



2019 BOULDER COUNTY ISSUES SURVEY

Hello, my name is _____. First, I want to assure you that we're not selling anything, or asking for money. I'm with Drake Research, a public opinion research company here 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=605]*
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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 County? *[n=605]*
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| Yes..... | 100% ⇒ Start over |
| No..... | -- ⇒ Terminate |
| DK/NS..... | -- ⇒ Terminate |
- C. Party Registration *[From Sample]: [n=605]*
- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Democrat..... | 45% |
| Republican..... | 15% |
| Unaffiliated..... | 39% |
| Other..... | 1% |
- D. And did you vote in the 2018 election for Governor and the US Congress, or did you not vote? *[n=605]*
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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Voted..... | 99% |
| Did not vote..... | 1% |
| DK/NS..... | -- ⇒ Terminate |
- E. *[Ask only if R says "Did not vote" in Screener D; else go to Screener F]* Did you not vote because you were too young to vote in 2016, or was it for some other reason?
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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Too young..... | 100% ⇒ Continue |
| Some other reason..... | -- ⇒ Terminate |
| DK/NS..... | -- ⇒ Terminate |
- F. In November of this year, there will be elections for local officials and likely a variety of statewide, county, and city ballot issues. On a scale of zero to ten, with zero meaning NOT AT ALL likely and ten meaning EXTREMELY likely, how likely are you to vote in this Fall's election? You can use any number between zero and ten. *[Terminate if R does NOT say 5-10] [n=605]*
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| 5-7..... | 1% |
| 8-9..... | 22% |
| 10..... | 77% |



SCREENER

G. Is the telephone number we called you on a cell phone, or is it a traditional home phone line, often called a landline? *[n=605]*

Cell phone 64%
 Landline..... 35%
 Other 1%
 DK/NS -- \leftarrow *Terminate*

H. *[Ask if R says "Cell phone" in Screener G; else go to Screener I]* Are you currently driving or doing something else that makes it unsafe to talk?

Yes 100% \Rightarrow *Thank; Set time to call back*
 No -- \Rightarrow *Continue*
 DK/NS..... -- \Rightarrow *Terminate*

I. In which Boulder County City do you live? If you live in an unincorporated area of Boulder County, like Gunbarrel or other unincorporated areas, just say so? *[n=605]*

Allenspark *
 City of Boulder..... 31%
 Eldorado Springs --
 Erie 3%
 Gunbarrel..... 2%
 Hygiene..... *
 Jamestown..... *
 Lafayette 8%
 Longmont 29%
 Louisville 9%
 Lyons..... 1%
 Nederland..... 1%
 Niwot 1%
 Pinecliffe..... --
 Superior 2%
 Ward..... *
 Other Unincorporated area of Boulder County..... 11%
 Other City 2%
 DK/NS/Refused..... -- \Rightarrow *Terminate*

J. Sex *[Do Not Ask] [n=605]*

Male 49%
 Female 51%

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

1. *[Ask All]* 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?

| | 8/19 <i>[n=605]</i> | 4/18 <i>[n=605]</i> | 6/17 <i>[n=605]</i> | 6/16 <i>[n=605]</i> | 12/15 <i>[n=605]</i> | 3/14 <i>[n=603]</i> | 5/12 <i>[n=605]</i> | 4/10 <i>[n=603]</i> | 7/09 <i>[n=600]</i> | 12/06 <i>[n=500]</i> | 6/99 <i>[n=603]</i> | 6/94 <i>[n=300]</i> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Right direction..... | 60% | 58% | 56% | 56% | 61% | 60% | 62% | 59% | 58% | 70% | 59% | 50% |
| Wrong track..... | 24% | 26% | 27% | 26% | 22% | 26% | 23% | 27% | 26% | 16% | 29% | 38% |
| No opinion/DK/NS... | 16% | 16% | 17% | 13% | 17% | 14% | 15% | 14% | 16% | 14% | 12% | 12% |



2. **[Ask All]** There have been recent articles in the newspapers about a group of citizens circulating a petition to place on the ballot an initiative to increase the number of Boulder County Commissioners from the current three members to five members. Under Colorado law, voters must first approve a change in the number of County Commissioners. Then if that passes, Colorado law gives voters specific options on how commissioners will be elected.

