

Denver, 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 58%
Somewhat agree 23%
Somewhat disagree 8%
Strongly disagree 8%
Not sure 4%

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 24%
Oppose 65%
Not sure 11%

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 15%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment 75%
Not sure 9%

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 19%
Less likely 50%
It wouldn't make a difference 21%
Not sure 10%

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

Yes 46%
No 42%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure 12%

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

Woman 51%
Man 45%
Gender non-binary 3%

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 48%
Republican 13%
Independent / Unaffiliated 40%

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 17%
White 66%
African-American 9%
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.....	40%
46 to 65.....	40%
Older than 65.....	20%

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.....	22%
2-year college degree	6%
4-year college degree	32%
Post-graduate degree	21%

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	58%	62%	52%	63%
Somewhat agree	23%	22%	24%	22%
Somewhat disagree	8%	6%	11%	6%
Strongly disagree	8%	8%	8%	6%
Not sure	3%	2%	5%	3%

	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	24%	16%	30%	32%
Oppose	65%	74%	59%	54%
Not sure	11%	9%	11%	15%

	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	15%	13%	18%	10%
Think the Legislature should keep the pena- lty for possession a misdemeanor and inv- est in prevention and treatment	76%	81%	69%	77%
Not sure	9%	5%	12%	13%

	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	18%	14%	22%	21%
Less likely	50%	55%	45%	51%
It wouldn't make a difference	21%	25%	20%	13%
Not sure	10%	7%	13%	15%

	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	46%	100%	-	-
No	42%	-	100%	-
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	12%	-	-	100%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree				
Strongly agree	58%	58%	56%	61%
Somewhat agree	23%	25%	21%	7%
Somewhat disagree	8%	7%	9%	15%
Strongly disagree	8%	6%	10%	12%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	6%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	24%	27%	23%	-
Oppose	65%	63%	66%	74%
Not sure	11%	10%	11%	26%

	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	15%	13%	19%	9%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	75%	76%	74%	71%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%	20%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote				
More likely	19%	19%	19%	14%
Less likely	50%	49%	51%	45%
It wouldn't make a difference	21%	21%	22%	28%
Not sure	10%	12%	9%	12%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	46%	41%	50%	69%
No	42%	46%	40%	15%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	12%	13%	10%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree				
Strongly agree	58%	70%	23%	54%
Somewhat agree	23%	22%	26%	22%
Somewhat disagree	8%	4%	24%	8%
Strongly disagree	8%	4%	18%	10%
Not sure	4%	1%	10%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	24%	20%	53%	21%
Oppose	65%	72%	39%	64%
Not sure	11%	8%	8%	15%

	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	15%	8%	49%	13%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	75%	84%	41%	75%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote				
More likely	19%	13%	43%	18%
Less likely	50%	58%	25%	47%
It wouldn't make a difference	21%	18%	24%	25%
Not sure	10%	11%	8%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Unaffiliated
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	46%	41%	38%	55%
No	42%	46%	58%	32%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	12%	13%	4%	13%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic or Latino	White	African-American	Other
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree					
Strongly agree	58%	65%	58%	39%	63%
Somewhat agree	23%	17%	23%	35%	19%
Somewhat disagree	8%	4%	8%	22%	2%
Strongly disagree	8%	6%	9%	5%	11%
Not sure	4%	8%	3%	-	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic or Latino	White	African- American	Other
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose					
Support	24%	22%	22%	39%	28%
Oppose	65%	69%	67%	46%	61%
Not sure	11%	8%	11%	14%	11%

	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	15%	7%	18%	12%	13%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	75%	77%	75%	79%	66%
Not sure	9%	16%	7%	9%	21%

	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	19%	13%	18%	25%	32%
Less likely	50%	44%	54%	33%	49%
It wouldn't make a difference	21%	29%	20%	26%	12%
Not sure	10%	15%	9%	16%	7%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic or Latino	White	African-American	Other
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No					
Yes	46%	55%	50%	19%	24%
No	42%	36%	41%	54%	52%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	12%	9%	9%	27%	24%

	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	58%	70%	51%	46%
Somewhat agree	23%	16%	23%	35%
Somewhat disagree	8%	6%	11%	6%
Strongly disagree	8%	7%	10%	7%
Not sure	4%	2%	4%	6%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose				
Support	24%	16%	24%	42%
Oppose	65%	77%	65%	40%
Not sure	11%	7%	11%	18%

	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	15%	9%	20%	17%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	75%	85%	69%	67%
Not sure	9%	5%	11%	16%

	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	19%	14%	21%	24%
Less likely	50%	62%	46%	32%
It wouldn't make a difference	21%	20%	20%	27%
Not sure	10%	4%	14%	17%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No				
Yes	46%	47%	54%	26%
No	42%	37%	42%	53%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	12%	16%	3%	21%

	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	58%	47%	59%	48%	62%	62%
Somewhat agree	23%	34%	23%	20%	15%	24%
Somewhat disagree	8%	8%	7%	15%	10%	4%
Strongly disagree	8%	6%	5%	9%	11%	8%
Not sure	4%	5%	6%	7%	2%	1%

	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	24%	46%	22%	23%	21%	12%
Oppose	65%	37%	68%	65%	68%	82%
Not sure	11%	18%	9%	12%	10%	7%

	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	15%	26%	11%	12%	15%	10%
Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	75%	50%	85%	72%	78%	86%
Not sure	9%	24%	3%	16%	7%	4%

	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	19%	31%	13%	9%	21%	12%
Less likely	50%	28%	50%	37%	56%	64%
It wouldn't make a difference	21%	26%	30%	38%	13%	15%
Not sure	10%	15%	7%	17%	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
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No						
Yes	46%	40%	60%	53%	42%	44%
No	42%	45%	29%	42%	44%	49%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	12%	15%	12%	6%	15%	7%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
CO Should Focus More on Drug Use Prevention, Less on Punishment Agree / Disagree			
Strongly agree	58%	48%	61%
Somewhat agree	23%	24%	22%
Somewhat disagree	8%	11%	7%
Strongly disagree	8%	10%	8%
Not sure	4%	8%	2%

	Base	Mode	
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Making Drug Possession a Felony Support / Oppose			
Support	24%	38%	19%
Oppose	65%	48%	71%
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	Base	Mode	
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Think the Legislature should keep the penalty for possession a misdemeanor and invest in prevention and treatment	75%	56%	82%
Not sure	9%	22%	5%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
Elected Officials Voted to Make Drug Possession a Felony More / Less Likely to Vote			
More likely	19%	32%	14%
Less likely	50%	33%	55%
It wouldn't make a difference	21%	23%	21%
Not sure	10%	11%	10%

	Base	Mode	
		Landline	Text
Family Member or Friend Experienced Drug Addiction Yes / No			
Yes	46%	24%	53%
No	42%	54%	38%
Prefer not to answer / Not sure	12%	22%	9%