



Public Opinion Tracking Research: 09/11/20





ABOUT THE RESEARCH

The research findings in this report are based on surveys by **Amárach Research** on behalf of the Department of Health.

The polls are conducted and reported on the same day using Amárach's SmartPoll panel and weighted to the demographics of the 18+ adult population.

Sample size (09/11/20): n=1,700





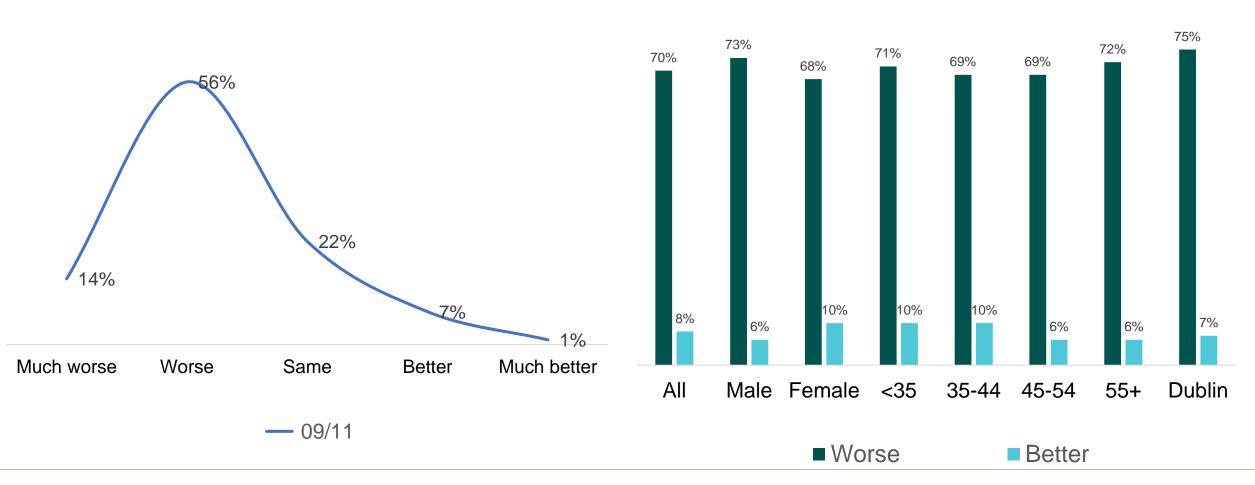
Module: Christmas





Christmas Outlook – I What do you think Christmas will be like this year?

