

Economy, Housing and Health Care: Perspectives of Coloradans Living on Low Income

RESULTS FROM A 2018 SURVEY

IN THE FALL OF 2018, THE COLORADO HEALTH FOUNDATION PARTNERED WITH THE KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION ON A SURVEY OF MORE THAN 1,800 COLORADANS EXAMINING THEIR PERSPECTIVES ON IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING OUR STATE.

The perspectives gathered in the survey, most notably from residents living on lower income (households earning less than \$40,000 annually), are instructive for those of us seeking to better understand the priorities and concerns of Coloradans. The 2018 survey shows the economy, housing and health care are top-of-mind for Coloradans, especially for those of us who are struggling to make ends meet.

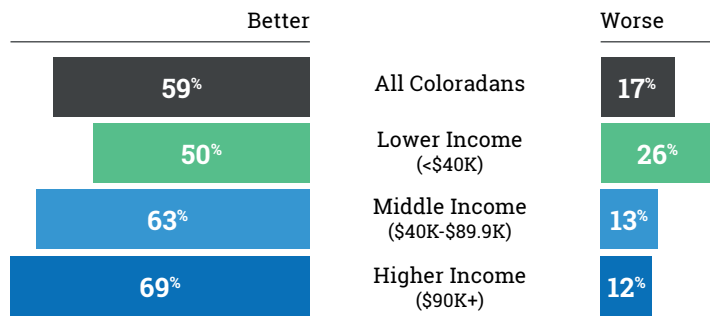


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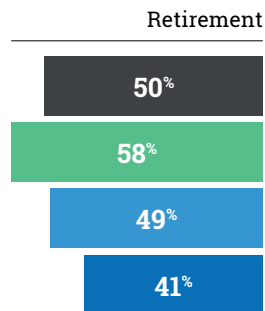
Economy

BY MANY MEASURES, COLORADO'S OVERALL ECONOMY IS AMONG THE STRONGEST IN THE NATION WITH LOW UNEMPLOYMENT AND STEADY GROWTH. BUT THAT PROSPERITY ISN'T FELT BY ALL WHO CALL OUR STATE HOME.

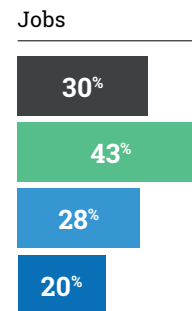
A MAJORITY OF COLORADANS SAY THE ECONOMY AND JOB MARKET ARE GETTING BETTER - BUT ONLY HALF OF RESIDENTS WITH LOWER INCOME AGREE



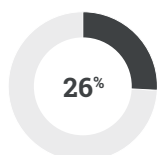
MORE THAN HALF OF COLORADANS LIVING ON LOWER INCOME SAY IT IS GETTING HARDER TO HAVE A SECURE RETIREMENT



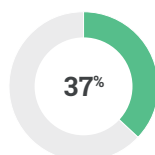
FOUR IN 10 COLORADANS LIVING ON LOWER INCOME SAY IT IS GETTING HARDER TO FIND GOOD JOBS



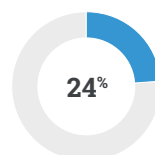
MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF COLORADANS WITH LOWER INCOME SAY THEY ARE WORSE OFF FINANCIALLY THAN A YEAR AGO



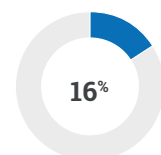
All Coloradans



Lower Income



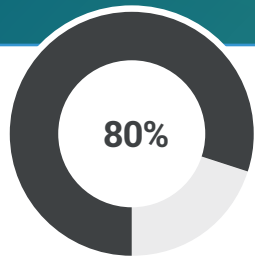
Middle Income



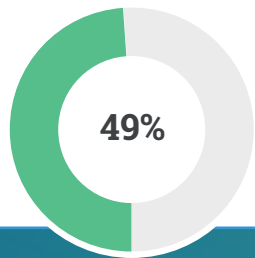
Higher Income

Housing

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY WEIGHS HEAVILY ON THE MINDS OF COLORADANS, AND THESE CONCERNS ARE ESPECIALLY PREVALENT FOR RESIDENTS LIVING ON LOWER INCOME.

