

ADAMS COUNTY

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Quality of Life Survey Report of Results
2019



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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 January 2019. 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 669 completed surveys were returned, for a response rate of 11%. The 95 percent confidence interval for this survey is generally no greater than plus or minus four 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 appreciate County efforts to encourage a strong economy.

- Around two-thirds of respondents approved of Adams County as a place to work and to the shopping opportunities in the county, and about half were pleased with the overall quality of businesses and service establishments, Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business and employment opportunities. Moreover, a number of economic performance measures were assessed at higher levels in 2019, often exceeding all previous findings. Further, reviews for employment opportunities in the community surpassed averages elsewhere.
- Scores for additional economic health measures tended to be favorable. A majority of survey
 respondents expressed admiration for the Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly the Front
 Range Airport) and employment assistance programs that Adams County offers through the
 Workforce and Business Center.
- More than 4 in 10 residents approved of the way Adams County is retaining existing businesses and attracting new ones, which is a step up from prior years.
- About 7 in 10 respondents supported using tax dollars to be used in attracting businesses to help boost job opportunities. This level was lower than 2016 levels, but similar to levels of support in 2014.

Public education could be an area of opportunity in Adams County.

- Around 4 in 10 residents gave excellent or good ratings to educational opportunities in Adams County, which lagged behind Colorado and national averages.
- Residents' scores for the public school district (51% excellent or good) tended to be lower or much lower when compared across the nation and Colorado.

High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government

Residents feel the County is headed in the right direction.

- Close to 6 in 10 respondents trust the government to do what is right at least most of the time and endorsed the overall direction that the County is taking. These assessments were on par with those seen in 2016 and to all three sets of peer comparisons.
- In 2019, about half of survey participants applauded the opportunities to participate in community matters, which was stable over time and similar to the national, Colorado and Adams County municipalities comparisons.
- Evaluating the County leadership's relationship with their constituents, at least half of residents noted that the county does an excellent or good job treating residents with fairness and respect, generally acting in the best interest of the community, being honest and being responsive; all scores for these measures beat those provided in 2016 and beyond.
- A majority of residents (56%) indicated they had contacted a County employee in the 12 months prior to the survey. Of the respondents, at least 8 in 10 were positive about most aspects of the interaction, including the employee's knowledge, courtesy, responsiveness and respectfulness. All aspects of City employee performance surpassed ratings in past survey iterations.

Quality of Life

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

- Around 8 in 10 survey participants lauded both the county and their neighborhoods as places to live and about 7 in 10 approved of the community as a place to raise children, the open and accepting nature of the county and their sense of personal safety.
- Several increases were noted in 2019 for community livability aspects, including Adams County as a place to live, as a place to raise children, sense of community, variety of housing options and neighborhoods as a place to live.
- Residents are loyal to the county, with about 8 in 10 stating they were very or somewhat likely to remain in Adams County and recommend living there to someone who might ask.
- When asked to choose their favorite thing about living in Adams County, 29% of respondents to this question were delighted with the location and easy access to desirable amenities (e.g., the mountains, shopping); and 12% regarded the open space, parks and trails in the County as an asset.

Parks and recreation offerings are a highlight of Adams County.

- Residents continue to provide positive reviews for Adams County open space, parks and trails system (76%), and slightly fewer boasted about the County Fair or fairgrounds (73%), which continues to improve over time.
- Close to 6 in 10 survey participants appreciated the recreational opportunities, opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation and overall appearance of Adams County.
- Around 4 in 10 respondents had visited a local park at least once in the last 12 months. Adams County residents' rates of park visitation were commensurate with peer averages.
- Survey participants also had high praise for services that are not directly provided by County government, with three-quarters assigning excellent or good assessments to park and recreation and library services.
- A majority of residents felt that the county had the right amount of nearly all park and recreation facility types, including parks (both neighborhood and community), developed spaces for field sports, playgrounds, recreation centers, adult and youth recreation programs and fitness programs.
- When asked to consider broad areas of service delivery, 34% of respondents felt the County should put more effort toward parks and open space amenities and 63% felt Adams County should put forth the same amount of effort in the future.
- About 8 in 10 respondents supported extending the existing sales tax for funding open space preservation and related projects.
- Open space, parks and trails (52%) was the most commonly identified service essential to the way of life in the county and this proportion increased in 2019.

Safe and Reliable Infrastructure

Transportation improvements continue to be a focus, but residents are generally pleased with the infrastructure in place.

- Roadway maintenance (44%) was the second most commonly identified service essential to the way of life in the county.
- About half of residents enjoyed their ability to travel with ease via walking (a rating that increased since 2016) and felt positively about the availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails, and 4 in 10 positively reviewed the ease of car travel in the county. Additionally, about one-third gave excellent or good marks to traffic flow, which was similar to 2016, but has steadily been decreasing since 2012.
- About half of community members commended snow and ice removal and this was a substantial increase in 2019.
- Around 7 in 10 residents were pleased with water and sanitation and nearly 6 in 10 felt the same about street and drainage maintenance and the RTD bus or rail.
- The government service areas from which residents encouraged more County effort were transportation infrastructure maintenance (53%) and construction (51%).
- Around 8 in 10 respondents favored continuing the current tax for building and maintaining roads and building bridges and 67% of residents would like to keep the sales tax designed to provide capital for building and maintaining Adams County facilities.

Community Enrichment

Affordability is an asset of the community that residents would like to maintain.

- About 1 in 10 respondents stated that the lower cost of living, affordability and lower housing
 costs were the best thing about living in Adams County, which was the third most frequently
 cited item.
- A majority of residents expressed satisfaction with the value of services that were provided given the taxes they paid, which has remained stable over time and was comparable to benchmark averages.
- Close to half of community members awarded high marks to the availability of affordable quality health care, while 30% gave positive assessments to the availability of affordable quality housing. However, only 2 in 10 of participants felt there was excellent or good access to affordable child care in Adams County, which has steadily declined since 2012.
- Fifty-one percent of respondents gave excellent or good marks to the variety of housing options, which improved since 2016.
- About half of survey participants appreciated Adams County programs for financially challenged families, while about one-third assigned favorable evaluations to housing assistance services. Both of these assessments were on par with levels previously seen in 2016.
- As in 2016, 7 in 10 or more of County community members placed high importance on supporting the creation of new housing and preserving existing housing that is affordable to all income levels.
- Around 2 in 10 individuals reported that housing assistance services were one of the five top priorities for the quality of life in Adams County.

Survey Background

Survey Purpose

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 fourth 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 January 2019. 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 a link so that the survey could be completed online, if preferred, as well as a Spanish-language 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, 161 were identified by the post office as vacant. A total of 669 completed surveys were returned, for a response rate of 12%; 149 surveys were completed via the web, including five Spanish surveys. 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 four 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) of respondents 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 Adam 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 fourth in a series of citizen surveys, the 2019 results are presented along with past ratings when available. Differences between ratings over time 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, they are noted in the tables.

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
- Community Enrichment

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.

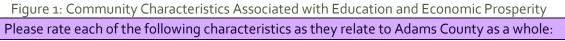
Education and Economic Prosperity

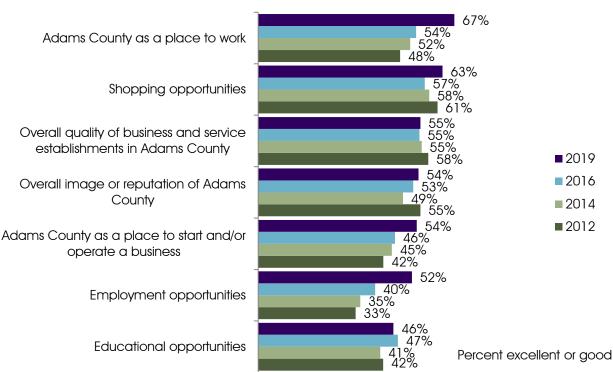
Adams County supports economic prosperity by attracting new businesses, retaining existing businesses, and supporting the growth and development of small businesses. We do that by creating programs that facilitate a highly-skilled and well-educated workforce; support a positive image and brand for Adams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

Community Characteristics

The health of the local economy provides the backbone of a thriving community. Adams County residents evaluated several aspects that contribute to the education and economic prosperity of the quality of life in the community. Around two-thirds of respondents approved of Adams County as a place to work and shopping opportunities in the county, and about half were pleased with the overall quality of businesses and service establishments, Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business, and employment and educational opportunities. Moreover, a number of these education and economic performance measures were assessed at higher levels in 2019, often exceeding all previous findings, including the county as a place to work, shopping opportunities, the community as a place to start or run a business and employment opportunities.

Adams County's residents for most of these aspects tended to be either similar or lower when compared to the national, Colorado and County municipalities benchmarks; however, employment opportunities in the community surpassed averages elsewhere (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).





Services

Scores for additional economic health and educational measures tended to be favorable. A majority of survey respondents expressed admiration for the Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly the Front Range Airport), employment assistance programs that Adams County offers through the Workforce and Business Center and public school districts (see Figure 3). Additionally, at least 4 in 10 community members endorsed the economic development services provided by the County, a level that was similar to all three sets of comparison municipalities. Residents' scores for the public school district tended to be lower or much lower when compared across the nation and Colorado, but similar to incorporated cities within the county (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Survey participants' reviews for employment assistance programs and economic development exceeded previous survey iterations, improving nearly 20% for each. While 2019 ratings for the CO Air and Space Port were on par with those seen in 2016, this service has increased since 2014.

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

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

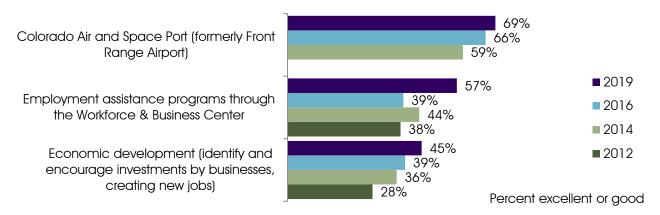
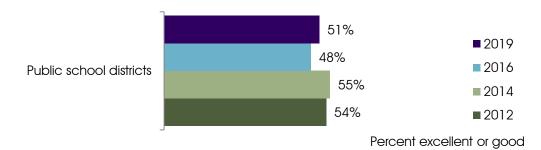


Figure 3: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity

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



Resident Priorities

Residents also provided their opinions on the County's performance for two measures of business health. More than 4 in 10 residents approved of the way Adams County is retaining existing businesses and attracting new ones, which is a step up from prior years.

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

47%

38%

2019

37%

Percent excellent or good

Figure 4: Business Retention in Adams County

About 7 in 10 respondents supported using tax dollars to be used in attracting businesses to help boost job opportunities. This level was lower than 2016 levels, but similar to levels of support in 2014.

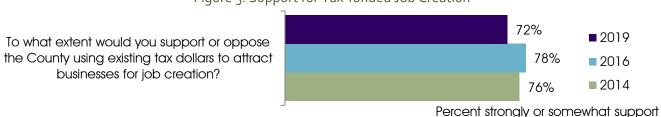


Figure 5: Support for Tax-funded Job Creation

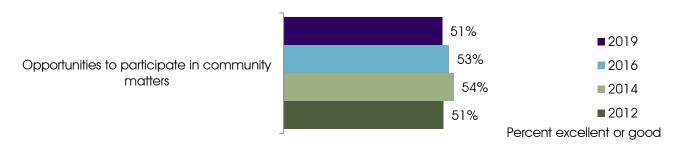
High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government

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

Community Characteristics

The survey included several questions aimed at measuring government performance, interactions with County employees, planning and providing public information. Resident input on their perceptions of government performance can be a valuable tool for identifying possible communication gaps and levels of civic engagement. In 2019, about half of survey participants applauded the opportunities to participate in community matters, which was stable over time and similar to their national, Colorado and Adams County municipalities comparisons (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

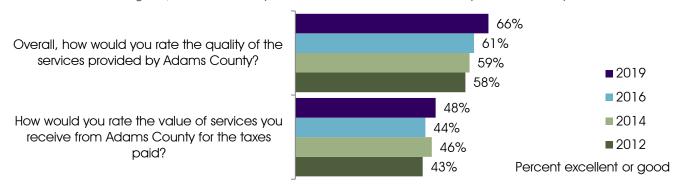
Figure 6: Community Characteristics Associated with High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole:



Services

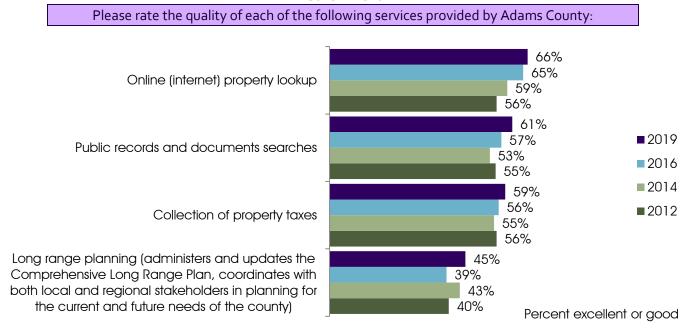
In 2019, two-thirds of community members praised the overall quality of services provided by Adams County and close to half expressed satisfaction with the value of services that were provided given the taxes they paid. Both of these evaluations have remained stable over time and were comparable to benchmark averages (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

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



Approximately 6 in 10 residents appreciated search-related services, such as the online property lookup and public record and documents, and a similar proportion felt positively about the system for collecting property taxes on behalf of Adams County. Forty-five percent of participants awarded high marks to long range planning services, which improved since 2016 and were similar to national averages (comparison to Colorado or incorporated Adams County cities were not available).

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



County Government

Adams County community members also evaluated the performance of their government. Close to 6 in 10 respondents trust the government to do what is right at least most of the time and endorsed the overall direction that the County is taking. These assessments were on par with those seen since these questions were first asked in 2012 and to all three sets of peer comparisons (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

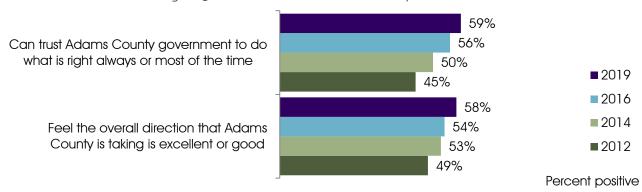
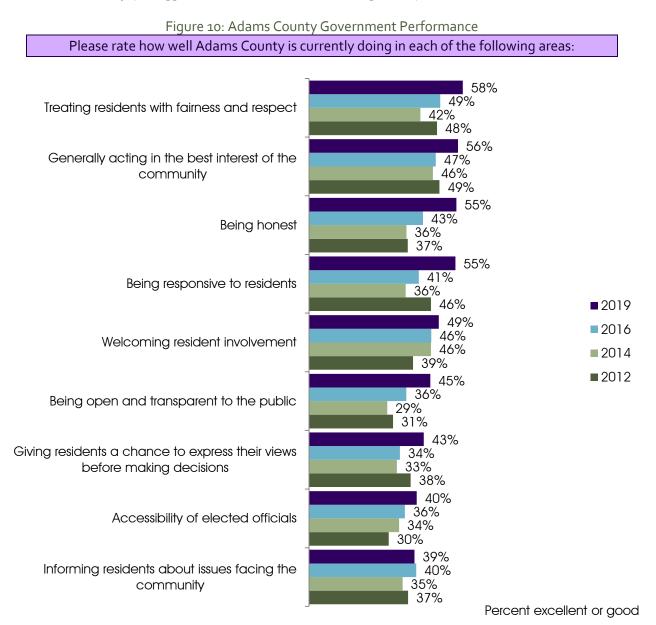


Figure 9: Attitudes toward Adams County Government

Evaluating the County leadership's relationship with their constituents, at least half of residents noted that the county does an excellent or good job treating residents with fairness and respect, generally acting in the best interest of the community, being honest and being responsive; all scores for these measures beat those provided in 2016 and beyond. Around 4 in 10 respondents praised the government's willingness to give residents a chance to express their views before making decisions (a rating that increased since 2016), their accessibility and informing residents about issues.

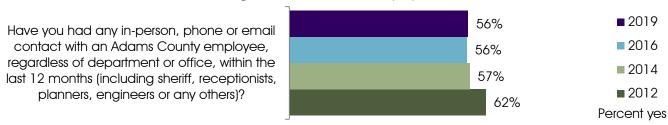
County leadership performance measures tended to be similar to their peers; however, reviews for the government treating residents with fairness and respect outmatched other municipality comparisons within Adams County (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).



County Employees

A majority of residents (56%) indicated they had contacted a County employee in the 12 months prior to the survey. This level of contact has remained steady since 2012 and was similar to national and peer averages (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

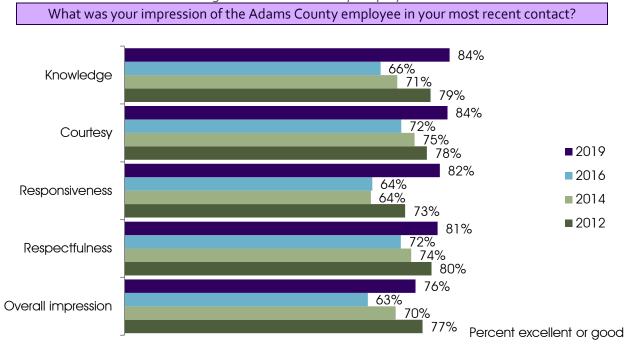
Figure 11: Contact with Employees



Of the respondents who had contacted a County employee, at least 8 in 10 raved about most aspects of the interaction, including the employee's knowledge, courtesy, responsiveness and respectfulness. Additionally, about three-quarters of residents reported the overall impression was positive. All aspects of County employee performance surpassed ratings in past survey iterations.

Benchmark comparisons were available for four of these aspects; Adams County's employee knowledge, responsiveness and overall impressions of the contact were evaluated similarly to U.S. and Colorado communities, while residents' overall impressions were higher than their Adams County peers (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

Since 2014, survey respondents have been asked to consider 11 aspects of the community for which the County is responsible, at least in part, and which map to broad areas of service delivery. Residents were asked to identify whether the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort to each (see

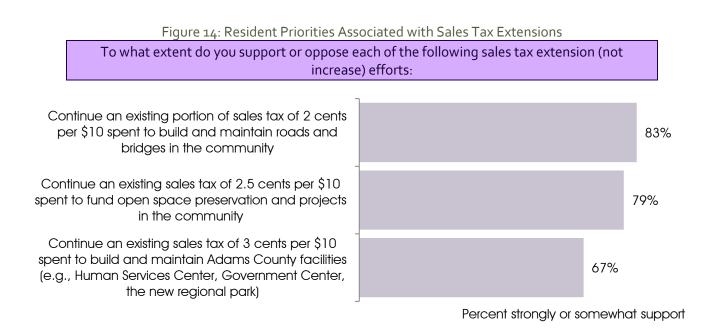
Figure 13 on the following page). In general, more than half of residents felt the County should continue to make the same effort or increase their efforts in all 11 areas (11% or fewer thought any area deserved less effort). The areas that had the highest support for more effort were transportation infrastructure maintenance (53%) and construction (51%), aging and adult services (41%), and economic development (38%), while fewer supported expending additional effort in the areas of law enforcement (22%) and public services (12%). Fewer respondents felt that the County needed to provide further effort to neighborhood services code enforcement, economic development or law enforcement compared to 2016.

Figure 13: Effort toward County Service Delivery

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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.			2016	2014
Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris)	More effort	37%	44%	NA
	Same effort	52%	51%	NA
	Less effort	11%	5%	NA
Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals)	More effort	33%	35%	NA
	Same effort	63%	61%	NA
ordinance, seconing stray animals, and prevention of croency to animals,	Less effort	5%	5%	NA
	More effort 34	34%	38%	38%
Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings)	Same effort	63%	58%	58%
park bolidings)	Less effort	4%	4%	4%
	More effort	ort 38% 47%	57%	
Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs)	Same effort	51%	47%	37%
	Less effort	10%	7%	6%
	More effort	34%	38%	49%
Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child	Same effort	63%	52%	45%
protection, adult protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.)	Less effort	3%	10%	6%
	More effort	22%	36%	36%
Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.)	Same effort	74%	58%	59%
	Less effort	4%	6%	5%
Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions	More effort	12%	15%	17%
such as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner,	Same effort	84%	81%	75%
asurer, etc.)	Less effort	3%	5%	8%
		55%	52%	
Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges,	Same effort	46%	42%	47%
drainage systems; snow removal, etc.)	Less effort	2%	3%	2%
	More effort	51%	49%	49%
Transportation Infrastructure Construction (includes construction of new roads, widening of existing roads, sidewalk construction, etc.)	Same effort	44%	45%	47%
	Less effort	5%	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	31%	30%	NA
	Same effort	61%	62%	NA
	Less effort	8%	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	41%	39%	NA
	Same effort	56%	55%	NA
	Less effort	3%	6%	NA
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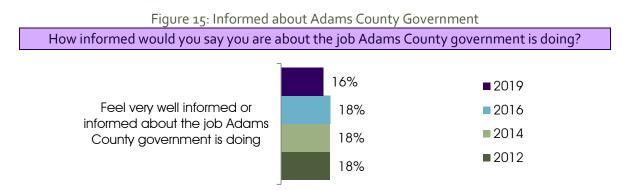
In 2014, the two neighborhood services priority areas were a single area called "community services," so comparisons over time cannot be made. In 2016, public health and aging and adult services were added to the survey.

Included for the first time on the 2019 survey, community members were asked to gauge their support for extending existing sales taxes to provide funding for various County projects. Around 8 in 10 respondents favored continuing the current tax for building and maintaining roads and building bridges, as well as extending the tax for funding open space preservation and related projects. Further, 67% of residents would like to keep the sales tax designed to provide capital for building and maintaining Adams County facilities.



Information Sources

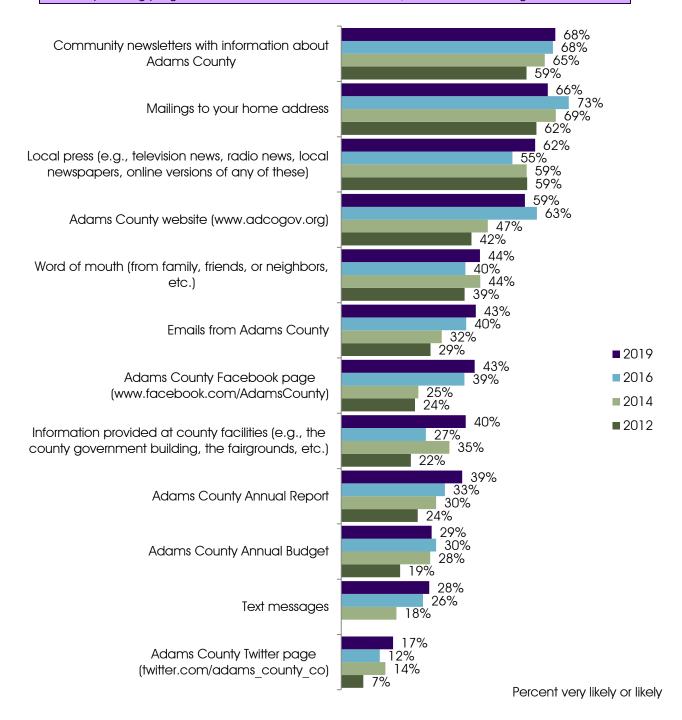
Working to encourage greater public participation can improve residents' feelings about their community and better understand their relationship to community livability. Similar to previous years, less than 2 in 10 survey participants felt they were informed about the job the County government is doing.



Additionally, community newsletters (68%), mailings (66%), local press (62%) and the County's website (59%) remained the most likely sources of information about the government, its meetings and events; though, fewer residents revealed that they were likely to use mailings to their home address over time (see Figure 16 on the following page). About 4 in 10 participants expressed a preference for information via word of mouth, Facebook, county facilities or the Adams County Annual Report. On the other hand, a higher proportion of respondents stated they were very or somewhat likely to obtain information provided at county facilities and in the Annual Report than in the past.

Figure 16: 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?

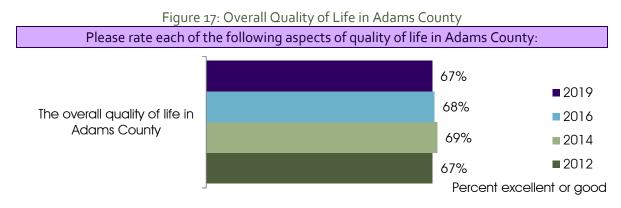


Quality of Life

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

Community Characteristics

Adams County residents continue to appreciate their quality of life, with 67% awarding excellent or good reviews in 2019. This rating has remained steady since 2012 and fell below averages for communities across the nation and Colorado, but on par with other Adams County comparisons (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

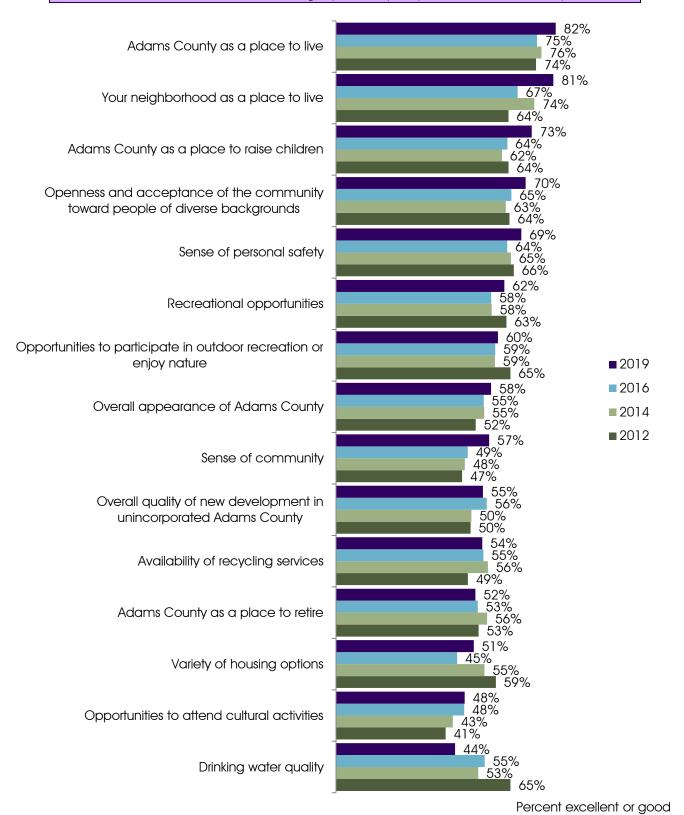


Residents also assessed aspects that enhance and contribute to the quality of life in the community (see Figure 18 on the following page). Around 8 in 10 survey participants lauded the county and their neighborhoods as places to live and about 7 in 10 approved of the community as a place to raise children, the open and accepting nature of the county and their sense of personal safety. Further, close to 6 in 10 appreciated the recreational opportunities, opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation and overall appearance of Adams County.

Several increases were noted in 2019 for community livability aspects, including Adams County as a place to live, as a place to raise children, sense of community, variety of housing options and neighborhoods as a place to live. Residents' scores for the drinking water quality has continued to decrease, with 44% awarding excellent or good marks, compared to 65% in 2012. When comparisons could be made, County residents' assessments for aspects of livability tended to be at or lower than comparison averages (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

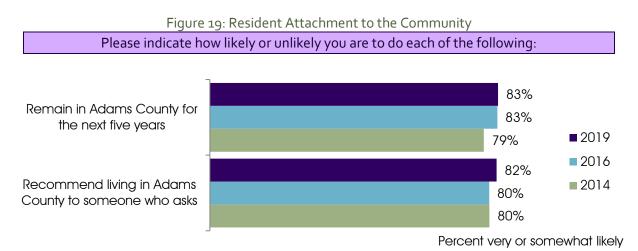
Figure 18: Community Characteristics Associated with Quality of Life

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

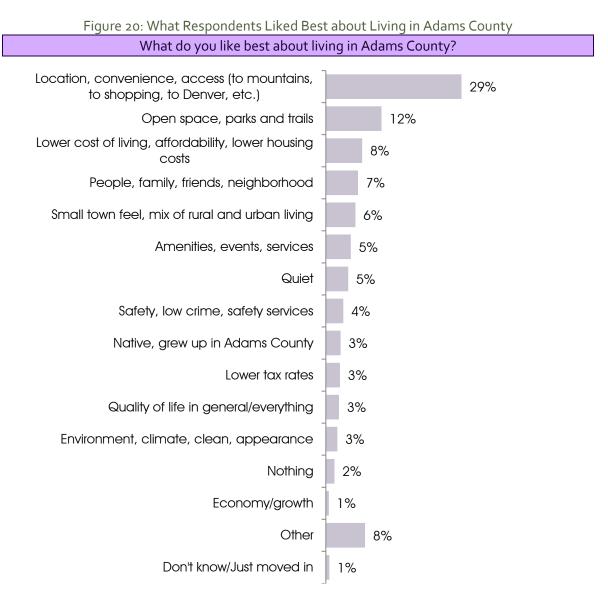


Community Participation

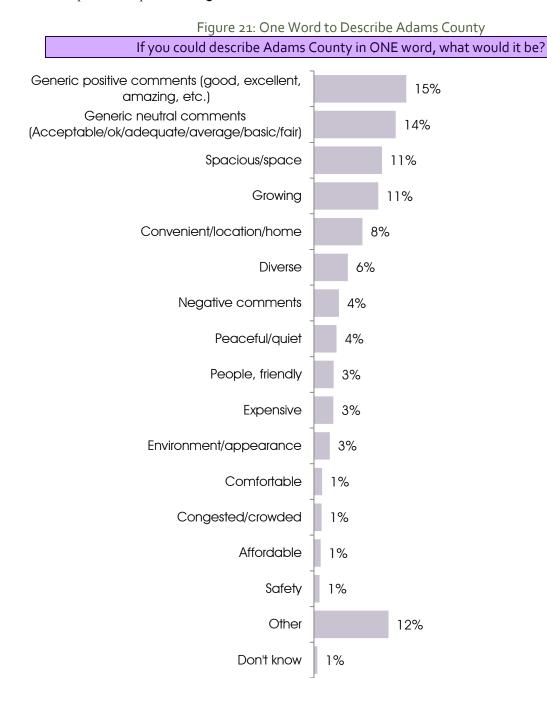
Residents are loyal to the county, with about 8 in 10 stating they were very or somewhat likely to remain in Adams County and recommend living there to someone who might ask. These rates were on par with 2016 and 2014, and tended to be similar to peers nationwide, in Colorado and within Adams County cities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).



When asked to choose their favorite thing about living in Adams County, 398 of the 669 respondents provided an answer. Of these, 29% of individuals were delighted with the location and easy access to desirable amenities (e.g., the mountains, shopping); and 12% regarded the open space, parks and trails in the County as a win. At least 5% of participants also were grateful for the lower cost of living; their family, friends or neighbors; and the small town feel of Adams County. (For a full index of written responses, see *Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Questions*.)



Community members were also asked for their thoughts on what one word best described Adams County. Of the 438 responses provided, 15% were positive words (e.g., good, excellent, amazing, etc.) and the next most frequently cited categories were neutral comments (e.g., ok, average, basic, etc.) and the people, family, friends or neighbors (18%). About 1 in 10 respondents felt that terms related to space or the spaciousness of the county or the fact that the county is growing were the best descriptors. The verbatim comments to this question, including the "other" responses, can be found in *Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Questions*.



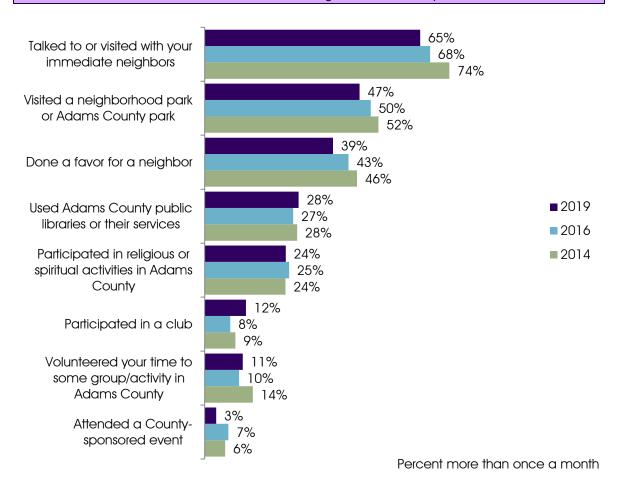
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Culture and recreation provide opportunities for residents to participate in their community and enhance their quality of life. About two-thirds of respondents reported that they had interacted with their neighbors and around 4 in 10 had visited a local park or done a favor for their neighbor at least once in the last 12 months. Close to one-quarter of community members also conveyed that they had used the public libraries or participated in spiritual or religious activities, but about 1 in 10 or fewer had participated in a club, volunteered or attended a County-sponsored event. All rates of participation in the community were similar to levels seen in 2016, but had declined since 2014 in several cases (e.g., being neighborly and park visitation).

Adams County residents' rates of park visitation and engagement with spiritual or religious activities were commensurate with peer averages, though commitment levels to other cultural activities fell below comparison communities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 22: Community Participation in Activities Associated with Quality of life

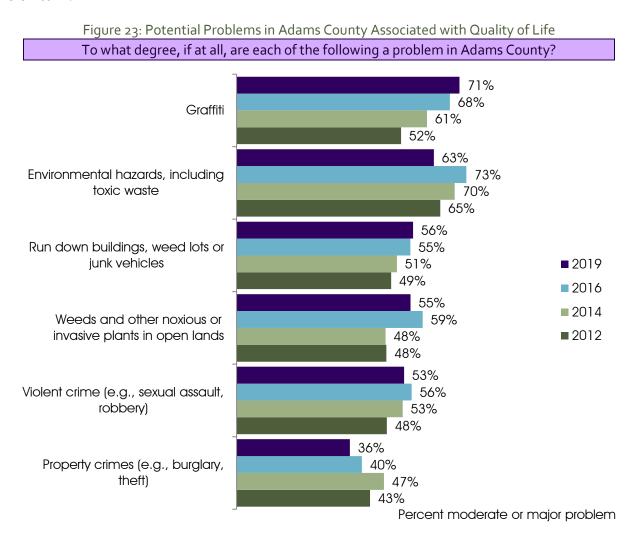
In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County?



Potential Problems

Adams County survey participants were asked to convey their perceptions of potential problems or issues in the community. About 7 in 10 residents indicated that they felt graffiti was a moderate or major problem and close to two-thirds thought environmental hazards were a problem. Close to half of participants also stated that run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles; weeds; and violent crime were at least a moderate problem.

Most 2019 ratings for potential problems in Adams County were on par with impressions in previous iterations of the survey; however, fewer residents felt that environmental hazards were an issue than in 2016 or 2014.



Services

Delving deeper into the livability of Adams County, residents were also asked to evaluate a number of individual services related to the County Quality of Life strategic goals. Residents' continue to provide favorable reviews for Adams County open space, parks and trails system (76%), and slightly fewer boasted about the County Fair or fairgrounds (73%), which continues to improve over time. Half of survey participants expressed a positive perception of community development services, which also increased since 2016.

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: 76% 76% Adams County open space, parks and trails system 77% 76% **2019** 73% 64% 2016 County Fair/fairgrounds 62% **2014 2012** Community development (build the capacity of 50% citizen groups and community organizations so 43% they may enhance the economic, social, 48% environmental and cultural well-being of our

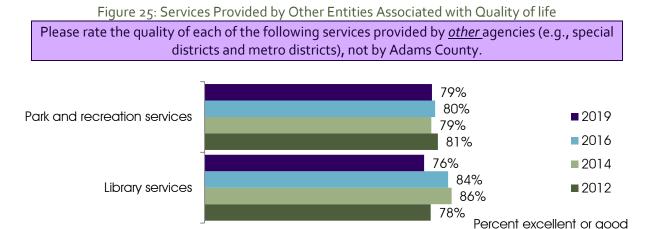
Figure 24: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Quality of Life

Survey participants also had high praise for services that are not directly provided by County government, with three-quarters assigning excellent or good assessments to park and recreation and library services. Evaluations of parks and recreation were on par with past findings, though library service ratings fell to 2012 levels. Library services in Adams County were scored at similar levels seen in all three sets of benchmark comparisons (see Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons).

communities)

35%

Percent excellent or good



Resident Priorities

Adams County survey participants conveyed their perceptions of the adequacy of the parks and recreation facilities within the community, identifying if there was too much, the right amount or too little of nine different offerings. A majority of residents felt that the county had the right amount of nearly all park and recreation facility types, including parks (both neighborhood and community), developed spaces for field sports, playgrounds, recreation centers, adult and youth recreation programs and fitness programs. Less than 6% of respondents felt that the community had too much of any of these facilities.

Figure 26: Adequacy of Park and Recreation Facilities

Parks serve various purposes within a community, some or	f 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	Too little	34%	32%	29%
	Right amount	64%	66%	69%
games etc.)	Too much	2%	3%	2%
Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may	Too little	31%	35%	28%
	Right amount	68%	63%	70%
preserve unique landscapes and open spaces)	Too much	1%	2%	2%
Davidonad spaces for field sports (o.g. socsor football	Too little	41%	39%	30%
Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse)	. Right amount	57%	57%	64%
	Too much	2%	3%	5%
Developed engage for court engate (e.g. tempis	Too little	51%	47%	42%
Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball)	Right amount	48%	50%	53%
busicetouny	Too much	1%	3%	5%
	Too little	29%	33%	30%
	Right amount	69%	63%	68%
	Too much	1%	4%	3%
	Too little	34%	49%	36%
Recreation centers	Right amount	64%	49%	61%
	Too much Too little 3 Right amount 6 Too much	2%	2%	3%
	Too little	45%	39%	36%
Youth recreation programs	Right amount	54%	58%	61%
	Too much	2%	3%	3%
Adult recreation programs	Too little	43%	46%	36%
	Right amount	57%	52%	61%
	Too much	ο%	2%	2%
Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.)	Too little	35%	37%	35%
	Right amount	59%	59%	60%
	Too much	6%	3%	5%

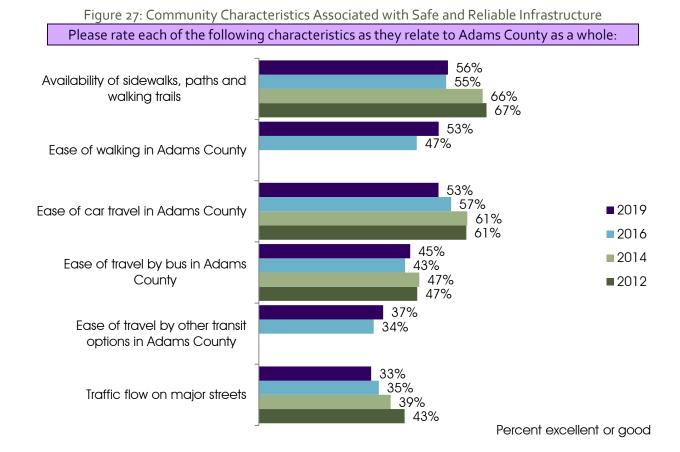
Safe and Reliable Infrastructure

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

Community Characteristics

Those completing the 2019 survey were asked to assess several aspects of transportation in the Adams County community. About half of residents enjoyed their ability to travel with ease via walking (a rating that increased since 2016) and felt positively about the availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails, and 4 in10 positively reviewed the ease of car travel in the county.

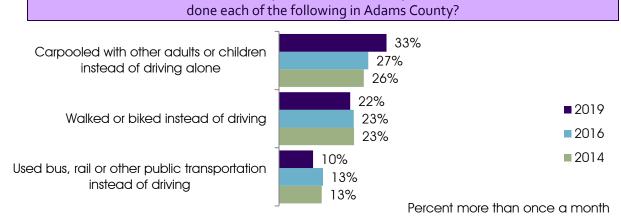
National and incorporated communities in Adams County provided similar ratings to those given to Adams County for most measures related to transportation, while comparisons with Colorado communities were similar or lower (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).



