

## 2011 BOULDER COUNTY ISSUES SURVEY

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. [Interviewers may ask for name from list or find alternate qualified respondent] First, I want to assure you that we're not selling anything, or asking for money. I'm with Talmey-Drake Research, a public opinion company in Boulder, Colorado. We are conducting an interesting survey with registered voters about local issues in your community, and we would like to include your opinions. Your telephone number was selected purely at random.

### SCREENER

- A. First, I would like to confirm that you are at least 18 years old, and registered to vote in Boulder County? *[n=411]*
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| Yes.....    | 100% |
| No .....    | --   |
| DK/NS ..... | --   |
- B. *[Ask only if R says "No" or "DK/NS" in Screener A; else go to Screener C]* Is there someone in this household I can speak to who is at least 18 years old and is registered to vote in Boulder, Broomfield or Gilpin County?
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| Yes.....    | 100% ⇒ <b>Start over</b> |
| No.....     | -- ⇒ <b>Terminate</b>    |
| DK/NS ..... | -- ⇒ <b>Terminate</b>    |
- C. Party Registration *[From Sample ]: [n=411]*
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|-------------------|-----|
| Democrat.....     | 45% |
| Republican.....   | 22% |
| Unaffiliated..... | 32% |
| Other: .....      | 1%  |
- D. Area *[From Sample A] [Quotas = 402, in addition to which an oversample (Sample B) of 200 will be called from a separate sample of certain Mountain precincts to be supplied by the County] Sample A is approx 10,000 records; Sample B is approx 2500 records] [All questions are asked of Both Samples A and B, unless the conditional says otherwise. NOTE- there are no area sub-quotas for Over-Sample (B)] [n=411]*
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|---|-----|
| Boulder/Gunbarrel.....                            | 39% |
| Eldorado Springs.....                             | *   |
| Erie.....   | 2%  |
| Lafayette.....                                    | 8%  |
| Louisville.....                                   | 6%  |
| Nederland .....                                   | 1%  |
| Jamestown .....                                   | *   |
| Superior.....                                     | 4%  |
| Ward .....  | *   |
| Other Unincorporated area of Boulder County ..... | 11% |
| Longmont.....                                     | 24% |
| Allenspark.....                                   | 1%  |
| Niwot.....  | 3%  |
| Lyons .....                                       | 1%  |
- E. Sex *[Do Not Ask] [n=411]*
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|--------------|-----|
| Male .....   | 44% |
| Female ..... | 56% |

\*An asterisk, wherever it appears, means that the result for that response rounds to less than 1%.



1. Generally speaking, would you say things in Boulder County are going in the right direction, or do you feel things here have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track in the past few years?

	<u>8/11</u> [n=411]	<u>4/10</u> [n=603]	<u>7/09</u> [n=600]	<u>12/06</u> [n=500]	<u>6/99</u> [n=603]	<u>4/95</u> [n=507]	<u>6/94</u> [n=300]	<u>4/92</u> [n=501]
Right direction.....	54%	59%	58%	70%	59%	53%	50%	66%
Wrong track.....	27%	27%	26%	16%	29%	37%	38%	18%
No opinion/DK/NS .....	19%	14%	16%	14%	12%	10%	12%	16%

Next I am going to read you several ballot proposals that that could be on this November's election ballot. When I read you each one, assume that particular ballot proposal will be the only one that appears on this November's ballot. The first is: *[Randomize Q2-Q6]*

- 2a. *[Ask ½ of Samples A & B Q2a – (A1 & B1)]* Shall the term limits imposed by state law and in Article Eighteen, Section 11 dash 2, of the Colorado constitution on the office of Sheriff of Boulder County, be modified so as to permit an elected officeholder in that office to seek and, if the voters of Boulder County choose to re-elect that person to a fourth term in office, to serve a fourth consecutive term? If the election were held today, would you vote in favor or against this ballot proposal to extend the term limits for the office of Boulder County Sheriff? *[n=197]*

