Study on the perception of safety of families with children in tourist accommodations

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This study has been conducted by The Fun Lab, a consultancy and project engineering firm specializing in leisure and family tourism, and an official inspection entity accredited by ENAC for the certification of water parks, in collaboration with KID'S CLUSTER, a non-profit organization whose mission is to create new opportunities for the development of products and services that meet the real needs of children and their environment, fostering their holistic education.

The aim of this study is to understand families' perceptions and opinions regarding safety in tourist accommodations, in order to help the industry improve its offerings, increase user confidence, and enhance the overall experience of traveling with children. Additionally, as a complementary aspect, we have used the interviews to gain further insights into their perceptions.



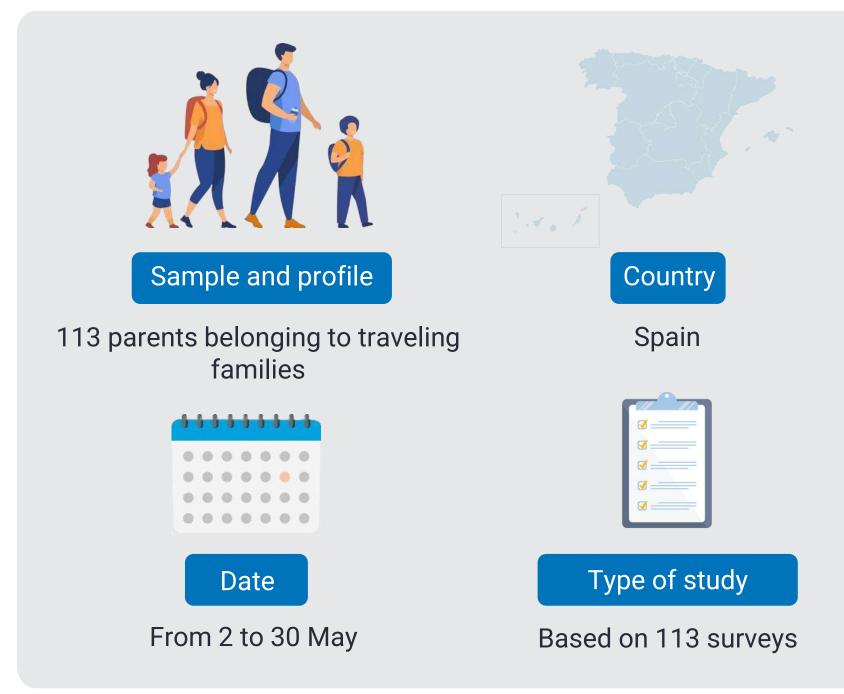
Description of the study

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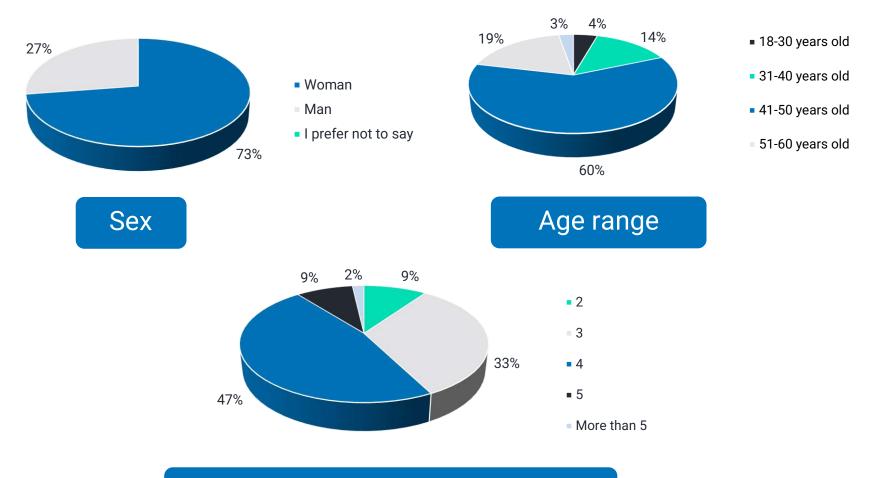
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Demographic data



