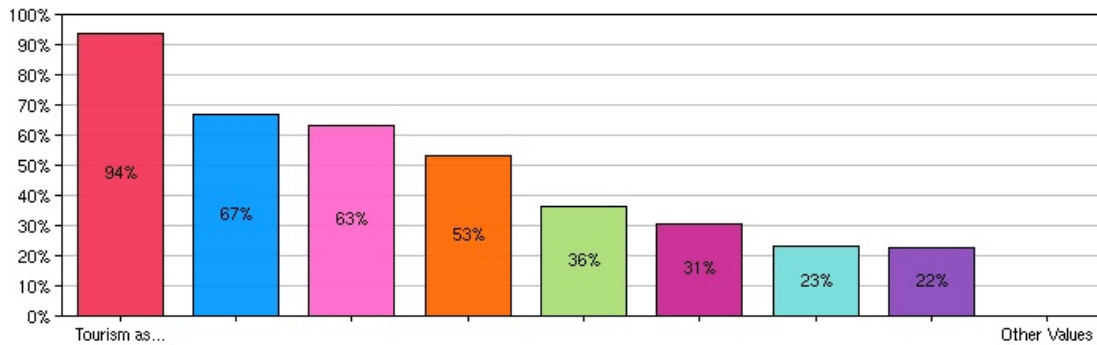


Routt -Summary Report

Survey: County Economic Development Self-Assessment Survey

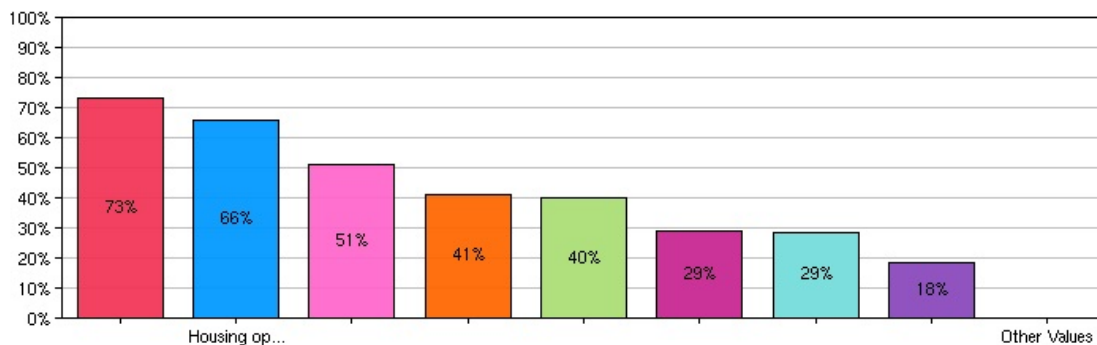


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Strong community leadership	60	30.6%
Effective economic development organization	16	8.2%
Designated Enterprise Zones	9	4.6%
Local resources for capital – business loan funds, etc.	7	3.6%
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Quality local/regional school system	104	53.1%
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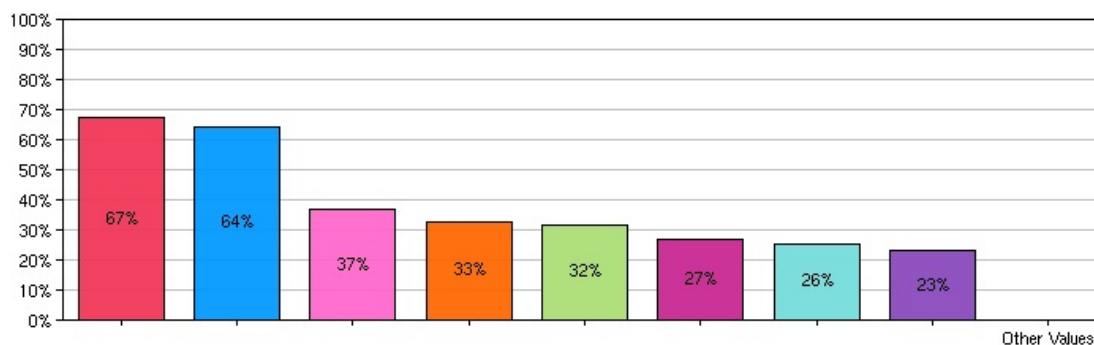
