

COLORADO HEALTH FOUNDATION 2024 PULSE SURVEY 320-1153-WT

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	s that concern people in Colorado ent of the household? (IF RES			
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A.	Before we begin, I need to know place where you can talk safely v	vif I have reached you on a cell posithout endangering others?	phone, and if so, are you in	n a
	Yes, cell and can to	alk safely	78%	
	Yes, cell and cannot	•	TERMINATE	
	No, not on cell (DON'T READ) DK	//NA/REFUSED	22% TERMINATE	
1.	First, do you live in Colorado?			
		Yes	100%	
		No	TERM.	
		(DON'T READ) DK/NA	TERM.	
2.	Does anyone in your household elected official, or as an official p	work for a radio station, a televis olitical campaign worker?	ion station, a newspaper,	an
		Yes	TERM.	
		No	100%	
		(DON'T READ) DK/NA	TERM.	
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
18-24	12%
25-29	10%
30-34	11%
35-39	10%
40-44	7%
45-49	8%
50-54	8%
55-59	7%
60-64	6%
65-69	8%
70-74	6%
75+	8%

6. What is your gender?

Male	50%
Female	49%
Non-binary	0%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	1%

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

American Indian or Alaska Native (Specify Tribe	2%
Asian	3%
Black or African American	3%
Hispanic or Latino	17%
Middle Eastern or North African	0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%
White	70%
Multiracial (IF MULTIRACIAL, ASK Q8)	3%
Other (Specify)	2%

(ASK Q8 IF CODE 8 - MULTIRACIAL - IN Q7) (n=75)

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

American Indian or Alaska Native (Specify	Tribe)13%
Asian	16%
Black or African American	11%
Hispanic or Latino	24%
Middle Eastern or North African	2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	12%
White	63%
Other (Specify)	24%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

Do you have health insurance? (IF YES, ASK: What is your primary health insurance plan? 9. (READ CODES 1-8)

Plan through your employer	37%
Plan through spouse's employer	12%
Plan through parents	6%
Plan you purchased yourself	6%
Medicare	19%
Medicaid/Health First Colorado	7%
Military/Veterans' Administration	3%
Indian Health Service	0%
Another plan	3%
No health insurance	6%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	1%

(ASK Q10 IF CODE 10 - NO HEALTH INSURANCE - IN Q9) (n=151)

What type of insurance did you have most recently before becoming uninsured? (DO NOT 10. **READ LIST)**

Plan through your employer	23%
Plan through spouse's employer	1%
Plan through parents	8%
Plan you purchased yourself	6%
Medicare	4%
Medicaid/Health First Colorado	25%
Military/Veterans' Administration	1%
Indian Health Service	0%
Another plan	7%
Never had health insurance	13%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	11%

(ASK Q11 IF CODE 10 - NO HEALTH INSURANCE - IN Q9) (n=151)

11. Which of the following are reasons why you have not gotten another form of health insurance? (RANDOMIZE, READ LIST)

The cost of health insurance	72%
Have been too busy or haven't had time	
to find insurance	8%
Not aware of the options available to me	
for insurance	5%
Still trying to get coverage through	
Medicaid/ Health First Colorado	6%
(DON'T READ) Don't know/NA	10%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

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

5 or under	11%
6 to 12	12%
13 to 18	11%
19 or older	25%
No children	49%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused	3%

13. Next, which of the following best describes your current employment status? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR CODES 1:7)

Employed full-time	50%
Employed part-time	7%
Self-employed	13%
Gig worker, like food delivery and rideshare driving	1%
Homemaker	4%
Retired	19%
Student	5%
Unemployed	5%
Temporarily laid off or on voluntary leave	1%
(DK/NA)	2%

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	19%
Housing affordability	17%
Government/Politics	11%
Homelessness	10%
Immigration/Need for reform	10%
Public safety/Crime	7%
Climate change/Environment	6%
Economy/Jobs	5%
Healthcare/Health insurance/Health	5%
Overpopulation/Growth/Overdevelopment	4%
Taxes	4%
Water	4%
Immigration/Crisis at the border/Border security	3%
Alcohol/Drug use/Opioid crisis	2%
Education	2%
Roads/Infrastructure	2%
Social justice/Racism	2%
Traffic/Congestion	1%
Wildfires	1%
Policing practices	0%
Other	4%
None/Nothing	1%
Don't know/Unsure	1%
N/A/No comment	0%

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(OMITTED)

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)

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[]d.	(T) The cost of healthcare	39%						
		30%						
		22%						
		8%						
		2%						
		68%						
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[]f.	(T) Restrictions on reproductive rights							
		21%						
		16%						
		14%						
		41%						
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		33%						
		21%						
		9%						
		6%						
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[]h.	(T) Homelessness	46%						
		33%						
		16%						
		3%						
		1%						
		79%						
г 1;	(OMITTED)	7370						
[]i.	(OMITTED)							
[]j.	(OMITTED)							
(SPL	IT SAMPLE B ONLY)							
[]k.	(T) The cost of housing	60%						
	. ,	29%						
		8%						
		2%						
		1%						
		89%						
[]l.	(OMITTED)							
[]m.	(OMITTED)							
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[]p. **(OMITTED)**[]q. **(T)** The rising cost of living 61% 24% 12% 3% 0% 86%

