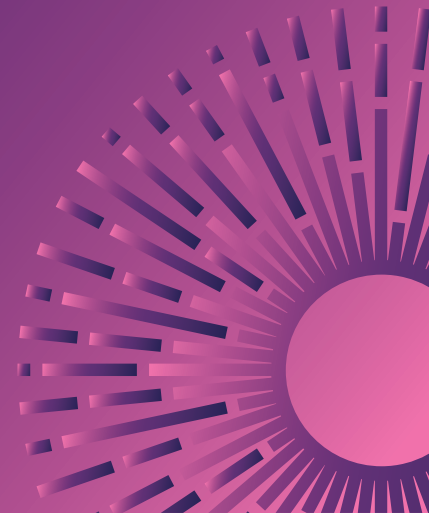




# Participant Information Sheet: Poker machine ('pokies') survey

## GAMBLING TRENDS STUDY



The Australian Gambling Research Centre (AGRC) at the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) is conducting a study about gambling trends in Australia. The study is called the **National Gambling Reporting System (NGRS)** and McNair yellowSquares is our fieldwork partner.

The aim of the NGRS is to monitor trends in gambling participation (e.g. the types of products people gamble on, how often people gamble and how much people spend) and impacts on health and wellbeing. Findings from the study will help to inform the development and implementation of evidence-based policy and practice responses to prevent and reduce gambling-related harm.

### What does the survey involve?

This is a confidential **online survey** that will ask you about:

- your gambling behaviours
- your most recent session of gambling at a 'pokies' venue
- your alcohol and tobacco consumption, and
- your general health and wellbeing.

It should take around 15-20 minutes to complete.

Your time is valuable. To thank you for participating, you may choose to enter a randomly selected draw for one of **five \$200 gift vouchers**.

The survey will be open until September 2022.

### Who can participate?

You are eligible to take part in the online survey if you:

- live in Australia
- are aged 18 years or over, and
- have gambled on poker machines ('pokies') regularly (at least fortnightly) in the past three months.

### What if I change my mind?

Participating in this survey is voluntary and you can stop participating at any time by clicking on the 'Exit' button. The data you provided will then be deleted.

### Who will have access to my survey responses?

All responses are confidential. Only individuals named on the research team will have access to the survey data. No information that could identify you will be contained in our reports or shared with any person or organisation.

## What support is available during or after the survey?

Sometimes people feel upset when they are involved in research. If you would like to talk to someone for support with your gambling or other personal issues, please call the following support services. Each of these services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- **Gambling Help:** 1800 858 858, [gamblinghelponline.org.au](http://gamblinghelponline.org.au)
- **Lifeline:** 13 11 14

## What will you do with my information?

We take your privacy seriously. Survey responses are confidential and anonymous. If you choose to provide contact details to go in the gift voucher draw (e.g., first name, mobile number, email address), your contact information will be kept in a separate password-protected database (from your survey responses) to maintain your confidentiality. This contact information will not be shared with anyone else and will be securely deleted once the draw is completed. If you express a wish to withdraw from participation in the survey before identifying information is removed, all data relating to you will be securely destroyed.

The de-identified survey data will be stored securely for a minimum of seven years in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) research guidelines. All files will be stored on a highly secured server. The results of this project may appear in reports, presentations at conferences, and in journal articles, but as grouped data only (no individual responses will be identifiable). If you have any further queries relating to our Privacy Policy, please contact us at [aifs-privacy@aifs.gov.au](mailto:aifs-privacy@aifs.gov.au).

## Who is running the survey and what if I have a complaint about it?

The AGRC at AIFS is funding the study and McNair yellowSquares is our fieldwork partner. The study has received ethics approval from the AIFS Human Research Ethics Committee (Project 2020/06).

If you would like to make a complaint about this research, please contact the AIFS ethics secretariat via telephone (03) 9214 7888 or email [ethics-secretariat@aifs.gov.au](mailto:ethics-secretariat@aifs.gov.au). If you are not satisfied with our handling of your problem or complaint, you can make a complaint to the [Office of the Australian Information Commissioner](#).

## Where can I find out more?

If you would like further information about the project, please contact Caroline Johnston at McNair yellowSquares at [PokiesSurvey@mcnair.com.au](mailto:PokiesSurvey@mcnair.com.au) or call on 1800 669 133. Visit [www.mcnair.com.au](http://www.mcnair.com.au).

To speak with someone at AIFS, please contact the Principal Researcher, Dr Rebecca Jenkinson, at [gamblingtrends@aifs.gov.au](mailto:gamblingtrends@aifs.gov.au)

## About the Australian Gambling Research Centre

The Australian Gambling Research Centre (AGRC) at the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) was established under the *Gambling Measures Act 2012*. More detailed information can be obtained from our website [aifs.gov.au/agrc](http://aifs.gov.au/agrc)