

2008 Garfield County Community Survey

Samples:	Sample Frame	Mailed	Delivered	Completed Surveys	%	*Standard Error
Voter Registration	22,622	4,275	4,070	1,048	25.7%	2.96%
Total		4,275	4,070	1,048	25.7%	

* 95% Confidence Level

Subsamples:	Sample Frame	Mailed	Delivered	Completed Surveys	%	*Standard Error
Carbondale area	4,256	850	822	221	26.9%	6.43%
Glenwood Springs area	6,820	1,242	1,166	298	25.6%	5.56%
New Castle area	2,570	460	445	105	23.6%	9.41%
Silt area	2,186	462	445	117	26.3%	8.85%
Rifle area	4,258	780	734	181	24.7%	7.15%
Parachute area	2,532	481	458	126	27.5%	8.54%
Total	22,622	4,275	4,070	1,048	25.7%	2.96%

* 95% Confidence Level

2008 Garfield County Community Survey Most Important Issues

	Carbondale area	Glenwood Springs area	New Castle area	Silt area	Rifle area	Parachute area	COUNTY
	<i>n=221</i>	<i>n=298</i>	<i>n=105</i>	<i>n=117</i>	<i>n=181</i>	<i>n=126</i>	<i>n=1048</i>
Cost of living	62.9%	65.9%	70.5%	73.3%	71.7%	60.3%	66.9%
Affordable housing	47.1%	49.0%	54.3%	42.2%	50.6%	45.2%	48.2%
Traffic mobility and circulation	45.7%	59.1%	41.0%	31.9%	35.6%	63.5%	47.9%
Preservation of rural character	58.8%	41.2%	43.8%	51.7%	39.4%	39.7%	45.9%
Water availability	42.5%	37.2%	52.4%	65.5%	51.1%	38.1%	45.5%
Preservation of open space	54.8%	49.3%	41.0%	44.8%	38.9%	29.4%	44.9%
Water quality	24.9%	23.7%	33.3%	53.5%	41.7%	39.7%	33.2%
Air quality	26.2%	23.3%	27.6%	40.5%	45.6%	42.1%	32.4%
Economic development	23.1%	22.0%	31.4%	24.1%	30.6%	31.8%	26.1%
Housing availability	23.5%	28.7%	17.1%	14.7%	20.6%	22.2%	22.7%
Public transportation	27.6%	25.0%	21.0%	11.2%	16.1%	19.8%	21.5%
Public safety	13.6%	19.9%	18.1%	17.2%	25.0%	27.0%	19.8%
Other:	19.9%	19.9%	21.0%	24.1%	18.3%	9.5%	19.0%
Visual impact of development along I70	18.6%	18.9%	8.6%	14.7%	17.2%	20.6%	17.2%
Number of septic systems	3.2%	3.0%	1.9%	3.5%	2.8%	1.6%	2.8%