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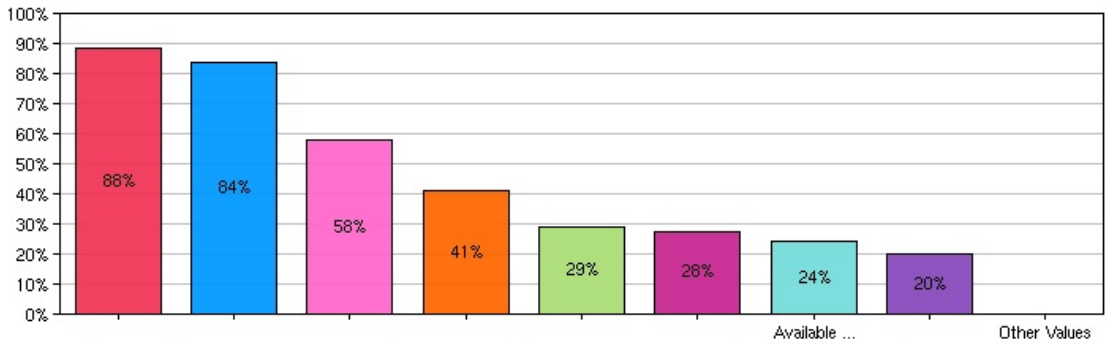
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Economic Threats or Limitations: Please select up to five (5) from the following that you think most threaten or limit the economic development potential of your home county

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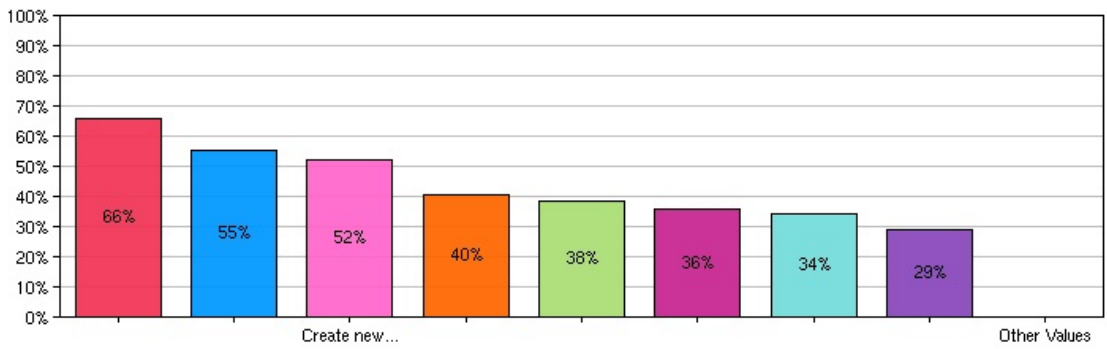
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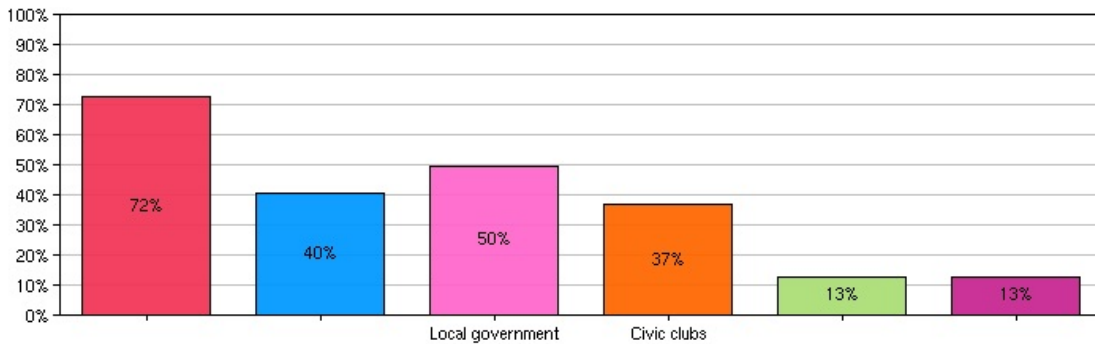


