

COLORADO HEALTH FOUNDATION 2023 PULSE SURVEY 320-1077 WT N=2,639 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	70%
Yes, cell and cannot talk safely	TERMINATE
No, not on cell	30%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED	TERMINATE

1. First, do you live in Colorado?

Yes1009	6
NoTERM	[.
(DON'T READ) DK/NATERM	[.

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?

Yes7	ΓERM.
No	100%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	ΓERM.

- 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
18-2412%
25-299%
30-349%
35-3910%
40-448%
45-498%
50-5410%
55-597%
60-649%
65-697%
70-745%
75+7%

6. What is your gender?

Male 4	9%
Female 4	8%
Non-binary	1%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	2%

7. With which racial or ethnic group do you primarily identify yourself: (READ LIST)

African/African American/Black4%
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander4%
Hispanic/Latino 16%
White/Caucasian 66%
American Indian/Native American/
Indigenous (Specify <u>Tribe:</u>)1%
Middle Eastern or North African0%
Multiracial3%
Other (Specify)1%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA6%

(ASK Q8 IF CODE 7 – MULTIRACIAL - IN Q7) (n=72)

8. With which racial or ethnic groups do you identify yourself, if any: (**READ LIST, ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES**)

African/African American/Black 18%
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 12%
Hispanic/Latino 42%
White/Caucasian 64%
American Indian/Native American/
Indigenous (Specify Tribe:)32%
Middle Eastern or North African5%
Other (Specify)8%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA7%

(ASK Q9 IF CODE 2 - ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER – IN Q7 OR Q8) (n=107)

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

(ASK Q10 IF CODE 3 - HISPANIC/LATINO - IN Q7 OR Q8) (n=462)

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

Mexican, Mexican American or Chicano 68%
Puerto Rican7%
Cuban3%
Central American
(for example, Guatemalan, Salvadoran)5%
South American
(for example, Colombian, Ecuadorian)5%
Caribbean (for example, Dominican)0%
Another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (Specify_)8%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED5%

(ASK Q11 IF CODE 1, AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK IN Q7 OR Q8) (n=112)

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

African American51%
Black 45 %
African3%
Afro Caribbean3%
Afro Latino3%
Afro Asian5%
Other (Specify)3%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused0%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

- 12. Do you have health insurance? (IF YES, ASK: What is your primary health insurance plan? (READ CODES 1-8)
 - Plan through your employer ------ 38% Plan through spouse's employer ------ 11% Plan through parents ------4% Plan you purchased yourself------7% Medicaie ------ 16% Medicaid/Health First Colorado ------ 16% Military/Veterans' Administration------3% Another plan-------2% No health insurance -------6% (**DON'T KNOW/NA**)------3%
- 13. Are you the parent or guardian of a child in the following age ranges: (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

5 or under9%
6 to 12 12 %
13 to 18 13 %
19 or older 27 %
No children 48%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused3%

THE NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT LIFE IN COLORADO.

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

Cost of living/inflation	
Housing affordability	15%
Government/Politics	13 %
Homelessness	10%
Public safety/Crime	10%
Water	7%
Overpopulation/Growth/Overdevelopment	6%
Climate change	5%
Economy/Jobs	5%
Guns/Gun violence/Gun control	5%
Education	3%
Environment	3%
Healthcare/Health insurance/Health	3%
Roads/Infrastructure	3%
Drugs	2%
Taxes	2%
Women's right/Abortion	2%
Immigration	1%
Social justice/Racism	1%
Traffic/Congestion	1%
Wildfires	1%
Policing practices	0%
Coronavirus/COVID-19/Pandemic	
Other	5%
Nothing/None	0%
Don't know/Unsure	2%
N/A/No reply/Refused	0%

