



600 likely November 2020 voters on an online poll statewide in Colorado

Field: May 14-18, 2020

Margin of error: + or – 4.0%

Colorado Education Association Statewide Voter Poll – May 2020

1. Are you registered to vote in the state of Colorado?
Yes100%

2. On the voter rolls, are you registered as a Democrat, a Republican, some other party, or are you Unaffiliated with any party?
Democrat 32%
Unaffiliated / No Party / Independent 37%
Republican 30%
Other Party 1%

3. In November there will be an election for President, Congress and state and local ballot issues. What is the chance that you will vote in this election?
Definitely vote 91%
Probably vote 6%
50-50 chances..... 3%
Probably not vote — **Terminate survey**

4. What county do you live in?
Region 1 — Denver / Boulder counties 18%
Region 2 — 5 Suburban counties 39%
Region 3 — El Paso / Pueblo / Larimer / Weld counties..... 26%
Region 4 — Rest of State 16%

5. What is your gender?

Male.....	48%
Female.....	52%
Other.....	*%

6. What year were you born? **Age categories based on birth year identified.**

Average Age.....	50
Age 18 – 34.....	25%
Age 35 – 49.....	26%
Age 50 – 64.....	22%
Age 65+.....	26%
Prefer not to say.....	*%

7. What is the last grade or level of school you have completed?

Did not finish high school.....	*%
High school graduate.....	11%
Some college.....	29%
College graduate.....	35%
Postgraduate courses or graduate degree.....	24%

8. Generally speaking, would you say that Colorado is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

Right direction.....	54%
Wrong direction.....	39%
Don't know / not sure.....	7%

**% denotes less than 1%*

Please indicate if you strongly approve, somewhat favorable, somewhat approve, or somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the job they are doing handling the coronavirus pandemic.

Randomize the list.

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
9. Teachers.....	81%	12%	47%	34%	8%	4%	7%
10. Governor Jared Polis	67%	30%	30%	38%	14%	16%	3%
11. Your mayor or local government.....	66%	28%	19%	48%	17%	12%	5%
12. Your local schools.....	75%	17%	33%	42%	12%	6%	8%

13. If it's considered safe for students and educators to return to school in the fall, which ONE of the following do you feel will be the most important for schools to prioritize?

Randomize the order of the three answer choices.

- Classroom instruction focusing on teaching in order to close student learning gaps..... 61%
- Social and mental health supports for students 26%
- Standardized testing to asses potential student learning gaps due to online instruction..... 13%

14. Honestly speaking, have you seen or heard anything about the state of Colorado facing a budget deficit due to the Coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic, or not?

- Yes 66%
- No 34%

15. Due to the Coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic, the state of Colorado is facing a budget shortfall of about \$3 Billion dollars in state tax revenues.

If the state of Colorado has to cut spending in order to balance the budget, please rank the following six services from 1 to 6 with number 1 being the service you would cut first, to number 6 being the service you would cut last. **Randomize the order of the six choices.**

Rank the following from 1 to 6 with number 1 being the service you would cut first to number 6 being the service you would cut last.

	Cut 1st / 2nd	Cut 1st	Cut 2nd	Cut 3rd	Cut 4th	Cut 5th	Cut 6th
Prisons	47%	31%	16%	14%	11%	9%	18%
Transportation.....	42%	15%	27%	18%	15%	16%	9%
Higher education	37%	19%	18%	24%	18%	13%	8%
Early childhood education.....	33%	15%	18%	19%	21%	19%	8%
Healthcare	22%	11%	11%	15%	21%	16%	26%
K through 12 th grade public schools.....	19%	9%	10%	10%	14%	27%	30%

Rotate the order of questions 16 and 17.

16. In order to close Colorado’s \$3 Billion dollar state budget deficit, do you prefer to cut funding for state services like schools, transportation and health care – OR – do you prefer to avoid those cuts by increasing taxes?

Rotate the order of the two answer choices.

Cut funding for state services like schools, transportation and health care 44%

Avoid those cuts by increasing taxes..... 56%

17. In order to close Colorado’s \$3 Billion dollar state budget deficit, do you prefer to cut funding for K through 12th grade public schools – OR – do you prefer to avoid those cuts by increasing taxes?

Rotate the order of the two answer choices.

Cut funding for K through 12th grade public schools 38%

Avoid those cuts by increasing taxes..... 62%

18. If taxes are increased in order to close Colorado’s \$3 Billion dollar state budget shortfall, some people are considering increasing state income taxes only for households with income above \$250,000.

Do you support or oppose increasing taxes only for households with income above \$250,000 in order to balance the state budget?

Total SUPPORT	71%
Total OPPOSE	23%
<i>Difference</i>	<i>+48%</i>
Support — strongly.....	39%
Support — somewhat.....	33%
Oppose — somewhat	10%
Oppose — strongly.....	13%
Don’t know / not sure	6%

19. In order to close Colorado’s \$3 Billion dollar state budget shortfall, which one of the following three options do you prefer?

Randomize the order of the three choices.

Increase taxes only on those making more than \$250,000	68%
Increase taxes on everyone.....	13%
Don’t increase taxes, instead make cuts to K through 12 th grade public school funding.....	19%

20. If a candidate running for state legislature votes to cut funding for K through 12th grade public schools — Would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate or less likely to vote for that candidate?

More likely to vote for that candidate	17%
Less likely to vote for that candidate	59%
Would make no difference in vote.....	24%

21. If a candidate running for state legislature votes to increase taxes on those making more than \$250,000 per year instead of cutting funding for K through 12th grade public schools — Would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate or less likely to vote for that candidate?

More likely to vote for that candidate	63%
Less likely to vote for that candidate	18%
Would make no difference in vote.....	19%

22. Do you think of yourself more as a Democrat, Republican, or an Independent?

Democrat	34%
Independent	36%
Republican	29%
Other	*%
Prefer not to say	1%

23. Do you have any children age 19 or younger, or not?

Yes, have children age 18 or younger	24%
No, do not have any children age 18 or younger	75%
Prefer not to say	1%

24. Thinking about your approach to political issues, would you describe yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal	28%
Moderate	43%
Conservative	28%
Prefer not to say	1%

25. How would you describe your ethnicity?

Hispanic / Latino/a	10%
African American / Black	3%
White	83%
American Indian / Native American	*%
Asian	3%
Other	1%
Prefer not to say	1%

Survey Method

These poll results are based on a representative sample of 600 online surveys among likely November 2020 voters statewide in Colorado. The distribution of this sample is meant to accurately represent the distribution of November 2020 voters based on party registration, gender, age, region and ethnicity. The poll was conducted from May 14-18, 2020 by Keating Research. The worst case margin of error at the 95% level for the sample of 600 is plus or minus 4.0%.