

Polling - Senate voting intention

May 2022

Key results

In April and May, The Australia Institute surveyed nationally representative samples of Australians about who they intend to vote for in the Senate.

The results suggest that Western Australia is the strongest state for Labor, followed by Victoria. NSW is the strongest state for the Liberal / National Coalition.

Polling is a snapshot in time and does not necessarily reflect how people will vote on election day.

Table 1: Senate voting intention, four-poll average

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA
Liberal / National Coalition	36%	31%	29%	31%	28%
Labor	33%	37%	34%	41%	36%
Greens	11%	12%	13%	12%	13%
Rex Patrick Team	–	–	–	–	2%
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	7%	4%	7%	4%	6%
United Australia Party	5%	6%	3%	3%	3%
Liberal Democratic Party	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%
Nick Xenophon	–	–	–	–	6%
Independent / Other	7%	9%	11%	9%	7%

Table 2: Senate quotas by state, four-poll average

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA
Liberal / National Coalition	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.2	1.9
Labor	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.5
Greens	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
Rex Patrick Team	–	–	–	–	0.1
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4
United Australia Party	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Liberal Democratic Party	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Nick Xenophon	–	–	–	–	0.4
Independent / Other	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5

Method

Between 5 April and 13 May 2022, The Australia Institute conducted four surveys, surveying a total of 4,009 adults living in Australia, online through Dynata’s panel, with nationally representative samples by gender, age group and state/territory.

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.

The research is compliant with the [Australian Polling Council Quality Mark standards](#). The long methodology disclosure statement follows.

Long disclosure statement

The results were weighted by three variables (gender, age group and state or territory) based on Australian Bureau of Statistics [“National, state and territory population”](#) data, using the raking method. This resulted in an effective sample size of between 891 and 996 (depending on the survey).

Date	Sample	Effective sample
5 to 8 April 2022	1,003	891
19 to 22 April 2022	1,002	994
3 to 6 May 2022	1,002	996
10 to 13 May 2022	1,002	994

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the national result from each poll is 3%. Note that while the margin of error for each 1,000-person poll is 3%, the margin of error for state-level results is larger.

Results are shown only for larger states.

Voting intention questions appeared just after the initial demographic questions, before policy questions. Respondents who answered “Don’t know / Not sure” for voting intention were then asked a leaning question; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs. “Coalition” includes separate responses for Liberal and National. “Other” refers to Independent/Other, and minor parties in cases where they were included in the voting intention but represent too small a sample to be reported separately in the crosstabs.



Detailed results

No preceding questions in the poll are expected to have influenced the results of the questions published here.

And which party are you intending to vote for in the Senate (upper house)?

Total and demographic figures are for the nation excluding South Australia, as South Australians were given two additional options (Rex Patrick Team and Nick Xenophon).

13 May 2022

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>
Liberal / National Coalition	31%	34%	28%	35%	29%	31%	19%	32%
Labor	34%	35%	33%	30%	35%	33%	44%	33%
Greens	12%	10%	13%	12%	11%	10%	12%	10%
Rex Patrick Team	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0%
Pauline Hanson’s One Nation	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	7%	2%	7%
United Australia Party	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%
Liberal Democratic Party	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Nick Xenophon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7%
Independent / Other	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	6%	6%	0%
Don’t know / Not sure	9%	6%	12%	8%	10%	9%	11%	7%

6 May 2022

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>
Liberal / National Coalition	34%	37%	32%	39%	32%	29%	41%	25%
Labor	30%	32%	28%	27%	33%	30%	32%	25%
Greens	10%	10%	10%	12%	10%	9%	5%	19%
Rex Patrick Team	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3%
Pauline Hanson’s One Nation	6%	5%	7%	6%	4%	7%	5%	5%
United Australia Party	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%	3%	1%	4%
Liberal Democratic Party	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	0%
Nick Xenophon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7%
Independent / Other	5%	5%	5%	4%	3%	7%	7%	5%
Don’t know / Not sure	9%	6%	12%	6%	11%	12%	7%	7%

