

Polling - Newstart Christmas supplement

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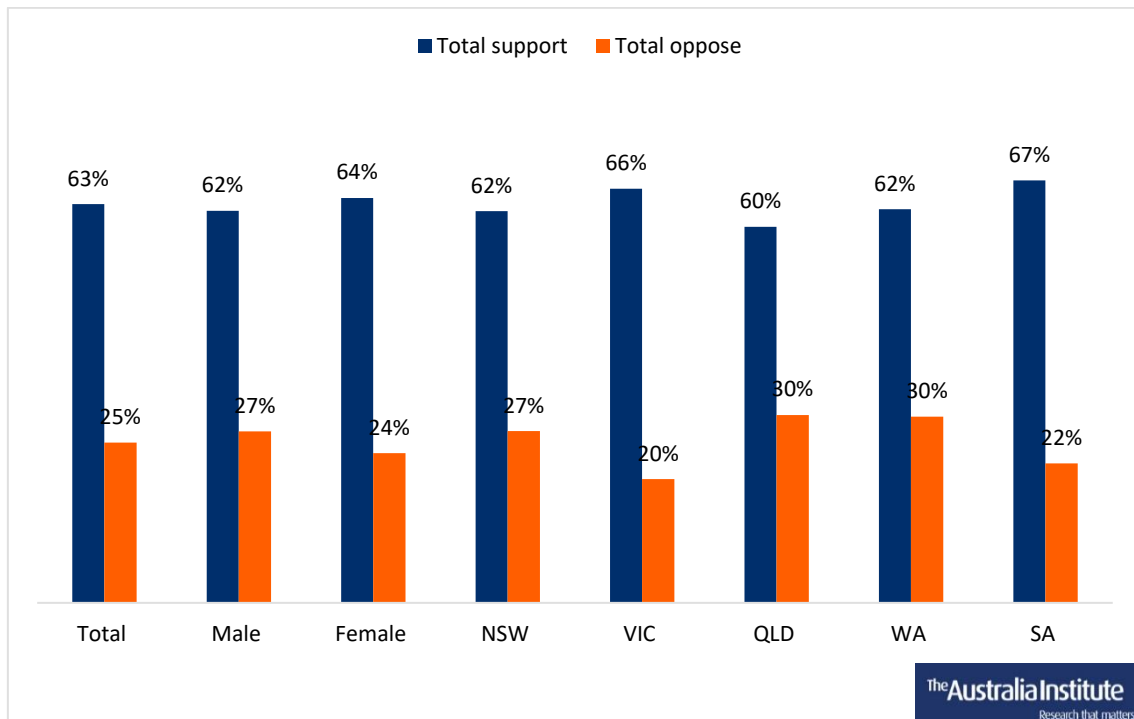
Key results

The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,424 Australians and a state representative sample of 503 South Australians, between 1 and 15 November 2019, about whether Newstart recipients should receive an annual, holiday supplement.

A majority of Australians support a holiday supplement for Newstart recipients.

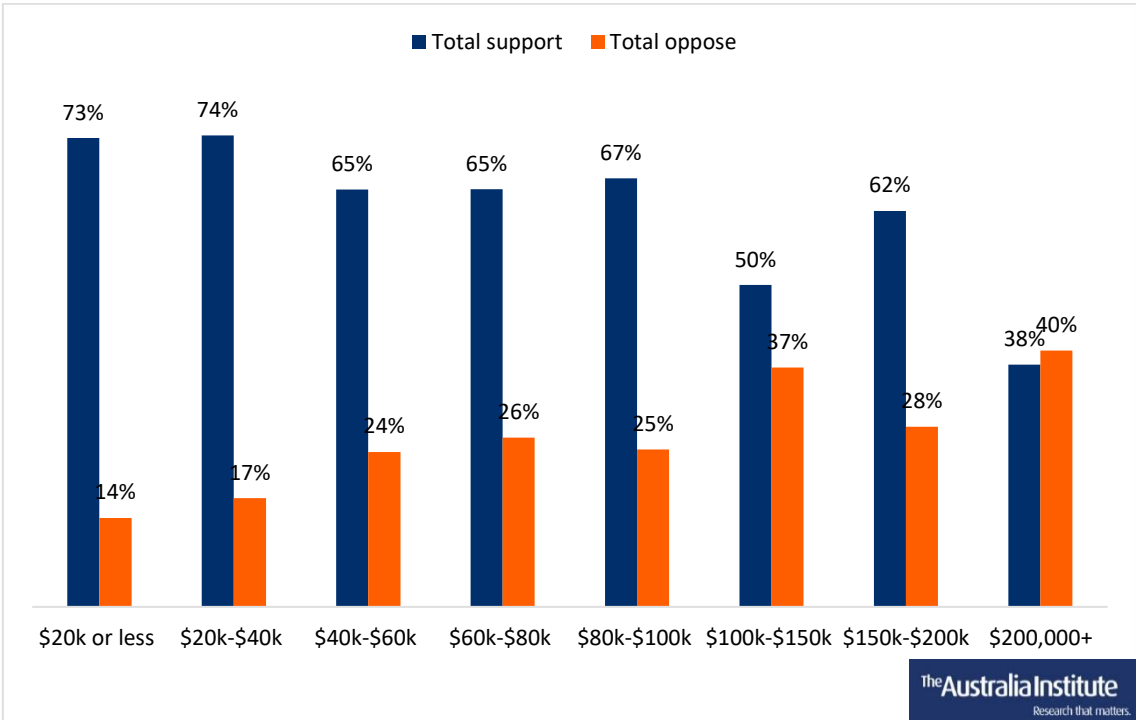
- Two in three Australians (63%) support a holiday supplement for Newstart recipients (25% oppose)
- Most Australians in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia support a holiday supplement for Newstart recipients.
- Of those who support a holiday supplement, a majority (60%) of Australians support a supplement of more than \$250, with 30% of people selecting a supplement of more than \$500