Christmas Outlook – II Demographics: % Worse/Better

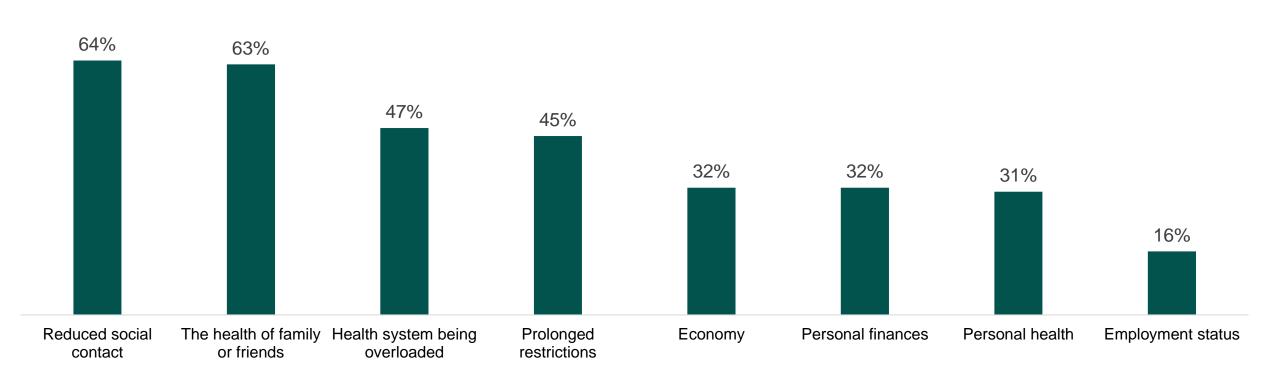






Christmas Worries

Which of the following are you worried about personally over Christmas? %



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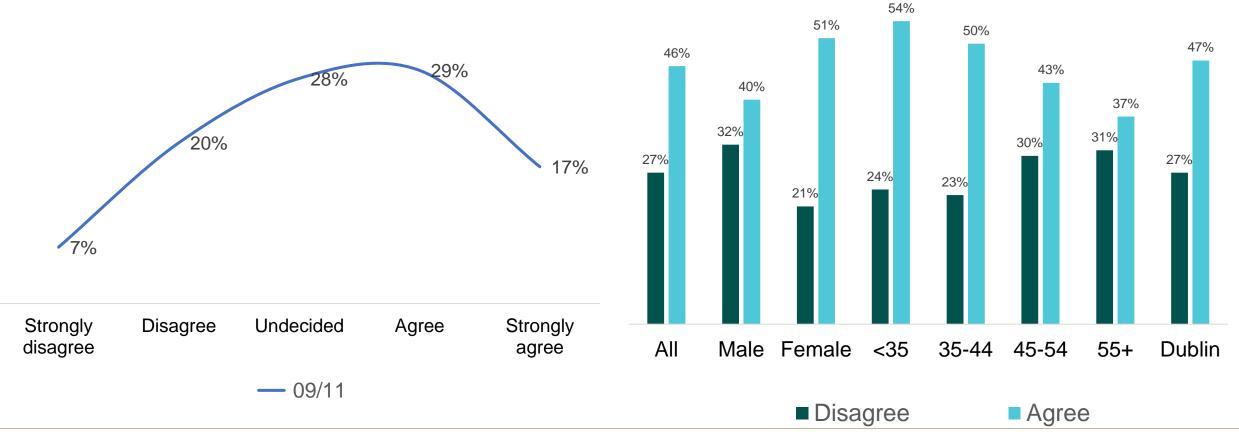




Christmas Restrictions – I

Special consideration should be given to easing restrictions during the Christmas period

Christmas Restrictions – II Demographics: % Disagree/Agree

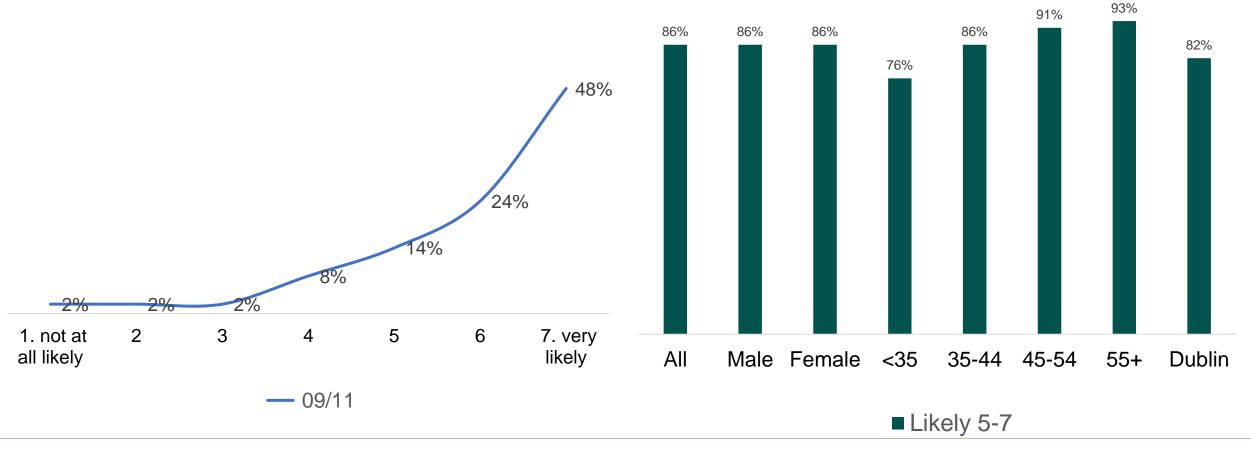






Christmas Behaviours – I Thinking specifically of the Christmas period, I will follow the government recommendations to prevent the spread of Covid-19: Scale of 1-7

Christmas Behaviours – II Follow recommendations: demographics: % likely 5-7

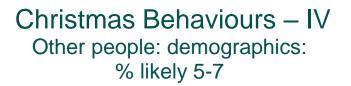


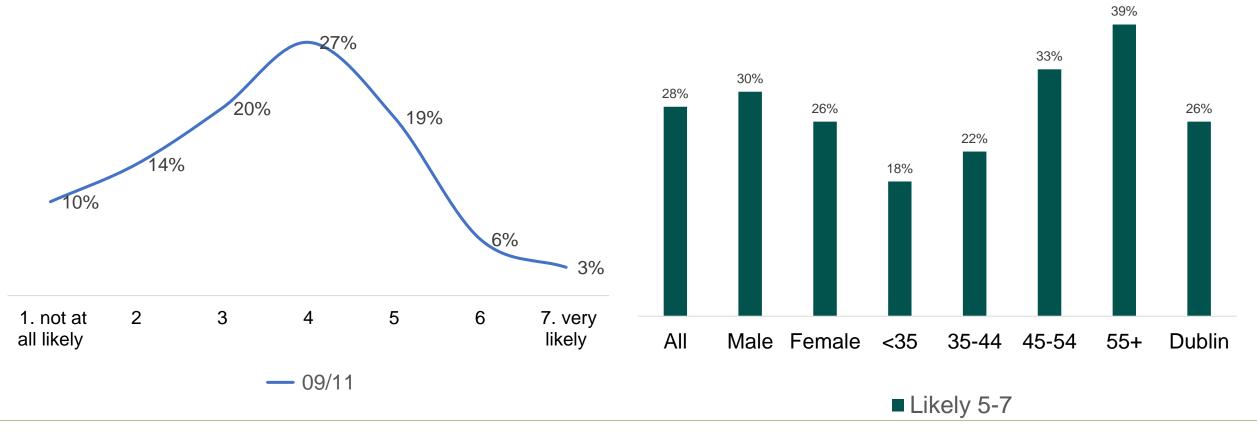




Christmas Behaviours – III Thinking specifically of the Christmas period, other

people will follow government recommendations to prevent the spread of Covid-19: Scale of 1-7



