

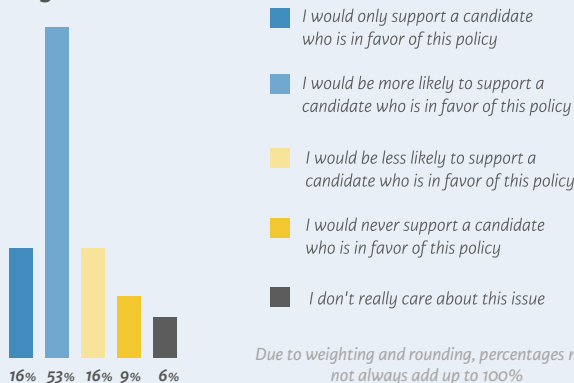
# COLORADO VOTERS SUPPORT CLIMATE ACTION



## CLIMATE CHANGE RANKS AS A TOP ISSUE FOR COLORADO VOTERS

Colorado voters support a range of climate policies and want candidates for political office to support those policies. More than one in five (22%) say climate change is one of the two most important issues to their vote for president. Close to seven in 10 (69%) Colorado voters would be more likely to vote for a candidate for elected office who supports increasing government funding for renewable energy, like solar and wind. And fully seven in 10 (70%) support establishing a renewable portfolio standard (RPS) in their state requiring 100% of electricity to be generated from renewable sources by 2050. Colorado voters also believe establishing an RPS will have wide-reaching benefits across the state, from improving the state's environment (71%) and economy (57%) to lowering electricity costs (52%).

**Q:** Please indicate how likely you would be to support a candidate for political office who is in favor of increasing government funding for renewable energy such as solar and wind power. If you don't care about this policy, just say so.



## VOTERS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

Coloradans worry about various forms of pollution: About seven in 10 say pollution of natural waterways, like lakes, rivers, and streams (72%), air pollution (69%), and toxic chemicals like PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in drinking water (67%) are serious problems for their state. And about six in 10 say smaller crop yields (60%) and extreme weather, such as heavy rainfall, flooding, and heat waves (59%), are serious problems. More than eight in 10 (82%) say the quality of infrastructure is a serious problem in their local area.

## DEMOCRATS HAVE EDGE IN SENATE RACE, PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION REMAINS CLOSE

When asked who they would vote for if the election for U.S. Senate were held today, 48% of Colorado voters say they would vote for the Democrat, while 40% say they would vote for the Republican, and 12% say they would vote for neither candidate or a different candidate. Democratic candidates for president do not have the same margin: Bernie Sanders is at 48% to Trump's 43%, Joe Biden is at 46% to Trump's 43%, Pete Buttigieg is at 45% to Trump's 42%, Michael Bloomberg is at 45% to Trump's 42%, Amy Klobuchar is at 43% to Trump's 43%, and Elizabeth Warren is at 44% to Trump's 45%.

*Climate Nexus, in partnership with the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication and the George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication, conducted a representative survey from February 11-15, 2020, of 485 registered voters in Colorado. The margin of error for this survey is 4.5% at the 95% confidence level.*