

COLORADO HEALTH FOUNDATION 2022 PULSE SURVEY 320-1003 WT N=2,985 MARGIN OF SAMPLING ERROR $\pm 2.2\%$ (95% CONFIDENCE LEVEL) A/B SPLITS

Hello, I'm ______ from ______, a public opinion research company. We are not telemarketers trying to sell anything, or ask for a donation of any type. We're conducting a public opinion survey about issues that concern people in Colorado. May I speak to the youngest adult (ROTATE) male/female resident of the household? (IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS IN SPANISH OR PREFERS TO ANSWER IN SPANISH, PLEASE TRANSFER TO A BILINGUAL INTERVIEWER.)

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely	92 %
Yes, cell and cannot talk safely	TERMINATE
No, not on cell	8%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED	TERMINATE

1. First, do you live in Colorado?

Yes10)0%
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(DON'T READ) DK/NATEH	₹M.

2. Does anyone in your household work for a radio station, a television station, a newspaper, an elected official, or as an official political campaign worker?

YesT	ERM.
No	-100%
(DON'T READ) DK/NAT	ERM.

- 3. Which county do you live in? (OPEN-ENDED, THEN CODE/DROP-DOWN ONLINE)
- 4. What is your ZIP Code? (OPEN-ENDED) ____ ___ ___

THESE FIRST QUESTIONS ARE TO MAKE SURE WE ARE REACHING A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF COLORADANS.

5. What is your age?

Under 18 TERMINATE
18-249%
25-2910%
30-3410%
35-3910%
40-448%
45-498%
50-548%
55-598%
60-648%
65-697%
70-746%
75+8%
Prefer not to say1%

6. What is your gender?

Male 43	8%
Female 48	8%
Non-binary	2%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	3%

7. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: (**READ LIST, ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES**)

African/African American/Black	3%
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4%
Hispanic/Latino	18%
White/Caucasian	70%
American Indian/Native American/Indigenous	5%
Middle Eastern and North African	0%
Multiracial	4%
Other (Specify)	1%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	6%

(IF Q7 = CODE 2, ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER) (n=108)

8. More specifically, would you say that you are: (READ LIST AND ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES):

Chinese 19%
Filipino 14%
Indian or South Asian20%
Japanese 12 %
Korean20%
Vietnamese 17%
Native Hawaiian6%
Pacific Islander5%
Other (Specify)5%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused 17%

(IF Q7 = CODE 3, HISPANIC/LATINO) (n=550)

9. More specifically, would you say that you identify as: (READ LIST AND ACEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES):

Mexican, Mexican American or Chicano67%
Puerto Rican7%
Cuban2%
Central American (for example, Guatemalan, Salvadoran)6%
South American (for example, Colombian, Ecuadorian)3%
Caribbean (for example, Dominican)1%
Another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (Specify) 10%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED10%

(IF Q7= CODE 1, AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK) (n=95)

10. More specifically, would you say that you identify as: (**READ LIST AND ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES**):

African American53%
Black50%
African 10%
Afro Caribbean0%
Afro Latino5%
Afro Asian1%
Other (Specify)1%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused6%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

11. Do you have health insurance? (IF YES, ASK: What is your primary health insurance plan? (READ CODES 1-8)

Plan through your employer 37%
Plan through spouse's employer 10%
Plan through parents4%
Plan you purchased yourself7%
Medicare 17%
Medicaid/Health First Colorado 10%
Military/Veterans' Administration3%
Another plan3%
No health insurance6%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)2%

12. Are you the parent or guardian of a child in the following age ranges: (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

5 or under 11%
6 to 12 16%
13 to 18 16%
No children under 18 69%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused6%

THE NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT LIFE IN COLORADO.