Figure 1: Total support for holiday supplement



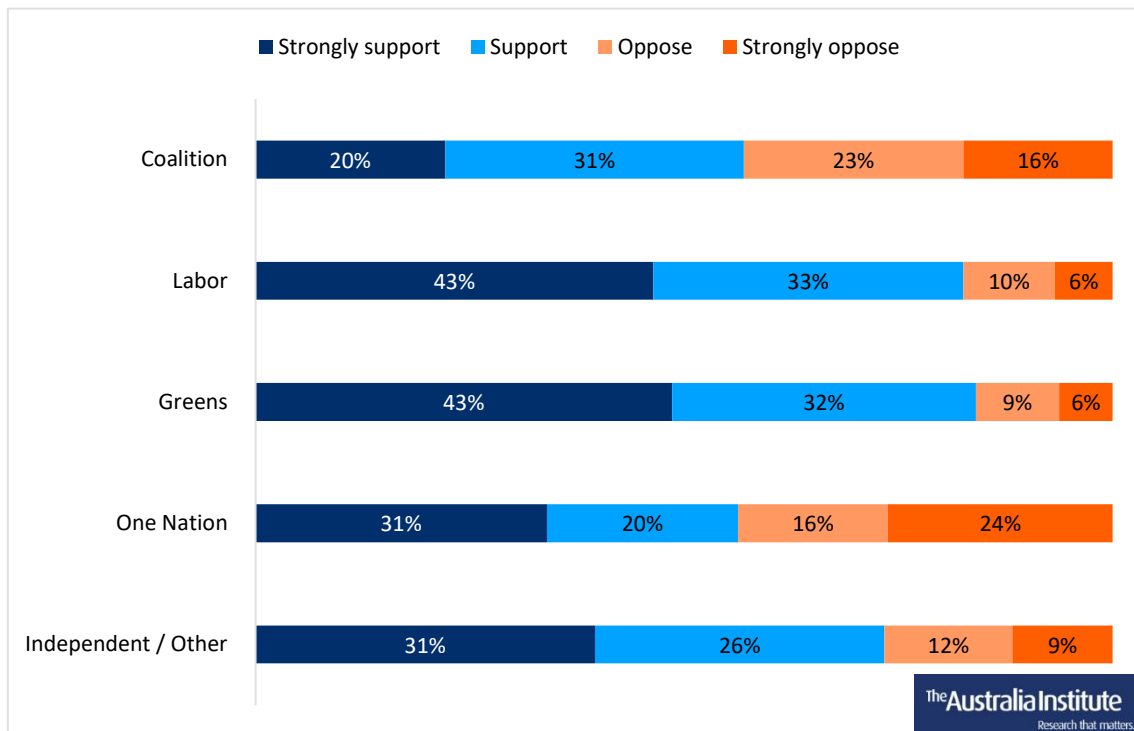
- Support for a holiday supplement tends to be higher among those on lower incomes
 - Three in four Australians on household incomes of \$40,000 or less support a holiday supplement
 - A majority of Australians in each income group support a holiday supplement, other than those on more than \$200,000 per annum.

Figure 2: Support for holiday supplement by household income



- Support for a holiday supplement is highest among Labor (76%) and Greens (75%) voters, but it exceeds 50% among all voting intentions.
- One Nation voters were polarised, with more strongly supporting and more strongly opposing the proposal.

Figure 3: Support for holiday supplement, by voting intention



Those who support a holiday supplement were asked what the size of the holiday supplement should be.

