

The Colorado Health Foundation Poll

2023 Findings



About The Colorado Health Foundation

- Our Rally Cry: Bringing health in reach for all Coloradans.
- Our Vision: Across Colorado each of us can say:
“We have all we need to live healthy lives.”



About Pulse

- An annual poll that takes the *pulse* of Coloradans across a range of issues impacting health and well-being.
- It's about listening, hearing from people outside of our own circles and gaining a greater understanding of how Coloradans are navigating today's challenges.
- As part of our commitment to racial justice, we oversample African Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.
 - **We couldn't achieve an oversample of Native Americans without our partners:** American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, CU Center for American Indian Alaska Native Health (CAIANH), Denver Indian Center, Denver Indian Health & Family Services, Herbal Gardens Wellness, Project Mosaic, Southwestern Colorado AHEC, KSUT Tribal Radio, Tara Manthey



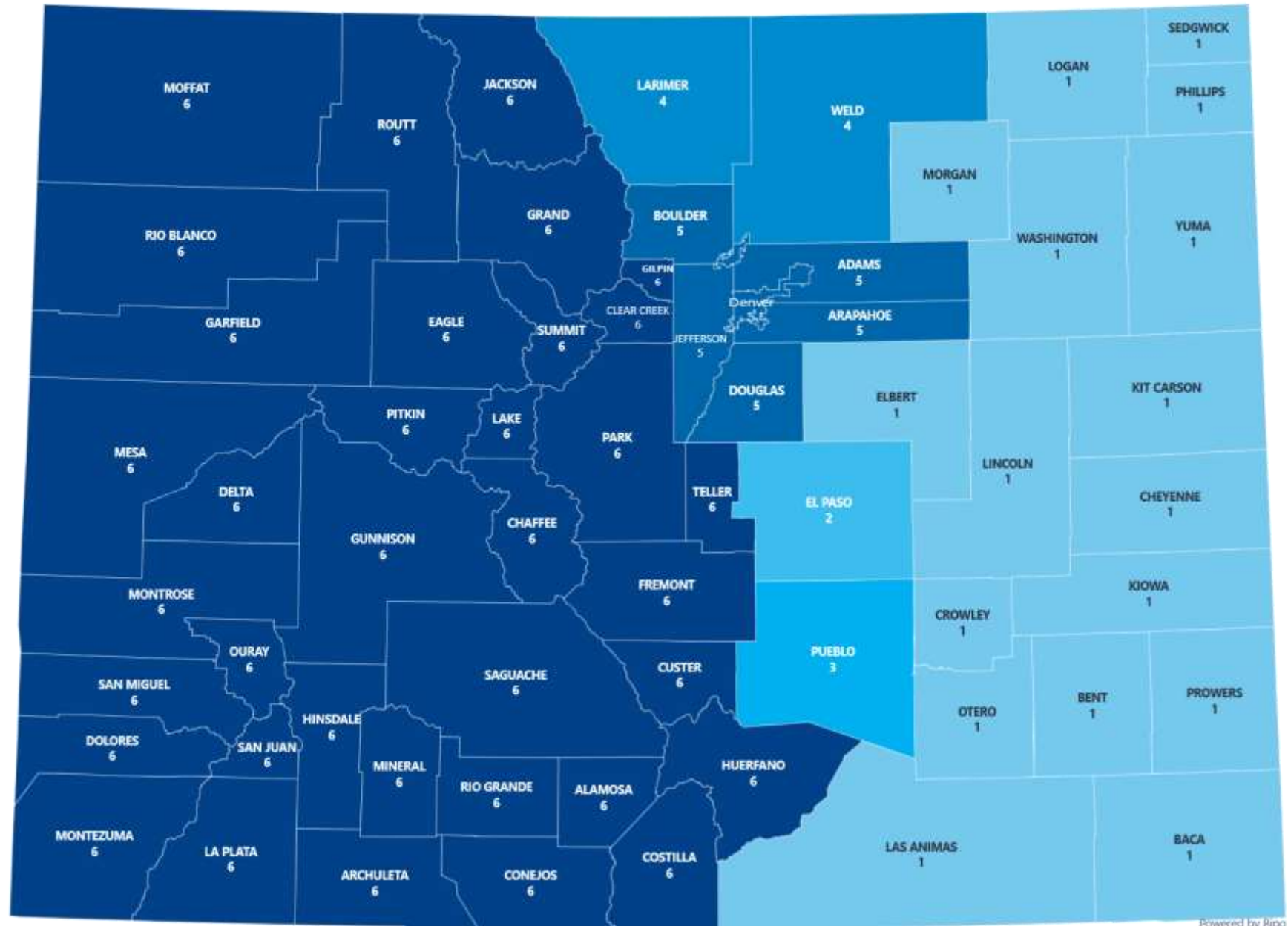
Survey Specifics and Methodology

(Not All Results Will Sum to 100% Due to Rounding)

Dates	April 8-May 3, 2023
Bipartisan Research Team	FM3 Research (D) and New Bridge Strategy (R)
Survey Type	Dual-mode Phone and Online Survey of Adult Coloradans
Research Population	2,639 Coloradans, including oversamples of Black/African American, Native American/Indigenous, and Asian-American Coloradans, as well as residents of Pueblo County
Margin of Sampling Error	±2.2% at the 95% Confidence Level
Contact Methods	 Telephone Calls  Email Invitations  Text Invitations
Data Collection Modes	 Telephone Interviews  Online Interviews
Comparison Surveys	Pulse surveys fielded in 2020, 2021, and 2022
Survey Languages	Conducted in English and Spanish



Colorado Region Map



Eastern Plains (1)	3%
El Paso (2)	12%
Pueblo (3)	3%
Larimer Weld (4)	12%
Denver Metro (5)	56%
Western Slope (6)	14%



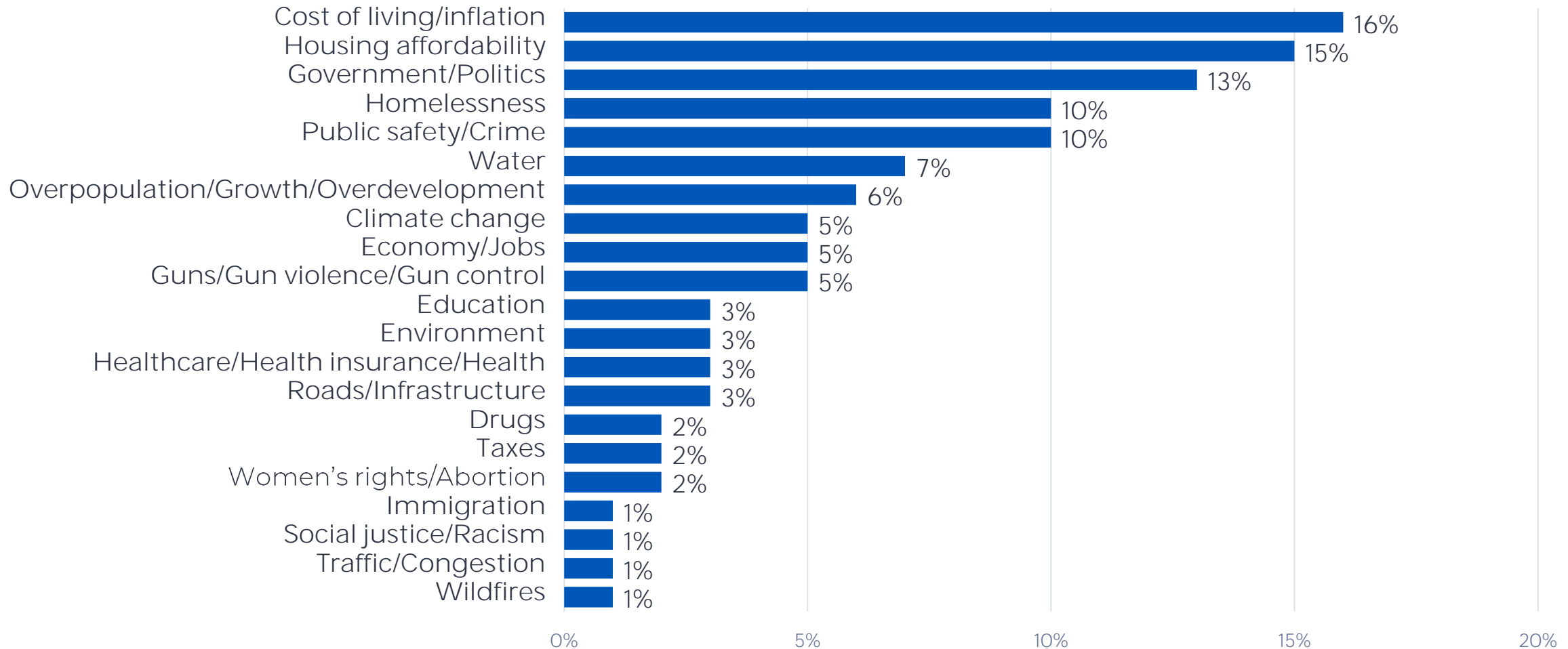


Top Concerns

Cost of living and housing affordability are the top issues facing Colorado.

Q14. In a few words of your own, what is the most important issue facing Colorado right now?

(Open-ended)



Verbatim Comments Describing the Most Important Issue Facing Colorado

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(Open-ended)



Homeless people need help with health care, food, safe place to sleep and to be able to qualify for services without identification.



Climate change, violence, mental health in that order.



The skyrocketing cost of everything from food, housing, health care, gas, college - which is...a greater divide between the wealthy and people who aren't wealthy.



Not enough senior services to keep seniors in their homes.



Gentrification, housing shortage / corporate landlords, climate change and conservation.



Housing I think in my opinion, so many of us have no employment, with medical and mental health problems. Which make things more difficult.



Lack of representation for Native people in government, bias towards Natives in existing government officials.



Population growth and urbanization.

Relative to 2022, top concerns have remained consistent.

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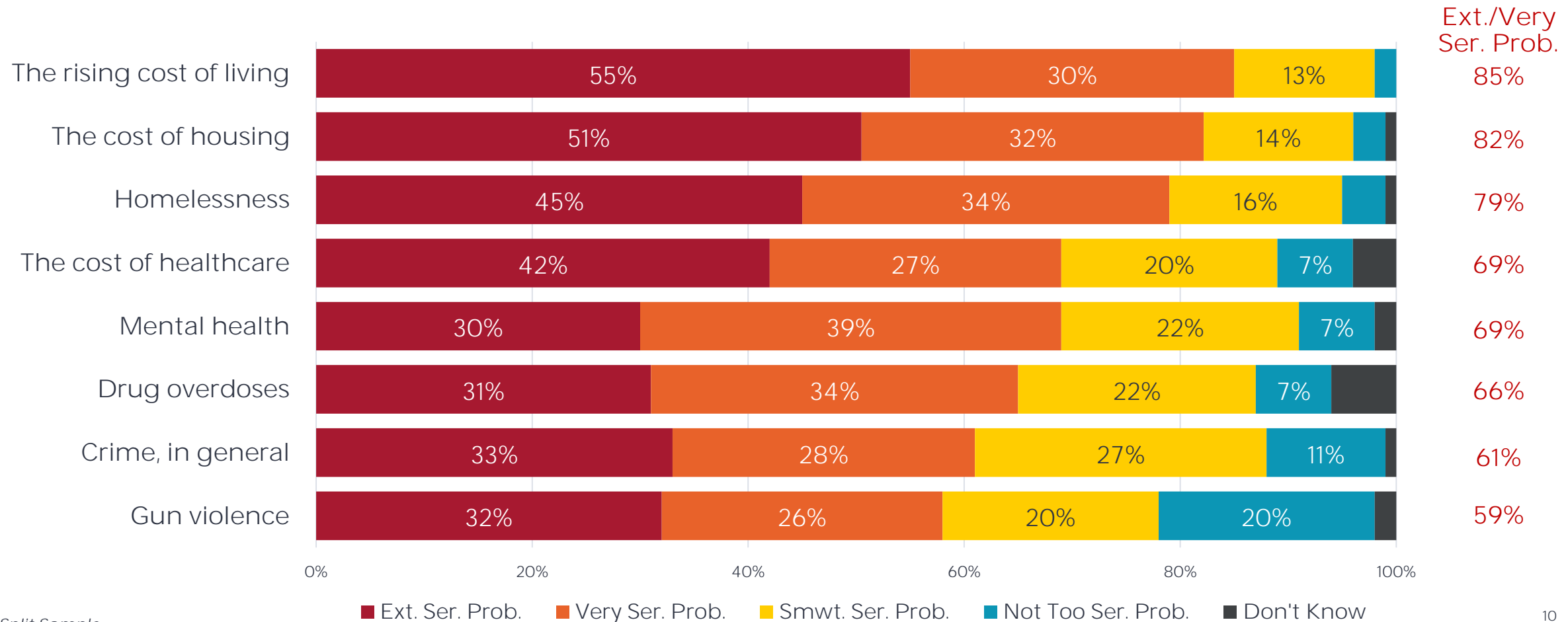
(Open-ended)

Issue	2020	2021	2022	2023	Difference (2022-2023)
Homelessness	--	6%	7%	10%	+3%
Public safety/Crime/Drugs	4%	5%	10%	12%	+2%
Education	4%	3%	3%	3%	0%
Immigration	--	1%	2%	1%	-1%
Social justice/Racism/Police issues	5%	2%	2%	1%	-1%
Healthcare/Health insurance/Health	8%	4%	4%	3%	-1%
Government dysfunction/Political division/ Government/Politics	19%	14%	15%	13%	-2%
Economy/Jobs/Taxes	13%	12%	9%	7%	-2%
Coronavirus/COVID-19/Pandemic	26%	14%	2%	0%	-2%
Cost of housing/Affordable housing	--	10%	17%	15%	-2%
Traffic/Overpopulation/Infrastructure	6%	19%	13%	10%	-3%
Cost of Living	10%	7%	20%	16%	-4%
Water/Wildfires/Climate change/Environment	13%	20%	21%	16%	-5%
Guns/Gun violence/Gun control	--	--	--	5%	--
Women's rights/Abortion	--	--	--	2%	--



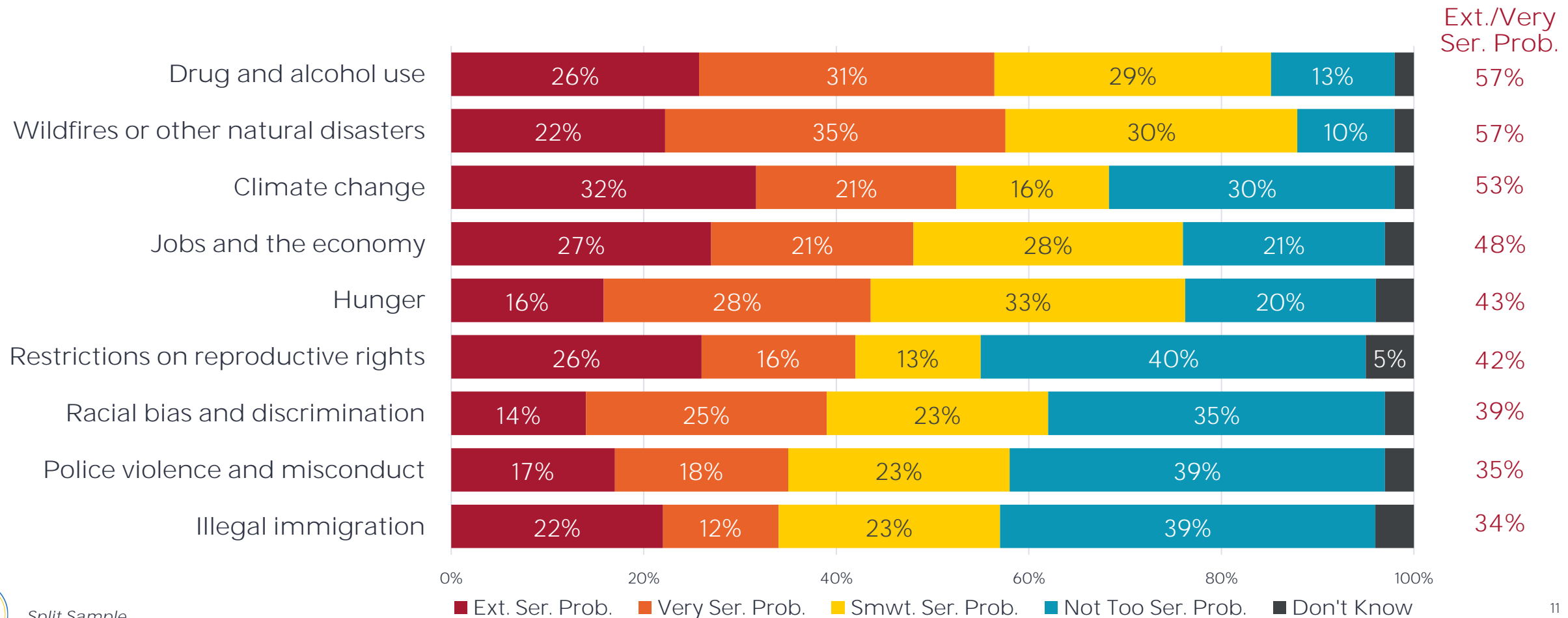
The rising cost of living, the cost of housing and homelessness are rated the most serious problems facing the state.

Q15. I'd like to read you some problems facing Colorado that people have mentioned. 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.



Racial bias, police violence and illegal immigration are somewhat less broadly shared concerns.

Q15. I'd like to read you some problems facing Colorado that people have mentioned. 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.



Relative to last year, concern about gun violence has increased more than 10 points.

Q15. I'd like to read you some problems facing Colorado that people have mentioned. 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.

(% Extremely/Very Serious Problem)

Problem	2020	2021	2022	2023	Difference (2022-2023)
Gun violence	--	--	46%	59%	+13%
Homelessness	67%	72%	72%	79%	+7%
Mental health	55%	63%	63%	69%	+6%
Police violence and misconduct	38%	32%	30%	35%	+5%
Crime, in general	--	41%	57%	61%	+4%
Racial bias and discrimination	42%	43%	35%	39%	+4%
Hunger	39%	41%	40%	43%	+3%
The cost of health care	--	65%	67%	69%	+2%
Climate change	44%	52%	53%	53%	0%
Drug and alcohol use	45%	50%	58%	57%	-1%
Jobs and the economy	63%	44%	49%	48%	-1%
*The rising cost of living	63%	73%	88%	85%	-3%
The cost of housing	67%	82%	86%	82%	-4%
Illegal immigration	--	38%	--	34%	--

Split Sample, *Wording Slightly Different in 2022



Different racial and ethnic groups offer similar rankings of concern about the major issues facing Colorado.

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(% Extremely/Very Serious Problem)

Problem	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American/ Indigenou s	White	<i>Multi- racial</i>
The rising cost of living	85%	87%	81%	91%	76%	83%	84%
The cost of housing	82%	83%	90%	89%	98%	82%	95%
Homelessness	79%	72%	83%	86%	92%	79%	84%
The cost of healthcare	69%	79%	71%	70%	48%	65%	58%
Mental health	69%	68%	79%	76%	86%	67%	78%
Drug overdoses	66%	44%	67%	79%	68%	62%	66%
Crime, in general	61%	51%	65%	77%	71%	55%	65%
Gun violence	59%	64%	77%	71%	78%	57%	65%
Drug and alcohol use	57%	41%	73%	67%	55%	53%	58%
Wildfires or other natural disasters	57%	59%	43%	50%	58%	62%	51%
Climate change	53%	60%	56%	52%	59%	53%	42%
Jobs and the economy	48%	46%	48%	55%	50%	45%	42%
Hunger	43%	51%	46%	61%	43%	40%	47%
Restrictions on reproductive rights	42%	45%	38%	51%	37%	41%	43%
Racial bias and discrimination	39%	47%	72%	51%	65%	35%	64%
Police violence and misconduct	35%	56%	62%	48%	69%	29%	49%
Illegal immigration	34%	20%	36%	26%	19%	34%	20%



Rising costs rate as a top concern among Coloradans of all income levels.

