

# Climate for Health

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action  
March 7, 2025



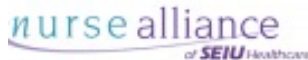
# Who We Are

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CLIMATE  
*for* HEALTH™





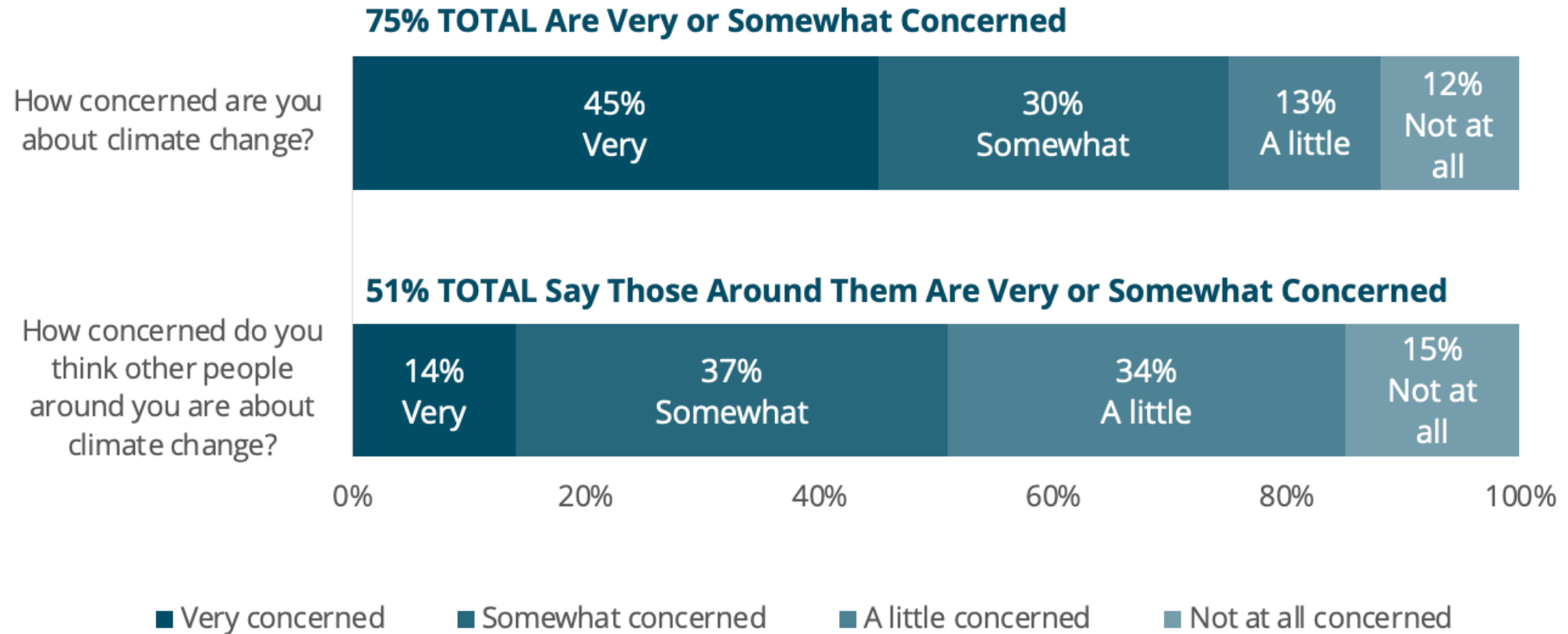
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National Indian Health Board



