



ADAMS COUNTY

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Quality of Life Survey Results 2016



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Executive Summary

Background

Adams County developed the Open Adams initiative as a way to collaborate, communicate and improve government standards in Adams County. The purposes of the Adams County Quality of Life survey were to improve transparency between the County and its residents as affirmed by Open Adams and to continue the trend line for residents' levels of satisfaction with services provided by the County from the baseline survey conducted in 2012. The survey also provided residents an opportunity to give input on areas of strength and opportunities for improvement and to communicate priorities for planning purposes and resource allocation. The Quality of Life survey was developed through an iterative process with members of the Board of County Commissioners, other elected officials, appointed officials and department directors and National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) staff.

Six thousand households in Adams County were randomly selected to receive the survey. The list of selected households was divided among the incorporated and unincorporated portions of the county (3,000 households in incorporated areas of the county and 3,000 in unincorporated areas). Each of the survey recipients were contacted by mail a total of three times in November/December 2016. The first mailing was a pre-notification postcard, followed by the initial survey packet and a reminder survey packet, each about one week apart.

A total of 855 completed surveys were returned, for a response rate of 15%. The 95 percent confidence interval for this survey is generally no greater than plus or minus three percentage points around any given percent reported for all survey respondents. Survey results were weighted so that the age, gender, race/ethnicity, housing tenure (rent versus own) and area of the County (unincorporated versus incorporated) were represented in the proportions reflective of the entire county.

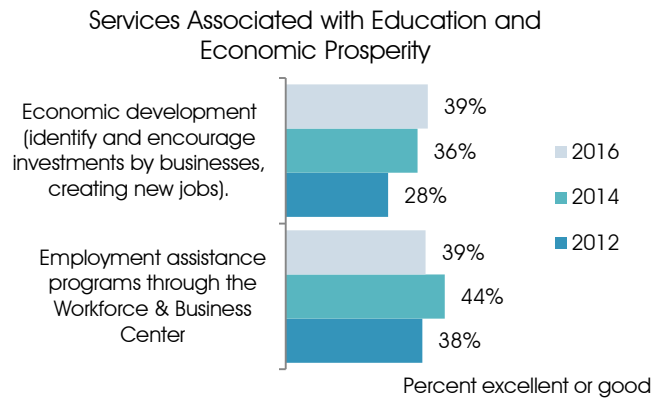
NRC has developed a database of comparative resident opinion comprised of resident perspectives gathered in citizen surveys from over 500 jurisdictions whose residents evaluated local government services. National, Colorado, Denver Regional Council of Government (DRCOG) and Adams County Municipalities benchmark comparisons have been provided when similar questions on the Adams County Quality of Life Survey are included in NRC's database.

Highlights and Opportunities

Education and Economic Prosperity

Residents value employment opportunities and feel positively about the support provided to businesses.

- At least half of residents gave high marks to the overall quality of business and service establishments, the County as a place to work and the overall image or reputation of Adams County. Additionally, about 4 in 10 or more rated the County as a place to start and/or operate a business and employment opportunities as excellent or good.
- Over one-third of participants felt positively about the economic development and employment assistance programs through the Workforce and Business Center. Ratings for employment assistance decreased slightly from 2014 to 2016.
- When comparisons could be made, Education and Economic Prosperity services tended to be rated lower than communities across the U.S., but were similar to Colorado jurisdictions and municipalities within the County.
- Nearly two in five indicated that Adams County was doing an excellent or good job retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses, which was similar to previous years.
- About three-quarters of survey participants indicated that they somewhat or strongly supported using tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation in the county, which was a similar level of support seen in 2014.
- When asked how much effort the County should apply to different areas of service delivery, fewer residents in 2016 than in 2014 thought the County should place more effort into Economic Development.
- While economic development was one of the top five most important services for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County, fewer residents felt that this was one of the most important services in 2016 (26%) than in 2014 (36%).

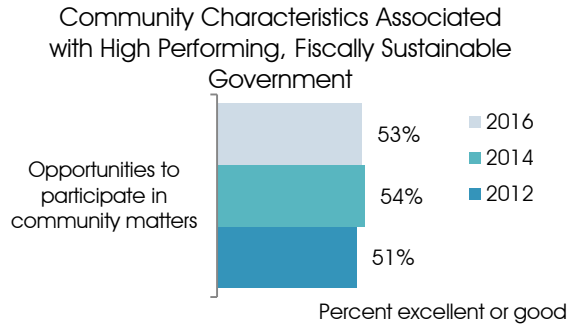


High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government

County residents continue to gain trust for government.

- Over half of residents felt they could trust Adams County government to do what is right and a similar proportion thought positively about the overall direction that Adams County is taking. More residents thought they could trust the government in 2016 than in previous years. Compared to benchmark communities, ratings for the overall direction of Adams County was rated similar to national, Colorado and DRCOG jurisdictions, but lower than other county municipalities.
- The highest rated aspects of government performance were treating residents with fairness and respect, generally acting in the best interest of the community and welcoming resident involvement, with at least two in five residents giving excellent or good ratings. The lowest rated aspect was giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions (34% excellent or good), a rating that was similar to past years.

- Ratings for treating residents with fairness and respect, being honest and being open and transparent to the public increased over time.
- Adams County government performance rating tended to be similar to or lower than benchmark communities.
- Fifty-three percent of residents indicated that they felt they had excellent or good opportunities to participate in community matters, which was similar to ratings given in 2014 and 2012. These evaluations were similar to those awarded in other Colorado and Adams County municipalities, but lower than national comparisons.



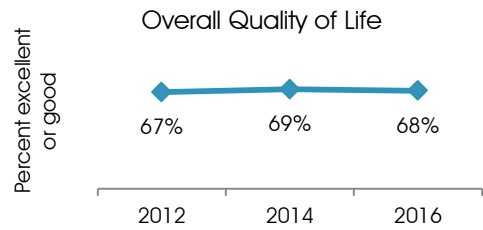
Participants are most likely to use mailings, newsletters and the County website for information about the community.

- Nearly three-quarters stated they were likely to use mailing to their home addresses to obtain information about the County, while about two-thirds or more were likely to use community newsletters or the County website.
- Compared to prior years, in 2016 residents were more likely to use the Adams County website, Facebook page, emails from the County and text messages, but less likely to utilize information provided at county facilities.
- Adams County residents were asked how informed they were about the job Adams County was doing and 18% indicated that they felt very well or well informed, which has remained stable over time.

Quality of Life

Many residents are pleased with their quality of life in Adams County.

- Sixty-eight percent of survey participants gave excellent or good evaluations to the overall quality of life in Adams County, which was similar to previous years' ratings. While this rating was similar to those awarded in other Adams County peer communities, it was lower than evaluations in national and Colorado benchmark jurisdictions.
- About three-quarters gave excellent or good ratings to Adams County as a place to live and close to two-thirds felt the same about their neighborhoods as place to live. A similar proportion also felt positively about the openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds, the County as a place to raise children and to their sense of personal safety.
- Compared to 2014, assessments of participants' neighborhoods as places to live and the variety of housing options decreased over time; however, overall quality of new development was rated higher in 2016.
- Overall, about 8 in 10 indicated that they would recommend living in Adams County to someone who asked and plan to remain in the community for the next five years. These ratings were similar to levels seen in national, state and local municipalities.



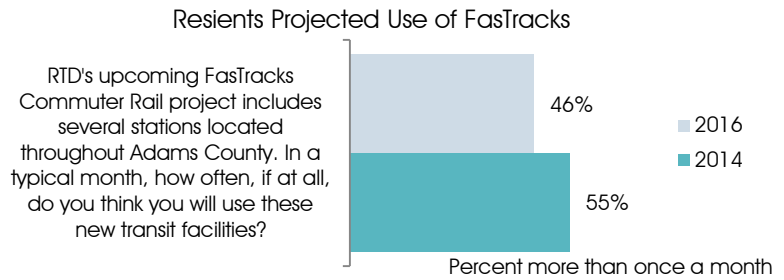
Services related to recreation are important to maintaining and improving the quality of life.

- Adams County open space, parks and trails system was positively rated by 76% of respondents and at least 6 in 10 awarded excellent or good ratings to the County fair/fairgrounds; both of these ratings were similar to ratings in 2014.
- Half of residents reported that they had visited a neighborhood or County park more than once a month for the past 12 months, which was similar to levels reported in benchmark communities.
- Survey respondents indicated the services they felt were the most and least important to maintaining and improving the quality of life in the county and open space, parks and trail systems was the most frequently mentioned service as being the most important (41%).
- At least half of respondents were satisfied with the amount of various parks and recreation facilities in Adams County. Compared to 2014, more residents indicated they thought that there was the right amount of neighborhood parks, youth recreation programs and fitness programs in 2016.

Safe and Reliable Infrastructure

Though residents generally are less satisfied with aspects of transportation in the county, they acknowledge they are not likely to utilize alternative modes.

- Over half of participants awarded high marks to the ease of car travel and availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails in the County. However, ratings for the availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails decreased from 2014 to 2016. About one-third gave positive ratings to traffic flow on major streets or ease of travel by other transit options.
- Ease of car travel was rated similarly to benchmark communities while other safe and reliable infrastructure aspects tended to be rated lower when compared to towns and cities in Adams County, Colorado and across the U.S.
- About one-quarter reported that they carpoled or walked or biked instead of driving at least once a month and 13% indicated that they used the bus, rail or other public transportation. Reported levels of carpooling were similar in Adams County in comparison to Colorado and national benchmarks, but fewer County residents walked or biked compared to these other communities.
- Less than half of residents thought they would use the FasTracks Commuter Rail transit system more than once a month, which is less than the number reported in 2014.
- About half of residents gave positive evaluations for traffic control in unincorporated Adams County, which was a decrease since 2014.
- About 4 in 10 gave excellent or good ratings to snow and ice removal and roadway maintenance in unincorporated Adams County; these ratings were similar to 2014.

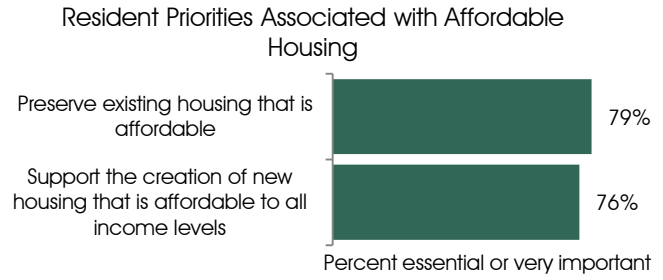


Supportive Human Services

Residents support improvements for affordable housing.

- About 3 in 10 respondents gave favorable ratings to the availability of affordable housing, which was a decrease from 2014. The availability of affordable housing was rated similarly to residents across local, state and national levels.

- Roughly 3 in 10 awarded excellent or good evaluations of housing assistance services, which decreased from previous levels in 2014 (45% excellent or good) and 2012 (38%).
- Residents indicated importance levels for affordable housing (households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage) measures, with at least three-quarters somewhat or strongly supported preserving existing housing that is affordable and creating new housing that was affordable to all income levels.
- Nearly 4 in 10 participants felt the County should put more effort to Human Services, which includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, adult protection, services for financially challenged families and Head Start, although, this was a decrease from the 2014 survey.



Survey Background

Why the survey was conducted

The purpose of the Adams County Quality of Life survey was to continue a trend line of residents' levels of satisfaction with services provided by the County, to give residents an opportunity to provide input to the County on areas of strength and opportunities for improvement and to communicate priorities for planning purposes and resource allocation. The County anticipates using the results of the survey in a variety of ways including performance based budgeting, the County Report Card project for performance management, the formulation of department goals, the County Comprehensive Plan and other County plans, initiatives and programs. This is the third quality of life survey conducted by the County; the baseline survey took place in 2012.

How the survey was conducted

The questionnaire used for the Adams County Quality of Life survey was developed through an iterative process with members of the Board of County Commissioners, other elected officials, appointed officials and department directors in conjunction with NRC staff. A copy of the questionnaire can be found in *Appendix G: Survey Materials*.

Six thousand households in Adams County were randomly selected to receive the survey. About 80% of the county's population lives within the boundaries of incorporated towns or cities from which they also receive local government services, while only 20% resides in the unincorporated part of the county. In order to ensure that a sufficient number of responses came from both portions of the county, the 6,000 households were divided among the incorporated and unincorporated portions (3,000 households in incorporated areas and 3,000 in unincorporated areas).

Each of the survey recipients were contacted by mail a total of three times in November/December 2016. The first mailing was a pre-notification postcard announcing the upcoming survey. About a week later, the first wave of the survey was sent followed by the second wave a week after that. The packet included the questionnaire, cover letter and a self-addressed, postage-paid return envelope. Both survey packets included link where the survey could be completed online, if preferred, as well as a Spanish paragraph instructing Spanish-speaking residents that they could complete the survey online in Spanish or call the county to request a copy of the survey in Spanish. A copy of the survey materials can be found in *Appendix G: Survey Materials*.

Of the 6,000 addresses selected to receive the survey, 204 were identified by the post office as vacant. A total of 855 completed surveys were returned, for a response rate of 15; 87 surveys were completed via the web, including one Spanish survey. It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a "level of confidence" and accompanying "confidence interval" (or margin of error). The 95 percent confidence interval for this survey is generally no greater than plus or minus three percentage points around any given percent reported for all survey respondents.

Survey results were weighted so that the age, gender, race/ethnicity and housing tenure (rent versus own) were represented in the proportions reflective within both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county, as well as the entire county. (For more information see the detailed survey methodology in *Appendix F: Survey Methodology*.)

How the results are reported

For the most part, frequency distributions (the percent of respondents giving each possible response to a particular question) and the “percent positive” are presented in the body of the report. The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (e.g., “excellent” and “good”). The full set of frequencies can be found in *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions*.

On many of the questions in the survey, respondents could give an answer of “don’t know” or “don’t know/not applicable.” The proportion of respondents giving this reply is always shown in the appendices and is notably high for a number of survey questions. However, “don’t know” responses generally have been removed from the analyses presented in the body of the report, unless otherwise indicated. In other words, the majority of the tables and graphs in the body of the report display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item. Please refer to the tables in *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions* to view the proportion of respondents answering “don’t know” to each question where a “don’t know” response was included.

For some questions, respondents were permitted to select multiple responses. When the total exceeds 100% in a table for a multiple response question, it is because some respondents are counted in multiple categories. When a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the convention of rounding percentages to the nearest whole number.

Comparison Data

NRC’s database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 500 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on the Adams County Quality of Life Survey. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community; most communities conduct surveys every year or in alternating years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. Adams County chose to have comparisons made to communities across the nation, in the state of Colorado, counties within the Denver Regional Council of Government (DRCOG) and incorporated municipalities within Adams County.

Where comparisons for quality ratings were available, Adams County’s results were noted as being “higher” than the benchmark, “lower” than the benchmark or “similar” to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Adams County residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. More extreme differences are noted as “much higher” or “much lower.” More information on benchmark comparisons can be found in *Appendix F: Survey Methodology*. The detailed tables as well as lists of communities included in each set of comparisons appear in *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*.

Comparing Survey Results over Time

Because this survey was the third in a series of citizen surveys, the 2016 results are presented along with past ratings when available. Differences between percentages reported in the body of the report can be considered “statistically significant” if they are five percentage points or more. Trend data for Adams County represent important comparisons and should be examined for improvements or declines. Deviations from stable trends over time represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs or public information may have affected business owners’ and managers’ opinions.

Comparing Survey Results by Subgroups

Selected survey results were compared to certain demographic characteristics of survey respondents and by the respondents' geographic area of residence. These findings are discussed and are presented in tabular form in *Appendix D: Selected Survey Results by Respondent Characteristics*. Where differences between subgroups are statistically significant, the results in these tables are shaded grey.

Results by Strategic Plan Goals

The Adams County Quality of Life Survey was comprehensive, covering many topics related to life in the community. The report has been organized around the County's Strategic Plan goals:

- Education and Economic Prosperity
- High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government
- Quality of Life
- Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Supportive Human Services

Each of these sections includes residents' evaluation of characteristics of the community, services and other key issues related to these goals. The final section, *Additional Services in Adams County*, includes ratings for other services available in Adams County (either provided by the County or other entities) that did not fall under the Strategic Plan goals, but are nonetheless important to understanding quality of life in the county.

Education and Economic Prosperity

Adams County supports economic prosperity by attracting new businesses, retaining existing businesses, and supporting the growth and development of small businesses. We do that by creating programs that facilitate a highly-skilled and well-educated workforce; support a positive image and brand for Adams County, and foster an environment to meet these goals.

-Adams County Board of Commissioners Strategic Planning Document

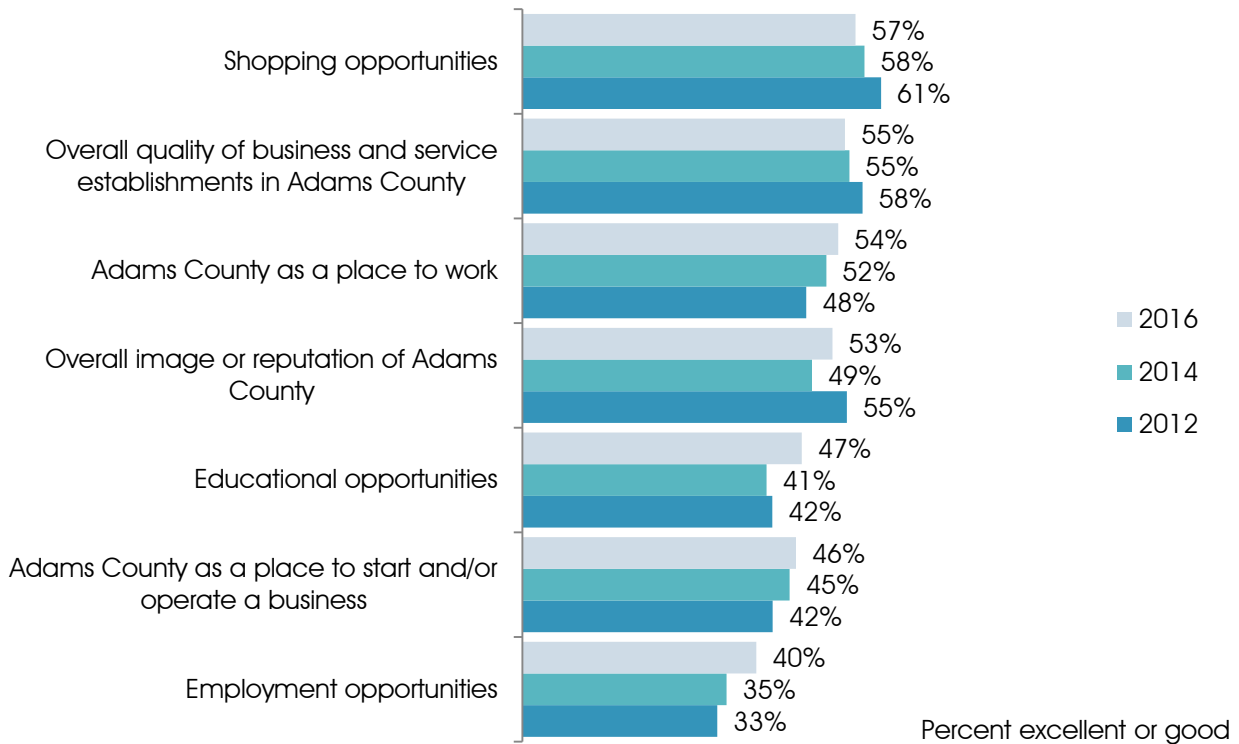
Community Characteristics

Survey participants rated seven aspects related to the Education and Economic Prosperity of Adams County, including education and employment opportunities, quality of businesses and services and the county as a place to work. At least half of residents gave high marks to shopping opportunities, overall quality of business and service establishments, the County as a place to work and the overall image or reputation of Adams County. Additionally, about 4 in 10 or more rated the County as a place to start and/or operate a business, educational opportunities and employment opportunities in the community as excellent or good. Ratings for these aspects tended to remain stable over time; however, evaluations of educational opportunities increased from 2014 to 2016 (41% vs. 47%, respectively).

When compared to other communities in Colorado, the DRCOG region, municipalities in the incorporated area of the county and nationally, these aspects in Adams County were rated similar to or lower than these comparisons (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 1: Community Characteristics Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole:



Services

A variety of services are available to residents in Adams County; some are offered by the County and some are offered by other entities such as incorporated cities and towns or special districts. Services offered by the County in the area of Education and Economic Prosperity include Front Range Airport, the Workforce and Business Center and economic development. About two-thirds of residents rated the Front Range Airport as excellent or good, a rating that increased since the last survey iteration. Additionally, 39% of respondents awarded favorable scores to the economic development and employment assistance programs through the Workforce and Business Center and these ratings were similar to those given in 2014; however, economic development has increased 11% since 2012. Ratings for public schools, which is not provided by the County, was positively evaluated by nearly half of participants (48% excellent or good), but this rating has decreased since 2014 (55%).

When comparisons could be made, these services tended to be rated lower than communities across the U.S., but were similar to Colorado jurisdictions and municipalities within the County. Public school districts were rated much lower than national and Colorado communities, but similar to other incorporated Adams County municipalities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 2: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity

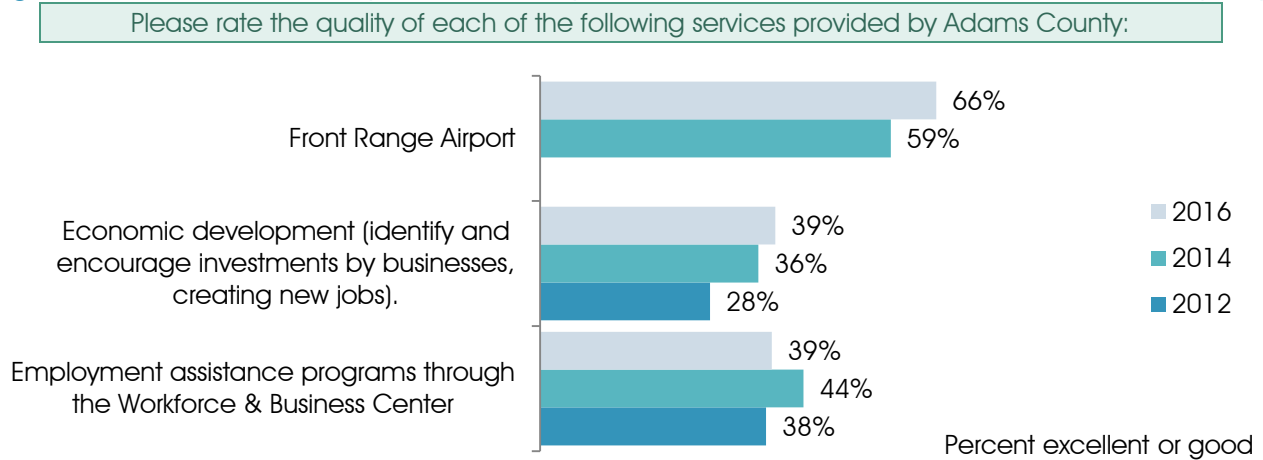
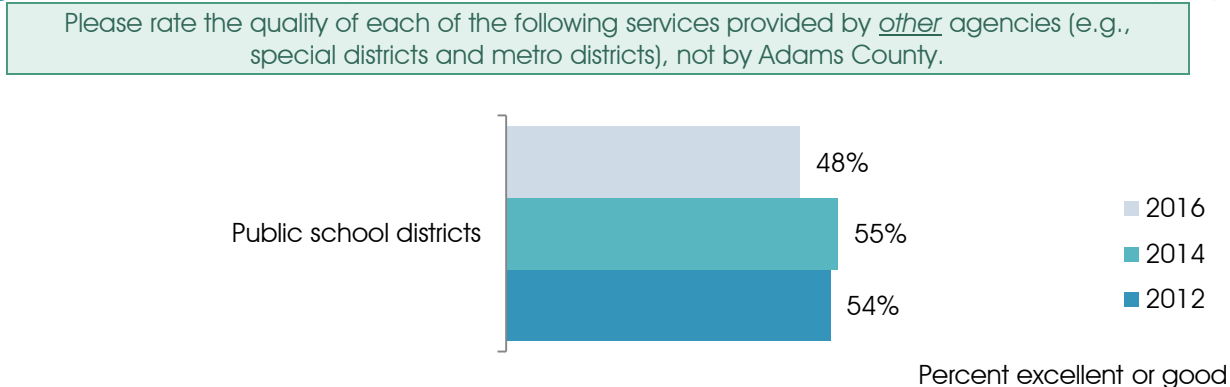


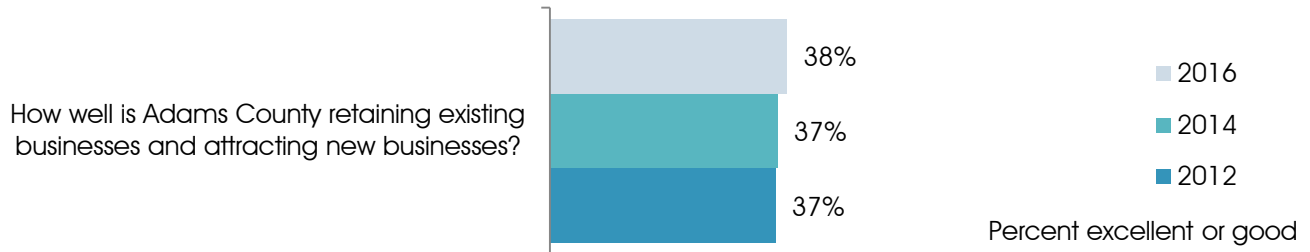
Figure 3: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity



Resident Priorities

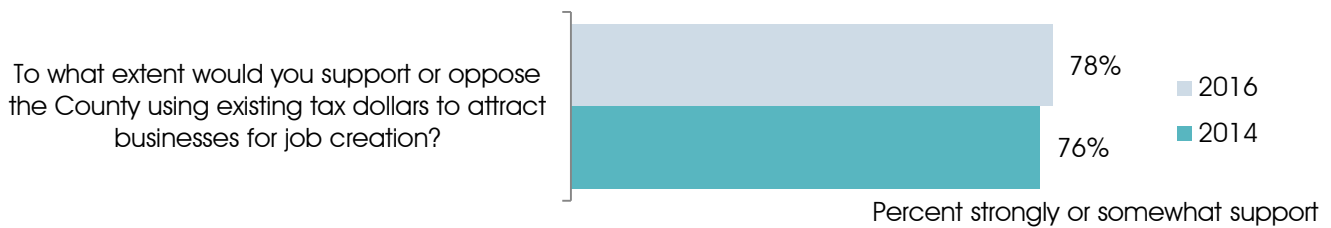
As in previous years, more than one-third of residents gave excellent or good evaluations of the job Adams County was doing retaining existing businesses and attracting new ones to the community. Ratings for this aspect were not available for comparison to other communities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 4: Business Retention in Adams County



About three-quarters of survey participants indicated that they somewhat or strongly supported using tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation in the county, which was a similar level of support seen in 2014.

Figure 5: Support for Tax-funded Job Creation



High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government

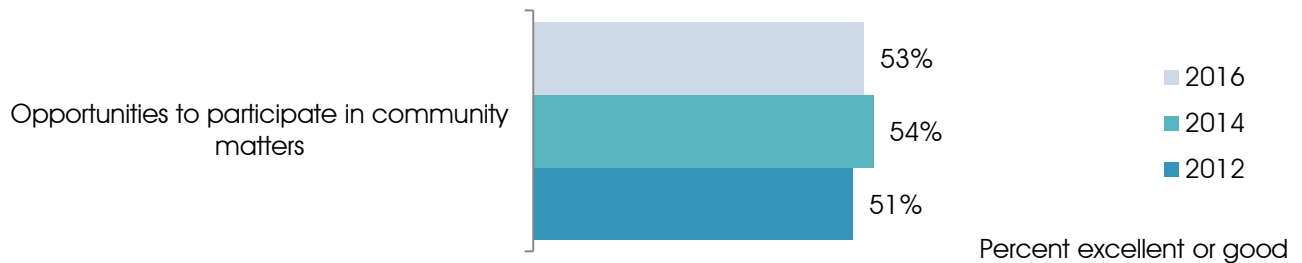
A high performing government knows and delivers what its citizens want, is customer-centric, has an innovative culture, and uses the best technology. We consider the sustainability of our services and service delivery in all areas of government operations. We have the right people in the right jobs and align our resources with our priorities. We implement best practices and empower our people with collaboration, adaptability, and teamwork. -Adams County Board of Commissioners Strategic Planning Document, FY2014 through FY2016, page 7

Community Characteristics

In order to understand what its citizens want, a government needs to provide ample opportunities for residents to provide feedback. Fifty-three percent of residents indicated that they felt they had excellent or good opportunities to participate in community matters, which was similar to ratings given in 2014 and 2012. These evaluations were similar to those awarded in other Colorado and Adams County municipalities, but lower than national comparisons (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 6: Community Characteristics Associated with High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government

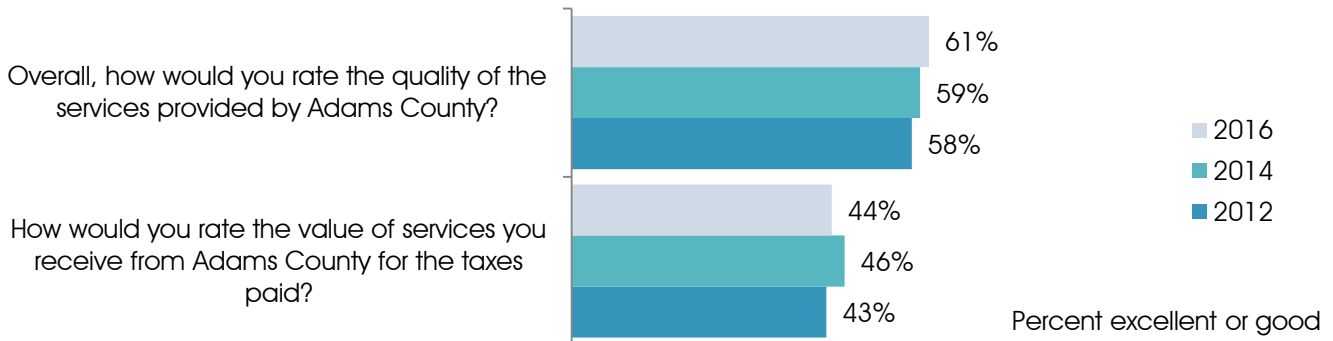
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole:



Services

Assessments for the overall quality of services provided by Adams County were positive, with about 6 in 10 respondents giving excellent or good ratings, and over 4 in 10 awarded high marks to the value of services for the taxes paid; these ratings have remained stable since 2012. These evaluations tended to be rated lower than comparisons communities across the nation, DRCOG and Colorado; however, they were similarly rated to municipalities within the county (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

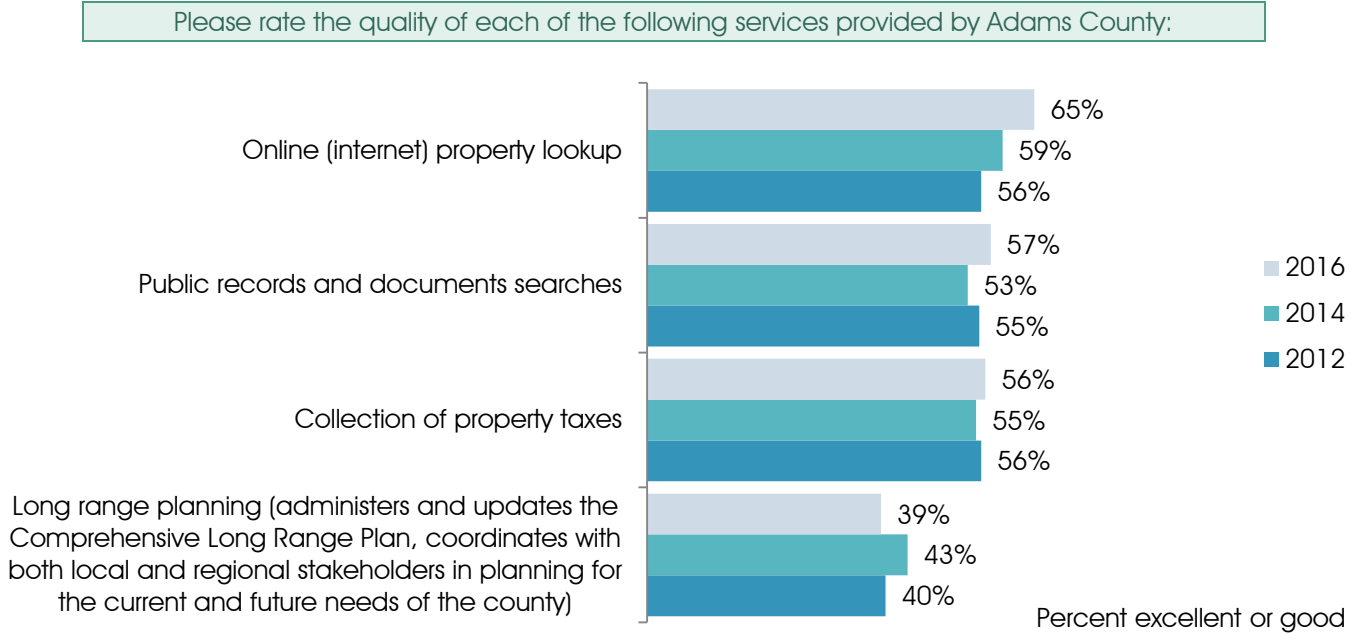
Figure 7: Overall Quality and Value of Services Provided by Adams County



Adams County provides a number of services that support its goal of High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government. Three of the four services were rated as excellent or good by at least half of residents, including online property lookup, public records and document searches and property tax collection services. Nearly 4 in 10 also assigned high scores to the long range planning services within Adams County. While many of these services were similar to ratings in previous years, evaluations of online property lookup increased since 2014.

Comparisons for long range planning were available at the national level; this service was rated lower in Adams County than in other communities across the U.S. (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

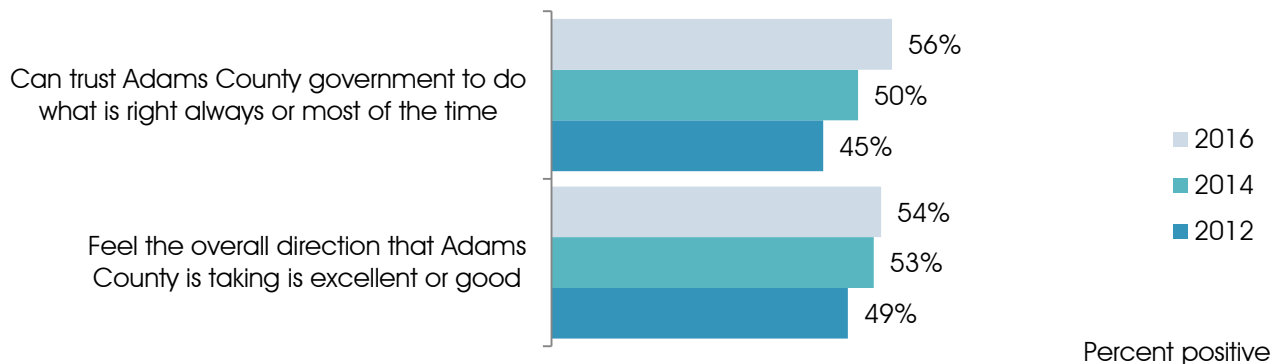
Figure 8: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government



County Government

Over half of residents felt they could trust Adams County government to do what is right and a similar proportion thought positively about the overall direction that Adams County is taking. More residents thought they could trust the government in 2016 than in 2014. Compared to benchmark communities, ratings for the overall direction of Adams County was rated similarly to national, Colorado and DRCOG jurisdictions, but lower than other county municipalities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 9: Attitudes toward Adams County Government

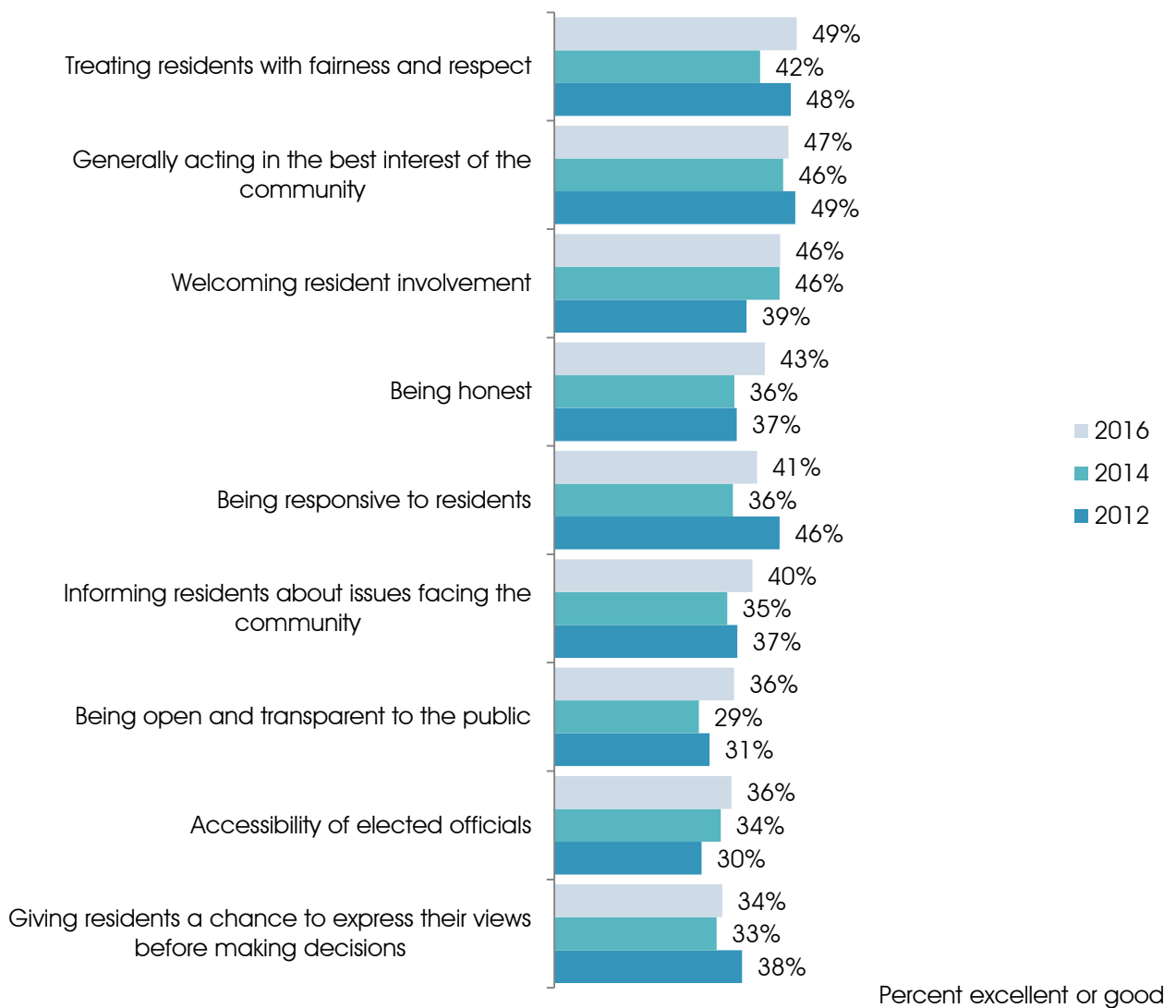


Participants rated several aspects related to County government performance. The highest rated aspects were treating residents with fairness and respect, generally acting in the best interest of the community and welcoming resident involvement, with at least two in five residents giving excellent or good ratings. The lowest rated aspect was giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions, a rating that was similar to past years. Ratings for treating residents with fairness and respect, being honest and being open and transparent to the public increased over time, while all other ratings were stable over time. No aspects for government performance decreased since 2014.

When comparisons could be made, County government performance rating tended to be similar to or lower than benchmark communities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 10: Adams County Government Performance

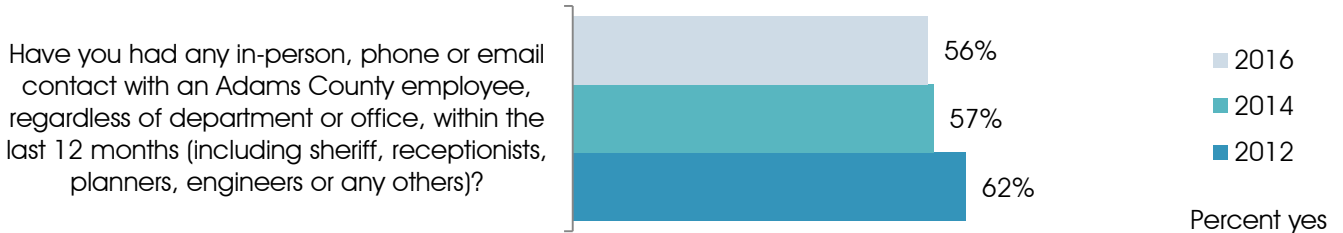
Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in each of the following areas:



County Employees

In 2016, a little over half of resident reported having contact with a County employee in the past 12 months, a level of contact that was similar to 2014, but lower than 2012, which is not uncommon given the access to information and technology. This was similar to the levels of contact reported by respondents across the nation, Colorado and in Adams County communities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

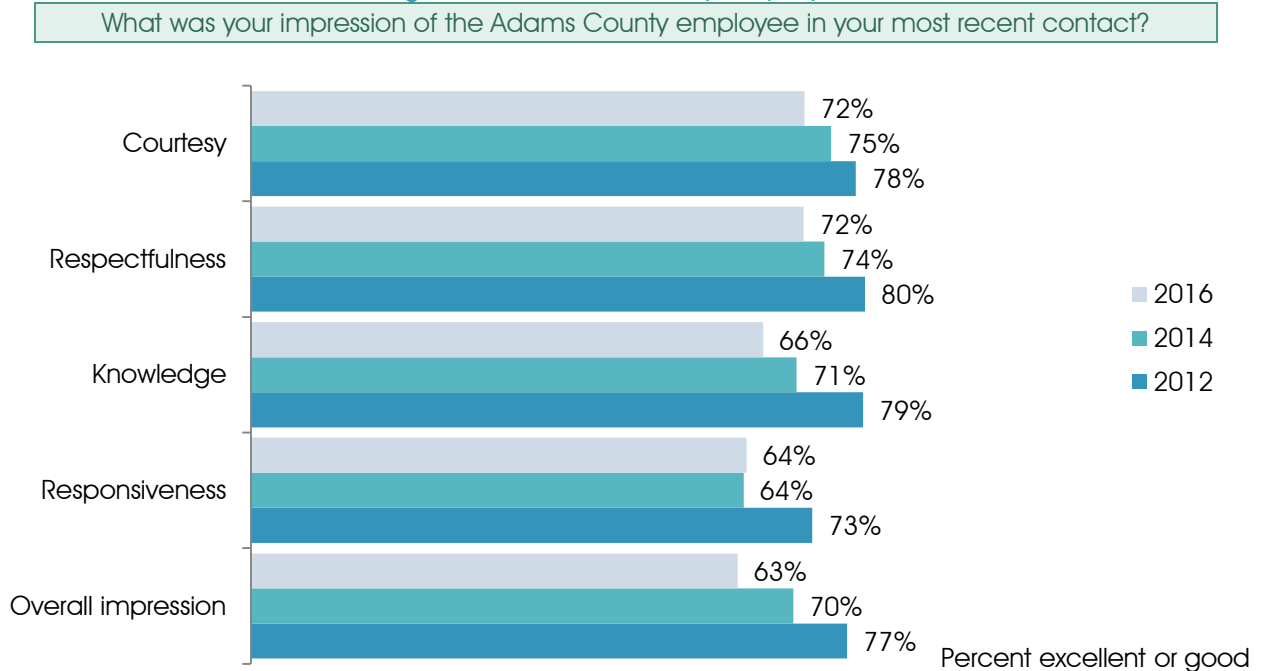
Figure 11: Contact with Employees



Of the survey respondents who had contact with an employee, about 7 in 10 reported that the employee was courteous and respectful and about two-thirds felt the employee was knowledgeable and responsive; these ratings were similar to those awarded in 2014. Sixty-three percent of survey respondents had an excellent or good overall impression of the employee, a rating that decreased since 2014.

Ratings of Adams County employees tended to be lower or much lower than the ratings of other employees across the nation, Colorado, the DRCOG region and among Adams County municipalities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 12: Adams County Employees



Only asked of respondents who reported having had contact with the County.

Resident Priorities

Residents specified their service priorities by indicating how much effort the County should apply to 11 broad areas of service delivery. For eight of the areas, at least half of respondents thought the County should apply the same effort, including neighborhood services code enforcement and animal management, parks and open space, human services, law enforcement, public services, public health services and aging and adult services. One in ten or less indicated that Adams County should expend less effort to each of these areas.

Figure 13: Effort toward County Service Delivery

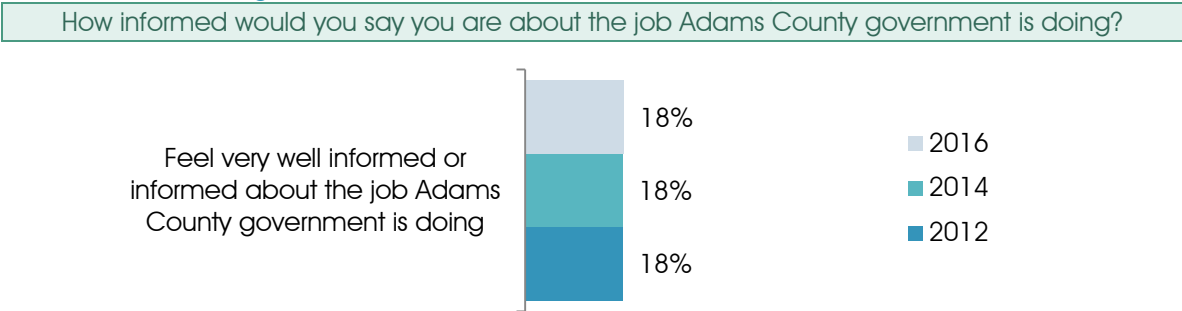
| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | | 2016 | 2014 |
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| Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris) | More effort | 44% | NA |
| | Same effort | 51% | NA |
| | Less effort | 5% | NA |
| Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals) | More effort | 35% | NA |
| | Same effort | 61% | NA |
| | Less effort | 5% | NA |
| Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings) | More effort | 38% | 38% |
| | Same effort | 58% | 58% |
| | Less effort | 4% | 4% |
| Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs) | More effort | 47% | 57% |
| | Same effort | 47% | 37% |
| | Less effort | 7% | 6% |
| Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, adult protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.) | More effort | 38% | 49% |
| | Same effort | 52% | 45% |
| | Less effort | 10% | 6% |
| Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.) | More effort | 36% | 36% |
| | Same effort | 58% | 59% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 5% |
| Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.) | More effort | 15% | 17% |
| | Same effort | 81% | 75% |
| | Less effort | 5% | 8% |
| Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems; snow removal, etc.) | More effort | 55% | 52% |
| | Same effort | 42% | 47% |
| | Less effort | 3% | 2% |
| Transportation Infrastructure Construction (includes construction of new roads, widening of existing roads, sidewalk construction, etc.) | More effort | 49% | 49% |
| | Same effort | 45% | 47% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 5% |
| Public Health Services (includes immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, birth and death certificates, health information, Environmental Health services, etc.) | More effort | 30% | NA |
| | Same effort | 62% | NA |
| | Less effort | 8% | NA |
| Aging & Adult Services (includes community transit services for Senior and low income residents, Meals on Wheels, long term care & adult protection) | More effort | 39% | NA |
| | Same effort | 55% | NA |
| | Less effort | 6% | NA |

In 2014, the two neighborhood services priority areas were a single area called "community services," so comparisons over time cannot be made. In 2016, public health and aging and adult services were added to the survey.

Information Sources

Adams County residents were also asked how informed they were about the job Adams County was doing and 18% indicated that they felt very well or well informed, which has remained stable over time.

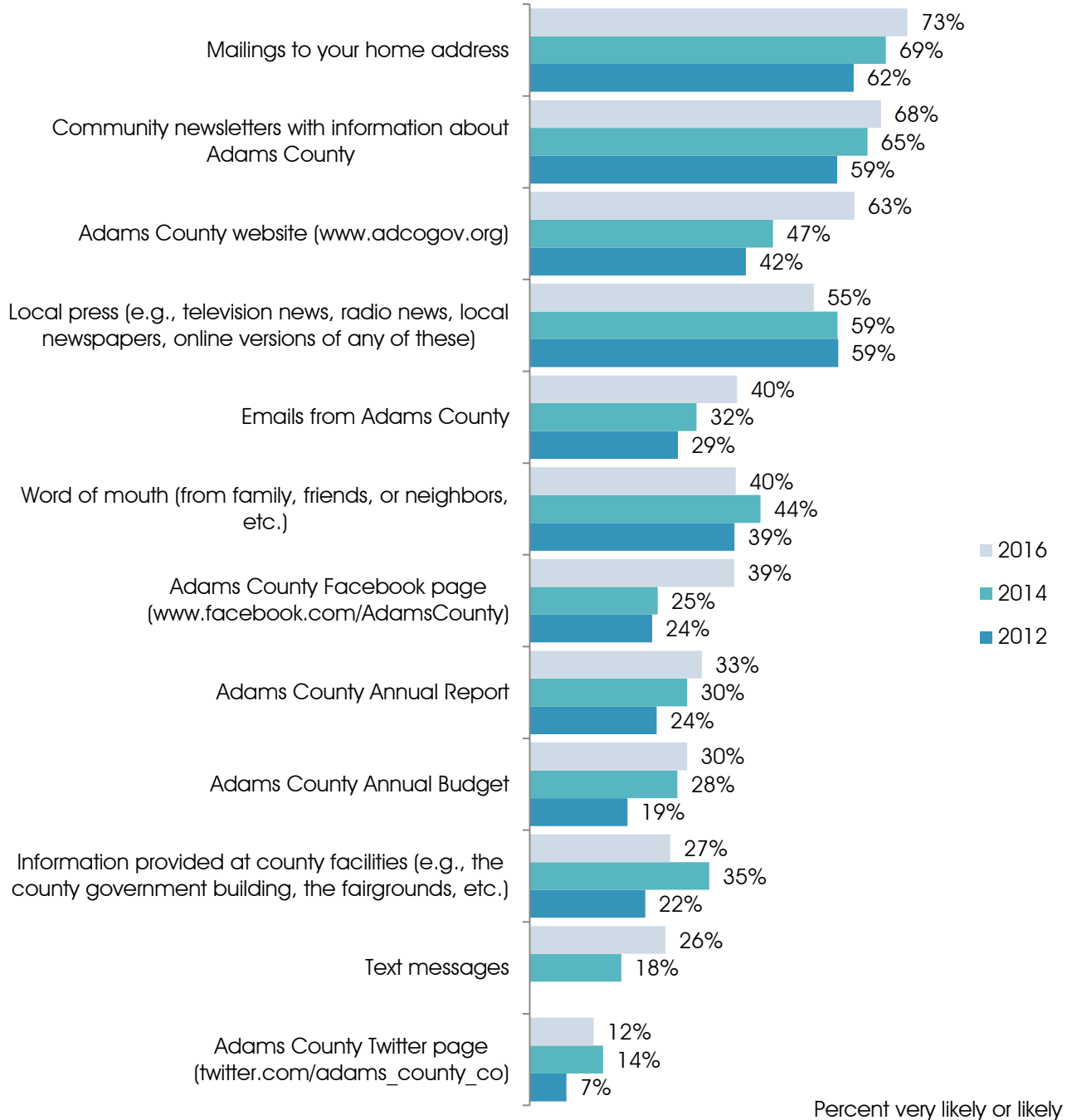
Figure 14: Informed about Adams County Government



Additionally, respondents were asked to indicate how likely they were to utilize a variety of sources to gain information about the County (see the figure on the next page). Nearly three-quarters stated they were likely to use mailing to their home addresses to obtain information, while about two-thirds or more were likely to use community newsletters or the County website (a rating that increased from 47% in 2014 to 63% in 2016). Only 12% of participants were very likely or likely to use Twitter as a source of County information. Compared to 2014, in 2016 residents were more likely to use the Adams County website, Facebook page, emails from the County and text messages, but less likely to utilize information provided at county facilities.

