The Colorado Coronavirus Survey

APRIL 2020
Methodology

• 1,100 Coloradans surveyed online and by phone
• 140-person oversample of African Americans
• Conducted April 15 – April 21
• +/-3.1% margin of error overall
• +/-8.28% margin of error for oversample
• Representative across all Congressional districts
• Weighted based on Census population estimates
Survey Demographics

- Gender:
  - Male: 50%
  - Female: 50%
  - Identify differently: 22%

- Ethnicity:
  - Not Hispanic: 78%
  - Hispanic: 22%

- Race:
  - White: 88%
  - Black or African American: 4%
  - Asian or Asian American: 2%
  - Other: 5%
  - Refused: 1%

- Age:
  - 18-29: 22%
  - 30-34: 17%
  - 35-44: 16%
  - 45-54: 15%
  - 55-64: 19%
  - 65+: 1%
Survey Demographics

Income Distribution:
- Less than $20,000: 11%
- $20,000 - $30,000: 9%
- $30,000 - $40,000: 9%
- $40,000 - $50,000: 12%
- $50,000 - $75,000: 13%
- $75,000 - $90,000: 9%
- $90,000 - $100,000: 5%
- $100,000 or more: 25%
- Refused: 8%

Housing Status Distribution:
- Rent: 28%
- Own: 66%
- Other: 4%
- Refused: 2%

Marital Status Distribution:
- Married: 52%
- Single, Never Married: 26%
- Separated or Divorced: 10%
- Widowed: 5%
- Single, Living with Partner: 5%
- Refused: 2%
Survey Demographics

- **LIVE WITH OTHERS**
  - 80%
- **LIVE ALONE**
  - 18%
- **REFUSED**
  - 2%

- **BORN IN US**
  - 94%
- **BORN IN ANOTHER COUNTRY**
  - 5%
- **REFUSED**
  - 1%

- **YES KIDS**
  - 71%
- **NO KIDS**
  - 27%
- **REFUSED**
  - 2%

- **EDUCATION LEVEL**
  - Some High School: 3%
  - High School Graduate: 16%
  - Technical/Vocational: 3%
  - Some College, No Degree: 15%
  - Two Year Degree: 12%
  - Four Year Degree: 30%
  - Post Graduate Degree: 19%
  - Refused: 2%
Survey Demographics

- Covered: 89%
- Not Covered: 9%
- Unsure/Refused: 2%

Bar chart showing the distribution of coverage types:

- Employer Plan: 37%
- Medicare: 19%
- Spouse's Employer Plan: 12%
- Plan Purchased Yourself: 11%
- Plan Through Parents: 8%
- Military or VA: 5%
- Other: 3%
Survey Demographics

Have you or someone you know tested positive for coronavirus?

- Yes: 78%
- No: 21%
- Refused: 1%

Have you or someone else in your household been unable to get a coronavirus test when you or they tried to get one?

- Yes: 12%
- No: 84%
- Refused: 4%

Have you or anyone in your family experienced symptoms of the coronavirus, including a high fever, tiredness, a dry cough, or difficulty breathing either now or at some point in the last month?

- Yes: 18%
- No: 81%
- Refused: 1%
The Data

EXAMPLE: THE TOPLINE DATA

- 25%
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EXAMPLE: KEY POPULATION SUB-GROUP DATA

- HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILD 18 OR YOUNGER
  - 25%

- PEOPLE LIVING ON LOW INCOMES
  - 50%

- RESPONDENTS WHO LOST JOB, INCOME, HOURS
  - 75%
Initial Reflections
How much, if at all, has your life been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak?

- A LOT: 51%
- SOME: 35%
- NOT TOO MUCH: 11%
- NOT AT ALL: 3%

- Households with child 18 or younger: 58%
- People living on low incomes: 57%
- Respondents who lost job, income, hours: 63%
Which of the following best describes your feelings about the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S.?