Community Participation

Related to navigating the community, one-third or fewer of survey respondents reported they had utilized alternative modes of transportation, such as carpooling instead of driving alone or using public transit in place of driving. However, public transit use was higher than national averages, while rates for carpooling were on par with all peers and participation in walking or biking lagged behind comparison averages (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 28: Community Participation in Activities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members



Additionally, around 4 in 10 respondents reported they would use the FasTracks Commuter Rail project at least once in a typical month, similar to 2016 report findings.

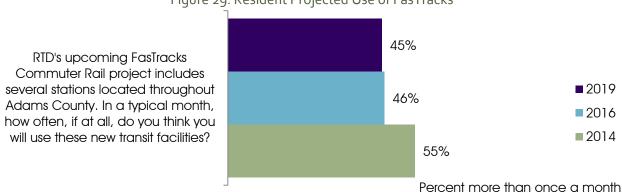


Figure 29: Resident Projected Use of FasTracks

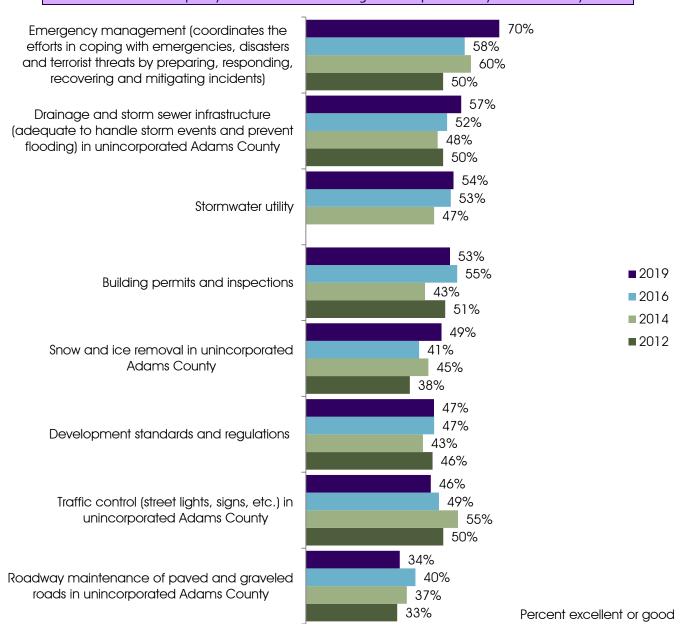
Services

About 7 in 10 community members commended emergency management services and at least half applauded drainage and sewer infrastructure, stormwater utility and building permits and inspections. There were substantial evaluation increases seen for emergency management and snow and ice removal in 2019. Though residents' reviews for other transportation infrastructure were similar to 2016, there was a decrease in positive scores for roadway maintenance in unincorporated Adams County.

When comparisons could be made, Adams County ratings tended to be similar or lower than communities elsewhere (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 30: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure

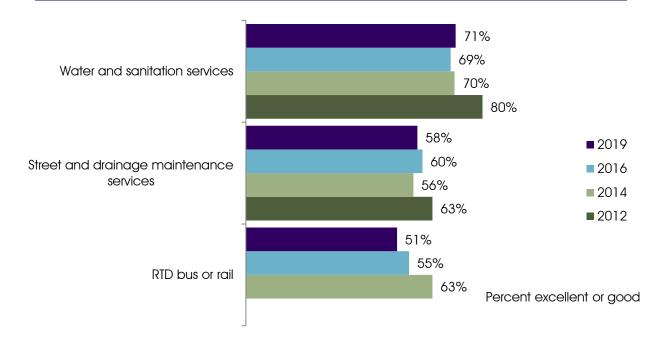
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:



The survey also asked residents to rate services provided by other entities that help provide infrastructure services to the people of Adams County. Around 7 in 10 residents were pleased with water and sanitation and nearly 6 in 10 felt the same about street and drainage maintenance, and the RTD bus or rail. Though comparisons to Colorado and Adams County municipalities were generally not available, reviews for street drainage were higher than other cities in the county, while comparable to national averages (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 31: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure

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

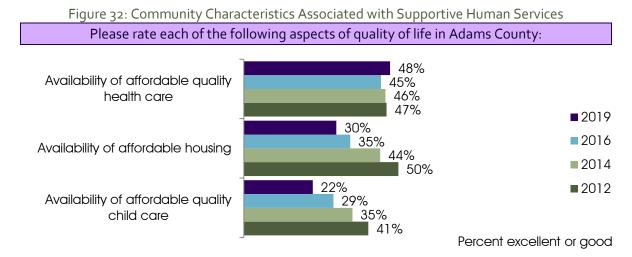


Community Enrichment

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

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 assistance. Close to half of community members awarded high marks to the availability of affordable quality health care, while 30% gave positive assessments to the availability of affordable quality housing. Around 2 in 10 of participants felt there was excellent or good access to affordable child care in Adams County, which has continued to decline since 2012. These averages tended to align with those in national and Front Range municipalities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).



Potential Problems

Regarding issues within the community related to vulnerable populations, about 6 in 10 Adams County residents expressed concern for the neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults, and a similar proportion felt the same about child abuse and neglect. Fewer respondents felt that mistreatment of at-risk adults was a moderate or major problem in 2019.

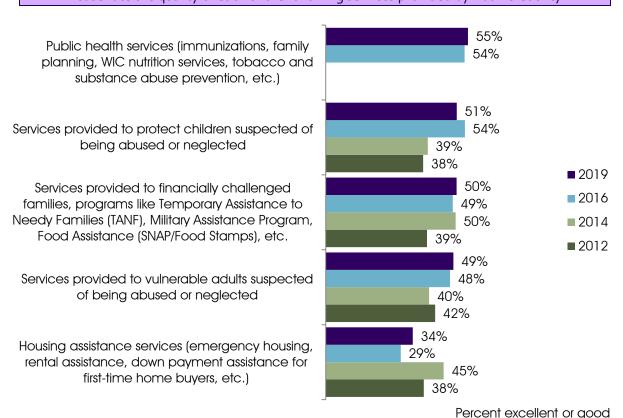
Figure 33: Potential Problems in Adams County Associated with Supportive Human Services To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams County? 61% 67% Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults **2019** 59% 56% **2016 2014** 60% 61% **2012** Child abuse and neglect 54% 53% Percent moderate or major problem

Services

Adams County provides a number of services to ensure the safety of vulnerable populations. About half of survey participants appreciated most of these services, including public health, services protecting children and vulnerable adults and programs for financially challenged families; about one-third assigned favorable evaluations to housing assistance services. All services were assessed on levels previously seen in 2016. Comparisons to local communities were mostly unavailable; however, ratings for public health and child protection services were lower than national comparisons, while financial assistance programs were similar (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 34: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Supportive Human Services

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

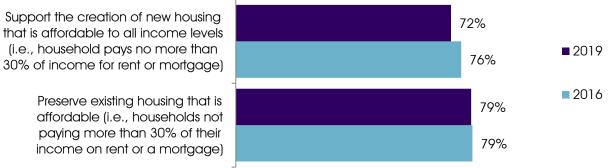


Resident Priorities

As in 2016, 7 in 10 or more of County community members placed high importance on supporting the creation of new housing and preserving existing housing that is affordable to all income levels.

Figure 35: Resident Priorities Associated with Affordable Housing

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



Percent essential or very important

Community Participation

Survey respondents were also asked to reveal how prepared they are for a natural disaster or emergency, and 55% reported that they were very or somewhat prepared to meet the potential challenge.

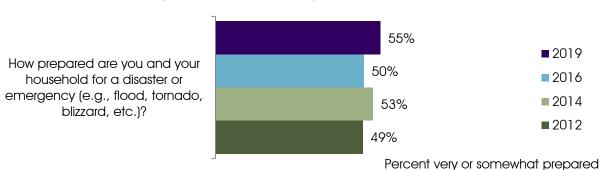


Figure 36: Residents' Emergency Preparedness

Additional Services in Adams County

Services

Services that are provided by outside agencies also provide a valuable contribution to the quality of life in Adams County. Overall, residents rated a majority of these services positively: 8 in 10 praised elections and voter registrations and about two-thirds or more gave high marks to motor vehicle registration, sheriff services overall and response times, and the animal shelter. The lowest rated service, code enforcement, was still scored as excellent or good by 45% of participants. Further, a number of improvements were revealed, with respondents ratings for motor vehicle registration, sheriff services overall, sheriff response times, environmental health and district attorney services exceeding 2016 levels.

Evaluations for the animal shelter were similar to national and Colorado benchmarks, but eclipsed other Adams County municipalities. Ratings for code enforcement and sheriff response times were similar to their peers, while sheriff services tended to be lower than comparison communities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 37: Additional Services Provided by Adams County Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: 80% 75% Elections and voter registrations 67% 60% 68% 62% Motor vehicle registration 60% 54% 66% 54% Sheriff services overall 51% 56% 65% 52% Sheriff response times 56% **2019** 64% **2016** 66% Animal Shelter / Adoption Center **2014** 62% **2012** 60% 55% Environmental health services (restaurant and 49% grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.) 53% 51% County jail 47% 52% 38% District Attorney services 44% Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and 45% regulations (building codes, zoning and 46% development regulations, Blight Ordinance

enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds,

graffiti removal)

38%

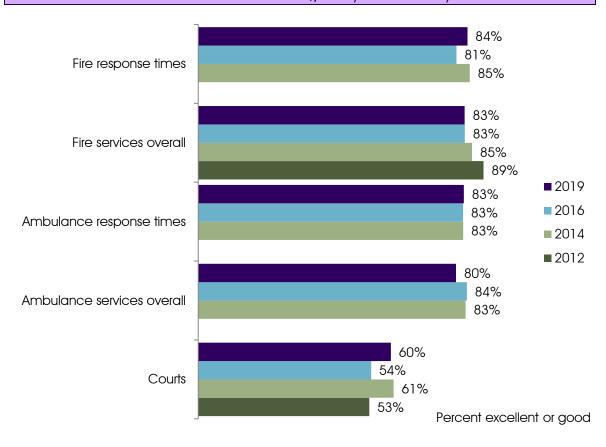
Percent excellent or good

36%

The quality of public safety services provided to keep the community safe give residents a sense of personal safety required to participate in and contribute to their community. More than 8 in 10 residents lauded the fire and ambulance services (both overall and response times), keeping pace with previous survey iterations. Assessments for safety services provided by outside agencies tended to be on par with all three sets of peer benchmark communities (see *Appendix E: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*).

Figure 38: Additional Services Provided by Other Entities

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

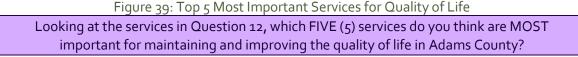


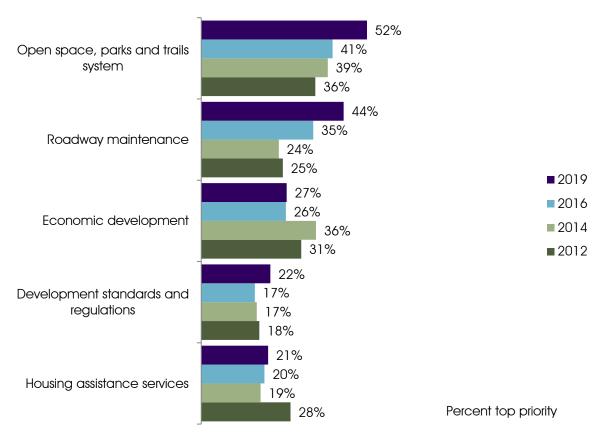
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Resident Priorities

After considering 32 services provided by Adams County, survey participants prioritized five services as the most important for the quality of life in the community. Open space, parks and trails was the most commonly identified service essential to the way of life in the county (52%), followed by roadway maintenance (44%), economic development (27%), development standards and regulations (22%) and housing assistance services (21%). More individuals indicated that open space, parks and trails and roadway maintenance were a top priority in 2019.

Conversely, residents also chose the services they felt least mattered to their quality of life (see Figure 40 on the following page). As in 2016, the Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly the Front Range Airport) was the least important service (45%), followed by online property lookup (36%), County fair/fairgrounds (35%), public records (31%) and the County jail or animal shelter (22% each).

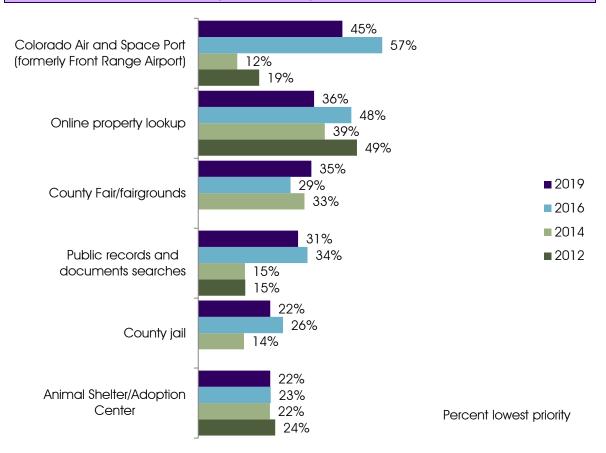




Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select up to five services. For a full set of responses to this question, please see Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions.

Figure 40: 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. For a full set of responses to this question, please see Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions.

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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	21%
More than 20 years	29%
Total	100%

Table 2: Question D2

Which best describes where you currently live?	Percent of respondents
An urban area	19%
A suburban area	68%
A small town	7%
A rural area	6%
Total	100%

Table 3: Question D3

Do you rent or own your home?	Percent of respondents
Rent	29%
Own	71%
Total	100%

Table 4: Question D4

Do any children age 17 or younger live in your household?	Percent of respondents
Yes	39%
No	61%
Total	100%

Table 5: Question D5

Do you own a business in Adams County?	Percent of respondents
Yes	5%
No	95%
Total	100%

Table 6: Question D6

How much was your household's total income before taxes for 2018? (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	19%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	20%
\$150,000 or more	13%
Total	100%

Table 7: Question D7

Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?	Percent of respondents
Yes	32%
No	68%
Total	100%

Table 8: Question D8

What is your race?	Percent of respondents
American Indian or Alaskan native	1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2%
Black, African American	3%
White/Caucasian	76%
Other	20%

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	5%
High school graduate	16%
Some college, no degree	23%
Associate degree	7%
Bachelor degree	29%
Graduate or professional degree	20%
Total	100%

Table 10: Question D10

What is your gender?	Percent of respondents
Male	46%
Female	54%
Total	100%

Table 11: Question D11

In which category is your age?	Percent of respondents
18-24 years	2%
25-34 years	29%
35-44 years	18%
45-54 years	22%
55-64 years	10%
65-74 years	12%
75 years or older	8%
Total	100%

Table 12: 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 13: Question 1

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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	21%	61%	17%	1%	100%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	28%	53%	13%	6%	100%
Adams County as a place to raise children	17%	55%	23%	5%	100%
Adams County as a place to work	18%	48%	20%	13%	100%
Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business	14%	40%	29%	18%	100%
Adams County as a place to retire	19%	32%	30%	19%	100%
Availability of affordable quality health care	12%	36%	37%	15%	100%
Availability of affordable housing	6%	25%	39%	31%	100%
The overall quality of life in Adams County	12%	55%	31%	2%	100%

Table 14: 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.)	30%
Lower cost of living, affordability, lower housing costs	8%
Native, grew up in Adams County	3%
People, family, friends, neighborhood	7%
Safety, low crime, safety services	4%
Amenities, events, services	5%
Open space, parks and trails	12%
Environment, climate, clean, appearance	3%
Quiet	5%
Lower tax rates	3%
Economy/growth	1%
Nothing	2%
Quality of life in general/everything	3%
Other	9%
Total	100%

Table 15: Question 3

If you could describe Adams County in ONE word, what would it be?	Percent of respondents
Generic neutral comments (Acceptable/ok/adequate/average/basic/fair/good)	14%
Affordable	1%
Comfortable	1%
Convenient/location/home	8%
Diverse	6%
Environment/appearance	3%
Expensive	3%
Generic positive comments (good, excellent, amazing, etc.)	16%
Growing	11%
People, friendly	3%
Spacious/space	11%
Peaceful/quiet	4%
Negative comments	4%
Congested/crowded	1%
Safety	1%
Other	13%
Total	100%

Table 16: Question 4

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%	54%	27%	4%	100%
Sense of community	9%	48%	37%	7%	100%
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	19%	51%	23%	6%	100%
Overall appearance of Adams County	11%	46%	37%	5%	100%
Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County	11%	44%	32%	14%	100%
Variety of housing options	8%	43%	28%	21%	100%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County	18%	37%	34%	11%	100%
Shopping opportunities	17%	46%	26%	12%	100%
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	11%	37%	40%	12%	100%
Recreational opportunities	19%	43%	28%	9%	100%
Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature	18%	42%	28%	12%	100%
Employment opportunities	10%	42%	35%	13%	100%
Educational opportunities	8%	38%	33%	21%	100%
Opportunities to participate in community matters	9%	42%	42%	7%	100%
Ease of car travel in Adams County	13%	40%	35%	12%	100%
Ease of travel by bus in Adams County	7%	38%	28%	28%	100%
Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County	7%	30%	30%	34%	100%
Ease of walking in Adams County	11%	42%	26%	21%	100%
Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails	16%	39%	29%	15%	100%
Traffic flow on major streets	7%	27%	46%	21%	100%
Availability of affordable quality child care	9%	14%	39%	39%	100%
Availability of recycling services	15%	39%	23%	23%	100%
Drinking water quality	14%	31%	24%	32%	100%
Overall image or reputation of Adams County	5%	49%	36%	9%	100%

Table 17: Question 5

How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)?	Percent of respondents
Very prepared	11%
Somewhat prepared	44%
A little bit prepared	33%
Not at all prepared	12%
Total	100%

Table 18: Question 6

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	24%	58%	11%	7%	100%
Remain in Adams County for the next five years	47%	36%	10%	7%	100%

Table 19: Question 7

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	18%	38%	32%	12%	100%
Graffiti	23%	48%	23%	6%	100%
Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery)	14%	40%	39%	8%	100%
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	6%	30%	47%	17%	100%
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste	26%	37%	24%	13%	100%
Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands	17%	38%	29%	16%	100%
Child abuse and neglect	18%	42%	29%	11%	100%
Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults	28%	34%	32%	7%	100%

Table 20: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other	2 times a week	2-4 times a	Once a month	Not at	
household members done each of the following in Adams County?	or more	month	or less	all	Total
Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park	22%	25%	38%	16%	100%
Used Adams County public libraries or their services	8%	20%	26%	45%	100%
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County	10%	14%	16%	59%	100%
Attended a County-sponsored event	2%	2%	36%	61%	100%
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	6%	4%	27%	62%	100%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	15%	18%	14%	53%	100%
Walked or biked instead of driving	9%	13%	24%	54%	100%
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County	5%	7%	14%	75%	100%
Participated in a club	5%	7%	9%	79%	100%
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	32%	33%	26%	9%	100%
Done a favor for a neighbor	18%	20%	38%	23%	100%

Table 21: Question 9

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	34%
Less than once a month	21%
Once or twice a month	21%
About once a week	6%
Multiple times a week	12%
Daily	6%
Total	100%

Table 22: Question 10

How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses?	Percent of respondents
Excellent	4%
Good	43%
Fair	38%
Poor	15%
Total	100%

Table 23: Question 11

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	22%
Somewhat support	50%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	16%
Total	100%

Table 24: Question 12

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	15%	36%	29%	20%	100%
Fire response times	36%	48%	15%	1%	100%
Fire services overall	37%	46%	14%	3%	100%
Ambulance response times	41%	42%	11%	7%	100%
Ambulance services overall	37%	43%	14%	6%	100%
Water and sanitation services	18%	53%	15%	14%	100%
Street and drainage maintenance services	9%	49%	27%	15%	100%
Library services	31%	45%	21%	3%	100%
Park and recreation services	26%	53%	18%	3%	100%
RTD bus or rail	16%	35%	42%	7%	100%
Courts	10%	50%	30%	10%	100%

Table 25: Question 13

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	21%	55%	21%	3%	100%
Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	12%	52%	34%	2%	100%
Building permits and inspections	12%	41%	29%	19%	100%
Collection of property taxes	11%	48%	32%	9%	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)	9%	40%	41%	10%	100%
County Fair/fairgrounds	11%	62%	23%	3%	100%
County jail	14%	39%	41%	6%	100%
District Attorney services	16%	36%	44%	4%	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)	7%	39%	37%	16%	100%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in					
unincorporated Adams County	10%	46%	27%	16%	100%
Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs).	9%	36%	37%	18%	100%
Elections and voter registrations	25%	55%	16%	4%	100%
Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist					
threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents)	13%	57%	23%	7%	100%
Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center	11%	46%	36%	7%	100%
Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste					
water systems, etc.)	7%	48%	36%	9%	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%	37%	27%	28%	100%
Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly Front Range Airport)	17%	52%	22%	8%	100%
Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-					
time home buyers, etc.)	15%	18%	37%	29%	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%	37%	40%	14%	100%
Motor vehicle registration	22%	46%	24%	8%	100%
Online (internet) property lookup	17%	49%	30%	3%	100%
Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance					
abuse prevention, etc.)	10%	45%	36%	9%	100%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Public records and documents searches	11%	50%	31%	8%	100%
Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County	5%	29%	37%	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.	15%	36%	37%	12%	100%
Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected	12%	39%	26%	23%	100%
Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected	12%	37%	35%	16%	100%
Sheriff response times	19%	46%	27%	8%	100%
Sheriff services overall	17%	49%	25%	9%	100%
Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County	10%	40%	34%	16%	100%
Stormwater utility	9%	45%	31%	15%	100%
Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County	6%	39%	42%	12%	100%

Table 26: Question 14

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	52%
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	11%
Building permits and inspections	4%
Collection of property taxes	10%
Community development	17%
County Fair/fairgrounds	2%
County jail	4%
District Attorney services	4%
Development standards and regulations	22%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	14%
Economic development	27%
Elections and voter registrations	11%
Emergency management	20%
Workforce & Business Center	14%
Environmental health services	15%
Code enforcement	19%

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
Front Range Airport	3%
Housing assistance services	21%
Long range planning	20%
Motor vehicle registration	9%
Online property lookup	3%
Public health services	20%
Public records and documents searches	1%
Roadway maintenance	44%
Financial services	10%
Child protective services	13%
Adult protective services	6%
Sheriff response times	6%
Sheriff services overall	18%
Snow and ice removal	20%
Stormwater utility	6%
Traffic control	19%

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

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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	Percent of
the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.)	respondents
Open space, parks and trails system	6%
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	22%
Building permits and inspections	12%
Collection of property taxes	17%
Community development	15%
County Fair/fairgrounds	35%
County jail	22%
District Attorney services	19%
Development standards and regulations	11%

Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are LEAST important for maintaining and improving	Percent of
the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.)	respondents
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	5%
Economic development	9%
Elections and voter registrations	13%
Emergency management	1%
Workforce & Business Center	10%
Environmental health services	3%
Code enforcement	16%
Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly Front Range Airport)	45%
Housing assistance services	10%
Long range planning	8%
Motor vehicle registration	8%
Online property lookup	36%
Public health services	7%
Public records and documents searches	31%
Roadway maintenance	7%
Financial services	8%
Child protective services	0%
Adult protective services	8%
Sheriff response times	3%
Sheriff services overall	3%
Snow and ice removal	7%
Stormwater utility	10%
Traffic control	15%

Table 28: Question 16

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County?	Percent of respondents
Excellent	7%
Good	59%
Fair	30%
Poor	4%
Total	100%

Table 29: Question 17

How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid?	Percent of respondents
Excellent	8%
Good	40%
Fair	35%
Poor	17%
Total	100%

Table 30: Question 18

How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing?	Percent of respondents
Very well informed	3%
Informed	12%
Somewhat informed	46%
Hardly informed at all	39%
Total	100%

Table 31: Question 19

How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right?	Percent of respondents
Always	7%
Most of the time	52%
Only some of the time	30%
Almost never	5%
Never	6%
Total	100%

Table 32: Question 20

Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking?	Percent of respondents
Excellent	7%
Good	51%
Fair	35%
Poor	7%
Total	100%

Table 33: Question 21

Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in each of the following areas:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Welcoming resident involvement	9%	40%	32%	19%	100%
Being responsive to residents	10%	45%	34%	11%	100%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	8%	47%	33%	11%	100%
Informing residents about issues facing the community	6%	33%	40%	21%	100%
Accessibility of elected officials	6%	34%	39%	21%	100%
Being open and transparent to the public	6%	39%	39%	15%	100%
Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions	6%	37%	36%	22%	100%
Being honest	8%	48%	32%	13%	100%
Treating residents with fairness and respect	11%	47%	34%	9%	100%

Table 34: Question 22

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 35: Question 23

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What was your impression of the Adams County employee in your most recent contact? Rate each					
characteristic below.)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Knowledge	34%	50%	11%	5%	100%
Responsiveness	41%	41%	12%	6%	100%
Respectfulness	40%	42%	12%	7%	100%
Courtesy	44%	40%	7%	9%	100%
Overall impression	35%	40%	17%	7%	100%

Table 36: Question 24

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	Far		About the			
about the right amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve your needs in	too	Somewhat	right	Fartoo	Don't	
each of these areas.	little	too little	amount	much	know	Total
Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities, such as						
playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.)	5%	25%	58%	1%	10%	100%
Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple						
neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces)	5%	23%	62%	0%	10%	100%
Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball,						
lacrosse)	5%	30%	49%	0%	16%	100%
Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball)	6%	35%	39%	0%	19%	100%
Playgrounds	2%	24%	61%	0%	13%	100%
Recreation centers	9%	22%	59%	0%	10%	100%
Youth recreation programs	8%	23%	37%	0%	32%	100%
Adult recreation programs	11%	21%	43%	0%	25%	100%
Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.)	11%	17%	49%	0%	23%	100%

Table 37: Question 25

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)	37%	52%	11%	100%
Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing				
stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals)	33%	63%	5%	100%
Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings)	34%	63%	4%	100%
Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs)	38%	51%	10%	100%
Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, adult protection,				
services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.)	34%	63%	3%	100%
Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.)	22%	74%	4%	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%	84%	3%	100%
Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems;				
snow removal, etc.)	53%	46%	2%	100%
Transportation Infrastructure Construction (includes construction of new roads, widening of existing roads,				
sidewalk construction, etc.)	51%	44%	5%	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.)	31%	61%	8%	100%
Aging & Adult Services (includes community transit services for Senior and low income residents, Meals on				
Wheels, long term care & adult protection)	41%	56%	3%	100%

Table 38: Question 26

To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following sales tax extension (not increase) efforts:	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	Total
Continue an existing sales tax of 2.5 cents per \$10 spent to fund open space preservation and projects in the community	41%	38%	13%	7%	0%	100%
Continue an existing sales tax of 3 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain Adams County facilities (e.g., Human Services Center, Government Center, the new regional park)	28%	39%	22%	11%	0%	100%
Continue an existing portion of sales tax of 2 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain roads and bridges in the community	50%	33%	11%	6%	o%	100%

Table 39: Question 27

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Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the County to do each of the		Very	Somewhat	Not at all	
following:	Essential	important	important	important	Total
Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more					
than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage)	51%	28%	16%	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)	46%	26%	19%	9%	100%

Table 40: Question 28

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	Very		A little bit	Not at all	
programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats?	likely	Likely	likely	likely	Total
Adams County Annual Budget	7%	22%	33%	38%	100%
Adams County Annual Report	9%	30%	33%	28%	100%
Adams County Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty)	10%	33%	24%	34%	100%
Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county_co)	3%	13%	18%	66%	100%
Adams County website (www.adcogov.org)	21%	38%	28%	13%	100%
Emails from Adams County	15%	28%	26%	31%	100%
Text messages	9%	19%	24%	48%	100%
Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county government building, the fairgrounds, etc.)	8%	32%	33%	27%	100%
Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newspapers, online versions of any of these)	18%	44%	25%	13%	100%
Mailings to your home address	22%	44%	25%	9%	100%
Community newsletters with information about Adams County	20%	48%	23%	9%	100%
Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.)	14%	30%	33%	22%	100%

Responses for questions including "don't know"

Table 41: 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	20%	60%	17%	1%	2%	100%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	28%	53%	13%	6%	o%	100%
Adams County as a place to raise children	14%	45%	19%	4%	18%	100%
Adams County as a place to work	12%	32%	14%	9%	33%	100%
Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business	7%	20%	14%	9%	49%	100%
Adams County as a place to retire	13%	22%	20%	13%	32%	100%
Availability of affordable quality health care	9%	28%	29%	11%	23%	100%
Availability of affordable housing	5%	22%	35%	28%	11%	100%
The overall quality of life in Adams County	12%	55%	31%	2%	1%	100%

Table 42: 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	8%
Native, grew up in Adams County	3%
People, family, friends, neighborhood	7%
Safety, low crime, safety services	4%
Amenities, events, services	5%
Open space, parks and trails	12%
Environment, climate, clean, appearance	3%
Quiet	5%
Lower tax rates	3%
Economy/growth	1%
Nothing	2%
Quality of life in general/everything	3%
Other	8%
Don't know/Just moved in	1%
Total	100%

Table 43: Question 3

If you could describe Adams County in ONE word, what would it be?	Percent of respondents
Generic neutral comments (Acceptable/ok/adequate/average/basic/fair/good)	14%
Affordable	1%
Comfortable	1%
Convenient/location/home	8%
Diverse	6%
Environment/appearance	3%
Expensive	3%
Generic positive comments (good, excellent, amazing, etc.)	15%
Growing	11%
People, friendly	3%
Spacious/space	11%
Peaceful/quiet	4%
Negative comments	4%
Congested/crowded	1%
Safety	1%
Other	12%
Don't know/just moved in	1%
Total	100%

Table 44: Question 4

Sense of personal safety Sense of community Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds 14% 53% 46% Overall appearance of Adams County 11% 46%	26% 35% 21% 37% 23%	900r 4% 6% 6% 5% 10%	2% 4% 9% 1%	Total 100% 100% 100%
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	23%		1%	100%
Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County 8% 32%		10%		100,0
	25%		27%	100%
Variety of housing options 7% 38%		18%	12%	100%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County 17% 35%	32%	11%	6%	100%
Shopping opportunities 17% 45%	25%	12%	1%	100%
Opportunities to attend cultural activities 9% 30%	33%	10%	19%	100%
Recreational opportunities 18% 41%	27%	9%	5%	100%
Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature 17% 40%	26%	11%	6%	100%
Employment opportunities 7% 29%	24%	9%	31%	100%
Educational opportunities 6% 29%	26%	16%	22%	100%
Opportunities to participate in community matters 7% 33%	33%	6%	21%	100%
Ease of car travel in Adams County 13% 39%	34%	12%	3%	100%
Ease of travel by bus in Adams County 4% 21%	15%	15%	45%	100%
Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County 4% 17%	17%	19%	43%	100%
Ease of walking in Adams County 10% 38%	24%	19%	9%	100%
Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails 16% 37%	27%	15%	6%	100%
Traffic flow on major streets 7% 26%	45%	21%	1%	100%
		15%	62%	100%
Availability of recycling services 13% 34%	20%	19%	15%	100%
	24%	31%	3%	100%
	35%	9%	2%	100%

Table 45: Question 5

How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)?	Percent of respondents
Very prepared	11%
Somewhat prepared	44%
A little bit prepared	33%
Not at all prepared	12%
Total	100%

Table 46: Question 6

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	24%	57%	11%	7%	1%	100%
Remain in Adams County for the next five years	45%	35%	10%	6%	4%	100%

Table 47: Question 7

To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem	Not a	Minor	Moderate	Major	Don't	
in Adams County?	problem	problem	problem	problem	know	Total
Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles	17%	35%	29%	11%	9%	100%
Graffiti	20%	43%	20%	6%	11%	100%
Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery)	11%	32%	31%	6%	21%	100%
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	5%	25%	39%	14%	17%	100%
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste	17%	24%	16%	9%	34%	100%
Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands	14%	31%	24%	13%	18%	100%
Child abuse and neglect	7%	15%	10%	4%	64%	100%
Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults	9%	11%	10%	2%	69%	100%

Table 48: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other	2 times a week	2-4 times a	Once a month	Not at	
household members done each of the following in Adams County?	or more	month	or less	all	Total
Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park	22%	25%	38%	16%	100%
Used Adams County public libraries or their services	8%	20%	26%	45%	100%
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County	10%	14%	16%	59%	100%
Attended a County-sponsored event	2%	2%	36%	61%	100%
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	6%	4%	27%	62%	100%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	15%	18%	14%	53%	100%
Walked or biked instead of driving	9%	13%	24%	54%	100%
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County	5%	7%	14%	75%	100%
Participated in a club	5%	7%	9%	79%	100%
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	32%	33%	26%	9%	100%
Done a favor for a neighbor	18%	20%	38%	23%	100%

Table 49: Question 9

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	25%
Less than once a month	16%
Once or twice a month	16%
About once a week	5%
Multiple times a week	9%
Daily	5%
Don't know	25%
Total	100%

Table 50: Question 10

How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses?	Percent of respondents
Excellent	3%
Good	24%
Fair	21%
Poor	9%
Don't Know	39%
It is not the job of Adams County to retain and attract businesses	4%
Total	100%

Table 51: Question 11

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	19%
Somewhat support	45%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	14%
Don't know	11%
Total	100%

Table 52: Question 12

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	9%	22%	18%	12%	39%	100%
Fire response times	20%	26%	8%	1%	44%	100%
Fire services overall	21%	27%	8%	2%	42%	100%
Ambulance response times	19%	20%	5%	3%	53%	100%
Ambulance services overall	19%	22%	7%	3%	50%	100%
Water and sanitation services	15%	44%	13%	12%	17%	100%
Street and drainage maintenance services	7%	41%	23%	12%	17%	100%
Library services	20%	29%	13%	2%	35%	100%
Park and recreation services	21%	43%	15%	2%	19%	100%
RTD bus or rail	9%	20%	24%	4%	42%	100%
Courts	5%	23%	14%	4%	54%	100%

Table 53: Question 13

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					Don't know or	
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not applicable	Total
Adams County open space, parks and trails system	19%	47%	18%	3%	13%	100%
Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	6%	26%	17%	1%	50%	100%
Building permits and inspections	5%	16%	11%	7%	60%	100%
Collection of property taxes	7%	30%	21%	6%	36%	100%
Community development (build the capacity of citizen groups and community organizations so they may enhance the economic, social, environmental and cultural	-04	04	04	-04	04	
well-being of our communities)	5%	21%	22%	5%	47%	100%
County Fair/fairgrounds	6%	36%	13%	2%	43%	100%
County jail	3%	8%	9%	1%	79%	100%
District Attorney services	4%	8%	10%	1%	77%	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%	18%	17%	8%	54%	100%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County	7%	31%	18%	11%	32%	100%
Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs).	5%	20%	20%	10%	45%	100%
Elections and voter registrations	21%	46%	13%	3%	17%	100%
Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents)	5%	23%	9%	3%	60%	100%
Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center	3%	13%	10%	2%	71%	100%
Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.)	3%	22%	17%	4%	54%	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%	22%	16%	17%	40%	100%
Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly Front Range Airport)	5%	15%	6%	2%	71%	100%
Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.)	5%	5%	11%	9%	70%	100%
Long range planning (administers and updates the Comprehensive Long Range Plan,	3%	13%	14%	5%	64%	100%

					Don't know or	
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not applicable	Total
coordinates with both local and regional stakeholders in planning for the current and future needs of the county)						
Motor vehicle registration	21%	43%	22%	7%	7%	100%
Online (internet) property lookup	11%	32%	20%	2%	34%	100%
Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.)	5%	20%	16%	4%	54%	100%
Public records and documents searches	5%	22%	14%	3%	56%	100%
Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County	4%	24%	30%	23%	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.	5%	12%	12%	4%	67%	100%
Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected	3%	9%	6%	5%	77%	100%
Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected	3%	8%	8%	3%	78%	100%
Sheriff response times	8%	20%	12%	4%	57%	100%
Sheriff services overall	8%	24%	12%	4%	51%	100%
Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County	7%	30%	26%	12%	25%	100%
Stormwater utility	5%	26%	18%	9%	42%	100%
Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County	5%	32%	34%	10%	19%	100%

Table 54: Question 14

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	52%
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	11%
Building permits and inspections	4%
Collection of property taxes	10%
Community development	17%
County Fair/fairgrounds	2%
County jail	4%
District Attorney services	4%
Development standards and regulations	22%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	14%
Economic development	27%
Elections and voter registrations	11%
Emergency management	20%
Workforce & Business Center	14%
Environmental health services	15%
Code enforcement	19%
Front Range Airport	3%
Housing assistance services	21%
Long range planning	20%
Motor vehicle registration	9%
Online property lookup	
Public health services	20%
Public records and documents searches	1%
Roadway maintenance	44%
Financial services	10%
Child protective services	10% 13% 6%
Adult protective services	6%
Sheriff response times	6%
Sheriff services overall	18%
Snow and ice removal	20%

Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving	Percent of
the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.)	respondents
Stormwater utility	6%
Traffic control	19%

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

Table 55: Question 15

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	6%
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	22%
Building permits and inspections	12%
Collection of property taxes	17%
Community development	15%
County Fair/fairgrounds	35%
County jail	22%
District Attorney services	19%
Development standards and regulations	11%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	5%
Economic development	9%
Elections and voter registrations	13%
Emergency management	1%
Workforce & Business Center	10%
Environmental health services	3%
Code enforcement	16%
Front Range Airport	45%
Housing assistance services	10%
Long range planning	8%
Motor vehicle registration	8%
Online property lookup	36%
Public health services	7%
Public records and documents searches	31%

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
Roadway maintenance	7%
Financial services	8%
Child protective services	0%
Adult protective services	8%
Sheriff response times	3%
Sheriff services overall	3%
Snow and ice removal	7%
Stormwater utility	10%
Traffic control	15%

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

Table 56: Question 16

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County?	Percent of respondents
Excellent	7%
Good	55%
Fair	28%
Poor	4%
Don't know	7%
Total	100%

How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid?	Percent of respondents
Excellent	7%
Good	35%
Fair	31%
Poor	16%
Don't know	11%
Total	100%

Table 58: Question 18

How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing?	Percent of respondents
Very well informed	3%
Informed	11%
Somewhat informed	42%
Hardly informed at all	36%
Don't Know	8%
Total	100%

Table 59: Question 19

How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right?	Percent of respondents
Always	6%
Most of the time	43%
Only some of the time	25%
Almost never	4%
Never	5%
Don't Know	18%
Total	100%

Table 6o: Question 20

Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking?	Percent of respondents
Excellent	6%
Good	43%
Fair	29%
Poor	6%
Don't know	17%
Total	100%

Table 61: Question 21

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	6%	27%	22%	13%	33%	100%
Being responsive to residents	6%	28%	21%	7%	38%	100%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	6%	35%	25%	8%	26%	100%
Informing residents about issues facing the community	5%	25%	30%	16%	25%	100%
Accessibility of elected officials	4%	20%	22%	12%	42%	100%
Being open and transparent to the public	4%	26%	26%	10%	33%	100%
Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions	4%	24%	23%	14%	35%	100%
Being honest	4%	27%	18%	7%	43%	100%
Treating residents with fairness and respect	7%	31%	22%	6%	34%	100%

Table 62: Question 22

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

Table 63: Question 23

What was your impression of the Adams County employee in your most recent contact? Rate					Don't	
each characteristic below.)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	know	Total
Knowledge	33%	49%	10%	5%	3%	100%
Responsiveness	40%	40%	12%	6%	3%	100%
Respectfulness	39%	41%	11%	7%	3%	100%
Courtesy	43%	39%	7%	9%	3%	100%
Overall impression	34%	39%	17%	7%	3%	100%

Table 64: Question 24

Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are listed below. For each, please rate whether you think there is	Far		About the				
too much, too little or about the right amount of parks or	too	Somewhat	right	Somewhat	Fartoo	Don't	
recreation facilities to serve your needs in each of these areas.	little	too little	amount	too much	much	know	Total
Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities, such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.)	5%	25%	58%	0%	1%	10%	100%
Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may preserve unique							
landscapes and open spaces)	5%	23%	61%	o%	0%	10%	100%
Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball,							
baseball, lacrosse)	4%	30%	48%	2%	0%	16%	100%
Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball)	6%	35%	39%	1%	0%	19%	100%
Playgrounds	2%	23%	61%	1%	0%	12%	100%
Recreation centers	9%	22%	58%	2%	0%	9%	100%
Youth recreation programs	8%	23%	37%	1%	0%	32%	100%
Adult recreation programs	11%	21%	43%	0%	0%	25%	100%
Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.)	11%	16%	46%	5%	0%	22%	100%

Table 65: Question 25

Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery, please indicate whether you	More	Same	Less	Don't	
feel the County should apply more effort, the same amount of effort or less effort toward each.	effort	effort	effort	know	Total
Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and property					
maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris)	2206	46%	9%	11%	100%
	33%	40%	970	1170	10090
Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance,					
securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals)	27%	53%	4%	16%	100%
Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park					
buildings)	30%	57%	3%	10%	100%
Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs)	32%	42%	9%	17%	100%
Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection, adult					
protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.)	25%	46%	2%	27%	100%
Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution,				,	
courts, etc.)	18%	63%	3%	15%	100%
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Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as	0,	6607	0,	0,4	0.4
marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.)	10%	66%	3%	22%	100%
Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage					
systems; snow removal, etc.)	49%	43%	1%	6%	100%
Transportation Infrastructure Construction (includes construction of new roads, widening of					
existing roads, sidewalk construction, etc.)	46%	40%	5%	9%	100%
Public Health Services (includes immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco	7-1-	7-1-	J. (
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and substance abuse prevention, birth and death certificates, health information, Environmental	0.4	0.7	C0/	007	07
Health services, etc.)	22%	44%	6%	28%	100%
Aging & Adult Services (includes community transit services for Senior and low income residents,					
Meals on Wheels, long term care & adult protection)	27%	37%	2%	35%	100%

Table 66: Question 26

To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following sales tax extension (not increase) efforts:	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	Total
Continue an existing sales tax of 2.5 cents per \$10 spent to fund open space preservation and projects in the community	41%	38%	13%	7%	0%	100%
Continue an existing sales tax of 3 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain Adams County facilities (e.g., Human Services Center, Government Center, the new regional park)	28%	39%	22%	11%	0%	100%
Continue an existing portion of sales tax of 2 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain roads and bridges in the community	50%	33%	11%	6%	0%	100%

Table 67: Question 27

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Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the County to do each of the		Very	Somewhat	Not at all	
following:	Essential	important	important	important	Total
Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more					
than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage)	51%	28%	16%	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)	46%	26%	19%	9%	100%

Table 68: Question 28

Thinking of how you currently get information about events or issues, how likely would you			A little	Not at		
be to obtain information about Adams County like public hearings, community meetings,	Very		bit	all	Don't	
upcoming programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats?	likely	Likely	likely	likely	know	Total
Adams County Annual Budget	6%	18%	28%	31%	17%	100%
Adams County Annual Report	8%	24%	27%	23%	18%	100%
Adams County Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty)	8%	28%	20%	29%	14%	100%
Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county_co)	3%	11%	14%	54%	18%	100%
Adams County website (www.adcogov.org)	19%	34%	25%	12%	9%	100%
Emails from Adams County	13%	25%	24%	27%	11%	100%
Text messages	8%	17%	21%	42%	13%	100%
Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county government building, the						
fairgrounds, etc.)	7%	28%	29%	24%	12%	100%
Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newspapers, online versions of any of						
these)	16%	40%	23%	11%	10%	100%
Mailings to your home address	21%	41%	24%	8%	6%	100%
Community newsletters with information about Adams County	19%	45%	21%	8%	7%	100%
Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.)	13%	27%	30%	20%	10%	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?