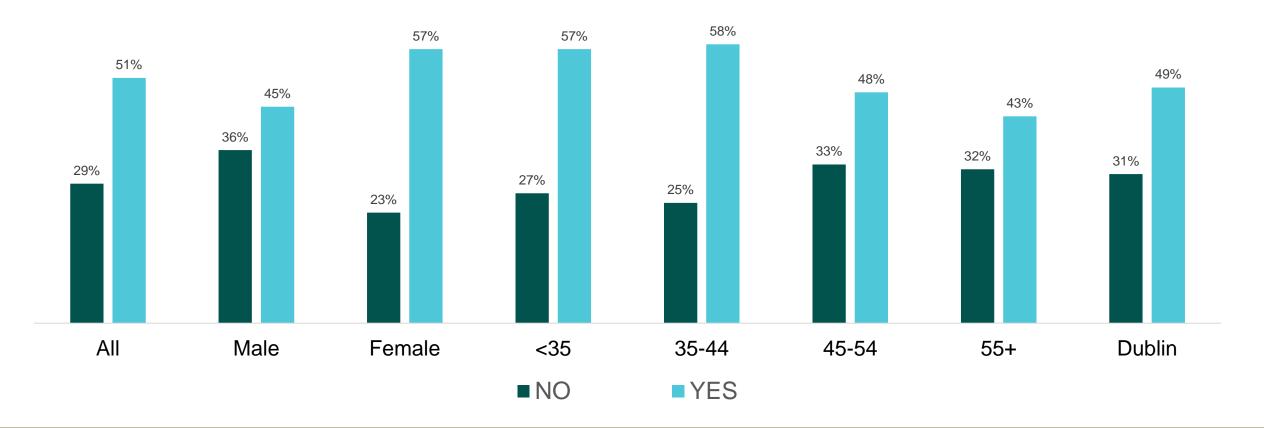






Special Consideration

At present we are at Level 5 restrictions on the Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19. Do you think that there should be special consideration given to easing restrictions at Christmas?

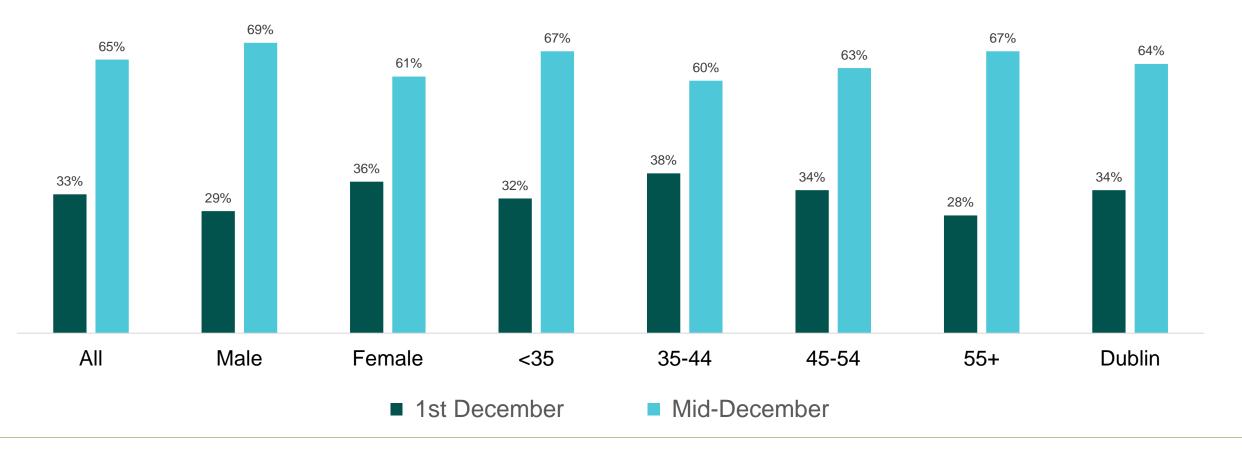






Easing Restrictions

Do you think we should ease restrictions on a) 1st December or b) Mid-December, knowing that having tighter restrictions in place for longer in December may reduce the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021?