Number of family members

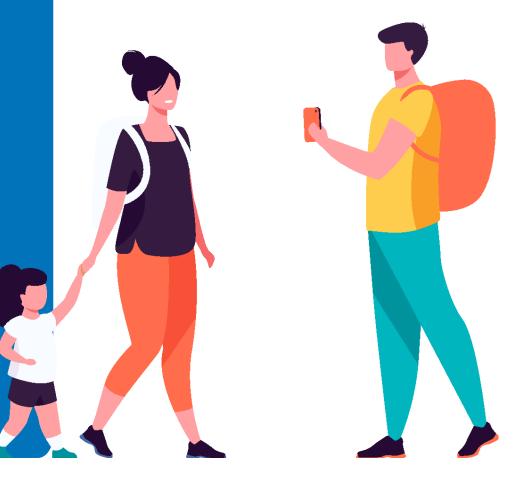


Results

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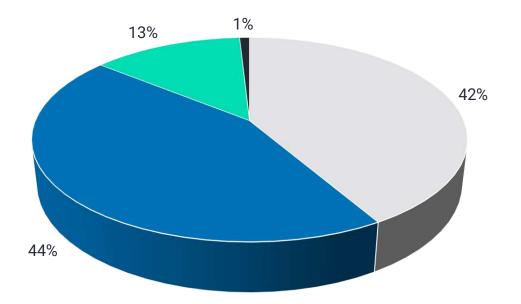




Block 1 Family trips



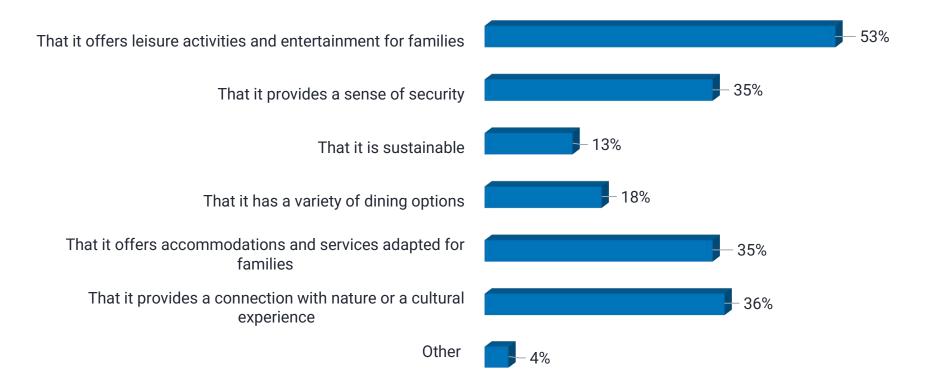
The Fun Lab Question 1 Do you plan to go on vacation this year?



• Yes, I am currently planning my trip or have already planned it.

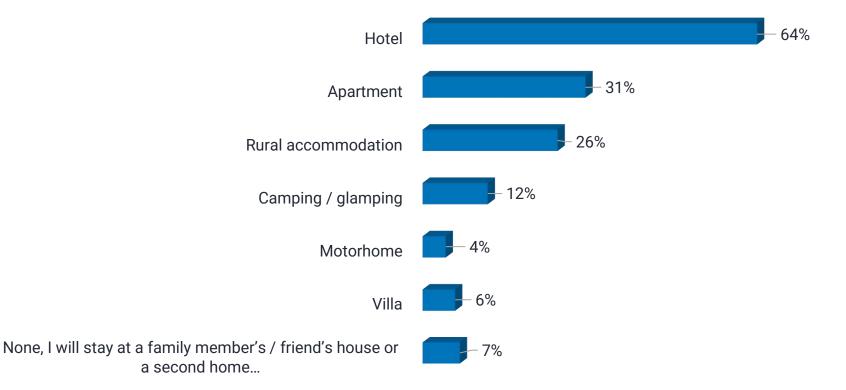
- Yes, but I haven't planned my trip yet.
- I don't know, I'm still considering it.
- No, I'm not going.