Location, convenience, access (to mountains, to shopping, to Denver, etc.)

- able to drive access highways
- access to boulder, downtown, mountains
- access to everything
- access to highways-shopping areas-neighbors
- access to shopping
- accessable to all counties and neighboring states
- accessibility
- acessibility to other activities
- at the moment, accessibility to other town is convenient
- availability of denver and mountains and open space
- being close to denver but not in the midst of it
- close access to a good variety of businesses
- close access to denver and the northern suburbs and city
- close to a lot of things
- close to denver
- close to downtown bike paths, and boulder
- close to everything
- close to good shopping and our neighbors
- close to major city without high density neighborhood
- close to mountains
- close to mountains
- close to shopping, mountains, interstate highways
- closeness to denver
- convenience of closeness
- convenient
- convenient to services
- convienient to services i use
- distance
- easily assessible to all parts of metro area
- easy access to the greenbelt and neighborhood businesses
- easy getting around
- easy place to live, highways are close to me, easier to get around

- good accessibility to highway system
- good location
- great location and privacy, supported by appropriate level of government services
- · great location, near mountains and downtown
- it is central to denver, boulder, the airport
- its 30 miles away from a big city
- its in colorado
- its lit denver
- location
- location
- location
- location near the city of denver and the mountains
- location of our neighborhood
- location to denver, boulder, ft. collins and greeley
- location to stores, bussiness
- most services are close
- my house close to all hyways
- my house proximity to work
- not as much traffic, most stores, close
- not too crowded, individual house owner, convenience of stores
- our location
- outside of denver but still close
- parks, close to mountains
- proximity and ease of getting anywhere in the state. deputy sheriffs are awesome!
- proximity to denver
- proximity to denver/airport
- proximity to downtown denver
- proximity to downtown, generally affordable, clean
- proximity to highways
- proximity to services
- quick access to everywhere, mts, city, shopping
- relative availability to health care
- that westminster is in it
- the access to recreation
- the acesses to mountains
- the location is convenience
- It's not Denver
- Convenience of shopping and services.
- my location is convenient to get to most parts of town.
- Proximity to Denver.
- For us it is the convenience of shopping, health care, and entertainment
- Proximity to mountains and areas of interest
- Proximity to Denver/Boulder, but with space and affordability.

- Close enough to commute, while still being able to have some room to breath from the city. I
 like the new businesses coming to Adams County.
- Everything we need is close, without feeling like a big city.
- Location in the metro area cost of living lower than south metro area
- It's accessible to many other parts of Colorado, especially Denver.
- Variety of shopping
- The city I live in. Westminster is a great place to live. I would not be so happy in several parts of Adams County. We moved to Westminster from Boulder to improve our quality of life, and public transport there helped us both reach our work sites without having to drive everyday.
- conveniently located between boulder/fortCollins and denver
- Accessibility to Denver and to mountains
- lugar donde estan cercas las iglesias para adorar a nuestro senor Jesucristo
- proximity to Denver and Mountains
- Convenience of location to Denver, mountains, Boulder
- Close to my former work (retired)
- I like the location. I like the fact that it is close to both Highway 36 as well as Interstate 25. I enjoy the Shaw Heights neighborhood as well because it is so close to downtown Denver and an easy commute into Boulder on 36 for my job.
- proximity to many activities, services and shopping
- Proximity to Denver and the mountains
- Close to work and childcare
- That's it close enough to the mountains and yet close to city. It's quiet and peaceful.
- central location to the city
- The proximity to Stanley marketplace. It's the only place in the area that offers a community feeling. The shops are all local and filled with quality goods. There are excellent fitness programs and food options as well.
- Convenience to get to work.
- Everything is close to
- Accesibility
- There are a lot of places to shop and different things to do.
- Access to Denver, Boulder, etc.
- Easily accessible to Denver and the interstates.
- Location
- I work in Denver, so I like the short commute. I also like the home prices as compared to homes in Denver.

Open space, parks and trails

- access to green spaces for walking
- adams county regional park w/trails
- my open space
- open space
- open space
- open space
- open space (rural living)

- open space-clean neighborhood shopping for groceriesopen spaces
- open spaces lake parks and dog parks
- open space-undeveloped
- parks, community programs, proximity to denver
- parks/open spaces
- recreational settings
- the bike trails beside the canals, primarily beyond 19th ave. also the friendliness of the hispanic people im old town residential brighton plus hs history and historic bldgs.
- the open areas
- the open spaces, not as conjusted as other co
- trails and mountains access
- trails and parks
- we live by a park but i wish the park had restrooms
- wide open unpopulated spaces
- open spaces
- Parks, bike trails
- Outdoor recreational opportunities.
- the open spaces; the friendly neighbors; and dog park
- Parks
- Open Spaces
- Open spaces
- Open space/trails.
- I enjoy the open spaces and parks.
- open spaces
- The parks and trail systems.

Lower cost of living, affordability, lower housing costs

- affordability and closeness to recreational and city activities
- affordability of rural housing with beautiful views
- affordable
- affordable- clean
- affordable housing
- affordable housing
- affordable housing
- affordable housing
- affordable land close to boulder
- afordability
- cheaper then denver
- cost for housing east of i-25 was more affordable, good schools
- cost of living
- house cost
- house is paid for
- it is an affordable place to live

- lower prices housing then denver
- more home for the money
- my home is paid for
- slightly more affordable
- small homes in my area(affordable)
- used to be rural, affordable
- It's more affordable than other parts of the Denver metro
- Cheaper than other counties. Good access to Denver metro etc. On the edge of the major growing business / housing areas.
- Lower housing prices.
- Lower cost of living and taxes
- Less crowded and expensive than Broomfield or Denver counties.
- Cheaper to live in than Denver or Boulder, yet both are within close driving distance.

People, family, friends, neighborhood

- adams county is a friendly community with wonderful opportunities
- family on e.
- family that lives in adams co
- friendly people
- friends/neighbors live here
- good community living
- love our 55 community, grand kids live here, close to mountains
- mostly nice people
- my community with access to local businesses
- my neighborhood
- my neighborhood
- my neighborhood
- my neighborhood-midtown
- neighborhood
- nice and friendly people
- our neighborhood
- people
- people
- people are nice
- people have lived here for a long time
- the people
- the people ive met-democratic environment
- the people-friends and neighbors
- the quality of people that live here
- there is a sense of community
- My neighbors and I have been living in the community a couple of decades so we know each other well and what is normal for each household
- Great Neighbors and you can light off fireworks without worry of law enforcement. Go FREEDOM!!!!!

- Our neighborhood which is in unincorporated Adams County.
- I love my neighborhood. It's very safe.
- All of my family make their home in Adams County. My grandchildren enjoy their schools.
- My neighborhood
- The people and all the community events!
- We are new residents as of September 2017, so we don't have a ton of experience yet. Our neighbors are friendly and we have enjoyed getting to know them. We do wish there were some more trendy restaurants, bars, climbing gyms, etc. in the area. We really appreciate the security of being near a fire station and, having met some of them at the grocery store, we can tell that they really care about the community. That's pretty cool:)
- The people.
- Reunion.

Small town feel, mix of rural and urban living

- away from denver smaller communities years back
- feels like a small community, although its getting big
- i like living in a rural part of the county
- its not denver
- its still rural
- laid back attitude
- more open space, less people, still some rural!
- rural area
- rural landscapes
- rural life style
- rural living
- rural living
- rural living
- rural-ness!
- small town
- small town atmosphere
- small town feel
- small town with lots of amenities
- the rural areas
- we have a rural area yet close to necessary shopping
- Its not Denver County
- I liked the rural area until Thornton built homes and stores that surround us now. I like the closeness of the fairgrounds and it is a nice facility with walking paths.
- There is a variety of living areas. For example urban as well as small farm.
- axeso a colonias nuebas y privadas, colonias de poder tener herramienta comercial,rancho,y nuevas estructuras,jimnacios tiendas etc..
- Being away from the really big city.
- It doesn't have the traffic, noise, crime or congestion that exists in the closest main metropolitan area. There are small mom and pop businesses that haven't been run out of business by big corporations, and I am adamant about supporting the local businesses.

- small town feeling / rural farm country feeling
- Covers a large area, like the unincorporated area, people are generally nice.
- Brighton still has a bit of a smaller town feel. Not as much the past 5 years, though.
- The fact that it is a lot of OPEN SPACE, away from the EXPLOSIVE OUT-OF-CONTROL GROWTH of the Denver metro area! We commute in daily (my wife downtown, me to I-70 Lakewood) and HATE the unchecked sprawl of new loft/condo/box-houses and worsening traffic conditions -- Adams County living gives us our 'get-away' space from all that. NOTE: We just moved to Adams County in June of 2018.
- Living in a suburban environment with good access to downtown Denver for shows, concerts, and dining. High taxes, but a bit lower than many of the neighboring counties.
- Being able to reside in an unincorporated area
- Still has undeveloped land
- Not too crowded.

Amenities, events, services

- a lot of places to eat
- all that's available
- availability of services and commercial estab.
- b. services are good!
- good city government
- plenty of ameintities
- recent community resources such as a rec center
- senior programs
- services are adequate. not much to say
- the convenience of services
- the places to do things hoffman library
- the westminster public schools is close and convenient
- variety of activities
- variety of retail, good schools for my area
- Living so close to an amazing library and the city is pretty decent about keep up with their roads.
- I live close to Kaiser Permanente, my health care provider.
- Conveniences of ammenities
- Comfortable with very good governmental services.
- the activities available

Quiet

- being away from the noise! congestion of denver we are in east adco
- eastern ad. co rural life is calm and not crowded
- fairly quiet
- i live where it is quiet and peaceful
- is a quiet place to live
- it has seemed quiet and family friendly so far also being close to denver city is a plus
- it is much more calmer then denver
- its not a super nice place but its very calm

- not a lot of people in my area
- not as populated
- out of the busy city
- peace and quiet
- quiet
- quiet neighborhood
- quiet suburban life. easy to get to anywhere from here
- quiet, the trains
- quietness
- the peace and quiet of the country
- the quietness
- Where we live, outside Brighton is nice and quiet.
- It is quiet and for where I live, crime is relatively low.
- I live on 35 acres and I love the guite and the views

Safety, low crime, safety services

- community safety
- it is a calm and safe county
- its not over populated and crazy with street gangs
- its quiet-safe
- its safe
- low crime rate
- safe atmosphere
- we feel safe
- sheriff very responsive

Native, grew up in Adams County

- born and raised am a usa person
- born and raised here-comfortable place to live
- grew up here
- grew up here, everything
- have lived here for most of my adult life
- heritage todd creek
- i grew up here. its familiar
- i have lived here most of my life so am familiar with the area
- i have lived here my entire life. i do with adams county would not expand its territory
- i was born here 90 years ago and never left
- it's the neighborhood i grew up on. the county i grew up in.
- we grew up here, its home
- Grew up in Adams county. it has plenty of open space and walking trails, but also variety in the businesses.
- Familiarity with the area I grew up here.
- Both business and home are located in Adams County. I have lived entire adult life here and have enjoyed raising my family here.

Quality of life in general/everything

- everything
- good place
- good place to live
- i live in shaw heights and love this area
- place to live, shops, receive healthcare, socialize and retire!
- very nice and wonderful
- we moved out here originally back in 1969 because they had the best schools in most of the denver metro area. we have had a good life living here, were retired
- we've been here 28 years, its comfortable
- we've lived here for 32 yrs. we've raised a family here. i am happy with the overall quality of life
- Everything
- It can is a quite nice county.

Environment, climate, clean, appearance

- air quality
- clean, lots of open space, plenty of nearby shopping, keep the roads nice, lakes and parks plentiful
- climate
- climate
- country
- country
- country life
- environment
- fresh air and quiet
- i can look west and see the rocky mountains
- prett y in some places
- scenery
- seeing mountains
- the land, views of the mountains
- the weather
- they keep it clean, roads clear when it snows, the street are well lit
- they keep our street up and clean and well kept up
- view
- view of mountains
- weather
- Most parts have been plesantly kept up
- I appreciate the recent beautification efforts taking place throughout unincorporated Adams County. The parks are wonderful, and accessibility has been part of the planning process. I appreciate efforts to make the unincorporated neighborhoods walkable and desirable.

Lower tax rates

- lower tax rate
- lower taxes
- property tax

- tax rate
- tax rates, lower population dervisity
- taxes
- taxes are low
- taxes are to high
- taxes resonable
- the cheaper taxes
- the lower tax rate compared to other counties, we are unincorporated adams cty
- the taxs are not as high at other counties
- Lower tax
- Tax rate in unincorporated. Close to Downtown Denver. Still alot of open spaces.
- unincorporated tax rates
- Low taxes. Mix of people.

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Economy/growth

- growth
- new businesses
- new construction and new businesses-growing
- New growth and development.
- The potential for growth and progress
- I like that it is growing and that the part of it that I live in is putting in good infrastructure for the future.

Nothing

- at 1st it was good-not so much now
- i do not like anything in particular about living here
- not much
- not much
- nothing, only live here cuz where i ended up when i moved from texas
- Adams County is not a great place to live, for the cost of living is too high for the avarage person.
- nothing special
- Nothing really. It is just a place to live.

Other

- adams county too large and mixed living conditions for one answer that fits the whole county
- decent traffic
- district 50 schools (the special needs programs)
- enjoyed living in adams county until big oil started fracking
- for years nobody wanted to live n. part of town
- it is the place of my first apartment
- less traffic
- · love it here although we do not participate in many things here, and this survey we cant answer
- m. school district
- my home
- my house
- my house
- opportunities
- roads are well maintained
- school for special needs
- so far my neighborhood does not have problems but i do not drive out of aurora due to traffic
- stable govt policys
- that i have a house with a yard
- the area
- the cops
- the diversity
- transportation (bus)
- where i live out east
- Living in an upscale class of the community.

- The amount of information that is sent/available to me.
- one or two good school districts
- Fair
- Its not as crowded and congested (yet) as the rest of the front range
- Less congestion than most cities
- Diversity
- Escuelas.
- I 'used' to like the quietness until you allowed a motor-cross track to be built out in our neighborhood! Bromley Estates. So much for peace and quiet!
- Minimal rules to live life.

Don't know, just moved

- no answer
- no emission test required
- Not really sure
- Unsure
- I live in Stapleton, so I feel like it's hard to respond to this. It's a little subset of Adams County. So, I can't really answer this.

Question #3: If you could describe Adams County in ONE word, what would it be?

Generic positive comments (good, excellent, amazing, etc.)

- adamazing
- awesome
- Awesome
- blessed
- Bueno
- excelente
- excellence in democratic republic governance and welaborative community
- excellent
- excellent!!
- fantabulous
- fun
- good
- good
- good
- good
- good
- good
- goodgood
- good
- good place to live
- Good place to raise a family
- great

- great
- great
- great
- great
- great
- great
- Great
- great
- great
- great. the police are on top of things
- Love it
- nice
- Nice Nice
- Nice
- outstanding
- perfect
- pleasant
- satisfing
- super
- vibrant

Generic neutral comments (Acceptable/ok/adequate/average/basic/fair/good)

- acceptable
- acceptable, as is all of denver metro

- adequate
- average
- average
- Average
- average place to live
- basic
- chill
- comparable
- decent
- decent
- Decent
- fair
- fair
- fair
- fair
- Fair
- fair
- fair to okay
- fine
- it's a okay place to live
- liveable
- mediocre
- neutral
- neutral
- normal
- ok
- okay
- okay

- okay
- okay
- Okay
- Old
- solid
- stable
- suffice
- Tolerable
- Typical
- underrated
- uneventful
- Unexeptional

Spacious/space

- big
- big
- big
- big
- country
- country
- huge
- HUGE
- large
- large
- not too crowded (that's good)
- older
- open
- open
- open
- Open
- Openspace
- rural
- Rural
- semi-rural
- space
- space
- spacious
- Spacious.
- sparse
- spreadout

Growing

- Blossoming
- change

- change
- changed
- changing
- contruction
- evolving
- Evolving
- Evolving
- expanding
- growing
- growing Growing
- Growing
- Growing Growing
- Growing
- growing
- growing bigger
- growing too much
- growing!
- Growing!
- Growing!!!
- over crowded
- Overcrowed
- Overgrown
- progressing
- progressive
- progressive
- rising
- striving

Convenient/location/home

Accesibility

- accessable
- close-to everything
- colorado
- community
- contected
- convenience
- convenience
- convenient
- convenient
- convenient
- Convenient
- home
- Homehome
- Home
- Home
- home.
- Home.
- in colorado
- location
- location
- not living in denver
- suburban
- Suburban
- Suburban
- Suburban
- suburbs

Diverse

- diverse
- diverse
- diverse
- diverse
- diverse
- diverse
- diverse
- diverse

- diverse
- diverse
- diverse
- Diverse
- Diverse
- Diverse
- diversified
- diversified
- diversity
- diversity
- Diversity
- Diversity
- dynamic
- dynamic
- varied
- variety
- variety

Negative comments

- Backwards
- concerned
- costly
- depressed
- disadvantaged
- disappointing
- downhill
- dumb
- Ghetto
- greedy
- greedy!
- Hurting
- inconsistant
- ineffective
- inefficient government yes, you asked for one word, sorry!
- insecure
- it is not the place it used to be
- kind of dumpy
- lacking
- lackluster
- need money
- Overrated
- Overrated.
- overtaxed
- poor

- poor
- prejudiced
- questionable
- Sad
- self-serving
- short-sighted
- taxation (very expensive)
- trashie
- Trashy
- trying
- underfunded

Expensive

- expensive
- expensive
- expensive
- expensive
- expensive
- expensive
- expensive
- expensive
- Expensive

People, friendly

- blue collar
- blue-collar
- Blue-collar.
- Family
- family oriented
- friendly
- Friendlyhospitable
- hospitible
- welcoming
- welcoming! /little comment, i think were unincorporated-that can be confusing
- working class

Peaceful/quiet

- Cozy
- peaceful
- peaceful
- Peaceful
- Peaceful
- peaceful-quite in my neighborhood
- quiet
- quiet
- quiet
- tranquil

Environment/appearance

- active
- active
- arid
- beautiful
- clean
- clean
- clean it up in neighborhoods
- dirty
- dirty
- DRY
- flat
- Fracked
- fracking
- landfill
- Sandy

Comfortable

- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable
- comfortable

Comfortable

Affordable

- affordable
- affordable
- affordable
- Affordable
- afordable

Congested/crowded

- congested
- congested
- crowded
- crowded
- crowded
- traffic
- traffic jams

Safety

- lack of police patrol in shaw heights
- safe
- safety
- sanctuary
- secure
- unsafe

Other

- Adventure
- Ambition
- America
- availability
- Balanced
- Becoming
- behind
- 'bueno'NO puedo decir exelente porque le falta buena agua y hay mas contaminacion ambiental por las refinerias y companias estableciadas de construccion
- bustling
- busy
- city
- city
- democrat
- different
- Efficient
- ehh
- healthy
- historic
- improving
- income-based
- industrial
- Industrial
- interesting
- interesting
- Interesting

- liberal
- Liberal
- libtard (liberal retards)
- meh
- Meh...
- mexified
- nostalgic
- Old Denver, where the Liberals haven't invaded yet.
- Organizado
- political corruption
- possibilies
- rectangular
- reputation
- responsive
- synergy
- thornton
- very large amount of power to help or destroy families social services is very hard based on its foster kindship parents. especially grand parents
- white
- wide

Don't know, N/A

- can't
- have not lived here long enough
- NA
- schiwphreme

Question #23a: Please tell us more about your most recent contact with the Adams County employee:

- 1. police dispatcher-kind, courteous, respectful, understanding, responsive 2. plate renewal-kind, pleasant, quick response, knowledgable.
- a bullet broke my stormdoor window and imbedded in door. sherriff came pretty quickly, but never let me know the caliber or results (where it might have come from)
- A false alarm at my home resulted in a visit from sherriff department. They were speedy, efficiently assessed the situation, and were friendly and respectful.
- a sprinkler broke in clear lake park on friday, contacted multiple agencies throughout the weekend trying to get the water turned off. no response, water poured out all weekend!! hyland hills came on monday and shut the water off. sheriff dept. federal heights, thornton water, adams county, hyland hills. 4 days of water wasted! no help to be found
- about cars left on street over a week not checked
- about water (resident)
- · adams county courthouse from security to the judge all fair, knowledgeable, respectful
- adams county deputy sheriff to discuss abandoned vehicle near home
- Adams County District Attorney's Office inquiry

- Adams county driver registration people are most helpful and courteous. On the other hand, the
 DA's office is not very helpful and they take minor misdemeanors and make it seem like the
 suspect is a major felon-they need to learn perspective.
- adams county inspector, very cordial and respectfull!
- adams ct. police officer, helped me with my car
- An officer responded to my call for a broken sprinkler system that was leaking after hours at my neighbors house. The water turned off about the same time the officer arrived, so there wasn't really anything he could do.
- animal control, good response understood problem
- answered my question-was on hold 50 min?
- anything libraries in wright farms and brighton. adams county court house for jury duty
- Applied for a building variance..although the process was lengthy the interaction with Adams County employee(s) - Commissioners was a good experience
- asked about laws regarding fencing replacement
- assesors office, sheriff dept.
- at the dmv, people that work in there are always helpful and curtious
- at the senior center-all pleasant
- aurora housing authority maribel gutierrez has helped me a lot
- auto registration renewal bennett office
- building permit questions/somewhere answered
- building zoning dept. no one is on the same page. they don't give any help in your process. one person says one thing to the next person you talk to says something completely different. that is if they will return your calls. i give this department an f
- called animal control about an aggressive pit bull running loose, animal control says they don't respond on sunday unless someone was injured, said to call back if i observed the dog mondayfriday
- called for a none working traffic light received call back about 1-2 weeks later
- called for weed control issues along roadside. original job was terrible, called commissioner and received great response and action
- called the adams county court about a traffic ticket
- called to check if permit necessary she gave measurements etc....took the time to speak to me. she was knowledgeable and friendly
- called when car was hit
- cars in streets with expired plates are no longer under the code department. cards parking on lawns. shrubs and weeds growing over sidewalks
- city planning department, spoke about metal sheet in road from construction company, responded with info quickly and professionally
- code enforcement-did the correct thing
- construction inspection
- Contacted about road repairs in the unincorporated AC. Received a quick response back but still no action taken and no follow up.
- contacted county on a irs tax audit matter!
- contacted sheffiffs office dut to a nighborhood issue
- Contacted Westminster lawmakers Good reception

- correct information
- county building dept. permit section
- county deputy sheriff
- courtous when inquiring about canine licenses
- department of motor vehicles-federal blvd
- deputy acosta, helped with drug house in back
- didn't care about our concerns called water frastl and utilitys dmv
- Didn't seem to know what she was doing. Was not helpful
- divorce paperwork
- dmv
- DMV employees are very helpful
- dmv in bennett
- dmv registration renewal
- dmv-renewal
- Driving License test for child,
- elected official asking about community issues at a local grocery store, great guy
- employee came to inspect solar system and i could hear him fron indoors arguing w/ tesla rep. very slow to come and inspect system
- employee leaving-called to give best wishes
- employee was rude, and unwilling to assist or provide information
- enexpectatly reasonable police officer
- everyone at the county blds in brighten are really nice and know their jobs. every deputy i've ever met are great, even at the stadium in commerce city wherethere are a lot of spectators and it's a hectic environment. denver p.d. take lessons from our deputies
- extremely impressed how well judge cox remained calm, when an inmate was disgustingly rude to him. 12/28/18 2pm
- filing homestead exemption form
- finding out about senior tax exemption
- good
- gym moorhead, very honest about services and how to establish membership/use the most from the opportunities offered
- had a question and it was answered
- Had contact with a few of the Sheriffs and District Attorneys, they were great!
- had to apply for senior exemption on taxes after passing of my wife
- had to deal with the person that handle jurors at adams county court house, jury commissioner
 and though she was very knowledgeable, she was very rude, lacking compassion and aggressive
- have not had any
- He apologized that the contractor hired to remodel Twin Lakes park is way, way, way behind. Park is still closed and it should have reopened in August. NOW 4 MONTHS late and no where near ready to open. My dogs are sad. Contractors who do not complete projects on time should have daily penalties.
- he was nice and professional
- help desk @ court house, was not friendly came off as i wan an inconvenience, didn't want to help w/forms i had questions on.

- helpful, answered all my questions
- her solution to the problem was not thought thru
- home roof inspection
- home was burglarized. no attempt was made to check with neighbors, cameras, fingerprints, follow up etc. i was totally disgusted with adams county (unincorporated area) sherrifs dept.
- human services-long wait times on hold when calling, online portal not working requiring need to oftain paper copy return to hs offices. it chat or call in resulted in no help. all employees very curtious, helpful, timely in help and responses
- husband lost job, got foodstamps and medicad the very 1st day, thank you, thank you, thank you
- i asked a recycling question at the sheriffs office in strasburg
- i called adams county assor. very respective. called sherrif dept. response was immediate
- i called for election/ballot issiues. problem solved
- i don't remember/too long ago
- i get mv records. i was treated very kindly
- i had a question about property taxes, the website wasn't helpful but the person on the phone was. the receptionist are always helpful
- I had to call the police to go and talk to a kid who threatened my son with a knife.
- i had to contact my rep. for my health ins
- I had to contact the sheriff dept. on a couple of minor issues and they have always been timely and effective. I also recently had to go for Jury Duty. Security was very respectful, polite and pleasant as was the Jury Commissioner.
- i had to make three trips to complete my transaction
- i like our vehicle department our here
- i pay my utility payment by phone-the employee is always informed trash pickup, water readers very nice-recently i read a story about a gentlman who reconditions bikes and gives them away-the repr. got me to the right person and i was able to donate 6 bikes without a problem
- I spoke with someone from the DA office regarding a phone call a family member received stating I had a warrant sworn out for me. The DA was able to assure me this was not true and someone was trying to get money from my family member.
- i volunteer for county
- i was admitted to st. anthonys hosp. the ambulance tech's were wonderful!
- I was assisted by an Adams County Employee at the DMV office.
- i was called back timely with the informations i requested
- I work at a municipal government as well and have requested property tax data from AdCo
 employees. They're always very helpful and responsive.
- I work for Elections Office during general election time. I am always impresses with the caliber of people in that office and how well they spend taxpayer dollars.
- i would rather not at this time
- i wrote a check for \$10.00 over and was told i'll be credited on next tax bill
- incontact with severl employees-all respectful, courteous
- info on handicap phacards
- inquiry into work-roof permit completion
- it has been many years since i have delt w/th county
- it was the fire department and paramedic, did a good job

- Just doing their job and nothing more.
- just had some questions, they were responsive
- knowledgable
- Live on a major street that needs a 4 way Stop sign and a road hump to slow traffic down. Talked with Engineer and hopefully he will accomplish what he said he would do concerning a traffic pattern analysis and solutions.
- marriage license
- medical services
- met with transportation dpt. officials who were responsive and forthcoming but have done little in rectifying poor road conditions
- motor vehicle
- motor vehicle
- motor vehicle dept. very helpful courteous, efficient
- Motor vehicle in Bennett and the permitting office have EXCELLENT customer service. Very helpful, knowledgeable and friendly.
- motor vehicle in bennett is the best!
- motor vehicle office
- motor vehicle office switched from out of state super helpful
- motor vehicle registration
- Motor vehicle registration office at the county government center on Hwy 2. Window clerks were busy, but seemed to handle people fairly promptly. It did seem like a bit excessive wait time, as not all of the positions were staffed, but when my turn came I was treated with courtesy and friendliness and accomplished my business efficiently.
- motor vehicle registration was very efficient
- motor vehicle registration, very good service
- Motor vehicle registration. Fast, efficient, friendly. Wish I'd known before I got there that I would need an inspection first though.
- motor vehicle was good, getting better as well
- needing help from the volunteer service
- New her job well. answered all questions.
- Nice person but powerless. This county is going to be killed by fracking. How are you going to
 maintain quality of life living in an industrial area (which used to be a community) and having
 methane leak into your basement. You have a disaster in the making.
- no follow after two calls regarding resurfacing of street infront of driveway
- non emergency police #. response was very poor
- none
- none
- none
- none
- none
- none
- non-emergency sheriff phone-several times
- nothing to tell
- oil and gas regulation and inspection

- only able to get voice mail-no human contact at all
- Only contact with an Adams county employee was to register an automobile.
- open space and parks-great people from planning thru maintenance
- outstanding
- participated in 6th sheriffs and da's citizen academies impressed with employees in both capacities
- peace keeper utilized to settle dispute with neighbor-very possitive results
- permit
- phone contact to get some information
- Police and City Official came over to our house over a dispute on the property line and damage to our border by the next door neighbor.
- police officer after car accident
- problem with sdap acct/proptly taken care of
- PROMISES NOT FULFILLED
- property tax arbitration result was unfair-appeared to just be going through motions-no negotiation what soever. unfair.
- property tax assessment
- property tax information
- receptionist in motor vehicle took time to explain new kiosk renewal system providing me knowledge in that area for easy use
- registered to vote and registered a trailer
- renewal of CCW. Time wait was minimal, process was relatively simple.
- requesting stop sign and cross walk in neighborhood to slow down cars bolting in front of special needs bus
- respectful, mostly courteous, goes in one ear out the other
- responsive
- responsive and concerned but no follow up
- roads
- roads and snow removal
- rude-did not listen
- rural roads condition and quality of work
- seems to be confusion when you need police service adams sheriff is called relay call to commerce city or vica versa
- she deals with land and a. issues with us in east adco and is great to work with!
- She didn't really know to whom I needed to speak with, and I was misdirected
- she said that she'd have my complaint looked into by sending a code officer out but after multiple contacts with code, the sheriff's office (by myself and other neighbors) nothing has been done. its been two years. unincorporated adams county is highly neglected
- she was efficient, knowledgable and friendly
- She was knowledgeable about her job and very courteous. In and out quickly.
- she was rude, intimidating and caused our family to fall apart. it will take a long time to repair what has been done, if it happens, she lied on reports and has supervisors on her side. i could go higher, but due to the stress of this bout i feel its time to just "let it go" and pray that someone else doesnt have to face what our family has.

- sheriff
- sheriff call to home
- sheriff depart. was extremely nice and helpful
- sheriff dept. noise complaint-solved right away
- sheriff deputies acted like guards at jail or nazi ss officers to the victims and treated them like criminals. huge power trips. go directly against constitutional oath of following law. scare taticts and harrassment
- · sheriff for dangerous situation in neighborhood
- sheriff helping in emergency
- sheriff macintosh was a very good sheriff for adams county
- sheriff, domestic issue
- sheriffs dept. vandalism, burglary, more than once
- sheriff's office
- Sheriff's office: Assistance with problem caused by neighbor; North Washington FD: alarm problem
- she's my daughter
- short, curt, felt very much like i was an inconvenience -not the reason they are there
- snow removal, letter to county commissioners no respond
- social services one person knowledgable enough to handle multiple issues
- staff at the regional park about lack of enforcement of parks rules and regulations (leash laws, boats and rafts on lake)
- street lights burn't out replaced in 2 days
- street maintance rural roads. that we don't matter but the new sherriff training facility that does not pay taxes gets their road paved first. and us tax payers can suffer. but he was nice about it
- talk to non emergency male operater service never had anyone call me back and as far as i am concerned is an idiot.
- talked with the county clerk, very knoledgeable and respectfull
- the clerk for jury duty was rude about my cancellation of jury duty by phone-i had a doctors appt. that was ergent
- the county ripped up our street with the promise it would be fixed in less than a week. after multiple calls to finally get a hold of someone 3 months later, it was still ripped up. Guess what, it's now 6 months later and IT'S STILL RIPPED UP!!!!
- the dept. of housing for liens where great
- The individual was at a local fast food restaurant wearing a shirt identifying her job so we stopped to chat briefly because we were new to the area. Very impressed with the knowledge and responses given.
- The only encounter I can think of is renewing my license plates at the DMV. The staff person was courteous.
- The person should not be in the position he is currently holding.
- the planning and zoning department does not work with tax paying residents. they have their own political agenda. the most difficult county i have ever dealt with!
- theft claim took far too long to get any action from the county on.
- they don't follow through well/family dwelling we have too many people in 1 houde hold they park all over

- they don't know that pass port application provided by p.office. arapahoe county provide this
 application
- they helped with the meth head who was housing felons and strippers. in the process he lost his house and the sheriff's helped a bunch!
- this employee was very helpful with other resources in the county
- thornton active adult center
- Ticket from a shierff. Very professional.
- took tour of voter registration and ballot-handling facilities recently
- transfer of property deed with clerk and recorders office
- trouble with no street p. sidewalk, street lighting
- Trying to obtain contacts about sidewalk issue. The two people that I talked with originally have disappeared and emails bounced back.
- until 8 mos. on 1/22/19 i was an alcoholic in home, not out and about or driving. i would get so drunk i would call 911 and then be horrid, abusive, loud and cursing at all. a. cemp. and they still treated me with dignity while getting me on an ambulance to st. anthony on 84th, where i continued my foul abuse. adams county is the best. very glad we bought a home here
- Vehicle registration
- very co-operative and quality of good service! was michael martinez from the county bld in brighton
- very kind and helpful in the last contact with a c employee
- Very professional but not very forthcoming with information
- very respectible police officer. but concern for a cerain safety of a certain intersection could not be addressed for a year!!
- victims assistance-death in the family
- walking my dog i found a little boy alone looking for his mom. i did not have my phone to call 911, we started walking to look for his mom, when i looked at an officer in his patrol. i signaled him and immediately attended to the problem
- water dept slow to respond to repair hydrant
- water dept-good
- We called 911 for unexplained middle-of-the-night noises outside our home. Adams County Sheriff deputies responded quickly and did a professional courteous and thorough property check.
- we called the sheriff office and the call got cut off in plain conversation
- We had a lot of abandoned cars on our street that was blocking the view of intersections. It was a very dangerous situation and we called the cops, unfortunately they couldn't do anything but told me to email a county rep. I did that and got a quick response, that just told me the distance to the stop sign people could park and no other solutions beyond that. We called the cops when cars were parked too close, which helped a little bit but it's really frustrating, looks horrible and is very dangerous and wish we could do more.
- we had someone break in to our house. the sheriffs were very helpful and polite
- we were furloughed with the government. id with city of brighton was kind, efficient and respectful
- well
- went to get a name change on property-wasn't done when we went to get a document
- when we had neighborhood meetings

- With a DMV Worker. She was professional. Except you guys need to make it easier to get a license plate for a trailer.
- zoning

Question #29: 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?