13. **(T)** First, in a few words of your own, what is the most important issue facing Colorado right now? **(OPEN-ENDED, RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE)**

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Cost of living	
Affordable housing	
Government/Politics	
Overpopulation/Growth/Overdevelopment	10%
Water	7%
Economy/Jobs	7%
Homelessness	7%
Public safety/Crime	7%
Climate change	
Environment	
Healthcare/Health insurance/Health	4%
Wildfires	
Drugs	
Education	
Coronavirus/COVID-19/Pandemic	
Taxes	
Roads/ Infrastructure	
Social justice/Racism	
Immigration	
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Traffic/ Congestion	
Police issues	0%
	2.4
Other	
None/Nothing	
Don't know/Unsure	
Refused/N/A	0%

14. I'd like to read you some problems facing Colorado that people have mentioned. For each one I read, please tell me whether you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, somewhat serious problem, or not too serious a problem in Colorado. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT SER	VERY SER	SMWT SER	NOT (DON'T TOO SER READ)	EXT/
		PROB	PROB	PROB	PROB DK/NA	VERY
[]a.	The spread of new variants of COVID-19	8%	16%	27%	46% 3%	24%
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A ONLY)					
[]b.	(PT) The rising cost of living	61%	27 %	10%	2%0%	88%
[]c.	(T) Homelessness	39%	33%			72%
[]d.	(T) Jobs and the economy	26%	23%	30%	18% 3%	49%
[]e.	(T) Climate change	31%	22%	16%	29%2%	53%
[]f.	(T) Police violence and misconduct	15%	15%	25 %	42% 3%	30%
[]g.	(T) The cost of health care					67%
[]h.	(T) Crime, in general	29%	28%	27 %	14% 2%	57%
(SPLI	T SAMPLE B ONLY)					
[]i.	(T) The cost of housing	61%	25%	11%		86%
[]j.	(T) Hunger	14%	26%	32 %		40%
[]k.	Wildfires or other natural disasters					68%
[]1.	(T) Drug and alcohol use	28%	30%	26%	12% 4%	58%
[]m.	(T) Mental health					63%
[]n.	(T) Racial bias and discrimination	16%	20%	21 %	39% 4%	35%
[]0.	(T) The cost of child care	23%	26%	22%	9% 20%	50%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Next, how confident are you that Colorado is well-prepared to minimize the health and economic impacts of another pandemic like COVID-19 in the future: (**READ LIST**)

TOTAL CONFIDENT53%Very confident14%Somewhat confident39%	
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT 40%Not too confident 20%Not at all confident 21%	

(DON'T READ)	DK/NA	6%
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16. Next, please tell me whether you - or someone you know - has been treated unfairly in any of the following situations here in Colorado as a result of their race or ethnicity: **(RANDOMIZE)**

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	(DON'T READ) <u>DK/NA</u>
[]a.	When trying to rent or purchase a place to live	22%	60%-	17%
[]b.	When interacting with law enforcement	29%	58%-	13%
[]c.	When seeking employment			
[]d.	When seeking health care services	21%	64%-	16%

THE NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT THIS SURVEY IS CONFIDENTIAL.

17. **(T)** Would you say you are **(ROTATE)** [] better off, or [] worse off financially than you were a year ago, or is your financial situation about the same? **(IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:** Is that much **BETTER OFF/WORSE OFF** or just somewhat?

TOTAL BETTER 24% Much better
Somewhat better 16%
About the same 33%
TOTAL WORSE 43%
TOTAL WORSE 43% Somewhat worse 23%

18. When you think about the cost of living in Colorado, which specific expenses are most concerning for you and other members of your household? (OPEN-ENDED, RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSES, THEN CODE)

Housing affordability/Mortgage	33 %
Food	30%
Fuel/Gas/Oil	30%
Rent/Apartment	22 %
Energy costs/ Utilities	
Groceries	
Medical care/Health	
General costs of living/basic necessities/expenses	
Taxes	
Inflation	3%
General insurance	3%
Everything	2%
Child care	
Transportation	1%
Auto insurance/registration	
Wages	
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Other	1%
None/Nothing	1%
Don't know/Unsure	
Refused/N/A	1%

(RANDOMIZE Q19-Q22)

19. **(T)** Thinking ahead over the next year, how worried are you that you might lose your home because you can't afford the monthly rent or mortgage: **(READ LIST)**

TOTAL WORRIED 30%
Very worried 11%
Somewhat worried18%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED68%
Not too worried 25%
Not at all worried43%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA2 %