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(% Extremely/Very Serious Problem)

Problem	All	Household Income					
		<\$30,000	\$30,000-\$50,000	\$50,000-\$75,000	\$75,000-\$100,000	\$100,000-\$150,000	\$150,000+
The rising cost of living	85%	90%	88%	91%	88%	84%	77%
The cost of housing	82%	91%	94%	88%	84%	82%	72%
Homelessness	79%	76%	77%	82%	81%	85%	79%
The cost of healthcare	69%	67%	75%	76%	67%	69%	60%
Mental health	69%	78%	80%	65%	60%	66%	72%
Drug overdoses	66%	63%	74%	70%	64%	61%	64%
Crime, in general	61%	65%	53%	66%	57%	53%	55%
Gun violence	59%	60%	61%	67%	49%	55%	62%
Drug and alcohol use	57%	67%	57%	65%	51%	51%	49%
Wildfires or other natural disasters	57%	63%	61%	50%	46%	57%	58%
Climate change	53%	65%	58%	52%	55%	49%	56%
Jobs and the economy	48%	50%	56%	53%	50%	52%	36%
Hunger	43%	60%	53%	53%	40%	39%	33%
Restrictions on reproductive rights	42%	50%	51%	47%	40%	41%	39%
Racial bias and discrimination	39%	59%	44%	36%	38%	38%	31%
Police violence and misconduct	35%	52%	52%	50%	39%	26%	25%
Illegal immigration	34%	36%	30%	34%	31%	29%	27%



Split Sample

Democrats and Republicans diverge the most in their levels of concern about climate change and gun violence.

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(% Extremely/Very Serious Problem)

Problem	All	Party			Dem-Rep. Diff.
		Democrats	Independents	Republicans	
The rising cost of living	85%	86%	81%	87%	-1%
The cost of housing	82%	88%	82%	77%	+11%
Homelessness	79%	79%	80%	78%	+1%
The cost of healthcare	69%	75%	67%	65%	+10%
Mental health	69%	77%	67%	67%	+10%
Drug overdoses	66%	64%	60%	74%	-10%
Crime, in general	61%	51%	52%	78%	-27%
Gun violence	59%	90%	59%	33%	+57%
Drug and alcohol use	57%	57%	53%	61%	-4%
Wildfires or other natural disasters	57%	72%	57%	48%	+24%
Climate change	53%	78%	56%	12%	+66%
Jobs and the economy	48%	39%	44%	68%	-29%
Hunger	43%	58%	42%	31%	+27%
Restrictions on reproductive rights	42%	54%	46%	23%	+31%
Racial bias and discrimination	39%	59%	41%	15%	+44%
Police violence and misconduct	35%	51%	32%	14%	+37%
Illegal immigration	34%	14%	30%	62%	-48%

Split Sample



Residents of the Eastern Plains and Larimer/Weld regions are most likely to say the cost of living is a serious problem.

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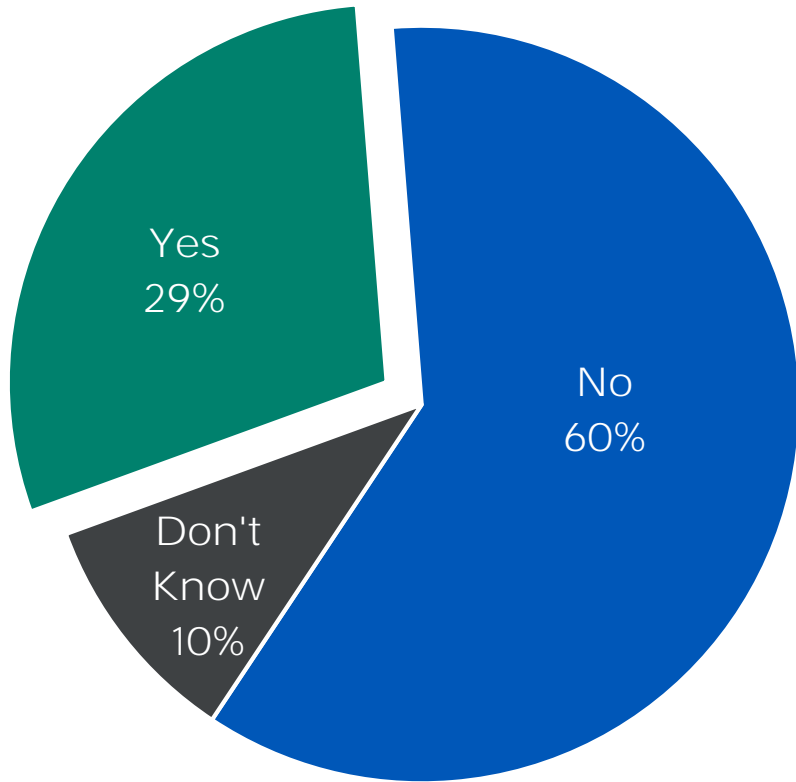
Problem	All	Region					
		Eastern Plains	El Paso	Pueblo	Larimer Weld	Denver Metro	Western Slope
The rising cost of living	85%	92%	81%	71%	91%	85%	85%
The cost of housing	82%	80%	76%	81%	81%	85%	80%
Homelessness	79%	79%	77%	87%	70%	84%	69%
The cost of healthcare	69%	70%	68%	71%	80%	64%	77%
Mental health	69%	53%	48%	63%	75%	72%	76%
Drug overdoses	66%	82%	65%	69%	72%	62%	69%
Crime, in general	61%	69%	67%	60%	52%	63%	53%
Gun violence	59%	48%	55%	53%	54%	65%	40%
Drug and alcohol use	57%	62%	59%	59%	53%	56%	61%
Wildfires or other natural disasters	57%	37%	70%	50%	66%	53%	61%
Climate change	53%	29%	41%	35%	61%	56%	53%
Jobs and the economy	48%	75%	65%	71%	42%	43%	46%
Hunger	43%	40%	51%	31%	45%	43%	40%
Restrictions on reproductive rights	42%	37%	48%	53%	47%	40%	37%
Racial bias and discrimination	39%	44%	38%	40%	30%	42%	30%
Police violence and misconduct	35%	37%	39%	27%	44%	36%	25%
Illegal immigration	34%	57%	40%	26%	36%	29%	41%

Split Sample



More than one-quarter say they or someone they know have been treated unfairly when interacting with law enforcement because of their race and ethnicity.

Q19b. 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: When interacting with law enforcement.



Demographic Group	Yes
Race/Ethnicity	
Asian/Pacific Islander	35%
Black/African American	56%
Hispanic/Latino	42%
Native American/Indigenous	59%
White	25%
Multiracial	46%

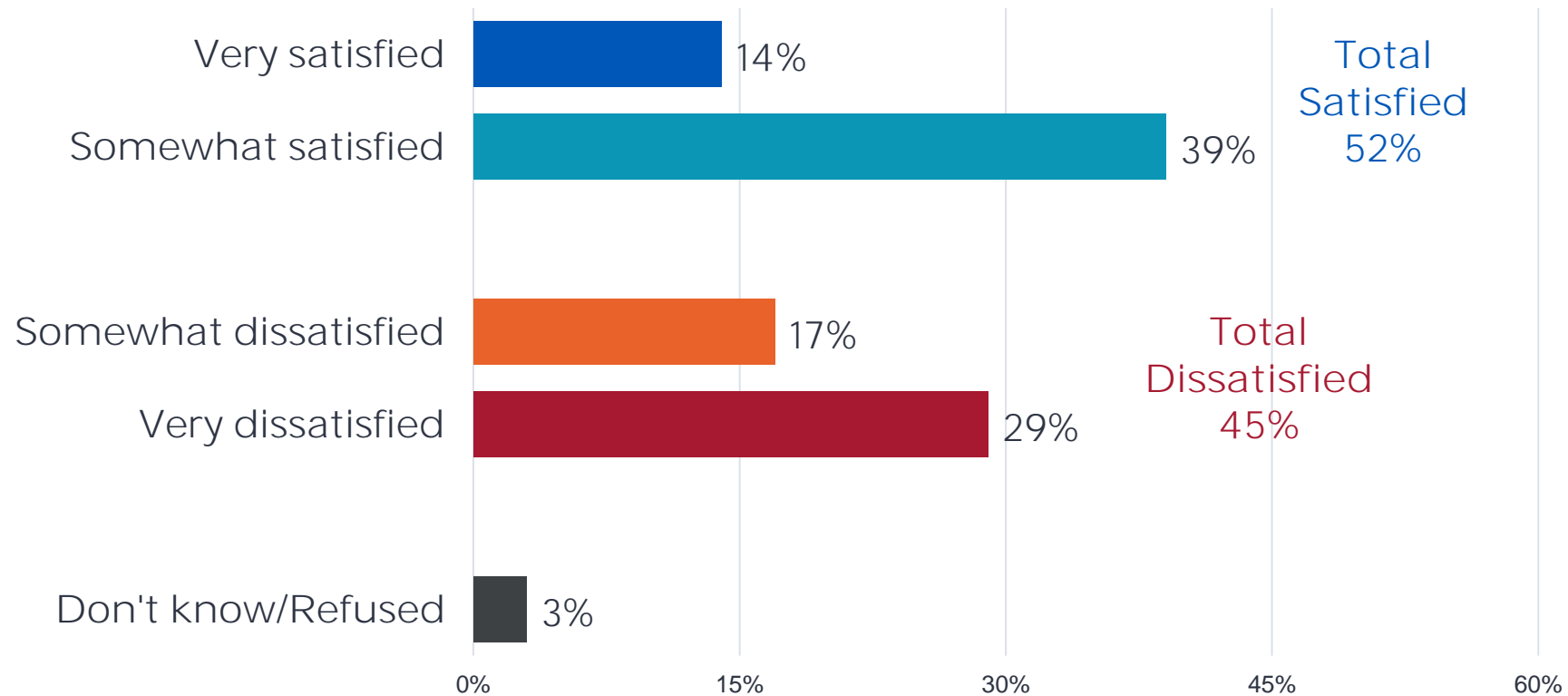




Perceptions of State Government Effectiveness

Half of Coloradans say they are satisfied with how state government works for people like them, but few are “very satisfied.”

Q16. How satisfied are you with the state government in Colorado and how well it works for people like you?



The lowest-income Coloradans are less satisfied than those of other income levels.

Q16. How satisfied are you with the state government in Colorado and how well it works for people like you?

Demographic Group	Total Satisfied	Total Dissatisfied
All	52%	45%
Race/Ethnicity		
Asian/Pacific Islander	67%	32%
Black/African American	56%	42%
Hispanic/Latino	56%	39%
Native American/Indigenous	50%	40%
White	53%	45%
<i>Multiracial</i>	40%	55%
Household Income		
<\$30,000	45%	51%
\$30,000-\$50,000	56%	42%
\$50,000-\$75,000	54%	45%
\$75,000-\$100,000	55%	40%
\$100,000-\$150,000	56%	43%
\$150,000+	55%	44%



There is a distinct partisan split in perceptions of state government, with Democrats highly satisfied, independents divided and Republicans dissatisfied.

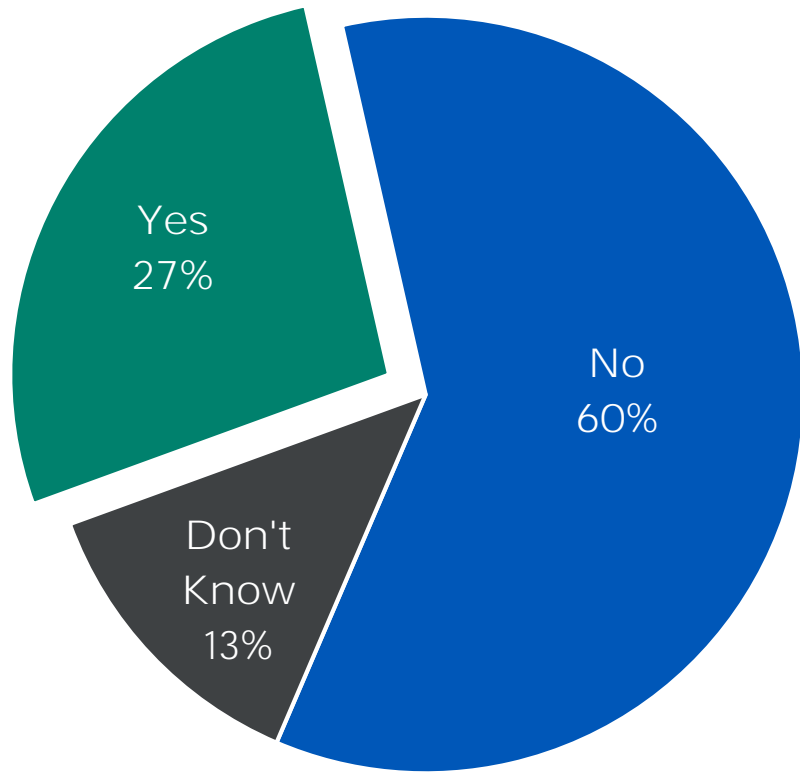
Q16. How satisfied are you with the state government in Colorado and how well it works for people like you?

Demographic Group	Total Satisfied	Total Dissatisfied
Party		
Democrats	78%	20%
Independents	57%	41%
Republicans	24%	75%
Region		
Eastern Plains	47%	53%
El Paso	51%	46%
Pueblo	48%	49%
Larimer Weld	52%	45%
Denver Metro	54%	44%
Western Slope	47%	50%



More than one-quarter say they or someone they know have been treated unfairly because of their race and ethnicity when interacting with government agencies.

Q19e. 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: When interacting with government agencies or services.

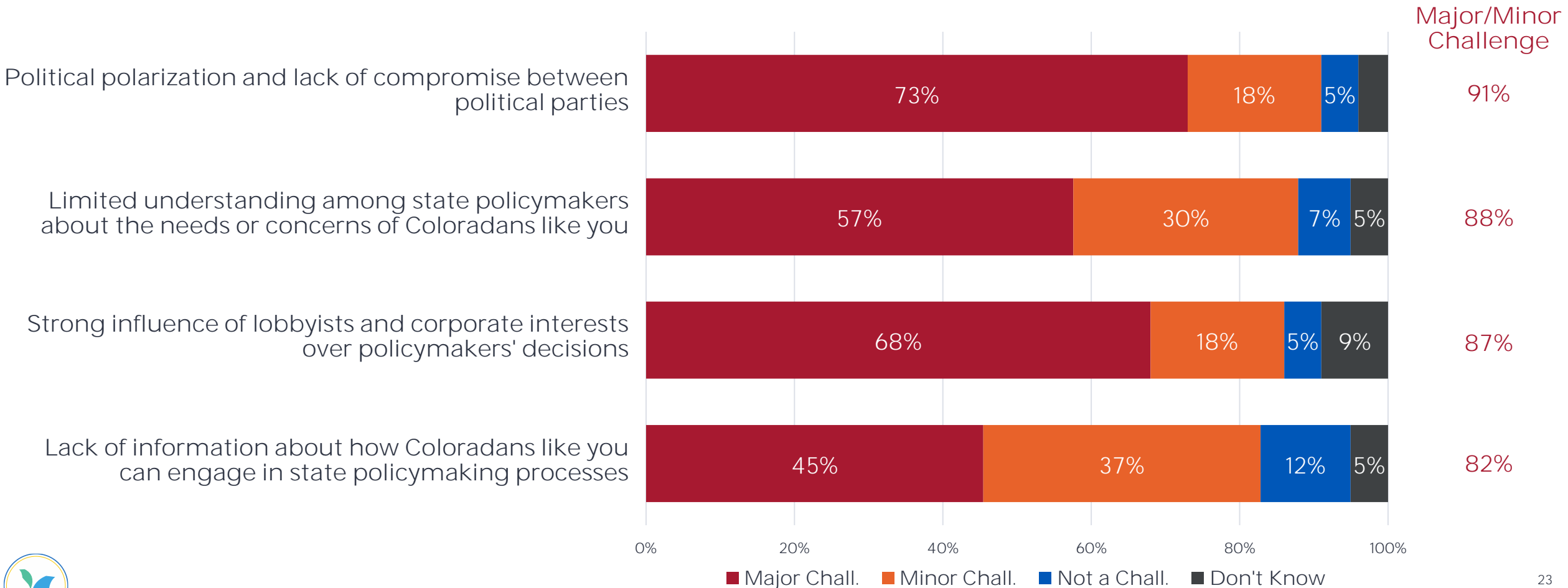


Demographic Group	Yes
Race/Ethnicity	
Asian/Pacific Islander	26%
Black/African American	50%
Hispanic/Latino	33%
Native American/Indigenous	63%
White	24%
<i>Multiracial</i>	58%



Respondents view political polarization and the influence of lobbyists as major challenges preventing Coloradans like them from being heard by state government.

Q17. Here are some potential challenges that could keep Coloradans like you from being heard in state government. Please tell me whether you consider it to be a major challenge, a minor challenge, or not a challenge.



Black, Latino and Native American Coloradans are more likely to say that a lack of information about how to engage with state government is a major challenge.

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(% Major Challenge)

Proposal	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American/ Indigenou s	White	<i>Multi- racial</i>
Political polarization and lack of compromise between political parties	73%	62%	54%	65%	71%	76%	62%
Strong influence of lobbyists and corporate interests over policymakers' decisions	68%	65%	63%	63%	80%	69%	76%
Limited understanding among state policymakers about the needs or concerns of Coloradans like you	57%	53%	61%	58%	71%	56%	62%
Lack of information about how Coloradans like you can engage in state policymaking processes	45%	40%	48%	51%	46%	42%	38%



Higher-income respondents view political polarization as especially problematic.

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Limited understanding among state policymakers about the needs or concerns of Coloradans like you	57%	69%	53%	61%	59%	53%	52%
Lack of information about how Coloradans like you can engage in state policymaking processes	45%	58%	51%	46%	53%	35%	41%



Republicans and independents are more likely than Democrats to say that policymakers have a limited understanding of the needs of people like them.

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(% Major Challenge)

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		Democrats	Independents	Republicans	
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Strong influence of lobbyists and corporate interests over policymakers' decisions	68%	65%	71%	69%	-4%
Limited understanding among state policymakers about the needs or concerns of Coloradans like you	57%	39%	58%	74%	-35%
Lack of information about how Coloradans like you can engage in state policymaking processes	45%	37%	43%	57%	-20%



Perceptions of the challenges preventing Coloradans from being heard in government cut across the state's regions.

