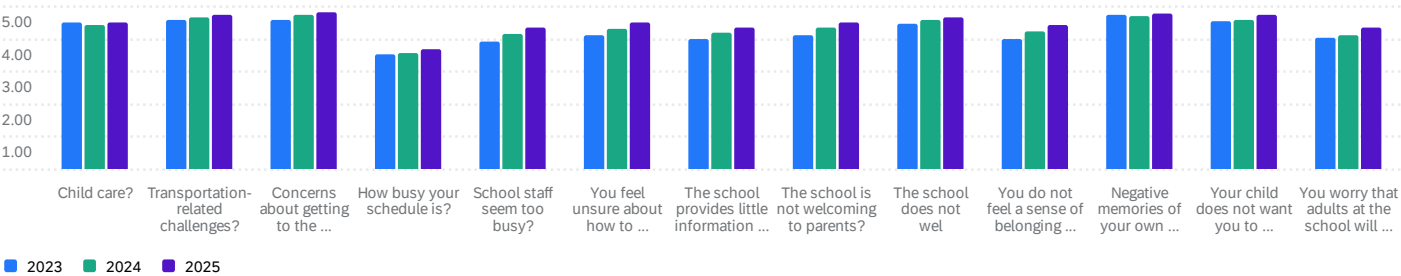
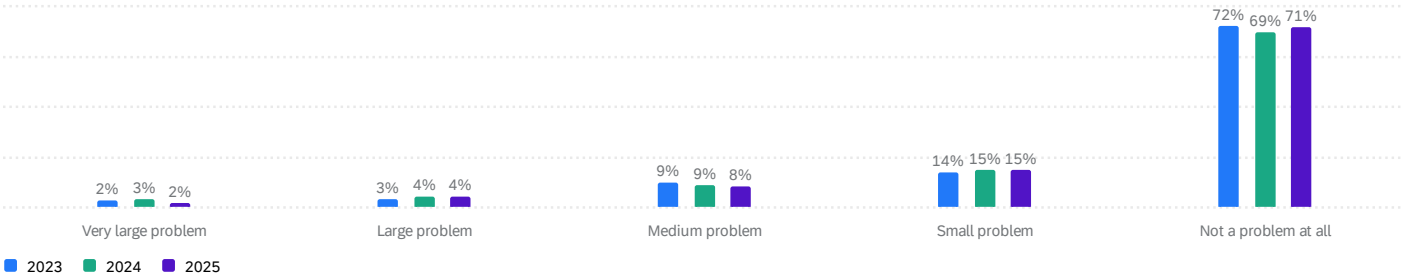


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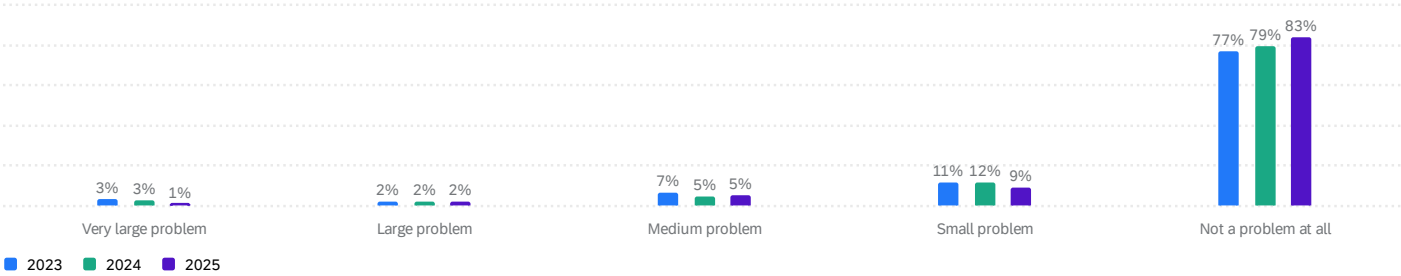
How big of a problem are the following issues for becoming involved with your child's current school? 2,974 ⓘ



