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The Colorado Health Foundation Poll

2023 Findings Among Native American Respondents



About The Colorado Health Foundation

- **Our Goal:** Bring 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



What topics does Pulse cover?



Affordable Housing



Hunger and Food Security



Economic Opportunity



Racial Equity



Gun Violence and Community Safety



Financial Security and the Economy



Health Care and Access



Mental Health and Substance Use



Reflection Questions

- How can we improve our outreach so that this data better reflects the diversity of Native folks in Colorado?
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- How would you like to be engaged as we prepare for 2024?



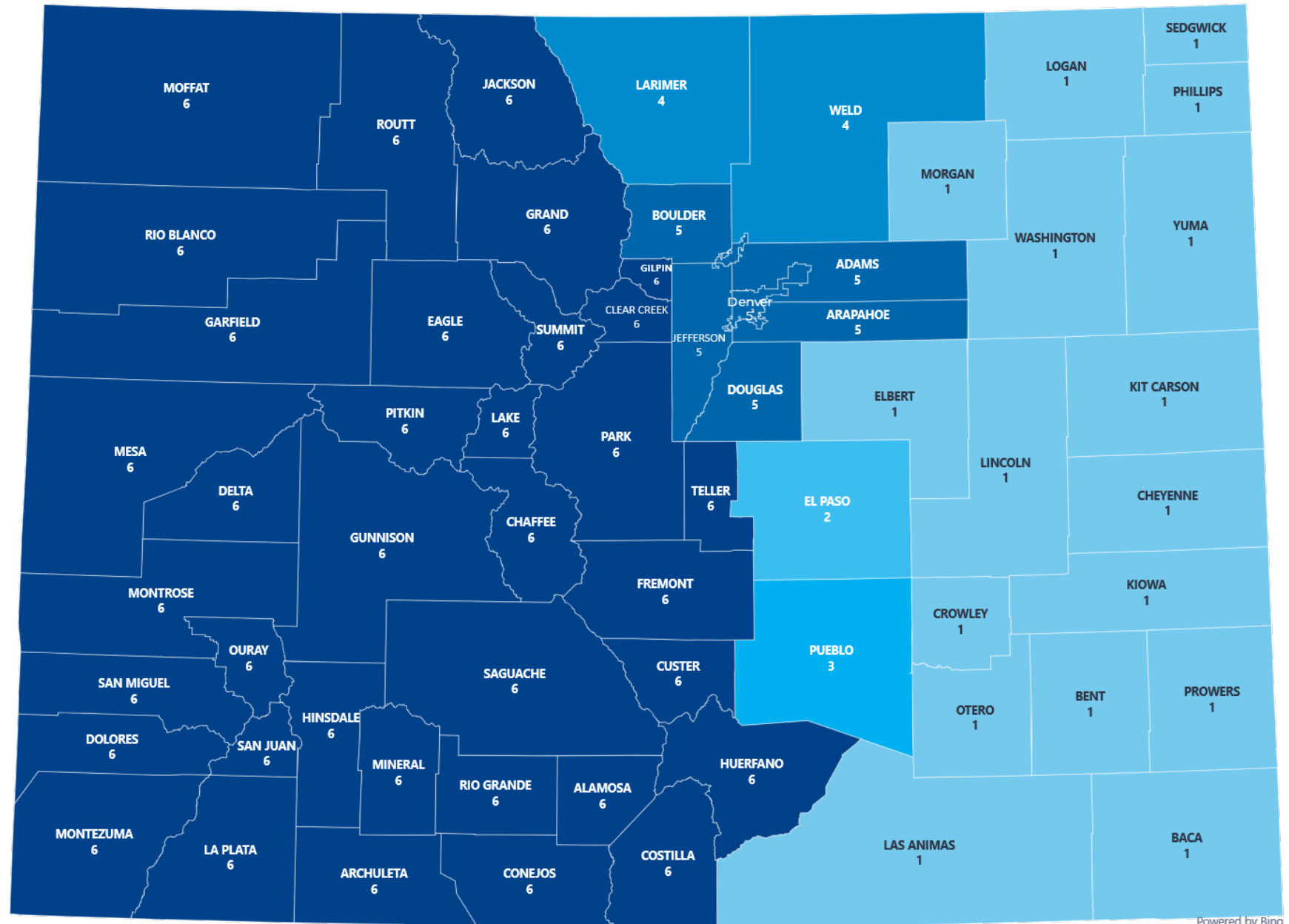
Survey Specifics and Methodology

(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%

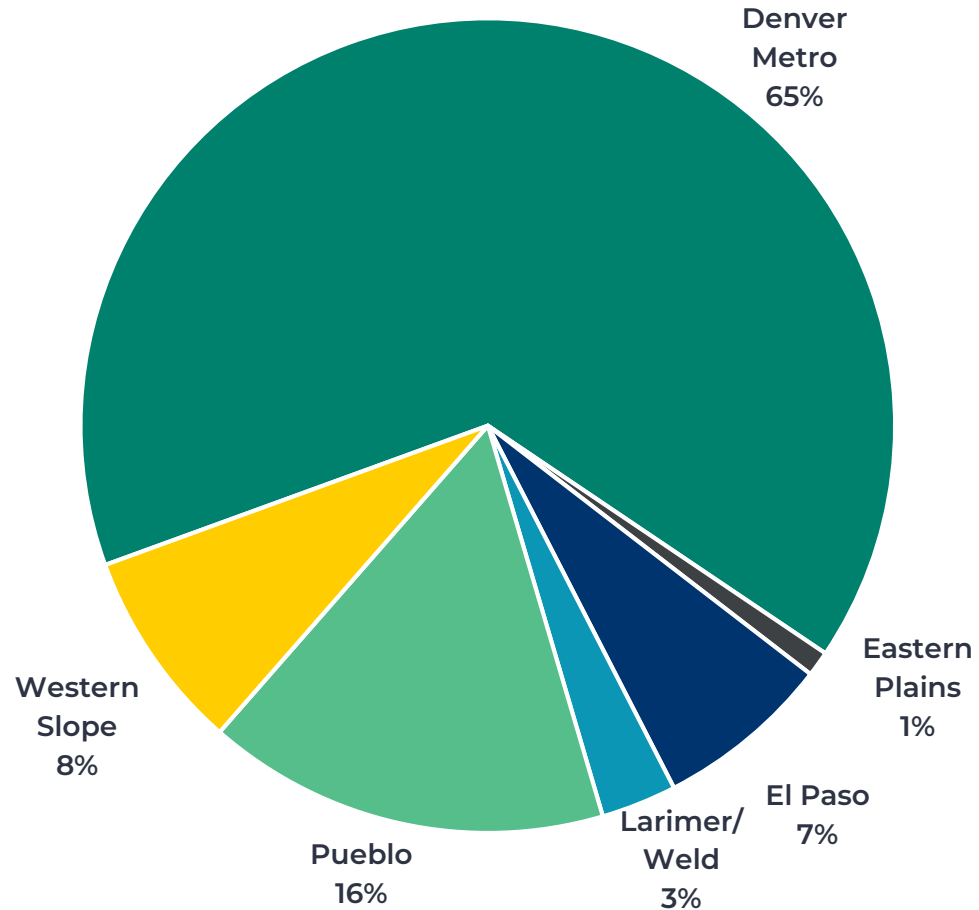


Native/Indigenous Responses

- **170** total Native American respondents
 - 144 came from the convenience sample.
 - You'll see n=43 in the cross-tabs because it reflects the weighted data, but the cross-tabs include the full Native American sample.



Native American/Indigenous Respondents

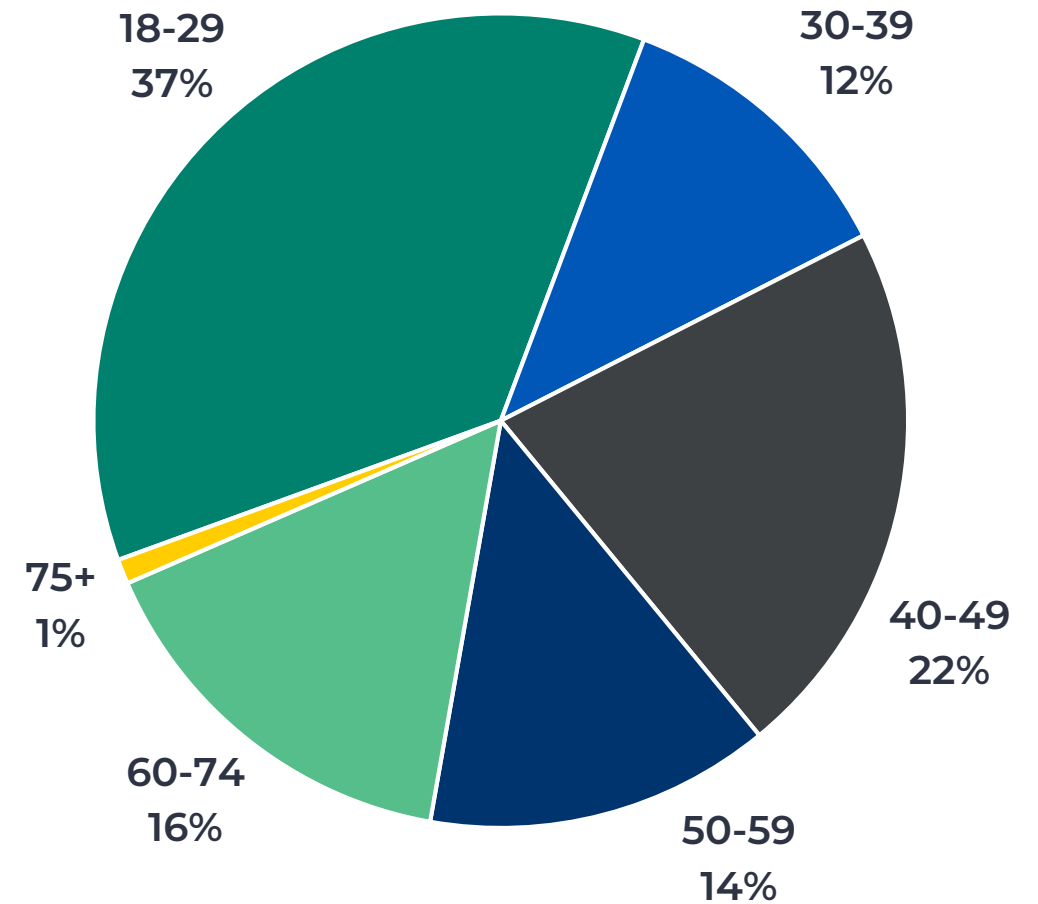


Demographic Group	
Gender Identity	%
Male	48%
Female	51%
Non-binary	0%
Don't Know/Refused	1%

