



# The Tasmania Project General Survey #2 Variable List

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## Introduction

The Tasmania Project was established to understand how Tasmanians are experiencing and adjusting to the social, political and economic responses to COVID-19, with findings made available publicly to inform decisions and responses during the crisis and through recovery, and to support sound long-term social, economic and cultural policy development.

For a detailed overview of the Project's aims, methods and samples, please refer to the Project Details report available [online](#).

We are keen to share our data with other researchers at the University of Tasmania to support our analysis and harness your expertise. Please contact the research team for further information on the dataset and survey variables.

Initially, we will request that you provide summaries to publish on The Tasmania Project website as feedback to our study participants and to provide directly to government, industry and community stakeholders.

We also ask that any media releases or coverage is discussed and agreed prior to circulation with the research team, and that The Tasmania Project is acknowledged if the data is used in other ways, including in research publications.

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*Note: \* indicates question is repeated from TTP1*

## Part 1: Official COVID-19 measures

Question	Variable name	Response Categories	Notes
<p>1.1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In general, businesses and shops are complying with COVID-19 regulations</li> <li>2. I feel comfortable telling people to comply with COVID-19 safe practices</li> <li>3. The Tasmanian Government has been too slow to ease COVID-19 restrictions</li> <li>4. Tasmania should reopen to tourism now</li> <li>5. The rules and regulations in response to COVID-19 are confusing*</li> <li>6. Tasmania's border restrictions should stay in place until COVID-19 is eradicated in Australia*</li> <li>7. The language used to explain COVID-19 has been too complex</li> <li>8. I am willing to provide my personal information for contact tracing</li> </ol>	<p>p1q1_1 – p1q1_8</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strongly agree</li> <li>2. Agree</li> <li>3. Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>4. Disagree</li> <li>5. Strongly disagree</li> </ol>	<p>5-point Likert scale.</p>

<p>1.2. Which of the following sources do you rely on for COVID-19 information?*</p>	<p>p1q2_1 – p1q2_21</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Family, friends and colleagues</li> <li>2. Printed leaflets</li> <li>3. Workplace</li> <li>4. Mainstream newspapers</li> <li>5. Commercial radio</li> <li>6. Social media/internet groups</li> <li>7. Television news (commercial and ABC)</li> <li>8. ABC radio</li> <li>9. My doctor or healthcare professional</li> <li>10. Community newspapers and radio</li> <li>11. Local government</li> <li>12. Prime Minister Morrison</li> <li>13. Premier Gutwein’s media briefings</li> <li>14. Hotline (e.g. public health, business, mental health)</li> <li>15. State Government Coronavirus website</li> <li>16. State Government media advertising</li> <li>17. A community/religious/cultural leader</li> <li>18. The World Health Organization</li> <li>19. Scientific literature</li> <li>20. National Chief Medical Officer</li> <li>21. Other (please specify)</li> </ol>	<p>Select up to 5. ‘Other’ category with free text responses.</p>
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## Part 2: The future in Tasmania

Part/Question	Variable name	Response Categories	Notes
<p>2.1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I am NOT confident that the Tasmanian economy will fully recover from this crisis within five years*</li> <li>2. Future COVID-19 outbreaks in Tasmania will be managed well</li> <li>3. Migration into Tasmania is key to future prosperity</li> <li>4. Tasmania's economic future has been unnecessarily damaged</li> <li>5. I am more concerned about the economic impacts than the health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic*</li> </ol>	p2q1_1 – p2q2_5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strongly agree</li> <li>2. Agree</li> <li>3. Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>4. Disagree</li> <li>5. Strongly disagree</li> </ol>	5-point Likert scale.
<p>2.2. For Tasmania's recovery, which of the following industries/sectors do you think should be prioritised for support by the State Government?</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing</li> <li>2. Cultural and Creative Industries</li> <li>3. Construction</li> <li>4. Education and Training</li> <li>5. Energy</li> <li>6. Financial and Insurance Services</li> </ol>	Please select up to 5. 'Other' category with free text responses.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Health Care and Social Assistance</li> <li>8. Information Media and Telecommunications</li> <li>9. Manufacturing</li> <li>10. Mining</li> <li>11. Police and Emergency Services</li> <li>12. Retail Trade</li> <li>13. Science Research Development</li> <li>14. Tourism and Hospitality</li> <li>15. Other (please specify)</li> </ul>	
2.3. To improve life in Tasmania, which of the following do you think should be prioritised?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Job security</li> <li>2. Affordable housing</li> <li>3. New infrastructure</li> <li>4. Access to nature</li> <li>5. Advanced manufacturing</li> <li>6. Sport and recreation activities</li> <li>7. Quality education</li> <li>8. Quality health care</li> <li>9. Safety and security</li> <li>10. Public transport</li> <li>11. Food production</li> <li>12. Community spirit</li> <li>13. Population growth</li> <li>14. Tourism</li> <li>15. Arts and cultural activities</li> <li>16. Food and wine culture</li> <li>17. Economic growth</li> <li>18. Environmental sustainability</li> <li>16. Other (please comment)</li> </ul>	Please select up to 5. Other' category with free text responses.

