



COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY **Centennial State Survey**

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Key Findings

The 2017 Centennial State Survey captures Coloradans' perceptions on a variety of substantive issues. These issues include government and community satisfaction, housing, the economy, recreational marijuana, drugs and alcohol abuse, education, recreation, the environment, energy development, and climate change (see the marginal frequency attachment for a full list of survey questions and responses). Overall, Coloradans are satisfied with their communities as places to live but less satisfied with government. Coloradans identified the major problems facing their communities in order of importance as housing, the economy, crime and drugs, education, government and the environment. In some instances, regional differences are evident. Further detail on the findings is provided below with some discussion on differences between the Denver Metro, Western Slope and Southcentral and Eastern regions. A map identifying regional breakdowns by county is included in Attachment A-1.

Community Satisfaction

Most (87%) Coloradans are satisfied (very/somewhat) with their communities as places to live. Regionally, residents in the Denver Metro region (88%) are most satisfied (very/somewhat), followed by Southcentral and Eastern Colorado (86%) and the Western Slope (85%). Residents living in Southcentral and Eastern Colorado (12%) were the most dissatisfied (very/somewhat) with their community as a place to live followed by the Western Slope (9%) and Denver Metro (5%), however, these levels are quite low.

Government Satisfaction

Few (29%) Coloradans are very or somewhat satisfied with the federal government. Satisfaction levels are much higher for state government (49%) and county and local governments (56%). Thirty-two percent of Coloradans rate President Trump's job performance as excellent or good, compared to 49% for Governor Hickenlooper. Regionally, President Trump has the highest job ratings on the Western Slope (41%) with the lowest ratings in the Denver Metro region (27%). Sixty-one percent of Denver Metro respondents rate the President's job performance as poor.

Housing

Coloradans rank housing and real estate as the number one problem facing their communities today. Few Coloradans agree that there is access to affordable housing in their community, with almost two in three (63%) disagreeing (strongly/disagree) that there is adequate access to affordable housing in their communities. Regionally, one-third (33%) of Western Slope

residents agree (strongly/agree) that there is adequate access to affordable housing in their community, compared to 19% in Southcentral and Eastern Colorado and 15% in the Denver Metro region.

The Economy

Statewide, the economy is the second most important problem facing Colorado communities today. At the local level, Coloradans express some optimism about the economy. Just over 1 in 3 (37%) hold a positive view (excellent/very good) about the current state of their local economy compared to 27% who hold a negative view (poor/fair). Over the next 12 months, a majority (56%) expect their local economy to remain the same, with 30% expecting an improvement. A minority (12%) expect to see a decline.

Figure 1

State of Economy In Your Community, Colorado March 2017

How would you rate the state of the economy in your community today? Would you say that the economy is:



Source: Survey conducted March 22– 28, 2017

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There are significant regional differences in views about the economy. Half (51%) of respondents living in the Denver Metro region rate their local economy as excellent or very good, compared to only 20% on the Western Slope. Moreover, 57% of respondents in the Denver Metro area agree (strongly/agree) that they are pleased with job opportunities available to them in their community compared to 35% on the Western Slope.

From an entrepreneurial perspective, sixty-nine percent of those living in the Denver Metro area believe their community is a good (strongly/agree) place to start a business compared to only fifty-two percent of those living in the Southcentral and Eastern regions and thirty-five percent of those living on the Western Slope. Generally, Denver Metro residents are the most positive about the current state of their local economies while Western Slope residents are the least positive.

Tourism is important (very/important) to the well-being of their community to most Coloradans (70%). Western Slope residents place the highest importance (very important) on tourism (Western Slope – 64%, Southcentral and Eastern regions – 46% and Denver Metro area – 18%).

Safe Place to Live

Overall, the majority of Coloradans view their respective communities as a safe (strongly/agree) place to live (82%). By comparison, those from the Western Slope were more likely to strongly agree (48%) that their community is a safe place to live than those from the Denver Metro (27%) and Southcentral and Eastern (37%) regions of the state.

Of the possible problems that could decrease safety and satisfaction, Coloradans rank crime, drugs, violence, and guns as the third (9%) most important problem facing their communities. In regard to drugs and alcohol, sixty percent of Coloradans think that alcohol is a moderate to major problem in their communities. Similarly, fifty-nine percent think that illicit drugs such as methamphetamine and cocaine are problems (major/moderate) while fifty-four percent view prescriptions drug abuse as a problem (major/moderate) in their communities.