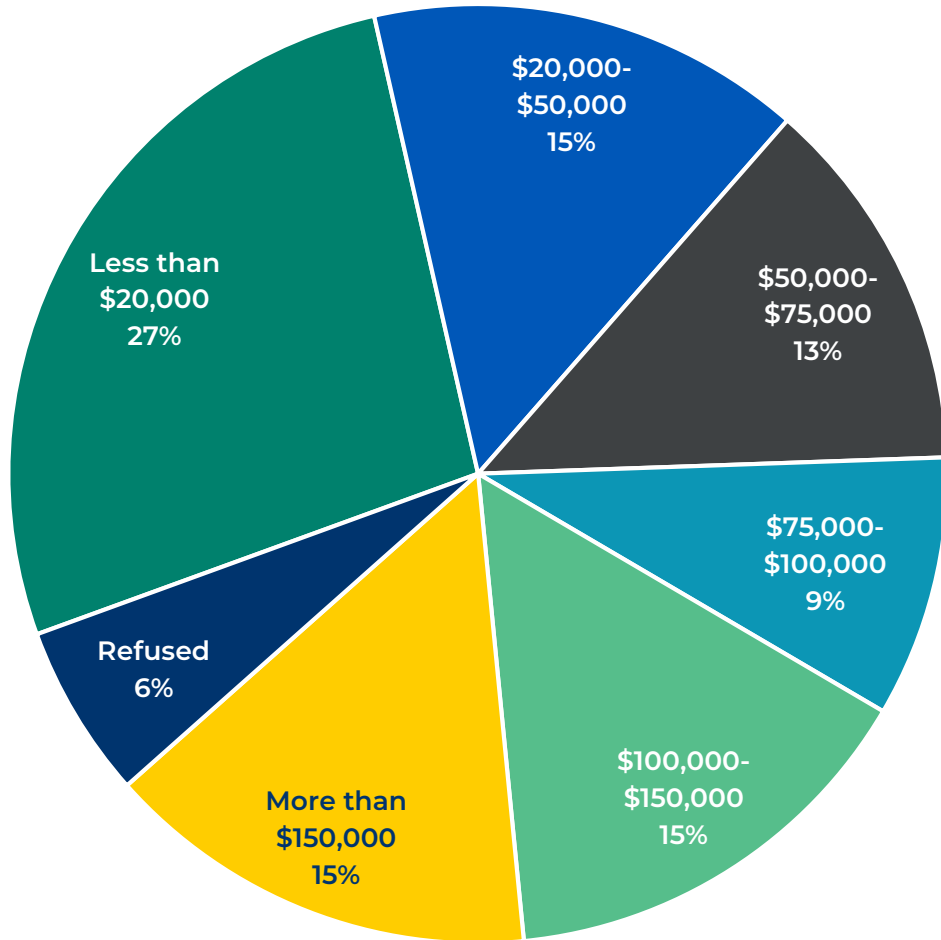


Native American/Indigenous Respondents

Demographic Group	
Parenthood	%
Kids 5 and Under	16%
Kids 6 to 12	9%
Kids 13 to 18	8%
Kids 19 or Older	34%
No Children	44%
Don't Know/Refused	1%



Native American/Indigenous Respondents



Demographic Group	
Political Affiliation	%
Democrat	24%
Republican	5%
Unaffiliated	42%
Another Party	6%
Not Registered	9%
Don't Know/Refused	14%

