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Now 77% of Australians would get a vaccine for COVID-19 – down 10% points since April 2020

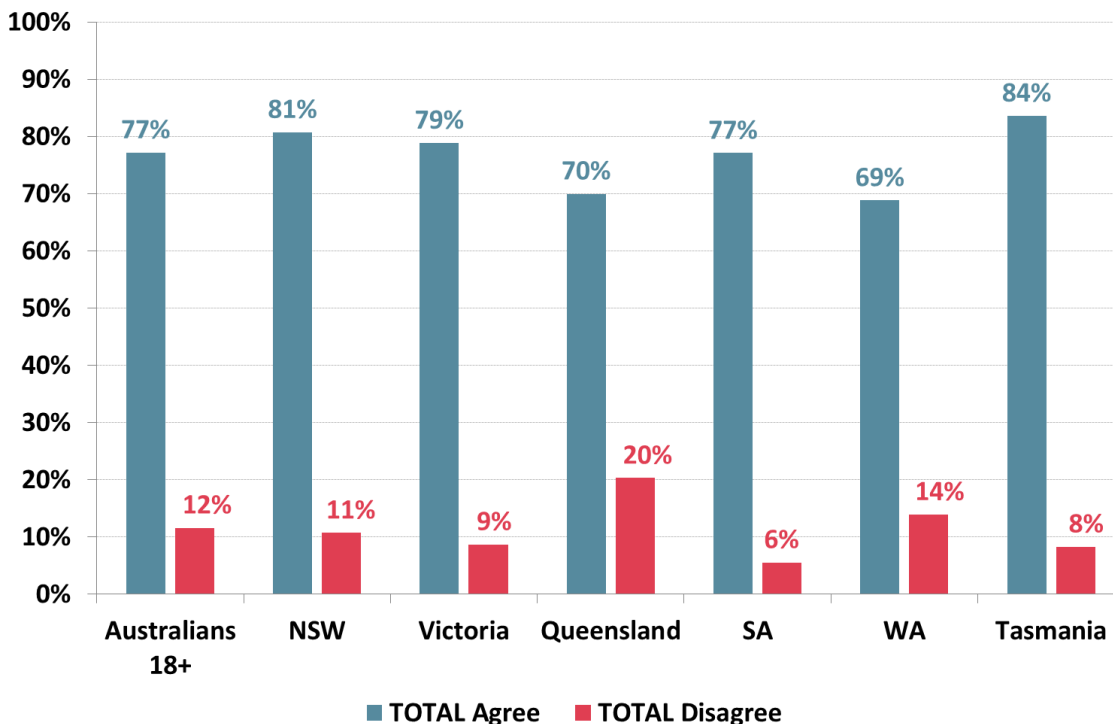
Of all Australians three-in-four (77%, down 10% points on April 2020) say they are willing to be vaccinated for Coronavirus if a new vaccine becomes publicly available, while a small 12% (up 5%) of Australians are not willing and 11% don't know, according to a special Roy Morgan survey of an Australia-wide cross-section of 1,008 Australians aged 18+ conducted in November 2020.

Men are more likely than women to get the COVID-19 vaccine (See Question 5 details below)

Analysis by Gender shows significantly more men (83%, down 6%) than women (72%, down 13%) are willing to be vaccinated if a new Coronavirus vaccine became publicly available.

Analysis by State show those in New South Wales are most likely (81%) to be vaccinated if one became publicly available, while West Australians (69%) and Queenslanders (70%) are the least likely. Additionally, 20% of Queenslanders would not be willing to be vaccinated if one became publicly available - a much higher percentage than any of the other States: WA (14%), NSW (11%), VIC (9%) and SA (6%).

If a new Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine became publicly available, I would be willing to be vaccinated - By States