What essential requirements do you consider when choosing a destination for your family vacation?

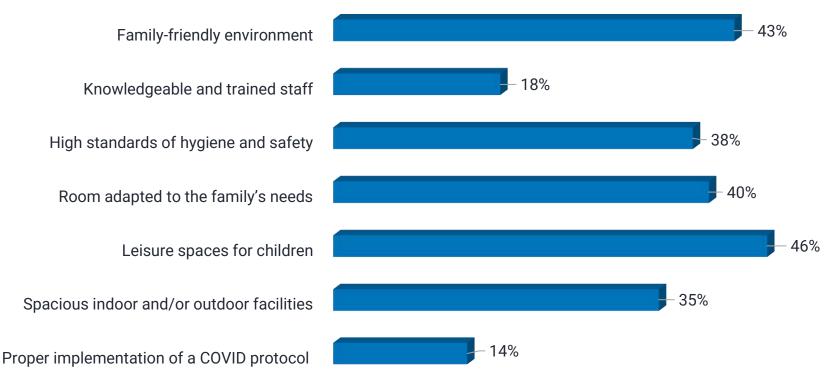


 \rightarrow As other requirements, travelling families consider nightlife relevant.

What type of accommodation would you like to book for your next vacation?



What accommodation features do you consider necessary for a comfortable experience when traveling with children?



Block 2

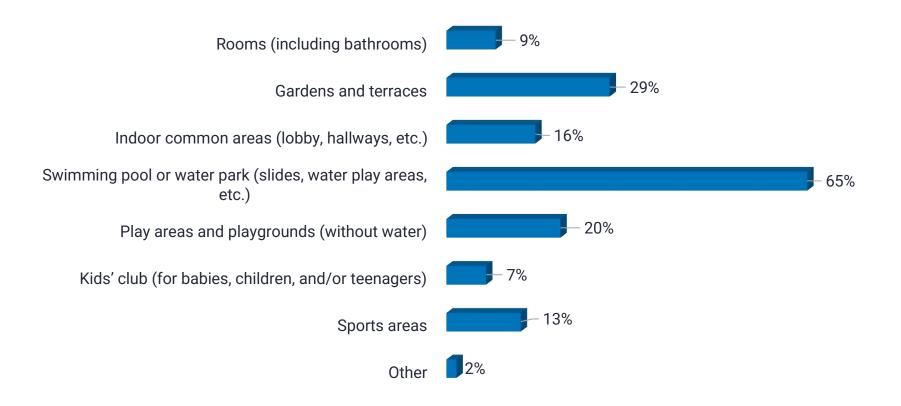
On-site security

This section focuses on issues related to the perception of safety when staying in tourist accommodations such as hotels, resorts, and/or campsites that offer a wide range of services and facilities.

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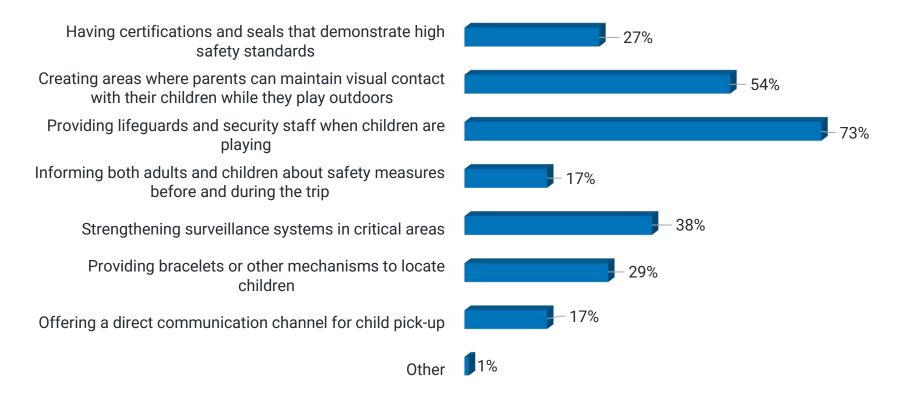
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Which areas of a tourist accommodation do you perceive as the least safe for children?