Numbers reflect frequency percentages

	70-100%
	60-69%
	50-59%

2008 Garfield County Community Survey Issues/Values

	Carbondale area <i>n=221</i>	Glenwood Springs area <i>n=298</i>	New Castle area <i>n=105</i>	Silt area <i>n=117</i>	Rifle area <i>n=181</i>	Parachute area <i>n=126</i>	COUNTY <i>n=1048</i>
Water quality/quantity	84.5%	82.4%	89.5%	92.2%	88.8%	87.8%	86.4%
Scenic/visual quality	89.4%	84.7%	80.0%	83.5%	83.0%	78.5%	84.1%
Traffic	85.7%	86.6%	79.8%	78.6%	81.4%	86.3%	83.9%
Air quality	83.7%	83.2%	80.0%	85.5%	84.8%	79.7%	83.1%
Public safety	75.1%	77.9%	82.9%	75.2%	83.2%	77.4%	78.4%
Open space	84.7%	76.0%	68.6%	72.7%	70.8%	66.9%	74.7%
Public land access	76.3%	70.9%	61.0%	72.7%	78.0%	72.5%	72.6%
County road maintenance	61.6%	64.0%	71.4%	80.3%	74.0%	78.2%	69.6%
Recycling services	76.4%	69.7%	68.3%	64.1%	63.8%	57.7%	67.9%
Recreational opportunities	74.9%	71.8%	58.7%	59.5%	66.9%	58.7%	67.3%
Sense of community	73.4%	65.2%	67.0%	53.5%	68.2%	61.0%	65.8%
Affordable housing	61.2%	53.9%	62.9%	54.3%	63.6%	54.0%	58.1%
River access	66.2%	56.6%	50.0%	52.1%	56.1%	45.5%	56.0%
Hiking trails	71.5%	63.2%	47.1%	40.2%	48.0%	34.4%	54.6%
Historic preservation	52.8%	50.2%	51.0%	59.5%	58.9%	57.7%	54.3%
Economic development	47.9%	49.3%	63.8%	51.7%	59.2%	52.0%	52.8%
Public transportation	57.2%	49.5%	37.5%	36.2%	35.1%	41.5%	45.0%
Biking trails	61.6%	51.8%	38.5%	28.2%	36.0%	29.5%	44.4%
Cultural integration	51.2%	38.8%	33.3%	32.5%	34.3%	31.0%	38.5%
Animal control	29.0%	29.3%	35.9%	31.6%	41.2%	45.2%	34.1%
Shopping opportunities	19.5%	25.0%	30.5%	29.6%	42.9%	46.0%	30.5%

Numbers reflect the percent of respondents who rated the priority a 4 or 5 on a 5 point scale. (Not Important to Very Important)

	90-100%
	80-89%
	70-79%

2008 Garfield County Community Survey Public Facilities Upgrades and Improvements

Support for Improvement

	Carbondale area	Glenwood Springs area	New Castle area	Silt area	Rifle area	Parachute area	COUNTY
ITEM:	<i>n=221</i>	<i>n=298</i>	<i>n=105</i>	<i>n=117</i>	<i>n=181</i>	<i>n=126</i>	<i>n=1048</i>
Open space/parks acquisition and preservation	75.6%	59.1%	60.8%	46.4%	48.8%	42.1%	57.5%
County road improvements	45.0%	44.3%	49.5%	58.9%	56.1%	62.6%	50.8%
Visual corridor/ protection of views	62.5%	51.6%	47.1%	43.6%	41.6%	45.1%	50.0%
Development of more trails and bike paths	64.8%	47.2%	33.0%	30.3%	37.6%	29.2%	43.8%
County-wide public transit service (RFTA) improvements and expansion	55.5%	40.6%	37.0%	28.6%	33.3%	35.2%	40.1%
Develop more affordable workforce housing	51.9%	40.1%	44.0%	29.0%	34.7%	31.4%	39.8%
Add code enforcement staff	32.4%	23.0%	28.7%	21.3%	29.0%	36.7%	28.1%

Willingness to Pay

	Carbondale area	Glenwood Springs area	New Castle area	Silt area	Rifle area	Parachute area	COUNTY
ITEM:	<i>n=221</i>	<i>n=298</i>	<i>n=105</i>	<i>n=117</i>	<i>n=181</i>	<i>n=126</i>	<i>n=1048</i>
Open space/parks acquisition and preservation	57.9%	39.5%	40.2%	27.7%	31.2%	25.6%	39.0%
County road improvements	34.1%	29.9%	29.7%	31.8%	27.2%	30.9%	30.6%
Development of more trails and bike paths	49.3%	33.0%	24.3%	17.4%	22.5%	15.8%	30.0%
Visual corridor/ protection of views	43.3%	30.5%	25.5%	24.5%	20.2%	21.3%	29.1%
County-wide public transit service (RFTA) improvements and expansion	46.0%	24.7%	24.0%	21.4%	19.3%	23.8%	27.7%
Add code enforcement staff	23.0%	16.9%	23.8%	16.7%	20.7%	23.3%	20.3%
Develop more affordable workforce housing	28.3%	19.5%	20.0%	5.6%	11.6%	14.1%	17.9%

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(Not Supportive to Very Supportive)
(Not willing to pay to Very willing to pay)