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Create new jobs	102	52%
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Create a strong entrepreneurial climate	79	40.3%
Increase access to capital for new and existing businesses	57	29.1%
Improve transportation infrastructure	75	38.3%
Create a more business-friendly climate	52	26.5%
Increase job skills of local labor force	27	13.8%
Increase tourism activity	67	34.2%

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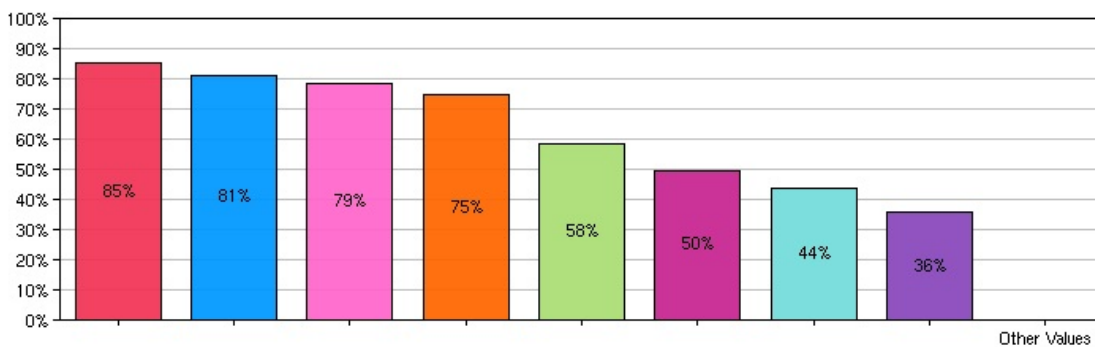
Assure access to technology resources and infrastructure	70	35.7%
Encourage Main Street, downtown or town center revitalization	37	18.9%
Improve the quality of life and community amenities	21	10.7%
Improve the local/regional school system	23	11.7%
Other (please specify)	24	12.2%



Public/Private Partnerships: Partnerships between business and government can be important to improve the economic climate. To your knowledge, what partnerships have formed in your county to work together to solve economic development issues? Check all that apply

Value	Count	Percent %
Economic Development Council	142	72.4%
Regional advocacy groups	79	40.3%
Local government	97	49.5%
Civic clubs	72	36.7%
Don't know if one exists	25	12.8%
Other (please specify)	25	12.8%

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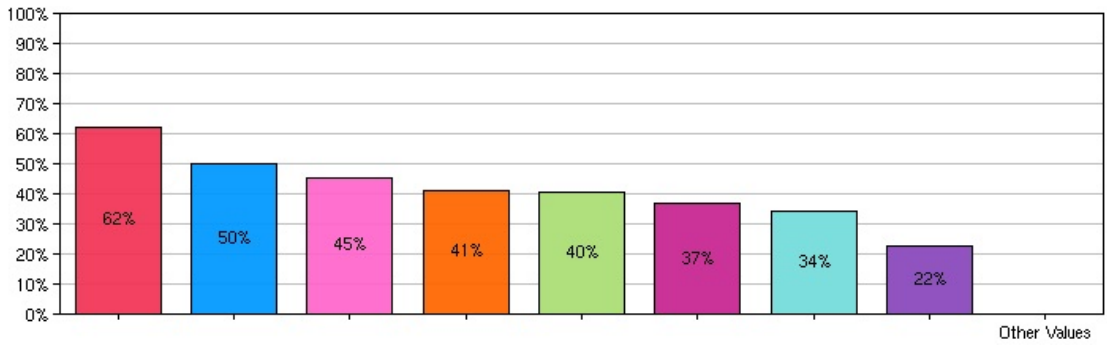


Local Partners in Economic Development: What key community organizations should be involved in the creation and implementation of the economic development plan? Check all that apply.