Differences by region are notable in the responses to thinking alcohol and illicit drugs are major problems. Thirty percent of residents from the Western Slope and twenty-eight percent of respondents from Southcentral and Eastern Colorado think alcohol is a major problem while only ten percent of individuals from the Denver Metro area share in this perception about alcohol. Similarly, 33% of Western Slope residents and 32% of Southcentral and Eastern Coloradans think illicit drugs are a major problem compared to only 15% of Denver Metro residents sharing in this opinion.

Education

Across the state, Coloradans believe that the quality of K-12 education in their communities has either stayed the same (27%) or significantly/somewhat decreased (34%) in recent years. Fewer residents (21%) indicate that K-12 education has improved (significantly/somewhat) in this same timeframe. Regionally, those from the Denver Metro area are the most likely (20%) to say K-12 education has significantly decreased compared to Western Slope (8%) and

Southcentral and Eastern (15%) residents. Furthermore, while Coloradans as a whole (7%) ranked education and schools as the fourth most important problem facing their communities today, residents of the Denver Metro area ranked education and schools as the second most important problem facing their communities today (11%).

Only 23% of Coloradans see higher education in the state of Colorado as affordable (strongly agree/agree). The view towards the affordability of higher education is more positive among residents of the Western Slope (27% strongly /agree) and Southcentral and Eastern Colorado (30% strongly agree/agree) compared to the Denver Metro area (17% strongly/agree).

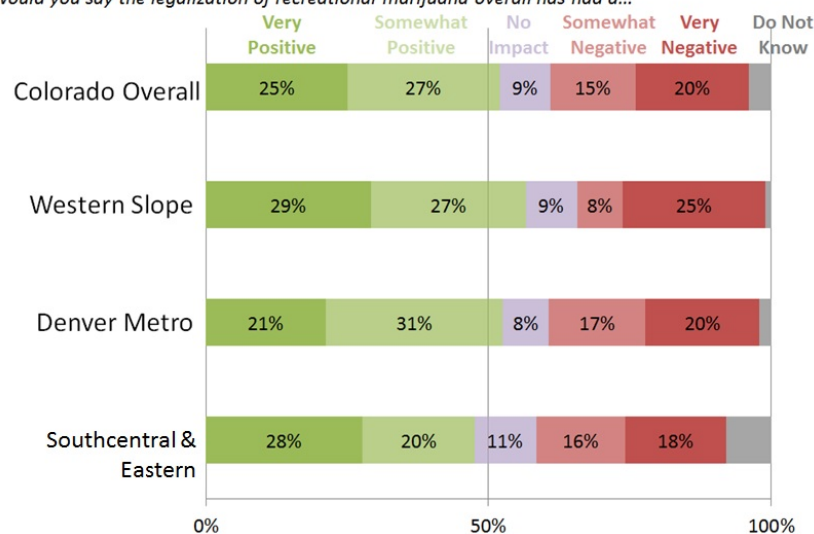
Recreational Marijuana

Overall, more Coloradans believe that the legalization of recreational marijuana has had a positive (very/somewhat) impact (52%) than a negative (very/somewhat) impact (35%). Regionally, Western Slope residents had the most positive (very/somewhat) view (56%), followed by those living in the Denver Metro region (52%) and Southcentral and Eastern region (48%). (See Figure 2)

Figure 2

Impact of Legalization of Recreational Marijuana, Colorado March 2017

As you may know, in 2012 Colorado voters legalized the use of recreational marijuana in the state. Would you say the legalization of recreational marijuana overall has had a...



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There are significant differences in the view of the impact of legalizing recreational marijuana based on the demographics of Coloradans. Several groups take a much more positive view of the impact recreational marijuana has had on the state. Sixty-five percent of registered Democrats and fifty-six percent

of independents or other party affiliation have a favorable view compared to twenty-eight percent of registered Republicans. Seventy-four percent of those who self-identified as liberal take a positive view while sixty-four percent of self-identified moderates have a positive view. On the contrary, sixty-four percent of self-identified conservatives indicate that the legalization of recreational marijuana has had a negative impact on the state (see Attachment A-2).

