# 2023
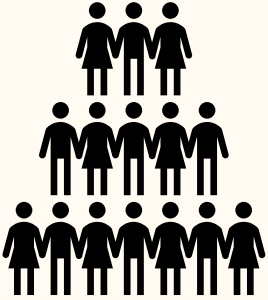# Larimer Community Resilience Survey

Larimer Office of Emergency Management
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LARIMER COUNTY
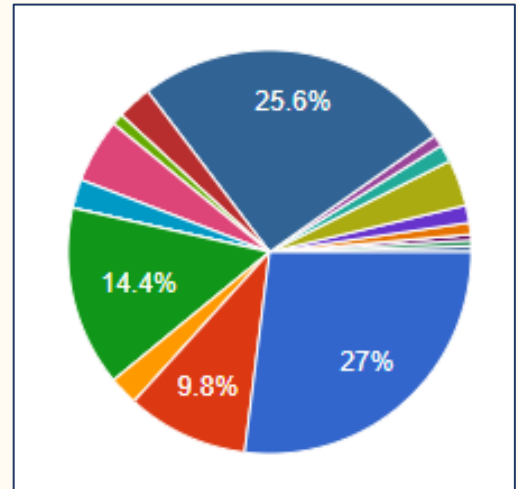COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

# Survey Demographics

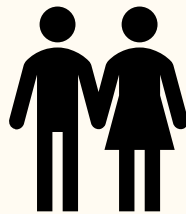Majority of responses were from people aged

## 66 or older.

Six responses for

## 18-28 years old.

Out of **222** survey responses, **60%** were submitted by **women**

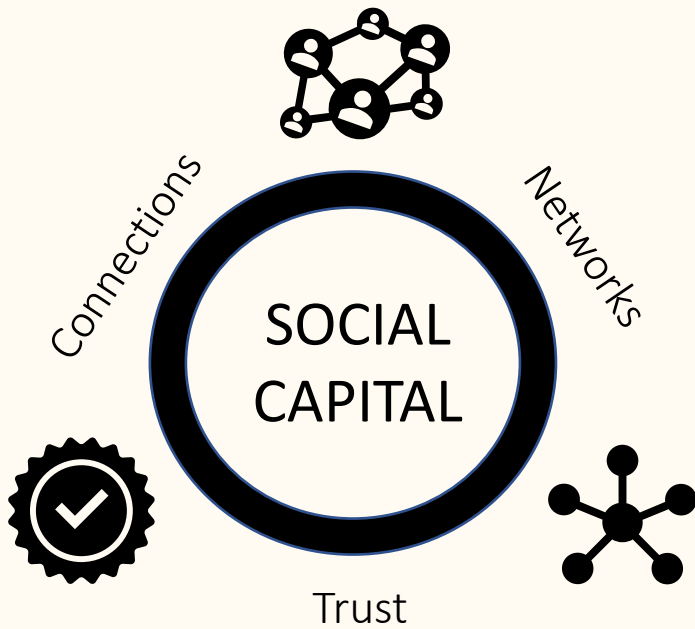**93%** of respondents were Caucasian

**5%** were Hispanic



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|---|---|---|
| Fort Collins | 61 | 27.9% |
| Loveland | 21 | 9.8% |
| Berthoud | 6 | 2.3% |
| Estes Park | 31 | 14.4% |
| Johnstown | 0 | 0% |
| Timnath | 5 | 2.3% |
| Wellington | 11 | 5.1% |
| Windsor | 2 | 0.9% |
| Laporte | 6 | 2.8% |
| Red Feather Lakes | 55 | 25.6% |
| Bellvue | 2 | 0.9% |
| Drake | 3 | 1.4% |
| Glen Haven | 8 | 3.7% |
| Livermore | 3 | 1.4% |
| Masonville | 2 | 0.9% |
| Virginia Dale | 0 | 0% |
| Waverly | 1 | 0.5% |
| Out of County | 1 | 0.5% |

# 222 Survey Responses

# Why study community resilience?

SOCIAL CAPITAL

Connections

Networks

Trust

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

A majority of respondents indicated they have 1-3 people in their neighborhood they trust for support.

**15%** of respondents indicated they have **NO** people in their neighborhood they trust.

A whopping **35%** of respondents never interact with their neighbors.

