

Arizona Tracking Poll

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
WFF1	<i>Which of the following is closest to your opinion, even if none is exactly right?</i>		
	The impacts of climate change are being experienced now	532	66%
	The impacts of climate change aren't being experienced now but will be felt in the future	99	12%
	There are no impacts of climate change	112	14%
	Do not know/no opinion	58	7%
WFF2_1	<i>Based on what you know, how serious, if at all, are the following two issues? — Drought and water shortage</i>		
	Very serious	475	59%
	Somewhat serious	226	28%
	Not too serious	59	7%
	Not at all serious	10	1%
	Don't know/no opinion	31	4%
WFF2_2	<i>Based on what you know, how serious, if at all, are the following two issues? — Lowering water levels in the Colorado River</i>		
	Very serious	437	55%
	Somewhat serious	233	29%
	Not too serious	69	9%
	Not at all serious	14	2%
	Don't know/no opinion	46	6%
WFF3	<i>Thinking back over the past year, how much, if at all, have you seen, read, or heard about news around Arizona's water issues?</i>		
	A lot	208	26%
	Some	391	49%
	Not much	144	18%
	Not at all	42	5%
	Don't know/no opinion	15	2%

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WFF4	<i>Here is more information about groundwater in Arizona. Around 40 percent of the state's water supply comes from groundwater, and in many rural areas, groundwater is the only water source. Once it's removed, groundwater can take thousands of years to replenish. Currently, nearly 80 percent of Arizona has no regulations limiting how much groundwater can be pumped out of the ground by residents, businesses, or agricultural operations. How concerned are you, if at all, about the current groundwater situation in Arizona?</i>		
	Very concerned	397	50%
	Somewhat concerned	301	38%
	Not too concerned	56	7%
	Not at all concerned	28	3%
	Do not know/no opinion	19	2%
WFF5	<i>As you may know, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Arizona Department of Water Resources are tasked with ensuring drinking water quality, monitoring and regulating groundwater, protecting the state's water supply, and negotiating on behalf of Arizona around water use from the Colorado River. How much of a priority, if at all, should funding for these agencies be?</i>		
	A top priority	485	61%
	An important, not not a top priority	249	31%
	Not much of a priority	32	4%
	Not a priority at all	14	2%
	Don't know/no opinion	20	3%
WFF6	<i>In your opinion, should the Arizona government be doing more, less, or about the same amount to regulate the amount of groundwater being taken out of the ground?</i>		
	State government should be doing more to regulate groundwater consumption	519	65%
	State government should be doing about the same amount to regulate groundwater consumption	207	26%
	State government should be doing less to regulate groundwater consumption	19	2%
	Don't know/no opinion	55	7%

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WFF7	<i>Here is more information on water in Arizona. Arizona has Active Management Areas, or AMAs, to manage groundwater in certain sections of the state, such as the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas. In 2022, a new AMA formed in rural southeastern Arizona, near Douglas. However, in many communities in rural Arizona, there are still no groundwater protections and no regulation on how much of their groundwater is pumped. Which of the following comes closest to your point of view, even if none are exactly correct?</i>		
	Rural communities should have access to a new, flexible and locally tailored management tool that will enable them to regulate groundwater pumping.	270	34%
	Rural communities should have access to existing groundwater management tools like Active Management Areas in order to regulate groundwater pumping.	288	36%
	Groundwater management tools like Active Management Areas should only be used in urban areas like Phoenix and Tucson that are existing AMAs, and not in rural areas.	134	17%
	Don't know/no opinion	108	13%
WFF8	<i>If the Arizona Legislature does not take action to enable rural communities to regulate their groundwater, would you support or oppose the Governor using available laws to manage groundwater in more places in Arizona?</i>		