[]r. (OMITTED)

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS) (ASK ONLINE SAMPLE ONLY) (n=1207)

16. Next, in a few words of your own, what is the most important thing the Colorado state government could do to make life better for you and the people you care about? (OPEN-ENDED, RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE, CODE AFTERWARDS)

Affordable housing/Lower rent	15%
Taxes/Lower taxes/Tax issues/Fix TABOR tax	13%
Cost of living/Inflation/Gas prices/Food cost	12%
Immigration/Border	10%
Politicians/Government/Want less government	9%
General healthcare/Healthcare cost/Addiction rehabilitation	8%
Reduce crime/Enforce laws/Violence/Safety/Drugs	7%
Education/Schools	5%
Homelessness	5%
Political division/Partisanship	5%
Prosecute criminals/Support police	4%
Climate change/Environmental issues	4%
Support the people/Constitutional/Human rights	4%
Budget/Spending	3%
Economy/Jobs	3%
Infrastructure/Road repairs/Bridges	3%
Lower property tax	3%
Gun control/safety/Need strict gun laws	2%
Development/Growth/Zoning laws	1%
Mental health support	1%
Other	100/
Other	10%
None/Nothing	0%
Don't know/Unsure	1%
N/A/Refused/No comment	1%

- 17. **(OMITTED)**
- 18. **(OMITTED)**
- 19. **(OMITTED)**

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

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

Living comfortably with increasing savings	26%
Living comfortably but not increasing savings	35%
Just getting by financially	26%
Really struggling financially	11%
(DON'T READ) Don't know	3%

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 Much better Somewhat better	25% 7% 18%
About the same	35%
TOTAL WORSE Somewhat worse Much worse	39% 24% 15%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	1%

(RANDOMIZE Q22-Q27)

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

TOTAL WORRIED	34%
Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	22%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	64%
Not too worried	24%
Not at all worried	40%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	2%

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 Very worried Somewhat worried	35% 17% 19%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED Not too worried Not at all worried	63% 25% 37%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	2%

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 Very worried Somewhat worried	33% 11% 22%		
TOTAL NOT WORRIED Not too worried Not at all worried	67% 27% 40%		
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	0%		

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	10%
TOTAL WORRIED Very worried Somewhat worried	28% 10% 18%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED Not too worried Not at all worried	60% 24% 35%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	2%

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

(DON'T READ)

YES NO DK/NA

- []a. **(T)** Skipped meals because you couldn't afford food 82% 1% []b. **(T)** Postponed medical or dental care 43% 56% 1%
- []c. **(OMITTED)**
- 27. Next, here are some actions that could help your personal financial situation. For each one, please tell me if this would be very helpful, somewhat helpful or not too helpful for you personally. **(RANDOMIZE)**

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		<u>HELP</u>	<u>HELP</u>	<u>HELP</u>	<u>(DK/NA)</u>	<u>SMWT</u>	
[]a.	Increasing the availability of higher-paying jobs						l
	in your community	46%					l
		27%					l
		22%					l
		5%					l
		73%					l
[]b.	Increasing access to affordable professional	, 6,6					
	education and job training	31%					
	,	26%					l
		36%					
		7%					
		57%					
[]c.	Increasing the availability and affordability of						
	childcare	30%					
		13%					
		45%					

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		12%	
		43%	
[]d.	Providing support to help people manage debt		
	and improve their credit	26%	
	·	27%	
		40%	
		6%	
		53%	
[]e.	Reducing discrimination and bias in hiring	23%	
		18%	
		48%	
		11%	
		41%	

(ROTATE Q28-Q34 WITH Q35-Q36)

MY NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT HOUSING.

28. **(T*)** Which best describes your living situation?

Own your apartment/home	70%
Rent your apartment/home	19%
Living with family and friends	7%
Living in a residential facility that	
provides meals or care	0%
Currently unhoused	0%
Other (Specify)	1%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused	2%

(ASK Q29-Q30 IF CODE 2 - RENT - IN Q28) (n=459)

29. **(T)** Who do you rent from?

A large management company that owns several properties	55%
A friend or family member	17%
An individual or family who rents a small number of properties	24%
Other (Specify)	3%
(DON'T READ) Don't know/Refused	0%

30. **(T)** 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?)

TOTAL ASPIRE TO OWN A HOME	90%
Aspire to own a home and likely to	39%
Aspire to own a home but unlikely to	51%
Do not aspire to own a home	9%
(DON'T READ) Don't know/Refused	1%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

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

VERY/SMWT WORRIED	/1%
Very worried	30%
Somewhat worried	41%
Not worried	27%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused	1%

(ASK Q32 IF CODES 1-3 IN Q12 - PARENTS OF CHILD UNDER 18) (n=637)

32. **(T)** 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?)

