

Fact Sheet: Public Support for Deposit Return Systems

Table 1 Summary of Public Opinion Polls Showing Support for Introduction of DRS Legislation (2003-2021)

Jurisdiction	Year	Level of support	Notes
Western Australia, Australia ⁱ	2006	94.45% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey commissioned by ECOS Corporation and carried out by Newspoll Survey conducted by telephone from May 5-7 and May 12-14, 2006 Sample size: 300 79% “strongly in favour” and 15% “partly in favour”
Western Australia, Australia ⁱⁱ	2007	94.48% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll from February 16-18 and February 23-25, 2007 Sample size: 304 79% “strongly in favour” and 19% “partly in favour”
Western Australia, Australia ⁱⁱⁱ	2011	74.2% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for The Total Environment Centre from April 15-17, 2011 Sample size: 150 “56.1% “strongly in favour” and 18.1% “partly in favour”
Western Australia, Australia ^{iv}	2012	85% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll from July 27-29, 2012 Sample size: 152 72% “strongly in favour” and 13% “partly in favour”
Western Australia, Australia ^v	2012/13	87.6% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey conducted by Newspoll Sample size: 303 70.8% “strongly in favour” and 16.8% “partly in favour”
Western Australia, Australia ^{vi}	2013	90% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance and Total Environment Centre from October 18-20, 2013 Sample size: 150 74% “strongly in favour” and 15% “partly in favour”
Western Australia, Australia ^{vii}	2017	97.1% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online survey conducted in 2017 by the Government of Western Australia Department of Water and Environmental Regulation as part of its consultation on a container deposit scheme Sample size: 3,236

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Western Australia, Australia ^{viii}	2017	93% in favour of introducing deposit legislation for plastic bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted November 16-21, 2017 Sample size: 402 67% “strongly support” and 26% “support” a 10-cents refund on each plastic bottle returned for recycling
Northern Territory, Australia ^{ix}	2011	79% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll from February 2-3, 2011 Sample size: 250 67% “strongly in favour” and 12% “partly in favour” 87% believe a 10-cent deposit will encourage more people to recycle these items
Victoria, Australia ^x	2011	73% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for The Total Environment Centre from April 15-17, 2011 Sample size: 300 53.7% “strongly in favour” and 19.3% “partly in favour”
Victoria, Australia ^{xi}	2012	78% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance from July 27-29, 2012 Sample size: 304 61% “strongly in favour” and 18% “partly in favour”
Victoria, Australia ^{xii}	2013	81% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey conducted by Newspoll 7/16 June 2013 Sample size: 300 60% “strongly in favour” and 21% “partly in favour”
Victoria, Australia ^{xiii}	2013	82% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance and Total Environment Centre from October 18-20, 2013 Sample size: 300 62% “strongly in favour” and 21% “partly in favour”
Victoria, Australia ^{xiv}	2015	79% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted January/February 2015 Sample size: 608
Victoria, Australia ^{xv}	2018	84% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online survey conducted June 22-27, 2018 for the Total Environment Centre Sample size: 503 Support was highest among those living in households with 5 or more people (87%) and lowest among single-person households (77%) Support was also high among those with an associate diploma (89%), bachelor’s degree (87%), and skilled vocational (87%). Widowed people (94%), as well as those living common law, de-factor or with a partner (87%), married (85%), or divorced/separated (84%) showed more support than those who were single or never married (77%).
Victoria, Australia ^{xvi}	2019	92% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online survey conducted in July 2019 by Infrastructure Australia Sample size: 1,000

