2022 Larimer Community Resilience Survey

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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%

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

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

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

- **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.

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

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

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