



# Plastics: Attitudes and behaviours in Ireland 2019 – 2021

## Attitudes



**95%** of people in Ireland are concerned about the amount of plastic that we use as a society.

**81%** are 'willing to take steps to reduce their plastic waste even if it impacts on convenience and costs'.

While **86%** believe they know the correct bin to use, the survey findings indicate some confusion about how to correctly segregate certain plastic wastes.



**86%** are concerned about littering & illegal dumping of plastic.

**64%** support the introduction of a levy on single use plastics at the point of purchase, and this level of support has remained stable over time.

(65% 2020, 62% 2021)

**83%** are concerned about single use plastics and this level of concern remained stable over time.

**85%** believe a Deposit Return Scheme for plastic drinks bottles or containers would reduce littering.

People in Ireland associate plastics with many benefits, for example, **55%** agree it keeps products safe and hygienic.



**91%** would prefer if there were alternatives to single use plastics and this preference has remained stable over time.

(88% 2020, 90% 2021)