Before just now, have you read or heard anything about this idea to increase the number of Boulder County Commissioners? *[n=605]*

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Yes, have read or heard..... | 22% |
| No, have not read or heard | 77% |
| No opinion/DK/NS | 1% |

3. **[Ask All]** There has also been talk of increasing the number of terms in office that certain County officials can be elected to serve.

Before just now, have you read or heard anything about this idea to increase the number of terms certain Boulder County elected officials can serve? *[n=605]*

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Yes, have read or heard..... | 24% |
| No, have not read or heard | 75% |
| No opinion/DK/NS | 1% |

Next, I am going to read you several ballot proposals that could be on the November 2019 or November 2020 election ballot, although it is possible that some of these proposals may not be on the ballot in either year. When I read you each one, assume that each particular ballot proposal will be the only proposal that appears on the ballot.

4. **[Ask Sample A (n=302)] [Randomize Q4, Q5, & Q6 as a group with Q7 & Q8 as a group. Within the first group, randomize order of Q5 & Q6. Within the second group, ask Q7 first]** The **[first/next]** possible ballot proposal would increase the number of terms in office that certain County officials can be elected to serve, and might read as follows: Shall the term limits imposed by state law and the Colorado constitution on the offices of Boulder County Commissioners, District Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor, Coroner, Surveyor and Clerk and Recorder, be modified so as to permit an elected officeholder in those offices to seek an additional term in office?

If the election were held today, would you vote in favor or against this ballot proposal to extend the term limits for Boulder County elected offices I just read to you? **[Read list again if requested]**
[n=304]

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| In favor | 31% |
| Against..... | 47% |
| Undecided/DK/NS..... | 22% |

- 4a. **[Ask only if R says “Vote in favor” in Q4; else go to Q4b]** And would you definitely vote in favor of extending term limits on these offices, or would you only probably vote for it?

[n=94]

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Definitely vote for it..... | 21% |
| Probably vote for it..... | 76% |
| DK/NS..... | 3% |



4b. *[Ask only if R says “Vote against” in Q4; else go to Q4c]* And would you definitely vote against extending term limits on these offices, or would you only probably vote against it? *[n=145]*

Definitely against it..... 57%
 Probably against it..... 42%
 DK/NS..... 1%

4c. *[Ask only if R says “Undecided/not sure” in Q4; else go to Q5]* And even though you are undecided about extending term limits on these offices, which way are you leaning? Are you leaning towards voting in favor or against it? *[n=66]*

Leaning towards voting in favor..... 23%
 Leaning towards voting against 26%
 DK/NS..... 51%

| Summary: Q4/4a/4b/4c <i>[n=304]</i> | |
|--|------------------|
| | Total |
| Definitely vote in favor..... | 6% |
| Probably vote in favor | 25% ¹ |
| Leaning towards supporting | 5% |
| Undecided/DK/NS..... | 11% |
| Leaning towards opposing..... | 6% |
| Probably against it | 21% ² |
| Definitely against it..... | 26% |
| Refused..... | -- |

5. *[Ask Sample B (n=302)]* The **[first/next]** possible ballot proposal would increase the number of terms in office that certain County officials can be elected to serve, and might read as follows: Shall the term limits imposed by state law and in the Colorado constitution on the offices of Boulder County District Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor, Coroner, Surveyor and Clerk and Recorder, be modified so as to permit an elected officeholder in that office to seek 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 Boulder County elected offices I just read to you? *[Read list again if requested]* *[n=301]*

In favor..... 27%
 Against..... 58%
 Undecided/DK/NS..... 15%

5a. *[Ask only if R says “Vote in favor” in Q5; else go to Q5b]* And would you definitely vote in favor of extending term limits on these offices, or would you only probably vote for it? *[n=81]*

Definitely vote for it..... 23%
 Probably vote for it..... 77%
 DK/NS..... --

¹ “DK/NS” responses in Q4a are included in the “Probably vote in favor” category.