	80-100%
	50-79%
	30-49%

2008 Garfield County Community Survey Land Use

	Carbondale area <i>n=221</i>	Glenwood Springs area <i>n=298</i>	New Castle area <i>n=105</i>	Silt area <i>n=117</i>	Rifle area <i>n=181</i>	Parachute area <i>n=126</i>	COUNTY <i>n=1048</i>
Require development in areas without existing central water and sewer service to provide adequate and safe provisions for these services before project approval	89.0%	83.0%	86.4%	82.6%	82.4%	74.8%	83.5%
Encourage protection of river-fronts and wetland areas	90.3%	85.7%	74.8%	84.6%	80.1%	76.9%	83.5%
Encourage the development of energy efficient design, including solar access	86.6%	78.0%	78.6%	80.4%	76.6%	63.6%	78.2%
Retain rural character outside of community limits	84.9%	78.6%	73.8%	81.1%	72.9%	70.7%	77.8%
Ensure that wildlife habitat is a component of the review process and reasonable protection measures are imposed on projects that negatively impact critical habitat	82.6%	76.9%	73.5%	78.4%	71.8%	68.9%	76.1%
Maintain and expand access to public lands	77.7%	64.8%	63.1%	70.5%	68.6%	62.0%	68.3%
Target development to suitable land in and around existing communities	67.8%	57.6%	55.4%	58.9%	49.1%	45.5%	56.7%
Interconnect trail system through the county with community trail systems	72.8%	57.1%	53.4%	38.0%	45.4%	37.2%	53.7%
Extend trail system along river corridors	66.7%	54.6%	47.6%	40.4%	46.6%	43.1%	52.2%
Encourage mix of housing types within a development	60.5%	43.2%	44.1%	39.8%	33.3%	31.7%	43.5%

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(Little Benefit to Great Benefit)

	80-100%
	70-79%
	60-69%

2008 Garfield County Community Survey Growth

	Carbondale area <i>n=221</i>	Glenwood Springs area <i>n=298</i>	New Castle area <i>n=105</i>	Silt area <i>n=117</i>	Rifle area <i>n=181</i>	Parachute area <i>n=126</i>	COUNTY <i>n=1048</i>
Less growth than at present	54.3%	45.2%	44.2%	43.0%	39.3%	34.4%	44.5%
About the same rate of growth as at the present	20.1%	26.7%	31.7%	26.3%	21.9%	20.0%	24.1%
More growth but some controls	9.6%	11.3%	14.4%	8.8%	15.7%	24.8%	13.4%
Zero Growth	10.5%	9.9%	4.8%	11.4%	10.1%	7.2%	9.4%
Other:	7.8%	6.9%	2.9%	10.5%	7.9%	4.8%	7.0%
No growth controls	0.5%	3.8%	5.8%	3.5%	7.3%	10.4%	4.7%

Numbers reflect frequency responses

2008 Garfield County Community Survey Impact Fee Initiatives

	Carbondale area <i>n=221</i>	Glenwood Springs area <i>n=298</i>	New Castle area <i>n=105</i>	Silt area <i>n=117</i>	Rifle area <i>n=181</i>	Parachute area <i>n=126</i>	COUNTY <i>n=1048</i>
Roads							
Require new residential development to pay a fee to the County to be used towards impacts on the County's road system from the development	75.1%	72.5%	62.1%	60.0%	61.9%	52.4%	66.4%
Require new commercial development to pay a fee to the County to be used towards impacts on the County's road system from the development	87.1%	83.3%	78.6%	85.2%	78.7%	77.6%	82.4%
Require new Oil & Gas development to pay a fee to the County to be used towards impacts on the County's road system from the development	94.0%	93.9%	91.4%	93.0%	92.1%	86.4%	92.4%
Affordable Housing							
Require a fee from residential development to construct a certain number of affordable housing units as a part of development	59.6%	49.7%	48.5%	39.1%	45.7%	32.8%	47.8%
Require a fee from commercial development to construct a certain number of affordable housing units as a part of development	71.4%	62.5%	60.2%	42.2%	53.4%	44.8%	58.2%
Require a fee from Oil & Gas development to construct a certain number of affordable housing units as a part of development	78.3%	72.2%	71.2%	70.7%	69.3%	64.5%	71.8%
Acquisition and preservation of open space/parks							
Require a fee from residential development for the acquisition and preservation of open space/parks	67.6%	53.2%	56.3%	51.7%	50.3%	44.0%	54.8%
Require a fee from commercial development for the acquisition and preservation of open space/parks	77.5%	63.4%	62.1%	60.3%	60.4%	56.0%	64.4%
Require a fee from Oil & Gas development for the acquisition and preservation of open space/parks	86.2%	77.9%	77.7%	75.9%	70.5%	68.0%	76.9%

