Essential Report
Covid-19 Report
June Week 1
Approval of Scott Morrison

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Scott Morrison is doing as Prime Minister?

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Base: All participants (min. n=1,000)
Approval of Anthony Albanese

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Anthony Albanese is doing as Opposition Leader?

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Base: All participants (min. n=1,000)
Who do you think would make the better Prime Minister out of Scott Morrison and Anthony Albanese?

- **January 7th to 11th**
  - Scott Morrison: 36%
  - Don’t know: 39%
  - Anthony Albanese: 25%

- **February 6th to 9th**
  - Scott Morrison: 36%
  - Don’t know: 28%
  - Anthony Albanese: 25%

- **March 5th to 8th**
  - Scott Morrison: 40%
  - Don’t know: 25%
  - Anthony Albanese: 25%

- **April 2nd to 5th**
  - Scott Morrison: 46%
  - Don’t know: 27%
  - Anthony Albanese: 27%

- **April 30th to 3rd May**
  - Scott Morrison: 50%
  - Don’t know: 25%
  - Anthony Albanese: 25%

- **May 28th to 31st**
  - Scott Morrison: 53%
  - Don’t know: 24%
  - Anthony Albanese: 23%

Base: All participants (min. n=1,000)
### Preferred Prime Minister

**Which of the following describe your opinion of...?**

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<td>Good in a crisis</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>+34%</td>
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<td>A capable leader</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>+25%</td>
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<td>Understands the problems facing Australia</td>
<td>65%</td>
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<td>Hard-working</td>
<td>72%</td>
<td>+19%</td>
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<td>Trustworthy</td>
<td>56%</td>
<td>+16%</td>
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<td>Intelligent</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>+15%</td>
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<td>More honest than most politicians</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>+12%</td>
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<td>Narrow-minded</td>
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<td>Out of touch with ordinary people</td>
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Base: All participants (min. n=1,000)
Overall, how would you rate the federal Government’s response to the Covid-19 outbreak?

- Very good
- Quite good
- Neither good nor bad
- Quite poor
- Very poor

**Base:** All participants (min. n=1,000)
How would you rate your state government’s response to the Covid-19 outbreak?

- 79% (↓4%)
- 70% (↓14%)
- 62% (↓3%)
- 69% (↓5%)
- 71% (↓2%)

Base: All participants (min. n=1,000)
Easing restrictions

When do you think governments should start to ease the restrictions on travel and gatherings to allow offices, shops, restaurants, other workplaces and public spaces to start operating again?

63% Willing to consider a timeline for easing restrictions (↓ 2%)

27% It is too soon to consider easing restrictions (↑ 2%)

Base: All participants (min. n=1,000)
Easing restrictions

When do you think governments should start to ease the restrictions on travel and gatherings to allow offices, shops, restaurants, other workplaces and public spaces to start operating again? *(Too soon to start easing restrictions only)*

- Active cases: 589
  - 27% (↓1%)

- Active cases: 440
  - 33% (↑11%)

- Active cases: 1,058
  - 27% (↓3%)

- Active cases: 3,098
  - 24% (↓3%)

- Active cases: 1,649
  - 30% (↑2%)

Base: All participants (min. n=1,000)
Active cases accurate on 1 June 2020
Last Friday the Federal Government announced that, due to an accounting error, the number of people on JobKeeper is around half what the Treasury estimated it to be. The current cost of JobKeeper has consequently been reduced from $130b to $70b. How do you think this situation reflects on the government’s credibility?
Preference for spending $60 billion

On which of the following would you prefer the Government use the $60B it has previously allocated to the JobKeeper program?

- Extend financial schemes
- Broaden JobKeeper scheme
- Put money towards reducing national debt

Total Australia (n=1,059)

- Total Australia: 45% Extend financial schemes, 30% Broaden JobKeeper scheme, 20% Put money towards reducing national debt

18-34 (n=341)

- 18-34: 42% Extend financial schemes, 30% Broaden JobKeeper scheme, 29% Put money towards reducing national debt

35-54 (n=342)

- 35-54: 45% Extend financial schemes, 39% Broaden JobKeeper scheme, 16% Put money towards reducing national debt

55+ (n=376)

- 55+: 59% Extend financial schemes, 16% Broaden JobKeeper scheme, 25% Put money towards reducing national debt

Labor (n=299)

- Labor: 37% Extend financial schemes, 23% Broaden JobKeeper scheme, 40% Put money towards reducing national debt

Coalition (n=413)

- Coalition: 57% Extend financial schemes, 15% Broaden JobKeeper scheme, 28% Put money towards reducing national debt

Greens (n=95)

- Greens: 27% Extend financial schemes, 57% Broaden JobKeeper scheme, 25% Put money towards reducing national debt

All other (n=136)

- All other: 47% Extend financial schemes, 24% Broaden JobKeeper scheme, 29% Put money towards reducing national debt

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