- activities for youth essential
- Adams County seems to lose focus on the older parts of unincorporated and core commerce city.
 Code enforcement / neighborhood services is unfair on how they do their enforcement (commerce city's proper problem).
 RTD service is horrible here.
- Adams County used to have a home town feel, that is no longer the case. The county has grown exponentially, but the services haven't grown. There used to be family things to look forward to like the Adams County Fair, but this too has been neglected. It is actually an embarrassment to attend such an event. Roads in unincorporated Adams County are not being maintained even when there are severe issues that affect life and safety. It is comical that Code Enforcement chooses to focus on connexes in the backyard, but let people have paint booths in their garages and shops and nothing is done about it even when the county is contacted. If there were an emergency in unincorporated Adams County I have no faith that the Sheriffs office would or could respond in time. There are no patrols. The county is seriously lacking recreation centers, soccer fields, etc. The County Commissioners are a joke -- they lie, and meet behind closed doors. The only interests they have are their own. The Stormwater Utility is another joke that is nothing more than a vehicle to collect more dollars from the public.
- adressing densification impacts on urban and rural a.
- affordable child care needed! rec services in north adams county
- alley ways are messy
- allow brighton residents in wright farms to use thornton rec ct and new trail winds rec. ctr. (as a resident)
- Arvada sends out a monthly report that is very useful. If Adams County did something like that, it would be amazing. Also, the major issue with Adams County is the school districts. That is the main reason why I would think about leaving the county in the next 3-5 years.
- As a resident of 58 years, it is my opinion that the following are critical issues that need to be addressed for the county to be a great place to live for future years: 1. Water shortage and use is of utmost importance. 2. Highway 7 from Brighton to I-25 is a dangerous stretch of road because it cannot support the amount of traffic. Holly and Highway 7 very dangerous intersection already having many fatal accidents. 3. Development of more neighborhoods without road infrastructure and nearby job opportunities is obsolete. People should be able to work in their very nearby community, not have to commute far each day. If developers are going to build houses, they should be building entire live/work communities. 4. Development of more neighborhoods we live in a high desert. There is only so much water to go around. Where is the water going to come from to support all the new houses/communities? 5. Fracking is out of control It has destroyed the beauty of the open land with wells/tanks, etc. Adams county is one huge eyesore because of fracking. It uses water that should be used for farming, drinking, etc. from our underground sources, never to be used again because of the chemicals. Fracking also adds to our brown cloud of pollution I see the fumes spewed from fracking facilities every day. Breathing these chemicals does not add to our quality of life. The heavy truck traffic involved in

building and maintaining the fracking facilities adds to the congestion on roads and I doubt very much that any of the oil/gas companies are contributing a single dime to road maintenance. 6. Strip malls are not needed in this year 2019 or beyond. 7. Adams County's vision of housing, fracking, strip malls, and no infrastructure advancement is an outdated model. If I were looking for a place to call home, I would not choose this county to live in.

- be upfront and honest about taxes or so called fees(like the stormwater utility) and answer phone calls
- becoming too socialistic/liberal i can't afford your help
- before passing laws, really consider how it effects everyone
- better communication
- build restrooms at parks in unincorporated adams co
- businesses should be held to same standards as residents/homeowners are
- chose to live in adams cty when we moved from new hampshire
- clean our roads during winter months, pick up trash
- colorado is just too crowded. i know that is what makes these services less availabile
- continued honesty and transparency/more attention to unincorporated adams
- doing great
- don't have much interesting
- en la oficina del condado nunca lo atiende pues el personal se la pasa solo platicando o en el telefono
- Extend community involvement, we should all be part of keeping our eyes open and reporting.
 At the same time, the county code enforcement people need to be be better qualified to respond to the issues at hand.
- federal blvd needs better development
- fix our roads!!!
- fix the roads!!!
- fix the roads. i'm tired of bouncing around everywhere i go.
- Folks, this survey is entirely too long. I gave up at 50%.
- get teachers, schools more money. reduce/eliminate tax breaks for companies and churches
- how come changed adams county fair grounds name how much did that cost tax payers?
- huron st needs to be finished to highway 7
- i am 85 years old i have no computer nor a car. transportation in the county not good. my lack of a computer is a joy to me.
- i am disabled and don't participate in too many events, nor have i used many of the services provided. all of my experiences so far have been great
- i am happy i bought my home here, i am very pleased to live in adams county
- i am opposed to the stormwater fee!
- i am pissed that adams county raised my taxes by 50% while i am a senior citizen
- i am very happy 27j school district
- i appreciate effort made by county to get information out-much increased in last 3 years
- I currently live in Unincorporated Adams County, and have lived here for 19 years. We own our home which is in the 80229 Thornton zip code. Many of the bills we receive in regard to our home contain city taxes and I have been told by businesses that they cannot remove them, we do save some money on our property taxes due to being unincorporated. My family and I frequently use the recreation centers in Adams County, but sometimes it can be cost prohibitive. Our cost

for two adults who live in Adams County to purchase annual non-resident passes for the Thornton Recreation Center is \$620, and every time we take our grandchildren with us we must pay \$4 for each of them. Would it be possible to have a three tiered pricing system where city residents are charged the lowest rate, Adams County residents are charged a slightly higher rate, and out of county residents are charged the most. The current pricing system has us paying the same rate as members that do not even reside in Adams County. Would it be possible to build Adams County recreation centers, or a recreation center on the border of Denver and Adams County that is paid for by both counties, and used by Denver and Adams County residents?

- I dislike living in Adams County for two reasons: the trains and the awful light system. The trains: The one that stops at Highway 85 and 104th blocks traffic and sometimes stops for at least 2 hours. This is 100% unacceptable. The other trains run at all hours of the night which is annoying since they're so loud, but they constantly honk their horns continuously at all hours of the night, even when there are signs saying they don't. It makes living near tracks awful. They should not be allowed to honk their horns during curfew hours. The light systems it gives way too much time to highway 2 and not nearly enough time to the cross streets like 104th. I've sat for minutes trying to turn left on highway 2 from 104th, when 2 has a green with no one coming for majority of the time. The lights are also awful when a train comes they will give a green to the direction that cannot go because of the traffic instead of changing to give a green to the people who can actually go. The lights need to be adjusted to accommodate the traffic crossing 104th and to immediately change when trains block the road.
- i feel that this is a good place to live and expect to remain long term
- i have been at my home since 2014. every year n. was h. on water rates have went up every year. sometimes i pay more for water than excel energy. very disappointed
- i have been charged with a crime, however, the district attorney has a horrible reputation of railroading defendants. especially those without resources. the d.a. office is the least honorable and trustworthy office in the county. i also do not like some of the countys leftist agendas
- I know our taxes are low- I would definitely pay more for some additional services. I wish the RTD Light Rail Lines would finally open. We're also having our first child in a few months, so schools are becoming more important. That would be a defining reason we'd move away from Adams County if they're not improved.
- I like this county, I think the government does a good job, but would love to see more open space, walking trails, etc.. fewer apartment complexes
- i live at san marino and about it sorry
- I moved from Arapahoe County to Adams in 1991. I thought of Adams County as 'backward.' But, I have been always impressed by the caliber of people working for the County and how much they do with so little tax dollars. The mix of people is good.
- i paid sewer tax in our area no sewer!
- I personally believe everything is up to par. Im only talking about the neighborhood in which I live. Not to sure or familiar on how other areas are.
- I strongly believe our schools need work! I realize where funding comes from but am concerned by the fact that our families need to pay for their students classes. It's not good! I am also surprised by the fact that our district does both emails and calls in only English. How do we expect our parents to stay involved!? And last but definitely not least, smoking is VERY popular here. I have never seen so many people, especially young adults and teens smoking. I wish Adams county could do a campaign of some sort. It's really bad and makes me so sad to see

- so many people, like I said, especially the young ones addicted to everything from jewels to vape pens to cigarettes.
- I think the storm water fee (TAX!) is absurd. I'm in an unincorporated area completely surrounded by Thornton. If I have any storm warmer issues Thornton would take care of them. I can't recall ever seeing a county worker in my area other than a snowplow. We, residents within Thornton or other municipalities shouldn't be paying this tax.
- I want government to stay out of my life. I don't want government telling me what to do, or how to do it.
- I work in a different county and go to school in, yet, another county. I do not spend enough time here to make informed comments. Thanks!
- I would like it if Aurora and Adams could come together and pave Imboden Road between 56th and 72nd. Routine maintenance on the dirt road isn't nearly enough and when there is any moisture at all driving on it is a nightmare. I believe there is enough growth in this area for the road to finally be paved. I already brought this up to Aurora and they basically said since we aren't residents they don't care.
- i would like to see more of the homeless people taken off the streets and given them shelter to live in
- I would like to see sheriff patrols on the county roads, better road conditions and maintenance.
- i would like to see the following add r. 1. lack of enforcement: fireworks, nonstop barking dogs, number of cars per household, weedy yards, diesel pickups roaring thru the neighborhood, speed in neighborhoods, resident snow removal, junk in yards
- i would like to see tree limb disposal/composting/mulch
- If each city could do a survey like this it would be more beneficial to such a large county. The city in which I live would not have rated as high as Adams county in general.
- In the area of Strasburg, there is lack of recreation/fitness centers for it's citizens of all ages. It is very inconvenient for residents to travel to another town for these services and many residents that I have spoken with often travel to Aurora/Denver to achieve their fitness, which is 40 minutes away. Additionally, Headlight Road in Strasburg is currently not paved, causing unnecessary damage to car tires and constant car repairs due to dings from rocks/gravel on the road. It is essential that residents have access to a paved road like other communities.
- It is too expensive and taxes are high. I don't understand why we pay extra fees/taxes to shop at Target, Kohl's, etc in Prairie Center but not at Walmart. It is too hard to get a business going or to build something because the inspectors are very unreasonable and the fees charged are outrageous. I don't understand the importance of having a huge, fancy Adams county complex with DMV, etc but we can't get our roads cleared quickly after snow, or dead animals picked up off the road quickly, and there are not ample street lights in unincorporated Adams county.
- It seems that most of the activity for Adams County is occurring in the northern part of the county. The southern part of the county seems to be a bit neglected.
- i've only been in this place 3 months
- just overall not impressed w/adams
- Large outdoor dog park space with running water (stream). Example: Westminster Hills Off-Leash Dog Park, 105th & Simms. A paid indoor dog activity center when the weather is extreme (hot or cold).
- leave the eagle nesting area alone-no development
- less is more. i feel we do not need to "attract" more businesses or persons

- look into establishing a county bank. it would solve most funding problems avoids tabor limits
- love being here, nice area just cannot afford it. would love to buy a home and stay here long term, but at this point they are too costly
- more affordable senior housing!
- more focus on arts and culture please
- more resources for children needed. protect more ans assure clean water/environment
- more road repairs
- most answers are i don't know! i'm 89 i live in senior housing as independent. don't think my answers are complete enough
- my biggest issue is the drinking water (quality of) it terrible!
- my one concern is the lack of public transportation, the population is grown and we need more
- Na
- Need a grant or loan program to help promote small business, work to lower lease or rental prices of office or business spaces.
- need a public shooting range or use of flatrock range for public
- need better snow removal on york st at skyview campus 2 hills 2 stop signs -ice
- need more police and traffic enforcement too many people speeding. tackle gang problem, more vet services
- need road fixed(potholes etc.) more football and baseball fields
- Need to do a lot better job maintaining gravel and paved roads in unincorporated Adams county
- no
- no
- no
- no
- no
- nono
- no
- no more hand outs to people who can work
- no, stop the fracking
- No.
- no.
- none

- none
- none
- None
- None
- none
- none
- none at this time
- none-other than more affordable housing-more inspections by county
- not at the moment
- not at this time
- not giving my name! animal control easier ways to report constant barking of dogs. if a neighbor know who reported their dogs they get mad, causes anger between people
- only more security for kids in park area are people making wrong business
- our community need activities for teenagers! its time to put money into a bowling alley that's open!
- Overall things are going very well. However, the newer communities are extremely isolated from the main network of walking trails and parks. I would very much like to see these walking paths connect between neighborhoods. As an example, I live in the North Creek Farms neighborhood. There is no road or path you can ride your bike on to / out of this neighborhood.
- property taxes too high for a rural county please try to find a way to reduce property taxes
- question 15 is a silly question. all services are necessary for growth
- quit trying to do the church's responsibilities of taking care of people. fix the darn roads!!
- Remember we are not just a Hispanic community we are multi-culture. I force single family living not crowding multiple families into a single family home
- Rent and housing markup is making it very difficult to afford apartments or other housing in Adams County.
- roads east-of i-76 are poorly maintained, county should consider how to incentivize eco-tourism
- rural roads need to be maintained better (pot holes etc...)
- satisfied
- shefiffs are making neighbors and myself feel unsafe due to their tactics and harrassment
- sidewalks and roads in unincorporated adams county need attention
- Since moving here, the quality of life has taken a nosedive.. roads are deteriorating, taxes and 'fees' are piling on with nothing to show for them, no new parks anywhere near us in unincorporated have been built and the ones that are here are over-run with drugs and illegal activity.. gunshots are now a near daily occurrence, and there's never AdCo Deputies around. In fact, 2 of them have been arrested today, so can we even trust those deputies? How about the one having late night liasons in the parking lot of my local elementary school late nights like twice a week??? All new development is just garbage chain restaurants, which close quickly and turn into even worse chain restaurants, check cashing stores or pawn shops... This isn't a place i want to be any longer, but due to the housing market, we're stuck!!! for the love of god, DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!
- snow removal on residental street needs improving
- stop refering to our peacekeepers with negative conotations-ie cops, police, law"enforcement"
- storm water utility continues to tax without benefit in e. ad co. rural areas are ignored in favor of urban areas

- Stormwater fee was not voted on. It is not a fee ...it is a tax and it is also wrong. There is already money in the budget for it. It is a scam. I like the assessor website and clerk and recorder search. Nicely done. Best one in the state.
- stronger code enforcement in unincorporated adams county
- take care of our roads!!!
- tax money is only for us citizens, i strongly object to being forced to commit a felony by having my tax money given to non citizens of the u.s.a. they are aiding and abeting known felons. all law enforcement agencies should be detaining and transporting illegal aliens to the appropriate agencies. the use of undocumented or migrant is an inappropriate attempt to negate this felon behavior. i have serious questions about wheater they are allowed to vote. i believe the id section of adams county was already exposed as to having marked id's that were handed out to illegal aliens marked that they wanted to vote. they not only shouldnt vote, they should have been deported at that time. they also should not be recieving any benefits of citizenship like aid in any form. food stamps, school lunches, medical care etc. including housing. again-how many felonies can a citizen commit with impunity?
- taxes are to high -need more busniess in r.
- taxes too high for a retired person
- tengo un comentario que me enoja mucho; es que construyeron el hwy 2 y bajaron el nivel de velocidad; hantes era de 45 y ahora es de 35 del la 72 ave a Quebec y Quebec a 120 era de 55 y ahora es de 45 es como una burla a los ciudadanos de commece city porque estavamos inpuestos a un millaje mas alto y ahora asta la polecia no sale de alli dando tiketes, y si se beneficia el condado o la ciudad de tantos tiketes q an dado ya pero no saben o se acen, que afecta el aumento de las azeguranzas #\$%%**
- terminate the mistake of legal pot!
- Thanks for soliciting our feedback
- the above address is invalid, so poor service to start with!
- the county is overall good, but things like closing fire houses a block away aren't good
- The county is so large, but there isn't enough areas in which one can find out what is happening in our county government. We live in a small sliver of Adams county that is surrounded by Denver County, and the county seat is too far to travel, and the hours are not good for working people.
- the county need to be more transparent. stop raising taxes!
- the county should help and support the 4-h groups more do more for them at the fairgrounds
- The education in Adams County needs to improve vastly. If we do end up moving out of Adams County it will be to seek out better schools.
- the o. way fracking is becoming handled
- The quality of life in Adams County however there is room for improvement in certain areas. The rise of homelessness has risen over the past few years in the Commerce City area. Abandoned or unleased properties are an attraction site for this situation. Also the area where Little Caesars is there is always a lot of trash. I believe new growth in the 'new Commerce City' is great but the heart or the local area needs to be cared for first. Also the empty Greyhound park could use a facelift or attraction for our city. Improvement of our local schools is also a priority before new shops, restaurants, etc. Some schools are in need of cleanup and updating.
- the resurfacing of roads in adams co. last 6 months county roads are the worst shape in 50 years. so need sur. work again

- there are some traffic lights that operate appropriately. the traffic lights need to allow for a left turn when no traffic is coming
- there are way too many people living in some houses
- there is no money for all of this and no jobs
- these responses are based on my personal place (retired), neighborhood/location, and household income. Such things like recreational facilities I utilize the City or Broomfield County because those services provided by Adams County are further away...so rating those seemed unfair. I have utilized light rail from the Westminster Station and really would like a Station closer to my home as it is such an easy way to enjoy the entire metropolitan area. Adams County bringing such businesses as the Gaylord is very impressive.....
- they make line unable for bikers. we have people park on bike lane, they block the view on both sides
- this county is no longer rural life friendly. it has become very politically driven and no longer represents a small town atmosphere
- this survey is ridiculus! way too long!
- to much government control! the fire dept. and cont gov cost look extra
- too many people too much traffic
- too many questions in this survey
- Traffic has become a major issue in my area. I would like to see more enforcement on the side streets
- traffic is horrible the road cannot handle the amount of traffic
- trans for disable and seniors/income asst. extended funding for e.b.t./snap/energy asst/mortgage and rent asst/water assistance
- unimproved roads need paving (ie. 12th r. to rec ctr.
- unincorporated adams county-we have no snow plowing at all and no recreation center
- very much should be done for affordable housing
- way too much illegal dumping grounds near dupont elementary
- way too much section 8 and low income. it hurts property value and increases crime
- We are in desperate need of a quality supermarket in the Colfax and I-225 area. A large Trader Joe's Would be an amazing addition to the community. In fact, the empty building K-Mart recently vacated on Colfax and Chambers would be a magnificent location. Trader Joe's or Sprouts would be great for the community because you they would both provide affordable, natural and organic foods which currently are not available in the area. Please seriously take this into consideration. It's a shame quality organic food products cannot be found in this area.
- we bought a house in west. 5 yrs ago and love it here. i am retired, my husband works full time
- we felt that shaw heights was very safe neighborhood where we bought out house in 1980. now we feel there is no sense of security do to crime in our neighborhood
- we live in unincorporated adams pay lots of taxes/no services
- we need rec center out here. no good facilities except in bennett with not much stuff
- Welby area needs better transportation, sidewalks, traffic control.
- When given the opportunity to reside in each of our neighboring counties, we opted to remain in Adams County. We have made this choice twice (2) in our past 30 years. Adams County has continued to be a very effective county in serving all of its residents and enterprises.
- when home owners rent there prop-make them keep up the prop. don't run down are community

- When the Adams County voters voted against the "Rain Tax" (the County Commissioners call it Stormwater Management), the Commissioners circumvented the will of the taxpayers and added it our taxes in the form of a fee. I realize the the Judge decided in the favor of the Commissioners but judges do make mistakes in this case the Judge is wrong. This act by the commissioners is indicative of their lack of respect for the taxpayers. Look up the definition of a fee and a tax and clearly this is a tax. Since they call it a fee, I should be getting something in return for what I am paying for Stormwater management and yet my wife and I have had to go out and shovel sand from the road that gets washed into our yard when we get a heavy rain. The service we have received or better said have "not received" from the Adams County Sheriffs Office and from the road maintenance department makes me wonder, "Where are my taxes going?" because I am definitely not getting responses from these offices when I have expressed numerous concerns. The building permits department is very difficult to work with. I have had several contractors tell me that the Adams County building permits department is one of the most difficult, inefficient Counties/City departments to work with.
- why did you use open space money to buy properties for transitional housing for minors. this is not what i voted for
- why does aurora/adams co. need to keep growing?? focus appears on last few years and future but not to older aurora
- wish there was better -more bike paths in n.w. ad co. please finish the path near e-470 and york st
- worried with all the new development, that quality of life will suffer
- would appreciate the completion of the twin lakes park
- would like to not have oil and gas in my backyard/commerce city/metro districts cost too much
- would like to see improved communication to community in general about events/opp. and political happenings
- would like to see regulations enforced. ie. home made garage extensions to street
- yes, to get more lakes/ponds open for use. no more train hours. get the bike paths connected to denver. asap
- You allowed a 'professional' motor-cross track to be built out here in Bromley Estates. The noise (while not daily, but more so in the warmer months continuous) is so loud and annoying. You have allowed 1 family to ruin dozens of families quality of life out in this area. It is unfortunate that Adams County allowed this to happen. It's bad enough that a highway will be coming in soon. We all moved out here for a reason, peace and quiet quality of life. You made a decision without notifying any of the residents.

Appendix D: Selected Survey Results by Respondent Characteristics

Comparisons by Place of Residence

The subgroup comparison tables contain the cross tabulations of selected survey questions by respondent characteristics. Chi-square or ANOVA tests of significance were applied to these breakdowns of 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.

For each pair of subgroups that has a statistically significant difference, an upper case letter denoting significance is shown in the category with the larger column proportion. The letter denotes the category with the smaller column proportion from which it is statistically different. Differences were marked as statistically significant if the probability that the differences were due to chance alone were less than 5%. Categories were not used in comparisons when a column proportion was equal to zero or one.

Items that have no upper case letter denotation in their column and that are also not referred to in any other column were not statistically different.

For example, in Table 69 on the following page, 83% of residents who lived in incorporated Adams County (B) gave higher ratings to Adams County as a place to live and did residents who lived in unincorporated Adams County (A). This proportion of residents (B) was statistically higher than residents in unincorporated areas (A). In another example in this table, respondents who lived in a suburban area (B) or a rural area (D) both gave statistically higher scores to their neighborhoods as places to live than those who lived in an urban area (A) or small town (C).

Table 69: Question 1 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County	Incorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Adams County:	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	
(Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Adams County as a place to live	75%	8 ₃ % A	79%	82%	77%	82%	69%	68%	82%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	73%	8 ₃ % A	90% B	79%	62%	8 ₃ % A	80%	85% A	81%
Adams County as a place to raise children	62%	75% A	67%	74%	53%	74% A	76%	71%	73%
Adams County as a place to work	58%	69%	56%	69% A	68%	63%	59%	58%	67%
Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business	51%	55%	32%	59% A	52%	54%	27%	37%	54%
Adams County as a place to retire	48%	53%	38%	55% A	45%	51%	40%	39%	52%
Availability of affordable quality health care	45%	48%	40%	49%	55% C	43%	23%	44%	48%
Availability of affordable housing	33%	29%	35%	29%	41% B	25%	22%	22%	30%
The overall quality of life in Adams County	64%	68%	73%	66%	59%	69%	58%	64%	67%

Table 70: Question 3 by Area of Adams County

Please rate each of the	Adams County I	ncorporation	Área of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
following characteristics as					An	Α	Α	Α	
they relate to Adams County	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
as a whole: (Percent excellent	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Sense of personal safety	63%	70%	82% B	66%	60%	70%	77%	64%	69%
Sense of community	52%	58%	81% B	52%	57%	55%	77%	61%	57%
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	60%	73% A	57%	73% A	74% C	75% C	27%	54%	70%
Overall appearance of Adams County	50%	60%	63%	57%	47%	59%	53%	56%	58%
Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County	52%	55%	62%	53%	58% D	56% D	52%	27%	55%
Variety of housing options	49%	52%	41%	53%	49%	49%	52%	46%	51%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County	53%	56%	47%	56%	49%	57% C	31%	50%	55%
Shopping opportunities	55%	65% A	50%	65% A	52%	67% A C D	38%	41%	63%
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	38%	50% A	41%	49%	57% C D	48%	27%	25%	48%
Recreational opportunities	56%	64%	50%	65% A	66%	62%	48%	44%	62%
Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature	61%	60%	63%	60%	64%	55%	68%	44%	60%
Employment opportunities	45%	54%	47%	53%	53%	53%	58%	38%	52%
Educational opportunities	42%	47%	35%	48% A	48%	47%	34%	39%	46%

Please rate each of the	Adams County	Incorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
following characteristics as they relate to Adams County	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	An urban	A suburban	A small	A rural	
as a whole: (Percent excellent	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Opportunities to participate in community matters	50%	51%	41%	53%	55%	49%	39%	45%	51%
Ease of car travel in Adams County	57%	52%	42%	55% A	46%	55%	33%	45%	53%
Ease of travel by bus in Adams County	32%	47% A	14%	50% A	57% C D	44% D	23%	8%	45%
Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County	30%	38%	17%	40% A	41% C	38% C	7%	7%	37%
Ease of walking in Adams County	45%	55%	47%	54%	51%	55%	39%	28%	53%
Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails	47%	58% A	43%	58% A	51% D	62% C D	32%	21%	56%
Traffic flow on major streets	33%	33%	41%	32%	29%	35%	31%	15%	33%
Availability of affordable quality child care	30%	21%	12%	26% A	43% B C	16%	6%	38%	22%
Availability of recycling services	40%	58% A	43%	56% A	55% D	57% C D	29%	22%	54%
Drinking water quality	55% B	42%	37%	45%	54%	43%	28%	48%	44%
Overall image or reputation of Adams County	46%	57% A	60%	53%	46%	56%	65%	40%	54%

Table 71: Question 4 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County			Overall		
					An	Α	Α	Α	
	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)?	63% B	53%	50%	56%	57% C	57% C	30%	78% C	55%

Table 72: Question 5 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following: (Percent	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	
very or somewhat likely)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks	79%	83%	82%	83%	68%	86% A D	91% A D	66%	82%
Remain in Adams County for the next five years	86%	82%	88%	82%	71%	86% A	99% A D	73%	83%

Table 73: Question 6 by Area of Adams County

To what degree, if at all, are	Adams County I	Incorporation	Área of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
each of the following a problem in Adams County?	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	An urban	A suburban	A small	A rural	
(Percent moderate or major	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
problem)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles	45%	59% A	63%	55%	47%	60%	72% D	35%	56%
Graffiti	75%	70%	73%	71%	63%	74%	68%	60%	71%
Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery)	53%	54%	66% B	51%	50%	54%	52%	61%	53%
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	36%	36%	43%	35%	39%	36%	21%	47%	36%
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste	55%	65%	70%	62%	56%	67%	58%	59%	63%
Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands	45%	58% A	55%	55%	61% D	57% D	65% D	20%	55%
Child abuse and neglect	51%	63%	55%	61%	69% C	6o% C	25%	44%	60%
Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults	58%	63%	51%	64%	81% C	61% C	15%	76% C	61%

Table 74: Question 7 by Area of Adams County

In the last 12 months, about how	Adams County I	ncorporation		ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams	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	
County? (Percent more than once a month)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park	37%	49% A	41%	48%	51% D	50% D	34%	24%	47%
Used Adams County public libraries or their services	25%	29%	47% B	25%	20%	29%	50% A B D	18%	28%
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County	24%	25%	39% B	22%	25%	20%	51% ABD	23%	24%
Attended a County-sponsored event	2%	4%	1%	4%	7%	3%	2%	1%	3%
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	6%	11%	1%	12% A	11%	12%	3%	0%	10%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	24%	35% A	24%	34%	33%	33%	41%	23%	33%
Walked or biked instead of driving	12%	24% A	15%	23%	11%	26% A	18%	18%	22%
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County	8%	12%	18% B	10%	16%	10%	30% B	11%	11%
Participated in a club	8%	14%	20% B	11%	16%	11%	35% A B D	7%	12%
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	68%	64%	72%	64%	62%	67%	73%	61%	65%
Done a favor for a neighbor	43%	38%	38%	39%	42%	35%	48%	42%	39%

Table 75: Question 8 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
		Incorporated			An	Α	Α	Α	
	Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
	Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
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)	34%	49% A	43%	46%	24%	57% A D	45%	13%	45%

Table 76: Question 9 by Area of Adams County

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	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
					An	Α	Α	Α	
	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses?	35%	50% A	55%	46%	43%	47%	64%	29%	47%

Table 77: Question 10 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	Incorporation	Area of Ad	ams County			Overall		
					An	Α	Α	Α	
	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation?	61%	75% A	74%	72%	73%	73%	69%	60%	72%

Table 78: Question 11 by Area of Adams County

Please rate the quality of each of	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
the following services provided					An	А	Α	Α	
by other agencies (e.g., special	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
districts and metro districts), not	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
by Adams County. (Percent									
excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Public school districts	50%	52%	53%	51%	52%	55%	33%	56%	51%
	79%	85%	68%	87%	95%	90%	57%	59%	84%
Fire response times				Α	CD	CD			
	83%	83%	76%	84%	93%	86%	53%	73%	83%
Fire services overall					С	C			
	81%	83%	72%	85%	96%	87%	56%	66%	83%
Ambulance response times				Α	CD	C			
	84%	79%	63%	84%	96%	83%	41%	74%	80%
Ambulance services overall				Α	С	C		С	
Water and sanitation services	65%	72%	81%	69%	79%	73%	81%	54%	71%
Street and drainage	53%	59%	62%	57%	59%	63%	68%	23%	58%
maintenance services					D	D	D		
	81%	75%	70%	77%	68%	81%	48%	81%	76%
Library services		, 3	,			С	•	С	,

Please rate the quality of each of	Adams County I	Incorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
the following services provided					An	Α	Α	Α	
by other agencies (e.g., special	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
districts and metro districts), not	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
by Adams County. (Percent									
excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	70%	81%	79%	79%	63%	85%	74%	56%	79%
Park and recreation services		Α				AD			
RTD bus or rail	56%	49%	42%	52%	61%	50%	52%	38%	51%
	69%	58%	61%	60%	79%	60%	43%	67%	60%
Courts					C				

Table 79: Question 13 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
Please rate the quality of each of		Incorporated			An	Α	Α	Α	
the following services provided by	Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
Adams County: (Percent excellent	Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Adams County open space, parks and trails system	75%	77%	68%	77%	67%	8 ₃ % A C	46%	61%	76%
Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	71%	63%	33%	70% A	54%	71% C	25%	61%	64%
Building permits and inspections	50%	53%	27%	58% A	74% B C	46%	21%	38%	53%
Collection of property taxes	62%	58%	65%	58%	64%	58%	63%	47%	59%
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)	40%	52%	38%	52%	55% C	54% C	20%	29%	50%
County Fair/fairgrounds	68%	75%	82%	71%	69%	78%	75%	55%	73%
County jail	47%	55%	46%	54%	52%	65%	26%	51%	53%

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent	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	
or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
District Attorney services	44%	55%	62%	50%	64%	51%	61%	56%	52%
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)	36%	51% A	48%	46%	44%	52%	56%	29%	47%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County	53%	58%	38%	60% A	62% C	65% C D	21%	31%	57%
Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs).	37%	47%	28%	49% A	43% C	54% C D	9%	14%	45%
Elections and voter registrations	78%	81%	73%	82%	79% C	85% C	57%	77%	80%
Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents)	69%	71%	47%	73% A	87% C	69%	41%	57%	70%
Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center	53%	58%	30%	61% A	72% C	59%	31%	40%	57%

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent	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	
or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.)	52%	56%	30%	59% A	66% C	60% C	13%	47%	55%
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%	46%	26%	48% A	60% CD	48% C	18%	25%	45%
Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly Front Range Airport)	65%	70%	67%	70%	86% C	73%	45%	52%	69%
Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.)	38%	33%	4%	39% A	54% C D	32%	4%	3%	34%
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)	31%	49% A	35%	48%	70% B C D	43%	17%	25%	45%
Motor vehicle registration	72%	67%	76%	67%	69%	66%	76%	77%	68%
Online (internet) property lookup	62%	67%	50%	69% A	70% C	68% C	38%	45%	66%

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent	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	
or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.)	53%	55%	49%	56%	65% C	56%	30%	58%	55%
Public records and documents searches	57%	62%	63%	60%	76% C	61% C	30%	66%	61%
Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County	39%	33%	35%	34%	48% D	33%	41%	18%	34%
Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc.	51%	50%	27%	55% A	78% B C D	50%	25%	7%	50%
Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected	52%	50%	33%	55% A	82% B C D	48%	26%	20%	51%
Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected	46%	50%	29%	54% A	85% B C	42%	24%	49%	49%
Sheriff response times	65%	65%	63%	65%	79%	65%	50%	66%	65%
Sheriff services overall	69%	65%	63%	67%	83% C	65%	51%	62%	66%
Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County	49%	49%	59%	47%	58%	49%	63%	44%	49%
Stormwater utility	57%	53%	65%	52%	56%	56%	54%	39%	54%

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by	Unincorporated	Incorporated Adams	North/East	South/West	An urban	A suburban	A small	A rural	
Adams County: (Percent excellent	Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County	48%	44%	47%	45%	69% B C D	45%	24%	36%	46%

Table 8o: Question 14 by Area of Adams County

Looking at the services in Question Adams County Incorporation Area of Adams County Rural/Urban									
Looking at the services in Question	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		
12, which FIVE (5) services do you									
think are MOST important for									
maintaining and improving the									
quality of life in Adams County?		Incorporated			An	Α	A	Α	
(Please write in the appropriate	Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
letter(s) for the services below.)	Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	Overall
Open space, parks and trails	38%	56%	55%	51%	38%	58%	66%	34%	52%
system									
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	8%	12%	4%	12%	ο%	16%	2%	8%	11%
Building permits and inspections	6%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	10%	5%	4%
Collection of property taxes	7%	11%	14%	9%	9%	12%	8%	1%	10%
Community development	22%	15%	14%	18%	16%	18%	13%	21%	17%
County Fair/fairgrounds	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	ο%	5%	2%
County jail	3%	4%	2%	4%	1%	5%	1%	6%	4%
District Attorney services	4%	4%	1%	5%	2%	5%	3%	2%	4%
Development standards and regulations	23%	21%	14%	23%	22%	23%	10%	23%	22%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	19%	13%	22%	13%	10%	11%	44%	13%	14%
Economic development	24%	27%	39%	24%	12%	32%	28%	15%	27%
Elections and voter registrations	5%	12%	17%	9%	8%	13%	2%	5%	11%
Emergency management	18%	21%	14%	21%	17%	24%	9%	18%	20%

Looking at the services in Question	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		
12, which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and improving the									
quality of life in Adams County?		Incorporated			An	Α	Α	Α	
(Please write in the appropriate	Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
letter(s) for the services below.)	Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	Overall
Workforce & Business Center	12%	14%	15%	14%	9%	12%	47%	3%	14%
Environmental health services	17%	15%	11%	16%	11%	18%	15%	8%	15%
Code enforcement	22%	17%	11%	20%	27%	16%	6%	23%	19%
Front Range Airport	1%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Housing assistance services	15%	23%	18%	21%	11%	22%	51%	13%	21%
Long range planning	23%	20%	30%	18%	12%	23%	26%	19%	20%
Motor vehicle registration	9%	9%	5%	10%	7%	10%	2%	10%	9%
Online property lookup	3%	3%	11%	1%	1%	4%	0%	1%	3%
Public health services	13%	22%	23%	19%	20%	18%	43%	11%	20%
Public records and documents searches	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%	ο%	1%
Roadway maintenance	47%	44%	51%	43%	53%	39%	26%	66%	44%
Financial services	9%	10%	6%	11%	13%	11%	7%	1%	10%
Child protective services	14%	12%	12%	13%	21%	12%	6%	8%	13%
Adult protective services	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%	7%	0%	5%	6%
Sheriff response times	16%	3%	6%	6%	11%	4%	7%	14%	6%
Sheriff services overall	25%	16%	13%	19%	23%	18%	12%	21%	18%
Snow and ice removal	21%	20%	14%	22%	29%	17%	10%	27%	20%
Stormwater utility	7%	5%	1%	7%	13%	2%	0%	4%	6%
Traffic control	18%	20%	23%	19%	27%	15%	11%	20%	19%

Testing for significant differences were not performed for this question.

Table 81: Question 15 by Area of Adams County

Looking at the services in Question	Adams County I		<u> </u>	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		
12, which FIVE (5) services do you	,			,					
think are LEAST important for									
maintaining and improving the									
quality of life in Adams County?		Incorporated			An	A	Α	Α	
(Please write in the appropriate	Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
letter(s) for the services below.)	Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	Overall
Open space, parks and trails system	4%	7%	14%	5%	2%	7%	2%	5%	6%
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	18%	24%	35%	20%	8%	24%	53%	10%	22%
Building permits and inspections	9%	13%	8%	13%	8%	14%	9%	9%	12%
Collection of property taxes	17%	17%	16%	17%	21%	18%	11%	6%	17%
Community development	10%	16%	21%	13%	19%	12%	41%	14%	15%
County Fair/fairgrounds	37%	34%	32%	36%	40%	39%	21%	20%	35%
County jail	21%	23%	9%	25%	28%	24%	11%	14%	22%
District Attorney services	17%	19%	7%	21%	40%	17%	7%	8%	19%
Development standards and regulations	10%	11%	20%	9%	15%	10%	8%	12%	11%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	9%	4%	14%	3%	2%	7%	1%	12%	5%
Economic development	17%	7%	14%	9%	5%	9%	15%	23%	9%
Elections and voter registrations	15%	13%	27%	11%	13%	9%	37%	26%	13%
Emergency management	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	4%	1%
Workforce & Business Center	14%	9%	7%	11%	7%	12%	5%	14%	10%
Environmental health services	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%
Code enforcement	10%	18%	21%	15%	20%	15%	45%	6%	16%
Front Range Airport	56%	41%	41%	46%	35%	48%	40%	44%	45%
Housing assistance services	8%	11%	21%	8%	20%	9%	5%	12%	10%
Long range planning	9%	8%	5%	9%	7%	10%	1%	1%	8%
Motor vehicle registration	8%	7%	16%	6%	3%	6%	44%	5%	8%
Online property lookup	37%	36%	20%	39%	29%	40%	19%	30%	36%
Public health services	10%	6%	8%	6%	9%	6%	8%	8%	7%

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Looking at the services in Question	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		
12, which FIVE (5) services do you									
think are LEAST important for									
maintaining and improving the									
quality of life in Adams County?		Incorporated			An	A	A	A	
(Please write in the appropriate	Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
letter(s) for the services below.)	Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	Overall
Public records and documents	36%	30%	12%	35%	26%	34%	14%	28%	31%
searches									
Roadway maintenance	5%	7%	4%	7%	5%	5%	4%	20%	7%
Financial services	8%	9%	20%	6%	5%	10%	4%	13%	8%
Child protective services	1%	o%	ο%	ο%	ο%	ο%	0%	ο%	0%
Adult protective services	4%	9%	15%	6%	2%	11%	0%	1%	8%
Sheriff response times	4%	2%	ο%	3%	2%	4%	0%	1%	3%
Sheriff services overall	2%	4%	1%	4%	15%	1%	0%	1%	3%
Snow and ice removal	4%	8%	7%	7%	2%	10%	2%	1%	7%
Stormwater utility	13%	9%	24%	7%	3%	11%	5%	32%	10%
Traffic control	11%	17%	9%	16%	22%	12%	11%	15%	15%

Testing for significant differences were not performed for this question.

Table 82: Question 15 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County			Overall		
					An	A	Α	Α	
	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County?	62%	67%	74%	64%	62%	65%	79%	51%	66%

Table 83: Question 16 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
					An	Α	Α	Α	
	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid?	40%	50%	54%	46%	52%	47%	62%	38%	48%

Table 84: Question 17 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County			Overall		
					An	Α	Α	Α	
	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How informed would you	22%	14%	9%	17%	31%	11%	7%	22%	16%
say you are about the job	В				ВС				
Adams County									
government is doing?									

