

November 2022 election in Colorado?

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S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote at [ADDRESS ON FILE]?	VOL:	Yes	100%
P1. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very strong Republican, not very strong Republican, an independent, or some other political party? [IF INDEPENDENT/OTHER] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?	VOL:	Strong Democrat Weak Democrat Independent / Closer to the Democrats. Independent Independent / Closer to the Republicans Weak Republican Strong Republican (Don't know/Refused)  DEMOCRAT (NET) INDEPENDENT (NET) REPUBLICAN (NET)  DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	20% 13 11 17 12 8 18 * 33% 41 26 44% 38
P2. How important is politics to your personal identity? Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	VOL:	Very important Somewhat important Not too important Not at all important (Don't know/Refused)  IMPORTANT (NET) NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	20% 43 22 14 *
<b>Q1.</b> As you may know, there was an election for Governor, Senate, Congress, and other offices in Colorado in November 2022. Some people vote in elections like these and some people do not. Did you vote in the	VOL:	Yes	72% 27 1

Changing gears, next, I'm going to read a list of state and local programs.

**B1A**. **[SPLIT A]** Please tell me how you would rate each program. Here's the first one... How would you rate **[ITEM]**... excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	POSITIVE NEGATIVE		TIVE		N	NET	
Health care programs like Medicaid	Excellent 10%	<b>Good</b> 52	Not so good 24	<u><b>Poor</b></u> 10	(DK/Ref.) 4	POSITIVE 62%	NEGATIVE 33
Local K-12 schools	8%	52	25	13	2	60%	38
Childcare across the state	4%	45	35	10	6	49%	46
Roads, rail, buses, and other transportation infrastructure.	5%	41	40	14	-	46%	54
Housing affordability programs	3%	22	42	31	1	25%	74

B1B. [SPLIT B] For each one, just taking your best guess based upon what you know, please tell me if you think each of these programs currently has enough funding or if it needs more funding from taxpayers. Here's the first one... Does [ITEM] currently have enough funding, or does it need more funding from taxpayers?

	Has <u>enough</u> <u>funding</u>	Needs <u>more</u> <u>funding</u>	(DK/Ref.)
Childcare across the state	45%	52	3
Health care programs like Medicaid	45%	52	2
Local K-12 schools	39%	60	1
Housing affordability programs	39%	59	2
Roads, rail, buses, and other transportation infrastructure	37%	61	2

B2. Now I am going to read a list of statements about issues facing Colorado, and I would like to know whether you agree or disagree with each statement. Here's the first one... [ITEM]. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? [IF CHOICE] And do you strongly [AGREE/DISAGREE] or just somewhat?

	AGREE		DISAGREE			NET	
	Strongly	<u>Some</u>	Some	Strongly	(DK/Ref.)	AGREE	DISAGREE
<ul> <li>Colorado needs a better tax system that ensures the wealthy pay their fair share and that priorities like schools, transportation, and health care have the resources they</li> </ul>							
need	48%	26	11	14	1	74%	25
Income taxes on the wealthiest Coloradans are too low	42%	29	14	13	2	71%	28
[SPLIT A] My local government has enough money to adequately fund important local government priorities like schools and public safety	26%	43	22	8	*	69%	30

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	Strongly	<u>Some</u>	Some	<u>Strongly</u>	(DK/Ref.)	AGREE	DISAGREE
<ul> <li>I'm frustrated by the way Colorado asks voters to approve complicated tax and fiscal ballot measures every year</li> </ul>		40	22	9	1	68%	31
The state of Colorado has enough money to adequately fund important state government priorities like schools, transportation, and health care	27%	39	25	8	1	66%	32
I would generally be supportive of raising taxes to improve funding for priorities like schools, roads, and health care	21%	40	20	19	1	61%	38
[SPLIT B] My local community has to pay for too many programs and services that should be handled by the state	17%	42	29	10	2	58%	39
[SPLIT B] I would vote for a ballot measure that would cut my own taxes, even if it also gave bigger tax cuts to the wealthy and would mean funding cuts for priorities like schools, transportation, and health care	19%	20	28	32	2	39%	59
• [SPLIT A] I would vote for a ballot measure that would cut my own taxes, even if it would mean funding cuts for priorities like schools, transportation, and health care	10%	23	39	28	-	33%	67

B3. [SPLIT A] As you may know, Colorado's Taxpayers' Bill of Rights bans the use of graduated income taxes in which wealthier individuals pay a higher rate than those with lower incomes. As a result, under Colorado's current tax system, the wealthiest one percent of Coloradans pays about one third less of their income in taxes than Coloradans making \$100,000 or less.

[SPLIT B] As you may know, Colorado has the least competitive teacher pay in the nation, with our teachers earning ten thousand dollars less than the national average. Meanwhile, we only have enough money to guarantee ten hours of pre-K per week. The state is underfunding the Colorado Water Plan by nearly \$100 million annually, and Colorado is \$800 million short of the national per pupil average for higher education funding.