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(Little Benefit to Great Benefit)

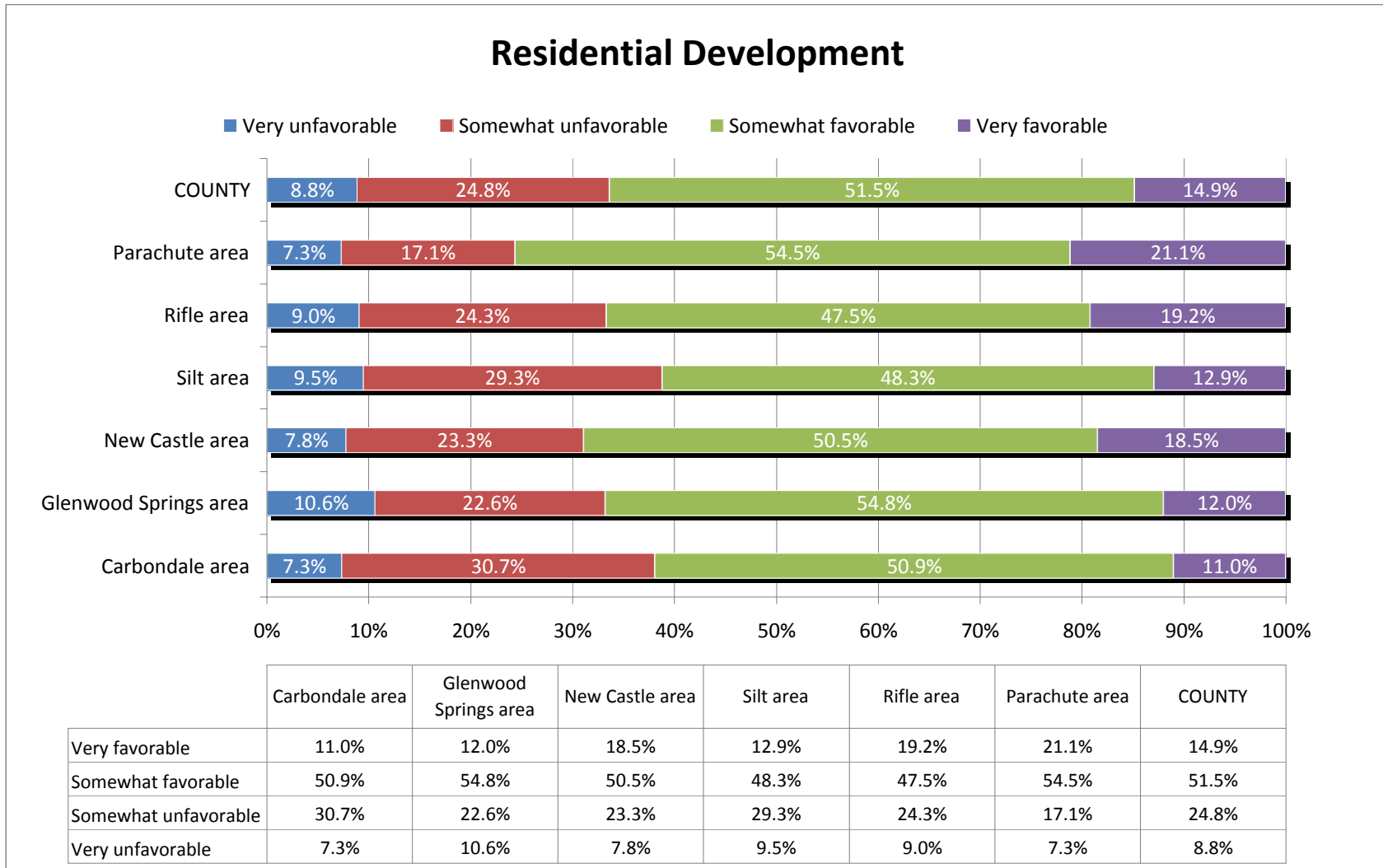
	80%+
	70 - 79%
	60 - 69%
	50-59%

2008 Garfield County Community Survey Development

	Carbondale area <i>n=221</i>	Glenwood Springs area <i>n=298</i>	New Castle area <i>n=105</i>	Silt area <i>n=117</i>	Rifle area <i>n=181</i>	Parachute area <i>n=126</i>	COUNTY <i>n=1048</i>
Residential Development							
Very unfavorable	7.3%	10.6%	7.8%	9.5%	9.0%	7.3%	8.8%
Somewhat unfavorable	30.7%	22.6%	23.3%	29.3%	24.3%	17.1%	24.8%
Somewhat favorable	50.9%	54.8%	50.5%	48.3%	47.5%	54.5%	51.5%
Very favorable	11.0%	12.0%	18.5%	12.9%	19.2%	21.1%	14.9%