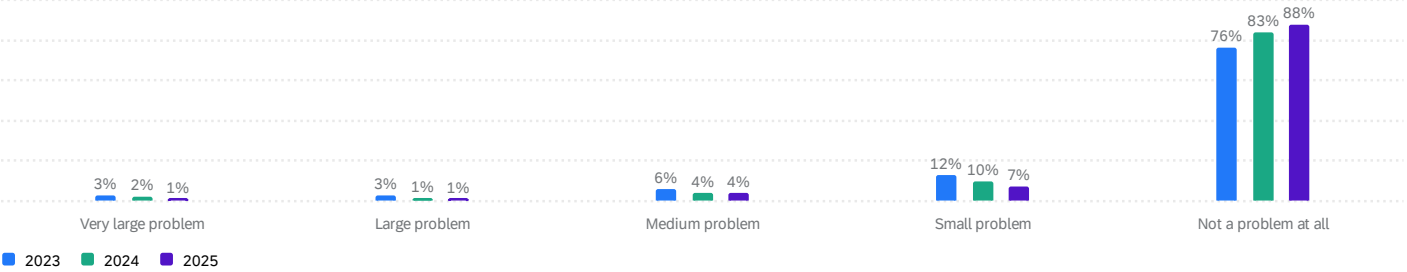
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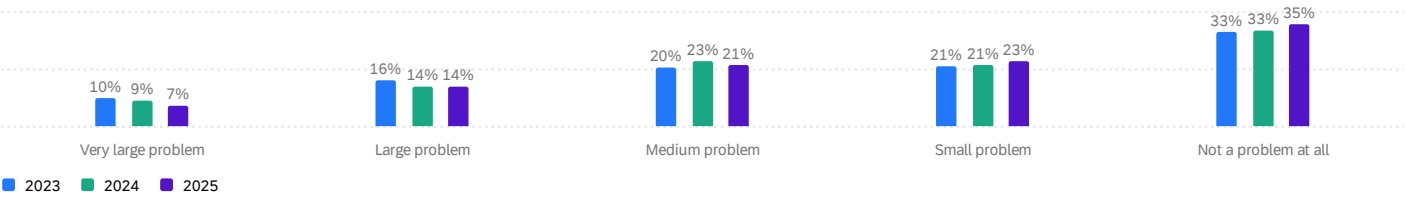
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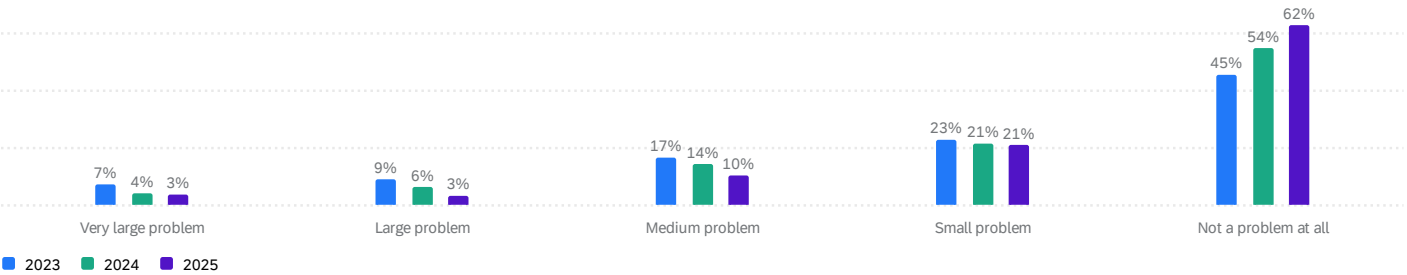
Concerns about getting to the school safely? 2,970



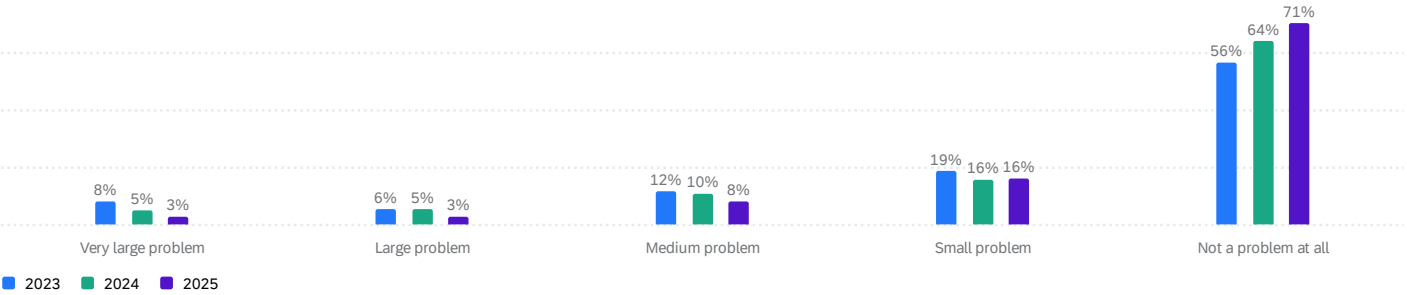
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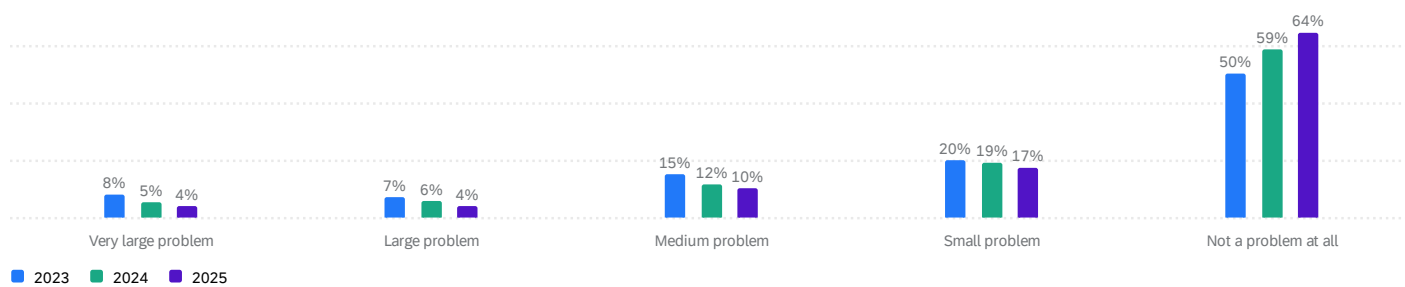
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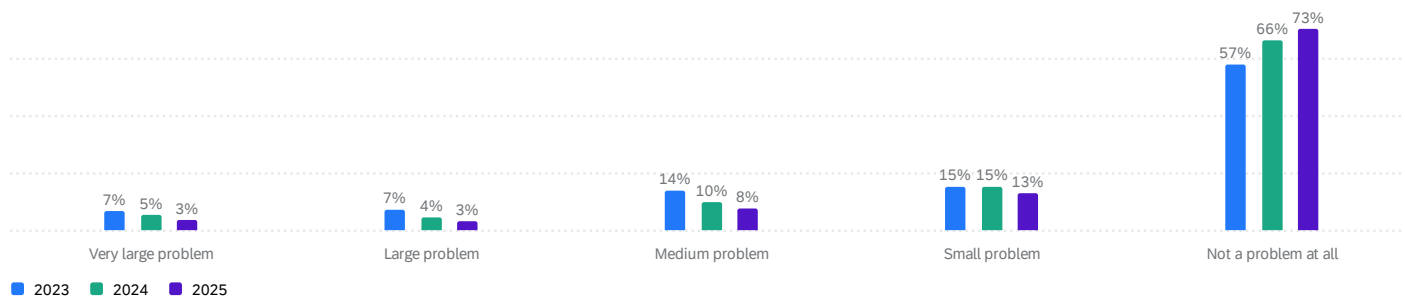
You feel unsure about how to communicate with the school? 2,969