Given this information, please tell me, once again, if you agree or disagree with the following statements. Here's the first one... [ITEM]. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? [IF CHOICE] And do you strongly [AGREE/DISAGREE] or just somewhat?

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<ul> <li>Colorado needs a better tax system that ensures the wealthy pay their fair share and that priorities like schools, transportation, and health care have the resources they</li> </ul>							
need	52%	24	9	15	1	75%	24
SPLIT A	54%	20	14	12	*	74%	26
SPLIT B	49%	27	4	18	1	77%	22

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<ul> <li>Income taxes on the wealthiest Coloradans are too low</li> </ul>	48%	24	14	13	2	71%	26
SPLIT A	48%	23	15	11	2	71%	27
SPLIT B	47%	24	12	14	2	72%	26
I would generally be supportive of raising taxes to improve funding for priorities like schools, transportation,							
and health care	28%	36	17	18	1	64%	36
SPLIT A	26%	36	22	16	'	62%	38
SPLIT B	29%	36	13	21	1	65%	33
• The state of Colorado has enough money to adequately fund important state government priorities like schools,							
transportation, and health care	26%	32	27	13	1	58%	40
SPLIT A	25%	38	28	9	1 1	63%	37
SPLIT B	28%	26	27	18	2	54%	44

Now, I'm going to ask you some questions about measures that were on the ballot in the 2022 election this past November.

Q23. [IF VOTED IN 2022] There was a question on the ballot called Proposition 121 that reduced the state income tax rate from 4.55% to 4.40%. To the best of your recollection, did you vote yes or no on this ballot measure?

**Q24. [IF VOTED IN 2022]** Before the election, did you see, read, or hear any advertisements about Proposition 121? Were the advertisements that you saw, read, or heard mostly positive or mostly negative?

	Voted no	45% 24
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused)	31
	Voc Mostly positive	110/

	Yes-Mostly negative	7
VOL:	(Yes-Mix of positive and negative)	29
VOL:	(Yes-Don't know/Refused)	
	No	49
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused)	3
	HEARD ANYTHING POSITIVE (NET)	39%
	HEARD ANYTHING NEGATIVE (NET)	36
	HEARD ANYTHING (NET)	48

40%

Q25. [IF VOTED IN 2022] There was also a measure on the ballot called
Proposition FF that increased taxes by limiting income tax deductions for
individuals with an income of \$300,000 or more in order to provide free
school meals to all students in public schools. To the best of your recollection, did you vote yes or no on this ballot measure?

Q26. [IF VOTED IN 2022] And did you see Proposition FF more as...

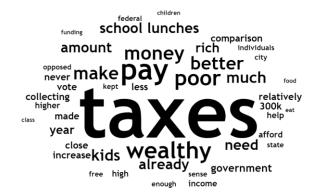
**Q27.** [IF VOTED IN 2022] Before the election, did you see, read, or hear any advertisements about Proposition FF? [IF YES] Were the advertisements that you saw, read, or heard mostly positive or mostly negative?

Q28. [IF YES ON PROPOSITION 121] Just based on what you can recall, did the presence of Proposition FF, the measure to increase taxes on individuals with incomes greater than \$300,000, on the ballot make you more or less likely to vote for Proposition 121, the measure the cut the state income tax rate, or did it make no difference?

**Q29. [IF MORE LIKELY]** In a few words, please tell me why Proposition FF made you more likely to vote for Proposition 121?

VOL:	Voted no(Don't know/Refused)	31 29
VOL:	A question about taxes	44% 53 3
VOL: VOL: VOL:	Yes-Mostly positive	16% 5 18 1 58 3
	HEARD ANYTHING POSITIVE (NET)HEARD ANYTHING NEGATIVE (NET)HEARD ANYTHING (NET)	33% 22 39
VOL:	More likely	25% 12 62 1

Voted yes.....



Q30. Just based on what you recall, do you remember receiving a \$750 or \$1,500 check from the Colorado state government during the summer of 2022?

 Yes
 67%

 No
 32

 VOL:
 (Don't know/Refused)
 1

Q31. As you may know, Colorado's TABOR law, otherwise known as the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights, requires the state to send tax revenue above a certain limit back to taxpayers in the form of a rebate check. In previous years, the size of that rebate check depended on how much each taxpayer paid in state income taxes, so wealthier Coloradans received a bigger check than working families. But last year, the state legislature changed the law so that every Colorado taxpayer received the same \$750 rebate in 2022, with joint filers receiving a \$1,500 rebate.

	Approve	74%
	Disapprove	24
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused)	2

Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Q32AT. [SPLIT A] And would you support or oppose eliminating TABOR rebate checks in the future so that the state government has more revenue to fund important priorities like schools, transportation, and health care?

 Oppose
 53

 VOL:
 (Don't know/Refused)
 1

 Support
 49%

 Oppose
 49

 VOL:
 (Don't know/Refused)
 2

Support.....