22 April 2022

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA
Liberal / National Coalition	29%	34%	24%	33%	26%	25%	31%	26%
Labor	35%	36%	33%	35%	34%	32%	38%	37%
Greens	11%	11%	11%	8%	11%	15%	10%	6%
Rex Patrick Team	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5%
Pauline Hanson’s One Nation	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%	3%	7%
United Australia Party	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Liberal Democratic Party	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Nick Xenophon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6%
Independent / Other	6%	5%	7%	4%	10%	5%	7%	0%
Don’t know / Not sure	12%	6%	16%	10%	11%	15%	8%	11%

8 April 2022

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>
Liberal / National Coalition	28%	34%	21%	32%	25%	25%	27%	27%
Labor	35%	33%	37%	32%	36%	38%	39%	43%
Greens	11%	11%	12%	10%	12%	15%	11%	11%
Rex Patrick Team	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0%
Pauline Hanson’s One Nation	6%	5%	6%	6%	4%	6%	4%	4%
United Australia Party	5%	5%	4%	8%	4%	2%	0%	2%
Liberal Democratic Party	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Nick Xenophon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3%
Independent / Other	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%	3%	3%
Don’t know / Not sure	10%	5%	14%	7%	10%	8%	16%	8%

If you're not sure, to which of the following do you have a leaning?

Only those who answered "Don't know / Not sure" to the previous question were asked this question.

Total and demographic figures are for the nation excluding South Australia, as South Australians were given two additional options (Rex Patrick Team and Nick Xenophon).

13 May 2022

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA
Liberal / National Coalition	14%	15%	14%	25%	11%	12%	9%	0%
Labor	22%	15%	25%	21%	19%	17%	27%	39%
Greens	11%	7%	13%	4%	15%	12%	19%	20%
Rex Patrick Team	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0%
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	5%	0%	7%	4%	0%	11%	9%	0%
United Australia Party	12%	7%	14%	16%	15%	6%	9%	0%
Liberal Democratic Party	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Nick Xenophon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0%
Independent / Other	37%	55%	28%	30%	39%	41%	27%	41%

6 May 2022

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA
Liberal / National Coalition	16%	15%	17%	9%	27%	8%	15%	0%
Labor	16%	19%	15%	20%	20%	12%	13%	58%
Greens	7%	12%	5%	5%	0%	5%	56%	0%
Rex Patrick Team	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0%
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	8%	8%	7%	5%	11%	9%	0%	0%
United Australia Party	11%	12%	10%	14%	7%	17%	0%	0%
Liberal Democratic Party	1%	0%	2%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Nick Xenophon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0%
Independent / Other	40%	34%	43%	43%	35%	49%	15%	42%

22 April 2022

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>
Liberal / National Coalition	22%	14%	25%	21%	35%	13%	0%	0%
Labor	12%	4%	15%	6%	24%	10%	16%	5%
Greens	8%	8%	9%	6%	0%	13%	23%	28%
Rex Patrick Team	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0%
Pauline Hanson’s One Nation	8%	3%	10%	18%	3%	6%	0%	0%
United Australia Party	6%	11%	4%	0%	14%	3%	13%	0%
Liberal Democratic Party	1%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Nick Xenophon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0%
Independent / Other	43%	60%	36%	48%	20%	54%	48%	68%

8 April 2022

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>
Liberal / National Coalition	20%	20%	21%	22%	22%	27%	18%	16%
Labor	26%	41%	20%	30%	25%	12%	25%	0%
Greens	9%	3%	11%	6%	9%	8%	17%	0%
Rex Patrick Team	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0%
Pauline Hanson’s One Nation	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%	8%	4%	0%
United Australia Party	4%	0%	5%	4%	9%	0%	0%	0%
Liberal Democratic Party	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Nick Xenophon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0%
Independent / Other	39%	33%	42%	39%	34%	46%	36%	84%