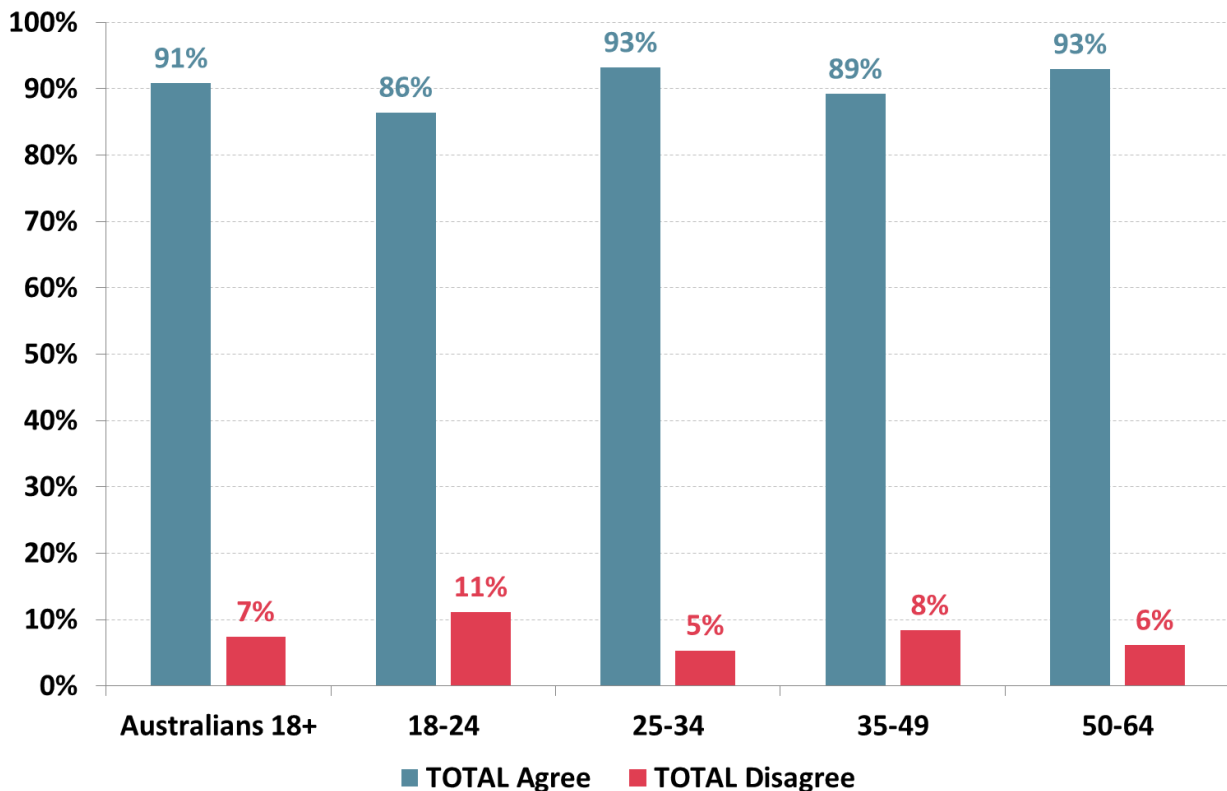


Source: Roy Morgan online survey of Australians conducted from November 12-17, 2020, n=1,008.
Base: Australians aged 18+.

Australians accept international travel restrictions to combat the virus (See Question 1 details below)

Large majorities of Australians in all States, both genders and across all age groups agree travel restrictions between countries are acceptable in order to fight against the spread of Coronavirus. Agreement is highest for people aged 50-64 (93%) or 25-34 (93%) and in South Australia (96%) and New South Wales (93%). In addition, 91% of both men and women agree that travel restrictions between countries are acceptable.

Do you think travel restrictions between countries are acceptable in order to fight against the spread of the Coronavirus? By Age



Source: Roy Morgan online survey of Australians conducted from November 12-17, 2020, n=1,008.
Base: Australians aged 18+.

More Australians say the Australian Government is handling the Coronavirus crisis well (See Question 2 details below)

Now 82% of Australians agree (up 17% since April) the Australian Government is handling the Coronavirus well - 23% (up 2%) **strongly agree** while a further 59% (up 15%) **agree**.

An unchanged 75% of Australians disagree the threat from the virus is exaggerated (See Question 3 details below)

One-in-five Australians agree the threat from Coronavirus is '**exaggerated**' with those living outside capital cities more likely to agree (24%) the threat from Coronavirus is exaggerated than those from capital cities (19%).



Three quarters of Australians would sacrifice their 'human rights' to help prevent the spread of the virus – a drop of 5% points from April (See Question 4 details below)

A reduced 75% (down 5% since April) of Australians agree they are willing to sacrifice some of their 'human rights' if it helps prevent the spread of the Coronavirus compared to 17% (up 3% over the same time period) disagree.

A decreasing 77% (down 7%) of women agree they would willingly sacrifice their 'human rights' if it helps prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Of men 73% (down 2%) are willing, 21% not willing and 6% are undecided.

Thinking about the year ahead in Australia (See Question 6 details below)

In November, before the recent Coronavirus outbreak in Sydney, only 10% of Australians believed 2021 will be "Worse" while 17% believed it will be "the same" and a majority of 59% said it will be "Better" while 14% said they "Didn't know".