Figure 15: Information Sources

Thinking of how you currently get information about events or issues, how likely would you be to obtain information about Adams County like public hearings, community meetings, upcoming programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats?



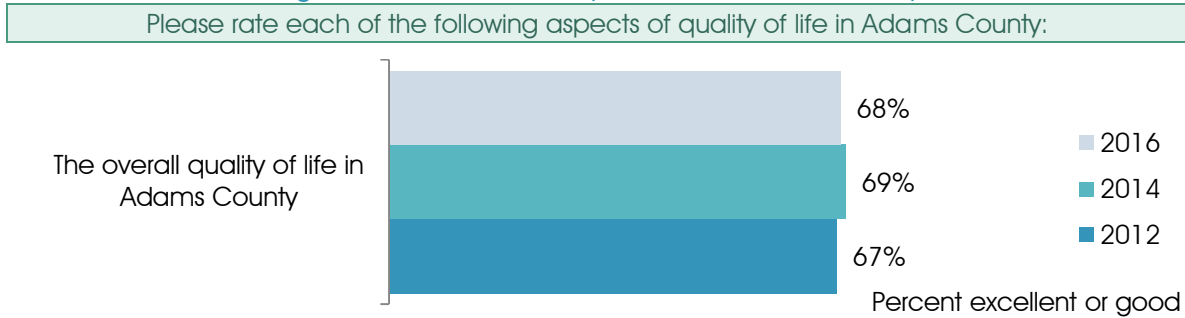
Quality of Life

Our neighborhoods will be clean and safe. Our communities will be visually attractive and have outstanding park, recreational, open space, and cultural amenities. Our citizens will be engaged in their community. Sustainability of development and natural resource preservation will be an integral part of our growth and redevelopment. -Adams County Board of Commissioners Strategic Planning Document, FY2014 through FY2016, page 9

Community Characteristics

Residents' perceptions of their quality of life and the quality of their neighborhood are central to gauging community livability. Sixty-eight percent of survey participants gave excellent or good evaluations to the overall quality of life in Adams County, which was similar to previous years' ratings. While this rating was similar to those awarded in other Adams County peer communities, it was lower than evaluations in national and Colorado benchmark jurisdictions (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 16: Overall Quality of Life in Adams County

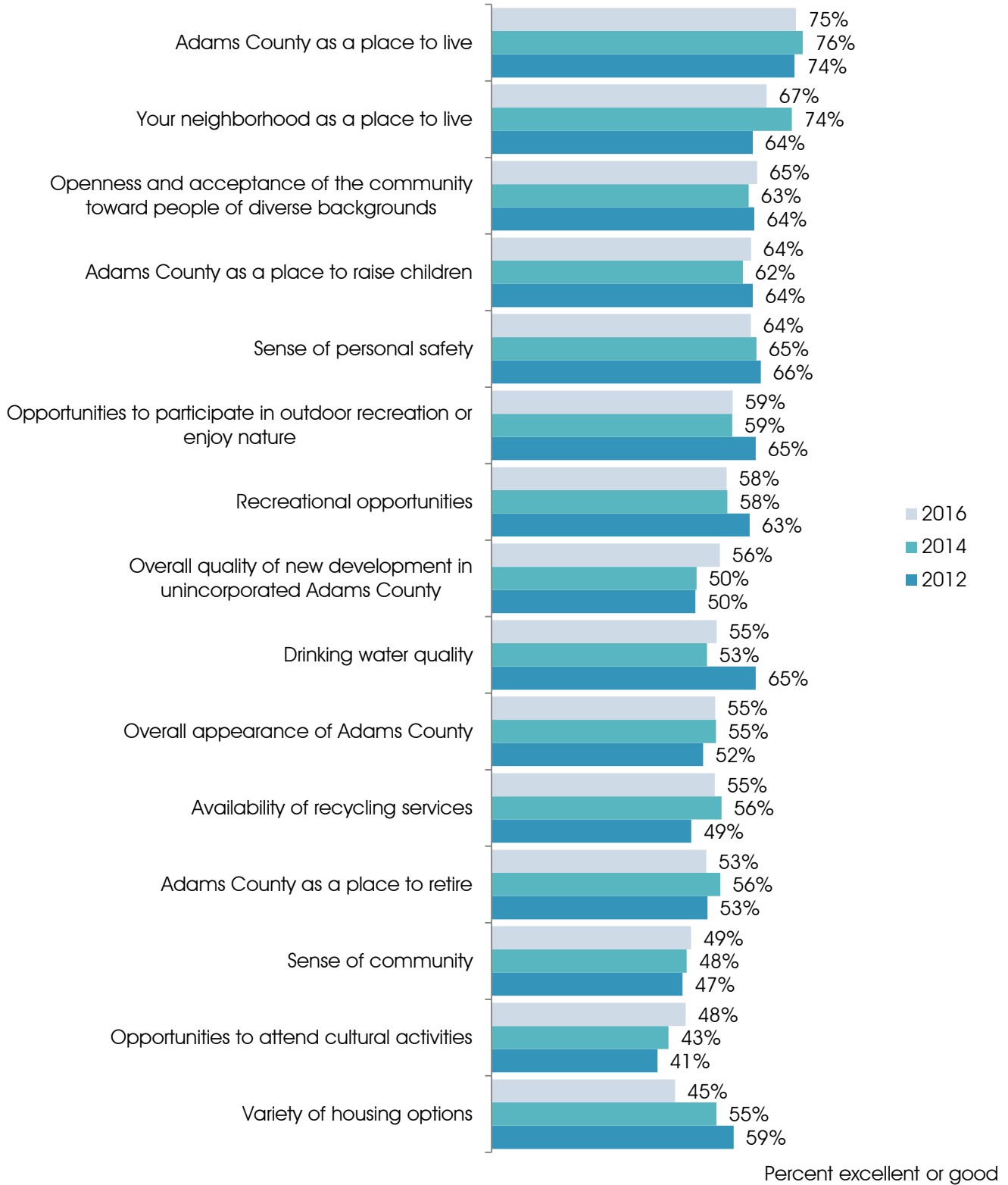


Regarding residents' perspectives on characteristics associated with quality of life (see Figure 17, page 20), at least two in five gave excellent or good ratings to each of these aspects. About three-quarters gave favorable ratings to Adams County as a place to live and close to two-thirds felt the same about their neighborhoods as place to live. A similar proportion also felt positively about the openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds, the County as a place to raise children and to their sense of personal safety. The lowest rated characteristics were opportunities to attend cultural activities (48% excellent or good) and the variety of housing options (45%).

Compared to 2014, assessments of participants' neighborhoods as places to live and the variety of housing options decreased in 2016; however, overall quality of new development was rated higher in 2016. All other characteristics remained stable over time. Comparisons to peer communities indicated that Adams County tended to be rated similarly on these aspects compared to other municipalities in the county, but were lower or much lower than other benchmark comparison groups for most ratings (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 17: Community Characteristics Associated with Quality of Life

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Adams County:



Community Participation

Starting in 2014, the survey asked residents to indicate their attachment to the community. Overall, about 8 in 10 indicated that they would recommend living in Adams County to someone who asked and planned to remain in the community for the next five years. These ratings were similar to levels seen in national, state and local municipalities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

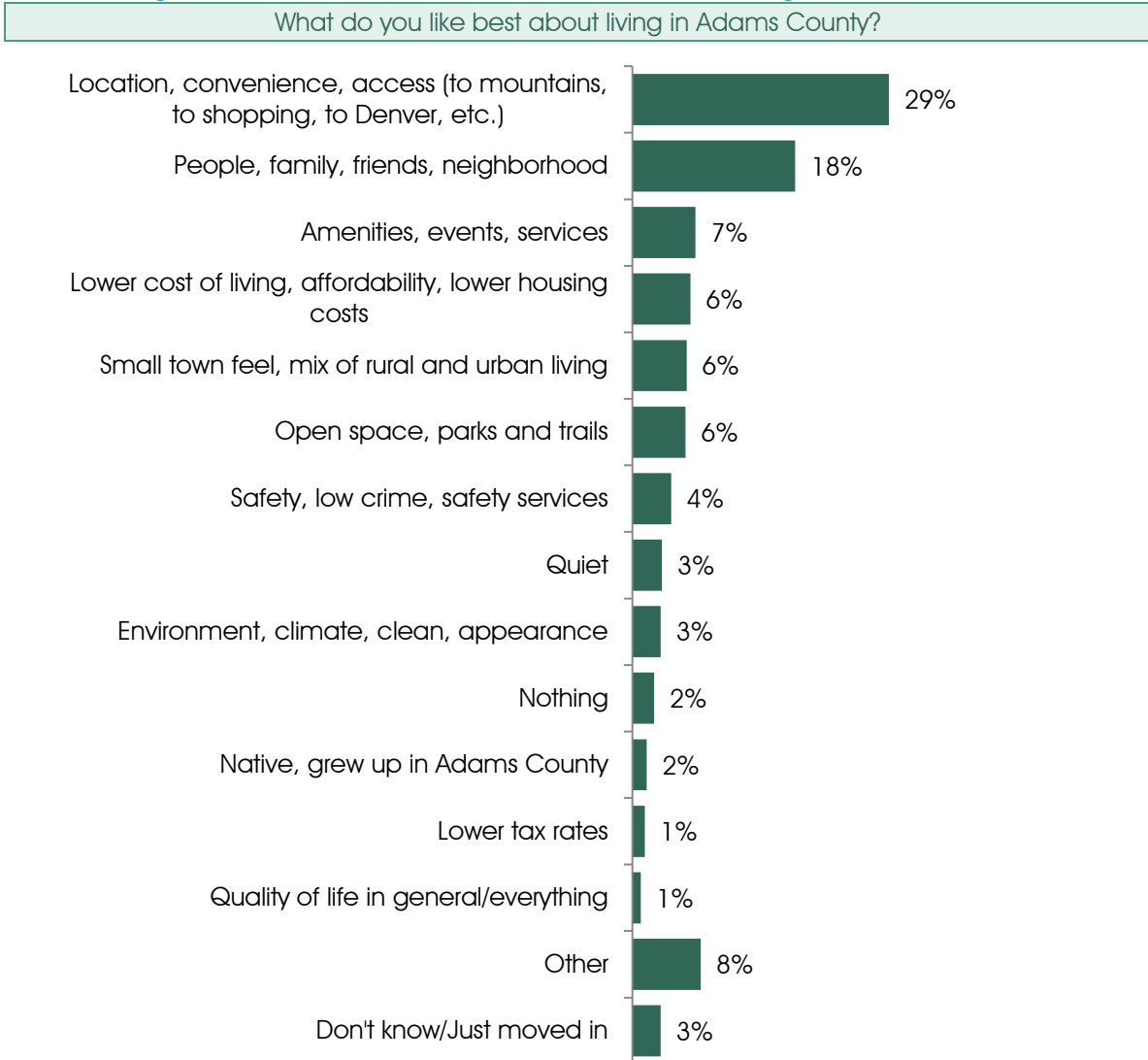
Figure 18: Resident Attachment to the Community



Respondents were also asked to identify the best thing about living in Adams County in their own words. Of the 336 responses provided, 29% were related to the location, convenience and access to amenities or nearby employment. The next most frequently cited aspect was the people, family, friends or neighbors (18%). Less than five percent indicated that safety, quiet, environment, tax rates or their native status were the best reasons for living in Adams County.

The verbatim comments to this question, including the “other” responses, can be found in *Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Questions*.

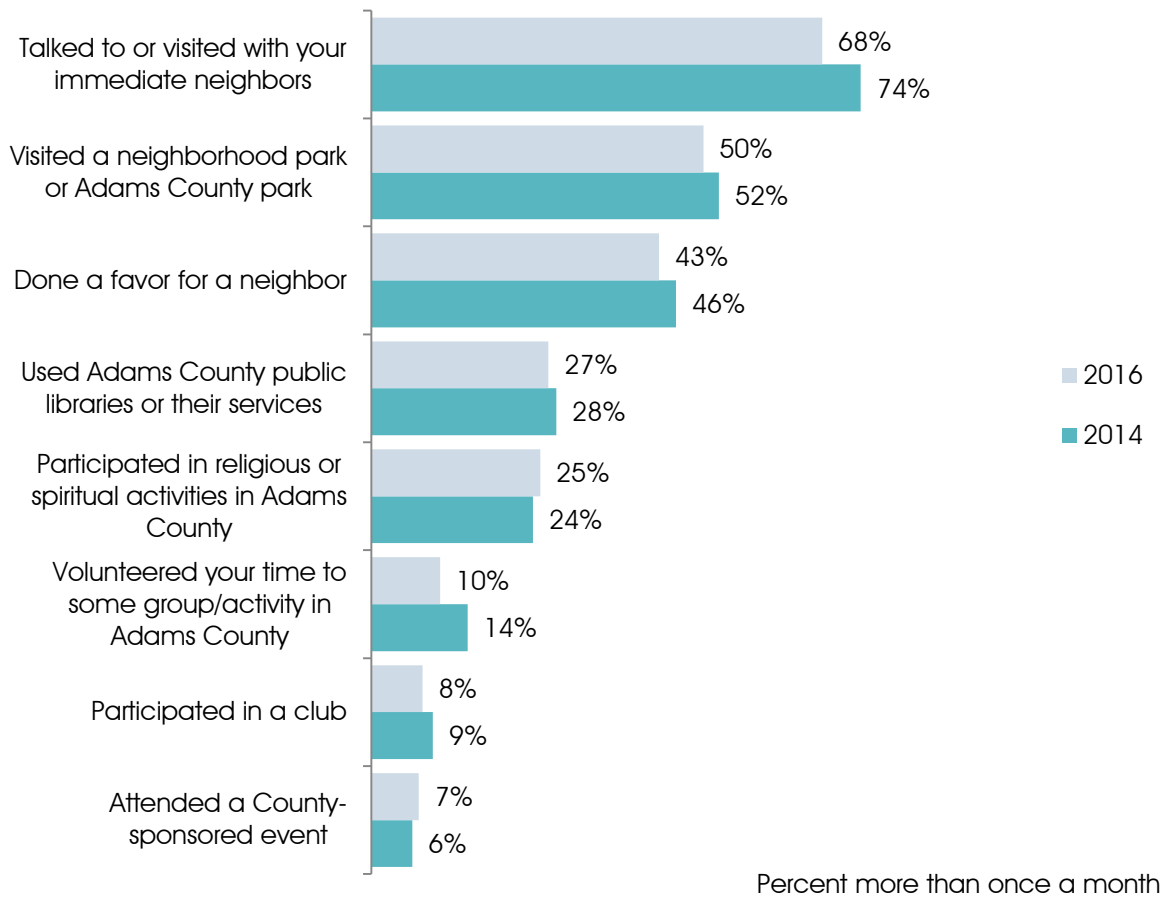
Figure 19: What Respondents Liked Best about Living in Adams County



For the second time on the survey, respondents were asked how frequently they had participated in a variety of activities in Adams County. Nearly 7 in 10 residents had talked to or visited with their neighbors at least once a month and half had visited a neighborhood or county park. Less than 1 in 10 had participated in a club or attended a County-sponsored event. Adams County respondents reported lower or much lower rates of participation for volunteering or participating in a club than residents across the U.S. and Colorado, but similar levels for other activities in comparison to benchmark communities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 20: Community Participation in Activities Associated with Quality of life

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County?

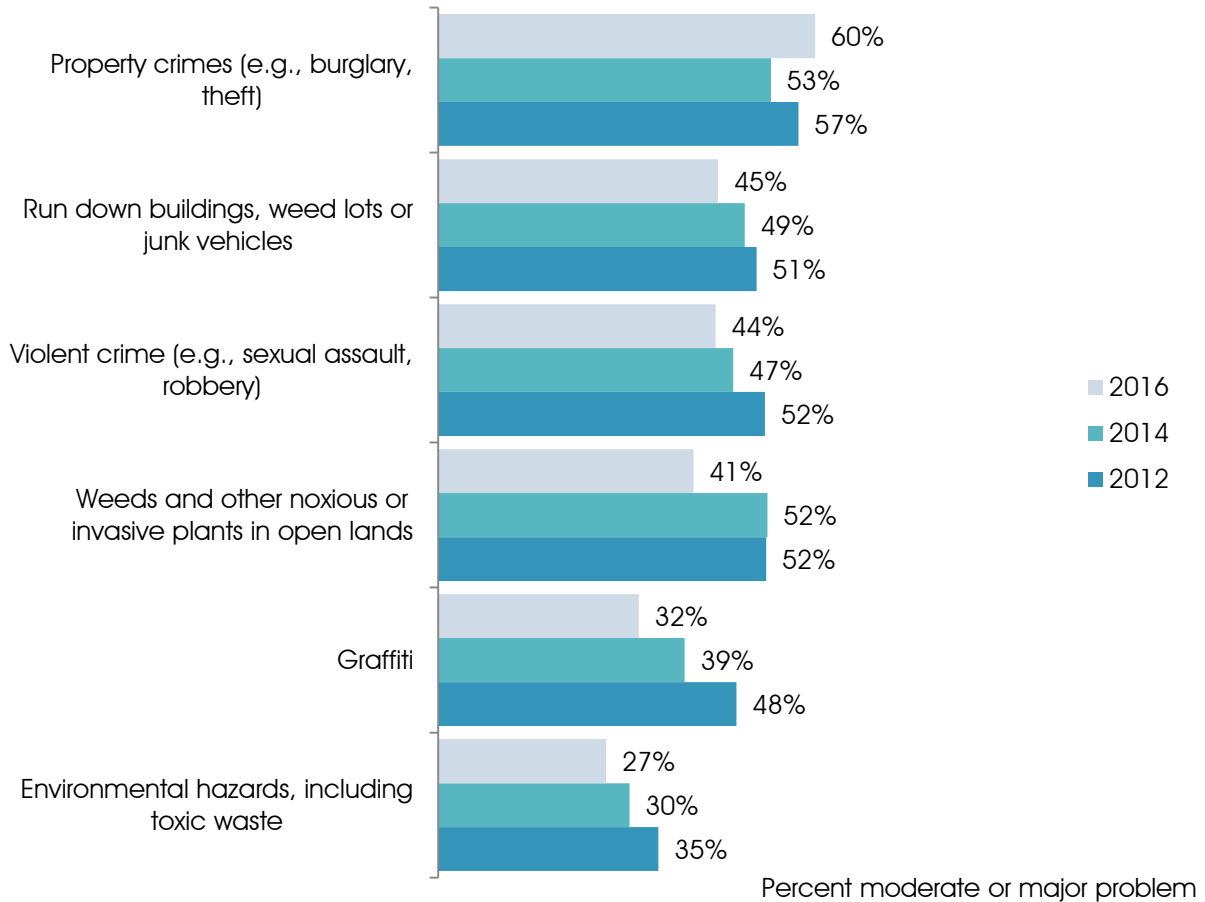


Potential Problems

Residents rated the extent to which several issues were problems within the county. About 6 in 10 indicated that they felt property crimes were a moderate or major problem and close to two in five thought run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles, violent crime and weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands were a problem. Less than one-third identified graffiti or environmental hazards as at least a moderate problem. Compared to 2014, more residents felt that property crimes were a problem, while fewer were concerned with weeds and other noxious plants or graffiti than in earlier years.

Figure 21: Potential Problems in Adams County Associated with Quality of Life

To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams County?



Services

Adams County offers several services that support its Quality of Life goal. Adams County open space, parks and trails system was positively rated by 76% of respondents and at least 6 in 10 awarded excellent or good ratings to the County fair/fairgrounds; both of these ratings were similar to ratings in 2014. About 4 in 10 gave favorable marks to community development, which was lower than those given in 2014, but higher than 2012 evaluations. Related services (library and parks and recreation) that are provided by other entities were highly rated, with about 8 in 10 assigning excellent or good scores (similar to 2014).

Benchmark comparisons were not available for services provided by Adams County, but were available for non-County-provided services. Library services and park and recreation services in Adams County were rated similarly to other communities in the U.S., Colorado and the peer county municipalities when comparisons could be made (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 22: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Quality of Life

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:

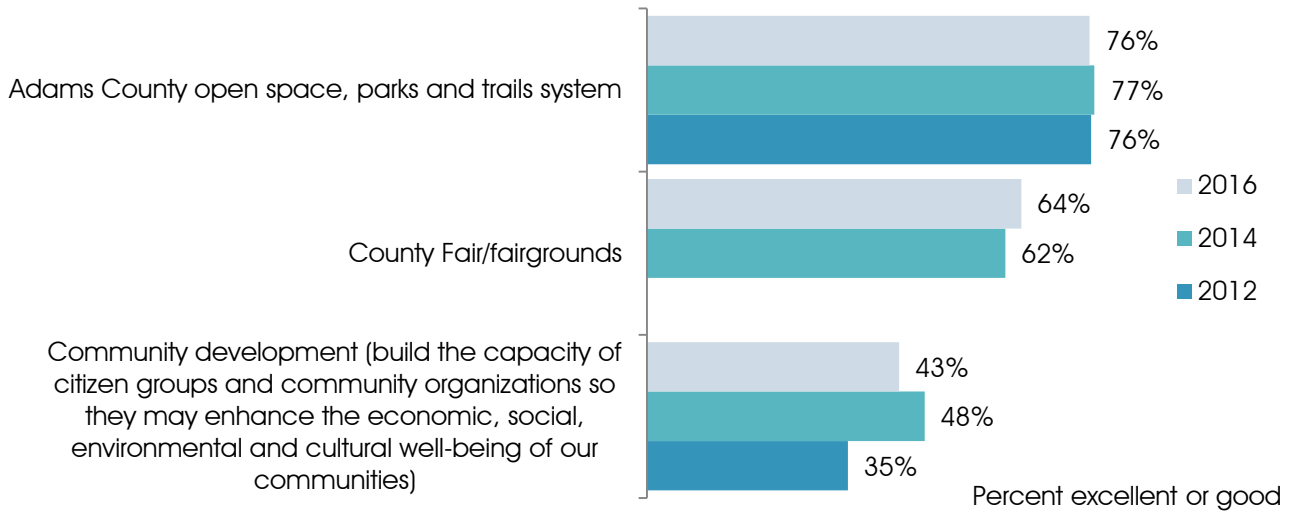
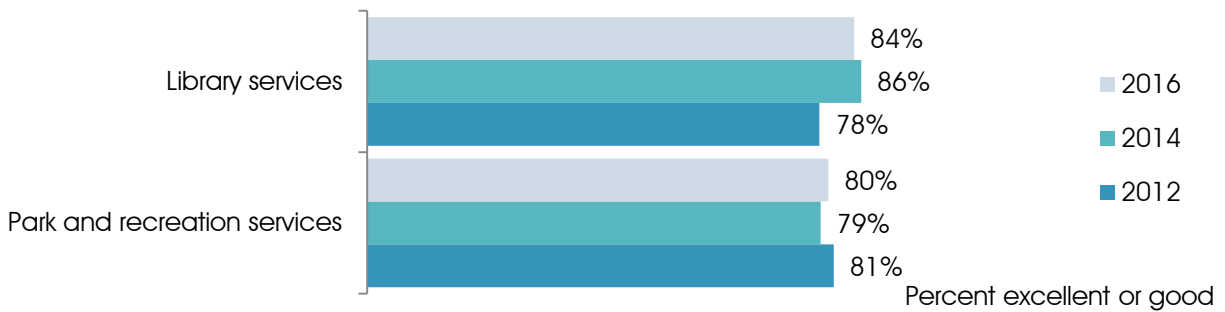


Figure 23: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Quality of life

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by *other* agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County.



Resident Priorities

For the past two iterations, the survey has assessed residents' satisfaction with the amount various parks and recreation facilities in the county. In 2016, at least half of respondents felt that they had the right amount of each of the parks or recreation facilities. Compared to 2014, more residents indicated that there was the right amount of neighborhood parks, youth recreation programs and fitness programs in 2016.

Figure 24: Adequacy of Park and Recreation Facilities

| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | | 2016 | 2014 |
|--|--------------|------|------|
| Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities, such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.) | Too little | 58% | 42% |
| | Right amount | 53% | 47% |
| | Too much | 56% | 44% |
| Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces) | Too little | 60% | 40% |
| | Right amount | 52% | 48% |
| | Too much | 50% | 50% |
| Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse) | Too little | 61% | 39% |
| | Right amount | 51% | 49% |
| | Too much | 44% | 56% |
| Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball) | Too little | 56% | 44% |
| | Right amount | 52% | 48% |
| | Too much | 42% | 58% |
| Playgrounds | Too little | 58% | 42% |
| | Right amount | 52% | 48% |
| | Too much | 62% | 38% |
| Recreation centers | Too little | 62% | 38% |
| | Right amount | 50% | 50% |
| | Too much | 50% | 50% |
| Youth recreation programs | Too little | 57% | 43% |
| | Right amount | 54% | 46% |
| | Too much | 46% | 54% |
| Adult recreation programs | Too little | 60% | 40% |
| | Right amount | 50% | 50% |
| | Too much | 52% | 48% |
| Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.) | Too little | 56% | 44% |
| | Right amount | 55% | 45% |
| | Too much | 49% | 51% |

Safe and Reliable Infrastructure

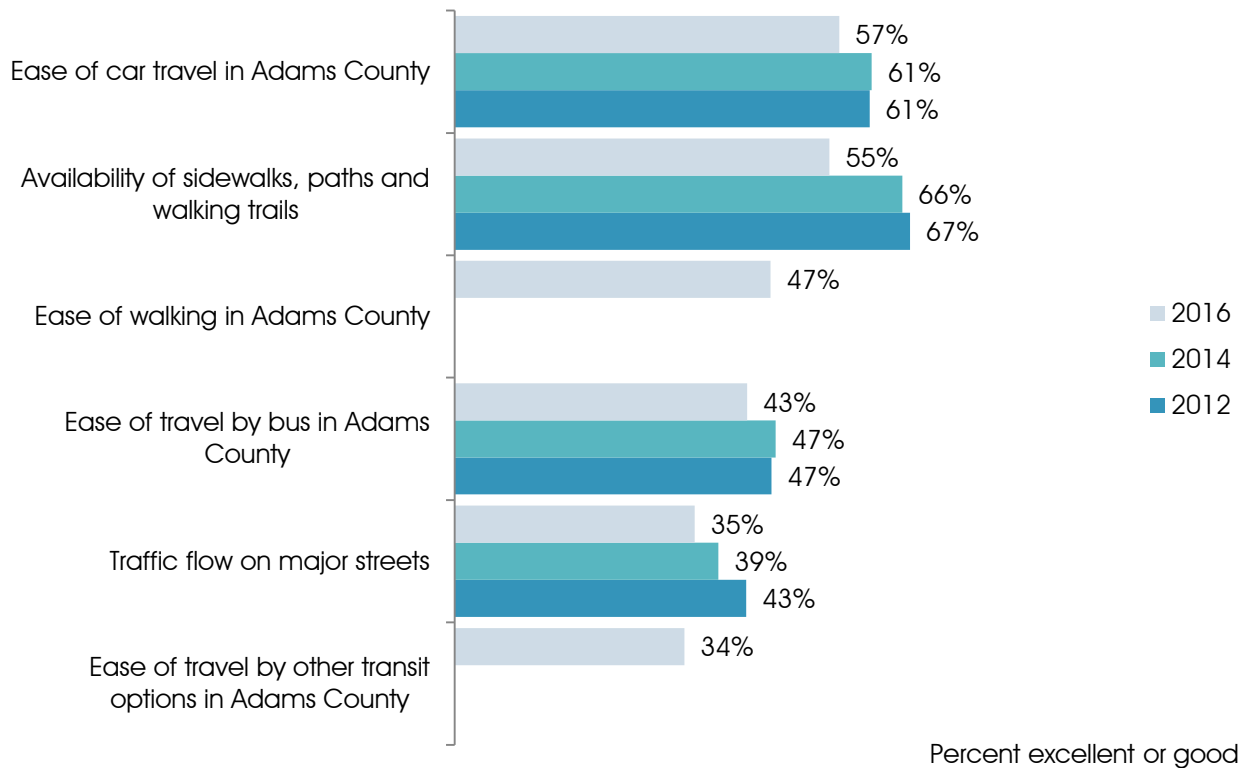
Adams County will provide an appropriate, sustainable, public infrastructure that supports the quality of life of our citizens and employees, meets the needs of our businesses and supports economic development, and is maintained at the level of service our citizens and employees need. -Adams County Board of Commissioners Strategic Planning Document, FY2014 through FY2016, page 11

Community Characteristics

Adams County government wishes to prioritize the safety of its residents by ensuring its infrastructure can support the growing community. This includes residents being able to navigate and travel throughout the County using a variety of transportation options. Over half of participants awarded high marks to the ease of car travel and availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails in the County. About one-third gave positive ratings to traffic flow on major streets or ease of travel by other transit options. Most aspects related to safe and reliable infrastructure were similar to evaluations given in previous years; however, assessments of availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails decreased from 2014 (66% excellent or good vs 55% in 2016). Ease of car travel was rated similarly to benchmark communities while other aspects tended to be rated lower when compared to towns and cities in Adams County, Colorado and across the U.S. (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 25: Community Characteristics Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure

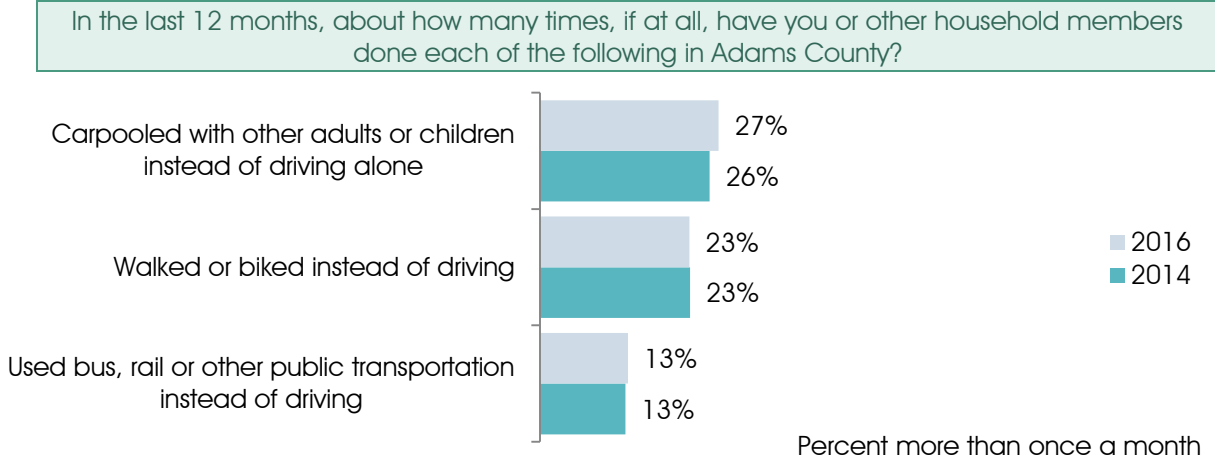
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole:



Community Participation

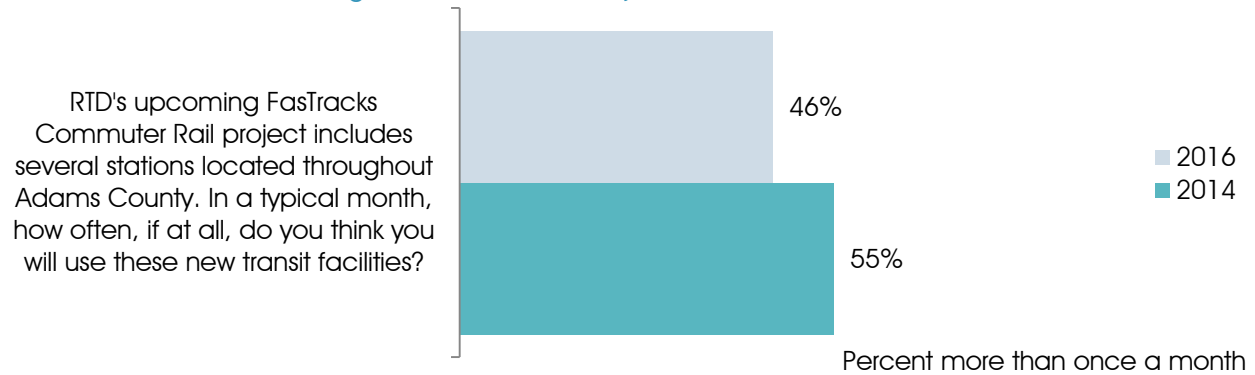
Related to navigating the community, survey respondents were asked how often they used alternative transportation. About one-quarter reported that they carpooled or walked or biked instead of driving at least once a month; 13% indicated that they used the bus, rail or other public transportation. Reported levels of carpooling were similar in Adams County in comparison to Colorado and national benchmarks, but fewer County residents walked or biked compared to residents in these other comparison groups (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 26: Community Participation in Activities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure



Residents were also asked how often they would use the upcoming FasTracks Commuter Rail project in a typical month. Less than half of residents thought they would use the system more than once a month, which is less than the number reported in 2014.

Figure 27: Resident Projected Use of FasTracks

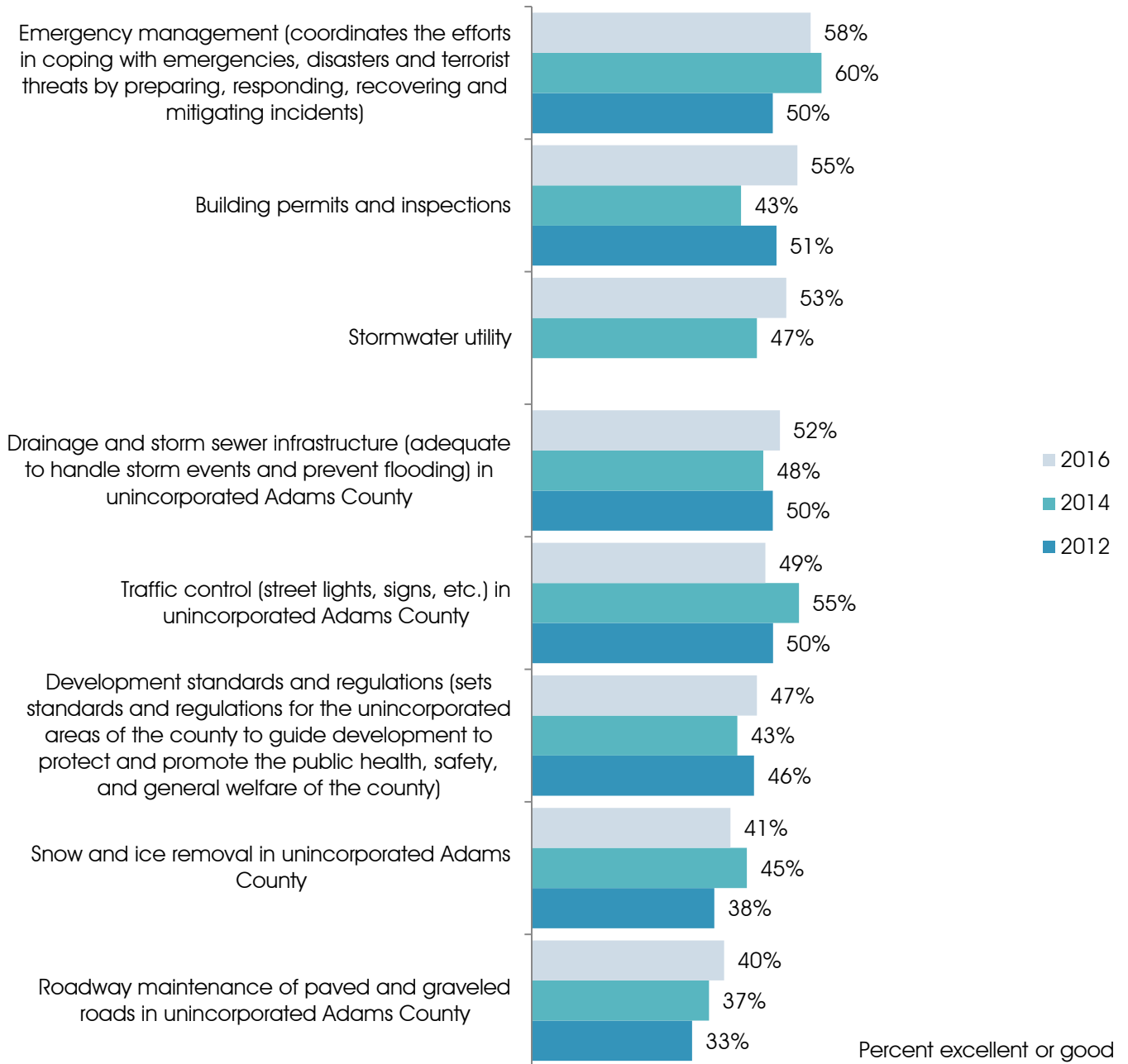


Services

Of the eight services provided by the County associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure, four were rated as excellent or good by about half or more, including emergency management (58%), building permits and inspections (55%), stormwater utility (53%) and drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (52%). In 2016, evaluations for building permits and inspections and stormwater utility increased, while ratings for traffic control decreased since 2014. When comparisons to the benchmark communities could be made, these aspects tended to be rated similarly to national, Colorado and Adams County municipalities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 28: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure

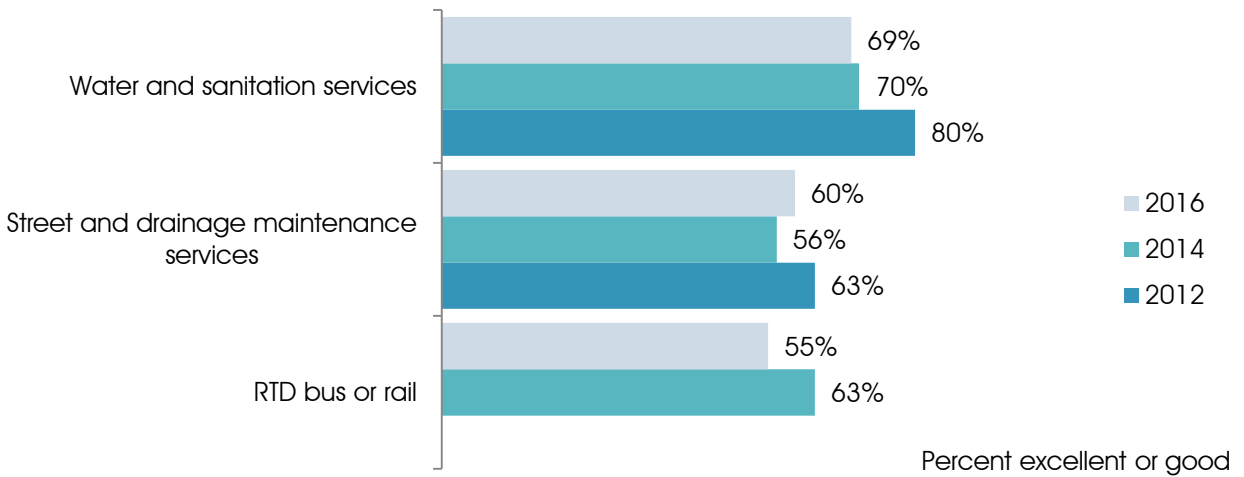
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:



The survey also asked residents to rate services provided by other entities that help provide Safe and Reliable Infrastructure in the county. At least half of participants gave favorable scores to water and sanitation, street and drainage maintenance and RTD bus or rail services. Compared to national comparisons, water and sanitation and RTD bus or rail services were rated similarly in Adams County and street and drainage maintenance evaluations were higher in Adams County than across peer county towns and cities, Colorado and the U.S. (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 29: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by *other* agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County.



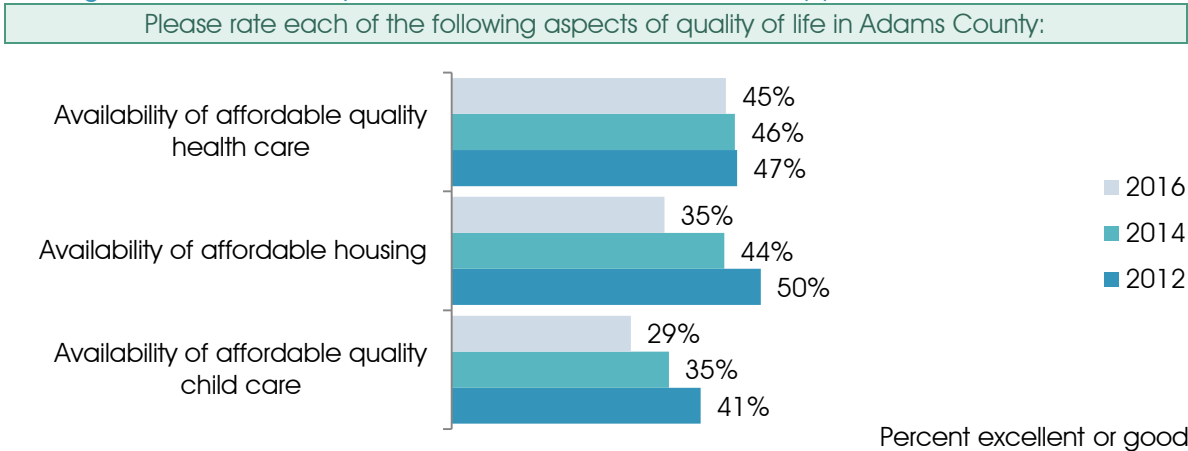
Supportive Human Services

We will provide a human services network that protects the vulnerable in our community. It improves lives through integral community partnerships. -Adams County Board of Commissioners Strategic Planning Document, FY2014 through FY2016, page 13

Community Characteristics

Having appropriate health care, housing and child care available to residents are important features of a community; residents without these amenities may find themselves vulnerable and in need of help. The goal of Supportive Human Services is to ensure that those who may be in need have help. Overall, about two in five assigned high marks to the availability of affordable quality health care. About 3 in 10 gave favorable ratings to the availability of affordable housing and child care, and both of these ratings decreased over time. Ratings for the availability of affordable quality child care and health care were lower or much lower than peer benchmark jurisdictions, but the availability of housing was rated similarly to residents across local, state and national levels (see Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons).

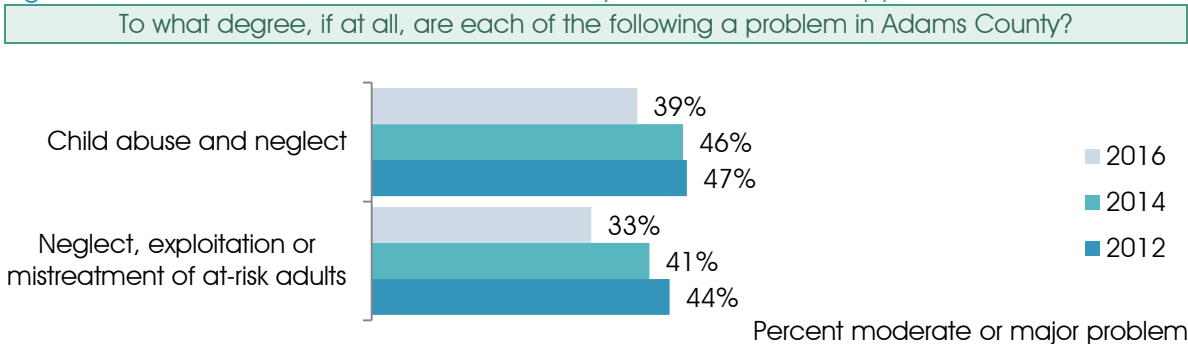
Figure 30: Community Characteristics Associated with Supportive Human Services



Potential Problems

About one-third or more felt that child abuse and neglect and neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults was a moderate or major problem. Both of these issues were perceived to be less of a problem in 2016 than in earlier years.

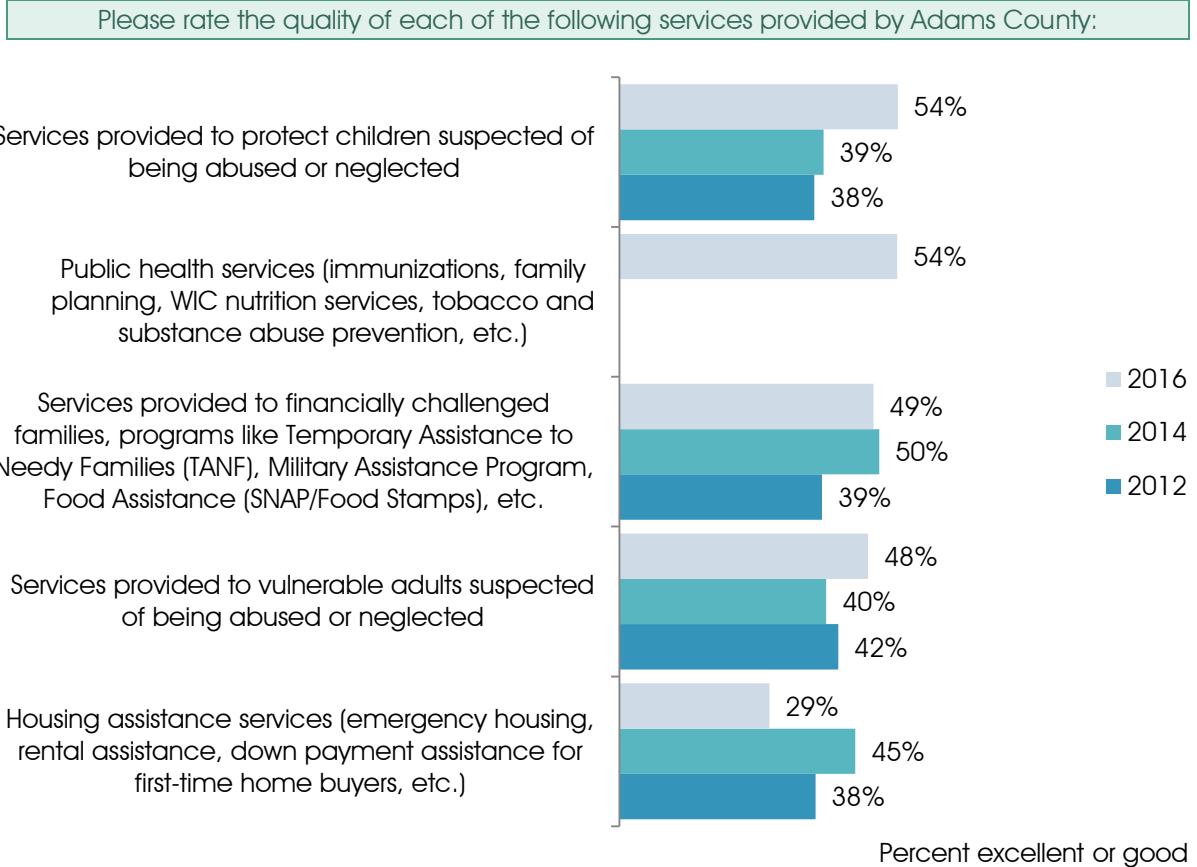
Figure 31: Potential Problems in Adams County Associated with Supportive Human Services



Services

The services provided by Adams County to ensure the safety of vulnerable populations included public health, housing assistance and services for financially challenged families. Over half of residents were pleased with services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected, a rating that was higher in 2016 compared to 2014, and public health services (54% respectively). Slightly fewer gave positive reviews for services provided to financially challenged families and to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected (a rating that increased from 2014 to 2016). About 3 in 10 awarded excellent or good evaluations of housing assistance, a decline from 2014. Housing assistant services could not be compared to other communities, but most supportive health services in Adams County were rated similarly to peer municipalities in the U.S. and the state (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

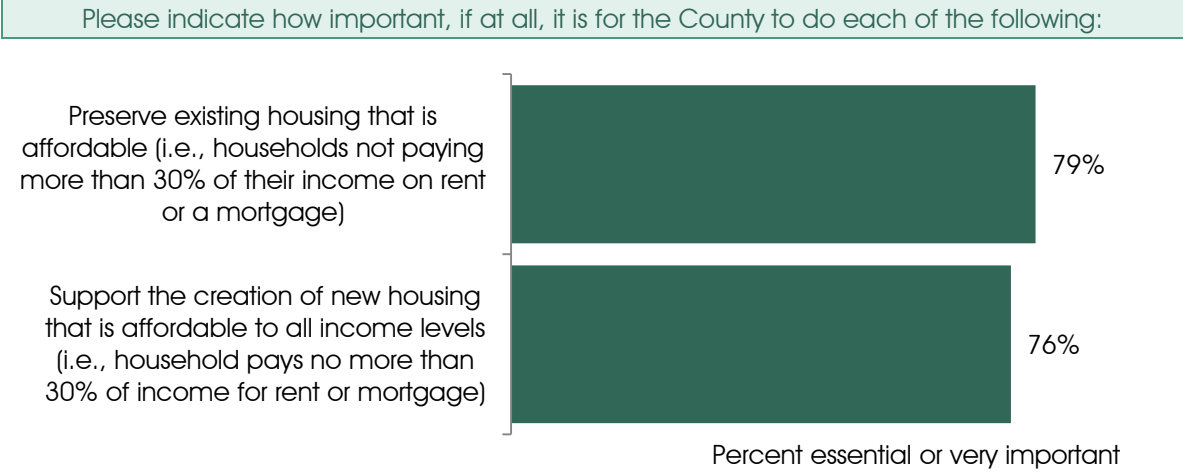
Figure 32: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Supportive Human Services



Resident Priorities

A new question in 2016 asked residents to indicate their support or opposition for affordable housing (households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage) measures. At least three-quarters somewhat or strongly supported preserving existing housing that is affordable and creating new housing that was affordable to all income levels.

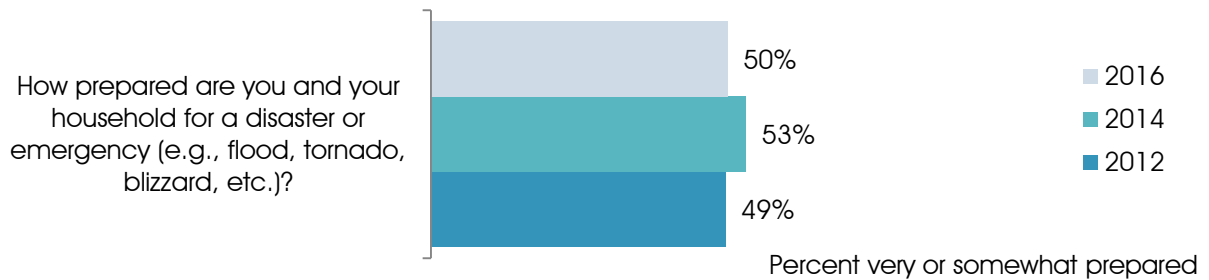
Figure 33: Resident Priorities Associated with Affordable Housing



Community Participation

Similarly to 2012 and 2014, 50% of Adams County residents in 2016 felt somewhat or very prepared for a disaster or emergency.