Vote in favor.....	48%
Vote against.....	40%
Undecided at this time/Not sure .....	12%
Refused.....	--

- 2b. *[Ask other ½ of Samples A & B Q2b – (A2 & B2)]* Shall the term limits imposed by state law and in Article 18, Section 11 dash 2, of the Colorado constitution on the office of Sheriff of Boulder County, be removed so as to permit an elected officeholder in that office to seek and, if the voters of Boulder County choose to re-elect that person, to serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms? If the election were held today, would you vote in favor, or against this ballot proposal to remove the term limits for the office of Boulder County Sheriff? *[n=214]*

Vote in favor.....	34%
Vote against.....	57%
Undecided at this time/Not sure .....	9%
Refused.....	*

3. A ballot proposal to increase the maximum number of terms the Boulder County Commissioners can serve in office from the current maximum of two, four-year terms, to a new maximum of three, four-year terms, which will then match the maximum number of terms the Boulder County District Attorney, Treasurer and Clerk and Recorder are allowed to serve. If approved by voters, this change *[½ of Samples A & B (A1 & B1), read: would/ Other ½ of Samples A & B (A2 & B2) read: would not ]* apply to current office holders. If the election were held today, would you vote in favor or against this ballot proposal to extend the term limits for the office of Boulder County Commissioner?

	<u>Total</u> [n=411]	<u>Would Apply</u> [n=197]	<u>Wld Not Apply</u> [n=214]
Vote in favor.....	38%	34%	41%
Vote against.....	56%	59%	53%
Undecided at this time/Not sure .....	6%	7%	5%
Refused.....	*	--	1%



4. A ballot proposal to raise the Boulder County Sales tax on food purchased by point **(A1&B1 “three”/ A2&B2 “six”)** percent, or **(A1&B1 “three”/ A2&B2 “six”)** cents on a \$100 dollar purchase of food. The money raised by this tax would create a fund to protect food safety and public health in Boulder County by increasing resources to prevent food based illness, conduct regular food inspections, food safety education, and enforcement, as well as to provide resources for consumers. . If the election were held today, would you vote in favor of it or against it?

	<u><b>Total</b></u> <i>[n=411]</i>	<u><b>3%</b></u> <i>[n=197]</i>	<u><b>6%</b></u> <i>[n=214]</i>
Vote in favor.....	35%	39%	31%
Vote against.....	61%	56%	65%
Undecided at this time/Not sure .....	4%	5%	3%
Refused .....	*	--	1%

5. *[Ask only of Sample B; else go to Q6 ]. Oversample to 200 completes.* A ballot proposal to create the Boulder County Forest Improvement District. This District would increase the property tax of mountain property by point 75 mills, or \$7 for every \$100,000 of assessed value. The money raised by this tax would pay for wildfire mitigation efforts on public and private property as identified in the county-wide community wildfire protection plan, a blueprint to reduce the risk from future wildfires, in the mountain areas of western Boulder County. If the election were held today, would you vote in favor of it or against it? *[n=202]*

Vote in favor.....	66%
Vote against.....	28%
Undecided at this time/Not sure .....	6%
Refused .....	--

6. A ballot proposal to increase the Boulder County Sales tax by point zero five percent, or 5 cents on a \$100 dollar purchase. The money raised by this tax would pay for wildfire mitigation efforts on public and private property as identified in the county-wide community wildfire protection plan, a plan designed to reduce the risk from future wildfires in the mountains areas in western Boulder County. If the election were held today, would you vote in favor of it or against it? *[n=411]*

Vote in favor.....	63%
Vote against.....	33%
Undecided at this time/Not sure .....	4%
Refused .....	*



7. *[If R lives in the City of Boulder in Screener D, read: “As with the ballot proposals we’ve just discussed, all of the remaining questions I will ask you in this survey concern the Boulder County government, not the City of Boulder.”]* In general, what do you consider to be the single most important issue facing Boulder County today? *[Multiple response OK] [Do not read list]*