Males (58%) take a more positive view on recreational marijuana than females (46%). Those who are younger view the legalization of recreational marijuana more positively than those who are older (69% of those 40 and under, 51% of those 41 to 60, 34% of those 61 and over). A greater percentage of respondents who are single and have never been married consider legalization to have had a positive impact (73%) than those who are married (47%) or currently not married (45%).

Those with a college degree see a positive impact (55%) more than those with a high school degree or less (39%). Both those making over \$75,000 annually (56%) and those making less than \$35,000 annually (64%) have a more favorable view of the impact of legalizing recreational marijuana than those who make between \$35,000 and \$75,000 annually (47%).

Fifty-four percent of Catholics believe the legalization of recreational marijuana has had a positive impact on the state compared to thirty-eight percent of Protestants. Fifty-eight percent of those affiliated with other religions or not affiliated with religion believe the impact of recreational marijuana has been positive. Sixty percent of those that identified as fundamentalist or born-again

Christians see a negative impact on the state from the legalization of recreational marijuana.

Environmental Issues

Statewide, Coloradans indicate they are concerned (very/somewhat) about environmental issues in their respective communities (69%). Nearly three out of four residents on the Western Slope (73%) and Denver Metro region (72%) express that level of concern compared to 62% in Southcentral and Eastern Colorado. Nine percent of Coloradans expressed that they are not at all concerned. Regionally, 13% of Southcentral and Eastern Colorado residents are not at all concerned, compared to 8% of Denver Metro residents and 6% of Western Slope residents.

Energy Development

Statewide, Coloradans are evenly split between prioritizing renewable energy (41%) and balancing renewable energy and fossil fuel energy (42%). Twelve percent of Coloradans believe fossil fuel energy should be prioritized. Regionally, more residents from the Western Slope (20%) believe that fossil fuel energy should be prioritized than residents in Denver Metro (10%) or Southcentral and Eastern region (11%). The Denver Metro region is the only region that placed a greater emphasis on prioritizing renewable energy (44%) than striking a balance between renewable and fossil fuel energies (40%).

Climate change

Statewide, 69% of Coloradans believe that climate change is currently affecting (a great deal/somewhat) Colorado's environment. Regionally, 41% of

respondents from the Denver Metro area and the Southcentral and Eastern Colorado region see the current effect of climate change as being a great deal compared to 28% of Western Slope residents. Seventy-three percent of Coloradans believe that climate change will have an impact on Colorado's environment in the future. Regionally, 57% of respondents from the Denver Metro region believe that climate change will impact the future environment of Colorado a great deal followed by Southcentral and Eastern (51%) and the Western Slope (40%).

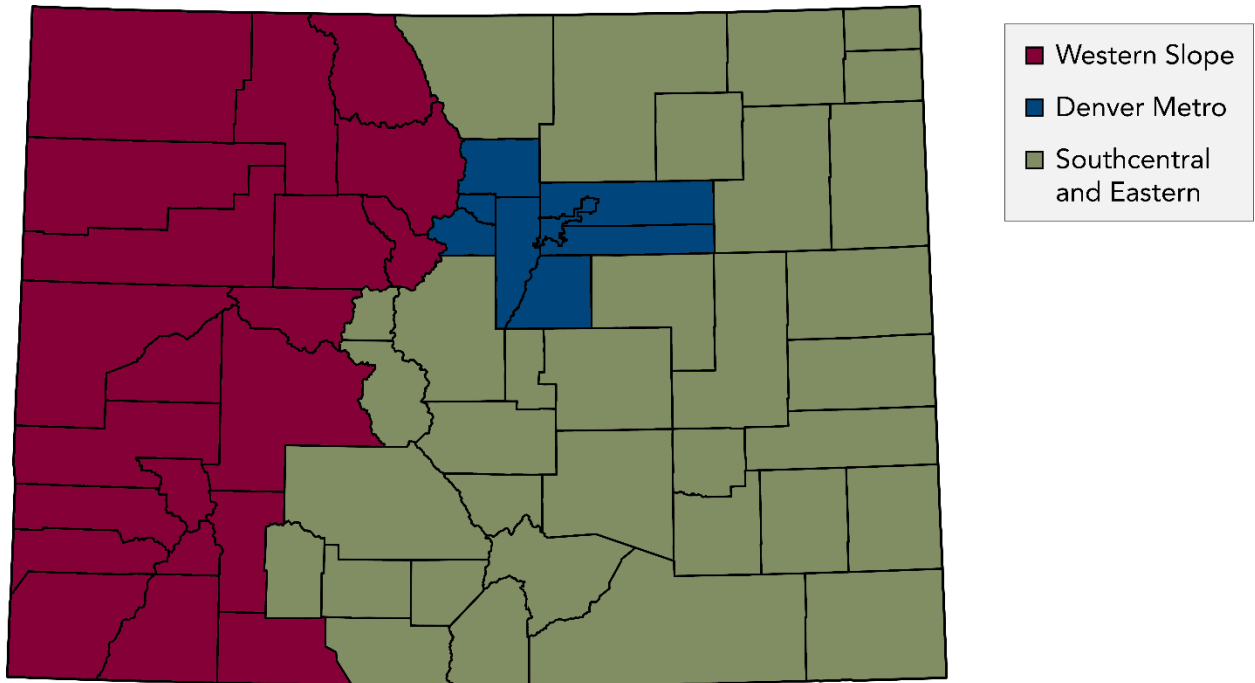
Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted March 22 – 28, 2017. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin & Marshall College in partnership with Colorado Mesa University. The survey was designed and administered by the staff of the Center for Opinion Research and Colorado Mesa University. The data included in this release represent the responses of 532 adult residents of Colorado. The address-based sample was obtained from Marketing Systems Group. All sampled respondents were notified by letter or postcard about the survey. Interviews were completed over the phone and on-line depending on each respondent's preference. Survey results were weighted (age, gender, region, and education) using an iterative weighting algorithm to reflect the known distribution of those characteristics as reported by the United States Census Bureau.

