

Outcomes from 2022 Larimer Community Resilience Survey

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The Larimer County Office of Emergency Management conducted a baseline Community Resilience Assessment in the fall of 2022 to gauge the level of community resilience in Larimer County. See attached the summary report of the themes from the responses.

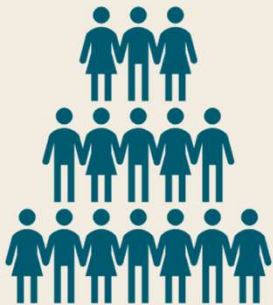


From themes of the responses of the 2022 Community Resilience survey, the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management has prioritized the following to advance social connectivity and community preparedness for increased resilience and disaster outcomes.

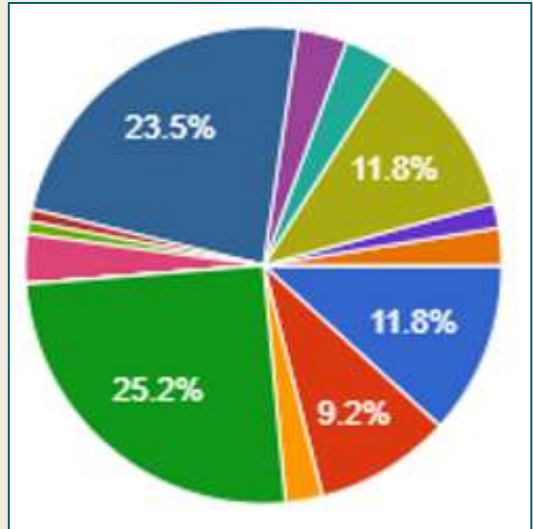
Actions being taken from survey responses:

- ◆ Since we heard that, 66.3% of respondents DO NOT believe there are adequate systems in place for people with disabilities or for those who are unable to self-evacuate in an emergency situation. The Larimer County Office of Emergency Management has implemented a goal in the Strategic Plan 2023-2025, to work collaboratively and proactively engage with under-resourced communities and people with disabilities.
- ◆ There are 17 Community Hubs in the rural and mountainous areas of Larimer County to build social connections and be a resource of emergency information in times of disasters. These Community Hubs will be expanded to the urban areas of Larimer County as well.
- ◆ We have also developed a community education program for both youth and adults to build community preparedness and resilience that will be piloted in the fall of 2023.
- ◆ How to Prepare for Everything Workshops for the public have been facilitated in Red Feather Lakes and Estes Park. Next up is Windsor in September 2023, with more potential locations being identified. Let us know if you'd like one of these workshops in your area!
- ◆ Larimer OEM is updating the current Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan for 2024-2025, with an emphasis on increasing engagement and accessibility to emergency preparedness information and resources to those who may be disproportionately impacted by emergencies.
- ◆ We now have the Community Resilience Assessment open once again for continued feedback as we strive to improve social connection and community preparedness. The assessment will be available from June to October and the public will have online and in-person opportunities to share feedback!

Survey Demographics



Majority of responses were from people aged **57 to 72**



Out of **122** survey responses, **69%** were submitted by **women**

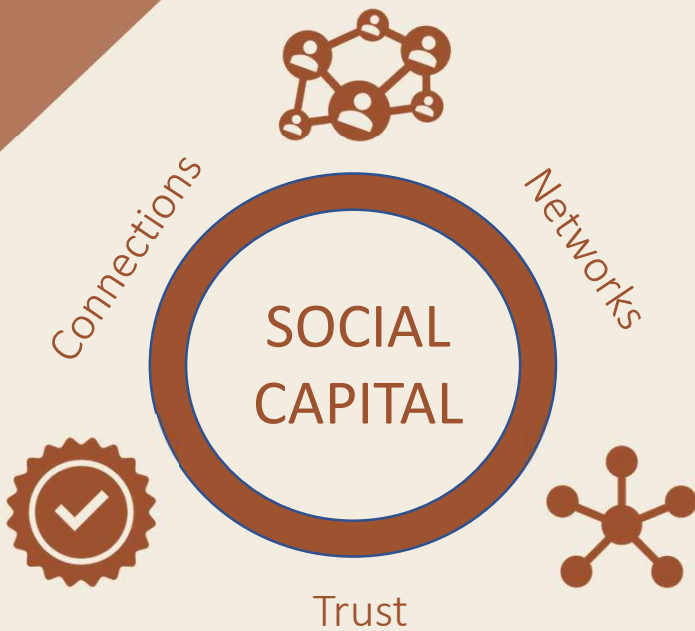


94% of respondents were Caucasian
5% were Hispanic

Fort Collins	14	11.8%
Loveland	11	9.2%
Berthoud	3	2.5%
Estes Park	30	25.2%
Johnstown	0	0%
Timnath	0	0%
Wellington	4	3.4%
Windsor	1	0.8%
Laporte	1	0.8%
Red Feather Lakes	28	23.5%
Bellvue	4	3.4%
Drake	4	3.4%
Glen Haven	14	11.8%
Livermore	2	1.7%
Masonville	3	2.5%
Virginia Dale	0	0%

122 Survey Responses

Why study community resilience?



