

## 2021 Resiliency Planning in Colorado Survey Report Summary

In May 2021, the Colorado Resiliency Office (CRO) in the Department of Local Affairs Division of Local government conducted the 2021 Resiliency Planning in Colorado Survey. This survey is a follow-up to the [2019 Resilience Planning in Colorado’s Local Governments Survey Report](#), which provides a baseline for understanding the resilience-related needs of municipalities and counties in Colorado.

The CRO collects data every two years to better understand how communities continue to plan for and implement resiliency activities, so that the CRO can continue to develop and provide resources in response to changing local government needs and priorities.

The CRO shared the survey with 330 chief administrators for every county and municipality in Colorado and received 74 responses for a **response rate of 22%**. 54 respondents were from a city or town and 20 were from a county.

### Local and State Resiliency

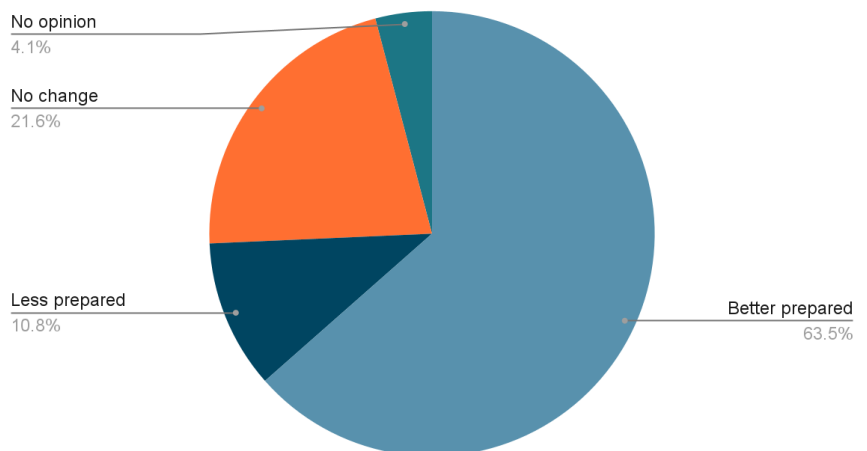
The CRO asked respondents to provide their thoughts on whether they feel their community and the state as a whole are better prepared to be resilient to a range of risks and vulnerabilities, less prepared, or the same (or no opinion) compared to two years ago.

#### *Community Resiliency*

The majority of respondents (63.5%) felt that their community was better prepared compared to two years ago. The COVID-19 pandemic unsurprisingly factored into the majority of responses for this question.

Many local governments adapted to virtual and remote working to continue providing services, understand the interconnectedness of sectors, and have found creative and collaborative ways to foster economic resilience.

Community Resiliency and Preparedness Compared to 2019

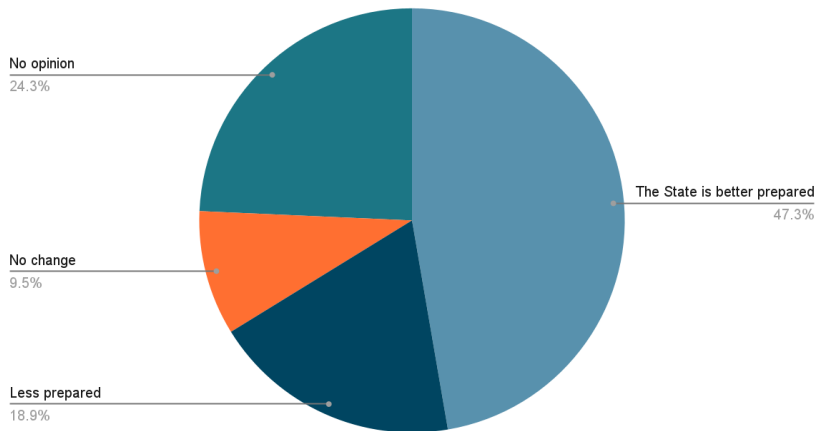


## State Resiliency

Compared to how they felt about their community’s resiliency, respondents were less certain about the State’s level of resiliency compared to two years ago, though nearly half of respondents (47.5%) felt the State is more resilient.

Survey respondents indicated that having the CRO is an advantage for the State to help navigate critical stimulus funding opportunities and connect communities through peer exchanges, and that the State’s planning for disruptions in recent years has set it up to better address long-term impacts.

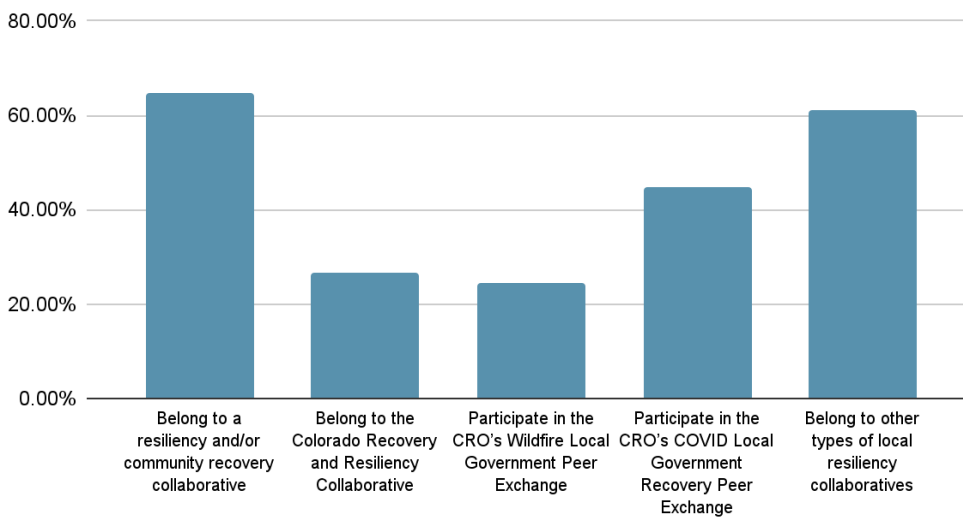
State Resiliency and Preparedness Compared to 2019



## Resiliency Partnerships

A majority of respondents indicated that they or other representatives in their community belong to at least one resiliency or community recovery collaborative, with many participating in the CRO’s peer exchanges for COVID and wildfire recovery.

