

Clear Creek County

Citizen Survey

Report of Results

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Executive Summary

SURVEY PURPOSE

The Clear Creek County Citizen Survey was conducted to help County officials and County staff to better understand the community's views on policies or programs that should be in place in the County regarding growth and development, open space, infrastructure projects and the expected level of services from the County. Residents were provided the opportunity to rate the quality of life in the county and their satisfaction with county services. Residents also provided feedback on their priorities for the community when thinking about growth, open space, energy use and more.

METHODS

For the 2010 survey, all households within county boundaries received survey mailings. Of the 4,716 surveys mailed in April 2010, 282 were returned because the housing unit was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the 4,434 households that received a survey, 1,746 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 39%. This is a good response rate; typical response rates for a mailed resident survey range from 25% to 40%. The margin of error around results for the Clear Creek County Survey (1,746 completed surveys) is plus or minus two percentage points. This is a measure of the precision of your results; a larger number of completed surveys gives a smaller (more precise) margin of error, while a smaller number of surveys yields a larger margin of error. With your margin of error, you may conclude that when 60% of survey respondents report that a particular service is "excellent" or "good," somewhere between 58% and 62% of all residents are likely to feel that way.

Results were compared by geographic area of residence (e.g., incorporated versus unincorporated, community area) in the county. For each geographic subgroup from the survey, the margin of error rises (because the sample sizes are smaller) to as much as plus or minus 3% for a sample size of 1,395 surveys completed by residents living in unincorporated areas of Clear Creek County, to plus or minus 5% for 351 surveys completed by residents living in incorporated areas of the county. For each community subgroup, the margin of error rises to as much as plus or minus 4% to 6%, depending on the sample size per subgroup.

SURVEY FINDINGS

The Voice of Clear Creek County

Colorado's mountains are a magnet for visitors from all over the world, and it is the beauty of this environment that attracts residents of Clear Creek County, as well. A survey by National Research Center, Inc. of over 1,700 Clear Creek County residents in April showed that it is the natural environment, rural character and recreational opportunities that brings people to Clear Creek County and makes them want to stay.

Residents are strongly in favor of protecting the air, water, natural habitats, open lands and overall scenic beauty of the county at the same time protecting the small town character of the area.

As important as life in the Rockies is to residents of Clear Creek County, those who live here are mindful that a sustainable mountain life requires functional infrastructure and adequate funding. Very few residents think it wise to put the breaks on further development or population growth. Most want to see more job growth and opportunities for shopping, but as new development is considered, residents of Clear Creek County are clear that new development must not disrupt the

qualities of life that have attracted them here. Not only should new development avoid harming the natural environment, it must be fiscally sustainable and provide for adequate roadways, water and wastewater treatment. In fact, to improve both the economy and the environment, residents support the development of large, utility scale alternative energy sources, such as wind or solar.

Despite residents' demonstrated understanding that a strong environment requires realistic tax revenues, a majority indicated that they would prefer the Open Space Commission to protect lands that otherwise could be developed for commercial or residential uses in such areas as Floyd Hill, Empire Junction, Bakerville and Dumont-Lawson-Downieville. In particular, respondents who reported living in the Floyd Hill and Beaver Brook areas of the community were more likely to support the OSC purchasing, for open space, privately-owned land that is currently zoned for residential and commercial use so that it remains undeveloped than were their counterparts.

Residents made clear that they understand that tax revenues are required to maintain services. Posed with the hypothetical that revenues will drop off, the vast majority of residents would not prefer to allow services to degrade but, instead, would opt to seek new development that supported service levels. Even though not preferred, a modest property tax increase was palatable to most residents rather than cutting services. However, respondents who reported living in the Floyd Hill or Beaver Brook areas of the County were least likely to support new development that would create a new tax base when compared to responses from residents living in other areas of Clear Creek County.

When asked to rate the quality of various services in Clear Creek County, 11 of 18 county services evaluated by residents were rated as "good" or better by a majority of survey respondents. Ambulance or Emergency Medical Services, Clerk and Recorder Services and the Coroner's Office were rated most positively. The Land Use and Planning Department, Mental Health Services and the Road and Bridge Department received less positive ratings than other services.

Code Enforcement, Sheriff Services, the Road and Bridge Department and Mental Health Services received more favorable ratings from residents living in unincorporated areas of the county than from those living in incorporated places. When comparing responses by community subgroup, residents who reported living in the Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass areas of the County were more likely to give positive ratings for Code Enforcement, Clerk and Recorder Services and the Land Use and Planning Department than were residents reporting to live in other areas of the County. The Road and Bridge Department and Veteran's Services were rated as excellent or good by a higher proportion of Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice residents than by other residents. Those living in Idaho Springs were more likely to give favorable ratings to Senior Services in Clear Creek County than were their counterparts.

Survey Background

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Those selected to participate in the survey received three mailings, one week apart, beginning in late April 2010. The first mailing was a prenotification postcard announcing the upcoming survey. The second mailing contained a letter signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, a questionnaire and a postage-paid envelope. A third mailing went out about one week after the survey to remind residents to complete their survey if they had not yet done so.

Survey results were weighted so that the respondent demographic profile more closely represented the proportions reflective of the entire county. (For more information see *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) are presented in the body of the report. In addition, the "percent positive" is reported for some questions in the report body tables and charts. The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., "excellent" and "good," "strongly agree" and "somewhat agree," "strongly support" and "somewhat support").

On many of the questions in the survey, some respondents gave an answer of "don't know." The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in *Appendix B: Full Set of Responses to Survey Questions* and is discussed in the body of this report if it is 20% or greater. However, these responses 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.

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 the answers from 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 common practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.

Precision of Estimates

The margin of error around results for the Clear Creek County Survey (1,746 completed surveys) is plus or minus two percentage points. This is a measure of the precision of your results; a larger number of completed surveys gives a smaller (more precise) margin of error, while a smaller number of surveys yields a larger margin of error. With your margin of error, you may conclude that when 60% of survey respondents report that a particular service is “excellent” or “good,” somewhere between 58% and 62% of all residents are likely to feel that way.

Where estimates are given for subgroups, they are less precise. Generally the 95% confidence interval is plus or minus five percentage points for samples of about 400. It is 10 percentage points for samples as small as 100, and for even smaller sample sizes of 50, the margin of error rises to 14%.

Comparing Survey Results by Geographic Subgroups

Select survey results were compared by geographic area of residence (e.g., incorporated versus unincorporated or by community) and are discussed throughout the body of the report (a full set of these results can be found in *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*).

Households located in incorporated versus unincorporated areas were identified through geocoding at the time the survey sample was created. Different colored surveys were used to identify completed surveys from the two areas.

The survey also asked residents to indicate with which community they associate themselves and allowed residents to select one community from a list of nine, or they had the option to write in a response. For comparison purposes, communities have been grouped into the following five areas: 1) Bakerville and Georgetown/Silver Plume; 2) Brook Forest, Upper Bear Creek, Evergreen and Old Squaw Pass; 3) Dumont-Lawson-Downieville, Empire and Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice; 4) Idaho Springs; and 5) Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook.

While the 95 percent confidence level for the survey is generally no greater than plus or minus two percentage points around any given percent reported for the entire sample, results for subgroups will have wider confidence intervals. Where estimates are given for subgroups, they are less precise because sample sizes are smaller. For each political entity (incorporated or unincorporated), the margin of error rises to as much as plus or minus 3% for a sample size of 1,395 surveys completed by residents living in unincorporated areas of Clear Creek County to plus or minus 5% for 351 surveys completed by residents living in incorporated areas of the county.

For each community subgroup, the margin of error rises to as much as plus or minus 4% for a sample size of around 425 to 525 surveys completed by residents living in groups 2 and 4 (see above) and to plus or minus 6% for a sample size of around 225-270 surveys completed by residents living in groups 1, 3 and 5 (see above). Please note that 21 respondents chose not to identify with which community they associated themselves. Those respondents have been removed from the analysis for the community comparisons.

Quality of Life and Community

Residents were asked to rate the overall quality of life in Clear Creek County as well as four different aspects of quality of life in the county. Survey respondents also were asked to indicate their reasons for living in the county and what they thought was the number one factor for making an excellent quality of life in Clear Creek County.

Quality of Life

About three-quarters of respondents rated the overall quality of life in Clear Creek County favorably, with about one in five residents giving an “excellent” rating and 55% assigning a “good” rating. When asked to rate four aspects of quality of life in the county (see *Figure 2: Ratings of Quality of Life*), Clear Creek County as a place to live was evaluated most positively; about four in five residents said the county was a “good” or “excellent” place to live. Approximately three in five respondents reported that the county as a place to retire and as a place to raise children was “good” or better. The county as a place to work was rated least positively, with fewer than 10% giving an “excellent” rating and about a quarter reporting it as “good.”

Results were compared by geographic area (incorporated and unincorporated Clear Creek County). For most quality of life ratings, respondents living in unincorporated areas of the county were more likely to give a higher rating than were those residents living in incorporated areas of Clear Creek County. (See *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*.)

About a quarter of respondents reported “don’t know” when asked to rate the county as a place to raise children (23%), as a place to work (26%) and as a place to retire (21%). The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in *Appendix C: Responses to Survey Questions Including Don’t Know Responses*.

Figure 1: Overall Quality of Life in Clear Creek County

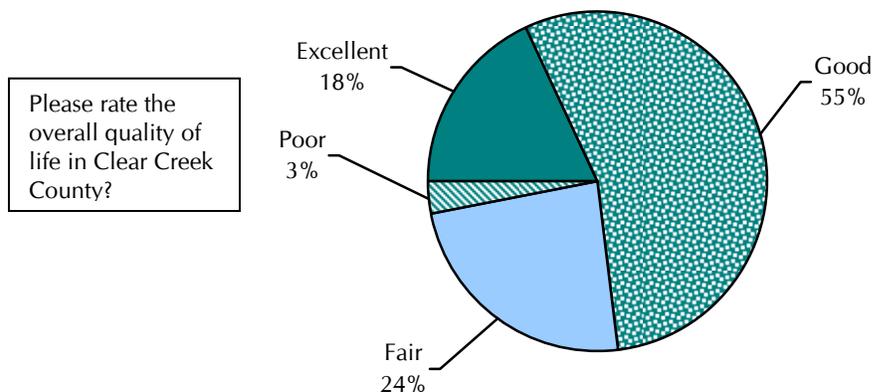
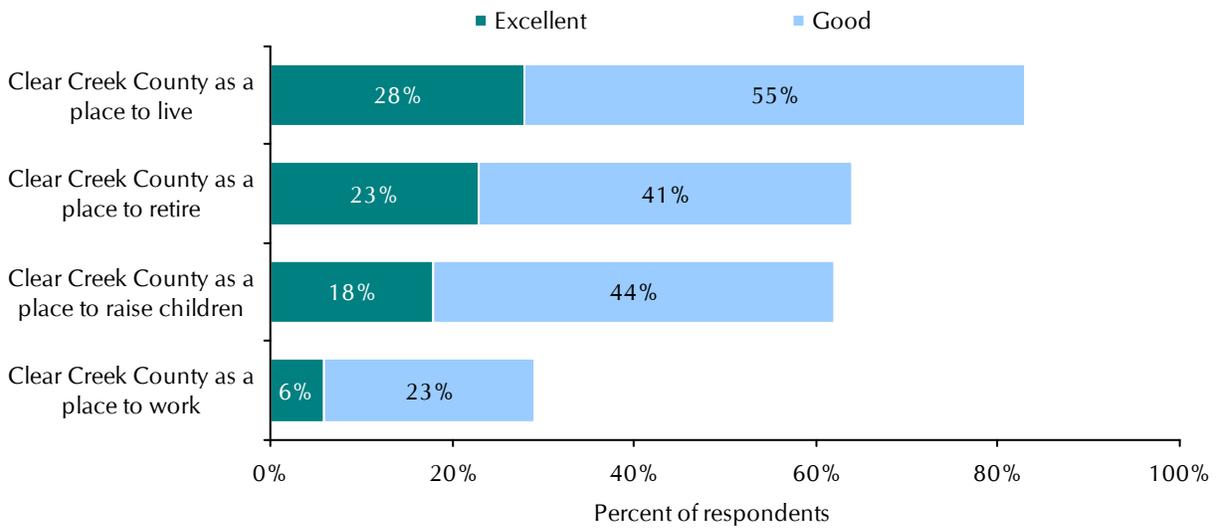


Figure 2: Ratings of Quality of Life



Reasons for Living in Clear Creek County

Respondents were asked to select from a list their reasons for living in Clear Creek County and then to indicate what one factor they thought matters most in making an “excellent” quality of life in the county. Six of the 23 options were selected by at least half of respondents as a reason for living in Clear Creek County: natural environment (68%), quality of life in general (50%), location (61%), affordability (52%), rural character (52%) and recreation opportunities (50%). Consequently, most of these items were most commonly selected by respondents when asked what one factor mattered most for making an “excellent” quality of life in the county. Twenty-five percent of respondents thought that the natural environment was the most important factor for making an “excellent” quality of life in Clear Creek County, followed by 1 in 10 reporting that the quality of life in general, the county’s location and the affordability in the county as factors that matter most.

Residents living in unincorporated areas of the county were more likely to select affordability, land/home values, large lots/acreage, the natural environment and the value of services for taxes paid than were those living in incorporated areas of Clear Creek County. Residents living in incorporated places were more likely to say that they live in Clear Creek County because they are close to family and friends, close to work and because of the sense of community. (See *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area.*)

Figure 3: Reasons for Living in Clear Creek County

	What are your reasons for living in Clear Creek County?	When thinking about your quality of life in Clear Creek County, which ONE factor would you say matters the most in making yours an "excellent" quality of life?
Natural environment	68%	25%
Quality of life in general	50%	12%
Location	61%	11%
Affordability	52%	10%
Rural character	52%	6%
Recreation opportunities	50%	6%
Close to family/friends	21%	6%
Close to work	33%	5%

Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.

Only responses selected by at least 5% of respondents as the most important factor are displayed here; the full results of this question appear in Appendix C: Responses to Survey Questions Including Don't Know Responses.

Planning and Growth

Clear Creek County residents were asked a series of questions about planning and growth. Residents were asked to indicate their perceptions of recent growth and their preferences for future growth. Survey participants also were asked about their priorities for planning and housing.

Speed of Growth

As shown in the following charts, the majority of residents felt that population growth was about right but that retail and job growth was too slow, though there was a greater split in opinion about population growth. Though a majority considered the current population growth rate to be about right, close to 20% of residents felt that population growth was too fast while about a quarter of residents felt it was too slow.

Preferences for future growth followed the lines expected, given residents' current perceptions of growth. Respondents were looking forward to faster retail and job growth with close to half hoping that future population growth would remain unchanged. At the same time, 28% wanted slower population growth while 23% wanted faster population growth.

Residents living in unincorporated areas of the county were more likely to think that the speed of population growth over the past two years was "too fast" and more likely to prefer it slow down in the next five years than residents living in incorporated places. A higher proportion of residents of Clear Creek's municipalities than those living in unincorporated areas thought that retail and jobs growth was "too slow" and therefore were more likely to prefer it speed up in the future.

One in five did not give an opinion when asked to rate the speed of population growth in the past two years and about a quarter of respondents said "don't know" when asked to rate the speed of recent jobs growth. For the full set of responses to all questions, see *Appendix C: Responses to Survey Questions Including Don't Know Responses*.

Figure 4: Perceptions of Current Growth

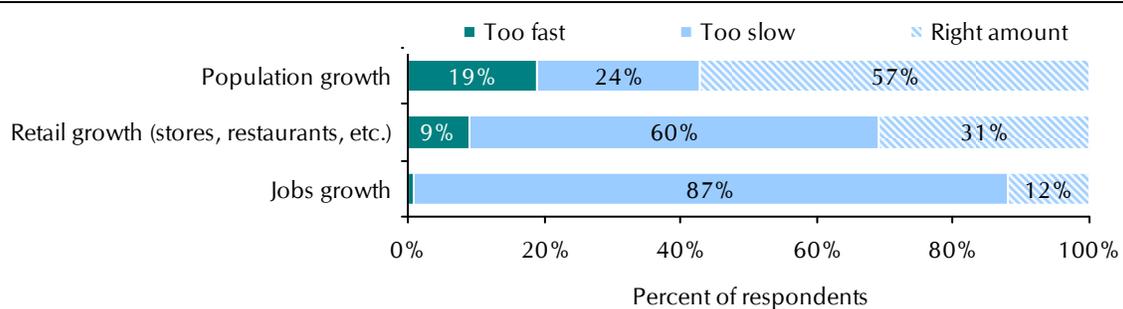
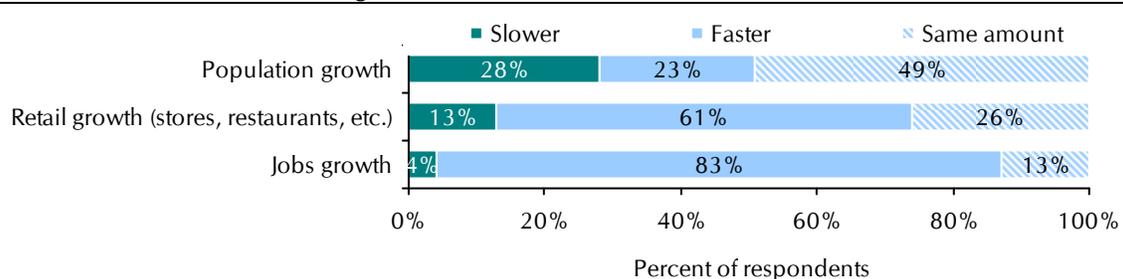


Figure 5: Preferences for Future Growth



Priorities for Planning

When asked to indicate the potential importance of various ideas for helping make Clear Creek County a great place to live, at least half of respondents rated 12 of the 16 ideas as “very important” or “essential” (see *Figure 6* on the following page), and, echoing the themes of why residents live in Clear Creek County, the most commonly cited priorities focused on nature and the overall geographic context of the county.

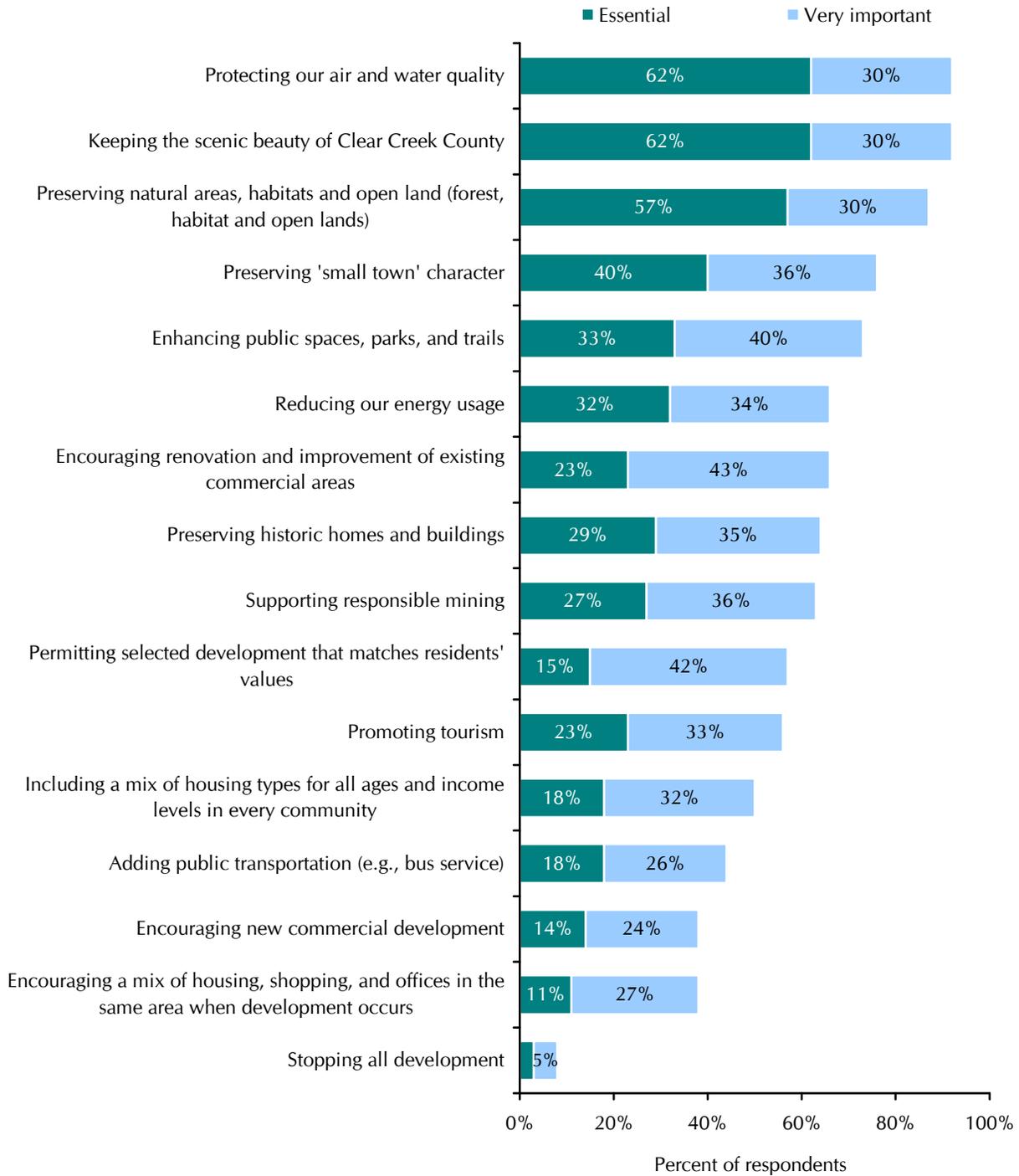
About 9 in 10 respondents thought it was “essential” or “very important” to keep the scenic beauty of Clear Creek County (92%), to protect air and water quality (92%) and to preserve natural areas, habitats and open land in the county (87%). Approximately three-quarters gave “very important” or “essential” ratings to preserving ‘small town’ character (76%) and enhancing public spaces, parks, and trails (73%). Roughly two-thirds reported that it was at least “very important” to reduce energy usage (66%), encourage renovation and improvement of existing commercial areas (66%), preserve historic homes and buildings (64%) and support responsible mining (63%).

Ideas rated as “essential” or “very important” by fewer than half of respondents were: adding public transportation (44%), encouraging a mix of housing, shopping, and offices in the same area when development occurs (38%), encouraging new commercial development (38%) and stopping all development (8%). About two-thirds (66%) thought stopping all development was “not at all important” (see *Appendix B: Full Set of Responses to Survey Questions*).

Residents of unincorporated Clear Creek County were more likely than residents in the incorporated areas to think preserving natural areas, habitats and open land, keeping the scenic beauty of Clear Creek County, preserving ‘small town’ character and stopping all development were “essential” or “very important” and were less concerned with including a mix of housing types for all ages and income levels in every community, promoting tourism, permitting selected development that matches residents' values and encouraging new commercial development than were those living in incorporated areas of the county (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*).

Figure 6: Prioritizing Planning Areas

Please indicate how important, if at all, each of the following ideas are to helping make Clear Creek County a great place to live for you and future generations.



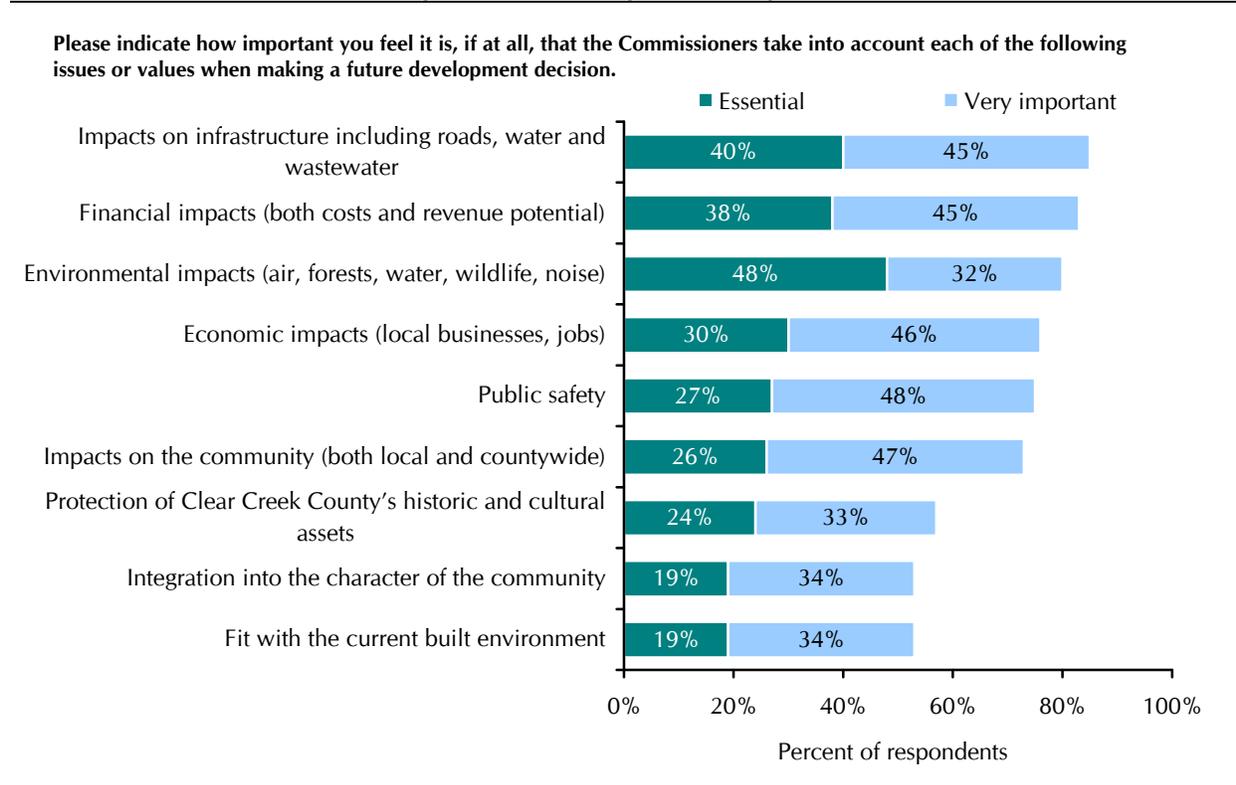
Another survey question asked residents how the County Commissioners should prioritize various issues and values when making decisions about future development. Each value was seen as important, with no fewer than half of respondents choosing “essential” or “very important.”

At least four in five respondents felt it was “essential” or “very important” for Commissioners to think about the impacts on infrastructure (85%), financial impacts (83%) and environmental impacts (80%) when making decisions about future development. Though third in the priority order when combining “very important” and “essential” responses, environmental impacts were seen as “essential” by the highest percent of residents (48% of respondents), with a smaller percent rating it as “very important” (32%).

Economic impacts (76%), public safety (75%) and impacts on the community (73%) were thought to be at least “very important” considerations. Just over half reported that the protection of Clear Creek County’s historic and cultural assets (57%), the ‘fit’ with the current built environment (53%) and the integration into the character of the community (53%) were “very important” or “essential” factors for Commissioners to consider in the future.

