

YWWomenVote 2022 – Midterm Elections Spotlight on Arizona

This spotlight on Arizona women provides a brief overview of their concerns and priorities heading into the 2022 midterm elections. Drawn from YWCA USA’s [fifth national survey of women in the United States](#), this data centers the women of Arizona whose voice are critical yet frequently overlooked in policy discussions, and frames clear expectations for legislative actions to address their concerns and priorities.

Election Enthusiasm and Impact

Federal elections: Over one-third of women in Arizona (37 percent) surveyed reported the highest possible level of enthusiasm to vote in this year’s Midterm elections (scoring importance as a “10” on a scale of 0 - 10, with ten being most important). This is 6 percentage points higher than women overall and higher than women in Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas – the additional states oversampled in this survey. Additionally, **75 percent of women in Arizona** believe that the outcome of the federal elections will have a “big impact” or “somewhat of an impact” on the lives of themselves and their families.

State and local elections: Arizona women were very slightly less enthusiastic to vote in their state and local elections, with **36 percent** of women reporting the highest possible level of enthusiasm. However, Arizona women were more likely to feel that state and local elections would have a “big impact” (**47 percent**) on their lives than federal elections and were more likely to feel this way than in any other state sampled.

Policy Solutions: Women in Arizona

Women in Arizona reported intensity of support for economic security (**80 percent**) issues and comprehensive health coverage (**79 percent**). Their highest ranked policy solutions are:

| Top Policies: Arizona Women | | | | |
|---|---|---------|-----|-----|
| % One of the most important/very important; Sorted by net | | | | |
| Policy Category | Policy Issue | Overall | AZ | Net |
| Economic Security | End workplace harassment, discrimination, sexual violence | 79% | 80% | +1 |
| Health and Community Well-Being | Comprehensive Health Coverage | 78% | 79% | +1 |
| Gender-based Violence | Domestic Violence Prevention & Services | 76% | 77% | +1 |
| Health and Community Well-Being | Access to Contraception | 74% | 74% | +0 |
| Economic Security | Paid Family & Medical Leave | 73% | 72% | -1 |
| Health and Community Well-Being | Improve Maternal Health Care | 73% | 71% | -2 |
| Economic Security | Equal Pay | 76% | 73% | -3 |
| Health and Community Well-Being | Federal Funding for Nonprofit Community Services | 75% | 71% | -4 |
| Health and Community Well-Being | Prevent Gun Violence & Mass Shootings | 82% | 77% | -5 |

Top Concerns: Women in Arizona

Women in Arizona are united in their concerns around their economic security, most notably the high cost of living, with **90 percent of women in the state** reporting they are very or somewhat concerned about this issue. This concern dwarfs others, ranking 18 percentage points higher than the second highest concern. They are also more likely (by seven percentage points) than women overall to express concern over their access to contraception. Of note, a majority of Black women in Arizona expressed concern (53 percent) when compared with white women (34 percent) and Hispanic Women (37 percent)¹.

| Top Concerns: Arizona Women | | | | |
|---|---|---------|-----|-----|
| % Very/somewhat worried; Sorted by net from overall women | | | | |
| Policy Category | Policy Issue | Overall | AZ | Net |
| Economic | Afford Rent or Mortgage | 62% | 71% | +9 |
| Reproductive Rights | Access to Contraception | 31% | 38% | +7 |
| Economic | Cost of Living | 86% | 90% | +4 |
| Economic | Family Income & Expenses | 68% | 72% | +4 |
| Reproductive Rights | Abortion & Reproductive Health | 51% | 55% | +4 |
| Racial Justice | Ability to cast vote without interference | 44% | 45% | +1 |
| Economic | Paid Family & Medical Leave | 41% | 42% | +1 |
| Mental Health | Affordable Mental Health Services | 51% | 51% | +0 |
| Economic | Equal Pay | 50% | 50% | +0 |
| Economic | Paid Sick Leave | 42% | 42% | +0 |

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Survey Methodology

This online survey was designed and conducted by Finn Partners. It reached a total of N=3,354 women nationwide between June 21, 2022 and August 2, 2022. This sample is inclusive of oversamples of women in six states (N=400 in each of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas), younger women of color (N=200 Gen Z, N=200 millennial), and American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) women (N=81), all of which were weighted down to the appropriate size nationwide.

About YWCA USA

For over 160 years, YWCA has been on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. YWCA has been at the forefront of the most pressing social movements – from voting rights to civil rights, from affordable housing to pay equity, from violence prevention to health care reform. Today, we combine programming and advocacy in order to generate institutional change in three key areas: racial justice and civil rights, empowerment and economic advancement of women and girls, and health and safety of women and girls. Learn more at www.ywca.org.

¹ Sample sizes for AI/AN women and AAPI women were too small to be referenced with statistical significance. This does not indicate that AI/AN and AAPI women do not hold concerns and priorities around issues surveyed nor does it indicate value priority for Black, Hispanic and Latina women.