- 43% WORST IS YET TO COME
- 35% WORST IS BEHIND US
- 21% Unsure/Don't know
- 1% Refused

For different demographics:
- **Women**: 48%
- **Hispanic**: 50%
- **Black/African American**: 55%
- **People living on less than $30,000**: 50%
In your own words, what worries you the MOST about the coronavirus outbreak at this time?

“I am worried about opening things too soon. People are thinking that everything is okay. People are trying to go back to normal, but things are getting worse.”
-Female, 18-29, Weld County

“I am worried about my kids and their sports and education activities.”
-Male, 30-34, Jefferson County

“I would have to say it is the economy. I’m trying to figure out how everybody is going to bounce back. There might be lost jobs and layoffs. Imports, exports, and small businesses have been closed because of COVID-19. I’m worried how it will affect the economy. ”
-Female, 30-34, Mesa County

“What worries me the most is my finances. I lost my job directly because of the virus.”
-Male, 18-29, Denver County

“I worry about money. I can’t pay my bills.”
-Male, 18-29, Adams County

“It would be the economy getting back and running.”
-Male, 30-34, Las Animas County

“It is sad to say that hospitals are being overloaded. I am worried about the health care availability and controlling the spread.”
-Male, 30-34, Pueblo County

“I still have to work because I’m part of the essential team but everyone not wearing gloves or a mask and not being 6 ft apart is worrying me because I’m trying to keep my family safe when I get home from work.”
-Female, 40-44, Denver County
Jobs and Employment
Have you or someone in your household lost a job, lost income or had paid hours reduced as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?

- Yes, Lost a Job: 16%
- Yes, Lost Income: 18%
- Yes, Had Hours Reduced: 13%
- No, Still Working: 33%
- No, Not Working Before: 17%

Total Yes: 47%

TOTAL YES | TOTAL NO | REFUSED
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50% | 47% | 3%
How concerned are you that you or someone in your household will lose your job, lose income or have paid hours reduced within the next six months?

- VERY CONCERNED: 27%
- SOMEWHAT CONCERNED: 18%
- NOT TOO CONCERNED: 23%
- NOT CONCERNED AT ALL: 2%
- UNSURE/REFUSED: 30%

- THOSE WHO HAVE LOST JOB, INCOME, HOURS: 80%
- HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILD 18 OR YOUNGER: 68%
- HISPANIC: 67%
- PEOPLE LIVING ON LESS THAN $30,000: 62%

TOTAL VERY AND SOMEWHAT CONCERNED
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Have you been working outside your home during the coronavirus outbreak, or have you been working from home?

- **Work from Home**: 51%
- **Work outside the home**: 36%
- **Unsure/Refused**: 13%
Financial Insecurity
How has the coronavirus outbreak affected your financial situation? Is it better than it was before, about the same, or worse than before?
One year from today, do you think your financial situation will be better than it is now, about the same, or worse than it is now?

- BETTER THAN IT IS NOW: 35%
- ABOUT THE SAME: 17%
- TOTAL WORSE: 5%
- DON'T KNOW/REFUSED: 17%

26% of Black / African American respondents say they think their financial situation will be worse than it is now.
Before the coronavirus outbreak started, how difficult was it for you and your family to pay for the basic necessities of daily life, such as food, housing, utilities, and healthcare?

- Very Difficult: 4%
- Somewhat Difficult: 15%
- Not Too Difficult: 31%
- Not Difficult At All: 49%
- Refused: 0%

Since the coronavirus outbreak started, how difficult has it been for you and your family to pay for the basic necessities of daily life, such as food, housing, utilities, and healthcare?

- Very Difficult: 1%
- Somewhat Difficult: 11%
- Not Too Difficult: 29%
- Not Difficult At All: 35%
- Refused: 24%
Before the coronavirus outbreak started, how difficult was it for you and your family to pay for the basic necessities of daily life, such as food, housing, utilities, and healthcare?
Since the coronavirus outbreak started, how difficult has it been for you and your family to pay for the basic necessities of daily life, such as food, housing, utilities, and healthcare?