Value	Count	Percent %
Chambers of Commerce	167	85.2%
Visitor and Convention Bureaus	70	35.7%
Civic/Service organizations, i.e. Rotary, Kiwanis	86	43.9%
Main Street or downtown marketing organization	154	78.6%
Local government	159	81.1%
County government	146	74.5%
Utilities	42	21.4%
Elected officials	97	49.5%
Small Business Development Centers	114	58.2%

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School Boards/PTAs	51	26%
Other (please specify)	30	15.3%



State of Colorado Economic Development Resources: What resources/actions from the State of Colorado would be most helpful to your home county in order to implement its plan? Please select up to five(5) resources.

Value	Count	Percent %
Strategic grants to leverage economic development projects	122	62.2%
Business loan funds/micro loans/access to capital	98	50%
Incentives for job growth	81	41.3%
Tax credits for job growth	79	40.3%
Streamline regulations and permitting	89	45.4%
Technical assistance and assessment visits to develop local action plans	44	22.4%
More worker training programs	22	11.2%
Entrepreneurial programs	67	34.2%
Better information about existing state programs	72	36.7%
Other (please specify)	34	17.3%

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One Action That the State Could Undertake: If there was ONE action that the State of Colorado could undertake to help advance economic development in your home county, what would it be?

Count	Response
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1	.
1	Add infrastructure.
1	Advancement of bicycling tourism
1	Affordable housing help
1	Allow businesses to access new broadband capacity in NW Colorado.
1	Alternative Energy and Power
1	Assist in developing alternative business base to tourism
1	Assistance in developing local action plans and affordable housing needs
1	Assistance with high speed Internet access in rural Colorado
1	Boost funding for tourism.
1	Bring the Winter Olympics to Colorado.
1	Build a Performing Arts Center!!
1	Business Broadband
1	Business friendly tax structure.
1	Change the current allocation of property tax assessments and repeal the Bruce amendment.

1	City-wide WiFi
1	Contribute to the Fly Steamboat Program to stabilize tourism
1	Cut red tape w/o doing away with adequate and justified regulation.
1	Do more to encourage energy development
1	Economic diversity and support for new and local businesses.
1	Enterprise Facilitation / Entrepreneur Development (Sirolli Institute model)
1	Entrepreneurial programs
1	Further dollars towards statewide tourism marketing.
1	Get rid of the Gallagher Amendment !!!!
1	Grants for economic development of small business'.
1	Grants for transportation
1	Help reduce costs at every level, permitting, redundant meetings & fees, time to get things done.
1	IMPROVE HWY. 40 AND PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE
1	IMPROVED SCHOOLS/ BETTER AND EXPERINCED STAFFS
1	Improve Broadband access and infrastruaction in rural communities.
1	Improve Colorado roads
1	Improve and widen Highway's 9 and 40 to allow better transportation of people and goods.
1	Improve regional transportation
1	Improve transportation to, from and within Routt County with a viable rail system.
1	Improve year round transportation.
1	Incentives for job growth
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1	Increase capital for new & existing businesses if they can provide local jobs.
1	Infrastructue for alternate fuels, CNG etc.
1	Just get out of the way!
1	Keep taxes low, limit government, privatize education
1	Less tax on small business.
1	Lift the FCC limit on wireless speed
1	Limit the regulations on business.
1	Lobby FCC to allow higher power wireless broadband infrastructure
1	Main Street renewal
1	Market the cycling/outdoors opportunities in the area to promote increased tourism
1	More money dedicated to tourism
1	Not cut education funding.
1	Passenger Rail Service
1	Promote the new energy economy!
1	Promote tourism on the State Level
1	Provide consistent high speed internet access everywhere.
1	Provide strategic grants.
1	Provide tax credit or enterprise zone incentives
1	Quit using money intended for local government to balance the State budget.
1	Reduce regulations/permitting, Streamline departments and requirements and duplicate efforts.
1	Reduce taxes & keep spending under control.
1	Reduce the state government red tape
1	Regular and consistent air travel in and out of our couny
1	Remove Income Tax.
1	Repeal of the Gallagher Ammdement
1	Stay out of it. The governor is out of touch with the west slope of Colorado.
1	Stop the control by local Government to take private property!
1	Streamline regulation and permitting for it does not cost anything substantial to do.
1	Summer tourism in Colorado's ski resorts. Why keep it such a secret?