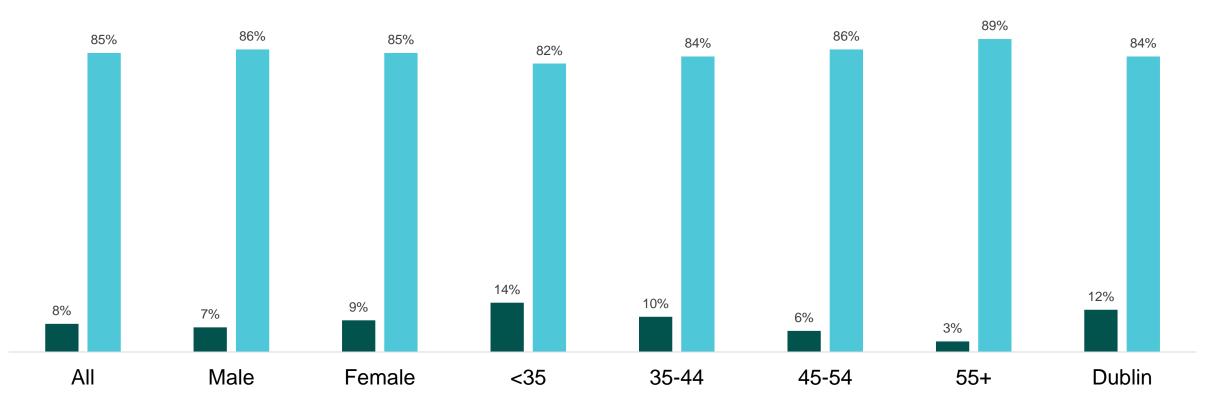






Trade Offs – I

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



See a lot of friends and family, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR

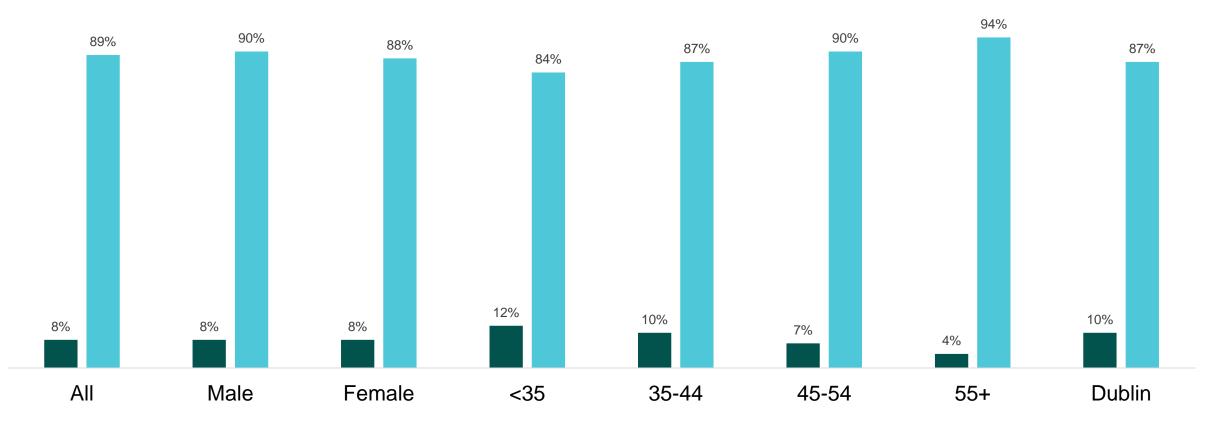
Spend quality time with close friends and family only, reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Trade Offs – II

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



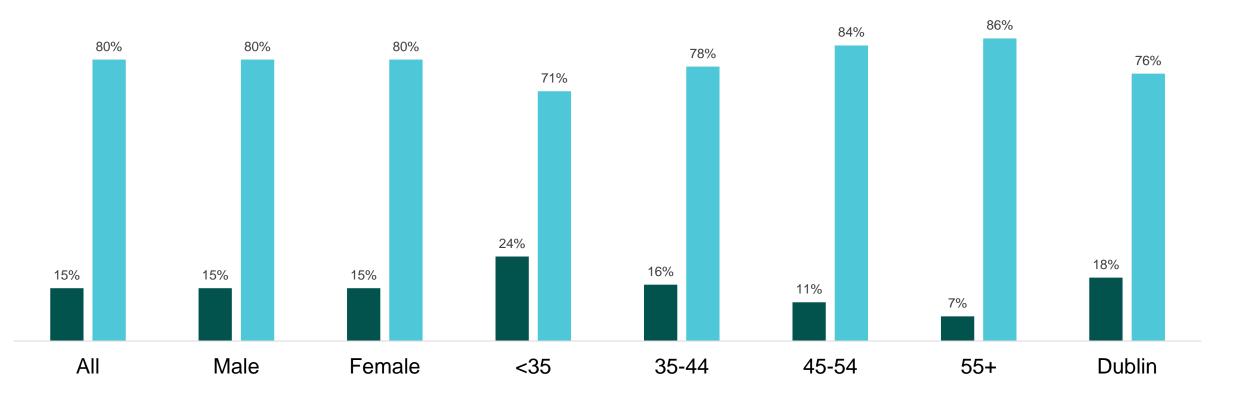
On Christmas day itself, have a big day with extended family and friends, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR
On Christmas day itself, have a quiet Christmas, just close family, reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Trade Offs – III