Figure 34: Residents' Emergency Preparedness



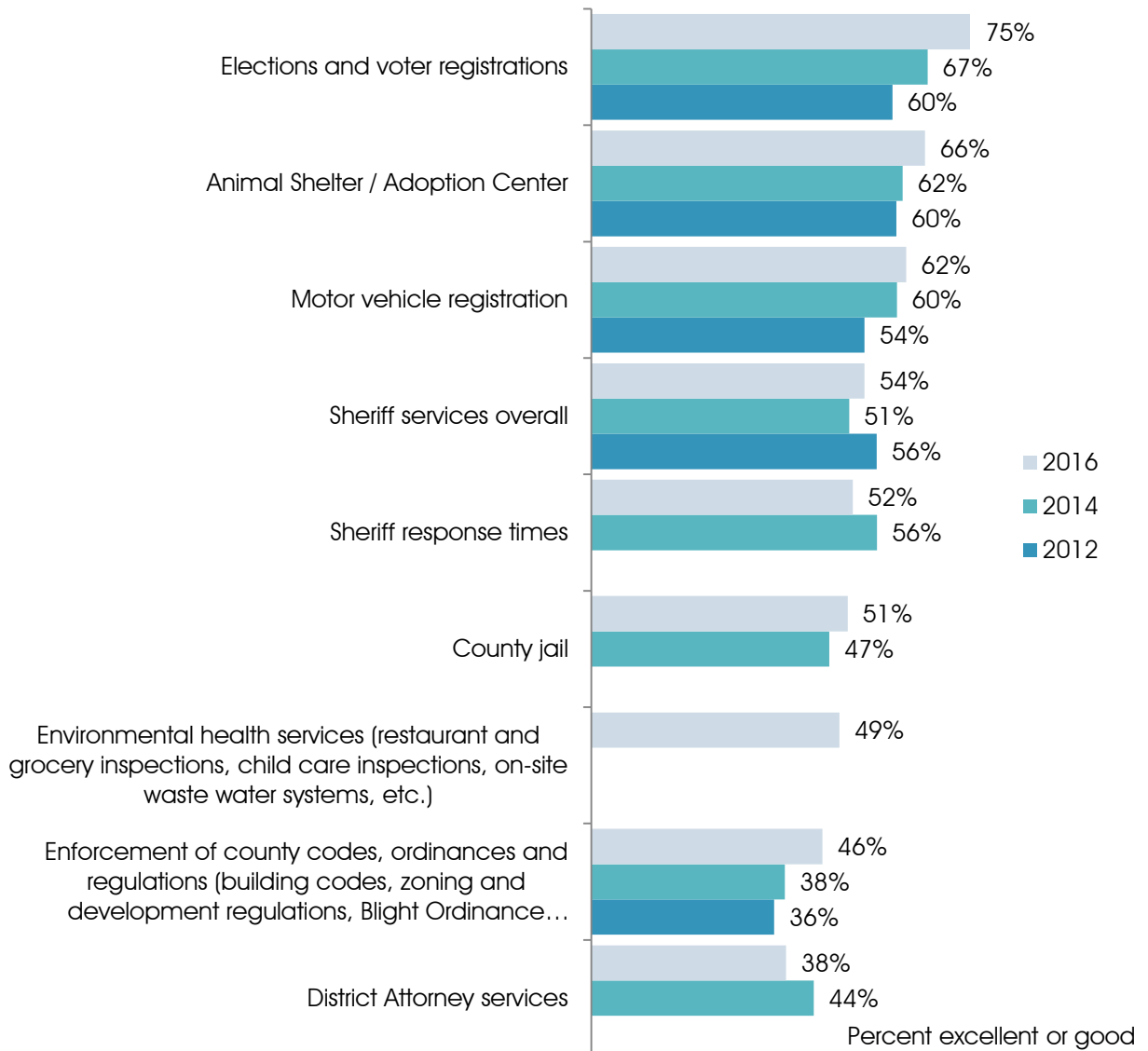
Additional Services in Adams County

Services

Adams County provides a number of additional services important to understanding quality of life in the county, though not specifically associated with a Strategic Plan goal. Most of these services received favorable ratings from a majority of residents. Elections and voter registrations, animal shelter and adoption center and motor vehicle registration were the highest rated aspects, with about 6 in 10 or more respondents awarding excellent or good ratings. Most of these evaluations were stable over time, but ratings for elections and voter registration and enforcement of county codes were higher in 2016 than in 2014. Assessments for the District Attorney’s office decreased over time. Animal shelter and adoption center and county code enforcement services were rated similar to benchmark communities, but sheriff response times and sheriff services were much lower when comparisons could be made (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 35: Additional Services Provided by Adams County

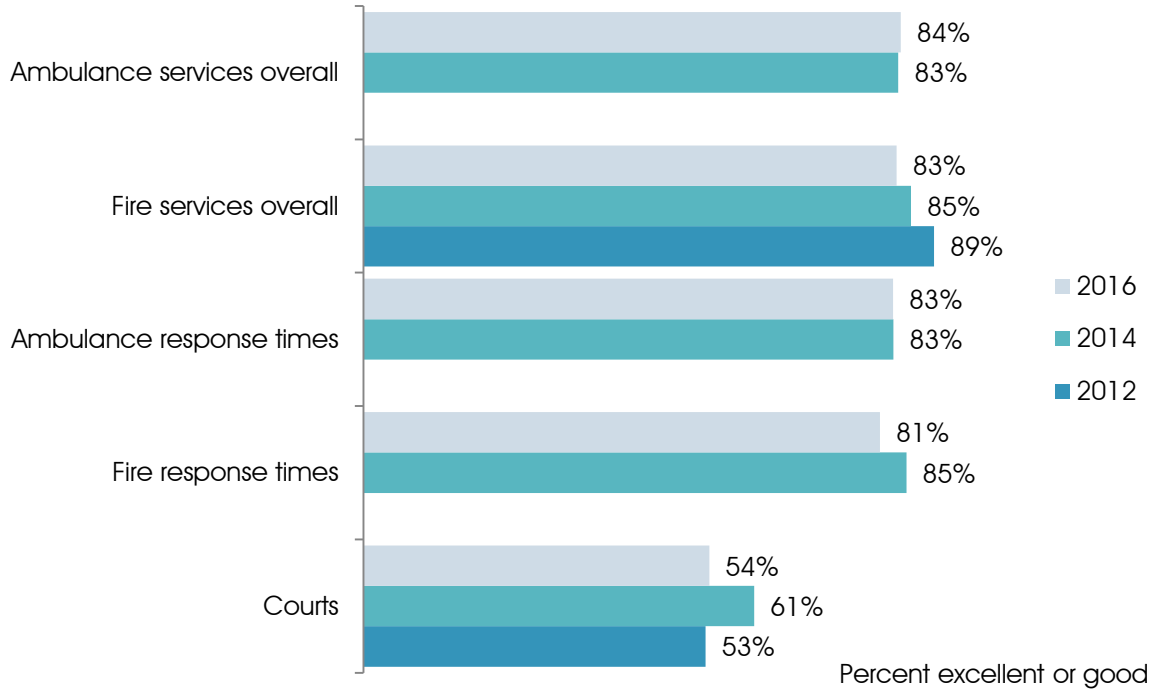
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:



The additional services available in the county that are provided by other entities tend to be public safety-type services. Four of the five services were rated as excellent or good by at least 8 in 10, including ambulance (84%), fire (83%), ambulance response (83%) and fire response (81%). Over half thought highly of court services. Court services were rated lower in Adams County than at the local, state and national level, but all other services tended to be similar to benchmark communities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 36: Additional Services Provided by Other Entities

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by *other* agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County.



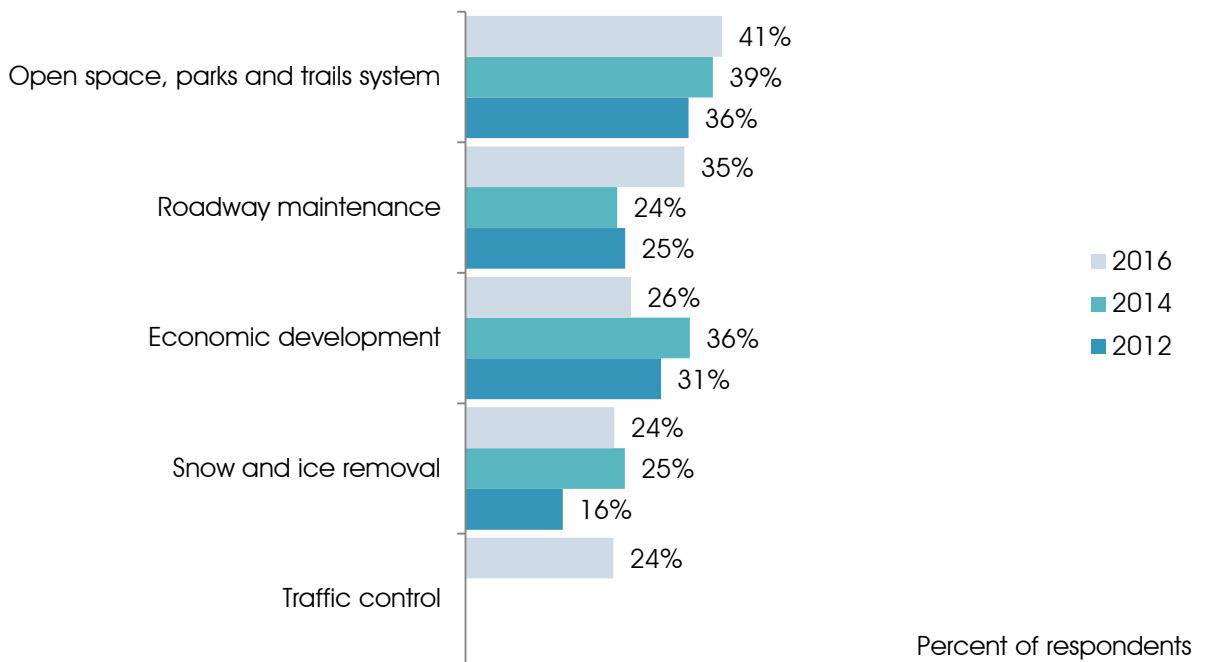
Resident Priorities

After rating all the Adams County-provided services available to them, survey respondents indicated the services they felt were the most and least important to maintaining and improving the quality of life in the county (see Figure 37 below and Figure 38 on the following page). The most important services included open space, parks and trail systems (41%), roadway maintenance (35%) and economic development (26%). Compared to 2014, roadway maintenance was cited more frequently as an important service in 2016 (24% and 35% respectively) and economic development was less frequently mentioned as important (36% in 2014 and 26% in 2016).

Fifty-seven percent of residents felt that the Front Range Airport was the least important service for maintaining and improving quality of life and close to half felt the same about online property lookup. Between one-third (public records and documents search) and one-quarter (County jail) indicated that the other services were the least important services. Similar proportions of respondent in 2016 compared to 2014 listed most of these services as the least important services; however, more respondents indicated that the County jail was the least important quality of life service.

Figure 37: Top 5 Most Important Services for Quality of Life

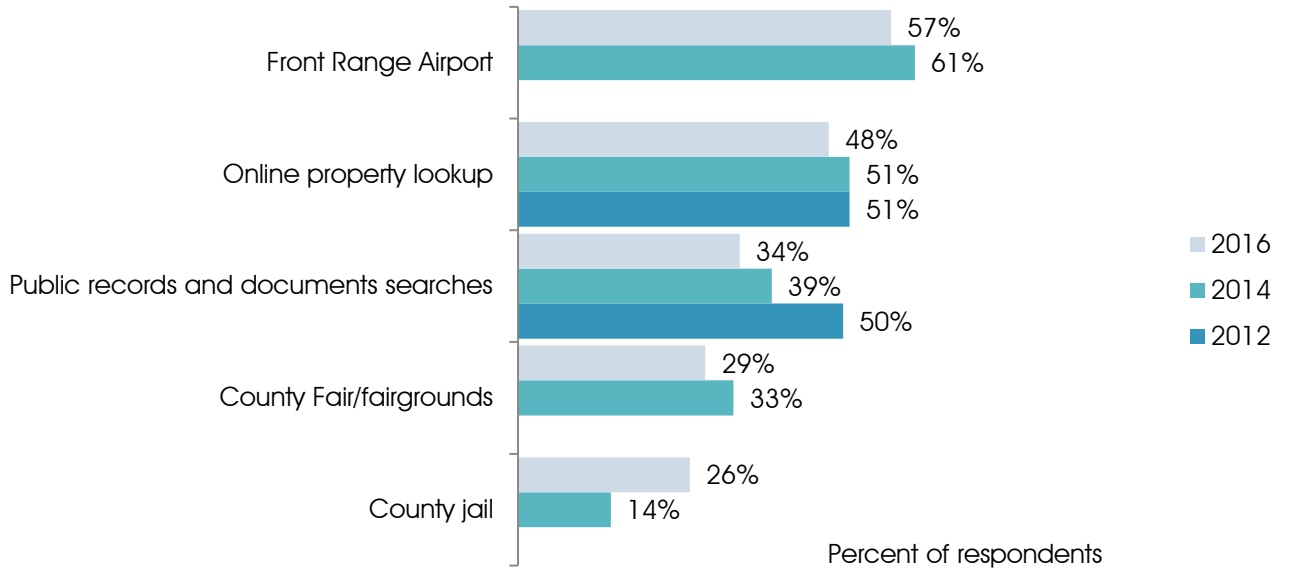
Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County?



Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select up to five services.

Figure 38: Top 5 Least Important Services for Quality of Life

Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County?



Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select up to five services.

Appendix A: Respondent Characteristics

Characteristics of the survey respondents are displayed in the tables below.

Table 1: Question D1

| How many years have you lived in Adams County? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| 5 years or less | 32% |
| 6 to 10 years | 18% |
| 11 to 20 years | 22% |
| More than 20 years | 28% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 2: Question D2

| Which best describes where you currently live? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| An urban area | 21% |
| A suburban area | 64% |
| A small town | 9% |
| A rural area | 6% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 3: Question D3

| Do you rent or own your home? | Percent of respondents |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Rent | 32% |
| Own | 68% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 4: Question D4

| Do any children age 17 or younger live in your household? | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Yes | 40% |
| No | 60% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 5: Question D5

| Do you own a business in Adams County? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Yes | 10% |
| No | 90% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 6: Question D6

| How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for 2016? (Please include total income from all sources and all persons living in your household.) | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Less than \$24,999 | 15% |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 25% |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 33% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 19% |
| \$150,000 or more | 8% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 7: Question D7

| Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? | Percent of respondents |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Yes | 33% |
| No | 67% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 8: Question D8

| What is your race? | Percent of respondents |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaskan native | 1% |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 5% |
| Black, African American | 2% |
| White/Caucasian | 80% |
| Other | 17% |

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 9: Question D9

| How much education have you completed? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| 0-11 years | 4% |
| High school graduate | 19% |
| Some college, no degree | 22% |
| Associate degree | 13% |
| Bachelor degree | 31% |
| Graduate or professional degree | 11% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 10: Question D10

| What is your gender? | Percent of respondents |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Male | 49% |
| Female | 51% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 11: Question D11

| In which category is your age? | Percent of respondents |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 18-24 years | 4% |
| 25-34 years | 28% |
| 35-44 years | 22% |
| 45-54 years | 17% |
| 55-64 years | 10% |
| 65-74 years | 10% |
| 75 years or older | 7% |
| Total | 100% |

Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions

The full set of responses to each survey question is displayed in the tables on the following pages. The first set of tables show survey results excluding “don’t know” followed by tables of the survey results including “don’t know” responses.

Responses for questions excluding “don’t know”

Table 12: Question 1

| Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Adams County: | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Total |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|-------|
| Adams County as a place to live | 16% | 59% | 21% | 4% | 100% |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 24% | 44% | 23% | 10% | 100% |
| Adams County as a place to raise children | 19% | 45% | 25% | 12% | 100% |
| Adams County as a place to work | 16% | 38% | 32% | 15% | 100% |
| Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business | 13% | 33% | 36% | 17% | 100% |
| Adams County as a place to retire | 15% | 37% | 23% | 25% | 100% |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 10% | 35% | 31% | 24% | 100% |
| Availability of affordable housing | 10% | 24% | 34% | 32% | 100% |
| The overall quality of life in Adams County | 11% | 57% | 26% | 6% | 100% |

Table 13: Question 2

| What do you like best about living in Adams County? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Small town feel, mix of rural and urban living | 6% |
| Location, convenience, access (to mountains, to shopping, to Denver, etc.) | 29% |
| Lower cost of living, affordability, lower housing costs | 6% |
| Native, grew up in Adams County | 2% |
| People, family, friends, neighborhood | 18% |
| Safety, low crime, safety services | 4% |
| Amenities, events, services | 7% |
| Open space, parks and trails | 6% |
| Environment, climate, clean, appearance | 3% |
| Quiet | 3% |
| Lower tax rates | 1% |
| Nothing | 2% |
| Quality of life in general/everything | 1% |
| Other | 8% |
| Don't know/Just moved in | 3% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 14: Question 3

| Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Total |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|-------|
| Sense of personal safety | 14% | 50% | 26% | 11% | 100% |
| Sense of community | 10% | 39% | 38% | 13% | 100% |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 13% | 52% | 27% | 7% | 100% |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 13% | 42% | 34% | 11% | 100% |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County | 14% | 42% | 31% | 13% | 100% |
| Variety of housing options | 10% | 35% | 37% | 18% | 100% |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County | 11% | 44% | 35% | 11% | 100% |
| Shopping opportunities | 15% | 42% | 30% | 14% | 100% |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | 10% | 38% | 30% | 22% | 100% |
| Recreational opportunities | 15% | 43% | 33% | 9% | 100% |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature | 19% | 41% | 30% | 11% | 100% |
| Employment opportunities | 9% | 31% | 41% | 20% | 100% |
| Educational opportunities | 11% | 36% | 36% | 17% | 100% |
| Opportunities to participate in community matters | 11% | 42% | 36% | 11% | 100% |
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 13% | 43% | 29% | 14% | 100% |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | 12% | 31% | 32% | 25% | 100% |
| Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County | 9% | 25% | 31% | 35% | 100% |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | 13% | 34% | 36% | 17% | 100% |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | 14% | 41% | 32% | 12% | 100% |
| Traffic flow on major streets | 6% | 30% | 39% | 25% | 100% |
| Availability of affordable quality child care | 7% | 23% | 33% | 38% | 100% |
| Availability of recycling services | 15% | 39% | 22% | 24% | 100% |
| Drinking water quality | 13% | 42% | 24% | 21% | 100% |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | 10% | 43% | 36% | 12% | 100% |

Table 15: Question 4

| How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)? | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Very prepared | 9% |
| Somewhat prepared | 41% |
| A little bit prepared | 30% |
| Not at all prepared | 20% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 16: Question 5

| Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following: | Very likely | Somewhat likely | Somewhat unlikely | Very unlikely | Total |
|---|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks | 30% | 50% | 11% | 8% | 100% |
| Remain in Adams County for the next five years | 49% | 34% | 9% | 8% | 100% |

Table 17: Question 6

| To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams County? | Not a problem | Minor problem | Moderate problem | Major problem | Total |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------|
| Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles | 14% | 41% | 28% | 16% | 100% |
| Graffiti | 23% | 45% | 25% | 7% | 100% |
| Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery) | 20% | 35% | 36% | 9% | 100% |
| Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft) | 13% | 27% | 40% | 21% | 100% |
| Environmental hazards, including toxic waste | 37% | 36% | 19% | 7% | 100% |
| Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands | 20% | 39% | 26% | 15% | 100% |
| Child abuse and neglect | 25% | 36% | 31% | 9% | 100% |
| Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults | 31% | 37% | 26% | 6% | 100% |

Table 18: Question 7

| In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County? | 2 times a week or more | 2-4 times a month | Once a month or less | Not at all | Total |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|-------|
| Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park | 19% | 31% | 34% | 16% | 100% |
| Used Adams County public libraries or their services | 6% | 21% | 35% | 38% | 100% |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County | 13% | 13% | 10% | 64% | 100% |
| Attended a County-sponsored event | 2% | 5% | 41% | 52% | 100% |
| Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving | 8% | 5% | 18% | 69% | 100% |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | 15% | 12% | 17% | 56% | 100% |
| Walked or biked instead of driving | 11% | 12% | 25% | 52% | 100% |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County | 4% | 6% | 15% | 75% | 100% |
| Participated in a club | 3% | 5% | 12% | 80% | 100% |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors | 33% | 35% | 23% | 9% | 100% |
| Done a favor for a neighbor | 17% | 26% | 39% | 17% | 100% |

Table 19: Question 8

| RTD's upcoming FasTracks Commuter Rail project includes several stations located throughout Adams County. In a typical month, how often, if at all, do you think you will use these new transit facilities? | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Never | 30% |
| Less than once a month | 23% |
| Once or twice a month | 22% |
| About once a week | 7% |
| Multiple times a week | 9% |
| Daily | 7% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 20: Question 9

| How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses? | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Excellent | 5% |
| Good | 33% |
| Fair | 42% |
| Poor | 20% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 21: Question 10

| To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Strongly support | 21% |
| Somewhat support | 57% |
| Somewhat oppose | 11% |
| Strongly oppose | 11% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 22: Question 11

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by other agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County. | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Total |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|-------|
| Public school districts | 10% | 39% | 31% | 21% | 100% |
| Fire response times | 33% | 47% | 17% | 2% | 100% |
| Fire services overall | 34% | 49% | 15% | 2% | 100% |
| Ambulance response times | 35% | 47% | 14% | 3% | 100% |
| Ambulance services overall | 34% | 50% | 13% | 3% | 100% |
| Water and sanitation services | 17% | 52% | 23% | 8% | 100% |
| Street and drainage maintenance services | 15% | 45% | 27% | 13% | 100% |
| Library services | 40% | 44% | 13% | 2% | 100% |
| Park and recreation services | 25% | 54% | 18% | 2% | 100% |
| RTD bus or rail | 17% | 38% | 31% | 14% | 100% |
| Courts | 13% | 41% | 33% | 13% | 100% |

Table 23: Question 12

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Total |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|-------|
| Adams County open space, parks and trails system | 22% | 54% | 19% | 5% | 100% |
| Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | 15% | 51% | 26% | 8% | 100% |
| Building permits and inspections | 8% | 47% | 30% | 15% | 100% |
| Collection of property taxes | 13% | 44% | 37% | 7% | 100% |
| Community development (build the capacity of citizen groups and community organizations so they may enhance the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities) | 8% | 36% | 42% | 15% | 100% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 19% | 45% | 27% | 9% | 100% |
| County jail | 6% | 45% | 30% | 20% | 100% |
| District Attorney services | 7% | 32% | 34% | 28% | 100% |
| Development standards and regulations (sets standards and regulations for the unincorporated areas of the county to guide development to protect and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the county) | 6% | 40% | 36% | 18% | 100% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County | 9% | 42% | 33% | 15% | 100% |
| Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs). | 9% | 31% | 38% | 23% | 100% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 26% | 49% | 21% | 4% | 100% |
| Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents) | 10% | 48% | 36% | 6% | 100% |
| Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center | 12% | 27% | 40% | 21% | 100% |
| Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.) | 10% | 39% | 38% | 13% | 100% |
| Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal) | 8% | 38% | 30% | 24% | 100% |
| Front Range Airport | 15% | 51% | 30% | 4% | 100% |
| Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.) | 8% | 21% | 31% | 40% | 100% |
| Long range planning (administers and updates the Comprehensive Long Range Plan, coordinates with both local and regional stakeholders in planning for the current and future needs of the county) | 9% | 30% | 42% | 19% | 100% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 19% | 44% | 25% | 13% | 100% |
| Online (internet) property lookup | 15% | 50% | 26% | 10% | 100% |
| Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.) | 12% | 41% | 37% | 10% | 100% |
| Public records and documents searches | 10% | 47% | 31% | 12% | 100% |
| Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County | 8% | 32% | 31% | 29% | 100% |
| Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc. | 13% | 36% | 30% | 21% | 100% |

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| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Total |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|-------|
| Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected | 20% | 34% | 24% | 22% | 100% |
| Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected | 16% | 32% | 29% | 23% | 100% |
| Sheriff response times | 14% | 37% | 25% | 23% | 100% |
| Sheriff services overall | 14% | 40% | 26% | 20% | 100% |
| Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County | 8% | 33% | 35% | 24% | 100% |
| Stormwater utility | 8% | 45% | 30% | 17% | 100% |
| Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County | 10% | 38% | 34% | 17% | 100% |

Table 24: Question 13

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Open space, parks and trails system | 41% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 12% |
| Building permits and inspections | 4% |
| Collection of property taxes | 4% |
| Community development | 19% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 5% |
| County jail | 3% |
| District Attorney services | 3% |
| Development standards and regulations | 17% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 11% |
| Economic development | 26% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 7% |
| Emergency management | 20% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 17% |
| Environmental health services | 13% |
| Code enforcement | 19% |
| Front Range Airport | 1% |
| Housing assistance services | 20% |
| Long range planning | 20% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 7% |
| Online property lookup | 0% |
| Public health services | 19% |
| Public records and documents searches | 1% |
| Roadway maintenance | 35% |
| Financial services | 16% |
| Child protective services | 13% |
| Adult protective services | 5% |
| Sheriff response times | 18% |
| Sheriff services overall | 20% |
| Snow and ice removal | 24% |

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Stormwater utility | 3% |
| Traffic control | 24% |

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select up to five services.

Table 25: Question 14

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Open space, parks and trails system | 7% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 23% |
| Building permits and inspections | 12% |
| Collection of property taxes | 14% |
| Community development | 7% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 29% |
| County jail | 26% |
| District Attorney services | 17% |
| Development standards and regulations | 9% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 4% |
| Economic development | 6% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 19% |
| Emergency management | 5% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 16% |
| Environmental health services | 3% |
| Code enforcement | 11% |
| Front Range Airport | 57% |
| Housing assistance services | 12% |
| Long range planning | 7% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 12% |
| Online property lookup | 48% |
| Public health services | 11% |
| Public records and documents searches | 34% |
| Roadway maintenance | 3% |
| Financial services | 14% |
| Child protective services | 4% |
| Adult protective services | 4% |
| Sheriff response times | 1% |
| Sheriff services overall | 4% |
| Snow and ice removal | 2% |
| Stormwater utility | 10% |
| Traffic control | 10% |

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select up to five services.

Table 26: Question 15

| Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County? | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Excellent | 8% |
| Good | 53% |
| Fair | 34% |
| Poor | 5% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 27: Question 16

| How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Excellent | 7% |
| Good | 37% |
| Fair | 37% |
| Poor | 19% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 28: Question 17

| How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Very well informed | 5% |
| Informed | 13% |
| Somewhat informed | 49% |
| Hardly informed at all | 33% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 29: Question 18

| How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Always | 5% |
| Most of the time | 51% |
| Only some of the time | 31% |
| Almost never | 8% |
| Never | 5% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 30: Question 19

| Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Excellent | 8% |
| Good | 46% |
| Fair | 35% |
| Poor | 11% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 31: Question 20

| Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in each of the following areas: | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Total |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|-------|
| Welcoming resident involvement | 12% | 33% | 35% | 19% | 100% |
| Being responsive to residents | 8% | 33% | 39% | 20% | 100% |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | 8% | 39% | 35% | 17% | 100% |
| Informing residents about issues facing the community | 8% | 32% | 37% | 23% | 100% |
| Accessibility of elected officials | 5% | 30% | 40% | 24% | 100% |
| Being open and transparent to the public | 6% | 31% | 39% | 24% | 100% |
| Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions | 8% | 26% | 41% | 25% | 100% |
| Being honest | 8% | 35% | 37% | 21% | 100% |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | 11% | 38% | 39% | 12% | 100% |

Table 32: Question 21

| Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an Adams County employee, regardless of department or office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff, receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| No | 56% |
| Yes | 44% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 33: Question 22

| What was your impression of the Adams County employee in your most recent contact? Rate each characteristic below.) | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Total |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|-------|
| Knowledge | 30% | 37% | 18% | 16% | 100% |
| Responsiveness | 30% | 34% | 9% | 26% | 100% |
| Respectfulness | 33% | 39% | 12% | 16% | 100% |
| Courtesy | 35% | 37% | 7% | 21% | 100% |
| Overall impression | 33% | 31% | 15% | 22% | 100% |

Table 34: Question 23

| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | Far too little | Somewhat too little | About the right amount | Somewhat too much | Far too much | Total |
|--|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities, such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.) | 7% | 25% | 66% | 1% | 2% | 100% |
| Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces) | 6% | 29% | 63% | 1% | 1% | 100% |
| Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse) | 10% | 29% | 57% | 2% | 1% | 100% |
| Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball) | 14% | 33% | 50% | 1% | 2% | 100% |
| Playgrounds | 8% | 25% | 63% | 1% | 3% | 100% |
| Recreation centers | 14% | 35% | 49% | 1% | 1% | 100% |
| Youth recreation programs | 12% | 27% | 58% | 1% | 2% | 100% |
| Adult recreation programs | 14% | 32% | 52% | 1% | 1% | 100% |
| Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.) | 10% | 27% | 59% | 2% | 1% | 100% |

Table 35: Question 24

| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | More effort | Same effort | Less effort | Total |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris) | 44% | 51% | 5% | 100% |
| Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals) | 35% | 61% | 5% | 100% |
| Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings) | 38% | 58% | 4% | 100% |
| Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs) | 47% | 47% | 7% | 100% |
| Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, adult protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.) | 38% | 52% | 10% | 100% |
| Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.) | 36% | 58% | 6% | 100% |
| Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.) | 15% | 81% | 5% | 100% |
| Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems; snow removal, etc.) | 55% | 42% | 3% | 100% |
| Transportation Infrastructure Construction (includes construction of new roads, widening of existing roads, sidewalk construction, etc.) | 49% | 45% | 6% | 100% |
| Public Health Services (includes immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, birth and death certificates, health information, Environmental Health services, etc.) | 30% | 62% | 8% | 100% |
| Aging & Adult Services (includes community transit services for Senior and low income residents, Meals on Wheels, long term care & adult protection) | 39% | 55% | 6% | 100% |

Table 36: Question 25

| Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the County to do each of the following: | Essential | Very important | Somewhat important | Not at all important | Total |
|--|-----------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage) | 46% | 34% | 15% | 5% | 100% |
| Support the creation of new housing that is affordable to all income levels (i.e., household pays no more than 30% of income for rent or mortgage) | 41% | 35% | 17% | 7% | 100% |

Table 37: Question 26

| Thinking of how you currently get information about events or issues, how likely would you be to obtain information about Adams County like public hearings, community meetings, upcoming programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats? | Very likely | Likely | A little bit likely | Not at all likely | Total |
|--|-------------|--------|---------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Adams County Annual Budget | 7% | 23% | 27% | 42% | 100% |
| Adams County Annual Report | 7% | 27% | 30% | 37% | 100% |
| Adams County Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty) | 16% | 23% | 18% | 43% | 100% |
| Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county_co) | 4% | 8% | 17% | 70% | 100% |
| Adams County website (www.adcogov.org) | 23% | 40% | 23% | 14% | 100% |
| Emails from Adams County | 12% | 28% | 25% | 35% | 100% |
| Text messages | 9% | 17% | 18% | 56% | 100% |
| Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county government building, the fairgrounds, etc.) | 9% | 19% | 35% | 38% | 100% |
| Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newspapers, online versions of any of these) | 20% | 34% | 26% | 19% | 100% |
| Mailings to your home address | 30% | 43% | 17% | 10% | 100% |
| Community newsletters with information about Adams County | 29% | 39% | 21% | 11% | 100% |
| Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.) | 14% | 26% | 30% | 30% | 100% |

Responses for questions including “don’t know”

Table 38: Question 1

| Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Adams County: | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know | Total |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|------------|-------|
| Adams County as a place to live | 16% | 59% | 21% | 4% | 0% | 100% |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 23% | 44% | 23% | 9% | 1% | 100% |
| Adams County as a place to raise children | 15% | 37% | 20% | 10% | 18% | 100% |
| Adams County as a place to work | 10% | 24% | 21% | 10% | 35% | 100% |
| Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business | 7% | 17% | 18% | 9% | 50% | 100% |
| Adams County as a place to retire | 10% | 24% | 14% | 16% | 36% | 100% |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 7% | 27% | 24% | 19% | 22% | 100% |
| Availability of affordable housing | 9% | 22% | 30% | 28% | 11% | 100% |
| The overall quality of life in Adams County | 11% | 56% | 26% | 6% | 1% | 100% |

Table 39: Question 2

| What do you like best about living in Adams County? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Small town feel, mix of rural and urban living | 6% |
| Location, convenience, access (to mountains, to shopping, to Denver, etc.) | 29% |
| Lower cost of living, affordability, lower housing costs | 6% |
| Native, grew up in Adams County | 2% |
| People, family, friends, neighborhood | 18% |
| Safety, low crime, safety services | 4% |
| Amenities, events, services | 7% |
| Open space, parks and trails | 6% |
| Environment, climate, clean, appearance | 3% |
| Quiet | 3% |
| Lower tax rates | 1% |
| Nothing | 2% |
| Quality of life in general/everything | 1% |
| Other | 8% |
| Don't know/Just moved in | 3% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 40: Question 3

| Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know | Total |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|------------|-------|
| Sense of personal safety | 14% | 49% | 26% | 11% | 0% | 100% |
| Sense of community | 10% | 37% | 37% | 12% | 4% | 100% |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 12% | 48% | 25% | 7% | 9% | 100% |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 13% | 42% | 34% | 11% | 1% | 100% |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County | 10% | 31% | 23% | 10% | 26% | 100% |
| Variety of housing options | 9% | 30% | 32% | 16% | 12% | 100% |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County | 10% | 41% | 33% | 10% | 5% | 100% |
| Shopping opportunities | 15% | 41% | 29% | 14% | 1% | 100% |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | 8% | 32% | 26% | 19% | 15% | 100% |
| Recreational opportunities | 14% | 40% | 31% | 9% | 7% | 100% |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature | 17% | 38% | 29% | 10% | 6% | 100% |
| Employment opportunities | 6% | 22% | 29% | 14% | 29% | 100% |
| Educational opportunities | 9% | 29% | 28% | 13% | 21% | 100% |
| Opportunities to participate in community matters | 9% | 35% | 29% | 9% | 18% | 100% |
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 13% | 42% | 28% | 14% | 3% | 100% |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | 7% | 19% | 20% | 15% | 39% | 100% |
| Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County | 5% | 15% | 18% | 20% | 42% | 100% |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | 12% | 31% | 34% | 16% | 6% | 100% |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | 14% | 40% | 31% | 12% | 3% | 100% |
| Traffic flow on major streets | 6% | 29% | 39% | 25% | 2% | 100% |
| Availability of affordable quality child care | 2% | 8% | 12% | 14% | 63% | 100% |
| Availability of recycling services | 13% | 33% | 18% | 20% | 17% | 100% |
| Drinking water quality | 13% | 41% | 24% | 20% | 2% | 100% |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | 10% | 41% | 35% | 12% | 3% | 100% |

Table 41: Question 4

| How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)? | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Very prepared | 9% |
| Somewhat prepared | 41% |
| A little bit prepared | 30% |
| Not at all prepared | 20% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 42: Question 5

| Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following: | Very likely | Somewhat likely | Somewhat unlikely | Very unlikely | Don't know | Total |
|---|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks | 30% | 50% | 11% | 8% | 1% | 100% |
| Remain in Adams County for the next five years | 47% | 32% | 9% | 8% | 5% | 100% |

Table 43: Question 6

| To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams County? | Not a problem | Minor problem | Moderate problem | Major problem | Don't know | Total |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles | 13% | 39% | 27% | 15% | 5% | 100% |
| Graffiti | 21% | 41% | 23% | 7% | 9% | 100% |
| Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery) | 17% | 29% | 29% | 7% | 18% | 100% |
| Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft) | 11% | 23% | 34% | 18% | 14% | 100% |
| Environmental hazards, including toxic waste | 25% | 24% | 13% | 5% | 34% | 100% |
| Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands | 18% | 34% | 22% | 13% | 13% | 100% |
| Child abuse and neglect | 12% | 17% | 15% | 4% | 52% | 100% |
| Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults | 13% | 15% | 11% | 3% | 58% | 100% |

Table 44: Question 7

| In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County? | 2 times a week or more | 2-4 times a month | Once a month or less | Not at all | Total |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|-------|
| Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park | 19% | 31% | 34% | 16% | 100% |
| Used Adams County public libraries or their services | 6% | 21% | 35% | 38% | 100% |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County | 13% | 13% | 10% | 64% | 100% |
| Attended a County-sponsored event | 2% | 5% | 41% | 52% | 100% |
| Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving | 8% | 5% | 18% | 69% | 100% |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | 15% | 12% | 17% | 56% | 100% |
| Walked or biked instead of driving | 11% | 12% | 25% | 52% | 100% |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County | 4% | 6% | 15% | 75% | 100% |
| Participated in a club | 3% | 5% | 12% | 80% | 100% |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors | 33% | 35% | 23% | 9% | 100% |
| Done a favor for a neighbor | 17% | 26% | 39% | 17% | 100% |

Table 45: Question 8

| RTD's upcoming FasTracks Commuter Rail project includes several stations located throughout Adams County. In a typical month, how often, if at all, do you think you will use these new transit facilities? | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Never | 23% |
| Less than once a month | 18% |
| Once or twice a month | 17% |
| About once a week | 6% |
| Multiple times a week | 7% |
| Daily | 6% |
| Don't know | 25% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 46: Question 9

| How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses? | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Excellent | 3% |
| Good | 19% |
| Fair | 24% |
| Poor | 11% |
| Don't Know | 40% |
| It is not the job of Adams County to retain and attract businesses | 3% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 47: Question 10

| To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Strongly support | 18% |
| Somewhat support | 48% |
| Somewhat oppose | 9% |
| Strongly oppose | 10% |
| Don't know | 14% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 48: Question 11

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by other agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County. | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know or Not applicable | Total |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|------------------------------|-------|
| Public school districts | 6% | 25% | 20% | 13% | 36% | 100% |
| Fire response times | 17% | 25% | 9% | 1% | 48% | 100% |
| Fire services overall | 19% | 27% | 8% | 1% | 45% | 100% |
| Ambulance response times | 17% | 23% | 7% | 1% | 52% | 100% |
| Ambulance services overall | 17% | 25% | 7% | 2% | 50% | 100% |
| Water and sanitation services | 14% | 42% | 19% | 6% | 18% | 100% |
| Street and drainage maintenance services | 12% | 37% | 22% | 11% | 17% | 100% |
| Library services | 27% | 29% | 9% | 1% | 33% | 100% |
| Park and recreation services | 21% | 45% | 15% | 2% | 17% | 100% |
| RTD bus or rail | 10% | 22% | 18% | 8% | 40% | 100% |
| Courts | 6% | 20% | 16% | 6% | 52% | 100% |

Table 49: Question 12

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know or Not applicable | Total |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|------------------------------|-------|
| Adams County open space, parks and trails system | 20% | 49% | 17% | 4% | 9% | 100% |
| Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | 7% | 22% | 11% | 4% | 56% | 100% |
| Building permits and inspections | 4% | 20% | 13% | 6% | 57% | 100% |
| Collection of property taxes | 8% | 27% | 23% | 4% | 39% | 100% |
| Community development (build the capacity of citizen groups and community organizations so they may enhance the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities) | 4% | 20% | 23% | 8% | 45% | 100% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 12% | 28% | 17% | 5% | 39% | 100% |
| County jail | 1% | 9% | 6% | 4% | 79% | 100% |
| District Attorney services | 2% | 9% | 10% | 8% | 72% | 100% |
| Development standards and regulations (sets standards and regulations for the unincorporated areas of the county to guide development to protect and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the county) | 3% | 21% | 19% | 9% | 48% | 100% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County | 6% | 30% | 24% | 11% | 29% | 100% |
| Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs). | 5% | 18% | 22% | 13% | 41% | 100% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 22% | 41% | 18% | 4% | 15% | 100% |
| Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents) | 4% | 21% | 16% | 3% | 57% | 100% |

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| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know or Not applicable | Total |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|------------------------------|-------|
| Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center | 4% | 10% | 15% | 8% | 63% | 100% |
| Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.) | 5% | 19% | 18% | 6% | 52% | 100% |
| Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal) | 5% | 24% | 20% | 15% | 36% | 100% |
| Front Range Airport | 5% | 15% | 9% | 1% | 70% | 100% |
| Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.) | 3% | 7% | 11% | 14% | 66% | 100% |
| Long range planning (administers and updates the Comprehensive Long Range Plan, coordinates with both local and regional stakeholders in planning for the current and future needs of the county) | 4% | 12% | 17% | 8% | 60% | 100% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 17% | 41% | 23% | 12% | 7% | 100% |
| Online (internet) property lookup | 9% | 32% | 17% | 6% | 36% | 100% |
| Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.) | 6% | 19% | 17% | 5% | 54% | 100% |
| Public records and documents searches | 5% | 22% | 14% | 5% | 55% | 100% |
| Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County | 6% | 26% | 25% | 24% | 20% | 100% |
| Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc. | 4% | 12% | 10% | 7% | 67% | 100% |
| Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected | 6% | 10% | 7% | 6% | 71% | 100% |
| Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected | 4% | 8% | 8% | 6% | 74% | 100% |
| Sheriff response times | 7% | 18% | 12% | 11% | 52% | 100% |
| Sheriff services overall | 8% | 22% | 14% | 11% | 45% | 100% |
| Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County | 7% | 26% | 27% | 19% | 21% | 100% |
| Stormwater utility | 4% | 27% | 18% | 10% | 41% | 100% |
| Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County | 9% | 32% | 29% | 14% | 16% | 100% |

Table 50: Question 13

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Open space, parks and trails system | 41% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 12% |
| Building permits and inspections | 4% |
| Collection of property taxes | 4% |
| Community development | 19% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 5% |
| County jail | 3% |
| District Attorney services | 3% |
| Development standards and regulations | 17% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 11% |
| Economic development | 26% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 7% |
| Emergency management | 20% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 17% |
| Environmental health services | 13% |
| Code enforcement | 19% |
| Front Range Airport | 1% |
| Housing assistance services | 20% |
| Long range planning | 20% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 7% |
| Online property lookup | 0% |
| Public health services | 19% |
| Public records and documents searches | 1% |
| Roadway maintenance | 35% |
| Financial services | 16% |
| Child protective services | 13% |
| Adult protective services | 5% |
| Sheriff response times | 18% |
| Sheriff services overall | 20% |
| Snow and ice removal | 24% |
| Stormwater utility | 3% |
| Traffic control | 24% |

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select up to five services.

Table 51: Question 14

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Open space, parks and trails system | 7% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 23% |
| Building permits and inspections | 12% |
| Collection of property taxes | 14% |
| Community development | 7% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 29% |
| County jail | 26% |
| District Attorney services | 17% |
| Development standards and regulations | 9% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 4% |
| Economic development | 6% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 19% |
| Emergency management | 5% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 16% |
| Environmental health services | 3% |
| Code enforcement | 11% |
| Front Range Airport | 57% |
| Housing assistance services | 12% |
| Long range planning | 7% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 12% |
| Online property lookup | 48% |
| Public health services | 11% |
| Public records and documents searches | 34% |
| Roadway maintenance | 3% |
| Financial services | 14% |
| Child protective services | 4% |
| Adult protective services | 4% |
| Sheriff response times | 1% |
| Sheriff services overall | 4% |
| Snow and ice removal | 2% |
| Stormwater utility | 10% |
| Traffic control | 10% |

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select up to five services.

Table 52: Question 15

| Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County? | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| Excellent | 8% |
| Good | 50% |
| Fair | 33% |
| Poor | 5% |
| Don't know | 4% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 53: Question 16

| How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Excellent | 6% |
| Good | 33% |
| Fair | 33% |
| Poor | 16% |
| Don't know | 12% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 54: Question 17

| How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Very well informed | 5% |
| Informed | 12% |
| Somewhat informed | 45% |
| Hardly informed at all | 31% |
| Don't Know | 8% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 55: Question 18

| How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Always | 4% |
| Most of the time | 42% |
| Only some of the time | 26% |
| Almost never | 7% |
| Never | 4% |
| Don't Know | 17% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 56: Question 19

| Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| Excellent | 7% |
| Good | 39% |
| Fair | 30% |
| Poor | 9% |
| Don't know | 15% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 57: Question 20

| Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in each of the following areas: | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know | Total |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|------------|-------|
| Welcoming resident involvement | 9% | 25% | 27% | 14% | 25% | 100% |
| Being responsive to residents | 6% | 23% | 27% | 14% | 30% | 100% |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | 7% | 33% | 30% | 15% | 16% | 100% |
| Informing residents about issues facing the community | 7% | 27% | 31% | 19% | 15% | 100% |
| Accessibility of elected officials | 3% | 19% | 25% | 15% | 38% | 100% |
| Being open and transparent to the public | 4% | 23% | 29% | 18% | 26% | 100% |
| Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions | 5% | 19% | 29% | 18% | 28% | 100% |
| Being honest | 6% | 26% | 27% | 15% | 26% | 100% |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | 9% | 29% | 30% | 9% | 22% | 100% |

Table 58: Question 21

| Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an Adams County employee, regardless of department or office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff, receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| No | 56% |
| Yes | 44% |
| Total | 100% |

Table 59: Question 22

| What was your impression of the Adams County employee in your most recent contact? Rate each characteristic below.) | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know | Total |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|------------|-------|
| Knowledge | 30% | 36% | 18% | 15% | 1% | 100% |
| Responsiveness | 30% | 34% | 9% | 26% | 0% | 100% |
| Respectfulness | 33% | 38% | 12% | 16% | 0% | 100% |
| Courtesy | 35% | 36% | 7% | 21% | 0% | 100% |
| Overall impression | 32% | 30% | 15% | 22% | 0% | 100% |

Table 60: Question 23

| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | Far too little | Somewhat too little | About the right amount | Somewhat too much | Far too much | Don't know | Total |
|--|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities, such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.) | 7% | 23% | 61% | 1% | 2% | 7% | 100% |
| Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces) | 6% | 27% | 58% | 1% | 1% | 8% | 100% |
| Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse) | 8% | 25% | 50% | 2% | 1% | 13% | 100% |
| Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball) | 12% | 27% | 41% | 1% | 1% | 18% | 100% |
| Playgrounds | 7% | 22% | 54% | 1% | 2% | 13% | 100% |
| Recreation centers | 13% | 32% | 45% | 1% | 1% | 8% | 100% |
| Youth recreation programs | 9% | 20% | 42% | 0% | 1% | 28% | 100% |
| Adult recreation programs | 10% | 24% | 40% | 1% | 1% | 24% | 100% |
| Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.) | 8% | 21% | 46% | 2% | 1% | 22% | 100% |

Table 61: Question 24

| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | More effort | Same effort | Less effort | Don't know | Total |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris) | 37% | 43% | 4% | 16% | 100% |
| Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals) | 28% | 50% | 4% | 18% | 100% |
| Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings) | 35% | 53% | 4% | 8% | 100% |
| Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs) | 38% | 38% | 6% | 18% | 100% |
| Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, adult protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.) | 30% | 40% | 7% | 23% | 100% |
| Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.) | 30% | 49% | 5% | 16% | 100% |
| Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.) | 12% | 64% | 4% | 21% | 100% |
| Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems; snow removal, etc.) | 51% | 38% | 3% | 8% | 100% |
| Transportation Infrastructure Construction (includes construction of new roads, widening of existing roads, sidewalk construction, etc.) | 45% | 41% | 5% | 8% | 100% |
| Public Health Services (includes immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, birth and death certificates, health information, Environmental Health services, etc.) | 23% | 48% | 6% | 22% | 100% |
| Aging & Adult Services (includes community transit services for Senior and low income residents, Meals on Wheels, long term care & adult protection) | 28% | 39% | 4% | 28% | 100% |

Table 62: Question 25

| Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the County to do each of the following: | Essential | Very important | Somewhat important | Not at all important | Total |
|--|-----------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage) | 46% | 34% | 15% | 5% | 100% |
| Support the creation of new housing that is affordable to all income levels (i.e., household pays no more than 30% of income for rent or mortgage) | 41% | 35% | 17% | 7% | 100% |

Table 63: Question 26

| Thinking of how you currently get information about events or issues, how likely would you be to obtain information about Adams County like public hearings, community meetings, upcoming programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats? | Very likely | Likely | A little bit likely | Not at all likely | Don't know | Total |
|--|-------------|--------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-------|
| Adams County Annual Budget | 6% | 19% | 23% | 35% | 17% | 100% |
| Adams County Annual Report | 6% | 23% | 25% | 31% | 15% | 100% |
| Adams County Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty) | 14% | 20% | 15% | 36% | 16% | 100% |
| Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county_co) | 3% | 7% | 14% | 56% | 20% | 100% |
| Adams County website (www.adcogov.org) | 19% | 34% | 19% | 12% | 15% | 100% |
| Emails from Adams County | 10% | 23% | 21% | 29% | 16% | 100% |
| Text messages | 7% | 14% | 15% | 46% | 18% | 100% |
| Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county government building, the fairgrounds, etc.) | 7% | 16% | 30% | 32% | 15% | 100% |
| Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newspapers, online versions of any of these) | 18% | 31% | 24% | 17% | 9% | 100% |
| Mailings to your home address | 28% | 40% | 16% | 10% | 6% | 100% |
| Community newsletters with information about Adams County | 26% | 35% | 20% | 10% | 9% | 100% |
| Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.) | 12% | 23% | 27% | 27% | 11% | 100% |

Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Questions

Following are verbatim responses to the open-ended question on the survey, sorted alphabetically. The verbatim responses were not edited for grammar or punctuation.

Question #2: What do you like best about living in Adams County?

- A good American way of life.
- A place to retire.
- Access to airport & northern metro area.
- Access to airport, shopping centers and health-care facilities.
- Access to all major highways.
- Access to Barr Lake State Park.
- access to parks and centrally located
- Access to trails.
- Access to various services.
- Accessibility.
- Adams county fair.
- Adams County has a home town feel. It doesn't have the hustle and bustle of the big city.
- Adams County has a lot of business, schools, and parks. I do not have to go far to shop for food or good for a walk at the park.
- Adams County has everything I need. No need to go far for anything.
- Affordability.
- Affordable housing compared to other counties in Denver Metro.
- Affordable housing, parks, peaceful living among people of diverse background
- Affordable housing.
- Affordable housing.
- Affordable place for seniors.
- All my friends live here.
- All the arped I am area You would rate when deciding when you would like to live all rey good in Adams county. Nothing negation that I can think of.
- All the different restaurants in such a short distance from each other.
- All the new businesses!
- At age 85 it is good overall.
- Available Jobs
- Away from all the rat race but is changing fast.
- Away from city's.
- Beautiful housing wide open spaces for outdoor activities & convenience of shopping & dining.
- Because I live close to down town.
- Being between denver and boulder.
- Being near the mountains.
- central location to Denver/ Boulder.
- Central location to friends & family in other metro areas.
- Central location.

- centrally located
- Centrally located to shopping.
- Chicken ban lifted.
- Clean and quiet.
- Clean.
- Close to amenities we need.
- Close to denver
- Close to Denver & The Mountains.
- Close to express park & ride and general shopping.
- Close to friend & family & affordable.
- Close to friends and family.
- Close to job and family.
- Close to mountains and a variety of things to do.
- Close to my family.
- Close to shopping - Denver & other places.
- Close to store is good access to downtown.
- Close to the stores.
- Close to work.
- Closeness to Denver.
- Community and neighbors.
- convenience
- Convenience - easy access to most areas and great community & area services. Also economical and good community facilities.
- Convenience to Boulder & Denver.
- Convenience, ease of getting around, shopping, excellent libraries.
- Convenience.
- Convenient to Denver, mountains and open space.
- Convenient to downtown, airport, etc.
- Country life - Having lived in Westminster I found the country life great.
- County Park is terrific and fairly well maintained. (But portable toilet services need more attention) As a senior there is recognition of that and a program to help reduce taxation.
- crappy rural road maintenance, yep, love it
- Diverse businesses while keeping bicycling trails, parks and a rural feel
- Dog walking.
- Don't know.
- Ease of access to most freeway systems.
- Eastern Adams has small spread out population.
- Easy access to all I need to live.
- Easy access to entertainment.
- Easy access to interstate, small town feel but sure to change.
- easy access to shopping, Dr's & hospitals.
- Everyone is help full to each other.
- Everything that we need is nearby.
- Everything you need is close by; shopping, parks, food etc.
- Everything.
- Excellent Neighborhood.
- Fair evaluation.
- Fair, close to all shopping needs.