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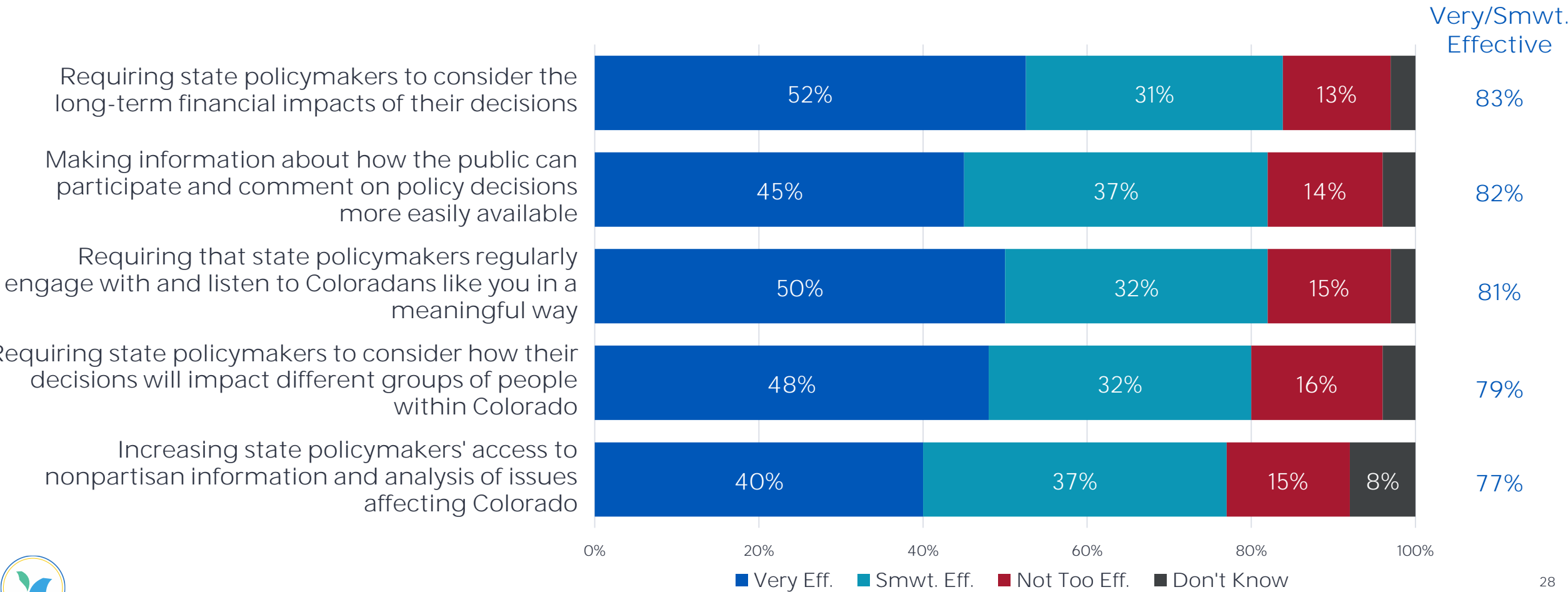
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Strong influence of lobbyists and corporate interests over policymakers' decisions	68%	61%	67%	59%	67%	69%	72%
Limited understanding among state policymakers about the needs or concerns of Coloradans like you	57%	64%	62%	55%	62%	53%	64%
Lack of information about how Coloradans like you can engage in state policymaking processes	45%	40%	49%	49%	46%	44%	47%



Requiring policymakers to consider long-term financial implications, increasing transparency and requiring policymakers to engage with Coloradans are seen as the most effective ways to improve policy decisions.

Q18. Here are some actions that some people say will improve how policy decisions are made in Colorado's state government. 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.



Respondents of all racial and ethnic backgrounds rank the potential actions similarly.

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(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American / Indigeno us	White	<i>Multi- racial</i>
Requiring state policymakers to consider the long-term financial impacts of their decisions	83%	77%	87%	85%	80%	84%	71%
Making information about how the public can participate and comment on policy decisions more easily available	82%	85%	75%	87%	84%	83%	83%
Requiring that state policymakers regularly engage with and listen to Coloradans like you in a meaningful way	81%	81%	79%	83%	82%	83%	81%
Requiring state policymakers to consider how their decisions will impact different groups of people within Colorado	79%	84%	77%	85%	81%	81%	82%
Increasing state policymakers' access to nonpartisan information and analysis of issues affecting Colorado	77%	76%	75%	78%	74%	78%	68%



Similarly, perceptions are consistent across income groups.

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(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Household Income					
		<\$30,000	\$30,000-\$50,000	\$50,000-\$75,000	\$75,000-\$100,000	\$100,000-\$150,000	\$150,000+
Requiring state policymakers to consider the long-term financial impacts of their decisions	83%	83%	84%	88%	87%	82%	83%
Making information about how the public can participate and comment on policy decisions more easily available	82%	77%	84%	89%	88%	80%	82%
Requiring that state policymakers regularly engage with and listen to Coloradans like you in a meaningful way	81%	82%	86%	85%	85%	84%	81%
Requiring state policymakers to consider how their decisions will impact different groups of people within Colorado	79%	82%	85%	85%	82%	82%	77%
Increasing state policymakers' access to nonpartisan information and analysis of issues affecting Colorado	77%	70%	83%	81%	78%	80%	80%



Republicans are slightly less likely than independents and Democrats to say that increasing access to nonpartisan information will be effective.

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(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Party			Dem-Rep. Diff.
		Democrats	Independents	Republicans	
Requiring state policymakers to consider the long-term financial impacts of their decisions	83%	84%	86%	81%	+3%
Making information about how the public can participate and comment on policy decisions more easily available	82%	86%	84%	80%	+6%
Requiring that state policymakers regularly engage with and listen to Coloradans like you in a meaningful way	81%	87%	82%	80%	+7%
Requiring state policymakers to consider how their decisions will impact different groups of people within Colorado	79%	85%	81%	77%	+8%
Increasing state policymakers' access to nonpartisan information and analysis of issues affecting Colorado	77%	85%	81%	71%	+14%



Pueblo residents are particularly supportive of requiring policymakers to consider the long-term impacts of their financial decisions.

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Action	All	Region					
		Eastern Plains	El Paso	Pueblo	Larimer Weld	Denver Metro	Western Slope
Requiring state policymakers to consider the long-term financial impacts of their decisions	83%	85%	83%	92%	82%	83%	84%
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Requiring that state policymakers regularly engage with and listen to Coloradans like you in a meaningful way	81%	84%	84%	89%	84%	80%	81%
Requiring state policymakers to consider how their decisions will impact different groups of people within Colorado	79%	81%	79%	88%	79%	78%	83%
Increasing state policymakers' access to nonpartisan information and analysis of issues affecting Colorado	77%	76%	76%	84%	77%	77%	74%



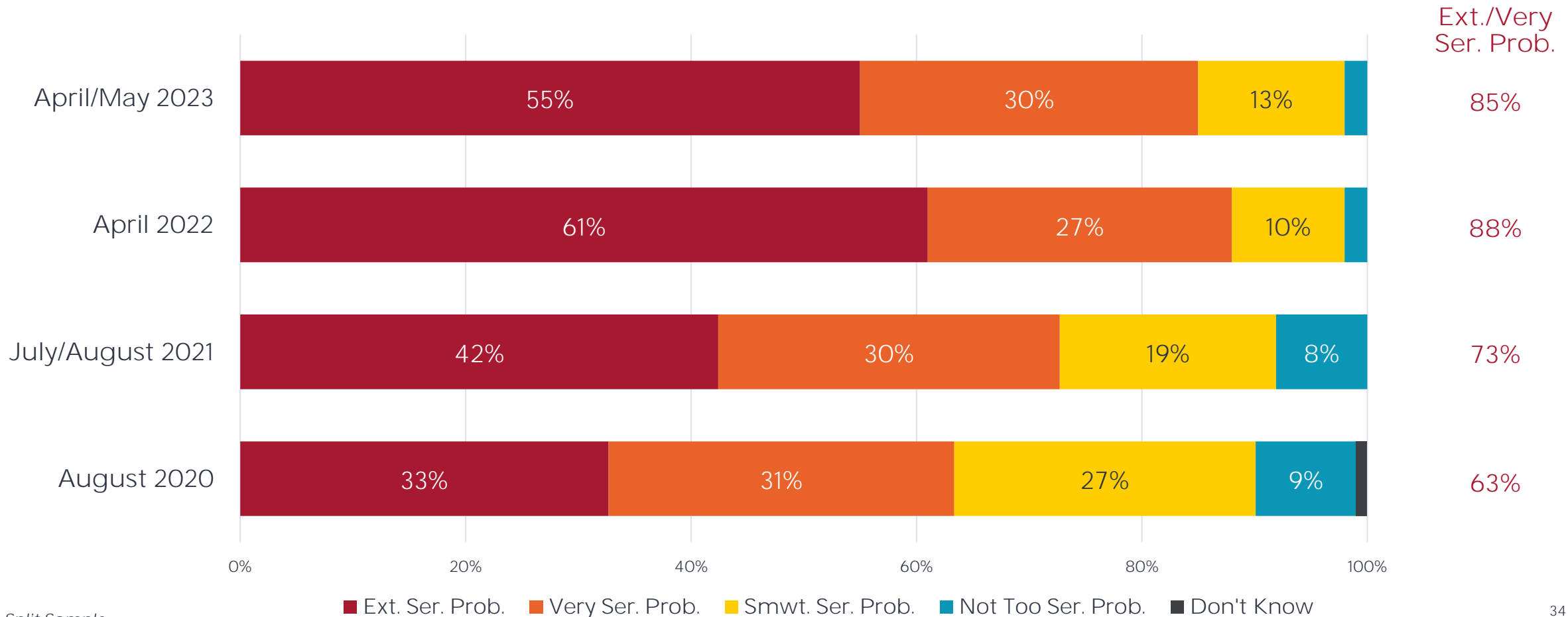
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The Cost of Living

Concern about the cost of living is comparable to 2022 - and higher than prior years.

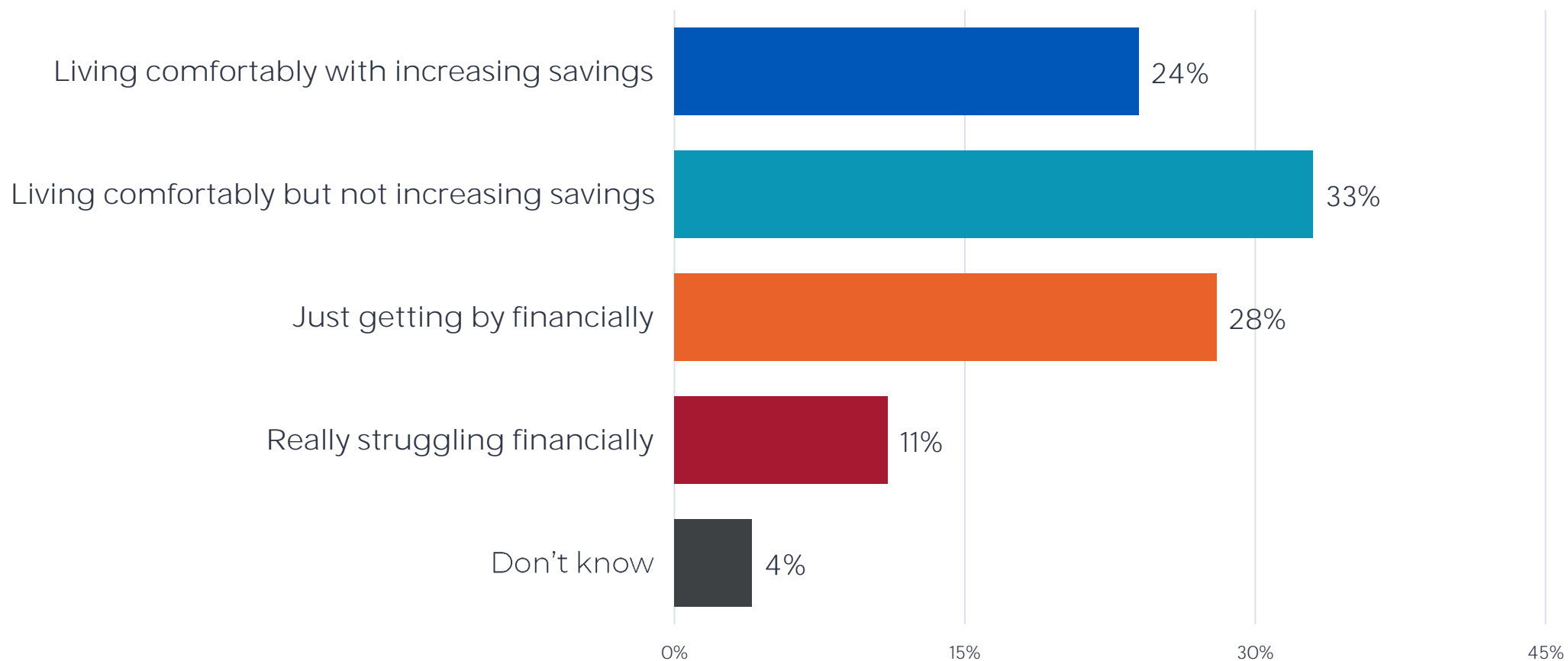
Q15q. I'd like to read you some problems facing Colorado that people have mentioned. Please tell me whether you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, somewhat serious problem, or not too serious a problem in Colorado.

(The rising cost of living)



Approximately half of Coloradans say they are living comfortably; nearly two in five are “really struggling” or just getting by.

Q20. Which of the following best describes your financial situation:



Renters and lower-income respondents are more likely to say they are just getting by or struggling financially.

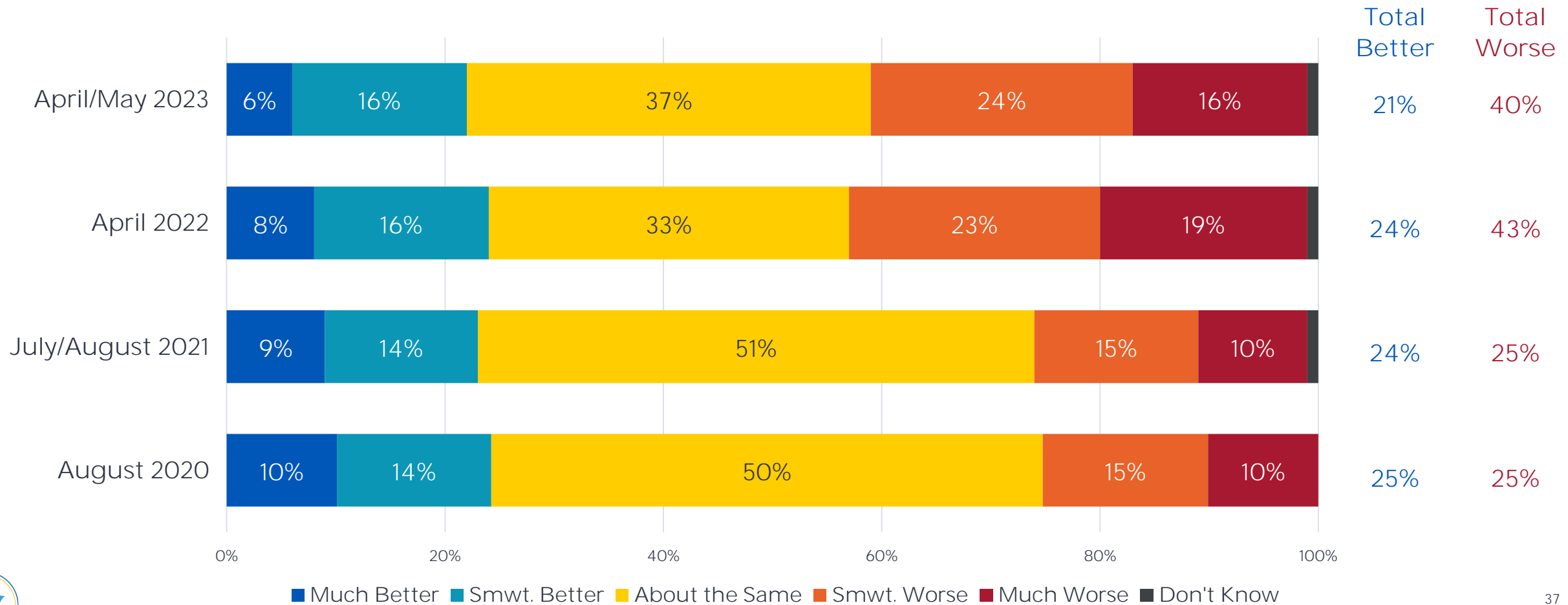
Q20. Which of the following best describes your financial situation:

Financial Situation	All	Household Income						Residence	
		<\$30,000	\$30,000-\$50,000	\$50,000-\$75,000	\$75,000-\$100,000	\$100,000-\$150,000	\$150,000+	Home-owners	Renters
Living comfortably with increasing savings	24%	5%	6%	11%	17%	29%	51%	30%	13%
Living comfortably but not increasing savings	33%	17%	22%	30%	37%	45%	40%	38%	26%
Just getting by financially	28%	38%	49%	45%	38%	22%	7%	22%	39%
Really struggling financially	11%	40%	22%	13%	8%	4%	0%	5%	20%
Don't know	4%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	5%	1%



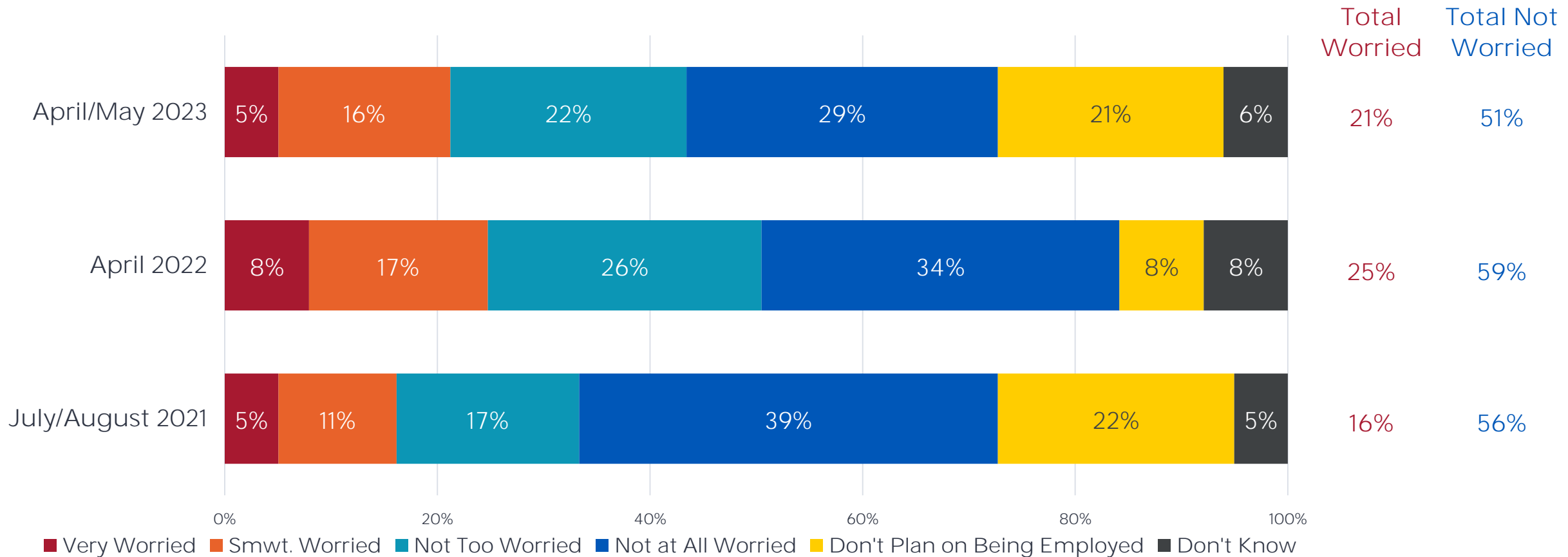
Two in five say they are worse off financially than they were a year ago.

Q21. Would you say you are better off, or worse off financially than you were a year ago, or is your financial situation about the same?



Most Coloradans are not worried about being unemployed in the next year.

Q25. 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:)



Latinos are more likely than other racial and ethnic groups to be worried about their employment status in the coming year.

