

Australian Survey of Reasons for COVID-19 Vaccination - Results

This survey was designed by Clarity on Health and promoted on various social media sites and websites during the period February 18th to March 28th 2022. Although all Federal MPs and Senators were told about the survey and asked to share the link, and press releases were sent to mainstream media outlets, it transpired that the survey was mostly shared by people who were concerned about the vaccines.

The survey was carried out using the ProProfs survey platform www.proprofs.com

Analysis of the results was carried out by Clarity on Health in April 2022.

Here are the results, question by question:

1. Which Federal electoral division are you in?

A total of 26,680 people completed the survey. Responses were received from people in all 151 divisions. The largest number of responses were recorded by people from Casey (592 responses) and the smallest number were received from people in Watson (29 responses).

2. What is your sex?

Answer	Responses	Percentage
Male	11,219	42.1%
Female	15,331	57.5%
Other	130	0.5%
Total	26,680	100%

3. What age group are you in?

Answer	Responses	Percentage
5-17 years	73	0.3%
18-29 years	1,926	7.2%
30-39 years	5,448	20.4%
40-59 years	13,464	50.5%
60-79 years	5,594	21.0%
80 years and over	175	0.7%
Total	26,680	100%

4. How many COVID-19 vaccination doses have you had?

Answer	Responses	Percentage
I have not had any doses of a COVID-19 vaccination (Please now go to Question 8)	16,819	63.0%
I have had 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccination	1,078	4.0%
I have had 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccination	6,913	25.9%
I have had 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccination plus one or more booster doses	1,870	7.0%
Total	26,680	100.00%

In total 9,861 people had at least one dose of the vaccine. This meant 37% of the respondents were vaccinated and 63% were not vaccinated.

Questions 5 to 8 were only for vaccinated people.

5. What were your reasons for deciding to have a first COVID-19 vaccine dose? Please select all the reasons that applied to your decision

Answer	Responses	Percentage
To keep my job	6,108	19.7%
It was mandated for my job or profession	3,793	12.2%
To allow me to enter my place of work	3,250	10.5%
To allow me to travel (within my state, interstate or overseas)	2,186	7.0%
To enable me to go to into shops and businesses	1,783	5.8%
So I could attend a public event such as a restaurant, wedding or sport	1,779	5.7%
So that I could get out of lockdown restrictions	1,554	5.0%
So that I could join in social gatherings with my friends or family	1,256	4.1%
To protect me from getting COVID-19	995	3.2%
Other	873	2.8%
I felt it was important to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community	832	2.7%
I thought it was the right thing to do	797	2.6%
I wanted to visit elderly or vulnerable friends or relatives without putting them at risk of COVID-19	756	2.4%
To help us to reach a target level of vaccination at which lockdown restrictions would be eased	574	1.9%
My family or friends pressured me to have it	517	1.7%
I was afraid of getting severe COVID-19	513	1.7%
To enable me to visit family members in hospital or to accompany them to medical appointments	482	1.6%
So that I could participate in a club or team activity or work as a volunteer	450	1.5%
To enable me to have a medical treatment or surgery or to attend medical appointments for myself	449	1.4%
I live or work with vulnerable people and I wanted to protect them from catching COVID-19	389	1.3%
To enable me to take my children to activities or to enter their school	360	1.2%
My family or friends encouraged me to have it	339	1.1%
I felt at high risk of severe COVID-19 because I have an existing health condition	303	1.0%
So that I could attend school, college or university	287	0.9%
I felt at high risk of severe COVID-19 because of my age	238	0.8%
I was given money or another incentive to have the vaccine	80	0.3%
To enable me to have IVF treatment (In Vitro Fertilisation)	40	0.1%
I am under 18 and my parent(s) or guardian wanted me to have the vaccine	14	0.0%
I am under 18 and my parent(s) or guardian did not want me to have a COVID-19 vaccination, however another person arranged for me to have the COVID-19 vaccination	11	0.0%
Total	31,008	100%

People chose 3.1 reasons on average, which is why there are 31,008 responses even though only 9,861 people were vaccinated.

Q6. What was your MAIN REASON for deciding to have a first COVID-19 vaccine dose?