- Fair.
- Familiar and the people in our community are so friendly and welcoming.
- Familiarity & closeness of businesses.
- Familiarity.
- Family setting
- Feels like the county embraces everyone.
- Friendly people senior center variety of shopping.
- Friendly people.
- Good access to places we go.
- Good fire & sheriff depts.
- Good neighbors.
- Good to participate in community.
- Goods and services availability.
- Great outdoor availability, bike trails, etc.
- Great school district
- Having different people & culture in our community.
- House / land prices a bit lower.
- House prices are good. Recently moved here from Brownfield.
- How nice the people are and the country atmosphere.
- I am close to shopping & highways.
- I closeness to family.
- I could afford it!
- I don't - its trashy to many idiots have moved in!
- I don't know yet.
- I don't really feel like a part of the Adams County Community. We literally are on the "boarder" of Denver and Adams County. I feel more connected to Denver juts solely based on the location of our home.
- I Feel safe here.
- I grew up in Adams County and most of my family lives here.
- I have lived here 30 yr, my house is paid for.
- I have living here in Adams ct. 60 yrs.
- I have no comment. Having lived in Jefferson and Douglas Counties, I rank Adams as being far inferior to the other two in terms of quality off life.
- I like eastern Adams (Lack of people).
- I like living in Brighton because there are less people!
- I like my neighborhood of Reunion.
- I like that it has lots of open space
- I Like the availability of good health care & modern hospital.
- I like the city of Westminster and the great planning and innovation that they seem to be doing. I don't really feel connected to the county overall except that Westminster is in Adams County. The Westminster administrators, police officers and others who work for the City of Westminster seem to be doing a really great job.
- I like the community feel.
- I like the county but the taxes are outrageous.
- I like the open spaces and parks.
- I like the open spaces, away from the Metro Denver area.
- I live by 3 schools & home a lot of sheriff patrols.
- I live close to the hospital.
- I live in an unincorporated area and enjoy less taxes.

- I live on the plains so lots of open space
- I love living out.
- I love my home!
- I Was born here.
- I.
- I'm 72 so a lot these questions don't apply.
- I'm close to my sister.
- It has been my home for 41 yrs. People are friendly.
- It has been semi-rural, which is rapidly disappearing.
- It is a diverse community where all feel welcome and get along despite race, or financial status.
- It is away from Denver.
- It is centrally located to all amenities.
- It is just outside Denver downtown for the most part.
- It is nice & quiet.
- It's not Denver.
- It's not Jefferson county.
- It's a great community.
- It's a quiet neighborhood.
- Its a very pacific place, friendly people.
- Its been home for over 50 yrs.
- It's cheap.
- It's cheaper (the rent).
- It's close to Denver & border but also a good escape from both.
- Its getting more respectful & friendly to other people (neighborly).
- It's location to services.
- It's location.
- It's north of Denver and I have been here most of my life.
- It's not as congested.
- It's not Denver.
- It's pretty quiet and the people are nice here.
- Its quiet in my neighborhood. Don't have to worry if we forget to lock the front door.
- It's where I have lived almost my whole life so it's home.
- I've lived here for 20 years. It is a county which has a lot of opportunity to manage growth correctly.
- Just moved.
- Less expensive than California.
- Less expensive than Denver or Jefferson counties.
- Less taxes.
- Less traffic, fewer people than Arapahoe county.
- Less traffic, more open space.
- Less traffic, People like me.
- Lets of open space to walk.
- Like my neighborhood
- Lived here since I was II, diverse backgrounds make not the same anymore.
- Lived here to long to know any other place.
- Living in Brighton Co love it?
- Living in rural area away from heavy traffic.
- Living in unincorporated.
- Location north of Denver.

- Location of where I live is close to a lot of things.
- Location to Denver for arts, museums, zoo, restaurant.
- Location, close to Denver and Boulder; diversity of population
- Location.
- Location.
- Location.
- Location.
- Location; just north enough to be less crowded and less expensive
- Low sales tax.
- low tax
- Low tax rate.
- Low taxes.
- Low taxes/suite that will change.
- Lower sale and property taxes.
- Lower tax rate for vehicle renewal and property taxes. Also very close to Downtown Denver
- lower taxes
- Lower taxes.
- Many good hard working people live and work here. A lot of land that hasn't and hopefully won't be developed.
- More bang for my buck with the purchase of my house. Location is great to get anywhere.
- More sparsely population than many places in metro area.
- Most of my family live in same county.
- Multiple accessible open spaces.
- Muy tranquilo
- My children live close.
- My community HTC.
- My home is close to my work.
- My Neighborhood, Bradburn Village, Westminster
- My neighborhood.
- My rent is affordable.
- N/A.
- N/A.
- N/A.
- N/A.
- Neighbor.
- Neighborhood.
- Neighbors watch out for one another.
- Never lived anywhere else.
- Nice front range weather, and I can afford to rent a home with a garage and room for my child and visitors.
- No city taxes.
- No comment
- No comment.
- No covenants.
- Noise level allowed on Washington st & 98th ave.
- not as expensive as most counties
- Not Denver, mixed neighborhoods.
- Not much anymore!

- Not much crime.
- Not much in recent years - growing too fast.
- Not much. Too congested with traffic. City is dirty. Not much police presence.
- Not so crowded.
- Not sure I could put my finger on a single item.
- Not sure.
- Nothing any more. Born & raised here. Can't wait to move away.
- Nothing in particular stands out.
- Nothing in the last 10 years.
- Nothing to high of taxes.
- Nothing.
- Nothing.
- Nothing.
- On the edge of a metro area and rural.
- Once it works properly, 'fast tracks' and the diversity of the community.
- Once fracking moves into Adams quality will be poor & we will want to move.
- Open space and community events.
- Open space of unincorporated Adams County.
- Open space, minimal traffic issues.
- Open space.
- open spaces and parks
- Open spaces, farms.
- Open spaces, semi rural, close to downtown Denver.
- Open spaces.
- Open spaces.
- Our family is near by & it's near our work.
- Out of Denver, but close to Denver stores. Availability to Interstates. We are where God has placed us.
- Out of the city.
- Owning 35 acres in rural AC. And being left more by the county residents riding MC & shooting on my property.
- Park & ride (RTD).
- Parks
- Peaceful living.
- People are friendly no drugs or fights.
- Poor roads. Need for better traffic flow. I-25 from 84 Ave North to 144 is horrible.
- Post office, & store are close to where I live.
- Proactive planning, green spaces.
- Proximity to Denver; affordable housing.
- Proximity to downtown, more affordable than nearby counties.
- Proximity to the airport.
- Public transportation.
- Quiet neighborhood.
- Quiet where we are at.
- Quiet.
- Quite open space, affordable housing.
- Rec center.
- Recreational opportunities available diversity.
- Relative low cost of living.

- Relatively inexpensive housing & close to downtown Denver for work.
- Rent prices.
- Rural & urban mix.
- Rural Adams Co living for the last 40 years.
- Rural areas.
- Rural country openness.
- rural feel
- Rural lifestyle.
- Rural nature of the county.
- Safe home life.
- Safe, calm place to live.
- Safety, cleanliness, not too crowded.
- Sales tax and property tax
- Same county I lived in growing up.
- Schools, 18 yrs ago when we moved here.
- Senior center.
- Shopping.
- Slightly lower cost of living.
- Small communities with access to larger urban community.
- Somewhat slow growth - Brighton area.
- Space, affordable house on acreage.
- Stores everywhere you go. Everything is close.
- Strasburg's ambience.
- Taxes are low and un-cooperated
- Taxes are lower than most.
- That everyone is friendly.
- The abundance of open green spaces.
- The area is were I live is nice & kept up.
- The combination of rural living (too quickly disappearing) & suburbia with closeness to urban center.
- The convenience of facilities: food, healthy care, etc.
- The country nice rustic look with polite people.
- The diversity.
- The eastern size.
- The fact that taxes are lower.
- The festivals / events for the families (i.e. Thornton fest, etc., county fair).
- The light rail station.
- The location compared to the places we frequent the most.
- the location is nice
- The lower taxes and I grew up here.
- The neighbors and community.
- The neighbors. and the parks
- The nice people and informative city administration.
- The parks.
- The people - my daycare, my doctor, etc...
- The peoples.
- The proximity of everything around.
- The small town or "out of the city" living".
- The suburban feel within easy reach of nature & the city.

- The view and RTD.
- The view of the mountains.
- These schools are good - shopping is great.
- Unicorp good for taxes.
- Unincorporated has low taxes.
- Unsure
- Very neutral location in Colorado.
- Very quiet neighborhood.
- Walking trails / hyland hills rec district.
- We are out of the congestion of the highly populated areas of Denver and the immediate suburbs.
- We are rural and neighbors work together when needed. Neighbors are friendly and watch out for each other. I love the fresh markets in the summer
- We have lived here all of our married life and before that even.
- We like to live in Adams county because it is close our work.
- We live in Brighton and we don't have pot shops.
- We live in the country on a much no traffic noise - a good place to noise children.
- We live on property bought in 1919 so we are really connected.
- weather
- Weather.
- Welcoming Community
- We're in Strasburg so we love the "small town" feel!!
- We're in unincorporated Adams, which makes our tax rate lower. Although it also means that our county commissioners don't give a hoot about what we think because our neighborhood contributes a lower tax base to the county.
- When you know people they help you. When you don't know they kill you.
- Where I live I can get on hwy & go anywhere N/E/S/W/ and be across town in mins.
- Where I live no city tax.
- Where our location of home is near to many.
- Where we are kept up streets, very diversified surroundings.
- Wild life.

Question #22a: Please tell us more about your most recent contact with the Adams County employee:

- "Called on neighbor" the officers were very nice but not much care out of their presence. I have very bad neighbor & police said just to keep calling them out. Eventually the neighbor will be sited if they have to keep coming out.
- (1)Concealed handgun permit, to long to process, little to no knowledge of issues to questions asked not on permits. (2)County permits to long to compare for amount of development to build, need many more people, mother in law apts expanded. No housing for amount of people moving in.(3)In today's world more people are afraid for safety in this county, CHILD people can't defend themselves, process for concealed handgun for 55 & older should process more quickly.(4)Overall, Adams county worker's feel entitled, and superior to common folks.(5)Most lack respect, to questions asked courts & sheriff are the worst. I am not a felon.(6)But treated like one at these locations.
- 32 Police cars for 1 SUV car chase. No response to a neighbors hit & run: she even gave the the car plate # & address 5 WKS and they have yet to contact has or take action on the person who side swiped her car.
- A building inspector came to our rental apt. for an biannual inspection.
- a-City Building inspector helpful, informative.

- Adams city housing Auth. help on foreclosure assist was good, but it took agent 3 weeks to get back to me after orientation class.
- Adams co inspector came by in august. This is my first home. He seems ok.
- Adams Co Police Traffic Control. Poorly managed in 40 years of dealing with them every time they complain about the vast area they have to cover!! Never gets better! Never in neighborhood!!
- Adams Co. Sheriff responding to a accident and crime on my street.
- Adams county clerk & recorder. Very good response.
- Adams County police - traffic stop.
- Adams County Road.
- Adams county sheriff department.
- Adams county workforce people, concerning my granddaughter.
- Adult protective services.
- All - call.
- All about husband, major auto accident - we the victim.
- Amt have anything else to say.
- An animal control officer came out to catch a stray dog. She was great!
- Animal control on property behind me. Also have a slumlord behind me. Nothing can be done unless I hire an attorney. I live in the step child of Adams co off of 84th and west side of I-25. We are just in limbo on this side. Fair for yourself.
- Animal shelter employees - sincere. We need more employees - especially animal control. The same number of officers work now as did many years ago before population growth doubled.
- Applied for senior MHR program was approved for program in a timely manner, although still waiting on work to begin. Employees treated us with respect.
- As typical today, hard to reach a person instead of a computer.
- Asking for information I found the employee polite and knowledgeable.
- At motor vehicles, I had a frustrating encounter with three employees who were condescending manipulative, secretive, mean- spirited control- oriented and perhaps even vengeful. In all of my dozens of DMV experiences in multiple counties and states, I've never had a bad interaction. This one was absurdly confusing . They ganged up on me for some reason. As though they were trying to make a point I never understood. They nearly made me cry and all I could do was ask "why are you doing this to me?" My only guess is that it was related to poor job satisfaction and poor management
- At the motor vehicle dep. She had all the answers to my questions.
- Attend the rain barrel workshops.
- Based just on registering a vehicle at DMV.
- Because of a false complaint by a relative of a sheriff's officer. This officer actually gave her legal advice to file a false claim and used departmental resources to intimidate residents.
- Been to council meeting federal height mayor & some of employees are a joke.
- Belia P. Chavez (workforce business center) was excellent.
- Blog Dept was good/Inspector was a little thick.
- Building department - both people I spoke with were friendly.
- Building department various employees.
- Building department.
- Building permit - very knowledgeable & helpful.
- Building permit inspect on and then a call to the office regarding the cost.
- Building permit.
- Called 911 a few times whenever I heard gunshots, attended a hearing for P & Z & a commission as hearing for housing development.

- Called a building inspector about unlawful construction in residential area. Asked inspector if he could check an address for a permit. He said "what do you want me to do?" very condescending & rude. How about you do your job!
- Called about cars on our street.
- Called about cleaning up neighborhood zoning infractions.
- Called cops.
- Called for help with building permit & inspection.
- Called for info on low income housing, tax prep. ctrs., etc.
- Called sheriff about neighborhood vandals, their response was fast and reassuring.
- Called Sheriff, very nice & knew about my issue and was going to work on it.
- Called the non-emergency line to report a car - break in and was not able to file a police report due to the lack of follow through from the sheriff.
- Car accident - 2 sheriffs responded quickly.
- Changing a vehicle title. The person who helped us was patient and helpful.
- City planner presentation at our HOA.
- Clerk & recording office - clean, nice employees (always helpful).
- clerks at Adams County court
- Code enforcement
- Code enforcement manager was rude & did not have all the facts. Misuse of funds... She spoke down to myself & neighbors.
- Code enforcement officer very knowledgeable.
- Code enforcement officer was very knowledgeable.
- Code enforcement over trivial []. Get the [] off my land.
- Code enforcement - poor.
- Code officer.
- Colorado work force about finding employment.
- Commissioners office about poor RD conditions.
- Communications response to all well concerns.
- Complaining about a neighborhood intersection being a hazard due to several vehicles and a fence blocking your view. Several complaints filed, nothing done.
- Confidential.
- Contacting about recycling pick up.
- Contacts with David Gonzales on street maintenance.
- Country tax question.
- County Clerk motor vehicle office. Pleasant enough but not in any hurry to do much of anything. People waiting in line. no urgency
- County code enforcement is non-responsive and when they respond they are not impartial. It is the good ol' boys system.
- County commissioner - widening of 52nd Ave.
- County commissioner Steve O'Dorisio - top of the line individual in all aspects of question 22. We were discussing various county projects, He gets "excellent" in all aspects. Also, occasionally talk to sheriff deputies. - Respectful & Professional.
- County Motor Vehicle Office
- County roads, horizon farms.
- Courteous, knowledgeable, but rushed.
- Courthouse for judge duty.
- Courts - workforce - motor vehicle - library - Cty clerk.

- DA Dave Young is completely impossible to deal with. He doesn't listen to others comments and has my way or the highway attitude. It's unfortunate he was re-elected. He increases the crime risk in our community by only prosecuting "slam dunk" cases.
- DA office burglary & theft victims.
- Did a ride along with Adam County Sheriff Deputy.
- DMV - car registration - one phone call took care of my needs.
- DMV - very nice people only at govt CTR valente area.
- DMV and tax office, both were great experiences
- dmv motorcycle title, tax, and registration
- DMV personally first time in a long time that it wasn't a hassle.
- DMV.
- DMV. I was in & out.
- Dog pound - jury duty - overall I had a very good experience and favorable impression.
- Due to changes at motor vehicle office, now takes too long to renew license plates.
- E Tran #440 police officer. Stolen handgun. Knowledgeable, professional, courteous and friendly.
- Each person has a different answer to a ?
- Eaik Hanson was very helpful.
- Election officials responsive and helpful.
- Elections office - had to go to get a new ballot after mine did not arrive in the mail.
- Emergency Management - Planning & info sharing.
- Farmers reservoir - we never were informed if problem will be solved ; for us that are next to canal 124th O'brien reasoner.
- filed a beneficiary deed and employees were friendly and helpful
- Food stamps, employees always respectful.
- For over 30+ years up to and even better now. I have seen Adams county catch up with modern technology.
- Found a homeless man living behind my house with durg paraphernalia and paperwork that said he had a warrant. I Called the police may came after hours of waiting. Told me to get rid of the 100 plus syringes that where there and "there is nothing we can do about it". Great police work right ?
- FUNDRAISER, ROTARY CLUB
- Getting a building permit; sheriff dept.
- Getting help w ins & food when losing job. Communication through phone/e-mail is very difficult - 30 min. Phone wait. Need more simple, quicker ways to ask a question.
- Got help with getting a copy of my property deed.
- Great information and support from parks & CSG staff.
- Great inspector.
- Had front sidewalk replaced & too surveyor mark & not a single response in any dept after multi Calls & msg.
- Had questions about zoning enforcement.
- Had to call sheriffs dept. due to disturbance from a tenant at Motel for being drunk, and breaking a window.
- Had to call the sheriff on a fellow building residents car home was going off for 45 minutes even though it wasn't an emergence he still came really quick and helped us figure out what was going on.
- Had to go to emergency ambulance.
- Handled problems effectively and quickly.
- Has fire week of July 4th response by Sheriff and fire departments.
- Having been out of state prior the election I called for information and received a very courteous answer.

- He didn't know what he was talking about & issuing plans & go a heads without the properly owners knowledge or agreement.
- HOA for town home Community - provided by Adams county.
- Home improvement building inspection.
- I am a county employee.
- I am on probation in Adams County and my probation officer treats me fairly and is always very helpful with whatever I may need.
- I am trying to get help with an xcel heat bill due to unemployment and I am getting the run around.
- I call for inf: Who regulates pawn shops: No one have and answer, if they are doing the correct thing!
- I called sheriff dept to tell them my stupid neighbor was shooting at raccoons - and almost hit me. They were kind, helpful, calmed me down informed me of law about animal's whole thing was awful but the police person Mr. Kimmerling was awesome!
- I called to ask when the craft fair was because it was not in the sentinel.
- I called to get our dirt road sanded because its horrible!! I requested that road base be put down because its sand. I was told that wasn't in the budget for several more years! then I was told the road grader would come out and he did not for 2 more weeks. Terrible road services in ABCD.
- I contacted non emergency services regarding safety of neighbor's unattended children. Adams County employee offered no help or resources.
- I deal a lot with human services (medicaid). The department is always loosing files, not responding. They do not resolve issues. Some issues go un-responded to for 6+ months.
- I emailed with someone about the property on by & lowell (old baker site) when they wanted to turn it into an apartment complex. Several community members expressed many concerns that were simple unaddressed.
- I got a letter stating I needed to prove my vote was coming from me
- I had 2 sick kids home from school, the community outreach official in the office told me she was going to contact SS for them being alone. They are both over legal age to stay home. She also went on to inform me that my 12 yr son is not medically capable of being alone ever. Since when can make that decision when she's not an M.D. I do not enjoy the community I live in the office persons are very rude and try to control everything and everyone when alot of it.
- I had a building permits question. County employee answer my questions quickly and professional.
- I had some tree work done and was pressed for time with clean up. My parking was inaccessible for the most of the time because of work being done on my street. This lasted for several months there was no consideration in the time frame for clean up because of what the county.
- I had to call code enforcement. The call was handled very well.
- I have never heard back from them and have seen no results.
- I needed help on the side of the road with my infant in the car. I had just delivered him and I had a flat tire. I couldn't get anyone else to help me. I contacted the Sheriff's department and they sent out a sheriff to help me.
- I needed help with my water bill because of financial problems and they actually helped me out. First time I've had a good outcome when reaching out for help. Of course that was the city of thornton.
- I never received an answer to my call about the new light rail.
- I picked up divorce packet for disabled friend at court house.
- I sent a letter to one of the commissioners questioning the annual report and the lack of services in unincorporated areas. She passed me off to someone on her staff who responded wth a standard form letter, indicating that he hadn't read my letter at al. When I responded back, I heard no reply. Makes me believe that our commissioners are more concerned about padding their resume than actually caring about what residents are asking.
- I served as elections judge & interested with personnel of that department.

- I was impressed by the way the planning department responded to requests for information regarding the development of the former baker school land. On the other hand, the County commissioners' on the other hand, the County commissioners' decision to move forward with the project in spite of massive public outcry clearly shows lack of concern for their constituents.
- I was in contact with Pat Breslin in the DA's office - she was super helpful and understanding to my situation. The DA's office has made me feel like a person rather than a case #.
- I was in my front yard when an Adams County deputy just stopped by to ask how things are going in my neighborhood, and if there have been any problems. He was very friendly and courteous and I appreciated his inquiry.
- I was renewing the registration on my vehicle. The lady that helped me was very courteous, knowledgeable and very pleasant to work with.
- I went to community meeting re RTD & fast track.
- I'd called sheriff and left he was very open and accepting of my call - "No call too small" feel!
- I'm getting letters in the mail that are harassing, called the police. Nice, but they have done nothing to investigate who is sending the letters.
- In unemployment office.
- Information Adams county.
- Inspection service.
- It took 4 trips and 3 months total to get a simple building permit for a shed! No one knows what the regulation where and kept giving wrong info, costing me time & money!
- I've called 911 several times this fall to report my neighbors fighting. The person on the phone has always been courteous and helpful. I have no idea if an officer ever came out, if they did I did not see them.
- I've met Erik Hansen & Steve O'Dorisc - both great guys that care about our community, Jan Pawlowski is another great person. They care about small businesses.
- Jenni Murphy. Very polite, helpful and she returns calls!
- Job Center last year. Very helpful & knowledgeable offering computer class training, use of computer, faxes printer.
- Jury duty.
- Justin Blair & Eric Guenther are two non-responsive people who are not proactive in their position. Both parties do a little as possible when it comes to code enforcement. I e-mailed Justin on E-24 and never received a response. Today I sent him a follow up e-mail. I did the same to Eric. There appears to be no coordination between either department and Christine Francesceni when dealing with code violations. Comment please? Mark Larson, 12341 Wheeling CT, Henderson co. 80640 Ph. 3 - 802 - 7121.
- Justin Blair, building permit supervisor, gave me an extension that "saved my life." Sheriff's dept & fire dept have been very helpful.
- Law enforcement - very caring & respectful, put me at ease in a difficult time.
- Law enforcement & animal control.
- Law enforcement is always courteous.
- Licence renewal - efficient & professional.
- License bureau.
- License plates.
- Lin Jurkus is helping with my high winter bill.
- Meeting to talk about why our neighborhood aren't being plowed. My husband's a nurse & I work for RTD so not work being cancelled or delayed is not an option. Told that they don't plow unless there is 8" or more. Instead they plow haysmount, (our neighborhood pulls at to it) until sparks come from the plow bc. it's dry.
- Meeting w/ever to listen about issues in the neighborhood.
- Meeting with the community about the Clear Lake Estates development

- Met about concerns with roads and prairie dog expansion. Found they need to become more educated on rural life, businesses, and needs. Need to realize what works in the city does not always work in the rural areas.
- Met stereotype of government worker, gruff, could careless etc.
- Minor traffic accident refused to site person who left scene of accident as person lived too many miles away.
- Motor vec. reg -- friendly - helpful - Website for traffic concerns - no response. Nothing changed.
- Motor vehicle - excellent attitude.
- Motor Vehicle clerk nice. Fireman also.
- Motor vehicle dept - excellent employee.
- Motor vehicle not enough people working the front.
- Motor vehicle office in Bennett - Helped me with complicated issues.
- Motor vehicle registration & building permit folks.
- Motor vehicle registration.
- Motor Vehicle voting.
- Motor vehicle, Bennett co excellent service.
- Motor vehicle, property tax payment.
- Motor vehicle.
- My cat got into a trap & I had to bond him out of animal control someone took the rims off my neighbors car and went through stuff on my back porch. The sheriff was responsive.
- My house flooded - storm drains plugged - Call four diferent people 14 times each - received one call 3 months later - storm drain still plugged - no curbs on 53rd Ave I'm on 54th Ave water runs down hill - I flood!
- My street has a drainage problem & I've tried for years to have fixed. When they have come they always replace a piece of sidewalk that is not the problem. I had to go to a commissioner to get someone out to show them the issue street supv. came 1st & knew what to fix, but director showed up and said no big deal and also said all the areas & sidewalk alone my street wasn't done by county even though fresh cement and superv. said had to be done recently. Director must have been private contractor fixing sidewalk. He was rude & a waste of my time. Problem still there and the interaction still very bad 122nd ave & 121st drive.
- N/A.
- N/A.
- NA.
- Need help with stray animals (dogs mostly) and having reasonable access to control. I often got the run around and have been told they are only available weekdays from noon to 3pm. Not helpful!!
- Needed fine inspector on my home for work done person that answered phone + inspectors we very professional.
- Neighborhood services - same complaint yearly as single family homes and some residents have multiple, multiple families and numerous vehicles - some work, some don't and some not current tags but parked on public streets.
- New vehicle registration.
- No comment.
- No comments.
- No problems.
- No respond.
- None in the last 8 yrs of living in this area.
- None.
- Northglenn chief of police - helpful with father with dementia.
- O & As with the major.

- Only certain issues at planning desk. All others are okay.
- Only contact was with DMV.
- Open house meetings about land use issues were helpful.
- Our new road manager - several meeting.
- Parks and rec, quick response but no action taken.
- Phone call about sidewalk installation.
- Phone call to County DMV was quick, helpful & friendly.
- Police & fire.
- Police department. I called many times requesting them to come review security footage to possibly get suspects from my robbery. No one returned my call or came to watch video.
- Police dept.
- Police does not enforce noise rules but only give tickets! rude police department. Poor emergency or loud noise line. We need a new DA.
- Police not doing a good check.
- Poor response from lady in going about an adjoining yard (vacant owner) being used to store kreosote soaked telephone or power line poles.
- Posts on Nextdoor App.
- Presentation by Stan Martin.
- Public works dept has been pretty good keeping garbage dumped in alley & graffiti cleaned up!
- Ques re: road paving. Ques not answered during call. Knowledgeable person called back w/ answer.
- Question: Regarding quick deed. What is needed and cost for registration.
- Quick and easy to get plates.
- Quick help with & property title.
- Rat problem in the neighbors yard.
- Record services at Adams county courthouse are excellent!
- Recorded a document.
- Records search at County building. Employees were great!
- Recycle paint - employee had knowledge.
- Regarding new housing development former clear lake school location.
- Regarding sidewalks engineer.
- Registered buy car.
- Road maint.
- Road maintenance - excellent; district attorney - unsatisfactory courts - excellent.
- Roads in unincorporated Adams co. They don't know us or want to spend time or the money's to take care of our needs because we live away from urban areas.
- Rude and everything you ask you have to go in person.
- S.E.Boom deputy came to my house when men claiming to be city workers (with no id) came to my home wanting to be allowed on to my property he came soon listened & appreciated my balling & said I was right[?] to alert police.
- Saw chaz at rotella park - it should quit smoking.
- Schools, development, taxes.
- See attached.
- Seeking information for personal safety & comfort in own neighborhood.
- Sent an inquiry regarding water collection - excellent response time & info!
- She took care of the the issue & called back to tell me it was done - Excellent. Someone misfiled my plate renewal - She figured it out & took care of it.
- She was very nice & understanding. Efficient, got my husband out quickly.
- Sheriff - was very good.

- Sheriff- always listens and is fair in very situation.
- Sheriff department always friendly and helpful.
- Sheriff dept due to troublesome neighbor is issue.
- Sheriff dept. regarding fraud.
- Sheriff deputy taking report.
- Sheriff got the wrong number and called me to ask me to evict the premises in 30 min. I panicked so much at work.
- Sheriff McIntosh - exemplary man.
- Sheriff office.
- Sheriff response time poor.
- Sheriff, traffic incident.
- Sheriff's deputies responding to neighborhood problems.
- Sheriff's officer - Neighborhood provider.
- Sheriff's officer came to our house to do address on a problem with our granddaughter.
- Sheriff's Deputy refused to fingerprint me although I am a resident of Adams county
- Sheriff Dept - Breaking and Entering private property
- Short, not personable, impatient rude.
- Sidewalk in our neighborhood took over two years to get repaired. Very disappointed in Adams county. This was very dangerous to many who used to this very busy sidewalk.
- Spoke with a gentleman about fireworks issue - he was very honest forthcoming about our options.
- Storm water information on the projects where the money collected is being spent and locations. Code enforcement never get & direct answer on what to be done on the problem.
- Talked about maintenance of the Nivor Ditch on Coronado parkway north.
- Talked and wrote a letter contesting the cost of waste water / drainage tax and never got a response in 2 years.
- Talked with sheriffs deputy about neighborhood issues.
- Talked with someone regarding septic system capacity.
- Tax Assessor-Polite, listened.
- The court house did not help me at all.
- The employee who collected data regarding development of the Baker School property was very helpful and courteous. The County Commissioners - no so much.
- The gardener gave an advise for my trees.
- The person is kind & at what even[?!]
- The school at Jasmine & 120th Ave. People parking in no parking zone very day. Just a matter of time before a child gets hit by a car. You can't see when people park in the no parking zone...
- Theft of a bike from open garage. Not recovered.
- There willing to help up need help with mail he give mail to other people I have my bank statement to other people. We really need help.
- They have been very helpful in giving me the info I needed.
- They were able to advise me what I had to do to comply with the problem I had.
- They were helpful & very friendly.
- They were not interested in helping me. They were gabbing with friends. Lazy people just getting a paycheck!
- This past winter it took 4 calls to reach a person and not an answering (voicemail) over a time span of about 2 hours regarding snow removal during day time business hours.
- Title Clerk when selling a car to be taken out of state.
- Trailer size violation / blight.

- Trying to deal with storm water tax & why we have to pay for this. Why property taxes are raising & why so much.
- Trying to split our 4.6 acres & sell help.
- Use the immunization clinic for my kids. Always hard to get timely appointment.
- Vehicle registration - very helpful, very efficient.
- Vehicle registration.
- Very helpful at MVD.
- Very respectful when one is in need of information and or service.
- Via email, I asked to have a street sign put up (noise level). He said that sign is not allowed there, only at the entrance to the city of Thornton. I would have liked to hear other options.
- Victim of dog bite.
- wanted information on how to renew my handicap placard and the lady gave me all the info I needed
- Wanted to find out how to reduce our house taxes because of our ages 65 & 68.
- Was assisting someone with accessing nursing home care and the phone system was not user-friendly to get to the right (any) person. (Eventually did and the person was OK).
- Was good dealing, with street and planners office was treated with respect and provided information.
- Was very brief but courteous
- Went to DMV to get places for a new vehicle and they couldn't provide me with correct information and then got mad at me that I don't know how the system works and were annoyed they had to process my paperwork. She was also rude to another customer.
- Went to register cars in person in Henderson - No wait, excellent customer service!
- When you have a question employees really try to get the answers for you.
- When you have a question employers really try to get the answers for you.
- While attempting timing to renew my concealed carry permit, a Sheriff lied to me that it was necessary to punch (destroy) my driver's license, or passport, in order to get my permit.
- Your building and planning department is complicated and not user friendly. We miss the good old days when you'd provide forms/ documents with clear. Instructions on what was expected regarding plans and drawing. Simple.
- Zoning variance hearing seemed to take a long time with persons not being available for a length of time & not responsive without prodding and having a closer relationship & communications with petitioners.

Question #27: Do you have any additional comments you would like to make about quality of life in Adams County, or the way the county government operates or delivers services?

- 1) Pave imboden, the 1 mile north of 56th. 2) Street light at Harvest/152nd. 3) More transparency, as county is perceived as corrupt. 4) Slow social/human services \$.
- 1. Storm water tax is wrong it violates labor amendment.
- A friend unemployed has been trying to find job. She goes to workforce? for help applying. She tries to make resume online but she doesn't.
- a lot of married people live in Westminster with No children going to school, yet we have to pay a lot of money in school taxes. These taxes should only apply to families with children.
- a rec Center for unincorporated Adams county. More police patrolling neighborhoods & better street maintenance.
- Adams city run way "good old large group", who you know, not by qualifications. special group in benefiting from meeting new in the city.
- Adams Co is pretty bal- for one you space too much time bringing in business with No input from citizens of spend when too much incentives.

- Adams Co need to get & use our share of the no way funds form gasoline taxes that are paid in the state and improve I-25 between 84th Ave & 144 Ave.
- Adams co. Step child really has no available services in our area west of I-25. Few grocery stores but nothing more. We are not Brighton or in the upper area.
- Adams County cares more for illegal aliens than thy do citizens of our state. Shameful!
- Adams County could do a better job reaching out to those of us in un-incorporated Adams County. We definitely do not feel like we are a part of a community. We feel forgotten about. Visually, our neighborhood represents just that. Run down roads, run dow houses, no enforcement, no drainage system, no side walks. We love our house, but our neighborhood is a bit embarrassing to invite guests to. Adams County needs to do a better job cleaning up the outlying areas.
- Adams county is large & includes rural areas, important to maintain These areas & preserve those areas environmentally & as open space.
- Adams county takes care of the western part (urban) of the Country. they collect our taxes but provide only minimal service. to the Eastern part of the Country.
- all I can say is investment in education is investment in the future. Proper funding and respect to education is an essential part of growth in any area.
- All these warehouse over building it just get more taxes: all over the place leave open space open!
- AS A SW ADAMS COUNTY UNINCORPORATED CITIZEN, I AM ENCOURAGED AND EXCITED THAT MY VOICE IS BEING INCLUDED IN THIS SURVEY.
- bad very bad.
- Because I live in Thornton, I am unsure of exactly what Adams Co does in Thornton.
- Been here since 1958 - Happy!
- better drinking water, More parks & RECS. and better snow removal & ice removal on city streets.
- Big sore spot is closed mile high greyhound park such a Big PC of Property that is taking forever to develop.
- Bust speeders and enforce traffic rules!
- Can I have chickens in my backyard? 5442 Shoshone St 303-250-2034.
- Can't change lives around us diverse culture live in there own world it's like us we dont even exist. What a shame.
- Chip & seal method on the roads didn't work - in all chipping away.
- code enforcement is [], housing cost out of this world for average Quality of life.
- Code enforcement very lax! Cross checking building permits to property tax assessments very lax!
- code enforcement way to many living in single family homes.
- code enforcement. Car parked in yards - weeds - dead trees. No side walks in many areas.
- Commissioners do not listen too the citizen's comments.
- Concerned where my tax money goes Because of Adams county governments reputation.
- Concerned with the # of food trucks/stands popping up & weather or not they have permits required & health dept. inspected!
- Could focus more in the rural areas.
- county commissioner do not do there job well or county hall will not help in anyway.
- County needs to be for the people not for Adams co. County want nothing but \$! screwed - the people to get dollars.
- Definitely feel we don't get enough information on a monthly or quarterly basis. Our area is growing so more resources for us the better.
- Develop public transportation.
- did you really have to form this survey out to a firm in N.J? No body locally or even statewide could do it?
- Do away with "storm water Tax"!
- do better.
- do your job. Seems like you see a lot of what looks to be wasteful spending?

- Don't a charity! Do roads public safety, drainage, development oversight parks and that is it!
- due more investigation on the public dumping of trash along rural roads. this is becoming a bigger and bigger problem for some reason. Enforce zoning rules as it pertains to people starting businesses in areas zoned residential/agricultural. In many case its trucking companies or companies involving trucks. This is done because it is cheaper to buy land in rural Adams county than to buy or rent land zoned commercial. This is ruining the quality of life for many who bought in rural Adams county to get awa from traffic. The roads also take a beating cause they aren't maintained for heavy truck traffic. Shutting down events that involve horse and large animal contests, ie. illegal horse racing and rodeos.
- E - way its better.
- Eastern end doesn't get same quality of services.
- Ethics concerns remain after scandals involving Adams county elected officials in prior years. Must be counteracted.
- Everything is important, but all things do not apply to all individuals at same relative relative level. Hence many of.
- Everything is too expensive - housing, utilities, cable etc. in Adams county and most of Colorado.
- Example of unincorporated areas being left out - my zip code 80602 Rec. center in Brighton would not accept as "Adams county" or Brighton area.
- Find this survey somewhat confusing because I live in Northglenn/Adams County but I am more familiar with Northglenn then Adams Counties part to Northglenn. I would rather just do a survey on Northglenn because I am confused if I should be using my commnts about Northglenn to answer all these questions. Maybe all my responses relate to Northglenn????
- First of all would never buy another property in Adams County. I do not feel safe in my home anymore you are but due to (over).
- Fix streets & plow streets timely.
- Fix the roads. 88th ave is like a road in a 3rd world country as are many local roads.
- Fracking can not move in. It will effect our water, air, traffic, views, create earthquakes & possibly sink holes. Also, property values will decrease. It will be opening Adams for the devil himself (oil companies).
- Generally I have a formally opinion of the Quality of life in Adams county.
- Generally, I like living here and services are fine. Shopping/restaurants could be better in my immediate area.
- Good Location. Good place to live & work.
- Haven't lived here long.
- He able moved Adam county in august. I am not familiar with this county yet (4 months).
- I am a new resident this year in Adams County and overall it has been a great place to live. My only complaint about government services was during the March blizzard. I commute to Denver daily and the walks along the City-County Building and the Police Dpartment don't get shoveled and that is the main route to RTD, That's it... it's a very tough walk in 3' of snow.
- I am uncertain of the relationship between governmental agencies and how they collaborate. For instance, I live in the Hyland Hills Recreation district in Westminster - I am uncertain about who runs that, who is responsible, where the funds go and how funs are appropriated for services etc. I think it would be nice to have some clarity on which governmental entity is responsible for various things. Maybe a concise educational pamphlet or brochure of some sort... Thank you for giving me this opportunity o respond to your survey.
- I contacted the city of Federal Heights about some open space area in our community and never received a response. They claim it is not the city's responsibility to maintain, yet they will not enforce any type of maintenance. Also, have asked about speed ump's in our neighborhood due to the amount of children that play in the street and have not received a response. I have been looking to possibly move and that would cause two other family members to sell their houses and move out of our community as well.
- I did More with Aurora City.

- I do not like the fact that Adams county created a Stormwater Utility (without voter approval) and collects fees for my property in rural adams county and directs the funds to projects in more populated areas of the county.
- I don't have a computer. I depend on media & mailings.
- I don't have anything to add.
- I don't trust any of the officials in Adam Ct. To after voters part and the officials ignore the voters choice. We might as well not have an election. The officials do what thy want to.
- I enjoy living in Adams county for over 45 years.
- I enjoy living in unincorporated county, but receive No immenities for what we pay in Property tax.
- I feel a lot of information on the survey needs to be made known to tax payers we all have opinions, those opinions vanes depending on ones situation.
- I feel I might throw the survey off a bit - I'm in that weird part of Adams County that is also Aurora and so some of our services are through Aurora and not Adams County. I like living here and I'm glad it's my county, I'm glad to pay taxes to it.
- I focus More on my town in Adams county.
- I have been waiting for information for more than one year now. I requested the property boundary map with dimensions.
- I have called several times on people parking in no parking zone in front of the school at Jasmine & 120th Ave, Piss me off no one will doing anything. The signs are there to protect the children!! No one follows the signs..
- I have lived here 48 yrs & happy for the most out.
- I have Lived here a long time time, crime goes up other bring on now law enforcement pay better same areas look like a jack year traffic issue in neighboring.
- I have lived in unincorporated Adams County for over thirty years. There is a house across from me that had a fire over a year ago, a person died and the house just sets there empty and not taken care of. My neighbor's back yard, which butts up to my sid yard, is trashy, has a camper shell in the back and a wooden fence that is falling down. The neighbors behind me park cars and panel vans in the back yard. I used to enjoy setting on my back patio during the Summer, but I don't because of the view I hae.
- I have only lived here for one year and a few months so I am not very informed on some of the issues on this survey.
- I have to say I feel and have heard a few times that Westminster is very nice and quite.
- I haven't lived here long enough to answer some, then question.
- I just feel that Adams county has turned into a hispanic community and if you're not hispanic then you don't have the same opportunities or benefits, very unfair.
- I like in unicorp black area west side of T2S we get ignored & no one asked or listens!
- I like the variety of open space, and trails the Adams county offers. I however oppose all of the new buildings being built on once open land.
- I like to get some help with a job & I wish I can have a affordable mortgage.
- I live in box Elder Creek Ranch - the county needs to be mindful of staying with growth to ensure Quality development such as parks & open space in newer areas.
- I live in Federal Heights. Don't have much to do with ADCO.
- I live in unincorporated A.C. And I am most displeased with the level of road maintenance east of I-76 and surrounding all the new time development (on back).
- I live in Westminster and so that is my point of inforce but, the police, fire department are wonderful and the REO, parks and open spaces are First class.
- I Love Brighton co. moved back after retiring. Love library, Senior Center and rec center.
- I love living in ADCO. The one complaint I have is the sewer/drain tax. That should have been voted in, & it wasn't. Code enforcement needs to make more visits to neighborhoods. Their are the I house on the block that ruins it for the rest of the block.

- I love the services provided at Adams co we need to have more Spanish speaking staff at senior centers of free yoga class at evening!!
- I m thankful for having a place to live and I hope everyone will do right thing.
- I myself like many others in this town Love the country like atmosphere. and really hope it is never changed.
- I posted a private property sign, no turns, but people keep turning in my drive way. I don't know what else to do.
- I rarely receive info upgrading the county.
- I really love what the county has done done in terms of getting rid of gangs. I felt worried for my safety back in 2009 because I would see gang members at Scott Carpenter Middle School. Also, I remember that Scott Carpenter would have graffiti and it was a usual problem. Now I feel really safe. I trust the Adam's County Sheriff department and like what they are doing to keep the community safe.
- I ride on my bicycle & bus. it is very dangerous to walk or ride on the abundance of roads without sidewalks or shoulders.
- I see a need for more paved roads in Strasburg "proper". Rumor has it they bicker w/ builders on whose responsibility it is.
- I think Adams Co and Commerce city should have a plans before to any down of buildings such as dog track & Adams school.
- I think my water bill is way over the cost it should be for one person.
- I think overall it's excellent & I'm glad I live here.
- I think quality of life in Adam's county is improving. I would love to see more bike lanes, trails/ open space, shopping options/ economic development.
- I think the Adams county animal control needs expanded hours I've found stray cats and dogs.
- I think the quality of life where I live on Quivas way is excellent. I do not know who is responsible. I'm sorry not to be of more help.
- I think this survey was a waste of taxpayer \$\$\$. Too many questions about services the average citizen has no knowledge of.
- I think your plans to start community farms & farm to table and visiting farms is unrealistic, might look Good on paper but putting to use & participation is unlikely.
- I want a light rail station closer to the area of Monaco street & Monaco elementary school. I use public transit exclusively.
- I was appalled by the way in which the county commissioners had completely disregarded the strong opposition to the Baker School property development.
- I was wary of the crime in our areas where we had shootings and children tearing things up.
- I well Love to see More police at mobile homes for security stop drugs and theft with young adults, children and animal control.
- I wish that Commerce Cty would bring in more American restaurants or decits[?] places for seniors to live.
- I Would like More effort on weeds yards not maintained junk in front yards Overall cleaned No business in residential area.
- I Would like More information on Adams county issues put in letter form More often.
- I Would like to see animal control officers have More power to compel people to spay & neuter. it Would also.
- I Would like to see the county do a better job with dirt roadways in rural area. we pay taxes towards roads put out Road are horrible.
- I would vote to have the sheriff's department use more/make use of more tax money for upgrades.
- I'd like to see less people jailed/fined for drug usage (non-violent). More mental health services please.
- I'm impressed that the empty building will be used for necessary things i.e. housing.
- Improve taste of water. taxes are to high!House taxes, sales taxes (etc), to much traffic of lately.

- it has gotten terrible with all them idiots moving in & to many living in one house. Trouble.
- It is hard to balance urban, suburban & rural mixes & the attempt to preserve from land is appreciable, but with the county cash crop becoming more & more housing developments, it is hard to see how the population won't be affected by traffic, water use,
- It just craf get any better "kudos".
- It seems clear to me after this questionnaire that I am not well informed on the performance of Adams co. On it's programs, especially in unincorporated areas.
- it Would be great for More sit-down restaurants to be attracted to Adams county.
- it Would be nice if Adams county hire older Adams county residents that have resided here there whole life.
- It would be nice if the ditches were mowed more often and snow removal took place. (Especially on HWY 79). It seems like the dirt roads are never graded when wet, which is when you should do that. Hard to tell where the tax dollars are spent.
- It's very hard to get enough help through Community Reach Mental Health because there is a lack of social services. My doctors had no idea where to go for help with finding a therapy or a seizure dog. No idea how to help with financial issues. Constantmiscommunication.
- I've been living at Adams County for 15 years. I didn't like it at the beginning and 15 years later... still... other side.
- I've lived in unincorporated, and incorporated parts of county, by in large it's good place to live but Adams county is behind the times it lags in leadership and vision.
- Just because there is land doesn't mean it needs to be built upon. We need to manage our growth or we wont be able to sustain what we have. We keep growing, the cost of living goes up and wages dont usually keep up.
- Just found out - The city of Northglenn wants to be a full blown sanctuary city - (Please I say no).
- Just helping out people who work but don't quality for assistance more affordable housing treat.
- Keep oil & gas drilling 5 miles or more from schools & homes!
- keep up the good work!!
- Large potholes (?) at corner of hwy 224 & welby rd - at edge of pavement south & west bound traffic very dangerous!
- law enforcement at intersections where drivers run red lights. ie 104th and Grant. Have more information available on line
- Less politics More focus on Quality services.
- Let's continue to build the community and bring in business! Parks with connecting walking paths would be great also!
- light rail/bus transportation made More accessible land affordable to students.
- Like to get information regarding Adams County not by word of mouth...mail is good...or meetings
- Live in unincorporated Adams County, don't know much about rest of county or services available, not informed enough to provide fair opinion of Adams County government.
- Lived in Adams County, most of my life and will continue to do so, it's not a bad place.
- living expensis are high here in colorado.Need More support for affordable house for low income family.
- Living in unincorporated Adams County, we are left out - very seldom street sweep, houses run down. No curbs or sidewalks on 53rd Ave, poor drainage, many houses flood including my house. Adams county granted permit for huge house in backyard of existing
- Love living here!
- Lower Strasburg property tax as we don't get/use enough facilities, side walks, roads maintenance etc !! Turn us over to Arapahoe Cty.
- lower water rate and Improve the water.
- Main complaint is standing water in, unmaintained drain ditches in unicorporated county. Like on 73rd ave.

- Make police More accountable.
- Make sure the roads Adams county pays for are maintained and/or paved. Tired of the shenanigans & aloofness of public officials.
- Make this survey shorter. I spent several hours you should also include K Soopercards Walmart... this is like work.
- Might communicate through "Next Door" neighbor social networking site. Filling out survey makes me realize how much more I should pay attention. Sidewalks on Federal--in unincorporated Adams Denver people in wheelchairs and with serious mobility issue frequently have to walk in the street.
- More community lights, events in places appropriate to the weather, More affordable housing.
- More effort to revamp the downtown Brighton area.
- More enforcement trash & weeds.
- More jobs More awareness on education opportunities in college entries offer.
- More recreation (malls & parks) that are well taken care of because I believe people enjoy moving to areas/cities that are beneficial to well being.
- More Road Lanes.
- My biggest concern is open a car repair business out of their home. Area is not zoned - car all over the block several have set for 6 mos. no license.
- My biggest issue with Adams County is the corrupt nature of the politicians. I understand, to be fair, we just elected some non incumbent offices and we will see how they do. However, Adams County government is known for corruption if you care to pay attention. These offices are voluntary and meant to serve the people not yourself. Storm management fee is a perfect example. Short of funds because you voluntarily mis-managed it? Just implement a fee and blame it on trash in the sewer system. Don't let the people vote on it although it is constitutional to do so. Nice side step. People are struggling financially here. Those of us that choose to work to support the system DO NOT appreciate our tax dollars being spent to support those not here legally the capable who are too lazy to work, or government programs to assist either. We are fed up as you saw nationally on Nov 8th. Next, the school system, not unlike others in Colorado are very wasteful, political, and top heavy. I have personal experience with trying to donate supplies to the school system. I was told they could not accept them because they wouldn't need to requisition the funds the following year and would therefore lose the money for next year. Second, it is not the choice of the liberals who are tax payer compensated to decide to shove their agenda in curriculum down your young peoples throats. They are to teach both sides and let the student/parent decide how they feel and what is best for them. Last, the administrators are paid way too much and the system suffers as a result. Of course they would argue that unless we pay the top wage we can't get the top talent. This is a bogus argument, in that school administration is not rocket science. We all know it is a scam out here. We are tired of our children having substandard education at great expense. And every time we vote, there are countless ballot measures for more money for the school system. We are sick to death of it and i
- My house has been broken into 3 times! Response time is slow, gang members are ruining my neighborhood more, police patrol please!!
- My only complaints are with the schools (poor- they used to be so good) and too many neighborhoods, look trashy - poor ordinances re vehicles, sheds.
- My street has been dog up and under construction for the last two years and will be again in 2017 why?
- N/A.
- N/A.
- N/A.
- N/A.
- N/A.
- N/A.
- N/A.
- N/A.

- None.
- None.
- None.
- None.
- None.
- None.
- not at all.
- not at this time.
- not at this time.
- not enough place or code enforcement in un-incorp area ie cars parking illegal as tags junk yards and houses run down (holly casing)
- not yet.
- Obviously sky rocket housing costs & jobs that pay a decent wage for older qualified.
- our biggest issue are the roads in Brighton along with No great transportation to downtown Denver for work.
- Our roads are the main problem I have had to replace 5 tires & 1 rim in less than 3 months our main road hasn't been graded for over 3 months either incredibly poor.
- Out where I live it is well known that a builder out here is allowed to build without having to go through all the hoops that local people do. We all think inspectors are "paid off" because there are things done that could not possibly pass inspection (m house had a hole in the kitchen floor just covered up with carpet). He also does not provide any additional money to the school for all the extra people coming in or for any of the infrastructure since we are incorporated. He is allowed to go through eery loop hole possible to the determent of the community. My church was trying to build in adams county and was put off multiple times and asked to provide the same information several times. The county doesn't seem to want to work with small groups butbends over backwards for those who have money. The taxes are crazy as well. The one good thing I think the county has been really good about in the past is getting the roads cleared of snow and ice in our neighborhood. However, the last two years, we haen't seen that same service. In fact, the buses for the school have gotten stuck because they don't come and plow.
- over all leaving here is good.
- over all not bad, Westminster could use some help in code enforcement.
- Overall I feel Adam's county does a very good job in almost all areas. Some areas fluctuate from year to year depending on the types of people who live here. But I say job will done.
- Overall I think Adams county is doing a very Good job. there are many areas of service that we are not.
- Overall in the seven years I've lived in Adams county I've seen improvement. Whenever I contact Adams county the response has been immediate.
- Overall, I like living in Adams Country. I live in an unincorporated area, with a high population of Mexican immigrants.
- Pave the roads. You're roads are a mess, I'm tired of bouncing around and having to replace shock absorbers constantly.
- pay attention to residents & properties on boundary lines. we may be on the edge but we Need looking out for too. Nobody wants to claim us.
- Pleasant place to live. Growth Too fast. Adams county can't keep up schools suffering.
- Please do something about Chambers road (between 120th to 104th av) this is a residential area and 18 wheel trucks drive this road all day long. Also, the speed limit (40mph) is never observed or enforced.
- Please fix the neighborhood roads - they are crap! Get rid of the storm water tax!!
- Please review my comments regarding the County commissioners.
- Poor timing of stoplights, storm drain ditch on 78th between York & Washington & on doesn't work.
- Property taxes are high.

