56
Total Respondents: 187		

Q7 What has been the overall impact of COVID-19 on your carer family as it relates to your role as a home-based carer (click all that apply)
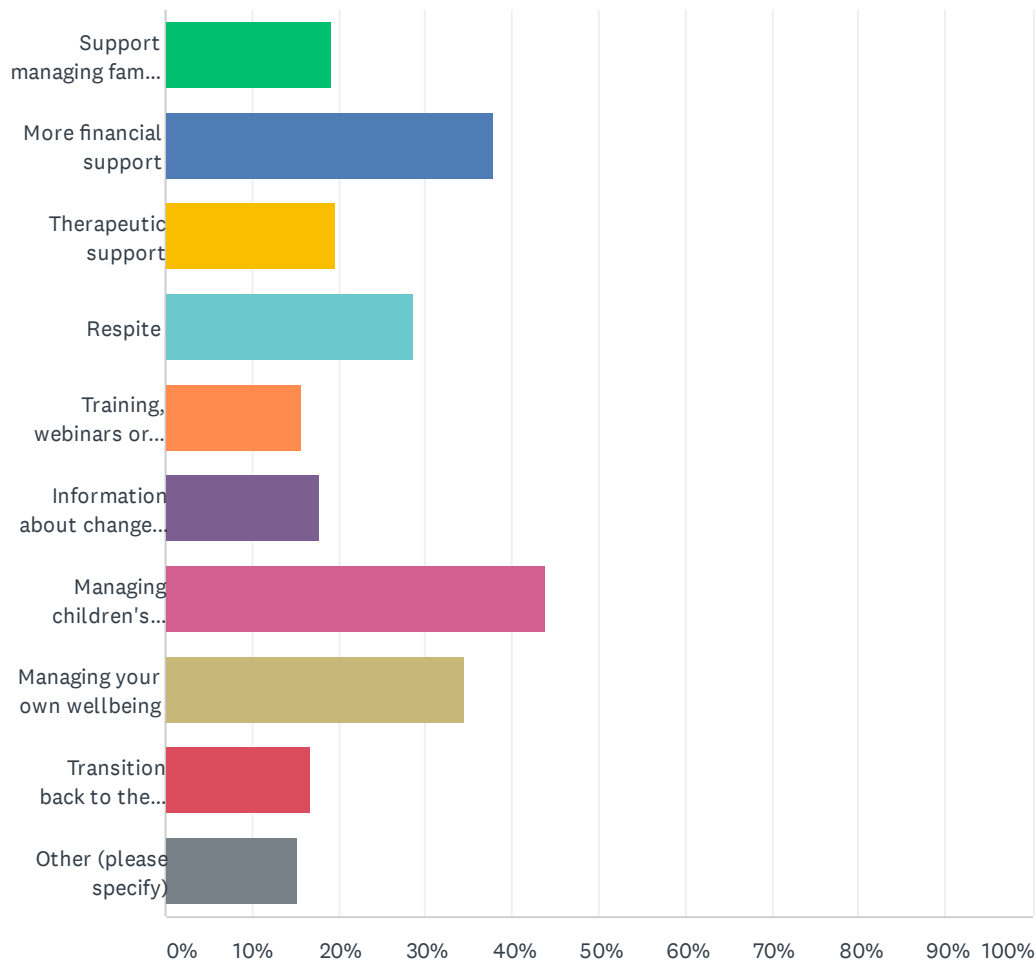
Answered: 225   Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More stressed	53.78%	121
Anxious	27.56%	62
Worried	23.11%	52
Settled/Relaxed	16.00%	36
Calmer	18.67%	42
Negatively financially impacted	26.67%	60
Overwhelmed	30.67%	69
Happy	14.22%	32
Frustrated	34.22%	77
No change	9.78%	22
Total Respondents: 225		

Q8 What specific support would have been useful to you as a carer during the period that wasn't provided by the sector

Answered: 203   Skipped: 23

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support managing family access visits	19.21%	39
More financial support	37.93%	77
Therapeutic support	19.70%	40
Respite	28.57%	58
Training, webinars or online learning	15.76%	32
Information about changes and conditions to the care environment	17.73%	36
Managing children's wellbeing and behaviours	43.84%	89
Managing your own wellbeing	34.48%	70
Transition back to the school environment	16.75%	34
Other (please specify)	15.27%	31
Total Respondents: 203		

Q9 We are keen to hear any additional feedback about what the Victorian home-based care sector can learn from carer families during the COVID-19 crisis. (Please provide further comments up to 100 words.)

working home kinship parents think made appreciated will difficult really also foster Home school
contact understanding home even one now family etc work helped
time us support felt children placement need
fantastic care respite school keep carers impacted day Foster child
access place workers year kids see required covid good issues hard provided find