## 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.
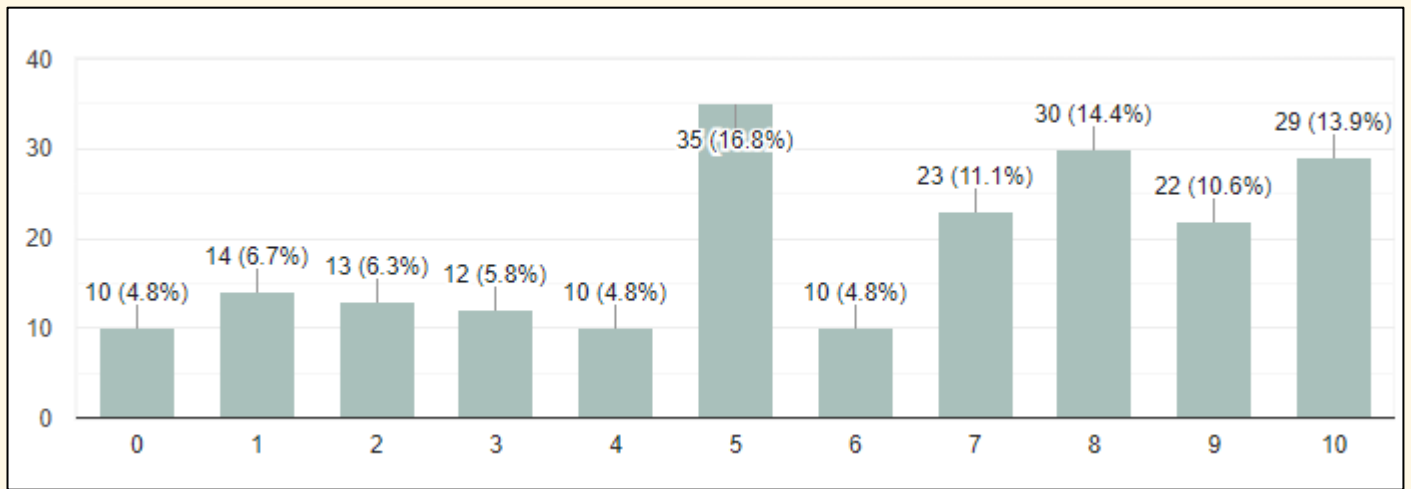
For more information, go to:
https://www.larimer.gov/emergency/larimer-connects/connecting-our-communities-micro-grant
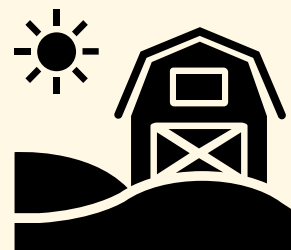
**Get out those BBQ grills people!**

# 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.



**71.5%** of respondents feel valued in their community. 64% of men feel valued and 63% of women feel valued.





**73%** of respondents feel some sense of belonging in their community.

**65.5%** of respondents believe that cultural diversity is celebrated and valued in their community.
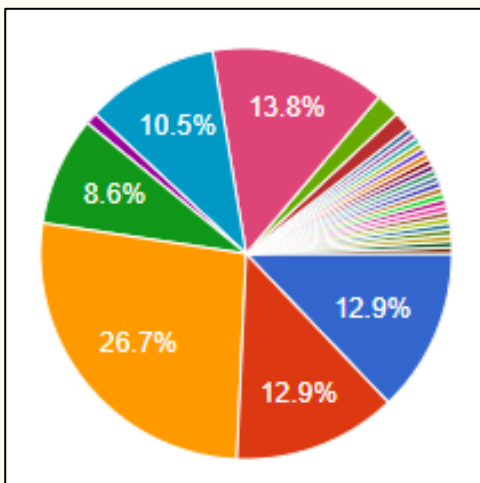
# Community Leadership

**71%** of respondents know of community leaders in their local community.

**36%** of respondents feel that their community is a space that fosters opportunities to develop as a leader.

**35%** of respondents never engage with their local elected officials.

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



26.7% Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority
14% National Weather Service
13% Larimer County Sheriff's Office
13% Larimer Office of Emergency Management
10% News Outlets
9% Local Fire Departments

# Community Relationships with Institutions

**79%** of respondents feel comfortable and/or safe reaching out for emergency assistance when it is needed for non-law enforcement events.

This number increases to **83.5%** for law enforcement events.

