



Polling - Queensland Labor policies

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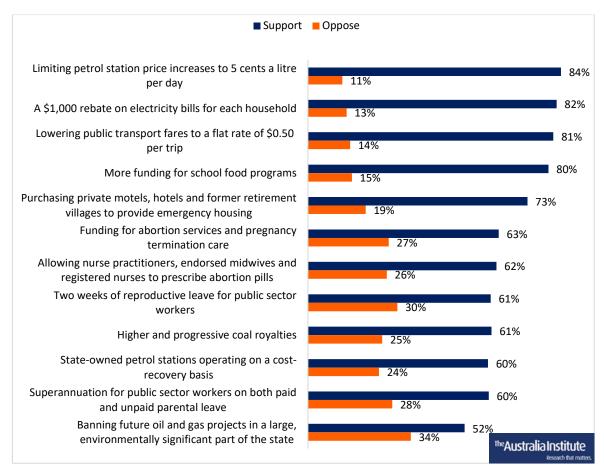
Key results

The Australia Institute surveyed a representative sample of 1,041 Queensland residents about whether they support 12 policies introduced by the Queensland Labor Government.

The results show that:

- Each of the 12 policies is supported by most Queenslanders.
- The net effect of each of the 12 policies is to make Queenslanders more likely to vote for the Labor Government.

Figure 1: Support for Queensland Labor Government's policies



The Australia Institute has previously argued that the advantage of a federal system like Australia's is that other states and territories can adopt successful policies once they have been proven to work in one jurisdiction. This theory, which has been widely understood in the United States for almost a century, describes states and territories as "laboratories of democracy".¹

Australia Institute polling research finds that policies from the Australian Capital Territory, even ones that are novel or controversial, find strong support among other Australians.²

The Queensland Labor Government under premiers Annastacia Palaszczuk and Steven Miles has introduced or announced innovative, controversial policies. This offers another opportunity to test the laboratory of democracy theory, by confirming whether these policies are popular in the jurisdiction they are introduced and whether they would be popular if adopted in other jurisdictions around Australia.

Respondents in Queensland were presented with 12 policies that have been introduced or announced by the Queensland Labor Government, and asked to what extent they support or oppose the policies.

- Each of the 12 policies is supported by most Queenslanders.
- 10 of the 12 policies had more support than opposition from Queenslanders of all voting intentions.

Cost of living policies are the most popular among the policies presented to Queenslanders.

- Limiting petrol station price increases to 5 cents a litre per day and banning petrol stations raising prices more than once a day is the most popular policy, with almost six in seven (84%) Queenslanders supporting it.
- A \$1,000 rebate on electricity bills for each household has the support of four in five (82%) Queenslanders.
- Four in five Queenslanders (81%) support lowering public transport fares to a flat rate of \$0.50 per trip.
- Four in five (80%) support more funding for school food programs.
- Three in five (60%) support state-owned petrol stations operating on a cost-recovery basis.

¹ Browne (2019) *Canberra: Laboratory of democracy*, pp. 1, 4–5, https://australiainstitute.org.au/report/canberra-laboratory-of-democracy/

² The Australia Institute (2024) *Polling – Australian attitudes to ACT policies*, https://australiainstitute.org.au/report/polling-australian-attitudes-to-act-policies/

Abortion and reproduction policies receive support from three in five Queenslanders:

- 63% support funding for abortion services and pregnancy termination care.
- 62% support allowing nurse practitioners, endorsed midwives and registered nurses to prescribe abortion pills.
- 61% support two weeks of reproductive leave for public sector workers.
- 60% support superannuation for public sector workers on both paid and unpaid leave.