Answer	Responses	Percentage
To keep my job	3785	39.2%
It was mandated for my job or profession	1803	18.7%
To allow me to travel (within my state, interstate or overseas)	597	6.2%
Other	477	4.9%
To protect me from getting COVID-19	363	3.8%
To allow me to enter my place of work	295	3.1%
I felt it was important to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community	265	2.7%
So I could attend a public event such as a restaurant, wedding or sport	260	2.7%
So that I could get out of lockdown restrictions	231	2.4%
My family or friends pressured me to have it	186	1.9%
I thought it was the right thing to do	168	1.7%
To enable me to go into shops and businesses	148	1.5%
I wanted to visit elderly or vulnerable friends or relatives without putting them at risk of COVID-19	141	1.5%
To enable me to visit family members in hospital or to accompany them to medical appointments	106	1.1%
I felt at high risk of severe COVID-19 because I have an existing health condition	104	1.1%
So that I could join in social gatherings with my friends or family	95	1.0%
To enable me to have a medical treatment or surgery or to attend medical appointments for myself	84	0.9%
I was afraid of getting severe COVID-19	81	0.8%
To enable me to take my children to activities or to enter their school	77	0.8%
I live or work with vulnerable people and I wanted to protect them from catching COVID-19	75	0.8%
To help us to reach a target level of vaccination at which lockdown restrictions would be eased	75	0.8%
I felt at high risk of severe COVID-19 because of my age	62	0.6%
My family or friends encouraged me to have it	53	0.5%

So that I could attend school, college or university	51	0.5%
So that I could participate in a club or team activity or work as a volunteer	46	0.5%
I was given money or another incentive to have the vaccine	10	0.1%
To enable me to have IVF treatment (in vitro fertilisation)	8	0.1%
I am under 18 and my parent(s) or guardian wanted me to have the vaccine	2	0.0%
I am under 18 and my parent(s) or guardian did not want me to have the vaccine, however another person arranged for me to have it	0	0.0%
	9648	100.0%

7. Did you feel you were put under any pressure to have any of your doses of a COVID-19 vaccination? Please answer on a scale from 0 to 4 where 0 is no pressure at all and 4 is extreme pressure

Answer	Responses	Percentage
0 - I felt no pressure to have a COVID-19 vaccination	833	8.5%
1 - I felt slightly pressured to have a COVID-19 vaccination	215	2.2%
2 - I felt moderately pressured to have a COVID-19 vaccination	379	3.9%
3 - I felt very pressured to have a COVID-19 vaccination	828	8.4%
4 - I felt extremely pressured to have a COVID-19 vaccination	7559	77.0%
	9814	100.0%

8. What are your current feelings about having a further COVID-19 vaccination (for example a second dose or booster)?

Answer	Responses	Percentage
I will willingly take another COVID-19 vaccination dose if advised to do so	853	8.7%
I am less willing to take another COVID-19 vaccination dose	383	3.9%
I am reluctant to have further COVID-19 vaccination doses	2138	21.7%
I intend to refuse any further COVID-19 vaccination doses	6483	65.8%
	9857	100.0%

9. This question is only for people who have not had any vaccination doses.

Do you currently feel under any pressure to have a COVID-19 vaccination?

Please answer on a scale from 0 to 4 where 0 is no pressure at all and 4 is extreme pressure

Answer	Responses	Percentage
0 - I feel no pressure to have a COVID-19 vaccination	2352	14.0%
1 - I feel slightly pressured to have a COVID-19 vaccination	1293	7.7%
2 - I feel moderately pressured to have a COVID-19 vaccination	1995	11.9%
3 - I feel very pressured to have a COVID-19 vaccination	2813	16.7%
4 - I feel extremely pressured to have a COVID-19 vaccination	8362	49.7%
	16815	100.0%

Data on pressure to be vaccinated by state and territory:

Vaccinated	VIC		WA		NSW		NT	
No pressure	323	9.6%	64	5.1%	182	8.4%	6	5.0%
Slight pressure	62	1.8%	16	1.3%	64	3.0%	1	0.8%
Moderate pressure	92	2.7%	40	3.2%	98	4.5%	4	3.3%
Very pressured	228	6.7%	78	6.3%	226	10.5%	7	5.8%
Extremely pressured	2676	79.1%	1047	84.1%	1585	73.5%	103	85.1%
Sum	3381	100.0%	1245	100.0%	2155	100.0%	121	100.0%
Unvaccinated	VIC		WA		NSW		NT	
No pressure	496	12.8%	208	11.1%	699	16.1%	4	6.0%
Slight pressure	272	7.0%	102	5.4%	377	8.7%	5	7.5%
Moderate pressure	411	10.6%	178	9.5%	521	12.0%	4	6.0%
Very pressured	641	16.5%	314	16.7%	684	15.8%	10	14.9%
Extremely pressured	2068	53.2%	1080	57.4%	2049	47.3%	44	65.7%
Sum	3888	100.0%	1882	100.0%	4330	100.0%	67	100.0%
	VIC		WA		NSW		NT	
No. of State or Territory respondents	7269		3127		6485		188	
Vaccinated	46.5%		39.8%		33.2%		64.4%	
Unvaccinated	53.5%		60.2%		66.8%		35.6%	

Vaccinated	SA		QLD		TAS		ACT	
No pressure	43	8.8%	183	8.2%	14	13.5%	24	28.2%
Slight pressure	11	2.2%	58	2.6%	0	0.0%	5	5.9%
Moderate pressure	25	5.1%	118	5.3%	6	5.8%	5	5.9%
Very pressured	46	9.4%	218	9.8%	9	8.7%	15	17.6%
Extremely pressured	364	74.4%	1658	74.2%	75	72.1%	36	42.4%
Sum	489	100.0%	2235	100.0%	104	100.0%	85	100.0%
Unvaccinated	SA		QLD		TAS		ACT	
No pressure	179	15.4%	715	14.1%	40	13.1%	27	19.4%
Slight pressure	100	8.6%	400	7.9%	29	9.5%	16	11.5%
Moderate pressure	169	14.5%	647	12.7%	49	16.0%	28	20.1%
Very pressured	204	17.6%	902	17.8%	50	16.3%	18	12.9%
Extremely pressured	510	43.9%	2416	47.6%	138	45.1%	50	36.0%
Sum	1162	100.0%	5080	100.0%	306	100.0%	139	100.0%
	SA		QLD		TAS		ACT	
No. of State or Territory respondents	1651		7315		410		224	
Vaccinated	29.6%		30.6%		25.4%		37.9%	
Unvaccinated	70.4%		69.4%		74.6%		62.1%	

The survey also contained questions on voting behaviour in the 2019 Federal election and intentions for the 2022 election, which will be published separately.

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Appendix: 28 Reasons for COVID-19 Vaccination as presented in the survey

- So I could attend a public event such as a restaurant, wedding or sport
- I wanted to visit elderly or vulnerable friends or relatives without putting them at risk of COVID-19
- So that I would be allowed to travel within my state, interstate or overseas
- To protect me from getting COVID-19
- To keep my job
- I felt at high risk of severe COVID-19 because I have an existing health condition
- To allow me to enter my place of work
- I felt at high risk of severe COVID-19 because of my age
- So that I could attend school, college or university
- To enable me to go into shops and businesses
- I felt it was important to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community
- So that I could join in social gatherings with my friends or family
- I live or work with vulnerable people and I wanted to protect them from catching COVID-19
- My family or friends encouraged me to have it
- So that I could participate in a club or team activity or work as a volunteer
- I was afraid of getting severe COVID-19
- So that I could get out of lockdown restrictions
- I thought it was the right thing to do
- I am under 18 and my parent(s) or guardian wanted me to have the vaccine
- I am under 18 and my parent(s) or guardian did not want me to have the vaccine, however another person arranged for me to have it
- I was given money or another incentive to have the vaccine
- It was mandated for my job or profession
- To enable me to visit family members in hospital or to accompany them to medical appointments
- To enable me to have a medical treatment or surgery or to attend medical appointments for myself
- My family or friends pressured me to have it
- To help us to reach a target level of vaccination at which lockdown restrictions would be eased
- To enable me to take my children to activities or to enter their school
- To enable me to have IVF treatment (In Vitro Fertilisation)
- Other (Please specify)