The sample error for this survey is +/- 6.3 percentage points when the design effects from weighting are considered. The sampling error for any subgroups is larger. In addition to sampling error, this poll is also subject to other sources of non-sampling error. Generally speaking, two sources of error concern researchers most. Non-response bias is created when selected participants either choose not to participate in the survey or are unavailable for interviewing. Response errors are the product of the question and answer process. Surveys that rely on self-reported behaviors and attitudes are susceptible to biases related to the way respondents process and respond to survey questions.

Attachment A-1

State of Colorado Regional Map



Attachment A-2

Impact of Legalization of Recreational Marijuana: Colorado March 2017

As you may know, in 2012 Colorado voters legalized the use of recreational marijuana in the state. Would you say the legalization of recreational marijuana overall has had a...

	Positive Impact	No Impact	Negative Impact	Do Not Know
Party*				
Republican	28%	8%	59%	5%
Democrat	65%	12%	22%	2%
Independent or something else	56%	8%	33%	4%
Ideology*				
Liberal	74%	8%	14%	4%
Moderate	64%	14%	20%	2%
Conservative	22%	8%	64%	6%
Gender*				
Male	58%	14%	26%	3%
Female	46%	5%	44%	5%
Age*				
18 - 40	69%	7%	19%	4%
41-60	51%	11%	33%	5%
61 and over	34%	10%	54%	1%
Education*				
HS or less	39%	8%	47%	6%
Some college	61%	9%	29%	1%
College degree	55%	10%	31%	4%
Income*				
Under 35	64%	7%	28%	2%
35-75	47%	14%	35%	3%
Over 75	56%	7%	31%	6%
Race				
White	53%	9%	35%	3%
Nonwhite	54%	7%	33%	6%
Marital Status*				
Single, Never Married	73%	16%	9%	2%
Married	47%	8%	40%	5%
Not currently married	45%	7%	46%	2%
Religious Affiliation*				
Protestant	38%	8%	51%	3%
Catholic	54%	12%	33%	2%
Other, unaffiliated	58%	9%	29%	4%
Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist*				
Yes	29%	4%	60%	7%
No	61%	11%	25%	2%
Region				
Western Slope	56%	9%	33%	1%
Denver Metro	53%	8%	37%	2%
Other	48%	11%	33%	8%
Employment*				
Fulltime	57%	11%	26%	6%
Other	55%	6%	38%	1%
Retired	38%	10%	51%	1%

* p<0.01 ** p<0.05

Marginal Frequency Report

Responses may not total 100% due to rounding.

