



Colorado Statewide Food Insecurity Survey

This survey was conducted online among 565 Coloradans from Dec. 16, 2020 -Jan. 4, 2021. Respondents were identified via an online panel recruiting firm and were compensated for their time and participation. The overall sample has a margin of error of +/- 4.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The data reflects the demographics of the Colorado Census and American Community Survey.

Q1. Which of the following best describes your age?

Under 18	0%
18-24	12
25-34	18
35-44	19
45-54	17
55-64	15
65+	20

Q2. Which of the following best describes your gender identity?

Female	51%
Male	48
Transgender	0
Non-Binary	1
Prefer not to say	0

Q3. In which county do you live? (Please select the county where you spend majority of the year).

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Q4. Which of the following best describes your situation since before the COVID-19 pandemic:

Your household income has increased	10%
Your household income has stayed the same	47
Your household has seen a drop in income, but are about as comfortable as you were before	19
Your household has seen a drop in income, and are very concerned about your economic situation	22
Not sure/Prefer not to say	2

Q5. Thinking about your ability to pay basic expenses (including rent/mortgage, food, medication, etc.), which of the following best describes your household:

There is enough money now to pay for basic expenses and we should be okay for the foreseeable future	55%
There is enough money to meet basic expenses now, but I am worried about the next few weeks/ months	22
There is not enough money to meet basic expenses now, but we were doing okay before the Coronavirus crisis	15
Even before the Coronavirus crisis, we did not have enough money to meet basic expenses, and it's just as bad (or worse) now	6
Not sure/Prefer not to say	2

Q6. Relative to other concerns you have for your household, how important of an issue is hunger?

Hunger is the most important concern I have	8%
Hunger is among my top concerns	14
Hunger is a mild concern	18
Hunger is not a concern	58
Not sure/Prefer not to say	1

Was this often true, sometimes true, or never true in your household in the last 3 months?

Q7. I/we could not afford to buy all the food that was needed, the food just didn't last, and there was not enough money to get more.

Often true	13%
Sometimes true	23
Never true	64

Q8. I/we could not afford to eat balanced meals.

Often true	15%
Sometimes true	25
Never true	60

Q9. I/we have had to make hard choices between buying enough food and having money for necessities like medications or rent in my household

Often true	16%
Sometimes true	23
Never true	61

Q10. How easy or hard is it for your household to get healthy food—very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat hard, or very hard?

Very easy	42%
Somewhat easy	36
Somewhat hard	17
Very hard	4

How much of a problem are the following? (big problem, somewhat of a problem, not that much of a problem, or not a problem at all)

Q11. Healthy foods at your local store are too expensive

Big problem	20%
Somewhat of a problem	36
Not that much of a problem	24
Not a problem at all	21

Q12. The stores in your area only sell processed foods and unhealthy foods

Big problem	6%
Somewhat of a problem	21
Not that much of a problem	29
Not a problem at all	44

Q13. Not having transportation to get to and from the store

Big problem	8%
Somewhat of a problem	10
Not that much of a problem	20
Not a problem at all	61

Q14. In the last three months, did you or other adults in your household ever cut the size of your meals and/or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

Yes	25%
No	73
Not sure	3

IF YES (N=139):

Q15. How often did you or other adults in your household cut the size of your meals and/or skip meals—almost every week, some weeks, or only 1 or 2 days per month?

Almost every week	42%
Some weeks	36
1-2 days/mo	22

Q16. In the last three months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?

Yes	27%
No	71
Not sure	2

Q17. In the last three months, were you ever physically hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?

Yes	22%
No	76
Not sure	2

Q18. Do you currently have any children under the age of 18 living in your household?

Yes	35%
No	64
Not sure/Prefer not to say	1

IF YES (N=197):

Q19. In the last month, did your child or children ever eat less than you felt they should because there wasn't enough money for food?

Yes	19%
No	78
Not sure	3

Demographics

Q20. Current employment status:

Employed full time	42%
Employed part-time	10
A homemaker or caretaker	5
Student	4
Retired	21
Unemployed and looking for a job	10
Unemployed and not looking for a job	1
Disabled/Social Security	4
Other	2
Not sure/Prefer not to say	1

Q21. What is your current marital status?

Single	26%
Married	50
Widowed	3
Divorced	11
Living with a domestic partner	9
Not sure/Prefer not to say	1

Q22. How many people currently live in your household?

One	16%
Two	35
Three	21
Four	18
Five	5
Six	4
Seven or more	1

Q23. Which of the following best describes where you live?

In a city	28%
In a suburb of a city	52
A small town or rural area	19
Not sure/Prefer not to say	1

Q24. Are you from a Hispanic, Latino or Spanish-Speaking background?

Yes	25%
No	74
Not sure/Prefer not to say	1

Q25. Is there more than 1 language spoken in the home?

Yes	19%
No	80
Prefer not to answer	1

Q26. Do you identify as an individual with a disability?

Yes	15%
No	84
Prefer not to answer	1

Q27. With which race do you identify yourself?

White	78%
Black, African-American	5
Native American, American Indian	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	4
Multi-racial	5
Prefer to specify	3
Not sure/Refused	2

Q28. Which of the following best describes your household income for LAST year, 2019?

Less than \$15,000	12%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	7
\$25,000 - \$34,999	6
\$35,000 - \$49,999	7
\$50,000- \$74,999	20
\$75,000 - \$99,999	16
\$100,000 - \$149,999	18
\$150,000 - \$199,999	6
\$200,000 or over	6
Not sure/Prefer not to say	3