Table 85: Question 18 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Overall			
					An	Α	Α	Α	
	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right?	53%	61%	67%	58%	52%	62%	56%	47%	59%

Table 86: Question 19 by Area of Adams County

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	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County			Overall		
					An	A	Α	Α	
	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking?	50%	60%	62%	57%	59%	60%	62%	37%	58%

Table 87: Question 20 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	Incorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	An urban	A suburban	A small	A rural	
each of the following areas:	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
(Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Welcoming resident involvement	41%	51%	35%	51% A	55%	47%	29%	39%	49%
Being responsive to residents	43%	58% A	61%	54%	57%	54%	60%	33%	55%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	46%	58% A	42%	59% A	50%	60% C	28%	38%	56%
Informing residents about issues facing the community	32%	42%	27%	42% A	56% B C D	34%	22%	25%	39%
Accessibility of elected officials	34%	42%	36%	41%	42% C	45% C	10%	18%	40%
Being open and transparent to the public	32%	49% A	30%	48% A	45% C	51% C	8%	27%	45%
Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions	38%	44%	52%	41%	56% B	37%	57%	26%	43%
Being honest	40%	6o% A	50%	56%	6 ₃ % D	57%	58%	27%	55%
Treating residents with fairness and respect	45%	61% A	64%	56%	68%	54%	67%	39%	58%

Table 88: Question 21 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County			Overall		
		Incorporated			An	Α	Α	Α	
	Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
	Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
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%	59%	52%	57%	41%	61% A	60%	48%	56%

Table 89: Question 22 by Area of Adams County

What was your impression of	Adams County I	Incorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
the Adams County employee in					An	Α	Α	Α	
your most recent contact? Rate	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
each characteristic below.)	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
(Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	78%	87%	68%	88%	93%	83%	88%	75%	84%
Knowledge				Α					
	76%	84%	70%	84%	90%	79%	93%	71%	82%
Responsiveness				Α					
Respectfulness	85%	80%	75%	83%	77%	80%	90%	86%	81%
Courtesy	85%	84%	79%	85%	77%	84%	96%	88%	84%
Overall impression	73%	77%	69%	77%	75%	74%	92%	71%	76%

Table 90: Question 24 by Area of Adams County

Parks serve various purpose	s within a	Adams County I	ncorporation	1	ams County		Rural/Ur	han		Overall
community, some of which		7 (duitis Coonty)	Incorporated	71100 01710		An	A	A	Α	Overan
below. For each, please rate		Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
you think there is too much,		Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
or about the right amount o	f parks or	,		17	1,7 -					-
recreation facilities to serve	•									
needs in each of these areas).	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Neighborhood parks	Too	46%	30%	30%	34%	49%	31%	35%	37%	34%
(areas of intensive	little	В				В				
recreational activities,	Right	53%	67%	68%	63%	51%	66%	62%	62%	64%
such as playgrounds,	amount		А							
picnicking, field or court	Too	2%	2%	1%	2%	ο%	3%	4%	1%	2%
games etc.)	much									
Community parks	Too	41%	28%	40%	30%	49%	26%	34%	39%	31%
(provide community-	little	В				В				
based recreation needs,	Right	58%	71%	59%	70%	51%	73%	66%	60%	68%
serving multiple	amount		Α				Α			
neighborhoods; also may		1%	0%	1%	0%	ο%	1%	ο%	1%	1%
preserve unique landscapes and open	Too									
spaces)	much									
spaces)	Too	, - 06	2006	, 004	2006	E-706	2006	48%	36%	, 106
	little	47%	39%	48%	39%	57% B	38%	4090	30%	41%
D. d. d. d. d. d. d. C. C. C. d.	Right	51%	59%	4006	59%	40%	60%	51%	62%	57%
Developed spaces for field	amount	5170	59%	49%	59%	4090	A	5190	0290	5/90
sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball,	Too	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%
lacrosse)	much	270	270	370	270	370	270	170	270	270
100330)	Too	60%	48%	52%	50%	63%	47%	67%	51%	51%
	little	B	4070	5270	50%	0370	4/70	0/70	2170	5170
	Right	39%	51%	47%	49%	37%	51%	33%	47%	48%
Davalanad spaces for	amount	3970	A 5170	4/70	4970	3/70	5170	3370	4/70	4070
Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis,	Too	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%
basketball)	much	1/0	170	170	170	070	1/0	070	270	1/0
Dadicebally	1110011									

Parks serve various purpose	s within a	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	han		Overall
community, some of which		Additis County i	Incorporated	Alea Ol Au		An	A	A	Α	Overall
below. For each, please rate		Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
you think there is too much,		Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
or about the right amount o		Additis County	County	014/0	01 4/0	area	area	LOWII	area	
recreation facilities to serve	•									
needs in each of these areas	,	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	Too little	43% B	26%	30%	29%	37%	27%	38%	35%	29%
	Right amount	56%	73% A	69%	69%	63%	71%	62%	63%	69%
Playgrounds	Too much	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%
	Too little	48% B	30%	43%	32%	41%	33%	26%	42%	34%
	Right amount	51%	67% A	48%	66% A	59%	63%	74%	57%	64%
Recreation centers	Too much	1%	3%	9% B	1%	0%	4%	0%	1%	2%
	Too little	55% B	42%	56% B	42%	50%	45%	55%	46%	45%
	Right amount	44%	57% A	44%	56%	50%	53%	44%	52%	54%
Youth recreation programs	Too much	1%	2%	1%	2%	ο%	2%	1%	2%	2%
-	Too little	51%	40%	45%	42%	53% C	42%	18%	59% C	43%
	Right amount	49%	60%	55%	58%	47%	58%	81% A D	40%	57%
Adult recreation programs	Too much	1%	0%	0%	о%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Fitness programs (e.g.,	Too little	51% B	30%	42%	33%	47% B	30%	48%	47%	35%
aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.)	Right amount	46%	6 ₃ % A	58%	60%	53%	61%	52%	52%	59%

Parks serve various purposes	within a	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
community, some of which a			Incorporated			An	Α	Α	Α	
below. For each, please rate		Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
you think there is too much,		Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
or about the right amount of	•									
recreation facilities to serve	'									
needs in each of these areas.		(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	Too	3%	7%	1%	7%	ο%	9%	ο%	1%	6%
	much				Α					

Table 91: Question 25 by Area of Adams County

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Considering each of the follo	_	Adams County I	•	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur		ı	Overall
areas of County service delive			Incorporated			An	A	Α	A	
please indicate whether you		Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
County should apply more ef		Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
the same amount of effort or	less									
effort toward each.		(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Neighborhood Services	More				40%	51%				
Code Enforcement	effort	39%	37%	21%	Α	В	34%	23%	42%	37%
(includes enforcement of	Same									
zoning and property	effort	53%	52%	54%	52%	42%	53%	70%	48%	52%
maintenance laws, clearing	Less			25%						
trash, junk and debris)	effort	8%	12%	В	8%	6%	13%	7%	10%	11%
Neighborhood Services	More									
Animal Management	effort	31%	33%	23%	34%	39%	32%	14%	29%	33%
(includes enforcement of	Same							83%		
animal welfare ordinance,	effort	62%	63%	73%	61%	51%	66%	A	59%	63%
securing stray animals, and			_							
prevention of cruelty to	Less					10%				
animals)	effort	7%	4%	4%	5%	В	3%	3%	12%	5%
Parks and Open Space	More				36%					
(includes trails,	effort	33%	34%	23%	A	46%	31%	24%	34%	34%
fairgrounds, lake area,	Same			75%						
developed parks and public	effort	64%	63%	В	60%	52%	66%	76%	65%	63%

Considering each of the follo		Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
areas of County service delive please indicate whether you County should apply more entitle same amount of effort of	feel the fort,	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	
effort toward each.		(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
park buildings)	Less effort	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	ο%	1%	4%
	More effort	36%	39%	55% B	35%	47%	37%	53%	40%	38%
Economic Development (includes attracting and	Same effort	51%	51%	37%	54% A	47%	52%	42%	45%	51%
retaining businesses and jobs)	Less effort	13%	10%	9%	11%	7%	12%	5%	15%	10%
Human Services (includes unemployment assistance,	More effort	44% B	31%	24%	35%	36%	34%	50%	29%	34%
workforce training, child protection, adult	Same effort	51%	67% A	70%	62%	62%	63%	50%	60%	63%
protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.)	Less effort	5%	3%	6%	3%	1%	3%	0%	10%	3%
Law Enforcement (includes	More effort	26%	20%	25%	21%	32% B	16%	42% B	33%	22%
Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail, District	Same effort	69%	76%	74%	74%	65%	8o% A C	55%	64%	74%
Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.)	Less effort	5%	4%	1%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Public Services (includes maintaining official public	More effort	11%	13%	5%	14% A	13%	11%	10%	13%	12%
records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as	Same effort	86%	84%	93% B	83%	76%	87%	90%	83%	84%
marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.)	Less effort	3%	4%	3%	4%	11% B	1%	0%	4%	3%

Considering each of the follo	wing	Adams County I	ncorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
areas of County service delive			Incorporated			An	Α	Α	Α	
please indicate whether you		Unincorporated	Adams	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
County should apply more ef	-	Adams County	County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	
the same amount of effort or	less		-							
effort toward each.		(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance	More effort	55%	52%	58%	52%	59%	49%	46%	64%	53%
(includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage	Same effort	42%	47%	42%	46%	41%	50%	52%	36%	46%
systems; snow removal, etc.)	Less effort	3%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	ο%	2%

Table 92: Question 26 by Area of Adams County

	Adams County I	ncorporation		ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following sales tax extension (not increase) efforts:	Unincorporated Adams County (A)	Incorporated Adams County (B)	North/East of 470 (A)	South/West of 470 (B)	An urban area (A)	A suburban area (B)	A small town (C)	A rural area (D)	(A)
Continue an existing sales tax of 2.5 cents per \$10 spent to fund open space preservation and projects in the community	82%	78%	82%	79%	72%	83%	77%	66%	79%
Continue an existing sales tax of 3 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain Adams County facilities (e.g., Human Services Center, Government Center, the new regional park)	77% B	64%	54%	69% A	73% C	69% C	37%	57%	67%
Continue an existing portion of sales tax of 2 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain roads and bridges in the community	92% B	80%	80%	84%	84% C	85% C	61%	79%	83%

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Table 93: Question 27 by Area of Adams County

Please indicate how	Adams County I	Incorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		
important, if at all, it is for the					An	Α	Α	Α	
County to do each of the	Unincorporated	Incorporated	North/East	South/West	urban	suburban	small	rural	
following:	Adams County	Adams County	of 470	of 470	area	area	town	area	Overall
Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage)	78%	79%	59%	83%	85%	81%	64%	56%	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)	67%	73%	55%	75%	84%	70%	62%	58%	72%

Table 94: Question 28 by Area of Adams County

Thinking of how you currently get	Adams County	Incorporation	Area of Ad	ams County		Rural/Ur	ban		Overall
information about events or issues, how likely would you be to obtain information about Adams County like	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 hearings, community meetings, upcoming programs and events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following	(A)	(D)	(4)	(D)	(4)	(D)	(6)	(D)	(4)
formats? (Percent likely or very likely)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Adams County Annual Budget	33%	28%	20%	31%	42% B	22%	23%	40%	29%
Adams County Annual Report	42%	38%	34%	40%	43%	36%	25%	45%	39%
Adams County Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty)	26%	47% A	30%	45% A	54% C	42%	23%	38%	43%
Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county_co)	11%	18%	3%	19% A	37% B C D	10%	12%	10%	17%
Adams County website (www.adcogov.org)	45%	63% A	62%	58%	64%	57%	53%	61%	59%
Emails from Adams County	37%	45%	33%	45% A	52% C	42% C	13%	57% C	43%
Text messages	21%	30%	14%	31% A	47% B C D	25%	14%	14%	28%
Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county government building, the fairgrounds, etc.)	30%	43% A	41%	39%	65% B	30%	59% B	45%	40%
Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newspapers, online versions of any of these)	57%	63%	62%	62%	76% B	58%	54%	63%	62%
Mailings to your home address	66%	66%	63%	67%	77% B	61%	56%	76%	66%
Community newsletters with information about Adams County	63%	70%	66%	69%	78%	64%	55%	79%	68%
Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.)	40%	45%	45%	44%	61% B	36%	61% B	51%	44%

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Comparisons by Incorporated City

Table 95: Question 1 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated (City		Overall
	Aurora/Commerce				
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
life in Adams County: (Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Adams County as a place to live	67%	93% A C	75%	95% A C	82%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	80%	74%	90%	90% B	81%
Adams County as a place to raise children	69%	75%	88%	75%	73%
Adams County as a place to work	72%	74% D	81% D	50%	67%
Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business	54%	58%	45%	38%	54%
Adams County as a place to retire	44%	64% C	36%	50%	52%
Availability of affordable quality health care	40%	53%	40%	35%	48%
Availability of affordable housing	42% B C D	18%	14%	24%	30%
The overall quality of life in Adams County	55%	63%	81% A	8 ₃ % A B	67%

Table 96: Question 3 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated	City		Overall
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they	Aurora/Commerce				
relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent or	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	60%	63%	84%	79%	69%
Sense of personal safety			AB	Α	
	46%	66%	73%	53%	57%
Sense of community		Α	Α		
Openness and acceptance of the community toward	77%	75%	57%	84%	70%
people of diverse backgrounds	С	С		С	
	40%	73%	73%	70%	58%
Overall appearance of Adams County		Α	Α	Α	
Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County	55%	62%	44%	64%	55%
Variety of housing options	54%	42%	40%	52%	51%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in	36%	68%	47%	61%	55%
Adams County		Α	.,	Α	
<u> </u>	48%	74%	49%	79%	63%
Shopping opportunities	-	AC		AC	
	50%	56%	23%	64%	48%
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	С	С		С	
	60%	79%	43%	62%	62%
Recreational opportunities		A C			
Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or	55%	78%	56%	48%	60%
enjoy nature		ACD			
Employment opportunities	54%	55%	58%	42%	52%
	31%	53%	34%	59%	46%
Educational opportunities		A		Α	
	48%	56%	30%	49%	51%
Opportunities to participate in community matters		С			
	45%	63%	21%	61%	53%
Ease of car travel in Adams County	С	A C		С	

		Incorporated	City		Overall
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they	Aurora/Commerce				
relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent or	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	46%	51%	10%	57%	45%
Ease of travel by bus in Adams County	С	С		С	
	41%	45%	25%	9%	37%
Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County	D	D			
Ease of walking in Adams County	54%	52%	51%	54%	53%
	46%	65%	55%	66%	56%
Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails		Α		Α	
Traffic flow on major streets	29%	36%	18%	39%	33%
	22%	38%	1%	12%	22%
Availability of affordable quality child care		CD			
	69%	41%	42%	67%	54%
Availability of recycling services	ВС			ВС	
	26%	67%	22%	39%	44%
Drinking water quality		ACD			
	41%	64%	47%	85%	54%
Overall image or reputation of Adams County		Α		ABC	

Table 97: Question 4 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated City				
	Aurora/Commerce					
	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton		
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)	
How prepared are you and your household for a disaster	62%	41%	24%	67%	55%	
or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)?	ВС			ВС		

Table 98: Question 5 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated (City		Overall
	Aurora/Commerce				
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
of the following: (Percent very or somewhat likely)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Recommend living in Adams County to someone who	81%	80%	82%	95%	82%
asks				В	
Remain in Adams County for the next five years	84%	80%	80%	84%	83%

Table 99: Question 6 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated (City		Overall
To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams County? (Percent moderate or major	Aurora/Commerce City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
problem)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	59%	67%	80%	57%	56%
Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles			Α		
Graffiti	71%	68%	76%	78%	71%
Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery)	48%	49%	65%	69%	53%
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	37%	29%	51% B	48%	36%
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste	60%	66%	52%	90% A B C	63%
Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands	61%	58%	70%	63%	55%
Child abuse and neglect	59% C	64% C	15%	89% A C	60%
Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults	72% C	61% C	8%	93% B C	61%

Table 100: Question 7 by Incorporated City

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all,	e 100: Question / by in	Incorporated	City		Overall
have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County? (Percent more than once a	Aurora/Commerce City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
month)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park	42%	59% A C	36%	52%	47%
Used Adams County public libraries or their services	17%	35% A	41% A	34%	28%
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County	20%	29%	34% D	14%	24%
Attended a County-sponsored event	6%	5%	1%	1%	3%
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	17% C	17% C	1%	6%	10%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	41%	43% D	30%	23%	33%
Walked or biked instead of driving	11%	32% A C	7%	37% A C	22%
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County	9%	18%	20%	13%	11%
Participated in a club	16%	18%	16%	9%	12%
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	62%	69%	51%	68%	65%
Done a favor for a neighbor	45%	44%	34%	28%	39%

Table 101: Question 8 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated	City		Overall
	Aurora/Commerce				
	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
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)	37%	45%	74% A B	61% A	45%

Table 102: Question 9 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated City				
	Aurora/Commerce					
	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton		
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)	
How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses	35%	48%	62%	66%	47%	
and attracting new businesses?			A	Α		

Table 103: Question 10 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated (City		Overall
	Aurora/Commerce	·			
	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation?	80%	66%	80%	81%	72%

Table 104: Question 11 by Incorporated City

Please rate the quality of each of the following services		Incorporated	City		Overall
provided by other agencies (e.g., special districts and	Aurora/Commerce				
metro districts), not by Adams County. (Percent excellent	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
or good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	49%	49%	40%	73%	51%
Public school districts				С	
	85%	90%	59%	100%	84%
Fire response times	С	С		С	
	75%	90%	61%	100%	83%
Fire services overall		С		A C	
	87%	88%	59%	98%	83%
Ambulance response times	С	С		С	
	75%	89%	46%	97%	80%
Ambulance services overall	С	С		С	
	64%	79%	82%	89%	71%
Water and sanitation services		Α		Α	
	48%	63%	57%	71%	58%
Street and drainage maintenance services				Α	
	74%	82%	45%	86%	76%
Library services	С	С		С	
	73%	89%	52%	98%	79%
Park and recreation services	С	A C		A C	
RTD bus or rail	46%	64%	37%	47%	51%
	50%	75%	36%	94%	60%
Courts		A C		A C	

Table 105: Question 13 by Incorporated City

	Incorporated City				
	Aurora/Commerce				
Please rate the quality of each of the following services	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	66%	88%	63%	94%	76%
Adams County open space, parks and trails system		A C	_	AC	
	65%	55%	34%	78%	64%
Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	С			С	
	62%	41%	29%	74%	53%
Building permits and inspections	С			С	
	43%	58%	50%	88%	59%
Collection of property taxes				ABC	
Community development (build the capacity of citizen	54%	61%	17%	73%	50%
groups and community organizations so they may	С	С		С	
enhance the economic, social, environmental and cultural					
well-being of our communities)					
	65%	59%	82%	98%	73%
County Fair/fairgrounds			В	AB	
	71%	37%	30%	94%	53%
County jail	В			ВС	
	41%	53%	53%	91%	52%
District Attorney services				Α	
Development standards and regulations (sets standards	26%	58%	63%	70%	47%
and regulations for the unincorporated areas of the		Α	Α	Α	
county to guide development to protect and promote the					
public health, safety, and general welfare of the county)					
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to	40%	72%	42%	80%	57%
handle storm events and prevent flooding) in		A C		A C	
unincorporated Adams County					
Economic development (identify and encourage	39%	49%	46%	70%	45%
investments by businesses, creating new jobs).				Α	
Elections and voter registrations	74%	86%	78%	84%	80%

	Incorporated City				Overal
	Aurora/Commerce				
Please rate the quality of each of the following services	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents)	62%	71%	77%	78%	70%
Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center	47%	55%	56%	71%	57%
Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.)	52%	67% C	31%	88% A C	55%
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)	45%	51%	42%	62%	45%
Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly Front Range Airport)	76%	69%	57%	92%	69%
Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.)	48% C	34%	7%	48% C	34%
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)	43% C	64% C	7%	66% C	45%
Motor vehicle registration	71% C	63%	49%	80% C	68%
Online (internet) property lookup	82% C	65%	45%	71%	66%
Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.)	43% C	64% C	19%	94% A B C	55%
Public records and documents searches	66%	57%	58%	65%	61%

		Incorporated	City		Overal
	Aurora/Commerce				
Please rate the quality of each of the following services	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County	23%	42%	38%	48% A	34%
Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc.	61% C	60% C	23%	74% C	50%
Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected	64% C	63% C	20%	87% C	51%
Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected	67% C	58% C	18%	8o% C	49%
Sheriff response times	49%	72%	55%	92% A C	65%
Sheriff services overall	61% C	75% C	30%	88% C	66%
Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County	48%	41%	63%	56%	49%
Stormwater utility	31%	60% A	66% A	8o% A	54%
Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County	43%	67% A C	23%	56% C	46%

Table 106: Question 14 by Incorporated City

Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5)	Incorporated City				
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	Aurora/Commerce				
services below.)	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	Overall
Open space, parks and trails system	44%	58%	63%	57%	52%
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	1%	29%	2%	12%	11%
Building permits and inspections	4%	4%	1%	ο%	4%
Collection of property taxes	4%	9%	9%	20%	10%
Community development	10%	24%	26%	9%	17%
County Fair/fairgrounds	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%
County jail	4%	10%	o%	3%	4%
District Attorney services	2%	2%	13%	6%	4%
Development standards and regulations	25%	33%	24%	13%	22%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	10%	10%	26%	17%	14%
Economic development	24%	24%	20%	40%	27%
Elections and voter registrations	19%	10%	18%	6%	11%
Emergency management	17%	22%	4%	23%	20%
Workforce & Business Center	16%	13%	31%	7%	14%
Environmental health services	10%	9%	15%	3%	15%
Code enforcement	24%	18%	8%	21%	19%
Front Range Airport	0%	3%	1%	4%	3%
Housing assistance services	23%	26%	33%	19%	21%
Long range planning	16%	18%	21%	26%	20%
Motor vehicle registration	1%	5%	21%	2%	9%
Online property lookup	0%	3%	13%	1%	3%
Public health services	15%	9%	43%	22%	20%
Public records and documents searches	0%	0%	0%	6%	1%
Roadway maintenance	48%	38%	33%	56%	44%
Financial services	16%	14%	12%	2%	10%
Child protective services	22%	8%	8%	14%	13%
Adult protective services	11%	6%	2%	4%	6%

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Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5)		Incorporated City				
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	Aurora/Commerce					
services below.)	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	Overall	
Sheriff response times	3%	3%	1%	2%	6%	
Sheriff services overall	15%	22%	4%	17%	18%	
Snow and ice removal	27%	23%	18%	14%	20%	
Stormwater utility	17%	1%	o%	1%	6%	
Traffic control	29%	14%	5%	30%	19%	

Testing for significant differences were not performed for this question.

Table 107: Question 15 by Incorporated City

Table 10/: Question 13 by incorporated City						
Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5)		Incorporated	City			
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	Aurora/Commerce					
services below.)	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	Overall	
Open space, parks and trails system	7%	8%	16%	2%	6%	
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	10%	29%	24%	47%	22%	
Building permits and inspections	14%	13%	3%	27%	12%	
Collection of property taxes	11%	26%	11%	31%	17%	
Community development	12%	15%	24%	27%	15%	
County Fair/fairgrounds	31%	45%	48%	26%	35%	
County jail	26%	36%	30%	16%	22%	
District Attorney services	24%	14%	25%	7%	19%	
Development standards and regulations	5%	14%	23%	16%	11%	
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	2%	3%	18%	3%	5%	
Economic development	4%	16%	4%	9%	9%	
Elections and voter registrations	14%	3%	25%	12%	13%	
Emergency management	2%	1%	1%	ο%	1%	
Workforce & Business Center	4%	12%	6%	24%	10%	
Environmental health services	5%	5%	5%	1%	3%	

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Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5)	Incorporated City				
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	Aurora/Commerce				
services below.)	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	Overall
Code enforcement	11%	11%	34%	18%	16%
Front Range Airport	28%	42%	13%	68%	45%
Housing assistance services	12%	10%	8%	20%	10%
Long range planning	2%	22%	7%	7%	8%
Motor vehicle registration	1%	6%	30%	9%	8%
Online property lookup	28%	22%	51%	22%	36%
Public health services	1%	15%	5%	1%	7%
Public records and documents searches	44%	13%	41%	17%	31%
Roadway maintenance	2%	3%	0%	4%	7%
Financial services	8%	14%	1%	15%	8%
Child protective services	0%	0%	0%	ο%	ο%
Adult protective services	1%	26%	1%	16%	8%
Sheriff response times	0%	6%	0%	5%	3%
Sheriff services overall	9%	2%	0%	2%	3%
Snow and ice removal	5%	17%	11%	7%	7%
Stormwater utility	1%	6%	18%	3%	10%
Traffic control	31%	7%	7%	2%	15%

Testing for significant differences were not performed for this question.

Table 108: Question 15 by Incorporated City

Table 106: Question 15 by incorporated City								
		Incorporated City						
	Aurora/Commerce							
	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton				
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)			
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services	45%	76%	82%	84%	66%			
provided by Adams County?		Α	Α	Α				

Table 109: Question 16 by Incorporated City

	Incorporated City				Overall
	Aurora/Commerce				
	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How would you rate the value of services you receive	30%	61%	60%	64%	48%
from Adams County for the taxes paid?		Α	Α	Α	

Table 110: Question 17 by Incorporated City

	Incorporated City				Overall
	Aurora/Commerce				
	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How informed would you say you are about the job	16%	14%	2%	17%	16%
Adams County government is doing?					

Table 111: Question 18 by Incorporated City

	,	Incorporated City			
	Aurora/Commerce				
	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams	46%	51%	78%	79%	59%
County government to do what is right?			AB	AΒ	

Table 112: Question 19 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated City								
	Aurora/Commerce									
	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton						
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)					
Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that	36%	71%	62%	73%	58%					
Adams County is taking?		A	Α	Α						

Table 113: Question 20 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated City						
	Aurora/Commerce							
Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton				
each of the following areas: (Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)			
Welcoming resident involvement	46%	55%	35%	51%	49%			
Being responsive to residents	42%	60%	68%	63%	55%			
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	41%	61%	58%	60%	56%			
Informing residents about issues facing the community	40% C	50% C	17%	48% C	39%			
Accessibility of elected officials	28%	53% A	35%	57% A	40%			
Being open and transparent to the public	47%	46%	44%	52%	45%			
Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions	34%	42%	43%	64% A	43%			
Being honest	49%	65%	73%	60%	55%			
Treating residents with fairness and respect	53%	60%	54%	75%	58%			

Table 114: Question 21 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated City						
	Aurora/Commerce							
	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton				
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)			
Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with	53%	57%	53%	80%				
an Adams County employee, regardless of department or				ABC				
office, within the last 12 months (including sheriff,								
receptionists, planners, engineers or any others)?					56%			

Table 115: Question 22 by Incorporated City

	Incorporated City						
What was your impression of the Adams County	Aurora/Commerce						
employee in your most recent contact? Rate each	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton			
characteristic below.) (Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)		
	91%	98%	74%	90%	84%		
Knowledge		С					
	92%	89%	71%	87%	82%		
Responsiveness	С						
	69%	98%	73%	90%	81%		
Respectfulness		A C					
	82%	97%	66%	93%	84%		
Courtesy		С					
	68%	95%	59%	87%	76%		
Overall impression		A C					

Table 116: Question 24 by Incorporated City

Parks serve various purposes within a commun	ity, some	Incorporated City						
of which are listed below. For each, please rate you think there is too much, too little or about amount of parks or recreation facilities to serve	the right	Aurora/Commerce City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton			
needs in each of these areas.		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)		
	Too little	28%	27%	43% D	20%	34%		
Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive	Right amount	65%	72%	56%	80% C	64%		
recreational activities, such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.)	Too much	7% B	0%	1%	0%	2%		
Community parks (provide community-based recreation needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces)	Too little	30% D	22%	40% D	11%	31%		
	Right amount	70%	77%	59%	88% A C	68%		
	Too much	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%		
	Too little	48% B D	19%	59% B D	23%	41%		
	Right amount	49%	78% A C	40%	74% A C	57%		
Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse)	Too much	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%		
	Too little	65% B D	31%	67% B D	22%	51%		
	Right amount	35%	66% A C	33%	77% A C	48%		
Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball)	Too much	ο%	3%	0%	2%	1%		
	Too little	26%	13%	30% B	33% B	29%		
Playgrounds	Right amount	73%	87% D	70%	61%	69%		

Parks serve various purposes within a comm	nunity, some		Incorporated	City		Overall
of which are listed below. For each, please r you think there is too much, too little or abo amount of parks or recreation facilities to se	out the right	Aurora/Commerce City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
needs in each of these areas.	iive your	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	Too much	1%	0%	0%	6%	1%
	Too little	43% B	10%	28% B	31% B	34%
	Right amount	55%	87% A C D	61%	69%	64%
Recreation centers	Too much	2%	3%	11% A	0%	2%
	Too little	37%	32%	57%	38%	45%
	Right amount	58%	67%	43%	62%	54%
Youth recreation programs	Too much	5%	1%	0%	0%	2%
	Too little	39%	22%	41%	36%	43%
	Right amount	61%	78%	59%	64%	57%
Adult recreation programs	Too much	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
-	Too little	32%	17%	43% B	25%	35%
	Right amount	68%	76%	57%	63%	59%
Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.)	Too much	0%	7%	0%	12%	6%

Table 117: Question 25 by Incorporated City

Considering each of the following areas of County	service	Incorporated City						
delivery, please indicate whether you feel the Cou should apply more effort, the same amount of eff- less effort toward each.	inty	Aurora/Commerce City (A)	Arvada/Westminster (B)	Brighton/Northglenn (C)	Thornton (D)	(A)		
	More effort	38% C	50% C	8%	32% C	37%		
Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and property	Same effort	51%	49%	67%	47%	52%		
maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris)	Less effort	11% B	0%	25% B	21% B	11%		
Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals)	More effort	38%	32%	22%	31%	33%		
	Same effort	60%	62%	74%	69%	63%		
	Less effort	2%	6%	4%	0%	5%		
	More effort	37%	31%	20%	30%	34%		
Parks and Open Space (includes trails,	Same effort	60%	68%	68%	70%	63%		
fairgrounds, lake area, developed parks and public park buildings)	Less effort	3%	1%	12% B	0%	4%		
-	More effort	47%	31%	36%	40%	38%		
	Same effort	48%	51%	46%	60%	51%		
Economic Development (includes attracting and retaining businesses and jobs)	Less effort	6%	18% A D	18% D	1%	10%		
Human Services (includes unemployment assistance, workforce training, child protection,	More effort	33%	35%	25%	16%	34%		
adult protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.)	Same effort	64%	64%	73%	81%	63%		

Considering each of the following areas of County	service		Incorporated	City		Overall
delivery, please indicate whether you feel the Cou should apply more effort, the same amount of eff	inty	Aurora/Commerce City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
less effort toward each.		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	Less effort	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%
	More effort	14%	22%	21%	21%	22%
Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime	Same effort	8 ₃ % C	78%	61%	76%	74%
prevention, jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.)	Less effort	3%	0%	17% A D	2%	4%
	More effort	15% C	10%	1%	14% C	12%
Public Services (includes maintaining official public records, Clerk and Recorder functions	Same effort	74%	89% A	98% A D	84%	84%
such as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.)	Less effort	11% B	о%	1%	2%	3%
	More effort	62% D	48%	47%	41%	53%
Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance	Same effort	37%	52%	53%	58% A	46%
(includes maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems; snow removal, etc.)	Less effort	2%	о%	о%	1%	2%

Table 118: Question 26 by Incorporated City

	Incorporated City						
To what extent do you support or oppose each of the	Aurora/Commerce City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton			
following sales tax extension (not increase) efforts:	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)		
Continue an existing sales tax of 2.5 cents per \$10 spent to fund open space preservation and projects in the community	69%	82%	97% A	80%	79%		
Continue an existing sales tax of 3 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain Adams County facilities (e.g., Human Services Center, Government Center, the new regional park)	58%	66%	52%	82% A C	67%		
Continue an existing portion of sales tax of 2 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain roads and bridges in the community	74%	93% A C	73%	83%	83%		

Table 119: Question 27 by Incorporated City

		Incorporated City						
Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the	Aurora/Commerce							
County to do each of the following:	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	Overall			
Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage)	88%	75%	78%	74%	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)	81%	70%	65%	62%	72%			

Table 120: Question 28 by Incorporated City

	120: Question 26 by h		C':		0 11
Thinking of how you currently get information about		Incorporated	City	Ti and the second secon	Overall
events or issues, how likely would you be to obtain	Aurora/Commerce				
information about Adams County like public hearings,	City	Arvada/Westminster	Brighton/Northglenn	Thornton	
community meetings, upcoming programs and events like					
the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following formats? (Percent	(4)	(5)	(6)	(5)	(4)
likely or very likely)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	42%	32%	16%	13%	29%
Adams County Annual Budget	CD				
	51%	35%	19%	32%	39%
Adams County Annual Report	С				
Adams County Facebook page	59%	43%	33%	41%	43%
(www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty)	С				
Adams County Twitter page	40%	11%	4%	2%	17%
(twitter.com/adams_county_co)	BCD		•		,
Adams County website (www.adcogov.org)	71%	55%	67%	56%	59%
	55%	46%	33%	41%	43%
Emails from Adams County	С				
	48%	16%	42%	20%	28%
Text messages	B D		B D		
Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county	71%	25%	37%	30%	40%
government building, the fairgrounds, etc.)	BCD	3	3,		'
Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local	80%	60%	57%	55%	62%
newspapers, online versions of any of these)	BCD		3,7	JJ	
	83%	63%	41%	68%	66%
Mailings to your home address	B C	C	T	C	
Community newsletters with information about Adams	85%	75%	38%	70%	68%
County	C C	/5/0 C	3570	,070 C	3370
Cooncy			2006	26%	, , 06
Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.)	72% B C D	40%	39%	20%0	44%
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Comparisons by Respondent Demographics

Table 121: Question 1 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

		Sex		Age		Race/Ethr	nicity		Length of Residence			Overall
						Non-				11 to	More	
Please rate each of the following			18-	35-		Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	20	than 20	
aspects of quality of life in Adams	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
County: (Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Adams County as a place to live	79%	81%	80%	83%	79%	81%	81%	78%	88%	76%	80%	82%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	87% B	73%	82%	84%	75%	83%	79%	83%	83%	78%	76%	81%
Adams County as a place to raise children	67%	75%	60%	79% A	73% A	69%	74%	64%	66%	72%	79 [%] A	73%
Adams County as a place to work	65%	66%	70%	66%	63%	67%	63%	52%	82% A D	75% A	61%	67%
Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business	52%	54%	49%	55%	56%	51%	55%	42%	63%	59%	51%	54%
Adams County as a place to retire	53%	49%	38%	49%	63% A	51%	51%	44%	50%	58%	51%	52%
Availability of affordable quality health care	46%	45%	37%	47%	52%	46%	46%	42%	59%	43%	41%	48%
Availability of affordable housing	36% B	21%	35%	24%	30%	29%	29%	37% D	34% D	27%	17%	30%
The overall quality of life in Adams County	69%	63%	63%	66%	70%	70% B	62%	67%	84% A C D	58%	62%	67%

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Table 122: Question 3 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

Table 122. Ques		Sex		Age	,	Race/Ethi			Length of		ce	Overall
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent	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	
excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Sense of personal safety	72%	66%	78% B	65%	68%	74% B	62%	81% C D	73% C	51%	63%	69%
Sense of community	53%	60%	55%	58%	60%	56%	59%	63%	56%	54%	54%	57%
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	72%	68%	72%	71%	71%	74%	68%	8o% B	61%	68%	67%	70%
Overall appearance of Adams County	58%	57%	62%	57%	56%	6 ₃ % B	51%	59% D	74% D	57%	43%	58%
Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County	54%	54%	53%	60%	52%	53%	57%	55%	61%	61% D	43%	55%
Variety of housing options	59% B	43%	57% C	54%	42%	57% B	44%	57% D	68% D	49%	34%	51%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County	52%	56%	48%	56%	60%	60% B	49%	49%	73% A C D	51%	52%	55%
Shopping opportunities	63%	61%	59%	67%	59%	63%	61%	58%	66%	62%	60%	63%
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	48%	47%	44%	53%	48%	49%	47%	47%	50%	54%	44%	48%
Recreational opportunities	60%	64%	53%	69% A	65%	63%	60%	60%	63%	72%	61%	62%
Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature	52%	65% A	42%	69% A	65% A	60%	60%	51%	63%	64%	59%	60%
Employment opportunities	57%	49%	58%	55%	47%	57%	48%	51%	69% D	52%	45%	52%
Educational opportunities	32%	53% A	38%	44%	54% A	42%	48%	40%	52%	34%	53% C	46%
Opportunities to participate in community matters	48%	51%	33%	62% A	54% A	49%	50%	49%	46%	53%	52%	51%

	Sex			Age		Race/Ethnicity		Length of Residence				Overall
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent	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	
excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Ease of car travel in Adams County	52%	52%	50%	56%	51%	54%	48%	51%	53%	48%	52%	53%
Ease of travel by bus in Adams County	46%	40%	30%	59% A C	34%	42%	43%	38%	44%	36%	46%	45%
Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County	28%	40% A	37%	36%	33%	30%	40%	34%	29%	40%	29%	37%
Ease of walking in Adams County	48%	55%	46%	55%	55%	53%	50%	52%	38%	48%	61% B	53%
Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails	54%	56%	49%	59%	57%	6 ₃ % B	45%	42%	58%	51%	69% A C	56%
Traffic flow on major streets	33%	30%	35%	29%	30%	34%	27%	28%	39%	24%	31%	33%
Availability of affordable quality child care	20%	20%	13%	26%	29%	18%	24%	9%	26%	27%	29% A	22%
Availability of recycling services	74% B	38%	51%	57%	56%	58% B	47%	56%	47%	59%	54%	54%
Drinking water quality	43%	42%	37%	39%	57% A B	47% B	36%	37%	55% A C	32%	51% C	44%
Overall image or reputation of Adams County	54%	54%	53%	62% C	49%	57%	51%	53%	61%	53%	48%	54%

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Table 123: Question 4 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

		Sex		Age	ge Race/Ethnicity				Overall			
						Non-				11 to	More	
			18-	35-		Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	20	than 20	
	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How prepared are you and your	66%	46%	54%	56%	55%	63%	45%	61%	62%	47%	56%	55%
household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)?	В					В						

Table 124: Question 5 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

		Sex	Age			Race/Ethr	nicity	Length of Residence				Overall
Please indicate how likely or						Non-				11 to	More	
unlikely you are to do each of the			18-	35-		Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	20	than 20	
following: (Percent very or	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
somewhat likely)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Recommend living in Adams	87%	79%	81%	86%	81%	84%	81%	82%	87%	72%	86%	82%
County to someone who asks	В								С		C	
Remain in Adams County for the	90%	77%	74%	90%	86%	83%	84%	71%	86%	84%	92%	83%
next five years	В			Α	Α				Α	A	A	

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Table 125: Question 6 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

	9	Sex		Age		Race/Ethr	nicity		Length of	Residenc	e	Overall
To what degree, if at all, are each of the following a problem in Adams			18-	35-		Non- Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	11 to 20	More than 20	
County? (Percent moderate or major	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
problem)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles	51%	62% A	61%	64% C	47%	55%	63%	58% D	68% D	71% D	36%	56%
Graffiti	69%	73%	88% B C	73% C	57%	73%	71%	85% C D	8o% D	69% D	53%	71%
Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery)	55%	54%	69% C	56% C	41%	59%	50%	69% C D	61% D	45%	41%	53%
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	39%	36%	51% B C	31%	35%	42% B	33%	51% C D	36%	26%	32%	36%
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste	57%	6 ₇ % A	64%	65%	61%	62%	64%	69%	69%	49%	61%	63%
Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands	49%	62% A	71% B C	52%	47%	54%	63%	6 ₃ % D	65% D	50%	42%	55%
Child abuse and neglect	66%	53%	67%	55%	59%	56%	63%	70%	65%	54%	48%	60%
Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults	69%	57%	8o% C	63%	52%	64%	62%	78% C	60%	44%	60%	61%

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Table 126: Question 7 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