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New South Wales / ACT, Australia ^{xvii}	2011	73.9% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for The Total Environment Centre from April 15-17, 2011 Sample size: 350 55.6% “strongly in favour” and 18.3% “partly in favour”
New South Wales / ACT, Australia ^{xviii}	2012	80% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance from July 27-29, 2012 Sample size: 352 65% “strongly in favour” and 15% “partly in favour”
New South Wales / ACT, Australia ^{xix}	2013	88% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance and Total Environment Centre from October 18-20, 2013 Sample size: 350 67% “strongly in favour” and 21% “partly in favour”
New South Wales, Australia ^{xx}	2013	86% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance June 7/16, 2013 Sample size: 665 68% “strongly in favour” and 18% “partly in favour”
New South Wales, Australia ^{xxi}	2015	90% in favour of introducing deposit legislation (decision taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Total Environment Centre throughout January/February 2015 Sample size: 669 Support was the highest among grocery buyers with children (92%)
Queensland, Australia ^{xxii}	2011	76% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for The Total Environment Centre from April 15-17, 2011 Sample size: 200 44.8% “strongly in favour” and 31.2% “partly in favour”
Queensland, Australia ^{xxiii}	2012	82% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance from July 27-29, 2012 Sample size: 201 59% “strongly in favour” and 23% “partly in favour”
Queensland, Australia ^{xxiv}	2013	85% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newspoll commissioned by Greenpeace and Boomerang Alliance Sample size: 400 67% “strongly in favour” and 18% “partly in favour”
Queensland, Australia ^{xxv}	2013	88% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance and Total Environment Centre from October 18-20, 2013 Sample size: 200 66% “strongly in favour” and 22% “partly in favour”
Queensland, Australia ^{xxvi}	2015	86% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone survey conducted January/February 2015 Sample size: 407

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Australian Capital Territory, Australia ^{xxvii}	2015	81% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey; poll closed January 13, 2015 • Sample size: 624
South Australia, Australia ^{xxviii}	2012	98% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance over the period of July 27-29, 2012 • Sample size: 153 • 93% “strongly in favour” and 5% “partly in favour”
South Australia, Australia ^{xxix}	2013	93% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance and Total Environment Centre from October 18-20, 2013 • Sample size: 151 • 81% “strongly in favour” and 12% “partly in favour”
Australia (National) ^{xxx}	2012	82.1% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance over the period of July 27-29, 2012 • Sample size: 1,212 • 65.7% “strongly in favour” and 16.5% “partly in favour”
Australia (National) ^{xxxi}	2013	87% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Total Environment Centre and Boomerang Alliance from October 18-20, 2013 • Sample size: 1,201 • 67% “strongly in favour” and 20% “partly in favour”
Tasmania, Australia ^{xxxii}	2011	70.1% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for The Total Environment Centre from April 15-17, 2011 • Sample size: 50 • 46.8% “strongly in favour” and 23.4% “partly in favour”
Tasmania, Australia ^{xxxiii}	2011	91% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll undertaken from May 23-29, 2011 • Sample size: 1,000 • 75% “strongly support” and 16% “partly support”
Tasmania, Australia ^{xxxiv}	2012	86.6% in favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance over the period of July 27-29, 2012 • Sample size: 50 • 74.9% “strongly in favour” and 11.8% “partly in favour”
Tasmania, Australia ^{xxxv}	2013	86% In favour of introducing deposit legislation throughout Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone survey conducted by Newspoll for the Boomerang Alliance and Total Environment Centre from October 18-20, 2013 • Sample size: 50 • 68% “strongly in favour” and 18% “partly in favour”
New Zealand ^{xxxvi}	2017	83% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research commissioned by WasteMINZ’s Territorial Authority (TA) Forum • Sample size: 1,000 • 58% “strongly in support”