Commercial Development							
Very unfavorable	7.8%	15.7%	7.8%	7.8%	8.5%	7.3%	10.1%
Somewhat unfavorable	35.5%	28.3%	12.6%	16.4%	21.0%	15.5%	24.1%
Somewhat favorable	46.1%	47.1%	57.3%	54.3%	47.2%	54.5%	49.6%
Very favorable	10.6%	8.9%	22.3%	21.6%	23.3%	22.8%	16.2%
Oil & Gas Development							
Very unfavorable	41.9%	32.5%	35.9%	36.5%	27.0%	27.4%	33.7%
Somewhat unfavorable	27.7%	29.1%	36.9%	22.6%	23.6%	21.8%	27.0%
Somewhat favorable	22.6%	29.8%	18.5%	23.5%	31.5%	33.9%	27.2%
Very favorable	7.8%	8.6%	8.7%	17.4%	18.0%	16.9%	12.1%

Numbers reflect frequency responses

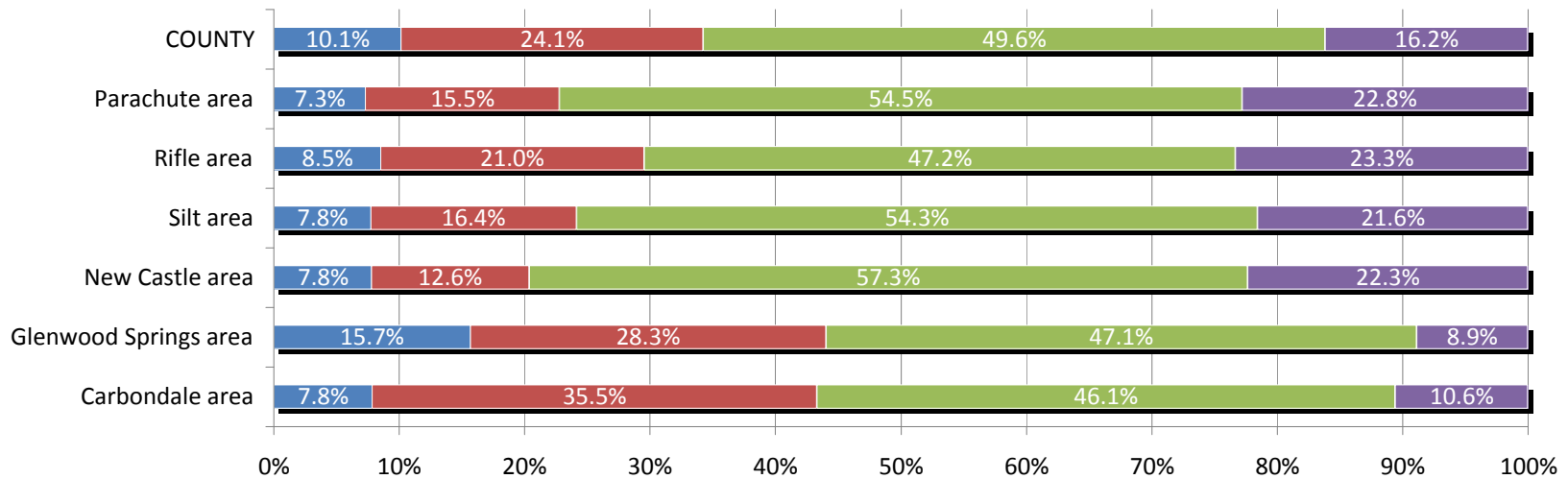
2008 Garfield County Community Survey Residential Development