Other policies were also popular:

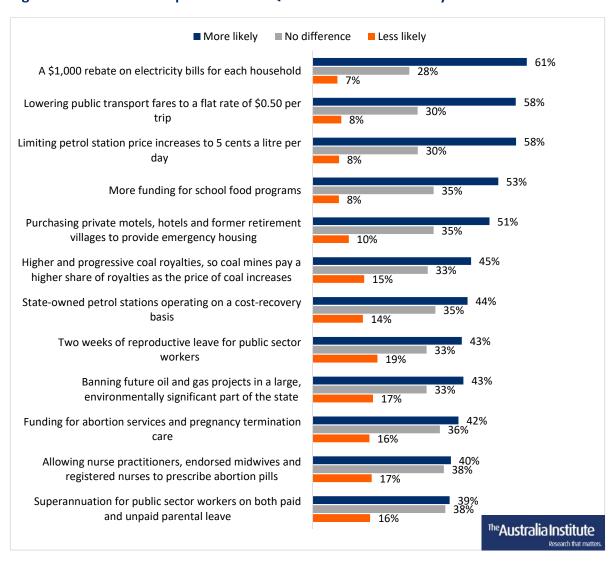
- Three in four Queenslanders (73%) support purchasing private motels, hotels and former retirement villages to provide emergency housing.
- Three in five Queenslanders (61%) support **higher and progressive coal** royalties.
- Half of Queenslanders (52%) support banning future oil and gas projects in a large, environmentally significant part of the state, compared to 34% who oppose.
 - This was the only policy where a majority of any voting intention opposed the policy: 50% of Coalition, 52% of One Nation and 51% of Katter's Australian Party voters are opposed.

Respondents were then told that the 12 policies have been implemented or announced by the Labor Government and were asked to what extent those policies make them more or less likely to vote for the Labor Government.

The introduction or announcement of all twelve policies make Queenslanders more likely than not to vote for Labor.

The four policies that most Queenslanders identified as making them more likely to vote for Labor are all cost of living related: an electricity rebate, 50 cent public transport fares, limiting petrol station price increases and more funding for school food programs.

Figure 2: Whether Labor policies make Queenslanders more likely to vote Labor



Method

Short disclosure statement

Panel provider	Dynata
Research company	The Australia Institute
Client commissioning the research	NA
Fieldwork dates	4 to 12 October 2024
Mode of data collection	Online recruited from research panel
Target population	Queenslander adults aged 18+
Sample size	1,041
Australian Polling Council compliant	Yes
Voting intention published	No
Long disclosure statement	See below

Long disclosure statement

Effective sample size after weighting applied	1,028
Margin of error associated with effective sample size	±3%
Variables used in weighting	Age and gender, based on Australian Bureau of Statistics "National, state and territory population" data
Gender identity categorisation	Those who answered the gender identity question as "Non-binary", "I use a different term", or "Prefer not to answer" had their responses included with females for the purpose of reporting, due to constraints from weighting data availability
Weighting method used	Raking method
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	See below
Source of online sample	Dynata's online panel
Positioning of voting intention questions in questionnaire	Immediately after demographics, before policy questions
How were undecided voters handled?	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
Method of calculating 2PP	N/A
Voting intention categorisation	Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the Legislative Assembly "Other" refers to Independent/Other
Location results	Results are shown for Queensland only



Detailed results

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

To what extent do you support or oppose the following policies?

Higher and progressive coal royalties, so coal mines pay a higher share of royalties as the price of coal increases.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	27%	27%	28%
Support	33%	34%	33%
Oppose	16%	19%	15%
Strongly oppose	8%	11%	6%
Don't know / Not sure	15%	10%	19%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	KAP	Other
Strongly support	27%	36%	16%	46%	18%	9%	25%
Support	33%	36%	38%	28%	20%	49%	22%
Oppose	16%	14%	20%	10%	24%	23%	13%
Strongly oppose	8%	1%	15%	5%	15%	5%	5%
Don't know / Not	15%	12%	11%	11%	22%	14%	36%
sure							

