

Project Name

Essential Report Omnibus Poll

General Project Details

Research Company	Essential Research
End client/Commissioned by	n/a
Project dates	See below
Australia Polling Council compliant	Yes

Sample Details

Sample source	Online panel sample supplied by Qualtrics
Data collection	100% online
Sample size	See below
Target population	Australian residents aged 18+
Quotas	Representative of target population. Quotas applied for age, gender and location

Weighting information

Weighting applied to final/published results	Yes
Weighting methodology	RIM and cell weighting
Weighting variables	Age/Gender/Location/Previous Vote (May 2022 Federal Election)
Weighting target source	ABS, AEC
Effective sample size	See below
Weighting efficiency	See below
Margin of Error (Effective sample size)	See below

Question information

Statement randomisation	<p>Where respondents are required to provide ratings to a list of statements (or select from a list of other items) the statements (or other items) are randomised.</p> <p>For some surveys the statements/items are presented in 'carousel' format this means that the respondents can only see one statement/item at a time.</p> <p>To identify which questions are randomised look for the RANDOMISE instruction the questionnaire below.</p>
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Individual Survey Details

Publication Date	Fieldwork Start Date	Fieldwork End Date	Target sample	Sample Size	Weighting efficiency	Effective Sample Size	Margin of Error
24-May-21	19-May-21	23-May-21	National	1,100	91%	1,006	±3.1%
07-Jun-21	02-Jun-21	06-Jun-21	National	1,104	92%	1,019	±3.1%
21-Jun-21	16-Jun-21	20-Jun-21	National	1,087	94%	1,017	±3.1%
06-Jul-21	30-Jun-21	04-Jul-21	National	1,099	90%	987	±3.1%
			NSW	553	98%	541	±4.2%
19-Jul-21	14-Jul-21	18-Jul-21	National	1,100	91%	1,004	±3.1%
03-Aug-21	28-Jul-21	01-Aug-21	National	1,098	96%	1,057	±3.0%
16-Aug-21	11-Aug-21	15-Aug-21	National	1,100	95%	1,049	±3.0%
30-Aug-21	25-Aug-21	29-Aug-21	National	1,100	93%	1,026	±3.1%
13-Sep-21	08-Sep-21	12-Sep-21	National	1,100	93%	1,023	±3.1%
27-Sep-21	22-Sep-21	26-Sep-21	National	1,094	94%	1,024	±3.1%
11-Oct-21	06-Oct-21	10-Oct-21	National	1,097	90%	987	±3.1%
25-Oct-21	20-Oct-21	24-Oct-21	National (with WA and SA boost)	1,781	63%	1,120	±2.9%
08-Nov-21	03-Nov-21	07-Nov-21	National	1,089	91%	991	±3.1%
22-Nov-21	17-Nov-21	21-Nov-21	National	1,095	92%	1,002	±3.1%
06-Dec-21	01-Dec-21	05-Dec-21	National	1,094	92%	1,010	±3.1%
13-Dec-21	08-Dec-21	13-Dec-21	National	1,095	90%	988	±3.1%



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25-Jan-22	20-Jan-22	23-Jan-22	National	1,062	94%	1,001	±3.1%
08-Feb-22	02-Feb-22	06-Feb-22	National	1,069	92%	985	±3.1%
22-Feb-22	16-Feb-22	21-Feb-22	National	1,089	93%	1,013	±3.1%
08-Mar-22	02-Mar-22	06-Mar-22	National	1,093	93%	1,020	±3.1%
22-Mar-22	17-Mar-22	20-Mar-22	National	1,091	92%	1,000	±3.1%
05-Apr-22	30-Mar-22	02-Apr-22	National	1,086	91%	984	±3.1%
20-Apr-22	14-Apr-22	19-Apr-22	National	1,052	92%	971	±3.1%
03-May-22	27-Apr-22	02-May-22	National	1,630	93%	1,508	±2.5%
18-May-22	11-May-22	17-May-22	National	1,599	91%	1,459	±2.6%
31-May-22	25-May-22	30-May-22	National	1,089	88%	958	±3.2%
15-Jun-22	08-Jun-22	12-Jun-22	National	1,087	88%	957	±3.2%
28-Jun-22	23-Jun-22	27-Jun-22	National	1,087	90%	974	±3.1%
			NSW	700	92%	641	±3.9%
12-Jul-22	07-Jul-22	11-Jul-22	National	1,097	94%	1,028	±3.1%
26-Jul-22	20-Jul-22	25-Jul-22	National	1,082	89%	961	±3.2%
09-Aug-22	03-Aug-22	07-Aug-22	National	1,075	87%	932	±3.2%
23-Aug-22	17-Aug-22	21-Aug-22	National	1,065	89%	947	±3.2%
06-Sep-22	31-Aug-22	04-Sep-22	National	1,070	90%	962	±3.2%
20-Sep-22	14-Sep-22	19-Sep-22	National	1,075	91%	982	±3.1%



