

Survey questions

Poll 14 – Car seat safety: Are Australian children safe?

The next few questions are about car seat belts, booster seats and child restraints (also known as 'car seats'). We are interested in knowing what type of seat or restraint your child uses when they travel in the family car.

Question 1A

Does your family have access to a car that you use to transport your child/children?

Yes / No

If yes proceed to Q1.

You will need to answer the next few questions separately for EACH CHILD aged 13 years or younger.

Question 1

In your family car, which of the following does your {insert gender and age of child} child use **most often**? If you have a convertible child restraint, please answer based on the position you currently use the restraint in. BY CHILD

Please **select one only** from the following options

PRESENT IN TABLE FORMAT WITH ILLUSTRATION OF THE SEAT/RESTRAINT TYPE ALONG SIDE THE DESCRIPTION

Infant capsule	ILLUSTRATIONS	RADIO BUTTON FOR SELECTION
Rear (backward) facing child restraint (car seat) with inbuilt harness	ILLUSTRATIONS	RADIO BUTTON FOR SELECTION
Forward facing car seat with inbuilt harness	ILLUSTRATIONS	RADIO BUTTON FOR SELECTION
Booster seat with adult seat belt (includes integrated booster seats built into the seat of the car)	ILLUSTRATIONS	RADIO BUTTON FOR SELECTION
Booster cushion (<i>without</i> a back) with adult seatbelt	ILLUSTRATIONS	RADIO BUTTON FOR SELECTION
Adult seatbelt only	ILLUSTRATIONS	RADIO BUTTON FOR SELECTION

Other – If other please state		RADIO BUTTON FOR SELECTION If yes, please describe the type of seat or restraint used.....[free field]
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Question 2

Thinking about when your {insert gender and age of child} child travels in the family car, **how often** do they sit in the {INSERT RESTRAINT TYPE SELECTED IN Q1 with name and illustration} [BY CHILD]

Always / Almost always / Most of the time / Some of the time

Question 3.1

Thinking about when your {insert gender and age of child} child travels in the family car, **how often** do they sit in the **front seat**? [BY CHILD] Please answer separately for each child aged over 2 years.

Always / Almost always / Most of the time / Some of the time / Rarely /Never

Branch to all children who in Q3 responded with sitting in front seat always/almost always/most of the time/some of the time/ rarely (i.e. Not never)

Question 3.2

Thinking about when your child {insert gender and age of child} sits in the front seat, what is the MAIN reason? Please select one BY CHILD

- My child prefers to sit in the front seat
- All the seats in the rear are taken by other children
- The car trip is short
- My car only has one row of seats, eg. ute, sports car
- I like them to sit in the front with me
- My child gets car sick if they sit in the back seat
- My child is old enough to sit in the front seat

Branch to YOUNGEST child sitting in forward facing car seat, booster seat, booster cushion, seat belt, other AS PER response to Q1. (ie. Any response other than infant capsule or rear facing car seat)

Question 4

Thinking about your {insert gender and age of child} child at what age did they *first* ride in a car seat that faced forward instead of backward?

- Younger than 3 months
- 3 to 5 months

- 6 to 12 months
- 13 to 18 months
- 19 to 24 months
- 2 years or older
- I don't recall
- I'm not sure

Present Q5 to children aged 4 and over

Question 5

Thinking about your {insert gender and age of child} child, do you know **how tall they are?** Please answer separately for each child BY CHILD

Yes – please enter your child's height in centimetres

No

BRANCH: for Q 6 and Q7 branch to children who are sitting in car using adult seatbelt as per response to Q1.

Question 6

Thinking about your child aged X (child sitting in a seat belt), at what age did they **first** sit in the family car **without** a car seat or booster seat? BY CHILD

Age: [drop down box for age 4 through to 13 years, note only include ages equal to or younger than the current age of the child]

Question 7

Thinking about your {insert gender and age of child} child {present only to children sitting in a seatbelt}, what are the main reasons they moved to an adult seat belt without a booster? Select up to three reasons from the list below.

- My child reached the maximum weight recommended by the seat manufacturer
- My child did not want to sit in the car seat or booster
- My child was too grown up to sit in a car seat or booster
- My child was too heavy for their car seat or booster
- My child was too tall for their car seat or booster
- An adult seat belt was more comfortable for them
- By law they were old enough to sit in a seat without a booster
- My child is safer with a seat belt than in a booster or car seat
- I needed the car seat or booster for a younger child

- My child was tall enough to sit in the car without a car seat or booster

Question 8

Do you know how tall a child should be to safely use an adult seatbelt without a booster?

Yes – please enter height in centimetres

No

Question 9

Do you know on average at what age a child can safely use an adult seatbelt without a booster?

Yes – please enter age in years

No