# More Americans Are Concerned Than You May Think



Source: ecoAmerica's 2022 American Climate Perspective Survey

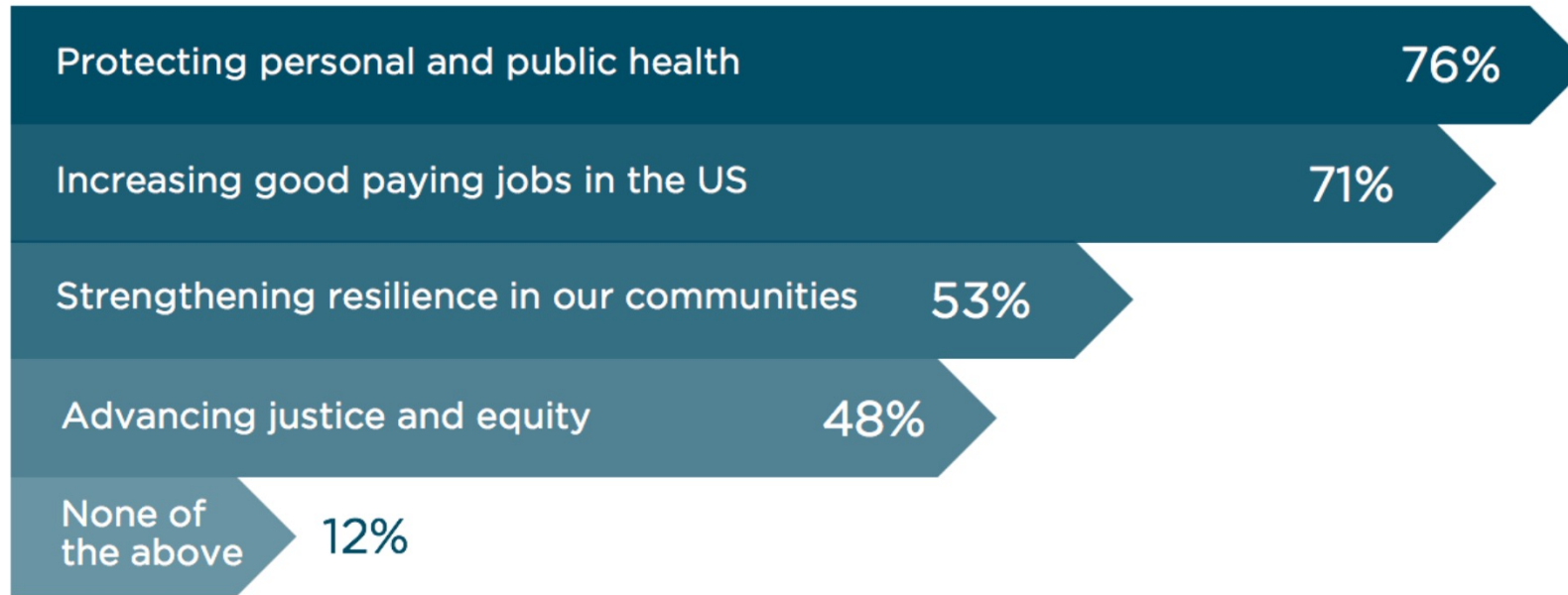




# Health is a Major Motivator for Climate Action

## The majority of Americans support climate change solutions that protect health

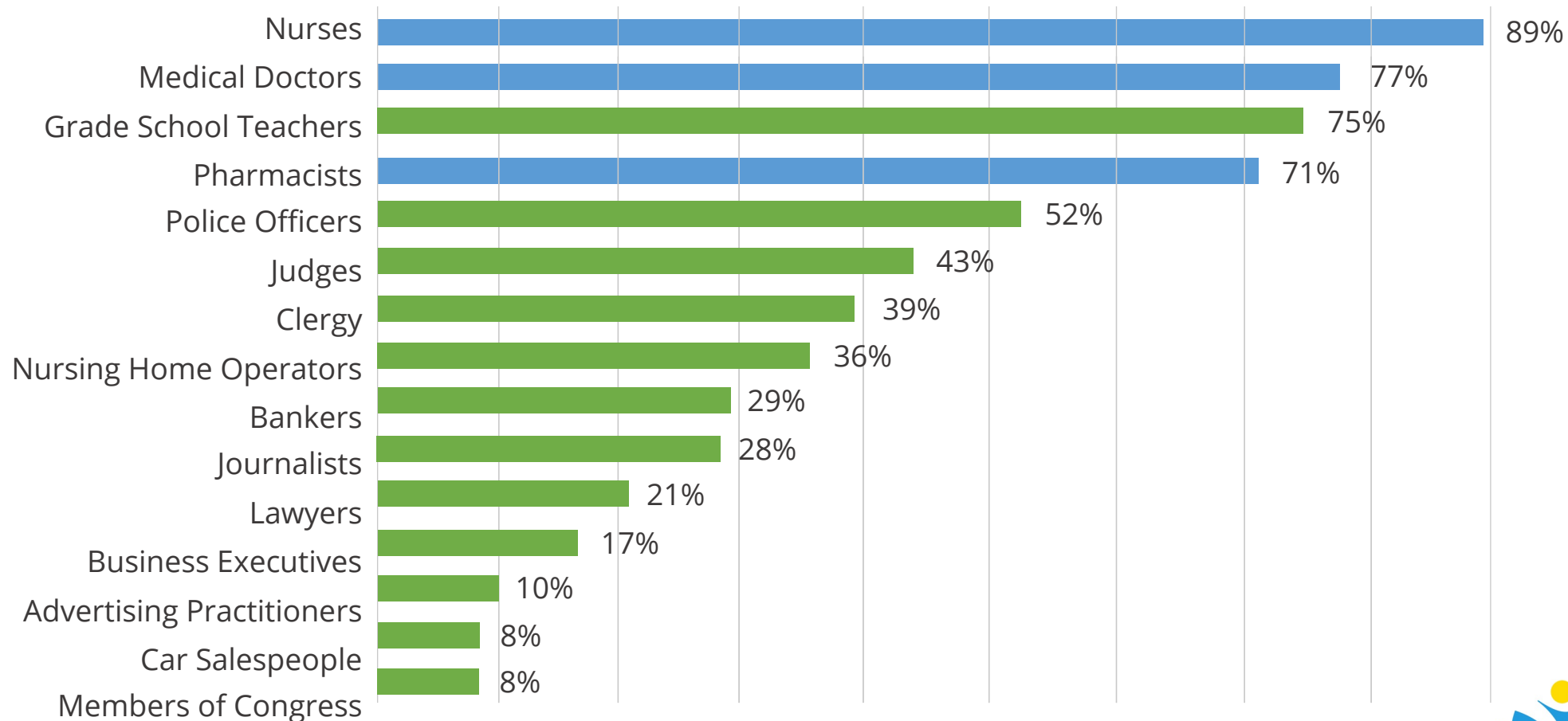
Survey question: "Would you support climate solutions if they benefited any of the following? (Please select all that apply)." 1,029 national respondents. +/- 3% margin of error.



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# Health Professionals: Highly Trusted Messengers

