



## Have Your Say

Autism Research Priorities

Australian  
Autism  
Research  
Council



# Autism Research Survey

We want to hear your thoughts

Easy read version

Please print this survey to complete it



## How to use this survey



This survey is written in an easy to read way. Pictures have been used for some questions to explain ideas.

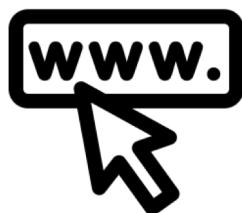


This survey is being conducted by Mind Tap Research for the Australian Autism Research Council (AARC).

When you see the word 'we', it means the AARC.



This Easy Read survey is a summary of another survey.



You can find the standard version of this survey at this web address  
[www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5028839/  
Autism-CRC-survey](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5028839/Autism-CRC-survey)



You can ask for help to ready this survey. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

## About this survey



Autism research will help us find solutions that give autistic people and their families a better life.

The Australian Autism Research Council (AARC) helps find out what autism research ideas are important.



The AARC is a group of autism experts including autistic people, parents and carers, service providers, doctors, teachers, government, policy makers and researchers.



Their ideas can be used by government, service providers, teachers and doctors.



The AARC identified 7 broad research priority areas for the future.

Now we need to know what you think.

## Answering the survey questions



What people tell us in this survey will help us

- Write our report.
- Make sure that people are doing the right types of research in the future.



We want to know

- What you think of the different research topics.
- What other types of research would help to make the lives of autistic people better.
- A little bit about who you are.

You must be aged 18 years or over to answer this survey.

By answering this survey, you are giving consent for us to use your responses to find out which autism research areas are important.

We may also use your answers to understand other research questions too.



Everybody's answers will be combined.  
This means that nobody will know which  
answers belong to you.  
We will not ask you what your name is.  
You can stop the survey any time you  
want.



The survey will close at midnight (AEST) on  
the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.



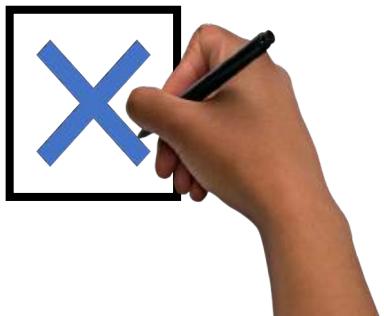
If you have any questions about this  
survey

You can contact Autism CRC on this email:  
[aarc@autismcrc.com.au](mailto:aarc@autismcrc.com.au)

If you would like to read Mind Tap  
Research's privacy policy, you can access it  
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Researchers at Mind Tap Research are  
members of the Australian Market and  
Social Research Society and follow the  
Code of Professional Behaviour.



When you answer questions in the survey, please mark them clearly with an X.

### Example

#### 1. Example Question

- Example answer A
- Example answer B
- Example answer C



If you are writing an answer to a question, please make sure your writing is

- Clear
- Easy to read.

## Survey questions

Do you consent to your survey responses being used for research purposes?

You must mark the Yes box if you would like us to include your survey responses in our research.



Yes, I give consent



No, I do not give consent and  
do not wish to participate

## Questions about you

Which of the following options best describes you?

Please select all of the options that apply to you.

- I am autistic
- I am a parent/guardian or other family member of an autistic person
- I am a carer of an autistic person
- I am a support worker / work directly with autistic people
- I am an advocate for autistic people
- I am an autism service provider / work for an autism service provider
- I work for an autism peak association or body
- I employ autistic people
- I am a health professional
- I am a researcher
- I am employed by federal, state or territory, or local government
- I am a business owner
- I am an interested member of the community (e.g., friend)
- Other – please tell us
- I don't want to answer

How are you filling out this survey?



- By myself



- With someone else helping me to fill it out or understand the questions

What is your gender?