REG Some people are registered to vote, and many others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Yes	93%	91%	98%	85%
No	7%	7%	2%	15%
Do not know	1%	1%	1%	0%

RegPARTY Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent/unaffiliated, or as something else?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
	n=486	n=95	n=255	n=135
Republican	29%	33%	23%	37%
Democrat	34%	27%	39%	31%
Independent/Unaffiliated	33%	31%	35%	31%
Something else	3%	9%	2%	0%
Do not know	1%	0%	1%	2%

Q1 How satisfied are you with your community as a place to live?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Very satisfied	49%	50%	49%	49%
Somewhat satisfied	38%	35%	39%	37%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	5%	5%	6%	3%
Somewhat dissatisfied	6%	9%	5%	4%
Very dissatisfied	2%	0%	0%	8%
Do not know	0%	0%	1%	0%

Q2 How satisfied are you with the opportunities young adults have to make a good living in your community?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Very satisfied	15%	11%	16%	16%
Somewhat satisfied	32%	27%	38%	26%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	13%	13%	16%	8%
Somewhat dissatisfied	19%	29%	11%	26%
Very dissatisfied	12%	12%	8%	19%
Do not know	8%	8%	11%	5%

Q3cod What would you say is the most important problem facing your community today?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Housing and real estate	14%	15%	15%	12%
Economy, cost of living, job market	10%	16%	6%	12%
Crime, drugs, violence, guns	9%	6%	9%	12%
Education, schools	7%	1%	11%	3%
Government, politicians	6%	7%	5%	8%
Personal finances, unemployed, wages, income in equality	6%	10%	3%	7%
Transportation, infrastructure	5%	4%	4%	8%
Population, growth, urban sprawl	5%	3%	5%	6%
Social issues	5%	0%	7%	6%
Environment	4%	3%	4%	5%
Healthcare, insurance	3%	3%	4%	3%
Retaining, attracting business	2%	4%	2%	0%
Taxes	1%	%	2%	3%
Transportation, availability	1%	0%	2%	0%
Racism	1%	0%	%	1%
Elder issues, social security	1%	2%	1%	0%
Legalization of marijuana	1%	0%	2%	0%
Civil liberties: abortion ,marriage equality	1%	2%	0%	0%
Gasoline, utility prices	1%	1%	1%	1%
Immigration, illegal immigrants	1%	1%	0%	1%
Values and morality	0%	0%	0%	1%
Nothing	1%	0%	1%	2%
Other	7%	11%	6%	6%
Do not know	9%	11%	11%	4%

Q4 How would you rate the state of the economy in your community today? Would you say that the economy is:

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Excellent	10%	6%	14%	6%
Very good	27%	14%	37%	19%
Good	35%	33%	34%	36%
Fair	19%	32%	10%	26%
Poor	8%	14%	4%	13%
Do not know	1%	2%	1%	6%

Q5 Looking ahead, do you expect the economy in your community to improve, decline or remain about the same, during the next 12 months?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Improve	30%	31%	30%	29%
Decline	12%	12%	12%	10%
Remain about the same	56%	57%	54%	59%
Do not know	3%	0%	4%	2%

How much more of each of the following kinds of development would you like to see in your community?

Q6a Heavy industry, such as factories

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
None	32%	33%	29%	36%
Somewhat more	26%	33%	22%	27%
A lot more	39%	32%	43%	35%
Do not know	4%	2%	5%	2%

Q6b Light industry, such as warehouses

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
None	21%	20%	21%	21%
Somewhat more	42%	51%	38%	44%
A lot more	34%	26%	39%	31%
Do not know	3%	3%	3%	4%

Q6c Retail business

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
None	20%	25%	15%	25%
Somewhat more	53%	44%	56%	52%
A lot more	25%	30%	26%	21%
Do not know	2%	1%	2%	1%

Please tell me if you agree, disagree, or neither agree nor disagree with each of the following statements.

Q7 I am pleased with the job opportunities available to me in my community.

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Strongly agree	10%	4%	13%	10%
Agree	37%	31%	44%	30%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%	15%	14%	15%
Disagree	19%	35%	13%	17%
Strongly disagree	10%	12%	5%	20%
Do not know	9%	4%	11%	8%

Q8 My community is a good place to start a business.

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Strongly agree	16%	12%	19%	13%
Agree	41%	23%	50%	39%
Neither agree nor disagree	15%	25%	13%	11%
Disagree	17%	29%	13%	16%
Strongly disagree	6%	6%	0%	16%
Do not know	5%	5%	5%	4%

Q9 My community is a safe place to live.