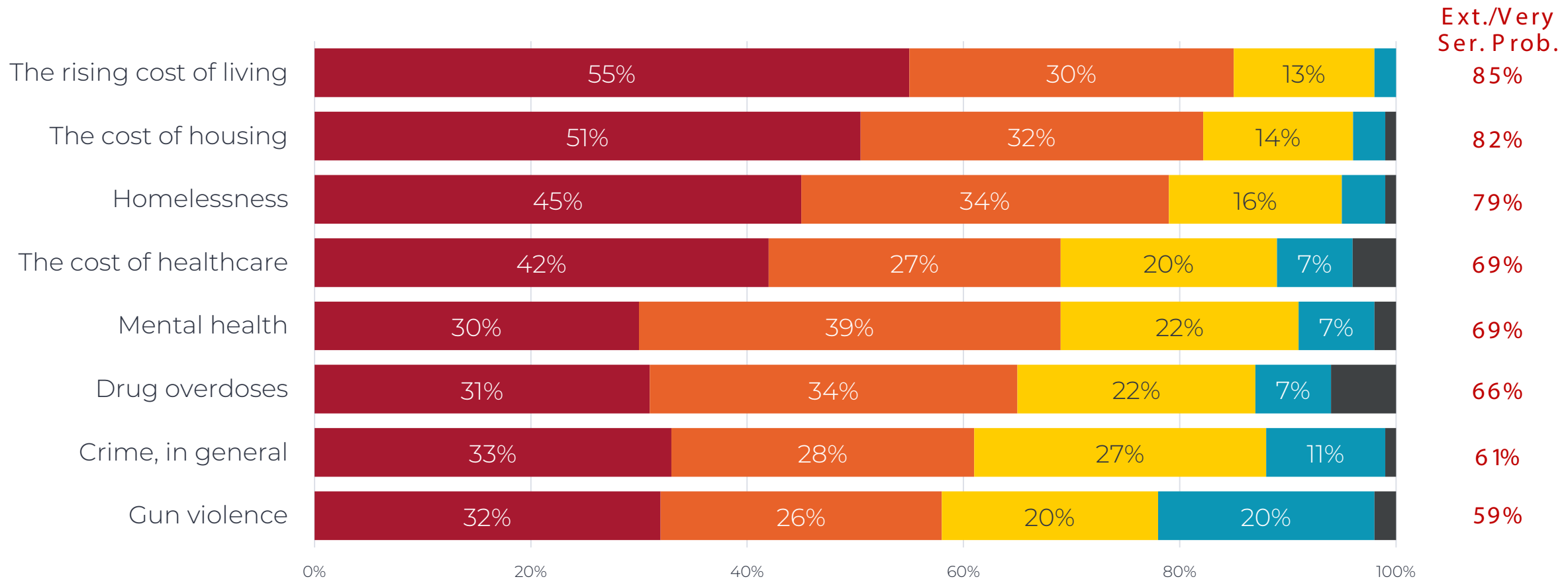




Top Concerns

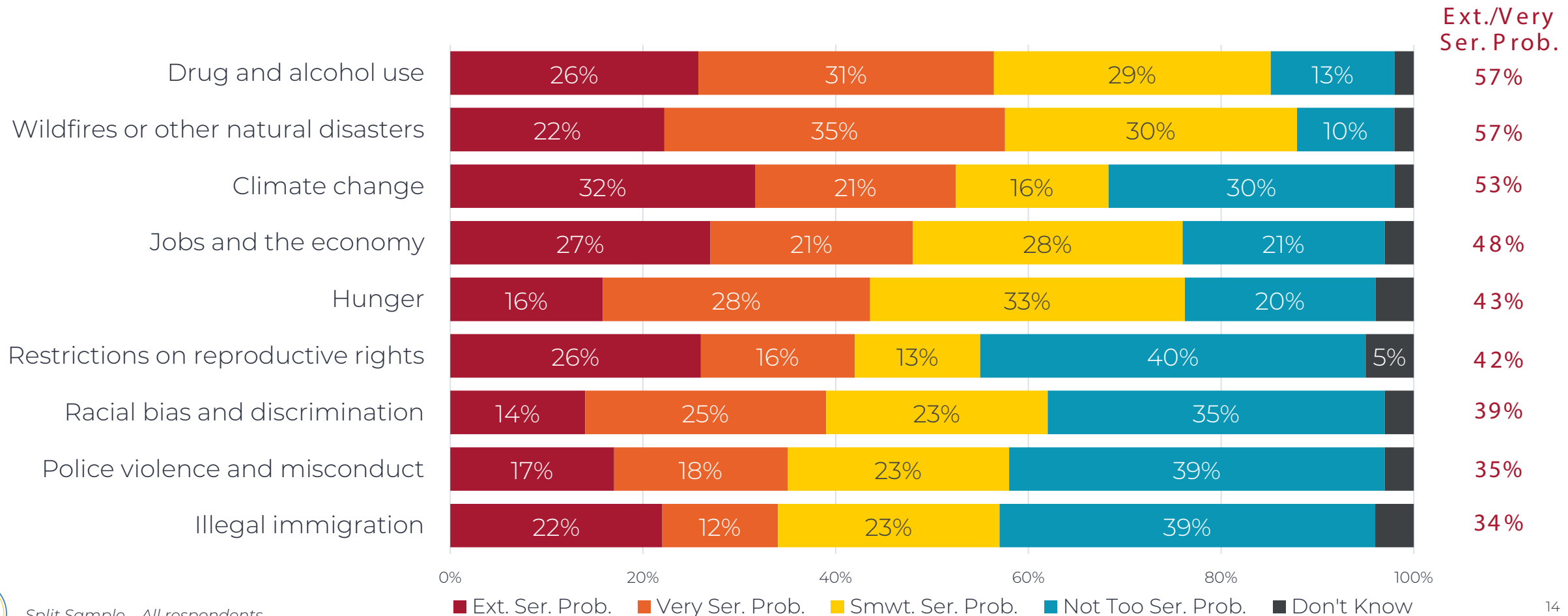
The rising cost of living, the cost of housing and homelessness are rated the most serious problems facing the state.

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.



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

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)

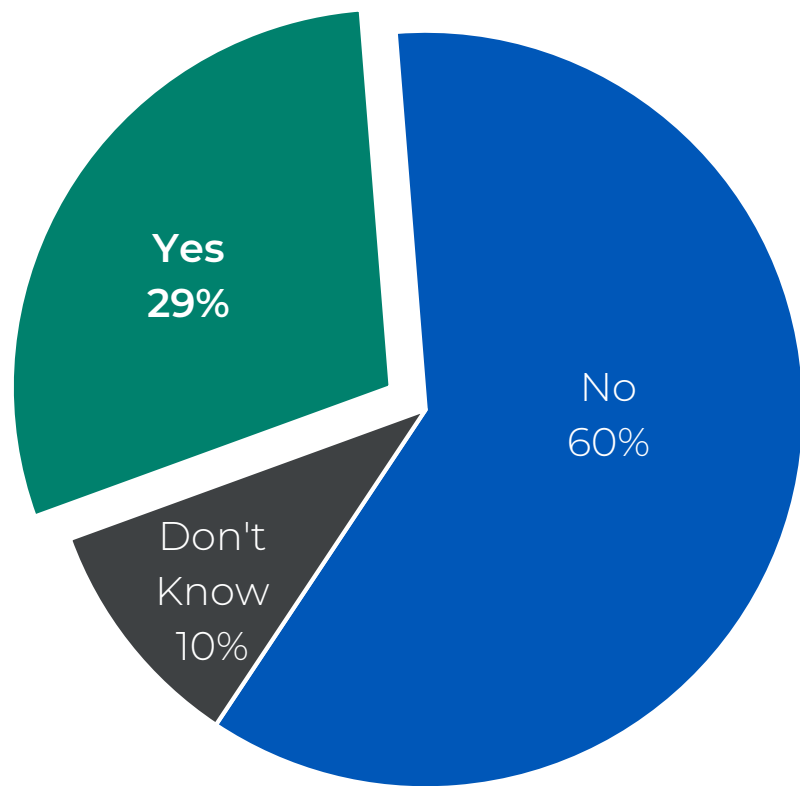
Problem	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American/ Indigenous	White	<i>Multi- racial</i>
The rising cost of living	85%	87%	81%	91%	76%	83%	84%
The cost of housing	82%	83%	90%	89%	98%	82%	95%
Homelessness	79%	72%	83%	86%	92%	79%	84%
The 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%