20. **(T)** Thinking ahead over the next year, how worried are you that you or someone else in your household will be without health insurance coverage? **(READ LIST)**

TOTAL WORRIED 37% Very worried 17% Somewhat worried 20%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED61%Not too worried25%Not at all worried36%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA2%

21. **(T)** Thinking ahead over the next year, how worried are you that you might not always be able to afford enough food to feed yourself and your family: **(READ LIST)**

TOTAL WORRIED 38%
Very worried 13%
Somewhat worried24%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED61%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED61% Not too worried29%

(**DON'T READ**) DK/NA ------1 %

22. **(T*)** Do you plan to be employed over the next year? **(IF YES:** How worried are you that you might not be employed over the next year: **(READ CODES 2-5)**

TOTAL WORRIED	25%
Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	17%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	59%
Not too worried	26%
Not at all worried	34%
Don't plan on being employed	8%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	8%

23. In the last 12 months, have you experienced any of the following? (RANDOMIZE)

				(DON'T
				READ)
		YES	NO	DK/NA
[]a.	(T) Skipped meals because you couldn't afford food	16%	84 %	1%
[]b.	(T) Postponed medical or dental care	45%	54%	1%

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24. Now, thinking more specifically about work, in the last 12 months, have you experienced any of the following? **(RANDOMIZE)**

				(DON'T READ)
		YES	NO	DK/NA
[]a.	Taken time away from work to care for a child, a family member			
	or yourself	36%	61%-	3%
[]b.	Actively looked for a different job	36%	62 %	3%
[]c.	 (T) Been laid off Received a pay raise or a promotion 			
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[]e.	(T) Had work hours cut back or wages reduced	22%	75%-	3%
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[]f. Decided to leave your job without having found another job ------ 12% -----86% ------ 3%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

25. Next, here are some actions that some people say will address the rising cost of living in Colorado. After I read each one, please tell me how effective you think it will be in helping Coloradans make ends meet: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective. (RANDOMIZE)

		VERY <u>EFF</u>	SMWT N <u>EFF</u>	NOT TO <u>EFF</u>	D <u>(DK/NA)</u>	VERY/ <u>SMWT</u>
[]a.	Requiring employers to increase pay and benefits					
	for low- and middle-income workers	31%	28 %	-37%	4%	59%
[]b.	Making government investments to stimulate the					
	economy and create better-paying jobs in					
	communities that are struggling	23 %	35 %	- 36%	6%	59%
[]c.	Changing government regulations to reduce the					
	costs of household expenses like food, health care,					
	and utilities	41%	32 %	-21%	6%	73%
[]d.	Raising taxes on people making over 500,000					
	dollars per year to cover services like housing,					
	health care, and education	36%	23 %	-37%	4%	60%

(ROTATE Q26-Q28 WITH Q29-Q31 AND Q32-Q34) MY NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT HOUSING.

26. Do you own or rent your home?

Own	65 %
Rent	27%
Other (Specify)5%
(DON'T READ)	DK/Refused4%

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(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

27. In order to pay your rent or your mortgage in the last year, have you had to do any of the following: **(RANDOMIZE)**

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	(DON'T READ) <u>DK/NA</u>
[]a.	Cut back on or go without other needs, like food or health care	31%	67 %	2%
[]b.	Work multiple jobs, or more than you wanted to	32%	66%	2%
[]c.	Lived with a roommate or in a friend or family member's home			
	when you would rather not have	22%	76%	1%
[]d.	Stayed in housing that was not right for you because you felt like you could not afford a new place	26%	72%	2%

(ASK RENTERS ONLY - CODE 2 IN Q26) (n=793)

[]e. Avoided asking your landlord to address problems because you were afraid of having your rent increased or being evicted ------ 32% -----64% ------4%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

28. Next, here are some actions that some people say will make housing more affordable for people who live in Colorado. After I read each one, please tell me how effective you think it will be in making housing more affordable: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective. (RANDOMIZE)

		VERY <u>EFF</u>	SMWT N <u>EFF</u>	OT TOO <u>EFF</u>		VERY/ <u>SMWT</u>
[]a.	Reducing government regulations to speed up the building of new housing	25%	-33%	. 35%	7%	57%
[]b.	Requiring developers to build housing for people					
[]c.	with lower income levels Ensuring landlords cannot raise rents on current	37%	-34 %	-26%	3%	71%
	tenants too quickly	42%	-32 %	-23%	3%	74%

(ROTATE Q26-Q28 WITH Q29-Q31 AND Q32-Q34)

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ABOUT YOUR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OVER THE PAST YEAR.