**48%** of respondents feel the Office of Emergency Management provides opportunities and resources to alleviate disruptions during a crisis in the community.
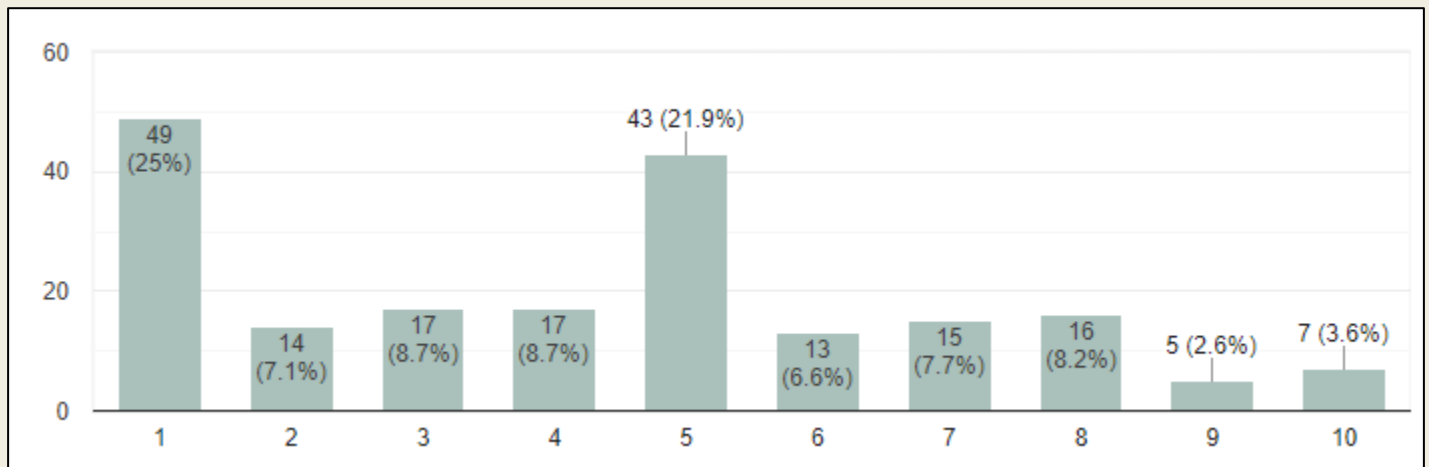
**50.3%** of respondents DO NOT believe there are adequate systems in place for people with disabilities or for those who are unable to self-evacuate in an emergency situation.

This is an improvement of **16%** since last year.

## Dare to Prepare
### Larimer Community Education Program

The Dare to Prepare Program was officially kicked off in 2023 with a few pilot classes to test the material. This program will be offered throughout 2024 and beyond to help to build preparedness and resilience within and between communities.

## Interesting data

**86%** of respondents feel prepared in the case of a disaster.

**80%** have a personal plan in place in case of an emergency.

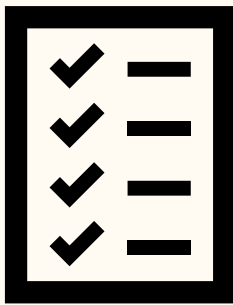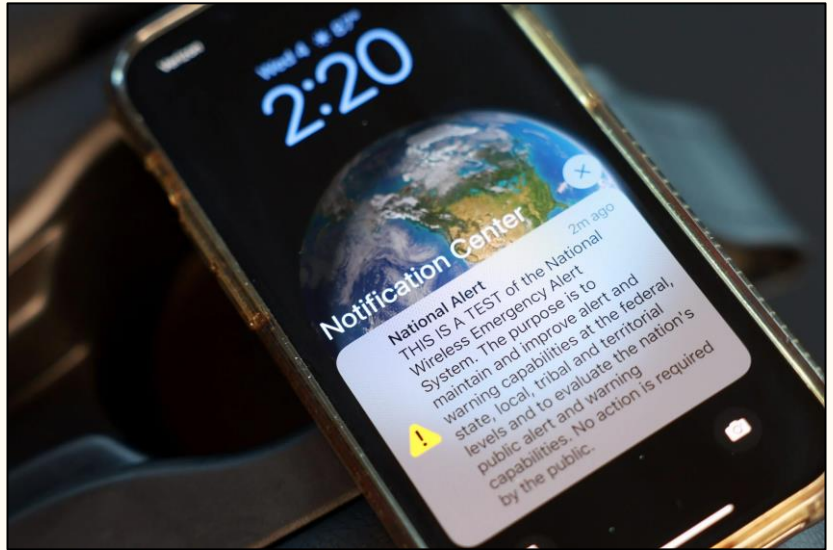HOWEVER, only **29%** of the people surveyed believe there are well defined plans for crisis coordination.

Another **46%** did not know.

"After 3 fires and two floods, I have a 3-5 min, 15 min, 2 hour and a half day plan. Some stuff never really gets "unpacked". I am sort of always on the look out for fires."

# Resource Needs



Specific resources community members would like access to for emergency planning purposes:



**89.9%** would like more information about emergency alerts and instructions.

Other Responses:
- 62.6% would like more information about emergency planning.
- 77.8% would like more weather information
- 51.5% would like information about access to community services.
- 56.6% would like access to information regarding natural resources.
- 63.6% would like more information about forest management and wildfire mitigation.

# Thank You!

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