State-level responses and margins of error in this analysis

Refer to the table below for state-level responses to the question used in the Center analysis titled "Support for stricter environmental regulations outweighs opposition in a majority of states." The table also shows the margins of error that would be expected for each state at the 95% confidence level.

Sample sizes and margins of error vary a lot from state to state. Some differences between states may not be statistically meaningful due to sampling variability and other sources of error that are inherent in all survey data.

How U.S. adults see stricter environmental laws and regulations, by state

% of adults in each state who say stricter environmental laws and regulations \dots

	Are worth the cost	Cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	No answer	Margin of error at 95% confidence level (+/- percentage points)
Alabama	52%	45%	3%	6.2
Alaska	56	42	2	7.7
Arizona	61	37	2	5.5
Arkansas	51	44	5	7.3
California	64	34	2	2.4
Colorado	58	39	2	6.1
Connecticut	68	29	3	6.8
Delaware	67	31	2	7.4
District of Columbia	71	28	2	7.3
Florida	61	37	1	3.1
Georgia	52	46	1	4.7
Hawaii	67	32	1	8.1
Idaho	47	51	2	7.1
Illinois	65	32	3	4.8
Indiana	60	39	1	5.0
Iowa	62	37	1	7.8
Kansas	56	40	4	7.4
Kentucky	57	41	2	6.2
Louisiana	53	45	2	6.2
Maine	57	41	2	7.2
Maryland	65	33	2	6.1
Massachusetts	67	31	2	5.8
Michigan	59	39	2	4.2
Minnesota	71	27	2	5.7
Mississippi	50	46	4	7.7
Missouri	56	41	3	5.2
Montana	55	41	3	7.3
Nebraska	57	40	3	7.0
Nevada	54	45	1	7.6
New Hampshire	66	32	2	8.0
New Jersey	68	31	1	4.4
New Mexico	57	40	3	7.1
New York	65	33	2	3.0
North Carolina	58	40	2	4.1
North Dakota	48	49	4	6.8
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% of adults in each state who say stricter environmental laws and regulations \dots

	Are worth the cost	Cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	No answer	Margin of error at 95% confidence level (+/- percentage points)
Ohio	59	39	1	3.4
Oklahoma	50	48	2	7.1
Oregon	68	31	1	6.7
Pennsylvania	61	37	2	3.6
Rhode Island	70	28	1	7.5
South Carolina	51	46	3	6.3
South Dakota	47	51	2	7.0
Tennessee	52	44	4	4.4
Texas	58	40	2	2.5
Utah	54	44	2	7.3
Vermont	70	28	2	7.3
Virginia	58	42	1	4.5
Washington	67	32	1	4.7
West Virginia	44	53	3	7.0
Wisconsin	59	39	2	5.4
Wyoming	39	59	2	7.1

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 17, 2023-March 4, 2024.

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