Split Sample – All respondents



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

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

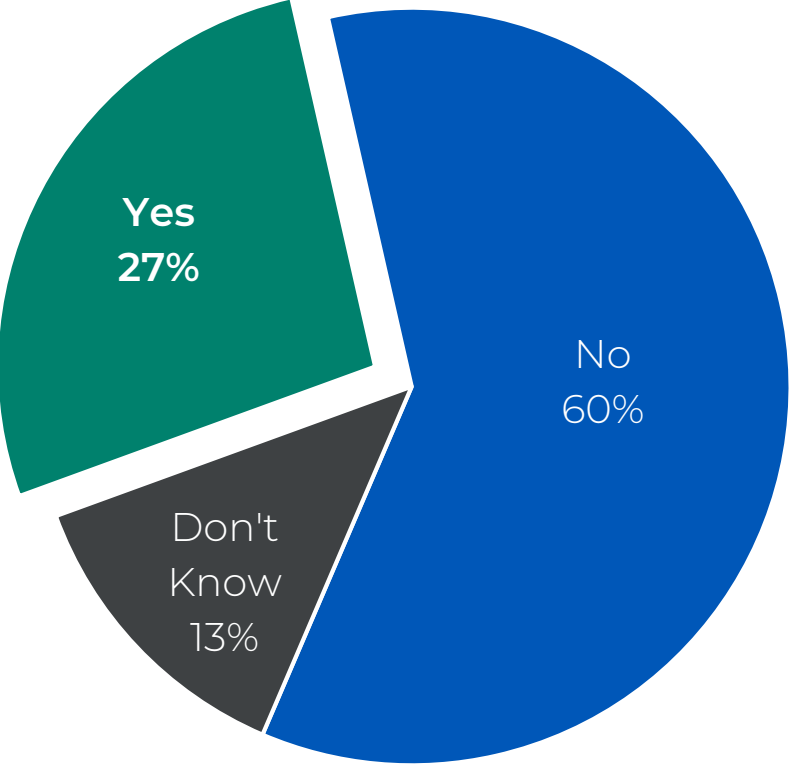
Q16. How satisfied are you with the state government in Colorado and how well it works for people like you?

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%



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%



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.

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.

(% Major Challenge)

Proposal	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American/ Indigenous	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%



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

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.

(% Very/Somewhat Effective)

Action	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American/ Indigenous	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%

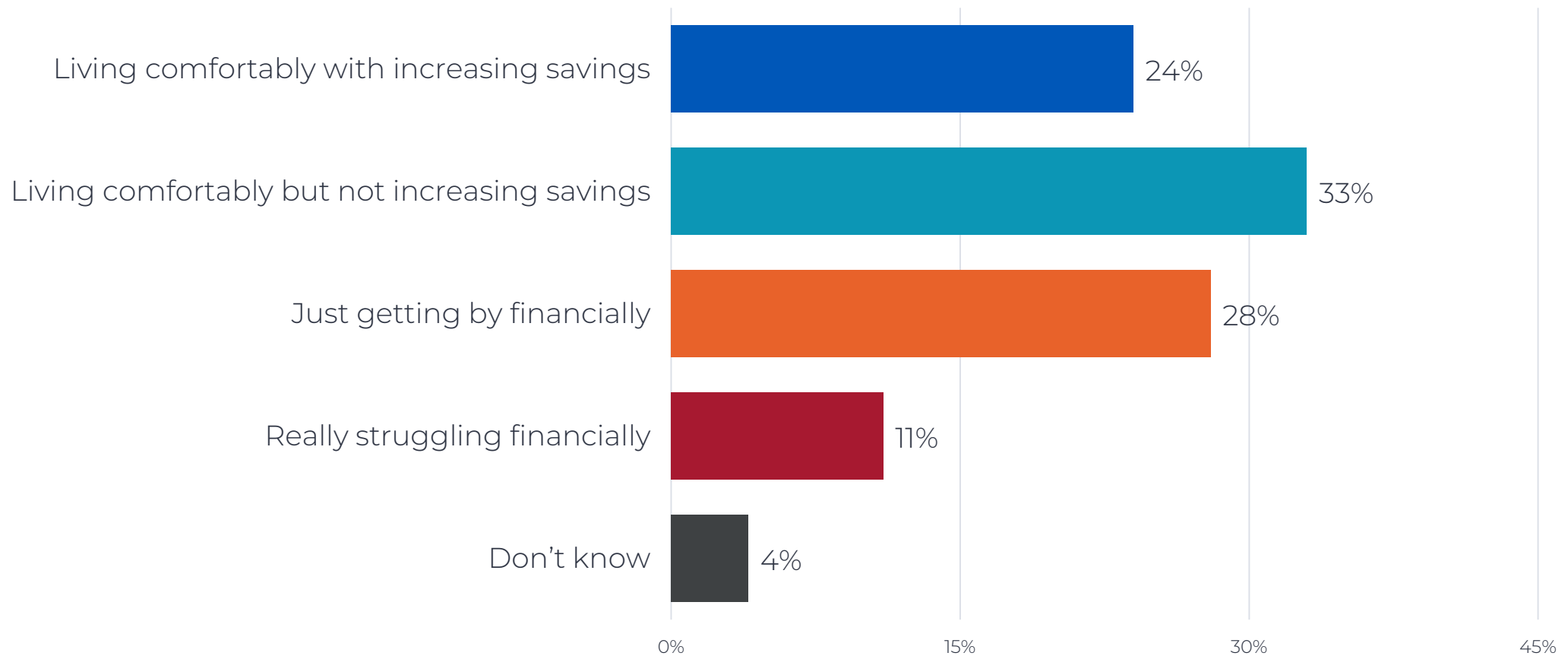




The Cost of Living

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:



Majority of Native American/Indigenous Coloradans say they are “really struggling” or just getting by.