	<b>Aug11</b> <i>[n=411]</i>	<b>May10</b> <i>[n=603]</i>
Nothing in particular .....	9%	2%
Concerns About The Economy/Jobs .....	19%	14%
Public School Issues/Education. ....	12%	10%
Open Space Issues .....	6%	3%
Transportation Issues/Congestion .....	6%	6%
Environmental Issues/Growth .....	5%	15%
Government Financial Issues.....	4%	5%
Affordable Housing/High Costs .....	4%	4%
Planning/Land Use/Building Issues .....	4%	3%
Taxes Too High .....	4%	4%
Energy Issues.....	4%	--
Fire Mitigation.....	3%	--
Social Issues .....	2%	3%
Genetically Modified Crops .....	1%	--
Homeless/Poverty.....	1%	--
Illegal Immigration.....	1%	--
Water Issues.....	1%	--
Overpopulation .....	*	--
Legalization Of Marijuana/ Drugs.....	--	3%
Other.....	11%	11%
DK/NS .....	11%	15%

8. *[ASK OF SAMPLE A ONLY] [SKIP Q8 IF Q7=DK/NS or NOTHING IN PARTICULAR]* And what do you consider to be the next most important issue facing Boulder County? *[Multiple response OK] [Do not read list]*

	<b>Aug11</b> <i>[n=329]</i>
Nothing in particular .....	9%
Public school issues/Education. ....	13%
Concerns about the economy/Jobs.....	10%
Environmental /Slow, manage growth issues.....	9%
Transportation issues/Congestion.....	8%
Open space issues .....	8%
Affordable housing/High costs .....	5%
Planning/Land use/Building issues .....	5%
Government financial issues .....	5%
Taxes too high .....	4%
Social Issues .....	3%
Legalization of marijuana/ Drugs.....	3%
Genetically modified crops.....	2%
Other.....	8%
DK/NS .....	14%



9. Please think for a moment about the many things that are the responsibility of Boulder County government. Would you say that you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the job being done?

	<u>8/11</u> [n=411]	<u>7/09</u> [n=600]	<u>6/08</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>5/06</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>4/95</u> [n=507]	<u>4/92</u> [n=501]
Very satisfied.....	17%	16%	16%	13%	15%	14%	13%	10%	16%
Somewhat satisfied .....	56%	59%	58%	65%	64%	64%	65%	64%	67%
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	12%	17%	15%	13%	12%	14%	13%	18%	13% <sup>1</sup>
Very dissatisfied.....	9%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	7%	0%
DK/NS.....	6%	2%	5%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	5%

10. Do you feel that the Boulder County government does an excellent, good, only fair or a poor job providing opportunities for citizen voices and concerns to be heard?

	<u>Aug11</u> [n=411]	<u>Jul09</u> [n=600]
Excellent.....	9%	10%
Good.....	48%	48%
Only fair.....	24%	25%
Poor.....	10%	10%
DK/NS.....	9%	7%

11. *[Ask if R says “Only Fair” or “Poor” in Q10; else go to Q12]* And is there anything in particular that causes you to give Boulder County Government a rating of **[only fair/poor]** in terms of providing opportunities for citizen voices and concerns to be heard? *[Do not read list]*

	<u>Aug11</u> [n=139]	<u>Jul09</u> [n=207]
Nothing in particular/None.....	15%	20%
Don't listen/Ignore citizens .....	19%	15%
Don't really want citizen input/Not everyone's voice is heard/Do not inform citizens to come to meetings.....	14%	9%
Don't communicate about meetings/Other.....	14%	10%
Other negative comments on government/Other issues.....	9%	8%
Made wrong decision/Unhappy with particular issue .....	8%	3%
Have pre-determined agenda/Minds made up .....	7%	7%
Ignore conservatives in the community/They are liberal/too liberal	6%	4%
Don't have open forum/forums should be expanded/No public meeting of Commissioners.....	6%	3%
Not everyone's voice is equal/Insiders rule .....	4%	3%
The way they spend money/Too much waste of money/Poor spending priorities.....	--	2%
Email accessibility/Access.....	--	1%
Hearing times inconvenient/Hard for the unincorporated people to make it to the meeting.....	--	1%
More public relations than reality/Lip service/Ineffectiveness .....	--	1%
Taxation without representation/Property taxes and annexation of taxes/Tax is too high.....	--	1%
The Government is one way/One-sided/Listen only to the wealthy and not to the middle and lower class/biased/No respect for the citizens/Unfair.....	--	1%
Other.....	6%	16%