In general, residents living in unincorporated areas had similar opinions to those of residents residing in Clear Creek County’s municipalities (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*). However, residents of unincorporated areas were more likely to think it was “very important” or “essential” for Commissioners to take into account the impacts on the community (both locally and countywide) than were those living in incorporated areas. Residents in incorporated Clear Creek County were somewhat more likely to think it was “very important” or “essential” to consider the protection of Clear Creek County’s historic and cultural assets than were their counterparts in unincorporated areas of the county.

Figure 7: Prioritizing Community Values

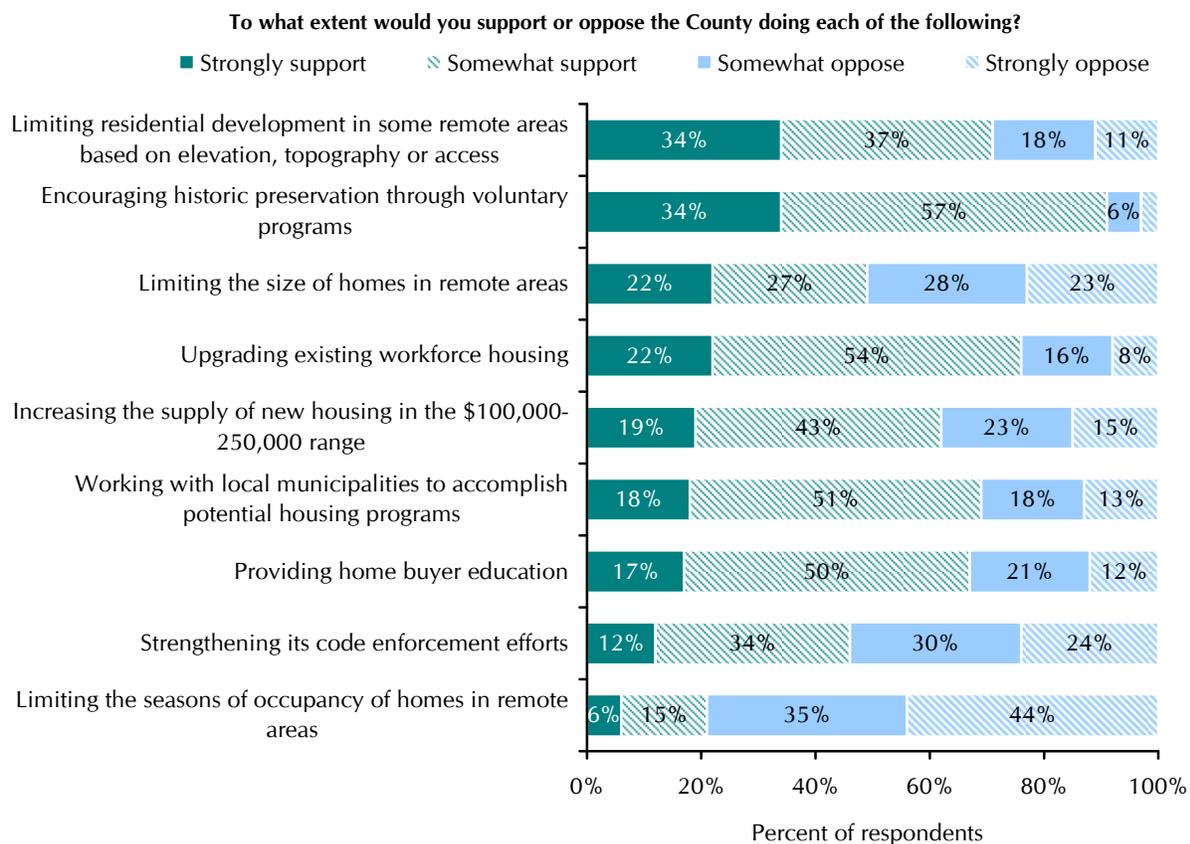


The survey included a question that asked residents to indicate their support for or opposition to various housing policies. Encouraging historic preservation through voluntary programs saw the most support (with 91% “somewhat” or “strongly” supporting this option) while limiting the seasons of occupancy of homes in remote areas saw the least support (21%). Between 62% and 76% reported at least some support for increasing the supply of new housing in the \$100,000-\$250,000 range; providing home buyer education; working with local municipalities to accomplish potential housing programs; limiting residential development in some remote areas based on elevation, topography or access; and upgrading existing workforce housing. Respondents gave mixed results when asked about their support for or opposition to limiting the size of homes in remote areas (49% supported this idea) and strengthening code enforcement efforts (46% support).

Most housing options had more strong supporters than strong opposers. The exceptions were code enforcement (24% “strongly opposed” versus 12% “strongly supported”) and seasonal occupancy limitations (44% “strongly opposed” versus 6% “strongly supported”).

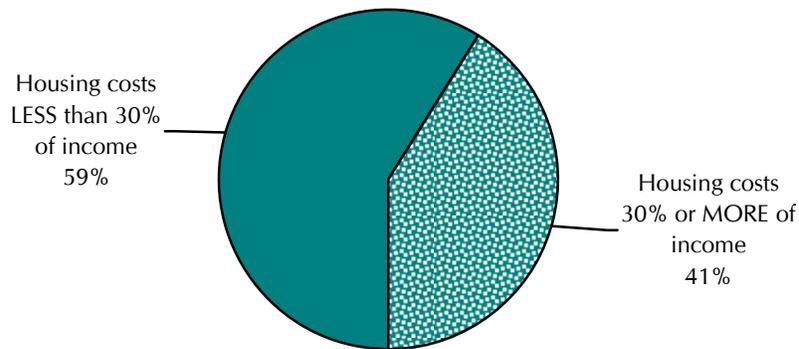
When comparing results by geographic area, residents of unincorporated Clear Creek County were slightly more likely to support encouraging historic preservation through voluntary programs than those living in incorporated places and residents in unincorporated areas were meaningfully less likely to support increasing the supply of new housing in the \$100,000-250,000 range, upgrading existing workforce housing and working with local municipalities to accomplish potential housing programs than were other residents. (See *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area.*)

Figure 8: Housing Priorities



About two in five residents in Clear Creek County were found to spend at least 30% of their income on housing costs, while about three in five reported spending less than 30% of their income on housing.

Figure 9: Estimate of Housing Cost Stress

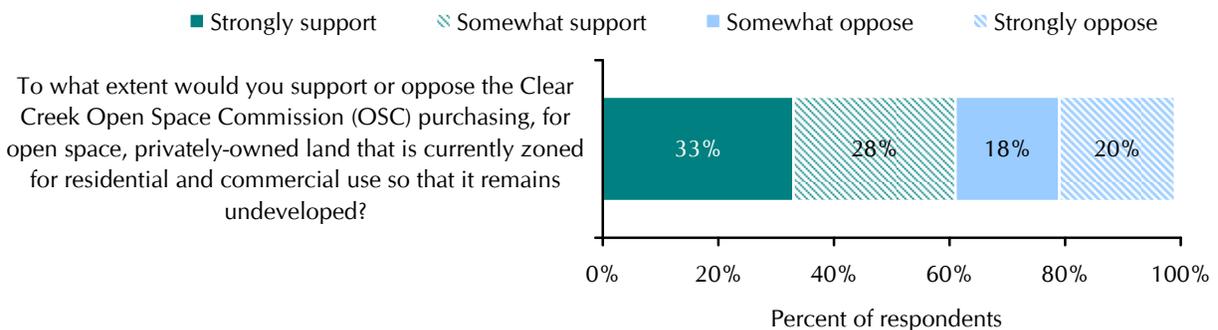


Another survey question asked residents to indicate the extent to which they would support or oppose the Clear Creek Open Space Commission (OSC) purchasing, for open space, privately-owned land that is currently zoned for residential and commercial use (in such areas as Floyd Hill, Empire Junction, Bakerville and Dumont-Lawson-Downieville areas) so that it remains undeveloped. Approximately three in five residents reported at least some support for this idea, with a third stating strong support. One in five reported strong opposition for this idea.

Survey participants living in unincorporated Clear Creek County were more likely to support this idea than were those living in incorporated areas of the county (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*).

Respondents who reported living in the Floyd Hill and Beaver Brook areas of the community were more likely to support the OSC purchasing, for open space, privately-owned land that is currently zoned for residential and commercial use so that it remains undeveloped than were their counterparts (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*).

Figure 10: Open Space Priority



Quality of Services and Government

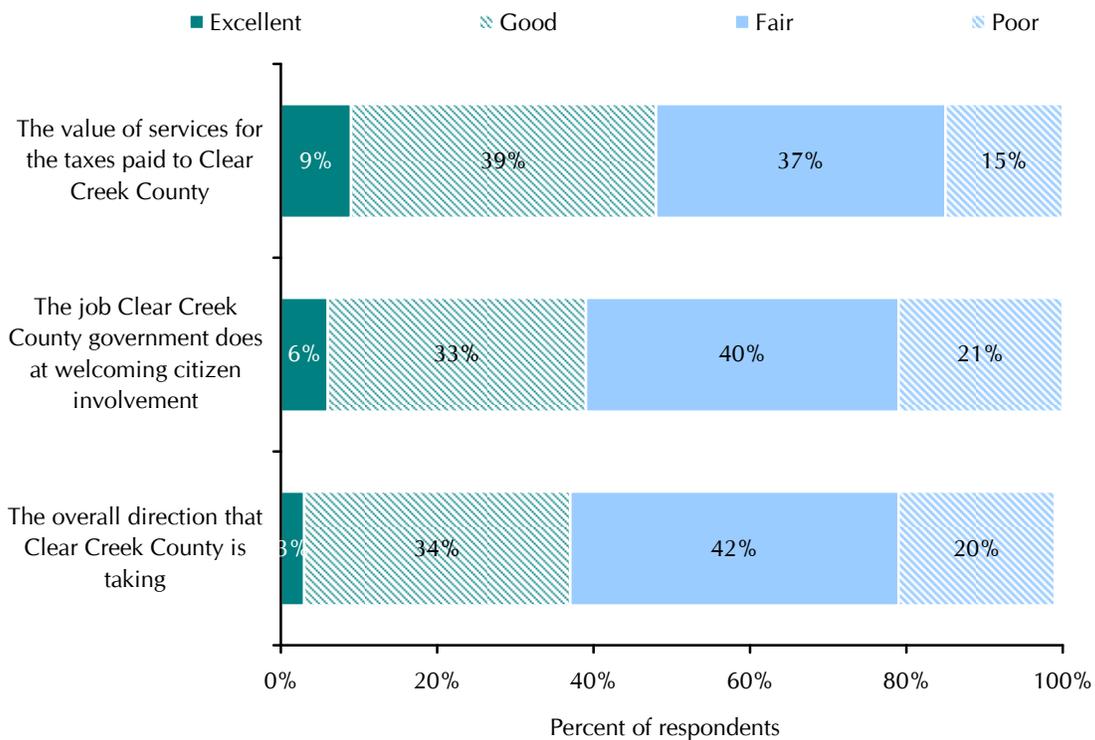
Residents were asked to rate the quality of a number of services provided by the County. Survey participants also were asked to evaluate Clear Creek County Government performance.

Government Performance

About three-quarters of respondents gave “good” or “fair” ratings when asked to rate the value of services for the taxes paid to Clear Creek County, the job the county government does at welcoming citizen involvement and the overall direction the county is taking (see *Appendix B: Full Set of Responses to Survey Questions*). Fewer than 10% thought each was “excellent” and 15% to 21% evaluated each as “poor.”

Those living in unincorporated areas of the county were more likely to give positive ratings for the value of services for taxes paid to Clear Creek County than were those living in the county’s municipalities (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*).

Figure 11: Ratings of Government Performance



County Services

Eleven of the eighteen county services evaluated by residents were rated as “good” or better by a majority of survey respondents. Ambulance or Emergency Medical Services, Clerk and Recorder Services and the Coroner's Office were rated most positively, with 8 in 10 residents reporting each as “good” or “excellent.” Fire Services also received favorable ratings, with about three-quarters reporting they were “good” or better.

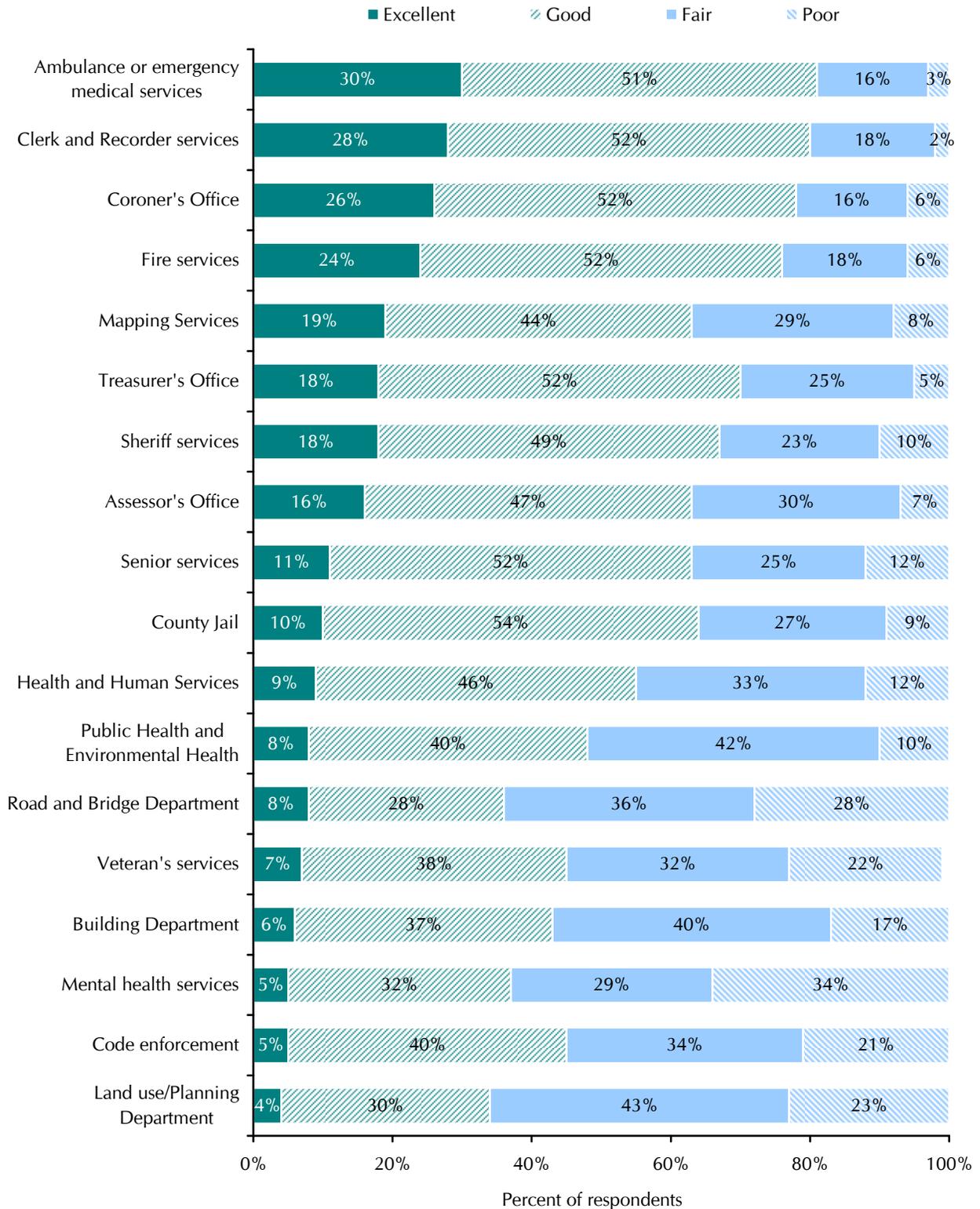
The Land Use and Planning Department was rated least positively with about a third giving a “good” or better rating. Mental Health Services and the Road and Bridge Department also received less positive ratings than other services, with at least 3 in 10 respondents giving a “poor” rating to each.

Code Enforcement, Sheriff Services, the Road and Bridge Department and Mental Health Services received more favorable ratings from residents living in unincorporated areas of the county than from those living in incorporated places (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*).

When comparing responses by community subgroup, residents who reported living in the Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass areas of the county were more likely to give positive ratings to Code Enforcement and the Land Use and Planning Department than were residents reporting to live in other areas of the county (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*). Sheriff Services received more positive ratings from Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook residents than from those living in other communities. The Road and Bridge Department and Veteran's Services were rated as excellent or good by a higher proportion of Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice residents than by other residents. Those living in Idaho Springs were more likely to give favorable ratings to Senior Services in Clear Creek County than were their counterparts.

For all but two services (Clerk and Recorder and Road and Bridge), more than 20% of respondents selected “don't know” when asked to rate each one. (See *Appendix C: Responses to Survey Questions Including Don't Know Responses*.)

Figure 12: Ratings of Services



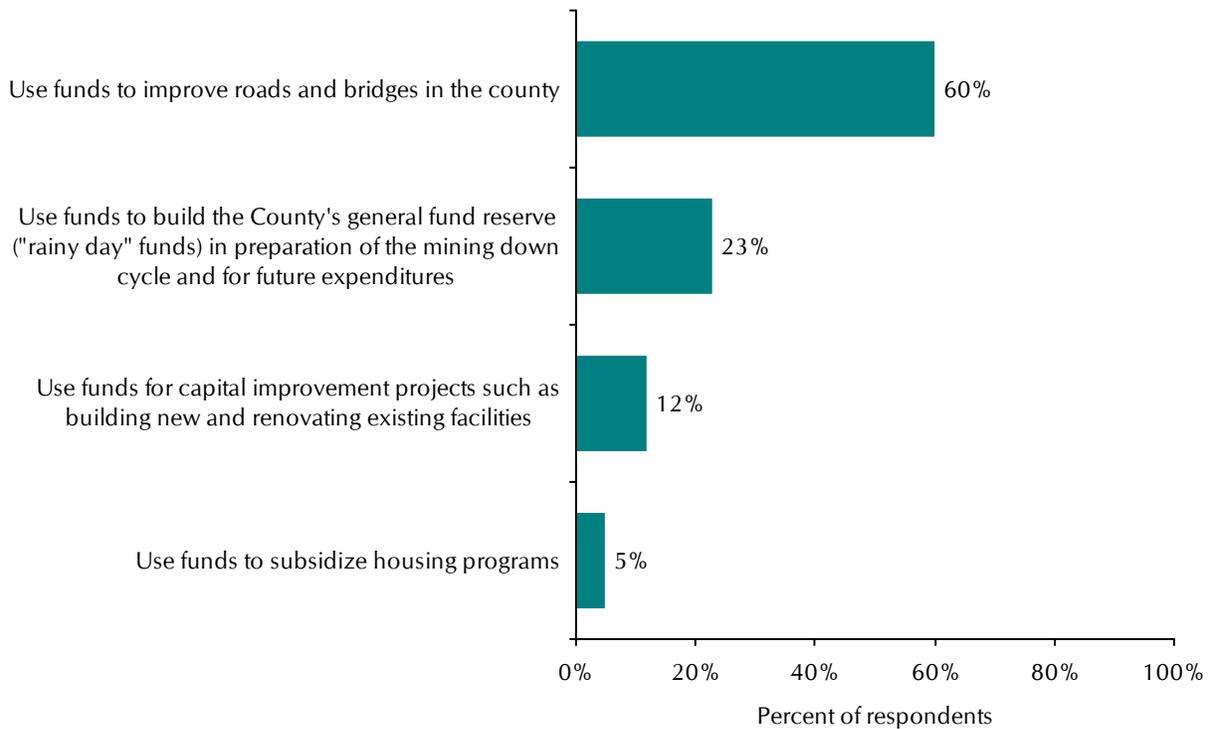
Managing Service Levels

In order to help County Commissioners understand residents' preferences for how the County should manage its current resources, residents were asked to identify one scenario from a list of four that best represented their top choice. Six in ten residents suggested that funds be used to improve roads and bridges in the county. About a quarter said they would like funds to be used to build the County's general fund reserve in preparation of the mining down cycle and for future expenditures, approximately 1 in 10 thought resources should be used for capital improvement projects such as building new and renovating existing facilities and 5% selected the option to use funds to subsidize housing programs.

Although the rank order of the four opportunities was about the same, residents living in unincorporated areas of the County were more likely to prefer using funds to improve roads and bridges in the county and to build the County's general fund reserve ("rainy day" funds) in preparation of the mining down cycle and for future expenditures, while those living in incorporated places were more likely to support using funds to subsidize housing programs. (See *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area.*)

Figure 13: Preferred Resource Management Scenario

Please identify which scenario best represents how you would like Clear Creek County to manage its current resources.

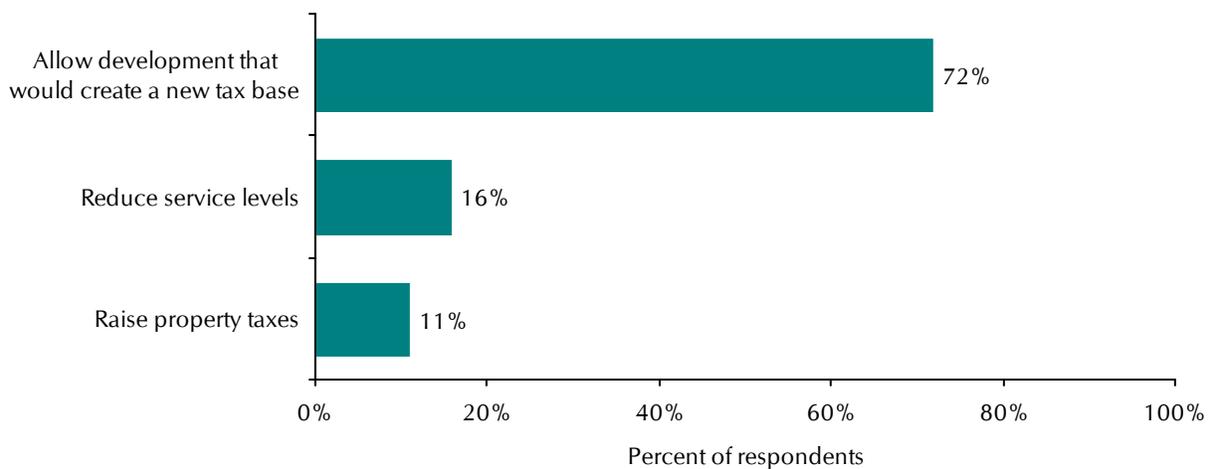


Another question that addressed service levels and funding explained that currently, the mining industry provides about 70% of the County’s total assessed valuation. It also was explained on the survey that due to the likely down cycle of the mining industry over the next 20 to 30 years, the County will need to find ways to make up for the revenue shortfall from the mining industry. Residents were asked if they would rather see service levels reduced, the County replace lost revenue by asking voters to approve a tax increase or if the County should allow development that would create a new tax base when the gap between the County’s costs and revenues widen in the coming years. In general, residents were more interested in finding ways to fund services rather than make cuts. Allowing development that would create a new tax base was significantly the preferred option (72% of respondents). Sixteen percent opted for reducing service levels and 11% said they would prefer to raise property taxes to keep up with costs.

Respondents who reported living in the Floyd Hill or Beaver Brook areas of the County were least likely to support new development that would create a new tax base when compared to responses from residents living in other areas of Clear Creek County (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*).

Figure 14: Preferred Approach to Service Levels and Funding

When the gap between the County’s costs and revenues widens in the coming years, would you rather see service levels reduced, the County replace lost revenue by asking voters to approve a tax increase or should the County allow development that would create a new tax base?

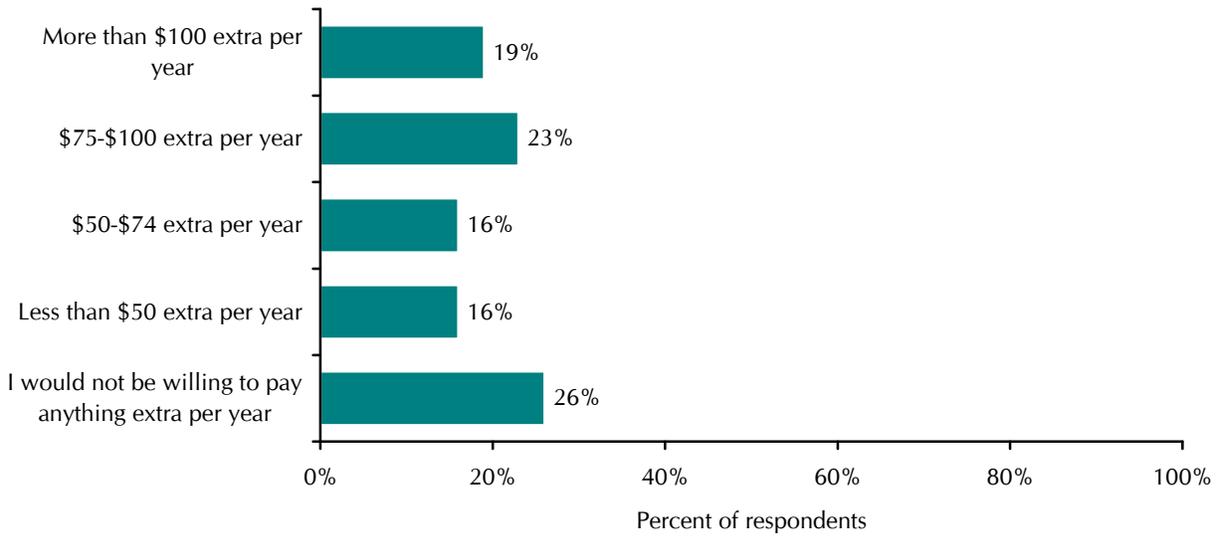


The 2010 survey also tested residents’ willingness to increase their own property tax to help maintain current service levels. One-quarter of respondents wished not to increase their property tax at all. Some of the remaining respondents selected a limited increase – 16% each were in favor of up to \$50 annually and \$50 to \$74 per year. Around another one in four said they would consider \$75 to \$100 in higher property tax and about one in five residents said they would be willing to pay more than \$100 extra per year.

A higher proportion of residents residing in unincorporated areas than those living in incorporated places reported a willingness to pay more than \$100 extra per year to help keep up with current service levels (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*).

Figure 15: Preferred Property Tax Increase

If voters were asked to approve a property tax increase to help keep up with current service levels, how much extra per year, if anything, would you be willing to spend to help maintain current service levels?