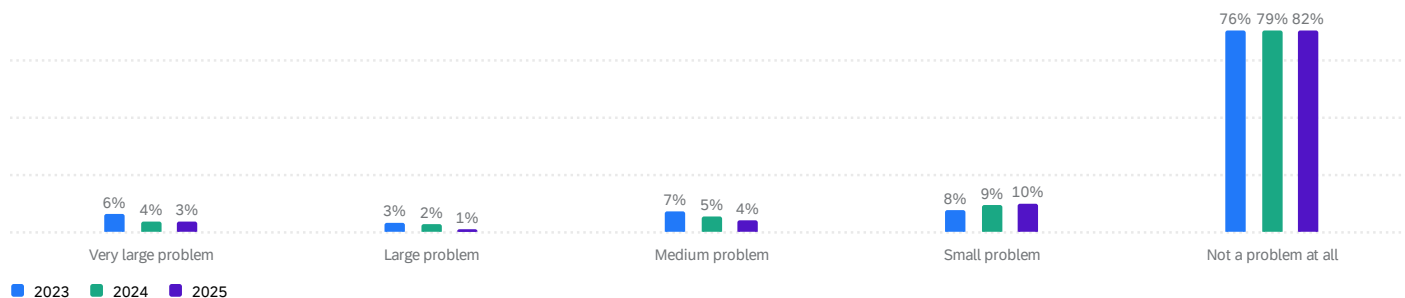
The school provides little information about involvement opportunities? 2,961



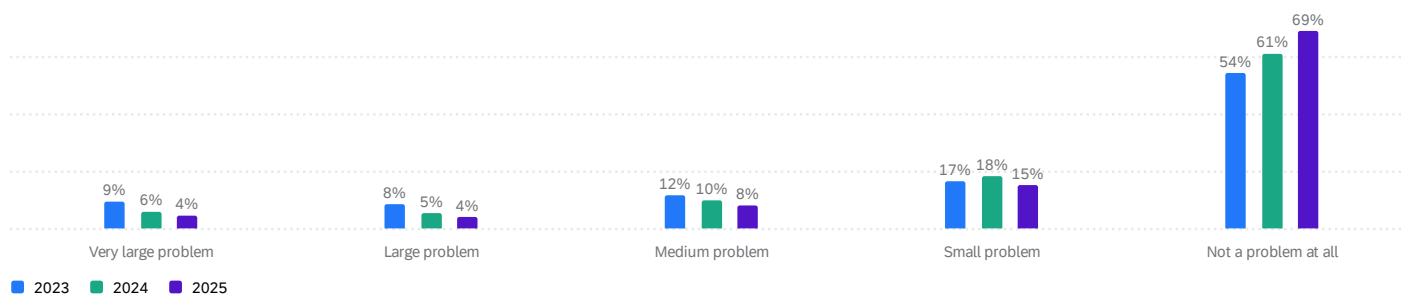
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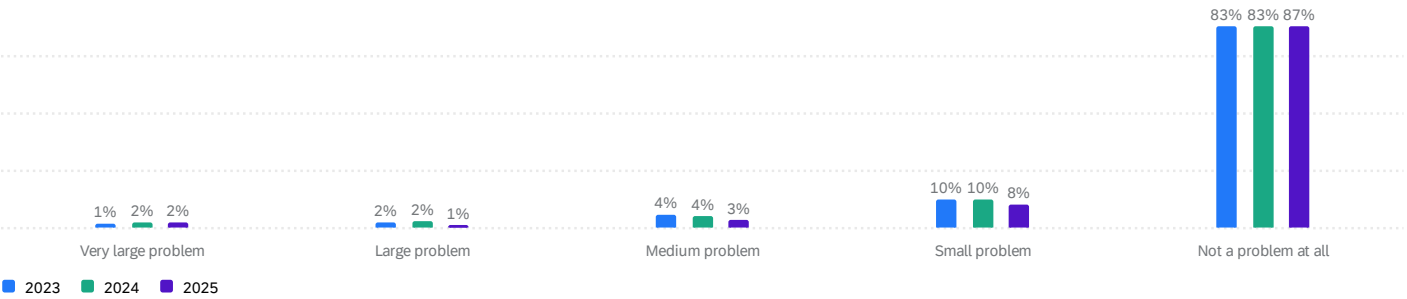
The school does not communicate well with people from your culture? 2,960