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Austria ^{xxxvii}	2020	81% in favour of introducing a deposit on PET bottles 76% in favour of introducing a deposit on cans 84% in favour of introducing a deposit on glass bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 78% of respondents support all types of beverage containers being included in the DRS Online interviews conducted between July 30-August 5, 2020 by Research Affairs Sample size: 1,000
Austria ^{xxxviii}	2020	83% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online survey conducted by YouGov for Changing Markets Foundation February 4-11, 2020 Sample size: 1,000
Austria ^{xxxix}	2021	87% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online survey conducted February 8-15, 2021 for Greenpeace Austria by Marketagent Sample size: 500 Margin of error: 4.3% The poll also found that 87.4% of respondents were in favor of expansion of refillables in retail.
Belgium ^{xi}	2011	62% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
Belgium ^{xii}	2015	80% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The news paper 'Het Belang van Limburg' did a poll among 1,000 people living in Limburg (a province in Flanders). 80% of respondents supported the introduction of deposits on bottles and cans to fight litter.
Belgium ^{xiii}	2017	66% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The consumer organisation Test-Achats / Test-Aankoop did a poll among 1,150 of its members (both Dutch and French speaking). 66% of them supported the introduction of deposits on bottles and cans.
Belgium ^{xiiii}	2018	82% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted May 30-June 7, 2018 Sample size: 5,134
Belgium ^{xliv}	2021	88% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online poll conducted April 10-19, 2021 by Ipsos België Sample size: 6,742
England ^{xlv}	2021	77% in favour of introducing deposit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online survey conducted by YouGov 25-26 May 2021, commissioned by the Marine Conservation Society (MCS)

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		legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample size: 2,076 adults living in Great Britain, of which 1,794 were based in England and 102 in Wales. The survey found that the public are supportive of a DRS including not just plastic bottles (77%), but also glass (75%), cans (67%), and cartons (57%)
France ^{xlvi}	2019	90% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted by Ifop for “Agir pour l’environnement” from March 20-22, 2019 via self-administered online questionnaire Sample size: 1,004 55% strongly in favour of introducing a DRS on glass bottles; 35% partly in favour
France ^{xlvii}	2019	89% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online poll conducted September 17-20, 2019 by Ipsos Sample size: 2,138 57% “strongly in favour” and 32% “mostly in favour”
France ^{xlviii}	2019	84% of Millennials in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study carried out November 22-27, 2019 by the Oceans without Plastic and the Tara Ocean Foundation, in partnership with the Harris Interactive Institute Sample size: 1,044 people between the age of 18 and 35 (“Millennials”) Margin of error: ±1.8% at a 95% confidence level 50% “strongly in favour and 34% “mostly in favour”
France ^{xlix}	2019	88% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted by Ifop via self-administered online questionnaires from November 28-29, 2019 Sample size: 1,004 Margin of error: ±1.4% at a 95% confidence level 57% “strongly in support” and 31% “mostly in support”
Hungary	2013	66% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
Ireland ⁱ	2013	89.4% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted April 20-May 10, 2013 via paper and online surveys Sample size: 1,426 Only 6.1% were against such a scheme and 4.5% gave a conditional approval
Ireland ⁱⁱ	2020	88% in favour of introducing an “all-in” DRS model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted October 1-5, 2020 by RedC, a well-respected polling company in Ireland, and commissioned by Voice Ireland Sample size: 1,006 66% of respondents “strongly agree” that Ireland’s DRS should include as wide a scope as possible, while 22% “somewhat agree” (total 88% agree) Some 78% of those questioned also said they supported the introduction of a variable deposit fee, where consumers pay a deposit that varies based on the size and material of the container Opinion was relatively consistent across the age ranges surveyed, with 90% of 25-34 year olds calling for a scheme that includes as many drinks containers as possible
Romania ⁱⁱⁱ	2020	96% in favour of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted August 17-24, 2020 via computer assisted telephone interviews