² “DK/NS” responses in Q4b are included in the “Probably against” category.



5b. *[Ask only if R says “Vote against” in Q5; else go to Q5c]* And would you definitely vote against extending term limits on these offices, or would you only probably vote against it? *[n=175]*

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Definitely against it..... | 61% |
| Probably against it..... | 39% |
| DK/NS..... | * |

5c. *[Ask only if R says “Undecided/not sure” in Q5; else go to Q6]* And even though you are undecided about extending term limits on these offices, which way are you leaning? Are you leaning towards voting in favor or against it? *[n=45]*

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Leaning towards voting in favor..... | 20% |
| Leaning towards voting against | 35% |
| DK/NS..... | 45% |

| Summary: Q5/5a/5b/5c <i>[n=301]</i> | |
|--|------------------|
| | Total |
| Definitely vote in favor..... | 6% |
| Probably vote in favor | 21% ³ |
| Leaning towards supporting | 3% |
| Undecided/DK/NS..... | 7% |
| Leaning towards opposing | 5% |
| Probably against it | 23% ⁴ |
| Definitely against it..... | 35% |
| Refused..... | -- |

6. *[Ask Sample B (n=302)]* The **[first/next]** possible ballot proposal would increase the number of terms in office that Boulder County Commissioners can be elected to serve, and might read as follows: 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. If approved by voters, this change *[½ of Sample B, read: would/ Other ½ of Sample B 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?

| | Would Apply <i>[n=150]</i> | W'd Not Apply <i>[n=151]</i> | Total <i>[n=301]</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| In favor..... | 25% | 21% | 23% |
| Against..... | 66% | 62% | 64% |
| Undecided/DK/NS..... | 9% | 17% | 13% |

³ “DK/NS” responses in Q5a are included in the “Probably vote in favor” category.

⁴ “DK/NS” responses in Q5b are included in the “Probably against” category.



6a. *[Ask only if R says “Vote in favor” in Q6; else go to Q6b]* And would you definitely vote in favor of the extending term limits for Boulder County Commissioners, or would you only probably vote for it? *[n=x]*

| | Would Apply <i>[n=37]</i> | W’ld Not Apply <i>[n=32]</i> | Total <i>[n=69]</i> |
|-----------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Definitely vote for it..... | 41% | 28% | 34% |
| Probably vote for it..... | 59% | 72% | 66% |
| DK/NS..... | -- | -- | -- |

6b. *[Ask only if R says “Vote against” in Q6; else go to Q6c]* And would you definitely vote against extending term limits for Boulder County Commissioners,, or would you only probably vote against it? *[n=x]*

| | Would Apply <i>[n=100]</i> | W’ld Not Apply <i>[n=93]</i> | Total <i>[n=193]</i> |
|----------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Definitely against it..... | 53% | 64% | 58% |
| Probably against it..... | 47% | 36% | 42% |
| DK/NS..... | -- | -- | -- |

6c. *[Ask only if R says “Undecided/not sure” in Q6; else go to Q7]* And even though you are undecided about extending term limits for Boulder County Commissioners, which way are you leaning? Are you leaning towards voting in favor or against it?

| | Would Apply <i>[n=14]</i> | W’ld Not Apply <i>[n=25]</i> | Total <i>[n=39]</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Leaning towards voting in favor..... | 12% | 22% | 19% |
| Leaning towards voting against | 42% | 50% | 47% |
| DK/NS..... | 46% | 28% | 34% |

| Summary: Q6/6a/6b/6c <i>[n=301]</i> | |
|--|------------------|
| | Total |
| Definitely vote in favor..... | 8% |
| Probably vote in favor | 15% ⁵ |
| Leaning towards supporting | 2% |
| Undecided/DK/NS..... | 5% |
| Leaning towards opposing | 6% |
| Probably against it | 27% ⁶ |
| Definitely against it..... | 37% |
| Refused..... | -- |

7. *[Ask All]* The **[first/next]** possible ballot proposal would increase the number of County Commissioners, and might read as follows: Shall the number of Boulder County Commissioners be increased from the current three Commissioners to a total of five Commissioners?

