

# Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel Wireless Telephone Customers

Survey Results
2011 Data Compared to 2007 Data

January 2011

# Research Design

- Conducted by: Ciruli Associates
- Sponsored by: Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel
- Sample: Random sample of registered voters who use a cell phone primarily or exclusively for personal calls
- Sample Size: 112 Colorado residents
- Margin of Error: ±9.2 percentage points in 95 out of 100 cases
- Date in Field: January 26-30, 2011

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#### Cell Phone/Landline Telephone Inventory

1. Do any other adults 18 years of age or older use this cell phone?

	2011	2007
Yes	46%	19%
No	54	81
Don't know/refused		**

Base of 112 respondents with wireless phones (Base 300 in 2007)

2. Do you regularly use more than one cell phone?

	2011	2007
No, one	80%	84%
Yes, more than one	20	16
Don't know/refused		

Base 112 (Base 300 in 2007)

3. Is this household a wireless only household? That is, a residence without a working landline telephone.

	2011	2007	
Yes	46%	37%	GO TO Q4
No	54	63	GO TO Q7
Don't know/refused			GO TO Q7

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#### **History of Landline Service**

4. Did you ever have a landline telephone service?

	2011	2007	
Yes	65%	88%	GO TO Q5
No	35	12	GO TO Q8
Don't know/refused	**		GO TO Q8

Base of 52 respondents in wireless only households (Base 300 in 2007)

5. Did you replace your landline telephone service in the last 12 months, 1 to 2 years, or more than 2 years ago?

	<u> 2011</u>	<u>2007</u>	
Last 12 months	15%	8%	GO TO Q6
1 to 2 years	9	6	GO TO Q6
More than 2 years	74	17	GO TO Q6
Haven't replaced landline (vol)	3	68	GO TO Q7
Don't know/refused			GO TO Q6

Base of 34 respondents who are currently wireless only, but had a landline service in the past (Base of 265 in 2007, include current wireless only and all respondents with current landline)

6. Why did you replace your landline with a wireless cell phone?

	2011	2007
Price/cheaper	40%	25%
More convenient	24	17
Need/desire mobility	15	29
Just like cell phones	6	2
Landlines are old-fashioned	6	2
Very reliable	6	
More features (texting/entertainment/news/sports/music)		2
Good reception		
All my friends have them	ant man	
Never used a landline/no need for it		6
Moved/never hook it back up		84
No longer have Internet/computer		4
Other	3	2
Don't know/refused		1

GO TO Q8

Base of 33 respondents who replaced their landline with wireless (Base 84 in 2007)

#### Amount of Cell Phone/Landline Use

#### IF LANDLINE:

7. Of all the phone calls that <u>you or other members</u> of your household receive, about how many are received on a cell phone and not on a landline:

	2011	2007
All or most calls on cell phone	74%	33%
More than half	21	44
Less than half	3	14
Very few or none	2	9
Don't know/refused	•••	

Base of 61 respondents who have a landline (Base of 189 respondents in 2007 who had a landline)

#### **Number of Cell Phones**

8. How many, if any, different wireless only cell telephones with their own telephone numbers are in this household?

	2011	2007	
One	24%	28%	GO TO Q9 AND Q10
Two	44	38	GO TO Q9 AND Q10
Three or more	32	34	GO TO Q9 AND Q10
None		**	GO TO Q11
Don't know/refused		22	GO TO Q9 AND Q10

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#### IF CELL PHONE:

9-10. How many adults (18 years old or more) in this household have a cellular phone? How many children?

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	2011	2007	2011	2007
One	25%	31%	4%	12%
Two	57	47	4	3
Three or more	18	21	6	1
None		() <b>**</b> (**)	85	84
Don't know/refused		-		

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#### Cell Phone Features Use

As I read the following list, please tell me if you do or don't use your cell phone for it.