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		introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample size: 820 (people living in Romania over 18 years of age) Sampling tolerance: $\pm 13.4\%$ at a 95% confidence level
Spain ^{liii}	2013	86% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample size: 5,175
Scotland ^{liiv}	2015	78.8% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online poll conducted February 12-17, 2015 Sample size: 1,011 Margin of error: $\pm 3.1\%$ at the 95% confidence level 39.1% “strongly support” and 35.9% “somewhat support”
Scotland ^{liv}	2019	77% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online poll conducted July 16-18, 2019 Sample size: 1,019 46% “strongly support” and 31% “tend to support”
Wales ^{lvi}	2015	60% in favour of producer responsibility approach to beverage-related litter; out of them 81% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey carried out during September 2015; sent out over social media to the general public Although this methodology can only provide a snapshot of data and responses are somewhat subjective, results were largely consistent with few anomalies
Wales ^{lvii}	2019	74% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The research consisted of two online panel surveys: one with 1,453 adults aged 16+ and one with 372 children aged 11-15. Survey was conducted online in March 2019 using Kantar’s online access panel Lightspeed as the main sample source 39% “strongly support” and 35% “support” Surveyed children aged 11-15 were also in support of a DRS: 85% supported the introduction of the scheme while only 3% opposed it An ‘all-in’ scheme, where all containers carried the same deposit cost, regardless of size, was considered by participants to be the most effective scheme.
Wales ^{lviii}	2021	72% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online survey conducted 25-26 May 2021 by YouGov and commissioned by the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) Sample size: 2,076 adults living in Great Britain, of which 1,794 were based in England and 102 in Wales The survey found that the public are supportive of a DRS including not just plastic bottles (76%), but also glass (75%), cans (63%), and cartons (58%)
UK ^{lix}	2008	82% in favour of introducing 5 pence deposit 80% in favour of	

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		introducing 10 pence deposit	
UK	2010	89% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
UK ^{lx}	2017	63% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
UK ^{lxi}	2017	73% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey conducted by YouGov on behalf of the Marine Conservation Society between August 7-8, 2017 • Sample size: 2,137 adults living in Great Britain, of which 1,844 were based in England and 106 in Wales. • 40% strongly support and 33% support introducing a deposit return system across the UK for single-use drinks bottles and cans • Most support comes from those aged over 45 years
UK ^{lxii}	2018	74% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey conducted April 3, 2018 • Sample size: 1,002 • The survey also reveals what people do with their used empty plastic bottles when they are away from home. Of those that use plastic bottles away from home, 42% say they are likely to keep their bottle and reuse it, 32% say they will go out of their way to find a recycling bin, and 26% say they will just throw it in the nearest bin.
UK ^{lxiii}	2018	<p>72% of people in England in favour of introducing deposit legislation for all sizes of drinks containers</p> <p>71% of people in Wales in favour of introducing deposit legislation for all sizes of drinks containers</p> <p>80% of people in Scotland in favour of introducing deposit legislation for all sizes of drinks containers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey conducted October 18-19, 2018 by YouGov for the Marine Conservation Society • Sample size: 2,081 adults living in Great Britain, of which 1,797 were based in England and 104 in Wales.
UK ^{lxiv}	2019	72% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey conducted by YouGov on behalf of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, between June 9-11, 2019 • Sample size: 3,386

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UK ^{lxv}	2020	84% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41% “strongly support”; 31% “tend to support” Poll conducted May 29-31, 2020 by Populus Sample size: 2,087 members of the UK public aged 18 and over 84% agreed that all drinks containers should be included in the government’s proposed deposit return scheme, up from 69% in May 2019 Almost 4 in 5 said they believe the scheme should have a variable deposit
UK ^{lxvi}	2021	86.3% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online survey running from mid-January 2021 to the end of February 2021 Sample size: 138 86.3% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that a DRS is a good idea and 90.3% either agreed or strongly agreed that it would benefit the environment Most respondents stated that they would like to see the DRS extended beyond drinks containers to include other types of plastic waste (69.4%)
Slovakia ^{lxvii}	2019	86% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted in January 2019 by the AKO polling agency for the Slovak Environment Inspection Sample size: 1,030 More than 86% of Slovaks support the introduction of PET bottle and can deposits, while only 10% oppose this proposal. The poll further showed that 96% don’t mind paying a deposit while buying a drink that will be returned to them when they bring PET bottles or cans back to a shop. Asked about whether the deposits will influence their waste separation habits, 77% of respondents answered they will keep separating plastics as they did until now, while 3% of respondents admitted they would limit separation of plastics.
Indiana, USA ^{lxviii}	2012	73% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll managed by Ball State University Bowen Center using Princeton Survey Research Associates Sample size: 600 Tested seven possible outcomes associated with a refundable deposit program - very strong support for all (78% to 87%) 67.7% agreed that a refundable deposit is not a tax
Tennessee, USA ^{lxix}	2008	80.4% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted March 12-20, 2008 via random telephone interviews Sample size: 777 (only includes registered voters) Margin of error: ± 3.5% at the 95% confidence level 44.4% “strongly support” and 36% “support”
Tennessee, USA	2009	83.2% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
Texas, USA ^{lxx}	2011	71% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted January 18-20, 2011 via telephone interviews Sample size: 501 Margin of error: ±4.4% at a 95% confidence level