- Property taxes too high. Need consistent leadership and enforcement. More attention to the cleanliness of the city, traffic etc.
- Property taxes way to high. Retail taxes way to high I don't stop here!
- public health services includes some items such as family planning and tobacco use the could be list individuals not government.
- Quality of neighborhood has declined!!
- Quality of water is Good but one of the highest in the state.
- Quicker process for building permits gun concern, much more affordable housing for the elderly to keep them out of nursing care units, keep them at home to be more productive to at rates for all of us, not just nursing homes, revolt the 5 year look back
- Quiet calling things fees instead of taxes (eg. the rain tax) Let the people vote.
- Remove old Thornton streets please !
- Rent is far too high in this county, and in Colorado in general! I pay almost 50% of my income to rent, way above the recommended 30% and I have a decent deal for what I rent. It's getting to be impossible to afford living here, with all the nickel & dime taxes, there's no way I can afford to buy a home here. You're driving people out by maintaining such an impossible cost of living. Only the very poor get any assistance, but the majority of us struggle with no programs, help or benefits to ease the cost o living.
- Repeated calls to as code enforcement brought no results for the blight conditions next door over the past 8 years.
- Responses to questions were based on the fact I'm 73, retired and the fact I don't get out much.
- roads are terrible noxious weed No drainage No elverys you have paved roads in Brighton at our expense.
- roads in Adams county and colorado as a whole are terrible.
- Sales and property taxes are high but see very little of this money being use for repairs - Roads!! for instance.
- see back of page.
- see back of survey.
- Seriously! six page survey too long!
- should charge repent of finders or people dirty yards when county has to go re inspect their property.
- Sometime you forget that not everyone has a computer!it Would be nice to talk one to one with a real person.
- Speed in school zones/not stopping for crosswalks (Commerce city) occurs daily. Government agencies do not follow rules either. Speed.
- Stop the "rain tax".
- stop the rain water tax!stop requiring emissions tests on newer vehicles.
- Storm water fees - we have to pay its get nothing for it - is that fair??? be honest...
- Storm water. Issue on my property has not been fixed since 2013 flooding ditch needs fill dirt to replace washout. Also county allows tracking operations under my property regardless of my consent.
- Stormwater fee should be stopped! Unfair tax!
- Suggest a map for overall train (light - rail), bus routes, recycling centers, parks and recreation centers, bike trails and open spaces.
- Take greater advance of Cannabis Laws!
- taxes are high for what we receive. Storm Water tax to unincorporated is no value to us. It would be great to have more road base on our roads as they get muddy from the weather and creates unusable roads. Need other businesses and shopping closer we do ot need more mexican restaurants but more healthier options such as Panera Breads or diners for breakfasts
- Taxes continue to go up, schools continue to decline. Property taxes are too high for the elderly!
- Thank you for this survey. It seems that taxation gets pushed through county government despite what county residents want. There is still an overwhelming feeling that Adams Co is corrupt. We have not completed the tasks started by Bob Grant several ears ago. More effective communications would

enhance participation in the decision making process. Also creative approaches to REAL abuses and problems needs to happen. Regulations and bare bones staffing/resources perpetuate dissatisfaction and suffering!! Think out of the box!! Do something different. We have a herd of animals dying from inadequate care up the road, roaming, destructive dogs and YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?? What is going on?? I bet single-handedly I could do better than you can as a group. Shake something up and get rid of the dead weight. Increasing taxation and Adams Co employee salaries is not the answer. Taking personal responsibility like Bob Grant's administration IS.

- Thank you for doing this survey! it is a very Good idea, and I appreciate my voice being heard.
- Thank you for not turning Adams County into a place like the South West Metro Area. Although we don't have what those counties have, Adams County is more of a place like traditional Colorado. Keep up the hard work, and although we don't have the best, we have enough to make this proud to call it home. Don't sell out, just keep pressing ahead at "our" pace.
- the city of Thornton has Been disseminating timely info via the nextdoor.com app this has Been very useful and allows residents to ask question and get answers quickly.
- the city of Westminster trying to restrict trash removal to two companies does not serve the citizens best interest.
- the county needs to follow up and at least pretend to care instead of giving us the run around. gets old.
- the county will never entice new business until they lower the Property taxes. they are the highest in the state and completely unreasonable.
- The dirt and paved roads in this county are in horrible shape, including State Highway 79. The weeds are always over grown in the ditches and snow removal is non-existent.
- The district attorney's office is substandard and has been since 2005. The courts, on the other hand, are excellent S.O. is very good.
- the gentrification process is awful.
- the north side of the never ditch a long Coronado parkway gets allowed once a season between Explorador Calle and Downing street. not at all farther west.
- the planning board has to look at permits they are not following the intent of zoning. Filling up a lot just.
- the Quality of life in Adams county is Good, not a bad place to settle down and begin a family but now in day the cost of living is too high which is the only down fall.
- The rain tax is out of line, we pay enough or too much property taxes as sales taxes on food should stop! 8.3% sales tax lower it highest in state.
- the rising cost of housing is frightening! I have witnessed many families lose their homes without a place to go.
- the sheriffs are next to useless in unincorporated Adams county. as far as I can tell, their only function is writing garbage traffic citations.
- The survey asked multiple questions about the storm utility tax, and as a resident of Unincorporated Adams County, I would say that the storm utility tax is unethical and illegal. We don't actually have storm systems in our neighborhood, nor have I seen any work being done in that area. Further, when the tax was first sent out, the county established our non-permeable square footage as more than our actual acreage. We're still trying to get that fixed. To me, this was Adams County's attempt to just grab more money from its residents. The survey also asked about retaining businesses. There is a ton of space available at Larkridge, largely because nobody stays in business there. I would like to see more development in this area. The neighborhoods to the west are growing, and the county still acts like the only development concern is near Hwy 85. There was also a question about traffic control. I'm not sure where the mix-up is here, but it took over 6 months - and multiple dead accident victims this summer - to get a light installed at Hwy 7 and Quebec. This should have been expediently handled after the first accident (if not prior to that, given that Quebec had an on-ramp to E470). Also, the issue of schools was broached in the survey. The public schools in Adams County (specifically 27J) stink. We have voted for more school in Commerce City than anywhere else. We gladly voted for a new high school on the under-served west side of the county, only to find out that it's only going to serve 9th grade when it opens. First

we get slated for schools that can't meet standards; we're not allowed to open enroll because all schools are full; and then we get screwed on the opening of the new high school. I've told colleagues moving to Colorado that our neighborhoods are nice, but if they have school age kids, they should look elsewhere. Finally, think about some recreation services on the west side of the county. We can't actually use the existing rec center f

- There are not enough rec centers that offer classes to register my children in - they fill up too fast & are not available!
- there are too many run down apartment complexes catering to transient population.
- there is a Need to address rapid growth issues, i.e. traffic, construction, retail, etc.
- There is more to Adams co than Brighton!
- There's a lot of crime, theft, robbery and don't feel safe here with my family any more. Police should give more routine checks. To see if there's something suspicious so they can get the criminals.
- They are very slow with help and then a few pennies you can't get any help, then gave help 2 mins & just quit. Guess I just don't know what I need to do.
- they Need to Make housing More affordable & More police officers for traffic stops.
- This survey only mentions a couple of things that pertain to rural Adams County. Sad that a large pertain of tax income is so insignificant!
- This was a complete waste of time!! Government doesn't give a crap about anything but making themselves fatter/richer!!!
- to many people natives should have some privileges.
- too expensive for many permits & fees.
- Train your police department, keep the place clean, eliminate crime, invest in economic development!
- Trash cans where they can't because grass growing trash, in front falls up in cracks of streets.
- Treating every situation with the knowledge that we are human & right or wrong it's how you positively handle any situation makes a better outcome for everyone.
- Try to help low income Senior a little bit better.
- unincorporated Adams - No snow removal off main roads, No trash removal or recycling options, parks feel unsafe to enjoy.
- Unincorporated Adams city. Residents are of little import to govt (i.e. - Elec. towers placed east of I-76; placed in a populated area).
- Unincorporated Adams gets saddled with taxes that do nothing to improve quality of life i.e "rain tax".
- water is really bad have to use filter. taxes are way too high on home owners.
- Way too many gas & convenience store combo. Destroying our lots & space to have this convenience every 3 or 4 blocks is unnecessary.
- way too many places being used as rental units are they do not seem to care about where they live.
- We all have a choice as to where to live. I choice in adams country!!!
- we appreciate access to reduced cost windbreak trees & noxious weed control & information regarding insect & disease control.
- We are happy to be able to live in Adams County. We have appreciated the "town" meetings that we have been able to attend and the freedom of expression. Keep up the good work.
- We have lived in Adams County for 15 years and have seen the county change, but not for the better. More and more houses are being built, but there are no new roads, no improved transportation opportunities, no new schools, no new parks and no new recreaional opportunities. Unincorporated Adams County has exploded which have changed the landscape and not in a good way. It pads the county coffers with taxes, but that is about all. Our taxes have gone up (including the stormwater assessment), but we see othing new from the county. We live in the original filing of Great Rock and only once in 15 years has the roads in our community been maintained. There is no communication from the county. It never ceases to amaze us as to what is being built and by whm. Adams County is not family oriented and is not able to manage growth. The Commissioners are not about the people, but

about their own agendas. We are looking to move out of state as Adams County and the State of Colorado are not able to manage growth.

- We live in unincorporated Adams County, yet we do not seem to belong to any city in order to have access to their services. This needs to change.
- We need better code enforcement on neighborhoods, we need clean & maintain homes better.
- We need more grocery stores.
- We would like more communication between local government and citizens.
- Web site is difficult to navigate. Sheriff's department (oven) employees look the other way when family members violate animal ordinances and child abuse.
- What's happened to the quality of road maintenance in last 3 years. Traffic increase is no excuse.
- When asked to provide proof of income or rent, I comply why do I get requests every 3 months for benefits I'm supposed to be "ok" for - for a year?? - too much paper nobody reads!!!
- When we first moved here 30 years ago they came around and issued warnings on "Blight" which we took seriously and trimmed our tree hanging over the sidewalk. Since then there has been nothing, and the neighborhood has gone to []. We have junk cars that don't even run or have an engine that sit on the street, we have trailers, campers, and even boats not hitched to a vehicle on the street. People are constantly parking on the wrong side of the street (wrong direction) which have caused near head-on collisions and when we asked the Adams sheriff department they told us there is no law against it and besides "they make up the law here in Adams county". The roads are falling apart and haven't been maintained in years, people park in their front yards and wa too many stray cats and dogs. This past Independence day, felt like we were in a war zone and the sheriff's department failed to respond. Last winter we complained about our neighbor across the street for shoveling the street around her parked cars and mking 5'-6' tall mountains in the street making it almost impossible for more than 1 car to get through and right around a blind corner, they came out 3 times and didn't issue her a citation, so what good is the sheriff's department? The only thing that seems to have improve in the last couple of years is less tagging and graffito, so whatever was done did help.
- Why are we paying for Storm water maintenance separate from our Property taxes which also includes Storm water maintenance???
- Will fall death ears.
- Would be nice if the permitting process was quicker & easier rural county roads neighborhoods More quickly serviced in incimate weather i.e ice/snow removal.
- Would like to see fireworks sales banned - eight weeks of fireworks is outrageous! my dog is terrified for 2 mos!.
- Would like to see More Senior housing communities at affordable prices.
- Would like to see Senior Center up north and if the light rail comes to 136th & York, will consider moving out of Adams County.
- Would love to retire here, but it needs to get way more affordable on retirement income. I love it here so far. Been a resident 6 years and first survey offered. Thanks.
- Would you really read it if I did?
- You cannot walk the streets of Thorton at night (nasty[?] dangerous[?]). Trash and garage signs are everywhere and every other lawn is dead (Water to high).
- You spend too much time and money bureaucratic to little doing the task at hand (actual work) read (power broker).
- You've not included the most important issue: Environmental protection! Pollution cleanup & prevention, clean air & water, preserving the beauty here!

Appendix D: Selected Survey Results by Respondent Characteristics

Comparisons by Place of Residence

Unincorporated versus Incorporated Adams County

- In general, respondents from unincorporated Adams County tended to give lower ratings to characteristics of the community than did those living in incorporated areas of the county, especially for the overall appearance, overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County, shopping opportunities, opportunities to participate in community matters, recreational opportunities, availability of recycling services, the availability of walking trails and the overall image or reputation of the County.
- Overall, those living in incorporated areas of the County were more likely than those living in unincorporated areas to give positive ratings to services provided by the county as well as services provided by other agencies, including water and sanitation services, street and drainage maintenance services, development standards and regulations, drainage and storm sewer infrastructure, storm water utility and emergency management.
- Residents from unincorporated areas of the County tended to give lower ratings to the overall direction of the County, while those from incorporated areas were more likely to feel that they could trust Adams County government to do what is right at least most of the time. Similarly, those living in unincorporated areas tended to give lower ratings to the various areas of County government performance than did those living in incorporated areas.
- Residents from unincorporated areas of the County felt it was less important that the County preserve existing housing that is affordable and support the creation of new housing that is affordable to all income levels compared to those from incorporated areas.

North/East of 470 versus South/West of 470

- Overall, there were few difference in opinion based on whether a respondent lived north/east of 470 or south/west of 470. Those living north/east of 470 tended to give higher evaluations to some aspects of the quality of life and community, including their neighborhoods as places to live, the County as a place to retire, sense of personal safety and sense of community. Meanwhile, those living south/west of 470 gave higher ratings to ease of bus travel, ease of travel by other transit options, ease of walking, the availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails, availability of recycling services and drinking water quality.
- Generally, residents living north/east of 470 were more likely to report participating in or using various events, activities and services than were residents living south/west of 470, including attending a County-sponsored event, volunteering, talking with neighbors and participating in a club.

Community Type

- In general, residents living in a small town gave the most positive ratings to most community characteristics, while those living in rural areas gave the lowest, including openness and acceptance of the community ward people of diverse backgrounds, shopping opportunities, opportunities to attend cultural activities, recreational opportunities and the ease of various types of travel in the County.

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- Overall, residents living in a suburban area or a small town were more likely to report having participated in or attended various events and activities in the County than were those from an urban or rural area.
- Residents from rural areas were less likely to support the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation than were those from other areas of the county. Additionally, residents living in rural areas were less likely to give positive ratings to the value of services they receive for the County taxes they pay and were less likely to feel that they could trust the County government to do what is right.
- Residents living in an urban or rural area tended to give lower ratings to many of the services provided by agencies other than the County as well as to County-provided services than did those living in a suburban area or small town.
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Table 64: Question 1 by Area of Adams County

| Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Adams County as a place to live | 71% | 76% | 74% | 75% | 80% | 76% | 68% | 61% | 75% |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 63% | 69% | 90% | 65% | 64% | 69% | 68% | 72% | 67% |
| Adams County as a place to raise children | 56% | 66% | 69% | 63% | 60% | 67% | 65% | 55% | 64% |
| Adams County as a place to work | 48% | 56% | 53% | 55% | 53% | 54% | 60% | 41% | 54% |
| Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business | 41% | 48% | 58% | 45% | 40% | 50% | 37% | 49% | 46% |
| Adams County as a place to retire | 50% | 54% | 64% | 51% | 40% | 58% | 44% | 49% | 53% |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 42% | 45% | 38% | 46% | 46% | 43% | 59% | 43% | 45% |
| Availability of affordable housing | 31% | 36% | 35% | 35% | 38% | 34% | 49% | 20% | 35% |
| The overall quality of life in Adams County | 63% | 70% | 69% | 68% | 65% | 70% | 70% | 59% | 68% |

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Table 65: Question 3 by Area of Adams County

| Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Sense of personal safety | 62% | 65% | 81% | 62% | 56% | 65% | 71% | 65% | 64% |
| Sense of community | 45% | 50% | 70% | 46% | 53% | 47% | 62% | 51% | 49% |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 58% | 67% | 68% | 65% | 59% | 66% | 88% | 56% | 65% |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 43% | 58% | 58% | 55% | 66% | 52% | 64% | 44% | 55% |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County | 45% | 59% | 55% | 56% | 56% | 55% | 59% | 59% | 56% |
| Variety of housing options | 38% | 47% | 47% | 45% | 45% | 47% | 40% | 40% | 45% |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County | 50% | 57% | 53% | 56% | 54% | 55% | 66% | 44% | 55% |
| Shopping opportunities | 47% | 59% | 56% | 57% | 56% | 57% | 73% | 41% | 57% |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | 37% | 50% | 55% | 46% | 54% | 44% | 70% | 30% | 48% |
| Recreational opportunities | 44% | 61% | 55% | 58% | 56% | 59% | 74% | 37% | 58% |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature | 46% | 62% | 54% | 60% | 65% | 58% | 73% | 44% | 59% |
| Employment opportunities | 34% | 42% | 36% | 41% | 40% | 40% | 48% | 27% | 40% |
| Educational opportunities | 37% | 50% | 52% | 47% | 61% | 44% | 63% | 34% | 47% |
| Opportunities to participate in community matters | 38% | 57% | 58% | 53% | 55% | 53% | 64% | 38% | 53% |
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 53% | 58% | 59% | 57% | 64% | 53% | 71% | 54% | 57% |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | 44% | 43% | 25% | 45% | 43% | 42% | 65% | 26% | 43% |
| Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County | 37% | 34% | 18% | 36% | 43% | 29% | 57% | 28% | 34% |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | 41% | 48% | 52% | 46% | 53% | 46% | 48% | 37% | 47% |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | 42% | 58% | 43% | 57% | 63% | 56% | 49% | 33% | 55% |

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| Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Traffic flow on major streets | 29% | 37% | 35% | 36% | 39% | 35% | 55% | 20% | 35% |
| Availability of affordable quality child care | 21% | 31% | 23% | 31% | 24% | 30% | 39% | 14% | 29% |
| Availability of recycling services | 30% | 60% | 31% | 58% | 48% | 60% | 58% | 18% | 55% |
| Drinking water quality | 53% | 56% | 39% | 57% | 59% | 54% | 69% | 33% | 55% |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | 44% | 55% | 51% | 53% | 54% | 53% | 63% | 36% | 53% |

Table 66: Question 4 by Area of Adams County

| (Percent very or somewhat prepared) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)? | 60% | 47% | 70% | 47% | 51% | 50% | 41% | 61% | 50% |

Table 67: Question 5 by Area of Adams County

| Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following: (Percent very or somewhat likely) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks | 80% | 81% | 83% | 81% | 79% | 82% | 79% | 80% | 80% |
| Remain in Adams County for the next five years | 85% | 83% | 86% | 83% | 83% | 83% | 90% | 81% | 83% |

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Table 68: Question 6 by Area of Adams County

| To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams County? (Percent moderate or major problem) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles | 51% | 43% | 39% | 45% | 50% | 44% | 44% | 35% | 45% |
| Graffiti | 36% | 30% | 22% | 33% | 29% | 34% | 22% | 26% | 32% |
| Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery) | 48% | 43% | 39% | 44% | 42% | 44% | 47% | 43% | 44% |
| Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft) | 56% | 61% | 54% | 61% | 68% | 59% | 54% | 56% | 60% |
| Environmental hazards, including toxic waste | 33% | 25% | 24% | 27% | 31% | 26% | 15% | 35% | 27% |
| Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands | 48% | 39% | 49% | 40% | 36% | 41% | 35% | 45% | 41% |
| Child abuse and neglect | 41% | 39% | 43% | 39% | 32% | 40% | 43% | 34% | 39% |
| Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults | 36% | 32% | 31% | 33% | 34% | 35% | 22% | 26% | 33% |

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Table 69: Question 7 by Area of Adams County

| In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County? (Percent more than once a month) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park | 40% | 53% | 54% | 50% | 42% | 54% | 57% | 26% | 50% |
| Used Adams County public libraries or their services | 22% | 28% | 30% | 26% | 32% | 24% | 45% | 16% | 27% |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County | 19% | 27% | 34% | 24% | 19% | 24% | 57% | 16% | 25% |
| Attended a County-sponsored event | 5% | 8% | 20% | 5% | 10% | 6% | 18% | 2% | 7% |
| Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving | 10% | 14% | 4% | 15% | 13% | 15% | 11% | 0% | 13% |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | 24% | 28% | 31% | 27% | 16% | 31% | 21% | 16% | 27% |
| Walked or biked instead of driving | 18% | 24% | 24% | 23% | 19% | 25% | 25% | 6% | 23% |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County | 10% | 11% | 17% | 10% | 5% | 11% | 17% | 4% | 10% |
| Participated in a club | 10% | 7% | 25% | 6% | 7% | 8% | 11% | 10% | 8% |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors | 67% | 68% | 79% | 66% | 66% | 71% | 56% | 67% | 68% |
| Done a favor for a neighbor | 46% | 43% | 60% | 41% | 36% | 45% | 49% | 37% | 43% |

Table 70: Question 8 by Area of Adams County

| | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| RTD's upcoming FasTracks Commuter Rail project includes several stations located throughout Adams County. In a typical month, how often, if at all, do you think you will use these new transit facilities? (Percent at least once a month) | 39% | 48% | 39% | 47% | 46% | 48% | 43% | 23% | 46% |

Table 71: Question 9 by Area of Adams County

| (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses? | 28% | 41% | 35% | 39% | 37% | 38% | 48% | 36% | 38% |

Table 72: Question 10 by Area of Adams County

| (Percent somewhat or strongly support) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation? | 73% | 79% | 71% | 79% | 83% | 76% | 84% | 63% | 78% |

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Table 73: Question 11 by Area of Adams County

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by other agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County. (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Public school districts | 48% | 49% | 55% | 48% | 35% | 51% | 49% | 61% | 48% |
| Fire response times | 79% | 81% | 80% | 81% | 78% | 81% | 94% | 75% | 81% |
| Fire services overall | 80% | 84% | 80% | 84% | 75% | 87% | 88% | 76% | 83% |
| Ambulance response times | 78% | 84% | 76% | 84% | 74% | 85% | 94% | 76% | 83% |
| Ambulance services overall | 76% | 86% | 74% | 85% | 68% | 89% | 98% | 75% | 84% |
| Water and sanitation services | 60% | 71% | 63% | 70% | 64% | 72% | 67% | 64% | 69% |
| Street and drainage maintenance services | 41% | 64% | 52% | 61% | 55% | 62% | 70% | 40% | 60% |
| Library services | 81% | 85% | 81% | 85% | 82% | 85% | 87% | 80% | 84% |
| Park and recreation services | 72% | 82% | 75% | 81% | 72% | 85% | 75% | 77% | 80% |
| RTD bus or rail | 60% | 54% | 43% | 56% | 59% | 56% | 56% | 39% | 55% |
| Courts | 51% | 55% | 54% | 55% | 48% | 57% | 55% | 57% | 54% |

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Table 74: Question 12 by Area of Adams County

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Adams County open space, parks and trails system | 69% | 78% | 67% | 77% | 77% | 79% | 76% | 52% | 76% |
| Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | 62% | 67% | 55% | 68% | 74% | 66% | 80% | 53% | 66% |
| Building permits and inspections | 46% | 58% | 50% | 57% | 64% | 53% | 63% | 42% | 55% |
| Collection of property taxes | 49% | 59% | 54% | 57% | 62% | 55% | 72% | 47% | 56% |
| Community development (build the capacity of citizen groups and community organizations so they may enhance the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities) | 36% | 45% | 47% | 43% | 51% | 40% | 70% | 31% | 43% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 64% | 65% | 66% | 65% | 55% | 67% | 81% | 56% | 64% |
| County jail | 44% | 53% | 38% | 53% | 41% | 56% | 62% | 31% | 51% |
| District Attorney services | 51% | 36% | 34% | 39% | 22% | 39% | 76% | 32% | 38% |
| Development standards and regulations (sets standards and regulations for the unincorporated areas of the county to guide development to protect and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the county) | 35% | 50% | 40% | 48% | 46% | 47% | 58% | 29% | 47% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County | 40% | 54% | 39% | 53% | 43% | 55% | 62% | 23% | 52% |
| Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs). | 30% | 42% | 34% | 41% | 32% | 41% | 67% | 17% | 39% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 69% | 76% | 82% | 74% | 69% | 78% | 88% | 65% | 75% |
| Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents) | 45% | 61% | 58% | 58% | 55% | 56% | 79% | 45% | 58% |

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| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center | 34% | 40% | 46% | 38% | 30% | 37% | 67% | 34% | 39% |
| Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.) | 50% | 49% | 48% | 50% | 32% | 52% | 75% | 52% | 49% |
| Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal) | 35% | 49% | 40% | 47% | 52% | 41% | 69% | 37% | 46% |
| Front Range Airport | 68% | 65% | 76% | 64% | 81% | 65% | 62% | 68% | 66% |
| Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.) | 34% | 28% | 28% | 29% | 40% | 25% | 37% | 26% | 29% |
| Long range planning (administers and updates the Comprehensive Long Range Plan, coordinates with both local and regional stakeholders in planning for the current and future needs of the county) | 41% | 39% | 35% | 40% | 38% | 35% | 76% | 30% | 39% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 58% | 64% | 63% | 63% | 72% | 60% | 66% | 60% | 62% |
| Online (internet) property lookup | 54% | 67% | 59% | 66% | 65% | 65% | 73% | 53% | 65% |
| Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.) | 50% | 54% | 49% | 54% | 53% | 53% | 63% | 48% | 54% |
| Public records and documents searches | 61% | 57% | 52% | 59% | 52% | 59% | 74% | 49% | 57% |
| Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County | 34% | 41% | 36% | 40% | 46% | 38% | 46% | 28% | 40% |

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| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc. | 45% | 50% | 58% | 48% | 55% | 46% | 51% | 42% | 49% |
| Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected | 47% | 55% | 41% | 56% | 66% | 52% | 65% | 27% | 54% |
| Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected | 38% | 50% | 35% | 50% | 60% | 46% | 51% | 32% | 48% |
| Sheriff response times | 56% | 50% | 51% | 52% | 44% | 54% | 68% | 43% | 52% |
| Sheriff services overall | 54% | 54% | 53% | 54% | 54% | 56% | 58% | 45% | 54% |
| Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County | 33% | 43% | 41% | 41% | 43% | 41% | 61% | 26% | 41% |
| Stormwater utility | 31% | 58% | 43% | 54% | 58% | 53% | 66% | 23% | 53% |
| Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County | 52% | 48% | 49% | 49% | 50% | 48% | 59% | 33% | 49% |

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Table 75: Question 13 by Area of Adams County

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Open space, parks and trails system | 31% | 43% | 41% | 41% | 28% | 48% | 25% | 42% | 41% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 15% | 11% | 14% | 12% | 2% | 15% | 16% | 5% | 12% |
| Building permits and inspections | 5% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 12% | 16% | 4% |
| Collection of property taxes | 4% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 4% |
| Community development | 15% | 20% | 16% | 19% | 22% | 20% | 18% | 14% | 19% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 8% | 5% | 8% | 5% | 2% | 7% | 0% | 12% | 5% |
| County jail | 5% | 3% | 8% | 3% | 5% | 2% | 5% | 8% | 3% |
| District Attorney services | 4% | 3% | 7% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 0% | 8% | 3% |
| Development standards and regulations | 19% | 16% | 13% | 17% | 26% | 16% | 4% | 15% | 17% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 18% | 10% | 12% | 11% | 11% | 11% | 10% | 8% | 11% |
| Economic development | 21% | 27% | 30% | 26% | 33% | 25% | 22% | 20% | 26% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 3% | 8% | 6% | 8% | 6% | 9% | 6% | 2% | 7% |
| Emergency management | 17% | 21% | 15% | 21% | 20% | 21% | 9% | 31% | 20% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 7% | 20% | 8% | 18% | 22% | 14% | 43% | 16% | 17% |
| Environmental health services | 12% | 14% | 13% | 13% | 17% | 12% | 18% | 9% | 13% |
| Code enforcement | 25% | 18% | 15% | 19% | 20% | 20% | 11% | 13% | 19% |
| Front Range Airport | 4% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 4% | 3% | 1% |
| Housing assistance services | 14% | 21% | 11% | 21% | 22% | 16% | 37% | 13% | 20% |
| Long range planning | 14% | 22% | 21% | 20% | 21% | 21% | 12% | 14% | 20% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 8% | 7% | 21% | 6% | 5% | 8% | 9% | 7% | 7% |
| Online property lookup | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% |
| Public health services | 16% | 19% | 18% | 19% | 17% | 17% | 37% | 19% | 19% |
| Public records and documents searches | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% |
| Roadway maintenance | 43% | 33% | 39% | 34% | 33% | 35% | 36% | 50% | 35% |
| Financial services | 11% | 17% | 12% | 17% | 12% | 15% | 32% | 14% | 16% |
| Child protective services | 9% | 14% | 17% | 13% | 11% | 14% | 25% | 9% | 13% |
| Adult protective services | 5% | 5% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 6% | 3% | 4% | 5% |

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| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Sheriff response times | 25% | 16% | 19% | 17% | 22% | 17% | 11% | 16% | 18% |
| Sheriff services overall | 23% | 20% | 13% | 21% | 26% | 20% | 12% | 15% | 20% |
| Snow and ice removal | 36% | 21% | 22% | 24% | 26% | 21% | 26% | 39% | 24% |
| Stormwater utility | 6% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| Traffic control | 32% | 22% | 27% | 23% | 26% | 25% | 9% | 31% | 24% |

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select up to five services.
 Statistical significance not tested.

Table 76: Question 14 by Area of Adams County

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Open space, parks and trails system | 9% | 6% | 12% | 6% | 10% | 6% | 6% | 13% | 7% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 25% | 22% | 22% | 23% | 35% | 18% | 29% | 30% | 23% |
| Building permits and inspections | 14% | 12% | 10% | 12% | 4% | 13% | 19% | 15% | 12% |
| Collection of property taxes | 17% | 13% | 7% | 15% | 7% | 18% | 5% | 6% | 14% |
| Community development | 14% | 6% | 12% | 6% | 3% | 7% | 10% | 17% | 7% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 29% | 29% | 23% | 30% | 39% | 28% | 23% | 15% | 29% |
| County jail | 14% | 29% | 21% | 27% | 31% | 27% | 15% | 23% | 26% |
| District Attorney services | 13% | 18% | 24% | 16% | 4% | 20% | 20% | 10% | 17% |
| Development standards and regulations | 13% | 8% | 13% | 8% | 5% | 11% | 3% | 11% | 9% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 7% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 1% | 6% | 2% | 7% | 4% |
| Economic development | 7% | 6% | 14% | 5% | 2% | 8% | 1% | 4% | 6% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 19% | 18% | 17% | 19% | 18% | 19% | 22% | 15% | 19% |
| Emergency management | 4% | 5% | 2% | 5% | 14% | 3% | 0% | 3% | 5% |

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| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Workforce & Business Center | 11% | 17% | 14% | 16% | 8% | 18% | 23% | 16% | 16% |
| Environmental health services | 4% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 0% | 3% |
| Code enforcement | 15% | 10% | 11% | 11% | 10% | 11% | 16% | 11% | 11% |
| Front Range Airport | 45% | 60% | 47% | 59% | 62% | 56% | 54% | 62% | 57% |
| Housing assistance services | 12% | 12% | 7% | 13% | 15% | 11% | 13% | 14% | 12% |
| Long range planning | 12% | 5% | 4% | 7% | 10% | 5% | 6% | 12% | 7% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 13% | 12% | 16% | 12% | 17% | 11% | 16% | 11% | 12% |
| Online property lookup | 49% | 47% | 37% | 49% | 52% | 48% | 37% | 46% | 48% |
| Public health services | 10% | 11% | 8% | 11% | 4% | 12% | 14% | 14% | 11% |
| Public records and documents searches | 32% | 35% | 28% | 35% | 49% | 28% | 44% | 38% | 34% |
| Roadway maintenance | 1% | 4% | 0% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 3% |
| Financial services | 9% | 15% | 6% | 15% | 7% | 17% | 13% | 7% | 14% |
| Child protective services | 1% | 4% | 1% | 4% | 1% | 5% | 0% | 1% | 4% |
| Adult protective services | 0% | 5% | 0% | 5% | 0% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 4% |
| Sheriff response times | 2% | 1% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% |
| Sheriff services overall | 1% | 5% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 1% | 1% | 4% |
| Snow and ice removal | 3% | 2% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 7% | 2% |
| Stormwater utility | 19% | 9% | 14% | 10% | 13% | 10% | 6% | 17% | 10% |
| Traffic control | 5% | 11% | 6% | 10% | 15% | 8% | 19% | 0% | 10% |

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select up to five services.
 Statistical significance not tested.

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Table 77: Question 15 by Area of Adams County

| (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County? | 54% | 63% | 65% | 61% | 61% | 61% | 68% | 57% | 61% |

Table 78: Question 16 by Area of Adams County

| (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid? | 39% | 46% | 43% | 45% | 57% | 41% | 56% | 24% | 44% |

Table 79: Question 17 by Area of Adams County

| (Percent informed or very informed) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing? | 20% | 18% | 21% | 18% | 18% | 18% | 18% | 18% | 18% |

Table 80: Question 18 by Area of Adams County

| (Percent always or most of the time) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right? | 42% | 59% | 50% | 57% | 51% | 59% | 67% | 34% | 56% |

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Table 81: Question 19 by Area of Adams County

| (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking? | 42% | 57% | 52% | 55% | 50% | 57% | 67% | 28% | 54% |

Table 82: Question 20 by Area of Adams County

| Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in each of the following areas: (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Welcoming resident involvement | 38% | 48% | 48% | 46% | 40% | 47% | 70% | 21% | 46% |
| Being responsive to residents | 26% | 45% | 37% | 42% | 49% | 38% | 59% | 19% | 41% |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | 32% | 51% | 33% | 50% | 50% | 48% | 67% | 16% | 47% |
| Informing residents about issues facing the community | 27% | 43% | 31% | 42% | 43% | 38% | 69% | 20% | 40% |
| Accessibility of elected officials | 23% | 39% | 27% | 37% | 36% | 32% | 72% | 17% | 36% |
| Being open and transparent to the public | 25% | 39% | 22% | 38% | 37% | 34% | 61% | 19% | 36% |
| Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions | 25% | 36% | 29% | 35% | 40% | 31% | 53% | 24% | 34% |
| Being honest | 27% | 46% | 28% | 45% | 46% | 40% | 75% | 19% | 43% |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | 38% | 52% | 41% | 50% | 46% | 49% | 79% | 23% | 49% |

Table 83: Question 21 by Area of Adams County

| (Percent yes) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an Adams County employee, regardless of department or office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff, receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)? | 49% | 58% | 43% | 58% | 61% | 53% | 65% | 50% | 56% |

Table 84: Question 22 by Area of Adams County

| What was your impression of the Adams County employee in your most recent contact? Rate each characteristic below.) (Percent excellent or good) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Knowledge | 72% | 65% | 64% | 66% | 73% | 67% | 49% | 74% | 66% |
| Responsiveness | 65% | 64% | 62% | 64% | 70% | 66% | 46% | 60% | 64% |
| Respectfulness | 74% | 71% | 63% | 73% | 73% | 73% | 84% | 63% | 72% |
| Courtesy | 74% | 71% | 64% | 73% | 73% | 73% | 83% | 67% | 72% |
| Overall impression | 68% | 61% | 59% | 63% | 58% | 68% | 46% | 64% | 63% |

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Table 85: Question 23 by Area of Adams County

| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities, such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.) | Too little | 41% | 31% | 28% | 33% | 34% | 32% | 22% | 44% | 32% |
| | Right amount | 58% | 67% | 71% | 65% | 64% | 65% | 74% | 56% | 66% |
| | Too much | 1% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 0% | 2% |
| Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces) | Too little | 38% | 34% | 42% | 34% | 40% | 36% | 19% | 44% | 35% |
| | Right amount | 61% | 64% | 56% | 64% | 59% | 62% | 78% | 56% | 63% |
| | Too much | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 0% | 2% |
| Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse) | Too little | 41% | 39% | 39% | 39% | 31% | 38% | 49% | 53% | 39% |
| | Right amount | 56% | 58% | 59% | 57% | 66% | 58% | 50% | 41% | 57% |
| | Too much | 3% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 1% | 6% | 4% |
| Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball) | Too little | 51% | 47% | 46% | 48% | 42% | 49% | 36% | 67% | 47% |
| | Right amount | 46% | 51% | 52% | 50% | 56% | 49% | 57% | 28% | 50% |
| | Too much | 3% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 6% | 5% | 3% |
| Playgrounds | Too little | 38% | 33% | 35% | 34% | 33% | 34% | 34% | 45% | 34% |
| | Right amount | 59% | 63% | 65% | 62% | 65% | 62% | 61% | 54% | 63% |
| | Too much | 3% | 3% | 0% | 4% | 2% | 4% | 5% | 1% | 4% |
| Recreation centers | Too little | 49% | 48% | 51% | 48% | 42% | 50% | 52% | 55% | 49% |
| | Right amount | 49% | 50% | 49% | 50% | 57% | 49% | 42% | 44% | 49% |
| | Too much | 1% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 6% | 1% | 2% |

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| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Youth recreation programs | Too little | 47% | 38% | 44% | 39% | 43% | 37% | 34% | 54% | 39% |
| | Right amount | 51% | 60% | 55% | 59% | 55% | 61% | 61% | 44% | 58% |
| | Too much | 1% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 5% | 2% | 2% |
| Adult recreation programs | Too little | 52% | 44% | 56% | 44% | 43% | 45% | 48% | 50% | 45% |
| | Right amount | 47% | 54% | 43% | 54% | 56% | 54% | 40% | 47% | 52% |
| | Too much | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 13% | 3% | 2% |
| Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.) | Too little | 46% | 35% | 40% | 37% | 34% | 41% | 14% | 54% | 37% |
| | Right amount | 53% | 61% | 59% | 60% | 62% | 56% | 77% | 45% | 59% |
| | Too much | 1% | 4% | 0% | 4% | 4% | 3% | 9% | 2% | 3% |

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Table 86: Question 24 by Area of Adams County

| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris) | More effort | 38% | 45% | 28% | 45% | 36% | 49% | 32% | 31% | 44% |
| | Same effort | 54% | 51% | 64% | 50% | 60% | 47% | 63% | 57% | 51% |
| | Less effort | 8% | 4% | 8% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 13% | 5% |
| Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals) | More effort | 31% | 35% | 21% | 36% | 20% | 40% | 51% | 19% | 35% |
| | Same effort | 62% | 61% | 76% | 59% | 78% | 56% | 39% | 72% | 61% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 4% | 3% | 5% | 2% | 5% | 9% | 9% | 5% |
| Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings) | More effort | 35% | 39% | 31% | 39% | 35% | 39% | 39% | 43% | 38% |
| | Same effort | 62% | 57% | 67% | 57% | 55% | 59% | 60% | 52% | 58% |
| | Less effort | 3% | 4% | 1% | 4% | 9% | 2% | 1% | 5% | 4% |
| Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs) | More effort | 49% | 46% | 36% | 47% | 43% | 47% | 49% | 51% | 47% |
| | Same effort | 43% | 48% | 51% | 46% | 53% | 45% | 51% | 38% | 47% |
| | Less effort | 8% | 6% | 12% | 6% | 3% | 7% | 0% | 11% | 7% |
| Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, adult protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.) | More effort | 34% | 40% | 23% | 40% | 38% | 40% | 31% | 24% | 38% |
| | Same effort | 56% | 51% | 69% | 50% | 52% | 51% | 65% | 56% | 52% |
| | Less effort | 10% | 9% | 8% | 9% | 9% | 9% | 4% | 19% | 10% |

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| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.) | More effort | 30% | 37% | 33% | 36% | 32% | 37% | 33% | 37% | 36% |
| | Same effort | 63% | 57% | 63% | 58% | 62% | 57% | 67% | 58% | 58% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 6% | 4% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 0% | 5% | 6% |
| Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.) | More effort | 18% | 14% | 6% | 15% | 23% | 14% | 4% | 11% | 15% |
| | Same effort | 76% | 82% | 85% | 80% | 69% | 83% | 86% | 85% | 81% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 4% | 8% | 4% | 8% | 3% | 9% | 4% | 5% |
| Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems; snow removal, etc.) | More effort | 62% | 53% | 65% | 53% | 57% | 56% | 45% | 62% | 55% |
| | Same effort | 37% | 43% | 35% | 43% | 41% | 42% | 44% | 37% | 42% |
| | Less effort | 1% | 4% | 0% | 4% | 2% | 3% | 11% | 1% | 3% |

Table 87: Question 25 by Area of Adams County

| Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the County to do each of the following: (Percent essential or very important) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage) | 69% | 82% | 78% | 80% | 87% | 76% | 91% | 61% | 79% |
| Support the creation of new housing that is affordable to all income levels (i.e., household pays no more than 30% of income for rent or mortgage) | 68% | 77% | 74% | 76% | 84% | 72% | 93% | 58% | 76% |

Table 88: Question 26 by Area of Adams County

| Thinking of how you currently get information about events or issues, how likely would you be to obtain information about Adams County like public hearings, community meetings, upcoming programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats? (Percent likely or very likely) | Adams County Incorporation | | Area of Adams County | | Rural/Urban | | | | Overall |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated Adams County | Incorporated Adams County | North/East of 470 | South/West of 470 | An urban area | A suburban area | A small town | A rural area | |
| Adams County Annual Budget | 31% | 30% | 37% | 29% | 38% | 28% | 31% | 22% | 30% |
| Adams County Annual Report | 34% | 33% | 40% | 32% | 41% | 32% | 22% | 25% | 33% |
| Adams County Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty) | 31% | 41% | 45% | 39% | 35% | 39% | 63% | 19% | 39% |
| Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county_co) | 13% | 12% | 17% | 12% | 12% | 11% | 31% | 7% | 12% |
| Adams County website (www.adcogov.org) | 51% | 65% | 64% | 62% | 65% | 60% | 78% | 52% | 63% |
| Emails from Adams County | 32% | 42% | 49% | 39% | 34% | 41% | 53% | 39% | 40% |
| Text messages | 20% | 28% | 27% | 26% | 15% | 28% | 46% | 21% | 26% |
| Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county government building, the fairgrounds, etc.) | 32% | 26% | 33% | 26% | 29% | 26% | 30% | 20% | 27% |
| Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newspapers, online versions of any of these) | 55% | 55% | 67% | 53% | 56% | 55% | 55% | 42% | 55% |
| Mailings to your home address | 67% | 74% | 77% | 72% | 70% | 74% | 77% | 70% | 73% |
| Community newsletters with information about Adams County | 59% | 70% | 72% | 67% | 70% | 67% | 67% | 58% | 68% |
| Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.) | 37% | 40% | 40% | 40% | 29% | 42% | 50% | 39% | 40% |

Comparisons by Incorporated City

- Overall, survey respondents living in Arvada, Westminster, Brighton or Northglenn tended to give higher evaluations to the various aspects of quality of life and community in Adams County than did those living in Aurora, Commerce City or Thornton. Generally, those living in Aurora/Commerce City gave the lowest evaluations and those from Brighton/Northglenn gave the most positive.
- Arvada, Westminster, Brighton and Northglenn residents were more likely to remain in the county for the next five years and to recommend living in the county to someone who asks.
- Brighton/Northglenn residents were less likely to feel that most of the potential problems were a moderate or major problem, while those living in Aurora/Commerce City were more likely to voice concern about the various problems.
- Respondents from Arvada, Westminster, Brighton and Northglenn were more likely to be friendly with their neighbors than were those from other cities. Those from Aurora/Commerce City were less likely to have participated in a club, carpooled or interacted with a neighbor.
- Generally, Arvada/Westminster residents tended to give more favorable assessments to services provided by agencies other than the County, while Brighton/Northglenn residents gave more positive reviews to County-provided services.
- Arvada, Westminster, Brighton and Northglenn residents tended to be more critical of the various aspects of the County government performance than did residents from other cities.

Table 89: Question 1 by Incorporated City

| Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Adams County as a place to live | 63% | 78% | 88% | 76% | 75% |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 59% | 71% | 84% | 70% | 67% |
| Adams County as a place to raise children | 56% | 65% | 71% | 69% | 64% |
| Adams County as a place to work | 45% | 50% | 71% | 50% | 54% |
| Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business | 42% | 46% | 69% | 46% | 46% |
| Adams County as a place to retire | 41% | 58% | 69% | 54% | 53% |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 44% | 43% | 53% | 41% | 45% |
| Availability of affordable housing | 43% | 28% | 37% | 35% | 35% |
| The overall quality of life in Adams County | 54% | 71% | 76% | 72% | 68% |

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Table 90: Question 3 by Incorporated City

| Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Sense of personal safety | 53% | 61% | 74% | 69% | 64% |
| Sense of community | 45% | 50% | 71% | 43% | 49% |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 62% | 63% | 74% | 73% | 65% |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 53% | 54% | 71% | 56% | 55% |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County | 51% | 46% | 70% | 70% | 56% |
| Variety of housing options | 43% | 45% | 51% | 48% | 45% |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County | 46% | 57% | 66% | 59% | 55% |
| Shopping opportunities | 39% | 51% | 75% | 70% | 57% |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | 46% | 34% | 68% | 49% | 48% |
| Recreational opportunities | 50% | 65% | 68% | 58% | 58% |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature | 54% | 52% | 70% | 64% | 59% |
| Employment opportunities | 29% | 46% | 48% | 45% | 40% |
| Educational opportunities | 33% | 49% | 65% | 52% | 47% |
| Opportunities to participate in community matters | 55% | 51% | 70% | 61% | 53% |
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 58% | 61% | 66% | 50% | 57% |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | 45% | 54% | 51% | 34% | 43% |
| Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County | 38% | 41% | 42% | 20% | 34% |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | 30% | 57% | 73% | 42% | 47% |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | 46% | 49% | 75% | 63% | 55% |
| Traffic flow on major streets | 38% | 35% | 40% | 29% | 35% |
| Availability of affordable quality child care | 39% | 22% | 22% | 42% | 29% |
| Availability of recycling services | 50% | 60% | 51% | 68% | 55% |
| Drinking water quality | 42% | 60% | 45% | 68% | 55% |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | 51% | 52% | 65% | 56% | 53% |

Table 91: Question 4 by Incorporated City

| (Percent very or somewhat prepared) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)? | 40% | 50% | 53% | 47% | 50% |

Table 92: Question 5 by Incorporated City

| Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following: (Percent very or somewhat likely) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks | 68% | 86% | 86% | 82% | 80% |
| Remain in Adams County for the next five years | 76% | 86% | 88% | 78% | 83% |

Table 93: Question 6 by Incorporated City

| To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams County? (Percent moderate or major problem) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles | 53% | 46% | 36% | 40% | 45% |
| Graffiti | 29% | 40% | 25% | 30% | 32% |
| Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery) | 48% | 39% | 38% | 45% | 44% |
| Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft) | 68% | 56% | 50% | 64% | 60% |
| Environmental hazards, including toxic waste | 41% | 25% | 17% | 16% | 27% |
| Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands | 49% | 46% | 34% | 32% | 41% |
| Child abuse and neglect | 42% | 55% | 37% | 27% | 39% |
| Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults | 38% | 33% | 34% | 25% | 33% |

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Table 94: Question 7 by Incorporated City

| In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County? (Percent more than once a month) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park | 43% | 44% | 64% | 57% | 50% |
| Used Adams County public libraries or their services | 27% | 26% | 33% | 21% | 27% |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County | 21% | 23% | 35% | 26% | 25% |
| Attended a County-sponsored event | 2% | 2% | 19% | 9% | 7% |
| Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving | 20% | 13% | 10% | 12% | 13% |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | 13% | 36% | 32% | 31% | 27% |
| Walked or biked instead of driving | 22% | 22% | 33% | 22% | 23% |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County | 12% | 7% | 15% | 10% | 10% |
| Participated in a club | 2% | 9% | 17% | 6% | 8% |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors | 56% | 75% | 81% | 66% | 68% |
| Done a favor for a neighbor | 35% | 48% | 53% | 42% | 43% |

Table 95: Question 8 by Incorporated City

| | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| RTD's upcoming FasTracks Commuter Rail project includes several stations located throughout Adams County. In a typical month, how often, if at all, do you think you will use these new transit facilities? (Percent at least once a month) | 49% | 47% | 44% | 52% | 46% |

Table 96: Question 9 by Incorporated City

| (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses? | 23% | 37% | 50% | 49% | 38% |

Table 97: Question 10 by Incorporated City

| (Percent somewhat or strongly support) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation? | 75% | 82% | 71% | 84% | 78% |

Table 98: Question 11 by Incorporated City

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by other agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County. (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Public school districts | 42% | 55% | 53% | 51% | 48% |
| Fire response times | 66% | 91% | 87% | 83% | 81% |
| Fire services overall | 69% | 93% | 88% | 86% | 83% |
| Ambulance response times | 69% | 92% | 84% | 95% | 83% |
| Ambulance services overall | 75% | 92% | 88% | 92% | 84% |
| Water and sanitation services | 51% | 90% | 72% | 78% | 69% |
| Street and drainage maintenance services | 61% | 80% | 62% | 59% | 60% |
| Library services | 86% | 88% | 84% | 84% | 84% |
| Park and recreation services | 72% | 81% | 84% | 86% | 80% |
| RTD bus or rail | 56% | 59% | 59% | 42% | 55% |
| Courts | 52% | 47% | 69% | 57% | 54% |

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Table 99: Question 12 by Incorporated City

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Adams County open space, parks and trails system | 66% | 85% | 84% | 78% | 76% |
| Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | 49% | 70% | 61% | 80% | 66% |
| Building permits and inspections | 59% | 66% | 60% | 64% | 55% |
| Collection of property taxes | 67% | 55% | 56% | 63% | 56% |
| Community development (build the capacity of citizen groups and community organizations so they may enhance the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities) | 55% | 44% | 47% | 42% | 43% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 57% | 51% | 68% | 72% | 64% |
| County jail | 51% | 39% | 61% | 48% | 51% |
| District Attorney services | 32% | 17% | 61% | 30% | 38% |
| Development standards and regulations (sets standards and regulations for the unincorporated areas of the county to guide development to protect and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the county) | 50% | 39% | 61% | 49% | 47% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County | 47% | 60% | 59% | 52% | 52% |
| Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs). | 33% | 36% | 44% | 47% | 39% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 71% | 77% | 90% | 74% | 75% |
| Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents) | 51% | 68% | 73% | 60% | 58% |
| Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center | 48% | 28% | 46% | 43% | 39% |
| Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.) | 45% | 57% | 61% | 39% | 49% |
| Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal) | 47% | 40% | 51% | 51% | 46% |
| Front Range Airport | 59% | 63% | 79% | 62% | 66% |

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| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.) | 24% | 34% | 19% | 35% | 29% |
| Long range planning (administers and updates the Comprehensive Long Range Plan, coordinates with both local and regional stakeholders in planning for the current and future needs of the county) | 42% | 30% | 37% | 37% | 39% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 76% | 59% | 64% | 60% | 62% |
| Online (internet) property lookup | 67% | 70% | 68% | 62% | 65% |
| Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.) | 49% | 58% | 58% | 55% | 54% |
| Public records and documents searches | 52% | 48% | 71% | 60% | 57% |
| Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County | 41% | 35% | 42% | 42% | 40% |
| Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc. | 62% | 56% | 46% | 43% | 49% |
| Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected | 58% | 68% | 55% | 39% | 54% |
| Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected | 51% | 57% | 44% | 46% | 48% |
| Sheriff response times | 49% | 42% | 59% | 51% | 52% |
| Sheriff services overall | 55% | 47% | 58% | 60% | 54% |
| Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County | 35% | 44% | 43% | 42% | 41% |
| Stormwater utility | 53% | 54% | 50% | 68% | 53% |
| Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County | 34% | 52% | 52% | 53% | 49% |

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Table 100: Question 13 by Incorporated City

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Open space, parks and trails system | 28% | 44% | 37% | 51% | 41% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 4% | 19% | 17% | 9% | 12% |
| Building permits and inspections | 12% | 2% | 4% | 0% | 4% |
| Collection of property taxes | 1% | 4% | 5% | 8% | 4% |
| Community development | 15% | 12% | 12% | 25% | 19% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 9% | 5% | 6% | 1% | 5% |
| County jail | 5% | 0% | 2% | 5% | 3% |
| District Attorney services | 5% | 0% | 1% | 7% | 3% |
| Development standards and regulations | 18% | 10% | 17% | 17% | 17% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 12% | 16% | 5% | 8% | 11% |
| Economic development | 18% | 30% | 23% | 38% | 26% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 2% | 17% | 7% | 6% | 7% |
| Emergency management | 26% | 19% | 13% | 20% | 20% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 27% | 15% | 17% | 16% | 17% |
| Environmental health services | 22% | 15% | 8% | 5% | 13% |
| Code enforcement | 14% | 31% | 19% | 16% | 19% |
| Front Range Airport | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% |
| Housing assistance services | 22% | 15% | 18% | 25% | 20% |
| Long range planning | 23% | 23% | 12% | 24% | 20% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 1% | 12% | 17% | 6% | 7% |
| Online property lookup | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| Public health services | 18% | 3% | 18% | 23% | 19% |
| Public records and documents searches | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 1% |
| Roadway maintenance | 35% | 29% | 33% | 38% | 35% |
| Financial services | 19% | 12% | 19% | 17% | 16% |
| Child protective services | 10% | 7% | 21% | 13% | 13% |
| Adult protective services | 1% | 7% | 3% | 8% | 5% |
| Sheriff response times | 11% | 21% | 17% | 20% | 18% |
| Sheriff services overall | 21% | 29% | 17% | 19% | 20% |
| Snow and ice removal | 24% | 26% | 13% | 21% | 24% |
| Stormwater utility | 0% | 1% | 1% | 5% | 3% |

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| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Traffic control | 16% | 19% | 30% | 25% | 24% |

Statistical significance not tested.