	Strongly support	265	33%
	Somewhat support	324	41%
	Somewhat oppose	62	8%
	Strongly oppose	35	4%
	Don't know/no opinion	113	14%
WFF9_1	<i>How much of a priority, if at all, should each of the following approaches be to address Arizona's drought and decreasing groundwater? — Limits on unregulated groundwater pumping</i>		
	A top priority	414	52%
	An important, not not a top priority	288	36%
	Not much of a priority	44	5%
	Not a priority at all	18	2%
	Don't know/no opinion	36	5%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
WFF9_2	<i>How much of a priority, if at all, should each of the following approaches be to address Arizona's drought and decreasing groundwater? — Aggressive conservation to save more water</i>		
	A top priority	402	50%
	An important, not not a top priority	302	38%
	Not much of a priority	50	6%
	Not a priority at all	16	2%
	Don't know/no opinion	30	4%
WFF9_3	<i>How much of a priority, if at all, should each of the following approaches be to address Arizona's drought and decreasing groundwater? — Recycling and reuse of water</i>		
	A top priority	492	61%
	An important, not not a top priority	244	30%
	Not much of a priority	26	3%
	Not a priority at all	11	1%
	Don't know/no opinion	28	3%
WFF9_4	<i>How much of a priority, if at all, should each of the following approaches be to address Arizona's drought and decreasing groundwater? — Prioritizing the health of rivers and streams that supply water</i>		
	A top priority	501	63%
	An important, not not a top priority	234	29%
	Not much of a priority	33	4%
	Not a priority at all	6	1%
	Don't know/no opinion	26	3%
WFF9_5	<i>How much of a priority, if at all, should each of the following approaches be to address Arizona's drought and decreasing groundwater? — New urban developments must prove they have a 100-year water supply</i>		
	A top priority	415	52%
	An important, not not a top priority	268	33%
	Not much of a priority	52	6%
	Not a priority at all	6	1%
	Don't know/no opinion	60	7%
WFF10_1	<i>Thinking about Arizona and its water supply, do you think the state has or will have enough water to support its population over the following periods of time? — Now</i>		
	Yes	617	77%
	No	83	10%
	Don't know/no opinion	101	13%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
WFF10_2	<i>Thinking about Arizona and its water supply, do you think the state has or will have enough water to support its population over the following periods of time? — In 5 years</i>		
	Yes	556	69%
	No	117	15%
	Don't know/no opinion	127	16%
WFF10_3	<i>Thinking about Arizona and its water supply, do you think the state has or will have enough water to support its population over the following periods of time? — In 10 years</i>		
	Yes	400	50%
	No	202	25%
	Don't know/no opinion	198	25%
WFF10_4	<i>Thinking about Arizona and its water supply, do you think the state has or will have enough water to support its population over the following periods of time? — In 15 years</i>		
	Yes	274	34%
	No	270	34%
	Don't know/no opinion	256	32%
WFF10_5	<i>Thinking about Arizona and its water supply, do you think the state has or will have enough water to support its population over the following periods of time? — In 25 years</i>		
	Yes	176	22%
	No	333	42%
	Don't know/no opinion	292	36%
WFF10_6	<i>Thinking about Arizona and its water supply, do you think the state has or will have enough water to support its population over the following periods of time? — In 50 years</i>		
	Yes	105	13%
	No	376	47%
	Don't know/no opinion	320	40%
WFF10_7	<i>Thinking about Arizona and its water supply, do you think the state has or will have enough water to support its population over the following periods of time? — In 100 years</i>		
	Yes	77	10%
	No	394	49%
	Don't know/no opinion	329	41%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
