

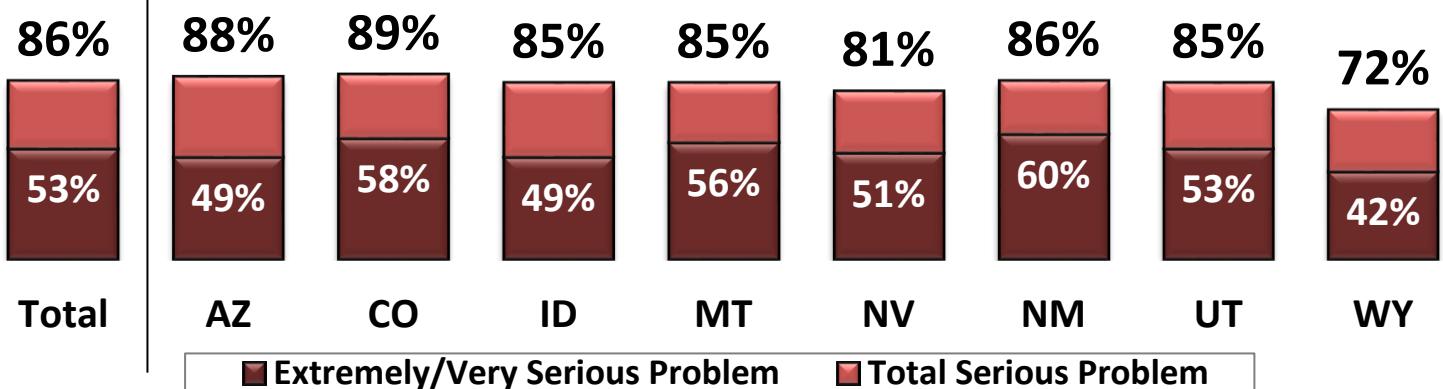
# Wildlife in the West



*Western voters continue to express strong concern about the loss of habitat and declining fish and wildlife populations, with attitudes remaining near record levels this year. Seven-in-ten say that rolling back protection for some species under the Endangered Species Act will have a negative impact on the West.*

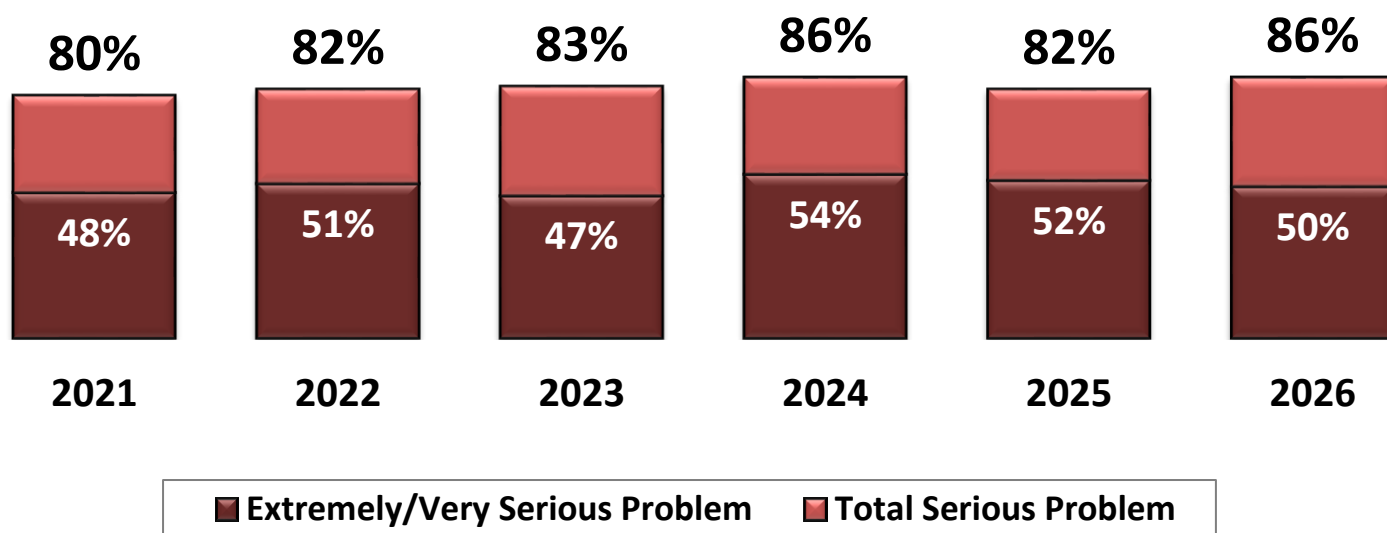
Westerners continue to express concern about loss of habitat for fish and wildlife. More than four-in-five Westerners (86 percent) say the loss of habitat is a serious problem, including a majority (53 percent) who consider it an “extremely” or “very” serious problem. These findings are within margin of error of 2024’s all-time high levels of concern (88 percent serious problem; 58 percent extremely/very serious problem). Majorities of Westerners across the region are concerned about this issue, with at least seven-in-ten voters in each of the eight states surveyed saying the loss of habitat for fish and wildlife is a serious problem.

Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife



**Westerners are similarly concerned about declining fish and wildlife populations in their states.** This year, 86 percent describe population declines as a serious problem, with half (50 percent) rating it as an “extremely” or “very” serious problem. Strong majorities across all major demographic subgroups (gender, age, party etc.) consider this a serious problem.

**Population declines of fish and wildlife**



**There is widespread concern about efforts to weaken protections under the Endangered Species Act.** Seven-in-ten Western voters (70 percent) say rolling back protections for some plants and wildlife currently protected under the ESA would have a negative impact on the West, including nearly half (45 percent) who say it would have a *very* negative impact. Majorities of voters across party lines and in every state say rolling back protections under the ESA would harm the region.