

Polling - Childcare reform

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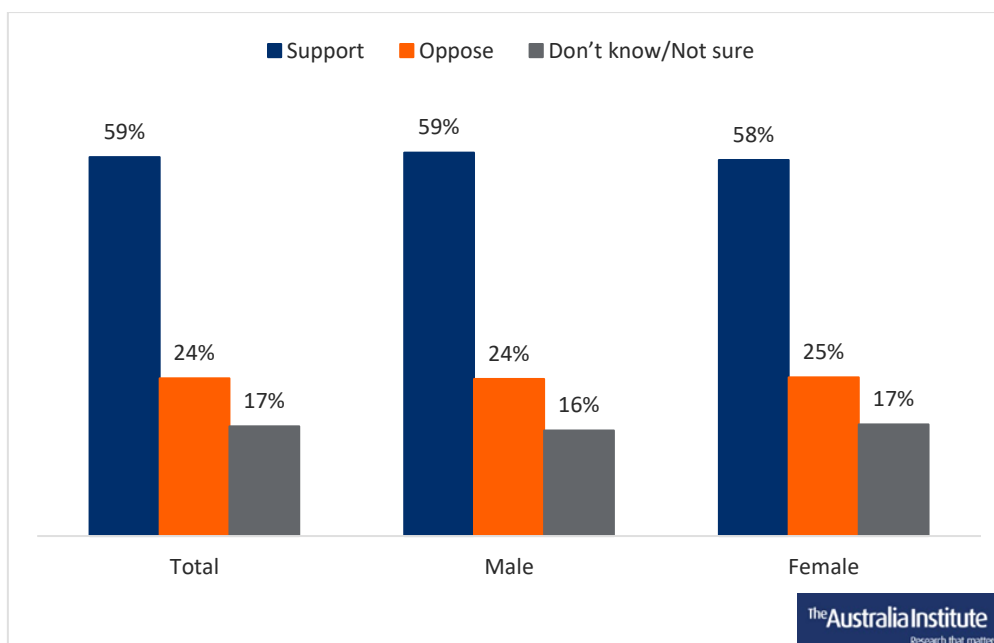
Key results

The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,004 Australians about their attitudes towards free and universal childcare.

The results showed that

- Three in five (59%) Australians support making childcare free and universal, with 24% that strongly support.
 - 24% of Australians oppose free and universal childcare, with 9% that strongly oppose.
- There was no significant difference in responses by gender, with 59% of men and 58% of women supportive of free and universal childcare.
- A majority of Coalition (51%), Labor (66%), Greens (65%) and Independent/Other (58%) voters support free and universal childcare.
 - One Nation voters are the least supportive (47%).

Figure 1: Support for free and universal childcare in Australia (by gender)



Method

The Australia Institute surveyed 1,004 people on 22-23 April 2021, online through Dynata's Rapid Results polling, with nationally representative samples by gender, age and region.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the national results is 3%.

Results are shown only for larger states.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the House of Representatives. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs. "Coalition" includes separate responses for Liberal and National. "Other" refers to Independent/Other.

Detailed results

For a period of three months in 2020, the Federal Government made childcare free and universal.

Would you support or oppose making this arrangement permanent?

	<i>Total</i>	Male	Female	NSW	QLD	VIC	WA
Strongly support	24%	25%	23%	26%	26%	24%	16%
Support	35%	34%	35%	36%	34%	36%	39%
Oppose	15%	14%	16%	14%	17%	14%	13%
Strongly oppose	9%	10%	9%	8%	8%	8%	14%
Don't know/Not sure	17%	16%	17%	16%	15%	18%	18%

	Total	Coalition	Labor	Greens	PHON	Other
Strongly support	24%	16%	28%	34%	26%	26%
Support	35%	35%	38%	31%	21%	31%
Oppose	15%	20%	12%	17%	21%	8%
Strongly oppose	9%	13%	8%	4%	9%	4%
Don't know/Not sure	17%	16%	14%	15%	23%	30%