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## TWELVE PERCENT OF EMPLOYEES CONCERNED THEIR JOB MAY BE ELIMINATED IN THE COMING SIX MONTHS

Phoenix, Arizona (May 21, 2001). Twelve percent of employed adults in Arizona are concerned that their job may be eliminated in the coming six months. Such concerns rise to 16 percent in Arizona's rural counties and are above the norm among employees in large companies or who are blue collar workers.

Employees of large organizations (100+ employees) are more than three times as likely to fear loss of their job (15%) than are those in companies employing ten or fewer full time employees (4%).

The findings outlined in this report are based on a survey of 400 employed adults across Arizona conducted in April by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona as part of the Center's independent and non-partisan Rocky Mountain Poll series. The public is welcome to visit [www.brcpolls.com](http://www.brcpolls.com) to read this and other recent poll results.

Among working age people who are neither Caucasian nor Hispanic, concern that one's job will be eliminated rises to an astonishing 32 percent compared to the statewide average of only 12 percent.

The question utilized in this survey was newly designed for this study and thus has no comparable data for analysis. It will be repeated in the months to come to assess its value as a potential new measure of working age people's comfort with the economy.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2001-II-07), is based on 400 interviews with adult heads of household throughout Arizona during April of 2001. Where necessary, figures for age, sex, race and political party were weighted to bring them into line with their actual proportion in the population. In a sample of this size, one can say with a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of +/-5.0 percent of what they would have been had the entire adult population been surveyed. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program sponsored by the Center.

This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

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**BELOW: Statistical tables.**

**STATISTICAL DATA**

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*“Thinking about your own job situation for the next six months, would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not at all likely that your job will be eliminated?”*

	Very or Somewhat Likely	Not Very or Not at All Likely	Unsure
Statewide	12%	87%	1%
<u>COUNTY</u>			
Maricopa	12	87	1
Pima	9	90	1
Rural	16	82	2
<u>EMPLOYER SIZE IN NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES</u>			
Under 10	4	96	0
10 to 50	6	94	*
51 to 99	9	91	*
100 +	15	84	1
White collar	11	87	2
Blue collar	14	85	1
<u>ETHNICITY</u>			
Caucasian	10	89	1
Hispanic	10	90	0
Other	32	66	2

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