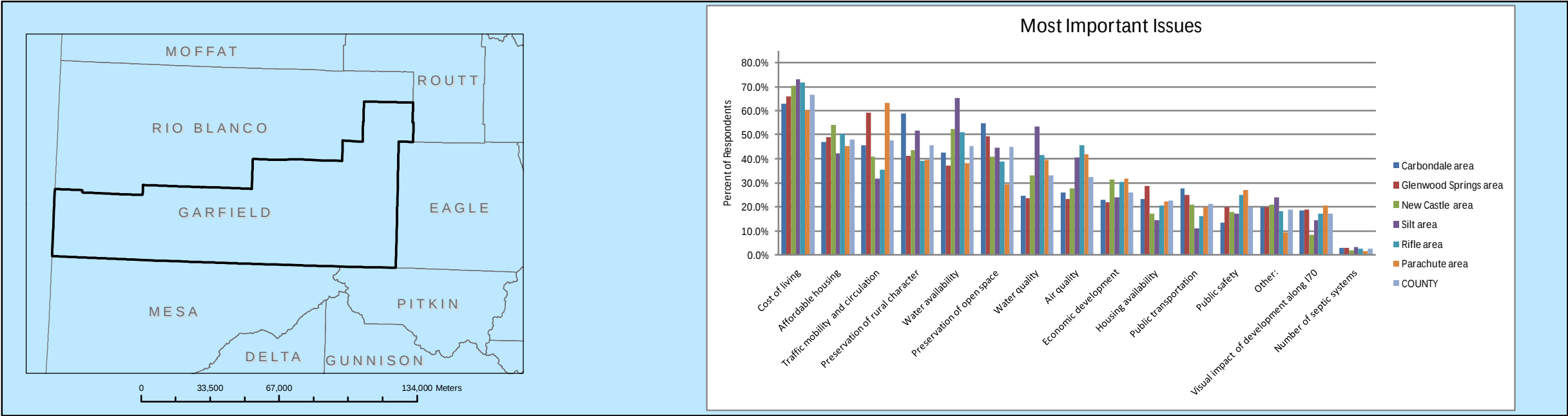


2008 Garfield County Public Opinion Survey

What are the most important issues that will be facing Garfield County in the next five years?

Question 7: Please check your top five choices from the list below.



Most Important Issues

	Carbondale area	Glenwood Springs area	New Castle area	Silt area	Rifle area	Parachute area	COUNTY
	n=221	n=298	n=105	n=117	n=181	n=126	n=1048
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%

There is alot of agreement throughout the County regarding the most important issues. The top issues include"Cost of living", "Affordable housing", "Traffic mobility and circulation", "Preservation of rural charector", and "Water availability".



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