<sup>1</sup> In 1992, the “Somewhat” and “Very” dissatisfied categories were collapsed into a single “Dissatisfied” category.



DK/NS/Refused..... 7% 2%

12. When the Boulder County Government makes its decisions, do you feel it does an excellent, good, only fair or a poor job when it comes to taking into account what the community feels is important?

	<u>Aug11</u> [n=411]	<u>Jul09</u> [n=600]
Excellent.....	6%	5%
Good.....	46%	46%
Only fair.....	26%	29%
Poor.....	13%	13%
DK/NS.....	9%	7%

13. *[Ask if R says "only fair" or "Poor in Q12; else go to Q14]* And is there anything in particular that causes you to give Boulder County Government a rating of **[only fair/poor]** when it comes to taking into account what the community feels is important? *[Do not read list]*

	<u>Aug11</u> [n=162]	<u>Jul09</u> [n=250]
Nothing in particular/None.....	17%	16%
Have own agenda/They do whatever they want/Don't care about the people.....	22%	12%
They don't listen.....	17%	16%
They listen to special interest group/Not all citizens .....	13%	9%
Made wrong decision/Unhappy with particular issue .....	9%	7%
Lack of communication .....	6%	3%
Land use regulation/Farm land permits.....	5%	3%
One-sided opinion .....	5%	9%
Open space concerns .....	3%	2%
Private property issues .....	3%	3%
Distressing shape roads/Not safe roads/Traffic (about roads).....	2%	2%
Misplaced/wrong budget priorities.....	1%	3%
Tax issues .....	*	2%
Handled cases unfairly.....	--	1%
Overloaded with bureaucratic procedures/Simple/Realistic%		1%
Limited outlook on diverse business development.....	--	1%
Poor handling of finances.....	--	1%
Others .....	8%	10%
DK/NS.....	11%	5%

14. Generally speaking, would you say that the taxes you pay to the Boulder County government are way too high, high but acceptable, about right, or lower than you would expect for the services that the Boulder County government provides?

	<u>8/11</u> [n=411]	<u>5/10</u> [n=603]	<u>7/09</u> [n=600]	<u>6/08</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>5/06</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>4/95</u> [n=507]
Way too high.....	15%	20%	21%	23%	24%	22%	25%	22%	16%
High but acceptable.....	39%	34%	40%	37%	28%	35%	31%	31%	34%
About right.....	42%	35%	32%	32%	41%	36%	37%	40%	41%
Lower than what one would expect..	4%	6%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%
No opinion/DK/NS .....	--	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	5%



15. On a different topic, according to State law that now exists, Boulder County can issue a ban on open fires and fireworks only after specific temperature, humidity and fire fuel levels are met for three consecutive days or more. Some people feel that the existing criteria are working fine as the law now exists, and allowing fire bans to be issued more readily would NOT likely result in fewer fires caused by careless people, but will allow the Boulder County officials to ban fires whenever they feel like it. Others feel that giving the County more discretion on when to ban fires WILL lead to fewer fires, as a well publicized fire ban does alert the public to the heightened danger accidental fires may cause. How do you feel? Do you feel the existing standards in state law are fine as they are, or do you feel Boulder County should be given more discretion on when to put a fire ban into effect? [n=411]
- Existing law is fine..... 44%  
 Boulder County should have more discretion..... 53%  
 DK/NS..... 3%