This question was covered extensively in a separate release available to [view here](#).

Australians were asked a series of six questions to determine their views regarding the COVID-19 pandemic sweeping the world via an online survey of an Australia-wide cross-section of 1,008 Australians aged 18+ conducted from November 12-17, 2020. The first five questions were on a five point scale with strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree and don't know the available responses.

- Question 1: *"Do you think travel restrictions between countries are acceptable in order to fight against the spreading of the Coronavirus?"*
- Question 2: *"I think the Australian Government is handling the Coronavirus well?"*
- Question 3: *"I believe the threat from the Coronavirus is exaggerated?"*
- Question 4: *"I am willing to sacrifice some of my human rights if it helps prevent the spread of the virus?"*
- Question 5: *"If a new Coronavirus vaccine became publicly available, I would be willing to be vaccinated?"*

Question 6: The final question was posed as a choice between three outcomes. People surveyed were asked: *"As far as you are concerned, do you think that 2021 will be better, worse, or the same as 2020?"*

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Question 1:

Travel restrictions between countries are acceptable in order to fight against the spreading of the Coronavirus

Australians 18+	
Nov 12-17	
2020	
	%
TOTAL Agree	91
Strongly agree	52
Agree	39
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	3
TOTAL Disagree	7
Don't know	2
TOTAL	100

Travel restrictions between countries are acceptable in order to fight against the spreading of the Coronavirus – By Gender & Age

Australians 18+	Gender		Age			
	Men	Women	Under 25	25-34	35-49	50-64
	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	91	91	86	93	89	93
Strongly agree	52	52	45	51	50	58
Agree	39	39	41	42	39	35
Disagree	4	5	6	4	5	3
Strongly disagree	3	3	5	2	3	3
TOTAL Disagree	7	8	11	6	8	6
Don't know	2	1	3	1	3	1
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

Travel restrictions between countries are acceptable in order to fight against the spreading of the Coronavirus – By State

Australians 18+	States					
	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS#
	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	93	90	89	87	96	100
Strongly agree	49	49	47	59	65	74
Agree	44	41	42	28	31	26
Disagree	3	5	4	7	1	-
Strongly disagree	2	3	5	4	-	-
TOTAL Disagree	5	8	9	11	1	-
Don't know	2	2	2	2	3	-
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Question 2:

I think the Australian Government is handling the Coronavirus well

	Australians 18+		
	Mar 28-29, 2020	Apr 4-5, 2020	Nov 12-17, 2020
	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	43	65	82
Strongly agree	9	21	23
Agree	34	44	59
Disagree	33	23	10
Strongly disagree	16	6	4
TOTAL Disagree	49	29	14
Don't know	8	6	4
TOTAL	100	100	100

I think the Australian Government is handling the Coronavirus well – By Gender & Age

Australians 18+	Gender		Age				
	Men	Women	Under 25	25-34	35-49	50-64	
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
TOTAL Agree	82	79	85	77	81	83	85
Strongly agree	23	24	21	15	23	23	26
Agree	59	55	64	62	58	60	59
Disagree	10	12	8	15	9	10	8
Strongly disagree	4	5	3	3	5	3	5
TOTAL Disagree	14	17	11	18	14	13	13
Don't know	4	4	4	5	5	4	2
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

I think the Australian Government is handling the Coronavirus well – By State

Australians 18+	States						
	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS#	
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
TOTAL Agree	82	83	77	84	86	87	80
Strongly agree	23	24	17	24	23	28	33
Agree	59	59	60	60	63	59	47
Disagree	10	10	11	8	12	10	4
Strongly disagree	4	2	8	5	1	-	8
TOTAL Disagree	14	12	19	13	13	10	12
Don't know	4	5	4	3	1	3	8
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Question 3:

I believe the threat from the Coronavirus is exaggerated

	Australians 18+		
	Mar 28-29, 2020	Apr 4-5, 2020	Nov 12-17, 2020
	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	15	20	21
Strongly agree	5	4	7
Agree	10	16	14
Disagree	34	34	32
Strongly disagree	47	41	43
TOTAL Disagree	81	75	75
Don't know	4	5	4
TOTAL	100	100	100

I believe the threat from the Coronavirus is exaggerated – By Gender & Age

	Australians 18+	Gender		Age			
		Men	Women	Under 25	25-34	35-49	50-64
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	21	25	18	30	26	20	14
Strongly agree	7	9	5	10	7	6	6
Agree	14	16	13	20	19	14	8
Disagree	32	32	32	32	33	31	34
Strongly disagree	43	40	46	30	39	46	50
TOTAL Disagree	75	72	78	62	72	77	84
Don't know	4	3	4	8	2	3	2
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