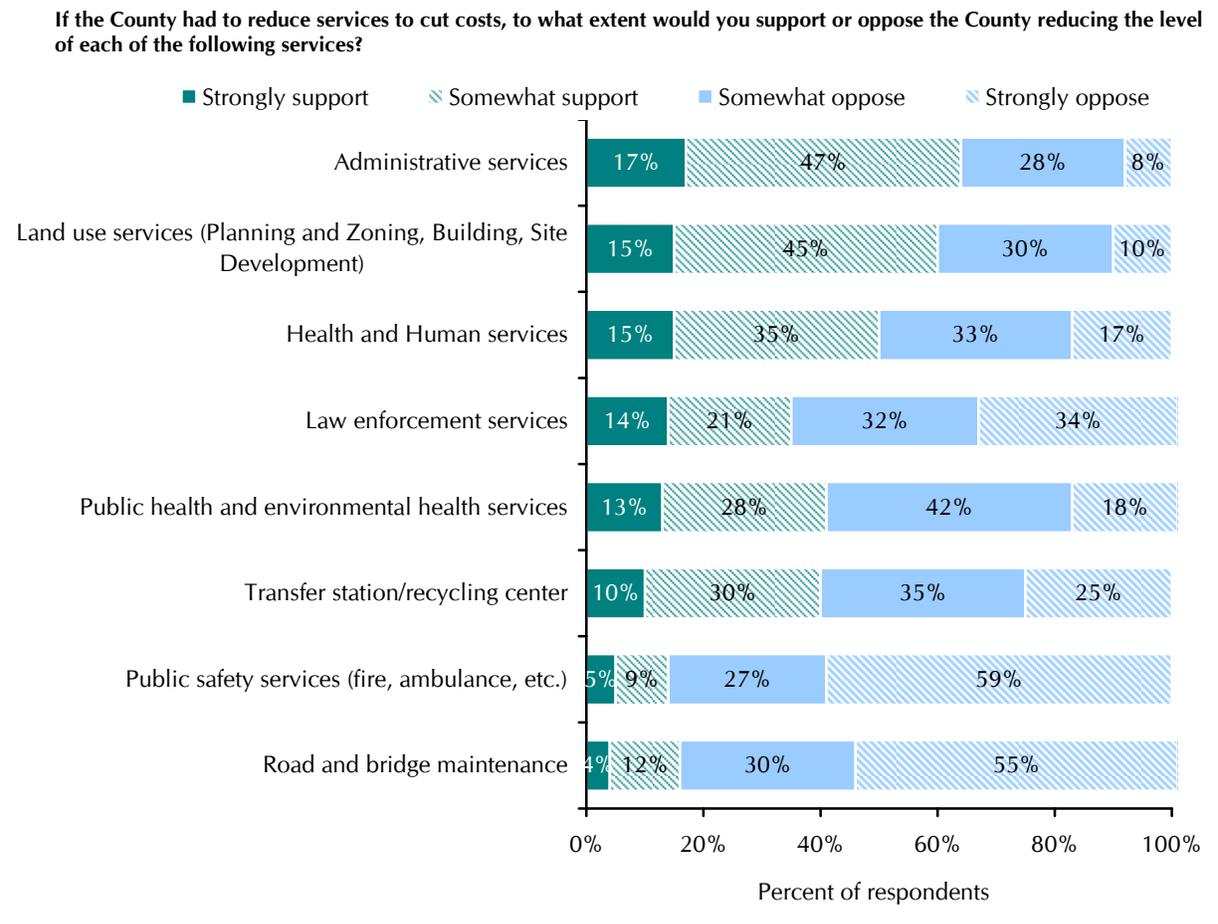


Continuing the series of questions to help decision-makers understand residents' opinions about balancing resources and service levels, the survey included a question that asked residents to give their recommendations for reducing services to cut costs, in the event that resources no longer keep up with current service levels. Cuts are tough to swallow; fewer than 20% "strongly supported" reducing any of the eight services listed and respondents generally were more likely to pick one of the "somewhat" responses than the "strongly" options. At least 6 in 10 were in support of reducing administrative services and land use services. Health and Human services was divided equally with half in support of reducing these services and half in opposition to the idea.

Residents preferred to protect road and bridge maintenance (55% were "strongly" opposed to a reduction and only 4% strongly supported cutting in this area). Six in ten "strongly" opposed reducing service levels for public safety services. A majority of respondents also were opposed to reducing each of the following services: the transfer station/recycling center (60% "somewhat" or "strongly" opposed reducing these services), public health and environmental health services (60% "somewhat" or "strongly" opposed reducing these services) and law enforcement services (66%).

Generally, residents of incorporated and unincorporated areas had similar opinions. However, those living in unincorporated areas were less likely to support reducing the level of public safety and law enforcement services than were their counterparts (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*).

Figure 16: Preferences for Service Reductions

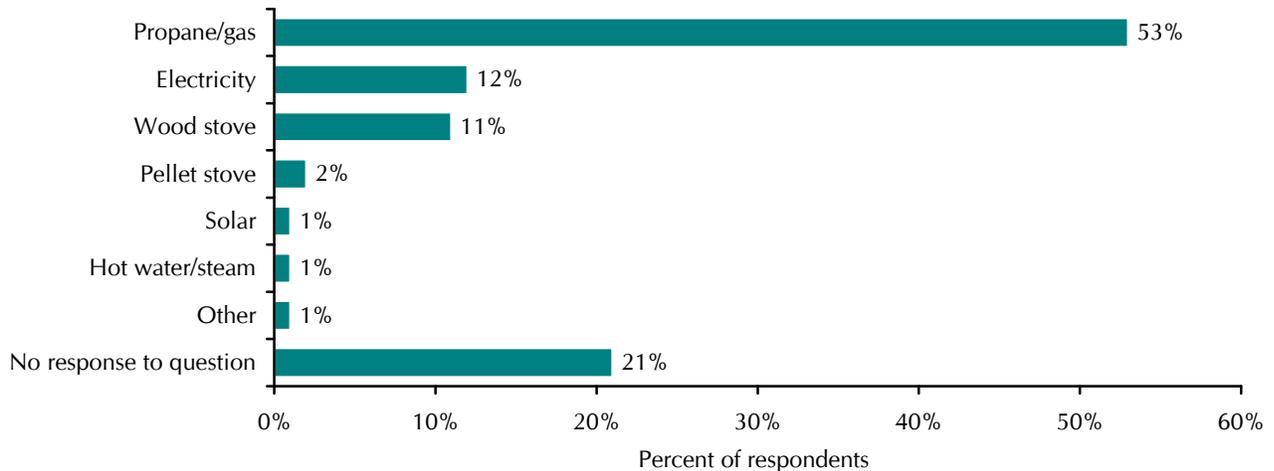


Energy Use and Needs

The Clear Creek County Citizen Survey included a series of questions about resident energy use and needs as well as questions designed to help community leaders understand resident preferences for alternative energy in the county.

Residents were first asked how they typically heat their home. About half reported propane/gas was their primary heating source, about 1 in 10 used electricity or a wood stove and fewer than five percent used other heating methods in their home. One in five did not respond to the question.

Figure 17: Current Home Heating Source



When asked how interested, if at all, they would be in getting a low interest loan to make energy-efficient improvements in their homes if the county funded the program, interest was about evenly split with 32% reporting they were “very interested” in doing so, 36% showed some interest and another 32% were “not at all interested.” A majority of residents said they would likely participate in a survey specifically about home energy use, though one in five were “very” unlikely to respond to such a survey.

Figure 18: Interest in Loan to Fund Energy-Efficient Improvements

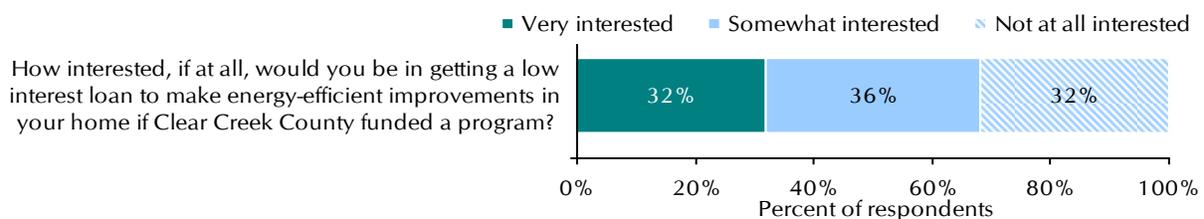
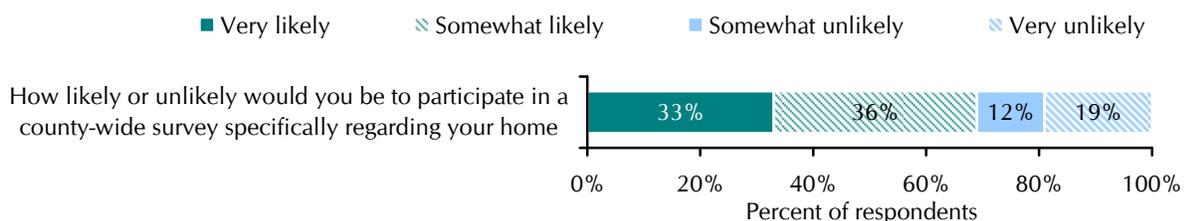
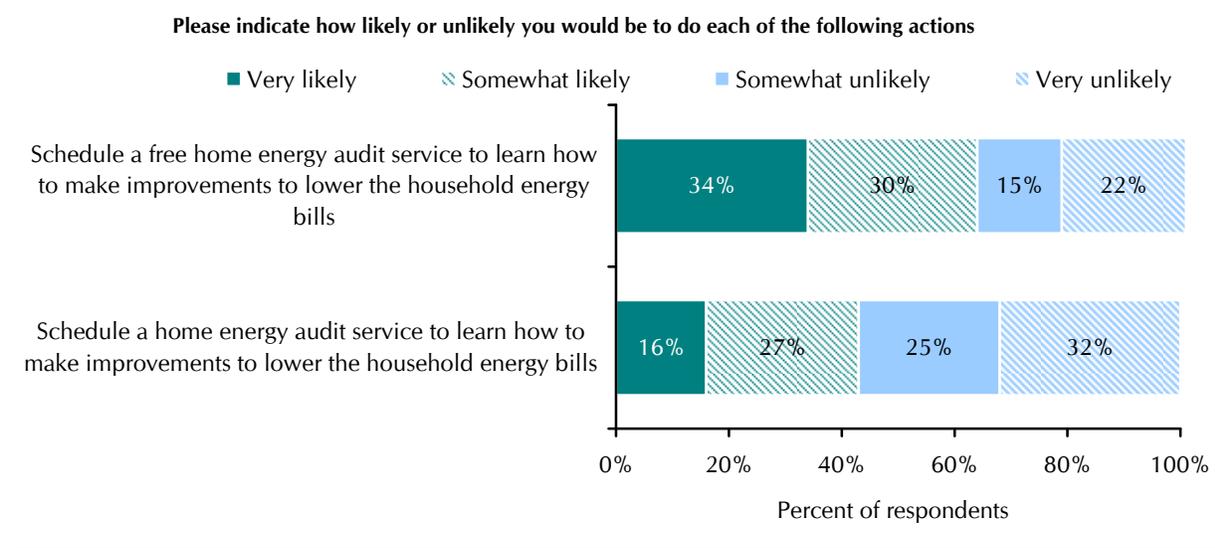


Figure 19: Interest in Home Energy Survey Participation



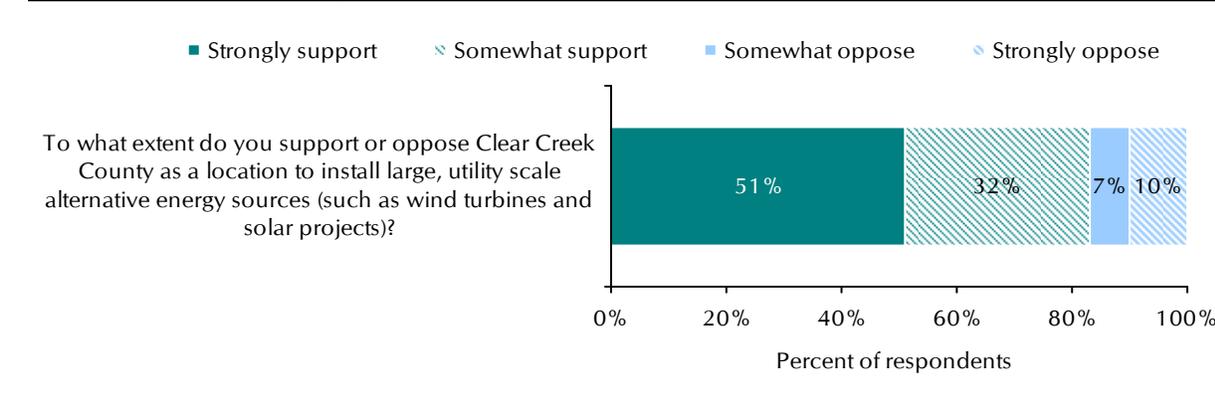
Residents indicated that they were more likely to schedule a home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills if the audit was free. In fact, about twice as many residents were “very unlikely” as “very likely” to schedule this service if the service was not free.

Figure 20: Interest in Home Energy Audit



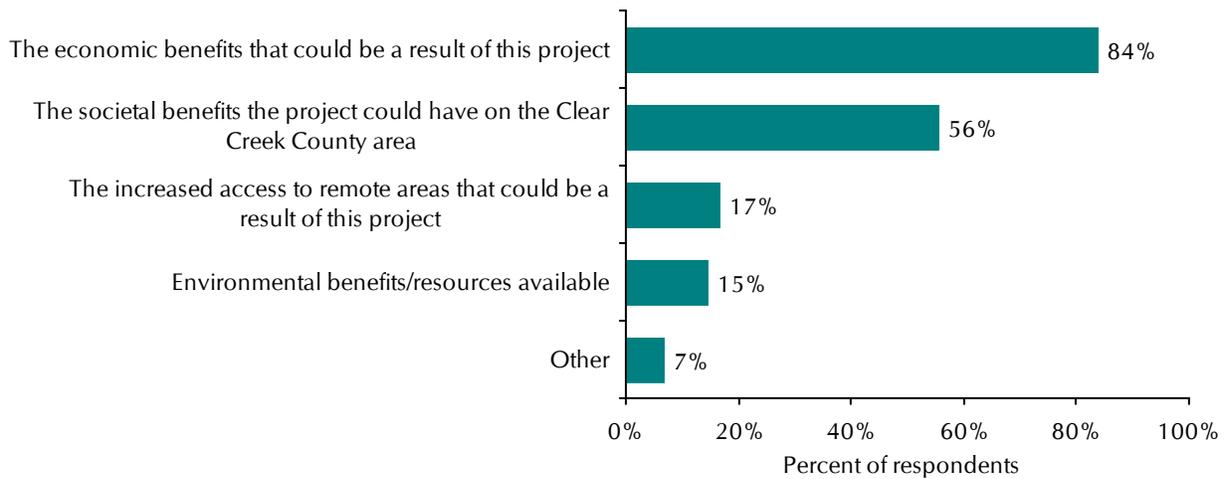
When asked the extent to which they would support or oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources such as wind turbines and solar projects, half of respondents (51%) “strongly” supported this idea and about a third “somewhat” supported it. One in ten “strongly” opposed the installation of large, utility scale alternative energy sources in the county.

Figure 21: Preferences for Wind and Solar Installations



Of those who supported the installation of large, utility scale alternative energy sources in Clear Creek County, about four in five described their support as being due to the economic benefits that could be the result of this project and just over half (56%) were in support because of the societal benefits of the project. Others supported the project for the increased access to remote areas (17%) and 15% mentioned the environmental benefits and resources that would become available from this project. This question included an option for residents to write in other reasons for supporting wind and solar installations in the county. In addition to the comments about environmental benefits, 7% of respondents wrote in “other” responses that could not be grouped into common themes. (To see verbatim responses for the “environmental benefits” category and the “other” category, please see *Appendix D: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Survey Questions.*)

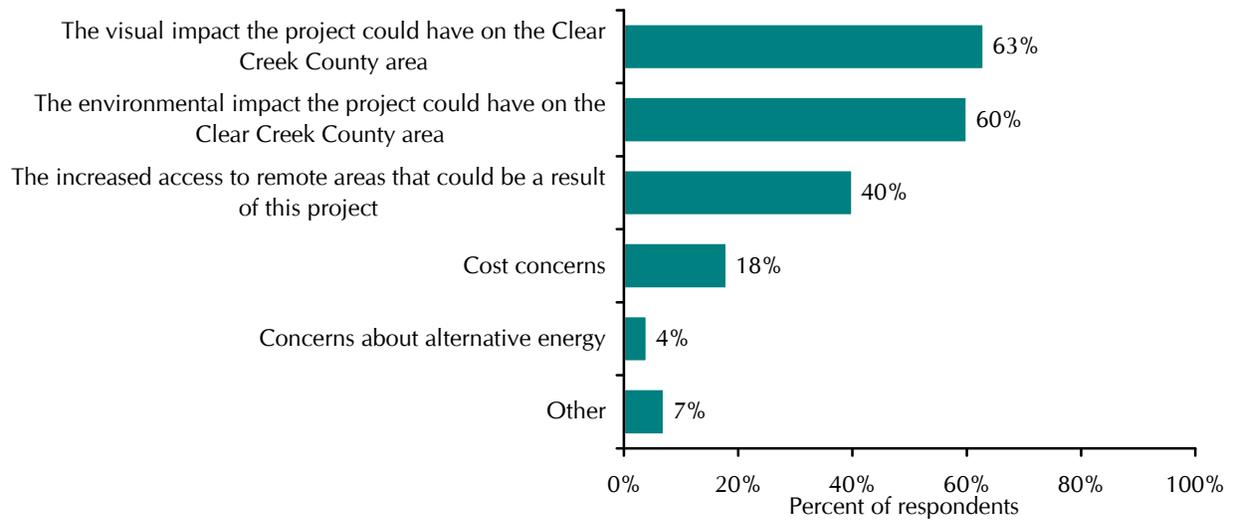
Figure 22: Reasons for Supporting Wind and Solar Installations



Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category. This question was only asked of those who supported the installation of large, utility scale alternative energy sources in the county.

The approximately 17% opposed to wind and solar installations in Clear Creek County (N = 296) were asked to select or write in reasons for their opinion. Approximately 6 in 10 of those 296 residents were opposed to the project because of the visual and environmental impacts that would result from the large, utility scale installations (63% and 60%, respectively). Four in ten were in opposition because of the increased access to remote areas and another 1 in 10 said they were opposed due to concerns about costs. Four percent wrote in comments about their concerns about alternative energy and 7% wrote in “other” responses that were unique and were not grouped into common themes. These responses can be read verbatim in *Appendix D: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Survey Questions*.

Figure 23: Reasons for Opposing Wind and Solar Installations

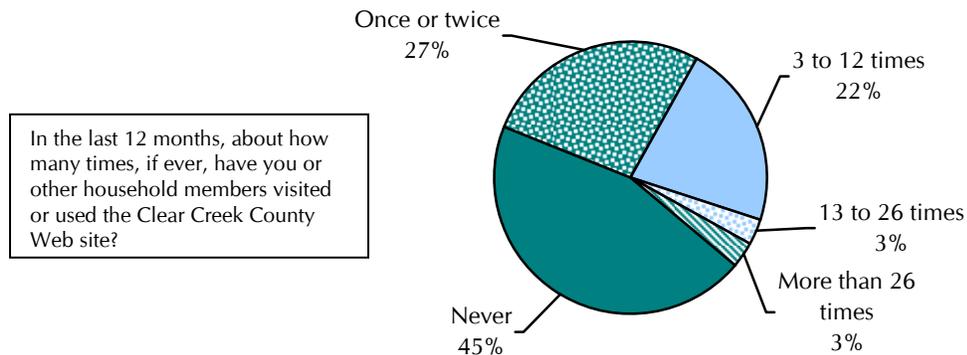


Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.
 This question was only asked of those who opposed the installation of large, utility scale alternative energy sources in the county.

County Web Site

Another section of the survey included questions pertaining to the County Web site. While 45% of respondents reported “never” using the Clear Creek County Web site in the 12 months prior to the survey, just over half reported using it at least once. About one in five reported using the site three to twelve times in the past year and 27% said “once or twice.” More frequent use was fairly uncommon among residents.

Figure 24: Use of County Web Site

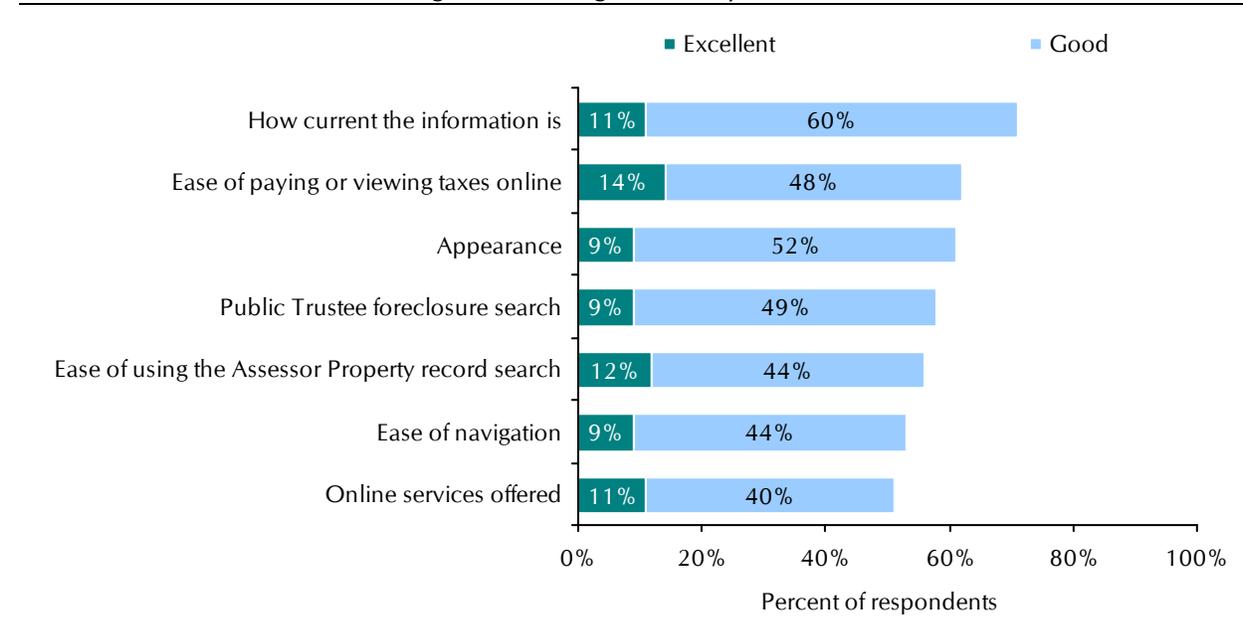


In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members visited or used the Clear Creek County Web site?

At least half of the 55% of residents who had visited the Web site gave “good” or “excellent” ratings to various aspects of the County Web site, with about 1 in 10 giving an “excellent” rating to each. About one in four to two in five gave “fair” ratings and fewer than 20% gave “poor” ratings when asked to rate each aspect of the site (see *Appendix B: Full Set of Responses to Survey Questions*).

More than half of respondents said “don’t know” when asked to rate the ease of paying or viewing taxes online (56%), the Public Trustee foreclosure search (73%) and the ease of using the Assessor Property record search (54%).

Figure 25: Ratings of County Web Site

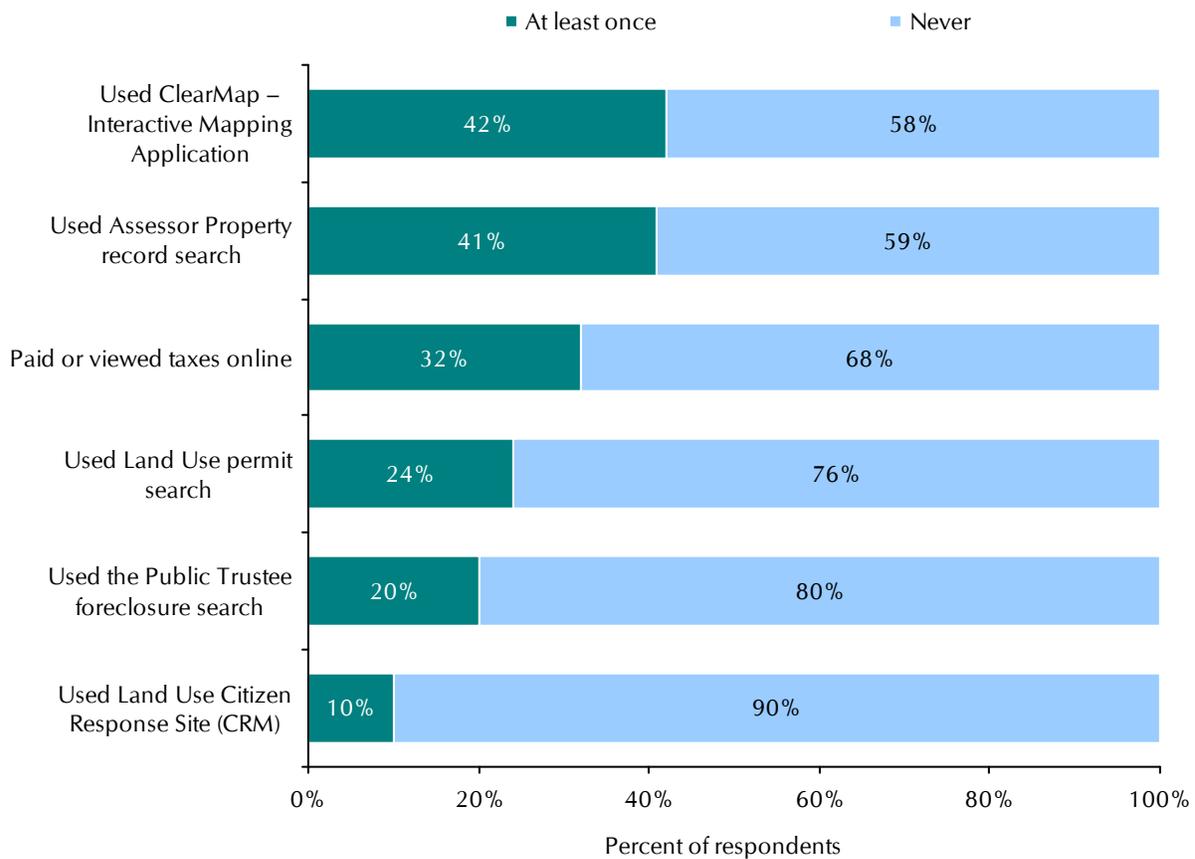


This question was only asked of those who reported using the County’s Web site in the last 12 months.

Each in a list of six features of the County’s Web site proved infrequently used by site visitors. About two in five had used the ClearMap Interactive Mapping Application or the Assessor Property record search at least once in the prior 12 months, a third reported paying or viewing taxes online and about a quarter used the Land Use permit search on at least one occasion in the last 12 months. One in five reported using the Public Trustee foreclosure search and one in ten had accessed the Land Use Citizen Response Site (CRM) in the 12 months prior to the survey.

Residents of unincorporated areas were more likely to have used the Assessor Property record search on the County’s Web site than were residents of incorporated areas (see *Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*).