Man



Woman

Nonbinary

Transgender

Other - please tell us



I don't want to answer

How old are you:

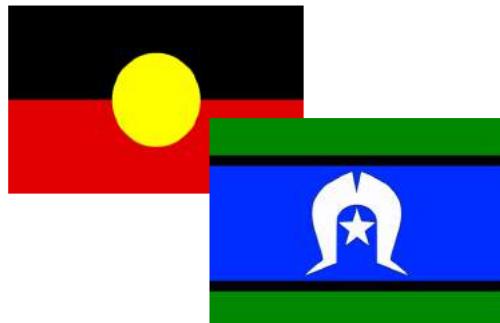


- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65-74 years
- 75-84 years
- 85-94 years
- 95 years or older

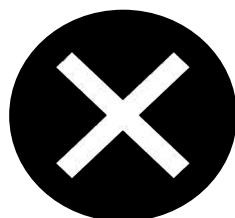


- I don't want to answer

Are you from an Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait Islander background?



Yes



No



I don't want to answer

Is English the main language you speak with your family?



Yes



No



I don't want to answer

Which Australian state or territory do you live in?

**ACT**

Australian Capital Territory

**NSW**

New South Wales

**NT**

Northern Territory

**QLD**

Queensland

**SA**

South Australia

**TAS**

Tasmania

**VIC**

Victoria

**WA**

Western Australia



I do not live in Australia

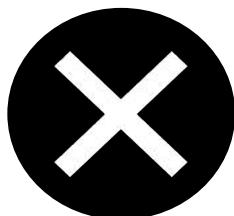


I don't want to answer

Do you have any of the following conditions?

Please select all of the options that apply to you.

- Depression, anxiety, or any other mental health condition
  - Epilepsy or seizure disorder
  - Intellectual disability
  - Speech disability
  - Learning disability (e.g., ADHD, dyslexia)
  - Other – please tell us
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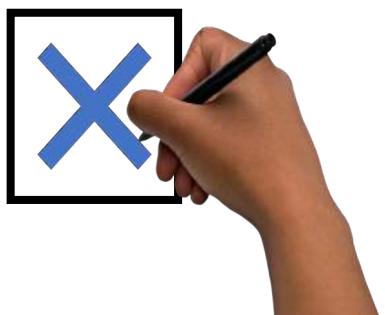


- I do not have any of these conditions



- I don't want to answer

Now we are going to go through each of the 7 different areas of autism research.



We would like to know how important you think each of these areas of research are.

Place a mark in the box to show how important you think each area of research is.



How important do you think it is to find more ways for autistic people to say what they want?



Not at all important



A little bit important



Fairly important



Very important



Extremely important



I don't know



I don't want to answer



How important do you think it is to find more ways to make buildings, parks and transport more accessible for autistic people?



Not at all important



A little bit important



Fairly important



Very important



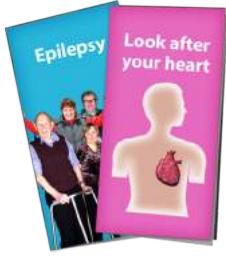
Extremely important



I don't know



I don't want to answer



How important do you think it is to find more ways for autistic people to live healthy and happy lives?



Not at all important



A little bit important



Fairly important



Very important



Extremely important



I don't know



I don't want to answer



How important do you think it is to find more ways for autistic people to get justice and be treated equally by the law?



Not at all important



A little bit important



Fairly important



Very important



Extremely important



I don't know



I don't want to answer



How important do you think it is to find more ways for autistic people to find work they like doing with equal pay?



Not at all important



A little bit important



Fairly important



Very important



Extremely important



I don't know



I don't want to answer



How important do you think it is to find more ways for autistic people to get the health services they need?



Not at all important



A little bit important



Fairly important



Very important



Extremely important



I don't know



I don't want to answer



How important do you think it is to find more ways to make education inclusive for autistic people?



Not at all important



A little bit important



Fairly important



Very important



Extremely important



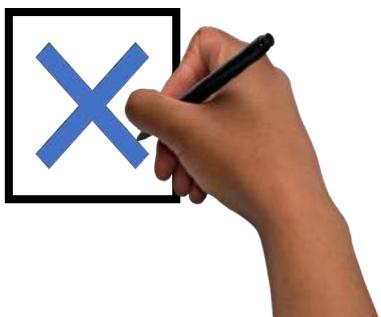
I don't know



I don't want to answer

Now we are going show you a list of other topics for autism research.