Percentage responding ethical standards and honesty are high or very high



Source: Gallup "Honesty/Ethics in Professions" 2020



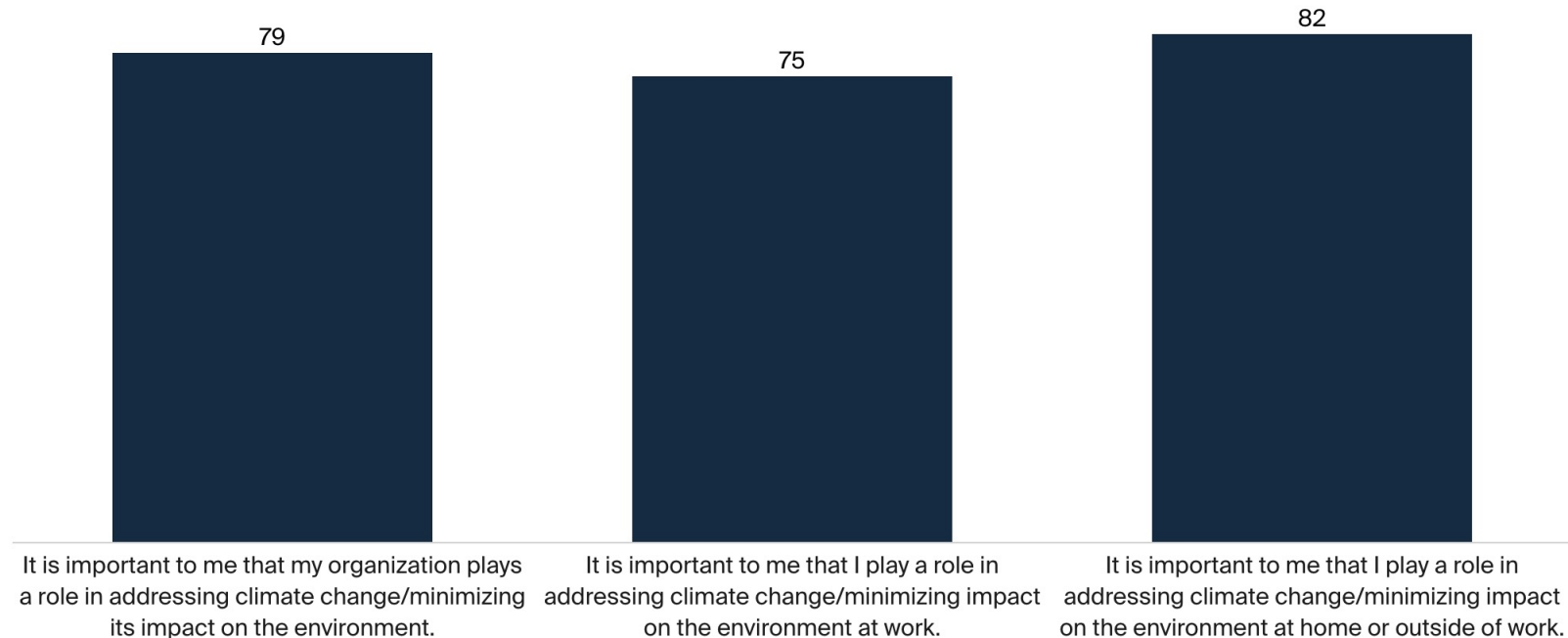


# Health Professionals: Motivated for Action

## EXHIBIT 1

A majority of clinicians surveyed feel it's important that the health system they work for plays a role in addressing climate change.

*Percentage of surveyed clinicians who "agreed" or "strongly agreed" with the following statement*



# Climate for Health Ambassador Training

NOW AVAILABLE

## AMBASSADOR TRAINING

- Full 3.5-4 hour training
- Review of climate/health impacts
- Solutions: individual to systemic
- Communications toolkit

[www.climateforhealth.org/ambassadors](http://www.climateforhealth.org/ambassadors)





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# INCREASED ANTHROPOGENIC GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

## CLIMATE PRESSURES



Increasing temperatures



More extreme weather



Rising sea levels



Extremes of precipitation

## EXPOSURE PATHWAYS



Extreme heat & heatwaves



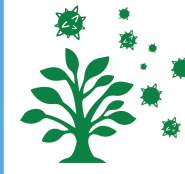
Air pollution  
(PM<sub>2.5</sub> & O<sub>3</sub>)



Water  
contamination



Changes in  
vector ecology



Increasing  
allergens



Food supply and  
quality



Population  
displacement

## HEALTH OUTCOMES



Heat stress & heat stroke



Respiratory disease



Cardiovascular disease



Gastrointestinal illness



Vector-borne diseases  
(Lyme, West Nile, Zika)



Mental health illness/  
worsening mental health

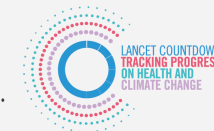


Adverse birth outcomes



Physical trauma and death

Populations especially vulnerable are children, older adults, pregnant women, those with chronic medical conditions, those with lower socioeconomic status, outdoor workers, and racial minorities.





# Climate Solutions



**Home**



**Workplace**



**Community**





# Co-benefits of Climate Solutions

- **People:** healthier, safer, nourishing well-being
- **Prosperity:** save money; more stable, better paying jobs
- **Nature:** thriving nature, clean air and water, healthy food
- **Stability:** less national and international migration
- **Equity & Justice:** reduce disparities and stratification



# Your Leadership Matters





# Spectrum of Advocacy



**Family, friends & neighbors**



**Workplace**



**Community**



**Policy Makers**



# Communicating Climate & Health

**1.**

**Start & Stay  
with People**

**2.**

**Make it  
Real**

**3.**

**Focus on  
Solutions &  
Personal  
Benefit**

**4.**

**Inspire &  
Empower**

**5.**

**Activate**

# Ambassador Program

- Online, on-demand training
- **Educate health professionals & give **tools**** for community engagement on climate
- **Ongoing support**, networking, and resources with thousands of Ambassadors in the US



# Continuing Education for Ambassador Training



**MOSES/WEITZMAN**  
Health System

- Joint accreditation for **three units** of continuing education:
  - Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)
  - American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
  - American Academy of Physicians Assistants (AAPA)
  - American Psychological Association (APA)
  - Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)
  - Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
  - American Dental Association (ADA)
  - Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)



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