Figure 26: Frequency of Use of Features on County Web Site

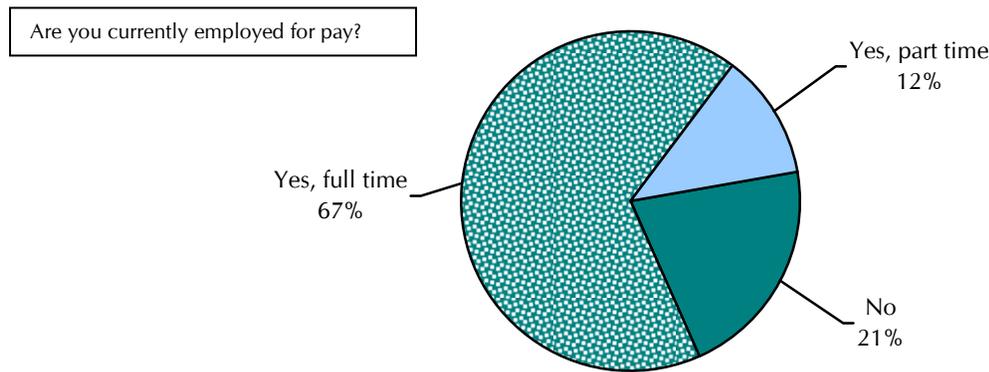


This question was only asked of those who reported using the County’s Web site in the last 12 months.

Employment and Transportation

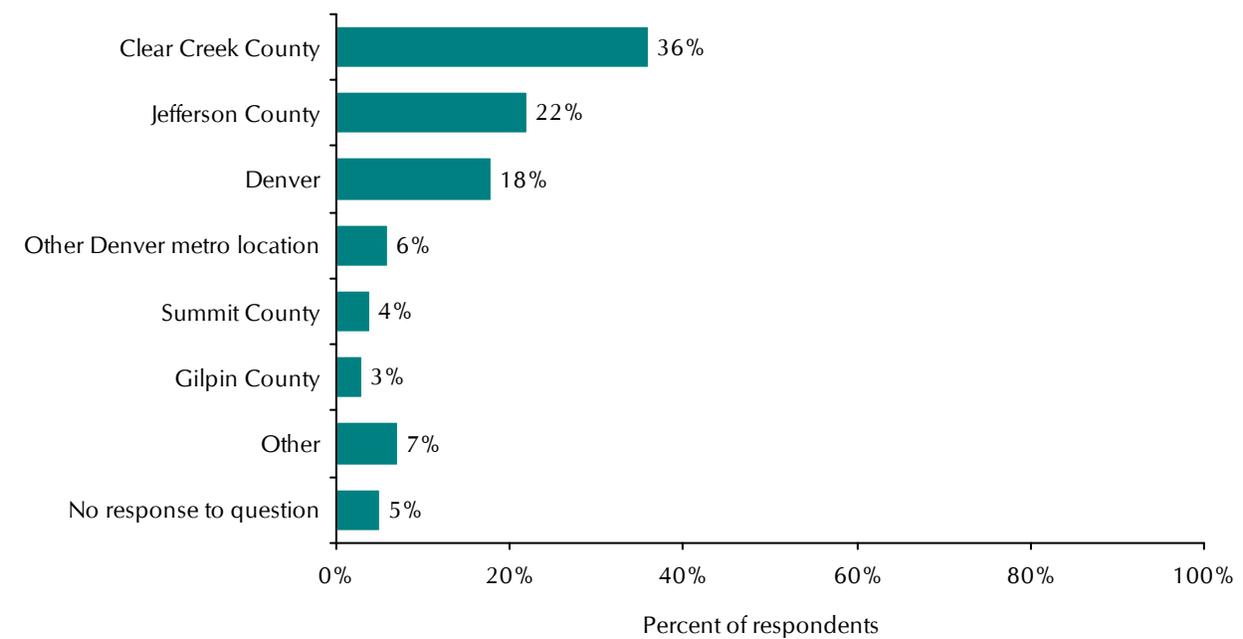
Specific questions on the survey asked residents about their employment status, commuting and transportation. A majority of respondents reported current employment for pay. Two-thirds reported full time employment and about 1 in 10 (12%) reported part time employment.

Figure 27: Employment Status



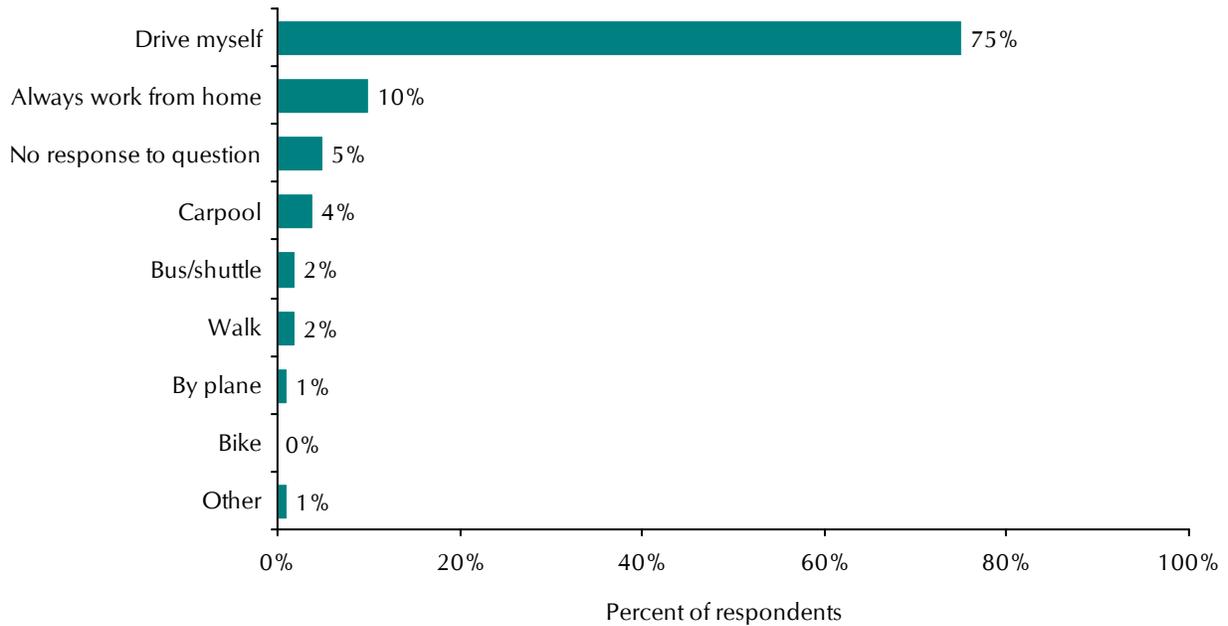
Thirty-six percent said they work in Clear Creek County, 22% in Jefferson County and 18% traveled to Denver for work. Alternative travel mode use was rare. Many (75%) reported that they typically drive to work by themselves; 1 in 10 said they always work from home and fewer than 10% traveled via methods other than driving alone. The average number of miles residents said they drove daily to and from work (excluding those reporting zero miles) was about 43 miles per day.

Figure 28: Place of Employment



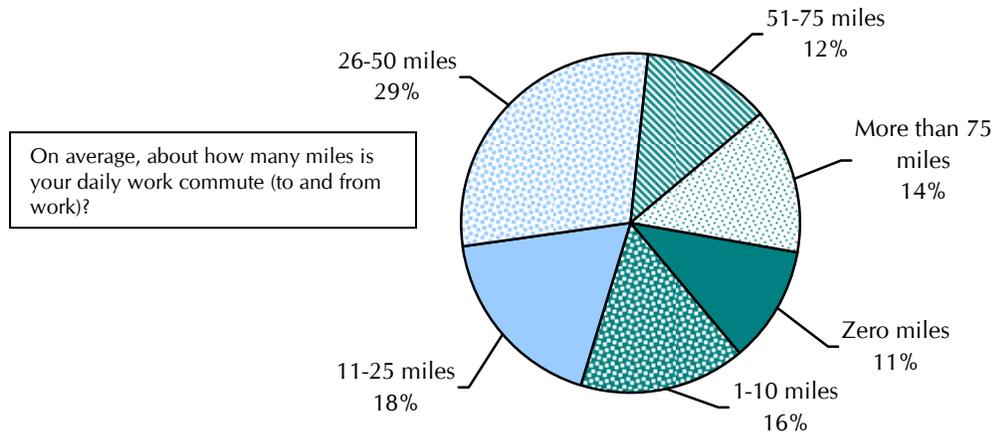
This question was asked only of the 79% of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Figure 29: Method of Work Travel



This question was asked only of the 79% of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Figure 30: Length of Work Commute



This question was asked only of the 79% of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Residents averaged about two cars per household. For each household vehicle, residents were asked to estimate the number of miles traveled per year on each. The average number of miles traveled per year for the first vehicle was 14,315 miles. Residents reported an average of 10,215 miles for the second vehicle, 4,228 for third vehicles and 3,148 for fourth vehicles.

Figure 31: Number of Household Vehicles

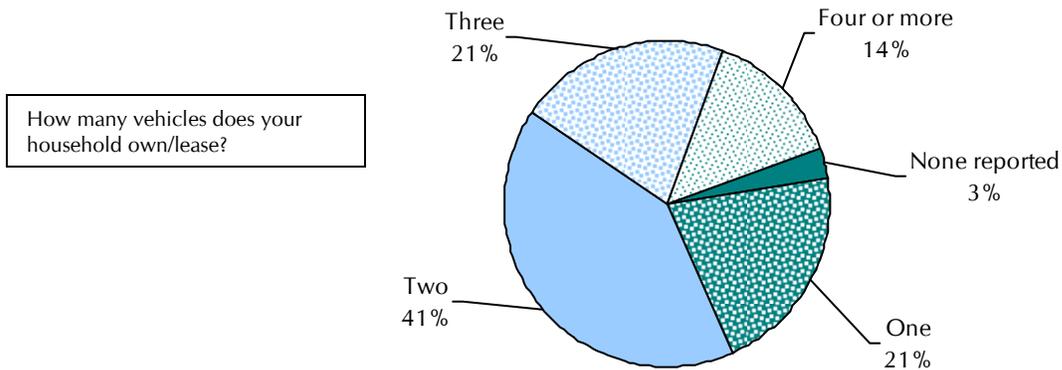


Figure 32: Vehicle Miles Per Year

For each household vehicle, please estimate the number of miles traveled per year on each.	Less than 5,000 miles	5,000-9,999 miles	10,000 to 19,999 miles	20,000+ miles	No miles reported	Total	Average number of miles
Vehicle #1	17%	8%	40%	27%	8%	100%	14,315
Vehicle #2	28%	14%	35%	15%	9%	100%	10,215
Vehicle #3	54%	21%	11%	2%	12%	100%	4,228
Vehicle #4	59%	10%	6%	3%	22%	100%	3,148

This question was only asked of the 97% of respondents who reported having at least one vehicle. Cars for which no miles were reported are not included in average miles.

Appendix A: Respondent Demographics

Characteristics of the survey respondents are displayed in the tables and charts on the following pages of this appendix.

Figure 33: Length of Residency in Clear Creek County

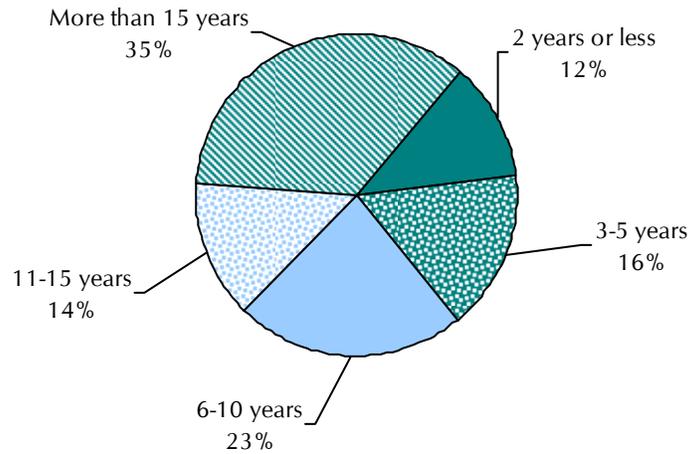
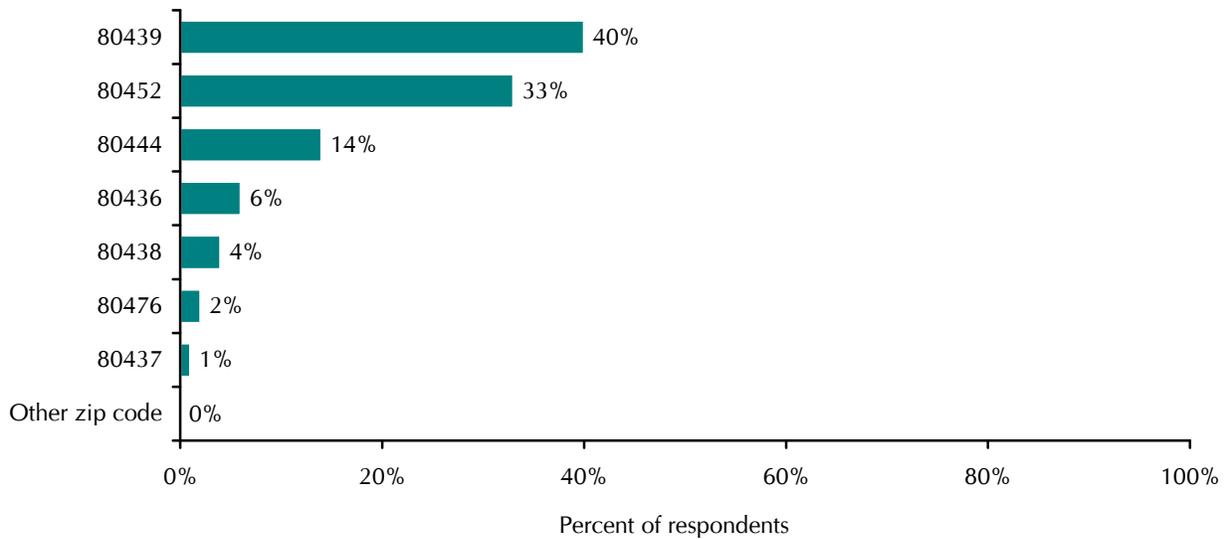


Figure 34: Respondent Zip Code



Respondent Community	
With what community do you associate yourself?	Percent of respondents
Idaho Springs	27%
Georgetown/Silver Plume	16%
Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	13%
Evergreen	11%
Upper Bear Creek	10%
Dumont-Lawson-Downieville	6%
Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	6%
Brook Forest	5%
Empire	4%
Old Squaw Pass	2%
Bakerville	0%
Other	1%
Total	100%

Respondent Housing Unit Type	
Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent of respondents
One family house detached from any other houses	83%
House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome)	5%
Building with two or more apartments or condos	7%
Mobile home	4%
Other	2%
Total	100%

Respondent Rent/Own Status	
Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent of respondents
Rented for cash or occupied without cash payment?	22%
Owned by you or someone in this house?	78%
Total	100%

Respondent Housing Cost	
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, utilities, etc.)?	Percent of respondents
Less than \$599 per month	11%
\$600 to \$999 per month	23%
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	22%
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	32%
\$2,500 to \$3,999 per month	10%
\$4,000 or more per month	2%
Total	100%

Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent of respondents
Less than \$24,999	12%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	24%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19%
\$150,000 or more	12%
Total	100%

Figure 35: Presence of Children and Older Adults in Household

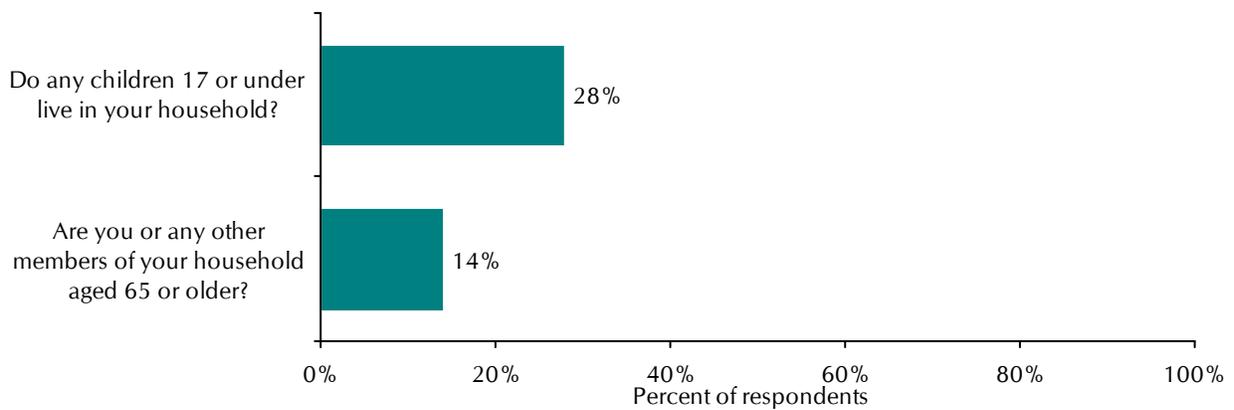


Figure 36: Respondent Age

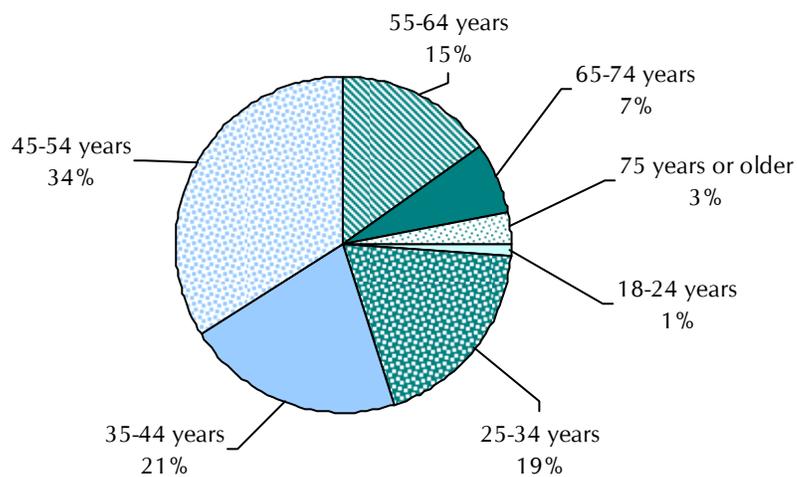
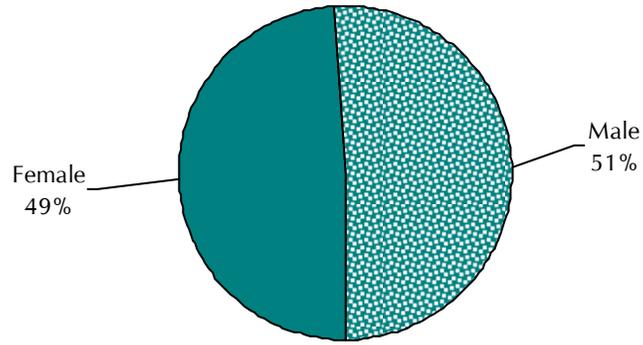


Figure 37: Respondent Gender



Appendix B: Full Set of Responses to Survey Questions without Don't Know Responses

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, excluding don't know responses.

Question 1					
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Clear Creek County:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Clear Creek County as a place to live	28%	55%	14%	2%	100%
Clear Creek County as a place to raise children	18%	44%	26%	12%	100%
Clear Creek County as a place to work	6%	23%	34%	37%	100%
Clear Creek County as a place to retire	23%	41%	25%	10%	100%
The overall quality of life in Clear Creek County	18%	55%	24%	3%	100%

Questions 2 and 3

	What are your reasons for living in Clear Creek County? (Mark all that apply.)	When thinking about your quality of life in Clear Creek County, which ONE factor would you say matters the most in making yours an "excellent" quality of life? (Please select only one.)
Natural environment	68%	25%
Quality of life in general	50%	12%
Location	61%	11%
Affordability	52%	10%
Close to family/friends	21%	6%
Recreation opportunities	50%	6%
Rural character	52%	6%
Close to work	33%	5%
Large lots/acreage	38%	4%
Sense of community	27%	3%
Land/home values	32%	2%
My town/city	19%	2%
Sense of safety	33%	2%
County-provided services	6%	1%
Mining character	13%	1%
Schools	11%	1%
Thriving economy	1%	1%
Value of services for taxes paid	11%	1%
Arts and cultural opportunities	2%	0%
Educational and learning opportunities	3%	0%
Fiscally sound government	4%	0%
Public safety	15%	0%
Other	4%	2%
Lived here a long time	1%	100%

Total for question 2 exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.

Question 4

Please rate the speed of growth in the following categories in Clear Creek County over the past 2 years:	Much too slow	Somewhat too slow	Right amount	Somewhat too fast	Much too fast	Total
Population growth	7%	16%	57%	13%	6%	100%
Retail growth (stores, restaurants, etc.)	23%	38%	31%	6%	3%	100%
Jobs growth	49%	39%	12%	0%	0%	100%

Question 5

For each of the following categories, please rate the speed of growth you would prefer in Clear Creek County over the next 5 years.	Much slower	Somewhat slower	Same amount	Somewhat faster	Much faster	Total
Population growth	13%	15%	49%	19%	4%	100%
Retail growth (stores, restaurants, etc.)	5%	8%	26%	42%	18%	100%
Jobs growth	2%	2%	13%	42%	40%	100%

Question 6

Please indicate how important, if at all, each of the following ideas are to helping make Clear Creek County a great place to live for you and future generations.	Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important	Total
Preserving natural areas, habitats and open land (forest, habitat and open lands)	57%	30%	11%	2%	100%
Including a mix of housing types for all ages and income levels in every community	18%	32%	33%	17%	100%
Keeping the scenic beauty of Clear Creek County	62%	30%	8%	1%	100%
Preserving historic homes and buildings	29%	35%	30%	6%	100%
Adding public transportation (e.g., bus service)	18%	26%	32%	24%	100%
Encouraging a mix of housing, shopping, and offices in the same area when development occurs	11%	27%	41%	22%	100%
Protecting our air and water quality	62%	30%	7%	1%	100%
Reducing our energy usage	32%	34%	26%	7%	100%
Preserving 'small town' character	40%	36%	20%	5%	100%
Promoting tourism	23%	33%	33%	11%	100%
Enhancing public spaces, parks, and trails	33%	40%	23%	5%	100%
Stopping all development	3%	5%	26%	66%	100%
Permitting selected development that matches residents' values	15%	42%	33%	9%	100%
Encouraging renovation and improvement of existing commercial areas	23%	43%	29%	5%	100%
Encouraging new commercial development	14%	24%	39%	22%	100%
Supporting responsible mining	27%	36%	28%	9%	100%

Question 7

To what extent would you support or oppose the County doing each of the following?	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Total
Strengthening its code enforcement efforts (e.g., hiring new officer to seek out violations versus responding only to complaints)	12%	34%	30%	24%	100%
Encouraging historic preservation through voluntary programs	34%	57%	6%	3%	100%
Increasing the supply of new housing in the \$100,000-250,000 range	19%	43%	23%	15%	100%
Upgrading existing workforce housing	22%	54%	16%	8%	100%
Providing home buyer education	17%	50%	21%	12%	100%
Working with local municipalities to accomplish potential housing programs	18%	51%	18%	13%	100%
Limiting residential development in some remote areas based on elevation, topography or access	34%	37%	18%	11%	100%
Limiting the size of homes in remote areas	22%	27%	28%	23%	100%
Limiting the seasons of occupancy of homes in remote areas	6%	15%	35%	44%	100%

Question 8

Please identify which scenario best represents how you would like Clear Creek County to manage its current resources.	Percent of respondents
Use funds to improve roads and bridges in the county	60%
Use funds to subsidize housing programs	5%
Use funds for capital improvement projects such as building new and renovating existing facilities	12%
Use funds to build the County's general fund reserve ("rainy day" funds) in preparation of the mining down cycle and for	23%
Total	100%

Question 9

When the gap between the County's costs and revenues widens in the coming years, which would you rather see?	Percent of respondents
Reduce service levels	16%
Raise property taxes	11%
Allow development that would create a new tax base	72%
Total	100%

Question 10

If the County had to reduce services to cut costs, to what extent would you support or oppose the County reducing the level of each of the following services?	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Total
Road and bridge maintenance	4%	12%	30%	55%	100%
Public safety services (fire, ambulance, etc.)	5%	9%	27%	59%	100%
Administrative services (Assessor's Office, Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer's Office)	17%	47%	28%	8%	100%
Health and Human services	15%	35%	33%	17%	100%
Land use services (Planning and Zoning, Building, Site Development)	15%	45%	30%	10%	100%
Law enforcement services	14%	21%	32%	34%	100%
Public health and environmental health services	13%	28%	42%	18%	100%
Transfer station/recycling center	10%	30%	35%	25%	100%

Question 11

If voters were asked to approve a property tax increase to help keep up with current service levels, how much extra per year, if anything, would you be willing to spend to help maintain current service levels?	Percent of respondents
More than \$100 extra per year	19%
\$75-\$100 extra per year	23%
\$50-\$74 extra per year	16%
Less than \$50 extra per year	16%
I would not be willing to pay anything extra per year	26%
Total	100%

Question 12

To what extent would you support or oppose the Clear Creek Open Space Commission (OSC) purchasing, for open space, privately-owned land that is currently zoned for residential and commercial use so that it remains undeveloped?	Percent of respondents
Strongly support	33%
Somewhat support	28%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	20%
Total	100%

Question 13

Please indicate how important you feel it is, if at all, that the Commissioners take into account each of the following issues or values when making a future development decision.	Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important	Total
Financial impacts (both costs and revenue potential)	38%	45%	15%	2%	100%
Public safety	27%	48%	21%	3%	100%
Impacts on the community (both local and countywide)	26%	47%	25%	2%	100%
Environmental impacts (air, forests, water, wildlife, noise pollution)	48%	32%	18%	2%	100%
Economic impacts (local businesses, jobs)	30%	46%	22%	2%	100%
Fit with the current built environment	19%	34%	35%	11%	100%
Integration into the character of the community	19%	34%	38%	9%	100%
Protection of Clear Creek County's historic and cultural assets	24%	33%	34%	9%	100%
Impacts on infrastructure including roads, water and wastewater	40%	45%	14%	1%	100%

Question 14

How do you typically heat your home?	Percent of respondents
Wood stove	11%
Propane/gas	53%
Electricity	12%
Other	1%
Pellet stove	2%
Hot water/steam	1%
Solar	1%
No response to question	21%
Total	100%

Question 15

How interested, if at all, would you be in getting a low interest loan to make energy-efficient improvements in your home if Clear Creek County funded a program?	Percent of respondents
Very interested	32%
Somewhat interested	36%
Not at all interested	32%
Total	100%

Question 16

How likely or unlikely would you be to participate in a county-wide survey specifically regarding your home energy use?	Percent of respondents
Very likely	33%
Somewhat likely	36%
Somewhat unlikely	12%
Very unlikely	19%
Total	100%

Question 17

To what extent do you support or oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects)?	Percent of respondents
Strongly support	51%
Somewhat support	32%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	10%
Total	100%

Question 18

If you strongly or somewhat support Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opinion? (Please check all that apply.)	Percent of respondents
The increased access to remote areas that could be a result of this project	17%
The economic benefits that could be a result of this project	84%
The societal benefits the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	56%
Other	7%
Environmental benefits/resources available	15%

*Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.
This question was only asked of respondents who said "somewhat support" or "strongly support" in question 17.*

Question 19

If you strongly or somewhat oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opposition? (Please check all that apply.)	Percent of respondents
The visual impact the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	63%
The environmental impact the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	60%
The increased access to remote areas that could be a result of this project	40%
Other	7%
Cost concerns	18%
Concerns about alternative energy	4%

*Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.
This question was only asked of respondents who said "somewhat oppose" or "strongly oppose" in question 17.*

Question 20

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you would be to do each of the following actions:	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Total
Schedule a free home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills	34%	30%	15%	22%	100%
Schedule a home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills	16%	27%	25%	32%	100%

Question 21

Please rate the following categories of Clear Creek County government performance:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
The value of services for the taxes paid to Clear Creek County	9%	39%	37%	15%	100%
The overall direction that Clear Creek County is taking	3%	34%	42%	20%	100%
The job Clear Creek County government does at welcoming citizen involvement	6%	33%	40%	21%	100%

Question 22

Please rate the quality of services provided by each of the following Clear Creek County offices or organizations:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Code enforcement	5%	40%	34%	21%	100%
County Jail	10%	54%	27%	9%	100%
Sheriff services	18%	49%	23%	10%	100%
Clerk and Recorder services	28%	52%	18%	2%	100%
Assessor's Office	16%	47%	30%	7%	100%
Treasurer's Office	18%	52%	25%	5%	100%
Coroner's Office	26%	52%	16%	6%	100%
Building Department	6%	37%	40%	17%	100%
Health and Human Services	9%	46%	33%	12%	100%
Road and Bridge Department	8%	28%	36%	28%	100%
Land use/Planning Department	4%	30%	43%	23%	100%
Public Health and Environmental Health	8%	40%	42%	10%	100%
Fire services	24%	52%	18%	6%	100%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	30%	51%	16%	3%	100%
Veteran's services	7%	38%	32%	22%	100%
Senior services	11%	52%	25%	12%	100%
Mental health services	5%	32%	29%	34%	100%
Mapping Services	19%	44%	29%	8%	100%

Question 23

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members visited or used the Clear Creek County Web site?	Percent of respondents
Never	45%
Once or twice	27%
3 to 12 times	22%
13 to 26 times	3%
More than 26 times	3%
Total	100%

Question 24

If you've used the County's Web site in the last 12 months, please rate each of the following aspects.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
How current the information is	11%	60%	25%	4%	100%
Appearance	9%	52%	31%	8%	100%
Online services offered	11%	40%	38%	11%	100%
Ease of navigation	9%	44%	36%	10%	100%
Ease of paying or viewing taxes online	14%	48%	27%	10%	100%
Public Trustee foreclosure search	9%	49%	26%	15%	100%
Ease of using the Assessor Property record search	12%	44%	31%	13%	100%

This question was asked only of respondents who had used the County Web site in the last 12 months.