Lowering public transport fares to a flat rate of \$0.50 per trip.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	49%	45%	52%
Support	32%	33%	31%
Oppose	9%	10%	9%
Strongly oppose	5%	7%	3%
Don't know / Not sure	5%	5%	5%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	KAP	Other
Strongly support	49%	61%	36%	62%	45%	46%	41%
Support	32%	29%	37%	27%	33%	35%	35%
Oppose	9%	6%	15%	6%	4%	4%	5%
Strongly oppose	5%	2%	8%	3%	8%	10%	5%
Don't know / Not	5%	2%	4%	3%	10%	5%	14%
sure							

More funding for school food programs.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	36%	30%	43%
Support	43%	46%	41%
Oppose	10%	12%	9%
Strongly oppose	4%	6%	3%
Don't know / Not sure	6%	7%	5%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Strongly support	36%	41%	28%	48%	36%	40%	32%
Support	43%	43%	48%	36%	38%	42%	43%
Oppose	10%	10%	11%	9%	11%	14%	8%
Strongly oppose	4%	2%	7%	3%	6%	0%	2%
Don't know / Not	6%	4%	5%	4%	9%	4%	15%
sure							

A \$1,000 rebate on electricity bills for each household.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	53%	47%	59%
Support	29%	31%	27%
Oppose	9%	11%	7%
Strongly oppose	4%	6%	2%
Don't know / Not sure	5%	5%	5%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Strongly support	53%	60%	44%	59%	66%	38%	48%
Support	29%	29%	33%	24%	22%	34%	31%
Oppose	9%	6%	13%	7%	1%	18%	7%
Strongly oppose	4%	2%	6%	6%	1%	10%	1%
Don't know / Not	5%	3%	4%	5%	9%	0%	13%
sure							

Funding for abortion services and pregnancy termination care.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	27%	21%	33%
Support	36%	40%	32%
Oppose	15%	16%	15%
Strongly oppose	11%	13%	9%
Don't know / Not sure	10%	9%	11%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One	KAP	Other
					Nation		
Strongly support	27%	31%	19%	43%	20%	19%	28%
Support	36%	41%	37%	33%	29%	40%	24%
Oppose	15%	14%	20%	12%	8%	27%	12%
Strongly oppose	11%	6%	14%	8%	28%	9%	15%
Don't know / Not	10%	9%	10%	4%	15%	5%	21%
sure							

Two weeks of reproductive leave for public sector workers, including for IVF, cancer screenings, vasectomies, hysterectomies and endometriosis.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	29%	21%	36%
Support	32%	32%	32%
Oppose	18%	21%	15%
Strongly oppose	12%	17%	7%
Don't know / Not sure	10%	9%	10%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	KAP	Other
Strongly support	29%	36%	21%	40%	26%	9%	22%
Support	32%	34%	29%	37%	22%	45%	31%
Oppose	18%	15%	23%	12%	17%	23%	12%
Strongly oppose	12%	5%	18%	6%	23%	24%	10%
Don't know / Not	10%	9%	9%	5%	12%	0%	25%
sure							

Superannuation for public sector workers on both paid and unpaid parental leave.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	25%	19%	32%
Support	35%	37%	32%
Oppose	17%	20%	14%
Strongly oppose	11%	13%	10%
Don't know / Not sure	12%	11%	13%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One	KAP	Other
					Nation		
Strongly support	25%	31%	17%	38%	25%	13%	18%
Support	35%	38%	32%	38%	30%	35%	32%
Oppose	17%	13%	23%	11%	13%	29%	10%
Strongly oppose	11%	7%	17%	5%	14%	19%	11%
Don't know / Not	12%	10%	11%	8%	19%	5%	28%
sure							