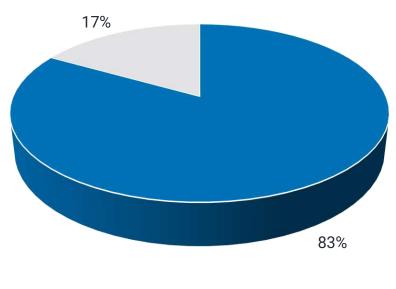
 \rightarrow Other areas that traveling families identify as less safe in accommodation include kitchens.

What can the establishment do to make your stay feel safer for your family?

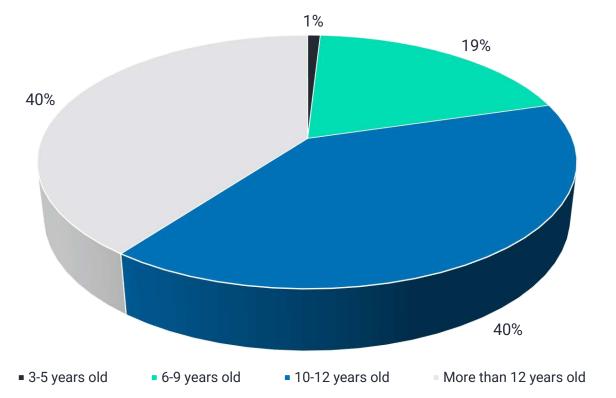


 \rightarrow As other requirements, travelling families consider that they would perceive a safer stay if the establishments had a child safety certificate.

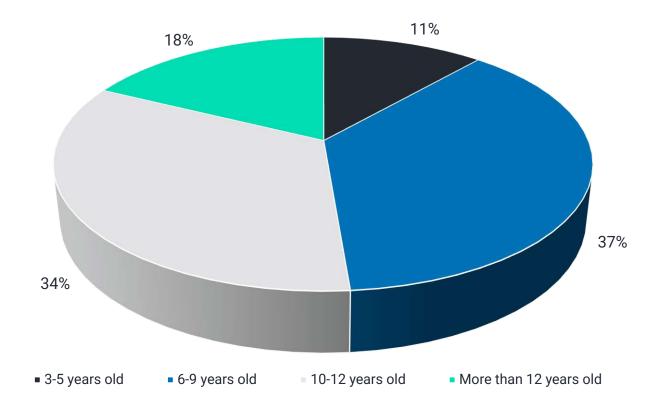
Would you be willing to pay more for your stay in exchange for the implementation of additional safety measures by the tourist accommodation for the benefit of guests?



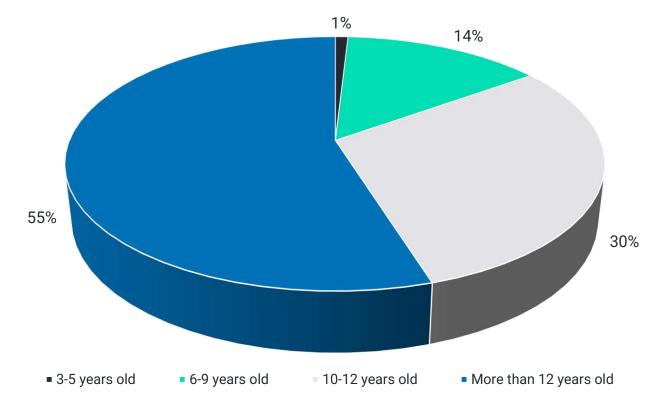
At what age would you allow your children to play or move around alone in the common areas of the tourist accommodation?