If the election were held today, would you vote in favor or against this ballot proposal? *[n=605]*

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| In favor | 50% |
| Against..... | 23% |
| Undecided/DK/NS..... | 27% |

⁵ “DK/NS” responses in Q6a are included in the “Probably vote in favor” category.

⁶ “DK/NS” responses in Q6b are included in the “Probably against” category.



7a. **[Ask only if R says “Vote in favor” in Q7; else go to Q7b]** And would you definitely vote in favor of increasing the number of Commissioners, or would you only probably vote for it? *[n=302]*

Definitely vote for it..... 40%
 Probably vote for it..... 60%
 DK/NS..... *

7b. **[Ask only if R says “Vote against” in Q7; else go to Q7c]** And would you definitely vote against increasing the number of Commissioners, or would you only probably vote against it? *[n=139]*

Definitely against it..... 48%
 Probably against it..... 50%
 DK/NS..... 2%

7c. **[Ask only if R says “Undecided/not sure” in Q7; else go to Q8]** And even though you are undecided about increasing the number of Commissioners, which way are you leaning? Are you leaning towards voting in favor or against it? *[n=164]*

Leaning towards voting in favor..... 32%
 Leaning towards voting against 13%
 DK/NS..... 55%

| Summary: Q7/7a/7b/7c <i>[n=605]</i> | |
|--|------------------|
| | Total |
| Definitely vote in favor..... | 20% |
| Probably vote in favor..... | 30% ⁷ |
| Leaning towards supporting..... | 9% |
| Undecided/DK/NS..... | 15% |
| Leaning towards opposing..... | 3% |
| Probably against it..... | 12% ⁸ |
| Definitely against it..... | 11% |
| Refused..... | -- |

8. **[Ask All]** The next possible ballot proposal would take effect only if voters approve raising the number of Commissioners from three to five, and would set forth two options on how the five Boulder County Commissioners would be elected, and might read as follows: If voters approve increasing the number of County Commissioners from three to five, voters shall select one of two possible ways that the five Boulder County Commissioners shall be elected.

Option one: **[Randomize with Option two]** The **[first/next]** option is for the candidates running for three of the five Commissioner offices to be elected from three separate districts in the County; and each voter gets to vote only for a candidate living in their own district. Additionally, the candidates running for the two remaining Commissioner offices would run at large and be elected by all the voters in the County. This means that each voter would have the opportunity to vote for three Commissioner candidates—one living in their own district, and for two candidates running at large across all three districts.

Option two: **[Randomize with Option one]** The **[first/next]** option is for the candidates running for County Commissioner to be elected from five separate districts to be formed in the County; and each voter gets to vote only for a candidate living in their own district. This means that each voter would only vote for one Commissioner candidate.

⁷ “DK/NS” responses in Q7a are included in the “Probably vote in favor” category.

⁸ “DK/NS” responses in Q8b are included in the “Probably against” category.



If the election were held today, would you vote in favor of the option to vote for three candidates, one from your district and two running at large, or for the option to vote for just one candidate, who is running in your own district? [n=605]

In favor of voting for three candidates 56%
 In favor of voting for just one candidate..... 35%
 Undecided/DK/NS..... 9%

8a. [Ask only if R says “Vote for three” in Q8; else go to Q8b] And would you definitely vote in favor of this option, or would you only probably vote for it? [n=338]

Definitely vote for it..... 41%
 Probably vote for it..... 56%
 DK/NS..... 3%

8b. [Ask only if R says “Vote for one” in Q8; else go to Q8c] And would you definitely vote in favor of this option, or would you only probably vote for it? [n=211]

Definitely vote for it..... 37%
 Probably vote for it..... 61%
 DK/NS..... 2%

8c. [Ask only if R says “Undecided/not sure” in Q8; else go to Q9] And even though you are undecided about which option you would favor, which way are you leaning? Are you leaning towards voting for the option where you vote for three candidates from each district and two at large, or for the option of voting for just the one candidate from your district? [n=56]