In the last 12 months, about how many		Sex		Age		Race/Eth			_ength of		ce	Overall
times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Adams County? (Percent	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	
more than once a month)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park	45%	47%	56% C	47%	37%	46%	48%	59% B C D	42%	43%	39%	47%
Used Adams County public libraries or their services	21%	33% A	27%	36% C	19%	30%	27%	30%	27%	38% D	22%	28%
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County	24%	23%	6%	27% A	36% A	20%	28% A	12%	32% A	34% A	26% A	24%
Attended a County-sponsored event	4%	3%	ο%	7% A C	2%	1%	6% A	1%	ο%	6%	7% A B	3%
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	15% B	6%	8%	15% C	6%	12%	8%	5%	6%	16% A	9%	10%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	30%	35%	42% C	38% C	16%	28%	40% A	42% C	35%	25%	29%	33%
Walked or biked instead of driving	23%	21%	30% B	18%	20%	25% B	17%	27% D	28%	17%	14%	22%
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County	7%	16% A	ο%	19% A	14% A	11%	13%	5%	18% A	14%	16% A	11%
Participated in a club	9%	15% A	6%	16% A	14%	11%	13%	11%	12%	16%	14%	12%
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	65%	66%	53%	70% A	75% A	63%	68%	69%	61%	64%	71%	65%
Done a favor for a neighbor	40%	37%	12%	52% A	48% A	35%	44% A	29%	39%	48% A	45% A	39%

Table 127: Question 8 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

		Sex		Age		Race/Eth	nicity	L	ength of	Residence	e	Overall
											More	
						Non-		5	6 to	11 to	than	
			18-	35-		Hispanic		years	10	20	20	
	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
RTD's upcoming FasTracks Commuter Rail project includes several stations	52%	42%	65% B C	46% C	29%	51% B	39%	56% C D	58% C D	31%	36%	45%
located throughout Adams County. In a			D C			D		CD	CD			
typical month, how often, if at all, do you												
think you will use these new transit												
facilities? (Percent at least once a month)												

Table 128: Question 9 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

	9	Sex		Age		Race/Ethn	icity		Length o	f Residence	9	Overall
			18-	35-		Non- Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	11 to 20	More than 20	
	Male	Female	34	55		White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How well is Adams County retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses?	45%	48%	50%	49%	43%	52%	42%	47%	56%	53%	37%	47%

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Table 129: Question 10 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

	9	Sex		Age		Race/Ethr	nicity		Length of	Residenc	е	Overall
						Non-				11 to	More	
			18-	35-		Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	20	than 20	
	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation?	73%	72%	77%	74%	66%	72%	75%	81% B	64%	66%	67%	72%

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Table 130: Question 11 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

Please rate the quality of each of the		Sex		Age		Race/Eth		,		Residen	ce	Overall
following services provided by other agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County.	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	
(Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Public school districts	51%	50%	41%	51%	66% A	47%	56%	47%	51%	39%	64% C	51%
Fire response times	92% B	76%	75%	83%	92% A	86%	80%	75%	86%	79%	90%	84%
Fire services overall	88% B	78%	72%	82%	94% A	85%	79%	69%	86% A	79%	94% A	83%
Ambulance response times	90% B	76%	72%	81%	92% A	87%	77%	72%	83%	79%	91% A	83%
Ambulance services overall	85%	76%	68%	80%	91% A	81%	78%	68%	85%	80%	86% A	80%
Water and sanitation services	72%	69%	64%	73%	77%	70%	72%	71%	86% C	61%	74%	71%
Street and drainage maintenance services	58%	59%	53%	63%	59%	63%	54%	70% B	50%	55%	54%	58%
Library services	77%	73%	71%	72%	86% A B	78%	70%	81%	69%	67%	80%	76%
Park and recreation services	77%	79%	70%	84% A	80%	77%	81%	79%	80%	69%	85% C	79%
RTD bus or rail	52%	51%	40%	56%	6o% A	47%	56%	30%	71% A	49%	56% A	51%
Courts	59%	61%	43%	60%	75% A	57%	63%	39%	64% A	54%	78% A C	60%

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Table 131: Question 13 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

Table 131: Question		Sex		Age	-/	Race/Eth		1	ength of		~ <u>~</u>	Overall
				, ige		Ruccjetti			Lengerror	Resident	More	Sveran
						Non-		5	6 to	11 to	than	
Please rate the quality of each of the			18-	35-		Hispanic		years	10	20	20	
following services provided by Adams	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
County: (Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Adams County open space, parks and trails system	76%	75%	69%	77%	80%	81% B	68%	82%	67%	69%	79%	76%
Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	67%	59%	59%	61%	70%	67%	57%	71%	59%	59%	63%	64%
Building permits and inspections	51%	53%	59%	48%	55%	54%	51%	68%	41%	52%	50%	53%
Collection of property taxes	59%	57%	46%	60%	68% A	64% B	49%	52%	55%	54%	68%	59%
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)	56%	46%	46%	52%	55%	48%	53%	51%	51%	49%	45%	50%
County Fair/fairgrounds	8o% B	69%	76%	78%	68%	79%	70%	62%	86% A C	59%	81% A C	73%
County jail	74% B	37%	34%	50%	64%	59%	46%	32%	84% A C	17%	73% A C	53%
District Attorney services	49%	56%	40%	50%	67%	53%	52%	25%	90% A C D	44%	53%	52%
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)	40%	51%	43%	51%	45%	42%	52%	42%	59%	39%	44%	47%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County	58%	55%	64%	57%	50%	59%	54%	64%	66%	53%	47%	57%

		Sex		Age		Race/Eth	nicity	L	ength of	Residen	ce	Overall
Diagon water than a vality of each of the			18-	25-		Non- Hispanic		5 years	6 to	11 to	More than	
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams	Male	Female	34	35- 54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
County: (Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	, (C)	(D)	(A)
Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs).	50%	41%	46%	49%	41%	47%	44%	39%	62% A D	46%	37%	45%
Elections and voter registrations	87% B	75%	85%	79%	77%	84% B	74%	8 ₇ % C	84% C	59%	8 ₃ % C	80%
Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents)	70%	70%	85%	69%	66%	72%	68%	78%	8 ₇ % C D	61%	59%	70%
Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center	52%	56%	68%	52%	54%	61%	51%	67%	67%	49%	45%	57%
Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.)	58%	54%	63%	51%	58%	61% B	49%	59%	58%	52%	53%	55%
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)	46%	45%	52%	44%	43%	44%	47%	50%	58% D	45%	33%	45%
Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly Front Range Airport)	78% B	63%	76%	73%	65%	66%	74%	68%	93% C D	46%	67%	69%
Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.)	38%	29%	30%	36%	36%	31%	34%	23%	39%	35%	25%	34%

		Sex		Age		Race/Eth	nicity	L	ength of	Residen	ce	Overall
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good)	Male (A)	Female (B)	18- 34 (A)	35- 54 (B)	55+ (C)	Non- Hispanic White (A)	Other (B)	5 years or less (A)	6 to 10 years (B)	11 to 20 years (C)	More than 20 years (D)	(A)
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)	51%	39%	48%	46%	42%	44%	47%	46%	51%	41%	42%	45%
Motor vehicle registration	70%	65%	58%	67%	78% A	68%	67%	69% C	70%	54%	76% C	68%
Online (internet) property lookup	76% B	54%	55%	68%	71%	65%	67%	63%	62%	67%	69%	66%
Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.)	54%	54%	56%	51%	60%	54%	52%	57%	59%	48%	53%	55%
Public records and documents searches	65%	56%	73% B	46%	73% B	68% B	51%	60%	58%	64%	64%	61%
Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County	35%	34%	41%	32%	33%	37%	32%	34%	50% C D	25%	31%	34%
Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc.	48%	53%	52%	50%	57%	43%	57%	53%	51%	51%	41%	50%
Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected	57%	48%	30%	54%	64% A	37%	61% A	37%	41%	51%	65%	51%
Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected	57%	46%	26%	64% A	52%	37%	59% A	46%	41%	49%	58%	49%
Sheriff response times	69%	61%	70%	64%	65%	71%	59%	72%	74%	56%	57%	65%

	9	Sex		Age		Race/Eth	nicity	L	ength of	Residen	ce	Overall
											More	
						Non-		5	6 to	11 to	than	
Please rate the quality of each of the			18-	35-		Hispanic		years	10	20	20	
following services provided by Adams	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
County: (Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Sheriff services overall	69%	62%	59%	67%	70%	67%	64%	77%	60%	58%	67%	66%
Snow and ice removal in unincorporated	57%	43%	51%	52%	46%	55%	44%	53%	65%	39%	40%	49%
Adams County	В					В			CD			
	53%	55%	58%	57%	46%	53%	54%	44%	82%	42%	48%	54%
Stormwater utility									ACD			
Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County	47%	43%	49%	39%	50%	53% B	36%	52%	53%	38%	40%	46%

Table 132: Question 14 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

Looking at the services in Question 12,	· /	Sex	, ,	Age		Race/Eth				Residen	ce	
which FIVE (5) services do you think are MOST important for maintaining and											More	
improving the quality of life in Adams						Non-		5	6 to	11 to	than	
County? (Please write in the appropriate			18-	35-		Hispanic		years	10	20	20	
letter(s) for the services below.)	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	Overall
Open space, parks and trails system	51%	54%	70%	50%	30%	55%	47%	67%	63%	44%	33%	52%
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	8%	14%	20%	6%	7%	14%	8%	13%	17%	5%	10%	11%
Building permits and inspections	4%	3%	ο%	5%	7%	4%	2%	1%	2%	13%	3%	4%
Collection of property taxes	14%	5%	15%	6%	6%	11%	7%	18%	7%	6%	5%	10%
Community development	18%	17%	14%	23%	15%	17%	18%	14%	29%	23%	10%	17%
County Fair/fairgrounds	2%	2%	0%	3%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%	3%	2%
County jail	6%	2%	1%	5%	6%	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	6%	4%
District Attorney services	2%	6%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	2%	4%
Development standards and regulations	26%	18%	19%	26%	20%	23%	21%	15%	36%	23%	21%	22%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	14%	15%	6%	19%	20%	11%	20%	8%	25%	20%	13%	14%
Economic development	32%	23%	30%	32%	17%	30%	24%	32%	19%	26%	28%	27%
Elections and voter registrations	10%	10%	12%	5%	16%	12%	8%	7%	9%	5%	13%	11%

Looking at the services in Question 12,	!	Sex		Age		Race/Eth	nicity	L	ength of	Residen	ce	
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.)	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
Emergency management	17%	24%	15%	24%	21%	18%	25%	25%	10%	15%	26%	20%
Workforce & Business Center	13%	15%	4%	24%	13%	6%	27%	12%	20%	11%	14%	14%
Environmental health services	14%	17%	12%	19%	16%	15%	16%	23%	4%	19%	12%	15%
Code enforcement	17%	18%	12%	18%	28%	15%	22%	8%	19%	21%	29%	19%
Front Range Airport	4%	1%	ο%	5%	3%	2%	2%	ο%	3%	5%	4%	3%
Housing assistance services	15%	25%	22%	19%	21%	15%	29%	20%	18%	9%	26%	21%
Long range planning	32%	10%	25%	21%	15%	28%	9%	21%	22%	21%	11%	20%
Motor vehicle registration	7%	11%	6%	12%	9%	10%	7%	11%	9%	10%	6%	9%
Online property lookup	2%	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%	ο%	4%	1%	6%	3%
Public health services	18%	21%	28%	16%	12%	21%	16%	27%	27%	16%	9%	20%
Public records and documents searches	2%	1%	ο%	3%	1%	2%	ο%	1%	ο%	ο%	4%	1%
Roadway maintenance	41%	46%	55%	37%	36%	49%	35%	48%	27%	54%	49%	44%
Financial services	8%	12%	9%	5%	20%	9%	12%	8%	7%	5%	11%	10%
Child protective services	11%	14%	13%	6%	21%	13%	12%	12%	5%	21%	14%	13%
Adult protective services	6%	4%	6%	1%	12%	7%	3%	7%	2%	4%	8%	6%
Sheriff response times	6%	6%	2%	5%	13%	7%	4%	5%	4%	4%	10%	6%
Sheriff services overall	11%	24%	16%	17%	22%	14%	25%	14%	23%	14%	25%	18%
Snow and ice removal	20%	22%	20%	23%	18%	21%	21%	12%	9%	32%	27%	20%
Stormwater utility	10%	2%	6%	8%	2%	5%	8%	7%	2%	12%	3%	6%
Traffic control	24%	15%	13%	27%	16%	19%	20%	22%	15%	22%	18%	19%

Testing for significant differences were not performed for this question.

Table 133: Question 15 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

Looking at the services in Question 12,	i '	Sex	Jex, rig	Age	., = c	Race/Eth				Residence	ce	
which FIVE (5) services do you think are												
LEAST important for maintaining and											More	
improving the quality of life in Adams						Non-		5	6 to	11 to	than	
County? (Please write in the appropriate			18-	35-		Hispanic		years	10	20	20	
letter(s) for the services below.)	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	Overall
Open space, parks and trails system	6%	7%	5%	4%	11%	6%	6%	1%	5%	4%	16%	6%
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	27%	18%	16%	30%	19%	24%	19%	21%	21%	35%	20%	22%
Building permits and inspections	17%	7%	8%	18%	9%	14%	8%	14%	18%	3%	14%	12%
Collection of property taxes	16%	18%	11%	23%	16%	16%	19%	9%	16%	20%	27%	17%
Community development	6%	24%	15%	13%	18%	15%	15%	8%	19%	19%	19%	15%
County Fair/fairgrounds	32%	38%	42%	32%	30%	35%	37%	33%	48%	30%	26%	35%
County jail	27%	19%	21%	31%	11%	23%	23%	26%	24%	23%	20%	22%
District Attorney services	27%	11%	22%	22%	11%	18%	22%	17%	20%	24%	19%	19%
Development standards and regulations	10%	11%	7%	11%	17%	13%	6%	5%	9%	4%	24%	11%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	4%	7%	8%	4%	5%	7%	1%	3%	3%	2%	13%	5%
Economic development	10%	8%	0%	12%	20%	11%	7%	3%	11%	12%	14%	9%
Elections and voter registrations	11%	15%	8%	17%	14%	10%	18%	10%	12%	9%	20%	13%
Emergency management	1%	1%	0%	0%	4%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Workforce & Business Center	6%	15%	10%	10%	12%	11%	8%	16%	11%	5%	8%	10%
Environmental health services	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	6%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%
Code enforcement	14%	19%	15%	19%	13%	15%	18%	21%	20%	9%	15%	16%
Front Range Airport	45%	44%	54%	36%	43%	52%	33%	64%	30%	35%	41%	45%
Housing assistance services	13%	8%	8%	9%	16%	11%	8%	14%	6%	7%	11%	10%
Long range planning	6%	10%	7%	7%	12%	6%	11%	2%	17%	4%	11%	8%
Motor vehicle registration	4%	11%	5%	11%	6%	6%	11%	8%	18%	1%	4%	8%
Online property lookup	34%	37%	42%	25%	44%	42%	25%	51%	37%	24%	27%	36%
Public health services	6%	8%	8%	4%	8%	6%	6%	4%	13%	10%	4%	7%
Public records and documents searches	30%	32%	40%	25%	27%	29%	33%	32%	30%	25%	36%	31%
Roadway maintenance	10%	3%	7%	6%	8%	8%	5%	10%	4%	5%	6%	7%
Financial services	11%	5%	12%	4%	11%	9%	8%	9%	10%	6%	8%	8%
Child protective services	ο%	1%	0%	1%	ο%	ο%	ο%	ο%	ο%	1%	ο%	ο%

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Looking at the services in Question 12,	9	Sex		Age		Race/Eth	nicity	L	ength of	Residen	ce	
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			18-	35-		Non- Hispanic		5 years	6 to	11 to 20	More than 20	
letter(s) for the services below.)	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	Overall
Adult protective services	11%	5%	13%	6%	4%	10%	5%	9%	10%	13%	3%	8%
Sheriff response times	2%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	ο%	3%	3%
Sheriff services overall	1%	6%	5%	1%	3%	2%	5%	ο%	10%	3%	2%	3%
Snow and ice removal	8%	6%	4%	10%	7%	10%	3%	7%	2%	19%	3%	7%
Stormwater utility	7%	13%	15%	5%	11%	14%	4%	12%	2%	11%	15%	10%
Traffic control	19%	12%	22%	10%	14%	14%	18%	11%	3%	34%	9%	15%

Testing for significant differences were not performed for this question.

Table 134: Question 15 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

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	9	Sex		Age		Race/Ethn	icity		Length o	f Residence	9	Overall
						Non-					More	
			18-	35-		Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	11 to 20	than 20	
	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Overall, how would you rate the	65%	66%	67%	68%	64%	72%	58%	61%	81%	60%	64%	66%
quality of the services provided						В			ACD			
by Adams County?												

Table 135: Question 16 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

		Sex		Age		Race/Ethn	icity		Length o	f Residence	9	Overall
			18-	35-		Non- Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	11 to 20	More than 20	
	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	_
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid?	46%	50%	52%	49%	48%	53% B	42%	54% C	65% C D	32%	41%	48%

Table 136: Question 17 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

	9	Sex		Age		Race/Ethn	icity		Length o	f Residence	5	Overall
						Non-					More	
			18-	35-		Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	11 to 20	than 20	
	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing?	14%	17%	7%	19% A	20% A	13%	19%	8%	25% A	19%	17%	16%

Table 137: Question 18 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

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						Non-				11 to	More	
			18-	35-		Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	20	than 20	
	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County	57%	61%	68%	59%	57%	66% B	50%	6 ₇ %	68% C	33%	60% C	59%
government to do what is right?						_		_			_	

Table 138: Question 19 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

	9	Sex		Age		Race/Ethn	icity		Length o	f Residence	2	Overall
						Non-					More	
			18-	35-		Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	11 to 20	than 20	
	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Overall, how would you rate the	53%	63%	57%	62%	60%	61%	55%	63%	69%	45%	54%	58%
overall direction that Adams		Α							С			
County is taking?												

Table 139: Question 20 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

		Sex		Age		Race/Ethr	nicity		Length of	f Residenc	:e	Overall
Please rate how well Adams County is currently doing in each of the			18-	35-		Non- Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	11 to	More than 20	
following areas: (Percent excellent	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Welcoming resident involvement	49%	48%	43%	55%	47%	47%	49%	54%	53%	46%	40%	49%
Being responsive to residents	48%	6o% A	54%	60%	50%	49%	62% A	73 [%] C D	66% C D	39%	42%	55%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	61%	52%	59%	58%	50%	58%	52%	67% D	62% D	53%	41%	56%
Informing residents about issues facing the community	38%	42%	29%	47% A	41%	38%	41%	52% D	34%	37%	33%	39%
Accessibility of elected officials	31%	48% A	40%	45%	37%	37%	47%	44%	42%	43%	33%	40%
Being open and transparent to the public	47%	45%	55% C	48%	35%	44%	48%	57% C D	61% C D	29%	33%	45%
Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions	39%	46%	38%	55% A C	33%	41%	48%	52% D	53% D	36%	28%	43%
Being honest	50%	60%	57%	62%	48%	51%	64% A	58%	80% A C D	44%	40%	55%
Treating residents with fairness and respect	58%	59%	57%	63%	54%	56%	62%	64% D	69% D	50%	45%	58%

Table 140: Question 21 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

		Sex		Age		Race/Eth	nicity	L	ength of	Residenc	ce	Overall
											More	
						Non-		5	6 to	11 to	than	
			18-	35-		Hispanic		years	10	20	20	
	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
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)?	65% B	50%	63%	54%	54%	65% B	44%	56%	59%	49%	58%	56%

Table 141: Question 22 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

What was your impression of the	9	Sex		Age		Race/Ethi	nicity		Length of	Residence	ce	Overall
Adams County employee in your most						Non-		5	6 to	11 to	More	
recent contact? Rate each			18-	35-		Hispanic		years	10	20	than 20	
characteristic below.) (Percent	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	
excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	84%	84%	74%	89%	86%	80%	89%	95%	82%	80%	76%	84%
Knowledge				Α				D				
	85%	79%	67%	92%	80%	77%	86%	89%	83%	80%	74%	82%
Responsiveness				Α								
	78%	82%	69%	83%	88%	82%	80%	97%	88%	73%	67%	81%
Respectfulness					Α			CD	D			
	87%	81%	72%	88%	88%	82%	84%	92%	92%	74%	78%	84%
Courtesy				Α	Α			C				
	76%	73%	62%	78%	82%	75%	75%	89%	81%	70%	62%	76%
Overall impression					Α			D				

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Table 142: Question 24 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

Parks serve various purposes withi			Sex	, rige	Age		Race/Eth		·		Residen	ce	Overall
community, some of which are list For each, please rate whether you there is too much, too little or abo right amount of parks or recreation to serve your needs in each of these	ed below. think ut the n facilities	Male (A)	Female (B)	18- 34 (A)	35- 54 (B)	55+ (C)	Non- Hispanic White (A)	Other (B)	5 years or less (A)	6 to 10 years (B)	11 to 20 years (C)	More than 20 years (D)	(A)
to serve your needs in each or thes	e areas.	34%	33%	44%	32%	25%	37%	31%	40%	24%	37%	31%	34%
	Too little	3470	3370	C 4470	3270	25/0	3//0	3170	4070	2470	3//0	3170	3470
Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive recreational activities,	Right amount	61%	67%	56%	63%	74% A	63%	64%	60%	76%	62%	62%	64%
such as playgrounds, picnicking, field or court games etc.)	Too much	5% B	0%	0%	5%	1%	1%	5% A	0%	0%	1%	7%	2%
Community parks (provide community-based recreation	Too little	29%	33%	37%	28%	29%	32%	31%	39% B	17%	31%	31%	31%
needs, serving multiple neighborhoods; also may	Right amount	71%	67%	63%	72%	69%	67%	69%	61%	8 ₃ % A D	68%	67%	68%
preserve unique landscapes and open spaces)	Too much	1%	0%	ο%	0%	2%	1%	0%	о%	o%	ο%	2%	1%
	Too little	36%	44%	56% C	42% C	23%	38%	46%	46%	38%	47%	32%	41%
Developed spaces for field sports	Right amount	62%	54%	44%	56%	71% A B	59%	52%	52%	62%	51%	65%	57%
(e.g., soccer, football, softball, baseball, lacrosse)	Too much	2%	2%	o%	2%	5%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	4%	2%
	Too little	54%	49%	57% C	57% C	33%	48%	57%	45%	51%	60%	51%	51%
	Right amount	46%	50%	43%	42%	65% A B	50%	43%	53%	49%	39%	48%	48%
Developed spaces for court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball)	Too much	1%	1%	ο%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%
	Too little	18%	38% A	41% B C	23%	26%	28%	33%	41% B C	13%	24%	30% B	29%
Playgrounds	Right amount	79% B	62%	59%	75% A	73%	70%	67%	58%	8 ₃ % A	75% A	69%	69%

Parks serve various purposes with	in a		Sex		Age		Race/Eth	nicity	L	ength of	Residen	ce	Overall
community, some of which are list For each, please rate whether you	ted below.						Non-		5 years	6 to	11 to	More than	
there is too much, too little or abo	out the			18-	35-		Hispanic		or	10	20	20	
right amount of parks or recreatio		Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	less	years	years	years	-
to serve your needs in each of the	se areas.	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	Too much	2% B	0%	ο%	2%	2%	2%	1%	ο%	4%	1%	1%	1%
	Too little	33%	34%	44% B C	32%	26%	32%	37%	52% B D	13%	38% B	24%	34%
	Right amount	64%	63%	51%	66% A	74% A	65%	60%	48%	84% A C	62%	69% A	64%
Recreation centers	Too much	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	3%	ο%	7% C	2%
	Too little	46%	44%	58% B C	42%	34%	44%	46%	59% B D	35%	45%	34%	45%
	Right amount	54%	54%	39%	58% A	64% A	55%	52%	37%	65% A	55%	65% A	54%
Youth recreation programs	Too much	1%	2%	4%	0%	2%	1%	2%	3%	0%	ο%	1%	2%
	Too little	43%	42%	54% C	40%	32%	39%	47%	56% B D	21%	46% B	36%	43%
	Right amount	57%	58%	46%	60%	67% A	61%	53%	44%	79% A C	54%	64% A	57%
Adult recreation programs	Too much	ο%	0%	0%	0%	ο%	ο%	0%	ο%	0%	ο%	0%	0%
. <u>.</u>	Too little	28%	39% A	36%	40%	29%	28%	45% A	40%	33%	41%	27%	35%
	Right amount	63%	56%	51%	58%	68% A	64% B	52%	54%	58%	59%	66%	59%
Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning, etc.)	Too much	9%	4%	13% B C	2%	4%	8% B	3%	6%	10% C	ο%	7%	6%

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Table 143: Question 25 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

Table 143: Q	0050011 2	· ·	Sex	Jezy rig	Age	/ Ethine	Race/Eth		·		Residen	ce	Overall
Considering each of the following a County service delivery, please indiwhether you feel the County should more effort, the same amount of effects effort toward each.	cate d apply	Male (A)	Female (B)	18- 34 (A)	35- 54 (B)	55+ (C)	Non- Hispanic White (A)	Other (B)	5 years or less (A)	6 to 10 years (B)	11 to 20 years (C)	More than 20 years (D)	(A)
Neighborhood Services Code	More effort	33%	41%	37%	37%	39%	33%	41%	34%	32%	40%	43%	37%
Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning and	Same effort	53%	51%	48%	52%	54%	53%	52%	55%	68% C D	45%	43%	52%
property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris)	Less effort	14%	8%	15%	11%	7%	13%	8%	12% B	1%	14% B	13% B	11%
Neighborhood Services Animal Management (includes	More effort	31%	35%	37%	30%	32%	32%	32%	32%	36%	29%	33%	33%
enforcement of animal welfare ordinance, securing stray animals,	Same effort	63%	62%	62%	66%	59%	64%	63%	65%	59%	64%	61%	63%
and prevention of cruelty to animals)	Less effort	6%	3%	1%	4%	9% A	3%	5%	3%	5%	7%	6%	5%
	More effort	35%	33%	42% C	38% C	19%	32%	37%	38%	25%	34%	35%	34%
Parks and Open Space (includes trails, fairgrounds, lake area,	Same effort	63%	63%	52%	62%	76% A B	64%	61%	55%	74% A	64%	62%	63%
developed parks and public park buildings)	Less effort	2%	4%	5% B	1%	4%	4%	3%	6%	1%	3%	3%	4%
	More effort	41%	36%	46%	35%	35%	35%	43%	50% B	29%	32%	37%	38%
Economic Development (includes	Same effort	47%	55%	39%	58% A	55% A	52%	50%	46%	45%	59%	55%	51%
attracting and retaining businesses and jobs)	Less effort	11%	9%	15% B	7%	10%	13%	7%	4%	26% A C D	9%	8%	10%
Human Services (includes unemployment assistance,	More effort	37%	32%	29%	37%	36%	26%	44% A	43% B C	20%	15%	43% B C	34%
workforce training, child protection, adult protection,	Same effort	58%	67%	71%	60%	58%	70% B	56%	56%	80% A D	79% A D	52%	63%

		9	Sex		Age		Race/Eth	nicity	L	ength of	Residen	ce	Overall
Considering each of the following a County service delivery, please indiwhether you feel the County should more effort, the same amount of effess effort toward each.	cate I apply	Male (A)	Female (B)	18- 34 (A)	35- 54 (B)	55+ (C)	Non- Hispanic White (A)	Other (B)	5 years or less (A)	6 to 10 years (B)	11 to 20 years (C)	More than 20 years (D)	(A)
services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.)	Less effort	4% B	1%	ο%	2%	6%	3%	1%	1%	0%	6%	4%	3%
	More effort	19%	24%	4%	30% A	28% A	18%	25%	13%	26%	26% A	26% A	22%
Law Enforcement (includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention,	Same effort	75%	74%	89% B C	68%	69%	76%	73%	86% B D	63%	72%	71%	74%
jail, District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.)	Less effort	6% B	2%	8% B	2%	3%	6% B	2%	2%	12% A C	1%	4%	4%
Public Services (includes maintaining official public	More effort	18% B	8%	9%	15%	11%	14%	11%	8%	7%	17%	11%	12%
records, Clerk and Recorder functions such as marriage	Same effort	80%	87%	85%	83%	85%	84%	83%	91% C	93% C	72%	85%	84%
licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.)	Less effort	2%	5%	5%	2%	4%	2%	6% A	1%	0%	10% A	4%	3%
Transportation Infrastructure	More effort	52%	53%	43%	58% A	54%	49%	58% A	47%	38%	69% A B	58% B	53%
Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads, bridges,	Same effort	47%	45%	57% B	41%	43%	50% B	40%	53% C	60% C D	31%	39%	46%
drainage systems; snow removal, etc.)	Less effort	1%	2%	ο%	1%	3%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	4%	2%

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Table 144: Question 26 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

		Sex		Age		Race/Eth				Residenc	ce	Overall
						Non-		5	6 to	11 to	More	
To what extent do you support or	Male	Female	18-	35-	rr±	Hispanic White	Other	years or less	10 years	20 years	than 20	
oppose each of the following sales tax extension (not increase) efforts:	(A)	(B)	34 (A)	54 (B)	55+ (C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Continue an existing sales tax of 2.5 cents per \$10 spent to fund open space preservation and projects in the community	77%	81%	80%	85% C	74%	8 ₃ % B	76%	87% C	78%	70%	77%	79%
Continue an existing sales tax of 3 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain Adams County facilities (e.g., Human Services Center, Government Center, the new regional park)	70%	65%	62%	73%	67%	70%	65%	78% D	66%	65%	63%	67%
Continue an existing portion of sales tax of 2 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain roads and bridges in the community	80%	86%	87%	82%	83%	86%	81%	91% B	77%	81%	85%	83%

Table 145: Question 27 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

	9	Sex		Age		Race/Ethr	nicity		Length of	Residenc	e	
Please indicate how important, if at all,						Non-				11 to	More	
it is for the County to do each of the			18-	35-		Hispanic		5 years	6 to 10	20	than 20	
following:	Male	Female	34	54	55+	White	Other	or less	years	years	years	Overall
Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage)	74%	83%	81%	80%	77%	77%	82%	86%	71%	75%	78%	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)	66%	77%	80%	68%	71%	70%	76%	81%	59%	68%	73%	72%

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Table 146: Question 28 by Respondent Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity and Length of Residency in Adams County

Thinking of how you currently get information		Sex	l rige, it	Age	inicity	Race/Eth				Residen	CE	Overall
about events or issues, how likely would you				Age		Racc/Eti	lincity		Ingthor	Residen	More	Overan
be to obtain information about Adams County						Non-		5 years	6 to	11 to	than	
like public hearings, community meetings,			18-	25-		Hispanic		or	10	20	20	
upcoming programs and events like the fair or	Male	Female	34	35- 54	55+	White	Other	less	years	years	years	
rodeo, etc. in the following formats? (Percent	IVIAIC	Terriale	34	54	55'	VVIIICC	Other	1033	ycars	years	ycars	
likely or very likely)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
	28%	29%	18%	31%	39%	18%	45%	14%	35%	40%	33%	29%
Adams County Annual Budget		-		Α	Α		Α		Α	Α	Α	_
	42%	35%	40%	35%	42%	30%	50%	33%	41%	43%	41%	39%
Adams County Annual Report	-					_	A					
Adams County Facebook page	30%	54%	55%	45%	27%	32%	58%	51%	44%	37%	41%	43%
(www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty)		A	C	C		_	A	_				
Adams County Twitter page	15%	18%	13%	24%	11%	7%	32%	14%	14%	31%	13%	17%
(twitter.com/adams_county_co)				A C			Α			ABD		
	61%	58%	71%	60%	44%	55%	65%	57%	77%	47%	55%	59%
Adams County website (www.adcogov.org)			С	С			Α		ACD			
	46%	42%	51%	45%	34%	40%	48%	43%	60%	38%	32%	43%
Emails from Adams County			С						ACD			
	27%	30%	34%	31%	20%	22%	38%	16%	41%	34%	25%	28%
Text messages			С				Α		ΑD	Α		
Information provided at county facilities (e.g.,	39%	42%	28%	53%	37%	26%	59%	32%	44%	50%	35%	40%
the county government building, the				A C			Α			Α		
fairgrounds, etc.)												
Local press (e.g., television news, radio news,	69%	57%	62%	60%	67%	58%	70%	56%	65%	78%	54%	62%
local newspapers, online versions of any of	В						Α			ΑD		
these)												
Mailings to your home address	69%	63%	64%	64%	71%	64%	69%	66%	58%	70%	66%	66%
Community newsletters with information	69%	67%	68%	67%	73%	67%	70%	73%	63%	75%	61%	68%
about Adams County												
Word of mouth (from family, friends, or	47%	42%	33%	55%	44%	35%	58%	33%	42%	71%	37%	44%
neighbors, etc.)				Α			Α			ABD		

Comparisons by Respondent Household Status

Table 147: Question 1 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

	Hou Ter	sing iure		nce of dren		ness ership		Н	ousehold Inco	ome		Overall
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality							Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000	
of life in Adams County:	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	_
(Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Adams County as a place to live	84%	78%	78%	81%	84%	80%	73%	91% A C	73%	90% A C	85%	82%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	76%	82%	82%	79%	85%	80%	76%	71%	80%	91% B	97% A B C	81%
Adams County as a place to raise children	82% B	66%	71%	71%	80%	70%	70%	71%	77% E	76% E	47%	73%
Adams County as a place to work	66%	65%	61%	68%	75%	64%	75%	65%	68%	61%	69%	67%
Adams County as a place to start and/or operate a business	52%	53%	41%	60% A	74% B	50%	70% C	51%	41%	65%	47%	54%
Adams County as a place to retire	49%	51%	49%	52%	73% B	49%	65% C	61%	41%	50%	50%	52%
Availability of affordable quality health care	52%	42%	46%	45%	78% B	43%	49%	55%	38%	45%	55%	48%
Availability of affordable housing	19%	32% A	33% B	25%	65% B	26%	20%	27%	27%	24%	54% A B C D	30%
The overall quality of life in Adams County	61%	67%	68%	64%	81%	65%	52%	56%	71% A	70%	91% A B C D	67%

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Table 148: 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		sing nure		nce of dren		ness ership			ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent	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	(4)
or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Sense of personal safety	62%	70%	66%	70%	88% B	67%	65%	53%	74% B	68%	91% A B D	69%
Sense of community	66% B	54%	55%	59%	81% B	56%	53%	57%	56%	50%	77% C D	57%
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	74%	69%	71%	70%	89% B	69%	64%	72%	75%	61%	89% A D	70%
Overall appearance of Adams County	72% B	51%	51%	61% A	73%	56%	68%	51%	55%	58%	74% B	58%
Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County	59%	52%	60% B	50%	79% B	53%	53%	51%	60%	50%	70%	55%
Variety of housing options	47%	52%	51%	50%	74% B	49%	50%	42%	51%	56%	63%	51%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County	57%	53%	48%	59% A	70%	53%	64%	55%	52%	65% E	41%	55%
Shopping opportunities	69% B	58%	65%	59%	73%	61%	70% E	61%	64% E	69% E	43%	63%
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	53%	45%	46%	49%	57%	47%	69% B D	43%	49%	31%	62% D	48%
Recreational opportunities	67%	60%	60%	64%	79%	61%	61%	62%	71% D	49%	65%	62%
Opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation or enjoy nature	69% B	55%	54%	63%	82% B	58%	73 [%] D	60%	56%	52%	66%	60%

Please rate each of the		ising nure		nce of dren		ness ership		Н	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole: (Percent excellent	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	
or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Employment opportunities	62% B	48%	44%	58% A	79% B	51%	56%	46%	59%	51%	60%	52%
Educational opportunities	58% B	39%	40%	48%	34%	45%	62% D E	56% D E	53% D E	24%	29%	46%
Opportunities to participate in community matters	62% B	46%	48%	51%	73%	49%	52%	60%	52%	42%	48%	51%
Ease of car travel in Adams County	56%	49%	56%	48%	74% B	50%	60%	53%	49%	48%	57%	53%
Ease of travel by bus in Adams County	57% B	36%	48%	39%	66%	42%	62% C E	43%	32%	52%	25%	45%
Ease of travel by other transit options in Adams County	62% B	23%	36%	33%	6 ₃ % B	34%	59% C	37%	19%	35%	37%	37%
Ease of walking in Adams County	66% B	46%	52%	52%	41%	52%	73% D E	53%	53%	45%	35%	53%
Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails	68% B	50%	51%	58%	39%	56%	67% E	59% E	56% E	57% E	31%	56%
Traffic flow on major streets	36%	29%	38% B	27%	23%	32%	32%	33%	23%	38%	37%	33%
Availability of affordable quality child care	14%	24%	20%	24%	78% B	19%	32%	25%	13%	20%	10%	22%
Availability of recycling services	39%	60% A	59%	51%	8o% B	53%	60%	42%	51%	69% B	51%	54%
Drinking water quality	38%	44%	36%	47% A	40%	43%	49%	43%	40%	38%	53%	44%
Overall image or reputation of Adams County	61% B	50%	56%	52%	74% B	53%	60%	51%	56%	54%	64%	54%

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Table 149: Question 4 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

		sing nure		nce of dren		ness ership		Н	ousehold Inc	ome		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	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
How prepared are you and your household for a disaster or emergency (e.g., flood, tornado, blizzard, etc.)?	37%	63% A	56%	56%	34%	57% A	41%	49%	54%	68% A	70% A	55%

Table 150: Question 5 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

Please indicate how likely		ising nure		nce of dren		ness ership		Н	ousehold Inco	ome		Overall
or unlikely you are to do each of the following:							Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000	
(Percent very or somewhat	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
likely)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks	75%	85% A	87% B	79%	74%	83%	81%	78%	80%	93% B	83%	82%
Remain in Adams County for the next five years	66%	90% A	85%	82%	86%	83%	79%	78%	82%	94% B	85%	83%

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Table 151: 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		ising nure		nce of dren		ness ership		Н	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
each of the following a problem in Adams County? (Percent moderate or major problem)	Rent (A)	Own (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Less than \$24,999 (A)	\$25,000 to \$49,999 (B)	\$50,000 to \$99,999 (C)	\$100,000 to \$149,999 (D)	\$150,000 or more (E)	(A)
Run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles	71% B	51%	67% B	50%	75% B	56%	76% B C	44%	52%	65% B	70% B	56%
Graffiti	84% B	66%	75%	68%	87%	70%	70%	63%	77%	70%	91% B D	71%
Violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, robbery)	55%	53%	57%	51%	58%	54%	35%	43%	62% A	59% A	70% A B	53%
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	31%	39%	41%	34%	49%	36%	37%	39%	40%	35%	39%	36%
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste	57%	65%	75% B	53%	44%	63%	44%	66%	73% A	63%	61%	63%
Weeds and other noxious or invasive plants in open lands	59%	54%	62% B	51%	59%	55%	68% B	40%	56%	61%	60%	55%
Child abuse and neglect	53%	62%	71% B	49%	75%	58%	71%	49%	42%	79% C	73%	60%
Neglect, exploitation or mistreatment of at-risk adults	44%	71% A	73 [%] B	53%	47%	62%	58%	60%	53%	79%	75%	61%

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Table 152: Question 7 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

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In the last 12 months, about		sing		nce of		ness						
how many times, if at all, have	Ter	nure	Chil	dren	Owne	ership		Н	ousehold Inc	ome	1	Overal
you or other household							Less	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		
members done each of the							than	to	to	to	\$150,000	
following in Adams County?	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
(Percent more than once a	(4)	(D)	(4)	(D)	(4)	(D)	(4)	(D)	(C)	(D)	(5)	(4)
month)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park	42%	48%	57% B	39%	33%	47%	36%	47%	46%	46%	68% A C D	47%
Used Adams County public	40%	23%	42%	19%	26%	28%	48%	26%	28%	16%	30%	28%
libraries or their services	В	J. 1	В	J			BCD				J	
Participated in religious or	23%	24%	28%	21%	64%	22%	29%	26%	23%	23%	11%	24%
spiritual activities in Adams					В							
County												
Attended a County-sponsored	4%	3%	7%	1%	18%	2%	7%	1%	1%	8%	0%	3%
event			В		В					CE		
Used bus, rail or other public	18%	7%	14%	8%	17%	10%	25%	1%	6%	17%	11%	10%
transportation instead of	В		В				ВС			ВС		
driving												
Carpooled with other adults or	38%	30%	45%	25%	57%	31%	36%	21%	36%	33%	44%	33%
children instead of driving			В		В						В	
alone												
Walked or biked instead of	38%	16%	16%	27%	1%	24%	44%	11%	21%	7%	43%	22%
driving	В			Α		Α	BCD				BCD	
Volunteered your time to some	13%	11%	15%	10%	18%	12%	14%	8%	14%	13%	10%	11%
group/activity in Adams County												
	19%	11%	21%	8%	21%	12%	17%	14%	14%	13%	3%	12%
Participated in a club	В		В									
Talked to or visited with your	57%	69%	65%	66%	68%	66%	64%	60%	71%	63%	72%	65%
immediate neighbors		A										
	37%	40%	41%	38%	65%	38%	42%	38%	44%	38%	26%	39%
Done a favor for a neighbor					В							

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Table 153: Question 8 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

,	Hou	sing	Prese	Presence of		iness			·			
	Ter	nure	Chile	dren	Own	ership		Н	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
							Less	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		
							than	to	to	to	\$150,000	
	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
RTD's upcoming FasTracks	57%	42%	46%	46%	7%	48%	50%	24%	41%	63%	71%	45%
Commuter Rail project includes	В					Α	В			ВС	ВС	
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)												

Table 154: Question 9 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

	Hou	sing	Prese	nce of								
	Ter	iure	Chile	dren	Owne	ership		H	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
								\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		
							Less than	to	to	to	\$150,000	
	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
How well is Adams	50%	46%	48%	45%	65%	45%	69%	37%	32%	50%	72%	47%
County retaining existing					В		ВС				ВС	
businesses and attracting new businesses?												