15. 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 PROB	VERY SER PROB	SMWT SER PROB	NOT TOO SER PROB	(DON'T READ) DK/NA	EXT/ VERY
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A ONLY)	<u>FROD</u>	<u>FROD</u>	<u>r kod</u>	<u>r kod</u>	<u>DK/NA</u>	
[]a.	(T) Jobs and the economy	27%	21%	28%	21%	3%	48%
[]b.	(T) Climate change						53%
[]c.	(T) Police violence and misconduct	17%	18%	23 %	39%	3%	35%
[]d.	(T) The cost of healthcare	42%	27 %	20%	7%	4%	69%
[]e.	(T) Crime, in general	33%	28%	27 %	11%	1%	61%
[]f.	Restrictions on reproductive rights	26%	16%	13%	40%	5%	42%
[]g.	(T) Illegal immigration						34%
[]h.	Drug overdoses	31%	34 %	22 %	7%	6%	66%
[]i.	(T) Homelessness	45%	34 %	16%	4%	1%	79%
(SPLI	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]j.	(T) The cost of housing	51%	32%	14 %	3%	1%	82%
[]k.	(T) Hunger	16%	28%	33%	20%	4%	43%
[]1.	Wildfires or other natural disasters	22%	35%	30%	10%	2%	57%
[]m.	(T) Drug and alcohol use	26%	31%	29%	13 %	2%	57%
[]n.	(T) Mental health	30%	39%		7%	2%	69%
[]0.	(T) Racial bias and discrimination	14%	25%	23 %	35%	3%	39%
[]p.	(T) Gun violence	32%	26%	20%	20%	2%	59%
[]q.	(T) The rising cost of living	55%	30%	13%	2%	0%	85%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

16. How satisfied are you with the state government in Colorado and how well it works for people like you? **(READ LIST)**

TOTAL SATISFIED 52%
Very satisfied14%
Somewhat satisfied 39%

TOTAL DISSATISFIED	15%
Somewhat dissatisfied	17%
Very dissatisfied	29%

(DON'T READ) DK/Refused ------3%

17. Next, here are some potential challenges that could keep Coloradans like you from being heard in state government. For each one, please tell me whether you consider it to be a major challenge, a minor challenge, or not a challenge. (**RANDOMIZE**)

					(DON'T	
		MAJOR	MINOR	NOT A	READ)	MAJOR/
		<u>CHALL</u>	<u>CHALL</u>	CHALL	DK/NA	<u>MINOR</u>
[]a.	Political polarization and lack of compromise					
	between political parties	73%	18%	5%	4%	91%
[]b.	Strong influence of lobbyists and corporate					
	interests over policymakers' decisions	68%		5%	9%	87%
[]c.	Limited understanding among state policymakers					
	about the needs or concerns of Coloradans like you	57%	30%	7%	5%	88%
[]d.	Lack of information about how Coloradans like			1.0.01	- ~	
	you can engage in state policymaking processes	45%	37%	12%	5%	82%

18. Next, here are some actions that some people say will improve how policy decisions are made in Colorado's state government. After I read each one, please tell me how effective you think it will be in making Colorado's state government more responsive to the interests of people like you: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		VERY <u>EFF</u>	SMWT <u>EFF</u>	NOT TOO <u>EFF</u>	D <u>(DK/NA)</u>	VERY/ <u>SMWT</u>
[]a.	Increasing state policymakers' access to nonpartisan information and analysis of issues affecting Colorado	40%	37%	15%	8%	77%
[]b. []c.	Requiring that state policymakers regularly engage with and listen to Coloradans like you in a meaningful way Making information about how the public can	50%	32%	15%	3%	81%
[]d.	participate and comment on policy decisions more easily available Requiring state policymakers to consider how their	45%	37%	14%	4%	82%
[]e.	decisions will impact different groups of people within Colorado Requiring state policymakers to consider the long-	48%	32 %	16%	4%	79%
	term financial impacts of their decisions	52%	31 %	13%	3%	83%

19. Next, please tell me whether you - or someone you know - have 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.	(T) When trying to rent or purchase a place to live	23 %	66%	11%
[]b.	(T) When interacting with law enforcement	29%	60%	10%
[]c.	(T) When seeking employment	23%	64 %	13 %
[]d.	(T) When seeking healthcare services	22%	66%	12%
[]e.	When interacting with government agencies or services	27%	60%	13%

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

20. First, which of the following best describes your financial situation: (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM AND BOTTOM TO TOP**)

Living comfortably with increasing savings 24%
Living comfortably but not increasing savings 33%
Just getting by financially 28%
Really struggling financially 11%
(DON'T READ) Don't know4%

21. (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 21%
Much better6%
Somewhat better 16%
About the same 37%
TOTAL WORSE 40%
Somewhat worse 24%

(RANDOMIZE Q22-Q25)

22. **(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 28% Very worried 10% Somewhat worried 18%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED 69% Not too worried 27 % Not at all worried 43 %
(DON'T READ) DK/NA3 %