### Part 3: Wellbeing and concerns

Part/Question	Variable name	Response Categories	Notes
<p>3.1. In the last week, how satisfied have you been with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The home in which you live</li> <li>2. Your life opportunities</li> <li>3. Your financial situation</li> <li>4. How safe you feel</li> <li>5. Feeling part of your local community</li> <li>6. Your health</li> <li>7. The area in which you live</li> <li>8. The amount of free time you have</li> <li>9. Your life, all things considered</li> </ol>	p3q1_1 – p3q1_9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Very dissatisfied</li> <li>2. Dissatisfied</li> <li>3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied</li> <li>4. Satisfied</li> <li>5. Very satisfied</li> </ol>	5-point Likert scale.
3.2. Would you consider yourself a 'vulnerable person' in terms of the health impacts of COVID-19?	p3q2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. No</li> <li>3. I don't know</li> </ol>	
3.3. If an option, would you use a health or support service (GP, psychologist, etc) via the internet or telephone in the future?	p3q3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. No</li> </ol>	
<p>3.4. If you participated in the following activities before the pandemic, please indicate how your level of participation has changed over the past three months.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exercise</li> </ol>	p3q4_1 – p3q4_9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Much more</li> <li>2. Somewhat more</li> <li>3. About the same</li> <li>4. Somewhat less</li> <li>5. Much less</li> <li>6. N/A- I do not participate in this activity</li> </ol>	5-point Likert scale + N/A.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Cooking</li> <li>3. Home maintenance</li> <li>4. Gardening</li> <li>5. Arts and crafts</li> <li>6. Gambling</li> <li>7. Smoking</li> <li>8. Consuming alcohol at home</li> <li>9. Consuming illegal drugs</li> </ol>			
<p>3.5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I am enjoying a slower pace of life*</li> <li>2. I am concerned about being infected with COVID-19*</li> <li>3. I have not been tested for COVID-19 because I did not want to be quarantined</li> <li>4. I am concerned about someone I know being infected with COVID-19*</li> <li>5. I trust government and health officials to provide reliable information about COVID-19*</li> <li>6. I know what to do if myself or someone in my household has symptoms of COVID-19*</li> <li>7. The wellbeing of vulnerable people is more</li> </ol>	<p>p3q5_1 – p3q5_16</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strongly agree</li> <li>2. Agree</li> <li>3. Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>4. Disagree</li> <li>5. Strongly disagree</li> <li>6. N/A</li> </ol>	<p>5-point Likert scale + N/A.</p>



<p>important than my way of life*</p> <p>8. I do NOT always follow the physical distancing rules*</p> <p>9. Despite restrictions easing, I am not going out as much as I used to</p> <p>10. The experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has changed me as a person</p> <p>11. I am concerned that the pandemic has impacted my mental health</p> <p>12. I am comfortable asking people to keep their physical distance</p> <p>13. My life priorities have changed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>14. I have control over my own life choices</p> <p>15. I feel safe in public or shared spaces</p> <p>16. I have not been tested for COVID-19 because the test sounds unpleasant</p>			
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## Part 4: Arts and culture