29. In the last year, have you experienced mental health strain such as anxiety, depression, loneliness, or stress?

Yes 61	%
No36	%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA3	%

(ASK IF Q30 = CODE 1 IN Q29 ONLY) (n=1819)

30. Now, here are some reasons that some people who live in Colorado have been unable to get access to the mental health care they needed. For each one, please tell me if this was a major challenge, minor challenge, or not a challenge for you or a family member in accessing mental health services. **(RANDOMIZE)**

MAJOR MINOR NOT A <u>CHALL</u> <u>CHALL</u> <u>(DK/NA)</u>	MAJOR/ <u>MINOR</u>
Unsure how to find a mental health care provider 24% 26% 43% 7%	50%
The services were too expensive out of pocket 47% 20% 23% 11%	66%
There were no available appointments, or the wait	
to get services was too long 32% 26% 17%	57%
Concerns about privacy or having to disclose too	
much personal information6%	42%
Concerns about being judged by family members,	
friends, or coworkers57%5%	38%
Not being able to find a mental health care	
provider who would be understanding of your or	
your family member's background or experiences 24% 26% 38% 12%	50%
Not feeling comfortable speaking to a stranger	
about mental health concerns6%	49%
	CHALL CHALL CHALL (DK/NA)Unsure how to find a mental health care provider 24%26% 43% 7%The services were too expensive out of pocket 47%20% 23% 11%There were no available appointments, or the waitto get services was too long

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

31. Here are some actions that some people say will improve mental health in Colorado. After I read each one, please tell me how effective you think it will be in improving mental health: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective. (RANDOMIZE)

	VERY SMWT NOT TOO <u>EFF EFF EFF (DK/NA)</u>	VERY/ <u>SMWT</u>
[]a.	Creating more options for people to access mental	
	health care where they live5%	85%
[]b.	Requiring health insurance companies to cover	
	more mental health services without requiring	
	copays 54% 56% 55%	80%
[]c.	Pairing mental health professionals with law	
	enforcement to respond to mental health	
	emergency calls	77%

(ROTATE Q26-Q28 WITH Q29-Q31 AND Q32-Q34) NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ABOUT YOUR USE OF ALCOHOL

OR DRUGS OVER THE PAST YEAR.

32. In the past year, would you say the amount of alcohol or drugs you consume has: (**READ LIST**)

Increased 13	%
Stayed the same 52	%
Decreased 27	%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA7	%

33. And in the past year, have you ever felt worried about the amount of alcohol or drugs you consume?

Yes 13	%
No83	%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA4	%

34. Here are some actions that some people say will address increasing rates of alcohol and drug use in Colorado. After I read each one, please tell me how effective you think it will be in decreasing alcohol and drug use: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective. (RANDOMIZE)

		VERY EFF	SMWT EFF	NOT TOO EFF) (DK/NA)	VERY/ SMWT
[]a.	Investing in programs to prevent people from				<u> </u>	
	abusing alcohol and drugs	- 30%		27 %	5%	68%
[]b.	Making treatment for addiction more affordable					
	and more easily available	- 50%		14 %	5%	81%
[]c.	Connecting people trying to recover from addiction					
	with support from other people like them	- 42%		12%	7%	81%
[]d.	Sending people to treatment, not to jails or prisons,					
	if they've committed a crime related to alcohol or					
	drug use	- 35%		27%	6%	67%

HERE ARE MY LAST QUESTIONS, AND THEY ARE FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY.

35. Next, which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employed full-time51%
Employed part-time7%
Self-employed9%
Gig worker1%
Homemaker3%
Retired 19%
Student3%
Unemployed6%
(DK/NA)2%

36. Some people are registered to vote in Colorado, but many others, for a variety of reasons, are not. Are you currently registered to vote in Colorado? (IF YES, ASK: With which political party are you registered?)

