



Garfield County, Colorado
2008 Public Opinion Survey



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December 2008

Purpose

The purpose of the 2008 Garfield County Community Survey is to collect input from the community to be used to guide the revision upcoming revision to the Garfield County Comprehensive Plan of 2000.

Methodology

In 2008, the Garfield County Planning Department contracted with Venturoni Surveys & Research, Inc. (VSR) to perform the survey analysis. The Garfield County voter registration list was used to sample local residents. Random sampling techniques were employed to select the samples. Letters were sent to potential respondents directing them to go to the internet to fill out the survey. All respondents were assigned identification numbers (IDN) to assure that no duplicate responses were counted. After two weeks, if the potential respondent had not filled out the internet survey, they were sent a reminder letter, paper copy of the survey and postage paid return envelope.

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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

The chart above details the size of the original sample frame, the number of surveys that were mailed, the number of surveys delivered (surveys not delivered were returned by the post office as “undeliverable”), the number of surveys completed and the number of surveys returned, % response, and resulting margin of error of 2.96%.

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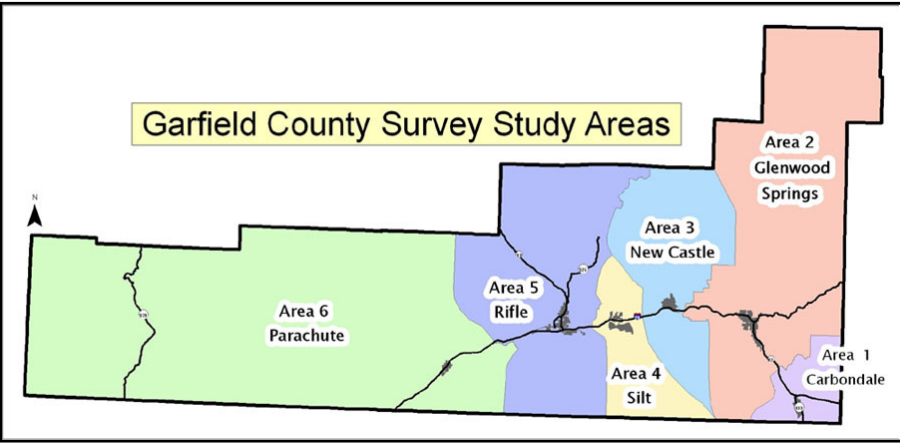
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Survey Study Areas

Survey respondents were given a map (see below) and definitions of the geographic study areas identified for the survey. All survey results were tabulated for the county as a whole and by individual survey study areas.



Definitions of the Study Areas:

Area 1 - Carbondale (Includes the Town of Carbondale, Missouri Heights, Aspen Glen, and South of County Road 114 AKA "CMC Road")

Area 2 - Glenwood Springs (Includes the City of Glenwood Springs, West Glenwood Springs, Ironbridge, Sweetwater, Four Mile Road to Sunlight, North of County Road 114 AKA "CMC Road", Spring Valley, Red Mountain Road, Mitchell Creek, Canyon Creek, and Riverbend)

Area 3 - New Castle (Including the Town of New Castle, Castle Valley Ranch, Apple Tree, West Elk Creek, Main Elk Creek, East Elk Creek and County Roads 245, 243, 241, 314 and 328)

Area 4 - Silt (Including the Town of Silt, Harvey Gap and areas South, Silt Mesa, Areas East of County Road 227 and West of County Road 238, Divide Creek and County Road 313, Mamm Creek and County Road 315)

Area 5 - Rifle (Including the City of Rifle, Rifle Gap Reservoir area, All development off State Highways 13 and 325, the Garfield County Airport, Grass Mesa, and Areas East of County Road 317 and West of County Road 319)

Area 6 - Parachute (Including the Town of Parachute, Battlement Mesa, and All Areas West of County Road 325 to the Utah Border including County Roads 215, 204, and State Highway 139)

Question 4: Where do you live and/or own property in Garfield County? (Please refer to map)