23. **(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 16% Somewhat worried 20%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED61% Not too worried27% Not at all worried34%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA2%

24. **(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 35%
Very worried 13%
Somewhat worried22%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED64%
Not too worried 26%

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

25. **(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)**

Don't plan on being employed ----- 21%

TOTAL WORRIED 21%Very worried5%Somewhat worried16%	
TOTAL NOT WORRIED51%Not too worried22%Not at all worried29%	

(**DON'T READ**) DK/NA-----6%

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

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	(DON'T READ) <u>DK/NA</u>
[]a.	(T) Skipped meals because you couldn't afford food	14%	85%	1%
[]b.	(T) Postponed medical or dental care	38%	62 %	0%
[]c.	Postponed mental health care	25 %	73 %	2%

(ASK Q27 IF CODE 1 IN Q26b OR Q26c) (n=1158)

27. Why did you postpone medical, dental, or mental health care in the last 12 months? (OPEN-ENDED, RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE THEN CODE)

Can't afford/Too expensive/No money/Cost	46%
Time/Schedule	
Insurance doesn't cover/Limited coverage	
Availability of provider/Finding provider	
No insurance	
High deductible/co pay/Expensive even with insurance	6%
Lack of access	
Cost of living/Bills	4%
Unemployed/Loss benefits	2%
Covid/Pandemic	2%
Lack of knowledge/Resources	2%
Lack of care from doctors/Bad experience/Treatment	2%
Lack of trust	2%
Other	-
None/Nothing	
Don't know/Unsure	1%
N/A/Refused	2%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

28. 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 EFF	SMWT <u>EFF</u>	NOT TOO <u>EFF</u>) (DK/NA)	VERY/ SMWT
[]a.	Increase the amount of tax credits available to	2107	20.07	2501	50	700
[]b.	individuals and families living on low incomes(T) Raising taxes on people making over 500,000	- 31%	39 %	23%	5 %	70%
[]-	dollars per year to cover services like housing,					
	healthcare, and education	- 42%	21 %	33%	4%	63%
[]c.	(T) Making government investments to stimulate the economy and create better-paying jobs in					
	communities that are struggling	- 32%	36%	27%	4%	68%
[]d.	Making it easier for low-income people to enroll in					
	programs that can help them to afford the costs of	44.01	20.9	22.97	1.07	740
	household expenses like food and healthcare	- 44 %		22%	4%	74%

(ROTATE Q29-34 WITH Q35-37)

MY NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT HOUSING.

29. Do you own or rent your home?

Own 669	%
Rent 229	%
Living with family or friends99	%
Other (Specify)19	%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused19	76

(ASK Q30-Q31 IF CODE 2 - RENT - IN Q29) (n=584)

30. Who do you rent from?

A large management company that owns several properties 44%
A friend or family member 18%
An individual or family who rents a small number of
properties 31%
Other (Specify)3%
(DON'T READ) Don't know/Refused4%

31. Do you aspire to own a home someday? (**IF YES:** Do you think it is likely or unlikely that you will be able to purchase a home in Colorado?)

Aspire to own a home and likely to 38%
Aspire to own a home but unlikely to 47%
Do not aspire to own a home 11%
(DON'T READ) Don't know/Refused4%

(ASK Q32 IF CODES 1-3 IN Q13 - PARENTS) (n=699)

32. Are you worried about whether your children will be able to afford to live in Colorado in the future? (IF YES, ASK: Are you very worried or just somewhat?)

TOTAL WORRIED	83%
Very worried	54%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not worried (DON'T READ) DK/Refused	-

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

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

		YES	<u>NO</u>	(DON'T READ) <u>DK/NA</u>
[]a.	Work multiple jobs, or more than you wanted to	30%	68%	1%
[]b.	Lived with a roommate or in a friend or family member's home when you would rather not have	15%	84%	1%
[]c.	Moved because you couldn't afford your rent or mortgage	16%	83 %	1%