WFF11_1	<i>Please indicate how convincing, if at all, each of the following statements is for protecting Arizona’s groundwater. Please read each carefully. — Local Arizona communities need to be empowered with the choices, tools, and support they need to secure their water future. Throughout much of rural Arizona, water laws allow open-access groundwater pumping, meaning that there are no limits to how much water can be taken out from underground. Unregulated pumping is drying up wells, depleting streams, and causing land to sink across rural Arizona. Groundwater should be protected for all Arizonans, especially rural communities</i>		
	Very convincing	362	45%
	Somewhat convincing	309	39%
	Not too convincing	71	9%
	Not at all convincing	14	2%
	Don’t know/no opinion	43	5%
WFF11_2	<i>Please indicate how convincing, if at all, each of the following statements is for protecting Arizona’s groundwater. Please read each carefully. — Groundwater is Arizona’s largest water source - making up over 40% of our water supply. Yet, groundwater is unprotected in more than 80% of the state. Our way of life is in danger; every Arizonan should be interested in long-term, sustainable solutions.</i>		
	Very convincing	403	50%
	Somewhat convincing	298	37%
	Not too convincing	57	7%
	Not at all convincing	8	1%
	Don’t know/no opinion	34	4%
WFF11_3	<i>Please indicate how convincing, if at all, each of the following statements is for protecting Arizona’s groundwater. Please read each carefully. — Water from the Colorado River is like a bank account, and water is more frequently withdrawn than deposited. Arizona needs to acknowledge the reality of a hotter, drier future by accelerating our work with other states, tribes, the federal government, and Mexico in order to increase long-term, lasting conservation investments and prevent Lakes Mead and Powell from falling to critically low elevations.</i>		
	Very convincing	409	51%
	Somewhat convincing	265	33%
	Not too convincing	71	9%
	Not at all convincing	13	2%
	Don’t know/no opinion	41	5%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
WFF12_1	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — Native American nations deserve to have their water rights recognized by the state and federal governments.</i>		
	Strongly agree	438	55%
	Somewhat agree	261	33%
	Somewhat disagree	33	4%
	Strongly disagree	22	3%
	Don't know/no opinion	46	6%
WFF12_2	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — Uncertainty around who has the right to how much water is a problem in Arizona.</i>		
	Strongly agree	315	39%
	Somewhat agree	330	41%
	Somewhat disagree	51	6%
	Strongly disagree	15	2%
	Don't know/no opinion	89	11%
WFF12_3	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — Having more certainty of who has the rights to what water would improve Arizona's water outlook.</i>		
	Strongly agree	331	41%
	Somewhat agree	340	42%
	Somewhat disagree	35	4%
	Strongly disagree	19	2%
	Don't know/no opinion	75	9%
WFF12_4	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — Arizona's natural outdoor places, activities, and recreation are an essential part of the state economy.</i>		
	Strongly agree	433	54%
	Somewhat agree	275	34%
	Somewhat disagree	45	6%
	Strongly disagree	6	1%
	Don't know/no opinion	42	5%
WFF12_5	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — Arizona's rural interests have been given enough say in how the state manages its water resources. (N=430)</i>		
	Strongly agree	87	20%
	Somewhat agree	106	25%
	Somewhat disagree	118	27%
	Strongly disagree	39	9%
	Don't know/no opinion	80	19%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
WFF12_6	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — Arizona’s agricultural interests have been given enough say in how the state manages its water resources. (N=370)</i>		
	Strongly agree	73	20%
	Somewhat agree	141	38%
	Somewhat disagree	70	19%
	Strongly disagree	16	4%
	Don’t know/no opinion	69	19%
WFF12_7	<i>Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? — Arizona’s population and economy can only grow if water sources are managed responsibly.</i>		
	Strongly agree	465	58%
	Somewhat agree	238	30%
	Somewhat disagree	34	4%
	Strongly disagree	18	2%
	Don’t know/no opinion	44	6%
WFF13bp1	<i>Please indicate which statement aligns most with your view by placing yourself along the spectrum from strongly agree with Statement 1 to strongly agree with Statement 2. - Statement 1—: Arizona needs to take action now and invest in groundwater management to safeguard our water resources.:Statement 2—: Arizona has plenty of time to address groundwater management and safeguard our water resources.</i>		
	1 - much more to 'Statement 1—: Arizona needs to take action now and invest in groundwater management to safeguard our water resources.'	427	53%
	2	213	27%
	3	107	13%
	4 - much more to 'Statement 2—: Arizona has plenty of time to address groundwater management and safeguard our water resources.'	52	7%
WFF13bp2	<i>Please indicate which statement aligns most with your view by placing yourself along the spectrum from strongly agree with Statement 1 to strongly agree with Statement 2. - Statement 1—: Arizona decision-makers have done enough to adapt to the long-term drought to ensure sustainable water supplies.:Statement 2—: Arizona decision-makers have not done enough to adapt to the long-term drought to ensure water supplies.</i>		
	1 - much more to 'Statement 1—: Arizona decision-makers have done enough to adapt to the long-term drought to ensure sustainable water supplies.'	120	15%
	2	176	22%
	3	229	29%
	4 - much more to 'Statement 2—: Arizona decision-makers have not done enough to adapt to the long-term drought to ensure water supplies.'	275	34%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
WFF13bp3	<i>Please indicate which statement aligns most with your view by placing yourself along the spectrum from strongly agree with Statement 1 to strongly agree with Statement 2. - Statement 1—: Unlimited groundwater pumping in rural Arizona should be regulated.:Statement 2—: Anyone in rural Arizona should be allowed to drill a groundwater well without limits.</i>		
	1 - much more to 'Statement 1—: Unlimited groundwater pumping in rural Arizona should be regulated.'	378	47%
	2	222	28%
	3	127	16%
	4 - much more to 'Statement 2—: Anyone in rural Arizona should be allowed to drill a groundwater well without limits.'	72	9%
WFF13bp4	<i>Please indicate which statement aligns most with your view by placing yourself along the spectrum from strongly agree with Statement 1 to strongly agree with Statement 2. - Statement 1—: Native tribes in Arizona should be able to access all the water they have rights to on their land.:Statement 2—: Native tribes in Arizona should not be able to access all the water they have rights to on their land.</i>		
	1 - much more to 'Statement 1—: Native tribes in Arizona should be able to access all the water they have rights to on their land.'	356	44%
	2	259	32%
	3	130	16%
	4 - much more to 'Statement 2—: Native tribes in Arizona should not be able to access all the water they have rights to on their land.'	55	7%
WFF13bp5	<i>Please indicate which statement aligns most with your view by placing yourself along the spectrum from strongly agree with Statement 1 to strongly agree with Statement 2. - Statement 1—: Arizona should not regulate rural groundwater pumping.:Statement 2—: Arizona should pass legislation that would enable local areas to manage groundwater supplies with state support.</i>		
	1 - much more to 'Statement 1—: Arizona should not regulate rural groundwater pumping.'	113	14%
	2	140	18%
	3	258	32%
	4 - much more to 'Statement 2—: Arizona should pass legislation that would enable local areas to manage groundwater supplies with state support.'	288	36%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
WFF13bp6	<i>Please indicate which statement aligns most with your view by placing yourself along the spectrum from strongly agree with Statement 1 to strongly agree with Statement 2. - Statement 1—: Arizona can grow its population and economy while managing its water resources responsibly.:Statement 2—: Increased water management will limit Arizona’s ability to grow its population and economy.</i>		
	1 - much more to ”Statement 1—: Arizona can grow its population and economy while managing its water resources responsibly.”	281	35%
	2	245	31%
	3	170	21%
	4 - much more to ”Statement 2—: Increased water management will limit Arizona’s ability to grow its population and economy.”	104	13%
WWFdem1	<i>In which county do you currently live?</i>		
	Apache	10	1%
	Cochise	17	2%
	Coconino	3	0%
	Gila	4	1%
	Graham	1	0%
	Greenlee	1	0%
	Maricopa	490	61%
	Mohave	32	4%