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Strongly agree	34%	48%	27%	37%
Agree	48%	38%	56%	40%
Neither agree nor disagree	8%	7%	7%	11%
Disagree	6%	5%	8%	4%
Strongly disagree	3%	0%	2%	8%
Do not know	1%	2%	0%	1%

Thinking about your community, please tell me if you think each of the following is a major problem, a moderate problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all.

Q10a Alcohol

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
A major problem	20%	30%	10%	28%
A moderate problem	40%	41%	40%	38%
A small problem	22%	18%	26%	18%
Not a problem at all	10%	7%	13%	8%
Do not know	8%	4%	10%	8%

Q10b Illicit drug use, such as methamphetamine and cocaine

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
A major problem	23%	33%	15%	32%
A moderate problem	36%	38%	34%	39%
A small problem	21%	15%	27%	13%
Not a problem at all	8%	8%	10%	6%
Do not know	12%	6%	14%	11%

Q10c Prescription drug abuse

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
A major problem	22%	27%	13%	34%
A moderate problem	32%	31%	34%	31%
A small problem	17%	20%	18%	11%
Not a problem at all	8%	4%	11%	6%
Do not know	21%	19%	24%	18%

Q11 As you may know, in 2012 Colorado voters legalized the use of recreational marijuana in the state. Would you say the legalization of recreational marijuana overall has had a...

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Very positive impact	25%	29%	21%	28%
Somewhat positive impact	27%	27%	31%	20%
No impact	9%	9%	8%	11%
Somewhat negative impact	15%	8%	17%	16%
Very negative impact	20%	25%	20%	18%
Do not know	4%	1%	2%	8%

Q12 In recent years, would you say that the quality of K-12 education in your community has:

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Significantly improved	4%	2%	5%	2%
Somewhat improved	17%	21%	15%	18%
Stayed about the same	27%	27%	25%	30%
Somewhat decreased	18%	23%	15%	19%
Significantly decreased	16%	8%	20%	15%
Do not know	19%	19%	20%	17%

Q13 Do you agree, disagree, or neither agree nor disagree with the following statement? Higher education in the state of Colorado is affordable.

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Strongly agree	3%	2%	2%	4%
Agree	20%	25%	15%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	9%	13%	11%	5%
Disagree	27%	22%	29%	28%
Strongly disagree	27%	24%	30%	22%
Do not know	14%	14%	13%	14%

Thinking about transportation in your area, how would you rate each of the following?

Q14a Mass Transportation

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Excellent	7%	8%	8%	6%
Good	27%	24%	36%	13%
Fair	30%	41%	30%	22%
Poor	25%	16%	18%	42%
Not available/ N/A	5%	4%	0%	13%
Do not know	6%	7%	7%	4%

Q14b Road Conditions

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Excellent	4%	6%	5%	2%
Good	29%	29%	33%	23%
Fair	42%	43%	40%	46%
Poor	23%	21%	20%	28%
Not available/ N/A	1%	0%	2%	1%
Do not know	1%	2%	1%	0%

Q14c Non-motorized travel, such as biking lanes

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Excellent	14%	13%	14%	17%
Good	32%	37%	33%	28%
Fair	27%	28%	29%	21%
Poor	18%	14%	17%	23%
Not available/ N/A	6%	2%	5%	11%
Do not know	2%	6%	2%	1%

Q15 How much has population growth in Colorado impacted the quality of life in your community:

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
A great deal	44%	28%	49%	45%
Somewhat	41%	49%	42%	34%
Not at all	12%	22%	4%	20%
Do not know	3%	1%	4%	1%

Q16 Who benefits more from having accessible outdoor recreation available:

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Communities	49%	48%	49%	51%
Individuals	41%	43%	41%	41%
Do not know	10%	9%	11%	8%

Q16comm What is the main benefit of outdoor recreation to your community?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
	n=259	n=48	n=130	n=81
The economic benefits it can provide	17%	35%	8%	20%
The opportunities it can provide to build social cohesion	32%	23%	41%	22%
The opportunities it provides to connect with nature	46%	37%	45%	54%
Do not know	6%	5%	7%	5%

Q16ind What is the main benefit of outdoor recreation to individuals?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
	n=216	n=42	n=108	n=65
The physical health benefits	54%	29%	66%	52%
The mental health benefits	31%	40%	27%	32%
The benefits of building relationships with friends and family	10%	17%	5%	14%
Do not know	4%	13%	3%	2%

Q17 Do you agree, disagree, or neither agree nor disagree with the following statement? My community has adequate facilities to provide recreational opportunities for children and youth.