Registered as a Democrat26%
Registered as a Republican 21%
Registered as Unaffiliated 40%
Registered with another party2%
Not registered to vote3%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused7%

(ASK Q37 IF CODE 1-4 IN Q36) (n=2668)

37. How likely are you to vote in the November 2022 election? (**READ LIST**)

Definitely will vote 83%
Probably will vote9%
50-50 chance5%
Probably will not vote2%
Definitely will not vote0%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused0%

(ASK Q38 IF CODE 1-3 IN Q37) (n=2599)

38. In a few words of your own, which issues will be most important to you in deciding which candidates to vote for this November? (OPEN-ENDED, RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSES, THEN CODE)

Jobs/Economy	13%
Cost of living/Inflation	13%
Affordable housing/Rent	11%
Climate change/Environment	10%
Healthcare/Prescription drugs/Mental health	
Honesty/Integrity/For the people	
Conservative ideologies (less government, socialism, etc)	
Crime/Drugs/Gun control	
Taxes/Fiscal management	
Moral issues (abortion, LGBTQ, equality, etc.)	
Education/Schools/Teacher pay	
Immigration/Border security	5%
Liberal ideologies (socialism, more government, etc.)	
Constitution/Personal liberties/Freedom	
Addressing homelessness	4%
Voting rights/Election integrity	
Experience/Knowledge/Record	
Moderate/Not extreme/Centrist	
Racial inequality/Policing	3%
Energy policies	
Foreign policy/National security	2%
Public health/Pandemic/Coronavirus	
Bipartisanship/Working across the aisle	1%
Growth/Development/Population	
Other	8%
None/Nothing	1%
Don't know/Unsure	
Refused/N/A	2%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

39. What was the last level of school you completed?

40. I don't need to know the exact amount, but I'm going to read you some categories for household income. Would you please stop me when I have read the category indicating the total combined income for all the people in your household before taxes in 2021?

Less than \$20,0007%
\$20,000 to less than \$30,0004%
\$30,000 to less than \$40,0005%
\$40,000 to less than \$50,0006%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000 13%
\$75,000 to less than \$90,0008%
\$90,000 to less than \$100,0005%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000 17%
More than \$150,000 19%
(DON'T READ) Refused 16%

41. How many <u>adults</u> currently live in your household, including yourself? (ENTER NUMBER, CODE 99 FOR REFUSED)

1 19	9%
2 4(0%
3 10	6%
49	9%
5+4	4%
BLANK 12	2%

42. Do you speak a language other than English at home?

Yes 21	%
No76	%
DON'T READ) DK/Refused3	%

43. Do you live with one or more disabilities?

Yes 22	%
No 73	%
DON'T READ) DK/Refused6	%

And do you identify as transgender?

44. Were you born in the U.S. or in another country?

Born in U.S	92%
Born in another country	-6%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused	-1%

45. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation? (**READ LIST**)

Heterosexual / Straight 82%
Gay / Lesbian3%
Bisexual5%
Other2%
Prefer not to say8%
(DON'T READ) N/A0%
Yes1%
No 94 %
(DON'T READ) DK/NA5%

THANK AND TERMINATE

LANGUAGE (BY OBSERVATION):

COUNTY

46.

Adams12%
Arapahoe10%
Boulder 4%
Denver15%
Douglas 3%
El Paso13%
Jefferson10%
Larimer 5%
Pueblo 3%
Weld6%
All other18%

MEDIA MARKET

Denver65%
Colorado Springs-Pueblo17%
Other18%

English ----- 95% Spanish ----- 5%

REGION

Eastern Plains	-3%
Colorado Springs	13%
Pueblo	-3%
Larimer Weld	11%
Denver Metro	56%
Western Slope	14%

MODE OF INTERVIEW

Phone 45	%
Online emails 43	%
Online texts8	%
Online convenience sample 1	%
Online postcards2	%

A/B SPLIT SAMPLE

Split A		
Split B	51%	6