Very and Somewhat Difficult: 35%

- Very Difficult: 61%
- Some Difficult: 49%
- Not Difficult: 42%
- Hispanic: 45%

People living on less than $30,000: 49%

People ages 18-29: 42%

Total very and somewhat difficult: 35%
Please tell me how worried you are about paying for each necessity in the next twelve months.

- **Mortgage or Rent**:
  - Very Worried: 14%
  - Somewhat Worried: 22%
  - Not Too Worried: 22%
  - Not Worried at All: 41%
  - Unsure/No Opinion: 1%

- **Health Care**:
  - Very Worried: 13%
  - Somewhat Worried: 23%
  - Not Too Worried: 23%
  - Not Worried at All: 40%
  - Unsure/No Opinion: 1%

- **Food**:
  - Very Worried: 10%
  - Somewhat Worried: 20%
  - Not Too Worried: 26%
  - Not Worried at All: 43%
  - Unsure/No Opinion: 1%

- **Prescriptions and Medications**:
  - Very Worried: 9%
  - Somewhat Worried: 17%
  - Not Too Worried: 26%
  - Not Worried at All: 46%
  - Unsure/No Opinion: 2%

- **Utilities Such as Power and Water**:
  - Very Worried: 10%
  - Somewhat Worried: 18%
  - Not Too Worried: 27%
  - Not Worried at All: 44%
  - Unsure/No Opinion: 1%
Mental Health
In your own words, please describe how your mood, emotions, or mental health have been affected by the response to the coronavirus.

“I’ve felt very trapped and alone.”
-Female, 18-29, Weld County

“I am optimistic and nervous at the same time. There are times when you get stressed or worried about the news, but you try to stay calm.”
-Male, 18-29, Jefferson County

“I am pregnant so being locked in the house during this time has been pretty hard. I miss being out in society and seeing my friends. Family has had to cancel travel to visit us and we cancelled my baby shower, so it has been really depressing. But I am glad we’re all still working and saving more money than usual during this time.”
-Female, 30-34, Arapahoe County

“I am unsure and fearful of the unknown and what is going to happen.”
-Male, 30-34, Pueblo County

“I would say that it affected my post-traumatic stress disorder and my anxiety.”
-Male, 35-39, Mesa County

“I am more stressed out than normal. I have more concerns about my family members health.”
-Male, 60-64, Douglas County

“This is insanity. Glad I’ve saved money on gas. Do not like online school. I feel deprived of life.”
-Female, 40-44, Pueblo County

“I feel a great deal of anxiety. I don’t know, I’m just trying to get day by day. I’m very isolated while this thing is going on.”
-Male, 40-44, Lake County

“Do not have kids. It has been very stressful working from home and helping them with online schooling.”
-Female, 40-44, Jefferson County

The Colorado Health Foundation"
Do you feel that worry or stress related to the coronavirus has had a negative impact on your mental health, or not?

- **Total Yes, Negative Impact**: 53%
- **No Negative Impact on Mental Health**: 46%
- **Refused**: 1%

**Major Negative Impact**: 19%

**Minor Negative Impact**: 34%

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**People Living on Less Than $30,000**:
- **Major Impact**: 26%
- **Minor Impact**: 33%

**Respondents with No Health Insurance**:
- **Major Impact**: 35%
- **Minor Impact**: 34%

**People Ages 18-29**:
- **Major Impact**: 31%
- **Minor Impact**: 38%

**Households with Child 18 or Younger**:
- **Major Impact**: 24%
- **Minor Impact**: 40%

**Respondents Who Lost Job, Income, Hours**:
- **Major Impact**: 28%
- **Minor Impact**: 34%

**Women**:
- **Major Impact**: 24%
- **Minor Impact**: 37%
How concerned are you about any lasting, negative impacts the coronavirus may have on your mental health or that of someone in your household?