1	Support education
1	Support open space and agriculture
1	Support small-scale locally sustainable businesses with entrepreneur grants
1	Support the Bike Town USA initiative in any way possible
1	Support tourism marketing efforts.
1	TOURISM FUNDING HELPS
1	Tax credits for job creation and small business
1	Tourism
1	Tourism marketing
1	Tourism promotion
1	access to capital
1	address the growing energy concerns and focus on renewables and alternatives
1	better communication about what is available
1	control it's own budget
1	decrease the tax burden on small business'
1	deregulation
1	diversify and increase higher-level career opportunities
1	education!
1	fund bike tourism initiatives
1	health care available affordably for all workers.
1	high-speed rail from Denver to Routt county
1	improve baccalaureate/advanced education outreach to the area.
1	increase funding for tourism and for alternate transportation. Bike friendly communities.
1	listen
1	lobby for greater broadband frequency access with the FCC
1	lower taxes
1	more small business funding
1	not sure
1	passenger rail service
1	provide strategic grants to leverage economic development projects
1	relevant and strategic grants to leverage other private dollars
1	remove qwest law from the way of Highspeed internet sharing to COMMUNITIES!
1	strategic grants to leverage economic development projects
1	support biking
1	support for our local effort to become "Bike Town USA" as a bike tourism destination
1	support the implementation of a regional economic development council
1	tax credits for job creation at a living wage in mountain resort communities.
1	thorough review of state regulations to ensure need and complexity.
1	tourism campaign
1	transportation development
1	Business class broadband service is very important element in our local economic development plan. In the rural areas of the state we need to have affordable access to business class broadband at the same levels that exist in the metro areas. Business class broadband is the "railroad."
1	Strategic grants to leverage economic development projects, especially cycling tourism, which is an opportunity for economic development that leverages current assets.
1	train the leaders how to develop a coherent long term development strategy and plan and have them accepted by the community
1	Eliminate/reduce the punitive taxation policies on utilities and property taxes that are double the individual rate. This is especially hard on small business.
1	Less involvement of multiple bureaucratic agencies where often times the different agencies seem to work against each other
1	provide low interest loans to small businesses, or back small business loans so that banks have an easier time

