
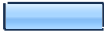








1. Are you a current member of the Economics Society of Australia?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		85.3%	489
No		14.7%	84
answered question			573
skipped question			4






2. How old are you?

		Response Percent	Response Count
0-24		6.4%	37
25-44		43.6%	250
45-64		41.8%	240
65+		8.2%	47
answered question			574
skipped question			3





3. Are you female or male?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Female		18.8%	108
Male		81.2%	466
answered question			574
skipped question			3





4. What is your highest completed educational qualification?

		Response Percent	Response Count
High school		1.4%	8
Bachelor degree (Pass), or equivalent		12.9%	74
Bachelor degree (Honours), or equivalent		19.1%	110
Masters degree		29.2%	168
PhD		37.4%	215
answered question			575
skipped question			2

5. What is your current employment status?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Employed; as an economist		63.5%	365
Employed; as a non-economist		22.8%	131
Student		6.3%	36
Other		7.5%	43
		answered question	575
		skipped question	2

6. If employed, what sector are you currently employed in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Private sector		25.7%	135
Public sector		33.5%	176
Not for profit sector		3.8%	20
University sector		37.0%	194
		answered question	525
		skipped question	52

7. Please respond to the following statements.

	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree / Unsure	Agree	Agree Strongly	Response count
There would be less unemployment if the minimum wage was lowered.	8.0%	29.6%	17.3%	34.2%	10.9%	550
There is a natural rate of unemployment to which the economy tends in the long run.	6.4%	18.9%	15.8%	48.3%	10.6%	549
The national government should aim to balance the budget over a complete economic cycle.	3.4%	14.7%	10.3%	52.2%	19.4%	552
A substantial increase in public spending is an appropriate response to a severe recession.	4.2%	10.9%	9.3%	50.6%	25.0%	551
A substantial tax cut is an appropriate response to a severe recession.	5.1%	30.4%	21.9%	34.6%	8.0%	549
Substantial monetary easing is an appropriate response to a severe recession.	1.4%	8.0%	14.7%	50.0%	25.9%	552
The Reserve Bank of Australia should focus on a low rate of inflation rather than on employment or economic growth.	5.1%	29.6%	16.4%	35.0%	13.9%	548
Inflation is caused primarily by growth in the money supply.	5.8%	33.4%	21.2%	30.1%	9.4%	551
The Australian government should cut middle-class welfare, and increase the assistance given to the disabled and the severely disadvantaged.	2.7%	12.8%	17.7%	42.8%	24.0%	549

8. Please respond to the following statements.

	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree / Unsure	Agree	Agree Strongly	Response count
Lower marginal income tax rates reduce leisure and increase work effort.	3.0%	26.1%	29.3%	36.3%	5.4%	540
Income tax rate thresholds for Australia should be indexed.	1.5%	10.7%	15.1%	53.9%	18.8%	542
The Goods and Services Tax should be increased and personal and company income taxes correspondingly reduced.	11.5%	27.5%	21.5%	29.3%	10.2%	539
A national excess profits tax should be levied on mining industries.	8.9%	10.0%	7.2%	36.9%	37.1%	542
Personal taxation should be based on family income, not individual income.	10.2%	28.0%	21.2%	29.5%	11.1%	539
The government should adopt policies to make the size distribution of income in Australia more equal than it presently is.	8.3%	24.7%	22.7%	30.6%	13.7%	542
The Australian government should extend its guarantee of bank deposits of up to A\$1 million beyond October 2011.	21.6%	38.8%	20.3%	15.2%	4.1%	538
Contribution rates of compulsory superannuation in Australia should be increased.	8.9%	19.2%	20.3%	37.0%	14.6%	541
Australia should reduce the proportion of its GDP spent on overseas aid.	28.2%	36.9%	19.2%	11.1%	4.6%	542

9. Please respond to the following statements.

	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree / Unsure	Agree	Agree Strongly	Response count
Some restrictions on the free flow of financial capital significantly assist the stability and soundness of the international financial system.	4.9%	18.0%	19.1%	46.1%	11.9%	529
Australia should unilaterally reduce all artificial barriers to international trade including subsidies, tariffs and import quotas.	6.4%	20.2%	14.9%	36.4%	22.1%	530
Large balance of trade deficits have adverse effects on the economy.	5.5%	32.4%	29.0%	28.8%	4.3%	531
Government micro-economic policy in Australia should mainly be about correcting market failures.	1.1%	13.4%	11.7%	53.1%	20.7%	531
Competition laws should be enforced vigorously to reduce market power from its current level.	2.1%	9.8%	21.5%	46.4%	20.2%	530
Jail sentences are an appropriate punishment option for executives found guilty of participating in price fixing.	2.4%	7.2%	14.7%	51.4%	24.3%	531
Consumer protection laws generally reduce economic efficiency.	17.3%	44.6%	20.7%	14.3%	3.0%	531
Non-government secondary schools should continue to receive government funding.	10.2%	19.2%	16.5%	41.5%	12.6%	532
Australian company boards should be required to have a minimum number of women directors.	24.8%	35.0%	19.9%	15.0%	5.3%	532