Allowing nurse practitioners, endorsed midwives and registered nurses to prescribe abortion pills, if they have done extra training.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	28%	23%	34%
Support	34%	35%	33%
Oppose	15%	18%	12%
Strongly oppose	12%	13%	10%
Don't know / Not sure	11%	12%	11%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	KAP	Other
Strongly support	28%	36%	21%	35%	24%	18%	24%
Support	34%	38%	35%	32%	25%	40%	27%
Oppose	15%	11%	18%	14%	14%	28%	11%
Strongly oppose	12%	7%	15%	11%	13%	10%	13%
Don't know / Not	11%	8%	11%	7%	24%	5%	24%
sure							

Banning future oil and gas projects in a large, environmentally significant part of the state.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	25%	23%	28%
Support	27%	25%	28%
Oppose	20%	21%	19%
Strongly oppose	14%	21%	8%
Don't know / Not sure	14%	11%	17%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	KAP	Other
Strongly support	25%	32%	13%	50%	14%	5%	22%
Support	27%	34%	24%	27%	8%	36%	23%
Oppose	20%	17%	24%	15%	25%	22%	17%
Strongly oppose	14%	4%	26%	2%	27%	28%	8%
Don't know / Not	14%	13%	13%	5%	26%	9%	30%
sure							

Purchasing private motels, hotels and former retirement villages to provide emergency housing for those at risk of homelessness.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	33%	25%	40%
Support	40%	41%	39%
Oppose	12%	14%	10%
Strongly oppose	7%	11%	4%
Don't know / Not sure	8%	9%	7%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Strongly support	33%	37%	22%	49%	30%	26%	35%
Support	40%	45%	45%	29%	31%	37%	29%
Oppose	12%	8%	15%	11%	12%	27%	9%
Strongly oppose	7%	3%	11%	6%	13%	4%	8%
Don't know / Not	8%	8%	6%	5%	13%	5%	19%
sure							

State-owned petrol stations operating on a cost-recovery basis.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	27%	25%	29%
Support	33%	32%	34%
Oppose	14%	16%	13%
Strongly oppose	9%	13%	5%
Don't know / Not sure	17%	14%	20%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One	KAP	Other
					Nation		
Strongly support	27%	35%	19%	35%	25%	32%	19%
Support	33%	33%	33%	36%	21%	23%	36%
Oppose	14%	13%	17%	12%	13%	18%	11%
Strongly oppose	9%	4%	15%	6%	13%	19%	5%
Don't know / Not	17%	15%	15%	12%	29%	9%	30%
sure							

Limiting petrol station price increases to 5 cents a litre per day and a ban on petrol stations raising prices more than once a day.

	Total	Male	Female
Strongly support	52%	48%	57%
Support	32%	34%	29%
Oppose	8%	9%	6%
Strongly oppose	4%	5%	3%
Don't know / Not sure	5%	4%	5%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	KAP	Other
Strongly support	52%	56%	49%	54%	57%	50%	47%
Support	32%	32%	35%	25%	28%	31%	29%
Oppose	8%	6%	7%	12%	4%	14%	9%
Strongly oppose	4%	3%	5%	4%	1%	5%	4%
Don't know / Not	5%	3%	4%	5%	9%	0%	10%
sure							

These are policies that have been implemented or announced by the Labor Government.

To what extent did these policies make you more or less likely to vote for the Labor Government?

Higher and progressive coal royalties, so coal mines pay a higher share of royalties as the price of coal increases.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	21%	21%	20%
More likely	25%	25%	24%
No difference	33%	30%	36%
Less likely	7%	9%	5%
Much less likely	7%	10%	5%
Don't know / Not sure	7%	4%	10%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Much more likely	21%	32%	10%	31%	10%	8%	16%
More likely	25%	33%	18%	32%	11%	27%	22%
No difference	33%	26%	43%	23%	37%	23%	32%
Less likely	7%	3%	9%	7%	15%	23%	4%
Much less likely	7%	1%	15%	2%	12%	15%	5%
Don't know / Not	7%	5%	5%	5%	15%	4%	21%
sure							