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



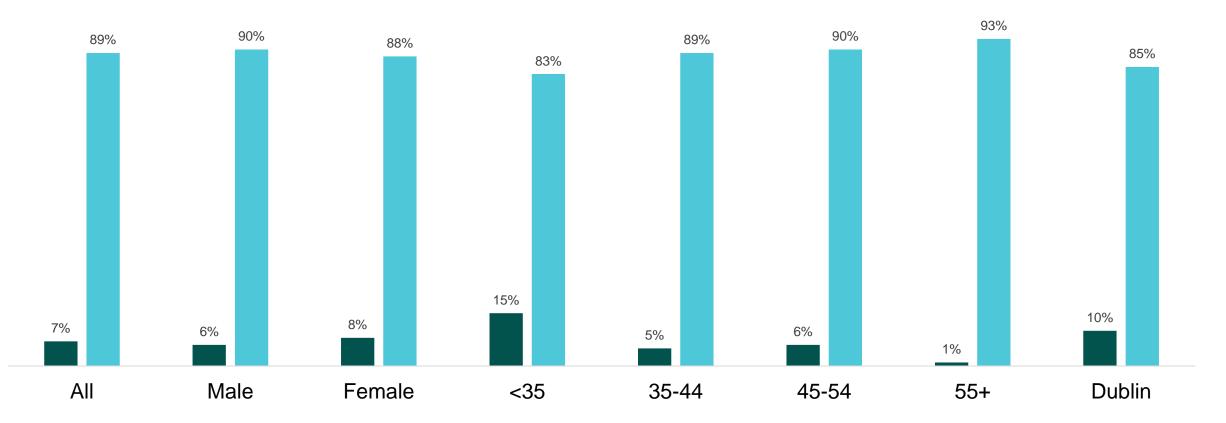
Go for a night out with friends over Christmas, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR
Stay in and have a few close friends over, reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Trade Offs – IV

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



See a lot of friends and family on New Years Eve / New Years Day, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR

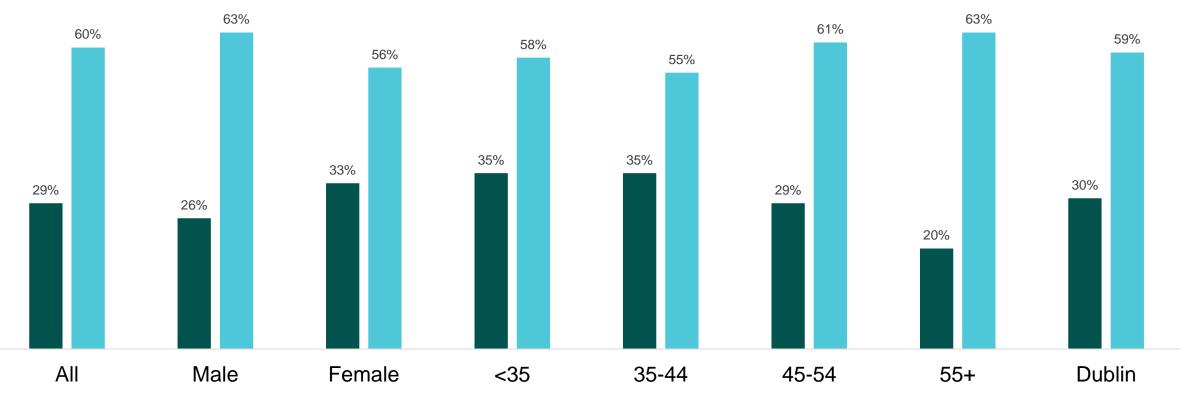
Spend quality time with close friends and family on New Years Eve / New Years Day, reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Trade Offs – V

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



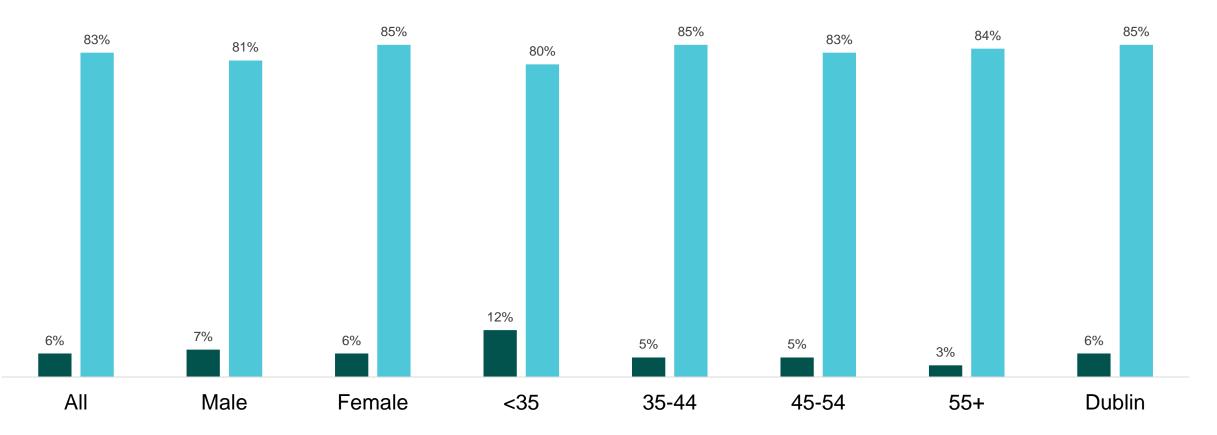
Ease restrictions on the 1st of December, so we can enjoy the build-up to Christmas, and the festive season, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR
Ease restrictions for one week of Christmas only, reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Trade Offs – VI