Leaning towards voting for three candidates 27%
 Leaning towards voting for just one candidate..... 8%
 DK/NS..... 65%

| Summary: Q8/8a/8b/8c [n=605] | |
|--|-------------------|
| | Total |
| Definitely vote in favor of voting for three | 23% |
| Probably vote in favor of voting for three..... | 33% ⁹ |
| Leaning towards voting for three | 2% |
| Undecided/DK/NS..... | 6% |
| Leaning towards voting for one..... | 1% |
| Probably in favor of voting for one | 22% ¹⁰ |
| Definitely in favor of voting for one..... | 13% |
| Refused..... | -- |

9. [Ask All] My next few questions are about the use of e-bikes. For those who don’t know, e-bikes are not motorcycles but are electric bikes that look very similar to a regular bicycle, though e-bikes have a small silent battery powered electric motor to give those pedaling a boost, making it easier to ride both flat and uphill terrain. Some e-bikes only provide assistance while the rider is pedaling, and others can provide assistance regardless if the rider is pedaling or not. However, the power cuts out after a certain speed on all e-bikes. Have you ever ridden an electric bike called an e-bike? [n=605]

Yes..... 24%
 No..... 76%
 DK/NS..... *

⁹ “DK/NS” responses in Q8a are included in the “Probably vote in favor of voting for three” category.

¹⁰ “DK/NS” responses in Q8b are included in the “Probably favor of voting for one” category.



9a. *[Ask only if R says “Yes” in Q9; else go to Q10]* Do you happen to own an e-bike? *[n=143]*

Yes..... 9%
 No..... 91%
 DK/NS..... --

9b. *[Ask only if R says “Yes” in Q9a; else go to Q10]* Is your e-bike a Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 ebike or something different? If you are not sure, just say so.

| | Asked Q9b [n=14] | Total Sample [n=605] |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Class 1..... | 10% | * |
| Class 2..... | 19% | * |
| Class 3..... | -- | -- |
| Other..... | 17% | 1% |
| DK/NS..... | 54% | 1% |
| No/DK/NS – Ever ridden an e-bike..... | -- | 76% |
| No/DK/NS – Own an e-bike..... | -- | 22% |

9c. *[Ask only if R says “Yes” in Q9a; else go to Q10]* In the course of a month, how do you typically use your e-bike? Do you use it to: *[Read list; Multiple Response OK]*
[n=14]

For doing errands around town..... 88%
 Go to various functions around town..... 63%
 Commute to and from work..... 63%
 For recreation..... 55%
 Other..... -- ⇒ *Do Not Code*
 DK/NS..... 9%

10. *[Ask All]* Boulder County Parks and Open Space is currently undertaking a 2019 pilot program to allow some lower-powered types of e-bikes to be used on selected trails on the plains of Boulder County. Before just now, had you read or heard anything about this pilot program? *[n=605]*

Yes..... 23%
 No..... 76%
 DK/NS..... 1%

11. *[Ask All]* Next I will read you three types of County Open Space trails, and after I read each one, please tell me whether you support or oppose allowing e-bikes on that type of trail. If you’re not sure, or don’t have feeling one way or the other, just say so. The first is: *[Read list; Randomize]*
[n=605]

| | Support | Oppose | No Feelings | DK/ NS |
|---|----------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| a. Flat trails on the plains such as Pella Crossing, Lagerman Preserve, and Twin Lakes..... | 43% | 29% | 18% | 10% |
| b. Regional trails such as the LoBo Trail, Coal Creek Trail, and Rock Creek Trail..... | 43% | 29% | 17% | 11% |
| c. Foothill trails such as Betasso Preserve, Hall Ranch, and Heil Valley Ranch..... | 29% | 43% | 18% | 10% |