Social Capital includes connections within communities, networks between communities and trust in informal and formal structures.

Disaster research overwhelmingly shows that communities with higher social capital are more resilient both before and after disaster.



Community Trust and Connectedness



9.2%

of respondents indicated they have **NO** people in their neighborhood they trust for support in emergency planning

A whopping 30.8% of respondents never interact with their neighbors. Men interact with neighbors more than women by 21%.

Did You Know?

Larimer Office of Emergency Management has a Community Micro-Grant Program that provides funding of \$200 to communities to hold events that connect people. Grants are on a rolling basis while funds last each year.

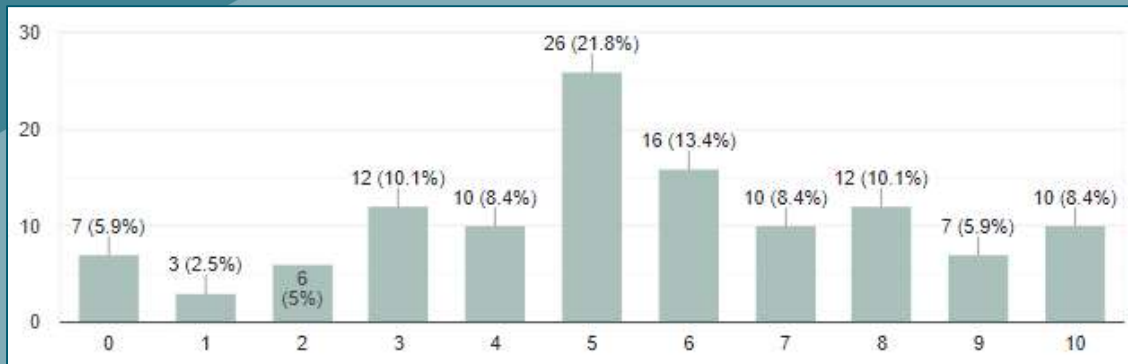
For more information, go to: <https://www.larimer.gov/emergency/larimer-connects/connecting-our-communities-micro-grant>

Get out those BBQ grills people!



Community Culture

This section dives deeper into community connection by focusing on the culture of the community and whether there is a strong sense of belonging.



47% of respondents believe that cultural diversity is celebrated and valued in their community

75% of respondents feel some sense of belonging in their community. 84% for men and 72% for women.



63% of respondents feel valued in their community. 64% of men feel valued and 63% of women feel valued.

Community Leadership



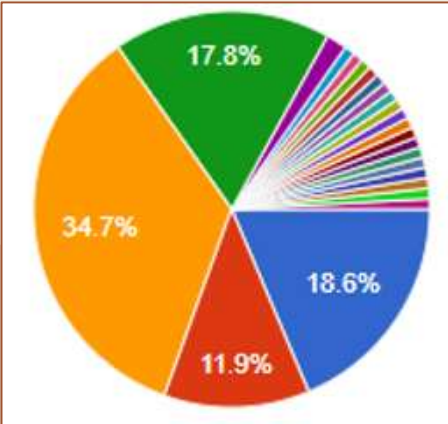
46% of respondents feel that their community is a space that fosters opportunities to develop as a leader.

Youth Leadership Development

75% of respondents either said there were no opportunities for youth leadership, or they were unsure of any opportunities.

Also, we've got to get to know Seth Linden the weather guy because many respondents mentioned his name!

Where do community members access trusted information in times of crisis?