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Table 155: Question 10 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

		sing nure		nce of dren		ness ership		Н	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
	Rent (A)	Own (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Less than \$24,999 (A)	\$25,000 to \$49,999 (B)	\$50,000 to \$99,999 (C)	\$100,000 to \$149,999 (D)	\$150,000 or more (E)	(A)
To what extent would you support or oppose the County using existing tax dollars to attract businesses for job creation?	76%	70%	84% B	63%	83%	71%	76%	69%	75%	74%	75%	72%

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Table 156: Question 11 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

,	· ·			<u>'</u>	esence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Hou								
Please rate the quality of each of the following services	Hou Ter	sing		nce of dren		ness ership		⊔,	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall	
3	rei	lure	Crin	uren	Owne	rsnip		1			I	Overall	
provided by other agencies							Less	\$25,000	\$50 , 000	\$100,000			
(e.g., special districts and							than	to	to	to	\$150,000		
metro districts), not by Adams	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more		
County. (Percent excellent or	(4)	(D)	(4)	(D)	(4)	(D)	(4)	(D)	(C)	(D)	(5)	(4)	
good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	
Public school districts	42%	54% A	51%	50%	67%	50%	53%	65%	49%	43%	45%	51%	
Fire response times	68%	89% A	82%	84%	84%	83%	77%	94%	79%	86%	80%	84%	
F	67%	88%	77%	86%	95%	82%	77%	93%	74%	94%	79%	83%	
Fire services overall		Α		Α				С		С			
Ambulance response times	70%	88% A	81%	83%	94%	82%	80%	92%	78%	90%	68%	83%	
Ambulance services overall	69%	84% A	78%	81%	94%	79%	71%	92% A	74%	89%	78%	80%	
Water and sanitation services	70%	71%	73%	68%	51%	72% A	59%	84% A D	77% D	57%	74%	71%	
Street and drainage maintenance services	66%	56%	70% B	50%	42%	59%	65%	56%	72% D E	50%	46%	58%	
Library services	62%	8o% A	76%	75%	95% B	74%	75%	70%	82%	63%	83%	76%	
Park and recreation services	80%	77%	89% B	70%	92%	78%	71%	78%	84%	82%	68%	79%	
RTD bus or rail	58%	47%	56%	47%	68%	50%	60%	65%	43%	47%	49%	51%	
	43%	68%	62%	59%	69%	60%	67%	81%	48%	53%	64%	60%	
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Table 157: Question 13 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

		ising nure		nce of dren		ness ership		Но	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent	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	
excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Adams County open space, parks and trails system	77%	75%	75%	76%	92%	75%	70%	70%	81% D	63%	96% A B D	76%
Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	51%	67% A	62%	64%	92% B	62%	63%	49%	71%	56%	90% B D	64%
Building permits and inspections	30%	57% A	44%	58% A	74% B	49%	50%	54%	38%	50%	90% A C D	53%
Collection of property taxes	65%	57%	47%	65% A	76%	57%	49%	70%	51%	54%	76% C	59%
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)	33%	54% A	53%	46%	57%	49%	50%	50%	57%	34%	61%	50%
County Fair/fairgrounds	67%	75%	8o% B	68%	79%	73%	69%	66%	76%	85%	75%	73%
County jail	13%	69% A	57%	48%	5%	55% A	27%	52%	70% A	80% A E	19%	53%
District Attorney services	39%	6o% A	62%	46%	81%	52%	43%	60%	74% D E	25%	16%	52%

	Housing Presence of Children				Busi	ness						
						ership		Но	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent	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	
excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
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)	59% B	42%	54%	42%	52%	46%	63%	45%	51%	32%	47%	47%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County	58%	56%	64% B	51%	50%	57%	55%	56%	62%	54%	54%	57%
Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs).	35%	47%	50%	41%	72% B	43%	40%	42%	36%	48%	65% C	45%
Elections and voter registrations	76%	81%	81%	79%	84%	80%	65%	81%	75%	84%	95% A C	80%
Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents)	67%	71%	62%	75%	83%	70%	54%	72%	78%	59%	98% A D	70%
Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center	51%	58%	45%	63% A	92% B	54%	62%	74% C D	35%	36%	100% CD	57%

		sing iure		nce of dren		ness ership	Household Income					Overall
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good)	Rent (A)	Own (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Less than \$24,999 (A)	\$25,000 to \$49,999 (B)	\$50,000 to \$99,999 (C)	\$100,000 to \$149,999 (D)	\$150,000 or more (E)	(A)
Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections, child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.)	56%	55%	57%	55%	79%	54%	60%	65%	42%	46%	94% A C D	55%
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%	46%	51%	41%	60%	44%	53%	42%	46%	39%	52%	45%
Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly Front Range Airport)	48%	75% A	79% B	64%	90%	68%	68%	60%	60%	88%	77%	69%
Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.)	31%	36%	34%	34%	78% B	32%	56% C D	36%	22%	18%	25%	34%
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)	23%	53% A	50%	42%	70%	44%	57% D	53% D	30%	23%	73% C D	45%
Motor vehicle registration	56%	72% A	66%	69%	93% B	66%	70%	62%	67%	62%	80%	68%
Online (internet) property lookup	42%	72% A	68%	62%	83%	64%	57%	53%	63%	76% B	70%	66%

		sing nure		nce of dren	Busi Owne	ness ership		Ho	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good)	Rent (A)	Own (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Less than \$24,999 (A)	\$25,000 to \$49,999 (B)	\$50,000 to \$99,999 (C)	\$100,000 to \$149,999 (D)	\$150,000 or more (E)	(A)
Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.)	38%	62% A	52%	57%	39%	56%	71% C D	47%	40%	40%	80% B C D	55%
Public records and documents searches	47%	66% A	52%	67% A	88%	60%	67%	72%	48%	57%	63%	61%
Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in unincorporated Adams County	32%	35%	34%	34%	43%	34%	50% C D	33%	28%	23%	52% C D	34%
Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc.	45%	55%	47%	54%	74%	50%	71% C D	55%	34%	27%	58%	50%
Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected	28%	60% A	54%	49%	75%	49%	58%	79% C E	30%	37%	26%	51%
Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected	25%	60% A	60%	44%	75%	47%	53%	82% C D E	37%	35%	26%	49%
Sheriff response times	49%	71% A	54%	70% A	69%	64%	62%	80%	55%	64%	62%	65%
Sheriff services overall	57%	69%	61%	68%	84%	64%	65%	79%	64%	55%	68%	66%
Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County	52%	48%	46%	52%	42%	50%	66% D	42%	57% D	33%	56%	49%
Stormwater utility	45%	55%	54%	52%	48%	54%	48%	48%	64%	45%	65%	54%

		sing iure	Presence of Children		Business Ownership				Overall			
Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County: (Percent excellent or good)	Rent (A)	Own (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Less than \$24,999 (A)	\$25,000 to \$49,999 (B)	\$50,000 to \$99,999 (C)	\$100,000 to \$149,999 (D)	\$150,000 or more (E)	(A)
Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County	35%	48% A	42%	47%	45%	45%	33%	52%	47%	34%	65% A D	46%

Table 158: 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	Hou	sing		nce of		ness	•		•	·		
Question 12, which FIVE (5)	Ter	iure	Chil	dren	Owne	ership		Нс	ousehold Inc	ome		
services do you think are MOST												
important for maintaining and												
improving the quality of life in												
Adams County? (Please write in							Less	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		
the appropriate letter(s) for the							than	to	to	to	\$150,000	
services below.)	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	Overall
Open space, parks and trails system	61%	47%	52%	51%	16%	53%	20%	46%	61%	49%	76%	52%
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	14%	10%	7%	14%	2%	12%	5%	12%	9%	14%	19%	11%
Building permits and inspections	2%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	2%	5%	2%	1%	4%
Collection of property taxes	13%	8%	11%	9%	1%	10%	1%	10%	12%	3%	20%	10%
Community development	11%	20%	20%	16%	18%	17%	7%	12%	18%	31%	13%	17%
County Fair/fairgrounds	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	ο%	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%
County jail	6%	3%	5%	3%	8%	4%	4%	9%	4%	1%	2%	4%
District Attorney services	7%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	ο%	5%	1%	11%	4%
Development standards and regulations	11%	27%	17%	25%	8%	22%	11%	10%	14%	33%	49%	22%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	15%	14%	17%	13%	44%	13%	23%	9%	19%	12%	2%	14%
Economic development	25%	28%	31%	24%	20%	27%	9%	11%	25%	46%	43%	27%

Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5)	Hou Ter		nce of dren		ness ership		Ho	ousehold Inc	ome			
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							Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000	
services below.)	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	Overall
Elections and voter registrations	22%	6%	8%	13%	0%	11%	39%	17%	7%	2%	3%	11%
Emergency management	23%	19%	23%	19%	13%	21%	21%	21%	26%	16%	7%	20%
Workforce & Business Center	14%	14%	19%	10%	5%	14%	6%	14%	16%	19%	9%	14%
Environmental health services	20%	13%	10%	18%	11%	15%	7%	6%	33%	8%	7%	15%
Code enforcement	11%	22%	15%	21%	11%	18%	21%	25%	16%	15%	13%	19%
Front Range Airport	0%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	5%	3%	1%	3%
Housing assistance services	32%	15%	17%	23%	6%	21%	30%	23%	25%	19%	1%	21%
Long range planning	15%	23%	24%	18%	16%	21%	26%	5%	7%	39%	44%	20%
Motor vehicle registration	13%	7%	4%	12%	2%	9%	6%	4%	15%	5%	13%	9%
Online property lookup	6%	2%	4%	2%	ο%	3%	2%	9%	1%	3%	ο%	3%
Public health services	27%	16%	22%	18%	10%	20%	27%	12%	22%	21%	17%	20%
Public records and documents searches	1%	2%	3%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	4%	0%	1%
Roadway maintenance	39%	47%	45%	44%	59%	43%	44%	55%	33%	45%	50%	44%
Financial services	15%	8%	7%	12%	9%	10%	37%	13%	6%	6%	3%	10%
Child protective services	7%	15%	12%	13%	9%	13%	16%	22%	12%	8%	2%	13%
Adult protective services	4%	6%	6%	6%	9%	5%	8%	5%	9%	2%	1%	6%
Sheriff response times	6%	6%	5%	7%	15%	5%	5%	8%	8%	4%	1%	6%
Sheriff services overall	17%	19%	15%	21%	8%	19%	30%	24%	15%	12%	15%	18%
Snow and ice removal	27%	17%	16%	24%	53%	19%	28%	35%	13%	17%	14%	20%
Stormwater utility	2%	8%	6%	6%	39%	4%	1%	2%	4%	10%	14%	6%
Traffic control	9%	24%	30%	13%	58%	17%	16%	13%	21%	17%	26%	19%

Testing for significant differences were not performed for this question.

Table 159: Question 15 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)		ising nure		nce of dren		ness ership		Но	ousehold Inc	ome		
important for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Adams County? (Please write in the appropriate letter(s) for the services below.)	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
Open space, parks and trails system	7%	6%	6%	7%	2%	7%	5%	20%	1%	6%	2%	6%
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center	31%	19%	34%	14%	21%	23%	27%	12%	23%	24%	27%	22%
Building permits and inspections	8%	14%	15%	10%	14%	12%	14%	3%	17%	9%	18%	12%
Collection of property taxes	23%	15%	19%	15%	14%	17%	13%	15%	15%	25%	4%	17%
Community development	28%	9%	11%	18%	7%	15%	22%	33%	16%	2%	5%	15%
County Fair/fairgrounds	39%	33%	24%	43%	32%	35%	40%	39%	30%	28%	57%	35%
County jail	22%	23%	27%	19%	6%	23%	10%	18%	19%	32%	28%	22%
District Attorney services	13%	21%	13%	23%	9%	20%	6%	19%	19%	27%	14%	19%
Development standards and regulations	14%	10%	8%	13%	7%	11%	14%	23%	8%	6%	10%	11%
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure	10%	4%	8%	4%	1%	6%	0%	17%	4%	1%	7%	5%
Economic development	6%	11%	4%	13%	4%	10%	6%	15%	12%	3%	7%	9%
Elections and voter registrations	9%	14%	17%	10%	1%	14%	ο%	7%	18%	20%	3%	13%
Emergency management	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%	ο%	1%	1%	1%
Workforce & Business Center	14%	9%	14%	8%	5%	10%	32%	11%	12%	2%	2%	10%
Environmental health services	4%	2%	1%	5%	0%	3%	ο%	2%	4%	3%	ο%	3%
Code enforcement	18%	16%	21%	13%	4%	17%	4%	18%	20%	14%	21%	16%
Front Range Airport	47%	43%	43%	45%	34%	45%	42%	39%	51%	38%	48%	45%
Housing assistance services	1%	14%	15%	7%	4%	11%	12%	3%	7%	9%	35%	10%
Long range planning	3%	10%	4%	11%	3%	8%	4%	11%	8%	3%	18%	8%
Motor vehicle registration	9%	7%	8%	7%	4%	8%	3%	3%	10%	8%	10%	8%
Online property lookup	32%	37%	30%	40%	21%	37%	41%	21%	43%	39%	21%	36%
Public health services	1%	9%	5%	7%	9%	6%	5%	2%	9%	2%	19%	7%

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Looking at the services in Question 12, which FIVE (5)		sing nure		nce of dren		ness ership		Ц	ousehold Inc	ome		
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.)	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
Public records and documents searches	16%	37%	30%	31%	25%	31%	16%	32%	31%	46%	8%	31%
Roadway maintenance	12%	5%	2%	10%	2%	7%	ο%	7%	11%	5%	3%	7%
Financial services	1%	11%	8%	9%	5%	8%	6%	1%	4%	5%	41%	8%
Child protective services	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	ο%	3%	ο%	ο%	ο%	ο%	ο%
Adult protective services	9%	8%	11%	6%	1%	8%	3%	1%	3%	8%	38%	8%
Sheriff response times	1%	4%	1%	4%	0%	3%	0%	1%	3%	7%	ο%	3%
Sheriff services overall	1%	4%	6%	1%	0%	3%	0%	15%	ο%	2%	ο%	3%
Snow and ice removal	9%	6%	11%	4%	0%	7%	6%	1%	7%	12%	8%	7%
Stormwater utility	8%	11%	12%	9%	18%	10%	3%	14%	8%	15%	4%	10%
Traffic control	23%	12%	10%	19%	48%	14%	35%	17%	17%	10%	2%	15%

Testing for significant differences were not performed for this question.

Table 160: Question 15 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

		ising nure		nce of dren		ness ership		u	ousehold Inc	omo		Overall
	161		Cilli		OWITE	ersnip			l			Overall
					Ves No		Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000	
	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County?	66%	65%	64%	67%	80%	65%	71%	63%	63%	65%	80%	66%

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Table 161: Question 16 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

		ising nure		nce of dren		ness ership		Н	ousehold Inco	ome		Overall
	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	Less than \$24,999	\$25,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to	\$150,000 or more	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid?	55%	45%	46%	49%	18%	50% A	56%	45%	44%	45%	68% C D	48%

Table 162: Question 17 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

		ising nure		nce of dren		ness ership		H	ousehold Inco	ome		Overall
							Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000	
	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
How informed would you say you are about the job Adams County government is doing?	14%	16%	18%	14%	21%	15%	33% C D E	24%	11%	12%	7%	16%

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Table 163: Question 18 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

		sing nure		nce of dren		iness ership		Н	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
							Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000	
	Rent	Own	Yes			No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
How much of the time do you think you can trust Adams County government to do what is right?	63%	57%	57%	60%	52%	59%	76%	55%	65%	55%	54%	59%

Table 164: Question 19 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

		ising nure		nce of dren		ness ership		Н	ousehold Inco	ome		Overall
							Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000	
	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Overall, how would you	71%	53%	57%	59%	41%	59%	69%	64%	66%	41%	64%	58%
rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking?	В						D	D	D			

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Table 165: Question 20 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

Table 105: Question 20 by Te							1	טוע, טטטוווכטט	Ownership :	racus, and An	1100111003011	Old IIICOIII
		sing iure		nce of dren		ness ership		Н	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
Please rate how well Adams							Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000	
County is currently doing in each of the following areas:	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
(Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Welcoming resident involvement	53%	47%	41%	53% A	71%	48%	60% D	39%	53% D	26%	72% B D	49%
Being responsive to residents	62%	52%	58%	53%	61%	55%	67%	44%	56%	42%	78% B D	55%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	55%	56%	49%	59%	67%	55%	56%	34%	61% B	58% B	76% B	56%
Informing residents about issues facing the community	38%	40%	41%	39%	58%	39%	46%	41%	40%	21%	54% D	39%
Accessibility of elected officials	39%	41%	43%	38%	63%	40%	55% D	42%	38%	21%	61% D	40%
Being open and transparent to the public	39%	48%	46%	45%	47%	45%	54%	34%	53% D	31%	57%	45%
Giving residents a chance to express their views before making decisions	48%	41%	49%	39%	48%	43%	58%	37%	46%	30%	52%	43%
Being honest	62%	53%	58%	53%	65%	55%	63%	48%	65%	49%	57%	55%
Treating residents with fairness and respect	61%	57%	58%	57%	59%	58%	67%	51%	62%	46%	69%	58%

Table 166: Question 21 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

	Hou	sing	Prese	nce of	Busi	ness			· ·	•		
	Ter	nure	Chile	dren	Owne	ership		Но	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
							Less	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		
							than	to	to	to	\$150,000	
	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
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)?	59%	56%	54%	59%	62%	57%	71% B C	48%	48%	69% B C	51%	56%

Table 167: Question 22 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

	Hou	sing	Prese	nce of	Busi	ness						
What was your impression of	Ter	iure	Chile	dren	Owne	ership		Но	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
the Adams County employee in your most recent contact? Rate		_					Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000	
each characteristic below.)	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
(Percent excellent or good)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Knowledge	87%	83%	78%	88% A	91%	84%	85%	77%	84%	84%	95%	84%
Responsiveness	78%	83%	76%	85%	87%	81%	79%	67%	83%	87%	97% B	82%
Respectfulness	88%	78%	72%	8 ₇ % A	93%	80%	81%	66%	8 ₇ % B	68%	99% B D	81%
Courtesy	88%	82%	78%	87%	92%	83%	86%	65%	85% B	92% B	98% B	84%
Overall impression	85% B	71%	67%	8o% A	87%	74%	84%	60%	78%	66%	91% B	76%

Table 168: Question 24 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

Parks serve various purpos	•		sing	- '	nce of		ness	ooserioia, E	703111C33 O W	TICISHIP Sto	itos, ana Am	100111003011	
a community, some of whi			iure		dren		ership		Но	usehold Inc	come		Overall
listed below. For each, plea whether you think there is much, too little or about th	too ie right	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	
amount of parks or recreat facilities to serve your need of these areas.		(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Neighborhood parks (areas of intensive	Too little	36%	33%	25%	40% A	69% B	32%	24%	31%	31%	44%	41%	34%
recreational activities, such as playgrounds,	Right amount	64%	64%	71% B	60%	30%	66% A	76% D	69% D	67% D	46%	59%	64%
picnicking, field or court games etc.)	Too much	0%	3%	5% B	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	9% B C	0%	2%
Community parks (provide community-	Too little	31%	31%	23%	37% A	63% B	30%	24%	32%	33%	27%	42%	31%
based recreation needs, serving multiple	Right amount	69%	68%	77% B	62%	37%	70% A	76%	68%	66%	72%	58%	68%
neighborhoods; also may preserve unique landscapes and open spaces)	Too much	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	Too little	52% B	36%	47% B	37%	68% B	40%	20%	51% A	47% A	42%	35%	41%
Developed spaces for field sports (e.g., soccer,	Right amount	46%	62% A	53%	60%	29%	58% A	77% B C	47%	50%	58%	62%	57%
football, softball, baseball, lacrosse)	Too much	3%	2%	ο%	3% A	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%
	Too little	58% B	47%	55%	47%	84% B	49%	25%	58% A	55% A	68% A E	36%	51%
Developed spaces for	Right amount	40%	52% A	45%	51%	15%	50% A	74% B C D	42%	43%	31%	6 ₃ % D	48%
court sports (e.g., tennis, basketball)	Too much	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%

Parks serve various purpos			sing		nce of		ness						
a community, some of whi		Ter	iure	Chil	dren	Owne	ership		Ho	usehold Inc	ome		Overall
listed below. For each, plea								Less	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		
whether you think there is								than	to	to	to	\$150,000	
much, too little or about th	_	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
amount of parks or recreat													
facilities to serve your need	ds in each						 .	, , ,	٠-,		,_ ,	/_ \	
of these areas.	I	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
	Too little	36% B	27%	26%	32%	73% B	28%	37%	34%	27%	29%	27%	29%
	Right	64%	72%	74%	66%	26%	71% A	63%	66%	72%	70%	67%	69%
	amount	0%	-04	-0/	-04	-04		-04	-04	-04	-04	C0/	-04
Playgrounds	Too much	0%	2%	ο%	2%	1%	1%	ο%	0%	1%	1%	6%	1%
	Too little	22%	39% A	41% B	29%	64% B	32%	13%	26%	40% A	38% A	45% A	34%
	Right amount	73% B	60%	54%	70% A	35%	65% A	87% B C D E	66%	60%	57%	55%	64%
Recreation centers	Too much	5%	2%	4% B	1%	ο%	3%	ο%	8%	0%	5%	0%	2%
	Too little	47%	44%	50%	40%	76% B	43%	28%	40%	58% A	45%	44%	45%
	Right amount	49%	56%	50%	57%	24%	55% A	72% C	60% C	38%	54%	56%	54%
Youth recreation programs	Too much	4% B	1%	0%	3% A	1%	2%	0%	1%	4%	1%	0%	2%
	Too little	44%	42%	44%	42%	77% B	41%	28%	37%	46%	44%	51%	43%
	Right amount	56%	58%	56%	58%	21%	59% A	72%	62%	54%	55%	48%	57%
Adult recreation programs	Too much	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Fitness programs (e.g., aerobics, yoga, spinning,	Too little	37%	34%	33%	36%	67% B	33%	22%	30%	42%	39%	37%	35%

Parks serve various purposes within a community, some of which are			ising nure		nce of dren		ness ership	Household Income					Overall
listed below. For each, plea whether you think there is	ise rate too	101		Cilii		OWIN		Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000	Overan
much, too little or about th amount of parks or recreat	ion	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99 , 999	\$149,999	or more	
facilities to serve your need of these areas.	is in each	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
etc.)	Right amount	46%	65% A	64%	56%	25%	61% A	78% C	55%	51%	55%	63%	59%
	Too much	16% B	1%	3%	8% A	8%	6%	0%	15%	7%	5%	0%	6%

Table 169: Question 25 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

Considering each of the foll	<u> </u>		sing		nce of	1	ness						
areas of County service deli	_	Ter	iure	Children Ownership				Ho	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall	
please indicate whether you	, ,							Less	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		
the County should apply mo	ore							than	to	to	to	\$150,000	
effort, the same amount of	effort	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
or less effort toward each.		(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement	More effort	35%	38%	28%	44% A	36%	37%	40%	47%	30%	37%	41%	37%
(includes enforcement of zoning and property	Same effort	53%	52%	55%	50%	56%	52%	58%	40%	59% E	57% E	33%	52%
maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris)	Less effort	12%	10%	17% B	6%	8%	11%	2%	13%	12%	6%	26% A D	11%
Neighborhood Services Animal Management	More effort	30%	33%	22%	40% A	71% B	30%	24%	32%	30%	50% A C E	20%	33%
(includes enforcement of animal welfare ordinance,	Same effort	63%	62%	72% B	56%	17%	65% A	76% D	62%	64%	50%	79% D	63%
securing stray animals, and prevention of cruelty to animals)	Less effort	6%	4%	6%	4%	11%	4%	о%	7%	6%	о%	1%	5%

Considering each of the foll areas of County service deli		Hou Ter	sing iure	Prese Chile	nce of dren		ness ership		Но	ousehold Inc	come		Overall
please indicate whether you the County should apply mo effort, the same amount of or less effort toward each.	reel ore	Rent (A)	Own (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Yes (A)	No (B)	Less than \$24,999 (A)	\$25,000 to \$49,999 (B)	\$50,000 to \$99,999 (C)	\$100,000 to \$149,999 (D)	\$150,000 or more (E)	(A)
Parks and Open Space (includes trails,	More effort	31%	35%	29%	37%	31%	34%	29%	37%	24%	54% A C	35%	34%
	Same effort	62%	63%	70% B	58%	54%	63%	70% D	60%	74% D E	45%	53%	63%
developed parks and public park buildings)	Less effort	7% B	2%	1%	5% A	14% B	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	12% C	4%
	More effort	40%	38%	47% B	33%	43%	38%	22%	42%	47% A	34%	33%	38%
Economic Development (includes attracting and	Same effort	49%	52%	47%	54%	54%	51%	69%	46%	49%	54%	46%	51%
retaining businesses and jobs)	Less effort	10%	11%	6%	14% A	4%	11%	9%	12%	4%	12%	22% C	10%
Human Services (includes unemployment	More effort	37%	32%	32%	35%	31%	34%	35%	34%	39% E	41% E	13%	34%
assistance, workforce training, child protection,	Same effort	62%	64%	65%	62%	61%	63%	63%	63%	58%	56%	86% C D	63%
adult protection, services for financially challenged families, Head Start, etc.)	Less effort	1%	4%	3%	3%	8%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%
Law Enforcement	More effort	22%	22%	32% B	15%	65% B	20%	28%	21%	27%	15%	9%	22%
(includes Sheriff patrol, crime prevention, jail,	Same effort	75%	74%	67%	79% A	34%	76% A	67%	76%	71%	74%	91% A C	74%
District Attorney, prosecution, courts, etc.)	Less effort	2%	5%	1%	6% A	2%	4%	5%	3%	2%	11% C	0%	4%
Public Services (includes maintaining official public	More effort	13%	11%	14%	11%	44% B	11%	28% B C	7%	8%	17%	8%	12%
records, Clerk and Recorder functions such	Same effort	87%	84%	86%	84%	45%	86% A	71%	82%	90% A	81%	92%	84%

Considering each of the following areas of County service delivery,			ising nure		nce of dren								Overall
please indicate whether you the County should apply mo	ofeel ore	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	Less than	\$25,000 to	\$50,000 to	\$100,000 to	\$150,000 or more	
effort, the same amount of or less effort toward each.	еттогт	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	\$24,999 (A)	\$49 , 999 (B)	\$99 , 999 (C)	\$149,999 (D)	(E)	(A)
as marriage licenses, elections, Assessor's valuation of property, Coroner, Treasurer, etc.)	Less effort	0%	5% A	0%	5% A	11%	3%	1%	11% C	2%	2%	0%	3%
Transportation Infrastructure	More effort	48%	55%	56%	51%	75% B	51%	52%	50%	61% E	53%	34%	53%
Maintenance (includes maintenance of roads,	Same effort	50%	44%	43%	48%	25%	47% A	48%	47%	37%	47%	66% C	46%
bridges, drainage systems; snow removal, etc.)	Less effort	2%	1%	1%	2%	ο%	2%	0%	3%	2%	0%	ο%	2%

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Table 170: Question 26 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

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	Hou	ısing	Prese	nce of	Busi	ness						
	Ter	nure	Chile	dren	Owne	ership		Но	ousehold Inc	ome		Overall
To what extent do you support							Less	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		
or oppose each of the following							than	to	to	to	\$150,000	
sales tax extension (not	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24 , 999	\$49 , 999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
increase) efforts:	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Continue an existing sales tax of 2.5 cents per \$10 spent to fund open space preservation and projects in the community	91% B	74%	79%	79%	79%	79%	87%	74%	77%	92% B C	82%	79%
Continue an existing sales tax of 3 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain Adams County facilities (e.g., Human Services Center, Government Center, the new regional park)	67%	67%	68%	67%	85% B	66%	67%	57%	65%	87% A B C	70%	67%
Continue an existing portion of sales tax of 2 cents per \$10 spent to build and maintain roads and bridges in the community	81%	84%	81%	84%	95%	82%	78%	86%	82%	92%	88%	83%

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Table 171: Question 27 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

Please indicate how	Housing Presence of Children				ness ership							
important, if at all, it is for the County to do each of the following:	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
Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e., households not paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a mortgage)	87%	76%	80%	78%	85%	79%	87%	81%	85%	77%	63%	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)	79%	69%	72%	72%	85%	72%	85%	83%	71%	79%	44%	72%

Table 172: Question 28 by Tenure (Rent or Own Home), Presence of Children in Household, Business Ownership Status, and Annual Household Income

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Thinking of how you currently get		ısing		ence		ness						
information about events or issues,	Ter	nure	of Ch	ildren	Owne	ership			usehold Ind	come	1	Overall
how likely would you be to obtain							Less	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		
information about Adams County like							than	to	to	to	\$150,000	
public hearings, community meetings,	Rent	Own	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$24,999	\$49,999	\$99,999	\$149,999	or more	
upcoming programs and events like												
the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following												
formats? (Percent likely or very likely)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
	12%	35%	27%	30%	58%	27%	30%	39%	20%	29%	32%	29%
Adams County Annual Budget		Α			В			C				
	22%	45%	36%	41%	49%	38%	26%	42%	32%	41%	54%	39%
Adams County Annual Report		A		•	13			'		•	A	
Adams County Facebook page	47%	41%	49%	38%	57%	42%	23%	53%	51%	43%	32%	43%
(www.facebook.com/AdamsCounty)	7//	7-7	В) , , ,	37.0	4-70		A	Α Α	75.0	5=70	73/4
Adams County Twitter page	14%	18%	21%	13%	54%	14%	19%	22%	11%	20%	17%	17%
(twitter.com/adams_county_co)	1470	1070	2170 B	1370	54 ⁷⁰	1470	1970	2270	1170	2070	1/90	1/70
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Adams County website	57%	60%	56%	61%	70%	58%	48%	62%	59%	60%	72%	59%
(www.adcogov.org)												
	39%	45%	42%	44%	76%	41%	38%	42%	43%	46%	53%	43%
Emails from Adams County					В							
	23%	31%	36%	23%	57%	26%	32%	37%	22%	37%	14%	28%
Text messages			В		В			E		E		
Information provided at county	37%	41%	44%	37%	57%	39%	53%	40%	44%	37%	23%	40%
facilities (e.g., the county government							E				_	
building, the fairgrounds, etc.)												
Local press (e.g., television news, radio	48%	68%	61%	63%	70%	62%	78%	52%	64%	58%	68%	62%
news, local newspapers, online		Α		J	,		В	J				
versions of any of these)												
,	53%	72%	60%	70%	82%	65%	74%	52%	65%	65%	80%	66%
Mailings to your home address	33/0	A	0070	A	5270	370	B 7470	72/0	33/0	55/0	B	3370
Community newsletters with	F006	72%	66%	70%	82%	68%		62%	64%	69%	80%	68%
information about Adams County	59%	*	00%0	/0%0	02%	00%0	74%	02%	04%	09%	00%0	00%0
,		A	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	001	604	0.4	0.4	0.
Word of mouth (from family, friends,	43%	45%	57%	35%	72%	43%	45%	48%	46%	52%	21%	44%
or neighbors, etc.)			В		В			E	E	E		

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 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, Adam 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 Adams County residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as "higher" or "lower" than the benchmark means that Adams County's average rating for a particular item was more than 10 points different than the benchmark. If a rating was "much higher" or "much lower," then Adams County's average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark

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%
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National Benchmark Comparisons

Table 173: Community Characteristics Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

		Number of communities in	Comparison to
	Rank	comparison	benchmark
Adams County as a place to work	186	361	Similar
Overall quality of business and service			
establishments in Adams County	174	274	Similar
Shopping opportunities	132	297	Similar
Employment opportunities	88	310	Higher
Educational opportunities	22	22	Much lower
Overall image or reputation of Adams County	281	349	Lower

Table 174: 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).	196	286	Similar

Table 175: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Public school districts	220	273	Much lower

Table 176: Community Characteristics Associated with High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government

	Rank	Number of communities in	Comparison to							
		comparison	benchmark							
Opportunities to participate in										
community matters	227	276	Similar							

Table 177: 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?	324	429	Similar
How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid?	260	404	Similar

Services Provided by Adams County Associated with High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government Table 178: Benchmarks

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	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	6	8	Similar

Table 179: 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?	162	318	Similar

Table 180: Adams County Government Performance Benchmarks

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		Number of communities in	Comparison to		
	Rank	comparison	benchmark		
Welcoming resident involvement	223	323	Similar		
Being responsive to residents	8	18	Similar		
Generally acting in the best interest of the					
community	142	261	Similar		
Being honest	162	253	Similar		
Treating residents with fairness and					
respect	125	259	Similar		

Table 181: Contact with Employees Benchmarks

Table 191. Contact With Entitle	,		
		Number of	
		communities in	Comparison to
	Rank	comparison	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)?	177	324	Similar

Table 182: Adams County Employees Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Knowledge	32	44	Similar
Responsiveness	25	45	Similar
Courtesy	16	18	Similar
Overall impression	130	380	Similar

Table 183: 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	368	454	Lower

Table 184: Community Characteristics Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Adams County as a place to live	-		Similar
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Your neighborhood as a place to live	235	314	Similar
Adams County as a place to raise children	283	380	Lower
Adams County as a place to retire	273	355	Lower
Sense of personal safety	272	349	Lower
Sense of community	215	312	Similar
Openness and acceptance of the community			
toward people of diverse backgrounds	66	294	Similar
Overall appearance of Adams County	266	357	Lower
Overall quality of new development in			
unincorporated Adams County	169	293	Similar
Variety of housing options	180	280	Similar
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	202	296	Similar
Recreational opportunities	186	298	Similar
Drinking water quality	7	7	Much lower

Table 185: Resident Commitment to the Community Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks	200	288	Similar
Remain in Adams County for the next five			
years	177	281	Similar

Table 186: Community Participation in Activities Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

	Darah	Number of communities in	Comparison to
	Rank	comparison	benchmark
Visited a neighborhood park or Adams			
County park	144	270	Similar
Used Adams County public libraries or their			
services	196	249	Lower
Participated in religious or spiritual activities			
in Adams County	130	205	Similar
Attended a County-sponsored event	226	248	Much lower
Volunteered your time to some			
group/activity in Adams County	236	266	Much lower
Participated in a club	180	245	Similar
Talked to or visited with your immediate			
neighbors	115	244	Similar
Done a favor for a neighbor	189	239	Similar

Table 187: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Library services	261	340	Similar

Table 188: 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	225	305	Similar
Ease of travel by bus in Adams County	16	22	Similar
Ease of walking in Adams County	243	306	Lower
Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails	228	318	Similar
Traffic flow on major streets	241	341	Similar

Table 189: 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	205	Higher
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	75	240	Similar
Walked or biked instead of driving	191	249	Lower

Table 190: 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	7	10	Similar
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County	267	352	Similar
Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents)	129	279	Similar
Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County	243	286	Lower

Table 191: 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	6	8	Similar
Street and drainage maintenance			
services	145	388	Similar
RTD bus or rail	4	9	Similar

Table 192: Community Characteristics Associated with Supportive Human Services Benchmarks

		Number of communities in	Comparison to
	Rank	comparison	benchmark
Availability of affordable housing	208	303	Similar
Availability of affordable quality child			
care	243	257	Much lower
Availability of affordable quality			
health care	201	260	Lower

Table 193: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Supportive Human Services Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention,	168	221	Lower
Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance			
Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc.	9	23	Similar
Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected	5	5	Lower

Table 194: Additional Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	154	342	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)	279	391	Similar
Sheriff response times	6	8	Similar
Sheriff services overall	398	461	Lower

Table 195: Additional Services Provided by Other Entities Benchmarks

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	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark		
Fire services overall	305	388	Similar		
Ambulance services overall	276	348	Similar		
Courts	26	33	Similar		

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, CO	441,603	Algonquin village, IL	30,046
Airway Heights city, WA	6,114	Aliso Viejo city, CA	47,823
Albany city, OR	50,158	American Canyon city, CA	19,454
Albemarle County, VA	98,970	Ames city, IA	58,965
Albert Lea city, MN	18,016	Ankeny city, IA	45,582
Alexandria city, VA	139,966	Ann Arbor city, MI	