12. **[Ask All]** Would allowing e-bikes on certain trails make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to visit those trails? If it would have no effect on you one way or another, or you're not sure, just say so. [n=605]

| | |
|--|-----|
| Make you much more likely to visit those trails..... | 5% |
| Make you somewhat more likely to visit those trails..... | 4% |
| Make you somewhat less likely to visit those trails..... | 14% |
| Make you much less likely to visit those trails..... | 18% |
| It would have no effect on your use of the trails..... | 50% |
| DK/NS..... | 9% |



13. [T '10, '11, '18] [Ask All] On a different topic, in general, what do you consider to be the single most important issue facing Boulder County today? [Multiple response OK] [Do not read list]

| | 2019 <i>[n=605]</i> | 2018 <i>[n=605]</i> | 2011 <i>[n=411]</i> | 2010 <i>[n=603]</i> |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nothing in particular | 5% | 5% | 9% | 2% |
| Lack of Affordable Housing/High costs of housing | 20% | 25% | 4% | 4% |
| Environment/Slow growth | -- | -- | 5% | 15% |
| Growth in Boulder County, too much | 10% | 11% | | |
| Education/ Public School Issues | 3% | 9% | 12% | 10% |
| Traffic congestion/Hard to get around | 10% | 9% | | |
| Transportation/Congestion..... | -- | -- | 6% | 6% |
| Homeless Issues..... | 6% | 8% | 1% | -- |
| Fracking, opposed to | 5% | 5% | | |
| Climate issues-Not enough being done..... | 6% | 4% | | |
| Taxes Too High | 4% | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Subdivision Roads | 2% | 3% | | |
| Infrastructure/Roads | -- | 3% | | |
| Planning/Land Use/Building..... | -- | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| Controlling illegal immigration | 2% | 2% | | |
| Concern about what's happening with Washington/federal gov't | 2% | 2% | | |
| Second Amendment/Gun Control..... | 2% | 2% | | |
| Government Financial Issues..... | -- | 2% | 4% | 5% |
| Legalization of Marijuana/Drugs | -- | 2% | -- | 3% |
| Law Enforcement Issues/Crime Rate | -- | 2% | | |
| Against deportations of immigrants/splitting families/children | 2% | 1% | | |
| Climate issues-Too much emphasis..... | 1% | 1% | | |
| Growth in Boulder County, too little | * | 1% | | |
| Fracking, in favor of..... | 1% | 1% | | |
| Concerns about the Economy/Jobs | -- | 1% | 19% | 14% |
| Oil and Gas Development Issues..... | -- | 1% | | |
| Transportation Issues/Lack of public transportation | 2% | 1% | | |
| Mental Health Services | -- | 1% | | |
| Open Space Issues..... | 3% | 1% | 6% | 3% |
| Cost of Living/Expensive | 1% | 1% | | |
| Overall Regulation/Too Much Government Control | -- | 1% | | |
| Healthcare (General)..... | -- | 1% | | |
| Environmental Issues (General)..... | 2% | 1% | | |
| Energy Issues (Not Fracking) | 2% | 1% | 4% | -- |
| Income Inequality..... | % | 1% | | |
| Need more Wildfire Mitigation..... | 1% | * | | |
| Genetically Modified Crops (GMO's), against | * | * | | |
| Donald Trump | -- | * | | |
| Transportation – Need more Alternatives to Cars | -- | * | | |
| Water/Dam Issues | -- | * | 1% | -- |
| Need New County Commissioners | -- | * | | |
| Lack of diversity..... | 2% | | | |
| Overpopulation..... | 2% | | | |
| Quality of air..... | 1% | | | |
| Low wages..... | 1% | | | |
| Bikers/bike lanes | 1% | | | |
| Alternative/clean/renewable energy..... | 1% | | | |
| Construction/expansion | 1% | | | |
| E-bikes/scooters..... | 1% | | | |
| Government regulations | 1% | | | |
| Government spending..... | 1% | | | |
| Economy..... | 1% | | | |
| Government misrepresentation | 1% | | | |
| Healthcare..... | 1% | | | |
| Other..... | 8% | 6% | 18% | 14% |
| DK/NS | 11% | 9% | 11% | 15% |