16. Next I would like to ask you a few questions about recreational shooting on U.S. Forest Service land in Boulder County. Currently the Forest Service has a policy called “Dispersed Shooting,” which allows RECREATIONAL shooting anywhere on most Forest Service land as long as it is at least 150 yards away from a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation area or occupied area. From what you know about this Forest service policy, would you say you support the “Dispersed shooting” policy as it is, or do you feel it should be modified?” [n=411]
- Support as is..... 46%  
 Should be modified..... 46%  
 DK/NS..... 8%

Next I will read you some statements about the dispersed shooting policy which allows recreational shooting anywhere on most Forest Service land as long as it further than 150 yards from a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation area or occupied area. After I read each statement, please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the statement. If you don’t have any feeling about the statement one way or the other, just say so. The first is: [Read list; Randomize]

	-----Agree-----		Neut	---Disagree---		DK/NS
	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Some</u>		<u>Some</u>	<u>Strong</u>	
17. One hundred fifty yards from any road or home is a safe distance to keep recreational shooters from accidentally hitting people or buildings [n=411].....	12%	17%	8%	23%	35%	5%
18. For responsible shooters, 150 yards may be a safe distance from homes or roads, but unfortunately, not all recreational shooters are responsible and the distance should be greater than 150 yards [n=411] .....	49%	24%	7%	9%	9%	2%
19a. [Ask ½ of Samples A & B (A1/B1)] One hundred fifty yards from any road or home is good standard for recreational shooters, whether they are in isolated national forest land, or the foothills of Boulder County [n=197].....	14%	19%	5%	24%	35%	3%



	<u>-----Agree-----</u>		<u>Neut</u>	<u>---Disagree---</u>		<u>DK/NS</u>
	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Some</u>		<u>Some</u>	<u>Strong</u>	
19b. [Ask other ½ of Samples A & B (A2/B2)] There should be stricter standards for dispersed shooting in more populated areas like the foothills of Boulder County, than the standards for shooting in more isolated areas of Forest Service land [n=214].....	53%	20%	6%	11%	7%	3%
20. Dispersed shooting should be banned in populated areas, like the foothills of Boulder County, but should be allowed in more isolated National Forest Lands. [n=411].....	27%	30%	7%	15%	17%	4%
21. On Forest Service land in populated areas like Boulder County, it would be better to develop specific shooting areas and facilities rather than allow dispersed shooting anywhere where Forest Service land exists in Boulder County [n=411].....	49%	24%	6%	9%	9%	3%
22. Switching to a different topic, how serious a problem do feel mosquitoes are in Boulder County? Do you feel they are a potentially very serious problem, somewhat serious problem, not too serious a problem or not at all a problem? [n=411]						
Very serious problem .....						16%
Somewhat serious problem .....						39%
Not too serious a problem .....						30%
Not at all a problem.....						13%
DK/NS.....						2%
23. Do you know if Boulder County currently has a program to control mosquitoes? [n=411]						
Yes, Boulder County has mosquito control programs .....						53%
No, Boulder County has no mosquito control programs .....						14%
DK/NS.....						33%

[If R says “No” or “DK/NS” in Q23, read: “While many people are not aware of it,”/ If R says “Yes” in Q23, read: “As you know,” ] Boulder County does have programs to control both nuisance mosquitoes and those mosquitoes which spread diseases like West Nile Virus. I will now read you five actions Boulder County can take to control mosquitoes, and after I read each one, please tell me whether you support or oppose each one. The first is: [Read list; No not randomize]

	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/NS</u>
24. Controlling adult mosquitoes by spraying in unincorporated areas [n=411].....	68%	22%	10%
25. Controlling mosquito larvae by treating areas of standing water where mosquitoes breed [n=411].....	84%	8%	8%
26. Controlling mosquitoes by both spraying adult mosquitoes and treating areas where mosquitoes breed [n=411] .....	73%	17%	10%
27. Stopping any attempt to control mosquitoes by suspending both spraying and treating the breeding areas [n=411].....	16%	78%	6%
28. Controlling only mosquitoes which spread disease, which would target control efforts to specific areas where disease carrying mosquitoes are found [n=411].....	51%	40%	9%