Apache Junction city, AZ	35,840	Brooklyn Center city, MN	30,104
Arapahoe County, CO	572,003	Brooklyn city, OH	11,169
Arkansas City city, AR	366	Broomfield city, CO	55,889
Arlington city, TX	365,438	Brownsburg town, IN	21,285
Arvada city, CO	106,433	Buffalo Grove village, IL	41,496
Asheville city, NC	83,393	Burlingame city, CA	28,806
Ashland city, OR		Cabarrus County, NC	
Ashland town, MA		Cambridge city, MA	
Ashland town, VA		Canandaigua city, NY	
Aspen city, CO	6,658	Cannon Beach city, OR	
Athens-Clarke County, GA		Cañon City city, CO	
Auburn city, AL		Canton city, SD	
Augusta CCD, GA		Cape Coral city, FL	
Aurora city, CO		Carlisle borough, PA	
Austin city, TX		Carlsbad city, CA	
Avon town, CO		Carroll city, IA	
Avon town, IN		Cartersville city, GA	
Avondale city, AZ	-	Cary town, NC	
Azusa city, CA		Castine town, ME	
Bainbridge Island city, WA		Castle Rock town, CO	
Baltimore city, MD		Cedar Hill city, TX	
Baltimore County, MD		Cedar Rapids city, IA	
Bartonville town, TX		Celina city, TX	
Battle Creek city, MI		Centennial city, CO	
Bay City city, MI		Chandler city, AZ	
Bay Village city, OH		Chandler city, TX	
Baytown city, TX		Chanhassen city, MN	
Bedford city, TX		Chapel Hill town, NC	
Bedford town, MA		Chardon city, OH	
Bellevue city, WA	-	Charles County, MD	
Bellingham city, WA		Charlotte city, NC	
Benbrook city, TX		Charlotte County, FL	
Bend city, OR		Charlottesville city, VA	
Bethlehem township, PA		Chattanooga city, TN	
Bettendorf city, IA		Chautauqua town, NY	
Billings city, MT		Chesterfield County, VA	
Bloomington city, IN		Clackamas County, OR	-
Bloomington city, MN		Clarendon Hills village, IL	
Blue Springs city, MO		Clayton city, MO	
Boise City city, ID		Clearwater city, FL	
Bonner Springs city, KS		Cleveland Heights city, OH	
Boone County, KY		Clinton city, SC	
Boulder city, CO		Clive city, IA	
Bowling Green city, KY		Clovis city, CA	
Bozeman city, MT		College Park city, MD	
Brentwood city, MO		College Station city, TX	
Brentwood city, TN		Colleyville city, TX	
Brighton city, CO		Columbia city, MO	
Brighton city, MI		Columbia city, SC	
Bristol city, TN		Columbia Falls city, MT	
Broken Arrow city, OK		Commerce City city, CO	
Brookline CDP, MA		Concord city, CA	
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Concord town, MA	17,668	El Dorado County, CA	181,058
Conshohocken borough, PA	7,833	El Paso de Robles (Paso Robles) city	y, CA29,793
Coolidge city, AZ		Elk Grove city, CA	
Coon Rapids city, MN		Elko New Market city, MN	
Copperas Cove city, TX		Elmhurst city, IL	
Coral Springs city, FL		Englewood city, CO	
Coronado city, CA		Erie town, CO	
Corvallis city, OR		Escambia County, FL	
Cottonwood Heights city, UT		Estes Park town, CO	
Creve Coeur city, MO		Euclid city, OH	
Cupertino city, CA		Fairview town, TX	
Dacono city, CO		Farmers Branch city, TX	
Dakota County, MN		Farmersville city, TX	
Dallas city, OR		Farmington Hills city, MI	
Dallas city, TX		Farmington town, CT	
Danville city, KY		Fayetteville city, GA	
Dardenne Prairie city, MO		Fayetteville city, NC	
Darien city, IL		Fernandina Beach city, FL	
Davenport city, FL		Flagstaff city, AZ	
Davidson town, NC		Flower Mound town, TX	
Dayton city, OH		Forest Grove city, OR	
Dayton town, WY		Fort Collins city, CO	
Dearborn city, MI		Franklin city, TN	
Decatur city, GA		Frederick town, CO	
Del Mar city, CA		Fremont city, CA	
DeLand city, FL		Friendswood city, TX	
Delaware city, OH		Fruita city, CO	
Denison city, TX		Gahanna city, OH	
Denton city, TX		Gaithersburg city, MD	
Denver city, CO		Galveston city, TX	
Des Moines city, IA		Gardner city, KS	
Des Peres city, MO		Georgetown city, TX	
Destin city, FL		Germantown city, TN	
Dover city, NH		Gilbert town, AZ	
Dublin city, CA	·	Gillette city, WY	
Dublin city, OH		Glen Ellyn village, IL	
Duluth city, MN		Glendora city, CA	
Durham city, NC		Glenview village, IL	
Durham County, NC		Golden city, CO	
Dyer town, IN		Golden Valley city, MN	
Eagan city, MN		Goodyear city, AZ	
Eagle Mountain city, UT		Grafton village, WI	
Eagle town, CO		Grand Blanc city, MI	
Eau Claire city, WI	65,883	Grants Pass city, OR	
Eden Prairie city, MN	60,797	Grass Valley city, CA	12,860
Eden town, VT	1,323	Greeley city, CO	92,889
Edgerton city, KS	1,671	Greenville city, NC	84,554
Edgewater city, CO	5,170	Greenwich town, CT	61,171
Edina city, MN		Greenwood Village city, CO	
Edmond city, OK		Greer city, SC	
Edmonds city, WA		Gunnison County, CO	
El Cerrito city, CA	23,549	Haltom City city, TX	

Hamilton city, OH	62,477	King City city, CA	12,874
Hamilton town, MA	7,764	Kingman city, AZ	28,068
Hampton city, VA	137,436	Kirkland city, WA	
Hanover County, VA		Kirkwood city, MO	
Harrisburg city, SD		Knoxville city, IA	
Harrisonburg city, VA		La Plata town, MD	
Harrisonville city, MO		La Vista city, NE	
Hastings city, MN		Laguna Niguel city, CA	
Hayward city, CA		Lake Forest city, IL	
Henderson city, NV		Lake in the Hills village, IL	
Herndon town, VA		Lake Stevens city, WA	
High Point city, NC		Lake Worth city, FL	
Highland Park city, IL		Lake Zurich village, IL	
Highlands Ranch CDP, CO		Lakeville city, MN	
Homer Glen village, IL		Lakewood city, CO	
Honolulu County, HI		Lakewood city, WA	
Hooksett town, NH		Lancaster County, SC	
Hopkins city, MN		Lane County, OR	
Hopkinton town, MA		Lansing city, MI	
Hoquiam city, WA		Laramie city, WY	
Horry County, SC		Larimer County, CO	
Howard village, WI		Las Cruces city, NM	
Hudson town, CO		Las Vegas city, NM	
Huntley village, IL		Lawrence city, KS	
Huntsville city, TX		Lawrenceville city, GA	
Hurst city, TX		Lee's Summit city, MO	
Hutchinson city, MN		Lehi city, UT	
Hutto city, TX		Lenexa city, KS	
Independence city, MO		Lewisville city, TX	
Indianola city, IA		Lewisville town, NC	
Indio city, CA		Libertyville village, IL	
Iowa City city, IA		Lincolnwood village, IL	
Irving city, TX		Lindsborg city, KS	
Issaquah city, WA		Little Chute village, WI	
Jackson city, MO		Littleton city, CO	
Jackson County, MI		Livermore city, CA	
James City County, VA		Lombard village, IL	
Jefferson County, NY		Lone Tree city, CO	
Jefferson Parish, LA		Long Grove village, IL	
Johnson City city, TN		Longmont city, CO	
Johnston city, IA		Longview city, TX	
Jupiter town, FL		Lonsdale city, MN	
Kalamazoo city, MI		Los Alamos County, NM	
Kansas City city, KS		Los Altos Hills town, CA	
Kansas City city, MO		Loudoun County, VA	
Keizer city, OR		Louisville city, CO	
Kenmore city, WA		Lower Merion township, PA	
Kennedale city, TX		Lynchburg city, VA	
Kent city, WA		Lynnwood city, WA	
Kerrville city, TX		Macomb County, MI	
Kettering city, OH		Manassas city, VA	
Key West city, FL		Manhattan Beach city, CA	
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Manhattan city, KS	52,281	Nederland city, TX	17,547
Mankato city, MN	39,309	Needham CDP, MA	28,886
Maple Grove city, MN		Nevada City city, CA	
Maplewood city, MN		Nevada County, CA	
Maricopa County, AZ		New Braunfels city, TX	
Marin County, CA		New Brighton city, MN	
Marion city, IA		New Concord village, OH	
Mariposa County, CA		New Hope city, MN	
Marshfield city, WI		New Orleans city, LA	
Martinez city, CA		New Smyrna Beach city, FL	
Marysville city, WA		New Ulm city, MN	
Matthews town, NC		Newberg city, OR	
Maui County, HI		Newport city, RI	
McAllen city, TX		Newport News city, VA	
McKinney city, TX		Newton city, IA	
McMinnville city, OR		Noblesville city, IN	
Mecklenburg County, NC		Norcross city, GA	
Menlo Park city, CA		Norfolk city, NE	
Menomonee Falls village, WI		Norfolk city, VA	
Mercer Island city, WA		North Mankato city, MN	
Meridian charter township, MI		North Port city, FL	
Meridian city, ID		North Richland Hills city, TX	
Merriam city, KS		North Yarmouth town, ME	
Mesa city, AZ		Novato city, CA	
Mesa County, CO		Novi city, MI	
Miami Beach city, FL		O'Fallon city, IL	
Miami city, FL		O'Fallon city, MO	
Middleton city, WI		Oak Park village, IL	
Midland city, MI		Oakland city, CA	
Milford city, DE			
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Milton city, GA			
Minneapolis city, MN		Old Town city, ME	
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Missouri City city, TX		Olympia city, W/A	
Modesto city, CA		Olympia city, WA	40,470
Moline city, IL		Orange village, OH	
Monroe city, MI		Orland Park village, IL	
Monterey city, CA		Orleans Parish, LA	
Montgomery city, MN		Oshkosh city, WI	
Montgomery County, MD		Oshtemo charter township, MI	
Monticello city, UT		Oswego village, IL	
Montrose city, CO		Ottawa County, MI	
Monument town, CO		Overland Park city, KS	
Moraga town, CA		Paducah city, KY	
Morristown city, TN		Palm Beach Gardens city, FL	
Morrisville town, NC		Palm Coast city, FL	
Morro Bay city, CA		Palo Alto city, CA	
Mountain Village town, CO		Palos Verdes Estates city, CA	
Mountlake Terrace city, WA		Papillion city, NE	
Murphy city, TX		Paradise Valley town, AZ	
Naperville city, IL		Park City city, UT	
Napoleon city, OH	8,/49	Parker town, CO	45,297

Parkland city, FL	23,962	Roselle village, IL	22,763
Pasco city, WA		Rosemount city, MN	·
Pasco County, FL		Rosenberg city, TX	
Payette city, ID		Roseville city, MN	
Pearland city, TX		Round Rock city, TX	
Peoria city, AZ		Royal Oak city, MI	
Peoria city, IL		Royal Palm Beach village, FL	
Pflugerville city, TX		Sacramento city, CA	
Pinehurst village, NC		Sahuarita town, AZ	
Piqua city, OH		Sammamish city, WA	
Pitkin County, CO		San Anselmo town, CA	
Plano city, TX		San Diego city, CA	
Platte City city, MO		San Francisco city, CA	
Pleasant Hill city, IA		San Jose city, CA	
Pleasanton city, CA		San Marcos city, CA	
Polk County, IA		San Marcos city, TX	
Pompano Beach city, FL		San Rafael city, CA	
Port Orange city, FL		Sangamon County, IL	
Port St. Lucie city, FL		Santa Fe city, NM	
Portland city, OR		Santa Fe County, NM	
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Powell city, OH		Santa Monica city, CA	
Powhatan County, VA		Sarasota County, FL	
Prince William County, VA		Savage city, MN	
Prior Lake city, MN		Schaumburg village, IL	
Pueblo city, CO		Schertz city, TX	
Purcellville town, VA		Scott County, MN	
Queen Creek town, AZ		Scottsdale city, AZ	
Raleigh city, NC		Sedona city, AZ	
Ramsey city, MN		Sevierville city, TN	
Raymond town, ME		Shakopee city, MN	
Raymore city, MO		Sharonville city, OH	
Redmond city, OR		Shawnee city, KS	
Redmond city, WA		Shawnee city, OK	
Redwood City city, CA		Sherborn town, MA	
Reno city, NV		Shoreline city, WA	53,007
Reston CDP, VA	58,404	Shoreview city, MN	
Richland city, WA		Shorewood village, IL	
Richmond city, CA	103,701	Shorewood village, WI	13,162
Richmond Heights city, MO	8,603	Sierra Vista city, AZ	43,888
Rio Rancho city, NM	87,521	Silverton city, OR	9,222
River Falls city, WI	15,000	Sioux Center city, IA	7,048
Riverside city, CA	303,871	Sioux Falls city, SD	153,888
Roanoke city, VA	97,032	Skokie village, IL	64,784
Roanoke County, VA	92,376	Snoqualmie city, WA	10,670
Rochester city, NY	210,565	Snowmass Village town, CO	2,826
Rochester Hills city, MI		Somerset town, MA	
Rock Hill city, SC		South Jordan city, UT	
Rockville city, MD		South Lake Tahoe city, CA	
Roeland Park city, KS		Southlake city, TX	
Rogers city, MN		Spearfish city, SD	
Rohnert Park city, CA		Spring Hill city, KS	
Rolla city, MO		Springfield city, MO	
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Springville city, UT	
St. Augustine city, FL	
St. Charles city, IL	
St. Cloud city, FL	. 35,183
St. Joseph city, MO	. 76,780
St. Joseph town, WI	
St. Louis County, MN	
State College borough, PA	
Steamboat Springs city, CO	
Sugar Grove village, IL	
Sugar Land city, TX	
Suisun City city, CA	
Summit County, UT	-
Summit village, IL	
Sunnyvale city, CA	
Surprise city, AZ	
Suwanee city, GA	
Tacoma city, WA	
Takoma Park city, MD	
Tamarac city, FL	
Temecula city, CA	100,097
Tempe city, AZ	161,719
Temple city, TX	
Texarkana city, TX	
The Woodlands CDP, TX	
Thousand Oaks city, CA	
Tigard city, OR	
Tracy city, CA	
Trinidad CCD, CO	
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Tualatin city, OR	
Tulsa city, OK	
Tustin city, CA	
Twin Falls city, ID	. 44,125
Unalaska city, AK	
University Heights city, OH	
University Park city, TX	. 23,068
Upper Arlington city, OH	. 33,771
Urbandale city, IA	. 39,463
Vail town, CO	5,305
Ventura CCD, CA	
Vernon Hills village, IL	
Vestavia Hills city, AL	. 34,033
Victoria city, MN	
Vienna town, VA	
Virginia Beach city, VA	
Walnut Creek city, CA	64 173
Warrensburg city, MO	10 9 2 2
Washington County MN	738 126
Washington County, MN	4 1 1 2 2
Washington town, NH	1,123
Washoe County, NV	421,407
Washougal city, WA	. 14,095
Wauwatosa city, WI	. 46,396

Waverly city, IA	9,874
Wentzville city, MO	
West Carrollton city, OH	13,143
Western Springs village, IL	
Westerville city, OH	
Westlake town, TX	992
Westminster city, CO	106,114
Weston town, MA	
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
Windsor town, CO	18,644
Windsor town, CT	29,044
Winnetka village, IL	12,187
Winter Garden city, FL	34,568
Woodbury city, MN	61,961
Woodinville city, WA	10,938
Woodland city, CA	55,468
Wyandotte County, KS	157,505
Yakima city, WA	91,067
York County, VA	65,464
Yorktown town, IN	
Yorkville city, IL	16,921
Yountville city, CA	2,933

Colorado Benchmark Comparisons

Table 196: 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	15	35	Similar
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County	10	22	Similar
Shopping opportunities	11	30	Higher
Employment opportunities	7	31	Higher
Educational opportunities	6	6	Lower
Overall image or reputation of Adams County	23	32	Lower

Table 197: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity

Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities	Comparison to
		in comparison	benchmark
Economic development (identify and encourage			
investments by businesses, creating new jobs).	11	21	Similar

Table 198: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Education and Economic Prosperity Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Public school districts	14	22	Lower

Table 199: 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	16	23	Similar

Table 200: 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?	29	40	Similar
How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid?	25	33	Similar

Table 201: 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?	15	33	Similar

Table 202: Adams County Government Performance Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Welcoming resident involvement	21	32	Similar
Being responsive to residents	4	6	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the			
community	6	19	Similar
Being honest	9	19	Similar
Treating residents with fairness and			
respect	6	19	Similar

Table 203: Contact with Employees Benchmarks

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		Number of	
		communities in	Comparison to
	Rank	comparison	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)?	14	27	Similar

Table 204: Adams County Employees Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Knowledge	8	13	Similar
Responsiveness	7	11	Similar
Courtesy	7	7	Lower
Overall impression	11	35	Similar

Table 205: 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	35	44	Lower

Table 206: Community Characteristics Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Adams County as a place to live	24	35	Similar
Your neighborhood as a place to live	20	29	Similar
Adams County as a place to raise children	22	34	Similar
Adams County as a place to retire	29	35	Lower
Sense of personal safety	22	31	Lower
Sense of community	19	30	Similar
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	4	26	Similar
Overall appearance of Adams County	19	30	Similar
Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County	11	25	Similar
Variety of housing options	11	22	Similar
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	16	28	Similar
Recreational opportunities	20	28	Lower
Drinking water quality	5	5	Much lower

Table 207: Resident Commitment to the Community Benchmarks

Number of communities in Comparison benchn					
Recommend living in Adams County to someone who asks	12	23	Similar		
Remain in Adams County for the next five years	14	23	Similar		

Table 208: 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	18	22	Similar
Used Adams County public libraries or their			
services	13	17	Similar
Participated in religious or spiritual activities			
in Adams County	6	15	Similar
Attended a County-sponsored event	15	19	Much lower
Volunteered your time to some			
group/activity in Adams County	17	20	Much lower
Participated in a club	10	17	Similar
Talked to or visited with your immediate			
neighbors	11	17	Similar
Done a favor for a neighbor	15	17	Similar

Table 209: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Quality of life Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Library services	18	24	Similar

Table 210: Community Characteristics Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

		Number of communities in	Comparison to
	Rank	comparison	benchmark
Ease of car travel in Adams County	20	30	Similar
Ease of travel by bus in Adams County	7	8	Lower
Ease of walking in Adams County	27	30	Lower
Availability of sidewalks, paths and			
walking trails	20	25	Lower
Traffic flow on major streets	18	26	Similar

Table 211: 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	8	13	Similar
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	8	19	Similar
Walked or biked instead of driving	17	19	Much lower

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Table 212: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County	21	25	Lower
Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents)	5	22	Similar
Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County	29	37	Lower

Table 213: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark	
Street and drainage maintenance				
services	12	34	Similar	

Table 214: Community Characteristics Associated with Supportive Human Services Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Availability of affordable housing	8	l .	Similar
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Availability of affordable quality child			
care	14	19	Similar
Availability of affordable quality			
health care	12	21	Similar

Table 215: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Supportive Human Services Benchmarks

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		Number of			
		communities in	Comparison to		
	Rank	comparison	benchmark		
Public health services (immunizations, family planning,					
WIC nutrition services, tobacco and substance abuse					
prevention,	9	16	Similar		

Table 216: Additional Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	10	31	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)	19	33	Similar
Sheriff response times	4	5	Similar
Sheriff services overall	34	40	Lower

Table 217: Additional Services Provided by Other Entities Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Fire services overall	17	23	Similar
Ambulance services overall	16	19	Similar
Courts	11	11	Lower

Communities included in Colorado comparisons

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

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Adams County, CO4	41,603
Arapahoe County, CO5	72,003
Arvada city, CO	
Aspen city, CO	
Aurora city, CO	25,078
Avon town, CO	. 6,447
Boulder city, CO	97,385
Brighton city, CO	
Broomfield city, CO	
Cañon City city, CO	16,400
Castle Rock town, CO	
Centennial city, CO10	00,377
Commerce City city, CO	45,913
Dacono city, CO	
Denver city, CO	00,158
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, CO14	43,986
Frederick town, CO	. 8,679
Fruita city, CO	12,646
Golden city, CO	
Greeley city, CO	

Greenwood Village city, CO	13,925
Gunnison County, CO	15,324
Highlands Ranch CDP, CO	
Hudson town, CO	
Lakewood city, CO	
Larimer County, CO	
Littleton city, CO	
Lone Tree city, CO	
Longmont city, CO	
Louisville city, CO	
Mesa County, CO	
Montrose city, CO	
Monument town, CO	
Mountain Village town, CO	
Parker town, CO	
Pitkin County, CO	
Pueblo city, CO	
Snowmass Village town, CO	
Steamboat Springs city, CO	
Trinidad CCD, CO	
Vail town, CO	
Westminster city, CO	
Wheat Ridge city, CO	
Windsor town, CO	
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Adams County Municipalities Benchmark Comparisons

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

		Number of communities in	Comparison to
	Rank	comparison	benchmark
Adams County as a place to work	2	7	Similar
Shopping opportunities	3	6	Similar
Employment opportunities	2	7	Higher
Overall image or reputation of Adams			
County	3	6	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).	4	6	Similar

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	3	6	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		_	Cincilar
community matters	2	5	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?	4	7	Similar
How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid?	4	7	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?	,	7	Similar

Table 224: Adams County Government Performance Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Welcoming resident involvement	3	7	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the			
community	1	5	Similar
Being honest	1	5	Similar
Treating residents with fairness and			
respect	1	5	Higher

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)?	4	7	Similar

Table 226: Adams County Employees Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall impression	1	7	Higher

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	5	7	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	4	7	Similar
Your neighborhood as a place to live	3	5	Similar
Adams County as a place to raise children	3	7	Similar
Adams County as a place to retire	4	7	Similar
Sense of personal safety	3	6	Similar
Sense of community	2	6	Similar
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	1	6	Similar
Overall appearance of Adams County	2	5	Similar
Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County	2	5	Similar
Variety of housing options	3	5	Similar
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	3	6	Similar
Recreational opportunities	3	6	Similar

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	1	5	Higher
Remain in Adams County for the next five	_	_	Cinnilar
years	2	5	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	Lower
Attended a County-sponsored event	3	5	Similar

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

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Library services	5	7	Similar

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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	4	6	Similar
Ease of walking in Adams County	5	6	Similar
Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails	3	5	Similar
Traffic flow on major streets	4	5	Similar

Table 233: 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	3	5	Similar
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	2	5	Similar
Walked or biked instead of driving	4	5	Lower

Table 234: Services Provided by Adams County Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County	4	5	Similar
Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding, recovering and mitigating incidents)	2	6	Higher
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Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County	4	7	Similar

Table 235: Services Provided by Other Entities Associated with Safe and Reliable Infrastructure Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Street and drainage maintenance			
services	1	7	Higher

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Availability of affordable housing	3	5	Similar
Availability of affordable quality			
health care	4	5	Similar

Table 237: Additional Services Provided by Adams County Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	1	6	Higher
Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for		_	Cimilar
the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal)	2	7	Similar
Sheriff services overall	6	7	Similar

Table 238: Additional Services Provided by Other Entities Benchmarks

	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Fire services overall	3	6	Similar
Ambulance services overall	4	5	Similar

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
Westminster city, CO	106,114

Appendix F: Survey Methodology

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. Adams County funded this research. Please contact Alisha Reis the Deputy County Manager of Administrative Services of Adams County at areis@adcogov,org if you have any questions about the survey.

Developing the Questionnaire

The questionnaire used for the 2019 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 2016 survey as the starting point. Through an iterative process, the final six-page questionnaire was approved. 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.

A high-quality scientific survey should also use a list from which survey recipients are selected that has "high coverage" – meaning that nearly all of the eligible members of the target population (in this case, adult residents living in households located in Adams County) are included in the list from which recipients are chosen. The United States Postal Service maintains a list of addresses to which they deliver mail called the Delivery Sequence File. This list is very comprehensive, and includes owners and renters, and single-family and multi-family housing units. A list of 35,000 households within the zip codes serving Adams County was purchased from Go-Dog Direct based on the updated listings from the United States Postal Service. These 35,000 addresses were selected using a procedure called systematic selection, in which every Nth address is selected to be included. This closely approximates random selection. Since some of the zip codes that serve Adams County may also serve addresses that lie outside of the community, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was geocoded (mapped to a specific latitude and longitude) and compared to the Adams County boundaries. Addresses identified as being outside Adams County were excluded. Each address identified as being within county boundaries was further categorized as being within one the boundaries of one of the incorporated municipalities in Adams County or being in unincorporated areas, as well as being either east and north of I-470 or south and west of I-470.

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A final sample size of 6,000 households had been chosen to receive the survey. This number was chosen based on the estimated response rate (estimated to be between 10% and 15%), the desired margin of error and the budget constraints for the project. 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). Households were randomly selected from the purchased, geocoded list for inclusion in the survey.

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 CASSTM/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 January 2019. The first mailing was a pre-notification postcard announcing the upcoming survey. A couple of days 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 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.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, about 17% of adults age 18 years or older in Adams County speak Spanish at home. Additional efforts were undertaken to try to increase participation among this harder-to-reach population. The prenotification postcard included a message in both English and Spanish. The cover letters included a paragraph in Spanish inviting Spanish-speaking residents to call the County to request a survey in Spanish or to go online to complete the survey in Spanish. 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.

In addition, NRC worked with Hispanidad, a Colorado-based multicultural communications organization, to reach out to the Hispanic community prior to and during the survey administration. They notified Spanish-speaking residents about the survey and encouraged participation through 14

radio spots on KBNO, a popular Hispanic radio station, as well as a live interview on La Voz del Pueblo.

The final number of completed surveys received was 669. About 3% (161) of the 6,000 surveys mailed were returned because the housing unit was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the 5,839 households presumed to have received a survey, 12% completed a survey. Of the 6,000 addresses selected to receive the survey, 161 were identified by the post office as vacant and four were duplicate responses. A total of 669 completed surveys were returned, for a response rate of 11%. This method of calculating the response rate is in accordance with the AAPOR's response rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons. Of the 669 completed surveys, 149 were completed online and the remainder were mailed hard copies. Five of the online surveys were completed online in Spanish. Of the 669 completed surveys, 464 were from the unincorporated portion of the county (representing about a 16% response rate) and 378 from the incorporated portion (representing about a 13% response rate); the area was unknown for one completed survey.

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	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Incorporated	Unincorporated	
	West/South	West/South	East/North	East/North	Total
Number mailed	2,806	2,297	194	703	6,000
Undelivered (vacant)	96	39	9	17	161
Eligible	2,710	2,258	185	686	5,839
Completed surveys	254	261	29	124	669
Response rate	9%	12%	16%	18%	11%

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 669 responses, the 95% confidence interval is about plus or minus four percentage points ($\pm 3.8\%$). The precision is less when looking only at responses from within subgroups. For the 389 responses from the unincorporated portion of the county, the 95% confidence interval is $\pm 5.0\%$, and for the 293 response from the incorporated portion, the 95% confidence interval is $\pm 5.8\%$.

¹ See AAPOR's Standard Definitions here: http://www.aapor.org/Standards-Ethics/Standard-Definitions-(1).aspx for more information

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 SurveyGizmo, 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 table on the following page.

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Table 240: 2019 Adams County Weighting Table

		10 Census Norms Unweighted Weigh			Veighted				
	2010	Cerisos IV	011113		Invergnie	u	Weighted		
	Unincorporated	Incorporated	Overall	Unincorporated	Incorporated	Overall	Unincorporated	Incorporated	Overall
Rent	29%	36%	34%	8%	18%	12%	20%	32%	29%
Own	71%	64%	66%	92%	82%	88%	80%	68%	71%
White	76%	76%	76%	84%	80%	83%	76%	74%	74%
Not white	24%	24%	24%	16%	20%	17%	24%	26%	26%
Hispanic	40%	31%	33%	17%	16%	16%	33%	32%	32%
Not Hispanic	60%	69%	67%	83%	84%	84%	67%	68%	68%
Male	51%	50%	50%	47%	43%	45%	47%	46%	46%
Female	49%	50%	50%	53%	57%	55%	53%	54%	54%
Age 18 to 34	33%	37%	36%	6%	10%	8%	23%	33%	31%
Age 35 to 54	40%	39%	39%	25%	21%	23%	42%	39%	39%
Age 55 and over	28%	24%	25%	69%	69%	69%	34%	28%	30%
Male Age 18 to 34	17%	19%	18%	2%	3%	2%	9%	14%	13%
Male Age 35 to 54	20%	20%	20%	10%	9%	10%	22%	20%	20%
Male Age 55 and over	13%	11%	12%	35%	32%	34%	16%	12%	13%
Female Age 18 to 34	16%	18%	18%	5%	7%	6%	14%	19%	18%
Female Age 35 to 54	19%	19%	19%	15%	12%	14%	21%	19%	20%
Female Age 55 and over	14%	13%	13%	34%	18%	35%	17%	16%	16%
Unincorporated			20%			58%			21%
Incorporated			80%		.1 C	42%		00) F	79%

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 noted in the tables.

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Appendix G: Survey Materials

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

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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.

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4430 South Adams County Parkway 5th Floor, Suite C5000A Brighton, CO 80601-8204 PHONE 720.523.6100 FAX 720.523.6045

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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 anonymous 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):

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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 Alisha Reis, at 720.523.6293 or areis@adcogov.org. The survey results will be posted on the Adams County website at **www.adcogov.org**.

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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.

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Adams County 2019 Quality of Life Survey

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

	<u>Excellent</u>	$\underline{\text{Good}}$	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	Don't know
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		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		2	3	4	5

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

3. If you could describe Adams County in ONE word, what would it be?

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

	Excellent	Good	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	Don't know
Sense of personal safety	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community		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		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		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		2	3	4	5
Drinking water quality	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Adams County	1	2	3	4	5

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

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

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

	Very	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very	Don't	
	likely	<u>likely</u>	<u>unlikely</u>	unlikely	<u>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	

7.	To what degree.	if at all.	are each of	the following a	problem in	Adams County?
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	Not a	Minor	Moderate	Major	Don't	
	<u>problem</u>	<u>problem</u>	<u>problem</u>	<u>problem</u>	<u>know</u>	
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	

8. 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	2-4 times	Once a month	Not
week or more	<u>a month</u>	<u>or less</u>	<u>at all</u>
Visited a neighborhood park or Adams County park1	2	3	4
Used Adams County public libraries or their services	2	3	4
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Adams County1	2	3	4
Attended a County-sponsored event	2	3	4
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	2	3	4
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	2	3	4
Walked or biked instead of driving1	2	3	4
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Adams County 1	2	3	4
Participated in a club1	2	3	4
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	2	3	4
Done a favor for a neighbor	2	3	4

9.	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?

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

10. How well is A	Adams Cou	nty retaini	ing existing	g businesses and a	uttracting new businesses?
O Excellent	O Good	• Fair	O Poor	O Don't know	O It is not the job of Adams County to

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

retain and attract businesses

• Strongly support	• Somewhat support	• Somewhat oppose	• Strongly oppose	O Don't know

12. Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by <u>other</u> agencies (e.g., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County. Don't know or

	<u>Excellent</u>	$\underline{\text{Good}}$	Fair	<u>Poor</u>	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

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

	C 1	Б.	D	Don't know or
Excellent	Good	<u>Fair</u>	Poor	Not applicable
a. Adams County open space, parks and trails system	2	3	4	5
b. Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	$\frac{2}{2}$	3	4	5
c. Building permits and inspections	2	3	4	5
d. Collection of property taxes		3	4	5
e. Community development (build the capacity of citizen groups				
and community organizations so they may enhance the economic,	0	9	4	E
social, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities)1	2	3	4	5
f. County Fair/fairgrounds	2	3	4	5
g. County jail 1	2 2	3	4	5
h. District Attorney services		3	4	5
i. Development standards and regulations (sets standards and regulations				
for the unincorporated areas of the county to guide development to protect	0	0	4	-
and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the county) l	2	3	4	5
j. Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events	0	0	4	-
and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County	2	3	4	5
k. Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses,	0	0	4	-
creating new jobs)	2	3	4	5
l. Elections and voter registrations	2	3	4	5
m. Emergency management (coordinates the efforts in coping with				
emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats by preparing, responding,	0	0	4	_
recovering and mitigating incidents)	2	3	4	5
n. Employment assistance programs through the Workforce & Business Center1	2	3	4	5
o. Environmental health services (restaurant and grocery inspections,	_			_
child care inspections, on-site waste water systems, etc.)	2	3	4	5
p. Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes,				
zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for	2			_
the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal)	2	3	4	5
q. Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly Front Range Airport)1	2	3	4	5
r. Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance,	2			_
down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.)	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)	2	3	4	5
t. Motor vehicle registration	2	3	4	5
u. Online (internet) property lookup	2	3	4	5
v. Public health services (immunizations, family planning, WIC nutrition	2			_
services, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, etc.)	2	3	4	5
w. Public records and documents searches	2	3	4	5
x. Roadway maintenance of paved and graveled roads in				_
unincorporated Adams County	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	2	3	4	5
z. Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected l	2	3	4	5
aa. Services provided to vulnerable adults suspected of being abused or neglected l	2	3	4	5
bb. Sheriff response times	2	3	4	5
cc. Sheriff services overall	2	3	4	5
dd. Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County	2	3	4	5
ee. Stormwater utility	2	3	4	5
ff. Traffic control (street lights, signs, etc.) in unincorporated Adams County 1	2	3	4	5

14.	Looking at the maintaining for the servio	and improvi									
	1) 2)		3 4)			5)					
15.	Looking at the maintaining for the service	ne services in and improvi ces below.)	Question 13	B, which FIV ty of life in A	E (5) se Adams (ervices d County?	lo you th (Please	ink are i write in	LEAST the ap	import propria	
	1)	2)		3	4	•)		5)			
16.	Overall, how O Excellent	would you ra	ate the quali O Fair	ity of the ser O Poor	_	rovided on't knov	-	ns Coun	ty?		
17.	How would y investment)?		alue of servi	ces you rec	eive fro	m Adan	is Count	y for the	taxes	paid (re	eturn on
	O Excellent	O Good	• Fair	O Poor	O D	on't knov	V				
18.	How informed O Very well in	•	say you are Informed					nment i lly inform	_		Oon't know
19.	How much o	f the time do	you think yo	ou can trust	Adams	County	governn	nent to d	do wha	t is righ	ıt?
	O Always	O Most of the	e time OC	Only some of t	he time	O Aln	nost never	O N	Vever	O Dor	't know
20.	Overall, how	would vou r	ate the over	all direction	that Ac	lams Co	ounty is t	aking?			
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ZI .	. Please rate h	iow well Adar	ns County 18	s currently c	ioing in		t ne юцо Excellent	_		Doon	Don't Imov
	Welcoming res	sident involvem	ent			:	1	Good 2	Fair 3	Poor 4	Don't know 5
	Being responsiv							2	3	4	5
	Generally actir							2	3	4	5
	Informing resid	dents about issu	es facing the c	community			1	2	3	4	5
	Accessibility of							2	3	4	5
	Being open and							2	3	4	5
	Giving resident							2	3	4	5
	Being honest							2	3	4	5
	Treating reside	ents with fairnes	ss and respect.			•••••	l	2	3	4	5
22.	Have you had department of any others)? O No Go to	or office, with		12 months (i	ncludir	ng sheri					
		O No \rightarrow Go to Question 24 O Yes \rightarrow Go to Question 23									
	23. What was (Rate eac	s your impres ch characteris		Adams Cou	nty emp	-	-				D. A.I.
	Knowledg	e					Excellent 1	Good 2	<u>Fair</u> 3	Poor 4	Don't know
		eness						2	3	4	5 5
	_	ness						2	3	4	5
	-							2	3	4	5
		pression						2	3	4	5
	23a. Please t	•						County (employ	ee:	

24. 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	Somewhat	About the	Somewhat	Far	Don't
	too little	too little	right amount	too much	too much	<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

25. 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	Same	Less	Don't
Neighborhood Samises Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of gening	<u>effort</u>	<u>effort</u>	<u>effort</u>	<u>know</u>
Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement (includes enforcement of zoning		_	0	
and property maintenance laws, clearing trash, junk and debris)	l	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)		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,	,	0	0	
Coroner, Treasurer, etc.)	l	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
$\textbf{Aging \& Adult Services} \ (\text{includes community transit services for Senior and low income})$				
residents, Meals on Wheels, long term care & adult protection)	1	2	3	4

26. To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following sales tax extension (not increase) efforts:

	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly
	support	support	oppose	oppose
Continue an existing sales tax of 2.5 cents per \$10 spent to fund	**			
open space preservation and projects in the community	1	2	3	4
Continue an existing sales tax of 3 cents per \$10 spent to build and mainta	ain			
Adams County facilities (e.g., Human Services Center, Government Ce	nter,			
the new regional park)	1	2	3	4
Continue an existing portion of sales tax of 2 cents per \$10 spent to build	and			
maintain roads and bridges in the community	1	2	3	4

27.	Please indicate how important, if at all, it is for the	ne Coun	ty to do each						
			_	. Ve	•	newhat	Not at all		
			Essential	impo	<u>rtant</u> <u>im</u> j	<u>oortant</u>	important		
	Preserve existing housing that is affordable (i.e. household								
	paying more than 30% of their income on rent or a me	0 0 /		2)	3	4		
	Support the creation of new housing that is affordable to a	ıll income	elevels						
	(i.e. household pays no more than 30% of income for re	ent or a m	ortgage) 1	2)	3	4		
28.	Thinking of how you currently get information ak	out ever	nts or issues.	how lik	elv would	vou be to	obtain		
	information about Adams County like public hea								
	events like the fair or rodeo, etc. in the following			,		F8			
	,		Very		A little bit	Not at all	Don't		
			<u>likely</u>	Likely	<u>likely</u>	<u>likely</u>	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/Ada			2	3	4	5		
	Adams County Twitter page (twitter.com/adams_county	/_co)	1	2	3	4	5		
	Adams County website (www.adcogov.org)			2	3	4	5		
	Emails from Adams County		1	2	3	4	5		
	Text messages			2	3	4	5		
	Information provided at county facilities (e.g., the county								
	building, the fairgrounds, etc.)		1	2	3	4	5		
	Local press (e.g., television news, radio news, local newsp								
	online versions of any of these)			2	3	4	5		
	Mailings to your home address		l	2	3	4	5		
	Community newsletters with information about Adams (2	3	4	5		
	Word of mouth (from family, friends, or neighbors, etc.).		l	2	3	4	5		
	http://bit.ly/2019adcoaddcomments)								
	r last questions are about you and your household reletely anonymous and will be reported in group			esponse	s to this su	irvey are			
D1.	How many years have you	D8.	What is your	race? (]	Mark one o	r more r	aces to		
	lived in Adams County?years	D 0.	indicate wha						
D2.	Which best describes where you currently live?		O American I				200 200,		
	O An urban area O A small town		O Asian or Pa						
	O A suburban area O A rural area		O Black, Afric	an Amer	ican				
D3.	Do you rent or own your home?		O White/Cau	casian					
	O Rent O Own		O Other						
D4.	Do any children age 17 or younger live in your	D9 .	How much e	ducatio	n have you	complete	d?		
21.	household?		O 0-11 years		•				
	O Yes O No		O High schoo						
D5 .	Do you own a business in Adams County?		O Some colleg		gree				
D 3.	O Yes O No		• Associate d						
De			O Bachelor de						
D6.	How much was your household's total income before taxes for 2018? (Please include total		O Graduate or professional degree						
	income from all sources and all persons living	D10.	What is your	gender	?				
	in your household.)								
	in your nouschold.)	1	O Male		• Femal	e			
	O Less than \$24,999 O \$100,000 to \$149,999	D11.	O Male In which cat	egory is		e			
	O Less than \$24,999	D11.			your age? • 55-64	years			
	 Q Less than \$24,999 Q \$100,000 to \$149,999 Q \$25,000 to \$49,999 Q \$50,000 to \$99,999 Q \$150,000 or more 	D11.	In which cat O 18-24 years O 25-34 years		your age? O 55-64 O 65-74	years years			
D 7.	○ \$25,000 to \$49,999 ○ \$150,000 or more ○ \$50,000 to \$99,999	D11.	In which cat O 18-24 years O 25-34 years O 35-44 years		your age? O 55-64 O 65-74	years			
	O \$25,000 to \$49,999 O \$150,000 or more		In which cat O 18-24 years O 25-34 years		your age? ○ 55-64 ○ 65-74 ○ 75 yea	years 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.; 2995 Valmont Rd. Suite 300, Boulder, CO 80301.



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