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Federal Voting Intention (Mid-January): ALP increases two-party preferred lead as One Nation surges (up 6%) at the expense of Coalition (down 6.5%)

In the week of January 12-18, 2026, the Roy Morgan Poll shows primary support for both major parties dropped as One Nation surged 6% to 21% - a record high – following heated debate on legislation proposed on gun laws and hate speech after the Bondi attack.

Primary support for the ALP fell 1.5% to 28.5%, the Coalition dropped 6.5% to 24%, the Greens were unchanged on 13.5% while Independent/ Other Parties were up 2% to 13%.

The latest Roy Morgan survey was conducted with a representative Australia-wide cross-section of 1,630 electors in the week of January 12-18, 2026.

On a two-party preferred basis, the ALP is now on 53.5% (up 1.5% from a week ago) ahead of the Coalition on 46.5% (down 1.5%).

If a Federal Election were held now the ALP would be returned to Government with a decreased majority.

Roy Morgan Interviewing in December 2025 and Early January 2026: Primary Vote & Two-Party Preferred

<u>Primary Vote</u>	<u>December 2025*</u>	<u>Mid-December 2025*</u>	<u>Early January 2026*</u>	<u>Mid-January 2026*</u>	<u>Change</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
ALP	32	30.5	30	28.5	-1.5
L-NP	26.5	27.5	30.5	24	-6.5
One Nation	15.5	17	15	21	+6
Greens	13.5	13	13.5	13.5	-
Independents/Others	12.5	12	11	13	+2
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	
<u>Two-Party Preferred</u>	<u>December 2025*</u>	<u>Mid December*</u>	<u>Early January 2026*</u>	<u>Early January 2026*</u>	<u>Change</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
ALP	55.5	54.5	52	53.5	+1.5
L-NP	44.5	45.5	48	46.5	-1.5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	

*Interviewing dates: **December 2025**: November 17 – December 14, 2025; **Mid-December 2025**: December 8-14, 2025, **Early January 2026**: January 5-11, 2026, **Mid-January 2026**: January 12-18, 2026.

ALP leads the Coalition in NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania on a two-party preferred basis, but the Coalition leads ALP in both Queensland and Western Australia

The ALP leads the Coalition on two-party preferred terms in the two largest States of New South Wales (ALP 58.5% cf. L-NP 41.5%) and Victoria (ALP 52.5% cf. L-NP 47.5%).

However, the Coalition continues to lead in the next two largest States – Queensland (LNP 52% cf. ALP 48%), and Western Australia (L-NP 53% cf. ALP 47%).

Two-party preferred vote in every State & Territory: Mid-January 2026

NSW:	ALP 58.5% (up 4% since early January) cf. L-NP 41.5% (down 4%).
Victoria:	ALP 52.5% (down 2.5%) cf. L-NP 47% (up 2.5%).
Queensland:	LNP 52% (down 2%) cf. ALP 48% (up 2%).
WA:	L-NP 53% (down 1.5%) cf. ALP 47% (up 1.5%).
SA:	ALP 55.5% (up 5.5%) cf. L-NP 44.5% (down 5.5%).
Tasmania:	ALP 55.5% (down 0.5%) cf. L-NP 44.5% (up 0.5%).

ALP holds two-party preferred lead amongst women and regains the lead amongst men: Mid-January 2026

The ALP has taken the two-party preferred lead amongst men (ALP 52% cf. ALP 48%) and continue to hold a large lead amongst Women: (ALP 55% cf. L-NP 45%).

Women:	ALP 55% (down 2.5% since early January) cf. L-NP 45% (up 2.5%).
Men:	ALP 52% (up 5.5%) cf. L-NP 48% (down 5.5%).

Analysis by age shows the ALP leading the Coalition on a two-party preferred basis for Australians aged under 50, while the Coalition leads the ALP for people aged 50+

In mid-January 2026 the ALP's overall two-party preferred lead is built on its large lead amongst electors aged 18-34 (ALP: 67.5% cf. L-NP 32.5%) and a solid lead for those aged 35-49 (ALP: 55% cf. L-NP 45%).

The Coalition continues to lead in the two oldest age groups including 65+ (L-NP: 55.5% cf. ALP 44.5%) and amongst people aged 50-64 (L-NP 52% cf. ALP 48%).

18-34:	ALP 67.5% (up 0.5% since early January) cf. L-NP 32.5% (down 0.5%).
35-49:	ALP 55% (up 6.5%) cf. L-NP 45% (down 6.5%).
50-64:	L-NP 52% (up 0.5%) cf. ALP 48% (down 0.5%).
65+:	L-NP 55.5% (unchanged) cf. ALP 44.5% (unchanged).

Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating virtually unchanged at 73 in mid-January

The Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating was virtually unchanged at 73 in mid-January. A majority of 57.5% (up 12% from early January) of Australians say the country is 'going in the wrong direction' compared to only 30.5% (up 11%) that say the country is 'going in the right direction'.

The latest Roy Morgan survey is based on interviewing a representative cross-section of 1,715 Australian electors from January 12-18, 2026. Of all electors surveyed, 4% (down 0.5%) can't say who they would vote for. When comparing different polls, it is always important to make sure to take note of the dates when the polls are conducted to undertake a proper comparison between two polls.

When preferences from this week's Roy Morgan survey are allocated based on how Australians voted at the 2025 Federal Election held the two-party preferred result is slightly closer than the respondent allocated preferences with the ALP on 53% (up 1%) leading the L-NP Coalition on 47% (down 1%).

Further details will be released in [Roy Morgan's weekly video update](#) presented by Roy Morgan Chief Executive Officer Michele Levine.

For detailed analysis such as by States, capital cities/country areas, age, gender, occupation, and education contact Julian McCann on (03) 9224 5365 or email julian.mccann@roymorgan.com.

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Margin of Error

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. Margin of error gives indications of the likely range within which estimates would be 95% likely to fall, expressed as the number of percentage points above or below the actual estimate. Allowance for design effects (such as stratification and weighting) should be made as appropriate.

Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
1,000	±3.0	±2.7	±1.9	±1.3
2,000	±2.2	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0
60,000	±0.4	±0.4	±0.2	±0.2