



The Arizona We Want

Aligning Action with Community Priorities

STATEWIDE

Through close listening to communities and leaders across the state, Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA) created [The Arizona We Want](#), a shared vision of success around what matters most to Arizonans that expresses their highest aspirations and hopes for the future.

Our [2020 Gallup Arizona Survey](#) captured a realistic and contemporary picture of what Arizonans think about life in our communities and what they want for our state over the next decade. It revealed that **Arizonans agree on much more than we disagree—including seven [Shared Public Values](#) and over 40 actions** to move Arizona forward.

The following findings show the most important issues to Arizonans statewide and opportunities for action.



Statewide Priorities Identified in the Gallup Arizona Survey

Responses to the survey question, “What three issues are most important for Arizona’s future?” illuminate priorities for Arizonans.

The top four issues that Arizonans across the state identified as most important are:



How Do We Take Action on Priorities?

For each priority, the first question might be, “How can the community work together to address these concerns?” The following charts show key insights related to the stated priority issues. Use the data below, from the [2020 Gallup Arizona Survey](#), to guide discussions on addressing the priorities in your communities.



Affordable Healthcare

How important is it that Arizona makes the following healthcare changes over the next 10 years?

Total Important

Guarantee affordable healthcare and insurance for Arizonans with pre-existing health conditions	87%
Make mental health services available and affordable for all Arizonans who need them	86%
Ensure that any Arizonan can get quality healthcare without risk of financial harm	84%



Quality K-12 Education

How important is it that Arizona makes the following changes to public education over the next 10 years?

Total Important

Make sure all Arizona public schools have enough highly qualified teachers and principals	92%
Increase the number of Arizona high school graduates enrolling in universities, community colleges, or technical/trade schools	82%
Provide affordable, accessible, and reliable internet and technology to all students	79%



More Quality Jobs

The following shows satisfaction in one's primary job. How might we improve the satisfaction with these key factors of a quality job?

Total Satisfied

Work benefits (health insurance, retirement benefits, etc.)	53%
Opportunities to advance education or training	56%
Equal pay and equal opportunities for promotion	58%



A Secure Water Supply

How important is it that Arizona make the following changes over the next 10 years?

Total Important

Preserve and protect Arizona's rivers, natural areas, and wildlife	92%
Put regulations in place to protect rural water supplies	86%
Increase spending and measures to prevent forest fires on state land	85%

Let's Work Together to Build the Arizona We Want

Achieving The Arizona We Want is up to all of us. Ways to start:

- Share CFA's research on the priorities of Arizonans
- Partner with CFA to advance The Arizona We Want in your community
- Collaborate with others through local, regional or state initiatives to inform policymaking and investments



Download the full Gallup Arizona Survey at arizonafuture.org.