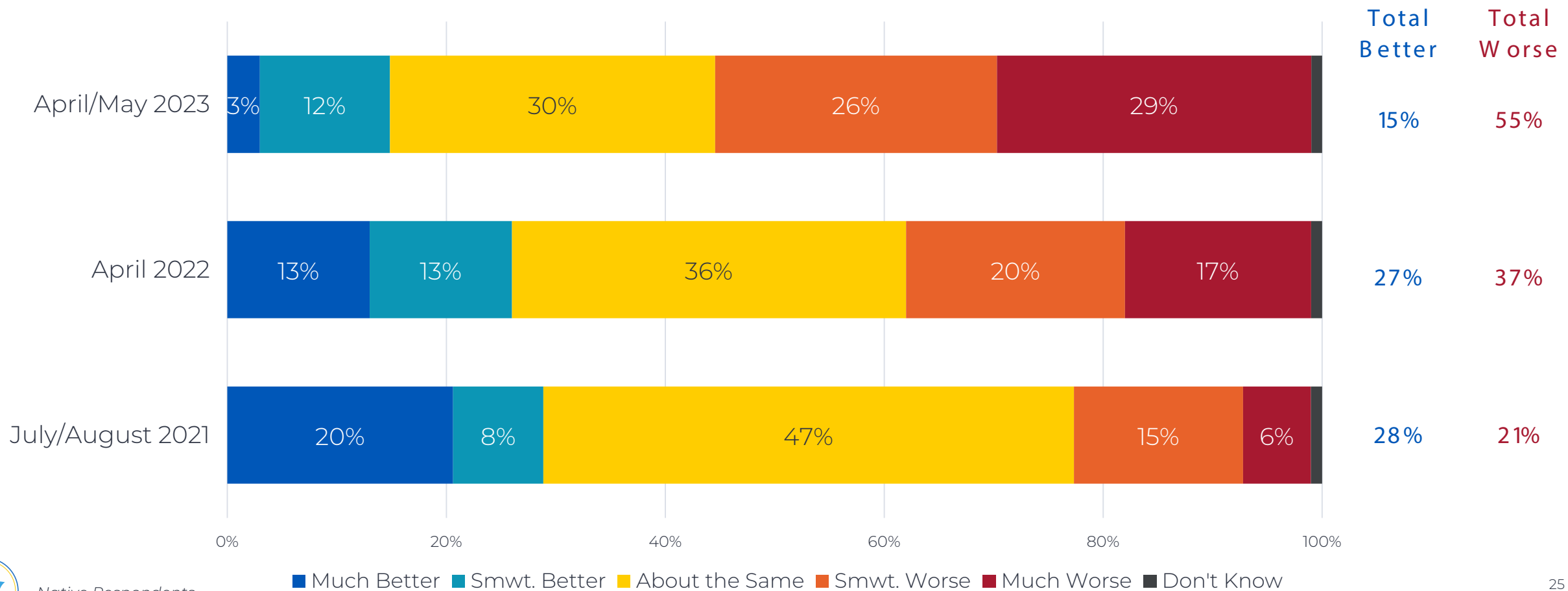
Q20. Which of the following best describes your financial situation:

Financial Situation	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American/ Indigenous	White	<i>Multi- racial</i>
Living comfortably with increasing savings	24%	32%	29%	15%	22%	27%	26%
Living comfortably but not increasing savings	33%	34%	23%	30%	17%	36%	17%
Just getting by financially	28%	27%	28%	35%	31%	25%	32%
Really struggling financially	11%	6%	19%	18%	27%	9%	21%
Don't know	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%	4%	4%



Native American Coloradans increasingly indicate they are worse off financially than in prior years.

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?



Majority of Native American Coloradans are not 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%



More than one-third are worried about affording food. Latinos, Native Americans 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:

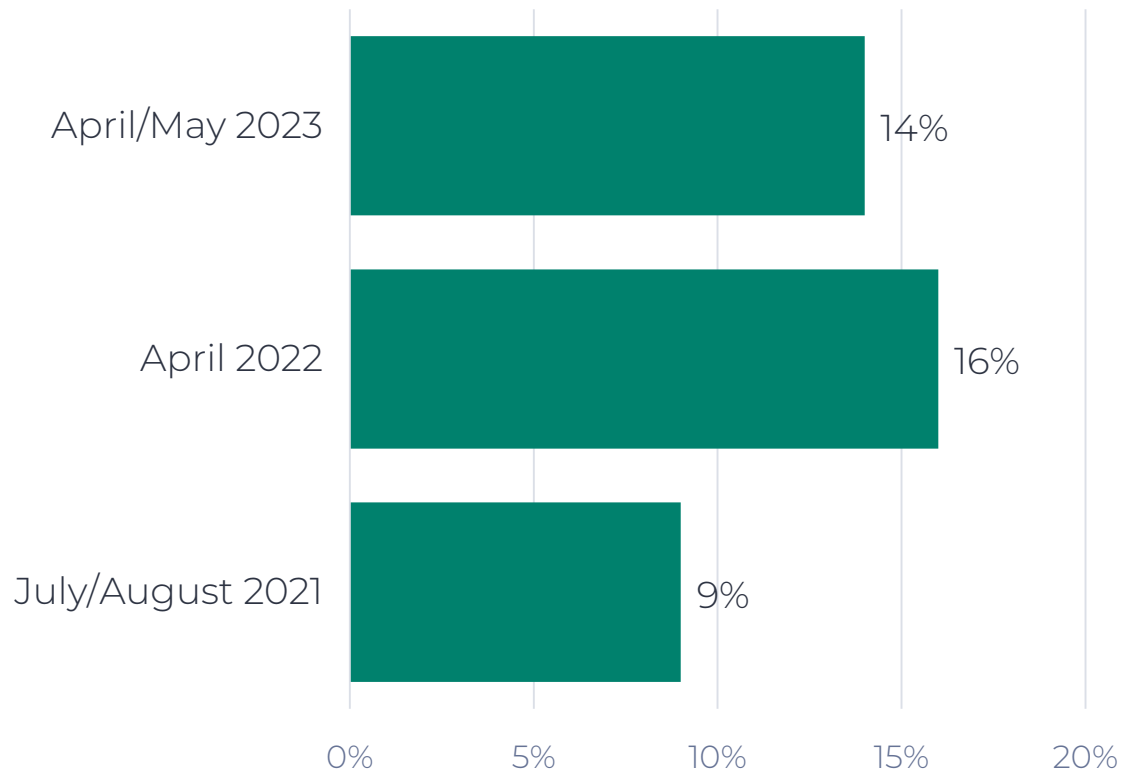
Demographic Group	Total Worried	Total Not Worried	Don't Know
All	35%	64%	1%
Race/Ethnicity			
Asian/Pacific Islander	26%	74%	0%
Black/African American	39%	56%	5%
Hispanic/Latino	47%	53%	0%
Native American/Indigenous	55%	44%	1%
White	30%	69%	1%
<i>Multiracial</i>	35%	65%	0%
Household Income			
<\$30,000	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%



