



600 likely November 2022 voters in Colorado

Field: February 24 - 27, 2022

Margin of Error: $\pm 4.0\%$

Colorado K-12 Issues Poll — February 2022 — Topline Results

Hello, I'm calling from **XXX**. I'm not selling anything. We're doing a survey here in Colorado on some topics that I'm sure you will find interesting.

S1. Are you registered to vote in Colorado?

Yes.....	100%
No.....	-

SP. On the voter rolls, are you registered as a Democrat, a Republican, or are you Unaffiliated with any party?

Democrat	31%
Unaffiliated / No Party / Independent.....	38%
Republican	30%
Other Party.....	1%

SR. What county do you live in?

Denver / Boulder.....	18%
Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Douglas, Jefferson.....	38%
El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, Weld	27%
53 Rural Counties	17%

S4. What are the chances that you will vote in the November election for Governor, Congress and state and local ballot measures – will you definitely vote, probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or will you probably not vote?

Definitely vote.....	87%
Probably vote	13%
50-50 chances	-
Probably not vote.....	-

5. Which ONE of the following would you say is the most important issue facing Colorado?

Randomize order.

Jobs, the economy, and cost of living	38%
Education and schools	13%
Crime and public safety	13%
COVID-19 pandemic	6%
Immigration	5%
Health care	4%
Transportation and Roads.....	4%
Taxes	3%
Abortion	2%
Something else.....	7%
Don't know / not sure	4%

6. And when it comes to issues related to schools and K-12 education, would you say you are generally – more likely to trust Democrats or more likely to trust Republicans? **Rotate the order of Democrats and Republicans.**

More likely to trust Democrats	43%
More likely to trust Republicans	37%
Neither	15%
Don't know / not sure	6%

As you may know, the Colorado state legislature is currently in session and lawmakers are considering some proposals related to K-12 education. Now I'd like to read some specific proposals being discussed. Keeping in mind that it is difficult for everything to be equally important, please tell me how important each one of these is to you – extremely important, very important, not very important, or not at all important? **Randomize the order of the items on the list.**

<i>Ranked by Importance</i>	Important	Not Important	Extremely Important	Very Important	Not Very Important	Not at all Important	Don't know
9. Provide resources and support to students who are falling behind so teachers can make sure every student has an opportunity to get back on track.....	83%	14%	33%	50%	11%	3%	3%
12. Address teacher shortages and ending school closures due to workforce shortages by allowing retired educators to serve as substitute teachers in high needs districts so every classroom is led by a qualified teacher ..	82%	14%	33%	50%	10%	4%	3%
10. Provide critical mental health resources - such as counselors - to support students and educators	78%	20%	34%	44%	14%	6%	2%
17. Increase funding for special education to ensure that students most in need of supports due to pandemic disruptions get the support they need	78%	19%	27%	51%	13%	6%	3%

<i>Continued ...</i>	Important	Not Important	Extremely Important	Very Important	Not Very Important	Not at all Important	Don't know
13. Strengthen campaign finance laws so that special interest groups and wealthy individuals are not allowed to give unlimited donations to candidates in school board elections	75%	21%	39%	36%	14%	7%	4%
14. Increase funding for all school and districts to reduce classroom sizes and ensure consistency in funding in all districts.....	73%	24%	35%	39%	17%	7%	2%
11. Expand access to concurrent enrollment so students can take college courses in high school without paying tuition	73%	24%	25%	48%	18%	6%	3%
8. Improve student outcomes by directing intervention and resources to areas most impacted by learning loss.	72%	22%	22%	50%	17%	5%	7%
16. Expand healthy, free meals for public school students	71%	26%	29%	42%	19%	7%	3%
19. Provide schools with funding to install security upgrades to create safer and more secure learning environments.....	70%	26%	24%	46%	21%	5%	4%

<i>Continued ...</i>	Important	Not Important	Extremely Important	Very Important	Not Very Important	Not at all Important	Don't know
7. Address unfinished learning caused by the pandemic by measuring student performance so teachers and policymakers can better understand student needs.	70%	25%	21%	49%	16%	9%	5%
15. Expand access to neighborhood youth organizations that serve students with evidence based age-appropriate supports and activities outside of the school day	65%	29%	19%	46%	22%	7%	6%
18. Use pandemic-related federal funds to create programs that prepare students to access high paying jobs and meet workforce needs	63%	31%	18%	45%	23%	9%	6%
20. Require that every teacher post their full curriculum and all lesson plans on the district website so anyone can see what is being taught and can weigh in.....	53%	44%	24%	29%	24%	20%	3%

Demographic questions

And finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only...

D21. How would you describe your gender

Male	48%
Female.....	52%
Prefer to self-describe.....	*%

D22. Could you please tell me your age?

18-24	4%
25-29	7%
30-34	10%
35-39	10%
40-44	9%
45-49	8%
50-54	7%
55-59	8%
60-64	9%
65-69	11%
70+	16%

D23. Are you the parent or guardian of any K through 12th grade school age child or children?

Yes.....	28%
No	71%
Prefer not to say.....	1%

D24. What is the last grade or level of school you have completed?

Less than high school degree	1%
High school graduate	9%
Some college / 2 year degree / Associates degree	30%
College graduate / BA or BS degree	37%
Postgraduate courses / Masters or Doctoral degree	21%
Don't know / Prefer not to say.....	1%

D25. Do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or an Independent? **If Democrat, ask:**
 Would you call yourself a strong Democrat, or a not very strong Democrat? **If Republican, ask:**
 Would you call yourself a strong Republican, or a not very strong Republican?

Democrat	34%
Independent	34%
Republican	31%
Strong Democrat	24%
Not strong Democrat	10%
Independent.....	34%
Not strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	21%
Other party	1%
Don't know / not sure	1%

D26. Just to be sure we are representing everybody, how would you describe you ethnicity?

Hispanic / Latino/a / Latinx	10%
White	80%
Black / African American.....	3%
Asian.....	2%
Native American / American Indian	1%
Other Specify	2%
Don't know / refused	2%

The **Colorado Statewide K-12 Issues Poll — February 2022** results are based on a sample of 600 likely November 2022 voters, including 300 live-interviewer telephone surveys (258 cell-phone interviews and 42 land-line interviews) and 300 surveys conducted via an online panel. The results in this poll are weighted to accurately represent the distribution of likely November 2022 voters statewide in Colorado based on party registration, gender, age, region, vote history and ethnicity. The worst-case margin of error at the 95% level for the full sample of 600 respondents is plus or minus 4.0%. The poll was conducted from February 24-27, 2022, by Keating Research.