We would like to know which topics are the most important to you.



Place a mark in the box next to the topics that you think are the most important for future research.

Only select the research topics that you think are very important.

Which of these research topics are very important to you?

Place a mark in the box next to the topics that you think are the most important for future research.



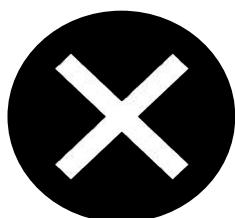
- Autistic people being treated as equal



- Women and girls on the autism spectrum being treated as equal



- Children on the autism spectrum being treated as equal



- I don't think any of these ideas are important for research



- I don't want to answer

Which of these research topics are very important to you?

Place a mark in the box next to the topics that you think are the most important for future research.



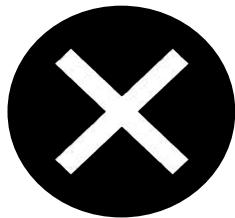
- Teaching everyone about autism and autistic people



- Safe and accessible transport for autistic people



- Access to information and technology for autistic people



- I don't think any of these ideas are important for research



- I don't want to answer

Which of these research topics are very important to you?

Place a mark in the box next to the topics that you think are the most important for future research.



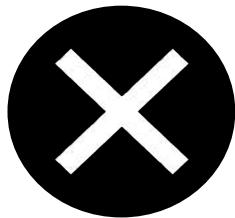
- Protection and safety of autistic people in emergencies



- Making sure autistic people are free and safe



- Making sure autistic people are not tortured or being treated cruelly



- I don't think any of these ideas are important for research



- I don't want to answer

Which of these research topics are very important to you?

Place a mark in the box next to the topics that you think are the most important for future research.



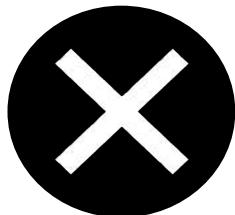
- Respecting the minds and bodies of autistic people



- Freedom for autistic people to travel and move between countries



- Including autistic people in the community



- I don't think any of these ideas are important for research



- I don't want to answer

Which of these research topics are very important to you?

Place a mark in the box next to the topics that you think are the most important for future research.



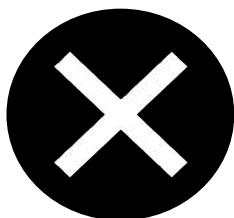
- Support for autistic people so that they can make their own choices and get the help they need



- Respect for the privacy of autistic people, including their homes and family



- Support for autistic people so that they have what they need to live



- I don't think any of these ideas are important for research



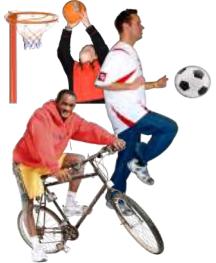
- I don't want to answer

Which of these research topics are very important to you?

Place a mark in the box next to the topics that you think are the most important for future research.



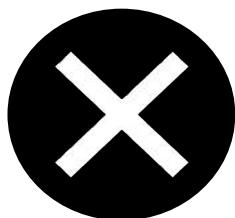
- Making sure that autistic people can be involved in politics



- Making sure autistic people can get involved in sport and leisure activities



- Support for carers and families of autistic people



- I don't think any of these ideas are important for research



- I don't want to answer



Are there any other areas of research  
that you think are important for autistic  
people?

Tell us which areas of research you  
think are important.



Do you have any other comments you would like to make?

Please enter your comments in the space below.

Can we use some of the things you  
have told us in the report we will write?

We will not use your name so nobody  
will know which comments are from  
you.



Yes



No

Thank you for sharing your valuable feedback and experiences.

If you would like to know more or register to receive updates about this research, please visit: [www.autismcrc.com.au/aarc](http://www.autismcrc.com.au/aarc).

You can submit your completed survey by either



- Posting it to  
Mind Tap Research  
PO Box 13531  
George Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

OR



- Scanning it and emailing it to  
[aarc@autismcrc.com.au](mailto:aarc@autismcrc.com.au)