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Ontario, Canada ^{lxxi}	2006	75% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted September 30-October 3, 2006 via random telephone interview • Sample size: 500 • Margin of error: The aggregate survey results are accurate $\pm 4.4\%$, 19 times out of 20 • 75% “strongly support” and 12% “somewhat support”

Table 2 Summary of Public Opinion Polls Showing Support for Expansion of DRS Legislation (2003-2021)

Jurisdiction	Year	Level of support	Notes
South Australia, Australia ^{lxxii}	2004	92% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted June 9-17, 2004 via interviews • Sample size: 803 • 78% “strongly support” and 13% “slightly support”
South Australia, Australia ^{lxxiii}	2019	84% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey conducted January 13-February 22, 2019 • Sample size: 1,001 • A total of 84% of the people responding to this survey thought that more types of containers should be included in the DRS, leaving 16% who did not think so. The most frequently mentioned items for inclusion were wine/spirit bottles, followed by single-use plastics, glass bottles and containers, and other containers that could be recycled. • Just 4% of respondents were of the opinion that there are containers that should be removed from the scheme, leaving 96% who did not support the removal of any items.
Netherlands ^{lxxiv}	2016	74% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to small plastic bottles and cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey conducted by Radar, a Dutch consumer programme • Sample size: 1,500
Netherlands ^{lxxv}	2018	84% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to small plastic bottles 75% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey conducted by Consumers’ Association (Consumentenbond) • Sample size: 2,000
Netherlands ^{lxxvi}	2018	80% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey conducted by Radar • Sample size: 40,000
Netherlands ^{lxxvii}	2018	79% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey conducted 8-21 February 2018 by GfK Research for the Recycling Netwerk • Sample size: 24,979 • Support was also strong among the governing parties: 85% for CU, 85% for D66, 83% for CDA, and 79% for VVD

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Netherlands ^{lxxviii}	2018	78% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey conducted 7-9 February 2018 by EenVandaag • Sample size: 33,270 • Support was also strong among the governing parties: 89% for DKK, 83% for CDA, 85% for CU, and 72% for VVD • With a 10-cent deposit on plastic bottles, 77% of respondents would often or always return their bottle; with a 25-cent deposit, this increases to 89%. • With a 10-cent deposit on cans, 72% would make the effort to return them to a supermarket; with a 25-cent deposit, this increases to 83%.
Netherlands ^{lxxix}	2021	90.1% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey conducted February 4, 2021 via online poll • Sample size: 7,130 • 90.1% agree with the government's decision to extend the deposit system to cans from 31 December 2022
Iowa, USA ^{lxxx}	2018	27% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to include juice and water bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted January 28-31 by Selzer & Co. (for The Des Moines Register and Mediacom) via telephone interviews • Sample size: 801 • Margin of error: ±3.5%
Iowa, USA ^{lxxxi}	2021	38% in favour of expanding deposit legislation (to include all single use beverage containers and/or to raise deposit/handling fee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent survey conducted in January 2021 by Kristi Cooper Consulting • Sample size: 600 • 21% of respondents said to keep the bottle bill and raise the deposit/handling fee; 17% said to keep and expand the bottle bill, and 8% said to eliminate it.
Connecticut, USA ^{lxxxii}	2020	81% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey conducted by live telephone interviews among both landline and cell phone respondents from January 6-9, 2020 • Sample size: 500 • Margin of error: ±4.4% at the 95% confidence level • 64% “strongly support” and 17% “somewhat support”
Connecticut, USA ^{lxxxiii}	2021	83% in favour of increasing the deposit from 5- to 10-cents 90% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to include juices, teas, sports drinks, and liquor nips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey conducted by the Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) over several days from April to June 2021 • Results are the combination of in-person surveys conducted in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, and New Haven, Connecticut, as well as online surveys (SurveyMonkey) distributed via CCE's e-mail and social media networks. • Sample size: 209 • 92% of respondents supported increasing public access to convenient recycling options for bottles and cans
Michigan,	2013	80.5% in favour of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample size: 334

