

Aurora, CO Survey Results

Q1 Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: When it comes to addressing issues related to drug use, Colorado should focus more on prevention and treatment and less on punishment and incarceration.

Strongly agree 46%
Somewhat agree 25%
Somewhat disagree 12%
Strongly disagree 11%
Not sure 5%

Q2 In 2019, Colorado reduced the penalty for possession of illegal drugs for personal use from a felony to a misdemeanor in order to reduce the number of people being sent to prison for low-level drug offenses. Some legislators now say they want to increase the penalty for possession and make it a felony again. Would you support or oppose increasing the penalty for drug possession from a misdemeanor to a felony?

Support 32%
Oppose 53%
Not sure 15%

Q3 If the Legislature increases the penalty for drug possession for personal use from a misdemeanor to a felony, Colorado will need to open another prison. When it comes to addressing drug use in Colorado, do you think the Legislature should increase the penalty for possession to a felony and open another prison, or keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment?

Think the Legislature should increase the penalty for possession to a felony and open another prison 27%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment 60%
Not sure 12%

Q4 If your elected officials voted to increase the penalty for drug possession for personal use from a misdemeanor to a felony, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for them, or would it not make a difference?

More likely 27%
Less likely 41%
It wouldn't make a difference 22%
Not sure 11%

Q5 Do you have a close family member or friend who has experienced drug addiction?

Yes 47%
No 43%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure 10%

Q6 If you're a woman, press 1. If you're a man, press 2. If you are gender non-binary, press 3.

Woman 52%
Man 46%
Gender non-binary 2%

Q7 If you're a Democrat, press 1. If you're a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or unaffiliated, press 3.

Democrat 43%
Republican 18%
Independent / Unaffiliated 39%

Q8 If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If you are white, press 2. If you are African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic or Latino 19%
White 55%
African-American 17%
Other 8%

Q9 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45.....	37%
46 to 65.....	38%
Older than 65.....	25%

Q10 What is the highest level of education you have received: high school graduate or less, some college but did not finish, 2-year college degree, 4-year college degree, or post-graduate degree?

High school graduate or less	20%
Some college but did not finish.....	25%
2-year college degree	10%
4-year college degree	30%
Post-graduate degree	14%

Q11 Mode

Landline	27%
Text	73%

	Base	Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to answer / Not sure
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree				
Strongly agree	47%	49%	47%	37%
Somewhat agree	24%	18%	33%	14%
Somewhat disagree	13%	15%	8%	21%
Strongly disagree	11%	14%	6%	20%
Not sure	5%	3%	6%	8%

	Base	Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to answer / Not sure
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	31%	32%	30%	33%
Oppose	54%	57%	53%	46%
Not sure	14%	11%	17%	21%

	Base	Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to answer / Not sure
Think Legislature Should Open Another Prison / Invest in Prevention				
Think the Legislature should increase the penalty for possession to a felony and open another prison	27%	32%	23%	24%
Think the Legislature should keep the pena- lty for possession a misdemeanor and inv- est in prevention and treatment	61%	59%	65%	52%
Not sure	12%	9%	12%	25%

	Base	Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to answer / Not sure
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote				
More likely	27%	30%	24%	21%
Less likely	41%	44%	42%	28%
It wouldn't make a difference	22%	16%	25%	35%
Not sure	10%	10%	9%	16%

