



### Colorado Statewide Food Insecurity Survey

*This survey was conducted online among 502 Coloradans from June 23-July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 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 +/- 4.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The data has been weighted by gender to better reflect the demographics of the Colorado Census and American Community Survey. The survey was conducted with the support of Kupersmit Research, Hunger Free Colorado's long-time survey research partner.*

Q1. Which of the following best describes your age?

Under 18	0%
18-24	10
25-34	19
35-44	18
45-54	13
55-64	20
65+	20

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

Female	50%
Male	48
Transgendered	1
Non-Binary	1
Prefer not to say	-

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

CODE COUNTY



Q4. Which of the following best describes your situation since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic (March 2020):

Your household income has increased	10%
Your household income has stayed the same	50
Your household has seen a drop in income, but are about as comfortable as you were before March	20
Your household has seen a drop in income, and are very concerned about your economic situation	17
Not sure/Prefer not to say	3

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	59%
There is enough money to meet basic expenses now, but I am worried about the next few weeks/ months	23
There is not enough money to meet basic expenses now, but we were doing okay before the Coronavirus crisis	11
Even before the Coronavirus crisis, we did not have enough money to meet basic expenses, and it's just as bad (or worse) now	5
Not sure/Prefer not to say	3

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	7%
Hunger is among my top concerns	11
Hunger is a mild concern	15
Hunger is not a concern	64
Not sure/Prefer not to say	3

Was this often true, sometimes true, or never true in your household in the last 3 months? –  
USDA6 (MATRIX LAYOUT)

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	12%
Sometimes true	20
Never true	68

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

Often true	13%
Sometimes true	22
Never true	65

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	11%
Sometimes true	20
Never true	69

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	45%
Somewhat easy	38
Somewhat hard	14
Very hard	3

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) (MATRIX LAYOUT)

Q11. Healthy foods at your local store are too expensive

Big problem	17%
Somewhat of a problem	37
Not that much of a problem	28
Not a problem at all	18

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

Big problem	6%
Somewhat of a problem	18
Not that much of a problem	38
Not a problem at all	38

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

Big problem	7%
Somewhat of a problem	11
Not that much of a problem	18
Not a problem at all	64

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? - USDA6

Yes	19%
No	78
Not sure	3

IF YES (N=95):

Q15. How often did you or other adults in your household cut the size of your meals and/or skip meals—almost every day, some days, or only 1 or 2 days? – USDA6

Yes	49%
No	35
Not sure	16

Q16. In the last three months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food? -USDA6

Yes	20%
No	77
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? - USDA6

Yes	17%
No	81
Not sure	3

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

Yes	30%
No	68
Not sure/Prefer not to say	2

IF YES (N=152):

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? USDA stage2

Yes	23%
No	73
Not sure	4

Q20. Before the coronavirus pandemic, which of the following applied to your household? (Select all that apply)

Children received free or reduced meals at school	13
Children received WIC	6
Older adults received meals at senior centers or similar places	4
Household members received SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	12
Some food came from local food pantries, soup kitchens, faith-based organizations, and/or other charities	9
None of these apply	71
Not sure	2

Q21. In the past three months, which of the following have applied to your household?

Children received meals at school or summer meal sites	9
Children received WIC	4
Older adults received meals at senior centers or similar places	4
Household members received SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	12
Some food came from local food pantries, soup kitchens, faith-based organizations, and/or other charities	10
None of these apply	72
Not sure	2

Q22. If you have utilized school or summer meal sites, are you receiving enough meals to cover breakfast and lunch for your children for the week? (N=45)

Completely cover	35%
Partially cover	47
Not sure/Prefer not to answer	12
Do not use school/summer meals	6

Q23. If you did not use school or summer meals, what were the reasons? (select all that apply) (N=455)

Did not need them	72%
Did not know they were available	9
Did not know where to find them	7
No sites near me	5
Did not think it was for me	15

Q24. If you did not use WIC, what were the reasons? (select all that apply) (N=127)

Did not need it	44%
Not familiar with it	26
Did not know how to apply/Need assistance applying	9
Did not think I qualified due to income	9
Did not qualify/don't have young children	16
Benefits are not worth the effort	4
Did not think it was for me	12

Q25. If you utilized SNAP, how much of your household food needs did SNAP cover? (N=58)

Did not use	5%
All	38
Most	34
Some	24

Q26. If you did not use SNAP, what were the reasons? (select all the apply) (N=440)

Did not need it	66%
Not familiar with it	10
Did not know how to apply/ Need assistance applying	6
Did not think I qualified	16
Benefits are not worth the effort	3
Did not think it was for me	11

Q27. If you used a food pantry or similar organization, were you able to obtain the kinds of food and amount of food needed for your household? (N=51)

I was able to get the kinds of food and amount of food needed	43%
I was able to get the kinds of food needed, but it was not enough	34
I was able to get enough food, but it was not the kind I needed	13
I was not able to get the kinds of food or amount of food needed	10
Not sure	-



Q28. If you did not use a food pantry or a similar organization, what were the reasons?  
(Select all that apply) (N=447)

Did not need them	72%
Did not know where to find them	11
No locations near me	7
Concerns about data collected by food pantry	5
Did not think it was for me	12

Q29. Do you need food delivered to you?

Yes, and I have been able to get it delivered	18%
Yes, but I have not been able to get it delivered	7
No	75

## Demographics

### Q30. Current employment status:

Employed full time	41%
Employed part-time	11
A homemaker	6
Retired	23
Unemployed and looking for a job	10
Unemployed and not looking for a job	2
Disabled/Social Security	4
Other	2
Not sure/Prefer not to say	1

### Q31. What is your current marital status?

Single	24%
Married	55
Widowed	5
Divorced	10
Living with a domestic partner	5
Not sure/Prefer not to say	2

### Q32. How many people currently live in your household?

One	21%
Two	41
Three	16
Four	14
Five	6
Six	1
Seven or more	1

### Q33. Which of the following best describes where you live?

In a city	27%
In a suburb of a city	53
A small town or rural area	18
Not sure/Prefer not to say	2

Q34. Are you from a Hispanic, Latino or Spanish-Speaking background?

Yes	22%
No	76
Not sure/Prefer not to say	1

Q35. Is there more than 1 language spoken in the home?

Yes	18%
No	80
Prefer not to answer	1

Q36. With which race do you identify yourself?

White	76%
Black, African-American	6
Native American, American Indian	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	4
Multi-racial	6
Prefer to specify – Hispanic/Latino or Latina	2
Prefer to specify) – Human, American	<1
Not sure/Refused	2

Q37. Which of the following best describes your household income for LAST year, 2019?

Less than \$15,000	9%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	8
\$25,000 - \$34,999	7
\$35,000 - \$49,999	12
\$50,000- \$74,999	17
\$75,000 - \$99,999	17
\$100,000 - \$149,999	16
\$150,000 - \$199,999	8
\$200,000 or over	5
Not sure/Prefer not to say	1