Table 101: Question 14 by Incorporated City

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Open space, parks and trails system | 4% | 2% | 1% | 14% | 7% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 21% | 16% | 14% | 25% | 23% |
| Building permits and inspections | 10% | 2% | 7% | 17% | 12% |
| Collection of property taxes | 0% | 16% | 14% | 13% | 14% |
| Community development | 1% | 6% | 10% | 7% | 7% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 30% | 33% | 14% | 30% | 29% |
| County jail | 32% | 18% | 31% | 38% | 26% |
| District Attorney services | 21% | 13% | 20% | 15% | 17% |
| Development standards and regulations | 7% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 9% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 11% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 4% |
| Economic development | 3% | 3% | 12% | 7% | 6% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 19% | 19% | 17% | 21% | 19% |
| Emergency management | 7% | 7% | 4% | 4% | 5% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 15% | 25% | 12% | 19% | 16% |
| Environmental health services | 2% | 4% | 8% | 2% | 3% |
| Code enforcement | 9% | 16% | 9% | 8% | 11% |
| Front Range Airport | 66% | 42% | 56% | 66% | 57% |
| Housing assistance services | 19% | 19% | 7% | 9% | 12% |
| Long range planning | 9% | 6% | 5% | 3% | 7% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 21% | 9% | 11% | 12% | 12% |
| Online property lookup | 46% | 52% | 44% | 44% | 48% |
| Public health services | 16% | 14% | 4% | 12% | 11% |
| Public records and documents searches | 34% | 24% | 33% | 35% | 34% |
| Roadway maintenance | 4% | 5% | 1% | 3% | 3% |
| Financial services | 17% | 22% | 11% | 13% | 14% |

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| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Child protective services | 5% | 3% | 0% | 8% | 4% |
| Adult protective services | 12% | 7% | 1% | 4% | 4% |
| Sheriff response times | 3% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 1% |
| Sheriff services overall | 4% | 2% | 5% | 6% | 4% |
| Snow and ice removal | 3% | 1% | 4% | 2% | 2% |
| Stormwater utility | 4% | 10% | 14% | 8% | 10% |
| Traffic control | 13% | 15% | 5% | 10% | 10% |

Statistical significance not tested.

Table 102: Question 15 by Incorporated City

| (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County? | 60% | 55% | 69% | 67% | 61% |

Table 103: Question 16 by Incorporated City

| (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid? | 39% | 41% | 47% | 50% | 44% |

Table 104: Question 17 by Incorporated City

| (Percent informed or very informed) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing? | 10% | 26% | 18% | 20% | 18% |

Table 105: Question 18 by Incorporated City

| (Percent always or most of the time) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right? | 47% | 59% | 60% | 62% | 56% |

Table 106: Question 19 by Incorporated City

| (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking? | 51% | 52% | 61% | 59% | 54% |

Table 107: Question 20 by Incorporated City

| Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in each of the following areas: (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Welcoming resident involvement | 49% | 38% | 45% | 52% | 46% |
| Being responsive to residents | 51% | 41% | 48% | 38% | 41% |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | 52% | 46% | 40% | 54% | 47% |
| Informing residents about issues facing the community | 54% | 34% | 35% | 41% | 40% |
| Accessibility of elected officials | 41% | 28% | 36% | 47% | 36% |
| Being open and transparent to the public | 38% | 39% | 25% | 40% | 36% |
| Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions | 39% | 30% | 32% | 36% | 34% |
| Being honest | 53% | 38% | 36% | 45% | 43% |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | 57% | 42% | 54% | 47% | 49% |

Table 108: Question 21 by Incorporated City

| (Percent yes) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an Adams County employee, regardless of department or office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff, receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)? | 63% | 44% | 63% | 55% | 56% |

Table 109: Question 22 by Incorporated City

| What was your impression of the Adams County employee in your most recent contact? Rate each characteristic below.) (Percent excellent or good) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Knowledge | 67% | 73% | 54% | 65% | 66% |
| Responsiveness | 69% | 58% | 63% | 67% | 64% |
| Respectfulness | 66% | 67% | 73% | 70% | 72% |
| Courtesy | 66% | 67% | 73% | 70% | 72% |
| Overall impression | 55% | 60% | 62% | 68% | 63% |

Table 110: Question 23 by Incorporated City

| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities, such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.) | Too little | 38% | 34% | 20% | 33% | 32% |
| | Right amount | 57% | 65% | 80% | 66% | 66% |
| | Too much | 4% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 2% |
| Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces) | Too little | 41% | 28% | 39% | 36% | 35% |
| | Right amount | 54% | 70% | 60% | 62% | 63% |
| | Too much | 4% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% |
| Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse) | Too little | 52% | 22% | 46% | 36% | 39% |
| | Right amount | 43% | 76% | 54% | 58% | 57% |
| | Too much | 4% | 2% | 0% | 6% | 4% |
| Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball) | Too little | 60% | 35% | 51% | 48% | 47% |
| | Right amount | 34% | 63% | 48% | 50% | 50% |
| | Too much | 6% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 3% |
| Playgrounds | Too little | 38% | 30% | 30% | 31% | 34% |
| | Right amount | 53% | 68% | 70% | 68% | 63% |
| | Too much | 9% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 4% |
| Recreation centers | Too little | 62% | 25% | 50% | 51% | 49% |
| | Right amount | 33% | 73% | 50% | 47% | 49% |
| | Too much | 5% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 2% |
| Youth recreation programs | Too little | 54% | 31% | 42% | 34% | 39% |
| | Right amount | 44% | 66% | 58% | 64% | 58% |
| | Too much | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 2% |
| Adult recreation programs | Too little | 50% | 38% | 45% | 45% | 45% |
| | Right amount | 44% | 62% | 55% | 53% | 52% |
| | Too much | 6% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 2% |

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| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.) | Too little | 45% | 37% | 34% | 28% | 37% |
| | Right amount | 48% | 63% | 66% | 65% | 59% |
| | Too much | 6% | 1% | 0% | 6% | 3% |

Table 111: Question 24 by Incorporated City

| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris) | More effort | 43% | 53% | 34% | 47% | 44% |
| | Same effort | 50% | 44% | 62% | 50% | 51% |
| | Less effort | 7% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 5% |
| Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals) | More effort | 38% | 37% | 18% | 38% | 35% |
| | Same effort | 56% | 59% | 80% | 58% | 61% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 5% |
| Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings) | More effort | 41% | 41% | 29% | 43% | 38% |
| | Same effort | 55% | 56% | 68% | 51% | 58% |
| | Less effort | 4% | 3% | 3% | 6% | 4% |
| Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs) | More effort | 62% | 50% | 35% | 43% | 47% |
| | Same effort | 32% | 43% | 55% | 52% | 47% |
| | Less effort | 5% | 8% | 11% | 6% | 7% |

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| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|---|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, adult protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.) | More effort | 40% | 38% | 32% | 44% | 38% |
| | Same effort | 50% | 51% | 63% | 44% | 52% |
| | Less effort | 9% | 11% | 5% | 12% | 10% |
| Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.) | More effort | 40% | 37% | 31% | 37% | 36% |
| | Same effort | 55% | 61% | 66% | 52% | 58% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 2% | 2% | 11% | 6% |
| Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.) | More effort | 25% | 18% | 6% | 10% | 15% |
| | Same effort | 69% | 82% | 83% | 88% | 81% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 0% | 11% | 3% | 5% |
| Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems; snow removal, etc.) | More effort | 46% | 49% | 58% | 60% | 55% |
| | Same effort | 47% | 49% | 39% | 40% | 42% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 2% | 3% | 0% | 3% |

Table 112: Question 25 by Incorporated City

| Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the County to do each of the following: (Percent essential or very important) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage) | 86% | 78% | 88% | 77% | 79% |
| Support the creation of new housing that is affordable to all income levels (i.e., household pays no more than 30% of income for rent or mortgage) | 87% | 69% | 82% | 71% | 76% |

Table 113: Question 26 by Incorporated City

| Thinking of how you currently get information about events or issues, how likely would you be to obtain information about Adams County like public hearings, community meetings, upcoming programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats? (Percent likely or very likely) | Incorporated City | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | Aurora/Commerce City | Arvada/Westminster | Brighton/Northglenn | Thornton | |
| Adams County Annual Budget | 31% | 25% | 35% | 28% | 30% |
| Adams County Annual Report | 29% | 28% | 41% | 33% | 33% |
| Adams County Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty) | 37% | 30% | 49% | 41% | 39% |
| Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county_co) | 8% | 6% | 22% | 8% | 12% |
| Adams County website (www.adcogov.org) | 76% | 54% | 72% | 58% | 63% |
| Emails from Adams County | 37% | 27% | 39% | 49% | 40% |
| Text messages | 26% | 16% | 23% | 33% | 26% |
| Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county government building, the fairgrounds, etc.) | 27% | 16% | 43% | 24% | 27% |
| Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newspapers, online versions of any of these) | 63% | 46% | 65% | 56% | 55% |
| Mailings to your home address | 68% | 61% | 71% | 84% | 73% |
| Community newsletters with information about Adams County | 70% | 59% | 76% | 75% | 68% |
| Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.) | 48% | 49% | 34% | 38% | 40% |

Comparisons by Respondent Demographics

Sex

- Characteristics of the community (e.g., the county as a place to raise children, the overall appearance of the county, educational opportunities and ease of car travel) tended to receive higher ratings from women compared to men.
- Female respondents were more likely to have carpooled while male respondents were more likely to have used public transportation instead of driving and walked or biked instead of driving.
- Women were more supportive than men of the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation.
- Many of the aspects of government performance received higher evaluations from women than from men.
- Women, more so than men, felt it was essential or very important that the County preserve existing housing that is affordable and support the creation of new housing that is affordable to all income levels.

Age

- Residents 55 years old or older gave more positive ratings to their neighborhood as a place to live and the County as a place to retire than did younger respondents. Meanwhile, younger respondents (18-34) tended to give more favorable reviews to the overall image or reputation of the County, traffic flow on major streets, employment opportunities and the openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds.
- Older residents (55+) reported feeling more prepared for a disaster or emergency than did their younger counterparts.
- Overall, concerns about the various potential in the County problems tended to increase with age, including graffiti, violent crime, weeds in open lands and child abuse.

- Where differences were observed, ratings of the County government performance tended to decrease with age. Older and middle-age residents (35 or older) tended to give more positive reviews to interactions with employees than did younger residents (18-34).

Race/Ethnicity

- Few differences were observed for aspects of quality of life and community by respondent race and ethnicity. However, those who were non-Hispanic White were more likely to give positive evaluations to the County as a place to live and their neighborhood as a place to live, openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds, variety of housing options and the availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails. Respondents of other races or those who were Hispanic tended to give higher evaluations to the availability of affordable quality health care, ease of travel by bus and ease of travel by other transit options.
- Non-Hispanic White residents tended to feel more prepared for a disaster or emergency than did those of other races or who were Hispanic.
- Respondents who were not White or were Hispanic were more likely to participate in or attend the various events, activities and services in the County than were their counterparts.
- Where differences were observed, overall, non-Hispanic White respondents tended to give higher assessments to County-provided services as well as services provided by other agencies.
- Respondents who were not White or were Hispanic tended to give more positive reviews to the various aspects of County government performance than did those who were non-Hispanic and White.

Length of residency

- In general, residents who had lived in the County more than 20 years tended to give the lowest evaluations to the various aspects of quality of life and community, including the county as a place to live, the overall quality of life in the county, sense of community, the overall appearance of the county and traffic flow on major streets.
- Longer-term residents tended to be more concerned about most of the potential problems (e.g., run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles, property crimes, environmental hazards and child abuse) than did shorter-term residents.
- Survey respondents who had lived in the county for 6 to 10 years were the most likely to indicate that they would use the new FasTracks Commuter Rail facilities compared to respondents who had lived in the county for other periods of time.
- Overall, shorter-term residents (5 years or less) tended to give more favorable responses to County-provided services than did other residents.
- Ratings for the value received for the County taxes paid and the overall direction of the County decreased as length of residency increased. This also held true for most evaluations of government performance.

Table 114: Question 1 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Adams County as a place to live | 72% | 78% | 76% | 73% | 76% | 79% | 72% | 75% | 80% | 80% | 69% | 75% |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 65% | 70% | 61% | 69% | 73% | 74% | 60% | 68% | 67% | 79% | 61% | 67% |
| Adams County as a place to raise children | 57% | 71% | 61% | 65% | 65% | 67% | 62% | 60% | 73% | 65% | 62% | 64% |
| Adams County as a place to work | 50% | 58% | 55% | 52% | 56% | 55% | 53% | 56% | 58% | 53% | 50% | 54% |
| Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business | 48% | 46% | 34% | 54% | 53% | 47% | 47% | 47% | 70% | 38% | 42% | 46% |
| Adams County as a place to retire | 48% | 57% | 46% | 49% | 61% | 56% | 48% | 52% | 47% | 55% | 56% | 53% |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 41% | 48% | 40% | 43% | 51% | 41% | 49% | 47% | 41% | 48% | 42% | 45% |
| Availability of affordable housing | 35% | 34% | 24% | 44% | 35% | 33% | 38% | 40% | 34% | 33% | 31% | 35% |
| The overall quality of life in Adams County | 65% | 71% | 68% | 68% | 70% | 71% | 65% | 73% | 75% | 65% | 63% | 68% |

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Table 115: Question 3 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Sense of personal safety | 60% | 67% | 64% | 61% | 68% | 67% | 60% | 67% | 66% | 65% | 60% | 64% |
| Sense of community | 46% | 52% | 48% | 48% | 51% | 51% | 47% | 59% | 48% | 47% | 41% | 49% |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 64% | 66% | 74% | 62% | 61% | 69% | 60% | 79% | 58% | 63% | 57% | 65% |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 47% | 62% | 53% | 57% | 55% | 57% | 53% | 66% | 57% | 50% | 46% | 55% |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County | 49% | 63% | 62% | 57% | 50% | 59% | 54% | 77% | 46% | 50% | 47% | 56% |
| Variety of housing options | 45% | 45% | 41% | 48% | 47% | 51% | 38% | 50% | 43% | 40% | 45% | 45% |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County | 50% | 59% | 58% | 50% | 57% | 58% | 52% | 60% | 59% | 50% | 50% | 55% |
| Shopping opportunities | 55% | 59% | 61% | 52% | 60% | 59% | 55% | 63% | 59% | 50% | 55% | 57% |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | 46% | 49% | 59% | 40% | 46% | 50% | 47% | 63% | 37% | 45% | 38% | 48% |
| Recreational opportunities | 53% | 63% | 62% | 52% | 62% | 61% | 55% | 66% | 53% | 59% | 52% | 58% |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature | 54% | 65% | 61% | 57% | 62% | 60% | 59% | 64% | 56% | 59% | 56% | 59% |
| Employment opportunities | 40% | 40% | 49% | 33% | 39% | 41% | 39% | 49% | 38% | 39% | 34% | 40% |
| Educational opportunities | 44% | 52% | 49% | 46% | 49% | 46% | 50% | 53% | 51% | 39% | 48% | 47% |
| Opportunities to participate in community matters | 46% | 59% | 52% | 55% | 52% | 56% | 51% | 68% | 52% | 40% | 48% | 53% |
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 47% | 67% | 63% | 55% | 53% | 54% | 61% | 64% | 65% | 54% | 45% | 57% |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | 39% | 47% | 50% | 41% | 39% | 35% | 51% | 55% | 34% | 49% | 32% | 43% |
| Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County | 30% | 38% | 41% | 33% | 29% | 25% | 43% | 47% | 24% | 37% | 27% | 34% |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | 42% | 53% | 44% | 49% | 49% | 47% | 47% | 53% | 34% | 54% | 45% | 47% |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | 53% | 59% | 53% | 58% | 56% | 60% | 50% | 63% | 51% | 58% | 48% | 55% |
| Traffic flow on major streets | 35% | 37% | 44% | 35% | 27% | 35% | 38% | 47% | 37% | 36% | 22% | 35% |
| Availability of affordable quality child care | 32% | 28% | 27% | 32% | 30% | 26% | 34% | 31% | 41% | 18% | 30% | 29% |
| Availability of recycling services | 54% | 56% | 59% | 55% | 52% | 55% | 57% | 58% | 60% | 54% | 51% | 55% |
| Drinking water quality | 52% | 58% | 54% | 54% | 58% | 56% | 54% | 64% | 54% | 44% | 55% | 55% |

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| Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | 48% | 58% | 60% | 48% | 52% | 57% | 49% | 68% | 54% | 39% | 45% | 53% |

Table 116: Question 4 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| (Percent very or somewhat prepared) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)? | 55% | 45% | 39% | 53% | 60% | 57% | 40% | 41% | 55% | 49% | 59% | 50% |

Table 117: Question 5 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following: (Percent very or somewhat likely) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks | 78% | 83% | 81% | 81% | 81% | 82% | 80% | 81% | 85% | 87% | 74% | 80% |
| Remain in Adams County for the next five years | 79% | 86% | 73% | 85% | 90% | 81% | 85% | 74% | 83% | 91% | 87% | 83% |

Table 118: Question 6 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams County? (Percent moderate or major problem) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles | 45% | 44% | 38% | 43% | 56% | 41% | 49% | 40% | 45% | 33% | 56% | 45% |
| Graffiti | 33% | 30% | 23% | 30% | 45% | 31% | 32% | 18% | 37% | 26% | 50% | 32% |
| Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery) | 47% | 41% | 34% | 43% | 57% | 39% | 49% | 32% | 38% | 46% | 58% | 44% |
| Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft) | 63% | 57% | 56% | 63% | 61% | 59% | 61% | 54% | 48% | 63% | 72% | 60% |
| Environmental hazards, including toxic waste | 28% | 24% | 12% | 30% | 37% | 26% | 25% | 19% | 18% | 25% | 40% | 27% |
| Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands | 45% | 35% | 23% | 43% | 57% | 42% | 38% | 26% | 42% | 34% | 61% | 41% |
| Child abuse and neglect | 38% | 40% | 30% | 42% | 47% | 41% | 38% | 22% | 45% | 36% | 56% | 39% |
| Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults | 31% | 33% | 17% | 34% | 48% | 33% | 32% | 16% | 35% | 35% | 45% | 33% |

Table 119: Question 7 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County? (Percent more than once a month) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park | 50% | 50% | 58% | 56% | 33% | 46% | 57% | 55% | 55% | 47% | 44% | 50% |
| Used Adams County public libraries or their services | 24% | 29% | 25% | 31% | 24% | 20% | 36% | 22% | 24% | 35% | 28% | 27% |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County | 19% | 32% | 21% | 23% | 36% | 24% | 28% | 22% | 18% | 33% | 30% | 25% |
| Attended a County-sponsored event | 8% | 7% | 6% | 10% | 4% | 5% | 10% | 11% | 3% | 5% | 8% | 7% |
| Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving | 18% | 10% | 18% | 12% | 11% | 11% | 17% | 15% | 11% | 14% | 10% | 13% |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | 23% | 30% | 29% | 32% | 17% | 26% | 28% | 25% | 32% | 28% | 26% | 27% |
| Walked or biked instead of driving | 26% | 19% | 21% | 24% | 22% | 22% | 24% | 23% | 26% | 15% | 24% | 23% |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County | 10% | 11% | 6% | 12% | 13% | 10% | 10% | 5% | 18% | 8% | 14% | 10% |
| Participated in a club | 7% | 8% | 1% | 9% | 14% | 9% | 6% | 4% | 6% | 10% | 12% | 8% |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors | 71% | 65% | 55% | 73% | 76% | 74% | 59% | 58% | 76% | 65% | 77% | 68% |
| Done a favor for a neighbor | 45% | 42% | 40% | 42% | 50% | 42% | 45% | 39% | 46% | 40% | 53% | 43% |

Table 120: Question 8 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| RTD's upcoming FasTracks Commuter Rail project includes several stations located throughout Adams County. In a typical month, how often, if at all, do you think you will use these new transit facilities? (Percent at least once a month) | 49% | 44% | 53% | 50% | 33% | 44% | 50% | 45% | 61% | 48% | 36% | 46% |

Table 121: Question 9 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses? | 36% | 40% | 42% | 37% | 34% | 37% | 41% | 45% | 49% | 24% | 34% | 38% |

Table 122: Question 10 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| (Percent somewhat or strongly support) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation? | 73% | 82% | 81% | 81% | 70% | 76% | 82% | 83% | 84% | 67% | 76% | 78% |

Table 123: Question 11 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by other agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County. (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Public school districts | 48% | 48% | 46% | 45% | 58% | 57% | 41% | 44% | 53% | 38% | 58% | 48% |
| Fire response times | 79% | 83% | 77% | 79% | 86% | 86% | 75% | 83% | 71% | 81% | 86% | 81% |
| Fire services overall | 83% | 84% | 71% | 87% | 88% | 87% | 79% | 77% | 84% | 86% | 88% | 83% |
| Ambulance response times | 86% | 80% | 88% | 76% | 87% | 87% | 78% | 91% | 75% | 81% | 86% | 83% |
| Ambulance services overall | 87% | 82% | 83% | 82% | 87% | 88% | 81% | 92% | 81% | 81% | 86% | 84% |
| Water and sanitation services | 64% | 74% | 67% | 68% | 73% | 72% | 66% | 79% | 55% | 65% | 73% | 69% |
| Street and drainage maintenance services | 57% | 62% | 64% | 57% | 58% | 56% | 66% | 69% | 51% | 58% | 55% | 60% |
| Library services | 88% | 82% | 86% | 85% | 83% | 88% | 81% | 90% | 78% | 85% | 84% | 84% |
| Park and recreation services | 77% | 83% | 85% | 75% | 81% | 83% | 77% | 88% | 73% | 78% | 76% | 80% |
| RTD bus or rail | 54% | 56% | 59% | 50% | 57% | 54% | 56% | 74% | 38% | 55% | 47% | 55% |
| Courts | 57% | 50% | 38% | 66% | 49% | 59% | 50% | 69% | 35% | 43% | 56% | 54% |

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Table 124: Question 12 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Adams County open space, parks and trails system | 72% | 81% | 78% | 75% | 76% | 79% | 74% | 75% | 74% | 81% | 76% | 76% |
| Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | 66% | 67% | 71% | 63% | 67% | 72% | 61% | 60% | 55% | 80% | 64% | 66% |
| Building permits and inspections | 52% | 59% | 61% | 58% | 47% | 54% | 58% | 65% | 48% | 46% | 58% | 55% |
| Collection of property taxes | 55% | 57% | 44% | 58% | 61% | 60% | 54% | 60% | 59% | 48% | 59% | 56% |
| Community development (build the capacity of citizen groups and community organizations so they may enhance the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities) | 41% | 46% | 45% | 43% | 44% | 47% | 41% | 61% | 32% | 40% | 37% | 43% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 61% | 68% | 69% | 61% | 67% | 70% | 60% | 69% | 66% | 63% | 61% | 64% |
| County jail | 48% | 57% | 41% | 57% | 52% | 52% | 52% | 57% | 40% | 60% | 47% | 51% |
| District Attorney services | 42% | 35% | 27% | 44% | 45% | 44% | 34% | 48% | 25% | 39% | 36% | 38% |
| Development standards and regulations (sets standards and regulations for the unincorporated areas of the county to guide development to protect and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the county) | 43% | 51% | 50% | 50% | 42% | 46% | 50% | 64% | 43% | 44% | 38% | 47% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County | 52% | 53% | 57% | 53% | 46% | 52% | 53% | 63% | 44% | 59% | 41% | 52% |
| Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs). | 36% | 43% | 50% | 35% | 33% | 40% | 41% | 55% | 36% | 34% | 30% | 39% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 71% | 80% | 68% | 82% | 75% | 77% | 75% | 76% | 68% | 85% | 71% | 75% |
| Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents) | 51% | 65% | 55% | 60% | 59% | 60% | 57% | 63% | 37% | 71% | 59% | 58% |
| Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center | 36% | 42% | 29% | 47% | 39% | 41% | 38% | 58% | 22% | 26% | 46% | 39% |

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| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.) | 43% | 56% | 54% | 47% | 49% | 50% | 50% | 62% | 31% | 60% | 41% | 49% |
| Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal) | 42% | 49% | 52% | 47% | 37% | 40% | 54% | 54% | 38% | 56% | 37% | 46% |
| Front Range Airport | 69% | 63% | 68% | 71% | 59% | 72% | 61% | 78% | 31% | 80% | 67% | 66% |
| Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.) | 24% | 32% | 19% | 37% | 32% | 32% | 25% | 32% | 25% | 29% | 31% | 29% |
| Long range planning (administers and updates the Comprehensive Long Range Plan, coordinates with both local and regional stakeholders in planning for the current and future needs of the county) | 35% | 44% | 47% | 37% | 35% | 36% | 45% | 53% | 24% | 44% | 30% | 39% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 61% | 64% | 66% | 59% | 64% | 61% | 66% | 74% | 62% | 60% | 52% | 62% |
| Online (internet) property lookup | 57% | 72% | 72% | 60% | 60% | 65% | 65% | 78% | 52% | 68% | 55% | 65% |
| Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.) | 53% | 54% | 54% | 50% | 59% | 51% | 56% | 64% | 47% | 53% | 52% | 54% |
| Public records and documents searches | 54% | 62% | 59% | 59% | 55% | 54% | 63% | 72% | 52% | 55% | 50% | 57% |
| Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County | 36% | 44% | 43% | 41% | 34% | 37% | 44% | 54% | 37% | 39% | 28% | 40% |
| Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc. | 50% | 49% | 41% | 59% | 44% | 45% | 51% | 65% | 38% | 46% | 46% | 49% |
| Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected | 51% | 57% | 61% | 56% | 44% | 53% | 56% | 71% | 37% | 67% | 45% | 54% |

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| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected | 46% | 50% | 62% | 45% | 40% | 46% | 51% | 62% | 29% | 64% | 41% | 48% |
| Sheriff response times | 49% | 56% | 38% | 63% | 52% | 52% | 53% | 53% | 46% | 50% | 56% | 52% |
| Sheriff services overall | 54% | 55% | 48% | 61% | 53% | 56% | 53% | 60% | 59% | 42% | 57% | 54% |
| Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County | 39% | 44% | 42% | 42% | 41% | 44% | 38% | 41% | 30% | 57% | 38% | 41% |
| Stormwater utility | 54% | 51% | 64% | 51% | 45% | 51% | 56% | 58% | 57% | 54% | 45% | 53% |
| Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County | 43% | 55% | 51% | 47% | 50% | 48% | 50% | 59% | 50% | 44% | 42% | 49% |

Table 125: Question 13 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Open space, parks and trails system | 45% | 38% | 56% | 33% | 34% | 50% | 29% | 42% | 47% | 37% | 37% | 41% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 13% | 11% | 11% | 10% | 17% | 16% | 7% | 11% | 4% | 10% | 20% | 12% |
| Building permits and inspections | 7% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 1% | 5% | 5% | 4% |
| Collection of property taxes | 3% | 6% | 2% | 5% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 2% | 5% | 4% |
| Community development | 20% | 19% | 22% | 20% | 15% | 22% | 15% | 22% | 19% | 18% | 18% | 19% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 8% | 3% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 6% | 3% | 7% | 5% | 6% | 5% |
| County jail | 4% | 3% | 1% | 6% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 2% | 5% | 3% | 5% | 3% |
| District Attorney services | 3% | 4% | 4% | 2% | 5% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 0% | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| Development standards and regulations | 16% | 18% | 14% | 16% | 23% | 20% | 12% | 15% | 13% | 15% | 21% | 17% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 13% | 9% | 10% | 11% | 11% | 7% | 15% | 7% | 17% | 13% | 11% | 11% |
| Economic development | 23% | 30% | 25% | 30% | 24% | 27% | 25% | 37% | 21% | 19% | 25% | 26% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 10% | 6% | 10% | 5% | 7% | 9% | 6% | 2% | 17% | 11% | 5% | 7% |
| Emergency management | 23% | 18% | 14% | 25% | 21% | 23% | 16% | 19% | 36% | 14% | 17% | 20% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 20% | 15% | 15% | 23% | 11% | 9% | 28% | 15% | 25% | 26% | 9% | 17% |
| Environmental health services | 7% | 18% | 15% | 10% | 14% | 13% | 13% | 11% | 11% | 15% | 13% | 13% |

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| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Code enforcement | 20% | 18% | 18% | 19% | 21% | 20% | 19% | 17% | 17% | 9% | 29% | 19% |
| Front Range Airport | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 2% | 1% | 1% |
| Housing assistance services | 14% | 25% | 20% | 21% | 16% | 16% | 24% | 17% | 25% | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| Long range planning | 24% | 18% | 18% | 25% | 17% | 27% | 11% | 21% | 21% | 15% | 25% | 20% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 10% | 5% | 6% | 9% | 8% | 8% | 7% | 6% | 3% | 10% | 10% | 7% |
| Online property lookup | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% |
| Public health services | 14% | 23% | 27% | 15% | 13% | 15% | 24% | 23% | 11% | 20% | 15% | 19% |
| Public records and documents searches | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 1% |
| Roadway maintenance | 41% | 29% | 37% | 34% | 34% | 34% | 37% | 33% | 38% | 36% | 35% | 35% |
| Financial services | 12% | 20% | 15% | 14% | 20% | 14% | 18% | 12% | 20% | 20% | 15% | 16% |
| Child protective services | 8% | 19% | 12% | 10% | 22% | 14% | 12% | 8% | 10% | 20% | 17% | 13% |
| Adult protective services | 2% | 7% | 2% | 3% | 11% | 5% | 4% | 2% | 4% | 6% | 8% | 5% |
| Sheriff response times | 13% | 22% | 23% | 14% | 16% | 15% | 21% | 23% | 13% | 14% | 18% | 18% |
| Sheriff services overall | 23% | 17% | 23% | 21% | 15% | 18% | 23% | 21% | 16% | 26% | 19% | 20% |
| Snow and ice removal | 21% | 26% | 28% | 19% | 24% | 19% | 29% | 28% | 15% | 21% | 23% | 24% |
| Stormwater utility | 5% | 1% | 5% | 1% | 3% | 1% | 4% | 0% | 11% | 1% | 1% | 3% |
| Traffic control | 28% | 19% | 25% | 26% | 18% | 27% | 20% | 22% | 31% | 31% | 16% | 24% |

Statistical significance not tested.

Table 126: Question 14 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Open space, parks and trails system | 3% | 11% | 10% | 5% | 6% | 6% | 9% | 10% | 4% | 3% | 8% | 7% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 19% | 27% | 33% | 19% | 14% | 18% | 30% | 33% | 22% | 21% | 14% | 23% |
| Building permits and inspections | 17% | 7% | 22% | 4% | 11% | 11% | 14% | 11% | 22% | 14% | 5% | 12% |
| Collection of property taxes | 17% | 12% | 16% | 17% | 7% | 14% | 15% | 4% | 20% | 28% | 11% | 14% |
| Community development | 7% | 7% | 3% | 5% | 15% | 8% | 6% | 7% | 8% | 6% | 7% | 7% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 24% | 34% | 33% | 25% | 29% | 30% | 27% | 37% | 15% | 33% | 24% | 29% |
| County jail | 30% | 23% | 33% | 26% | 18% | 23% | 32% | 37% | 26% | 13% | 27% | 26% |
| District Attorney services | 19% | 14% | 21% | 15% | 13% | 12% | 23% | 12% | 29% | 15% | 16% | 17% |
| Development standards and regulations | 13% | 5% | 7% | 9% | 11% | 8% | 10% | 4% | 18% | 9% | 8% | 9% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 7% | 2% | 1% | 5% | 9% | 3% | 6% | 1% | 10% | 2% | 7% | 4% |
| Economic development | 5% | 7% | 5% | 5% | 10% | 8% | 3% | 7% | 6% | 3% | 8% | 6% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 18% | 19% | 20% | 18% | 17% | 21% | 16% | 16% | 29% | 16% | 14% | 19% |
| Emergency management | 5% | 4% | 1% | 6% | 8% | 6% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 8% | 7% | 5% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 18% | 14% | 17% | 14% | 19% | 18% | 14% | 20% | 6% | 9% | 24% | 16% |
| Environmental health services | 4% | 3% | 0% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| Code enforcement | 10% | 12% | 9% | 11% | 12% | 13% | 8% | 10% | 8% | 17% | 9% | 11% |
| Front Range Airport | 52% | 63% | 62% | 63% | 45% | 55% | 62% | 66% | 62% | 58% | 43% | 57% |
| Housing assistance services | 18% | 6% | 15% | 10% | 10% | 16% | 7% | 18% | 4% | 3% | 18% | 12% |
| Long range planning | 6% | 7% | 4% | 6% | 11% | 7% | 6% | 5% | 3% | 7% | 11% | 7% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 11% | 14% | 8% | 17% | 11% | 13% | 12% | 11% | 14% | 12% | 14% | 12% |
| Online property lookup | 44% | 51% | 50% | 51% | 39% | 45% | 51% | 41% | 55% | 56% | 43% | 48% |
| Public health services | 15% | 6% | 12% | 7% | 14% | 13% | 8% | 9% | 9% | 5% | 18% | 11% |
| Public records and documents searches | 25% | 43% | 27% | 46% | 25% | 32% | 37% | 28% | 32% | 43% | 33% | 34% |
| Roadway maintenance | 3% | 3% | 0% | 3% | 9% | 4% | 3% | 1% | 3% | 4% | 6% | 3% |
| Financial services | 20% | 8% | 18% | 12% | 12% | 14% | 14% | 20% | 3% | 8% | 19% | 14% |
| Child protective services | 7% | 1% | 7% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 8% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 4% |
| Adult protective services | 9% | 0% | 10% | 1% | 2% | 7% | 2% | 7% | 7% | 3% | 1% | 4% |
| Sheriff response times | 1% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 1% |
| Sheriff services overall | 5% | 2% | 5% | 1% | 6% | 2% | 6% | 0% | 9% | 5% | 4% | 4% |

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| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Snow and ice removal | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 5% | 4% | 1% | 0% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 2% |
| Stormwater utility | 12% | 10% | 3% | 15% | 15% | 12% | 7% | 5% | 5% | 18% | 15% | 10% |
| Traffic control | 7% | 12% | 12% | 6% | 13% | 12% | 7% | 13% | 7% | 9% | 9% | 10% |

Statistical significance not tested.

Table 127: Question 15 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County? | 62% | 61% | 62% | 61% | 61% | 68% | 54% | 73% | 63% | 55% | 53% | 61% |

Table 128: Question 16 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid? | 39% | 50% | 44% | 44% | 46% | 49% | 40% | 56% | 43% | 39% | 38% | 44% |

Table 129: Question 17 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| (Percent informed or very informed) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing? | 20% | 16% | 16% | 18% | 22% | 17% | 19% | 16% | 15% | 15% | 25% | 18% |

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Table 130: Question 18 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| (Percent always or most of the time) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right? | 52% | 60% | 58% | 58% | 52% | 58% | 54% | 63% | 58% | 51% | 52% | 56% |

Table 131: Question 19 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking? | 51% | 58% | 60% | 53% | 49% | 55% | 56% | 62% | 57% | 53% | 47% | 54% |

Table 132: Question 20 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in each of the following areas: (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Welcoming resident involvement | 42% | 50% | 47% | 48% | 40% | 45% | 47% | 58% | 40% | 38% | 40% | 46% |
| Being responsive to residents | 39% | 44% | 44% | 44% | 35% | 40% | 44% | 58% | 33% | 39% | 31% | 41% |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | 44% | 52% | 51% | 50% | 40% | 48% | 49% | 58% | 47% | 43% | 40% | 47% |
| Informing residents about issues facing the community | 38% | 43% | 45% | 40% | 35% | 36% | 46% | 50% | 37% | 39% | 34% | 40% |
| Accessibility of elected officials | 29% | 44% | 34% | 41% | 32% | 34% | 41% | 57% | 28% | 28% | 26% | 36% |
| Being open and transparent to the public | 30% | 44% | 47% | 35% | 26% | 34% | 42% | 48% | 30% | 40% | 25% | 36% |
| Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions | 23% | 45% | 36% | 37% | 26% | 30% | 41% | 47% | 25% | 30% | 28% | 34% |
| Being honest | 39% | 47% | 48% | 45% | 31% | 40% | 49% | 56% | 44% | 41% | 28% | 43% |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | 47% | 52% | 53% | 52% | 40% | 47% | 54% | 62% | 42% | 51% | 39% | 49% |

Table 133: Question 21 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| (Percent yes) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an Adams County employee, regardless of department or office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff, receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)? | 52% | 59% | 53% | 54% | 62% | 53% | 60% | 49% | 62% | 53% | 61% | 56% |

Table 134: Question 22 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| What was your impression of the Adams County employee in your most recent contact? Rate each characteristic below.) (Percent excellent or good) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Knowledge | 67% | 66% | 57% | 70% | 76% | 69% | 62% | 64% | 56% | 66% | 76% | 66% |
| Responsiveness | 66% | 62% | 56% | 70% | 68% | 70% | 56% | 69% | 51% | 60% | 68% | 64% |
| Respectfulness | 68% | 76% | 63% | 76% | 78% | 75% | 68% | 69% | 71% | 75% | 73% | 72% |
| Courtesy | 68% | 76% | 63% | 76% | 78% | 75% | 68% | 69% | 71% | 74% | 74% | 72% |
| Overall impression | 63% | 63% | 49% | 71% | 71% | 66% | 59% | 62% | 58% | 62% | 68% | 63% |

Table 135: Question 23 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|--------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities, such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.) | Too little | 39% | 25% | 36% | 34% | 24% | 27% | 38% | 35% | 41% | 21% | 30% | 32% |
| | Right amount | 59% | 72% | 64% | 63% | 71% | 70% | 61% | 65% | 57% | 75% | 66% | 66% |
| | Too much | 2% | 3% | 0% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 2% |
| Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces) | Too little | 45% | 26% | 38% | 39% | 24% | 32% | 38% | 34% | 49% | 29% | 29% | 35% |
| | Right amount | 54% | 72% | 62% | 59% | 72% | 66% | 60% | 65% | 50% | 69% | 67% | 63% |
| | Too much | 2% | 3% | 0% | 3% | 4% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 2% |
| Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse) | Too little | 45% | 33% | 53% | 38% | 22% | 34% | 46% | 46% | 44% | 35% | 33% | 39% |
| | Right amount | 52% | 62% | 47% | 58% | 70% | 64% | 50% | 53% | 56% | 61% | 59% | 57% |
| | Too much | 3% | 5% | 0% | 5% | 8% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 1% | 4% | 8% | 4% |
| Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball) | Too little | 56% | 38% | 58% | 46% | 33% | 42% | 53% | 45% | 60% | 47% | 41% | 47% |
| | Right amount | 41% | 59% | 42% | 51% | 61% | 56% | 45% | 52% | 40% | 50% | 55% | 50% |
| | Too much | 3% | 3% | 0% | 3% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| Playgrounds | Too little | 37% | 32% | 34% | 39% | 26% | 26% | 44% | 37% | 40% | 30% | 28% | 34% |
| | Right amount | 59% | 65% | 63% | 58% | 70% | 70% | 55% | 62% | 53% | 66% | 68% | 63% |
| | Too much | 4% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 5% | 1% | 1% | 7% | 3% | 4% | 4% |
| Recreation centers | Too little | 56% | 43% | 60% | 51% | 30% | 43% | 56% | 52% | 60% | 45% | 40% | 49% |
| | Right amount | 43% | 55% | 40% | 47% | 67% | 56% | 42% | 46% | 39% | 52% | 57% | 49% |
| | Too much | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 4% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% |

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| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|--------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Youth recreation programs | Too little | 46% | 32% | 40% | 44% | 29% | 34% | 44% | 38% | 45% | 35% | 42% | 39% |
| | Right amount | 52% | 64% | 60% | 53% | 66% | 64% | 55% | 61% | 54% | 62% | 55% | 58% |
| | Too much | 1% | 3% | 0% | 3% | 5% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 4% | 3% | 2% |
| Adult recreation programs | Too little | 52% | 39% | 57% | 46% | 30% | 42% | 49% | 47% | 41% | 41% | 50% | 45% |
| | Right amount | 46% | 59% | 43% | 51% | 67% | 56% | 49% | 50% | 59% | 57% | 47% | 52% |
| | Too much | 2% | 2% | 0% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 0% | 2% | 3% | 2% |
| Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.) | Too little | 46% | 29% | 44% | 37% | 27% | 38% | 36% | 38% | 31% | 39% | 37% | 37% |
| | Right amount | 50% | 68% | 56% | 57% | 69% | 59% | 61% | 59% | 62% | 57% | 61% | 59% |
| | Too much | 4% | 3% | 0% | 6% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 2% | 3% |

Table 136: Question 24 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|-------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris) | More effort | 46% | 42% | 40% | 45% | 47% | 43% | 45% | 33% | 50% | 29% | 60% | 44% |
| | Same effort | 48% | 55% | 57% | 49% | 46% | 51% | 52% | 61% | 46% | 65% | 35% | 51% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 4% | 3% | 5% | 6% | 6% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals) | More effort | 36% | 33% | 41% | 30% | 35% | 28% | 44% | 29% | 45% | 37% | 33% | 35% |
| | Same effort | 56% | 66% | 55% | 65% | 61% | 67% | 52% | 61% | 53% | 61% | 64% | 61% |
| | Less effort | 8% | 2% | 5% | 5% | 4% | 6% | 4% | 10% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 5% |
| Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings) | More effort | 44% | 33% | 46% | 44% | 19% | 34% | 44% | 37% | 42% | 37% | 35% | 38% |
| | Same effort | 54% | 61% | 49% | 54% | 75% | 65% | 48% | 56% | 57% | 59% | 61% | 58% |
| | Less effort | 2% | 6% | 5% | 2% | 6% | 1% | 7% | 6% | 1% | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs) | More effort | 55% | 38% | 40% | 55% | 40% | 48% | 46% | 47% | 48% | 43% | 49% | 47% |
| | Same effort | 37% | 57% | 50% | 42% | 51% | 44% | 50% | 45% | 47% | 55% | 41% | 47% |
| | Less effort | 8% | 5% | 10% | 3% | 9% | 9% | 4% | 8% | 5% | 3% | 10% | 7% |
| Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, adult protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.) | More effort | 38% | 38% | 38% | 38% | 39% | 33% | 44% | 34% | 42% | 38% | 41% | 38% |
| | Same effort | 49% | 55% | 48% | 57% | 50% | 56% | 48% | 55% | 54% | 56% | 45% | 52% |
| | Less effort | 12% | 7% | 14% | 5% | 11% | 11% | 8% | 11% | 4% | 6% | 14% | 10% |

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| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|---|-------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.) | More effort | 42% | 31% | 44% | 34% | 31% | 32% | 41% | 34% | 41% | 32% | 39% | 36% |
| | Same effort | 49% | 67% | 44% | 64% | 66% | 64% | 51% | 60% | 50% | 66% | 57% | 58% |
| | Less effort | 9% | 2% | 12% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 7% | 6% | 9% | 2% | 4% | 6% |
| Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.) | More effort | 20% | 9% | 14% | 14% | 16% | 8% | 21% | 11% | 19% | 7% | 22% | 15% |
| | Same effort | 74% | 88% | 83% | 80% | 78% | 88% | 73% | 85% | 79% | 87% | 72% | 81% |
| | Less effort | 6% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 6% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 6% | 5% |
| Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems; snow removal, etc.) | More effort | 59% | 51% | 53% | 56% | 55% | 56% | 53% | 42% | 59% | 56% | 63% | 55% |
| | Same effort | 36% | 47% | 42% | 42% | 42% | 42% | 42% | 53% | 37% | 40% | 35% | 42% |
| | Less effort | 5% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 5% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 2% | 3% |

Table 137: Question 25 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the County to do each of the following: (Percent essential or very important) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage) | 73% | 85% | 77% | 80% | 82% | 78% | 83% | 82% | 78% | 80% | 76% | 79% |
| Support the creation of new housing that is affordable to all income levels (i.e., household pays no more than 30% of income for rent or mortgage) | 70% | 80% | 76% | 73% | 78% | 72% | 81% | 78% | 75% | 78% | 70% | 76% |

Table 138: Question 26 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

| Thinking of how you currently get information about events or issues, how likely would you be to obtain information about Adams County like public hearings, community meetings, upcoming programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats? (Percent likely or very likely) | Sex | | Age | | | Race/Ethnicity | | Length of Residence | | | | Overall |
|--|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Non-Hispanic White | Other | 5 years or less | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | More than 20 years | |
| Adams County Annual Budget | 34% | 26% | 24% | 35% | 32% | 26% | 37% | 31% | 27% | 25% | 35% | 30% |
| Adams County Annual Report | 38% | 28% | 28% | 37% | 33% | 29% | 40% | 34% | 27% | 30% | 38% | 33% |
| Adams County Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty) | 36% | 44% | 49% | 44% | 20% | 39% | 43% | 49% | 27% | 46% | 30% | 39% |
| Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county_co) | 12% | 12% | 9% | 17% | 8% | 10% | 17% | 11% | 13% | 16% | 9% | 12% |
| Adams County website (www.adcogov.org) | 62% | 62% | 71% | 71% | 35% | 60% | 67% | 72% | 65% | 65% | 48% | 63% |
| Emails from Adams County | 36% | 43% | 50% | 41% | 25% | 43% | 37% | 46% | 37% | 45% | 32% | 40% |
| Text messages | 20% | 32% | 32% | 27% | 17% | 22% | 33% | 22% | 33% | 29% | 24% | 26% |
| Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county government building, the fairgrounds, etc.) | 24% | 31% | 21% | 31% | 27% | 26% | 29% | 30% | 31% | 21% | 25% | 27% |
| Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newspapers, online versions of any of these) | 58% | 52% | 54% | 53% | 59% | 56% | 55% | 57% | 53% | 46% | 59% | 55% |
| Mailings to your home address | 74% | 71% | 75% | 73% | 70% | 75% | 71% | 73% | 77% | 68% | 75% | 73% |
| Community newsletters with information about Adams County | 66% | 69% | 65% | 73% | 63% | 68% | 69% | 66% | 78% | 55% | 73% | 68% |
| Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.) | 38% | 41% | 29% | 44% | 45% | 40% | 40% | 34% | 44% | 33% | 48% | 40% |

Comparisons by Respondent Household Status

Housing Tenure

- Generally, homeowners felt more positively about the various aspects of quality of life than did renters. However, renters were more likely to give favorable evaluations to various community characteristics than were homeowners, including shopping opportunities, openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds, educational opportunities and ease of travel by bus or other transit options.
- Homeowners tended to feel that each potential problem in the county was more of a concern than did renters.
- Overall, renters were more likely to give lower ratings to the various County-provided services and to interactions with employees than were homeowners.
- Renters were more likely to feel it was important that the County preserve existing housing that is affordable and support the creation of new housing that is affordable to all income levels.

Presence of Children

- There were few differences in opinion by whether a household had children under age 18. Households with children were more likely to give favorable reviews to characteristics of the community than were households without children.
- Households without children were more concerned with the potential problems in the county compared to households with children, including graffiti, environmental hazards and weeds in open lands.
- Households without children tended to give more positive reviews to services provided by other agencies, while households with children gave more positive ratings to County-provided services.
- Households with children tended to feel more positively about the County government performance than households without children.

Business Ownership

- Where differences were observed, business owners tended to give lower evaluations to various community characteristics compared to those who did not own a business.
- Business owners were more likely to report using a County public library and talking or visiting with their neighbor, while non-owners were more likely to have used public transportation or walked or biked instead of driving.
- When asked how often they might use the new FasTracks Commuter Rail facilities, business owners were less likely to report potentially using these facilities than were non-business owners.
- Respondents who did not own a business in the county tended to give lower ratings to many of the County-provided services than did business owners, including elections and voter registrations, emergency management, the Front Range Airport, snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County and stormwater utility.
- Business owners who had contact with a County employee were more likely to give lower ratings to their interactions than were those who did not own a business.

Income

- Households with incomes between \$50,000 and \$149,999 tended to give higher ratings to the county as a place to raise children and the overall quality of life in the county compared to households with other income levels.
- Households with incomes of less than \$50,000 tended to give the lowest ratings to the variety of housing options compared to households with higher incomes.
- Households with incomes of \$150,000 or more were the least likely to recommend living in Adams County, while households with incomes of less than \$25,000 were the least likely to remain in Adams County for the next five years.

- Support for the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation increased as household income increased.
- Households with incomes of \$150,000 or more gave less favorable ratings to many of the County-provided services, including County open space, parks and trails system, community development, the County Fair/fairgrounds, development standards and regulations and code enforcement, but gave the highest scores to the Front Range Airport.