Q25. 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:)

Demographic Group	Total Worried	Total Not Worried	Don't Plan on Being Employed/ Don't Know
All	21%	51%	27%
Employment			
Full-time	22%	72%	6%
Part-time	28%	58%	14%
Unemployed	34%	12%	53%
Race/Ethnicity			
Asian/Pacific Islander	22%	61%	17%
Black/African American	24%	54%	22%
Hispanic/Latino	33%	50%	17%
Native American/Indigenous	28%	57%	14%
White	18%	52%	30%
All Multiracial	17%	57%	26%



Those living in the Eastern Plains are more worried than those in other areas of the state.

Q25. 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:)

Demographic Group	Total Worried	Total Not Worried	Don't Plan on Being Employed/ Don't Know
Household Income			
<\$30,000	25%	24%	50%
\$30,000-\$50,000	34%	42%	24%
\$50,000-\$75,000	26%	53%	21%
\$75,000-\$100,000	27%	57%	16%
\$100,000-\$150,000	22%	59%	19%
\$150,000+	11%	69%	21%
Region			
Eastern Plains	33%	44%	23%
El Paso	20%	50%	30%
Pueblo	22%	49%	29%
Larimer Weld	20%	51%	28%
Denver Metro	21%	53%	25%
Western Slope	21%	48%	31%



Coloradans of color are more worried than White Coloradans about not being employed in the next year.

Q25. 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:)

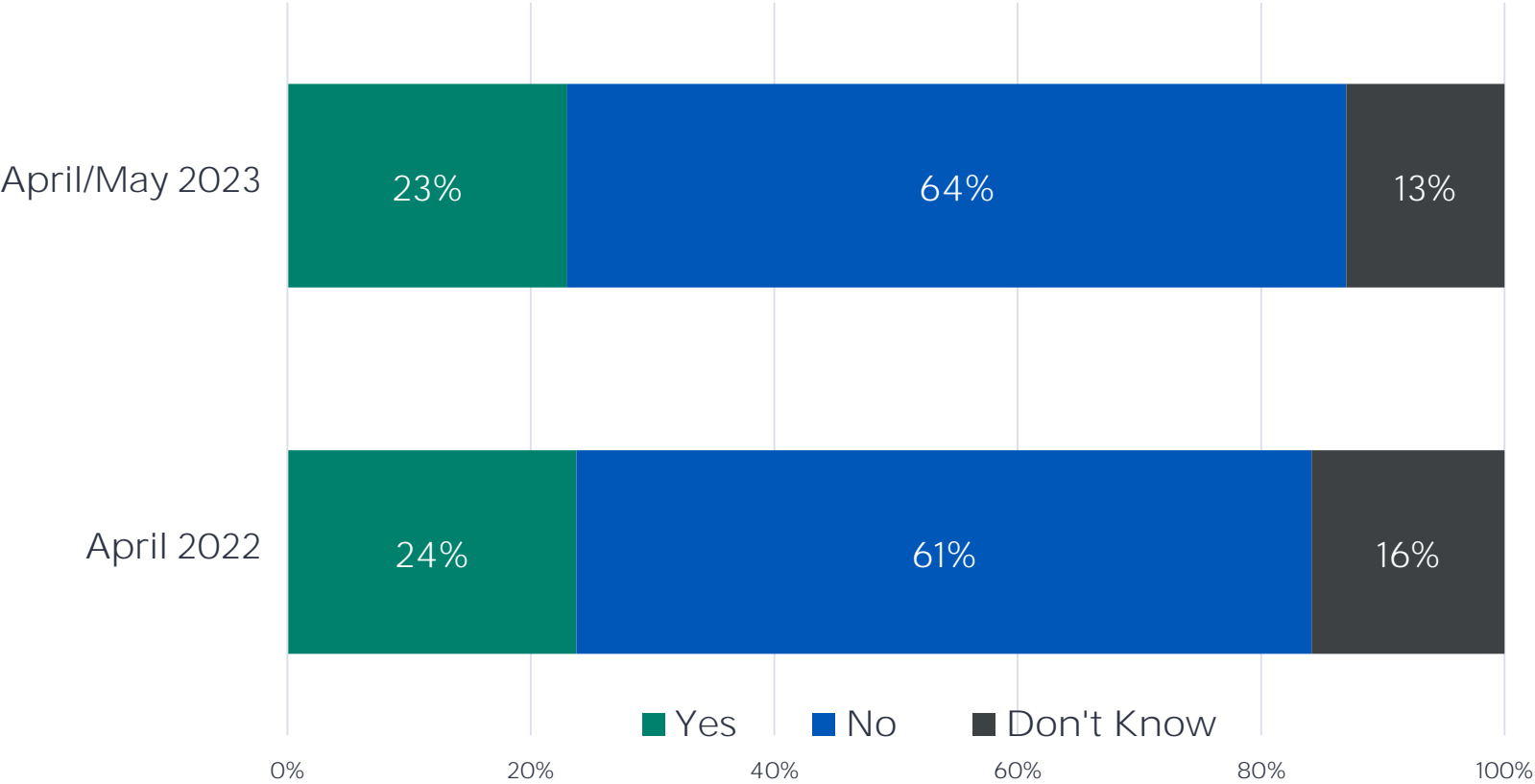
(Total % Worried)

Demographic Group	2021	2022	2023	Difference 2022-2023
All	16%	25%	21%	-4%
Race/Ethnicity				
Asian/Pacific Islander	15%	27%	22%	-5%
Black/African American	16%	22%	24%	+2%
Hispanic/Latino	24%	27%	33%	+6%
Native American/Indigenous	17%	47%	28%	-19%
White	13%	24%	18%	-6%
<i>All Multiracial</i>	--	24%	17%	-7%



More than half of Black Coloradans say they or someone they know has been treated unfairly due to their race or ethnicity when seeking employment.

Q19c. 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: When seeking employment.

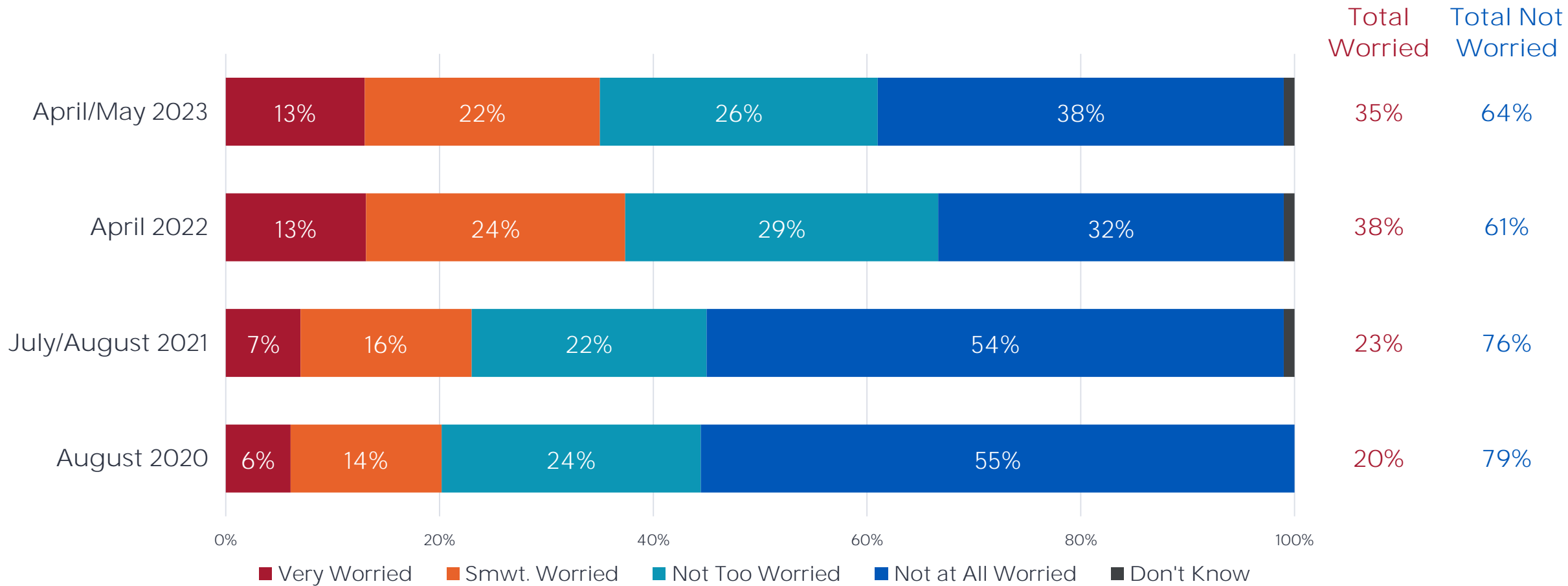


Demographic Group	% Yes
Race/Ethnicity	
Asian/Pacific Islander	19%
Black/African American	52%
Hispanic/Latino	35%
Native American/Indigenous	41%
White	19%
<i>Multiracial</i>	28%



More than one-third are worried about affording food.

Q24. 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:



Latino and Native American respondents and those with incomes under \$50,000 are especially concerned about food insecurity.

Q24. 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:

Demographic Group	Total Worried	Total Not Worried	Don't Know
All	35%	64%	1%
Race/Ethnicity			
Asian/Pacific Islander	26%	74%	0%
Black/African American	39%	56%	5%
Hispanic/Latino	47%	53%	0%
Native American/Indigenous	55%	44%	1%
White	30%	69%	1%
<i>Multiracial</i>	35%	65%	0%
Household Income			
<\$30,000	66%	33%	0%
\$30,000-\$50,000	54%	46%	0%
\$50,000-\$75,000	47%	52%	1%
\$75,000-\$100,000	37%	63%	0%
\$100,000-\$150,000	27%	73%	0%
\$150,000+	10%	89%	1%



Residents of Pueblo County are more worried about affording food than are others.

Q24. 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:

Demographic Group	Total Worried	Total Not Worried	Don't Know
Region			
Eastern Plains	37%	63%	0%
El Paso	40%	60%	0%
Pueblo	55%	45%	0%
Larimer Weld	34%	64%	2%
Denver Metro	32%	66%	1%
Western Slope	37%	62%	1%



Coloradans of color continue to express more concern than White Coloradans about food insecurity.

Q24. 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:

(Total % Worried)

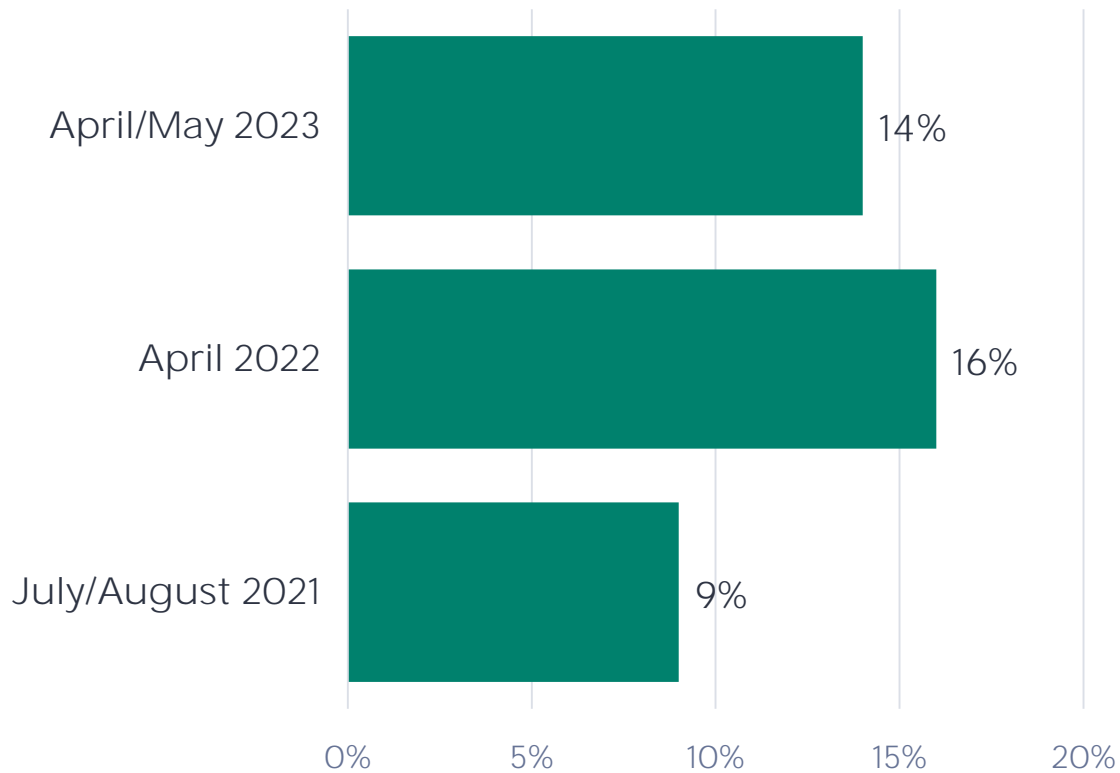
Demographic Group	2020	2021	2022	2023	Difference (2022-2023)
All	20%	23%	38%	35%	-3%
Race/Ethnicity					
Asian/Pacific Islander	13%	18%	26%	26%	0%
Black/African American	31%	29%	34%	39%	+5%
Hispanic/Latino	28%	40%	55%	47%	-8%
Native American/Indigenous	--	34%	62%	55%	-7%
White	17%	17%	33%	30%	-3%
<i>Multiracial</i>	--	--	41%	35%	-6%



More than one in ten have skipped meals because they couldn't afford food.

Q26a. In the last 12 months, have you experienced any of the following: Skipped meals because you couldn't afford food?

(% Yes)

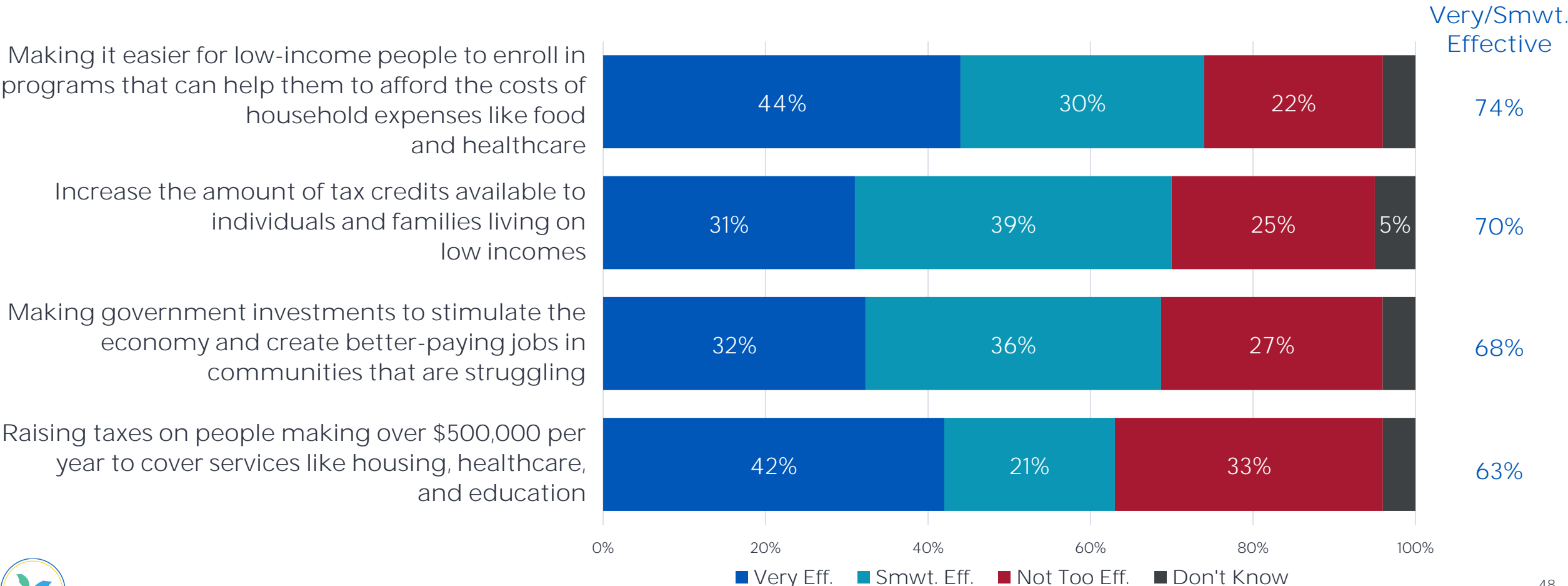


Demographic Group	% Yes
Race/Ethnicity	
Asian/Pacific Islander	8%
Black/African American	22%
Hispanic/Latino	19%
Native American/Indigenous	35%
White	13%
<i>Multiracial</i>	28%
Household Income	
<\$30,000	40%
\$30,000-\$50,000	28%
\$50,000-\$75,000	24%
\$75,000-\$100,000	9%
\$100,000-\$150,000	5%
\$150,000+	5%



Three-quarters say making it easier for low-income people to enroll in safety net programs will be effective in addressing the cost of living.

Q28. Here are some actions that some people say will address the rising cost of living in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in helping Coloradans make ends meet: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.



Relative to 2022, Coloradans have grown more likely to view government investments to stimulate the economy as effective.

Q28. Here are some actions that some people say will address the rising cost of living in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in helping Coloradans make ends meet: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Type of Action	2022	2023	Difference (2022-2023)
Making government investments to stimulate the economy and create better-paying jobs in communities that are struggling	59%	68%	+9%
Raising taxes on people making over \$500,000 per year to cover services like housing, healthcare, and education	60%	63%	+3%



Coloradans across racial and ethnic groups rank the effectiveness of actions to address cost of living similarly.

Q28. Here are some actions that some people say will address the rising cost of living in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in helping Coloradans make ends meet: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Type of Action	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American / Indigenou S	White	<i>Multi- racial</i>
Making it easier for low-income people to enroll in programs that can help them to afford the costs of household expenses like food and healthcare	74%	81%	75%	82%	89%	75%	77%
Increase the amount of tax credits available to individuals and families living on low incomes	70%	73%	78%	77%	83%	70%	73%
Making government investments to stimulate the economy and create better-paying jobs in communities that are struggling	68%	85%	76%	81%	74%	66%	70%
Raising taxes on people making over \$500,000 per year to cover services like housing, healthcare, and education	63%	79%	68%	73%	79%	63%	72%



Democrats and independents are far more likely than Republicans to view raising taxes on high-income households as effective.

Q28. Here are some actions that some people say will address the rising cost of living in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in helping Coloradans make ends meet: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Type of Action	All	Party			Dem-Rep. Diff.
		Democrats	Independents	Republicans	
Making it easier for low-income people to enroll in programs that can help them to afford the costs of household expenses like food and healthcare	74%	92%	75%	59%	+33%
Increase the amount of tax credits available to individuals and families living on low incomes	70%	82%	72%	60%	+22%
Making government investments to stimulate the economy and create better-paying jobs in communities that are struggling	68%	83%	72%	50%	+33%
Raising taxes on people making over \$500,000 per year to cover services like housing, healthcare, and education	63%	88%	67%	34%	+54%



Residents of Pueblo County view investments as the economy as more effective than those living in other areas do.