29. **[ASK OF SAMPLE A ONLY]** Some counties in Colorado have what is called a Super Intergovernmental Agreement, which is an agreement with all the municipalities in a county to define municipal planning areas and to help control urban sprawl. Do you know if Boulder County currently has a Super Intergovernmental Agreement like I just described? *[n=411]*
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|--|-----|
| Yes, Boulder County has such an agreement..... | 38% |
| No, Boulder County has no such agreement ..... | 16% |
| DK/NS.....                                     | 46% |

30. **[ASK OF SAMPLE A ONLY]** *[If R says “No” or “DK/NS” in Q29, read: “While many people are not aware of it,”/ If R says “Yes” in Q29, read: “As you know,” ]* Boulder County and each municipality in the county, with the exception of Ward, have entered into what is referred to as a Super Intergovernmental Agreement, called an IGA. In an effort promote planned growth, reduce sprawl development and preserve open space buffers between the towns, this Super IGA sets out urban growth boundaries for each municipality and indicates which areas should be developed and which should remain rural. Next I will read you two actions Boulder County can take with regard to this Super IGA, and after I read each, please tell me which statement comes closest to how you feel. The first is: **[Randomize statements A & B – DOES NOT NEED TO ADHERE TO FORMS]**

**Statement A:** Boulder County and municipalities throughout the County should let the Super IGA expire in 2013, which will return to municipalities the power to annex unincorporated land without any restrictions.

**Statement B:** Boulder County and municipalities throughout the County should extend the Super IGA for a period of at least 10 years, creating new defined growth boundaries and planning areas for each municipality.

Which statement comes closest to how you feel, Statement A or Statement B? *[n=411]*

Statement A.....	24%
Statement B.....	71%
DK/NS.....	5%

Our last questions are about you and your family. The answers to these questions help us statistically classify the results we obtain and will only be used when combined with the hundreds of other interviews conducted for this survey.

31. Some people are always following what's going on in politics and public affairs. Others just aren't that interested. Do you follow what's going on politically and in government all of the time, most of the time, some of the time or almost never? *[n=411]*

All of the time.....	15%
Most of the time.....	41%
Some of the time.....	40%
Almost never.....	4%
Refused.....	--
DK/NS.....	--

32. Did you happen to vote in the 2008 election for president between John McCain and Barack Obama, or did you not vote in that election? *[n=411]*

Yes, voted.....	95%
No, didn't vote .....	4%
DK/NS.....	1%



33. Most people do not have either the time or interest in voting in off-year municipal or other elections like for City Council, the school board, or local matters. How many of these municipal, County or School elections would you say you vote in? Absolutely all of them, most of them, about half, some of them, or very few of them? *[n=411]*
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|-------------------------------|-----|
| All of them .....             | 40% |
| Most of them .....            | 21% |
| About half .....              | 13% |
| Some of them .....            | 11% |
| Very few of them .....        | 11% |
| None <i>[NO PROMPT]</i> ..... | 3%  |
| DK/NS.....                    | 1%  |
34. In the past year or so, have you attended a meeting of your local school board, your City Council or County Commissioners, or a public meeting of any other City or County agency like the Planning Commission, or watched any of these meetings on a local cable channel? *[n=411]*
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|--------------------|-----|
| Yes.....           | 45% |
| No.....            | 55% |
| DK/NS/Refused..... | *   |
35. Where do you get most of your information about local news stories happening here in Boulder County? Is it from: *[Read list; Randomize] [Multiple response OK] [n=411]*
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|--|-----|
| Newspapers.....                                | 71% |
| Internet .....                                 | 58% |
| Talking with others .....                      | 52% |
| Television .....                               | 40% |
| Radio .....                                    | 38% |
| Magazines .....                                | 8%  |
| Other source.....                              | 9%  |
| Don't follow local Boulder County issues ..... | *   |
| DK/NS.....                                     | *   |
36. Have you or anyone in your household lost your job or taken a significant pay cut in the past six months? *[n=411]*
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|------------|-----|
| Yes.....   | 19% |
| No.....    | 80% |
| DK/NS..... | 1%  |
37. And do you or anyone in your household fear that you may lose your job, or be required to take a pay cut at some point in the next 6 to 12 months? *[n=411]*
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|------------|-----|
| Yes.....   | 20% |
| No.....    | 76% |
| DK/NS..... | 4%  |
38. About how long have you been registered to vote in Boulder County? *[n=411]*
- |                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| 5 or less years.....         | 33%  |
| 6-15 years.....              | 29%  |
| 16-25 years .....            | 18%  |
| 26-40 years .....            | 13%  |
| 41 or more years.....        | 6%   |
| Refused .....                | 1%   |
| Median number of years ..... | 10.0 |