Part/Question	Variable name	Response Categories	Notes
<p>4.1. Thinking about the 12 months <i>prior</i> to the COVID-19 pandemic, how frequently did you attend the following cultural and arts events?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Art exhibitions/galleries</li> <li>2. Museums</li> <li>3. Music festivals</li> <li>4. Cultural festivals (including arts/food and wine)</li> <li>5. Performing arts (e.g. theatre, music, dance)</li> <li>6. Live music (e.g. bands, singers, DJs)</li> <li>7. Cinema/movies</li> <li>8. Literature and poetry readings</li> <li>9. Public lectures</li> <li>10. Launches/openings</li> </ol>	p4q1_1 – p4q1_10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At least once a week</li> <li>2. A few times a month</li> <li>3. Every few months</li> <li>4. A few times a year</li> <li>5. Once a year</li> <li>6. Never</li> </ol>	6-point Likert scale.
4.2. If possible, could you estimate the amount of money you spent on the above events in the 12 months <i>prior</i> to the pandemic?	p4q2		Numeric response.
4.3. Have you engaged with cultural and arts activities/events <i>during</i> the pandemic (including online or through broadcast media)?	p4q3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> <li>• Yes (please tells us more about this)</li> </ul>	'Yes' category with free text response.
4.4. If possible, could you estimate the amount of money	p4q4		Numeric response.

you have paid to access cultural and arts activities/events <i>during</i> the pandemic?			
4.5. Please indicate the importance of <i>cultural and arts activities/events</i> (including online, etc.) for maintaining your overall wellbeing during the pandemic.	p4q5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Very important</li> <li>2. Important</li> <li>3. Fairly important</li> <li>4. Slightly important</li> <li>5. Not important</li> <li>6. N/A</li> </ol>	5-point Likert scale + N/A.
4.6. Please indicate the importance of <i>being creative</i> for maintaining your overall wellbeing during the pandemic.	p4q6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Very important</li> <li>2. Important</li> <li>3. Fairly important</li> <li>4. Slightly important</li> <li>5. Not important</li> <li>6. N/A</li> </ol>	5-point Likert scale + N/A.

## Part 5: Work and employment

Part/Question	Variable name	Response Categories	Notes
5.1.1. As at 19 March 2020 (when Tasmania declared a state of emergency), did you have paid employment, or were you unemployed and looking for work?	p5q1.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes, employed</li> <li>2. Yes, unemployed but looking for work</li> <li>3. No</li> </ol>	Skip logic to Part 6 for those who answered No.
5.2.1. Are you currently receiving any of the following government benefits or payments?	p5q2.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No</li> <li>2. JobKeeper Payment</li> <li>3. JobSeeker Payment</li> <li>4. Disability Support Pension</li> <li>5. Age Pension</li> <li>6. Youth Allowance</li> <li>7. Austudy</li> <li>8. Other</li> </ol>	
5.1.2. Prior to 19 March (when Tasmania declared a state of emergency), on average, how many hours of paid work did you do per week?*	p5q1.2		Numeric response.
5.2.2. How many hours of paid work did you do last week?*	p5q2.2		Numeric response. Variable was created to calculate the difference between hours worked pre COVID-19 and now (diffhours_cat)*: 1. Less hours. 2. No change. 3. More hours.
5.3. Has your job situation has changed since 19 March due to the COVID-19 pandemic?	p5q3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. No</li> <li>3. I don't know</li> </ol>	
5.4. In which industry/sector do you work?	p5q4		Free text response.
5.5. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, I want, or need to,	p5q5_1 – p5q5_14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work more flexible hours</li> </ol>	Select all that apply. 'Other' category with free text responses.

<p>change my work situation in the following ways.</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Spend less time at my workplace</li> <li>3. Change my job, within the same type of occupation</li> <li>4. Change my job, to a different type of occupation</li> <li>5. Study or re-train for a different occupation</li> <li>6. Find an additional job</li> <li>7. Move into more secure employment</li> <li>8. Relocate to a different part of Tasmania for work</li> <li>9. Move away from Tasmania for work</li> <li>10. Work remotely for an employer(s) outside Tasmania</li> <li>11. Set up my own business</li> <li>12. Change how my business operates</li> <li>13. I do NOT want/need to change my work situation</li> <li>14. Other (please specify)</li> </ol>	
<p>5.6. If your job has allowed you to work from home during the pandemic, how would you like to do your work into the future?</p>	<p>p5q6</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I would prefer to work from home</li> <li>2. I do not want to work from home</li> <li>3. I would prefer a combination of working home and working at my workplace</li> <li>4. N/A- I cannot work from home</li> </ol>	