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04-Oct-22	28-Sep-22	02-Oct-22	National	1,050	89%	929	±3.2%
18-Oct-22	11-Oct-22	16-Oct-22	National	1,122	88%	985	±3.1%
01-Nov-22	26-Oct-22	30-Oct-22	National	1,038	87%	907	±3.3%
15-Nov-22	09-Nov-22	14-Nov-22	National	1,035	87%	898	±3.3%
29-Nov-22	23-Nov-22	27-Nov-22	National	1,042	90%	934	±3.2%
13-Dec-22	07-Dec-22	11-Dec-22	National	1,042	87%	906	±3.3%
24-Jan-23	18-Jan-23	22-Jan-23	National	1,050	87%	911	±3.2%
07-Feb-23	01-Feb-23	06-Feb-23	National	1,000	87%	866	±3.3%
21-Feb-23	15-Feb-23	19-Feb-23	National	1,044	84%	877	±3.3%
07-Mar-23	01-Mar-23	05-Mar-23	National	1,141	88%	1005	±3.1%
21-Mar-23	15-Mar-23	20-Mar-23	National	1,124	89%	1004	±3.1%
			NSW	708	97%	686	±3.7%
04-Apr-23	29-Mar-23	02-Apr-23	National	1,133	86%	977	±3.1%
18-Apr-23	12-Apr-23	16-Apr-23	National	1,136	86%	983	±3.1%
02-May-23	26-Apr-23	30-Apr-23	National	1,130	88%	992	±3.1%
16-May-23	10-May-23	14-May-23	National	1,125	90%	1011	±3.1%
30-May-23	24-May-23	28-May-23	National	1,138	85%	970	±3.1%
13-Jun-23	07-Jun-23	11-Jun-23	National	1,123	86%	961	±3.2%
27-Jun-23	21-Jun-23	25-Jun-23	National	1,148	85%	972	±3.1%
11-Jul-23	05-Jul-23	09-Jul-23	National	2,248	86%	1,941	±2.1%



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25-Jul-23	19-Jul-23	23-Jul-23	National	1,150	86%	995	±3.1%
08-Aug-23	02-Aug-23	06-Aug-23	National	1,150	87%	1,004	±3.1%
22-Aug-23	16-Aug-23	20-Aug-23	National	1,151	89%	1,027	±3.1%
05-Sep-23	30-Aug-23	03-Sep-23	National	1,151	86%	985	±3.1%
19-Sep-23	13-Sep-23	17-Sep-23	National	1,135	83%	944	±3.2%
03-Oct-23	27-Sep-23	01-Oct-23	National	1,125	87%	975	±3.1%
17-Oct-23	11-Oct-23	14-Oct-23	National	1,125	86%	970	±3.1%
31-Oct-23	25-Oct-23	29-Oct-23	National	1,149	85%	979	±3.1%
14-Nov-23	08-Nov-23	12-Nov-23	National	1,150	81%	936	±3.2%
28-Nov-23	22-Nov-23	26-Nov-23	National	1,151	81%	937	±3.2%
12-Dec-23	06-Dec-23	11-Dec-23	National	1,102	85%	934	±3.2%
30-Jan-24	24-Jan-24	28-Jan-24	National	1,201	78%	942	±3.2%
13-Feb-24	07-Feb-24	11-Feb-24	National	1,148	84%	959	±3.2%
27-Feb-24	21-Feb-24	25-Feb-24	National	1,145	82%	945	±3.2%
12-Mar-24	05-Mar-24	09-Mar-24	National	1,126	83%	935	±3.2%
26-Mar-24	20-Mar-24	24-Mar-24	National	1,150	83%	955	±3.2%
09-Apr-24	03-Apr-24	07-Apr-24	National	1,165	81%	948	±3.2%
23-Apr-24	17-Apr-24	21-Apr-24	National	1,145	83%	946	±3.2%
07-May-24	01-May-24	05-May-24	National	1,150	84%	972	±3.1%
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16-Jul-24	10-Jul-24	14-Jul-24	National	1,122	80%	892	±3.3%
30-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	28-Jul-24	National	1,137	83%	943	±3.2%
13-Aug-24	08-Aug-24	11-Aug-24	National	1,132	83%	940	±3.2%
27-Aug-24	20-Aug-24	24-Aug-24	National	1,129	80%	898	±3.3%
10-Sep-24	03-Sep-24	07-Sep-24	National	1,132	81%	919	±3.2%
24-Sep-24	18-Sep-24	22-Sep-24	National	1,117	83%	927	±3.2%
08-Oct-24	02-Oct-24	06-Oct-24	National	1,139	80%	909	±3.3%
22-Oct-24	16-Oct-24	20-Oct-24	National	1,140	85%	972	±3.1%
05-Nov-24	30-Oct-24	03-Nov-24	National	1,131	86%	970	±3.1%
19-Nov-24	13-Nov-24	18-Nov-24	National	1,206	78%	944	±3.2%
03-Dec-24	27-Dec-24	01-Dec-24	National	1,123	80%	895	±3.3%
17-Dec-24	12-Dec-24	15-Dec-24	National	1,151	83%	951	±3.2%
21-Jan-25	15-Jan-25	19-Jan-25	National	1,132	81%	914	±3.2%
04-Feb-25	29-Jan-25	03-Feb-25	National	1,150	79%	910	±3.2%
18-Feb-25	12-Feb-25	16-Feb-25	National	1,146	78%	898	±3.3%
04-Mar-25	26-Feb-25	02-Mar-25	National	1,150	79%	908	±3.3%



Questionnaire Content (04 March 2025)

SCREENERS

D1. What is your gender?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Male
2. Female

D2. What is your age?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Under 18 [TERMINATE]
2. 18-19
3. 20-24
4. 25-29
5. 30-34
6. 35-39
7. 40-44
8. 45-49
9. 50-54
10. 55-59
11. 60-64
12. 65-69
13. 70-74
14. 75 and over

D3. In which one of the following areas do you live?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Brisbane
2. Queensland other than Brisbane
3. Sydney
4. NSW other than Sydney
5. Melbourne
6. Victoria other than Melbourne
7. Adelaide
8. South Australia other than Adelaide
9. Perth
10. Western Australia other than Perth
11. Hobart
12. Tasmania other than Hobart
13. Darwin
14. Northern Territory other than Darwin
15. Australian Capital Territory
16. Other



D4. What is your postcode?

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Q41. Are you enrolled to vote in the next Australian federal election?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Yes
2. No, but will be come 2025
3. No, and won't be come 2025

ASK IF Q41=1

Q43. Did you vote in the May 2022 federal election, or were you unable to do so for some reason?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Yes, voted
2. No, unable to
3. Not enrolled to vote

ASK IF Q41=1 or 2

Q21. If a federal election was held tomorrow, to which party would you give your first preference vote in the House of Representatives (Lower House)?

SINGLE RESPONSE. STATEMENTS 7 & 8 TO REMAIN AT BOTTOM OF LIST RANDOMISE STATEMENTS 1 & 2/11/12

1. Labor
2. Liberal (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
3. National (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
4. Liberal National Party (**Only show in QLD**)
5. Country Liberals (**Only show in NT**)
6. Greens
7. Pauline Hanson's One Nation
8. Trumpet of Patriots
9. Independent or other party
10. Don't know

ASK IF Q21=1-7 or 10-12

Q22. And how likely are you to change your vote between now and the next federal election?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Not at all likely to change
2. Not that likely to change
3. Quite likely to change
4. Very likely to change



ASK IF Q21=8

Q23. Well which party are you currently leaning towards?

SINGLE RESPONSE. STATEMENTS 7 & 8 TO REMAIN AT BOTTOM OF LIST RANDOMISE STATEMENTS 1 & 2/11/12

1. Labor
2. Liberal (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
3. National (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
4. Liberal National Party (**Only show in QLD**)
5. Country Liberals (**Only show in NT**)
6. Greens
7. Pauline Hanson's One Nation
8. Trumpet of Patriots
9. Independent or other party
10. Don't know

ASK IF Q21=4-7, 10 OR Q23=4-7, 10

Q24. Following your first preference vote, which of the following would you preference higher in the House of Representatives (Lower House)?

SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMISE 1 & 2

1. Labor
2. Liberal/National Coalition
3. Unsure

ASK IF Q41=1 or 2

Q26. If a state election was held tomorrow, to which party would you give your first preference vote in the Legislative Assembly / House of Assembly (Lower House)?