2008 Garfield County Community Survey Commercial Development

Commercial Development

■ Very unfavorable
 ■ Somewhat unfavorable
 ■ Somewhat favorable
 ■ Very favorable

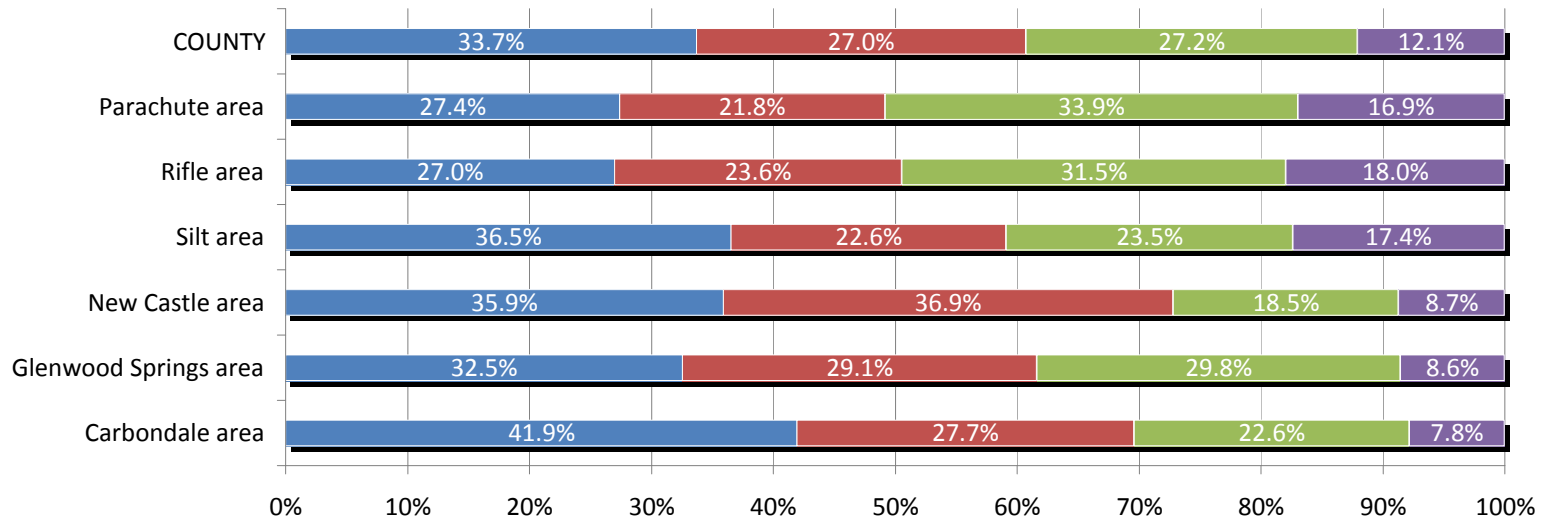


	Carbondale area	Glenwood Springs area	New Castle area	Silt area	Rifle area	Parachute area	COUNTY
Very favorable	10.6%	8.9%	22.3%	21.6%	23.3%	22.8%	16.2%
Somewhat favorable	46.1%	47.1%	57.3%	54.3%	47.2%	54.5%	49.6%
Somewhat unfavorable	35.5%	28.3%	12.6%	16.4%	21.0%	15.5%	24.1%
Very unfavorable	7.8%	15.7%	7.8%	7.8%	8.5%	7.3%	10.1%