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Strongly agree	23%	13%	29%	19%
Agree	45%	52%	43%	44%
Neither agree nor disagree	8%	10%	9%	5%
Disagree	11%	11%	8%	18%
Strongly disagree	8%	13%	4%	11%
Do not know	5%	2%	6%	4%

Q18 How important is tourism to the well-being of your community?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Very important	36%	64%	18%	46%
Somewhat important	34%	27%	37%	34%
Not very important	18%	6%	25%	14%
Not important at all	10%	3%	16%	6%
Do not know	2%	0%	4%	0%

Q19 Do you agree, disagree, or neither agree nor disagree with the following statement? Increased diversity improves the quality of life in my community.

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Strongly agree	34%	29%	40%	27%
Agree	36%	48%	32%	34%
Neither agree nor disagree	15%	11%	14%	20%
Disagree	9%	5%	10%	10%
Strongly disagree	4%	6%	2%	7%
Do not know	2%	1%	2%	3%

Q20 Which of the following statements best reflects your experiences with discrimination while living in your community?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
I have not experienced discrimination in my community.	60%	57%	65%	56%
I have experienced some discrimination in my community.	32%	38%	29%	35%
I have experienced significant discrimination in my community.	6%	2%	6%	9%
Do not know	1%	4%	1%	1%

Q21 How much do the arts and cultural resources improve the quality of life in your community? Do you think they:

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Greatly improve life in your community	40%	38%	45%	32%
Somewhat improve life in your community	40%	45%	33%	47%
Do not have an impact on life in your community	17%	16%	18%	15%
Not applicable	2%	0%	1%	4%
Do not know	2%	1%	2%	1%

Q22 Do you agree, disagree, or neither agree nor disagree with the following statement? There is adequate access to affordable housing in my community.

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Strongly agree	3%	6%	3%	2%
Agree	16%	27%	12%	17%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	15%	10%	10%
Disagree	28%	26%	32%	22%
Strongly disagree	35%	22%	35%	43%
Do not know	6%	4%	8%	5%

Q23 How would you rate your community as a place to retire? Would you say it is:

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Excellent	18%	23%	15%	21%
Very good	23%	26%	18%	30%
Good	26%	29%	28%	21%
Fair	18%	9%	20%	21%
Poor	9%	7%	11%	6%
Do not know	5%	5%	7%	1%

Q24 How concerned are you about environmental issues in your community?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Very concerned	40%	37%	44%	37%
Somewhat concerned	29%	36%	28%	25%
Not too concerned	21%	20%	18%	25%
Not at all concerned	9%	6%	8%	13%
Do not know	1%	0%	1%	1%

Q25 Which of the following options best reflects your position on energy development in Colorado? Do you think Colorado should:

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Prioritize renewable energy	41%	37%	44%	39%
Balance renewable energy and fossil fuel energy	42%	40%	40%	46%
Prioritize fossil fuel energy	12%	20%	10%	11%
Do not know	5%	3%	7%	4%

Q26 How much is climate change currently affecting Colorado's environment?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
A great deal	39%	28%	41%	41%
Somewhat	30%	31%	30%	30%
A little	11%	12%	12%	8%
Not at all	15%	24%	10%	18%
Do not know	5%	4%	7%	4%

Q27 Looking ahead, how much do you think climate change will impact Colorado's environment in the future?

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
A great deal	52%	40%	57%	51%
Somewhat	21%	23%	19%	21%
A little	9%	10%	8%	11%
Not at all	14%	22%	11%	14%
Do not know	4%	5%	5%	3%

Please tell me if you are satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with each of the following levels of government.