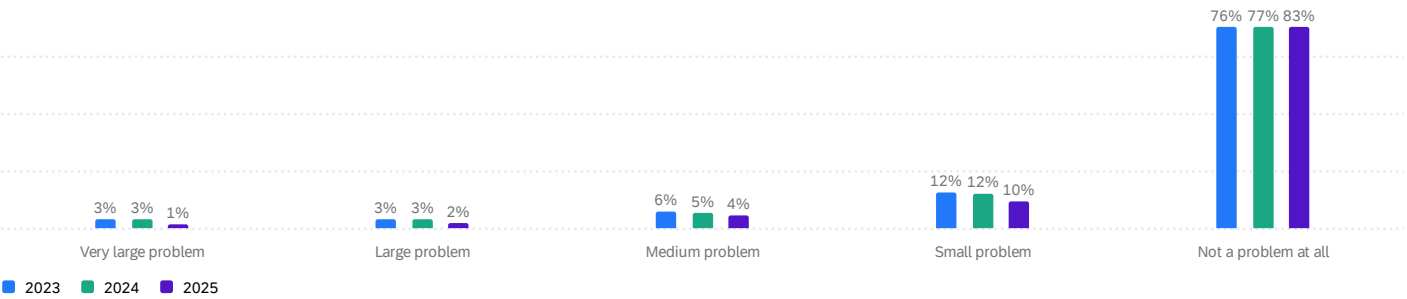
You do not feel a sense of belonging with your child's school community? 2,961



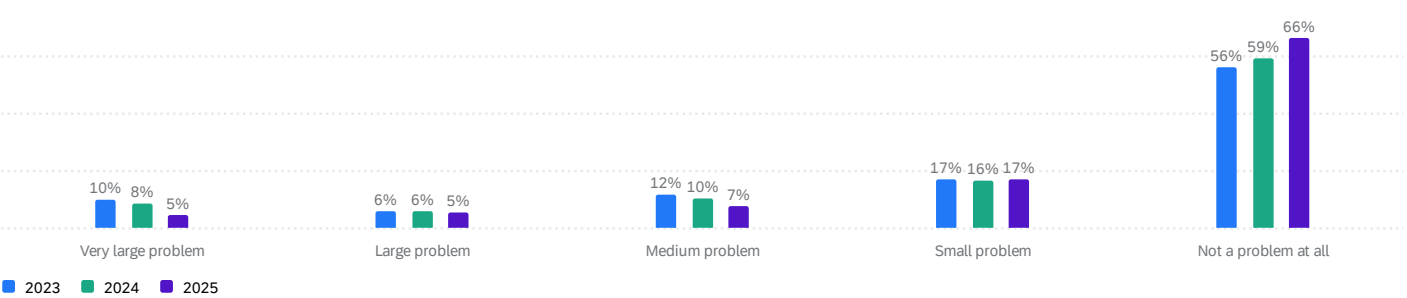
Negative memories of your own school experience? 2,960



Your child does not want you to contact the school? 2,969

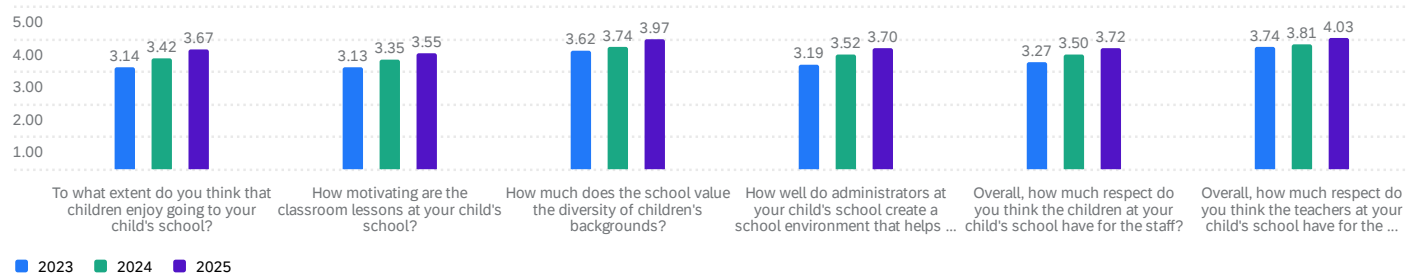


You worry that adults at the school will treat your child differently if you raise a concern? 2,966