VERY/SMWT WORRIED	90%
Very worried	60%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not worried	9%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused	1%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

[]c.

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.	(T) Cut back on or go without other needs, like food or health			
	care 30%			
	68%			

- []b. **(T)** Work multiple jobs, or more than you wanted to 34% 64% 2%
 - **(T)** Stayed in housing that was not right for you because you felt like you could not afford a new place 20%

77%

2%

[]d. Fall behind on other bills or payments 27%

72% 1%

[]e. Taken on high-interest debt like credit card balances or payday loans

25%

74% 1%

[]f. Sold property or important assets, like a car, that you would have liked to keep

18% 81%

2%

(ASK RENTERS ONLY - CODE 2 IN Q28) (n=459)

[]g. **(T)** Avoided asking your landlord to address problems because you were afraid of having your rent increased or being evicted 32%

67%

1%

18%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

34.	Next which of the following statements comes closer to your personal opi long-lasting way to address rising housing costs in Colorado: (ROTATE C	
	[] Making it easier to build more homes by streamlining regulations, improving building permit approval times, and making zoning changes	29%
	OR	
	[] Increasing renter protections and limiting how quickly landlords can increase rents on current tenants	27%
	OR	
	[] Providing financial incentives to property owners and builders to encourage creating more affordable housing units	25%
	(DON'T READ) (BOTH) (NONE)	0% 1%

(ROTATE Q28-Q34 WITH Q35-Q36)

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

35. **(OMITTED)**

(DK/NA)

36. **(OMITTED)**

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

37. 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 Democrat	25%
Registered as a Republican	21%
Registered as Unaffiliated	41%
Registered with another party	2%
Not registered to vote	4%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused	8%

(ASK Q38 IF CODE 1-4 IN Q37) (n=2128)

38. How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 election? (READ LIST)

Definitely will vote	90%
Probably will vote	5%
50-50 chance	4%
Probably will not vote	1%
Definitely will not vote	1%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused	0%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

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

First to 11th grade	8%
High school graduate	19%
Vocational/technical school	14%
Some college, but no degree	3%
Associates degree	6%
Four-year college or bachelor's degree	32%
Graduate school or advanced degree	17%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	0%

40. I don't need to know the exact amount, but I'm going to read you some categories for household income. Would you please stop me when I have read the category indicating the total combined income for all the people in your household before taxes in 2023?

Less than \$20,000	5%
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	4%
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	5%
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	5%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	12%
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8%
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	17%
More than \$150,000	29%
(DON'T READ) Refused	11%

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

1	18%
2	52%
3	16%
4	7%
5+	2%
(DON'T READ) Refused	5%

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

Yes	16%
No	82%
DON'T READ) DK/Refused	2%

(ASK Q43 IF CODE 1 - YES - IN Q42) (n=388)

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

Spanish	58%
German	4%
French	3%
Russian	3%
English	2%
Cantonese	2%
Chinese, Mandarin	1%
Hindi	1%
Vietnamese	1%
Japanese	1%
Italian	1%
Gujarati	1%
Persian	1%
Other	11%
None/Nothing	11%
Don't know/Unsure	0%
N/A/Refused/No comment	3%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

44. Do you live with a disability? (IF YES, ASK: Do you live with one or more of the following disabilities)? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

Sight disability	4%
Hearing disability	8%
Speech disability	1%
Learning disability	4%
Mobility disability	7%
Other disability that affects daily life	13%
No disability	69%
DON'T READ) DK/Refused	5%

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

Born in US	89%
Born in another country	10%
(DON'T READ) DK/Refused	1%

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

Heterosexual/Straight	80%
Gay/Lesbian	5%
Bisexual	6%
Other	2%
Prefer not to say	8%
(DON'T READ) N/A	0%

47. And do you identify as transgender?

Yes 2% No 94% **(DON'T READ)** DK/NA 4%

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LANGUAGE OF INTERVIEW:		English Spanish	95% 5%	
COUNTY		Online postcards	2%	
Adams	10%	·		
Arapahoe	9%	A/B SPLIT SAMPLE		
Boulder	4%	Split A	50%	
Denver	17%	Split B	50%	
Douglas	4%	-		
El Paso	11%			
Jefferson	12%			
Larimer	6%			
Pueblo	4%			
Weld	6%			
Morgan	1%			
All other	17%			
MEDIA MARKET				
Denver	75%			
Colorado Springs-Pueblo	18%			
Other	7%			

REGION

Eastern Plains	3%
Colorado Springs	15%
Morgan	1%
Larimer Weld	12%
Denver Metro	56%
Western Slope	14%

MODE OF INTERVIEW

Phone	50%
Online emails	5%
Online texts	42%
Online convenience sample	2%