Q28. Here are some actions that some people say will address the rising cost of living in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in helping Coloradans make ends meet: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Type of Action	All	Region					
		Eastern Plains	El Paso	Pueblo	Larimer Weld	Denver Metro	Western Slope
Making it easier for low-income people to enroll in programs that can help them to afford the costs of household expenses like food and healthcare	74%	69%	76%	79%	72%	75%	68%
Increase the amount of tax credits available to individuals and families living on low incomes	70%	68%	71%	74%	66%	70%	72%
Making government investments to stimulate the economy and create better-paying jobs in communities that are struggling	68%	64%	71%	80%	62%	69%	68%
Raising taxes on people making over \$500,000 per year to cover services like housing, healthcare, and education	63%	58%	60%	65%	62%	65%	58%



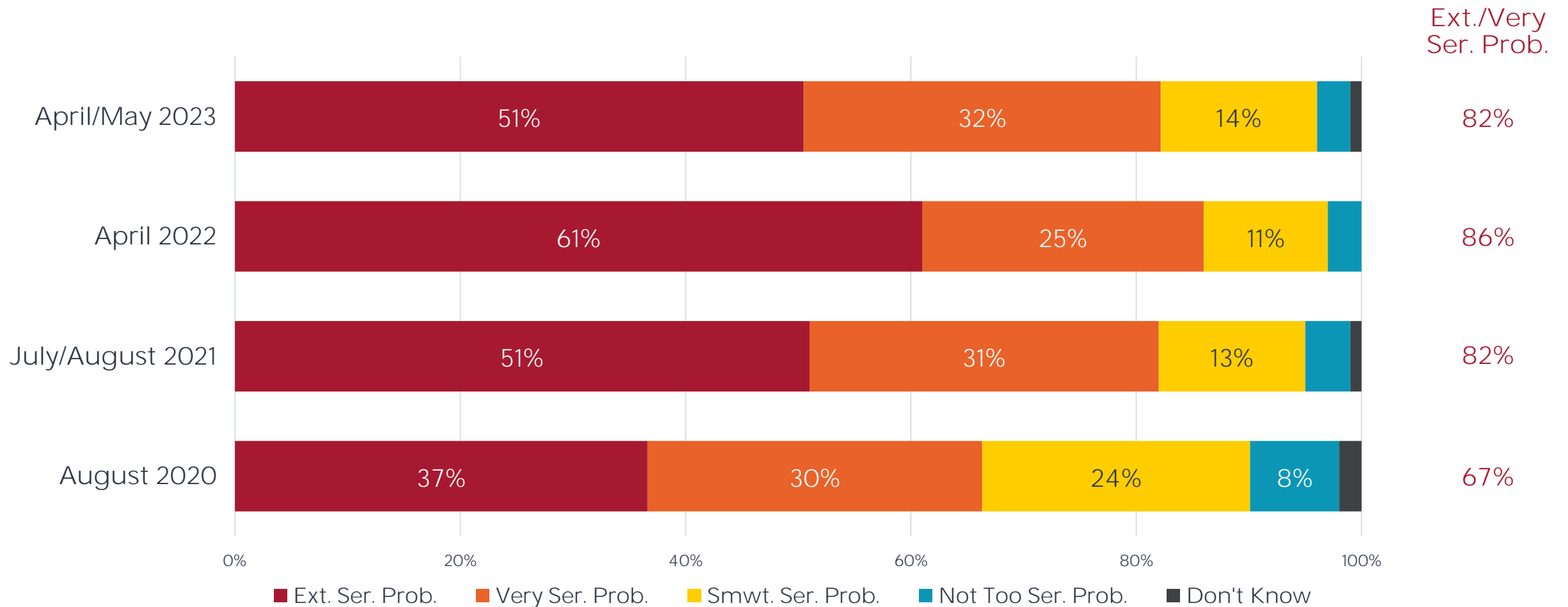
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Housing

Concern about the cost of housing has remained steady – and high – since 2021.

Q15j. I'd like to read you some problems facing Colorado that people have mentioned. 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.

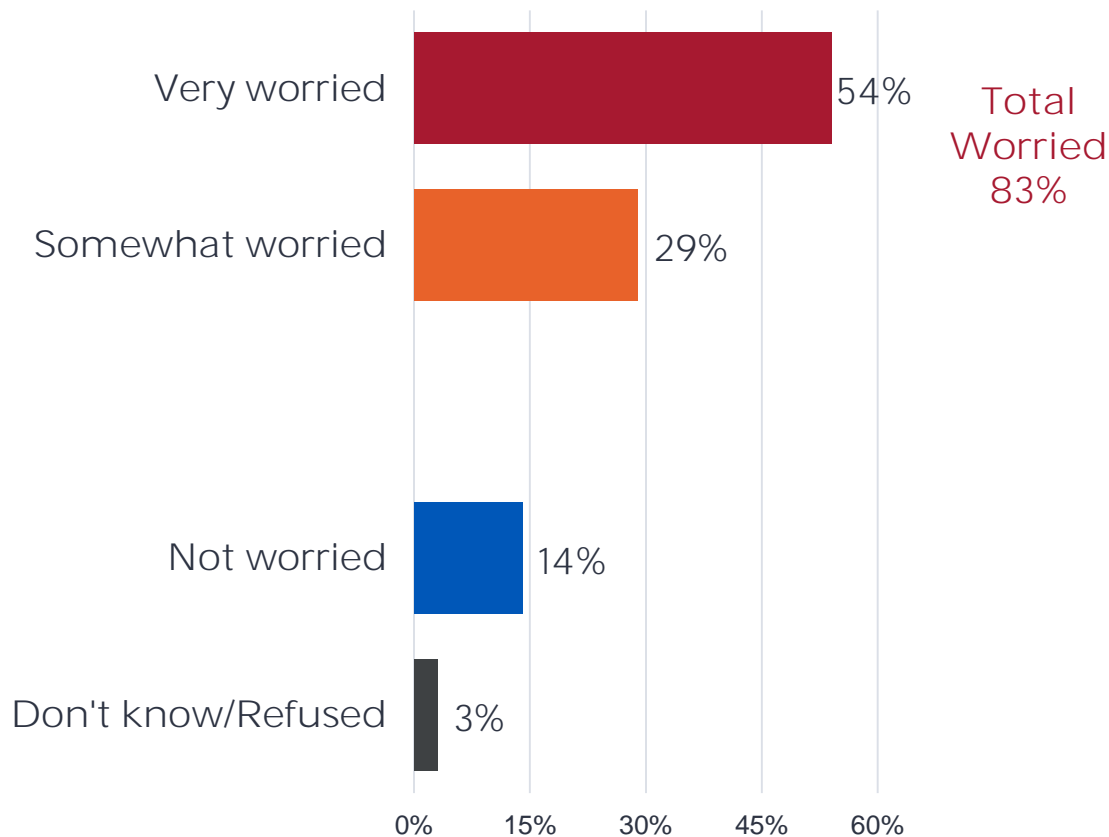
(The cost of housing)



Four in five parents worry about their children being able to afford to live in Colorado.

Q32. 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?)

(Asked of Parents, n=699)



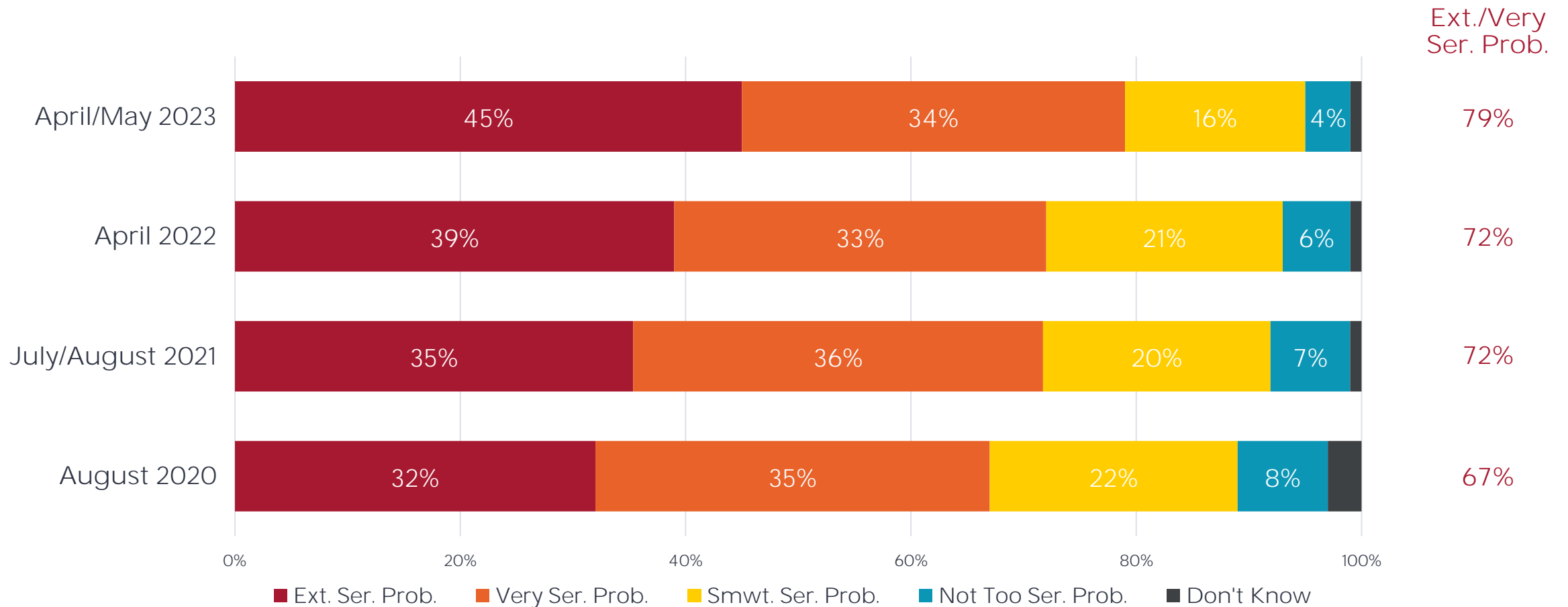
Demographic Group	% Total Worried
Race/Ethnicity	
Asian/Pacific Islander	64%
Black/African American	73%
Hispanic/Latino	82%
Native American/Indigenous	64%
White	84%
Multiracial	61%
Household Income	
<\$30,000	90%
\$30,000-\$50,000	96%
\$50,000-\$75,000	93%
\$75,000-\$100,000	89%
\$100,000-\$150,000	91%
\$150,000+	75%
Region	
Eastern Plains	87%
El Paso	83%
Pueblo	76%
Larimer Weld	88%
Denver Metro	83%
Western Slope	81%



Concerns about homelessness have steadily gained intensity.

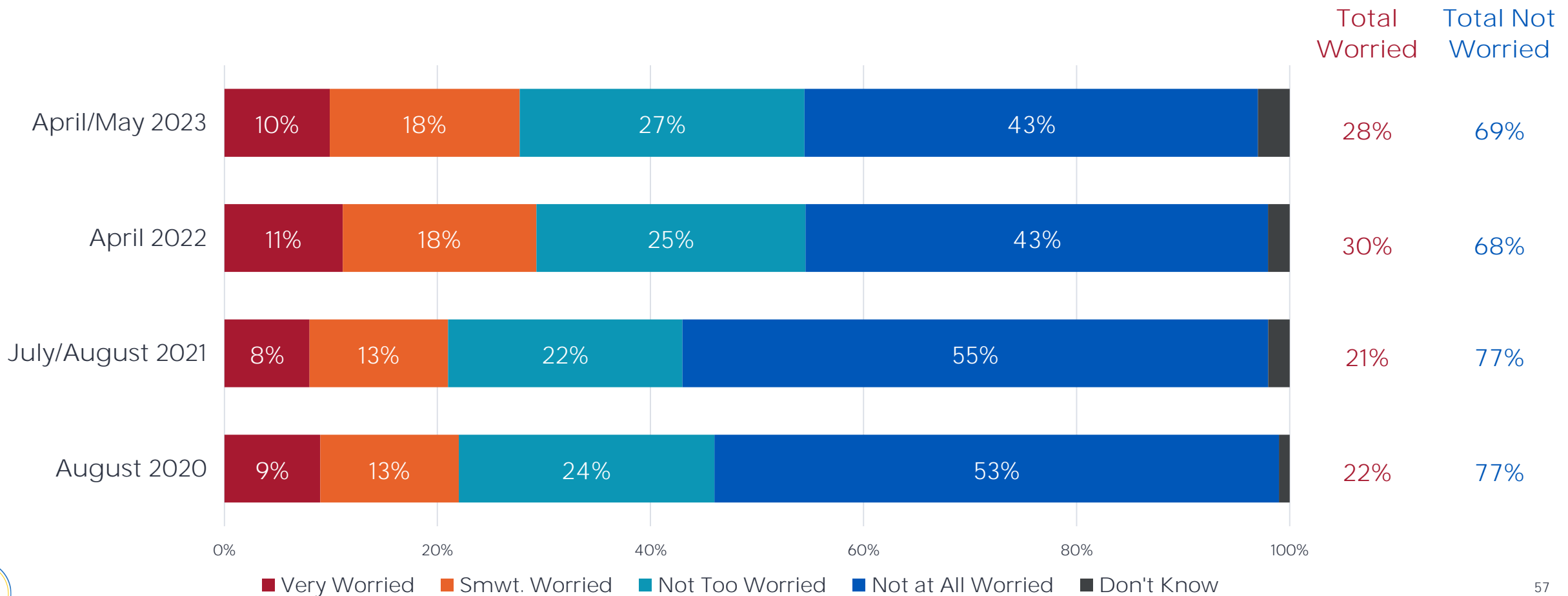
Q15i. I'd like to read you some problems facing Colorado that people have mentioned. Please tell me whether you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, somewhat serious problem, or not too serious a problem in Colorado.

(Homelessness)



Approximately one-quarter are worried about losing their home in the next year.

Q22. 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:



Unemployed Coloradans, people of color, and renters are more likely to worry about losing their home.

Q22. 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:

Demographic Group	Total Worried	Total Not Worried	Don't Know
All	28%	69%	3%
Employment			
Full-time	28%	70%	1%
Part-time	30%	69%	1%
Unemployed	45%	54%	1%
Race/Ethnicity			
Asian/Pacific Islander	29%	71%	0%
Black/African American	47%	53%	0%
Hispanic/Latino	42%	54%	4%
Native American/Indigenous	49%	48%	3%
White	22%	76%	2%
All Multiracial	38%	62%	0%
Residence			
Homeowners	19%	79%	2%
Renters	49%	48%	3%



Coloradans living on the lowest incomes are most likely to worry about losing their home.

Q22. 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:

Demographic Group	Total Worried	Total Not Worried	Don't Know
Household Income			
<\$30,000	61%	37%	1%
\$30,000-\$50,000	45%	53%	1%
\$50,000-\$75,000	38%	61%	1%
\$75,000-\$100,000	30%	69%	2%
\$100,000-\$150,000	24%	76%	0%
\$150,000+	7%	92%	1%
Region			
Eastern Plains	26%	73%	1%
El Paso	30%	64%	6%
Pueblo	30%	69%	1%
Larimer Weld	25%	72%	3%
Denver Metro	30%	68%	2%
Western Slope	23%	74%	3%



Black Coloradans are increasingly worried about affording their rent or mortgage.

Q22. 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:

(% Total Worried)

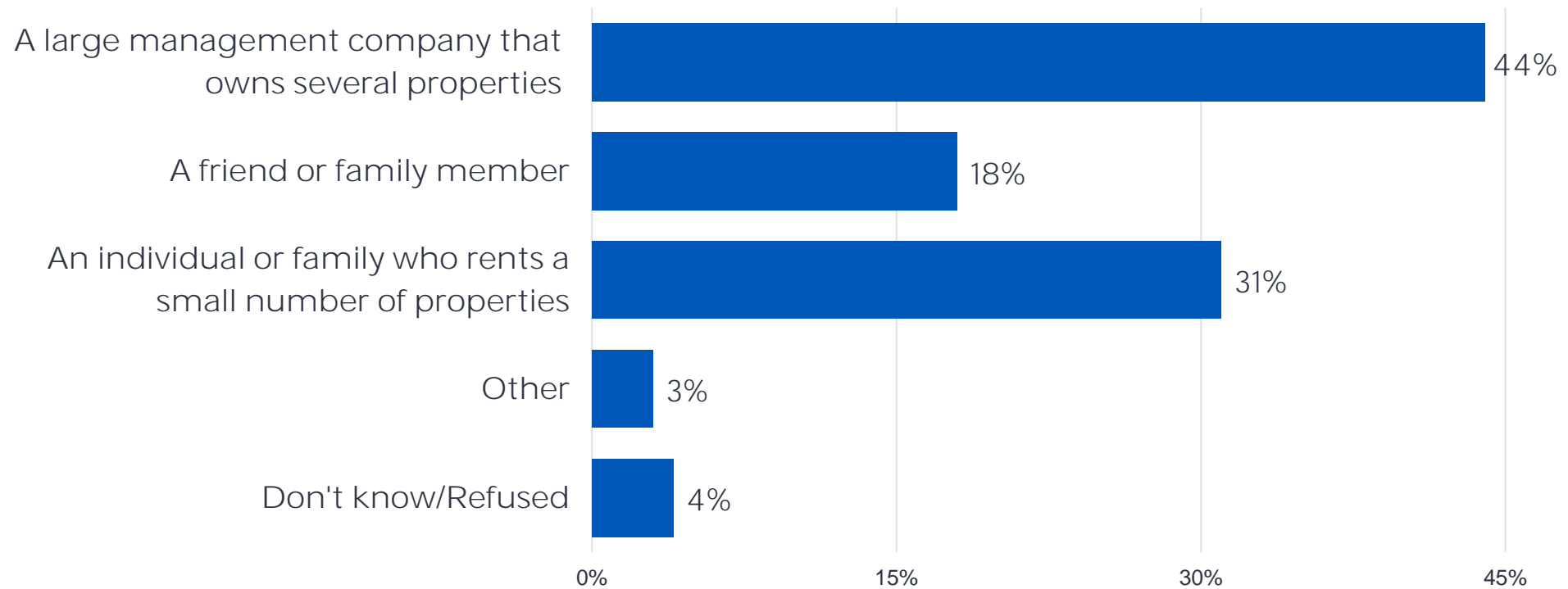
Demographic Group	2020	2021	2022	2023	Difference 2022-2023
All	22%	21%	30%	28%	-2%
Household Income					
<\$30,000	52%	48%	57%	61%	+4%
\$30,000-\$50,000	33%	40%	48%	45%	-3%
\$50,000-\$75,000	22%	29%	41%	38%	-3%
\$75,000-\$100,000	22%	15%	27%	30%	+3%
\$100,000-\$150,000	--	--	--	24%	--
\$150,000+	--	--	--	7%	--
Race/Ethnicity					
Asian/Pacific Islander	24%	17%	35%	29%	-6%
Black/African American	37%	28%	31%	47%	+16%
Hispanic/Latino	24%	33%	42%	42%	0%
Native American/Indigenous	--	38%	58%	49%	-9%
White	19%	17%	26%	22%	-4%
All Multiracial	--	--	37%	38%	+1%



Two in five renters rent from a management company and one-third rent from a small property owner.

Q30. Who do you rent from?