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



Allow pubs and restaurants to open without social distancing restrictions for the Christmas period, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR

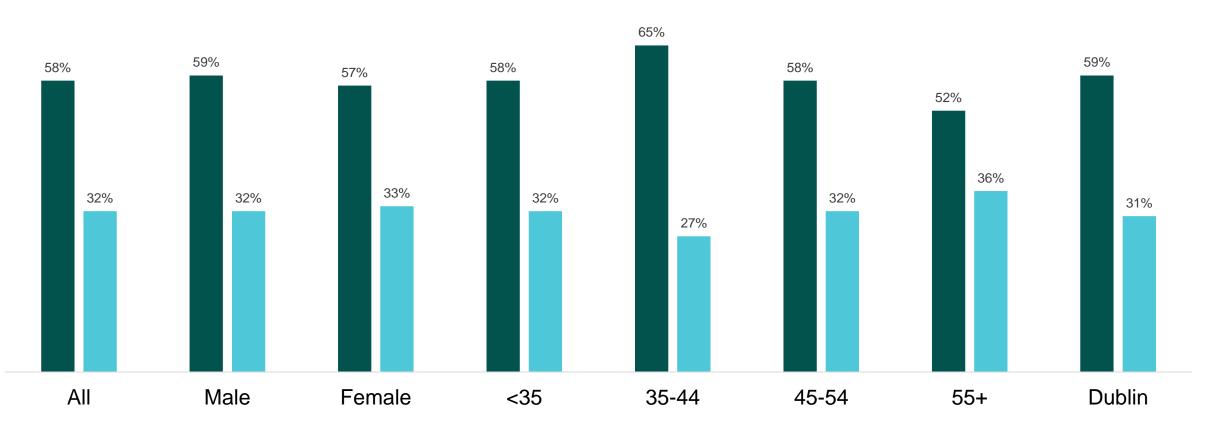
Allow pubs and restaurants to open with restrictions in place for the Christmas period, reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Trade Offs – VII

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



Pubs and restaurants open with restrictions in place for the Christmas period, with the possibility of introducing tighter restrictions in early 2021 OR

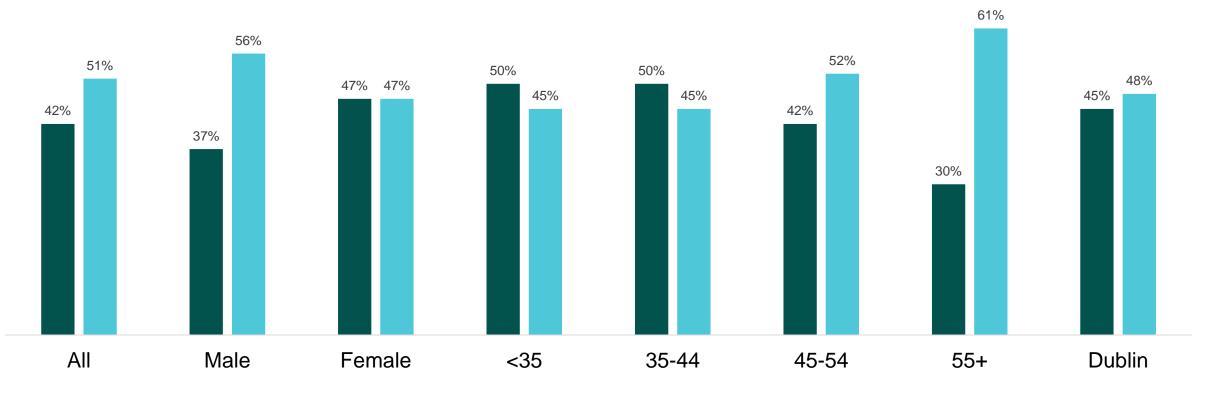
Pubs and restaurants remain closed.





Trade Offs – VIII

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



Open up all shops on the 1st of December, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR

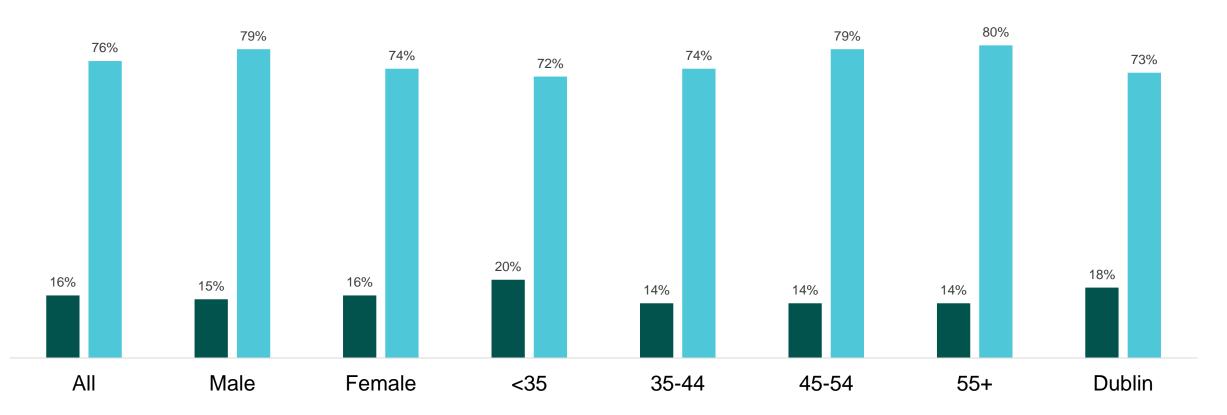
Open up all shops mid- December, reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Trade Offs – IX