2008 Garfield County Community Survey Oil & Gas Development

Oil & Gas Development

■ Very unfavorable
 ■ Somewhat unfavorable
 ■ Somewhat favorable
 ■ Very favorable



	Carbondale area	Glenwood Springs area	New Castle area	Silt area	Rifle area	Parachute area	COUNTY
Very favorable	7.8%	8.6%	8.7%	17.4%	18.0%	16.9%	12.1%
Somewhat favorable	22.6%	29.8%	18.5%	23.5%	31.5%	33.9%	27.2%
Somewhat unfavorable	27.7%	29.1%	36.9%	22.6%	23.6%	21.8%	27.0%
Very unfavorable	41.9%	32.5%	35.9%	36.5%	27.0%	27.4%	33.7%

2008 Garfield County Community Survey Assessment

	Carbondale area <i>n=221</i>	Glenwood Springs area <i>n=298</i>	New Castle area <i>n=105</i>	Silt area <i>n=117</i>	Rifle area <i>n=181</i>	Parachute area <i>n=126</i>	COUNTY <i>n=1048</i>
Recreation opportunities	88.9%	89.4%	86.0%	70.0%	68.5%	58.8%	79.7%
Scenic/visual quality	83.0%	80.1%	81.0%	64.9%	62.2%	65.3%	74.3%
River access	64.8%	70.7%	63.0%	50.4%	44.6%	44.1%	58.9%
Air quality	73.6%	69.2%	64.0%	43.9%	41.9%	40.5%	58.7%
Water quality/quantity	74.2%	70.6%	72.3%	35.1%	32.8%	44.4%	57.9%
Open space	66.8%	56.2%	71.6%	53.0%	48.0%	46.8%	57.1%
Hiking trails	74.6%	69.3%	58.8%	43.0%	35.6%	23.7%	55.6%
Biking Trails	73.4%	72.7%	60.8%	32.4%	27.4%	23.2%	54.0%
Public safety	59.1%	51.0%	42.4%	45.9%	41.5%	38.3%	48.2%
Public land access	52.6%	48.3%	46.9%	38.7%	37.4%	23.7%	43.2%
Historic preservation	39.3%	50.7%	43.8%	32.2%	31.7%	33.3%	40.3%
Sense of community	54.0%	42.1%	38.6%	24.1%	21.4%	28.0%	37.0%
Animal control	38.9%	43.0%	28.9%	24.8%	31.2%	21.0%	34.0%
Economic development	31.0%	32.2%	31.6%	32.7%	27.4%	28.8%	30.7%
Shopping opportunities	32.6%	44.0%	25.5%	23.7%	18.3%	13.6%	29.4%
Public transportation	45.4%	38.7%	34.0%	18.9%	14.3%	3.3%	29.2%
County road maintenance	40.0%	34.2%	28.1%	23.0%	20.6%	10.7%	28.5%
Recycling services	20.7%	33.9%	31.7%	22.1%	14.0%	11.4%	23.5%
Cultural integration	12.2%	17.3%	11.5%	13.1%	13.0%	16.4%	14.3%
Traffic	11.9%	8.6%	19.0%	11.2%	9.8%	6.4%	10.5%
Affordable housing	6.6%	6.3%	5.0%	4.6%	4.7%	6.6%	5.8%

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(Very Poor to Very Good)