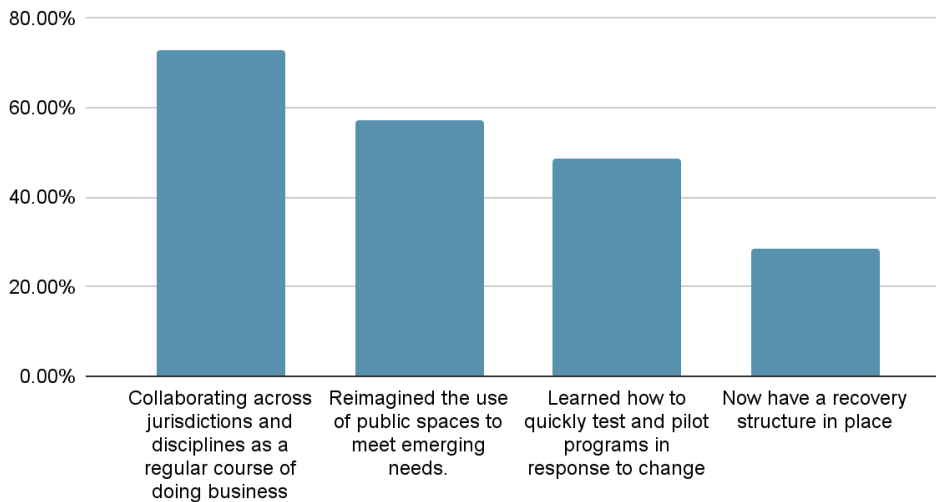
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## Resiliency in Response to COVID-19

Communities have taken action to adapt to COVID-19 in many ways. More than 70% responded that they are collaborating across jurisdictions and disciplines as a regular course of doing business, nearly 60% have reimagined the use of public spaces to meet emerging needs, and a third now have a recovery structure in place.

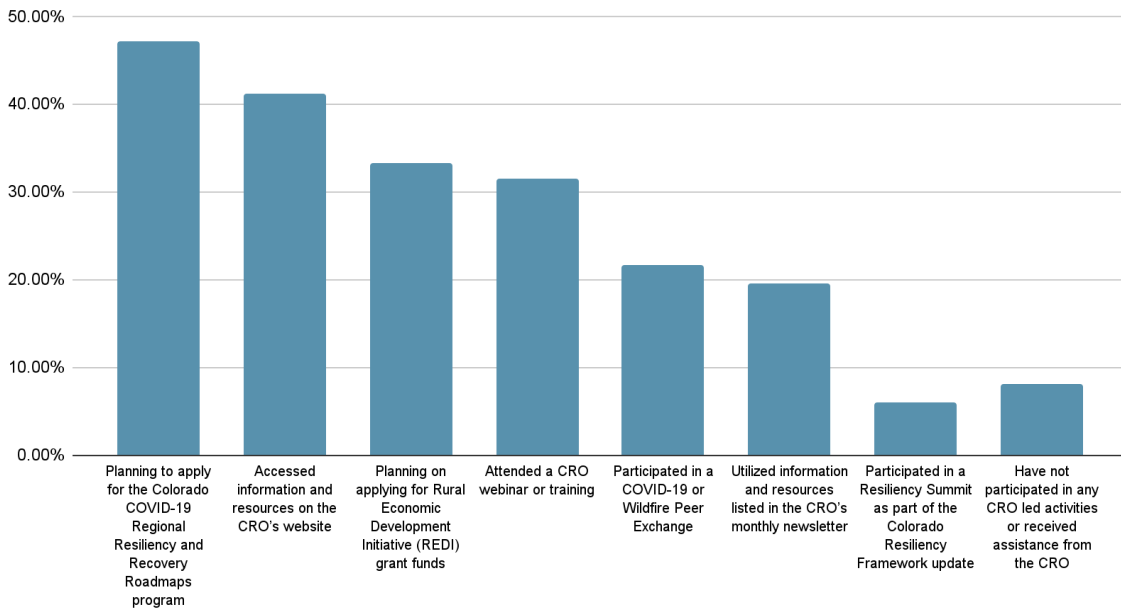
Actions in Response to COVID-19



## Participation in CRO Activities and Experience Working with the CRO

Respondents commented that the CRO’s peer exchanges have been critical resources to navigate the changing pandemic, identify resources, and learn lessons from their peers that spark ideas in their own community. Many were interested in applying for funding and technical assistance through the Regional Resiliency and Recovery Roadmaps program and the REDI grant funds.

### Participation in CRO Activities



### Policies aligning with the Colorado Resiliency Framework

Communities across Colorado have new policies and programs in place that align with all six priority focus areas of the Colorado Resiliency Framework. The CRO has an opportunity to work with communities to continue to develop programs that advance resiliency across the state.

## Policies aligning with CRF