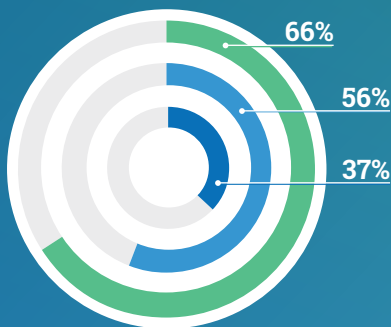


OF ALL COLORADANS AGREE THAT HOUSING COSTS ARE GETTING WORSE

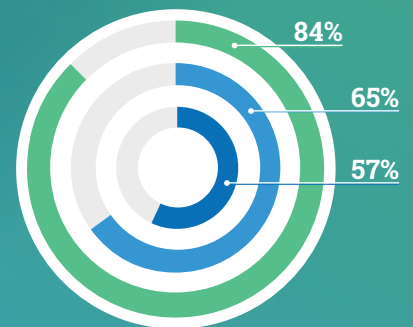


OF RESIDENTS WITH LOWER INCOME FEEL WORRIED THEY MIGHT LOSE THEIR HOME BECAUSE OF AN INABILITY TO AFFORD THE MONTHLY RENT OR MORTGAGE IN THE NEXT YEAR

TWO-THIRDS OF COLORADANS WITH LOWER INCOME SAY IT'S BECOME HARDER TO AFFORD THEIR RENT OR MORTGAGE

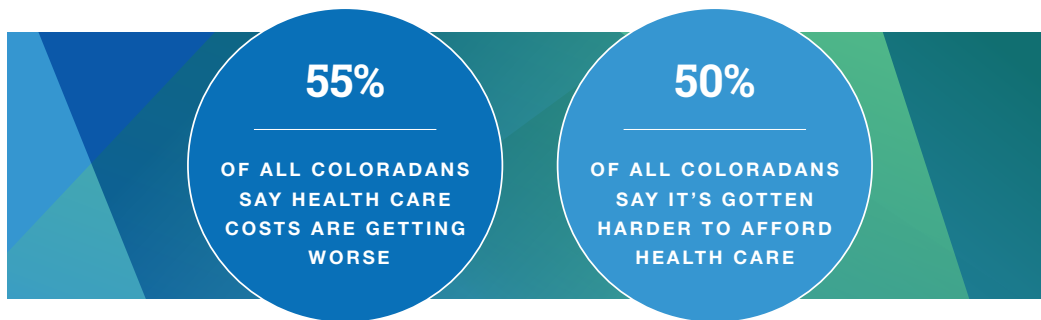


COLORADANS OF ALL INCOMES PRIORITIZE STATE GOVERNMENT ACTION ON PROGRAMS THAT MAKE HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE

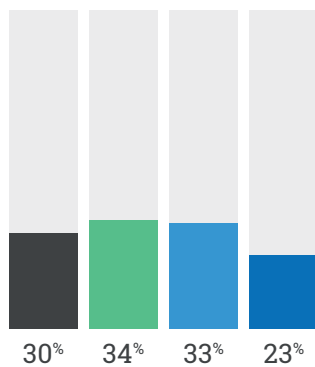


Health Care and Health

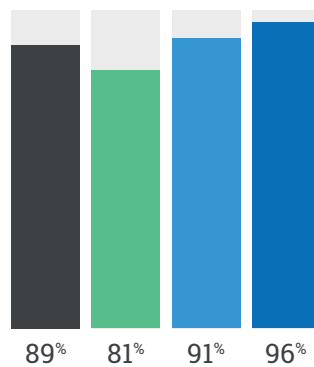
DESPITE A DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED COLORADANS, THE COST OF HEALTH CARE CONTINUES TO BE A BURDEN, AND RESIDENTS LIVING ON LOWER INCOME REPORT WORSE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH THAN THOSE WITH HIGHER INCOME.



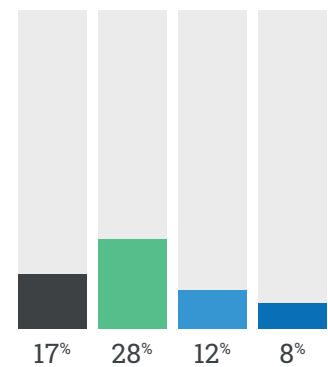
ONE-THIRD OF COLORADANS WITH LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME SAY THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM ISN'T MEETING THEIR FAMILIES' NEEDS



COLORADANS WITH LOWER INCOME ARE LESS LIKELY TO REPORT POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH



NEARLY THREE IN 10 COLORADANS WITH LOWER INCOME REPORT THEY ARE IN POOR HEALTH



● All Coloradans ● Lower Income ● Middle Income ● Higher Income

**Our
health and quality of
life is shaped by many factors.
These data highlight how individuals
and families with lower income are
experiencing many of those factors in ways
that differ from people with higher income.
Even as Colorado's overall economy has been
growing, the survey responses from those of
us living on lower income are a poignant
reminder that our state is facing real
challenges when it comes to
health and quality
of life.**

To review the complete results of the survey, visit:

bit.ly/CHF-KFF-2018-poll

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