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



■ No guidance to older people to avoid visiting other households and receiving visitors, knowing that this poses some risk to them getting Covid OR

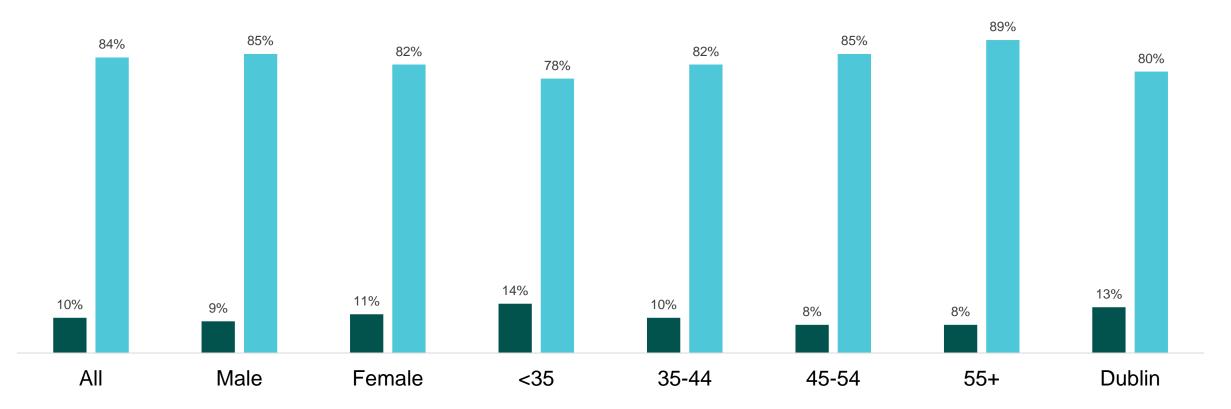
Recommend that older people continue to restrict their movements, reducing their risk of getting Covid





Trade Offs – X

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



■ No guidance to vulnerable people to avoid taking part in seasonal festivities, knowing that this poses some risk to them getting Covid OR

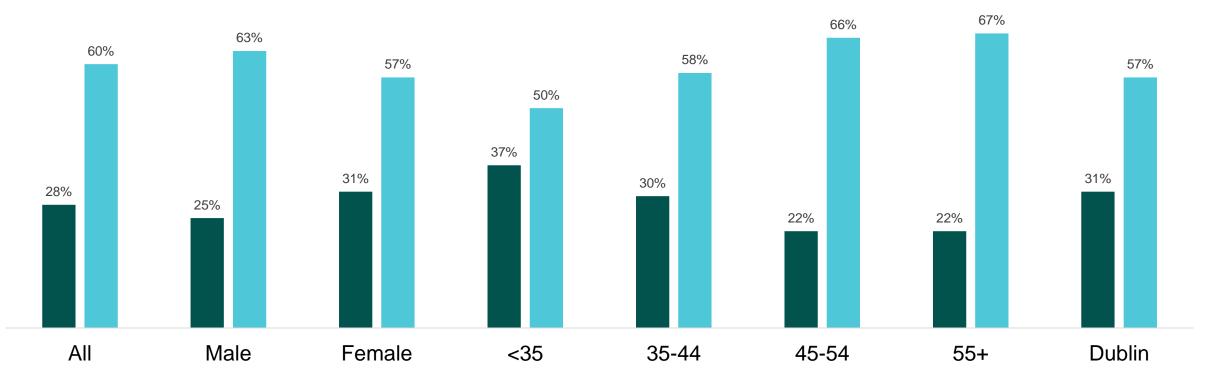
Recommend that vulnerable people continue to restrict their movements reducing their risk of getting Covid