SINGLE RESPONSE. STATEMENTS 14 & 15 TO REMAIN AT BOTTOM OF LIST. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS 1 & 2/3/5

1. Labor
2. Liberal/National (**Only show in NSW, VIC and QLD**)
3. Liberal (**Only show in SA, WA, TAS and ACT**)
5. Country Liberal (**Only show in NT**)
6. Greens
9. Shooters, Fishers and Farmers (**Only show in NSW, VIC, TAS and NT**)
13. Sustainable Australia (**Only show in NSW**)
16. Animal Justice Party (**Only show in VIC**)
7. One Nation (**Only show in QLD and WA**)
17. Katter's Australian Party (**Only show in QLD**)
18. SA-BEST (**Only show in SA**)
19. Australian Conservatives (**Only show in SA**)
20. National (**Only show in WA**)
12. Jacqui Lambie Network (**Only show in TAS**)
21. 1 Territory (**Only show in NT**)
22. Reason Party (**Only show in ACT**)
23. Liberal Democrats (**Only show in ACT**)
14. Independent or other party
15. Don't know



ASK IF Q43=1

Q17. At the most recent Federal election (held on 21 May 2022), to which party did you give your first preference vote in the House of Representatives (Lower House)?

**SINGLE RESPONSE. OPTIONS 7 & 8 TO REMAIN AT BOTTOM OF LIST RANDOMISE
OPTIONS 1 & 2/11/12**

1. Labor
2. Liberal (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
3. National (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
11. Liberal National Party (**Only show in QLD**)
12. Country Liberals (**Only show in NT**)
4. Greens
5. Pauline Hanson's One Nation
10. United Australia Party
7. Independent or other party
8. Don't know



ASK ALL. RANDOMISE Q37 and Q47

Q37. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Anthony Albanese is doing as Prime Minister?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Strongly approve
2. Approve
3. Disapprove
4. Strongly disapprove
5. Don't know

Q47. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Peter Dutton is doing as Opposition Leader?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Strongly approve
2. Approve
3. Disapprove
4. Strongly disapprove
5. Don't know

E563. In general, would you say that Australia is heading in the right direction or on the wrong track?

SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMISE 1 & 2.

1. Right direction
2. Wrong track
3. Unsure

ASK ALL

E53. Which of the following best describes how you intend to vote at the 2025 Federal Election?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. I will vote at a pre-poll before election day
2. I will vote by post
3. I will vote at a polling station on election day
4. I'm not sure how I will vote
5. I don't intend to vote
6. I intend to vote informal

E67. How much attention have you been paying to the news, advertising and updates from the 2025 Federal Election?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Have not been paying any attention
2. Have been paying little attention
3. Have been paying some attention
4. Have been paying a lot of attention



E1067. Which of the following best describes your voting firmness at this year's federal election?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. I know who I will vote for and will not change my mind
2. I think I know who I will vote for but might change my mind
3. I have not yet decided who I will vote for

E1068. A **majority** government is when a party or coalition forms government by winning more than half (i.e. a majority) of the seats in the House of Representatives. Whereas a **minority** government is when a party or coalition forms government despite winning less than half of the seats in the House of Representatives, meaning it must rely on support from other parties to govern effectively.

What do you think the most likely federal election outcome will be?

SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMISE

1. Majority Coalition
2. Majority Labor
3. Minority Coalition
4. Minority Labor

E1069. At its February board meeting the Reserve Bank of Australia reduced interest rates by 0.25%, which was the first rate cut since the pandemic.

To what extent has the recent interest rate cut had a positive or negative impact on the following?

- a. **Strongly negative**
- b. **Somewhat negative**
- c. **No impact**
- d. **Somewhat positive**
- e. **Strongly positive**

SINGLE RESPONSE PER STATEMENT. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS

1. You personally
2. Family and friends
3. National economy
4. Small business
5. Big business

E1070. Which of the following is closer to your view on the recent interest rate cuts?

SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMISE

1. The interest rate cuts will provide welcome relief and show that the government's approach to economic management is working
2. The interest rate cuts are too little too late and show that the government's approach to economic management is not working



E1071. Which political party do you trust more to handle the following issues?

- a. Labor
- b. No difference
- c. Coalition

SINGLE RESPONSE PER STATEMENT. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS

1. Manage the economy
2. Address cost of living pressures
3. Support higher wages
4. Fund Medicare
5. Manage international relationships
6. Address climate change

E1072. Over the last 12 months, have you done any of the following?

- a. Yes
- b. No

SINGLE RESPONSE PER STATEMENT. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS

1. Put off seeing a GP because of lack of bulk billing
2. Put off visiting the dentist
3. Delayed a specialist appointment
4. Stopped paying for private health insurance

E1073. How much attention do you currently pay to each of the following?

