

# Colorado Health Survey Results

S1 Are you officially registered to vote at this address in Colorado? **[IF YES]** Regardless of how you might feel about the parties, are you officially registered as a Democrat, a Republican, or are you registered some other way?

Yes – Democrat ..... 36%  
 Yes – Republican ..... 40  
 Yes – Other Way ..... 24  
 No → **Terminate**

S2 In November, there will be an election for Governor, U.S. House, and other state and local offices. How likely are you to vote in this election – will you definitely vote, probably vote, are the chance 50-50, or will you not vote in this election?

Definitely Vote ..... 88%  
 Probably Vote ..... 12

50-50 .....	<b>TERMINATED</b>
Not Vote .....	
(Depends) .....	
(Don't Know) .....	

Q1- Q2 First I am going to read you some issues currently facing the state of Colorado that the federal and state governments can act on. **[READ LIST]** Which is the most important issue to you? **(If Choice)** And what is the second most important issue?

Rotate	<u>Most Important</u>	<u>Total Important</u>
• The health, education and well being of children and youth .....	26%	50%
• The economy and jobs .....	19	37
• Immigration .....	24	36
• Homeland security .....	11	31
• Care for senior citizens .....	6	15
• Taxes .....	6	14
• Transportation .....	1	2
(Other) .....	1	2
(Don't Know) .....	6	8
No Second Response .....		6

Now I am going to read you some questions about the issue of health care.

Q3 Thinking about health care as a whole, are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of health care in Colorado? Would you say you are very **(satisfied/dissatisfied)** or somewhat **(satisfied/dissatisfied)**?

Very Satisfied ..... 35%  
 Somewhat Satisfied ..... 33  
 Somewhat Dissatisfied .. 17  
 Very Dissatisfied ..... 14  
 (Don't Know) ..... 1

**Total Satisfied ..... 68%**  
**Total Dissatisfied ..... 31**

Q4 And are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with the total cost of health care in Colorado? Would you say you are very **(satisfied/dissatisfied)** or somewhat **(satisfied/dissatisfied)**?

Very Satisfied ..... 9%  
 Somewhat Satisfied ..... 24  
 Somewhat Dissatisfied .. 28  
 Very Dissatisfied ..... 39  
 (Don't Know) ..... 1

**Total Satisfied ..... 33%**  
**Total Dissatisfied ..... 67**

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Q5- Q8 Now thinking specifically about health care - I'm going to read you a list of health care issues the government might try to act on next year. As I read each one, tell me if you think it should be one of their TOP priorities, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should not be done at all. What about (INSERT, RANDOMIZE)? Should this be one of their TOP priorities, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should not be done at all?

Ranked by 'Top Priority'	<u>Top</u>	<u>Impt</u>	<u>Not Too Impt</u>	<u>Not Done at All</u>	<u>(DK)</u>	<u>Top/Impt</u>	<u>Not Too/At All</u>
• Lowering the cost of health care and health insurance .....	57%	30	10	2	*	88%	12
• Guaranteeing health insurance to every child in Colorado .....	47%	33	13	6	1	80%	19
• Increasing the number of Coloradoans covered by health insurance .....	43%	39	9	8	1	82%	17
• Reducing the number and size of jury awards in medical malpractice lawsuits .....	25%	34	23	11	6	59%	35

Q18 Now I'm going to ask you about some hypothetical candidates for Governor. These questions are about the kind of candidate you would like to have -- not what you think about the people who are running. After hearing each one, please tell me how likely you would be to vote for that candidate. [READ ITEM] If that was all you knew, how likely would you be to vote for that candidate – very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, not likely at all or would that not make any difference to you?

Ranked by 'Total Likely'	<u>Very</u>	<u>Smwt</u>	<u>No Diff</u>	<u>Not Too</u>	<u>Not at All</u>	<u>(DK)</u>	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Not Likely</u>
• A candidate who supports expanding health coverage for all children, even if it means raising some taxes .....	35%	32	1	13	19	*	67%	32
• A candidate who supports expanding health coverage for all working families, even if it means raising some taxes .....	30%	31	1	18	20	1	60%	38
• A candidate who supports guaranteeing protection from catastrophic financial loss from an illness or injury, even it means raising some taxes .....	27%	34	2	22	14	1	60%	37
• A candidate who supports expanding health care to all citizens even if it means raising some taxes .....	25%	30	1	16	26	1	55%	42
• A candidate who doesn't support any health care expansion if it involves raising taxes .....	14%	14	2	29	40	1	28%	69

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**Q19** Thinking about what kinds of tax increases might be considered for financing a possible expansion of health care coverage, I want you to tell me how likely you would support each of the following tax options. **(Read Item)** How likely would you support that to expand health care coverage – very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

Ranked by 'Total Likely'	<u>Very</u>	<u>Smwt</u>	<u>Not Too</u>	<u>Not at All</u>	<u>(DK)</u>	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Not Likely</u>
• Add a surcharge dedicated to increased coverage from "sin" taxes like tobacco and alcohol products, lottery tickets, speeding and DUI tickets.....	42%	27	9	21	1	69%	30
• Require all employers to either provide basic health coverage or to pay into a state subsidized fund for that purpose.....	38%	32	14	15	1	69%	29
• A slight increase in sales taxes.....	18%	34	16	32	1	52%	48
• A slight increase in personal income taxes.....	15%	32	19	32	1	47%	52
• Add a surcharge to health insurance premiums. ....	7%	16	32	38	7	23%	70
• Tax medical and other health care services. ....	6%	17	29	46	2	23%	75

**Q20** For each of the following proposals concerning health care costs, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose that. **(Read Item)** Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that?