Question 25

If you've used the County's Web site in the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you done each of the following?	Never	Once or twice	3 to 12 times	13 to 26 times	Total
Paid or viewed taxes online	69%	24%	6%	1%	100%
Used the Public Trustee foreclosure search	81%	12%	5%	2%	100%
Used Assessor Property record search	60%	25%	12%	3%	100%
Used Land Use permit search	76%	16%	6%	1%	100%
Used Land Use Citizen Response Site (CRM)	90%	7%	1%	1%	100%
Used ClearMap – Interactive Mapping Application	59%	24%	13%	4%	100%

This question was asked only of respondents who had used the County Web site in the last 12 months.

Question D1

How many years have you lived in Clear Creek County?	Percent of respondents
2 years or less	12%
3-5 years	16%
6-10 years	23%
11-15 years	14%
16-20 years	12%
21-30 years	12%
More than 30 years	12%
Total	100%
Average number of years	14.2

Question D2

What is your zip code?	Percent of respondents
80247	0%
80415	0%
80429	0%
80434	0%
80436	6%
80437	1%
80438	4%
80439	40%
80444	14%
80452	33%
80456	0%
80476	2%
80498	0%
Total	100%

Question D3

With what community do you associate yourself?	Percent of respondents
Bakerville	0%
Brook Forest	5%
Dumont-Lawson-Downieville	6%
Empire	4%
Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	6%
Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	13%
Georgetown/Silver Plume	16%
Idaho Springs	27%
Upper Bear Creek	10%
Other	1%
Evergreen	11%
Old Squaw Pass	2%
Total	100%

Question D4

Are you currently employed for pay?	Percent of respondents
No	21%
Yes, full time	67%
Yes, part time	12%
Total	100%

Question D5

Where is your place of employment?	Percent of respondents
Clear Creek County	36%
Gilpin County	3%
Denver	18%
Other Denver metro location	6%
Jefferson County	22%
Summit County	4%
Other	7%
No response to question	5%
Total	100%

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D6

How do you typically get to and from work?	Percent of respondents
Always work from home	10%
Drive myself	75%
Carpool	4%
Walk	2%
Bike	0%
Other	1%
No response to question	5%
By plane	1%
Bus/shuttle	2%
Total	100%

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D7

On average, about how many miles is your daily work commute (to and from work)?	Percent of respondents
Zero miles	11%
1-10 miles	16%
11-25 miles	18%
26-50 miles	29%
51-75 miles	12%
More than 75 miles	14%
Total	100%
Average number of miles (including those with zero miles)	38.4
Average number of miles (excluding those with zero miles)	43.2

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D8: Number of Vehicles

How many vehicles does your household own/lease?	Percent of respondents
None reported	3%
One	21%
Two	41%
Three	21%
Four or more	14%
Total	100%
Average number of cars	2.2

Question D8: Miles Traveled

For each household vehicle, please estimate the number of miles traveled per year on each.	Less than 5,000 miles	5,000-9,999 miles	10,000 to 19,999 miles	20,000+ miles	No miles reported	Total	Average number of miles
Vehicle #1	17%	8%	40%	27%	8%	100%	14,315
Vehicle #2	28%	14%	35%	15%	9%	100%	10,215
Vehicle #3	54%	21%	11%	2%	12%	100%	4,228
Vehicle #4	59%	10%	6%	3%	22%	100%	3,148

This question was only asked of respondents who reported having at least one vehicle. Cars for which no miles were reported are not included in average miles.

Question D9

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent of respondents
One family house detached from any other houses	83%
House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome)	5%
Building with two or more apartments or condos	7%
Mobile home	4%
Other	2%
Total	100%

Question D10

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent of respondents
Rented for cash or occupied without cash payment?	22%
Owned by you or someone in this house?	78%
Total	100%

Question D11

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, utilities, etc.)?	Percent of respondents
Less than \$599 per month	11%
\$600 to \$999 per month	23%
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	22%
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	32%
\$2,500 to \$3,999 per month	10%
\$4,000 or more per month	2%
Total	100%

Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent of respondents
Less than \$24,999	12%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	24%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19%
\$150,000 or more	12%
Total	100%

Question D13

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent of respondents
No	72%
Yes	28%
Total	100%

Question D14

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent of respondents
No	86%
Yes	14%
Total	100%

Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent of respondents
18-24 years	1%
25-34 years	19%
35-44 years	21%
45-54 years	34%
55-64 years	15%
65-74 years	7%
75 years or older	3%
Total	100%

Question D16

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

Appendix C: Responses to Survey Questions Including Don't Know Responses

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, including the number and percent of respondents answering each question, including don't know responses.

Question 1												
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Clear Creek County:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	Clear Creek County as a place to live	28%	N = 483	55%	N = 932	14%	N = 240	2%	N = 40	0%	N = 2	100%
Clear Creek County as a place to raise children	14%	N = 236	34%	N = 575	20%	N = 335	9%	N = 159	23%	N = 386	100%	N = 1690
Clear Creek County as a place to work	4%	N = 74	17%	N = 285	25%	N = 427	28%	N = 471	26%	N = 431	100%	N = 1689
Clear Creek County as a place to retire	18%	N = 310	33%	N = 556	20%	N = 341	8%	N = 134	21%	N = 349	100%	N = 1690
The overall quality of life in Clear Creek County	18%	N = 306	55%	N = 933	24%	N = 398	3%	N = 46	0%	N = 2	100%	N = 1686

Questions 2 and 3

	What are your reasons for living in Clear Creek County? (Mark all that apply.)	Count	When thinking about your quality of life in Clear Creek County, which ONE factor would you say matters the most in making yours an "excellent" quality of life? (Please select only one.)	Count
Natural environment	68%	N = 1175	25%	N = 408
Quality of life in general	50%	N = 872	12%	N = 192
Location	61%	N = 1048	11%	N = 180
Affordability	52%	N = 895	10%	N = 159
Close to family/friends	21%	N = 370	6%	N = 105
Recreation opportunities	50%	N = 866	6%	N = 98
Rural character	52%	N = 896	6%	N = 105
Close to work	33%	N = 563	5%	N = 80
Large lots/acreage	38%	N = 658	4%	N = 63
Sense of community	27%	N = 474	3%	N = 51
Land/home values	32%	N = 560	2%	N = 33
My town/city	19%	N = 325	2%	N = 34
Sense of safety	33%	N = 564	2%	N = 25
County-provided services	6%	N = 99	1%	N = 9
Mining character	13%	N = 225	1%	N = 15
Schools	11%	N = 189	1%	N = 17
Thriving economy	1%	N = 20	1%	N = 10
Value of services for taxes paid	11%	N = 183	1%	N = 11
Arts and cultural opportunities	2%	N = 42	0%	N = 2
Educational and learning opportunities	3%	N = 57	0%	N = 5
Fiscally sound government	4%	N = 64	0%	N = 1
Public safety	15%	N = 260	0%	N = 1
Lived here a long time	1%	N = 17	-	-
Other	4%	N = 68	2%	N = 39

Total for question 2 exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.

Question 4

Please rate the speed of growth in the following categories in Clear Creek County over the past 2 years:	Much too slow		Somewhat too slow		Right amount		Somewhat too fast		Much too fast		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Population growth	6%	N=102	13%	N=226	45%	N=781	11%	N=182	5%	N=81	20%	N=353	100%	N=1725
Retail growth (stores, restaurants, etc.)	20%	N=337	33%	N=559	27%	N=455	5%	N=93	2%	N=42	13%	N=222	100%	N=1708
Jobs growth	37%	N=628	29%	N=502	9%	N=151	0%	N=5	0%	N=5	25%	N=421	100%	N=1713

Question 5

For each of the following categories, please rate the speed of growth you would prefer in Clear Creek County over the next 5 years.	Much slower		Somewhat slower		Same amount		Somewhat faster		Much faster		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Population growth	12%	N=205	14%	N=243	46%	N=782	17%	N=296	4%	N=69	7%	N=119	100%	N=1714
Retail growth (stores, restaurants, etc.)	5%	N=85	8%	N=133	25%	N=427	40%	N=691	18%	N=302	5%	N=78	100%	N=1716
Jobs growth	2%	N=31	2%	N=30	12%	N=198	37%	N=625	35%	N=601	13%	N=222	100%	N=1708

Question 6

Please indicate how important, if at all, each of the following ideas are to helping make Clear Creek County a great place to live for you and future generations.	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Preserving natural areas, habitats and open land (forest, habitat and open lands)	57%	N = 990	30%	N = 512	11%	N = 186	2%	N = 36	0%	N = 8	100%	N = 1731
Including a mix of housing types for all ages and income levels in every community	17%	N = 299	32%	N = 540	33%	N = 558	16%	N = 282	2%	N = 30	100%	N = 1709
Keeping the scenic beauty of Clear Creek County	62%	N = 1061	29%	N = 506	8%	N = 132	1%	N = 12	0%	N = 8	100%	N = 1717
Preserving historic homes and buildings	29%	N = 488	35%	N = 589	30%	N = 498	6%	N = 96	1%	N = 17	100%	N = 1688
Adding public transportation (e.g., bus service)	17%	N = 293	25%	N = 422	31%	N = 524	23%	N = 387	4%	N = 61	100%	N = 1686
Encouraging a mix of housing, shopping, and offices in the same area when development occurs	10%	N = 177	26%	N = 441	39%	N = 667	21%	N = 353	4%	N = 64	100%	N = 1702
Protecting our air and water quality	62%	N = 1067	30%	N = 512	7%	N = 127	1%	N = 14	0%	N = 2	100%	N = 1722
Reducing our energy usage	32%	N = 547	34%	N = 583	26%	N = 451	7%	N = 123	1%	N = 15	100%	N = 1719
Preserving 'small town' character	39%	N = 675	35%	N = 611	20%	N = 345	5%	N = 78	1%	N = 12	100%	N = 1720
Promoting tourism	22%	N = 381	33%	N = 564	33%	N = 564	10%	N = 180	1%	N = 23	100%	N = 1712
Enhancing public spaces, parks, and trails	32%	N = 553	40%	N = 683	23%	N = 385	5%	N = 78	1%	N = 11	100%	N = 1710
Stopping all development	3%	N = 50	4%	N = 72	24%	N = 400	61%	N = 1033	8%	N = 127	100%	N = 1683
Permitting selected development that matches residents' values	14%	N = 242	41%	N = 691	32%	N = 543	9%	N = 150	5%	N = 79	100%	N = 1705
Encouraging renovation and improvement of existing commercial areas	23%	N = 389	42%	N = 728	29%	N = 495	5%	N = 86	1%	N = 21	100%	N = 1719
Encouraging new commercial development	14%	N = 241	24%	N = 405	39%	N = 661	22%	N = 375	2%	N = 34	100%	N = 1716
Supporting responsible mining	26%	N = 440	34%	N = 587	27%	N = 464	8%	N = 143	5%	N = 88	100%	N = 1723

Question 7												
To what extent would you support or oppose the County doing each of the following?	Strongly support		Somewhat support		Somewhat oppose		Strongly oppose		Don't know		Total	
Strengthening its code enforcement efforts (e.g., hiring new officer to seek out violations versus responding only to complaints)	11%	N = 194	33%	N = 566	29%	N = 489	23%	N = 394	4%	N = 70	100%	N = 1713
Encouraging historic preservation through voluntary programs	33%	N = 577	55%	N = 956	6%	N = 100	3%	N = 45	3%	N = 46	100%	N = 1724
Increasing the supply of new housing in the \$100,000-250,000 range	17%	N = 294	40%	N = 689	21%	N = 364	14%	N = 241	7%	N = 127	100%	N = 1713
Upgrading existing workforce housing	19%	N = 323	47%	N = 798	14%	N = 239	7%	N = 125	13%	N = 222	100%	N = 1706
Providing home buyer education	15%	N = 251	42%	N = 721	17%	N = 296	10%	N = 173	16%	N = 269	100%	N = 1710
Working with local municipalities to accomplish potential housing programs	15%	N = 263	44%	N = 749	16%	N = 269	11%	N = 187	14%	N = 243	100%	N = 1711
Limiting residential development in some remote areas based on elevation, topography or access	32%	N = 555	34%	N = 591	17%	N = 285	10%	N = 180	7%	N = 113	100%	N = 1723
Limiting the size of homes in remote areas	21%	N = 359	25%	N = 426	26%	N = 448	21%	N = 364	7%	N = 122	100%	N = 1718
Limiting the seasons of occupancy of homes in remote areas	5%	N = 92	13%	N = 225	30%	N = 515	38%	N = 648	14%	N = 235	100%	N = 1715

Question 8

Please identify which scenario best represents how you would like Clear Creek County to manage its current resources.	Percent of respondents	Count
Use funds to improve roads and bridges in the county	60%	N = 1004
Use funds to subsidize housing programs	5%	N = 87
Use funds for capital improvement projects such as building new and renovating existing facilities	12%	N = 203
Use funds to build the County's general fund reserve ("rainy day" funds) in preparation of the mining down cycle and for	23%	N = 387
Total	100%	N = 1681

Question 9

When the gap between the County's costs and revenues widens in the coming years, which would you rather see?	Percent of respondents	Count
Reduce service levels	16%	N = 273
Raise property taxes	11%	N = 187
Allow development that would create a new tax base	72%	N = 1212
Total	100%	N = 1672

Question 10

If the County had to reduce services to cut costs, to what extent would you support or oppose the County reducing the level of each of the following services?	Strongly support		Somewhat support		Somewhat oppose		Strongly oppose		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Road and bridge maintenance	4%	N = 60	11%	N = 195	30%	N = 509	54%	N = 931	1%	N = 20	100%	N = 1715
Public safety services (fire, ambulance, etc.)	5%	N = 84	9%	N = 153	27%	N = 454	59%	N = 1002	1%	N = 17	100%	N = 1711
Administrative services (Assessor's Office, Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer's Office)	16%	N = 278	45%	N = 778	27%	N = 467	8%	N = 130	4%	N = 62	100%	N = 1714
Health and Human services	14%	N = 244	33%	N = 571	31%	N = 539	17%	N = 286	4%	N = 71	100%	N = 1711
Land use services (Planning and Zoning, Building, Site Development)	14%	N = 245	42%	N = 717	28%	N = 485	9%	N = 155	6%	N = 102	100%	N = 1704
Law enforcement services	13%	N = 226	21%	N = 352	31%	N = 525	33%	N = 560	3%	N = 47	100%	N = 1710
Public health and environmental health services	12%	N = 207	26%	N = 453	40%	N = 685	17%	N = 299	4%	N = 75	100%	N = 1719
Transfer station/recycling center	10%	N = 172	28%	N = 487	33%	N = 572	24%	N = 412	5%	N = 82	100%	N = 1726

Question 11

If voters were asked to approve a property tax increase to help keep up with current service levels, how much extra per year, if anything, would you be willing to spend to help maintain current service levels?	Percent of respondents	Count
More than \$100 extra per year	19%	N = 330
\$75-\$100 extra per year	23%	N = 387
\$50-\$74 extra per year	16%	N = 271
Less than \$50 extra per year	16%	N = 270
I would not be willing to pay anything extra per year	26%	N = 451
Total	100%	N = 1709

Question 12

To what extent would you support or oppose the Clear Creek Open Space Commission (OSC) purchasing, for open space, privately-owned land that is currently zoned for residential and commercial use so that it remains undeveloped?	Percent of respondents	Count
Strongly support	31%	N = 535
Somewhat support	26%	N = 454
Somewhat oppose	17%	N = 297
Strongly oppose	19%	N = 324
Don't know	7%	N = 115
Total	100%	N = 1725

Question 13

Please indicate how important you feel it is, if at all, that the Commissioners take into account each of the following issues or values when making a future development decision.	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Financial impacts (both costs and revenue potential)	37%	N = 628	44%	N = 750	15%	N = 256	2%	N = 36	2%	N = 36	100%	N = 1705
Public safety	27%	N = 464	48%	N = 820	21%	N = 361	3%	N = 47	1%	N = 17	100%	N = 1709
Impacts on the community (both local and countywide)	26%	N = 434	45%	N = 773	25%	N = 418	2%	N = 30	3%	N = 44	100%	N = 1699
Environmental impacts (air, forests, water, wildlife, noise pollution)	47%	N = 807	32%	N = 550	18%	N = 302	2%	N = 36	1%	N = 15	100%	N = 1710
Economic impacts (local businesses, jobs)	29%	N = 501	45%	N = 773	22%	N = 369	2%	N = 41	1%	N = 24	100%	N = 1708
Fit with the current built environment	19%	N = 322	33%	N = 570	34%	N = 580	11%	N = 186	3%	N = 57	100%	N = 1715
Integration into the character of the community	19%	N = 322	33%	N = 562	37%	N = 633	9%	N = 152	2%	N = 40	100%	N = 1709
Protection of Clear Creek County's historic and cultural assets	24%	N = 404	32%	N = 556	34%	N = 577	9%	N = 153	1%	N = 25	100%	N = 1715
Impacts on infrastructure including roads, water and wastewater	39%	N = 678	44%	N = 758	14%	N = 240	1%	N = 20	1%	N = 22	100%	N = 1718

Question 14

How do you typically heat your home?	Percent of respondents	Count
Wood stove	11%	N = 190
Propane/gas	53%	N = 920
Electricity	12%	N = 201
Other	1%	N = 14
Pellet stove	2%	N = 29
Hot water/steam	1%	N = 9
Solar	1%	N = 9
No response to question	21%	N = 373
Total	100%	N = 1746

Question 15

How interested, if at all, would you be in getting a low interest loan to make energy-efficient improvements in your home if Clear Creek County funded a program?	Percent of respondents	Count
Very interested	32%	N = 545
Somewhat interested	36%	N = 604
Not at all interested	32%	N = 547
Total	100%	N = 1696

Question 16

How likely or unlikely would you be to participate in a county-wide survey specifically regarding your home energy use?	Percent of respondents	Count
Very likely	32%	N = 543
Somewhat likely	35%	N = 589
Somewhat unlikely	11%	N = 190
Very unlikely	19%	N = 318
Don't know	3%	N = 52
Total	100%	N = 1692

Question 17

To what extent do you support or oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects)?	Percent of respondents	Count
Strongly support	49%	N = 821
Somewhat support	31%	N = 512
Somewhat oppose	7%	N = 115
Strongly oppose	9%	N = 157
Don't know	4%	N = 61
Total	100%	N = 1666

Question 18

If you strongly or somewhat support Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opinion? (Please check all that apply.)	Percent of respondents	Count
The increased access to remote areas that could be a result of this project	17%	N = 228
The economic benefits that could be a result of this project	84%	N = 1160
The societal benefits the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	56%	N = 768
Other	7%	N = 100
Environmental benefits/resources available	15%	N = 200

Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.

This question was only asked of respondents who said "somewhat support" or "strongly support" in question 17.

Question 19

If you strongly or somewhat oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opposition? (Please check all that apply.)	Percent of respondents	Count
The visual impact the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	63%	N = 212
The environmental impact the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	60%	N = 203
The increased access to remote areas that could be a result of this project	40%	N = 135
Other	7%	N = 25
Cost concerns	18%	N = 59
Concerns about alternative energy	4%	N = 14

Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.

This question was only asked of respondents who said "somewhat oppose" or "strongly oppose" in question 17.

Question 20

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you would be to do each of the following actions:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Not applicable		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Schedule a free home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills	32%	N = 528	28%	N = 465	14%	N = 234	21%	N = 344	5%	N = 75	100%	N = 1645
Schedule a home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills	15%	N = 249	25%	N = 407	24%	N = 386	30%	N = 490	5%	N = 86	100%	N = 1617

Question 21

Please rate the following categories of Clear Creek County government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The value of services for the taxes paid to Clear Creek County	8%	N = 140	36%	N = 616	35%	N = 589	14%	N = 231	7%	N = 113	100%	N = 1688
The overall direction that Clear Creek County is taking	3%	N = 44	29%	N = 485	36%	N = 597	17%	N = 283	16%	N = 272	100%	N = 1682
The job Clear Creek County government does at welcoming citizen involvement	5%	N = 84	26%	N = 446	32%	N = 548	17%	N = 285	19%	N = 324	100%	N = 1688

Question 22

Please rate the quality of services provided by each of the following Clear Creek County offices or organizations:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Code enforcement	3%	N=56	26%	N=448	23%	N=386	14%	N=240	34%	N=572	100%	N=1703
County Jail	4%	N=61	20%	N=343	10%	N=172	3%	N=56	63%	N=1074	100%	N=1706
Sheriff services	14%	N=246	39%	N=664	18%	N=314	8%	N=137	20%	N=338	100%	N=1700
Clerk and Recorder services	25%	N=421	46%	N=788	16%	N=266	2%	N=36	12%	N=202	100%	N=1713
Assessor's Office	11%	N=184	32%	N=557	21%	N=353	5%	N=86	31%	N=533	100%	N=1713
Treasurer's Office	11%	N=180	31%	N=528	15%	N=256	3%	N=46	41%	N=697	100%	N=1706
Coroner's Office	8%	N=132	15%	N=262	5%	N=80	2%	N=29	70%	N=1202	100%	N=1705
Building Department	3%	N=59	20%	N=347	22%	N=378	10%	N=165	44%	N=758	100%	N=1707
Health and Human Services	5%	N=85	24%	N=414	18%	N=296	6%	N=104	47%	N=791	100%	N=1691
Road and Bridge Department	7%	N=113	24%	N=418	32%	N=547	25%	N=428	12%	N=199	100%	N=1706
Land use/Planning Department	3%	N=44	18%	N=305	26%	N=438	14%	N=233	40%	N=668	100%	N=1688
Public Health and Environmental Health	4%	N=75	21%	N=359	22%	N=376	5%	N=92	47%	N=787	100%	N=1690
Fire services	18%	N=298	38%	N=651	13%	N=227	5%	N=79	26%	N=441	100%	N=1697
Ambulance or emergency medical services	21%	N=354	35%	N=597	11%	N=188	2%	N=40	31%	N=527	100%	N=1706
Veteran's services	2%	N=31	9%	N=158	8%	N=133	5%	N=91	76%	N=1295	100%	N=1706
Senior services	4%	N=74	20%	N=343	9%	N=162	5%	N=78	62%	N=1058	100%	N=1715
Mental health services	1%	N=24	8%	N=141	8%	N=131	9%	N=149	74%	N=1266	100%	N=1712
Mapping Services	7%	N=118	16%	N=282	11%	N=183	3%	N=52	63%	N=1078	100%	N=1713

Question 23

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members visited or used the Clear Creek County Web site?	Percent of respondents	Count
Never	45%	N = 766
Once or twice	27%	N = 462
3 to 12 times	22%	N = 378
13 to 26 times	3%	N = 53
More than 26 times	3%	N = 51
Total	100%	N = 1712

Question 24

If you've used the County's Web site in the last 12 months, please rate each of the following aspects.	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
How current the information is	10%	N = 97	55%	N = 521	23%	N = 219	4%	N = 34	8%	N = 72	100%	N = 944
Appearance	9%	N = 82	50%	N = 472	30%	N = 280	8%	N = 73	4%	N = 37	100%	N = 944
Online services offered	10%	N = 96	36%	N = 343	35%	N = 330	10%	N = 94	8%	N = 78	100%	N = 941
Ease of navigation	9%	N = 83	43%	N = 398	35%	N = 325	10%	N = 93	4%	N = 35	100%	N = 934
Ease of paying or viewing taxes online	6%	N = 58	21%	N = 197	12%	N = 112	5%	N = 42	56%	N = 530	100%	N = 939
Public Trustee foreclosure search	2%	N = 24	14%	N = 127	7%	N = 68	4%	N = 39	73%	N = 686	100%	N = 943
Ease of using the Assessor Property record search	5%	N = 51	20%	N = 189	14%	N = 132	6%	N = 56	54%	N = 511	100%	N = 939

This question was asked only of respondents who had used the County Web site in the last 12 months.

Question 25

If you've used the County's Web site in the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you done each of the following?	Never		Once or twice		3 to 12 times		13 to 26 times		More than 26 times		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Paid or viewed taxes online	68%	N=640	23%	N=220	6%	N=60	1%	N=9	1%	N=8	100%	N=937
Used the Public Trustee foreclosure search	80%	N=747	12%	N=115	5%	N=48	2%	N=17	1%	N=8	100%	N=935
Used Assessor Property record search	59%	N=555	24%	N=229	11%	N=107	3%	N=30	2%	N=17	100%	N=938
Used Land Use permit search	76%	N=716	16%	N=153	6%	N=56	1%	N=12	1%	N=5	100%	N=941
Used Land Use Citizen Response Site (CRM)	90%	N=843	7%	N=70	1%	N=14	1%	N=6	0%	N=4	100%	N=937
Used ClearMap – Interactive Mapping Application	58%	N=541	24%	N=223	13%	N=119	3%	N=33	3%	N=24	100%	N=940

This question was asked only of respondents who had used the County Web site in the last 12 months.

