

In the news this fortnight:

- Local COVID case numbers peaked near 10,000 cases a day
- Further restrictions were eased, with venue capacity increased and no more limitations on West Australians gathering at home
- Global tensions and supply chain pressures continue to drive up the cost of living



Community Concerns

While COVID remains an issue, cost of living dominates current concerns.

85% Cost of food and groceries

84% Cost of living

80% Cost of fuel

64% Family testing positive

56% Personally testing positive

COVID-19 Information

40% Seek information about COVID-19 daily

Updates on current restrictions is the most commonly sought information, though many still seek updates on case numbers and hospitalisations.

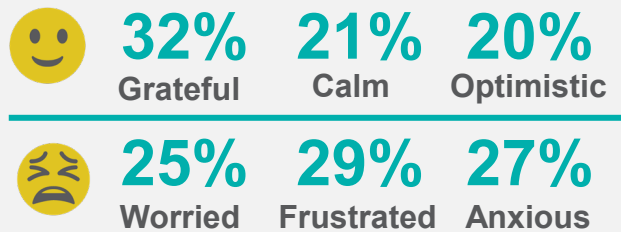
65% Current restrictions in WA

50% Number of confirmed cases in WA

40% Number of people in hospital in WA due to COVID

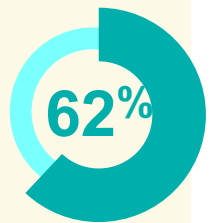
WA Mood

Compared to the height of COVID in 2020, West Australians are experiencing more **worry, frustration and anxiety**.



COVID-19 Concern

Despite facing significant community transmission for the first time in two years, concern is lower than at the start of the first wave in 2020 (86%). Concern is highest among those 55+ (74%).



Changing behaviours

Since the community spread of COVID West Aussies have **changed their behaviour**. They are less likely to...



Travel Intentions



Most West Australians indicate they are not in a hurry to travel overseas, though those under 55 are more likely to plan an overseas trip in the next 12 months. Despite open borders, intentions to travel within WA remain strong.