Ranked by 'Strongly Favor'	<u>Favor</u>		<u>Oppose</u>		<u>(DK)</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Stng</u>	<u>Smwt</u>	<u>Smwt</u>	<u>Stng</u>		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
• Requiring all health insurers to post all their coverages, benefits, exclusions, and prices for those services.....	65%	24	8	1	2	89%	9
• Putting tough restrictions on what can be sought in a medical malpractice lawsuit and fining lawyers who file baseless suits. ....	62%	16	6	9	7	78%	15
• Investing more effort in health care fraud investigations and prosecutions.....	58%	28	10	2	2	86%	12
• Requiring doctors, hospitals and other providers to post all their outcomes, and other measures of health care quality and efficiency.....	48%	26	10	8	7	74%	19
• Requiring doctors, hospitals and other providers to post all their prices in advance. ....	47%	32	11	9	2	78%	20
• Providing incentives to physicians and hospitals to provide the most efficient care. ....	45%	30	7	11	7	75%	18
• Freezing the prices of prescription drugs. ....	36%	22	18	22	2	58%	40
• Charging higher premiums for individuals with unhealthy lifestyles. ....	22%	22	24	26	5	45%	50
• Freezing physician fees. ....	19%	20	28	25	7	39%	54
• Cost sharing, increasing deductibles, and co-payments. ....	11%	27	22	31	9	38%	53
• Limiting benefits. ....	7%	15	25	44	9	22%	69

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Q21 For each of the following people or groups that might take a position on important issues, please tell me how much you would trust their opinion on this question. **(Read Item)** How much would you trust their opinion on important issues – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much, or not at all?

Ranked by 'Total Trust'	Great Deal	Fair Amount	Not too Much	Not at All	(DK)	Trust	Not Trust
• The doctors in your community.....	29%	61	8	1	1	90%	9
• Nurses. ....	35%	51	12	*	2	86%	12
• Pharmacists.....	37%	47	13	1	2	84%	14
• The doctors state organization, the Colorado Medical Society. ....	19%	46	16	9	10	65%	25
• A Hospital System. ....	9%	53	23	13	2	62%	36
• Your local chamber of commerce. ....	11%	40	19	21	10	51%	40
• A large employer. ....	1%	42	31	21	5	43%	52
• The Insurance Companies.....	2%	27	35	36	1	28%	70
• Government Officials. ....	1%	26	39	32	2	27%	71
• Lawyers. ....	1%	23	26	48	2	24%	75
• Pharmaceutical Manufacturers.....	2%	21	36	40	2	23%	75

Q22 Now I am going to read you a list of concerns that people have in their lives. For each, one tell me how concerned you are with that. **(Read Item)** Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not concerned at all about that?

Ranked by 'Total Concerned'	Very	Smwt	Not Too	Not at All	(DK)	Concerned	Not Concerned
• I will not be able to pay my medical bills in the event of a serious illness. ....	32%	32	21	14	1	64%	36
• I will experience care that is not efficient and is poorly coordinated. ....	26%	34	22	18	*	60%	39
• I will not get the right care in a timely fashion. ....	23%	35	22	20	*	58%	42
• I will experience care that is redundant or unnecessary. ....	25%	31	28	15	1	56%	43
• I will not get high quality care when needed. ....	24%	30	25	20	*	55%	45

Now I have a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

Q23 Sex (Observation)	Male.....	48%
	Female.....	52
Q24 What is your age?	18-29.....	9%
	30-44.....	23
	45-54.....	23
	55-64.....	23
	65+.....	21
	(DK/Refused).....	1
Q25 Are you currently employed, unemployed, retired, or a homemaker?	Employed.....	64%
	Unemployed.....	3
	Retired.....	27
	Homemaker.....	5
	(Other).....	1
	(DK/Refused).....	-
Q26 Are you currently married, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?	Married.....	67%
	Sep/Div/Wid.....	16
	Never married.....	17
	(DK/Refused).....	-

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Q27	Are you the parent of a child under 18 currently living in your household?	Yes..... 37% No ..... 63 (DK/Refused)..... -
Q28	Are you a grandparent of a child under 18?	Yes..... 31% No ..... 69 (DK/Refused)..... -
Q29	What was the last grade you completed in school?	Less than HS ..... 1% High school graduate..... 24 Some college/Technical .... 24 College graduate (4 yr) ..... 31 Graduate degree..... 19 Refused ..... 1
Q30	Do you consider yourself liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or conservative?	Liberal ..... 11% Somewhat liberal ..... 14 Moderate..... 28 Somewhat conservative..... 19 Conservative..... 26 (DK/Refused)..... 1  <b>Total Liberal ..... 26%</b> <b>Total Conservative..... 45</b>
Q31	In terms of your race or ethnicity, Do you generally consider yourself:	White..... 79% Black ..... 4 Hispanic or Latino ..... 13 (Other) ..... 2 (Refused)..... 1
Q32	Is your total household income:	Less than \$25,000 ..... 10% \$25,000-\$34,999..... 13 \$35,000-\$49,999..... 15 \$50,000-\$74,999..... 16 \$75,000-\$99,999..... 17 \$100,000+ ..... 14 (Refused) ..... 15
Q33	Region	Denver County..... 11% Northern Colorado ..... 8 North/East Suburbs..... 17 South/West Suburbs ..... 19 Colo Spgs/Pueblo ..... 16 Eastern Colorado ..... 14 Western Colorado ..... 15

Thank you for your time and have a great evening.