Trade Offs – XI

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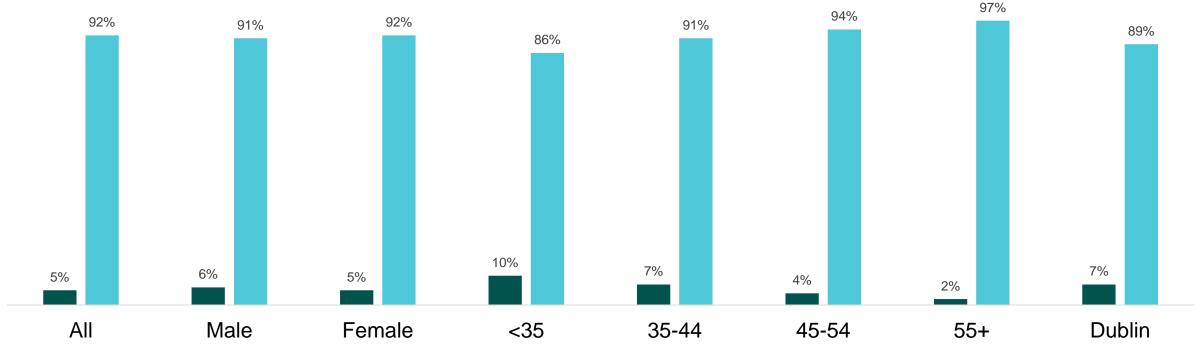
Allow friends and family to come home from abroad, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR
Do not allow friends and family to come home, reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Trade Offs – XII

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



■ Allow workplace parties, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR

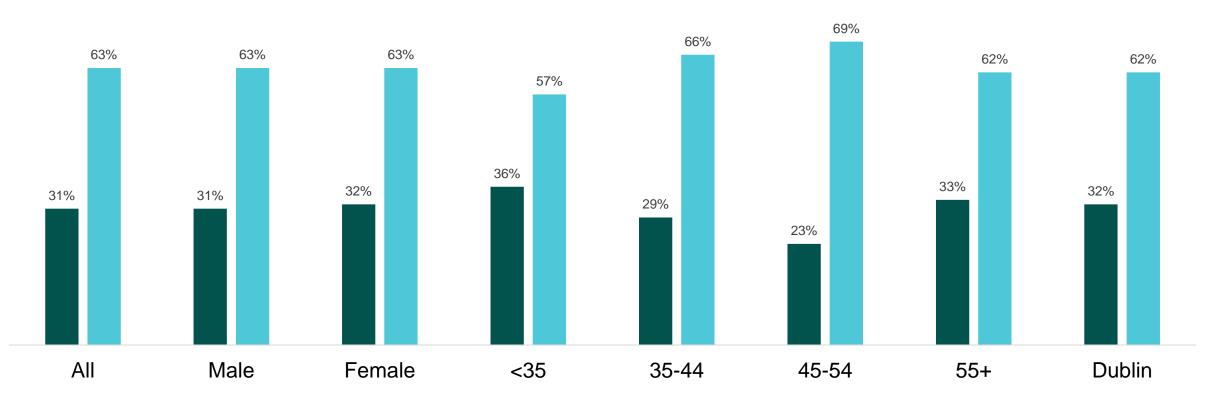
Do not allow workplace parties, reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Trade Offs – XIII

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



Permit mass/religious services, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR

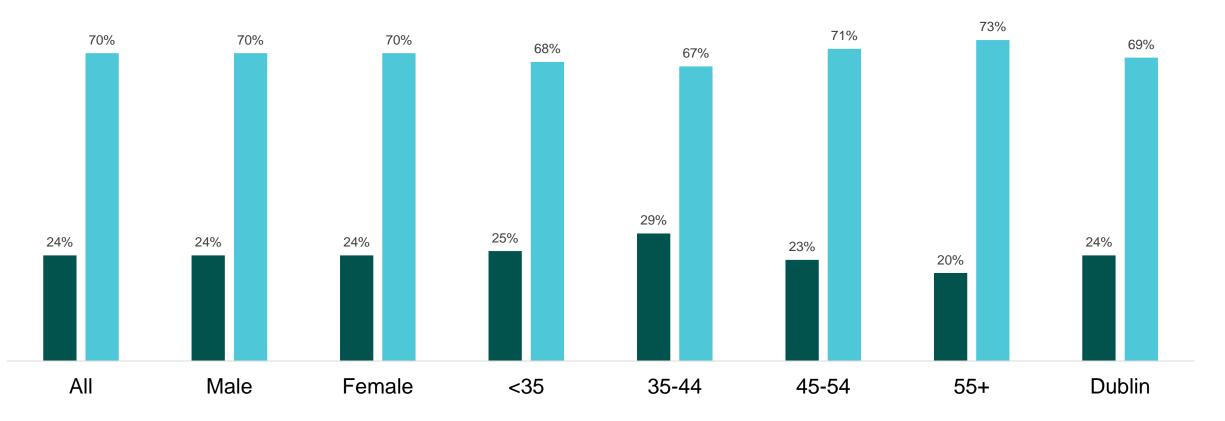
Continue restrictions on mass/religious service, reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Trade Offs – XIV

Thinking about this Christmas period, the more we socialise, the more likely it is that tighter restrictions will be needed again in January. Given this, please select your preference from the following:



Let children have a normal Christmas, visit Santa, have parties, etc, knowing restrictions may be tightened again in early 2021 OR

Continued restriction during Christmas on childhood activities (visiting Santa, having parties, etc), reducing the possibility of tighter restrictions again in early 2021





Santa's List

Looking back on 2020 and thinking of how closely you followed the public health guidelines on Covid-19, where do you think you are on Santa's List:

