

2019 Morrison Institute Statewide Poll

Rural Arizona Now

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About the Arizonans Speak Poll

- Fielded June 25 July 9, 2019
- 975 Arizonans (registered and not registered to vote)
- Hispanic and rural residents were oversampled to achieve 200+ for each
- Web-based poll
- 12-minute average completion time
- Fielding and analysis from Hootology





Where Arizonans feel they live ...



... Where USDA / U.S. Census Bureau states they live.

■1 Urban	■2	■3	4	5	■6	7	8	9	■10	Rural	
			80%					8%	7%	1	1%



Greatest differences between rural and non-rural Arizonans

Rural residents are more likely to agree that ...

- Most rural residents use water efficiently.
- They are worse off financially than the prior year.

Rural residents feel less strongly that ...

- Trade with Mexico is an important policy issue for Arizona.
- We should make it easier for immigrants to come to Arizona.
- Population growth is a threat to Arizona's water supply.









What matters most to rural Arizonans?



"Please rate how important you consider the following policy issues for Arizona today."

(Showing the percentage of rural Arizonans who rated these policy issues as an eight, nine or 10 on a 10-point scale of importance.)



Rural Arizonans agree ...



84%

I use water efficiently

Most farmers use water efficiently

Most rural residents use water efficiently

Most urban residents use water efficiently



"To what extent do you agree with the following statements about Arizonans' water usage?" (Percentage "agree" and "strongly agree" reported.)



Drought 69% Increasing water demand due to population growth 59% Water pollution and contamination 54% Climate change 53% Over-allocation of rivers and streams 44% Maintaining and upgrading water infrastructure 40% Unregulated drilling for water 37% Expansion of irrigated agriculture 33%

"Please rate each of the following based on whether or not you believe they are a threat to Arizona's water supply." (Showing the percentage of rural Arizonans who rated these policy issues as an eight, nine or 10 on a 10-point scale of importance.)

Rural Arizonans: Threats to Arizona's water supply



Rural Arizonans: Importance of education topics



"Please rate how important each of the following areas are to improving Arizona's K-12 education system." (Showing the percentage of rural Arizonans who rated these policy issues as an eight, nine or 10 on a 10-point scale of importance.)



Rural Arizonans: Agreement on immigration topics



"To what extent do you agree with the following statements about immigration in Arizona?" (Percentage "agree" and "strongly agree" reported.)





Rural Arizonans: Agreement on housing topics



"To what extent do you agree with the following statements about housing in Arizona?" (Percentage "agree" and "strongly agree" reported.)





Rural Arizonans and state government

"How much confidence do you have in Arizona state government when it comes to handling Arizona's problems?"

	■A great deal	■ A fair amount	■Not very much ■	None at all
4%	43%		38%	15%

"Do you think the state of Arizona brings in enough money each year to adequately meet the state's needs?"

■Brings in	more than it needs	Has enough	■ Unsure	Needs to increase revenue
15%	17%	22%		46%



Rural Arizonans and the economy



"Compared with one year ago, are you better off financially, about the same, or worse off?"

■Be	ter off About the same	Worse off
21%	47%	31%

Only 17% of rural Arizonans believe the Legislature has the right priorities.



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