- The most popular response (30%) was that the holiday supplement should be \$500 or more.
 - 29% thought it should be \$251–\$500
 - 26% thought it should be \$101–\$250
 - The least popular response was less than \$100 (5%).
- The largest supplement was most popular among each voting intention other than Coalition.
- One Nation voters selected the largest supplement more often than voters of other parties.

Figure 4: Preference for each supplement range

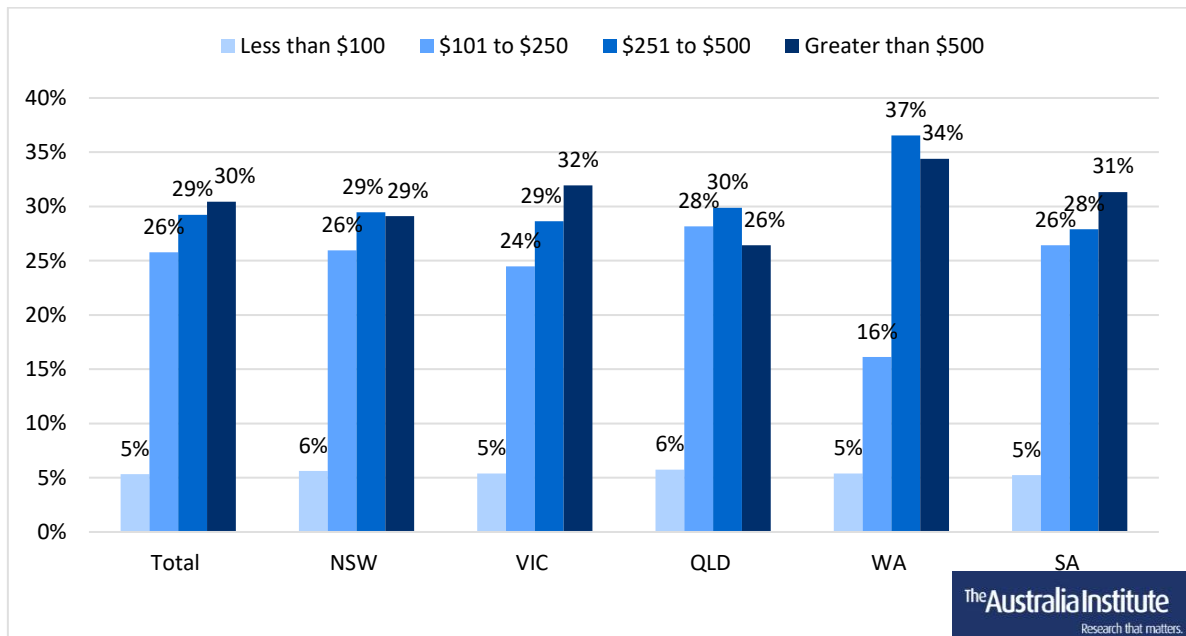
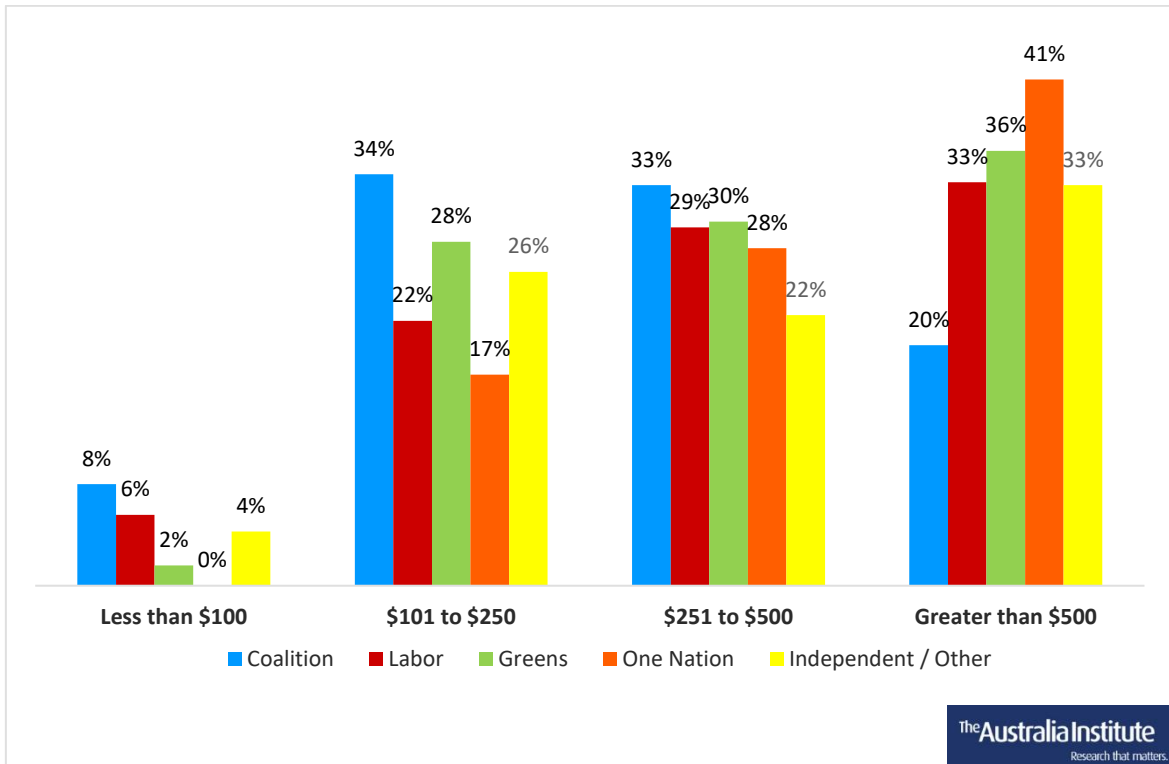