**Very + Somewhat Concerned 46%**

- Very Concerned: 26%
- Somewhat Concerned: 13%
- Not Too Concerned: 27%
- Not Concerned At All: 33%
- Unsure/Refused: 1%

**THOSE WHO FEEL WORRY OR STRESS HAS HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THEM**

- People Ages 18-29: 60%
- Hispanic: 55%
- People Living on Less Than $30,000: 55%
- Women: 53%
- Black/African American: 51%

**Total Very and Somewhat Concerned**

- 67%
How worried are you that people in Colorado who need help and support for their mental health will be unable to get it during the coronavirus outbreak?

Very and Somewhat Worried: 72%

- People with disabilities: 82%
- People living on less than $30,000: 80%
- Those who have lost job, income, hours: 80%
- Households with child 18 or younger: 79%
- Hispanic: 77%
Housing and Homelessness
Please tell me how worried you are about paying for the mortgage or rent in the next twelve months.

**Very and Somewhat Worried: 36%**

- **Very Worried:** 41%
- **Somewhat Worried:** 22%
- **Not Too Worried:** 22%
- **Not Worried At All:** 14%
- **Refused:** 1%

![Very and Somewhat Worried Chart]

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Please tell me how worried you are about paying for *utilities* in the next twelve months.
How worried are you that help will not be available for people who are homeless or struggling to afford their rent or mortgage during the coronavirus outbreak?

94% of those who are currently having difficulties paying for basic necessities are very or somewhat worried.
Please tell me if you think the government should do more, about the same, or do less than it was doing prior to the coronavirus outbreak to assist Coloradans who are homeless.
Please tell me if you think the government should do more, about the same, or do less than it was doing prior to the coronavirus outbreak to assist Coloradans who are struggling to pay their rent or mortgage.
Hunger and Food Insecurity
Please tell me how worried you are about paying for *food* in the next twelve months.

- **Very and Somewhat Worried**: 30%
- **Very Worried**: 43%
- **Somedewhat Worried**: 20%
- **Not Too Worried**: 26%
- **Not Worried At All**: 10%
- **Refused**: 1%

**People Living on Less Than $30,000**
- **Hispanic**: 53%
- **Those Who Lost Job, Income, Hours**: 45%
- **People Ages 18-29**: 40%
- **Black/African American**: 39%
- **36% Very and Somewhat Worried**
How worried are you that programs meant to support people who are hungry will be unable to meet the needs of Coloradans who are not able to afford food?

Very and Somewhat Worried 76%

- Very Worried
- Somewhat Worried
- Not Too Worried
- Not Worried at All
- Refused

- People Ages 18-29: 84%
- People Living on Less Than $30,000: 82%
- Those Who Lost Job, Income, Hours: 81%
- Hispanic: 81%
- Black/African American: 81%

The Colorado Health Foundation
Please tell me if you think the government should do more, about the same, or do less than it was doing prior to the coronavirus outbreak to assist Coloradans who can’t afford food.

61% DO MORE
32% DO ABOUT THE SAME
5% DO LESS
5% UNSURE/REFUSED

HISPANIC
70%

PEOPLE LIVING ON LESS THAN $30,000
73%

BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
74%
Public Health and Health Care
Please tell me how worried you are about paying for *prescriptions and medications* in the next twelve months.
Please tell me how worried you are about paying for health care in the next twelve months.
How worried are you that essential workers like doctors and nurses, grocery store staff, and public safety officers do not have the necessary personal protective equipment while they work?

Very and Somewhat Worried 76%

- Very Worried: 84%
- Not Too Worried: 83%
- Somewhat Worried: 80%
- Not Worried at All: 15%
- Refused: 8%

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How worried are you that your local hospital will run out of necessary equipment like beds or ventilators to treat patients?

- Very and Somewhat Worried: 60%
- Very Worried: 14%
- Somewhat Worried: 23%
- Not Too Worried: 25%
- Not Worried At All: 37%
- Refused: 1%

- Black/African American: 75%
- People Ages 18-29: 72%
- People Living On Less Than $30,000: 70%
- Hispanic: 68%
Please tell me if you think the government should do more, about the same, or do less than it was doing prior to the coronavirus outbreak to make health care more affordable.
Please tell me if you think the government should do more, about the same, or do less than it was doing prior to the coronavirus outbreak to ensure paid sick leave, family leave and medical leave for workers.
Policy and Government Response
Who should take the lead in coordinating the response to the coronavirus? The federal government or the states?