More than one-thirds of Native American/Indigenous respondents 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%



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/ Indigenous	White	Multi- racial
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%



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Housing

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%



Native American respondents' worries about affording their rent or mortgage decreased in 2023.

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%



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)

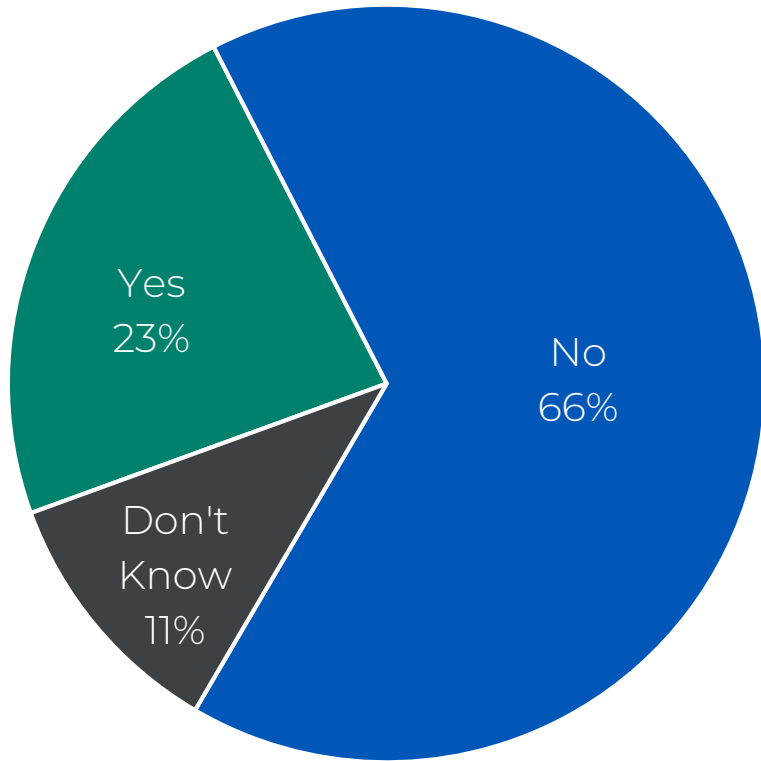
Action	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American / Indigeno us	White	<i>Multi- racial</i>
Work multiple jobs, or more than you wanted to	30%	29%	38%	39%	50%	26%	43%
Moved because you couldn't afford your rent or mortgage	16%	14%	19%	19%	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%



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.

All Respondents



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%



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/ Indigenous	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%



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Health Care

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 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%

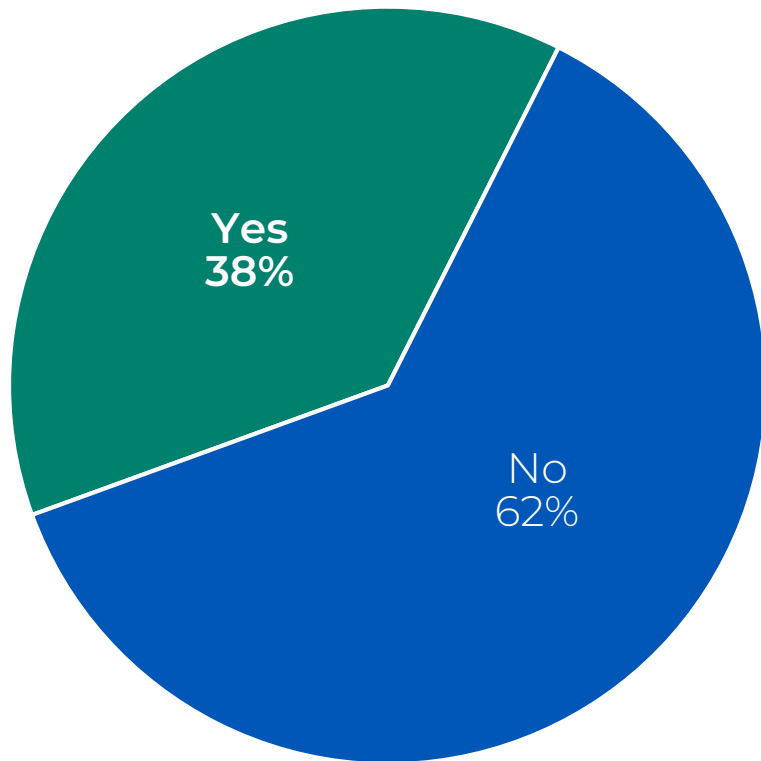


Three in five Native American/Indigenous Coloradans say they've postponed medical or dental care in the last 12 months.

