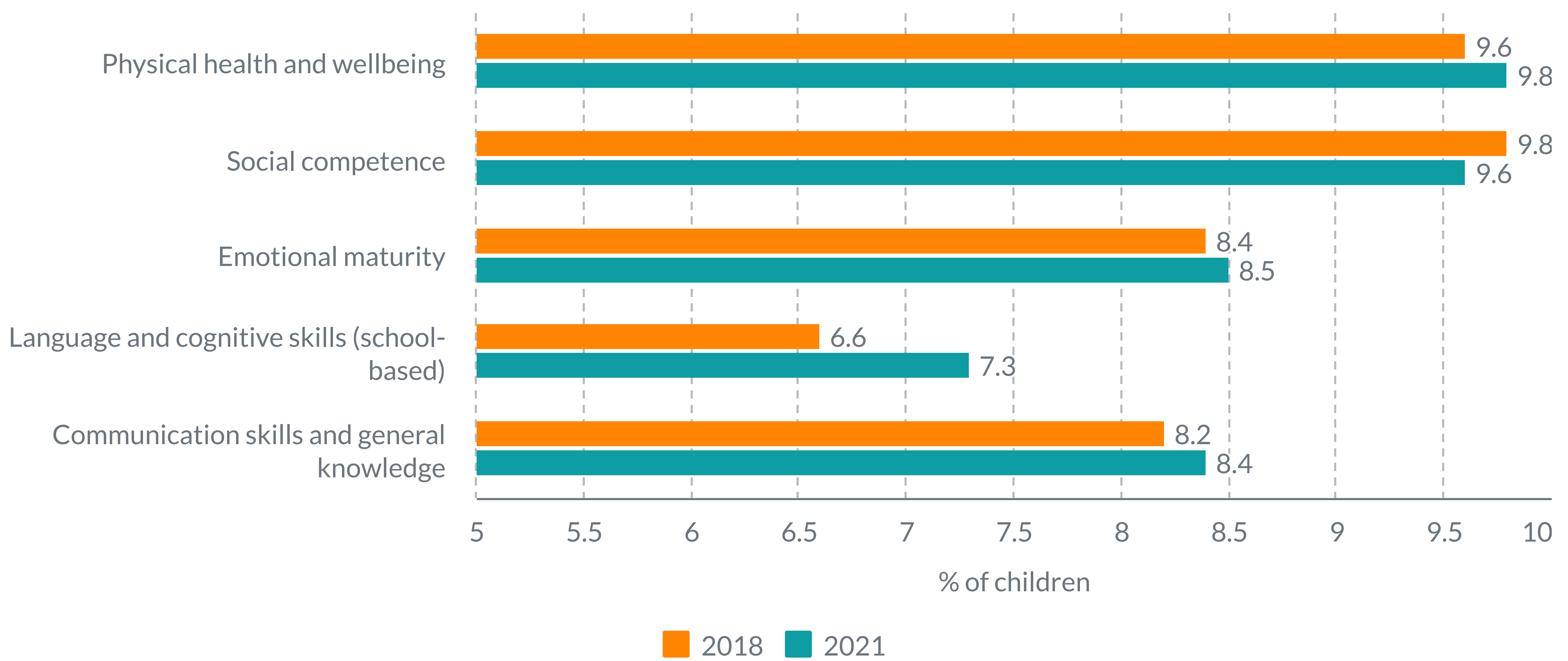


LANGUAGE AND COGNITIVE SKILLS IN THE EARLY YEARS

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) measures the development and learning of around 300 000 children aged 0–5 across Australia across five domains: language and cognitive skills; communication and general knowledge; emotional maturity; social competence; and physical health and wellbeing. Results from the 2021 collection cycle show that the language and cognitive skills domain has seen the **most significant shift**.

NATIONAL PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN DEVELOPMENTALLY VULNERABLE*



Between 2018 and 2021, there has been an increase in the % of children classified as developmentally vulnerable in the language and cognitive skills domain for all equity groups identified by the AEDC.