## Part 6: Financial wellbeing

Part/Question	Variable name	Response Categories	Notes
6.1. How has your household income changed now, if at all, compared with before COVID-19?	p6q1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increased a lot</li> <li>2. Increased a little</li> <li>3. Remained the same</li> <li>4. Decreased a little</li> <li>5. Decreased a lot</li> <li>6. Not sure</li> </ol>	5-point Likert scale + not sure.
6.2. How has your household spending changed now, if at all, compared with before COVID-19?	p6q2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increased a lot</li> <li>2. Increased a little</li> <li>3. Remained the same</li> <li>4. Decreased a little</li> <li>5. Decreased a lot</li> <li>6. Not sure</li> </ol>	5-point Likert scale + not sure.
6.3. Has your household been unable to pay any of the following bills over the past three months (during the pandemic)?	p6q3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Electricity, gas, or telephone bills</li> <li>2. Mortgage or rent payments</li> <li>3. Car registration or insurance</li> <li>4. Home and/or contents insurance</li> <li>5. Minimum payment on credit card</li> <li>6. None of the above</li> </ol>	Select all that apply.
6.4. Has your household had to take any of the following financial actions to support basic living expenses over the past three months (during the pandemic)?	p6q3_1 – p6q3_11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduced home loan or rent payments</li> <li>2. Drew on accumulated savings or term deposits</li> <li>3. Increased the balance owing on credit cards by \$1,000 or more</li> </ol>	

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Entered into a loan agreement with family or friends</li><li>5. Took out a personal loan</li><li>6. Sold household goods or jewellery</li><li>7. Sold shares, stocks or bonds</li><li>8. Sold other assets</li><li>9. Early withdrawal of superannuation</li><li>10. None of the above</li><li>11. Any other action (please specify)</li></ol>	
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## Part 7: Use of communications technologies

Part/Question	Variable name	Response Categories	Notes
<p>7.1. How important have the following communications technologies been for maintaining your overall wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Private social media (only people you know can contribute, e.g. closed Facebook page or WhatsApp group)</li> <li>2. Public social media (anyone can see what is posted, e.g. Twitter, Instagram)</li> <li>3. Individual online communication (email or messaging between two people)</li> <li>4. Online content publishing (a blog or website, e.g. WordPress)</li> <li>6. Online reading for news and entertainment (websites, news apps)</li> <li>7. Video conferencing (e.g. Zoom or Skype)</li> <li>8. Streaming video services (e.g. Netflix or Stan)</li> </ol>	p7q1_1 – p7q1_13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Very important</li> <li>2. Important</li> <li>3. Fairly important</li> <li>4. Slightly important</li> <li>5. Not important</li> <li>6. N/A- do not use</li> </ol>	5-point Likert scale + N/A.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Streaming audio services (podcasts or music, e.g. Spotify)</li> <li>10. Online games played with other people</li> <li>11. Online retail services (e.g. shopping or banking)</li> <li>12. Online dating apps (e.g. Tinder)</li> <li>13. Fitness apps where you share your exercise with other people (e.g. Fitbit with Friends)</li> <li>14. Specialised platforms and apps for work or study, accessed at home (e.g. Microsoft Teams)</li> </ul>			
<p>7.2. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about your home Internet experience during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I have an Internet connection that is fast enough for my needs</li> <li>2. I have an Internet connection that is reliable enough for my needs</li> <li>3. My Internet connection has been made worse because more people are using it at the same time now</li> </ul>	p7q2_1 – p7q2_12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strongly agree</li> <li>2. Agree</li> <li>3. Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>4. Disagree</li> <li>5. Strongly disagree</li> <li>6. N/A- do not use</li> </ul>	5-point Likert scale + N/A.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. I have access to the most up-to-date digital devices I need</li> <li>5. I am dependent on a mobile device for my Internet use</li> <li>6. I sometimes limit my use of the Internet because I worry about its cost</li> <li>7. I do not know how to use some online technologies and services I need</li> <li>8. It has been harder for people to help me with Internet problems</li> <li>9. Privacy and security concerns sometimes limit the way I use the Internet</li> <li>10. A fear of seeing offensive and/or upsetting content online reduces my use of the Internet</li> <li>11. Other people at home make it hard for me to use the Internet when and how I want</li> <li>12. I have had less time to use the Internet because of more household responsibilities</li> </ol>			
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## Part 8: Demographic information