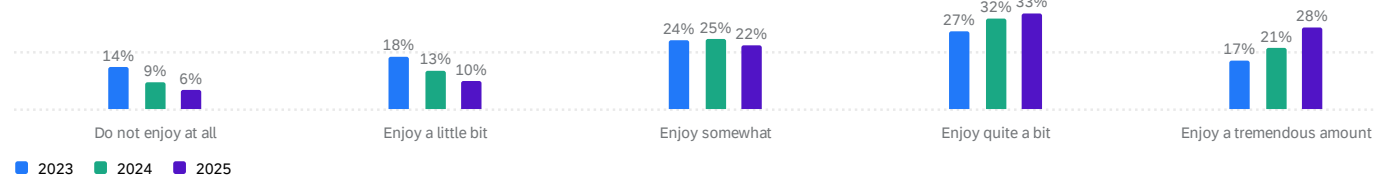


School Climate

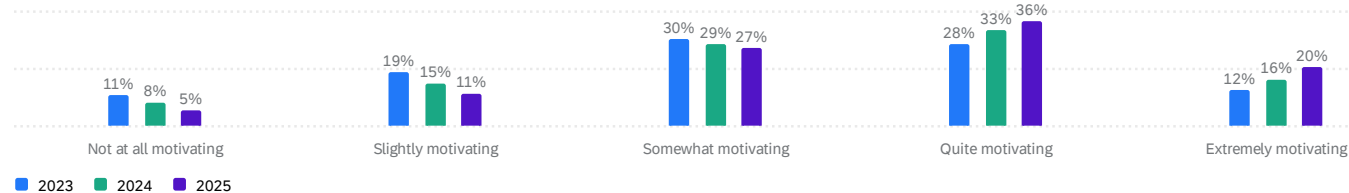
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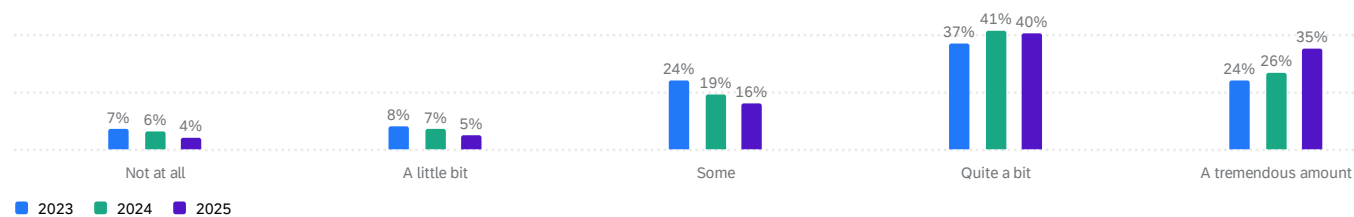
To what extent do you think that children enjoy going to your child's school? 2,969



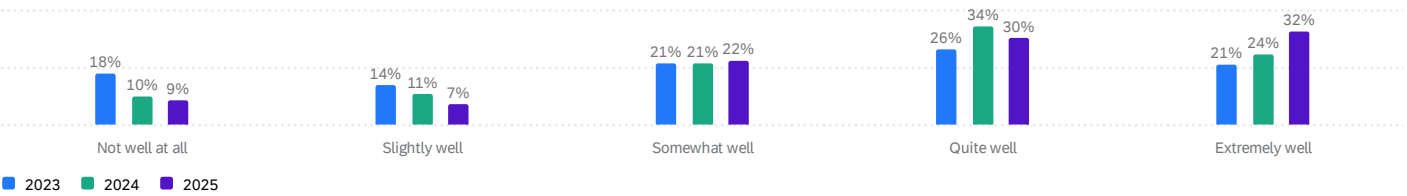
How motivating are the classroom lessons at your child's school? 2,967



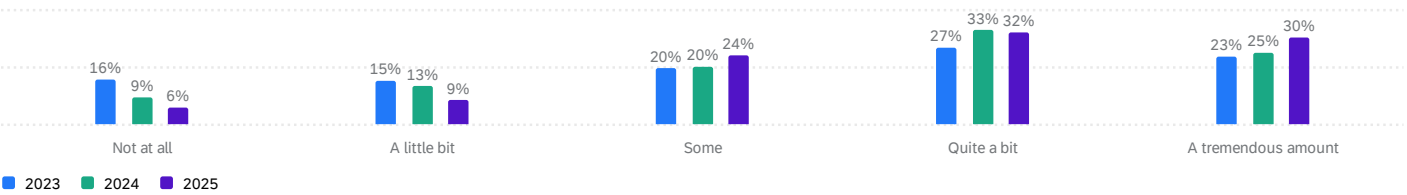
How much does the school value the diversity of children's backgrounds? 2,960



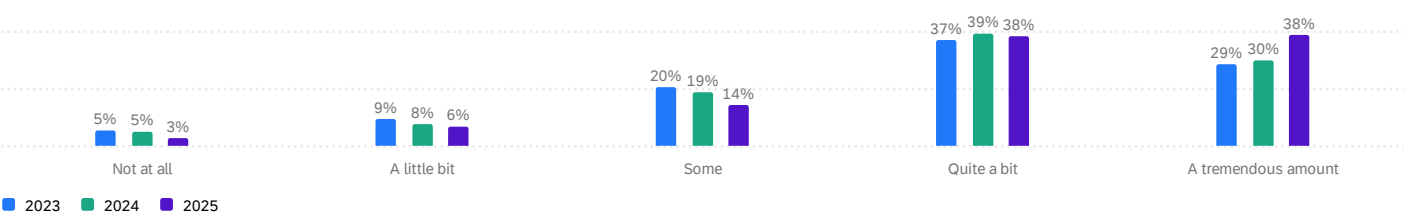
How well do administrators at your child's school create a school environment that helps children learn? 2,966



Overall, how much respect do you think the children at your child's school have for the staff? 2,966

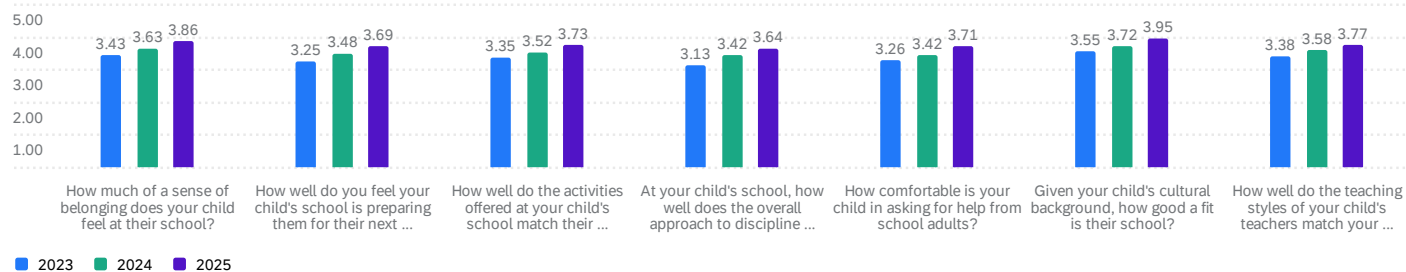


Overall, how much respect do you think the teachers at your child's school have for the children? 2,963