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USA ^{lxxxiv}		expanding deposit legislation	
Massachusetts, USA ^{lxxxv}	2003	84% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	
Massachusetts, USA ^{lxxxvi}	2011	77% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted January 5-8, 2011 via telephone interviews • Sample size: 400 • 53% “strongly support” and 24% “somewhat support”
New York, USA ^{lxxxvii}	2004	70% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	
Vermont, USA ^{lxxxviii}	2010	86% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted November 15-17, 2010 via telephone interviews • Sample size: 400 • Margin of error: ±4.9% at the level of 95% confidence • 93% thought Vermont’s current bottle bill was a ‘good idea’ (75% strongly agreed) • 61% strongly favoured expansion
Vermont, USA ^{lxxxix}	2013	80% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual survey conducted by Senator Bill Doyle • Sample size: 139
Vermont, USA ^{xc}	2021	83% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPIRG poll conducted via telephone interviews among voters from March 11-14, 2021 • Sample size: 400 • Margin of error: ±4.9% at the 95% confidence level • Support for expanding bottle bill to include more types of containers such as sports drinks, water bottles, and wine bottles: 64% strongly support, 19% somewhat support
Ontario, Canada ^{xcii}	2017	91% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey conducted March 4-7, 2017 • Sample size: 800 • Margin of error: ±3.5%, 19 times out of 20 • 69% “strongly support” and 23% “somewhat support” • Most common explanations for support of expanding the deposit-return program: promotes recycling (26%), reducing trash (25%), and rewarding returning bottles (24%)
Quebec, Canada ^{xciii}	2016	88% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to water bottles 91% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to wine bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample size: 1,234 • 93% totally or somewhat agree that the Quebec government should modernize the deposit system • 63% said that increasing the deposit from 5-cents to 10-cents would make them always return their containers; 22% said it would make them return them more often; and 14% said it would not change their habits • 84% of respondents said that extending the deposit to water bottles would result in them always or often bringing back plastic water bottles • 89% of respondents said that extending the deposit to wine bottles would result in them always or often bringing back their wine bottles

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Quebec, Canada ^{xciii}	2017	86% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to water bottles 91% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to wine bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey conducted June 29-July 1, 2017 • Sample size: 1,065 • Margin of error: ±3.9% at the 95% confidence level • 92% totally or somewhat agree that the Quebec government should modernize the deposit system

Table 3 Summary of Public Opinion Polls Showing Support for Existing DRS Legislation (2003-2021)