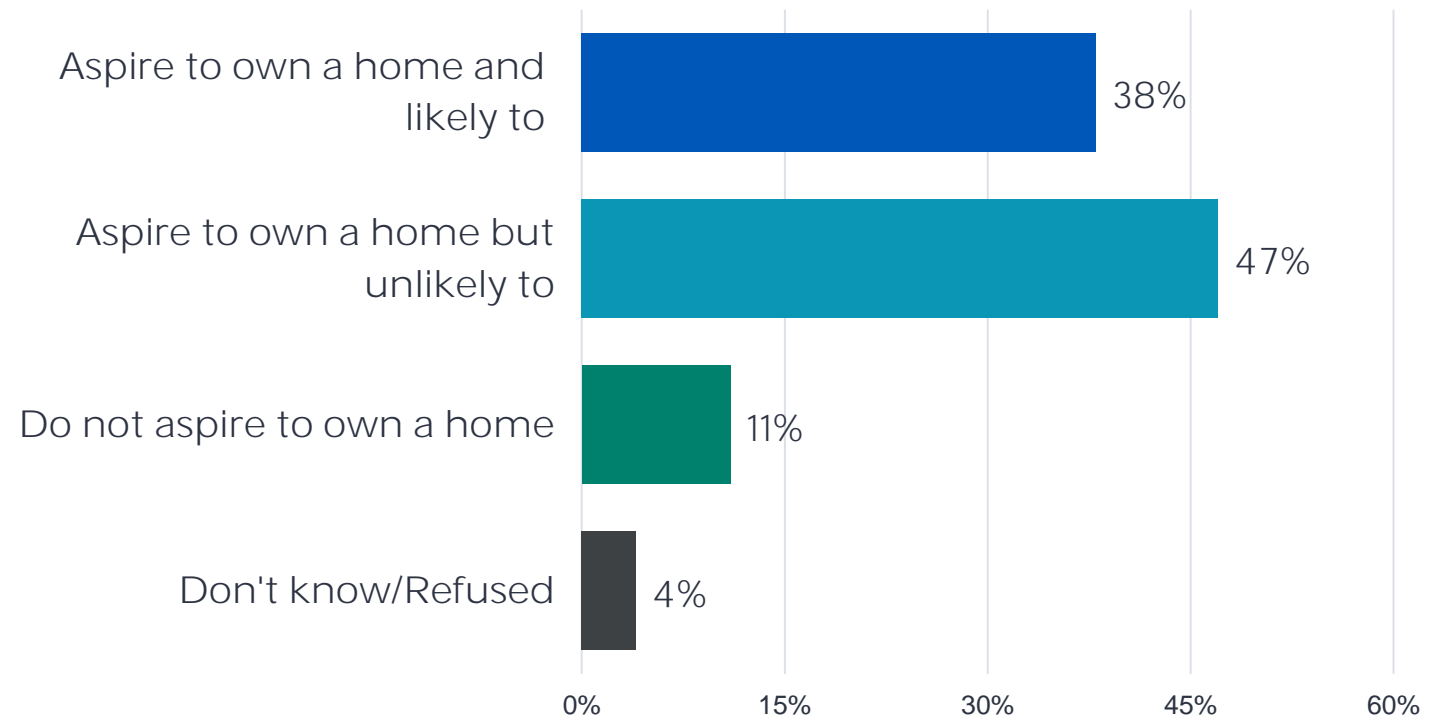
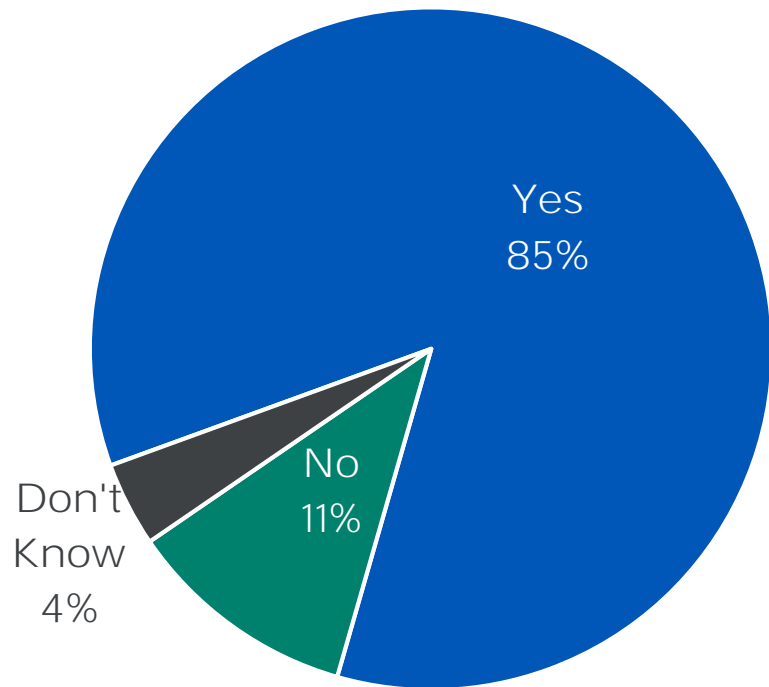
(Asked of Only of Those Who Rent, n=584)



Nearly all renters aspire to own a home some day, but most doubt they will be able to do so in Colorado.

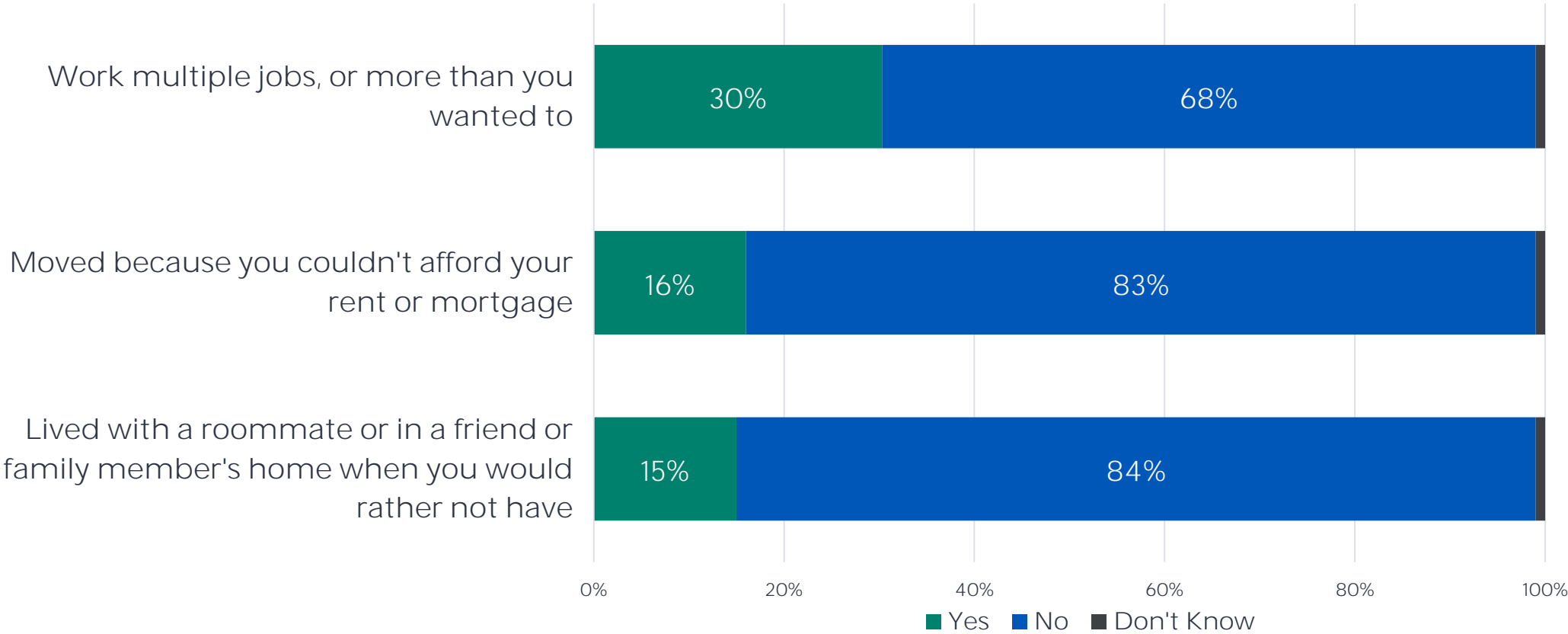
Q31. Do you aspire to own a home someday? (IF YES: Do you think it is likely or unlikely that you will be able to purchase a home in Colorado?)

(Asked of Only of Those Who Rent, n=584)



Nearly one-third of Coloradans say they've had to work multiple jobs to afford their rent or mortgage.

Q33. In order to pay your rent or your mortgage in the last year, have you had to do any of the following:



Native Americans and Indigenous Coloradans are especially likely to report working multiple jobs to afford housing.

Q33. In order to pay your rent or your mortgage in the last year, have you had to do any of the following:

(Total Yes)

Action	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American / Indigeno us	White	<i>Multi- racial</i>
Work multiple jobs, or more than you wanted to	30%	29%	38%	39%	50%	26%	43%
Moved because you couldn't afford your rent or mortgage	16%	14%	19%	19%	16%	15%	27%
Lived with a roommate or in a friend or family member's home when you would rather not have	15%	16%	25%	24%	35%	12%	20%



Renters are more likely than homeowners to have worked multiple jobs, moved, or lived with others in order to afford housing.

Q33. In order to pay your rent or your mortgage in the last year, have you had to do any of the following:

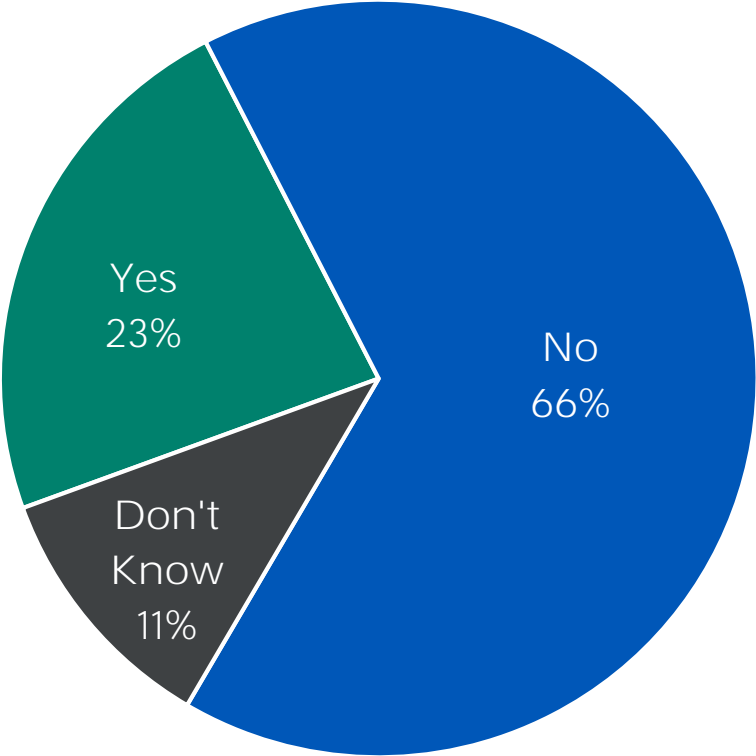
(Total Yes)

Action	All	Household Income						Residence	
		<\$30,000	\$30,000-\$50,000	\$50,000-\$75,000	\$75,000-\$100,000	\$100,000-\$150,000	\$150,000+	Home-owners	Renters
Work multiple jobs, or more than you wanted to	30%	38%	47%	38%	34%	29%	17%	23%	45%
Moved because you couldn't afford your rent or mortgage	16%	36%	29%	19%	13%	11%	7%	8%	26%
Lived with a roommate or in a friend or family member's home when you would rather not have	15%	32%	31%	19%	18%	7%	7%	6%	34%



Nearly one-quarter say or someone they know has been treated unfairly when trying to rent or purchase a home because of their race or ethnicity.

Q19a. 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: When trying to rent or purchase a place to live.

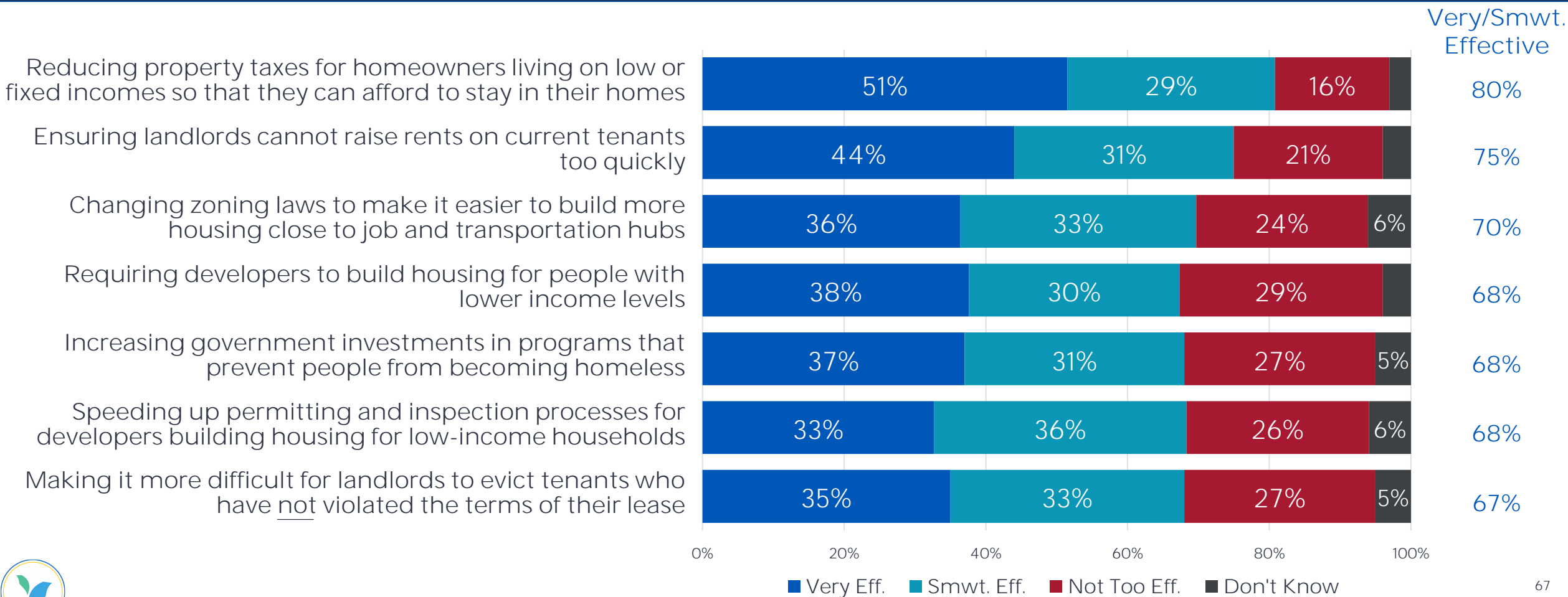


Demographic Group	Yes
Race/Ethnicity	
Asian/Pacific Islander	22%
Black/African American	46%
Hispanic/Latino	37%
Native American/Indigenous	63%
White	19%
<i>Multiracial</i>	42%



Coloradans view reducing property taxes and ensuring landlords cannot raise rents too quickly as the most effective policy actions to address housing costs.

Q34. Here are some actions that some people say will address rising housing costs in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in making housing more affordable: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.



There has been little change in how Coloradans see the effectiveness of several of these housing policies in the last year.

Q34. Here are some actions that some people say will address rising housing costs in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in making housing more affordable: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	2022	2023	Difference 2022-2023
Ensuring landlords cannot raise rents on current tenants too quickly	74%	75%	+1%
Requiring developers to build housing for people with lower income levels	71%	68%	-3%



Respondents of all races and ethnicities rank effectiveness of the housing policy actions similarly.

Q34. Here are some actions that some people say will address rising housing costs in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in making housing more affordable: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American/ Indigenou s	White	Multi- racial
Reducing property taxes for homeowners living on low or fixed incomes so that they can afford to stay in their homes	80%	90%	89%	86%	92%	79%	92%
Ensuring landlords cannot raise rents on current tenants too quickly	75%	91%	82%	84%	81%	74%	73%
Changing zoning laws to make it easier to build more housing close to job and transportation hubs	70%	82%	87%	78%	79%	69%	79%
Requiring developers to build housing for people with lower income levels	68%	84%	80%	80%	77%	66%	79%
Increasing government investments in programs that prevent people from becoming homeless	68%	89%	74%	79%	76%	67%	70%
Speeding up permitting and inspection processes for developers building housing for low-income households	68%	84%	72%	74%	64%	67%	59%
Making it more difficult for landlords to evict tenants who have not violated the terms of their lease	67%	77%	79%	76%	66%	66%	70%



Democrats are much more likely to view government investments in preventing homelessness and requiring developers to build housing for people with lower incomes as effective.

Q34. Here are some actions that some people say will address rising housing costs in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in making housing more affordable: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Party			Dem-Rep. Diff.
		Democrats	Independents	Republicans	
Reducing property taxes for homeowners living on low or fixed incomes so that they can afford to stay in their homes	80%	89%	81%	76%	+13%
Ensuring landlords cannot raise rents on current tenants too quickly	75%	89%	76%	63%	+26%
Changing zoning laws to make it easier to build more housing close to job and transportation hubs	70%	84%	69%	59%	+25%
Requiring developers to build housing for people with lower income levels	68%	86%	69%	49%	+37%
Increasing government investments in programs that prevent people from becoming homeless	68%	87%	70%	46%	+41%
Speeding up permitting and inspection processes for developers building housing for low-income households	68%	79%	69%	60%	+19%
Making it more difficult for landlords to evict tenants who have not violated the terms of their lease	67%	79%	70%	57%	+22%



Coloradans across the state view the potential housing policy actions as effective.

Q34. Here are some actions that some people say will address rising housing costs in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in making housing more affordable: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Region					
		Eastern Plains	El Paso	Pueblo	Larimer Weld	Denver Metro	Western Slope
Reducing property taxes for homeowners living on low or fixed incomes so that they can afford to stay in their homes	80%	76%	83%	84%	84%	78%	84%
Ensuring landlords cannot raise rents on current tenants too quickly	75%	68%	78%	81%	73%	76%	73%
Changing zoning laws to make it easier to build more housing close to job and transportation hubs	70%	75%	68%	82%	60%	70%	72%
Requiring developers to build housing for people with lower income levels	68%	66%	68%	76%	65%	68%	66%
Increasing government investments in programs that prevent people from becoming homeless	68%	66%	74%	76%	65%	67%	67%
Speeding up permitting and inspection processes for developers building housing for low-income households	68%	68%	67%	64%	67%	69%	67%
Making it more difficult for landlords to evict tenants who have not violated the terms of their lease	67%	67%	68%	72%	66%	67%	68%



Both homeowners and renters view the policies as effective, although renters are more likely to do so.