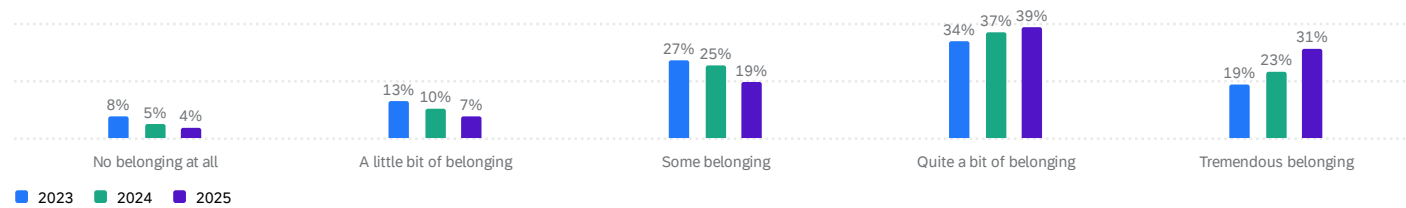


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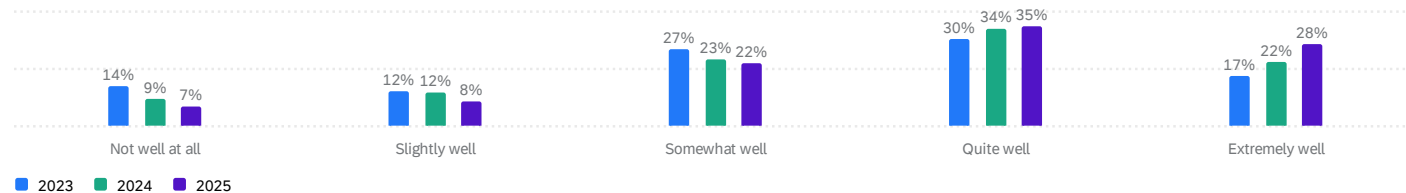
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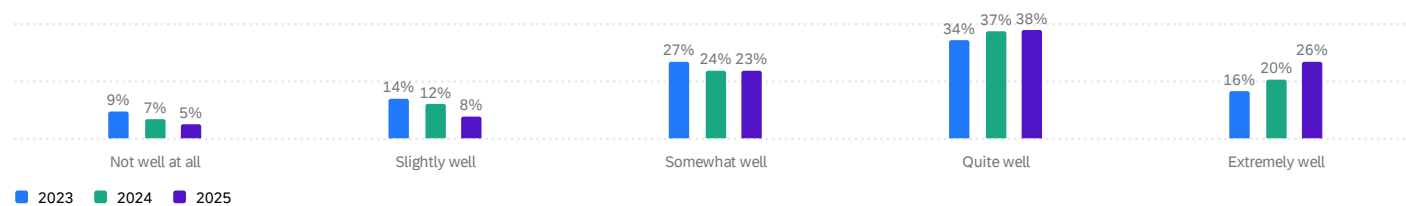
How much of a sense of belonging does your child feel at their school? 2,962



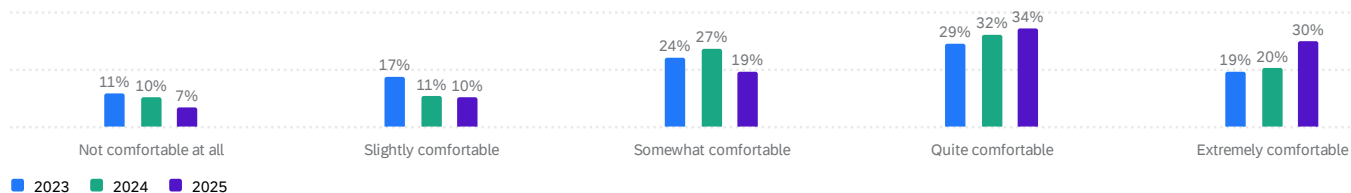
How well do you feel your child's school is preparing them for their next academic year? 2,971



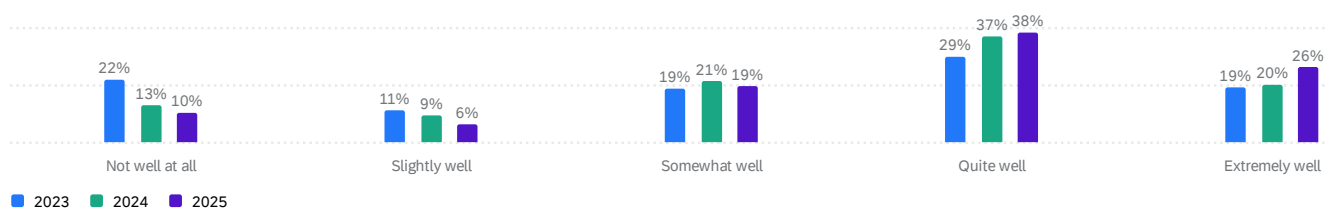
How well do the activities offered at your child's school match their interests? 2,967