Jurisdiction	Year	Level of support	Notes
Northern Territory, Australia ^{xciv}	2012	88% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to quantify community attitudes towards the DRS, Boomerang Alliance undertook a face-to-face survey interviewing people both at the entry to major supermarkets and at collection depots in August 2012. Those surveyed were asked a series of questions including whether they were aware of the scheme, whether they thought the scheme was worthwhile, etc. Sample size: 300 88% of people responded that they felt the DRS was “worthwhile”
New South Wales, Australia ^{xcv}	2018	78% in favour of existing deposit legislation	
New South Wales, Australia ^{xcvi}	2019	87% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kantar December 2019 Return and Earn consumer research results
New South Wales, Australia ^{xcvii}	2020	88% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kantar June 2020 Return and Earn consumer research results
South Australia, Australia ^{xcviii}	2012	98% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poll conducted via computer aided telephone interviewing from September 10-16, 2012 Sample size: 800 93% “strongly support” and 5% “slightly support”
Australian Capital Territory, Australia ^{xcix}	2019	82% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey conducted by Instinct & Reason in February 2019
Australian Capital Territory, Australia ^c	2020	83% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the ACT CDS 2019-20 Annual Statutory Report, support for the scheme rose from 71% in August 2019 to 83% in April 2020. Additionally, 51% stated they believe it is the best way to reduce litter and increase recycling of containers.
Australian Capital Territory, Australia ^{ci}	2020	86% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey conducted by Piazza Research for the ACT Government via telephone interview using a computer assisted telephone-interviewing platform Sample size: 401 Margin of error: ±5% 50% “strongly in favour” and 36% “in favour”
Denmark ^{cii}	2017	92% in favour of existing deposit legislation	
Denmark ^{ciii}	2018	95% in favour of existing deposit legislation	

Jurisdiction	Year	Level of support	Notes
Germany ^{civ}	2016	83% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted March 15-18, 2016 • Sample size: 1,310
Iceland ^{cv}	2018	88% in favour of existing deposit legislation	
Lithuania	2016	78.2% in favour of existing deposit legislation	
Lithuania ^{cvi}	2018	97% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted January 15-23, 2018 via standardised direct interview and questionnaire • Sample size: 1,004 • 97% of respondents felt that the deposit system is necessary: 64% believed that such a system is “highly” necessary, and 33% that it is “rather” necessary.
Lithuania ^{cvi}	2019	98% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted October 19-29, 2019 by Spinter Research via standardised direct interview and questionnaire • Sample size: 1,009
Netherlands	2006	78% in favour of existing deposit legislation	
Iowa, USA ^{cvi}	2017	88% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted February 23-26, 2017 • Sample size: 700 • 88% say the bottle bill has been good for the state, while nearly 4 in 5 support keeping the law in some form; if anything, voters are open to expansion. • 89% agree that the combination of the bottle bill and curbside recycling programs is the best way to decrease the amount of materials going into landfills, including 54% who strongly agree • 78% agree that there should be a national bottle bill • 81% agree that if the bottle bill were ended, people would not bother with recycling
Iowa, USA ^{cix}	2018	30% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted January 28-31 by Selzer & Co. (for The Des Moines Register and Mediacom) via telephone interviews • Sample size: 801 • Margin of error: ±3.5%
Iowa, USA ^{cx}	2021	54% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent survey conducted in January 2021 by Kristi Cooper Consulting • Sample size: 600 • 54% of respondents said to “keep” the existing bottle bill; 21% said to keep the bottle bill and raise the deposit/handling fee; 17% said to keep and expand the bottle bill, and 8% said to eliminate it.

Jurisdiction	Year	Level of support	Notes
Hawaii, USA ^{cxⁱ}	2008	60% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone survey conducted from February 15-March 19, 2008 • Sample size: 701 • Margin of error: ±3.6% at the 95% confidence level • 35% very supportive and 25% somewhat supportive
New York, USA ^{cxⁱⁱ}	2004	84% in favour of existing deposit legislation	
Oregon, USA ^{cxⁱⁱⁱ}	2019	97% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey conducted May 16-23, 2019 • Sample size: 600 • Margin of error: ±4.0% • 91% of Oregonians think the deposit return program is “good for the state”
Vermont, USA ^{cx^{iv}}	2010	93% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll conducted November 15-17, 2010 via telephone interviews • Sample size: 400 • Margin of error: ±4.9% at the 95% confidence level • 93% thought Vermont’s current bottle bill was a ‘good idea’ (75% strongly agreed) • 61% strongly favoured expansion
Vermont, USA ^{cx^v}	2021	88% in favour of existing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPIRG poll conducted via telephone interviews from March 11-14, 2021 • Sample size: 400 • Margin of error: ±4.9% at the 95% confidence level • 65% “strongly support” and 23% “somewhat support”

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