Q34. Here are some actions that some people say will address rising housing costs in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in making housing more affordable: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Residence	
		Homeowners	Renters
Reducing property taxes for homeowners living on low or fixed incomes so that they can afford to stay in their homes	80%	77%	86%
Ensuring landlords cannot raise rents on current tenants too quickly	75%	69%	87%
Changing zoning laws to make it easier to build more housing close to job and transportation hubs	70%	65%	78%
Requiring developers to build housing for people with lower income levels	68%	62%	78%
Increasing government investments in programs that prevent people from becoming homeless	68%	62%	79%
Speeding up permitting and inspection processes for developers building housing for low-income households	68%	66%	75%
Making it more difficult for landlords to evict tenants who have not violated the terms of their lease	67%	61%	79%



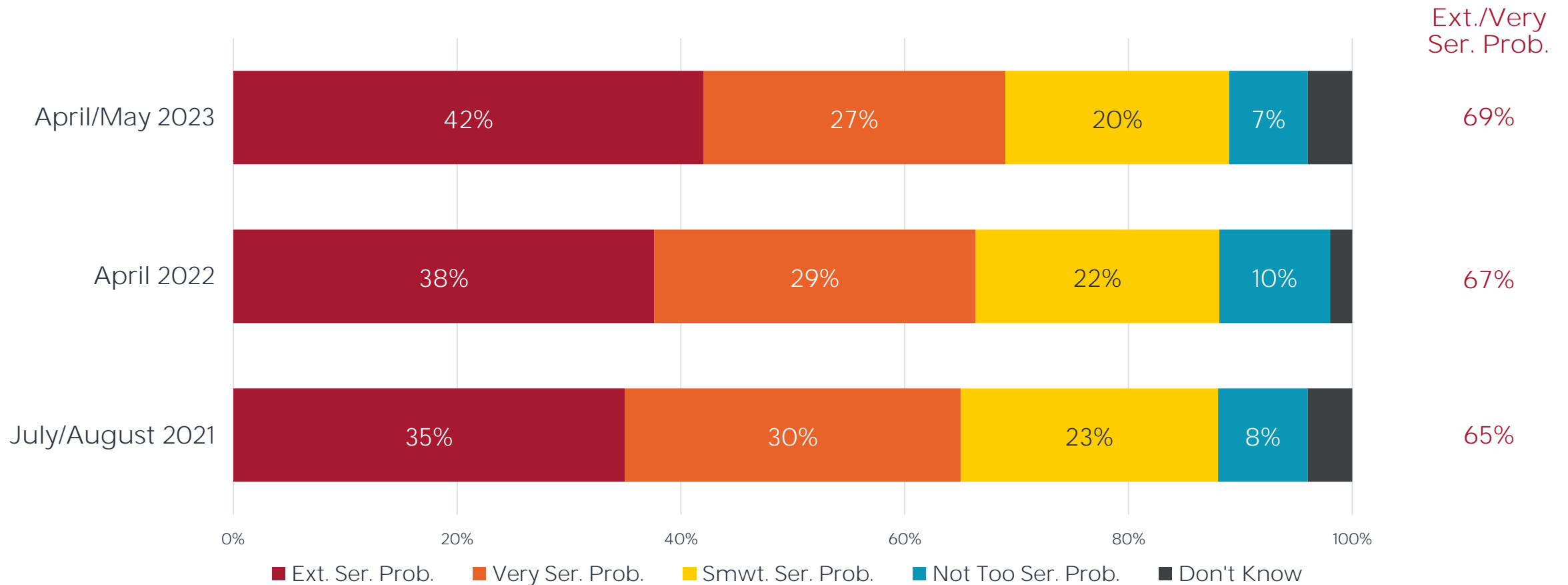
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Health Care

Two-thirds continue to say the cost of healthcare is a “very serious” problem.

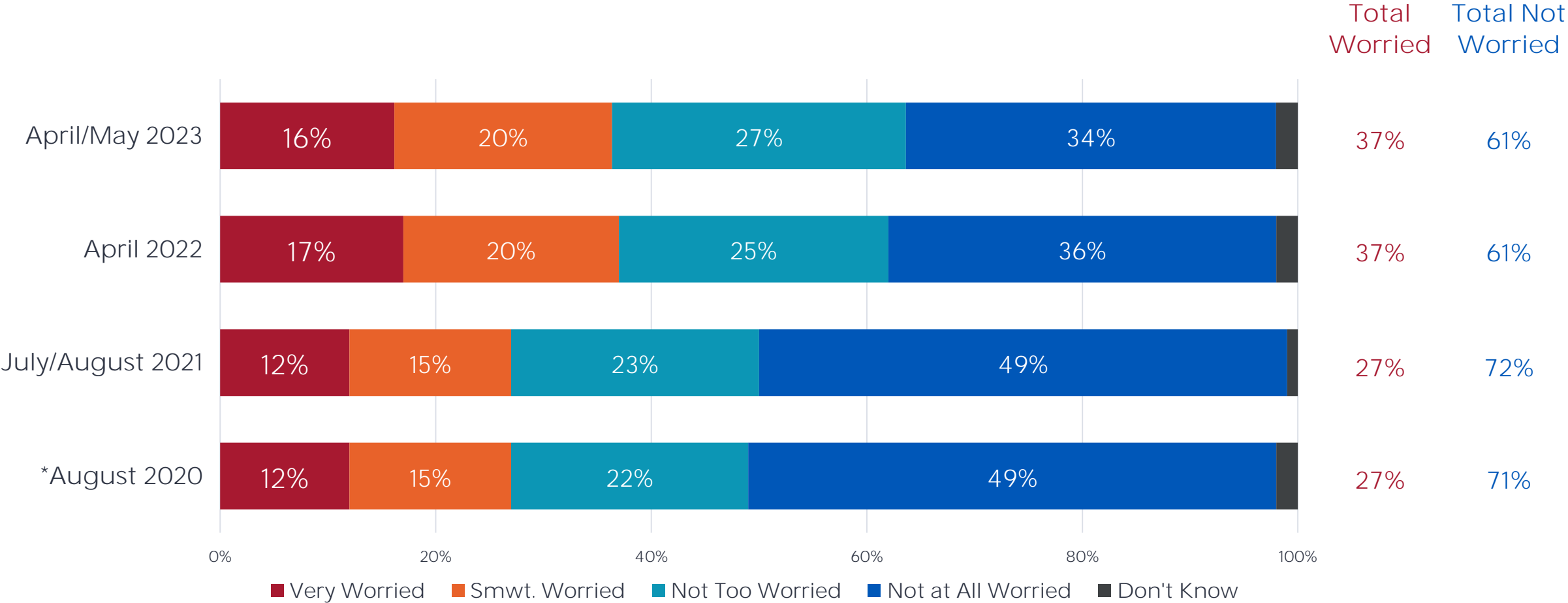
Q15d. I'd like to read you some problems facing Colorado that people have mentioned. Please tell me whether you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, somewhat serious problem, or not too serious a problem in Colorado.

(The cost of healthcare)



Nearly two in five worry that someone in their household will be without insurance.

Q23. Thinking ahead over the next year, how worried are you that you or someone else in your household will be without health insurance coverage?



*Wording Slightly Different

Black, Latino and Native American Coloradans are most worried about being without health insurance in the next year.

Q23. Thinking ahead over the next year, how worried are you that you or someone else in your household will be without health insurance coverage?

Demographic Group	Total Worried	Total Not Worried	Don't Know
All	37%	61%	2%
Race/Ethnicity			
Asian/Pacific Islander	32%	67%	1%
Black/African American	40%	58%	2%
Hispanic/Latino	55%	44%	2%
Native American/Indigenous	69%	30%	1%
White	32%	67%	2%
<i>Multiracial</i>	56%	43%	1%
Household Income			
<\$30,000	64%	35%	1%
\$30,000-\$50,000	55%	43%	2%
\$50,000-\$75,000	43%	55%	2%
\$75,000-\$100,000	40%	59%	2%
\$100,000-\$150,000	31%	68%	0%
\$150,000+	15%	84%	1%



Coloradans currently without health insurance, or those with public health insurance plans or plans purchased through the exchange, are more likely to fear not having health coverage.

Q23. Thinking ahead over the next year, how worried are you that you or someone else in your household will be without health insurance coverage?

Demographic Group	Total Worried	Total Not Worried	Don't Know
All	37%	61%	2%
Health Insurance Status			
Plan through your employer	29%	71%	1%
Plan through spouse's employer	24%	74%	2%
Plan you purchased yourself	42%	56%	3%
Public health insurance plan (Medicare, Medicaid/Health First Colorado, Military/VA)	44%	54%	2%
No health insurance	68%	26%	6%



Unemployed Coloradans are especially worried about going without health insurance.

Q23. Thinking ahead over the next year, how worried are you that you or someone else in your household will be without health insurance coverage?

Demographic Group	Total Worried	Total Not Worried	Don't Know
Employment			
Full-time	33%	66%	1%
Part-time	40%	58%	2%
Unemployed	60%	40%	0%
Immigration Status			
Immigrants	47%	51%	2%
Not immigrants	36%	62%	2%
Language Spoken at Home			
Speak language other than English	46%	51%	3%
Do not speak language other than English	34%	64%	2%



The respondents living on low incomes are increasingly worried about going without health insurance coverage.

Q23. Thinking ahead over the next year, how worried are you that you or someone else in your household will be without health insurance coverage?

(Total % Worried)

Demographic Group	2021	2022	2023	Difference 2022-2023
All	27%	37%	37%	0%
Race/Ethnicity				
Asian/Pacific Islander	34%	50%	32%	-18%
Black/African American	22%	35%	40%	+5%
Hispanic/Latino	41%	49%	55%	+6%
Native American/Indigenous	42%	48%	69%	+21%
White	22%	33%	32%	-1%
<i>Multiracial</i>	--	47%	56%	+9%
Household Income				
<\$30,000	41%	53%	64%	+11%
\$30,000-\$50,000	47%	49%	55%	+6%
\$50,000-\$75,000	32%	47%	43%	-4%
\$75,000-\$100,000	25%	43%	40%	-3%
\$100,000-\$150,000	--	--	31%	--
\$150,000+	--	--	15%	--



Coloradans of color are more likely to say they or someone they know has been treated unfairly when seeking health care services because of their race and ethnicity.

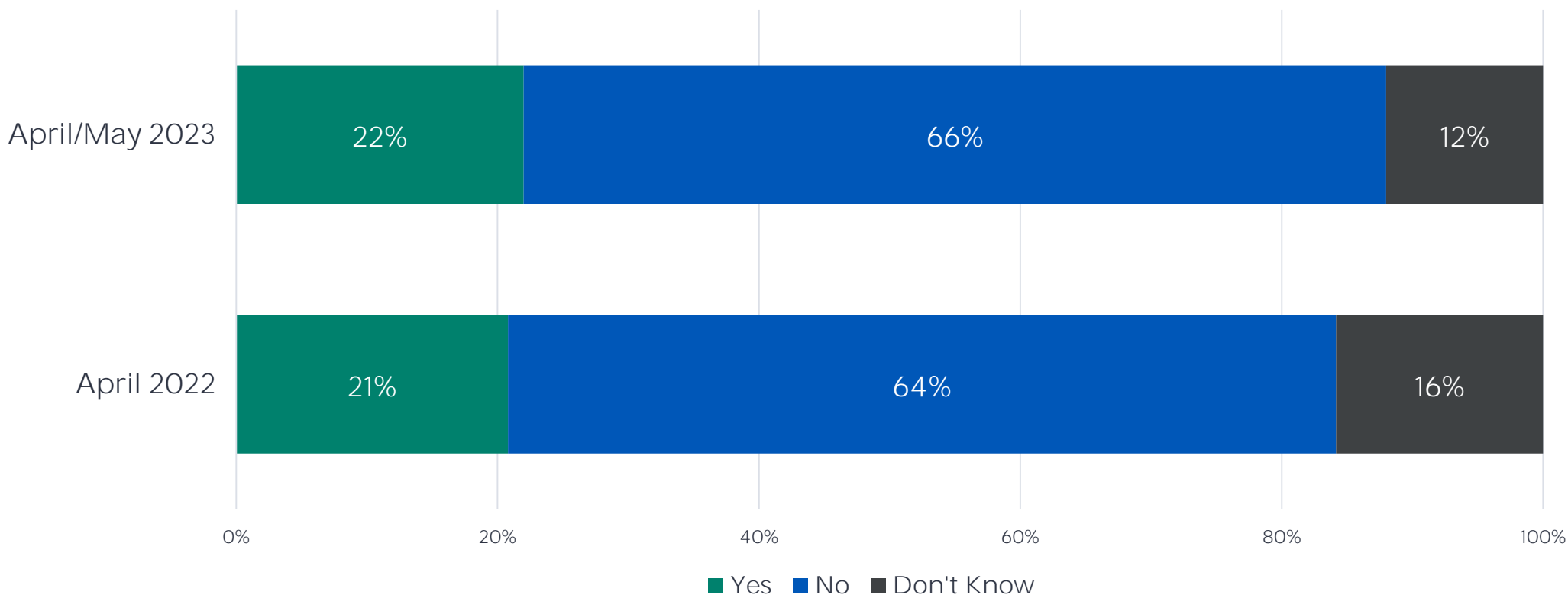
Q19d. Please tell me whether you - or someone you know - have been treated unfairly in any of the following situations here in Colorado as a result of their race or ethnicity: When seeking healthcare services.

Demographic Group	Yes	No	Don't Know
All	22%	66%	12%
Race/Ethnicity			
Asian/Pacific Islander	18%	70%	12%
Black/African American	44%	48%	9%
Hispanic/Latino	32%	62%	6%
Native American/Indigenous	46%	47%	7%
White	19%	67%	14%
<i>Multiracial</i>	40%	50%	10%



One in five say they or someone they know has been treated unfairly when seeking healthcare services because of their race and ethnicity.

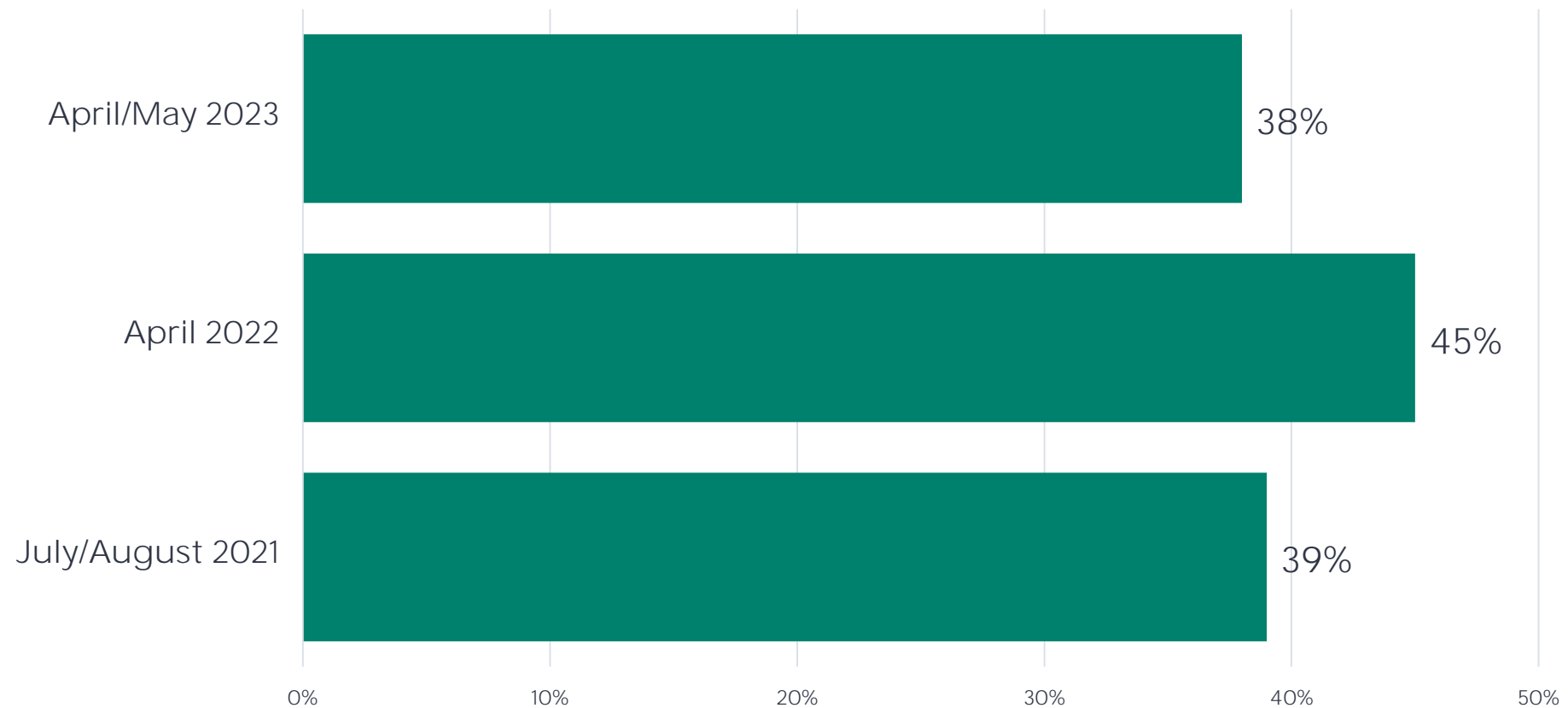
Q19d. Please tell me whether you - or someone you know - have been treated unfairly in any of the following situations here in Colorado as a result of their race or ethnicity: When seeking healthcare services.



More than one-third say they've postponed medical or dental care in the last 12 months.

Q26b. In the last 12 months, have you experienced any of the following: Postponed medical or dental care?

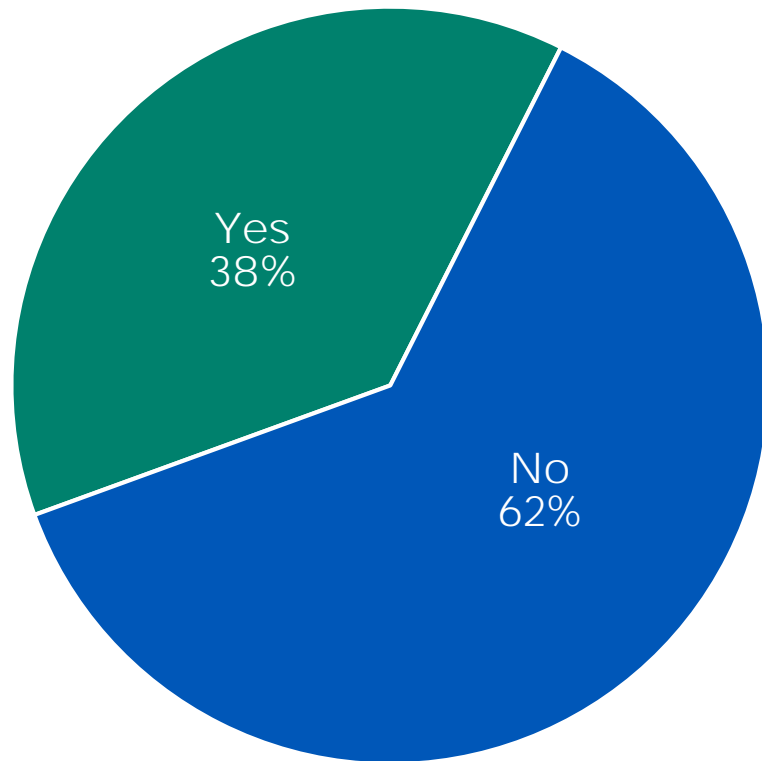
(% Yes)



Three in five Native American/Indigenous Coloradans say they've postponed medical or dental care in the last 12 months.

Q26b. In the last 12 months, have you experienced any of the following: Postponed medical or dental care?

