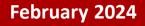
Public sentiment about Nuclear Energy for electricity generation







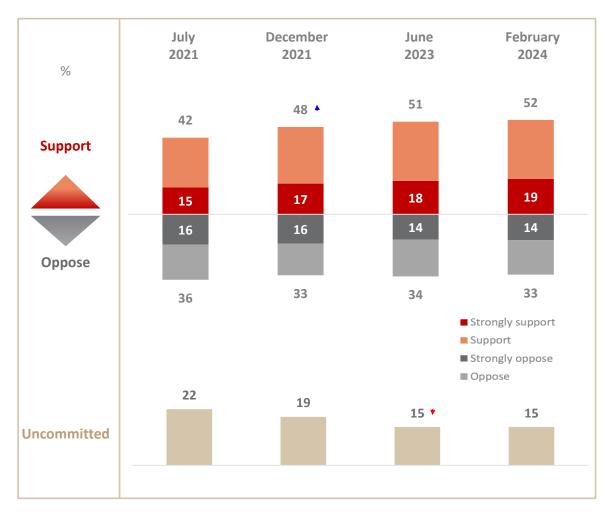
- One-in-two Australians, 52%, support the idea of considering nuclear power as part of the nation's energy mix for electricity generation. This outweighs the number who oppose it, 33%, while 15% are undecided.
  - The level of support remains unchanged compared with June 2023. This follows a gradual rise from 42% in July 2021 to 51% in June 2023. The largest gain occurred between July and December 2021 following Australia's commitment to nuclear powered submarines through AUKUS.

Across time, the level of opposition has remained fairly consistent, at around one-third. However, the number who are undecided has gradually declined.

**Methodology:** National online surveys among people aged 18+. Fieldwork for the most recent wave was conducted over the period February 22-27, 2024. Each wave based on a sample of approximately 1,200 people. Results for each survey were post-weighted to reflect the population distribution for age, sex, area and education.

## Support for nuclear energy

Question: In Australia, electricity is generated using a mix of sources, including **coal**, **renewable energy** such as wind, solar and hydro, along with **natural gas**. Would you **support** or **oppose** Australia considering **nuclear power** as part of its energy mix?



Significantly higher / lower than previous wave



## Sentiment among demographic segments

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There is a stark contrast between men and women, with support for nuclear energy far greater among men, 70%, than women, 34%. Conversely, more women are either opposed or uncommitted on the issue.

Support for nuclear energy is highest among people aged 18-34 and 65+ - with strong support being particularly pronounced among those aged 65+. People aged 18-34 and 65+ are also the *least* likely to be uncommitted.



Significantly higher / lower than others

## Sentiment among demographic segments

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- In varying degrees, support for nuclear power has increased in all segments since July 2021.
- However, males and people aged 18-34 stand out with the most pronounced, strong growth trend.

Significantly higher / lower than previous wave