Q32BT. [SPLIT B] And would you support or oppose reducing the size of TABOR rebate checks in the future so that the state government has more revenue to fund important priorities like schools, transportation, and health care?

**B4.** Now, I'm going to read you a list of the proposals that the Colorado state government could implement. Please tell me if you support or oppose each one. Here's the first one... [ITEM]. Do you support or oppose this policy? [IF CHOICE] And do you strongly [SUPPORT/OPPOSE] or just somewhat support this policy?

	SUPPO	ORT	OPPOSE		NET		
	Strongly	<u>Some</u>	<u>Some</u>	Strongly	(DK/Ref.)	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
• [SPLIT B] Creating a new income tax bracket that would increase the tax rate on those making more than \$500,000 per year	48%	28	7	16	1	76	23
Creating a new statewide luxury tax on single-family residential homes valued at \$2,000,000 or more and using that revenue to [SPLIT A] increase funding for local K-12 schools/ [SPLIT B] cut property taxes on small	9994	24		40			
businesses and increase funding for local K-12 schools SPLIT A SPLIT B	38% 38% 38%	31 29 34	11 13 9	19 20 17	1 - 2	70 67 72	30 33 27
• [SPLIT A] Creating a new income tax bracket that would increase the tax rate on those making more than \$250,000 per year	35%	30	11	24		65	35
• [SPLIT B] Allowing the state government to keep more tax revenue to use on priorities like schools, transportation, and health care by eliminating TABOR rebate checks for Coloradans who make \$500,000 or more per year	36%	27	9	25	2	64	35
• [SPLIT A] Eliminating TABOR rebate checks for Coloradans who make \$500,000 or more per year	42%	19	10	29	*	61	39

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49%

Now you will hear some more information about the proposal to create a statewide luxury tax on single-family residential homes valued at \$2 million or more, the proceeds for which would be used to increase funding for Colorado schools.

Supporters say limitations on how state and local government can raise and spend money mean that important priorities like education are routinely underfunded. Wealthy Coloradans with luxury homes, who pay the same property tax rate as others, can afford to send their children to private schools. A new statewide luxury tax on homes valued at more than \$2 million can help school districts ease the tax burden on lower-income home and business owners, improve our schools, and reduce the disparities between wealthy districts and the rest of us.

**Opponents say** that Colorado voters made it clear at the ballot box that they want our government to spend its resources more wisely, not to raise taxes, but liberal Democrats in Denver are trying to enshrine a massive property tax hike into the state constitution. Make no mistake, at a time when the cost of living is skyrocketing in Colorado and homes are becoming more and more expensive, we should be looking to cut wasteful spending, not pass a multi-million-dollar tax increase that will drive job-creators and businesses out of Colorado.

VOL:

Q36. Now that you've heard this information, let me ask you once again: do you support or oppose the proposal to create a new statewide luxury tax on single-family residential homes valued at \$2 million or more, adjusted for inflation? The proceeds of this tax would be used to [SPLIT A] increase funding for local K-12 schools/ [SPLIT B] cut property taxes on small businesses and increase funding for local K-12 schools.

		SPLII		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>A</u>	В	
Strongly support	35%	35%	35%	
Somewhat support	34	34	34	
Somewhat oppose	9	9	9	
Strongly oppose	21	22	21	
(Don't know/Refused)	1	*	2	
SUPPORT (NET)	68%	69	68	
OPPOSE (NET)	30	31	30	

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

D100. What is your gender?

DAGE. Derived Age

**D102.** What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Something else	
(Prefer not to say/Refused)	
18-29	
30-44	
45-54	
55-64	
65+	
(Refused)	
	(Prefer not to say/Refused)  18-29

	Did not complete high school	1% 10 5 29 14 23
VOL:	(MD, DMD, etc.)(Don't know/Refused)	17 *

DRACE. Derived Race	VOL:	Black/African American White/Caucasian Hispanic/Latino Asian/Asian American Pacific Islander Native American/American Indian/Indigenous Middle Eastern/North African Other (Don't know/Refused)	83 12 2 * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:	VOL:	Very liberal	. 19 . 34 . 22 . 11 . 1
D900. And, for statistical purposes only, what would you say is your total annual family income before taxes?		Less than \$25,000	. 19 . 18 . 14 . 15 . 11
VH20. Thinking back, in the November 2020 general election for President, who did you vote for? Or did you not vote in that election?	VOL:	Voted for Democrat Joe Biden Voted for Republican Donald Trump Voted for someone else Did not vote (Refused)  ALLOCATED BIDEN ALLOCATED TRUMP	35 6 9 *
PARTY. Party Reg [FROM SAMPLE]		Democrat	48
REGNUM. Region		Colorado Springs-Pueblo DMA  Denver/Boulder  East  Swing Suburbs  West	. 18 . 14 . 31