Table 139: Question 1 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Adams County as a place to live | 74% | 75% | 75% | 75% | 74% | 75% | 55% | 82% | 81% | 84% | 59% | 75% |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 56% | 73% | 70% | 66% | 83% | 66% | 53% | 70% | 68% | 76% | 76% | 67% |
| Adams County as a place to raise children | 60% | 65% | 67% | 61% | 68% | 63% | 38% | 65% | 71% | 76% | 50% | 64% |
| Adams County as a place to work | 47% | 58% | 56% | 53% | 66% | 52% | 42% | 59% | 60% | 52% | 45% | 54% |
| Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business | 37% | 52% | 46% | 47% | 44% | 48% | 43% | 47% | 50% | 46% | 39% | 46% |
| Adams County as a place to retire | 40% | 58% | 47% | 56% | 48% | 54% | 44% | 58% | 56% | 56% | 45% | 53% |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 44% | 45% | 42% | 47% | 51% | 44% | 46% | 46% | 43% | 53% | 28% | 45% |
| Availability of affordable housing | 19% | 43% | 32% | 37% | 27% | 36% | 27% | 33% | 34% | 39% | 47% | 35% |
| The overall quality of life in Adams County | 64% | 70% | 70% | 68% | 73% | 68% | 50% | 64% | 75% | 81% | 59% | 68% |

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Table 140: Question 3 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Sense of personal safety | 61% | 65% | 67% | 62% | 70% | 63% | 54% | 57% | 67% | 75% | 64% | 64% |
| Sense of community | 47% | 50% | 53% | 47% | 45% | 50% | 48% | 54% | 49% | 51% | 31% | 49% |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 75% | 60% | 64% | 66% | 61% | 66% | 56% | 61% | 73% | 65% | 63% | 65% |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 59% | 53% | 63% | 50% | 49% | 56% | 58% | 66% | 48% | 60% | 41% | 55% |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County | 56% | 57% | 62% | 52% | 48% | 58% | 54% | 60% | 53% | 66% | 49% | 56% |
| Variety of housing options | 37% | 49% | 42% | 47% | 29% | 47% | 33% | 36% | 52% | 53% | 45% | 45% |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County | 58% | 54% | 59% | 52% | 63% | 54% | 57% | 63% | 55% | 53% | 41% | 55% |
| Shopping opportunities | 63% | 54% | 60% | 55% | 47% | 58% | 58% | 64% | 55% | 59% | 39% | 57% |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | 53% | 46% | 54% | 44% | 52% | 47% | 60% | 57% | 49% | 38% | 19% | 48% |
| Recreational opportunities | 61% | 57% | 57% | 58% | 56% | 58% | 57% | 61% | 66% | 51% | 34% | 58% |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature | 58% | 61% | 62% | 58% | 65% | 59% | 56% | 57% | 64% | 63% | 45% | 59% |
| Employment opportunities | 38% | 41% | 41% | 39% | 50% | 39% | 26% | 52% | 40% | 37% | 27% | 40% |
| Educational opportunities | 55% | 44% | 52% | 45% | 44% | 48% | 50% | 57% | 45% | 46% | 28% | 47% |
| Opportunities to participate in community matters | 58% | 51% | 53% | 53% | 36% | 55% | 51% | 57% | 54% | 64% | 25% | 53% |
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 60% | 55% | 60% | 55% | 61% | 57% | 54% | 67% | 55% | 59% | 48% | 57% |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | 50% | 39% | 46% | 40% | 19% | 45% | 49% | 57% | 43% | 24% | 35% | 43% |
| Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County | 48% | 27% | 42% | 29% | 25% | 35% | 49% | 54% | 33% | 12% | 9% | 34% |

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| Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | 47% | 47% | 47% | 48% | 46% | 47% | 41% | 61% | 48% | 41% | 26% | 47% |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | 56% | 55% | 56% | 56% | 52% | 56% | 48% | 62% | 60% | 57% | 30% | 55% |
| Traffic flow on major streets | 38% | 35% | 45% | 30% | 51% | 34% | 29% | 46% | 36% | 36% | 18% | 35% |
| Availability of affordable quality child care | 26% | 31% | 33% | 25% | 17% | 32% | 29% | 34% | 29% | 34% | 13% | 29% |
| Availability of recycling services | 43% | 60% | 64% | 49% | 63% | 54% | 38% | 48% | 66% | 64% | 37% | 55% |
| Drinking water quality | 51% | 57% | 59% | 53% | 59% | 55% | 48% | 50% | 56% | 69% | 51% | 55% |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | 61% | 49% | 59% | 50% | 43% | 54% | 60% | 55% | 56% | 50% | 35% | 53% |

Table 141: Question 4 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| (Percent very or somewhat prepared) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)? | 39% | 55% | 47% | 52% | 55% | 49% | 26% | 52% | 46% | 65% | 63% | 50% |

Table 142: Question 5 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following: (Percent very or somewhat likely) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks | 77% | 82% | 83% | 79% | 76% | 81% | 72% | 85% | 84% | 86% | 67% | 80% |
| Remain in Adams County for the next five years | 76% | 86% | 86% | 81% | 85% | 82% | 70% | 88% | 84% | 85% | 75% | 83% |

Table 143: Question 6 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams County? (Percent moderate or major problem) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles | 36% | 49% | 40% | 48% | 36% | 46% | 60% | 37% | 44% | 34% | 59% | 45% |
| Graffiti | 26% | 35% | 24% | 37% | 29% | 32% | 43% | 26% | 31% | 19% | 51% | 32% |
| Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery) | 36% | 48% | 47% | 42% | 39% | 45% | 64% | 36% | 39% | 40% | 54% | 44% |
| Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft) | 57% | 61% | 60% | 60% | 51% | 61% | 70% | 52% | 62% | 62% | 46% | 60% |
| Environmental hazards, including toxic waste | 22% | 28% | 19% | 31% | 10% | 28% | 36% | 23% | 24% | 23% | 35% | 27% |
| Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands | 32% | 44% | 31% | 47% | 27% | 42% | 47% | 34% | 35% | 43% | 56% | 41% |
| Child abuse and neglect | 35% | 41% | 38% | 41% | 39% | 39% | 48% | 43% | 30% | 40% | 24% | 39% |
| Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults | 20% | 38% | 29% | 35% | 42% | 31% | 41% | 38% | 27% | 30% | 15% | 33% |

Table 144: Question 7 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County? (Percent more than once a month) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park | 44% | 53% | 66% | 39% | 54% | 50% | 44% | 42% | 54% | 62% | 49% | 50% |
| Used Adams County public libraries or their services | 27% | 27% | 35% | 22% | 39% | 25% | 38% | 33% | 26% | 20% | 17% | 27% |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County | 24% | 27% | 28% | 25% | 40% | 24% | 30% | 27% | 26% | 23% | 19% | 25% |
| Attended a County-sponsored event | 7% | 7% | 9% | 6% | 11% | 7% | 5% | 10% | 5% | 9% | 4% | 7% |
| Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving | 25% | 8% | 5% | 18% | 4% | 14% | 21% | 15% | 10% | 6% | 26% | 13% |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | 29% | 26% | 30% | 25% | 24% | 27% | 29% | 27% | 26% | 31% | 21% | 27% |
| Walked or biked instead of driving | 28% | 20% | 21% | 23% | 12% | 24% | 27% | 23% | 21% | 20% | 26% | 23% |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County | 13% | 9% | 8% | 13% | 11% | 10% | 22% | 9% | 7% | 9% | 11% | 10% |
| Participated in a club | 7% | 8% | 5% | 10% | 10% | 8% | 7% | 10% | 8% | 7% | 5% | 8% |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors | 57% | 73% | 67% | 68% | 82% | 67% | 56% | 64% | 69% | 78% | 74% | 68% |
| Done a favor for a neighbor | 39% | 46% | 46% | 42% | 67% | 41% | 50% | 38% | 43% | 45% | 54% | 43% |

Table 145: Question 8 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| RTD's upcoming FasTracks Commuter Rail project includes several stations located throughout Adams County. In a typical month, how often, if at all, do you think you will use these new transit facilities? (Percent at least once a month) | 51% | 44% | 41% | 49% | 28% | 48% | 44% | 50% | 43% | 45% | 58% | 46% |

Table 146: Question 9 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses? | 37% | 39% | 42% | 35% | 33% | 39% | 38% | 44% | 41% | 37% | 26% | 38% |

Table 147: Question 10 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| (Percent somewhat or strongly support) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation? | 70% | 81% | 85% | 73% | 86% | 77% | 72% | 70% | 79% | 88% | 90% | 78% |

Table 148: Question 11 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by other agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County. (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Public school districts | 57% | 45% | 46% | 51% | 37% | 50% | 48% | 47% | 54% | 47% | 35% | 48% |
| Fire response times | 69% | 86% | 79% | 84% | 86% | 80% | 78% | 80% | 85% | 95% | 57% | 81% |
| Fire services overall | 74% | 87% | 79% | 88% | 91% | 82% | 84% | 81% | 87% | 93% | 62% | 83% |
| Ambulance response times | 78% | 85% | 81% | 86% | 89% | 82% | 79% | 78% | 87% | 95% | 77% | 83% |
| Ambulance services overall | 83% | 85% | 78% | 91% | 89% | 84% | 84% | 77% | 88% | 92% | 80% | 84% |
| Water and sanitation services | 65% | 71% | 63% | 74% | 73% | 69% | 63% | 69% | 63% | 85% | 84% | 69% |
| Street and drainage maintenance services | 71% | 55% | 55% | 63% | 69% | 59% | 77% | 61% | 55% | 63% | 53% | 60% |
| Library services | 89% | 82% | 80% | 88% | 87% | 84% | 87% | 81% | 84% | 88% | 90% | 84% |
| Park and recreation services | 82% | 79% | 78% | 82% | 83% | 80% | 72% | 80% | 83% | 86% | 74% | 80% |
| RTD bus or rail | 62% | 51% | 46% | 61% | 62% | 54% | 51% | 71% | 53% | 29% | 57% | 55% |
| Courts | 40% | 62% | 54% | 54% | 68% | 52% | 38% | 53% | 52% | 66% | 78% | 54% |

Table 149: Question 12 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Adams County open space, parks and trails system | 78% | 76% | 79% | 74% | 78% | 76% | 75% | 82% | 73% | 88% | 51% | 76% |
| Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | 49% | 73% | 68% | 65% | 78% | 65% | 53% | 68% | 80% | 57% | 75% | 66% |
| Building permits and inspections | 50% | 57% | 66% | 49% | 49% | 56% | 59% | 48% | 64% | 58% | 40% | 55% |
| Collection of property taxes | 32% | 60% | 60% | 54% | 61% | 56% | 54% | 57% | 54% | 60% | 62% | 56% |
| Community development (build the capacity of citizen groups and community organizations so they may enhance the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities) | 49% | 42% | 49% | 40% | 36% | 45% | 52% | 43% | 49% | 42% | 22% | 43% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 56% | 70% | 69% | 62% | 73% | 64% | 51% | 62% | 74% | 75% | 44% | 64% |
| County jail | 34% | 58% | 54% | 50% | 63% | 50% | 46% | 48% | 61% | 62% | 60% | 51% |
| District Attorney services | 22% | 52% | 43% | 35% | 78% | 34% | 31% | 41% | 37% | 46% | 32% | 38% |
| Development standards and regulations (sets standards and regulations for the unincorporated areas of the county to guide development to protect and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the county) | 47% | 47% | 52% | 43% | 53% | 47% | 61% | 47% | 46% | 49% | 24% | 47% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County | 45% | 56% | 57% | 49% | 66% | 51% | 55% | 52% | 47% | 62% | 39% | 52% |
| Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs). | 42% | 39% | 46% | 35% | 54% | 38% | 44% | 47% | 37% | 35% | 28% | 39% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 70% | 78% | 75% | 75% | 88% | 74% | 80% | 77% | 72% | 82% | 65% | 75% |

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| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents) | 52% | 62% | 66% | 54% | 80% | 55% | 57% | 59% | 60% | 70% | 40% | 58% |
| Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center | 38% | 40% | 38% | 40% | 35% | 39% | 38% | 38% | 37% | 36% | 64% | 39% |
| Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.) | 54% | 47% | 52% | 48% | 67% | 48% | 59% | 55% | 49% | 45% | 18% | 49% |
| Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal) | 47% | 45% | 61% | 36% | 55% | 44% | 44% | 47% | 50% | 50% | 25% | 46% |
| Front Range Airport | 58% | 72% | 60% | 71% | 92% | 64% | 44% | 76% | 58% | 78% | 96% | 66% |
| Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.) | 20% | 38% | 33% | 26% | 34% | 29% | 27% | 29% | 33% | 27% | 31% | 29% |
| Long range planning (administers and updates the Comprehensive Long Range Plan, coordinates with both local and regional stakeholders in planning for the current and future needs of the county) | 36% | 40% | 45% | 35% | 66% | 36% | 48% | 40% | 45% | 30% | 19% | 39% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 63% | 62% | 63% | 63% | 57% | 63% | 67% | 65% | 66% | 54% | 48% | 62% |
| Online (internet) property lookup | 65% | 65% | 65% | 64% | 61% | 65% | 60% | 64% | 70% | 64% | 50% | 65% |

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| Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.) | 52% | 55% | 55% | 53% | 52% | 54% | 64% | 47% | 61% | 42% | 27% | 54% |
| Public records and documents searches | 56% | 60% | 66% | 53% | 45% | 60% | 55% | 50% | 67% | 70% | 30% | 57% |
| Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County | 42% | 39% | 44% | 37% | 43% | 39% | 47% | 38% | 43% | 38% | 23% | 40% |
| Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc. | 47% | 52% | 53% | 46% | 45% | 50% | 47% | 51% | 38% | 58% | 76% | 49% |
| Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected | 58% | 52% | 54% | 54% | 71% | 52% | 43% | 68% | 49% | 50% | 37% | 54% |
| Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected | 58% | 44% | 47% | 49% | 82% | 45% | 39% | 64% | 42% | 50% | 33% | 48% |
| Sheriff response times | 42% | 59% | 61% | 48% | 52% | 52% | 53% | 44% | 53% | 78% | 23% | 52% |
| Sheriff services overall | 45% | 61% | 62% | 50% | 48% | 55% | 53% | 49% | 60% | 65% | 25% | 54% |
| Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County | 38% | 43% | 41% | 42% | 59% | 39% | 43% | 45% | 41% | 46% | 26% | 41% |
| Stormwater utility | 51% | 54% | 63% | 48% | 66% | 51% | 47% | 59% | 60% | 58% | 19% | 53% |
| Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County | 51% | 48% | 51% | 48% | 47% | 49% | 47% | 51% | 45% | 62% | 26% | 49% |

Table 150: Question 13 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Open space, parks and trails system | 39% | 42% | 40% | 41% | 31% | 42% | 14% | 35% | 56% | 38% | 63% | 41% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 14% | 11% | 9% | 14% | 9% | 12% | 12% | 20% | 12% | 6% | 0% | 12% |
| Building permits and inspections | 3% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 2% | 4% | 9% | 1% | 6% | 3% | 1% | 4% |
| Collection of property taxes | 1% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 1% | 5% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 11% | 9% | 4% |
| Community development | 19% | 19% | 15% | 22% | 11% | 20% | 4% | 12% | 30% | 20% | 26% | 19% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 7% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 2% | 6% | 13% | 3% | 5% | 4% | 1% | 5% |
| County jail | 4% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 0% | 4% | 5% | 6% | 0% | 3% | 0% | 3% |
| District Attorney services | 7% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 4% | 3% | 9% | 6% | 0% | 3% | 0% | 3% |
| Development standards and regulations | 21% | 15% | 13% | 18% | 13% | 17% | 15% | 16% | 20% | 15% | 12% | 17% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 7% | 13% | 13% | 10% | 5% | 11% | 11% | 13% | 9% | 9% | 15% | 11% |
| Economic development | 22% | 29% | 18% | 32% | 11% | 28% | 22% | 16% | 28% | 27% | 61% | 26% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 7% | 8% | 9% | 6% | 4% | 8% | 1% | 4% | 8% | 15% | 9% | 7% |
| Emergency management | 25% | 18% | 18% | 22% | 15% | 21% | 29% | 17% | 22% | 22% | 8% | 20% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 21% | 16% | 27% | 11% | 18% | 17% | 31% | 16% | 15% | 15% | 11% | 17% |
| Environmental health services | 12% | 13% | 9% | 14% | 22% | 12% | 5% | 28% | 7% | 5% | 19% | 13% |
| Code enforcement | 16% | 20% | 12% | 24% | 12% | 20% | 9% | 20% | 18% | 15% | 42% | 19% |
| Front Range Airport | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 4% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 4% | 1% |
| Housing assistance services | 25% | 17% | 28% | 14% | 22% | 19% | 36% | 17% | 11% | 28% | 13% | 20% |
| Long range planning | 13% | 24% | 20% | 21% | 16% | 21% | 14% | 12% | 18% | 33% | 39% | 20% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 7% | 8% | 5% | 9% | 5% | 8% | 7% | 9% | 9% | 5% | 4% | 7% |
| Online property lookup | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| Public health services | 27% | 14% | 26% | 13% | 32% | 17% | 19% | 21% | 15% | 21% | 23% | 19% |
| Public records and documents searches | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% |
| Roadway maintenance | 28% | 38% | 38% | 34% | 29% | 36% | 22% | 36% | 42% | 37% | 26% | 35% |
| Financial services | 22% | 13% | 17% | 15% | 21% | 15% | 38% | 12% | 14% | 10% | 11% | 16% |

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| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Child protective services | 12% | 14% | 13% | 14% | 28% | 12% | 5% | 20% | 14% | 10% | 10% | 13% |
| Adult protective services | 4% | 5% | 3% | 6% | 2% | 5% | 5% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 1% | 5% |
| Sheriff response times | 29% | 12% | 20% | 16% | 13% | 18% | 21% | 24% | 14% | 17% | 10% | 18% |
| Sheriff services overall | 28% | 16% | 17% | 23% | 8% | 22% | 15% | 23% | 19% | 21% | 23% | 20% |
| Snow and ice removal | 22% | 24% | 22% | 23% | 28% | 23% | 16% | 27% | 29% | 22% | 13% | 24% |
| Stormwater utility | 0% | 4% | 5% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 0% | 7% | 0% | 1% | 3% |
| Traffic control | 18% | 27% | 28% | 21% | 33% | 23% | 7% | 27% | 29% | 26% | 20% | 24% |

Statistical significance not tested.

Table 151: Question 14 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Open space, parks and trails system | 13% | 4% | 9% | 6% | 3% | 7% | 8% | 4% | 9% | 11% | 1% | 7% |
| Animal Shelter/Adoption Center | 26% | 21% | 32% | 17% | 42% | 21% | 18% | 20% | 32% | 15% | 18% | 23% |
| Building permits and inspections | 12% | 12% | 13% | 11% | 9% | 12% | 13% | 6% | 13% | 22% | 2% | 12% |
| Collection of property taxes | 11% | 16% | 18% | 12% | 24% | 13% | 5% | 11% | 22% | 14% | 6% | 14% |
| Community development | 7% | 7% | 4% | 9% | 9% | 7% | 5% | 7% | 8% | 7% | 1% | 7% |
| County Fair/fairgrounds | 36% | 25% | 22% | 32% | 11% | 31% | 38% | 33% | 29% | 29% | 9% | 29% |
| County jail | 44% | 17% | 27% | 26% | 5% | 28% | 30% | 21% | 33% | 13% | 39% | 26% |
| District Attorney services | 15% | 17% | 17% | 16% | 25% | 16% | 27% | 17% | 15% | 15% | 17% | 17% |
| Development standards and regulations | 3% | 11% | 9% | 9% | 11% | 9% | 5% | 6% | 9% | 14% | 11% | 9% |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure | 7% | 3% | 0% | 7% | 3% | 5% | 19% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 4% |

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| Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Economic development | 5% | 6% | 4% | 7% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 9% | 2% | 9% | 2% | 6% |
| Elections and voter registrations | 12% | 22% | 21% | 16% | 5% | 20% | 14% | 18% | 23% | 14% | 20% | 19% |
| Emergency management | 1% | 6% | 1% | 7% | 0% | 5% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 9% | 6% | 5% |
| Workforce & Business Center | 16% | 16% | 13% | 18% | 15% | 16% | 10% | 7% | 20% | 15% | 44% | 16% |
| Environmental health services | 1% | 5% | 3% | 3% | 11% | 3% | 0% | 5% | 2% | 7% | 1% | 3% |
| Code enforcement | 11% | 11% | 11% | 11% | 12% | 11% | 11% | 13% | 13% | 9% | 0% | 11% |
| Front Range Airport | 65% | 54% | 62% | 54% | 45% | 59% | 56% | 57% | 56% | 73% | 37% | 57% |
| Housing assistance services | 12% | 12% | 7% | 15% | 7% | 13% | 11% | 10% | 12% | 15% | 14% | 12% |
| Long range planning | 5% | 7% | 5% | 7% | 3% | 7% | 8% | 11% | 6% | 5% | 0% | 7% |
| Motor vehicle registration | 6% | 16% | 14% | 12% | 7% | 13% | 14% | 12% | 9% | 15% | 20% | 12% |
| Online property lookup | 54% | 44% | 53% | 43% | 62% | 46% | 45% | 45% | 49% | 44% | 72% | 48% |
| Public health services | 12% | 10% | 9% | 12% | 9% | 11% | 10% | 4% | 16% | 9% | 14% | 11% |
| Public records and documents searches | 31% | 35% | 44% | 27% | 55% | 32% | 29% | 41% | 30% | 35% | 36% | 34% |
| Roadway maintenance | 1% | 4% | 2% | 4% | 1% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 6% | 3% |
| Financial services | 13% | 15% | 9% | 18% | 4% | 15% | 10% | 11% | 16% | 8% | 38% | 14% |
| Child protective services | 5% | 3% | 1% | 5% | 1% | 4% | 1% | 0% | 3% | 3% | 21% | 4% |
| Adult protective services | 4% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 0% | 5% | 2% | 3% | 7% | 6% | 0% | 4% |
| Sheriff response times | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Sheriff services overall | 1% | 5% | 5% | 3% | 1% | 4% | 1% | 6% | 1% | 9% | 0% | 4% |
| Snow and ice removal | 2% | 3% | 0% | 4% | 1% | 3% | 1% | 4% | 1% | 4% | 2% | 2% |
| Stormwater utility | 10% | 11% | 10% | 11% | 13% | 10% | 15% | 14% | 5% | 8% | 15% | 10% |
| Traffic control | 12% | 9% | 6% | 12% | 7% | 10% | 7% | 14% | 7% | 5% | 14% | 10% |

Table 152: Question 15 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Overall, how would you | 62% | 61% | 59% | 64% | 62% | 61% | 60% | 64% | 60% | 73% | 41% | 61% |

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| (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| How would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County? | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table 153: Question 16 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid? | 43% | 45% | 43% | 46% | 52% | 44% | 48% | 53% | 41% | 42% | 32% | 44% |

Table 154: Question 17 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| (Percent informed or very informed) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing? | 21% | 17% | 16% | 20% | 24% | 18% | 26% | 15% | 20% | 12% | 20% | 18% |

Table 155: Question 18 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| (Percent always or most of the time) | Housing Tenure | Presence of Children | Business Ownership | Household Income | Overall |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|

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| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
|--|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right? | 53% | 58% | 59% | 54% | 54% | 56% | 55% | 51% | 59% | 65% | 45% | 56% |

Table 156: Question 19 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking? | 56% | 54% | 61% | 51% | 62% | 54% | 61% | 48% | 56% | 63% | 38% | 54% |

Table 157: Question 20 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in each of the following areas: (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Welcoming resident involvement | 42% | 48% | 50% | 43% | 52% | 45% | 48% | 46% | 45% | 46% | 28% | 46% |
| Being responsive to residents | 43% | 41% | 44% | 40% | 49% | 40% | 46% | 44% | 39% | 36% | 30% | 41% |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | 46% | 49% | 52% | 45% | 59% | 47% | 42% | 46% | 48% | 58% | 35% | 47% |
| Informing residents about issues facing the community | 41% | 40% | 48% | 36% | 51% | 39% | 44% | 38% | 45% | 40% | 11% | 40% |
| Accessibility of elected officials | 35% | 37% | 37% | 37% | 29% | 37% | 37% | 31% | 39% | 35% | 36% | 36% |
| Being open and transparent to the public | 41% | 34% | 45% | 31% | 46% | 35% | 38% | 35% | 42% | 38% | 12% | 36% |
| Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions | 36% | 33% | 41% | 29% | 41% | 33% | 34% | 34% | 33% | 42% | 10% | 34% |
| Being honest | 44% | 42% | 51% | 37% | 50% | 42% | 53% | 39% | 45% | 42% | 29% | 43% |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | 54% | 47% | 57% | 45% | 54% | 49% | 54% | 47% | 52% | 52% | 29% | 49% |

Table 158: Question 21 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| (Percent yes) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an Adams County employee, regardless of department or office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff, receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)? | 55% | 56% | 64% | 50% | 47% | 57% | 57% | 53% | 58% | 53% | 58% | 56% |

Table 159: Question 22 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| What was your impression of the Adams County employee in your most recent contact? Rate each characteristic below.) (Percent excellent or good) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Knowledge | 47% | 76% | 66% | 67% | 52% | 68% | 47% | 68% | 71% | 72% | 57% | 66% |
| Responsiveness | 42% | 75% | 66% | 64% | 48% | 67% | 45% | 59% | 71% | 78% | 47% | 64% |
| Respectfulness | 52% | 82% | 78% | 69% | 80% | 71% | 51% | 68% | 76% | 90% | 52% | 72% |
| Courtesy | 52% | 82% | 78% | 69% | 80% | 71% | 51% | 68% | 76% | 90% | 55% | 72% |
| Overall impression | 35% | 77% | 67% | 61% | 49% | 65% | 47% | 57% | 63% | 83% | 54% | 63% |

Table 160: Question 23 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|--------------|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities, such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.) | Too little | 29% | 34% | 31% | 32% | 29% | 32% | 30% | 26% | 34% | 33% | 47% | 32% |
| | Right amount | 70% | 64% | 68% | 65% | 71% | 65% | 67% | 72% | 64% | 65% | 53% | 66% |
| | Too much | 2% | 3% | 1% | 3% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% |
| Community parks (provide recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces) | Too little | 34% | 35% | 35% | 34% | 25% | 36% | 25% | 32% | 33% | 42% | 53% | 35% |
| | Right amount | 64% | 63% | 64% | 64% | 74% | 62% | 73% | 66% | 65% | 56% | 47% | 63% |
| | Too much | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% |
| Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse) | Too little | 39% | 40% | 50% | 31% | 32% | 40% | 41% | 29% | 47% | 37% | 47% | 39% |
| | Right amount | 56% | 58% | 47% | 64% | 66% | 56% | 56% | 68% | 50% | 56% | 53% | 57% |
| | Too much | 6% | 3% | 3% | 5% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 6% | 0% | 4% |
| Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball) | Too little | 46% | 48% | 52% | 43% | 47% | 47% | 39% | 38% | 56% | 52% | 47% | 47% |
| | Right amount | 50% | 50% | 46% | 53% | 51% | 50% | 59% | 59% | 41% | 47% | 53% | 50% |
| | Too much | 4% | 2% | 1% | 4% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 3% |
| Playgrounds | Too little | 28% | 37% | 36% | 32% | 38% | 33% | 39% | 23% | 38% | 32% | 53% | 34% |
| | Right amount | 66% | 61% | 61% | 64% | 60% | 63% | 58% | 74% | 56% | 66% | 47% | 63% |
| | Too much | 6% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 6% | 2% | 0% | 4% |
| Recreation centers | Too little | 48% | 49% | 64% | 38% | 48% | 49% | 56% | 32% | 54% | 57% | 51% | 49% |
| | Right amount | 49% | 49% | 35% | 59% | 51% | 49% | 43% | 67% | 45% | 42% | 49% | 49% |

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| Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas. | | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|--------------|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Youth recreation programs | Too much | 3% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 2% |
| | Too little | 36% | 41% | 48% | 31% | 26% | 41% | 60% | 31% | 36% | 49% | 31% | 39% |
| | Right amount | 62% | 56% | 52% | 65% | 73% | 57% | 39% | 66% | 60% | 50% | 69% | 58% |
| | Too much | 2% | 2% | 0% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 3% | 3% | 1% | 0% | 2% |
| Adult recreation programs | Too little | 50% | 43% | 51% | 41% | 23% | 47% | 62% | 38% | 43% | 56% | 35% | 45% |
| | Right amount | 47% | 55% | 48% | 56% | 75% | 50% | 37% | 60% | 56% | 44% | 65% | 52% |
| | Too much | 3% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 2% |
| Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.) | Too little | 37% | 37% | 36% | 37% | 33% | 38% | 28% | 40% | 42% | 41% | 27% | 37% |
| | Right amount | 61% | 58% | 59% | 60% | 66% | 59% | 72% | 57% | 57% | 49% | 73% | 59% |
| | Too much | 2% | 4% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 0% | 2% | 1% | 10% | 0% | 3% |

Table 161: Question 24 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|-------------|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris) | More effort | 47% | 43% | 39% | 47% | 34% | 45% | 55% | 34% | 47% | 39% | 55% | 44% |
| | Same effort | 49% | 52% | 57% | 47% | 61% | 50% | 42% | 60% | 49% | 56% | 42% | 51% |
| | Less effort | 4% | 5% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 5% |
| Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals) | More effort | 44% | 31% | 33% | 36% | 29% | 35% | 43% | 31% | 41% | 25% | 29% | 35% |
| | Same effort | 52% | 64% | 63% | 59% | 65% | 60% | 55% | 66% | 55% | 69% | 68% | 61% |
| | Less effort | 5% | 5% | 4% | 5% | 7% | 5% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 6% | 3% | 5% |
| Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings) | More effort | 38% | 38% | 42% | 35% | 36% | 38% | 28% | 32% | 40% | 42% | 58% | 38% |
| | Same effort | 55% | 59% | 56% | 60% | 61% | 58% | 68% | 64% | 53% | 56% | 42% | 58% |
| | Less effort | 7% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 2% | 0% | 4% |
| Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs) | More effort | 42% | 49% | 49% | 45% | 53% | 46% | 47% | 32% | 49% | 53% | 70% | 47% |
| | Same effort | 45% | 47% | 49% | 45% | 45% | 47% | 46% | 56% | 45% | 45% | 28% | 47% |
| | Less effort | 12% | 4% | 2% | 10% | 2% | 7% | 7% | 12% | 6% | 1% | 1% | 7% |
| Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, adult protection, | More effort | 42% | 36% | 37% | 39% | 32% | 39% | 47% | 37% | 39% | 41% | 26% | 38% |
| | Same effort | 45% | 56% | 57% | 48% | 56% | 52% | 43% | 56% | 52% | 55% | 42% | 52% |

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| Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each. | | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|---|-------------|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.) | Less effort | 14% | 8% | 5% | 13% | 11% | 9% | 10% | 7% | 9% | 4% | 32% | 10% |
| Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.) | More effort | 44% | 33% | 41% | 33% | 39% | 36% | 49% | 35% | 40% | 21% | 25% | 36% |
| | Same effort | 47% | 63% | 54% | 62% | 59% | 58% | 49% | 59% | 58% | 70% | 58% | 58% |
| | Less effort | 9% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 3% | 6% | 2% | 6% | 2% | 10% | 17% | 6% |
| Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.) | More effort | 17% | 14% | 12% | 16% | 16% | 14% | 27% | 16% | 14% | 8% | 11% | 15% |
| | Same effort | 75% | 83% | 82% | 80% | 79% | 81% | 64% | 77% | 85% | 87% | 89% | 81% |
| | Less effort | 8% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 9% | 7% | 1% | 5% | 1% | 5% |
| Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems; snow removal, etc.) | More effort | 51% | 57% | 56% | 53% | 61% | 54% | 29% | 54% | 62% | 62% | 66% | 55% |
| | Same effort | 41% | 42% | 40% | 43% | 37% | 42% | 63% | 43% | 35% | 38% | 31% | 42% |
| | Less effort | 8% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 7% | 3% | 3% | 0% | 3% | 3% |

Table 162: Question 25 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the County to do each of the following: (Percent essential or very important) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage) | 88% | 76% | 80% | 78% | 82% | 79% | 85% | 89% | 80% | 72% | 59% | 79% |
| Support the creation of new housing that is affordable to all income levels (i.e., household pays no more than 30% of income for rent or mortgage) | 89% | 69% | 75% | 76% | 71% | 76% | 86% | 85% | 79% | 62% | 50% | 76% |

Table 163: Question 26 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

| Thinking of how you currently get information about events or issues, how likely would you be to obtain information about Adams County like public hearings, community meetings, upcoming programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats? (Percent likely or very likely) | Housing Tenure | | Presence of Children | | Business Ownership | | Household Income | | | | | Overall |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Rent | Own | Yes | No | Yes | No | Less than \$24,999 | \$25,000 to \$49,999 | \$50,000 to \$99,999 | \$100,000 to \$149,999 | \$150,000 or more | |
| Adams County Annual Budget | 29% | 31% | 25% | 34% | 31% | 30% | 52% | 32% | 26% | 23% | 27% | 30% |
| Adams County Annual Report | 32% | 33% | 26% | 38% | 32% | 33% | 50% | 36% | 27% | 28% | 42% | 33% |
| Adams County Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty) | 48% | 36% | 52% | 31% | 43% | 39% | 51% | 29% | 45% | 44% | 22% | 39% |
| Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county_co) | 11% | 13% | 12% | 12% | 18% | 12% | 10% | 11% | 17% | 14% | 3% | 12% |
| Adams County website (www.adcogov.org) | 69% | 59% | 68% | 59% | 60% | 63% | 62% | 57% | 62% | 72% | 56% | 63% |
| Emails from Adams County | 47% | 37% | 45% | 37% | 46% | 39% | 29% | 44% | 44% | 34% | 41% | 40% |
| Text messages | 30% | 24% | 38% | 18% | 47% | 24% | 29% | 24% | 25% | 31% | 25% | 26% |
| Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county government building, the fairgrounds, etc.) | 32% | 25% | 30% | 25% | 12% | 29% | 52% | 29% | 24% | 19% | 19% | 27% |
| Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newspapers, online versions of any of these) | 66% | 50% | 47% | 60% | 38% | 57% | 66% | 55% | 51% | 50% | 59% | 55% |
| Mailings to your home address | 76% | 71% | 74% | 72% | 78% | 72% | 78% | 59% | 77% | 77% | 78% | 73% |
| Community newsletters with information about Adams County | 71% | 66% | 75% | 63% | 67% | 68% | 69% | 62% | 66% | 77% | 70% | 68% |
| Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.) | 43% | 38% | 39% | 40% | 35% | 40% | 58% | 30% | 39% | 44% | 28% | 40% |

Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons

Comparison Data

National Research Center, Inc.'s (NRC) database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 500 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on the Adams County Quality of Life Survey. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community; most communities conduct surveys every year or in alternating years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. National, Colorado, Denver Regional Council of Government (DRCOG) and Adams County Municipalities benchmark comparisons have been provided when similar questions on the Adams County Quality of Life Survey are included in NRC's database.

Interpreting the Results

Ratings are compared when there are at least five communities in which a similar question was asked. Where comparisons are available, three columns are provided in the table. The first column is the rank assigned to Adams County's rating among communities where a similar question was asked. The second column is the number of communities that asked a similar question. The final column shows the comparison of Adams County's rating to the benchmark.

In that final column, Adams County's results are noted as being "higher" than the benchmark, "lower" than the benchmark or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by of County residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. More extreme differences are noted as "much higher" or "much lower."

| Benchmark Database Characteristics | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Region | Percent |
| New England | 3% |
| Middle Atlantic | 5% |
| East North Central | 15% |
| West North Central | 13% |
| South Atlantic | 22% |
| East South Central | 3% |
| West South Central | 7% |
| Mountain | 16% |
| Pacific | 16% |
| Population | Percent |
| Less than 10,000 | 10% |
| 10,000 to 24,999 | 22% |
| 25,000 to 49,999 | 23% |
| 50,000 to 99,999 | 22% |
| 100,000 or more | 23% |

National Benchmark Comparisons

Table 164: Community Characteristics Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams County as a place to work | 232 | 340 | Similar |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County | 182 | 260 | Similar |
| Shopping opportunities | 152 | 280 | Similar |
| Employment opportunities | 130 | 299 | Similar |
| Educational opportunities | 68 | 77 | Lower |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | 257 | 332 | Lower |

Table 165: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs). | 198 | 273 | Lower |
| Front Range Airport | 4 | 6 | Lower |

Table 166: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|-------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Public school districts | 215 | 251 | Much lower |

Table 167: Community Characteristics Associated with High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Opportunities to participate in community matters | 204 | 261 | Lower |

Table 168: Overall Quality and Value of Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County? | 342 | 421 | Lower |
| How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid? | 294 | 386 | Lower |

Table 169: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Long range planning (administers and updates the Comprehensive Long Range Plan, coordinates with both local and regional | 8 | 10 | Lower |

Table 170: Attitudes toward Adams County Government Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking? | 182 | 302 | Similar |

Table 171: Adams County Government Performance Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Welcoming resident involvement | 195 | 302 | Similar |
| Being responsive to residents | 14 | 19 | Lower |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | 131 | 195 | Similar |
| Being honest | 145 | 188 | Lower |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | 108 | 193 | Similar |

Table 172: Contact with Employees Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an Adams County employee, regardless of department or office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff, receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)? | 169 | 298 | Similar |

Table 173: Adams County Employees Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Knowledge | 100 | 103 | Much lower |
| Responsiveness | 101 | 102 | Much lower |
| Courtesy | 26 | 26 | Much lower |
| Overall impression | 290 | 355 | Lower |

Table 174: Overall Quality of Life in Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| The overall quality of life in Adams County | 377 | 443 | Lower |

Table 175: Community Characteristics Associated with Quality of Life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams County as a place to live | 329 | 379 | Lower |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 272 | 299 | Lower |
| Adams County as a place to raise children | 312 | 366 | Much lower |
| Adams County as a place to retire | 291 | 340 | Lower |
| Sense of personal safety | 247 | 289 | Much lower |
| Sense of community | 235 | 296 | Lower |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 129 | 276 | Similar |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 273 | 341 | Lower |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County | 144 | 270 | Similar |
| Variety of housing options | 196 | 264 | Lower |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | 215 | 279 | Lower |
| Recreational opportunities | 206 | 292 | Similar |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature | NA | NA | NA |
| Drinking water quality | 14 | 15 | Much lower |

Table 176: Resident Commitment to the Community Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks | 193 | 270 | Similar |
| Remain in Adams County for the next five years | 159 | 263 | Similar |

Table 177: Community Participation in Activities Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park | 134 | 260 | Similar |
| Used Adams County public libraries or their services | 139 | 229 | Similar |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County | 157 | 190 | Lower |
| Attended a County-sponsored event | 123 | 187 | Similar |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County | 219 | 249 | Much lower |
| Participated in a club | 184 | 227 | Lower |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors | 103 | 182 | Similar |
| Done a favor for a neighbor | 86 | 176 | Similar |

Table 178: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams County open space, parks and trails system | NA | NA | NA |

Table 179: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Library services | 149 | 333 | Similar |
| Park and recreation services | 12 | 24 | Similar |

Table 180: Community Characteristics Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 207 | 288 | Similar |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | 41 | 66 | Similar |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | 233 | 278 | Lower |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | 199 | 297 | Lower |
| Traffic flow on major streets | 264 | 337 | Lower |

Table 181: Community Participation in Activities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving | 53 | 158 | Similar |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | 72 | 181 | Similar |
| Walked or biked instead of driving | 129 | 187 | Lower |

Table 182: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Building permits and inspections | 10 | 16 | Similar |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams C | 283 | 344 | Lower |
| Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, | 178 | 270 | Similar |
| Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County | 263 | 288 | Much lower |
| Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County | NA | NA | NA |

Table 183: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Water and sanitation services | 12 | 16 | Similar |
| Street and drainage maintenance services | 129 | 402 | Higher |
| RTD bus or rail | 8 | 16 | Similar |

Table 184: Community Characteristics Associated with Supportive Human Services Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Availability of affordable housing | 205 | 291 | Similar |
| Availability of affordable quality child care | 231 | 241 | Much lower |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 222 | 248 | Much lower |

Table 185: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Supportive Human Services Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, e | NA | NA | NA |
| Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, | 155 | 196 | Lower |
| Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc. | 50 | 74 | Similar |
| Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected | 3 | 5 | Similar |
| Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected | 3 | 6 | Similar |

Table 186: Additional Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | 155 | 328 | Similar |
| Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal) | 241 | 361 | Similar |
| Sheriff response times | 26 | 26 | Much lower |

Table 187: Additional Services Provided by Other Entities Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|----------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fire services overall | 314 | 362 | Lower |
| Ambulance response times | 6 | 8 | Similar |
| Ambulance services overall | 271 | 334 | Similar |
| Courts | 64 | 70 | Lower |

Communities included in national comparisons

The communities included in Adams County’s national comparisons are listed on the following pages along with their population according to the 2010 Census.

Adams County, CO441,603
 Airway Heights city, WA..... 6,114
 Albany city, OR50,158
 Albemarle County, VA98,970
 Albert Lea city, MN..... 18,016
 Alexandria city, VA.....139,966
 Algonquin village, IL..... 30,046

Aliso Viejo city, CA 47,823
 Altoona city, IA..... 14,541
 American Canyon city, CA..... 19,454
 Ames city, IA 58,965
 Andover CDP, MA.....8,762
 Ankeny city, IA 45,582
 Ann Arbor city, MI..... 113,934

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| Annapolis city, MD | 38,394 | Cabarrus County, NC | 178,011 |
| Apache Junction city, AZ | 35,840 | Cambridge city, MA | 105,162 |
| Apple Valley town, CA | 69,135 | Cannon Beach city, OR | 1,690 |
| Arapahoe County, CO | 572,003 | Cañon City city, CO | 16,400 |
| Arkansas City city, AR | 366 | Canton city, SD | 3,057 |
| Arlington County, VA | 207,627 | Cape Coral city, FL | 154,305 |
| Arvada city, CO | 106,433 | Cape Girardeau city, MO | 37,941 |
| Asheville city, NC | 83,393 | Carlisle borough, PA | 18,682 |
| Ashland city, OR | 20,078 | Carlsbad city, CA | 105,328 |
| Ashland town, MA | 16,593 | Carroll city, IA | 10,103 |
| Ashland town, VA | 7,225 | Cartersville city, GA | 19,731 |
| Aspen city, CO | 6,658 | Cary town, NC | 135,234 |
| Athens-Clarke County, GA | 115,452 | Casper city, WY | 55,316 |
| Auburn city, AL | 53,380 | Castine town, ME | 1,366 |
| Auburn city, WA | 70,180 | Castle Pines North city, CO | 10,360 |
| Augusta CCD, GA | 134,777 | Castle Rock town, CO | 48,231 |
| Aurora city, CO | 325,078 | Cedar Hill city, TX | 45,028 |
| Austin city, TX | 790,390 | Cedar Rapids city, IA | 126,326 |
| Avon town, CO | 6,447 | Celina city, TX | 6,028 |
| Avondale city, AZ | 76,238 | Centennial city, CO | 100,377 |
| Azusa city, CA | 46,361 | Chambersburg borough, PA | 20,268 |
| Bainbridge Island city, WA | 23,025 | Chandler city, AZ | 236,123 |
| Baltimore city, MD | 620,961 | Chandler city, TX | 2,734 |
| Bartonville town, TX | 1,469 | Chanhassen city, MN | 22,952 |
| Battle Creek city, MI | 52,347 | Chapel Hill town, NC | 57,233 |
| Bay City city, MI | 34,932 | Charles County, MD | 146,551 |
| Baytown city, TX | 71,802 | Charlotte city, NC | 731,424 |
| Bedford city, TX | 46,979 | Charlotte County, FL | 159,978 |
| Bedford town, MA | 13,320 | Charlottesville city, VA | 43,475 |
| Bellevue city, WA | 122,363 | Chattanooga city, TN | 167,674 |
| Bellingham city, WA | 80,885 | Chesterfield County, VA | 316,236 |
| Beltrami County, MN | 44,442 | Chippewa Falls city, WI | 13,661 |
| Benbrook city, TX | 21,234 | Citrus Heights city, CA | 83,301 |
| Bend city, OR | 76,639 | Clackamas County, OR | 375,992 |
| Bettendorf city, IA | 33,217 | Clarendon Hills village, IL | 8,427 |
| Billings city, MT | 104,170 | Clayton city, MO | 15,939 |
| Blaine city, MN | 57,186 | Clearwater city, FL | 107,685 |
| Bloomfield Hills city, MI | 3,869 | Cleveland Heights city, OH | 46,121 |
| Bloomington city, MN | 82,893 | Clinton city, SC | 8,490 |
| Blue Springs city, MO | 52,575 | Clive city, IA | 15,447 |
| Boise City city, ID | 205,671 | Clovis city, CA | 95,631 |
| Boone County, KY | 118,811 | College Park city, MD | 30,413 |
| Boulder city, CO | 97,385 | College Station city, TX | 93,857 |
| Bowling Green city, KY | 58,067 | Colleyville city, TX | 22,807 |
| Bozeman city, MT | 37,280 | Collinsville city, IL | 25,579 |
| Brentwood city, MO | 8,055 | Columbia city, SC | 129,272 |
| Brentwood city, TN | 37,060 | Columbia Falls city, MT | 4,688 |
| Brighton city, CO | 33,352 | Columbus city, WI | 4,991 |
| Brighton city, MI | 7,444 | Commerce City city, CO | 45,913 |
| Bristol city, TN | 26,702 | Concord city, CA | 122,067 |
| Broken Arrow city, OK | 98,850 | Concord town, MA | 17,668 |
| Brookfield city, WI | 37,920 | Coon Rapids city, MN | 61,476 |
| Brookline CDP, MA | 58,732 | Copperas Cove city, TX | 32,032 |
| Broomfield city, CO | 55,889 | Coronado city, CA | 18,912 |
| Brownsburg town, IN | 21,285 | Corvallis city, OR | 54,462 |
| Burien city, WA | 33,313 | Cottonwood Heights city, UT | 33,433 |
| Burleson city, TX | 36,690 | Creve Coeur city, MO | 17,833 |

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| Cross Roads town, TX | 1,563 | Fairview town, TX | 7,248 |
| Dacono city, CO | 4,152 | Farmersville city, TX | 3,301 |
| Dade City city, FL | 6,437 | Farmington Hills city, MI | 79,740 |
| Dakota County, MN | 398,552 | Fayetteville city, NC | 200,564 |
| Dallas city, OR | 14,583 | Fishers town, IN | 76,794 |
| Dallas city, TX | 1,197,816 | Flower Mound town, TX | 64,669 |
| Danville city, KY | 16,218 | Forest Grove city, OR | 21,083 |
| Dardenne Prairie city, MO | 11,494 | Fort Collins city, CO | 143,986 |
| Davenport city, IA | 99,685 | Fort Lauderdale city, FL | 165,521 |
| Davidson town, NC | 10,944 | Fort Smith city, AR | 86,209 |
| Dayton city, OH | 141,527 | Fort Worth city, TX | 741,206 |
| Decatur city, GA | 19,335 | Fountain Hills town, AZ | 22,489 |
| Del Mar city, CA | 4,161 | Franklin city, TN | 62,487 |
| DeLand city, FL | 27,031 | Fredericksburg city, VA | 24,286 |
| Delaware city, OH | 34,753 | Fremont city, CA | 214,089 |
| Delray Beach city, FL | 60,522 | Friendswood city, TX | 35,805 |
| Denison city, TX | 22,682 | Fruita city, CO | 12,646 |
| Denton city, TX | 113,383 | Gahanna city, OH | 33,248 |
| Denver city, CO | 600,158 | Gaithersburg city, MD | 59,933 |
| Derby city, KS | 22,158 | Galveston city, TX | 47,743 |
| Des Moines city, IA | 203,433 | Gardner city, KS | 19,123 |
| Des Peres city, MO | 8,373 | Geneva city, NY | 13,261 |
| Destin city, FL | 12,305 | Georgetown city, TX | 47,400 |
| Dothan city, AL | 65,496 | Germantown city, TN | 38,844 |
| Douglas County, CO | 285,465 | Gilbert town, AZ | 208,453 |
| Dover city, NH | 29,987 | Gillette city, WY | 29,087 |
| Dublin city, CA | 46,036 | Glendora city, CA | 50,073 |
| Dublin city, OH | 41,751 | Glenview village, IL | 44,692 |
| Duluth city, MN | 86,265 | Globe city, AZ | 7,532 |
| Duncanville city, TX | 38,524 | Golden city, CO | 18,867 |
| Durham city, NC | 228,330 | Golden Valley city, MN | 20,371 |
| Durham County, NC | 267,587 | Goodyear city, AZ | 65,275 |
| Eagan city, MN | 64,206 | Grafton village, WI | 11,459 |
| Eagle Mountain city, UT | 21,415 | Grand Blanc city, MI | 8,276 |
| Eagle town, CO | 6,508 | Grand Island city, NE | 48,520 |
| East Baton Rouge Parish, LA | 440,171 | Grants Pass city, OR | 34,533 |
| East Grand Forks city, MN | 8,601 | Grass Valley city, CA | 12,860 |
| East Lansing city, MI | 48,579 | Greenville city, NC | 84,554 |
| Eau Claire city, WI | 65,883 | Greenwich town, CT | 61,171 |
| Eden Prairie city, MN | 60,797 | Greenwood Village city, CO | 13,925 |
| Edgerton city, KS | 1,671 | Greer city, SC | 25,515 |
| Edgewater city, CO | 5,170 | Guilford County, NC | 488,406 |
| Edina city, MN | 47,941 | Gunnison County, CO | 15,324 |
| Edmond city, OK | 81,405 | Hailey city, ID | 7,960 |
| Edmonds city, WA | 39,709 | Haines Borough, AK | 2,508 |
| El Cerrito city, CA | 23,549 | Hallandale Beach city, FL | 37,113 |
| El Dorado County, CA | 181,058 | Hamilton city, OH | 62,477 |
| El Paso city, TX | 649,121 | Hanover County, VA | 99,863 |
| Elk Grove city, CA | 153,015 | Harrisburg city, SD | 4,089 |
| Elk River city, MN | 22,974 | Harrisonburg city, VA | 48,914 |
| Elko New Market city, MN | 4,110 | Harrisonville city, MO | 10,019 |
| Elmhurst city, IL | 44,121 | Hayward city, CA | 144,186 |
| Encinitas city, CA | 59,518 | Henderson city, NV | 257,729 |
| Englewood city, CO | 30,255 | Herndon town, VA | 23,292 |
| Erie town, CO | 18,135 | High Point city, NC | 104,371 |
| Escambia County, FL | 297,619 | Highland Park city, IL | 29,763 |
| Estes Park town, CO | 5,858 | Highlands Ranch CDP, CO | 96,713 |