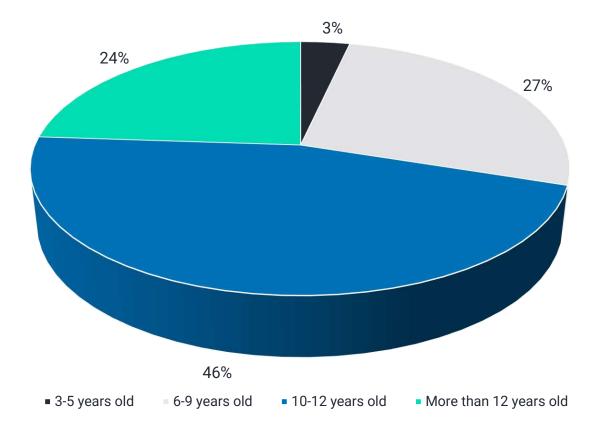
And if you were certain that there were strict security measures and controlled access to and from the premises?



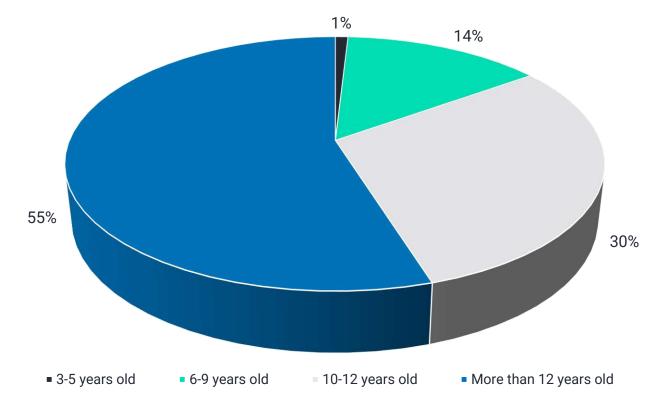
At what age would you allow your children to play alone in the swimming pools or water play areas of the tourist accommodation?



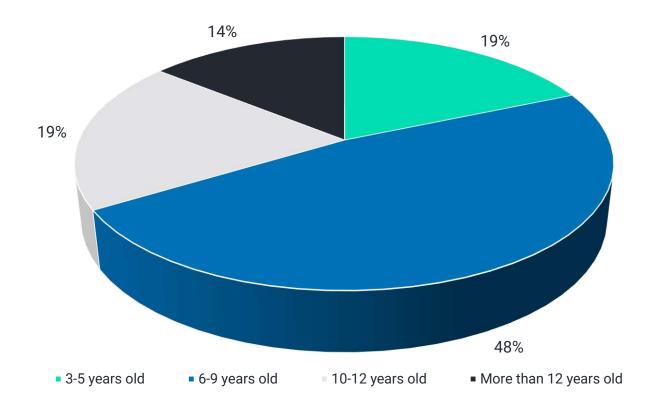
And in these same pool or water play areas, if there were a lifeguard or supervisors watching?



At what age would you allow your children to play alone in the playground areas (without water) of the tourist accommodation?



And in these same areas, if there were supervisors watching?





Conclusions

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- Children's leisure spaces (46%) are seen by surveyed families as the key factor in creating a comfortable experience when traveling with kids...
 - ...However, at the same time, pool areas or water parks (slides, water play areas, etc.) are, by far, perceived as the least safe areas for children in a tourist accommodation (65%).

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• Significantly, families are overwhelmingly willing to pay more for their stay in exchange for the implementation of additional safety measures by the tourist accommodation (83%).

Conclusions

- Strengthening lifeguard staffing and creating areas where parents can maintain visual contact with their children while they play are the two main measures that establishments should consider to enhance parents' sense of security.
- The age at which parents would allow their children to move and/or play alone in different areas of the hotel drops significantly when reinforced security measures and/or on-site supervision are in place.
- Overall, most parents would allow their children to move and/or play alone in the common and leisure areas of a tourist accommodation once they reach the age of 10 or older.

Study partners

This project has been carried out with the collaboration and contributions of KID'S CLUSTER and two of its member companies, specialists in the children's sector.



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We remain at the full disposal of any organization, professional or company that wants more information about the study, as well as for a possible collaboration as part of the initiative or its actions.

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