	80-100%
	70-79%
	60-69%

2008 Garfield County Community Survey \$100

	Carbondale area <i>n=221</i>	Glenwood Springs area <i>n=298</i>	New Castle area <i>n=105</i>	Silt area <i>n=117</i>	Rifle area <i>n=181</i>	Parachute area <i>n=126</i>	COUNTY <i>n=1048</i>
Development of pedestrian/bicycle trails	\$13.92	\$12.48	\$9.76	\$8.47	\$9.32	\$8.70	\$11.05
Purchase of open space	\$21.56	\$20.69	\$15.92	\$15.80	\$17.07	\$11.72	\$18.17
Transit service improvements and expansion	\$15.42	\$12.24	\$13.71	\$10.28	\$9.56	\$12.82	\$12.46
Help provide affordable housing	\$21.13	\$20.02	\$21.48	\$15.34	\$20.74	\$15.42	\$19.39
Road system improvements	\$18.27	\$23.92	\$22.98	\$34.54	\$29.87	\$37.36	\$26.43
Economic development	\$9.87	\$10.02	\$15.85	\$14.94	\$13.77	\$11.20	\$11.96
Total	\$100.17	\$99.37	\$99.70	\$99.37	\$100.33	\$97.22	\$99.46

	1st Choice
	2nd Choice
	3rd Choice

2008 Garfield County Community Survey Recreation

	Carbondale area <i>n=221</i>	Glenwood Springs area <i>n=298</i>	New Castle area <i>n=105</i>	Silt area <i>n=117</i>	Rifle area <i>n=181</i>	Parachute area <i>n=126</i>	COUNTY <i>n=1048</i>
Walking/Jogging	72.4%	73.3%	70.2%	56.6%	56.4%	66.4%	67.3%
Hiking	79.3%	72.3%	76.9%	52.2%	52.9%	49.6%	66.1%
Wildlife viewing	55.3%	62.3%	59.6%	69.0%	65.7%	58.8%	61.5%
Camping/Backpacking	59.0%	59.6%	61.5%	69.9%	64.5%	42.0%	59.6%
Fishing	42.9%	40.4%	50.0%	66.4%	59.9%	53.8%	49.7%
Picnic Areas	35.0%	47.3%	46.2%	49.6%	59.3%	53.8%	47.6%
Alpine Skiing	64.5%	58.9%	36.5%	29.2%	18.0%	21.0%	43.2%
Rafting/Kayaking/Boating	44.7%	46.6%	33.7%	38.9%	29.1%	13.5%	37.2%
Motorized sightseeing/jeeping	21.7%	30.5%	26.0%	31.9%	48.3%	39.5%	32.4%
Mountain Biking	42.9%	43.2%	32.7%	23.9%	19.8%	10.9%	32.2%
Golf	33.2%	30.8%	30.8%	25.7%	32.0%	31.1%	31.0%
Hunting	13.8%	19.5%	23.1%	54.0%	47.7%	33.6%	28.9%
Snow shoeing	35.9%	38.4%	33.7%	17.7%	18.0%	13.5%	28.7%
Road Biking	48.9%	33.9%	23.1%	11.5%	12.8%	14.3%	27.6%
Playgrounds	21.7%	21.6%	30.8%	30.1%	31.4%	22.7%	25.3%
Four-wheeling	13.4%	20.9%	24.0%	34.5%	36.1%	33.6%	25.2%
Nordic Skiing	43.8%	28.8%	14.4%	15.9%	8.1%	10.1%	23.4%
Climbing/Mountaineering	20.3%	16.4%	10.6%	13.3%	10.5%	8.4%	14.4%
Other:	11.5%	10.3%	9.6%	17.7%	16.9%	11.8%	12.6%
Snowboarding	12.4%	14.0%	16.4%	10.6%	9.9%	6.7%	12.0%
Ice Skating	14.3%	16.8%	8.7%	12.4%	5.2%	3.4%	11.4%
Tennis	14.8%	14.7%	10.6%	6.2%	4.1%	9.2%	10.9%
Dirt biking - motorized	8.3%	6.5%	10.6%	10.6%	8.1%	10.9%	8.6%
In-line skating	5.5%	4.1%	2.9%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%
Skate boarding	2.3%	2.7%	3.9%	2.7%	2.9%	2.5%	2.8%

Numbers reflect frequency responses

	60-100%
	50-59%
	40-49%