Lowering public transport fares to a flat rate of \$0.50 per trip.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	31%	26%	36%
More likely	27%	28%	25%
No difference	30%	31%	29%
Less likely	4%	5%	3%
Much less likely	4%	6%	3%
Don't know / Not sure	4%	3%	4%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One	КАР	Other
					Nation		
Much more likely	31%	45%	16%	49%	24%	22%	27%
More likely	27%	35%	24%	21%	23%	22%	18%
No difference	30%	16%	43%	22%	34%	46%	33%
Less likely	4%	2%	4%	4%	7%	9%	5%
Much less likely	4%	0%	10%	1%	4%	0%	1%
Don't know / Not	4%	2%	2%	3%	7%	0%	17%
sure							

More funding for school food programs.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	23%	20%	27%
More likely	30%	27%	32%
No difference	35%	38%	31%
Less likely	4%	5%	3%
Much less likely	4%	5%	2%
Don't know / Not sure	5%	5%	5%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Much more likely	23%	35%	13%	28%	15%	26%	22%
More likely	30%	36%	24%	37%	21%	31%	24%
No difference	35%	24%	45%	25%	53%	33%	32%
Less likely	4%	2%	6%	5%	0%	9%	2%
Much less likely	4%	0%	9%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Don't know / Not	5%	2%	4%	3%	11%	0%	18%
sure							

A \$1,000 rebate on electricity bills for each household.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	33%	28%	38%
More likely	28%	27%	29%
No difference	28%	32%	24%
Less likely	4%	5%	3%
Much less likely	3%	5%	1%
Don't know / Not sure	4%	3%	5%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One	KAP	Other
					Nation		
Much more likely	33%	50%	18%	40%	30%	18%	26%
More likely	28%	31%	26%	32%	22%	49%	23%
No difference	28%	14%	40%	21%	37%	19%	33%
Less likely	4%	2%	7%	3%	4%	14%	0%
Much less likely	3%	0%	7%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Don't know / Not	4%	3%	2%	3%	7%	0%	17%
sure							

Funding for abortion services and pregnancy termination care.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	18%	14%	22%
More likely	24%	23%	24%
No difference	36%	38%	34%
Less likely	6%	8%	5%
Much less likely	10%	13%	7%
Don't know / Not sure	6%	4%	7%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Much more likely	18%	27%	9%	25%	16%	18%	14%
More likely	24%	32%	17%	29%	17%	27%	13%
No difference	36%	28%	46%	29%	34%	41%	41%
Less likely	6%	4%	9%	6%	8%	9%	4%
Much less likely	10%	5%	15%	7%	15%	5%	7%
Don't know / Not	6%	4%	4%	4%	10%	0%	20%
sure							

Two weeks of reproductive leave for public sector workers, including for IVF, cancer screenings, vasectomies, hysterectomies and endometriosis.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	19%	15%	24%
More likely	23%	21%	26%
No difference	33%	35%	31%
Less likely	10%	11%	8%
Much less likely	9%	13%	4%
Don't know / Not sure	6%	5%	7%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Much more likely	19%	28%	10%	28%	19%	4%	14%
More likely	23%	33%	16%	31%	12%	39%	13%
No difference	33%	26%	41%	24%	30%	28%	40%
Less likely	10%	8%	11%	8%	12%	24%	7%
Much less likely	9%	1%	18%	3%	15%	5%	6%
Don't know / Not	6%	5%	4%	5%	11%	0%	20%
sure							

Superannuation for public sector workers on both paid and unpaid parental leave.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	17%	13%	21%
More likely	22%	19%	26%
No difference	38%	42%	34%
Less likely	8%	8%	8%
Much less likely	8%	12%	5%
Don't know / Not sure	6%	6%	7%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Much more likely	17%	25%	10%	21%	16%	4%	12%
More likely	22%	29%	15%	30%	11%	35%	24%
No difference	38%	34%	44%	33%	33%	38%	38%
Less likely	8%	5%	11%	6%	16%	23%	2%
Much less likely	8%	2%	16%	6%	10%	0%	4%
Don't know / Not	6%	5%	4%	4%	14%	0%	20%
sure							