	Base	Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to answer / Not sure
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	47%	100%	-	-
No	43%	-	100%	-
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	-	-	100%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree				
Strongly agree	46%	50%	43%	32%
Somewhat agree	25%	30%	21%	4%
Somewhat disagree	12%	10%	15%	10%
Strongly disagree	11%	6%	16%	25%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%	28%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	32%	28%	36%	17%
Oppose	53%	53%	53%	43%
Not sure	15%	19%	10%	39%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
Think Legislature Should Open Another Prison / Invest in Prevention				
Think the Legislature should increase the penalty for possession to a felony and open another prison	27%	23%	32%	25%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	60%	65%	57%	41%
Not sure	12%	12%	12%	34%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote				
More likely	27%	19%	36%	17%
Less likely	41%	40%	41%	61%
It wouldn't make a difference	22%	27%	16%	15%
Not sure	11%	14%	6%	7%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	47%	46%	47%	85%
No	43%	44%	45%	-
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	10%	8%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree				
Strongly agree	46%	62%	24%	39%
Somewhat agree	25%	23%	22%	29%
Somewhat disagree	12%	8%	25%	12%
Strongly disagree	11%	5%	24%	12%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	32%	23%	59%	29%
Oppose	53%	64%	29%	52%
Not sure	15%	14%	12%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
Think Legislature Should Open Another Prison / Invest in Prevention				
Think the Legislature should increase the penalty for possession to a felony and open another prison	27%	17%	48%	29%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	60%	74%	41%	55%
Not sure	12%	9%	11%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote				
More likely	27%	14%	49%	30%
Less likely	41%	51%	22%	39%
It wouldn't make a difference	22%	25%	20%	19%
Not sure	11%	10%	9%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	47%	43%	50%	49%
No	43%	45%	40%	44%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	12%	10%	7%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic or Latino	White	African-American	Other
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree					
Strongly agree	46%	60%	44%	39%	44%
Somewhat agree	25%	15%	25%	35%	30%
Somewhat disagree	12%	19%	12%	10%	7%
Strongly disagree	11%	3%	14%	9%	12%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	7%	6%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic or Latino	White	African- American	Other
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose					
Support	32%	34%	34%	26%	23%
Oppose	53%	55%	52%	51%	62%
Not sure	15%	12%	14%	23%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic or Latino	White	African- American	Other
Think Legislature Should Open Another Prison / Invest in Prevention					
Think the Legislature should increase the penalty for possession to a felony and open another prison	27%	33%	30%	15%	21%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	60%	55%	59%	67%	67%
Not sure	12%	11%	11%	17%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic or Latino	White	African- American	Other
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote					
More likely	27%	38%	27%	14%	23%
Less likely	41%	36%	42%	40%	50%
It wouldn't make a difference	22%	21%	18%	35%	18%
Not sure	11%	5%	13%	10%	9%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic or Latino	White	African- American	Other
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No					
Yes	47%	46%	49%	32%	60%
No	43%	41%	44%	50%	33%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	12%	7%	18%	7%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree				
Strongly agree	46%	56%	42%	38%
Somewhat agree	25%	18%	29%	31%
Somewhat disagree	12%	12%	14%	12%
Strongly disagree	11%	11%	10%	12%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	7%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	32%	27%	31%	40%
Oppose	53%	59%	55%	41%
Not sure	15%	14%	14%	19%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Think Legislature Should Open Another Prison / Invest in Prevention				
Think the Legislature should increase the penalty for possession to a felony and open another prison	27%	25%	26%	32%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	60%	62%	65%	51%
Not sure	12%	13%	9%	17%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote				
More likely	27%	25%	26%	31%
Less likely	41%	45%	45%	28%
It wouldn't make a difference	22%	18%	20%	31%
Not sure	11%	12%	9%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	47%	52%	52%	31%
No	43%	34%	42%	62%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	15%	7%	6%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree						
Strongly agree	46%	38%	38%	51%	55%	51%
Somewhat agree	25%	28%	26%	26%	22%	28%
Somewhat disagree	12%	16%	15%	8%	11%	8%
Strongly disagree	11%	13%	13%	11%	8%	10%
Not sure	5%	5%	8%	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose						
Support	32%	43%	32%	29%	29%	25%
Oppose	53%	40%	50%	49%	60%	62%
Not sure	15%	17%	18%	21%	11%	13%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
Think Legislature Should Open Another Prison / Invest in Prevention						
Think the Legislature should increase the penalty for possession to a felony and open another prison	27%	42%	26%	21%	23%	22%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	60%	46%	61%	60%	66%	69%
Not sure	12%	11%	13%	19%	11%	10%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote						
More likely	27%	50%	30%	15%	18%	19%
Less likely	41%	24%	37%	51%	43%	59%
It wouldn't make a difference	22%	19%	25%	19%	24%	16%
Not sure	11%	7%	8%	15%	15%	6%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No						
Yes	47%	52%	46%	45%	45%	48%
No	43%	39%	42%	45%	45%	47%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	9%	12%	10%	10%	5%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree			
Strongly agree	46%	40%	49%
Somewhat agree	25%	31%	23%
Somewhat disagree	12%	14%	12%
Strongly disagree	11%	8%	12%
Not sure	5%	8%	4%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose			
Support	32%	43%	28%
Oppose	53%	37%	59%
Not sure	15%	20%	14%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
Think Legislature Should Open Another Prison / Invest in Prevention			
Think the Legislature should increase the penalty for possession to a felony and open another prison	27%	38%	23%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	60%	50%	64%
Not sure	12%	13%	12%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote			
More likely	27%	28%	26%
Less likely	41%	30%	45%
It wouldn't make a difference	22%	35%	18%
Not sure	11%	8%	11%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No			
Yes	47%	33%	51%
No	43%	56%	40%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	11%	9%