Please give an attention rating for each option below. The ratings must add up to 100.

CONSTANT SUM. SLIDER SCALE. VALIDATION MUST TOTAL 100. RANDOMISE

1. World affairs
2. National issues
3. State issues
4. My local community
5. My personal connections



DEMOGRAPHICS

Thank you for your time so far, we only have a few more questions.

D23. In what year were you born?

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D6. What is the total of all wages/salaries, government benefits, pensions, allowances, and other income that your household usually receives (GROSS – before tax and superannuation deductions)?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. \$3,500 or more per week (\$182,000 or more per year)
2. \$3,000-\$3,499 per week (\$156,000-\$181,999 per year)
3. \$2,500-\$2,999 per week (\$130,000-\$155,999 per year)
4. \$2,000-\$2,499 per week (\$104,000-\$129,999 per year)
5. \$1,500-\$1,999 per week (\$78,000-\$103,999 per year)
6. \$1,250-\$1,499 per week (\$65,000-\$77,999 per year)
7. \$1,000-\$1,249 per week (\$52,000-\$64,999 per year)
8. \$800-\$999 per week (\$41,600-\$51,999 per year)
9. \$600-\$799 per week (\$31,200-\$41,599 per year)
10. \$400-\$599 per week (\$20,800-\$31,199 per year)
11. \$300-\$399 per week (\$15,600-\$20,799 per year)
12. \$200-\$299 per week (\$10,400-\$15,599 per year)
13. \$1-\$199 per week (\$1-\$10,399 per year)
14. No income
15. Negative income
16. Prefer not to say

D7. What is your current employment status?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Employed, working Full-time (more than 35hours a week)
2. Self Employed, working Full-time (more than 35hours a week)
3. Employed, working Part-time (less than 35hours a week)
4. Unemployed, looking for Full-time work (more than 35hours a week)
5. Unemployed, looking for Part-time work (less than 35hours a week)
6. Not Employed and not looking for work
7. Student
8. Beneficiary/Welfare
9. Retired
10. Look after the house full time
11. Other (please specify)
12. Refuse to answer

ASK IF D7=1 OR 3

D19. On which type of contract are you employed?

SINGLE RESPONSE



1. Permanent contract
2. Short-term contract (more than 6 months)
3. Daily or weekly hire
4. Period trade contract
5. Casual
6. Independent contractor/sub-contractor
7. Labor hire/Employment agency staff
8. Probation
9. Apprentice/Trainee
10. I do not have a formal contract with employer

ASK ALL

D24. Which of the following best describes how you feel about your **current** financial circumstances?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Comfortable. I don't have to worry about paying bills, I have savings and enough to buy luxuries
2. Secure. I'm able to pay bills and usually have money spare for savings or buying luxuries
3. Struggling a bit. I have to watch the budget to make sure there's enough money for all the bills
4. In serious difficulty. Being able to pay all the bills is a regular concern

D22. Which of the following best describes your current living situation?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Live in your own home
2. Rent
3. Live with family or friends
4. Other

D25. Are you currently paying off a mortgage/home loan?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Yes
2. No

D33. Do you currently own any investment properties (i.e. an additional property to the home you live in, that you rent out full/part time)?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Yes
2. No

D14. What is the highest level of education you have attained?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Year 9 and below



2. Year 10 and above
3. Certificate levels I-IV
4. Diploma or advanced diploma
5. Graduate diploma or certificate
6. Bachelor or honours degree
7. Post-graduate degree
8. Other (please specify)
9. I prefer not to answer

D21. Which of the following applies to you?

- a. **Yes**
- b. **No**
- c. **Prefer not to say**

SINGLE RESPONSE PER STATEMENT. RANDOMISE ANSWER STATEMENTS.

1. I identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
2. I was born in Australia
3. Both my parents were born in Australia
4. I use a language other than English at home or with close family members
5. I have a disability or long-term health condition (lasting more than 6 months)

D12. And which of the following best describes the type of household you currently live in?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Single without children
2. Couple with no children
3. Group household with no children
4. Mix of adults - no children under 18yrs in the household
5. Young family - mainly dependent pre-school kids
6. Middle family - mainly dependent school aged kids
7. Older family - mainly dependent teenagers or older still at home
8. Single or couple whose children have left home
9. Other

ASK IF D12=5,6,7 OR 9

D9. How many **dependent children** are there in your household?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five
6. Six
7. Seven
8. Eight or more