14. **[Ask All]** Finally, thinking about just the taxes you pay to Boulder County today, 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 County government provides?

| | 8/19 [n=605] | 5/18 [n=605] | 6/17 [n=605] | 6/16 [n=605] | 12/15 [n=605] | 3/14 [n=603] | 5/12 [n=605] | 8/11 [n=411] | 5/10 [n=603] | 7/09 [n=600] | 6/08 | 7/07 | 5/06 | 4/95 [n=507] |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Way too high..... | 20% | 19% | 22% | 21% | 20% | 20% | 18% | 15% | 20% | 21% | 23% | 24% | 22% | 16% |
| High but acceptable | 38% | 38% | 39% | 38% | 40% | 36% | 41% | 39% | 34% | 40% | 37% | 28% | 35% | 34% |
| About right..... | 31% | 32% | 29% | 30% | 29% | 38% | 32% | 42% | 35% | 32% | 32% | 41% | 36% | 41% |
| Lower than expected | 7% | 4% | 3% | 6% | 3% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 3% | 5% |
| No opinion/DK/NS | 4% | 7% | 7% | 5% | 8% | 3% | 3% | -- | 5% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 5% |

DEMOGRAPHICS

- D1. **[Ask Demos of All]** Now talking some more about you, 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=605]

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| All of the time..... | 24% |
| Most of the time..... | 42% |
| Some of the time..... | 30% |
| Almost never..... | 3% |
| Refused..... | -- |
| DK/NS..... | 1% |

- D2. Do you own or rent your home? [n=605]

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Own..... | 59% |
| Rent..... | 38% |
| DK/NS/Refused..... | 3% |

- D2a. **[Ask if R says "Own" in D2; else go to D3]** Thinking about just your property taxes, would you say that your local property taxes are way too high, high but acceptable, about right, or lower than you would expect to pay?

| | 9/18 [n=358] | 5/18 [n=386] | 6/17 [n=377] | 6/16 [n=458] |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Way too high..... | 28% | 32% | 34% | 24% |
| High but acceptable..... | 36% | 35% | 35% | 40% |
| About right..... | 29% | 25% | 25% | 30% |
| Lower than what one would expect..... | 5% | 5% | 4% | 3% |
| No opinion/DK/NS..... | 2% | 3% | 2% | 3% |

- D3. How many people, including yourself, live in your household? [Range 1-20; 99=Refused] [n=605]

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| 1..... | 20% |
| 2..... | 38% |
| 3..... | 15% |
| 4 or more..... | 24% |
| Refused..... | 3% |

- D3a. **[Ask if R says "2 or more" in D3; else go to D4]** How many of those living in your home are under the age of 18? [99=Refused] [Accept range of 0-20] [n=473]

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| 0..... | 67% |
| 1..... | 13% |
| 2..... | 16% |
| 3 or more..... | 3% |
| Refused..... | 1% |



D4. Are you a full or part-time college student? [n=605]

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Yes..... | 12% |
| No..... | 86% |
| DK/NS..... | 2% |

D5. Some people like to use the open space trails, while others may never use them, but they like the idea that the County has preserved open space areas. How often do you or someone in your family use Boulder County Open Space trails? Do you use them frequently, occasionally or never? [n=605]

| | Aug19 [n=605] | May10 [n=603] | 2002 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Frequently..... | 54% | 45% | 47% |
| Occasionally..... | 35% | 39% | 43% |
| Never..... | 10% | 13% | 10% |
| DK/NS..... | 1% | 3% | -- |

D5a. [Ask if R does NOT say "Never" in D5 (D5=1,2 or 4); else go to D6] And could you tell me approximately how many times, if any, that you have gotten out to use one of the Boulder County open space areas in the past year? [DK/NS=999] [n=545]

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| 5 or less..... | 19% |
| 6-10..... | 13% |
| 11-15..... | 9% |
| 16-25..... | 8% |
| 26-50..... | 14% |
| 51-100..... | 14% |
| More than 100..... | 14% |
| DK/NS..... | 9% |
| Median..... | 20.0 |