34. Next, here are some actions that some people say will address rising housing costs 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	NOT TOO <u>EFF</u>) (DK/NA)	VERY/ SMWT
[]a.	(T) Requiring developers to build housing for	20.07	20.00	20.0	4.07	(0)7
r 1h	people with lower income levels	38%	30%	29%	4%	68%
[]b.	(T) Ensuring landlords cannot raise rents on current tenants too quickly	44%	31%	21%	4%	75%
[]c.	Making it more difficult for landlords to evict tenants who have not violated the terms of their					
	lease	35%	33 %	27 %	5%	67%
[]d.	Reducing property taxes for homeowners living on					
	low or fixed incomes so that they can afford to					
	stay in their homes	51%	29%	16%	3%	80%
[]e.	Speeding up permitting and inspection processes for developers building housing for low-income					
	households	33%	36%	26%	6%	68%
[]f.	Changing zoning laws to make it easier to build	55 /	2070	2070	070	0070
	more housing close to job and transportation hubs	36%	33 %	24%	6%	70%
[]g.	Increasing government investments in programs					
	that prevent people from becoming homeless	37%	31 %	27%	5%	68%

(ROTATE Q29-34 WITH Q35-37)

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

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

Yes 57 %	6
No40%	6
(DON'T READ) DK/NA3 %	6

(ASK Q36 IF CODE 1 - YES - IN Q35) (n=1504)

36. Have you discussed these concerns with any of the following people: (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

A friend or family member73%	
Someone who has had similar experiences 32%	
A professional healthcare provider 40%	
No one 14%	
(DON'T READ) DK/NA2%	

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(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

37. Here are some actions that some people say will improve mental health or healthcare in Colorado. After I read each one, please tell me how effective you think it will be in improving mental health or healthcare: 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.	Making it easier for people to receive mental health screenings and services at the same places where they get care for their physical health56%30% 10%4%	86%
[]b.	(T) Pairing mental health professionals with law enforcement to respond to mental health emergency calls5%	78%
[]c.	Increasing government investments in programs outside of healthcare settings that seek to prevent mental health and substance use challenges 44% 33% 18% 5%	77%

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

38. Next, which of the following best describes your current employment status? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

Employed full-time 51%
1 2
Employed part-time9%
Self-employed 10%
Gig worker, like food delivery and
rideshare driving2%
Homemaker4%
Retired18%
Student5%
Unemployed6%
(DK/NA)2 %

39. 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 Democrat24%
Registered as a Republican 21%
Registered as Unaffiliated 41%
Registered with another party2%
Not registered to vote3%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused9%

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

First to 11 th grade7%
High school graduate21%
Vocational/technical school4%
Some college, but no degree17%
Associates degree6%
Four-year college/bachelor's degree 28%
Graduate school/advanced degree 16%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA1 %

41. 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 2022?

Less than \$20,0007%
\$20,000 to less than \$30,0004%
\$30,000 to less than \$40,0005%
\$40,000 to less than \$50,0005%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000 12%
\$75,000 to less than \$90,0008%
\$90,000 to less than \$100,0003%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000 16%
More than \$150,00026%
(DON'T READ) Refused 14%

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

1	17%
2	39%
3	17%
4	14%
5+	-3%
Refused	-9%

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

Yes	17%
No	80%
DON'T READ) DK/Refused	2%

(ASK Q44 IF CODE 1 – YES – IN Q43)

44. Which languages other than English do you speak at home? (OPEN-ENDED, RECORD THEN CODE)

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

45. Do you live with one or more disabilities?

Yes 19%	
No 77 %	
DON'T READ) DK/Refused4%	

46. Were you born in the US or in another country?

Born in US9)2%
Born in another country	-6%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused	-1%

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

Heterosexual / Straight 81%
Gay / Lesbian2%
Bisexual6%
Other1%
Prefer not to say10%
(DON'T READ) N/A0%

48. And do you identify as transgender?

Yes	2%
No	94 %
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	5%

THANK AND TERMINATE

LANGUAGE (BY OBSERVATION):

COUNTY

Adams	-12%
Arapahoe	-11%
Boulder	5%
Denver	-13%
Douglas	3%
El Paso	-12%
Jefferson	-10%
Larimer	6%
Pueblo	3%
Weld	5%
All other	-18%

MEDIA MARKET

Denver74%
Colorado Springs-Pueblo17%
Other 9%

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

REGION

Eastern Plains3	%
Colorado Springs 12	%
Pueblo3	%
Larimer Weld 12	%
Denver Metro 56	%
Western Slope 14	%

MODE OF INTERVIEW

Phone	47%	,)
Online emails	10%	'n
Online texts	39%	'n
Online convenience sample	-1%	'n
Online postcards	-2%	'n

A/B SPLIT SAMPLE

Split A	47%
Split B	53%