(% Yes)



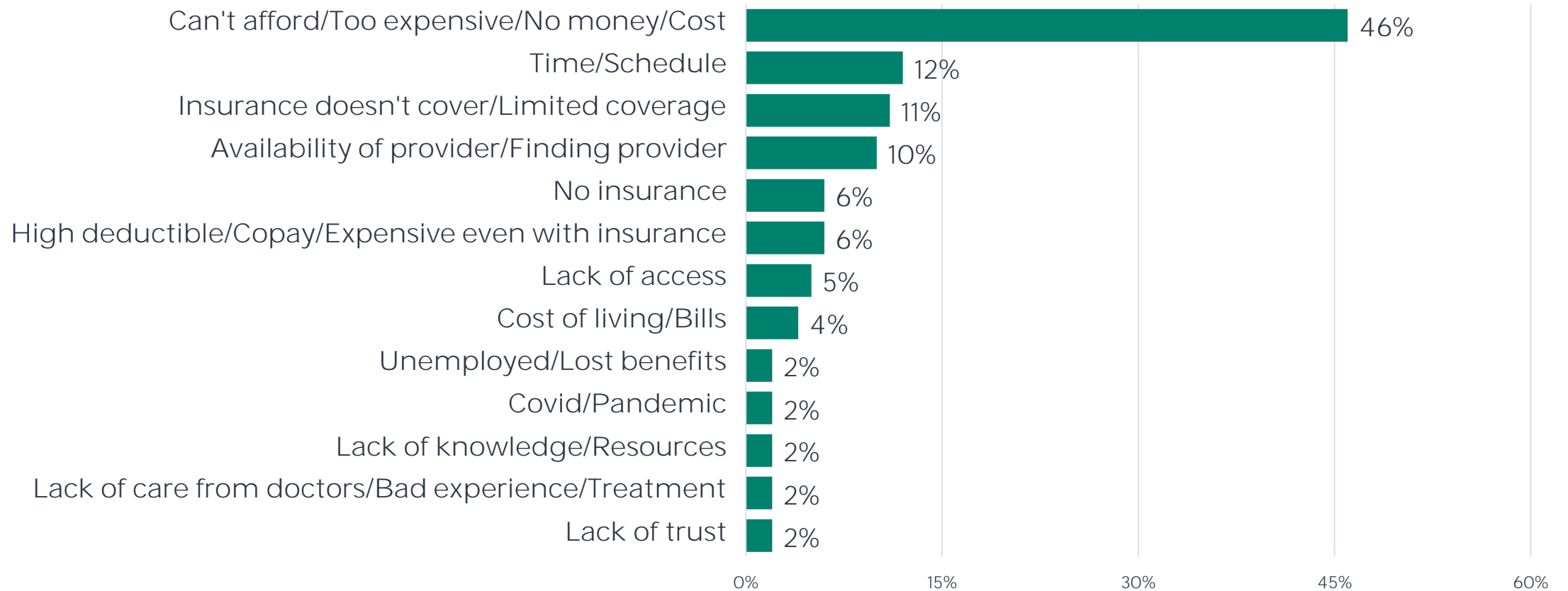
Demographic Groups Most Likely to Have Postponed Medical or Dental Care	
Native American/Indigenous	62%
Coloradans with a disability	59%
Household incomes under \$30,000	56%
White Renters	54%
Household incomes \$30,000-\$50,000	52%
LGBTQ+	52%
Renters	51%



Those who postponed care mostly did so for affordability reasons.

Q27. Why did you postpone medical, dental, or mental health care in the last 12 months?

(Open-ended; Asked of Those Who Postponed Healthcare, n=1,158)



Verbatim Comments Describing Why Respondents Postponed Care

Q27. Why did you postpone medical, dental, or mental health care in the last 12 months?

(Open-ended, n=1,158)



I was waiting for new therapists to be hired at primary care. I went a whole year without.



Out-of-pocket costs are too high.



I don't have health insurance as of yet, I have to wait a month for my insurance to start for I am a new hire.



Cost and availability of culturally competent providers



Switched to Medicaid and had to find new providers that would accept it.



I need dental care – dentures – but I can't afford them, I'm on Medicaid. I can't afford vision care either.



Couldn't afford dental care, the copay was too high.



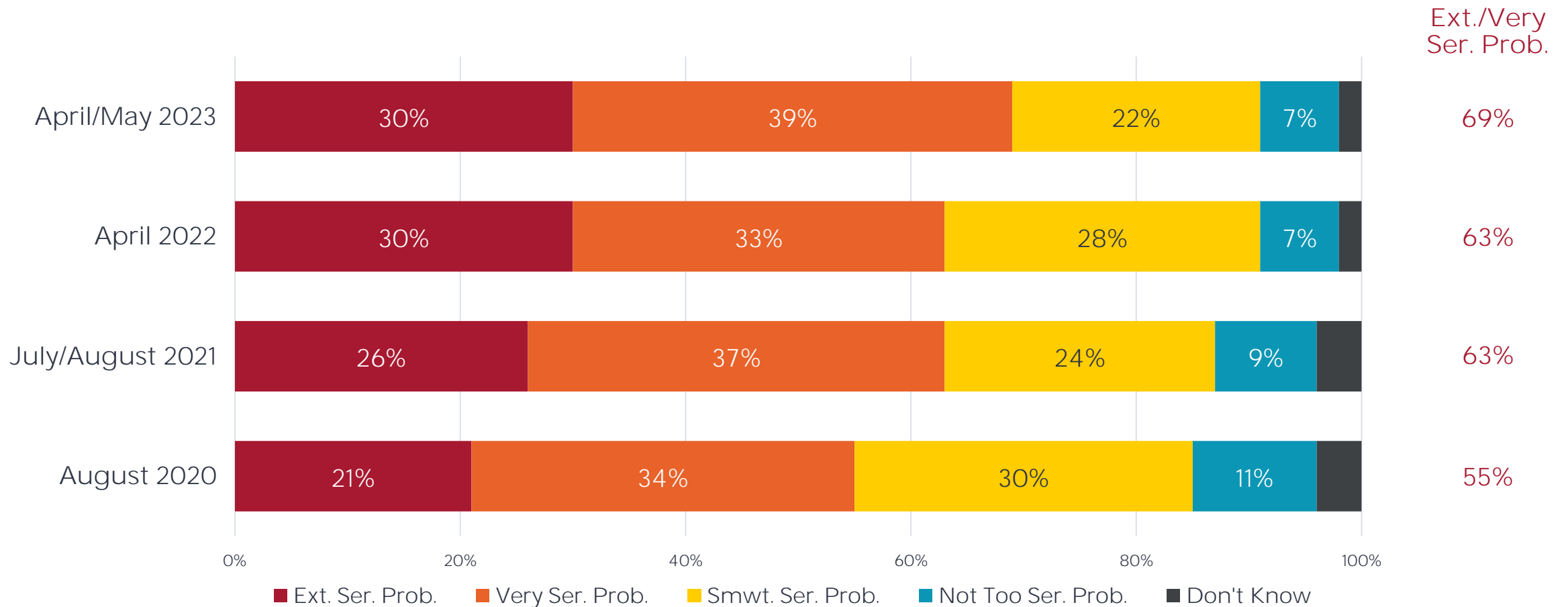
Hard to find a provider. Had a bad experience 2 years ago.



Two-thirds say that mental health is a very serious problem facing the state, a concern that has steadily grown over the last few years.

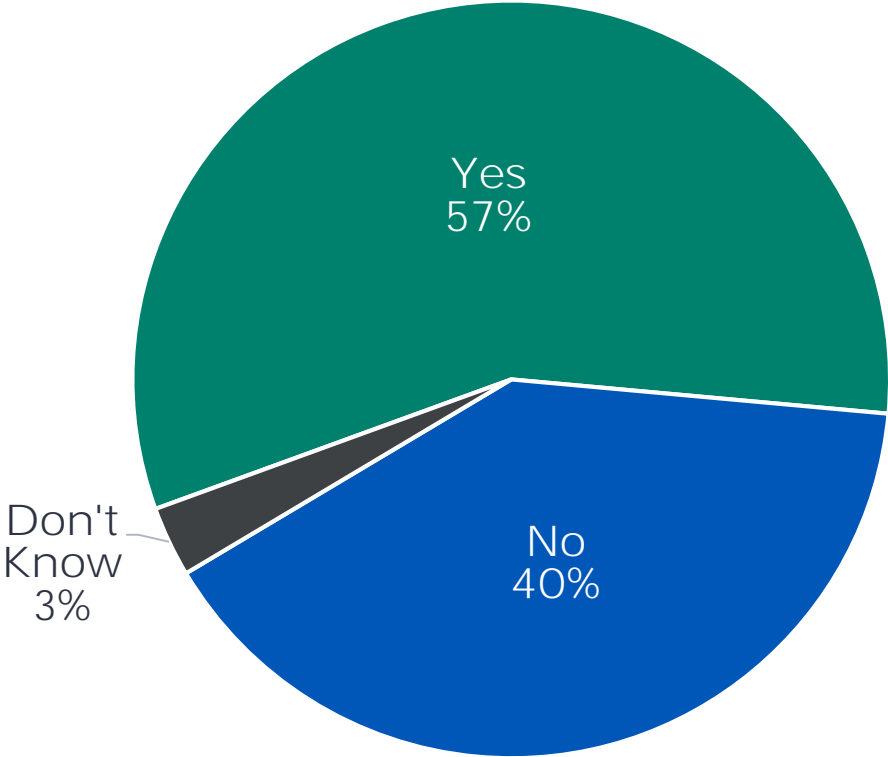
Q15n. I'd like to read you some problems facing Colorado that people have mentioned. Please tell me whether you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, somewhat serious problem, or not too serious a problem in Colorado.

(Mental health)



Most say they've experienced mental health strain in the last year.

Q35. In the last year, have you experienced mental health strain such as anxiety, depression, loneliness, or stress?



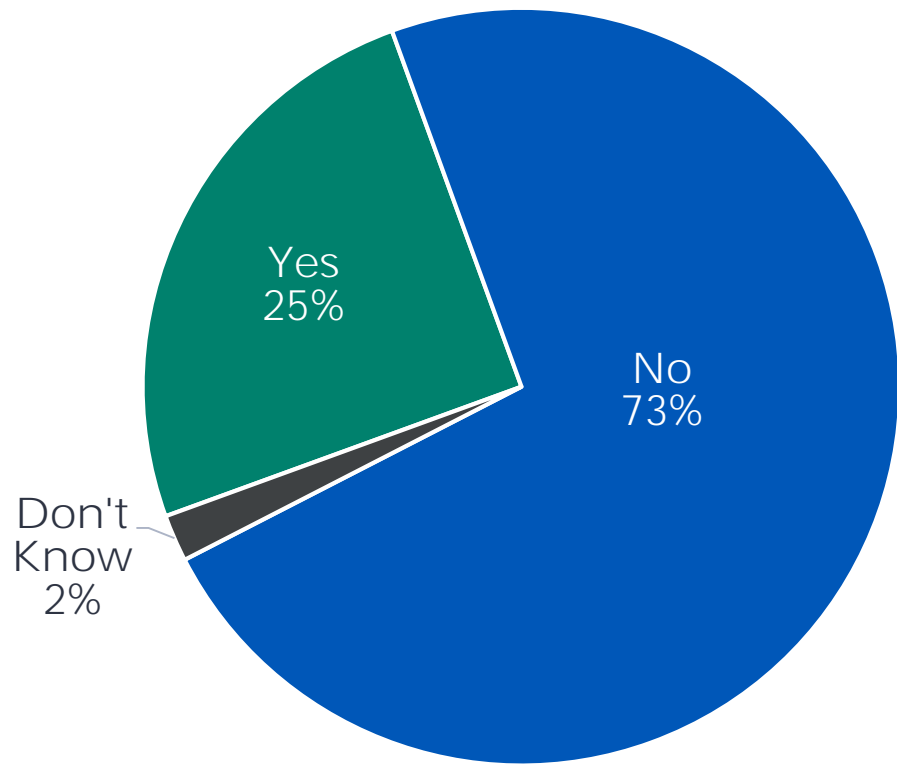
Demographic Groups Most Likely to Have Experienced Mental Health Strain	
LGBTQ+ Coloradans	90%
Native American/Indigenous	85%
Those living with a family member or friend	80%
Unemployed Coloradans	80%
Household incomes under \$30,000	79%
Women ages 18-49	78%



One-quarter say they've postponed mental healthcare.

Q26c. In the last 12 months, have you experienced any of the following?

(Postponed mental health care)



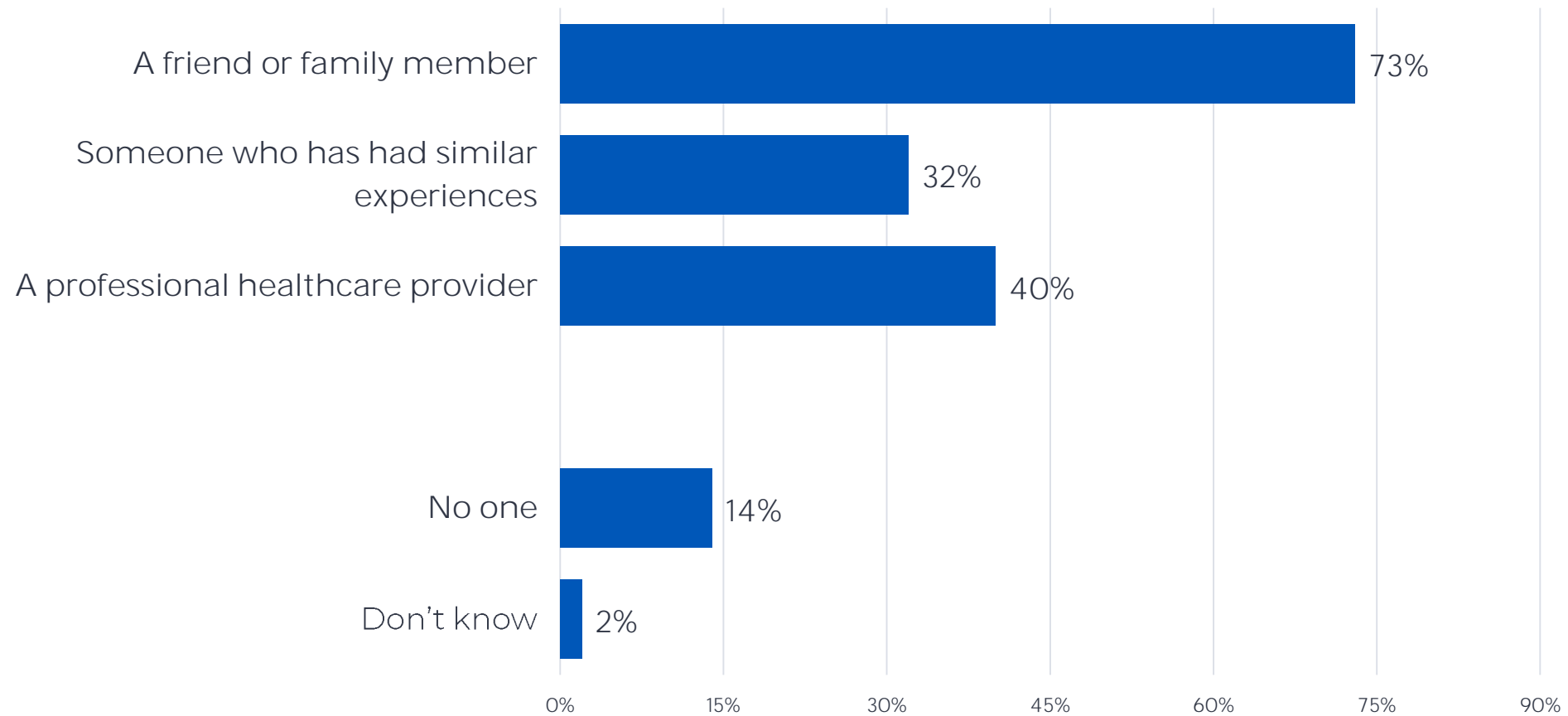
Demographic Groups Most Likely to Have Postponed Mental Health Care	
LGBTQ+ Coloradans	52%
Household incomes under \$30,000	41%
Women Ages 18-49	40%
White renters	40%
Those living in Denver County	38%
Independents Ages 18-49	36%
Renters	36%
Those living with a disability	36%



Most people who have experienced mental health strain have spoken to a friend or family member about it.

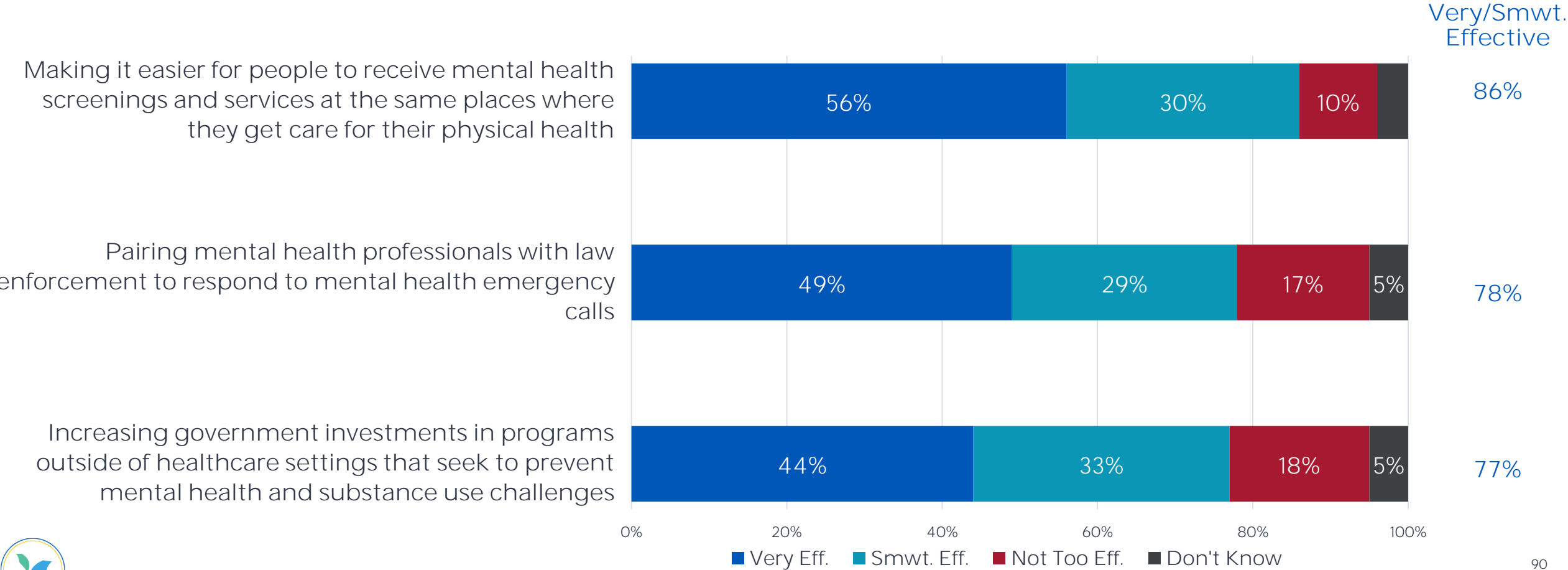
Q36. Have you discussed these concerns with any of the following people:

(Accept Multiple Responses; Asked of Those Who Experienced Mental Health Strain, n=1,504)



Coloradans say that making it easier to receive mental health services in the same places as other healthcare would be most effective at improving mental health.

Q37. Here are some actions that some people say will improve mental health or healthcare in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in improving mental health or healthcare: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.



Respondents across racial and ethnic lines view this range of potential efforts to improve mental health as effective.

Q37. Here are some actions that some people say will improve mental health or healthcare in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in improving mental health or healthcare: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American/ Indigenous	White	<i>Multi- racial</i>
Making it easier for people to receive mental health screenings and services at the same places where they get care for their physical health	86%	92%	91%	87%	93%	87%	89%
Pairing mental health professionals with law enforcement to respond to mental health emergency calls	78%	92%	79%	81%	85%	79%	85%
Increasing government investments in programs outside of healthcare settings that seek to prevent mental health and substance use challenges	77%	89%	79%	84%	79%	77%	82%



Coloradans of all income levels view the mental health policy proposals as effective.

Q37. Here are some actions that some people say will improve mental health or healthcare in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in improving mental health or healthcare: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Household Income					
		<\$30,000	\$30,000-\$50,000	\$50,000-\$75,000	\$75,000-\$100,000	\$100,000 - \$150,000	\$150,000+
Making it easier for people to receive mental health screenings and services at the same places where they get care for their physical health	86%	85%	91%	87%	86%	88%	89%
Pairing mental health professionals with law enforcement to respond to mental health emergency calls	78%	75%	83%	79%	78%	81%	84%
Increasing government investments in programs outside of healthcare settings that seek to prevent mental health and substance use challenges	77%	79%	88%	80%	77%	80%	79%



Democrats are especially likely to view the proposed mental health policy actions as effective.

Q37. Here are some actions that some people say will improve mental health or healthcare in Colorado. Please tell me how effective you think it will be in improving mental health or healthcare: very effective, somewhat effective, or not too effective.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Party			Dem-Rep. Diff.
		Democrats	Independents	Republicans	
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