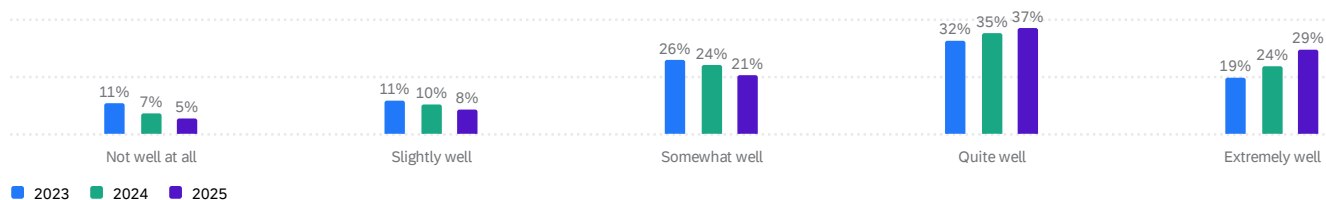
How comfortable is your child in asking for help from school adults? 2,963



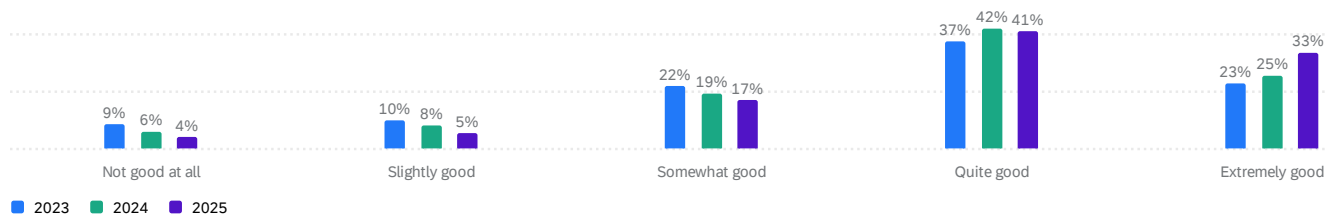
At your child's school, how well does the overall approach to discipline work for your child? 2,954



How well do the teaching styles of your child's teachers match your child's learning style? 2,961

