

Survey results

Youth Survey

Fieldwork dates: May 2013

The Australia Institute conducted an online survey in May 2013. Respondents were sourced from a reputable independent online panel, and earn reward points to participate. Results were post weighted (n = 806) by age and gender based on the profile of the adult Australian population. Small variations in sample size can occur from rounding errors as a result of the weighting process.

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Important issues

Survey question

What issues are likely to inform how you might vote at the September election? Please rank your top five.

Results table

	Rank 1		Rank 2		Rank 3		Rank 4		Rank 5		All	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Jobs for young people	103	12.8%	86	10.7%	96	11.9%	65	8.1%	60	7.5%	411	51.0%
Rent (availability and affordability)	82	10.2%	92	11.5%	71	8.8%	71	8.8%	64	8.0%	380	47.2%
Marriage equality	80	10.0%	46	5.8%	54	6.7%	46	5.7%	57	7.1%	284	35.3%
University funding	76	9.5%	81	10.0%	53	6.6%	40	5.0%	36	4.4%	286	35.5%
Climate change	47	5.9%	42	5.2%	43	5.4%	47	5.8%	36	4.5%	216	26.7%
Youth Allowance	46	5.8%	56	6.9%	39	4.8%	37	4.6%	40	4.9%	218	27.0%
NBN	46	5.7%	43	5.4%	57	7.0%	47	5.8%	44	5.5%	237	29.4%
Superannuation	28	3.5%	40	4.9%	50	6.2%	54	6.7%	61	7.6%	233	28.9%
Bulkbilling doctor visits	21	2.6%	34	4.2%	58	7.2%	52	6.5%	66	8.2%	231	28.7%

* Issues that more than 25 per cent of people ranked in their top 5

Issues that fewer than 25 per cent ranked in their top 5: NDIS, Gonski funding, mining, Closing the Gap, penalty rates for working weekend shifts, animal welfare, refugee policy, defence funding, foreign aid.

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View of the future

Survey question

Are you optimistic about Australia's future?

Results tables

	Gender		Age									All
	Male	Female	17 years	18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years	
Optimistic	18%	13%	12%	14%	20%	13%	17%	8%	23%	19%	15%	16%
Somewhat optimistic	39%	37%	44%	45%	36%	42%	32%	38%	37%	29%	40%	38%
Indifferent	15%	19%	15%	20%	15%	13%	12%	25%	16%	20%	16%	17%
Somewhat pessimistic	15%	14%	12%	12%	12%	16%	19%	15%	10%	18%	15%	14%
Pessimistic	4%	6%	0%	5%	6%	3%	7%	3%	5%	9%	8%	5%
Not sure	9%	11%	17%	4%	11%	14%	13%	12%	9%	4%	6%	10%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	413	394	82	83	85	88	90	93	94	93	95	803