



Sample: 500 registered voters in Colorado
Field: February 15 – 22, 2024
Margin of Error: +/- 4.4%

Healthy School Meals for All Poll – February 2024 – Topline Results

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We’re doing a survey here in Colorado on some topics that we’re sure you will find interesting.

1. Are you registered to vote in Colorado?

Yes..... 100%
 No..... - **Terminate**

2. What county do you live in? **Regions based on county selected.**

Denver / Boulder..... 19%
 Adams / Arapahoe / Broomfield / Douglas / Jefferson..... 37%
 El Paso / Larimer / Pueblo / Weld..... 27%
 53 Rural Counties..... 17%

3. On the voter rolls, are you registered as a Democrat, a Republican, or are you Unaffiliated with any party?

Democrat..... 27%
 Unaffiliated / No Party / Independent..... 48%
 Republican..... 24%
 Other Party..... 1%

4. How would you describe your gender?

Male..... 49%
 Female..... 50%
 Prefer to self-describe..... 1%

5. Please indicate your age:

18-24..... 9%
 25-29..... 7%
 30-34..... 13%
 35-39..... 9%
 40-44..... 10%
 45-49..... 6%
 50-54..... 6%
 55-59..... 7%
 60-64..... 10%
 65-69..... 8%
 70+..... 14%

6. Just to be sure we are representing everybody, how would you describe your ethnicity?

Hispanic / Latino/a	13%
White.....	76%
Black / African American	5%
Asian / Asian American / Pacific Islander	4%
Native American / American Indian	1%
Other	2%
Prefer not to say.....	*%

7. As you may know, Colorado’s Healthy School Meals for All program pays for public schools to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Healthy School Meals for All program?

Favorable	80%
Unfavorable	12%
Very favorable	52%
Somewhat favorable	28%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%
Very unfavorable.....	5%
Don’t know / not sure	8%

8. In 2022, Colorado voters approved Proposition FF, which raised \$100 million dollars to pay for the Healthy School Meals for All program. Due to high demand from students and the increased cost of food due to inflation, this program is facing a budget shortfall and will need an additional \$55 million dollars to fully fund the Healthy School Meals for All program.

Do you support or oppose - the Colorado State Legislature spending \$55 million dollars to ensure all students are offered free breakfast and lunch at school, raise wages for cafeteria workers, purchase Colorado-grown food products for school meals, and help schools provide more meals made with fresh ingredients instead of processed products?

Support	73%
Oppose	22%
Support – strongly	46%
Support – somewhat	26%
Oppose – somewhat	13%
Oppose – strongly	9%
Undecided / not sure	6%

9. In the November 2024 election, would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports fully funding the Healthy School Meals for All program?

- More likely 62%
- Less likely 14%
- Makes no difference 24%

Please indicate if you would support or oppose the Colorado State Legislature providing funding to the following parts of the Healthy School Meals for All program. **Randomize order of statements.**

<i>Ranked by Support</i>	Support	Oppose	Strong Sup	Some Sup	Some Opp	Strong Opp	Not sure/ undecided
13. Providing state funding to purchase Colorado-grown food products from farmers and ranchers for school meals	83%	10%	47%	35%	5%	4%	8%
14. Providing state funding to help schools provide more meals made with fresh ingredients, instead of processed products	81%	12%	52%	29%	7%	5%	8%
12. Providing state funding to raise wages for cafeteria workers in public schools	78%	14%	44%	33%	9%	6%	8%
10. Providing state funding so all students in public schools are offered free lunch	75%	19%	49%	26%	10%	9%	6%
11. Providing state funding so all students in public schools are offered free breakfast	74%	19%	49%	25%	11%	8%	7%

15. Please indicate your family's total income:
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|---------------------------------|-----|
| Under \$25,000 | 11% |
| \$25,000 up to \$49,999 | 20% |
| \$50,000 up to \$74,999 | 19% |
| \$75,000 up to \$99,999 | 14% |
| \$100,000 up to \$149,999 | 20% |
| \$150,000 or more | 14% |
| Prefer not to say..... | 3% |
16. Do you have any children age 18 or younger, or not?
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| Yes, have children age 18 or younger | 28% |
| No, do not have any children age 18 or younger | 71% |
| Prefer not to say..... | 1% |
17. What is the last grade or level of school you have completed?
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| Less than high school degree | 2% |
| High school graduate | 15% |
| Some college / 2 year degree / Associates degree | 31% |
| College graduate / BA or BS degree | 34% |
| Postgraduate courses / Masters or Doctoral degree | 18% |

Survey Method

The **Healthy School Meals for All Poll – February 2024** results are based on an online poll of registered voters in Colorado. The sample is distributed to accurately represent registered voters in Colorado based on party registration, gender, age, region, education, and ethnicity. The worst-case margin of error at the 95% level for the full sample of 500 respondents is plus or minus 4.4%. The poll was conducted from February 15-22, 2024, by Keating Research, Inc.