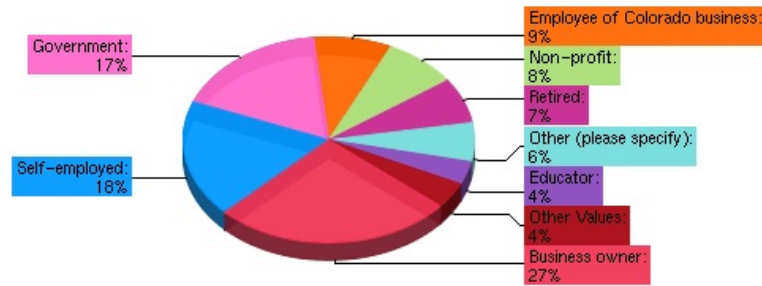
	approving capital funding.
1	REMOVE BARRIERS TO BUSINESS, CLEANUP RULES AND REGS(SIMPLE, CONCISE AND UNDERSTANDABLE), LOOK AT EVERY STATE JOB, IF NOT IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIABLE WHAT THAT PERSON DOES OR SHOULD DO, REMOVE THEM. GET THE DEAD WIEGHT OUT OF THE WAY AND LET AMERICAN CREATIVITY DO WHAT IT DOES BEST.
1	A comprehensive stakeholder's plan with 5-10 year goals and a group formed to oversee implementation and annual assessment.
1	help to free up credit oportunties for small businesses and bond for transportaton infrastrcuture
1	Recognize that not all Resort communities are flush with money and are subject to short prime seasons.
1	Support emergy efficiency increases in transportaion, energy sources and reduce the flow of energy dollars outside our state...solar, wind, efficient biomass and local energy productions and savings
1	Stricter regulations as to who can call themselves what (i.e. contractor's license) to diminish the amount of people who start "their own business" but don't have the knowledge or background to actually succeed in the long term, who in turn take away customers from legitimate businesses.
1	Ther must be trust between government and private parties - so keep your word! End the harrasment of ranchers and landowners who put their land into conversation easements. You want cooperation...be honest with the working man.
1	Expand rural private sector broadband access by modifying SB05-152 and lobbying the FCC to free up rural bandwidth for location neutral businesses.
1	Marketing of Colorado for business purposes - both to draw in tourists to our area and to draw in new businesses
1	Streamline regs. Review all regulations for current value. Keep the necessary ones, drop the ones no longer useful (because of changing technologies / business culture / population culture).
1	Our main industry is tourism, it would be great to expand into another industry like renewable energy using our local resources of wind, solar, water, thermal. This would provide more year round stability and create higher paying, technical jobs.
1	Create a small community (under 5,000 pop) aid program to help get the word out about their assets, strengths, schools, businesses, etc.
1	Modify SB05-152 to allow the private sector to purchase excess broadband capacity and lobby the FCC to open increased broadband to rural Colorado for use by private businesses including location neutral content creators.
1	Keep the State Historic Fund Intact! Grants in Routt County have leveraged 6x more money than actual grant dollars received. Grants have created good preservation jobs, restored existing buildings, saved energy & resources, helped to develop heritage tourism programs and capacity in rural areas and towns.
1	Assist with our application for a Regional Tourism Act (RTA) proposal to fund bike infrastructure. This is a HUGE tourism project that leverages other existing tourism capital.
1	Increase tourism funding since there is so much leverage and such immediate returns for the state, local govt, businesses and our labor force.
1	Lite rail connecting our communities and also connecting us to I 70 the rail road tracks excit for coal open them up to supplies and passenger travel.
1	Provide grant assistance for infrastructure improvements and natural resource protection initiatives
1	Safer streets for cyclists and more downhill (tourist friendly) mountain bike trails. Reduced risk of litigation for the parties involved with trail conditions in order foster the creation of new trails without fear of litigation, i.e., make the rules similar to the ski industry litigation.
1	Recognize the county and national needs for development of all kinds of domestically produced energy resources (clearly including coal and NG) and reduction of roadblocks to that development.
1	Help the "Friends of the Chief" with grant money to purchase and remodel the existing movie theatre downtown. It would change the dynamics of our downtown to a thriving art/performing arts community. With our base area ripped down it would help our tourism tremendously!
1	Help Routt County provide for "enterprise zones" We need to bring larger companies to Steamboat and Routt CO.
1	Encourage development of our vast resources of Coal and Natural Gas as these are abundant, but the regulations are keeping us from utilizing these resources. Instead we are paying more money to get these Natural resources from other states and other countries.
1	More gas/oil/oilshale developement with less permitting fees and regulations. I believe the state will take in more in taxes from gas and oil if you let them develope more
1	Encourage stream-lined regulations that allow local business ventures to start-up and succeed. IE: local food processing and storage should be controlled by state and county regulations rather than federal one-rule-fits-all procedure
1	Streamline regulation and do away with regulations that are hostile to business and energy development.