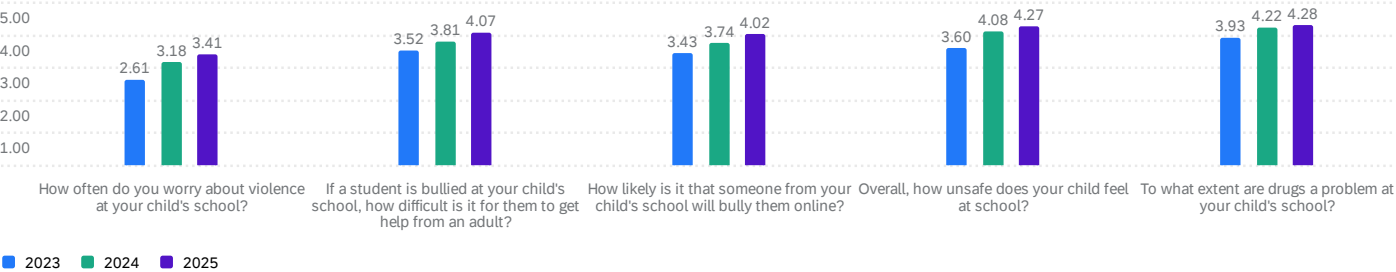


Given your child's cultural background, how good a fit is their school? 2,962

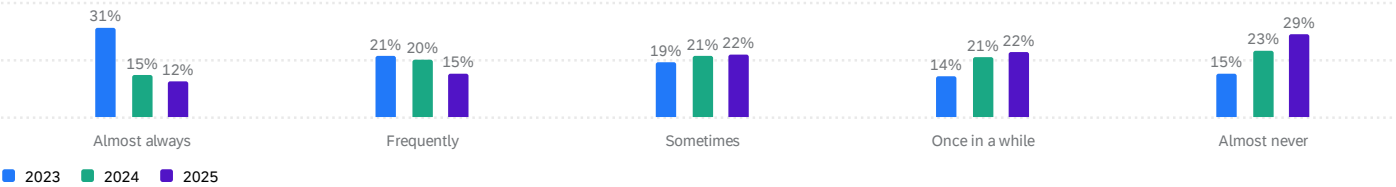


School Safety

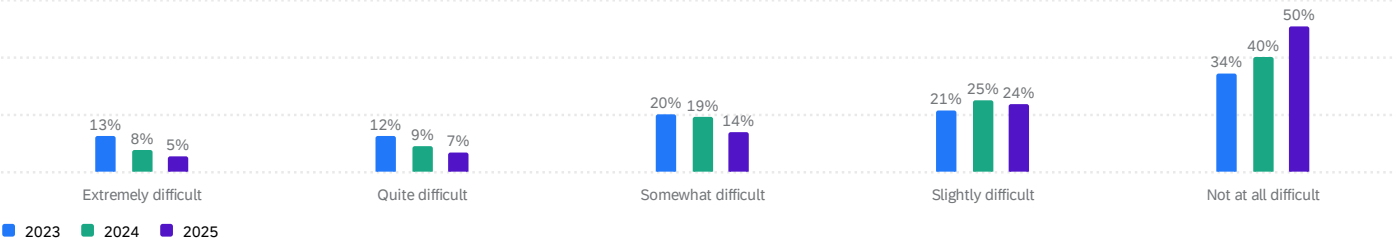
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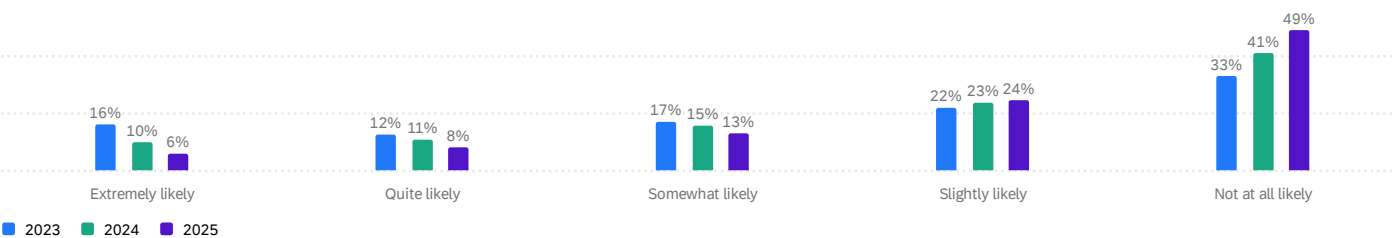
How often do you worry about violence at your child's school? 2,968



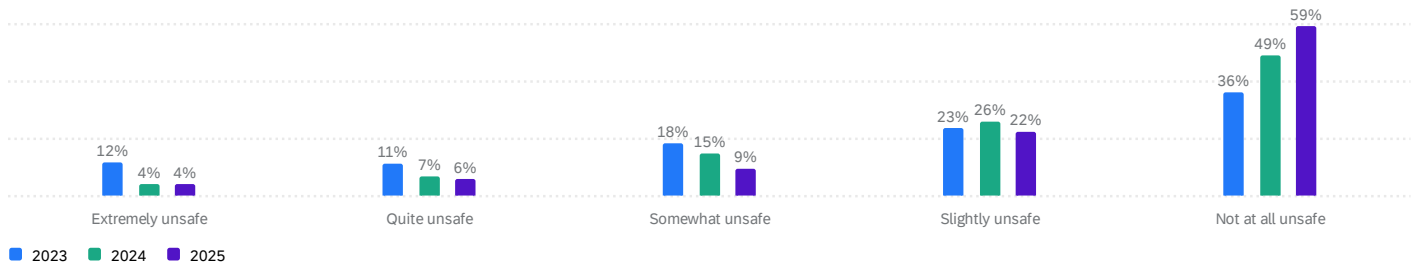
If a student is bullied at your child's school, how difficult is it for them to get help from an adult? 2,919



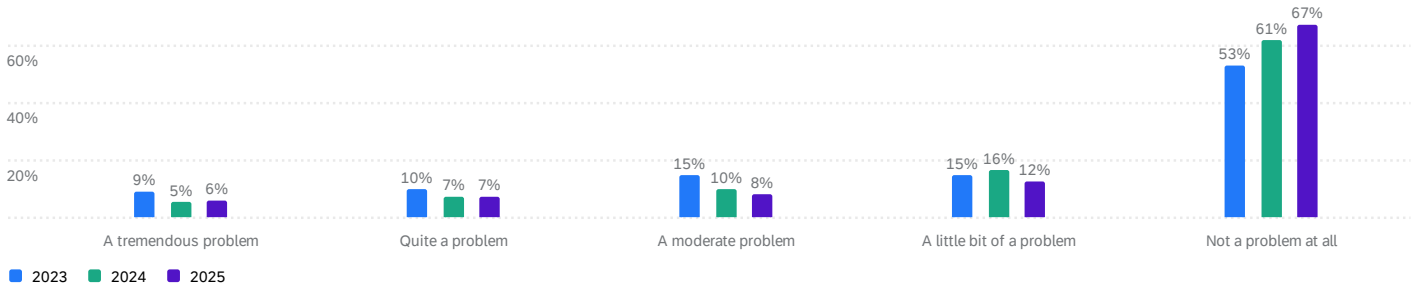
How likely is it that someone from your child's school will bully them online? 2,926



Overall, how unsafe does your child feel at school? 2,966



To what extent are drugs a problem at your child's school? 2,925



2025 Open Ended Response Summary

The survey asks four main open ended items to gauge families' perceptions of school culture and climate:

1. What do you like best about your child's school?
2. What do you like best about the Middletown Public Schools district?
3. What can be improved about your child's school?
4. What can be improved about the Middletown Public Schools district?

Across these four questions, the following patterns emerged:

Strengths (What Families Like Best)

- **Teachers/Staff (585 responses):** Families consistently praised teachers, counselors, and principals for their care and commitment.
- **Communication (236 responses):** Many parents appreciated proactive communication from schools.
- **Activities/Programs (197 responses):** Families value extracurriculars, sports, and enrichment opportunities.
- **Student Support/Belonging (192 responses):** Parents noted schools that felt welcoming and inclusive for children.

Areas for Improvement

- **Safety/Discipline (175 responses):** Concerns about bullying, discipline consistency, and overall safety.
- **Academics/Instruction (138 responses):** Requests for stronger academics, alignment of teaching styles, and rigor.
- **Time/Workload (128 responses):** Families raised homework loads, school schedules, and after-school support.
- **Facilities/Resources (51 responses):** Calls for building improvements, technology upgrades, and updated materials.
- **Leadership/Administration (48 responses):** Families requested stronger leadership presence and responsiveness.