I believe the threat from the Coronavirus is exaggerated – By State

	Australians 18+	States					
		NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS#
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
TOTAL Agree	21	20	20	31	19	13	4
Strongly agree	7	6	5	13	6	3	-
Agree	14	14	15	18	13	10	4
Disagree	32	39	27	29	36	33	16
Strongly disagree	43	36	49	39	40	50	80
TOTAL Disagree	75	75	76	68	76	83	96
Don't know	4	4	4	1	5	4	-
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Question 4:

I am willing to sacrifice some of my human rights if it helps prevent the spread of the virus

	Australians 18+		
	Mar 28-29, 2020	Apr 4-5, 2020	Nov 12-17, 2020
	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	80	80	75
Strongly agree	33	35	29
Agree	47	45	46
Disagree	8	8	12
Strongly disagree	6	6	5
TOTAL Disagree	14	14	17
Don't know	6	6	8
TOTAL	100	100	100

I am willing to sacrifice some of my human rights if it helps prevent the spread of the virus
– By Gender & Age

Australians 18+	Gender		Age			
	Men	Women	Under 25	25-34	35-49	50-64
%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	75	77	72	73	75	78
Strongly agree	29	30	31	29	27	32
Agree	46	47	41	44	48	46
Disagree	12	8	12	14	10	10
Strongly disagree	5	4	3	4	8	5
TOTAL Disagree	17	12	15	18	18	15
Don't know	8	11	13	9	7	7
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

I am willing to sacrifice some of my human rights if it helps prevent spread of the virus
– By State

Australians 18+	States					
	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS#
%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	75	79	71	75	80	69
Strongly agree	29	35	21	32	37	34
Agree	46	44	50	43	43	35
Disagree	12	10	14	12	5	19
Strongly disagree	5	4	8	5	2	4
TOTAL Disagree	17	14	22	17	7	23
Don't know	8	7	7	8	13	8
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Question 5: If a new Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine became publicly available, I would be willing to be vaccinated

	Australians 18+		
	Mar 28-29, 2020	Apr 4-5, 2020	Nov 12-17, 2020
	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	86	87	77
Strongly agree	56	56	41
Agree	30	31	36
Disagree	4	3	6
Strongly disagree	3	4	6
TOTAL Disagree	7	7	12
Don't know	7	6	11
TOTAL	100	100	100

If a new Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine became publicly available, I would be willing to be vaccinated – By Gender & Age

	Australians 18+	Gender		Age			
		Men	Women	Under 25	25-34	35-49	50-64
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	77	83	72	72	80	75	80
Strongly agree	41	43	39	36	41	43	41
Agree	36	40	33	36	39	32	39
Disagree	6	5	7	5	6	7	5
Strongly disagree	6	4	7	11	2	6	6
TOTAL Disagree	12	9	14	16	8	13	11
Don't know	11	8	14	12	12	12	9
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

If a new Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine became publicly available, I would be willing to be vaccinated – By State

	Australians 18+	States					
		NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS#
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
TOTAL Agree	77	81	79	70	69	77	84
Strongly agree	41	40	46	31	31	47	56
Agree	36	41	33	39	38	30	28
Disagree	6	7	5	8	6	4	4
Strongly disagree	6	4	4	12	8	2	4
TOTAL Disagree	12	11	9	20	14	6	8
Don't know	11	8	12	10	17	17	8
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Question 6:

As far as you are concerned, do you think that 2021 will be better, worse, or the same as 2020?

	Australians 18+		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Nov 12-17, 2020</u>
	%	%	%
Better	44	12	59
Same	32	41	17
Worse	14	40	10
Don't know	10	7	14
TOTAL	100	100	100

As far as you are concerned, do you think that 2021 will be better, worse, or the same as 2020?
By Gender & Age

Australians 18+	Gender		Age			
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Under 25</u>	<u>25-34</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Better	59	58	56	60	57	61
Same	17	18	13	17	21	17
Worse	10	8	6	12	10	9
Don't know	14	16	25	11	12	13
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

As far as you are concerned, do you think that 2021 will be better, worse, or the same as 2020?
By State

Australians 18+	States					
	<u>NSW</u>	<u>VIC</u>	<u>QLD</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>SA</u>	<u>TAS#</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Better	59	64	52	57	56	55
Same	17	15	20	22	16	17
Worse	10	8	11	6	13	18
Don't know	14	13	17	15	15	10
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
1,000	±3.0	±2.7	±1.9	±1.3