Question D1

How many years have you lived in Clear Creek County?	Percent of respondents	Count
2 years or less	12%	N = 215
3-5 years	16%	N = 275
6-10 years	23%	N = 395
11-15 years	14%	N = 238
16-20 years	12%	N = 201
21-30 years	12%	N = 200
More than 30 years	12%	N = 201
Total	100%	N = 1724
Average number of years	14.2	N = 1724

Question D2

What is your zip code?	Percent of respondents	Count
80439	40%	N = 682
80452	33%	N = 573
80444	14%	N = 234
80436	6%	N = 106
80438	4%	N = 70
80476	2%	N = 40
80437	1%	N = 13
80247	0%	N = 0
80415	0%	N = 0
80429	0%	N = 0
80434	0%	N = 2
80456	0%	N = 1
80498	0%	N = 0
Total	100%	N = 1722

Question D3

With what community do you associate yourself?	Percent of respondents	Count
Idaho Springs	27%	N = 463
Georgetown/Silver Plume	16%	N = 267
Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	13%	N = 216
Evergreen	11%	N = 192
Upper Bear Creek	10%	N = 164
Dumont-Lawson-Downieville	6%	N = 95
Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	6%	N = 108
Brook Forest	5%	N = 77
Empire	4%	N = 64
Old Squaw Pass	2%	N = 29
Bakerville	0%	N = 6
Other	1%	N = 19
Total	100%	N = 1699

Question D4

Are you currently employed for pay?	Percent of respondents	Count
No	21%	N = 355
Yes, full time	67%	N = 1147
Yes, part time	12%	N = 206
Total	100%	N = 1708

Question D5

Where is your place of employment?	Percent of respondents	Count
Clear Creek County	36%	N = 483
Jefferson County	22%	N = 296
Denver	18%	N = 244
Other	7%	N = 94
Other Denver metro location	6%	N = 87
Summit County	4%	N = 53
Gilpin County	3%	N = 35
No response to question	5%	N = 62
Total	100%	N = 1352

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D6

How do you typically get to and from work?	Percent of respondents	Count
Always work from home	10%	N = 136
Drive myself	75%	N = 1016
Carpool	4%	N = 49
Walk	2%	N = 27
Bike	0%	N = 2
Other	1%	N = 7
No response to question	5%	N = 74
By plane	1%	N = 16
Bus/shuttle	2%	N = 26
Total	100%	N = 1352

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D7

On average, about how many miles is your daily work commute (to and from work)?	Percent of respondents	Count
Zero miles	11%	N = 145
1-10 miles	16%	N = 202
11-25 miles	18%	N = 234
26-50 miles	29%	N = 378
51-75 miles	12%	N = 158
More than 75 miles	14%	N = 186
Total	100%	N = 1304
Average number of miles (including those with zero miles)	38.4	N = 1304
Average number of miles (excluding those with zero miles)	43.2	N = 1159

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D8: Number of Vehicles

How many vehicles does your household own/lease?	Percent of respondents	Count
None reported	3%	N = 51
One	21%	N = 374
Two	41%	N = 716
Three	21%	N = 367
Four or more	14%	N = 238
Total	100%	N = 1746
How many vehicles does your household own/lease?	2.2	N = 1746

Question D8: Miles Traveled

For each household vehicle, please estimate the number of miles traveled per year on each.	Less than 5,000 miles		5,000-9,999 miles		10,000 to 19,999 miles		20,000+ miles		No miles reported		Total		Average number of miles	
Vehicle #1	17%	N = 289	8%	N = 135	40%	N = 677	27%	N = 465	8%	N = 128	100%	N = 1694	14,315	N = 1575
Vehicle #2	28%	N = 373	14%	N = 178	35%	N = 458	15%	N = 195	9%	N = 116	100%	N = 1320	10,215	N = 1211
Vehicle #3	54%	N = 325	21%	N = 126	11%	N = 68	2%	N = 12	12%	N = 72	100%	N = 604	4,228	N = 543
Vehicle #4	59%	N = 141	10%	N = 24	6%	N = 14	3%	N = 7	22%	N = 52	100%	N = 238	3,148	N = 201

This question was only asked of respondents who reported having at least one vehicle. Cars for which no miles were reported are not included in average miles.

Question D9

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent of respondents	Count
One family house detached from any other houses	83%	N = 1431
House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome)	5%	N = 78
Building with two or more apartments or condos	7%	N = 124
Mobile home	4%	N = 64
Other	2%	N = 28
Total	100%	N = 1725

Question D10

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent of respondents	Count
Rented for cash or occupied without cash payment?	22%	N = 367
Owned by you or someone in this house?	78%	N = 1337
Total	100%	N = 1705

Question D11

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, utilities, etc.)?	Percent of respondents	Count
Less than \$599 per month	11%	N = 190
\$600 to \$999 per month	23%	N = 379
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	22%	N = 362
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	32%	N = 536
\$2,500 to \$3,999 per month	10%	N = 175
\$4,000 or more per month	2%	N = 42
Total	100%	N = 1684

Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent of respondents	Count
Less than \$24,999	12%	N = 203
\$25,000 to \$49,999	24%	N = 394
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33%	N = 551
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19%	N = 311
\$150,000 or more	12%	N = 191
Total	100%	N = 1650

Question D13

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent of respondents	Count
No	72%	N = 1229
Yes	28%	N = 486
Total	100%	N = 1715

Question D14

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent of respondents	Count
No	86%	N = 1481
Yes	14%	N = 238
Total	100%	N = 1719

Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent of respondents	Count
18-24 years	1%	N = 22
25-34 years	19%	N = 320
35-44 years	21%	N = 366
45-54 years	34%	N = 576
55-64 years	15%	N = 251
65-74 years	7%	N = 114
75 years or older	3%	N = 52
Total	100%	N = 1701

Question D16

What is your gender?	Percent of respondents	Count
Female	49%	N = 817
Male	51%	N = 866
Total	100%	N = 1683

Appendix D: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Survey Questions

Following are verbatim responses to open-ended questions on the survey. Because these responses were written by survey participants, they are presented here in verbatim form, including any typographical, grammar or other mistakes. Within each question the responses are in alphabetical order.

Question 2: what are your reasons for living in Clear Creek County? (Mark all that apply.)

Other

- A live in relationship brought me here.
- Accident.
- Big mistake.
- Blend of City Country Lifestyle
- Business popper.
- Can have more than 3 dogs!
- Cannot afford to move.
- Can't afford to move.
- Can't afford to move.
- Can't sell our house.
- Can't stand people.
- Churches.
- Close to our 1st home 40 miles g-town is 2nd home.
- Don't live in county
- Eclipse snow park.
- Fate
- Future mining opportunities
- Health
- Honest & calm
- Hope that county planning deals with financial future & not just preserving the past.
- HVD Home
- I have always lived here.
- Invested in home that is hard to sell.
- It's in the maintenance and close to driving.
- Less people.
- Less regulation
- Local ownership / relative lack of chain / big box stores.
- Low population country ability to make a difference less population.
- May be we'll start mining again!
- Middle in the yard!
- My backward my life!
- My husband lives here.
- No HDA
- Own home
- Own summer home.
- Peace & quiet privacy.
- People / values
- Pet approval.
- Privacy
- Privacy
- Properties own rental and investment real estate.
- Purchased a foreclosure residential 1987 for retirement home.
- Quiet
- Quiet secluded.
- Quiet, non-motorized, non-commercial recreation.
- Quiet.
- Relocation
- Retired
- Retired out here in 2003.
- Should not have moved non school.
- Solar community.
- Taking 1-2 year sabbatical.
- The house we found happened to be in GC.
- To recover from surge.
- Trapped.
- Vacation home.
- We are leaving.
- What happens to taxes when the mine shuts down?
- Where my house relocated.
- Would like to move but can't

Question 3: When thinking about your quality of life in Clear Creek County, which ONE factor would you say matters the most in making yours an "excellent" quality of life?

Other

- Been here since 1961
- Being left alone by gov't
- Broadband Internet.
- Building.
- Changing I-70.
- Financial assistance to help low income seniors continue to live independently.
- Freedom-no sheriff vehicles locking down our neighbourhod!

- Home
- Hope that we recognize that the county & particularly Georgetown needs a future viable financial structure
- It's scary here with all the drug use.
- Jesus is my savior! I am Serious
- Job service center availability.
- Laid-back
- Low impact recreation manpower environment.
- My wife lives here
- No excellent quality of life.
- None apply.
- None of the above.
- None of the above.
- None.
- None.
- Pet approval.
- Poor road maintenance if you can't get in or out of the area the rest doesn't matter.
- Privacy
- Privacy
- Probation
- Quiet
- Quiet & secluded
- Some day the roads will be fixed and plowed in the winter. I pay the tax and get no help.
- Used to be privacy w/o local gov-controls.

Question 14: How do you typically heat your home?

Other

- All three
- All.
- CNG
- Combination of all 3
- Not your business.
- Radiant heat
- Radiant heat
- Radiant heat.

Question 18: If you strongly or somewhat support Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opinion? (Please check all that apply.)

Environmental

- All areas of Cola should be more energy efficient & environmentally aware.
- Allow clear creek to generate our own energy
- Alternative energy is our future!
- Alternative energy resources for homeowners.
- Alternative energy sources
- Alternative energy sources are essential.
- Alternative energy sources are essential. We must be willing to accommodate in our backyard.
- Alternative energy.
- As long as it replaces exciting resources, alternative energy is a necessity.
- Become independent, Get off the grid, higher energy costs.
- Being green is great.
- Benefits to world. Climate
- Better access to greener energy.
- Better overall for the environment.
- CAC has good wind & sun for these projects.

- Capturing environmental Resources.
- Cheaper utilities, social responsibility.
- Clean energy future.
- Clean power for mining
- Clean Renewable energy.
- Cleaner / healthier environment.
- Cleaner energy source - renewable source!
- Cleaner energy, less pollution, cleaner air & water.
- Cleaner Energy.
- Cleaner use - green.
- Cleaner would want serious safety guards on turbines!
- Clear energy
- Clear energy.
- Common sense - its Wendy - use it
- Common Sense.
- Common sense-gas & oil will only go so far and will run out eventual.
- "Compared to cabin creek this would be an environmental and visual ""No brainier""."
- Consider energy resources (green) that do not reg. Impact our environment.
- Contribution to retain energy supply.
- County-wide self sufficiency.
- Decrease dependence on fossil fuel
- Doing our part to save the planet.
- Ecological impact & benefits to planet
- Energy benefits of solar for conservation.
- Energy conservation
- Energy efficient.
- Energy Independence.
- Energy security.
- Environmental benefits
- Environment clean energy
- Environmental benefits.
- Environ mentally a better alternative to use these energy sources
- Environment & green applications.
- Environment protection.
- Environmental
- Environmental
- Environmental (overall).
- Environmental benefits
- Environmental benefits
- Environmental benefits of cleaner fuels.
- Environmental benefits of reduced fossil fuel use.
- Environmental benefits of renewable energy.
- Environmental benefits.
- Environmental benefits.
- Environmental impact reduction.
- Environmental impact with reduction of fossil fuels.
- Environmental impact.
- Environmental impact.
- Environmental improvement.
- Environmental responsibility.
- Environmental SOS Fainalertiey.
- Environmental stewardship.
- Environmental!
- Environmental, logical use of terrain.
- Environmental.
- Environmentally correct.
- Environmentally responsible
- Essential to the environmental impacts globally. All communities should consider this.

- Global benefits of alternative energy sources.
- Global movement to alternative energy.
- Global responsibility re energy consumption.
- Go green!
- Going green
- Green energy + energy independence is absolutely necessary the positive environment impact for everyone.
- Help move our community toward fossil fuel free energy.
- Help reduce dependency on fissile fuels.
- High winds in this areas.
- I strongly support all queen energy - we need this now.
- I strongly support alternative energy.
- I Support any advancement of alternative energy.
- I support clean alternatives to burning fossil fuels.
- I think its our duty to think environmentally sound and be responsible.
- I use energy. I want clean energy. And I will allow it in my backyard.
- I'd like the environmentally friendly power but it would have to be done in a way that would not ruin the scenery.
- If they were responsibly developed along I-70 corridor & not in remote locations.
- I'm green.
- Impact on environment.
- Imrose environment.
- In general, can entire country needs to develop alternative source of energy.
- In the environment
- Increased use of alternate energy.
- Increasing energy sustainability is of high value.
- Intelligent use of natural free resources instead of coal / die.
- It is our civic & environmental responsibility to find natural energy alternatives and use them.
- It is the right thing to do
- It is the right thing to do and I want cc county to set an example.
- It makes sense & the right thing to do.
- ITS 2010, alternative energy is the long term way to go!
- It's just the right thing to do
- It's the right things to do.
- It's the same thing to do and should be done everywhere to reduce fossil fuel dependency.
- It's the right thing to do for the plant.
- Jobs & energy from site instead of area.
- Jobs, environment.
- Joining others in finding ways to protect our planet.
- Leadership in environmental responsibility.
- Less dependence on oil.
- Lessen our dependence on coal & oil (Environmental Impact)
- Lets get with the go green like Estes Park or Boulder.
- Lots of wind at St Mary's-use it.
- Low impact-high revenue-start to / eliminate dependence on fossil fuel
- Lower demand on fossil fuels.
- Lower our carbon footprint and energy usage.
- Make CCC on energy producer for the eastern slope.
- Make the Co. Green.
- Movement towards energy independence.
- My perception that we need to get off of middle fast oil.
- National and state need for clean energy.
- Need to have local alternative energy.
- Non coal Pollution!!!
- Ocean non-polling energy
- "Only 1% could add to total cost of ""Green"" every."
- Our entire country should be developing after native non polluting energy services
- Our strong winds and transmissions live access is great.
- Our town would be a flagship in taking a step forward in alternative energy
- Over the next several generations-minored energy.

- Plenty of wind.
- Positive environmental impact.
- Promote non-carbon fuel sources of energy.
- Promotion of alternative energy sources is essential to the future of the USA.
- Reduce Carbon Footprint
- Reduce dependence Gas & Oil, improve Environment.
- Reduce dependence on foreign oil.
- Reduce pollution & fossil fuel dependently.
- Reduce reliance on oil & coal.
- Reduce use of fossil fuels.
- Reduced dependence on non-renewable resources.
- Reduced use of coal, natural gas, & other fossil fuels.
- Reduces air pollution and fossil fuel dependence.
- Reduces use of natural gas & elec.
- Reduction in CO2 emissions.
- Reduction of per-capita CO2 emissions.
- Responsibility to do good.
- Same the planet!
- Save environment from pollution.
- Save the planet.
- Setting an example for clean energy use.
- Slightly less dependence on coal-fired power plants.
- Slowing global warming.
- Support of alternative energy development.
- Support of renewable sustainable non-oil energy.
- Supporter of renewable energies.
- Taking responsibility for reducing impact on climate change.
- Tax base, jobs, reducing fossil fuel use.
- The alternative is more coal fired plants - bad for health and for the environment.
- The benefits to environment of renewable
- The benefits to our planet as a whole.
- The change to more efficient energy is very important.
- The environmental benefits of using cleaner energy.
- The environmental benefits to offset 1-70 pollution.
- The environmental benefits, both locally and regionally.
- The Environmental benefits.
- The environmental impact over time and the draw in people with like minded values. Renewable are the way/direction our nations joining!
- The high winds we have could generate enough energy to run this whole country.
- The reduction on oil Dependency.
- The way of the future.
- Think it's a good use of wind!
- To cut down on fossil fuel use.
- To green.
- To have non-oil based energy sources.
- To solve the problems of today we have to come up with solutions for tomorrow
- Use land coal to make eledual.
- Using less is more - good thing.
- Using out natural windy area would be useful.
- Utilize mother-nature, it can get very windy!
- We all need to do our part to wear ourselves of fossil fuels.
- We all need to seek alternative energy source good. Planning can be effective and result in low environmental impact.
- We have the wind let's use its benefits.
- We need it
- We need not destroy the beauty of our environment.
- We need to develop alternative resources of energy.
- We need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels

- "We need to touch at a literature energy sources and be more ""green"" hopefully not be an eye source."
- We support any effort to develop alternative energy sources.

Other

- Alternative to excel
- Being an example and leader in the area - starting a ripple effect.
- Broader several and global benefits.
- By Georgetown lake has the property & wind needed for it.
- Cell phone service, please.
- Concerned of costs involved.
- Creation of modern infrastructure.
- Decroco reliance or propane
- Electricity is good to have.
- Get ahead of the inevitable!
- I do not support taking away homeowners remote area privacy by widening mountain roads to install wind turbines!
- I oppose the wind turbines but approve of solar.
- I specifically oppose increased access as a reason.
- I Support Renewal energy like Wind & Selas Strongly.
- In remote areas only.
- It is the 21st Century.
- It would depend where located i.e. MTY top, etc.
- Keeping the open space & wind governments is harmony.
- Keeps other development uses from happening.
- Location, type and cost.
- Long term benefit to the state/country too.
- Many benefits to improving technology.
- Many of our residents live remotely, even in city/town centers. Dependence on the grid is narrow-sighted. Alternate sources are also a backup.
- Must be won planned and a real economic benefit without subsidies.
- No Gov't funding please.
- No wind turbines - solar only.
- Not interested in being an energy farm for Denver.
- Only if it makes economic sense to the county not the developers or EDC.
- Only if there is acceptable space.
- Participate in acceptable national energy production methods.
- Reduce energy depending on coal tail.
- Responsible placement of equipment and economic benefits this has to be a win/win situation.
- Return to residents if the county doesn't stool it first.
- Supports sound national policy
- The mining industry will need to be replaced if it turns down.
- This dead town might come 2 live!
- This would be a good thing.
- We can do it without effecting remote areas.
- We recently in stalled a solar system for our home and are very pleased with it.
- We should take a lead ship role on our on every future in CCC.
- What societal benefits?

Question 19: If you strongly or somewhat oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opposition? (Please check all that apply.)

Cost concerns

- All the "alternatives" are less efficient and more costly!
- Concern that large scale alternative energy sources may not be economically viable without heavy sub side faction.
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost

- Cost / Benefit ratio does not justify the concept.
- Cost for infrastructure.
- Cost us benefit reliability consistency.
- Cost us production of energy.
- Costs benefits don't add up.
- Costs too much for what you get.
- Current technology isn't cost effective.
- Despite the rhetoric, this will cost me money.
- Doesn't pay back.
- Don't feel the cost would be justified.
- Don't spend \$ here.
- Don't want my tax dollars to fund this project.
- Economic all these perfects make no sense would support hydro electric.
- Expense w/o much return in revenue.
- Financial cost of upkeep and installation.
- Financial reasons
- Huge waste of tax dollars w/current technology this would be a political move only!
- I feel they are not yet cost executive at this time.
- I think turbines are ugly and don't produce enough bang for tar buck. Net negative.
- "If other energy were economically the county would not need to subsidizing them "
- Increased taxes.
- Infrastructure costs / economically, not possible.
- It is not cost effective & is unsightly
- Lack of un-subsidized pay back.
- Low value, i.e. Rate of return vs cost. Inefficient source.
- No clear stats that these type of energy sources actually decrease energy costs.
- Not a cost effective measure for energy - has to be subsidized by the government not efficient at this point in time.
- Not cost effective increases cost of energy to citizens.
- Not cost effective!
- Not cost effective.
- Not cost effective.
- Not economical over the long term.
- Not economically make at this time.
- Not economically spend
- Not efficient enough, costly to connect to the net. Use our abundant coal.
- Not likely economically liable here
- Potential cost & questionable benefit to residents.
- Return in investment too long, technology is not sufficiently developed to make this economically feasible.
- The cost of the project.
- The cost to county taxpayers & damage to their property values.
- The low number of jobs that will be produced aren't worth all the other impacts large-scale projects will have on county.
- The over all economic viability of these projects is very poor.
- The tax payers of clean creek county would have to sub size the project and it isn't cost effective, the use of oil, gas and coal is much less expensive.
- These methods are not economically viable Without subsidies.
- These projects are not competitive cost wise.
- They are not cost effective
- They are not financially viable without taxpayer support!
- They don't make that much difference compared to cost/ impact.
- This should be market driven, the cant should stay out.
- This staff doesn't work unless subsidized & we know who pays in the end.
- Too Expensive.
- Too expensive.
- Too expensive.
- Unit cost of energy.
- Unsure economic value.
- Very small pay back for east up front.

- Waist of Money.
- Waste of money.
- Waste of money.
- Wind and solar are not cost effective ways to generate energy. . . Backup generation further must the meet easily decision costs
- Wind is to noisy neither is cost effective
- Would have to be subsidized by other taxes.

Concerns about alternative energy

- Alternative energy is not efficient and wastes too much space and resources for no benefit!
- Alternative energy is not ready for prime time yet!!
- Alternative energy sources are 1-2 generations from becoming viable.
- Alternative energy sources are not efficient at all!
- Don't work
- Economically unsound technology-spurred on by global warming scare tactics.
- I strongly oppose the green movement.
- Most alternative energy sources are inefficient/ineffective.
- Not a viable energy source cant be done without sub cities
- Not energy efficient.
- Not optimum source of solar or wind here.
- Resources not efficient.
- The reliability of these sources.

Other

- All of the above.
- Bring in too many new people.
- Cast assuming gov. Subsidies to install & operate this is a Sal lacy in the promotions on alternative energy.
- County should not be involved in providing alternative energy sources.
- Detrimental to tourism /lowering of quality of life.
- Doesn't save all that much window dressing.
- Due to topography, wind conditions and locations; CC county is net a good location for these projects. Water power is our best renewable energy source. These other projects are just "boondoggles" by developers!!
- Each house can have its own solar system (Not a large one for every one)
- Each of sun wind in a lot of area.
- Energy Generally goes flog cities, not local communities
- Favor solar on roof of houses to centralized utility.
- Geography/silver plus is a historic landmark dist. There are lots of other locations before we create a visual impart divinely the dist.
- Government control of all of our lives & decisions about our homes & energy usages! these should voted on and be decided by "owe the people" thorough state & country legislation. Fed. Govt. Has no business here!
- Happy with current energy sources and cost
- I don't encourage inefficient energy sources.
- I don't want greed & personal revenue to/be the motivation.
- Negative financial impact to all resident's.
- Noise
- Noise Impact
- Not suitable environments.
- Only small passive solar would be appropriate for this environment.
- Outside scope of county competence & expensive.
- Potential negative impacts outweigh energy produced and economic benefits - jobs?
- Size alone very intrusive to life style.
- Solar is greats concerned about wind turbine son birds.
- Space, Space, Space.
- The Noise Pollution.
- They are a joke. Let energy be determined by the market.
- Use/increased use of
- Very opposed to wind / supportive of solar.
- We do not need it.

- Who benefits? Who pays? Too many questions.
- Wind: Not Consistent; Dollar not enough flat land.

Question D3: With what community do you associate yourself?

Other

- | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Arapaho forest mill creek. | • Blue valley. | • Mill Creek. |
| • Blue valley | • Blue valley. | • Not your business. |
| • Blue Valley | • Denver | • Russell Gulch. |
| • Blue Valley | • Family in Denver. | • Russell Gulch |
| • Blue Valley | • Free / and mining district | • Spring Gulch |
| • Blue valley areas. | • Mill creek park | • Spring Gulch 130 Rd |
| • Blue valley. | • Mill creek park. | |

Question D5: Where is your place of employment?

Other

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| • Across USA. | • New Mexico, Los Alamos Los Alamos Natl. Labs. |
| • Alaska. | • Newark, NJ. |
| • All | • Not your business. |
| • All over | • NY |
| • All over | • Out of state |
| • All over co. | • Out of state. |
| • All over mobile | • Out of state. |
| • All over state. | • Out of state. |
| • Anywhere | • Over the road truck driver. |
| • At hayed/travel | • Racine, WI. |
| • Boston | • San Francisco, Ca. |
| • Boston I travel | • San Francisco. |
| • Brighton, Co. | • Self |
| • California Washington New Mexico. | • Self employed |
| • Chicago | • Self. |
| • Chicago IL | • Statewide |
| • Colorado springs. | • Statewide |
| • Ct | • Texas |
| • DIA-dot. | • Travel |
| • Disabled. | • Travel |
| • Grand | • Travel all over USA |
| • Grand. | • Travel out of state. |
| • Independent contractor | • Travel to DIA. |
| • Liberty, mo | • USA |
| • Local & national. | • Varies. |
| • MA | • Virginia |
| • Morrison | • West Slope. |
| • Nation-wide. | • Where ever work is. |

Question D6: How do you typically get to and from work?

Other

- 2 days downtown Denver 2 days @ home.
- 2 Jobs, double occupancy.
- Co-CTR
- Sometimes, job down.
- Typically travel out of state.

Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area

Comparisons for Incorporated versus Unincorporated Areas

Responses for select survey questions are compared by geographic area of residence (incorporated versus unincorporated areas) in this appendix. Cells shaded grey indicate statistically significant differences ($p \leq .05$).

Households located in incorporated versus unincorporated areas were identified through geocoding at the time the survey sample was created. Different colored surveys were used to identify completed surveys from the two areas. For each political entity (incorporated or unincorporated), the margin of error rises to as much as plus or minus 3% for a sample size of 1,395 surveys completed by residents living in unincorporated areas of Clear Creek County, to plus or minus 5% for 351 surveys completed by residents living in incorporated areas of the county.

Geographic Location	Percent of respondents	Number of respondents
Incorporated	20%	351
Unincorporated	80%	1395
Total	100%	1,746

Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Clear Creek County: (Percent "excellent" or "good")	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Clear Creek County as a place to live	73%	86%	83%
Clear Creek County as a place to raise children	53%	65%	62%
Clear Creek County as a place to work	26%	29%	29%
Clear Creek County as a place to retire	59%	66%	65%
The overall quality of life in Clear Creek County	58%	78%	74%

Question 2			
What are your reasons for living in Clear Creek County? (Mark all that apply.)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Affordability	45%	53%	52%
Arts and cultural opportunities	2%	2%	2%
Close to family/friends	27%	20%	21%
Close to work	44%	30%	33%
County-provided services	5%	6%	6%
Educational and learning opportunities	4%	3%	3%
Fiscally sound government	2%	4%	4%
Land/home values	20%	35%	32%
Large lots/acreage	11%	45%	38%
Location	54%	62%	61%
Mining character	17%	12%	13%
My town/city	25%	17%	19%
Natural environment	62%	69%	68%
Public safety	13%	15%	15%
Quality of life in general	39%	53%	50%
Recreation opportunities	47%	51%	50%
Rural character	45%	54%	52%
Schools	9%	11%	11%
Sense of community	34%	26%	27%
Sense of safety	31%	33%	33%
Thriving economy	2%	1%	1%
Value of services for taxes paid	5%	12%	11%
Other	3%	4%	4%
Lived here a long time	1%	1%	1%

Total may exceed 100% because respondents could select more than one category.