10. Please respond to the following statements.

	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree / Unsure	Agree	Agree Strongly	Response count
Price-based mechanisms - taxes, subsidies or an emissions trading scheme - as opposed to direct regulation, are the more appropriate mechanisms for cutting greenhouse gas emissions.	4.5%	6.8%	9.4%	34.8%	44.4%	531
The Australian government should promote the development of domestic nuclear power production.	17.7%	19.9%	23.7%	25.2%	13.5%	532
Australian governments should introduce congestion pricing for road use in cities.	5.3%	9.0%	12.6%	42.7%	30.3%	531
It is appropriate for Australia to restrict the access of immigrants to some social security benefits.	9.4%	29.6%	17.9%	31.9%	11.1%	530
There should be an increase in the intake of skilled immigrants to Australia.	3.4%	10.2%	23.0%	45.8%	17.7%	531
The "Baby Bonus" should be abolished.	3.8%	11.9%	13.8%	32.3%	38.3%	530
The First Home Buyers Grant should be abolished.	3.2%	13.2%	10.8%	32.5%	40.4%	530
Stamp duties on the transfer of ownership of homes should be abolished.	3.8%	15.4%	15.6%	36.2%	29.0%	531
Increasing federal government power relative to that of the states leads to increased economic efficiency.	11.9%	23.2%	33.3%	23.0%	8.7%	531

11. Please respond to the following statements.

	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree / Unsure	Agree	Agree Strongly	Response count
The Australian government should increase the proportion of public health costs recovered via payments by patients.	7.9%	29.7%	25.0%	31.6%	5.9%	529
The Private Health Insurance rebate should be abolished.	13.6%	32.6%	21.3%	17.9%	14.7%	531
Governments in Australia should provide greater economic incentives to improve diet.	6.8%	20.4%	21.3%	39.6%	11.9%	530
Adjusting online shopping prices based on the consumer's search, browser or purchase history should be illegal.	6.8%	18.3%	26.9%	25.8%	22.2%	531
The Australian government should ensure that all Australians have access to fast broadband at a nationally uniform wholesale price.	19.1%	23.6%	15.3%	29.2%	12.8%	530
Australia Post should lose its monopoly on the carriage of letters.	9.8%	27.7%	25.0%	25.6%	11.9%	531
The lengths of time granted for copyright protection in Australia should be reduced.	3.8%	18.1%	39.5%	26.5%	12.1%	529
In communities affected by natural disasters, the government should provide the same level of financial assistance to households regardless of the household's level of insurance.	14.0%	29.5%	17.0%	30.8%	8.7%	529
Prior to approval of any major public infrastructure project, an independent and expert cost-benefit study should be conducted and released publicly.	1.3%	7.2%	6.6%	46.7%	38.2%	531

12. Please respond to the following statements.

	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree / Unsure	Agree	Agree Strongly	Response count
The ranking of academic journals by the Australian government, solely on the basis of their international reputations, will discourage research on Australian economic policy issues.	1.3%	12.3%	28.5%	35.7%	22.1%	529
Most articles in refereed economics journals are published solely on the basis of their contribution to economic science.	5.5%	22.2%	39.8%	29.2%	3.2%	527
The government gives too little resources to research and education in economics, compared with other academic disciplines.	2.5%	10.0%	44.2%	30.1%	13.2%	529
Australian undergraduate honours economics programs sufficiently prepare students for work as economists in the private sector.	3.6%	18.1%	38.7%	34.9%	4.7%	530
Australian undergraduate honours economics programs sufficiently prepare students for work as economists in the public sector.	3.4%	19.7%	30.7%	40.2%	6.1%	528
In Australia, undergraduate economics is taught with excessive mathematical rigour.	12.3%	36.4%	26.4%	17.7%	7.2%	530
Undergraduate pass degrees in economics should be four years.	6.2%	35.2%	29.1%	23.6%	5.9%	529
Australian undergraduate economics degree programs should contain more behavioural economics and experimental economics.	2.8%	12.5%	27.0%	42.1%	15.7%	530
Australian undergraduate economics degree programs should contain more subjects that place economics in a broader context, such as economic history, history of economic thought and political economy.	2.1%	9.3%	13.0%	43.9%	31.8%	529
Doctoral programs in economics in Australia generally offer high quality training.	4.3%	12.7%	47.4%	30.2%	5.3%	529
The Economics Society of Australia should develop and maintain a code of professional ethics that applies to all members.	6.2%	10.8%	22.3%	46.4%	14.3%	530
Economists are held in lower regard than in the past.	3.6%	20.0%	31.3%	38.1%	7.0%	530

13. If you have any comments you would like to make on economic policy, the economics profession, or on this survey, please write them below.

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answered question

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skipped question

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