Figure 5: Preference for each supplement range (\$), by voting intention



Method

The Australia Institute conducted a national survey of 1,424 people between 1 and 15 November 2019, online through Dynata with nationally representative samples by gender, age, state and territory, and household income. At the same time, The Australia Institute also surveyed 503 South Australians, post-weighted to reflect social demographics by age and gender in South Australia.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the national results is 2.6% and for the South Australian results is 4.4%.

Results are shown only for larger states.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the lower house. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs, but results are also shown separately for undecideds. “Coalition” includes separate responses for Liberal and National. “Other” includes Centre Alliance, Jacqui Lambie Network and Independent/Other.

Detailed results

People on the Newstart jobseeker payment can receive as little as \$280 per week, which equates to just \$40 per day, to cover all of their expenses.

Do you support or oppose giving Newstart recipients an annual, one-off supplement to help meet the increased costs of the holiday period?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>
Strongly support	33%	32%	34%	29%	34%	33%	36%	38%
Support	30%	30%	30%	33%	32%	27%	26%	28%
Oppose	15%	14%	15%	15%	11%	17%	21%	13%
Strongly oppose	11%	13%	9%	12%	9%	12%	9%	9%
Don't know / Not sure	11%	11%	12%	11%	15%	11%	8%	11%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>One Nation</i>	<i>Other</i>
Strongly support	33%	20%	43%	43%	31%	31%
Support	30%	31%	33%	32%	20%	26%
Oppose	15%	23%	10%	9%	16%	12%
Strongly oppose	11%	16%	6%	6%	24%	9%
Don't know / Not sure	11%	10%	8%	11%	10%	23%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$20,000 or less</i>	<i>\$20,001 - \$40,000</i>	<i>\$40,001 - \$60,000</i>
Strongly support	33%	42%	45%	33%
Support	30%	31%	29%	33%
Oppose	15%	6%	9%	14%
Strongly oppose	11%	8%	8%	10%
Don't know / Not sure	11%	13%	9%	11%

<i>\$60,001 - \$80,000</i>	<i>\$80,001 - \$100,000</i>	<i>\$100,001 - \$150,000</i>	<i>\$150,001 - \$200,000</i>	<i>More than \$200,000</i>
30%	32%	28%	26%	16%
35%	35%	22%	36%	22%
14%	13%	22%	16%	24%
12%	11%	15%	12%	16%
8%	9%	12%	10%	22%

What should the size of the holiday supplement be?

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA
Less than \$100	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%
\$101 to \$250	26%	25%	26%	26%	24%	28%	16%	26%
\$251 to \$500	29%	31%	28%	29%	29%	30%	37%	28%
Greater than \$500	30%	31%	30%	29%	32%	26%	34%	31%
Don't know / Not sure	9%	8%	11%	10%	10%	10%	8%	9%

	Total	Coalition	Labor	Greens	One Nation	Other
Less than \$100	5%	8%	6%	2%	0%	4%
\$101 to \$250	26%	34%	22%	28%	17%	26%
\$251 to \$500	29%	33%	29%	30%	28%	22%
Greater than \$500	30%	20%	33%	36%	41%	33%
Don't know / Not sure	9%	6%	10%	5%	14%	15%

	Total	\$20,000 or less	\$20,001 - \$40,000	\$40,001 - \$60,000	\$60,001 - \$80,000
Less than \$100	5%	10%	4%	7%	4%
\$101 to \$250	26%	19%	28%	29%	21%
\$251 to \$500	29%	27%	23%	25%	31%
Greater than \$500	30%	39%	36%	28%	34%
Don't know / Not sure	9%	5%	9%	11%	9%

\$80,001 - \$100,000	\$100,001 - \$150,000	\$150,001 - \$200,000	More than \$200,000
5%	4%	5%	0%
29%	27%	24%	24%
34%	36%	44%	41%
23%	30%	18%	24%
9%	4%	9%	12%