



**Public Polling Methodology Statement: National Covid Poll**

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<b>Short Methodology Statement</b>	
<b>Research company</b>	YouGov Galaxy Pty Ltd
<b>Client commissioning the research</b>	News Corp
<b>End client</b>	News Corp
<b>Fieldwork dates</b>	20-25 August 2021
<b>Mode of data collection</b>	Online recruited from research panel (100%)
<b>Target population</b>	Australians residents aged 18 and over
<b>Sample size</b>	3114. Smaller states were oversampled (724 NSW, 568 VIC, 520 QLD, 416 SA, 418 WA, 313 TAS, 155 Other).
<b>Australian Polling Council compliant</b>	Yes
<b>URL of Long Methodology statement</b>	<a href="https://au.yougov.com/results/apc">https://au.yougov.com/results/apc</a>
<b>Is voting intention published?</b>	No

<b>Long Methodology Statement</b>	
<b>Effective sample size after weighting applied</b>	1976
<b>Margin of error associated with effective sample size</b>	±2.2
<b>Variables used in weighting</b>	Age x gender x location, Age x education. Interviews from states were weighted to reflect national proportions.
<b>Weighting method used</b>	Rim weighting
<b>Full question text, responses categories and randomisation</b>	See below
<b>Proportion of landline/mobile completed interviews</b>	N/A
<b>Source of online sample</b>	Selected from previously recruited online panels of research participants to fill quotas loosely based on weighting frame and past vote
<b>Positioning of voting intention questions in questionnaire?</b>	N/A
<b>How were undecided voters handled?</b>	N/A
<b>2PP calculation method</b>	N/A



## Full Question Text of Published Questions

Q1

Which of the following best describes you? RANDOM REVERSE 1-4

1. I am already fully vaccinated
2. I have had one vaccine shot already
3. I haven't been vaccinated yet but I want to be
4. I haven't been vaccinated yet and I don't want to be

Q2

What's the main reason more Australians are not fully vaccinated? ROTATE 1-2

1. The vaccine rollout has been flawed
2. Australians have been reluctant to get vaccinated
3. Neither

Q3

Of the following groups, choose FOUR you think should be considered top priority for the vaccine rollout. You may only choose FOUR. Note, this is not an exhaustive list, and goes beyond existing priorities rather than replacing them.

RANDOMISE A-K

- A. Healthcare workers
- B. School staff including teachers
- C. Political leaders
- D. Senior card holders
- E. Tertiary students
- F. Public servants
- G. Public transport workers
- H. School children
- I. People with a disability
- J. Workers in takeaway restaurants and delivery
- K. Tradies
- L. None of these

Q4

Which is closer to your view about closing schools during lockdowns? RANDOM REVERSE 1-3

1. Schools should be open regardless of whether school staff are vaccinated
2. Schools should remain open once school staff are vaccinated
3. Schools should be shut and all learning offered online
4. Don't know

Q5

Which of these things would be most effective in significantly increasing the number of Australians who are vaccinated? RANDOMISE 1-3

1. Paying all Australians a cash incentive if they agree to get vaccinated
2. Entering all Australians who agree to be vaccinated into a prize draw
3. Exempting fully vaccinated Australians from lockdown requirements
4. None of the above

Q6

Which is closer to your view: RANDOM REVERSE 1-3

1. Vaccination is the pathway to ending lockdowns and getting life back to normal
2. Lockdowns must be part of Australia's future until COVID-19 is completely eliminated
3. Lockdowns should be ended immediately

Q7

At what point should restrictions and lockdowns end? ROTATE 1-2



1. When 80% of the eligible population is fully vaccinated
2. When everyone who wants to be vaccinated has had the opportunity to be
3. When Covid-19 is eliminated
4. Restrictions and lockdowns should end now

**Q8**

France has a "vaccine passport" that people must produce to access a whole range of places such as sports venues, cinemas, museums, nightclubs and festivals.

When everyone has had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, would you support or oppose introducing a similar vaccine passport in Australia? ROTATE 1-2

1. Support
2. Oppose
3. Don't know

**Q9**

When everyone has had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, should borders between states and territories within Australia be kept open?

1. Yes - for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people
2. Yes – but only for vaccinated people
3. No

**Q10**

When everyone has had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, should Australians be allowed to travel overseas?

1. Yes - for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people
2. Yes – but only for vaccinated people
3. No

**Q11**

Once everyone has had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, should schools remain open regardless of whether there are cases of COVID-19 in the community?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**Q12**

Once everyone has had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, should we have any further lockdowns when there are cases of COVID-19 in the community?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**Q13**

Do you think employers should have the right to make it compulsory for their staff to be vaccinated before being allowed to enter the workplace? RANDOM REVERSE 1-3

1. Yes, for all workplaces
2. Yes, but only for frontline or public facing jobs
3. No, employers should not be able to do this
4. Don't know

**Q14**

Governments could also make vaccination compulsory by law. Do you think vaccination should be compulsory or optional for people who work in the following industries? RANDOMISE A-I

GRID: Compulsory/optional/don't know

- A. Aged care workers
- B. Nurses



- C. School staff including teachers
- D. Construction workers
- E. Public transport workers
- F. Workers in takeaway restaurants and delivery
- G. Tradies
- H. Public servants
- I. Hospitality workers

Finally, here are some more questions about your current situation

Q15

Which of the following are your biggest worries or fears at the moment? Select all that apply.

Multiple Response: RANDOMISE 1-8

- 1. Me or my friends and family catching COVID-19
- 2. Lots more COVID-19 cases and deaths in the community
- 3. The impact on mental health
- 4. Businesses closing and people losing their jobs
- 5. Loss of a sense of community
- 6. Loss of personal freedom
- 7. Lack of contact with my friends and family
- 8. Loss of income
- 9. None of the above

Q16

Do you personally know anyone whose mental health has suffered due to lockdowns?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

Q17

Do you personally know anyone who has postponed or cancelled health checks (e.g. mammograms) due to lockdowns?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

ASK IF HAVE CHILD UNDER 18 ATTENDING SCHOOL

Q18

What do you think will be the impact of schooling from home on your child/children's education in the long term?

Single select; random reverse 1-3

- 1. It will have a negative effect
- 2. It will have no long term effect
- 3. It will have a positive effect
- 4. Not applicable, e.g. my child/children are not at school/did not have home schooling

ASK ALL

Q19

How has the financial situation of you and your family changed in the past three months?

Single select; random reverse 1-5

- 1. I am a lot better off
- 2. I am a little better off
- 3. About the same
- 4. I am a little worse off
- 5. I am a lot worse off

Q20

How has the emotional wellbeing of you and your family changed in the past three months?

Single select; random reverse 1-5

- 1. I am a lot better off



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2. I am a little better off
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4. I am a little worse off
5. I am a lot worse off

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