Q28a Federal Government

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Very satisfied	3%	6%	2%	4%
Somewhat satisfied	26%	27%	22%	31%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	6%	8%	5%	6%
Somewhat dissatisfied	21%	16%	21%	25%
Very dissatisfied	42%	42%	49%	31%
Do not know	2%	1%	2%	3%

Q28b Colorado State Government

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Very satisfied	6%	5%	4%	8%
Somewhat satisfied	43%	49%	40%	44%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	11%	9%	13%	11%
Somewhat dissatisfied	22%	21%	23%	22%
Very dissatisfied	14%	12%	16%	12%
Do not know	3%	4%	4%	3%

Q28c Your county government

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Very satisfied	8%	10%	7%	9%
Somewhat satisfied	48%	51%	46%	48%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	12%	8%	13%	13%
Somewhat dissatisfied	16%	23%	15%	15%
Very dissatisfied	11%	5%	14%	11%
Do not know	5%	3%	6%	4%

Q28d Your city government

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
Very satisfied	11%	8%	14%	7%
Somewhat satisfied	45%	50%	43%	46%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	13%	4%	15%	16%
Somewhat dissatisfied	15%	23%	14%	12%
Very dissatisfied	10%	10%	7%	15%
Do not know	6%	5%	7%	4%

Q29 In the 2016 presidential election held last November, did you vote for:

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
	n=486	n=95	n=255	n=135
Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	45%	41%	49%	38%
Donald Trump, the Republican	35%	40%	30%	41%
Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate	6%	11%	4%	8%
Jill Stein, the Green candidate	1%	0%	1%	2%
Some other candidate	6%	1%	8%	4%
Did not vote for a Presidential candidate	5%	6%	4%	8%
Do not know	2%	1%	3%	0%

Q30 How would you rate the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?
Would you say he is doing:

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
An excellent job	13%	13%	9%	18%
A good job	19%	28%	18%	16%
Only a fair job	12%	11%	10%	17%
A poor job	52%	43%	61%	43%
Do not know	3%	4%	2%	6%

Q31 How would you rate the way John Hickenlooper is handling his job as governor of Colorado? Would you say he is doing:

	CO	Western Slope	Denver Metro	South Central & Eastern
An excellent job	11%	10%	12%	12%
A good job	38%	30%	44%	32%
Only a fair job	23%	30%	20%	24%
A poor job	19%	23%	17%	21%
Do not know	9%	6%	8%	11%

CNTYCAT What is the name of the county you live in?

	N	
Western Slope	104	20%
Denver	269	51%
Southcentral and Eastern	158	30%

AGERANGE What was your age on your last birthday?

18-25	6%
26-40	28%
41-60	34%
61 and over	32%

EDUC These final questions are for statistical purposes only. What was the highest grade level of schooling you have completed?

Non high school graduate	3%
High school graduate or GED	25%
Some college	15%
Associate's or Technical degree	13%
Bachelor's degree	28%
Postgraduate degree	16%

MAR@b What is your current marital status?

Single, never married	21%
Married	56%
Separated	%
Divorced	13%
Widow, widower	9%

IDEO Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be....

Extremely liberal	7%
Slightly liberal	18%
Moderate	32%
Slightly conservative	23%
Extremely conservative	12%
Do not know	8%

PARTY Regardless of how you are registered, in politics, as of today, do you think of yourself as...

Strong Republican	15%
Republican	12%
Lean Republican	11%
Independent	13%
Lean Democrat	23%
Democrat	9%
Strong Democrat	15%
Do not know	2%

LABR Are you, or is any member of your household a member of a labor union?

Yes	11%
No	89%

VET Are you a military veteran?

Yes	14%
No	86%

HISP Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

Yes	11%
No	89%

RACE@a Which of the following categories best describes your racial background?

White	88%
Black or African American	4%
Asian	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%
American Indian, Alaska Native	3%
Other	8%

**Totals may exceed 100% because multiple responses were accepted*

REL Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, some other religion, or not affiliated with any religion?

Protestant	25%
Catholic	16%
Some other religion	16%
Not affiliated with any religion	42%

BAC Do you consider yourself to be a born-again Christian or fundamentalist, or not?

Yes	25%
No	74%
Do not know	2%

WORK Are you currently working...

Full-time	51%
Part-time	12%
Going to school	2%
Something else	6%
Unemployed and looking for work	1%
Disabled	3%
Retired	25%
Do not know	0%

INCOME What is your total annual household income?

Under \$25,000	12%
\$25,001 - \$35,000	9%
\$35,001 - \$50,000	16%
\$50,001 - \$75,000	21%
\$75,001 - \$100,000	18%
Over \$100,000	20%
Do not know	4%

GENDER Are you...

Male	49%
Female	51%



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