Question	Variable name	Response Categories	Notes
8.1. In which Tasmanian Local Government Area do you live?	LGA	1. Break O'Day 2. Brighton 3. Burnie 4. Central Coast 5. Central Highlands 6. Circular Head 7. Clarence 8. Derwent Valley 9. Devonport 10. Dorset 11. Flinders Island 12. George Town 13. Glamorgan/Spring Bay 14. Glenorchy 15. Hobart 16. Huon Valley 17. Kentish 18. King Island 19. Kingborough 20. Latrobe 21. Launceston 22. Meander Valley 23. Northern Midlands 24. Sorell 25. Southern Midlands 26. Tasman 27. Waratah/Wynyard 28. West Coast 29. West Tamar	Recoded into another variable. Main region (region): 1. South. 2. North. 3. North West and West.
8.2. Suburb/town name?	suburb		Free text response.

8.3. What gender do you identify as?	gender	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Female</li> <li>2. Male</li> <li>3. Other</li> </ol>	
8.4. Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?	indigenous	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No</li> <li>2. Yes, Aboriginal</li> <li>3. Yes, Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>4. Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</li> </ol>	
8.5. Do you identify as a person with a disability?	disability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. No</li> </ol>	
8.6. Which best describes you?	placeofbirth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Born in Australia</li> <li>2. Born overseas, Australian citizen</li> <li>3. Born overseas, permanent resident</li> <li>4. Born overseas, temporary resident</li> </ol>	
8.7. What is your age in years?	age		Numeric response. Recoded into another variable. Age categories (agecat): 1. 18-24 years. 2. 25-44 years. 3. 45-64 years. 4. 65+.
8.8. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	education	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Doctorate by research</li> <li>2. Doctorate by coursework</li> <li>3. Masters' Degree</li> <li>4. Graduate Diploma</li> <li>5. Graduate Certificate</li> <li>6. Bachelor's Degree</li> <li>7. Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree</li> <li>8. Diploma</li> <li>9. Certificate IV</li> <li>10. Certificate III</li> <li>11. Certificate II</li> <li>12. Certificate I</li> </ol>	Recoded into another variable (education2): 1. Post-graduate. 2. Bachelor's. 3. Advanced diploma – Certificate I. 4. High school

		13. No post-school qualification	
8.9. What is your household composition?	household	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Couple with no children</li> <li>2. Couple family with dependent children</li> <li>3. One parent family with dependent children</li> <li>4. Family with non-dependent children (e.g. adult children living at home)</li> <li>5. One-person household</li> <li>6. Shared/group household</li> <li>7. Multiple family household</li> <li>8. Other</li> </ol>	
8.10. Which of the following describes your personal situation:	p8q8_1 – p8q8_8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Employed</li> <li>2. Self-employed</li> <li>3. Unemployed</li> <li>4. Retired</li> <li>5. A homemaker / family carer</li> <li>6. A student</li> <li>7. A volunteer</li> <li>8. Other (please specify)</li> </ol>	Select all that apply. 'Other' category with free text responses.
8.11. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, Greens or other?	politicalparty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Liberal Party</li> <li>2. Labor Party (ALP)</li> <li>3. Greens</li> <li>4. No party affiliation</li> <li>5. Other (please specify)</li> </ol>	'Other' category with free text responses.
8.12. Do you own outright, are you buying or renting the dwelling in which you now live?	dwelling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Own outright</li> <li>2. Own, paying off mortgage</li> <li>3. Rent from private landlord</li> <li>4. Rent from public housing authority</li> <li>5. No permanent address</li> </ol>	

		6. Other (boarding, living at home, etc)	
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