D5b. [Ask if R does NOT say "Never" in D5 (D5=1,2 or 4); else go to D6] Some people walk, run, bike, ski, snowshoe, or pursue other activities on open space. How about you? For what kinds of activities do you typically use Boulder County open space? [MULTIPLE RESPONSE OK] [DO NOT READ LIST] [n=545]

| | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Hiking..... | 59% |
| Bike..... | 31% |
| Dog walking..... | 21% |
| Run..... | 19% |
| Mountain bike..... | 6% |
| Picnics/Picnicking..... | 4% |
| Fishing..... | 4% |
| Horseback riding..... | 3% |
| Walk..... | -- |
| Snow shoe..... | -- |
| Ski..... | -- |
| Enjoying/viewing Nature..... | -- |
| Other..... | 31% |
| DK/NS..... | 3% |



D5c. *[Ask if R does NOT say "Never" in D5 (D5=1,2 or 4); else go to D6]* Are there any Boulder County Open Space trails you avoid using? *[n=545]*

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Yes..... | 18% |
| No..... | 78% |
| DK/NS..... | 4% |

D5d *[Ask if R says "Yes" in D5c; else go to D6]* Why is it that you avoid certain trails? *[Do not read list] [n=100]*

| | |
|--|-----|
| Too crowded..... | 47% |
| Too many bikes..... | 13% |
| Mix of bikes and hikers is too stressful..... | 8% |
| Some trails don't allow dogs..... | 8% |
| Physically incapable..... | 4% |
| Some trails allow bikes on certain days..... | 2% |
| Too many dogs..... | 2% |
| Homeless people..... | 2% |
| Some trails don't allow bikes on certain days..... | 1% |
| Not enough parking..... | 1% |
| Other..... | 11% |
| DK/NS..... | -- |

D6. Now, I have just three more questions for statistical purposes only. May I ask how old you are? *[98=98+ years / 99=DK/NS/Ref] [n=605]*

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| 18-34..... | 29% |
| 35-44..... | 16% |
| 45-54..... | 13% |
| 55-64..... | 19% |
| 65 or older..... | 17% |
| Refused..... | 6% |

D7. And which of the following income groups includes your family's total annual income from all sources in 2018? *[Read list except refused and DK/NS] [n=605]*

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Up to \$20,000..... | 6% |
| \$20,000, but less than \$30,000..... | 6% |
| \$30,000, but less than \$40,000..... | 7% |
| \$40,000, but less than \$50,000..... | 4% |
| \$50,000, but less than \$60,000..... | 8% |
| \$60,000, but less than \$75,000..... | 9% |
| \$75,000, but less than \$100,000..... | 10% |
| \$100,000, but less than \$150,000..... | 15% |
| \$150,000 or over..... | 19% |
| Refused..... | 11% ← <i>Do not read</i> |
| DK/NS..... | 5% ← <i>Do not read</i> |



D8. 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=605]

| | |
|--|-----|
| White/Caucasian..... | 76% |
| Black/African-American | 2% |
| Hispanic/Latino..... | 9% |
| Oriental/Asian-American/Asian/Pac. islander..... | 3% |
| American Indian/Native American | 2% |
| Multi-Ethnic/Mixed race..... | 2% |
| Other..... | 6% |

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

Methodology

2019 Boulder County June Issues Survey was conducted on behalf of Boulder County by Drake Research & Strategy, Inc., a public opinion research firm in Boulder, Colorado. The results of this survey are based upon 605 telephone interviews conducted among active voters residing in Boulder County. Drake Research purchased a sample of telephone numbers, complete with a cell phone match, of active County registered voters, which was then randomly sampled. Quotas were established to obtain appropriate representation for gender, geography, political party and for age. Results of the survey are also balanced by ethnicity, age and political party to more appropriately represent the actual distribution. Interviews were conducted from August 1st to August 12th, 2019. A random sample of 605 has a worst-case 95% confidence interval of plus or minus 4.0% about any one reported percentage.

