

Colorado 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 50%
Somewhat agree 23%
Somewhat disagree 12%
Strongly disagree 12%
Not sure 2%

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 31%
Oppose 56%
Not sure 13%

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 24%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment 65%
Not sure 11%

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 24%
Less likely 42%
It wouldn't make a difference 26%
Not sure 8%

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

Yes 51%
No 39%
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 34%
Republican 27%
Independent / Unaffiliated 39%

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

Hispanic or Latino 13%
White 78%
Other 10%

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 39%
Older than 65 24%

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?

<i>High school graduate or less</i>	18%
<i>Some college but did not finish</i>	20%
<i>2-year college degree</i>	10%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	32%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	19%

Q11 Mode

<i>Landline</i>	32%
<i>Text</i>	68%

	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	50%	53%	48%	45%
Somewhat agree	24%	21%	27%	28%
Somewhat disagree	12%	12%	10%	15%
Strongly disagree	13%	13%	14%	4%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	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%	31%	35%	14%
Oppose	57%	62%	49%	58%
Not sure	13%	7%	16%	28%

	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	23%	23%	26%	14%
Think the Legislature should keep the pena- lty for possession a misdemeanor and inv- est in prevention and treatment	66%	69%	63%	65%
Not sure	10%	8%	11%	21%

	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	24%	25%	26%	15%
Less likely	42%	46%	33%	57%
It wouldn't make a difference	26%	21%	31%	25%
Not sure	8%	8%	9%	3%

	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	51%	100%	-	-
No	39%	-	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	50%	51%	50%	27%
Somewhat agree	23%	27%	20%	11%
Somewhat disagree	12%	9%	15%	16%
Strongly disagree	12%	11%	13%	25%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	20%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	31%	32%	31%	25%
Oppose	56%	54%	59%	31%
Not sure	13%	14%	11%	44%

	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	24%	24%	23%	33%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	65%	65%	67%	37%
Not sure	11%	11%	10%	30%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote				
More likely	24%	24%	23%	38%
Less likely	42%	37%	48%	40%
It wouldn't make a difference	26%	27%	25%	16%
Not sure	8%	12%	4%	6%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	51%	51%	53%	22%
No	39%	40%	38%	28%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	9%	9%	50%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree				
Strongly agree	50%	67%	25%	53%
Somewhat agree	23%	23%	24%	23%
Somewhat disagree	12%	6%	21%	12%
Strongly disagree	12%	3%	27%	10%
Not sure	2%	1%	3%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	31%	20%	54%	24%
Oppose	56%	72%	33%	57%
Not sure	13%	8%	13%	18%

	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	24%	13%	46%	18%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	65%	83%	44%	65%
Not sure	11%	4%	10%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote				
More likely	24%	15%	45%	17%
Less likely	42%	52%	19%	49%
It wouldn't make a difference	26%	23%	29%	26%
Not sure	8%	10%	7%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	51%	50%	49%	53%
No	39%	41%	45%	32%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	9%	6%	14%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic or Latino	White	Other
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree				
Strongly agree	50%	57%	49%	53%
Somewhat agree	23%	26%	24%	15%
Somewhat disagree	12%	9%	12%	17%
Strongly disagree	12%	1%	14%	15%
Not sure	2%	7%	1%	-

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic or Latino	White	Other
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	31%	34%	31%	28%
Oppose	56%	55%	56%	58%
Not sure	13%	11%	13%	15%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic or Latino	White	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	24%	22%	26%	10%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	65%	67%	64%	76%
Not sure	11%	12%	10%	14%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic or Latino	White	Other
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote				
More likely	24%	23%	26%	13%
Less likely	42%	39%	41%	52%
It wouldn't make a difference	26%	38%	24%	26%
Not sure	8%	-	10%	8%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic or Latino	White	Other
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	51%	52%	52%	45%
No	39%	33%	40%	40%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	15%	9%	15%

	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	50%	64%	45%	38%
Somewhat agree	23%	18%	23%	32%
Somewhat disagree	12%	9%	13%	16%
Strongly disagree	12%	9%	17%	10%
Not sure	2%	-	2%	5%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	31%	26%	29%	43%
Oppose	56%	62%	57%	44%
Not sure	13%	12%	14%	13%

	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	24%	17%	24%	34%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	65%	74%	63%	55%
Not sure	11%	9%	13%	11%

	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	24%	20%	22%	34%
Less likely	42%	52%	39%	31%
It wouldn't make a difference	26%	23%	27%	28%
Not sure	8%	5%	12%	7%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	51%	61%	52%	34%
No	39%	28%	38%	57%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	11%	10%	9%

	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	50%	49%	56%	43%	45%	57%
Somewhat agree	23%	23%	23%	26%	24%	22%
Somewhat disagree	12%	16%	10%	13%	13%	9%
Strongly disagree	12%	7%	9%	16%	16%	12%
Not sure	2%	6%	2%	2%	1%	0%

	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	31%	35%	32%	35%	34%	20%
Oppose	56%	52%	55%	57%	54%	63%
Not sure	13%	13%	13%	8%	13%	18%

	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	24%	28%	18%	29%	26%	19%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	65%	60%	69%	63%	63%	71%
Not sure	11%	12%	13%	8%	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	24%	28%	22%	22%	27%	20%
Less likely	42%	44%	41%	46%	34%	53%
It wouldn't make a difference	26%	20%	32%	23%	31%	17%
Not sure	8%	8%	5%	9%	9%	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
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No						
Yes	51%	53%	47%	60%	51%	49%
No	39%	37%	43%	27%	40%	41%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	10%	10%	13%	9%	10%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree			
Strongly agree	50%	45%	53%
Somewhat agree	23%	25%	23%
Somewhat disagree	12%	14%	11%
Strongly disagree	12%	11%	13%
Not sure	2%	5%	0%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose			
Support	31%	43%	25%
Oppose	56%	43%	62%
Not sure	13%	14%	13%

	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	24%	37%	18%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	65%	54%	70%
Not sure	11%	8%	12%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote			
More likely	24%	36%	19%
Less likely	42%	36%	45%
It wouldn't make a difference	26%	25%	26%
Not sure	8%	3%	11%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No			
Yes	51%	33%	59%
No	39%	58%	31%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	10%	10%	10%