- 56% Federal Government
- 35% State Government
- 8% Unsure/No Opinion
- 1% Refused
Please tell me if you think their response to the coronavirus has been excellent, good, fair or poor.

- **THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**
  - Excellent: 12%
  - Good: 25%
  - Fair: 22%
  - Poor: 38%
  - Unsure/Refused: 3%

- **YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
  - Excellent: 18%
  - Good: 42%
  - Fair: 27%
  - Poor: 10%
  - Unsure/Refused: 3%

- **COLORADO STATE GOVERNMENT**
  - Excellent: 22%
  - Good: 40%
  - Fair: 25%
  - Poor: 11%
  - Unsure/Refused: 2%

- **YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**
  - Excellent: 23%
  - Good: 40%
  - Fair: 18%
  - Poor: 6%
  - Unsure/Refused: 13%
Please tell me how trustworthy you think each is when it comes to providing accurate information about the coronavirus.

CO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT:
- Extremely trustworthy: 14%
- Very trustworthy: 43%
- Somewhat trustworthy: 34%
- Not trustworthy at all: 5%
- Unsure/Refused: 4%

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL "CDC":
- Extremely trustworthy: 18%
- Very trustworthy: 37%
- Somewhat trustworthy: 35%
- Not trustworthy at all: 7%
- Unsure/Refused: 3%

GOVERNOR POLIS:
- Extremely trustworthy: 16%
- Very trustworthy: 34%
- Somewhat trustworthy: 31%
- Not trustworthy at all: 14%
- Unsure/Refused: 5%

PRESIDENT TRUMP:
- Extremely trustworthy: 12%
- Very trustworthy: 17%
- Somewhat trustworthy: 22%
- Not trustworthy at all: 46%
- Unsure/Refused: 3%

THE NEWS MEDIA:
- Extremely trustworthy: 5%
- Very trustworthy: 15%
- Somewhat trustworthy: 41%
- Not trustworthy at all: 36%
- Unsure/Refused: 3%
Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

Option A: Colorado should take measures aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus while more widespread testing becomes available, even if that means many businesses will have to stay closed.

OR...

Option B: Colorado should ease up on measures aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus soon, in order to open businesses and get the economy going again, even if that means more people would get coronavirus and could die.
Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

- 64%: OPTION A - SHOULD TAKE MEASURES KEEP BUSINESSES CLOSED
- 29%: OPTION B - SHOULD EASE UP ON MEASURES OPEN BUSINESSES
- 6%: UNSURE/NO OPINION
- 1%: REFUSED

For those who have lost job, income, hours:
- 64%: PEOPLE LIVING ON LESS THAN $30,000
- 69%: THOSE WHO HAVE LOST JOB, INCOME, HOURS

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Please tell me if you think the government should do more, about the same, or do less than it was doing prior to the coronavirus outbreak.

- **Making Health Care More Affordable**: 65% do more, 24% about the same, 9% do less, 2% unsure/refused.
- **Assistance to Coloradans Who Can’t Afford Food**: 61% do more, 32% about the same, 5% do less, 2% unsure/refused.
- **Assistance to Coloradans Who Are Struggling to Pay Their Rent or Mortgage**: 59% do more, 31% about the same, 7% do less, 3% unsure/refused.
- **Assistance to Coloradans Who Are Homeless**: 58% do more, 34% about the same, 5% do less, 3% unsure/refused.
- **Paid Sick Leave, Family Leave and Medical Leave for Workers**: 54% do more, 35% about the same, 8% do less, 3% unsure/refused.
Which comes closer to your point of view?

Some people have said after the coronavirus outbreak is under control the way we live, socialize and work will return to how it was before the coronavirus outbreak.

While other people say that the way we live, socialize and work will change significantly as a result of our experience with coronavirus.