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| Holland city, MI | 33,051 | Lake Worth city, FL | 34,910 |
| Honolulu County, HI | 953,207 | Lake Zurich village, IL | 19,631 |
| Hooksett town, NH | 13,451 | Lakeville city, MN | 55,954 |
| Hopkins city, MN | 17,591 | Lakewood city, CO | 142,980 |
| Hopkinton town, MA | 14,925 | Lakewood city, WA | 58,163 |
| Hoquiam city, WA | 8,726 | Lane County, OR | 351,715 |
| Horry County, SC | 269,291 | Lansing city, MI | 114,297 |
| Howard village, WI | 17,399 | Laramie city, WY | 30,816 |
| Hudson city, OH | 22,262 | Larimer County, CO | 299,630 |
| Hudson town, CO | 2,356 | Las Vegas city, NV | 583,756 |
| Hudsonville city, MI | 7,116 | Lawrence city, KS | 87,643 |
| Huntersville town, NC | 46,773 | Lee's Summit city, MO | 91,364 |
| Huntley village, IL | 24,291 | Lehi city, UT | 47,407 |
| Hurst city, TX | 37,337 | Lenexa city, KS | 48,190 |
| Hutchinson city, MN | 14,178 | Lewis County, NY | 27,087 |
| Hutto city, TX | 14,698 | Lewiston city, ID | 31,894 |
| Hyattsville city, MD | 17,557 | Lewisville city, TX | 95,290 |
| Independence city, MO | 116,830 | Libertyville village, IL | 20,315 |
| Indian Trail town, NC | 33,518 | Lincoln city, NE | 258,379 |
| Indianola city, IA | 14,782 | Lindsborg city, KS | 3,458 |
| Iowa City city, IA | 67,862 | Little Chute village, WI | 10,449 |
| Irving city, TX | 216,290 | Littleton city, CO | 41,737 |
| Issaquah city, WA | 30,434 | Livermore city, CA | 80,968 |
| Jackson County, MI | 160,248 | Lombard village, IL | 43,165 |
| James City County, VA | 67,009 | Lone Tree city, CO | 10,218 |
| Jefferson County, CO | 534,543 | Long Grove village, IL | 8,043 |
| Jefferson County, NY | 116,229 | Longmont city, CO | 86,270 |
| Jefferson Parish, LA | 432,552 | Longview city, TX | 80,455 |
| Johnson City city, TN | 63,152 | Lonsdale city, MN | 3,674 |
| Johnston city, IA | 17,278 | Los Alamos County, NM | 17,950 |
| Jupiter town, FL | 55,156 | Los Altos Hills town, CA | 7,922 |
| Kansas City city, KS | 145,786 | Louisville city, CO | 18,376 |
| Kansas City city, MO | 459,787 | Lower Merion township, PA | 57,825 |
| Keizer city, OR | 36,478 | Lynchburg city, VA | 75,568 |
| Kenmore city, WA | 20,460 | Lynnwood city, WA | 35,836 |
| Kennedale city, TX | 6,763 | Macomb County, MI | 840,978 |
| Kennett Square borough, PA | 6,072 | Manhattan Beach city, CA | 35,135 |
| Kent city, WA | 92,411 | Manhattan city, KS | 52,281 |
| Kerrville city, TX | 22,347 | Mankato city, MN | 39,309 |
| Kettering city, OH | 56,163 | Maple Grove city, MN | 61,567 |
| Key West city, FL | 24,649 | Maricopa County, AZ | 3,817,117 |
| King City city, CA | 12,874 | Marshfield city, WI | 19,118 |
| King County, WA | 1,931,249 | Martinez city, CA | 35,824 |
| Kirkland city, WA | 48,787 | Marysville city, WA | 60,020 |
| Kirkwood city, MO | 27,540 | Matthews town, NC | 27,198 |
| Knoxville city, IA | 7,313 | McAllen city, TX | 129,877 |
| La Mesa city, CA | 57,065 | McDonough city, GA | 22,084 |
| La Plata town, MD | 8,753 | McKinney city, TX | 131,117 |
| La Porte city, TX | 33,800 | McMinnville city, OR | 32,187 |
| La Vista city, NE | 15,758 | Menlo Park city, CA | 32,026 |
| Lafayette city, CO | 24,453 | Mercer Island city, WA | 22,699 |
| Laguna Beach city, CA | 22,723 | Meridian charter township, MI | 39,688 |
| Laguna Hills city, CA | 30,344 | Meridian city, ID | 75,092 |
| Laguna Niguel city, CA | 62,979 | Merriam city, KS | 11,003 |
| Lake Forest city, IL | 19,375 | Mesa city, AZ | 439,041 |
| Lake Oswego city, OR | 36,619 | Mesa County, CO | 146,723 |
| Lake Stevens city, WA | 28,069 | Miami Beach city, FL | 87,779 |

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| Miami city, FL | 399,457 | Oviedo city, FL | 33,342 |
| Middleton city, WI | 17,442 | Paducah city, KY | 25,024 |
| Midland city, MI | 41,863 | Palm Beach Gardens city, FL | 48,452 |
| Milford city, DE | 9,559 | Palm Coast city, FL | 75,180 |
| Milton city, GA | 32,661 | Palo Alto city, CA | 64,403 |
| Minneapolis city, MN | 382,578 | Papillion city, NE | 18,894 |
| Mission Viejo city, CA | 93,305 | Paradise Valley town, AZ | 12,820 |
| Modesto city, CA | 201,165 | Park City city, UT | 7,558 |
| Monterey city, CA | 27,810 | Parker town, CO | 45,297 |
| Montgomery County, VA | 94,392 | Parkland city, FL | 23,962 |
| Monticello city, UT | 1,972 | Pasadena city, CA | 137,122 |
| Monument town, CO | 5,530 | Pasco city, WA | 59,781 |
| Mooreville town, NC | 32,711 | Pasco County, FL | 464,697 |
| Moraga town, CA | 16,016 | Payette city, ID | 7,433 |
| Morristown city, TN | 29,137 | Pearland city, TX | 91,252 |
| Morrisville town, NC | 18,576 | Peoria city, AZ | 154,065 |
| Morro Bay city, CA | 10,234 | Peoria city, IL | 115,007 |
| Mountain Village town, CO | 1,320 | Peoria County, IL | 186,494 |
| Mountlake Terrace city, WA | 19,909 | Pflugerville city, TX | 46,936 |
| Murphy city, TX | 17,708 | Phoenix city, AZ | 1,445,632 |
| Naperville city, IL | 141,853 | Pinehurst village, NC | 13,124 |
| Napoleon city, OH | 8,749 | Piqua city, OH | 20,522 |
| Needham CDP, MA | 28,886 | Pitkin County, CO | 17,148 |
| New Braunfels city, TX | 57,740 | Plano city, TX | 259,841 |
| New Brighton city, MN | 21,456 | Platte City city, MO | 4,691 |
| New Hanover County, NC | 202,667 | Plymouth city, MN | 70,576 |
| New Orleans city, LA | 343,829 | Pocatello city, ID | 54,255 |
| New Smyrna Beach city, FL | 22,464 | Polk County, IA | 430,640 |
| New Ulm city, MN | 13,522 | Pompano Beach city, FL | 99,845 |
| Newberg city, OR | 22,068 | Port Orange city, FL | 56,048 |
| Newport city, RI | 24,672 | Portland city, OR | 583,776 |
| Newport News city, VA | 180,719 | Post Falls city, ID | 27,574 |
| Newton city, IA | 15,254 | Powell city, OH | 11,500 |
| Noblesville city, IN | 51,969 | Prince William County, VA | 402,002 |
| Nogales city, AZ | 20,837 | Prior Lake city, MN | 22,796 |
| Norcross city, GA | 9,116 | Pueblo city, CO | 106,595 |
| Norfolk city, VA | 242,803 | Purcellville town, VA | 7,727 |
| North Port city, FL | 57,357 | Queen Creek town, AZ | 26,361 |
| North Richland Hills city, TX | 63,343 | Radnor township, PA | 31,531 |
| Northglenn city, CO | 35,789 | Ramsey city, MN | 23,668 |
| Novato city, CA | 51,904 | Raymond town, ME | 4,436 |
| Novi city, MI | 55,224 | Raymore city, MO | 19,206 |
| O'Fallon city, IL | 28,281 | Redmond city, OR | 26,215 |
| O'Fallon city, MO | 79,329 | Redmond city, WA | 54,144 |
| Oak Park village, IL | 51,878 | Rehoboth Beach city, DE | 1,327 |
| Oakland city, CA | 390,724 | Reno city, NV | 225,221 |
| Oakley city, CA | 35,432 | Reston CDP, VA | 58,404 |
| Ogdensburg city, NY | 11,128 | Richmond city, CA | 103,701 |
| Oklahoma City city, OK | 579,999 | Richmond Heights city, MO | 8,603 |
| Olathe city, KS | 125,872 | Rifle city, CO | 9,172 |
| Old Town city, ME | 7,840 | Rio Rancho city, NM | 87,521 |
| Olmsted County, MN | 144,248 | River Falls city, WI | 15,000 |
| Olympia city, WA | 46,478 | Riverside city, CA | 303,871 |
| Orland Park village, IL | 56,767 | Riverside city, MO | 2,937 |
| Oshkosh city, WI | 66,083 | Roanoke County, VA | 92,376 |
| Oshtemo charter township, MI | 21,705 | Rochester Hills city, MI | 70,995 |
| Otsego County, MI | 24,164 | Rock Hill city, SC | 66,154 |

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| Rockville city, MD..... | 61,209 | Springfield city, MO..... | 159,498 |
| Roeland Park city, KS..... | 6,731 | Springville city, UT..... | 29,466 |
| Rogers city, MN..... | 8,597 | St. Augustine city, FL..... | 12,975 |
| Rohnert Park city, CA..... | 40,971 | St. Charles city, IL..... | 32,974 |
| Rolla city, MO..... | 19,559 | St. Cloud city, FL..... | 35,183 |
| Roselle village, IL..... | 22,763 | St. Cloud city, MN..... | 65,842 |
| Rosemount city, MN..... | 21,874 | St. Joseph city, MO..... | 76,780 |
| Rosenberg city, TX..... | 30,618 | St. Louis County, MN..... | 200,226 |
| Roseville city, MN..... | 33,660 | St. Louis Park city, MN..... | 45,250 |
| Round Rock city, TX..... | 99,887 | Stallings town, NC..... | 13,831 |
| Royal Oak city, MI..... | 57,236 | State College borough, PA..... | 42,034 |
| Saco city, ME..... | 18,482 | Steamboat Springs city, CO..... | 12,088 |
| Sahuarita town, AZ..... | 25,259 | Sterling Heights city, MI..... | 129,699 |
| Salida city, CO..... | 5,236 | Sugar Grove village, IL..... | 8,997 |
| Sammamish city, WA..... | 45,780 | Sugar Land city, TX..... | 78,817 |
| San Anselmo town, CA..... | 12,336 | Suisun City city, CA..... | 28,111 |
| San Antonio city, TX..... | 1,327,407 | Summit city, NJ..... | 21,457 |
| San Carlos city, CA..... | 28,406 | Summit County, UT..... | 36,324 |
| San Diego city, CA..... | 1,307,402 | Summit village, IL..... | 11,054 |
| San Francisco city, CA..... | 805,235 | Sunnyvale city, CA..... | 140,081 |
| San Jose city, CA..... | 945,942 | Surprise city, AZ..... | 117,517 |
| San Juan County, NM..... | 130,044 | Suwanee city, GA..... | 15,355 |
| San Marcos city, CA..... | 83,781 | Tacoma city, WA..... | 198,397 |
| San Marcos city, TX..... | 44,894 | Takoma Park city, MD..... | 16,715 |
| San Rafael city, CA..... | 57,713 | Tamarac city, FL..... | 60,427 |
| Sanford city, FL..... | 53,570 | Temecula city, CA..... | 100,097 |
| Sangamon County, IL..... | 197,465 | Tempe city, AZ..... | 161,719 |
| Santa Clarita city, CA..... | 176,320 | Texarkana city, TX..... | 36,411 |
| Santa Fe County, NM..... | 144,170 | The Woodlands CDP, TX..... | 93,847 |
| Santa Monica city, CA..... | 89,736 | Thornton city, CO..... | 118,772 |
| Sarasota County, FL..... | 379,448 | Thousand Oaks city, CA..... | 126,683 |
| Savage city, MN..... | 26,911 | Tigard city, OR..... | 48,035 |
| Schaumburg village, IL..... | 74,227 | Tracy city, CA..... | 82,922 |
| Scott County, MN..... | 129,928 | Trinidad CCD, CO..... | 12,017 |
| Scottsdale city, AZ..... | 217,385 | Tualatin city, OR..... | 26,054 |
| Seaside city, CA..... | 33,025 | Tulsa city, OK..... | 391,906 |
| Sevierville city, TN..... | 14,807 | Twin Falls city, ID..... | 44,125 |
| Shakopee city, MN..... | 37,076 | Tyler city, TX..... | 96,900 |
| Shawnee city, KS..... | 62,209 | Umatilla city, OR..... | 6,906 |
| Shawnee city, OK..... | 29,857 | University Park city, TX..... | 23,068 |
| Sheboygan city, WI..... | 49,288 | Upper Arlington city, OH..... | 33,771 |
| Sherborn town, MA..... | 4,119 | Urbandale city, IA..... | 39,463 |
| Shoreview city, MN..... | 25,043 | Vail town, CO..... | 5,305 |
| Shorewood city, MN..... | 7,307 | Vancouver city, WA..... | 161,791 |
| Shorewood village, IL..... | 15,615 | Ventura CCD, CA..... | 111,889 |
| Shorewood village, WI..... | 13,162 | Vernon Hills village, IL..... | 25,113 |
| Sierra Vista city, AZ..... | 43,888 | Vestavia Hills city, AL..... | 34,033 |
| Sioux Center city, IA..... | 7,048 | Victoria city, MN..... | 7,345 |
| Sioux Falls city, SD..... | 153,888 | Vienna town, VA..... | 15,687 |
| Skokie village, IL..... | 64,784 | Virginia Beach city, VA..... | 437,994 |
| Snellville city, GA..... | 18,242 | Wake Forest town, NC..... | 30,117 |
| South Lake Tahoe city, CA..... | 21,403 | Walnut Creek city, CA..... | 64,173 |
| Southborough town, MA..... | 9,767 | Washington County, MN..... | 238,136 |
| Southlake city, TX..... | 26,575 | Washington town, NH..... | 1,123 |
| Spokane Valley city, WA..... | 89,755 | Washoe County, NV..... | 421,407 |
| Spring Hill city, KS..... | 5,437 | Washougal city, WA..... | 14,095 |
| Springboro city, OH..... | 17,409 | Watauga city, TX..... | 23,497 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Wauwatosa city, WI..... | 46,396 |
| Waverly city, IA | 9,874 |
| Weddington town, NC | 9,459 |
| Wentzville city, MO | 29,070 |
| West Carrollton city, OH..... | 13,143 |
| West Chester borough, PA..... | 18,461 |
| West Des Moines city, IA | 56,609 |
| Western Springs village, IL | 12,975 |
| Westerville city, OH | 36,120 |
| Westlake town, TX..... | 992 |
| Westminster city, CO..... | 106,114 |
| Weston town, MA | 11,261 |
| Wheat Ridge city, CO | 30,166 |
| White House city, TN..... | 10,255 |
| Wichita city, KS | 382,368 |
| Williamsburg city, VA..... | 14,068 |
| Willowbrook village, IL | 8,540 |
| Wilmington city, NC..... | 106,476 |
| Wilsonville city, OR..... | 19,509 |
| Winchester city, VA | 26,203 |
| Windsor town, CO..... | 18,644 |
| Windsor town, CT | 29,044 |
| Winnetka village, IL..... | 12,187 |
| Winston-Salem city, NC | 229,617 |
| Winter Garden city, FL | 34,568 |
| Woodbury city, MN | 61,961 |
| Woodland city, CA | 55,468 |
| Wrentham town, MA | 10,955 |
| Wyandotte County, KS..... | 157,505 |
| Yakima city, WA..... | 91,067 |
| York County, VA..... | 65,464 |
| Yorktown town, IN | 9,405 |
| Yountville city, CA..... | 2,933 |

Colorado Benchmark Comparisons

Table 188: Community Characteristics Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams County as a place to work | 22 | 37 | Similar |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County | 15 | 25 | Similar |
| Shopping opportunities | 16 | 32 | Similar |
| Employment opportunities | 15 | 33 | Similar |
| Educational opportunities | 8 | 9 | Lower |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | 24 | 33 | Lower |

Table 189: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs). | 15 | 24 | Similar |
| Front Range Airport | NA | NA | NA |

Table 190: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|-------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Public school districts | 18 | 23 | Much lower |

Table 191: Community Characteristics Associated with High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Opportunities to participate in community matters | 17 | 25 | Similar |

Table 192: Overall Quality and Value of Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County? | 31 | 40 | Lower |
| How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid? | 26 | 33 | Similar |

Table 193: Attitudes toward Adams County Government Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking? | 19 | 35 | Similar |

Table 194: Adams County Government Performance Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Welcoming resident involvement | 22 | 32 | Similar |
| Being responsive to residents | 5 | 7 | Lower |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | 9 | 17 | Similar |
| Being honest | 13 | 17 | Similar |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | 5 | 17 | Similar |

Table 195: Contact with Employees Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Have you any in-person, phone or email contact with an Adams County employee, regardless of department or office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff, receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)? | 18 | 29 | Similar |

Table 196: Adams County Employees Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Knowledge | 16 | 18 | Lower |
| Responsiveness | 14 | 15 | Much lower |
| Courtesy | 8 | 8 | Much lower |
| Overall impression | 29 | 38 | Lower |

Table 197: Overall Quality of Life in Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| The overall quality of life in Adams County | 41 | 46 | Much lower |

Table 198: Community Characteristics Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams County as a place to live | 32 | 36 | Lower |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 30 | 32 | Much lower |
| Adams County as a place to raise children | 31 | 35 | Much lower |
| Adams County as a place to retire | 35 | 37 | Much lower |
| Sense of personal safety | 24 | 28 | Much lower |
| Sense of community | 28 | 34 | Lower |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 14 | 28 | Similar |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 24 | 31 | Lower |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County | 11 | 25 | Similar |
| Variety of housing options | 13 | 23 | Similar |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | 23 | 29 | Lower |
| Recreational opportunities | 26 | 32 | Lower |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature | NA | NA | NA |
| Drinking water quality | 6 | 6 | Much lower |

Table 199: Resident Commitment to the Community Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks | 14 | 24 | Similar |
| Remain in Adams County for the next five years | 14 | 24 | Similar |

Table 200: Community Participation in Activities Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park | 21 | 24 | Similar |
| Used Adams County public libraries or their services | 14 | 20 | Similar |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County | 9 | 14 | Similar |
| Attended a County-sponsored event | 12 | 16 | Lower |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County | 18 | 20 | Much lower |
| Participated in a club | 12 | 17 | Lower |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors | 10 | 14 | Similar |
| Done a favor for a neighbor | 9 | 14 | Similar |

Table 201: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Library services | 12 | 25 | Similar |
| Park and recreation services | NA | NA | NA |

Table 202: Community Characteristics Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 22 | 30 | Similar |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | 8 | 9 | Lower |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | 28 | 30 | Much lower |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | 25 | 29 | Much lower |
| Traffic flow on major streets | 22 | 28 | Lower |

Table 203: Community Participation in Activities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving | 9 | 12 | Much lower |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | 9 | 16 | Similar |
| Walked or biked instead of driving | 15 | 17 | Much lower |

Table 204: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Building permits and inspections | 4 | 5 | Similar |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams C | 23 | 28 | Lower |
| Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, | 13 | 25 | Similar |
| Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County | 31 | 39 | Lower |
| Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County | NA | NA | NA |

Table 205: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Water and sanitation services | NA | NA | NA |
| Street and drainage maintenance services | 11 | 39 | Higher |
| RTD bus or rail | NA | NA | NA |

Table 206: Community Characteristics Associated with Supportive Human Services Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Availability of affordable housing | 12 | 27 | Similar |
| Availability of affordable quality child care | 19 | 23 | Lower |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 19 | 24 | Lower |

Table 207: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Supportive Human Services Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, e | NA | NA | NA |
| Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, | 11 | 16 | Similar |
| Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc. | 6 | 8 | Similar |
| Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected | NA | NA | NA |
| Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected | NA | NA | NA |

Table 208: Additional Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | 11 | 33 | Similar |
| Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal) | 21 | 34 | Similar |
| Sheriff response times | 5 | 5 | Much lower |
| Sheriff services overall | 36 | 38 | Much lower |

Table 209: Additional Services Provided by Other Entities Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|----------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fire services overall | 21 | 25 | Similar |
| Ambulance response times | NA | NA | NA |
| Ambulance services overall | 16 | 23 | Similar |
| Courts | 15 | 16 | Lower |

Communities included in Colorado comparisons

The communities included in Adams County’s comparisons are listed on the following pages along with their population according to the 2010 Census.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Adams County, CO | 441,603 | Pitkin County, CO | 17,148 |
| Arapahoe County, CO..... | 572,003 | Pueblo city, CO | 106,595 |
| Arvada city, CO | 106,433 | Rifle city, CO | 9,172 |
| Aspen city, CO | 6,658 | Salida city, CO | 5,236 |
| Aurora city, CO..... | 325,078 | Steamboat Springs city, CO..... | 12,088 |
| Avon town, CO | 6,447 | Thornton city, CO..... | 118,772 |
| Boulder city, CO..... | 97,385 | Trinidad CCD, CO | 12,017 |
| Brighton city, CO..... | 33,352 | Vail town, CO | 5,305 |
| Broomfield city, CO | 55,889 | Westminster city, CO | 106,114 |
| Cañon City city, CO | 16,400 | Wheat Ridge city, CO | 30,166 |
| Castle Pines North city, CO..... | 10,360 | Windsor town, CO | 18,644 |
| Castle Rock town, CO | 48,231 | | |
| Centennial city, CO..... | 100,377 | | |
| Commerce City city, CO..... | 45,913 | | |
| Dacono city, CO | 4,152 | | |
| Denver city, CO..... | 600,158 | | |
| Douglas County, CO | 285,465 | | |
| Eagle town, CO | 6,508 | | |
| Edgewater city, CO | 5,170 | | |
| Englewood city, CO..... | 30,255 | | |
| Erie town, CO | 18,135 | | |
| Estes Park town, CO..... | 5,858 | | |
| Fort Collins city, CO | 143,986 | | |
| Fruita city, CO | 12,646 | | |
| Golden city, CO..... | 18,867 | | |
| Greenwood Village city, CO..... | 13,925 | | |
| Gunnison County, CO..... | 15,324 | | |
| Highlands Ranch CDP, CO | 96,713 | | |
| Hudson town, CO | 2,356 | | |
| Jefferson County, CO | 534,543 | | |
| Lafayette city, CO | 24,453 | | |
| Lakewood city, CO..... | 142,980 | | |
| Larimer County, CO..... | 299,630 | | |
| Littleton city, CO | 41,737 | | |
| Lone Tree city, CO | 10,218 | | |
| Longmont city, CO..... | 86,270 | | |
| Louisville city, CO | 18,376 | | |
| Mesa County, CO..... | 146,723 | | |
| Monument town, CO | 5,530 | | |
| Mountain Village town, CO | 1,320 | | |
| Northglenn city, CO | 35,789 | | |
| Parker town, CO | 45,297 | | |

DRCOG Benchmark Comparisons

Table 210: Community Characteristics Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams County as a place to work | 5 | 5 | Much lower |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County | NA | NA | NA |
| Shopping opportunities | 5 | 5 | Lower |
| Employment opportunities | 5 | 5 | Lower |
| Educational opportunities | NA | NA | NA |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | NA | NA | NA |

Table 211: Overall Quality and Value of Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County? | 4 | 5 | Lower |
| How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid? | NA | NA | NA |

Table 212: Attitudes toward Adams County Government Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking? | 3 | 5 | Similar |

Table 213: Adams County Government Performance Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Welcoming resident involvement | 2 | 5 | Similar |
| Being responsive to residents | NA | NA | NA |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | NA | NA | NA |
| Being honest | NA | NA | NA |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | NA | NA | NA |

Table 214: Adams County Employees Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Knowledge | NA | NA | NA |
| Responsiveness | NA | NA | NA |
| Courtesy | NA | NA | NA |
| Overall impression | 4 | 5 | Lower |

Table 215: Community Characteristics Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams County as a place to live | 5 | 5 | Much lower |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 5 | 5 | Much lower |
| Adams County as a place to raise children | 5 | 5 | Much lower |
| Adams County as a place to retire | 5 | 5 | Much lower |
| Sense of personal safety | NA | NA | NA |
| Sense of community | NA | NA | NA |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 3 | 5 | Similar |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 5 | 5 | Much lower |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County | NA | NA | NA |
| Variety of housing options | NA | NA | NA |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | NA | NA | NA |
| Recreational opportunities | NA | NA | NA |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature | NA | NA | NA |
| Drinking water quality | NA | NA | NA |

Table 216: Community Characteristics Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 4 | 5 | Similar |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | NA | NA | NA |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | NA | NA | NA |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | NA | NA | NA |
| Traffic flow on major streets | NA | NA | NA |

Table 217: Additional Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | NA | NA | NA |
| Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal) | NA | NA | NA |
| Sheriff response times | NA | NA | NA |
| Sheriff services overall | 5 | 5 | Much lower |

Communities included in DRCOG comparisons

The communities included in Adams County’s DRCOG comparisons are listed below along with their population according to the 2010 Census.

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Adams County, CO | 441,603 |
| Arapahoe County, CO..... | 572,003 |
| Broomfield city, CO | 55,889 |
| Denver city, CO..... | 600,158 |
| Jefferson County, CO | 534,543 |

Adams County Municipalities Benchmark Comparisons

Table 218: Community Characteristics Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams County as a place to work | 5 | 8 | Similar |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County | 4 | 5 | Similar |
| Shopping opportunities | 4 | 7 | Similar |
| Employment opportunities | 5 | 9 | Similar |
| Educational opportunities | NA | NA | NA |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | 4 | 7 | Similar |

Table 219: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs). | 5 | 7 | Similar |
| Front Range Airport | NA | NA | NA |

Table 220: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|-------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Public school districts | 4 | 7 | Similar |

Table 221: Community Characteristics Associated with High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Opportunities to participate in community matters | 3 | 6 | Similar |

Table 222: Overall Quality and Value of Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County? | 6 | 7 | Similar |
| How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid? | 7 | 8 | Similar |

Table 223: Attitudes toward Adams County Government Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking? | 5 | 8 | Lower |

Table 224: Adams County Government Performance Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Welcoming resident involvement | 5 | 7 | Similar |
| Being responsive to residents | NA | NA | NA |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | NA | NA | NA |
| Being honest | NA | NA | NA |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | NA | NA | NA |

Table 225: Contact with Employees Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an Adams County employee, regardless of department or office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff, receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)? | 5 | 7 | Similar |

Table 226: Adams County Employees Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Knowledge | 5 | 6 | Lower |
| Responsiveness | NA | NA | NA |
| Courtesy | NA | NA | NA |
| Overall impression | 5 | 9 | Similar |

Table 227: Overall Quality of Life in Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| The overall quality of life in Adams County | 8 | 9 | Similar |

Table 228: Community Characteristics Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams County as a place to live | 8 | 8 | Lower |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 6 | 6 | Similar |
| Adams County as a place to raise children | 7 | 8 | Similar |
| Adams County as a place to retire | 8 | 8 | Lower |
| Sense of personal safety | 4 | 6 | Similar |
| Sense of community | 7 | 8 | Similar |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 3 | 6 | Similar |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 3 | 5 | Similar |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County | 3 | 5 | Similar |
| Variety of housing options | 3 | 5 | Similar |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | 6 | 6 | Lower |
| Recreational opportunities | 5 | 8 | Similar |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature | NA | NA | NA |
| Drinking water quality | NA | NA | NA |

Table 229: Resident Commitment to the Community Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks | 2 | 6 | Similar |
| Remain in Adams County for the next five years | 3 | 6 | Similar |

Table 230: Community Participation in Activities Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park | 4 | 5 | Similar |
| Used Adams County public libraries or their services | 4 | 5 | Similar |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County | NA | NA | NA |
| Attended a County-sponsored event | NA | NA | NA |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County | NA | NA | NA |
| Participated in a club | NA | NA | NA |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors | NA | NA | NA |
| Done a favor for a neighbor | NA | NA | NA |

Table 231: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Library services | 2 | 7 | Similar |
| Park and recreation services | NA | NA | NA |

Table 232: Community Characteristics Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 5 | 7 | Similar |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | NA | NA | NA |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | 6 | 6 | Lower |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | 5 | 6 | Lower |
| Traffic flow on major streets | 5 | 6 | Similar |

Table 233: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Building permits and inspections | NA | NA | NA |
| Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams C | 5 | 6 | Similar |
| Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, | 2 | 6 | Similar |
| Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County | 5 | 8 | Similar |
| Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County | NA | NA | NA |

Table 234: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Water and sanitation services | NA | NA | NA |
| Street and drainage maintenance services | 1 | 8 | Higher |
| RTD bus or rail | NA | NA | NA |

Table 235: Community Characteristics Associated with Supportive Human Services Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Availability of affordable housing | 4 | 6 | Similar |
| Availability of affordable quality child care | 5 | 5 | Lower |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 6 | 6 | Lower |

Table 236: Additional Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | 2 | 7 | Similar |
| Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal) | 3 | 8 | Similar |
| Sheriff response times | NA | NA | NA |
| Sheriff services overall | 6 | 6 | Much lower |

Table 237: Additional Services Provided by Other Entities Benchmarks

| | Rank | Number of communities in comparison | Comparison to benchmark |
|----------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fire services overall | 4 | 6 | Similar |
| Ambulance response times | NA | NA | NA |
| Ambulance services overall | 2 | 6 | Similar |
| Courts | 5 | 5 | Lower |

Communities included in Adams County municipalities comparisons

The communities included in Adams County’s municipalities comparisons are listed below along with their population according to the 2010 Census.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Adams County, CO | 441,603 |
| Arvada city, CO | 106,433 |
| Aurora city, CO..... | 325,078 |
| Brighton city, CO..... | 33,352 |
| Commerce City city, CO..... | 45,913 |
| Denver city, CO..... | 600,158 |
| Northglenn city, CO | 35,789 |
| Thornton city, CO..... | 118,772 |
| Westminster city, CO..... | 106,114 |

Appendix F: Survey Methodology

Developing the Questionnaire

The purpose of the Adams County Quality of Life survey was to continue a trend line of residents' levels of satisfaction with services provided by the County, to give residents an opportunity to provide input to the County on areas of strength and opportunities for improvement, and to communicate priorities for planning purposes and resource allocation. The County anticipates using the results of the survey in a variety of ways including performance based budgeting, the County Report Card project for performance management, the formulation of department goals, the County Comprehensive Plan and other County plans, initiatives and programs.

The questionnaire used for the 2016 Adams County Quality of Life Survey was developed through an iterative process with members of the Board of County Commissioners, other elected officials, appointed officials and department directors, in conjunction with NRC staff, using the 2014 survey as the starting point. Through an iterative process, the final six-page questionnaire was approved at a Board of County Commissioners study session. A copy of the questionnaire can be found in *Appendix G: Survey Materials*.

Selecting Survey Recipients

“Sampling” refers to the method by which survey recipients are chosen. The “sample” refers to all those who were given a chance to participate in the survey. Ideally, the chosen survey recipients should be representative of all eligible survey recipients. Randomly selecting survey recipients ensures that this will occur. Selecting survey recipients in this way is part of what makes this type of survey process a scientific one.

Six thousand households in Adams County were randomly selected to receive the survey. About 80% of the county's population lives within the boundaries of incorporated towns or cities from which they also receive local government services, while only 20% resides in the unincorporated part of the county. In order to ensure that a sufficient number of responses came from each of these areas of the county, the 6,000 households were divided among the incorporated and unincorporated portions (3,000 households in incorporated areas and 3,000 in unincorporated areas).

A list of addresses based on the United States Postal Service delivery sequence file was used for this selection. The addresses were geocoded (mapped to a specific latitude and longitude) and compared to the Adams County boundaries. Addresses identified as being outside Adams County were excluded. Those within the county were identified as being within the boundaries of an incorporated municipality or within the unincorporated area of the county. Selected households were identified as being in unincorporated versus incorporated areas of the county as well as whether the household was north/east of 470 or south/west of 470 so that results could be broken down by geographic area of residence.

Systematic sampling is a procedure whereby a complete list of all possible addresses is culled, selecting every Nth one until the appropriate number of households is selected. This procedure was used to select the 3,000 households from within the incorporated area and the 3,000 households from within the unincorporated area.

An individual within each household was selected using the birthday method. (The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the “person whose birthday has most recently passed” to complete the

questionnaire. The underlying assumption in this method is that day of birth has no relationship to the way people respond to surveys.)

Administering the Survey

The database of selected household addresses was processed for certification and verification, using use CASS™/NCOA software that relies on the USPS National Directory information to verify and standardize the address elements and assign each a complete, nine-digit zip code where possible.

Each of these survey recipients were contacted by mail a total of three times in November/December 2016. The first mailing was a pre-notification postcard announcing the upcoming survey. About a week after the pre-notification postcard was sent the first wave of the survey was sent. This packet included the questionnaire with a cover letter signed by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of all the elected officials, appointed officials, and department directors of Adams County. Included in the packet was a postage-paid return envelope. A week later a second survey was mailed, with instructions to recycle the survey if they had already responded to the first survey. A copy of the survey materials can be found in *Appendix G: Survey Materials*.

The cover letter included a paragraph translated into Spanish explaining the purpose of the packet, and encouraging recipients to find a friend or family member that speaks Spanish to help them complete the survey, to complete the survey online, or to call the County to be mailed a hard copy of the questionnaire in Spanish. The English portion of the cover letter also included a URL where recipients could go to complete the survey online instead of the completing the hard copy survey, if they so desired.

Of the 6,000 addresses selected to receive the survey, 204 were identified by the post office as vacant. A total of 855 completed surveys were returned, for a response rate of 15%. Of these 855 surveys, 87 were completed online and the remainder were mailed hard copies. One survey was completed online in Spanish. Of the 855 completed surveys, 464 were from the unincorporated portion of the county (representing about a 16% response rate) and 382 from the incorporated portion (representing about a 13% response rate); the area was unknown for 9 completed surveys.

Table 238: Survey Response Rates by Area

| | Number mailed | Undeliverable | Eligible | Returned | Response rate |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Incorporated | 3,000 | 120 | 2,880 | 382 | 13% |
| Unincorporated | 3,000 | 84 | 2,916 | 464 | 16% |
| Unknown | -- | -- | -- | 9 | |
| Overall | 6,000 | 204 | 5,796 | 855 | 15% |

Confidence Intervals

The 95% confidence interval (or “margin of error”) quantifies the “sampling error” or precision of the estimates made from the survey results. A 95% confidence interval can be calculated for any sample size, and indicates that in 95 of 100 surveys conducted like this one, for a particular item, a result would be found that is within a certain range if everyone in the population of interest was surveyed. The practical difficulties of conducting any resident survey may introduce other sources of error in addition to sampling error. Despite the best efforts to boost participation and ensure potential inclusion of all households, some selected households will decline participation in the survey (referred to as non-response error) and some eligible households may be unintentionally excluded from the listed sources for the sample (referred to as coverage error). Coverage error is very low for this survey, as the USPS delivery sequence file is used to select addresses, which has nearly complete coverage of all households.

For this survey, with 855 responses, the 95% confidence interval is about plus or minus three percentage points ($\pm 3.6\%$). The precision is less when looking only at responses from within subgroups. For the 464 responses from the unincorporated portion of the county, the 95% confidence interval is $\pm 4.6\%$, and for the 382 response from the incorporated portion, the 95% confidence interval is $\pm 5.0\%$.

Survey Processing (Data Entry)

Mailed surveys were returned to NRC directly via postage-paid business reply envelopes. Once received, staff assigned a unique identification number to each questionnaire. Additionally, each survey was reviewed and “cleaned” as necessary. For example, a question may have asked a respondent to pick two items out of a list of five, but the respondent checked three; NRC’s staff would choose randomly two of the three selected items to be coded in the dataset.

Once all surveys were assigned a unique identification number, they were entered into an electronic dataset. This dataset was subject to a data entry protocol of “key and verify,” in which survey data were entered twice into an electronic dataset and then compared. Discrepancies were evaluated against the original survey form and corrected. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed.

NRC used Qualtrics, a web-based survey and analytics platform, to collect the online survey data. Use of an online system means all collected data are entered into the dataset when the respondents submit the surveys. Skip patterns are programmed into system so respondents are automatically “skipped” to the appropriate question based on the individual responses being given. Online programming also allows for more rigid control of the data format, making extensive data cleaning unnecessary.

A series of quality control checks were also performed in order to ensure the integrity of the web data. Steps may include and not be limited to reviewing the data for clusters of repeat IP addresses and time stamps (indicating duplicate responses) and removing empty submissions (questionnaires submitted with no questions answered).

Analyzing the Results

One of the first steps in the data analysis was to statistically adjust the survey results so that the demographic profile of the respondents mirrors that of the population as a whole. This process is known as “weighting” the data. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey sample reflective of the larger population of the community. This is done by: 1) reviewing the sample demographics and comparing them to the population norms from the most recent sources and 2) comparing the responses to different questions for demographic subgroups. The demographic characteristics that are least similar to the known demographic profile and yield the most different results are the best candidates for data weighting.

The socioeconomic profile of survey respondents was compared to estimates provided by the 2010 U.S. Census for adults in each of the two geographic areas (the incorporated and unincorporated portions of the county). The variables used for weighting were respondent age, gender, race/ethnicity and housing tenure (rent versus own) within the two areas of the county. This decision was based on the disparity between the survey respondent characteristics and the population norms for these variables and the saliency of these variables in differences of opinion among subgroups. A final weight was applied for the overall results so that the two portions of the county were represented in their correct proportions.

The results of the weighting scheme are presented in the following table.

Table 239: 2016 Adams County Weighting Table

| | 2010 Census Norms | | | Unweighted | | | Weighted | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------|----------------|--------------|---------|----------------|--------------|---------|
| | Unincorporated | Incorporated | Overall | Unincorporated | Incorporated | Overall | Unincorporated | Incorporated | Overall |
| Rent | 29% | 36% | 34% | 9% | 22% | 17% | 22% | 33% | 31% |
| Own | 71% | 64% | 66% | 91% | 78% | 83% | 78% | 67% | 69% |
| White | 76% | 76% | 76% | 84% | 80% | 81% | 80% | 76% | 77% |
| Not white | 24% | 24% | 24% | 16% | 20% | 19% | 20% | 24% | 23% |
| Hispanic | 40% | 31% | 33% | 21% | 16% | 18% | 36% | 32% | 33% |
| Not Hispanic | 60% | 69% | 67% | 79% | 84% | 82% | 64% | 68% | 67% |
| Male | 51% | 50% | 50% | 41% | 40% | 40% | 47% | 48% | 48% |
| Female | 49% | 50% | 50% | 59% | 60% | 60% | 53% | 52% | 52% |
| Age 18 to 34 | 33% | 37% | 36% | 12% | 11% | 12% | 28% | 33% | 32% |
| Age 35 to 54 | 40% | 39% | 39% | 24% | 30% | 28% | 39% | 41% | 41% |
| Age 55 and over | 28% | 24% | 25% | 64% | 59% | 60% | 32% | 26% | 28% |
| Male Age 18 to 34 | 17% | 19% | 18% | 3% | 4% | 4% | 12% | 16% | 15% |
| Male Age 35 to 54 | 20% | 20% | 20% | 11% | 11% | 11% | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| Male Age 55 and over | 13% | 11% | 12% | 26% | 25% | 26% | 15% | 12% | 13% |
| Female Age 18 to 34 | 16% | 18% | 18% | 9% | 7% | 8% | 16% | 17% | 17% |
| Female Age 35 to 54 | 19% | 19% | 19% | 13% | 19% | 17% | 20% | 21% | 20% |
| Female Age 55 and over | 14% | 13% | 13% | 37% | 33% | 35% | 17% | 14% | 15% |
| Unincorporated | -- | -- | 20% | -- | -- | 37% | -- | -- | 20% |
| Incorporated | -- | -- | 80% | -- | -- | 63% | -- | -- | 80% |

The electronic dataset was analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). For the most part, frequency distributions and average (mean) ratings are presented in the body of the report. A complete set of frequencies for each survey question is presented in *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions*.

Also included are results by selected respondent characteristics, found in *Appendix D: Selected Survey Results by Respondent Characteristics*. Chi-square or ANOVA tests of significance were applied to these breakdowns of selected survey questions. A “p-value” of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between groups are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed in the selected categories of the sample represent “real” differences among those populations. Where differences between subgroups are statistically significant, they are marked with grey shading.

Appendix G: Survey Materials

A copy of the survey materials appear on the following pages.

Dear Adams County Resident,

Your household has been selected at random to participate in the Adams County Quality of Life Survey. You will receive a copy of the survey in the mail next week with instructions for completing and returning it. Thank you in advance for helping us with this important study!

We are conducting the Adams County Quality of Life Survey as part of our efforts to strengthen your county government and enhance our community's quality of life. Your opinions are crucial to this effort.

Sincerely,



Steve O'Dorisio, *Board of County Commissioners, Chairman on behalf of all the elected officials, appointed officials, and department directors of Adams County*

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Dear Adams County Resident:

We want to hear from you! We are conducting an Adams County Quality of Life Survey as part of our efforts to strengthen your county government and enhance our community's quality of life. Your opinions are crucial to this effort.

Your household was randomly selected to receive this survey. We ask that the adult (anyone 18 years or older) in your household who most recently had a birthday complete this survey. The year of birth of the adult does not matter.

Please have the appropriate member of your household spend a few minutes answering all the questions and return the survey in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope to National Research Center, Inc.—the independent organization conducting this survey. Your answers are completely confidential and will be reported in group form only.

If you would prefer, you can complete the survey online at (please type the address exactly as it appears here): www.n-r-c.com/survey/2016adamscounty.htm

If you choose to complete the survey online, you will have to enter an access code. This code is printed at the top of this letter.

Thank you very much for taking a little time to share your thoughts and opinions. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Heather Younger, at 720.523.6194 or hyounger@adcogov.org. The survey results will be posted on the Adams County website at www.adcogov.org.

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¡Queremos oír de usted! Su hogar ha sido seleccionado aleatoriamente para participar en la encuesta sobre la calidad de vida en el Condado de Adams. Si usted no puede terminar el examen incluido en inglés, por favor obtenga ayuda de una amistad, o de algún miembro de su familia. Después de llenar la encuesta, por favor devuélvala en el sobre que está incluido. Usted también puede tomar el examen por Internet en español. Vaya a:

www.n-r-c.com/survey/2016adamscounty.htm

Para la versión en español haga clic en "Español" en la esquina superior a mano derecha. Si decide llenar la encuesta por internet, tendrá que usar un código de acceso. Este código está escrito en la parte superior de esta carta. También puede llamar al: 720.523.6991 y pedir que le sea enviado un examen en español. ¡Gracias!



Dear Adams County Resident:

About a week ago we invited you to share your opinions about the quality of life in Adams County. If you have already completed the survey and returned it, we thank you and ask you to disregard this letter. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey, we ask you to take a few moments to do so now; another copy is enclosed for your convenience.

As a refresher, we are conducting an Adams County Quality of Life Survey because the opinions of our citizens are crucial in helping us strengthen our county government and enhance our community's quality of life. Your point of view is very important to us.

Your household was randomly selected to receive this survey. We ask that the adult (anyone 18 years or older) in your household who most recently had a birthday complete this survey. The year of birth of the adult does not matter.

Please have the appropriate member of the household spend a few minutes to answer all the questions and return the survey in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope to National Research Center, Inc., the independent organization conducting this survey. Your answers are completely confidential and will be reported in group form only.

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¡Gracias!

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Estimado Residente del Condado de Adams:

¡Queremos oír de usted! Estamos llevando a cabo una Encuesta Sobre la Calidad de Vica del Condado de Adams como parte de nuestros esfuerzos para fortalecer su gobierno del condado y mejorar la calidad de vida de nuestra comunidad. Sus opiniones son cruciales para este esfuerzo.

Su hogar fue seleccionado al azar para recibir esta encuesta. Solicitamos que el adulto (cualquiera de 18 años o más) en su hogar que haya celebrado su cumpleaños más recientemente sea el que completa esta encuesta. El año de nacimiento del adulto no importa.

Por favor haga que el miembro apropiado de su hogar tome unos minutos para contestar todas las preguntas y devolver la encuesta en el sobre pre-pagado adjunto al National Research Center, Inc. (Centro Nacional de Investigación, S.A.)—la organización independiente que está llevando a cabo esta encuesta. Si usted no puede terminar el examen incluido en inglés, por favor obtenga ayuda de una amistad, o de algún miembro de su familia. Después de llenar la encuesta, por favor devuélvala en el sobre que está incluido. Sus respuestas son completamente confidenciales y serán reportadas únicamente en forma de grupo.

Usted también puede tomar el examen por Internet en español. Vaya a (por favor escriba a máquina la dirección exactamente como aparece aquí):

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Para la versión en español haga clic en “Español” en la esquina superior a mano derecha. Si escoge realizar la encuesta en línea, tendrá que incluir un código de acceso. Este código viene impreso en la parte superior de esta carta.

También puede llamar al: 720.523.6991 y pedir que le sea enviado un examen en español.

Muchas gracias por tomar un poco de tiempo para compartir sus pensamientos y opiniones. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre esta encuesta, por favor póngase en contacto con Rebecca Zamora, al número 720.523.6991 o a la dirección de correo electrónico: hyounger@adcogov.org. Los resultados de la encuesta se publicarán en el sitio de red del Condado de Adams: **www.adcogov.org**.

Atentamente,

Steve O'Dorisio, Presidente de la Junta de Comisarios del Condado en nombre de todos los oficiales elegidos, oficiales designados, y directores de departamento del Condado de Adams

Adams County 2016 Quality of Life Survey

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Adams County:

| | <u>Excellent</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>Fair</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Adams County as a place to live..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Adams County as a place to raise children..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Adams County as a place to work | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Adams County as a place to retire..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Availability of affordable housing | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The overall quality of life in Adams County..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

2. What do you like best about living in Adams County?

3. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole:

| | <u>Excellent</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>Fair</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Sense of personal safety | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Sense of community..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Overall appearance of Adams County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Variety of housing options..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Shopping opportunities..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Opportunities to attend cultural activities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Recreational opportunities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Employment opportunities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Educational opportunities..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Opportunities to participate in community matters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Ease of car travel in Adams County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Ease of travel by bus in Adams County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Ease of walking in Adams County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Traffic flow on major streets..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Availability of affordable quality child care | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Availability of recycling services | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Drinking water quality..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Overall image or reputation of Adams County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

4. How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)?

- Very prepared
 Somewhat prepared
 A little bit prepared
 Not at all prepared

5. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:

| | <u>Very likely</u> | <u>Somewhat likely</u> | <u>Somewhat unlikely</u> | <u>Very unlikely</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Remain in Adams County for the next five years..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

6. To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams County?

| | Not a problem | Minor problem | Moderate problem | Major problem | Don't know |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Graffiti | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Environmental hazards, including toxic waste | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Child abuse and neglect..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

7. In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County?

| | 2 times a week or more | 2-4 times a month | Once a month or less | Not at all |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Used Adams County public libraries or their services | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Attended a County-sponsored event..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Walked or biked instead of driving | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Participated in a club | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Done a favor for a neighbor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

8. RTD's upcoming FasTracks Commuter Rail project includes several stations located throughout Adams County. In a typical month, how often, if at all, do you think you will use these new transit facilities?

- Never
 Less than once a month
 Once or twice a month
 About once a week
 Multiple times a week
 Daily
 Don't know

9. How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses?

- Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Don't know
 It is not the job of Adams County to retain and attract businesses

10. To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation?

- Strongly support
 Somewhat support
 Somewhat oppose
 Strongly oppose
 Don't know

11. Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by *other* agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County.

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know or Not applicable |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|---------------------------------|
| Public school districts..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Fire response times..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Fire services overall..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Ambulance response times..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Ambulance services overall..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Water and sanitation services | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Street and drainage maintenance services | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Library services | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Park and recreation services | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| RTD bus or rail | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Courts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

12. Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:

| | <u>Excellent</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>Fair</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Don't know or Not applicable</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Adams County open space, parks and trails system | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. Animal Shelter / Adoption Center | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. Building permits and inspections..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. Collection of property taxes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. Community development (build the capacity of citizen groups and community organizations so they may enhance the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. County Fair/fairgrounds..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. County jail..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| h. District Attorney services..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| i. Development standards and regulations (sets standards and regulations for the unincorporated areas of the county to guide development to protect and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the county) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| j. Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| k. Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| l. Elections and voter registrations..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| m. Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| n. Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| o. Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| p. Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| q. Front Range Airport..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| r. Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| s. Long range planning (administers and updates the Comprehensive Long Range Plan, coordinates with both local and regional stakeholders in planning for the current and future needs of the county) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| t. Motor vehicle registration | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| u. Online (internet) property lookup..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| v. Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| w. Public records and documents searches | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| x. Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| y. Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| z. Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected .. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| aa. Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected.. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| bb. Sheriff response times..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| cc. Sheriff services overall | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| dd. Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| ee. Stormwater utility..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| ff. Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

13. Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.)

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

14. Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.)

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

15. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know

16. How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know

17. How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing?

- Very well informed Informed Somewhat informed Hardly informed at all Don't know

18. How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right?

- Always Most of the time Only some of the time Almost never Never Don't know

19. Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know

20. Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in each of the following areas:

| | <u>Excellent</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>Fair</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Welcoming resident involvement..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Being responsive to residents | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Informing residents about issues facing the community | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Accessibility of elected officials | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Being open and transparent to the public | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Being honest | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Treating residents with fairness and respect | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

21. Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an Adams County employee, regardless of department or office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff, receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)?

- No → Go to Question 23 Yes → Go to Question 22

22. What was your impression of the Adams County employee in your most recent contact?

(Rate each characteristic below.)

| | <u>Excellent</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>Fair</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Knowledge..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Responsiveness..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Respectfulness..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Courtesy..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Overall impression..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

22a. Please tell us more about your most recent contact with the Adams County employee:

23. Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas.

| | Far <u>too little</u> | Somewhat <u>too little</u> | About the <u>right amount</u> | Somewhat <u>too much</u> | Far <u>too much</u> | Don't <u>know</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities, such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Playgrounds | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Recreation centers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Youth recreation programs..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Adult recreation programs..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

24. Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each.

| | More <u>effort</u> | Same <u>effort</u> | Less <u>effort</u> | Don't <u>know</u> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Neighborhood Services <u>Code Enforcement</u> (includes enforcement of zoning and property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Neighborhood Services <u>Animal Management</u> (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Transportation Infrastructure <u>Maintenance</u> (includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems; snow removal, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Transportation Infrastructure <u>Construction</u> (includes construction of new roads, widening of existing roads, sidewalk construction, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Public Health Services (includes immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, birth and death certificates, health information, Environmental Health services, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Aging & Adult Services (includes community transit services for Senior and low income residents, Meals on Wheels, long term care & adult protection)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

25. Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the County to do each of the following:

| | <u>Essential</u> | Very <u>important</u> | Somewhat <u>important</u> | Not at all <u>important</u> |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e. households are not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Support the creation of new housing that is affordable to all income levels (i.e. household pays no more than 30%of income for rent or a mortgage).. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

26. Thinking of how you currently get information about events or issues, how likely would you be to obtain information about Adams County like public hearings, community meetings, upcoming programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats?

| | Very likely | Likely | A little bit likely | Not at all likely | Don't know |
|--|-------------|--------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Adams County Annual Budget..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Adams County Annual Report..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Adams County Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county_co)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Adams County website (www.adcogov.org)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Emails from Adams County..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Text messages..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county government building, the fairgrounds, etc.)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newspapers, online versions of any of these)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Mailings to your home address..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Community newsletters with information about Adams County..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

27. Do you have any additional comments you would like to make about quality of life in Adams County, or the way the county government operates or delivers services? (If you need more space, you can enclose your comments on separate paper, write on the back page of the questionnaire, or go to www.n-r-c.com/survey/AdCoComments.htm)

Our last questions are about you and your household. Again, all of your responses to this survey are completely confidential and will be reported in group form only.

- D1. How many years have you lived in Adams County? _____ years**
- D2. Which best describes where you currently live?**
 An urban area A small town
 A suburban area A rural area
- D3. Do you rent or own your home?**
 Rent Own
- D4. Do any children age 17 or younger live in your household?**
 Yes No
- D5. Do you own a business in Adams County?**
 Yes No
- D6. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for 2016? (Please include total income from all sources and all persons living in your household.)**
 Less than \$24,999 \$100,000 to \$149,999
 \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$150,000 or more
 \$50,000 to \$99,999

- D7. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?**
 Yes No
- D8. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)**
 American Indian or Alaskan native
 Asian or Pacific Islander
 Black, African American
 White/Caucasian
 Other
- D9. How much education have you completed?**
 0-11 years
 High school graduate
 Some college, no degree
 Associate degree
 Bachelor degree
 Graduate or professional degree
- D10. What is your gender?**
 Male Female
- D11. In which category is your age?**
 18-24 years 55-64 years
 25-34 years 65-74 years
 35-44 years 75 years or older
 45-54 years

Thank you very much for completing this survey. Your opinions and feedback are appreciated. Please return this survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to: National Research Center, Inc.; PO Box 549, Belle Mead, NJ 08502



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