	Navajo	18	2%
	Pima	123	15%
	Pinal	49	6%
	Santa Cruz	12	2%
	Yavapai	22	3%
	Yuma	18	2%

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for registered voters with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Registered Voters	800	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	368	46%
	Gender: Female	431	54%
	N	799	
age	Age: 18-34	204	26%
	Age: 35-44	116	15%
	Age: 45-64	268	34%
	Age: 65+	211	26%
	N	800	
demAgeGeneration	GenZers: 1997-2012	82	10%
	Millennials: 1981-1996	228	29%
	GenXers: 1965-1980	194	24%
	Baby Boomers: 1946-1964	267	33%
	N	771	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	294	37%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	209	26%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	297	37%
	N	800	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	137	17%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	157	20%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	95	12%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	113	14%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	136	17%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	161	20%
	N	799	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	219	27%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	259	32%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	305	38%
	N	784	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	480	60%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	218	27%
	Educ: Post-grad	102	13%
	N	800	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	278	35%
	Income: 50k-100k	320	40%
	Income: 100k+	202	25%
	N	800	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	622	78%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	185	23%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Black	46	6%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	132	16%
xdemReligion	All Christian	410	51%
	All Non-Christian	49	6%
	Atheist	36	5%
	Agnostic/Nothing in particular	179	22%
	Something Else	127	16%
	N	800	
xdemReligOther	Religious Non-Protestant/Catholic	61	8%
xdemEvang	Evangelical	169	21%
	Non-Evangelical	351	44%
	N	521	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	253	32%
	Community: Suburban	408	51%
	Community: Rural	140	17%
	N	800	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	286	36%
	Employ: Government	33	4%
	Employ: Self-Employed	82	10%
	Employ: Homemaker	47	6%
	Employ: Student	11	1%
	Employ: Retired	248	31%
	Employ: Unemployed	42	5%
	Employ: Other	51	6%
	N	800	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	136	17%
	Military HH: No	664	83%
	N	800	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xsubVote22O	2022 House Vote: Democrat	353	44%
	2022 House Vote: Republican	353	44%
	2022 House Vote: Someone else	7	1%
	2022 House Vote: Didnt Vote	88	11%
	N	800	
xsubVote20O	2020 Vote: Joe Biden	373	47%
	2020 Vote: Donald Trump	371	46%
	2020 Vote: Other	12	1%
	2020 Vote: Didn't Vote	43	5%
	N	800	
xsubVote18O	2018 House Vote: Democrat	317	40%
	2018 House Vote: Republican	342	43%
	2018 House Vote: Someone else	5	1%
	2018 House Vote: Didnt Vote	135	17%
	N	800	
xreg4	4-Region: West	800	100%
WFFxdem1	County: Maricopa	490	61%
	County: Pima + Santa Cruz	135	17%
	County: Other	175	22%
	N	800	
WFFxdem2	Education: <college	480	60%
	Education: College+	320	40%
	N	800	
WFFxdem3	Age: <45	321	40%
	Age: 45+	479	60%
	N	800	
WFFxdem4	Men <45	145	18%
WFFxdem5	Men 45+	223	28%
WFFxdem6	Women <45	175	22%
WFFxdem7	Women 45+	256	32%
WFFxdem8	CC Impacts Felt Now	532	66%
	CC Impacts Felt in Future	99	12%
	No Impacts of CC	112	14%
	N	742	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
WFFxdem9	Drought + Water Shortage: Serious	700	88%
	Drought + Water Shortage: Not Serious	69	9%
	<i>N</i>	769	
WFFxdem10	Low Water in CO River: Serious	670	84%
	Low Water in CO River: Not Serious	83	10%
	<i>N</i>	754	
WFFxdem11	Water Issues: S/R/H a Lot + Some	599	75%
	Water Issues: S/R/H not Much + None	185	23%
	<i>N</i>	785	
WFFxdem12	Concerned About Groundwater in AZ	697	87%
	Not Concerned About Groundwater in AZ	84	11%
	<i>N</i>	781	
WFFxdem13	Support Governor Management	589	74%
	Oppose Governor Management	97	12%
	<i>N</i>	687	

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