Allowing nurse practitioners, endorsed midwives and registered nurses to prescribe abortion pills, if they have done extra training.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	19%	14%	23%
More likely	21%	17%	25%
No difference	38%	43%	33%
Less likely	8%	10%	6%
Much less likely	9%	11%	7%
Don't know / Not sure	6%	5%	7%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Much more likely	19%	27%	11%	25%	15%	18%	15%
More likely	21%	27%	14%	30%	19%	21%	12%
No difference	38%	33%	44%	28%	33%	47%	41%
Less likely	8%	5%	12%	6%	9%	10%	8%
Much less likely	9%	4%	15%	5%	11%	5%	6%
Don't know / Not	6%	5%	4%	6%	12%	0%	17%
sure							

Banning future oil and gas projects in a large, environmentally significant part of the state.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	20%	18%	22%
More likely	23%	22%	24%
No difference	33%	33%	32%
Less likely	7%	7%	7%
Much less likely	10%	14%	6%
Don't know / Not sure	7%	5%	9%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	PHON	One Nation	Other
Much more likely	20%	29%	9%	40%	5%	9%	16%
More likely	23%	30%	17%	26%	15%	40%	21%
No difference	33%	28%	42%	22%	33%	23%	33%
Less likely	7%	5%	10%	5%	12%	9%	1%
Much less likely	10%	3%	19%	2%	20%	14%	2%
Don't know / Not	7%	6%	3%	4%	15%	4%	27%
sure							

Purchasing private motels, hotels and former retirement villages to provide emergency housing for those at risk of homelessness.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	21%	18%	24%
More likely	30%	28%	32%
No difference	35%	36%	33%
Less likely	6%	8%	4%
Much less likely	5%	7%	2%
Don't know / Not sure	5%	3%	6%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	PHON	One Nation	Other
Much more likely	21%	28%	11%	31%	18%	18%	22%
More likely	30%	38%	24%	33%	19%	36%	25%
No difference	35%	27%	44%	27%	42%	23%	32%
Less likely	6%	3%	8%	3%	8%	23%	1%
Much less likely	5%	1%	11%	2%	4%	0%	1%
Don't know / Not	5%	3%	2%	4%	9%	0%	19%
sure							

State-owned petrol stations operating on a cost-recovery basis.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	19%	16%	23%
More likely	25%	24%	26%
No difference	35%	35%	35%
Less likely	8%	10%	5%
Much less likely	7%	10%	4%
Don't know / Not sure	6%	5%	7%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Much more likely	19%	28%	12%	22%	14%	18%	20%
More likely	25%	29%	19%	32%	19%	40%	19%
No difference	35%	29%	42%	31%	37%	33%	34%
Less likely	8%	5%	11%	5%	14%	0%	5%
Much less likely	7%	2%	13%	6%	6%	4%	2%
Don't know / Not	6%	6%	3%	4%	10%	5%	20%
sure							

Limiting petrol station price increases to 5 cents a litre per day and a ban on petrol stations raising prices more than once a day.

	Total	Male	Female
Much more likely	27%	25%	29%
More likely	31%	28%	34%
No difference	30%	33%	27%
Less likely	5%	6%	4%
Much less likely	3%	4%	1%
Don't know / Not sure	4%	3%	5%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	КАР	Other
Much more likely	27%	41%	13%	30%	31%	14%	26%
More likely	31%	36%	28%	35%	25%	36%	28%
No difference	30%	18%	44%	23%	32%	32%	26%
Less likely	5%	3%	6%	8%	4%	18%	1%
Much less likely	3%	0%	6%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Don't know / Not	4%	3%	2%	4%	7%	0%	18%
sure							