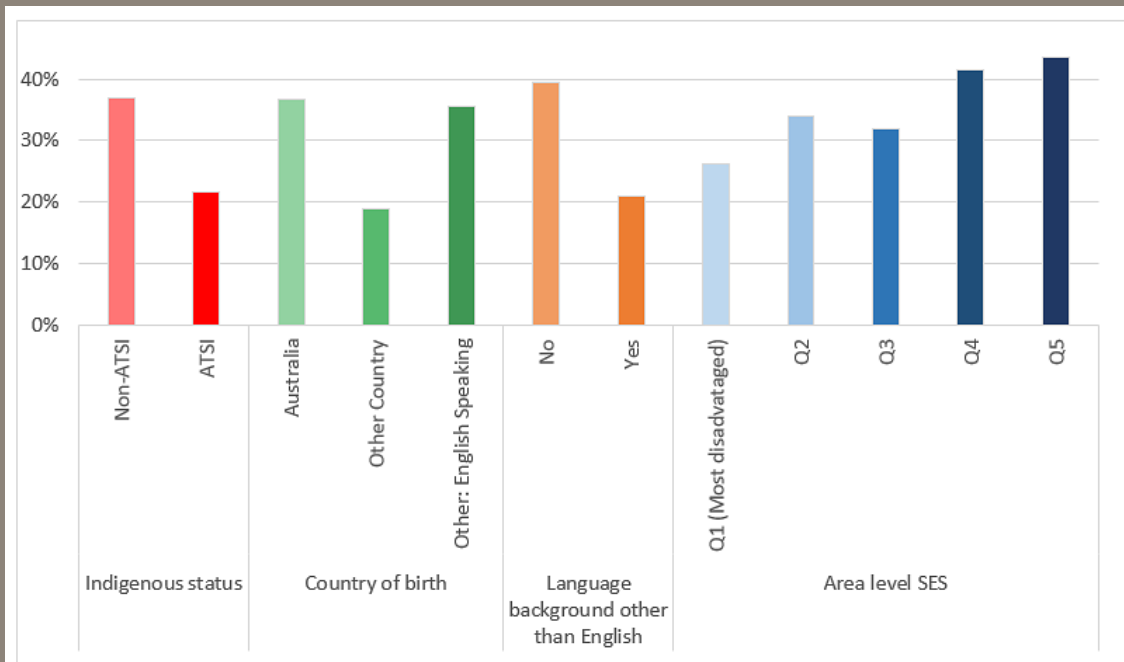


Playgroups & vulnerability



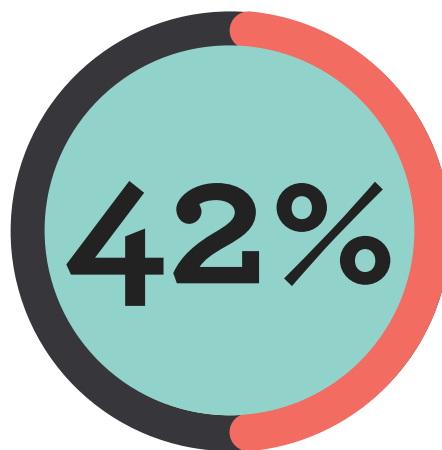
Playgroups act as a soft entry point to engage at-risk families.



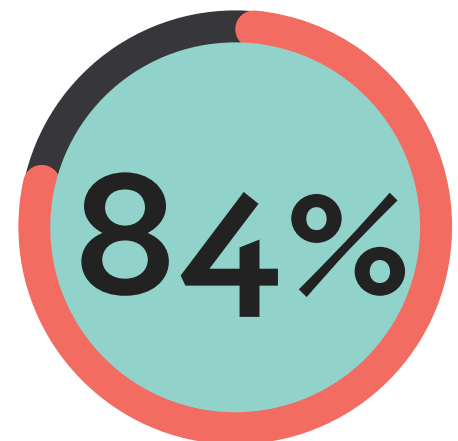
Lower playgroup attendance rates among the more vulnerable cohorts

Playgroup is the **universal service** that supports parents as their child's first teacher.

Not attending playgroup increases risk of vulnerability by:



amongst the least disadvantaged children



amongst the most disadvantaged children

Mothers who participated in a local playgroup report better:

- social capital
- social support
- mental wellbeing

Playgroups provide families with support, skills and connections to services