39. May I ask how old you are? [98=98+ years / 99=DK/NS/Ref] [n=411]
- |                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| 18-24 years .....     | 11%  |
| 25-34 years .....     | 16%  |
| 35-44 years .....     | 20%  |
| 45-54 years .....     | 20%  |
| 55-64 years .....     | 15%  |
| 65 years or more..... | 15%  |
| Refused.....          | 2%   |
| Mean age.....         | 46.5 |
| Median age .....      | 45.0 |
40. And which of the following income groups includes your family's total annual income from all sources in 2010 [Read list except refused and DK/NS] [n=411]
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|---|------------------|
| Up to \$20,000 .....                    | 8%               |
| \$20,000, but less than \$30,000 .....  | 5%               |
| \$30,000, but less than \$40,000 .....  | 8%               |
| \$40,000, but less than \$50,000 .....  | 7%               |
| \$50,000, but less than \$60,000 .....  | 8%               |
| \$60,000, but less than \$75,000 .....  | 6%               |
| \$75,000, but less than \$100,000 ..... | 14%              |
| \$100,000, but less than \$150,000..... | 21%              |
| \$150,000 or over .....                 | 10%              |
| Refused.....                            | 9% ⇐ Do not read |
| DK/NS.....                              | 4% ⇐ Do not read |
41. Finally, so we can ensure that all groups are statistically represented, would you please tell me what racial or ethnic group or groups you consider yourself to be a member of? [Single response only] [n=411]
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|--|-----|
| White/Caucasian.....                             | 86% |
| Black/African-American .....                     | 1%  |
| Hispanic/Latino .....                            | 7%  |
| Oriental/Asian-American/Asian/Pac. islander..... | 1%  |
| American Indian/Native American .....            | *   |
| Multi-Ethnic/Mixed race.....                     | 1%  |
| Other.....                                       | 1%  |
| Refused.....                                     | 3%  |
| DK/NS.....                                       | *   |

**Thank you for taking our survey, your answers  
have been extremely helpful.**



## Methodology

The 2011 Boulder County Issues Survey was conducted on behalf of the Boulder County by Talmey-Drake Research & Strategy, Inc., a public opinion research firm in Boulder, Colorado. The results of this survey are based upon 411 telephone interviews with Boulder County voters, as well as an oversample of 202 interviews from the foothills precincts of Boulder County\*. Boulder County provided a random sample of voter telephone numbers, which Talmey-Drake then randomly sampled. Interviews were conducted from August 17 to 26, 2011. Quotas were established to obtain approximately equal numbers of males and females as well as approximate age and geographic distribution. Random samples of 411 and 202 have worst-case 95% confidence intervals of plus or minus 4.8% and 6.9%, respectively, about any one reported percentage.

\* The foothills Precincts from which the oversample voters were selected are: Precincts 2-4 and 7-18.