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

(% Yes)

All Respondents



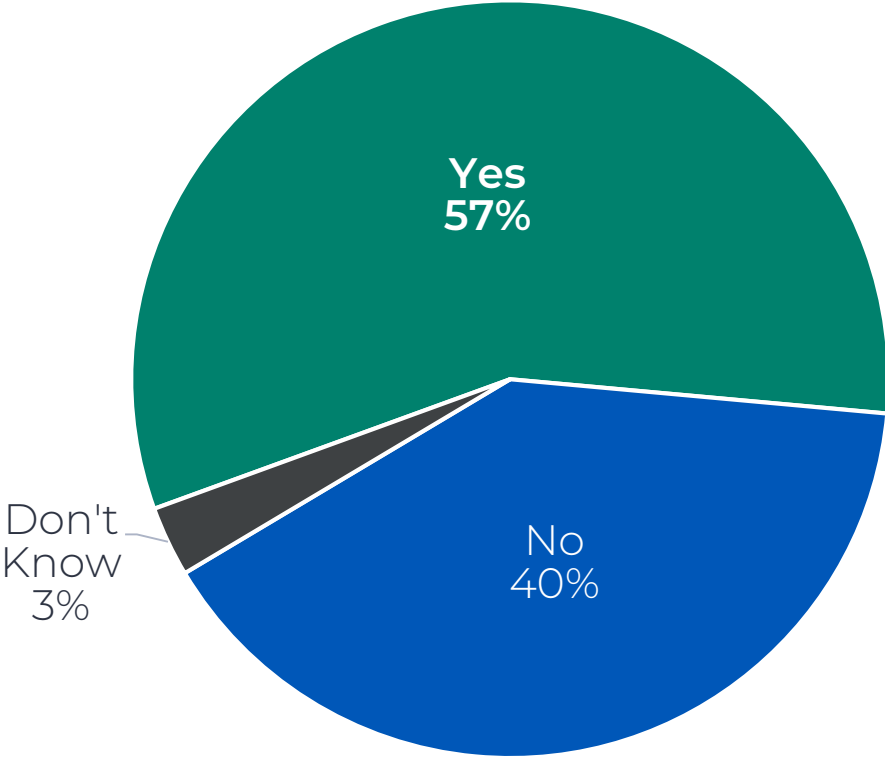
Demographic Groups Most Likely to Have Postponed Medical or Dental Care	
Native American/Indigenous	62%
Coloradans with a disability	59%
Household incomes under \$30,000	56%
White Renters	54%
Household incomes \$30,000-\$50,000	52%
LGBTQ+	52%
Renters	51%



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?

All Respondents



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%



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%



Reflection Questions

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- How would you like to be engaged as we prepare for 2024?



Questions?



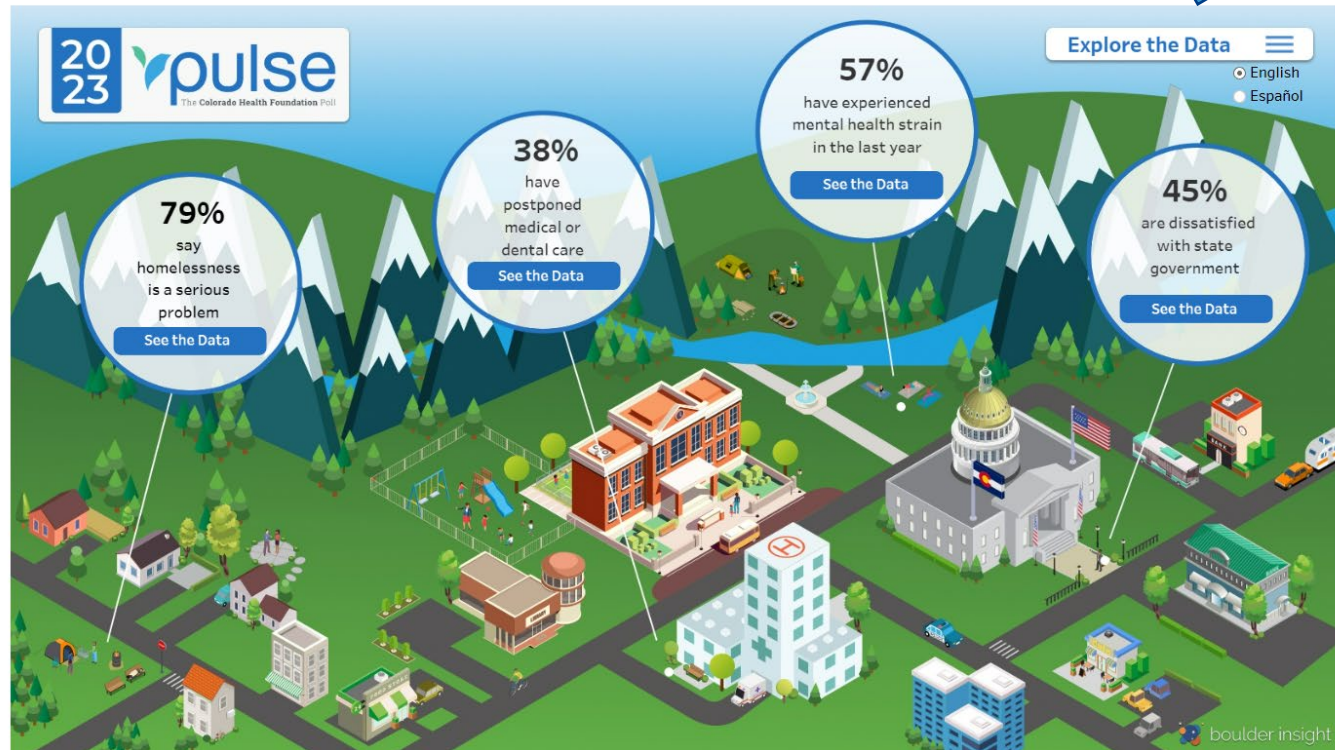
Additional Resources

Explore Pulse data: www.copulsepoll.org/results

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2023 Results



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