		Yes 2011	Yes 2007	No 2011	Don't Know 2011
11.	Making local calls	97%	99%	2%	1%
12.	Long distance calls	96	92	4	
13.	Texting	82	58	18	44
14.	Internet access	52	17	48	
15.	Music or games	31	14	69	
	Video		6		

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Do you have or not have (<u>read feature below</u>) on your phone? [ROTATED]

		Yes 2011	Yes 2007	No 2011	No 2007	Don't Know 2011
16.	Call Waiting, in which you can place a caller on hold and answer another					
	incoming call	82%	87%	16%	10%	2%
17.	Call Forwarding, in which phone calls that come to your home phone can be transferred to other phone numbers	61	58%	29	25	11

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#### Importance of Cell Phone Attributes

As I read the following statements concerning wireless cellular telephone service, please tell me if it is a very important aspect, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important aspect. [ROTATED]

		Very Important 2011	Very Important 2007	Somewhat Important 2011	Somewhat Important 2007	Not Very Important 2011	Not at all Important 2011	Don't Know 2011
18.	Use for travel out-of-state and out-of-the-country	63%		25%		4%	8%	
19.	Use for convenience while driving	43		30		14	13	
20.	It is as reliable as landline phone service	60	85%	29	11%	7	1	4%
21.	Use for keeping contact with children	54		8		3	31	4

		Very Important 2011	Very Important 2007	Somewhat Important 2011	Somewhat Important 2007	Not Very Important 2011	Not at all Important 2011	Don't Know 2011
22.	It has the same reception or signal quality as landline							
	phone service	62%	79%	22%	16%	3%	11%	2%
23.	It can use the same features							
	as landline phone service	66	56	26	31	4	4	1
24.	Use for personal protection							
	and emergencies	78		13		6	2	47.14
25.	It has access to the Internet	38	12	25	20	13	24	0 <del>05</del> 8
26.	Prices are similar to or less							
	than landline phone service	46	67	30	25	8	9	6
27.	A landline is still needed for security features, such							
	as a house alarm	16		9		12	53	10
	Mobility of phone service		90		7			

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#### Satisfaction

28. Overall, how satisfied would you say you are with your wireless cell phone service: very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with your wireless cell phone service?

	2011	2007
Very satisfied	58%	50%
Somewhat satisfied	28	43
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	2
Very dissatisfied	I	2
Don't know/refused	1	

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#### Choice of Cell Phone Service

29. Is there a choice or not a choice of cell phone companies from which to purchase service for your home area?

	2011	2007
Yes	94%	91%
No	4	5
Don't know/refused	2	3

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#### **Cost of Phone Service**

30. Approximately what would you say your cellular telephone bill was for an average month during 2010? [TOTAL BILL – LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE FOR ALL LINES] [READ IN ORDER LISTED]

	<u>2011</u>	2007
\$1 - \$30	4%	6%
\$31 - \$50	12	24
\$51 - \$100	39	42
More than \$100	38	24
Don't know/refused	6	5

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31. Would you say the monthly cost you pay for your cellular telephone service is way too high for what you get, high but acceptable, about what you would expect to pay or is it less than what you would expect to pay?

	<u> 2011</u>	2007
Way too high	20%	14%
High but acceptable	41	35
About expected	33	45
Less than expected	3	3
Don't know/refused	3	3

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#### Complaints

32. If you had a compliant about your cell phone service in the last 12 months, who, if anyone, did you contact to correct the problem?

	2011
Cell phone manufacturer	4%
Cell phone service provider	64
Colorado Public Utilities Commission	~-
Colorado Attorney General	
Federal Communications Commission or	
Federal Trade Commission	
U.S. Senator or congressperson	
Other (list)	
No one	32
Don't know/refused	

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33. Should the State of Colorado have an agency or not have an agency that regulates cell phone use and could address customer complaints?

	<u> 2011</u>
Yes	34%
No	54
Don't know/refused	12

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#### Demographics

The final questions are for background information only. The answers to these questions help us to understand the results.

Your answers to these questions, like all the survey questions, are confidential and used only when combined with all other persons who are interviewed.