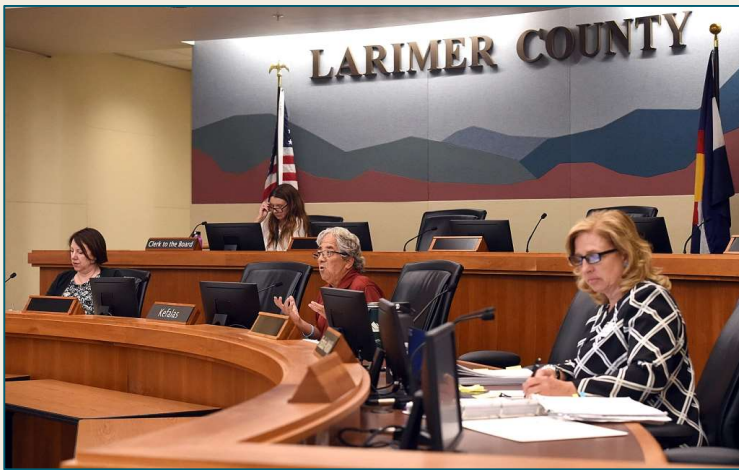


- 34.7% Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority
- 18.6% Larimer County Sheriff's Office
- 17.8% Local Fire Departments
- 11.9% Larimer Office of Emergency Management

Community Relationships with Institutions

39%

of respondents
NEVER engage with their
local elected officials.

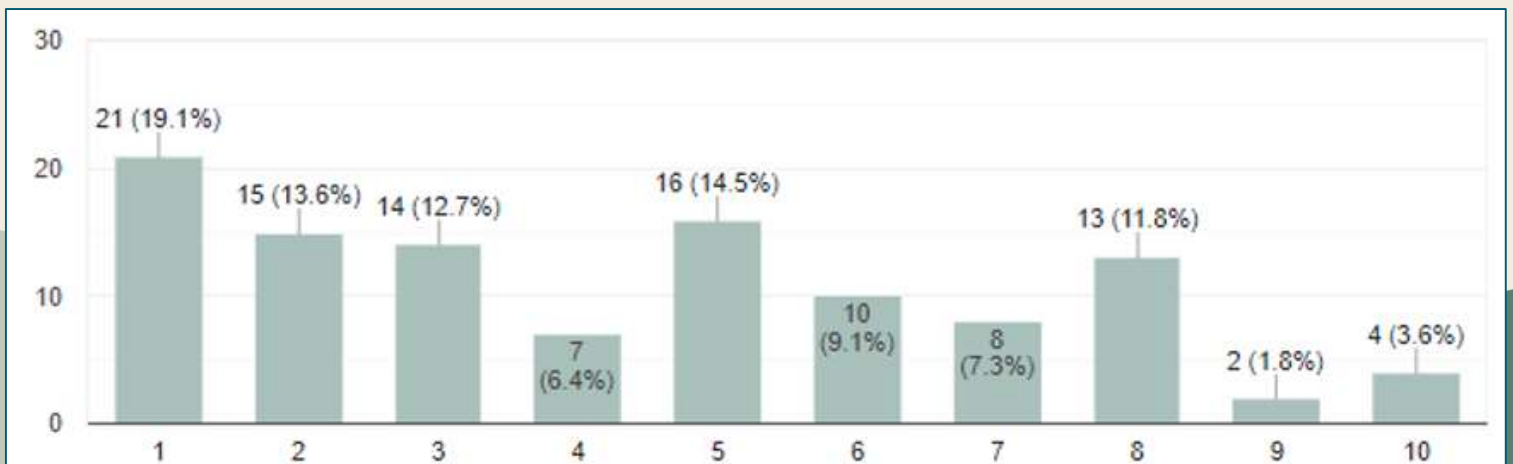


91% of respondents
feel comfortable and/or safe
reaching out for emergency
assistance when it is needed.

67.5% of
respondents believe
there is a volunteerism
culture fostered in
their community.



66.3% of respondents **DO NOT** believe there are
adequate systems in place for people with disabilities or
for those who are unable to self-evacuate in an
emergency situation.



Community Preparedness

“I am a senior and raising my granddaughter alone. I would be in trouble if an emergency hit. I don't know what I would do.”

Larimer Community Education Program

The Office of Emergency Management has prioritized the development of a community education program for both youth and adults that will be rolled out in 2023. This program will go beyond typical Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) and will help to build resilience within and between communities.

Interesting data

74% of respondents feel prepared in the case of a disaster.

76% have a personal plan in place in case of an emergency.

HOWEVER, only 26% of the people surveyed believe there are well defined plans for crisis coordination.

Another 41.5% did not know.

Stay tuned for more information!



Thank You!

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73% of respondents believe that the Office of Emergency Management, as well as other government entities, provide opportunities and resources to alleviate disruptions during a crisis in the community.

**We can do
better!**

Our Emergency Management Team seeks to build programs that increase social capital and community preparedness countywide for greater resilience and better disaster outcomes.