Question 3

When thinking about your quality of life in Clear Creek County, which ONE factor would you say matters the most in making yours an "excellent" quality of life? (Please select only one.)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Affordability	14%	9%	10%
Arts and cultural opportunities	0%	0%	0%
Close to family/friends	8%	6%	6%
Close to work	8%	4%	5%
County-provided services	0%	1%	1%
Educational and learning opportunities	0%	0%	0%
Fiscally sound government	0%	0%	0%
Land/home values	1%	2%	2%
Large lots/acreage	0%	5%	4%
Location	11%	11%	11%
Mining character	0%	1%	1%
My town/city	2%	2%	2%
Natural environment	19%	26%	25%
Public safety	0%	0%	0%
Quality of life in general	8%	13%	12%
Recreation opportunities	10%	5%	6%
Rural character	4%	7%	6%
Schools	0%	1%	1%
Sense of community	9%	2%	3%
Sense of safety	1%	2%	2%
Thriving economy	1%	0%	1%
Value of services for taxes paid	0%	1%	1%
Other	2%	3%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question 4

Please rate the speed of growth in the following categories in Clear Creek County over the past 2 years:	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Population growth seen as too fast	9%	22%	19%
Retail growth seen as too slow	78%	55%	60%
Jobs growth seen as too slow	93%	86%	87%

Question 5

For each of the following categories, please rate the speed of growth you would prefer in Clear Creek County over the next 5 years.	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Prefer slower population growth	18%	31%	28%
Prefer faster retail growth	77%	56%	61%
Prefer faster jobs growth	89%	81%	83%

Question 6

Please indicate how important, if at all, each of the following ideas are to helping make Clear Creek County a great place to live for you and future generations. (Percent "essential" or "very important.")	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Preserving natural areas, habitats and open land (forest, habitat and open lands)	84%	88%	87%
Including a mix of housing types for all ages and income levels in every community	65%	46%	50%
Keeping the scenic beauty of Clear Creek County	87%	93%	92%
Preserving historic homes and buildings	63%	65%	64%
Adding public transportation (e.g., bus service)	52%	42%	44%
Encouraging a mix of housing, shopping, and offices in the same area when development occurs	46%	36%	38%
Protecting our air and water quality	91%	92%	92%
Reducing our energy usage	62%	67%	66%
Preserving 'small town' character	70%	77%	75%
Promoting tourism	68%	53%	56%
Enhancing public spaces, parks, and trails	74%	72%	73%
Stopping all development	5%	9%	8%
Permitting selected development that matches residents' values	64%	56%	57%
Encouraging renovation and improvement of existing commercial areas	69%	65%	66%
Encouraging new commercial development	52%	35%	38%
Supporting responsible mining	63%	63%	63%

Question 7

To what extent would you support or oppose the County doing each of the following? (Percent "strongly" or "somewhat" support.)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Strengthening its code enforcement efforts (e.g., hiring new officer to seek out violations versus responding only to complaints)	46%	46%	46%
Encouraging historic preservation through voluntary programs	87%	92%	91%
Increasing the supply of new housing in the \$100,000-250,000 range	72%	59%	62%
Upgrading existing workforce housing	82%	74%	75%
Providing home buyer education	70%	67%	67%
Working with local municipalities to accomplish potential housing programs	78%	67%	69%
Limiting residential development in some remote areas based on elevation, topography or access	68%	72%	71%
Limiting the size of homes in remote areas	46%	50%	49%
Limiting the seasons of occupancy of homes in remote areas	20%	22%	21%

Question 8

Please identify which scenario best represents how you would like Clear Creek County to manage its current resources.	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Use funds to improve roads and bridges in the county	56%	61%	60%
Use funds to subsidize housing programs	12%	4%	5%
Use funds for capital improvement projects such as building new and renovating existing facilities	12%	12%	12%
Use funds to build the County's general fund reserve ("rainy day" funds) in preparation of the mining down cycle and for future expenditures	20%	24%	23%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question 9

When the gap between the County's costs and revenues widens in the coming years, which would you rather see?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Reduce service levels	13%	17%	16%
Raise property taxes	10%	11%	11%
Allow development that would create a new tax base	76%	72%	72%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question 10

If the County had to reduce services to cut costs, to what extent would you support or oppose the County reducing the level of each of the following services? (Percent "strongly" or "somewhat" support.)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Road and bridge maintenance	18%	14%	15%
Public safety services (fire, ambulance, etc.)	21%	12%	14%
Administrative services (Assessor's Office, Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer's Office)	62%	64%	64%
Health and Human services	45%	51%	50%
Land use services (Planning and Zoning, Building, Site Development)	56%	61%	60%
Law enforcement services	47%	32%	35%
Public health and environmental health services	37%	41%	40%
Transfer station/recycling center	41%	40%	40%

Question 11

If voters were asked to approve a property tax increase to help keep up with current service levels, how much extra per year, if anything, would you be willing to spend to help maintain current service levels?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
More than \$100 extra per year	14%	21%	19%
\$75-\$100 extra per year	24%	22%	23%
\$50-\$74 extra per year	14%	16%	16%
Less than \$50 extra per year	19%	15%	16%
I would not be willing to pay anything extra per year	28%	26%	26%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question 12

	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
To what extent would you support or oppose the Clear Creek Open Space Commission (OSC) purchasing, for open space, privately-owned land that is currently zoned for residential and commercial use (in such areas as Floyd Hill, Empire Junction, Bakerville and Dumont-Lawson-Downieville areas) so that it remains undeveloped?	55%	63%	61%

Question 13

Please indicate how important you feel it is, if at all, that the Commissioners take into account each of the following issues or values when making a future development decision. (Percent "essential" or "very important".)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Financial impacts (both costs and revenue potential)	83%	82%	83%
Public safety	76%	76%	76%
Impacts on the community (both local and countywide)	68%	74%	73%
Environmental impacts (air, forests, water, wildlife, noise pollution)	79%	80%	80%
Economic impacts (local businesses, jobs)	80%	75%	76%
Fit with the current built environment	54%	54%	54%
Integration into the character of the community	55%	53%	53%
Protection of Clear Creek County's historic and cultural assets	62%	56%	57%
Impacts on infrastructure including roads, water and wastewater	85%	85%	85%

Question 14

How do you typically heat your home?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Wood stove	8%	12%	11%
Propane/gas	53%	52%	53%
Electricity	14%	11%	12%
Other	1%	1%	1%
Pellet stove	1%	2%	2%
Hot water/steam	0%	1%	1%
Solar	0%	1%	1%
No response to question	22%	21%	21%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question 15

How interested, if at all, would you be in getting a low interest loan to make energy-efficient improvements in your home if Clear Creek County funded a program?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Very interested	35%	31%	32%
Somewhat interested	36%	35%	36%
Not at all interested	28%	33%	32%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question 16

	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
How likely or unlikely would you be to participate in a county-wide survey specifically regarding your home energy use? (Percent "very" or "somewhat" likely.)	66%	70%	69%

Question 17

	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
To what extent do you support or oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects)? (Percent "strongly" or "somewhat" support.)	87%	82%	83%

Question 18

If you strongly or somewhat support Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opinion? (Please check all that apply.)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
The increased access to remote areas that could be a result of this project	15%	17%	17%
The economic benefits that could be a result of this project	88%	84%	84%
The societal benefits the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	57%	56%	56%
Environmental benefits/resources available	20%	13%	15%
Other	4%	8%	7%

*Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.
This question was only asked of respondents who said "somewhat support" or "strongly support" in question 17.*

Question 19

If you strongly or somewhat oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opposition? (Please check all that apply.)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
The visual impact the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	61%	63%	63%
The environmental impact the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	52%	62%	60%
The increased access to remote areas that could be a result of this project	41%	40%	40%
Cost concerns	6%	20%	18%
Concerns about alternative energy	6%	4%	4%
Other	14%	6%	7%

*Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.
This question was only asked of respondents who said "somewhat oppose" or "strongly oppose" in question 17.*

Question 20

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you would be to do each of the following actions: (Percent "very" or "somewhat" likely.)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Schedule a free home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills	66%	62%	63%
Schedule a home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills	47%	42%	43%

Question 21

Please rate the following categories of Clear Creek County government performance: (Percent "excellent" or "good".)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
The value of services for the taxes paid to Clear Creek County	39%	50%	48%
The overall direction that Clear Creek County is taking	33%	39%	38%
The job Clear Creek County government does at welcoming citizen involvement	34%	40%	39%

Question 22

Please rate the quality of services provided by each of the following Clear Creek County offices or organizations: (Percent "excellent" or "good".)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Code enforcement	32%	48%	45%
County Jail	68%	62%	64%
Sheriff services	62%	68%	67%
Clerk and Recorder services	81%	80%	80%
Assessor's Office	64%	63%	63%
Treasurer's Office	67%	71%	70%
Coroner's Office	82%	77%	78%
Building Department	41%	43%	43%
Health and Human Services	56%	55%	56%
Road and Bridge Department	27%	37%	35%
Land use/Planning Department	34%	34%	34%
Public Health and Environmental Health	47%	49%	48%
Fire services	78%	75%	76%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	81%	81%	81%
Veteran's services	41%	47%	46%
Senior services	57%	65%	63%
Mental health services	30%	40%	37%
Mapping Services	67%	62%	63%

Question 23

	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members visited or used the Clear Creek County Web site? (Percent at least once.)	52%	56%	55%

Question 24

If you've used the County's Web site in the last 12 months, please rate each of the following aspects. (Percent "excellent" or "good".)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
How current the information is	70%	71%	71%
Appearance	60%	61%	61%
Online services offered	47%	52%	51%
Ease of navigation	54%	53%	54%
Ease of paying or viewing taxes online	52%	65%	62%
Public Trustee foreclosure search	61%	58%	59%
Ease of using the Assessor Property record search	53%	57%	56%

This question was asked only of respondents who had used the County Web site in the last 12 months.

Question 25

If you've used the County's Web site in the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you done each of the following? (Percent at least once.)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Paid or viewed taxes online	26%	33%	32%
Used the Public Trustee foreclosure search	18%	21%	20%
Used Assessor Property record search	34%	42%	41%
Used Land Use permit search	20%	25%	24%
Used Land Use Citizen Response Site (CRM)	7%	11%	10%
Used ClearMap – Interactive Mapping Application	42%	43%	42%

This question was asked only of respondents who had used the County Web site in the last 12 months.

Question D1

How many years have you lived in Clear Creek County?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
2 years or less	14%	12%	12%
3-5 years	19%	15%	16%
6-10 years	16%	25%	23%
11-15 years	14%	14%	14%
16-20 years	15%	11%	12%
21-30 years	10%	12%	12%
More than 30 years	12%	11%	12%
Average number of years	14.5	14.1	14.2

Question D2			
What is your zip code?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
80247	0%	0%	0%
80415	0%	0%	0%
80429	0%	0%	0%
80434	0%	0%	0%
80436	2%	7%	6%
80437	0%	1%	1%
80438	19%	0%	4%
80439	2%	49%	40%
80444	64%	1%	14%
80452	5%	40%	33%
80456	0%	0%	0%
80476	8%	1%	2%
80498	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question D3			
With what community do you associate yourself?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Bakerville	2%	0%	0%
Brook Forest	0%	6%	5%
Dumont-Lawson-Downieville	1%	7%	6%
Empire	16%	1%	4%
Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	1%	8%	6%
Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	1%	16%	13%
Georgetown/Silver Plume	72%	2%	16%
Idaho Springs	5%	33%	27%
Upper Bear Creek	0%	12%	10%
Other	0%	1%	1%
Evergreen	1%	14%	11%
Old Squaw Pass	0%	2%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question D4			
Are you currently employed for pay?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
No	17%	22%	21%
Yes, full time	69%	67%	67%
Yes, part time	13%	12%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question D5

Where is your place of employment?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Clear Creek County	49%	32%	36%
Gilpin County	2%	3%	3%
Denver	10%	20%	18%
Other Denver metro location	6%	7%	6%
Jefferson County	11%	25%	22%
Summit County	13%	1%	4%
Other	4%	8%	7%
No response to question	6%	4%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D6

How do you typically get to and from work?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Always work from home	4%	12%	10%
Drive myself	75%	75%	75%
Carpool	3%	4%	4%
Walk	4%	1%	2%
Bike	0%	0%	0%
Other	0%	1%	1%
No response to question	9%	5%	5%
By plane	1%	1%	1%
Bus/shuttle	3%	1%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D7

On average, about how many miles is your daily work commute (to and from work)?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Zero miles	4%	13%	11%
1-10 miles	22%	14%	16%
11-25 miles	19%	18%	18%
26-50 miles	29%	29%	29%
51-75 miles	6%	14%	12%
More than 75 miles	19%	13%	14%
Average number of miles (including those with zero miles)	38.8	38.3	38.4
Average number of miles (excluding those with zero miles)	40.6	43.9	43.2

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D8: Number of Vehicles

How many vehicles does your household own/lease?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
None reported	2%	3%	3%
One	30%	19%	21%
Two	40%	41%	41%
Three	16%	22%	21%
Four or more	13%	14%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%
Average number of cars	2.1	2.2	2.2

Question D8: Miles Traveled

For each household vehicle, please estimate the number of miles traveled per year on each.	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Vehicle #1	15,589	14,003	14,315
Vehicle #2	10,472	10,159	10,215
Vehicle #3	4,915	4,099	4,228
Vehicle #4	4,282	2,921	3,148

This question was only asked of respondents who reported having at least one vehicle. Cars for which no miles were reported are not included in average miles.

Question D9

Which best describes the building you live in?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
One family house detached from any other houses	61%	88%	83%
House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome)	11%	3%	5%
Building with two or more apartments or condos	21%	4%	7%
Mobile home	5%	3%	4%
Other	3%	1%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question D10

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Rented for cash or occupied without cash payment?	36%	18%	22%
Owned by you or someone in this house?	64%	82%	78%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question D11

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, utilities, etc.)?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Less than \$599 per month	12%	11%	11%
\$600 to \$999 per month	40%	18%	23%
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	20%	22%	22%
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	23%	34%	32%
\$2,500 to \$3,999 per month	4%	12%	10%
\$4,000 or more per month	2%	3%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Less than \$24,999	17%	11%	12%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	33%	22%	24%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35%	33%	33%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	12%	21%	19%
\$150,000 or more	4%	14%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question D13

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
No	79%	70%	72%
Yes	21%	30%	28%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question D14

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
No	85%	86%	86%
Yes	15%	14%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question D15

In which category is your age?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
18-24 years	4%	1%	1%
25-34 years	22%	18%	19%
35-44 years	23%	21%	21%
45-54 years	30%	35%	34%
55-64 years	12%	15%	15%
65-74 years	6%	7%	7%
75 years or older	3%	3%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Question D16

What is your gender?	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Overall
Female	57%	47%	49%
Male	43%	53%	51%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Comparisons for Community Areas

Responses for select survey questions are compared by geographic area of residence (self-identified community areas) in this appendix. Cells shaded grey indicate statistically significant differences ($p \leq .05$).

The survey also asked residents to indicate with which community they associate themselves and allowed residents to select one community from a list of nine, or they had the option to write in a response. For comparison purposes, communities have been grouped into the following five areas: 1) Bakerville and Georgetown/Silver Plume; 2) Brook Forest, Upper Bear Creek, Evergreen and Old Squaw Pass; 3) Dumont-Lawson-Downieville, Empire and Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice; 4) Idaho Springs; and 5) Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook. For each community subgroup, the margin of error rises to as much as plus or minus 4% for a sample size of around 425 to 525 surveys completed by residents living in groups 2 and 4 (see above) and to plus or minus 6% for a sample size of around 225-270 surveys completed by residents living in groups 1, 3 and 5 (see above). Please note that 21 respondents chose not to identify with which community they associate themselves with. Those respondents have been removed from the analysis for the community comparisons.

Question D3 - Grouped	
With what community do you associate yourself?	Percent of respondents
Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	16%
Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	28%
Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	16%
Idaho Springs	28%
Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	13%
Total	100%

Question 1							
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Clear Creek County: (Percent "excellent" or "good")	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall	
Clear Creek County as a place to live	73%	93%	79%	78%	94%	84%	
Clear Creek County as a place to raise children	53%	81%	46%	56%	70%	62%	
Clear Creek County as a place to work	25%	34%	25%	30%	27%	29%	
Clear Creek County as a place to retire	59%	76%	63%	55%	71%	64%	
The overall quality of life in Clear Creek County	58%	87%	70%	66%	86%	74%	

Question 2						
What are your reasons for living in Clear Creek County? (Mark all that apply.)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Affordability	49%	61%	41%	46%	62%	52%
Arts and cultural opportunities	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Close to family/friends	26%	16%	26%	28%	8%	21%
Close to work	47%	19%	31%	44%	19%	32%
County-provided services	3%	6%	8%	6%	5%	6%
Educational and learning opportunities	1%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Fiscally sound government	2%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%
Land/home values	20%	49%	26%	17%	53%	32%
Large lots/acreage	8%	64%	33%	17%	74%	38%
Location	56%	60%	61%	58%	72%	61%
Mining character	16%	6%	19%	18%	7%	13%
My town/city	29%	18%	18%	19%	9%	19%
Natural environment	61%	76%	69%	58%	78%	68%
Public safety	12%	16%	14%	17%	15%	15%
Quality of life in general	40%	61%	48%	43%	60%	50%
Recreation opportunities	48%	53%	53%	46%	55%	51%
Rural character	41%	59%	53%	45%	64%	52%
Schools	5%	16%	8%	10%	11%	11%
Sense of community	32%	19%	30%	34%	21%	27%
Sense of safety	31%	34%	30%	33%	34%	33%
Thriving economy	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%
Value of services for taxes paid	3%	19%	7%	6%	16%	11%
Other	2%	3%	7%	4%	2%	4%
Lived here a long time	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%

Total may exceed 100% because respondents could select more than one category.

Question 3

When thinking about your quality of life in Clear Creek County, which ONE factor would you say matters the most in making yours an "excellent" quality of life? (Please select only one.)	Bakerville/ Georgetown/ Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson- Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/ Beaver Brook	Overall
Affordability	14%	9%	10%	11%	6%	10%
Arts and cultural opportunities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Close to family/friends	10%	4%	7%	9%	1%	6%
Close to work	10%	0%	4%	9%	1%	5%
County-provided services	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Educational and learning opportunities	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Fiscally sound government	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Land/home values	1%	4%	0%	2%	4%	2%
Large lots/acreage	0%	8%	1%	2%	7%	4%
Location	9%	9%	15%	13%	11%	11%
Mining character	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	1%
My town/city	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
Natural environment	16%	32%	28%	16%	35%	25%
Public safety	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Quality of life in general	11%	13%	11%	11%	10%	12%
Recreation opportunities	10%	4%	8%	5%	5%	6%
Rural character	4%	7%	6%	5%	10%	6%
Schools	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sense of community	9%	1%	2%	4%	1%	3%
Sense of safety	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Thriving economy	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Value of services for taxes paid	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Other	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 4

Please rate the speed of growth in the following categories in Clear Creek County over the past 2 years:	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Population growth seen as too fast	8%	25%	15%	18%	29%	19%
Retail growth seen as too slow	83%	48%	63%	63%	41%	60%
Jobs growth seen as too slow	94%	84%	92%	90%	69%	88%

Question 5

For each of the following categories, please rate the speed of growth you would prefer in Clear Creek County over the next 5 years.	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Prefer slower population growth	17%	38%	27%	22%	35%	28%
Prefer faster retail growth	80%	48%	65%	67%	43%	61%
Prefer faster jobs growth	89%	76%	90%	84%	71%	83%

Question 6

Please indicate how important, if at all, each of the following ideas are to helping make Clear Creek County a great place to live for you and future generations. (Percent "essential" or "very important")	Bakerville/ Georgetown/ Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson- Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/ Beaver Brook	Overall
Preserving natural areas, habitats and open land (forest, habitat and open lands)	86%	92%	81%	82%	95%	87%
Including a mix of housing types for all ages and income levels in every community	63%	41%	56%	58%	26%	50%
Keeping the scenic beauty of Clear Creek County	88%	95%	87%	90%	97%	92%
Preserving historic homes and buildings	63%	62%	63%	68%	63%	64%
Adding public transportation (e.g., bus service)	53%	32%	47%	51%	36%	44%
Encouraging a mix of housing, shopping, and offices in the same area when development occurs	48%	32%	43%	37%	31%	38%
Protecting our air and water quality	90%	92%	91%	92%	95%	92%
Reducing our energy usage	63%	66%	62%	71%	68%	66%
Preserving 'small town' character	66%	75%	79%	78%	77%	75%
Promoting tourism	71%	40%	62%	64%	49%	56%
Enhancing public spaces, parks, and trails	76%	73%	69%	72%	77%	73%
Stopping all development	5%	9%	6%	9%	9%	8%
Permitting selected development that matches residents' values	64%	58%	57%	53%	58%	57%
Encouraging renovation and improvement of existing commercial areas	71%	57%	69%	70%	66%	66%
Encouraging new commercial development	54%	25%	47%	44%	25%	39%
Supporting responsible mining	58%	59%	70%	72%	50%	63%

Question 7

To what extent would you support or oppose the County doing each of the following? (Percent "strongly" or "somewhat" support.)	Bakerville/ Georgetown/ Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson- Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/ Beaver Brook	Overall
Strengthening its code enforcement efforts (e.g., hiring new officer to seek out violations versus responding only to complaints)	43%	42%	51%	48%	50%	46%
Encouraging historic preservation through voluntary programs	89%	95%	88%	89%	95%	91%
Increasing the supply of new housing in the \$100,000-250,000 range	69%	56%	65%	65%	52%	62%
Upgrading existing workforce housing	83%	68%	80%	80%	65%	76%
Providing home buyer education	70%	64%	70%	71%	62%	68%
Working with local municipalities to accomplish potential housing programs	76%	61%	75%	74%	56%	69%
Limiting residential development in some remote areas based on elevation, topography or access	63%	76%	66%	70%	80%	71%
Limiting the size of homes in remote areas	42%	47%	51%	54%	47%	49%
Limiting the seasons of occupancy of homes in remote areas	15%	21%	22%	23%	27%	21%

Question 8

Please identify which scenario best represents how you would like Clear Creek County to manage its current resources.	Bakerville/ Georgetown/ Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson- Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/ Beaver Brook	Overall
Use funds to improve roads and bridges in the county	57%	73%	56%	48%	62%	60%
Use funds to subsidize housing programs	7%	1%	8%	8%	1%	5%
Use funds for capital improvement projects such as building new and renovating existing facilities	15%	7%	12%	16%	10%	12%
Use funds to build the County's general fund reserve ("rainy day" funds) in preparation of the mining down cycle and for	21%	19%	24%	27%	27%	23%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 9

When the gap between the County's costs and revenues widens in the coming years, which would you rather see?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Reduce service levels	9%	17%	23%	12%	23%	16%
Raise property taxes	10%	12%	7%	9%	19%	11%
Allow development that would create a new tax base	81%	70%	70%	79%	58%	73%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 10

If the County had to reduce services to cut costs, to what extent would you support or oppose the County reducing the level of each of the following services? (Percent "strongly" or "somewhat" support.)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Road and bridge maintenance	17%	13%	19%	17%	11%	15%
Public safety services (fire, ambulance, etc.)	21%	12%	18%	14%	4%	14%
Administrative services (Assessor's Office, Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer's Office)	66%	59%	59%	70%	67%	64%
Health and Human services	47%	55%	51%	42%	59%	50%
Land use services (Planning and Zoning, Building, Site Development)	61%	55%	60%	63%	63%	60%
Law enforcement services	48%	30%	34%	36%	25%	35%
Public health and environmental health services	39%	47%	40%	32%	42%	40%
Transfer station/recycling center	41%	45%	34%	36%	49%	41%

Question 11

If voters were asked to approve a property tax increase to help keep up with current service levels, how much extra per year, if anything, would you be willing to spend to help maintain current service levels?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
More than \$100 extra per year	13%	26%	15%	17%	24%	19%
\$75-\$100 extra per year	26%	23%	16%	19%	32%	22%
\$50-\$74 extra per year	13%	10%	19%	23%	15%	16%
Less than \$50 extra per year	22%	13%	14%	17%	14%	16%
I would not be willing to pay anything extra per year	25%	28%	36%	25%	15%	26%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 12

	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
To what extent would you support or oppose the Clear Creek Open Space Commission (OSC) purchasing, for open space, privately-owned land that is currently zoned for residential and commercial use so that it remains undeveloped?	55%	65%	60%	53%	82%	61%

Question 13

Please indicate how important you feel it is, if at all, that the Commissioners take into account each of the following issues or values when making a future development decision. (Percent "essential" or "very important".)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Financial impacts (both costs and revenue potential)	85%	82%	82%	84%	81%	83%
Public safety	78%	75%	76%	76%	77%	76%
Impacts on the community (both local and countywide)	69%	72%	75%	74%	80%	73%
Environmental impacts (air, forests, water, wildlife, noise pollution)	80%	81%	77%	81%	81%	80%
Economic impacts (local businesses, jobs)	84%	70%	77%	80%	66%	76%
Fit with the current built environment	53%	52%	50%	53%	66%	54%
Integration into the character of the community	54%	51%	54%	49%	64%	53%
Protection of Clear Creek County's historic and cultural assets	61%	52%	56%	59%	60%	57%
Impacts on infrastructure including roads, water and wastewater	84%	86%	83%	82%	89%	85%

Question 14

How do you typically heat your home?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Wood stove	8%	9%	13%	13%	11%	11%
Propane/gas	53%	55%	44%	52%	62%	53%
Electricity	15%	8%	13%	14%	8%	12%
Other	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Pellet stove	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%	2%
Hot water/steam	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Solar	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%
No response to question	20%	25%	25%	17%	18%	21%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 15

How interested, if at all, would you be in getting a low interest loan to make energy-efficient improvements in your home if Clear Creek County funded a program?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Very interested	34%	30%	28%	36%	27%	32%
Somewhat interested	35%	36%	38%	33%	42%	36%
Not at all interested	30%	35%	34%	31%	31%	32%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 16

	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
How likely or unlikely would you be to participate in a county-wide survey specifically regarding your home energy use? (Percent "very" or "somewhat" likely.)	64%	68%	71%	68%	78%	69%

Question 17

	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
To what extent do you support or oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects)? (Percent "strongly" or "somewhat" support.)	86%	78%	85%	86%	78%	83%

Question 18

If you strongly or somewhat support Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opinion? (Please check all that apply.)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
The increased access to remote areas that could be a result of this project	15%	14%	15%	19%	22%	17%
The economic benefits that could be a result of this project	90%	85%	89%	83%	78%	85%
The societal benefits the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	60%	51%	49%	56%	69%	56%
Other	3%	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%
Environmental benefits/resources available	21%	15%	10%	13%	11%	14%

Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.

This question was only asked of respondents who said "somewhat support" or "strongly support" in question 17.