#### 34. How old are you?

	<u>2011</u>	2007
(18-24)	6%	14%
(25-34)	20	21
(35-44)	14	20
(45-54)	25	25
(55-64)	23	12
(65-74)	6	4
(75 and over)		3
Don't know/refused	5	2

35. What was the last grade or degree you completed at school?

	2011	2007
Not a high school graduate	1%	6%
High school graduate	12	27
Some college/business/vocational school	27	22
College graduate	34	26
Post grad work/professional graduate	24	18
Don't know/refused	3	1

2011

2007

36. What is your current marital status? Are you:

	2011	2007
Married to a partner of the opposite sex	62%	54%
Single	27	35
Widowed	1	1
Divorced	9	8
In a relationship with a same-sex partner		0.3
Don't know/refused	2	1

37. How would you describe the area you live?

	2011	<u>2007</u>
Farm or rural area	12%	10%
Small town – fewer than 5,000 people	9	11
Small city – 5,000 to 50,000 people	20	17
Large city – 50,000 to 500,000	31	37
Suburb – adjacent or near, but outside of a city limit	25	22
Exurb – outside of a city limit and separated by some distance	1	2
Don't know/refused	1	1

38. Are you from Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? IF YES, MARK BELOW. IF NO, ASK: With which race do you identify yourself: Are you white, black, Asian, Native American or some other ethnic or racial background?

	<u>2011</u>	<u> 2007</u>
White	84%	71%
Hispanic	5	18
Black		3
Asian		2
Native American	2	1
Other	1	2
Don't know/refused	4	2

39. For statistical purposes only, as I read the following income groups, please stop me when the figure includes an approximation of your total income for you and members of your household for last year, 2010, before taxes? [ROTATED]

	<u> 2011</u>	<u> 2007</u>
Less than \$40,000	18%	27%
\$40,000, but less than \$80,000	25	35
\$80,000, but less than \$100,000	9	12
\$100,000 to \$150,000	20	13
More than \$150,000	12	6
Don't know/refused	15	7

#### **County Location**

#### 40. In what county is this residence?

			2011	2007
Metro Area: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas	, Jeffers	on	. 54%	56%
North Front Range: Larimer, Weld				
Eastern Plains: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan Washington, Yuma, Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, k Otero, Prowers	Ciowa, L	as Animas,	. 4	10
South Front Range: El Paso, Teller, Pueblo			. 17	16
Western Slope: Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, I Blanco, Routt, Summit, Chaffee, Custer, Delta, Fremo Lake, Montrose, Ouray, Park, San Miguel, Alamosa, C Rio Grande, Saguache, Archuleta, Dolores, Las Plata,	nt, Gunr Conejos,	nison, Hinsdale, Costilla, Mineral,	. 12	14
41. Record respondent's gender.				
	2011	2007		
Male	45%	56%		
Female	55	44		

#### Wireless Screen Questions

I need to speak to the adult 18 years or older in the household who knows the most about uses of this cell phone. Are you 18 years old or older? (Note: A roam phone is associated with a landline.)

\$7.		2011	2007	
	Yes	100%	100%	
	No			GO TO QS8
	Don't know/refused			THANK AND
				<b>TERMINATE</b>

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S8. IF NOT 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER, ASK: Is there a person 18 years old or older who regularly uses the phone? IF AVAILABLE, PROCEED WITH ADULT. IF NOT, ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE TIME FOR PARTICIPATION. IF CAN'T BE SCHEDULED, THANK AND TERMINATE.

Respondent's name_	
Date/time	

S9. Do you regularly answer this cell phone?

<u>2011</u>	2011	
Yes100%	100%	GO TO QS10
No		IS AN ADULT WHO
		REGULARLY ANSWERS
		THIS PHONE AVAILABLE?
		IF SO, ASK QS10. IF NOT,
		THANK AND TERMINATE
Don't know/refused		THANK AND TERMINATE

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S10. IF SO, ASK: Is this cell phone number used for?

	2011	2007	
Your personal calls	48%	47%	GO TO QS11
Personal and business calls	52	53	GO TO QS11
Business only calls			THANK AND
			<b>TERMINATE</b>
Don't know/refused			THANK AND
			<b>TERMINATE</b>

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S11. Do you primarily use this cell phone for personal calls or do you primarily use a landline for personal calls?

<u>2011</u>	2007	
Use cell phone 100%	100%	GO TO QS12
Use landline		GO TO LANDLINE FOLLOW-UP
		QUESTIONS (QS2)
Business only calls		THANK AND TERMINATE
Don't know/refused		THANK AND TERMINATE

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## S12. As we conduct this interview, are you...?

	2011	2007	
At home	74%	70%	
At work	11	14	
Some other place	7	5	
Driving (offer to call back)	4	1	
Shopping	3	4	
Parked in car	2	2	
Recreation	~~	3	
Don't know/refused	**		THANK AND TERMINATE

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