Question 19

If you strongly or somewhat oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opposition? (Please check all that apply.)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
The visual impact the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	65%	69%	57%	58%	62%	63%
The environmental impact the project could have on the Clear Creek County area	63%	53%	51%	73%	63%	60%
The increased access to remote areas that could be a result of this project	46%	32%	36%	47%	47%	40%
Other	15%	8%	4%	4%	4%	7%
Cost concerns	8%	27%	16%	8%	20%	17%
Concerns about alternative energy	2%	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%

Total exceeds 100% because respondents could select more than one category.

This question was only asked of respondents who said "somewhat support" or "strongly support" in question 17.

Question 20

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you would be to do each of the following actions: (Percent "very" or "somewhat" likely.)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Schedule a free home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills	64%	59%	65%	65%	65%	63%
Schedule a home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills	45%	41%	42%	44%	42%	43%

Question 21

Please rate the following categories of Clear Creek County government performance: (Percent "excellent" or "good".)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
The value of services for the taxes paid to Clear Creek County	32%	57%	43%	46%	58%	48%
The overall direction that Clear Creek County is taking	27%	54%	33%	33%	41%	38%
The job Clear Creek County government does at welcoming citizen involvement	31%	55%	35%	33%	40%	39%

Question 22

Please rate the quality of services provided by each of the following Clear Creek County offices or organizations: (Percent "excellent" or "good".)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Code enforcement	25%	57%	46%	41%	52%	44%
County Jail	63%	61%	62%	66%	64%	64%
Sheriff services	61%	71%	61%	64%	82%	67%
Clerk and Recorder services	79%	82%	82%	76%	83%	80%
Assessor's Office	63%	64%	63%	61%	61%	63%
Treasurer's Office	65%	74%	70%	67%	74%	70%
Coroner's Office	77%	77%	88%	77%	71%	78%
Building Department	38%	51%	43%	39%	42%	43%
Health and Human Services	53%	54%	58%	57%	58%	56%
Road and Bridge Department	22%	38%	43%	35%	37%	35%
Land use/Planning Department	23%	43%	41%	33%	29%	34%
Public Health and Environmental Health	42%	50%	49%	49%	53%	48%
Fire services	80%	80%	72%	73%	76%	76%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	80%	82%	79%	83%	76%	81%
Veteran's services	29%	48%	59%	50%	34%	46%
Senior services	52%	60%	63%	70%	58%	63%
Mental health services	29%	48%	38%	40%	29%	38%
Mapping Services	62%	63%	62%	63%	68%	63%

Question 23

	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members visited or used the Clear Creek County Web site? (Percent at least once.)	51%	59%	55%	46%	72%	55%

Question 24

If you've used the County's Web site in the last 12 months, please rate each of the following aspects. (Percent "excellent" or "good".)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
How current the information is	70%	70%	76%	71%	70%	71%
Appearance	61%	59%	67%	64%	57%	61%
Online services offered	42%	53%	63%	46%	48%	51%
Ease of navigation	51%	54%	51%	55%	52%	53%
Ease of paying or viewing taxes online	42%	65%	78%	63%	54%	62%
Public Trustee foreclosure search	45%	59%	69%	65%	50%	59%
Ease of using the Assessor Property record search	51%	57%	57%	62%	50%	56%

This question was asked only of respondents who had used the County Web site in the last 12 months.

Question 25

If you've used the County's Web site in the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you done each of the following? (Percent at least once.)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Paid or viewed taxes online	20%	35%	38%	27%	34%	31%
Used the Public Trustee foreclosure search	15%	19%	24%	28%	15%	21%
Used Assessor Property record search	30%	49%	46%	30%	43%	40%
Used Land Use permit search	18%	28%	27%	20%	23%	24%
Used Land Use Citizen Response Site (CRM)	8%	10%	7%	12%	13%	10%
Used ClearMap – Interactive Mapping Application	40%	42%	51%	45%	34%	42%

This question was asked only of respondents who had used the County Web site in the last 12 months.

Question D1

How many years have you lived in Clear Creek County?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
2 years or less	17%	13%	10%	10%	16%	13%
3-5 years	20%	15%	15%	16%	15%	16%
6-10 years	15%	25%	26%	23%	26%	23%
11-15 years	14%	15%	14%	12%	14%	14%
16-20 years	13%	14%	11%	12%	6%	12%
21-30 years	11%	11%	10%	12%	13%	11%
More than 30 years	11%	7%	14%	15%	11%	11%
Average number of years	13.5	12.6	14.8	15.7	13.4	14.0

Question D4

Are you currently employed for pay?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
No	17%	24%	23%	21%	17%	21%
Yes, full time	72%	68%	65%	64%	70%	67%
Yes, part time	11%	8%	12%	15%	13%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question D5

Where is your place of employment?	Bakerville/ Georgetown/ Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson- Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/ Beaver Brook	Overall
Clear Creek County	50%	17%	48%	50%	11%	36%
Gilpin County	4%	0%	1%	6%	1%	3%
Denver	9%	25%	18%	11%	30%	18%
Other Denver metro location	4%	8%	5%	6%	10%	7%
Jefferson County	9%	34%	16%	19%	27%	22%
Summit County	15%	0%	4%	3%	1%	4%
Other	4%	9%	6%	2%	15%	7%
No response to question	5%	6%	2%	4%	5%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D6

How do you typically get to and from work?	Bakerville/ Georgetown/ Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson- Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/ Beaver Brook	Overall
Always work from home	1%	17%	12%	5%	16%	10%
Drive myself	75%	72%	80%	77%	72%	75%
Carpool	2%	2%	4%	6%	3%	4%
Walk	4%	0%	2%	4%	0%	2%
Bike	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
No response to question	11%	4%	2%	7%	2%	5%
By plane	1%	2%	1%	0%	4%	1%
Bus/shuttle	4%	2%	0%	0%	4%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D7

On average, about how many miles is your daily work commute (to and from work)?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Zero miles	2%	17%	12%	8%	17%	11%
1-10 miles	25%	8%	12%	24%	6%	16%
11-25 miles	17%	19%	22%	18%	12%	18%
26-50 miles	33%	26%	26%	29%	35%	29%
51-75 miles	4%	14%	7%	13%	22%	12%
More than 75 miles	19%	16%	21%	9%	9%	14%
Average number of miles (including those with zero miles)	39.3	40.6	42.1	32.5	39.8	38.3
Average number of miles (excluding those with zero miles)	40.0	48.7	47.9	35.2	47.7	42.9

This question was asked only of respondents who indicated that they work full or part time.

Question D8: Number of Vehicles

How many vehicles does your household own/lease?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
None reported	1%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%
One	33%	17%	17%	28%	11%	22%
Two	41%	44%	39%	37%	48%	41%
Three	11%	22%	27%	21%	26%	21%
Four or more	14%	15%	14%	10%	14%	13%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average number of cars	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.4	2.2

Question D8: Miles Traveled

For each household vehicle, please estimate the number of miles traveled per year on each.	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Vehicle #1	15,889	13,558	15,076	13,469	14,958	14,335
Vehicle #2	11,373	10,298	10,216	9,046	11,117	10,259
Vehicle #3	5,447	4,545	3,873	4,010	3,880	4,283
Vehicle #4	3,854	3,283	2,484	4,622	1,511	3,231

This question was only asked of respondents who reported having at least one vehicle. Cars for which no miles were reported are not included in average miles.

Question D9

Which best describes the building you live in?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
One family house detached from any other houses	59%	99%	80%	75%	100%	83%
House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome)	13%	0%	3%	7%	0%	5%
Building with two or more apartments or condos	25%	0%	4%	10%	0%	7%
Mobile home	0%	0%	11%	6%	0%	4%
Other	3%	0%	2%	2%	0%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question D10

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Rented for cash or occupied without cash payment?	39%	6%	21%	37%	2%	22%
Owned by you or someone in this house?	61%	94%	79%	63%	98%	78%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question D11

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, utilities, etc.)?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Less than \$599 per month	11%	9%	16%	13%	8%	11%
\$600 to \$999 per month	44%	7%	24%	31%	11%	23%
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	16%	19%	23%	27%	20%	21%
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	24%	41%	29%	23%	44%	32%
\$2,500 to \$3,999 per month	5%	18%	7%	6%	15%	10%
\$4,000 or more per month	1%	6%	2%	0%	3%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
Less than \$24,999	14%	5%	17%	17%	7%	12%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	35%	15%	21%	32%	14%	24%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34%	32%	39%	34%	28%	33%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	12%	27%	15%	14%	27%	19%
\$150,000 or more	5%	21%	8%	4%	25%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question D13

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Bakerville/Georgetown/Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson-Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook	Overall
No	81%	65%	76%	71%	72%	72%
Yes	19%	35%	24%	29%	28%	28%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question D14

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Bakerville/ Georgetown/ Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson- Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/ Beaver Brook	Overall
No	85%	86%	88%	87%	86%	86%
Yes	15%	14%	12%	13%	14%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question D15

In which category is your age?	Bakerville/ Georgetown/ Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson- Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/ Beaver Brook	Overall
18-24 years	5%	0%	3%	0%	0%	1%
25-34 years	24%	15%	15%	21%	25%	19%
35-44 years	22%	20%	25%	22%	17%	21%
45-54 years	29%	37%	33%	33%	35%	34%
55-64 years	11%	17%	14%	15%	14%	15%
65-74 years	6%	8%	6%	6%	7%	7%
75 years or older	4%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question D16

What is your gender?	Bakerville/ Georgetown/ Silver Plume	Brook Forest/Upper Bear Creek/Evergreen/Old Squaw Pass	Dumont-Lawson- Downieville/Empire/Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice	Idaho Springs	Floyd Hill/ Beaver Brook	Overall
Female	55%	45%	53%	49%	45%	49%
Male	45%	55%	47%	51%	55%	51%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Appendix F: Survey Methodology

Developing the Questionnaire

The Clear Creek County Citizen Survey was developed by starting with a list of specific topics provided by the County. Topics and questions were modified to find those that were the best fit for the 2010 questionnaire. In an iterative process between City staff and NRC staff that included two in-person meetings, a final six-page questionnaire was created.

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. All households located in the Clear Creek County were eligible for the survey. Because local governments generally do not have inclusive lists of all the residences in the jurisdiction (tax assessor and utility billing databases often omit rental units), lists from the United States Postal Service (USPS), updated every three months, usually provide the best representation of all households in a specific geographic location. However, some residents living in Evergreen, CO whose physical address is within Clear Creek County limits only get mail at PO boxes that are outside County limits. Therefore, NRC used a United States Postal Service (USPS) list that is updated every three months in addition to Clear Creek County Tax Assessor data to sample all Clear Creek County households. The exact geographic location of each sampled address was identified and grouped according to whether it was located in incorporated or unincorporated areas of the county.

An individual within each household was randomly selected to complete the survey 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. This instruction was contained in the cover letter accompanying the questionnaire.

Survey Administration and Response

Each selected household was contacted three times. First, a prenotification announcement, informing the household members that they had been selected to participate in the survey was sent. Approximately one week after mailing the prenotification, each household was mailed a survey containing a cover letter signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. The packet also contained a postage-paid return envelope in which the survey recipients could return the completed questionnaire to NRC. A reminder postcard, scheduled to arrive one week after the first survey was the final contact. The reminder postcard asked those who had not completed the survey to do so.

The mailings were sent in April and May of 2010. Completed surveys were collected over the following four weeks. About 6% of the 4,716 surveys mailed were returned because the housing unit was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the 4,434 households presumed to have received a survey, 1,746 completed the survey, providing a response rate of 39%. This is a good response rate; typical response rates for a mailed resident survey range from 25% to 40%.

95% 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 plus or minus two percentage points of the result that would be found 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 our 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).

While the 95 percent confidence level for the survey is generally no greater than plus or minus two percentage points around any given percent reported for the entire sample, results for subgroups will have wider confidence intervals. Where estimates are given for subgroups, they are less precise. For each geographic subgroup from the survey, the margin of error rises to as much as plus or minus 3% for a sample size of 1,395 surveys completed by residents living in unincorporated areas of Clear Creek County, to plus or minus 5% for 351 surveys completed by residents living in incorporated areas of the county.

Survey Processing

Mailed surveys were returned 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 staff would choose randomly two of the three selected items to be coded in the dataset.

Once all surveys have been assigned a unique identification number, they are entered into an electronic dataset. This dataset is 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.

Survey Analysis

Weighting the Data

The demographic characteristics of the survey sample were compared to those found in the 2000 Census estimates for adults in the county. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey sample reflective of the larger population of the community.

Sample results were weighted using the population norms to reflect the appropriate percent of those residents in the county. Other discrepancies between the whole population and the sample were also aided by the weighting due to the intercorrelation of many socioeconomic characteristics.

The variables used for weighting were respondent housing tenure (rent or own), housing unit type (detached or attached), gender and age. 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 special software program using mathematical algorithms was used to calculate the appropriate weights. The results of the weighting scheme are presented in the figure on the following page.

Clear Creek County Citizen Survey Weighting Table

Characteristic	Population Norm	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Housing			
Rent home	24%	9%	22%
Own home	76%	91%	79%
Detached unit	86%	91%	87%
Attached unit	14%	9%	13%
Sex and Age			
Female	48%	48%	49%
Male	52%	52%	51%
18-34 years of age	23%	7%	20%
35-54 years of age	55%	38%	55%
55+ years of age	23%	55%	25%
Females 18-34	11%	4%	11%
Females 35-54	26%	21%	26%
Females 55+	11%	23%	12%
Males 18-34	12%	3%	10%
Males 35-54	29%	17%	29%
Males 55+	12%	32%	12%

*Source: 2000 Census.

Analyzing the Data

The electronic dataset was analyzed by National Research Center, Inc. staff using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). For the most part, frequency distributions are presented in the body of the report. A complete set of frequencies for each survey question is presented in *Appendix B: Full Set of Responses to Survey Questions*.

Also included are results by respondent geography (*Appendix E: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Geographic Area*). 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 have been marked with grey shading in the appendices.

Appendix G: Copy of Survey Questionnaire

The following pages contain a copy of the questionnaire that survey participants were asked to complete.

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Please complete this questionnaire if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday. The adult's year of birth does not matter. Please select the response (by circling the number or checking the box) that most closely represents your opinion for each question. Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

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

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Clear Creek County as a place to live.....	1	2	3	4	5
Clear Creek County as a place to raise children.....	1	2	3	4	5
Clear Creek County as a place to work	1	2	3	4	5
Clear Creek County as a place to retire	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Clear Creek County	1	2	3	4	5

2. What are your reasons for living in Clear Creek County? (Mark all that apply.)

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Affordability | <input type="radio"/> Large lots/acreage | <input type="radio"/> Rural character |
| <input type="radio"/> Arts and cultural opportunities | <input type="radio"/> Location | <input type="radio"/> Schools |
| <input type="radio"/> Close to family/friends | <input type="radio"/> Mining character | <input type="radio"/> Sense of community |
| <input type="radio"/> Close to work | <input type="radio"/> My town/city | <input type="radio"/> Sense of safety |
| <input type="radio"/> County-provided services | <input type="radio"/> Natural environment | <input type="radio"/> Thriving economy |
| <input type="radio"/> Educational and learning opportunities | <input type="radio"/> Public safety | <input type="radio"/> Value of services for taxes paid |
| <input type="radio"/> Fiscally sound government | <input type="radio"/> Quality of life in general | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Land/home values | <input type="radio"/> Recreation opportunities | |

3. When thinking about your quality of life in Clear Creek County, which ONE factor would you say matters the most in making yours an "excellent" quality of life? (Please select only one.)

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Affordability | <input type="radio"/> Large lots/acreage | <input type="radio"/> Rural character |
| <input type="radio"/> Arts and cultural opportunities | <input type="radio"/> Location | <input type="radio"/> Schools |
| <input type="radio"/> Close to family/friends | <input type="radio"/> Mining character | <input type="radio"/> Sense of community |
| <input type="radio"/> Close to work | <input type="radio"/> My town/city | <input type="radio"/> Sense of safety |
| <input type="radio"/> County-provided services | <input type="radio"/> Natural environment | <input type="radio"/> Thriving economy |
| <input type="radio"/> Educational and learning opportunities | <input type="radio"/> Public safety | <input type="radio"/> Value of services for taxes paid |
| <input type="radio"/> Fiscally sound government | <input type="radio"/> Quality of life in general | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Land/home values | <input type="radio"/> Recreation opportunities | |

4. Please rate the speed of growth in the following categories in Clear Creek County over the past 2 years:

	<u>Much too slow</u>	<u>Somewhat too slow</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	<u>Somewhat too fast</u>	<u>Much too fast</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Population growth	1	2	3	4	5	6
Retail growth (stores, restaurants, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jobs growth.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

5. For each of the following categories, please rate the speed of growth you would prefer in Clear Creek County over the next 5 years.

	<u>Much slower</u>	<u>Somewhat slower</u>	<u>Same amount</u>	<u>Somewhat faster</u>	<u>Much faster</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Population growth	1	2	3	4	5	6
Retail growth (stores, restaurants, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jobs growth.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

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6. Please indicate how important, if at all, each of the following ideas are to helping make Clear Creek County a great place to live for you and future generations.

	Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important	Don't know
Preserving natural areas, habitats and open land (forest, habitat and open lands).....	1	2	3	4	5
Including a mix of housing types for all ages and income levels in every community	1	2	3	4	5
Keeping the scenic beauty of Clear Creek County	1	2	3	4	5
Preserving historic homes and buildings	1	2	3	4	5
Adding public transportation (e.g., bus service).....	1	2	3	4	5
Encouraging a mix of housing, shopping, and offices in the same area when development occurs.....	1	2	3	4	5
Protecting our air and water quality	1	2	3	4	5
Reducing our energy usage	1	2	3	4	5
Preserving 'small town' character	1	2	3	4	5
Promoting tourism.....	1	2	3	4	5
Enhancing public spaces, parks, and trails.....	1	2	3	4	5
Stopping all development.....	1	2	3	4	5
Permitting selected development that matches residents' values	1	2	3	4	5
Encouraging renovation and improvement of existing commercial areas	1	2	3	4	5
Encouraging new commercial development	1	2	3	4	5
Supporting responsible mining	1	2	3	4	5

7. To what extent would you support or oppose the County doing each of the following?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Strengthening its code enforcement efforts (e.g., hiring new officer to seek out violations versus responding only to complaints)	1	2	3	4	5
Encouraging historic preservation through voluntary programs	1	2	3	4	5
Increasing the supply of new housing in the \$100,000-250,000 range.....	1	2	3	4	5
Upgrading existing workforce housing	1	2	3	4	5
Providing home buyer education	1	2	3	4	5
Working with local municipalities to accomplish potential housing programs	1	2	3	4	5
Limiting residential development in some remote areas based on elevation, topography or access.....	1	2	3	4	5
Limiting the size of homes in remote areas.....	1	2	3	4	5
Limiting the seasons of occupancy of homes in remote areas.....	1	2	3	4	5

8. Please identify which scenario best represents how you would like Clear Creek County to manage its current resources. (Please select only one.)

- Use funds to improve roads and bridges in the county
- Use funds to subsidize housing programs
- Use funds for capital improvement projects such as building new and renovating existing facilities
- Use funds to build the County's general fund reserve ("rainy day" funds) in preparation of the mining down cycle and for future expenditures

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9. Currently, the mining industry provides about 70% of the County's total assessed valuation. Due to the likely down cycle of the mining industry over the next 20 to 30 years, the County will need to find ways to make up for the revenue shortfall from the mining industry. When the gap between the County's costs and revenues widens in the coming years, would you rather see service levels reduced, the County replace lost revenue by asking voters to approve a tax increase or should the County allow development that would create a new tax base? (Please select only one.)

- Reduce service levels
- Raise property taxes
- Allow development that would create a new tax base

10. If the County had to reduce services to cut costs, to what extent would you support or oppose the County reducing the level of each of the following services?

How I would feel about reducing the level of each service:

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Road and bridge maintenance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public safety services (fire, ambulance, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Administrative services (Assessor's Office, Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer's Office)	1	2	3	4	5
Health and Human services	1	2	3	4	5
Land use services (Planning and Zoning, Building, Site Development)	1	2	3	4	5
Law enforcement services	1	2	3	4	5
Public health and environmental health services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Transfer station/recycling center	1	2	3	4	5

11. If voters were asked to approve a property tax increase to help keep up with current service levels, how much extra per year, if anything, would you be willing to spend to help maintain current service levels?

- More than \$100 extra per year
- \$75-\$100 extra per year
- \$50-\$74 extra per year
- Less than \$50 extra per year
- I would not be willing to pay anything extra per year

12. To what extent would you support or oppose the Clear Creek Open Space Commission (OSC) purchasing, for open space, privately-owned land that is currently zoned for residential and commercial use (in such areas as Floyd Hill, Empire Junction, Bakerville and Dumont-Lawson-Downieville areas) so that it remains undeveloped?

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

13. When considering whether or not to approve new development in Clear Creek County, County Commissioners take into account how development could impact the things that the community values the most. Please indicate how important you feel it is, if at all, that the Commissioners take into account each of the following issues or values when making a future development decision.

	Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important	Don't know
Financial impacts (both costs and revenue potential).....	1	2	3	4	5
Public safety.....	1	2	3	4	5
Impacts on the community (both local and countywide).....	1	2	3	4	5
Environmental impacts (air, forests, water, wildlife, noise pollution) ...	1	2	3	4	5
Economic impacts (local businesses, jobs)	1	2	3	4	5
Fit with the current built environment.....	1	2	3	4	5
Integration into the character of the community	1	2	3	4	5
Protection of Clear Creek County's historic and cultural assets.....	1	2	3	4	5
Impacts on infrastructure including roads, water and wastewater	1	2	3	4	5

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14. How do you typically heat your home?

- Wood stove
 Propane/Gas
 Electricity
 Other: _____

15. How interested, if at all, would you be in getting a low interest loan to make energy-efficient improvements in your home if Clear Creek County funded a program?

- Very interested
 Somewhat interested
 Not at all interested

16. How likely or unlikely would you be to participate in a county-wide survey specifically regarding your home energy use?

- Very likely
 Somewhat likely
 Somewhat unlikely
 Very unlikely
 Don't know

17. To what extent do you support or oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects)?

- Strongly support → Go to Question 18
 Somewhat support → Go to Question 18
 Somewhat oppose → Go to Question 19
 Strongly oppose → Go to Question 19
 Don't know → Go to Question 20

18. If you strongly or somewhat support Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opinion? (Please check all that apply.)

- The increased access to remote areas that could be a result of this project
 The economic benefits that could be a result of this project
 The societal benefits the project could have on the Clear Creek County area
 Other, please specify: _____

19. If you strongly or somewhat oppose Clear Creek County as a location to install large, utility scale alternative energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar projects), what are your reasons for your opposition? (Please check all that apply.)

- The visual impact the project could have on the Clear Creek County area
 The environmental impact the project could have on the Clear Creek County area
 The increased access to remote areas that could be a result of this project
 Other, please specify: _____

20. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you would be to do each of the following actions:

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Somewhat unlikely</u>	<u>Very unlikely</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>
Schedule a free home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills	1	2	3	4	5
Schedule a home energy audit service to learn how to make improvements to lower the household energy bills	1	2	3	4	5

21. Please rate the following categories of Clear Creek County government performance:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The value of services for the taxes paid to Clear Creek County	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Clear Creek County is taking	1	2	3	4	5
The job Clear Creek County government does at welcoming citizen involvement ..	1	2	3	4	5

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22. Please rate the quality of services provided by each of the following Clear Creek County offices or organizations:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Code enforcement.....	1	2	3	4	5
County Jail.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sheriff services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Clerk and Recorder services	1	2	3	4	5
Assessor's Office	1	2	3	4	5
Treasurer's Office	1	2	3	4	5
Coroner's Office.....	1	2	3	4	5
Building Department	1	2	3	4	5
Health and Human Services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Road and Bridge Department.....	1	2	3	4	5
Land use/Planning Department.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public Health and Environmental Health.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services	1	2	3	4	5
Ambulance or emergency medical services	1	2	3	4	5
Veteran's services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Senior services	1	2	3	4	5
Mental health services	1	2	3	4	5
Mapping Services.....	1	2	3	4	5

23. In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members visited or used the Clear Creek County Web site (at www.co.clear-creek.co.us)?

- Never → Go to Question D1
- Once or twice → Go to questions 24 and 25
- 3 to 12 times → Go to questions 24 and 25
- 13 to 26 times → Go to questions 24 and 25
- More than 26 times → Go to questions 24 and 25

24. If you've used the County's Web site in the last 12 months, please rate each of the following aspects.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
How current the information is	1	2	3	4	5
Appearance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Online services offered	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of navigation.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of paying or viewing taxes online.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public Trustee foreclosure search	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of using the Assessor Property record search.....	1	2	3	4	5

25. If you've used the County's Web site in the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you done each of the following?

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Once or twice</u>	<u>3 to 12 times</u>	<u>13 to 26 times</u>	<u>More than 26 times</u>
Paid or viewed taxes online.....	1	2	3	4	5
Used the Public Trustee foreclosure search	1	2	3	4	5
Used Assessor Property record search	1	2	3	4	5
Used Land Use permit search	1	2	3	4	5
Used Land Use Citizen Response Site (CRM)	1	2	3	4	5
Used ClearMap – Interactive Mapping Application.....	1	2	3	4	5

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

D1. How many years have you lived in Clear Creek County?
(if less than 6 months, write '0'): _____ years

D2. What is your zip code? _____

D3. With what community do you associate yourself?

- Bakerville
- Brook Forest
- Dumont-Lawson-Downieville
- Empire
- Fall River/St. Mary's/Alice
- Floyd Hill/Beaver Brook
- Georgetown/Silver Plume
- Idaho Springs
- Upper Bear Creek
- Other, please specify: _____

D4. Are you currently employed for pay?

- No → Go to question D8
- Yes, full time → Go to question D5
- Yes, part time → Go to question D5

D5. Where is your place of employment?

- Clear Creek County
- Jefferson County
- Gilpin County
- Summit County
- Denver
- Other: _____
- Other Denver metro location

D6. How do you typically get to and from work?

- Always work from home (e.g., home-based business) → Go to question D8
- Drive myself
- Carpool
- Walk
- Bike
- Other, please specify: _____

D7. On average, about how many miles is your daily work commute (to and from work)? _____ miles

D8. How many vehicles does your household own/lease?
_____ vehicles

D8. For each household vehicle, please estimate the number of miles traveled per year on each.

Vehicle #1 _____
Vehicle #2 _____
Vehicle #3 _____
Vehicle #4 _____

D9. Which best describes the building you live in?

- One family house detached from any other houses
- House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome)
- Building with two or more apartments or condos
- Mobile home
- Other

D10. Is this house, apartment or mobile home...

- Rented for cash or occupied without cash payment?
- Owned by you or someone in this house?

D11. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, utilities, etc.)?

- Less than \$599 per month
- \$600 to \$999 per month
- \$1,000 to \$1,499 per month
- \$1,500 to \$2,499 per month
- \$2,500 to \$3,999 per month
- \$4,000 or more per month

D12. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

- Less than \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

D13. Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

- No
- Yes

D14. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

- No
- Yes

D15. In which category is your age?

- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65-74 years
- 75 years or older

D16. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

Thank you for completing this survey. Please return the completed survey in the postage paid envelope to: National Research Center, Inc., PO Box 549, Belle Mead, NJ 08502