1	encourage businesses to keep their word in union contracts and keep unions in place a needed checks and balances in an economic upheaval
1	Encourage counties to pave more rural roads, fund road maintenance and any other transportation initiatives for mountain communities. I 70 delays are awful and this needs to be improved.
1	Downsize government. Government is the single greatest obstacle to economic growth. Government is not the solution. Government is the problem.
1	Push for opening drilling, clean coal technology, geo-thermal (one of the largest in the state. Focus on energy, and I would add health and wellness. Reopen the hot springs and develop it.
1	Help create a clean fuel corridor for education and continued public access to paradise. Create a model for the world to learn from with fuel creation from biomass crops and renewable energy starting with CNG, ethanol, biodiesel, and hydrogen. A facility would create, sell and teach clean fuel
1	Mandate that there will be no dead spots for cell reception on all paved Colorado roads. Have both cell and broadband capacity/speed be equally available throughout the state.
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1	It would be very helpful to keep jobs in Moffat, Routt and Rio Blanco Counties if the State of Colorado would support the use of Colorado coal to generate electricity.
1	Work on the banking industry - it seems to me that small business cannot thrive due to the way banks are behaving these days. Its impossible to get lines of credit, loans, etc. and without those possibilities, business cannot start, grow, expand, employ new people, etc.
1	Our county has a large number of unpaved roads. The Bike friendly climate seems only in word and not in deed. We need paved loop routes to enhance active tourism (via bike). One or two good loops would be a good start.
1	Hlgh Speed Rail all over Colorado would put mad amounts of people to work and we need it year ago.....Coal in NW Colorado, help with moving businesses into South Routt
1	Routt County is relatively isolated, so transportation to get here can be a problem. Having I-40 run throug our "Main Street" prevents us from becoming a world class destination resourt.
1	Improve transportation; make the roads mostly 2 lane paved with the white line painted in the dirt wider and safer, allow and encourage passenger train use to eliminate some of the congestion on our highways the rails are already there!
1	Allowing state inspected processing plants to sell meat products to other retail establishments, wholesale beef, via a state inspected processing plant, as happens in Wyoming.
1	Realize there is more to our county than the county seat. There are many small towns who would like the services/acknowledgement the county seat now gets.
1	Free up funds to help existing businesses survive. Where did the money to help small business go????
1	improve access/quality of tecnolgal infrastructure such as broadband and cellular to rural areas



Your Home County: Please identify your home county from the following list (limited to one click):

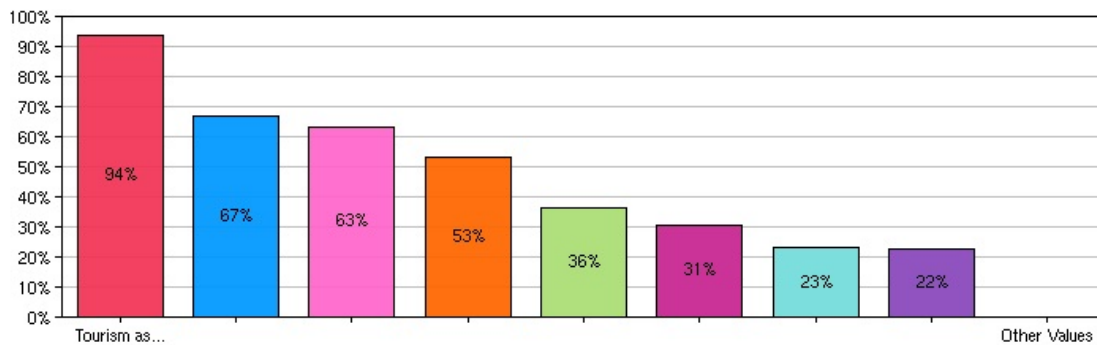
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Who Are You? Please categorize yourself as one of the following.

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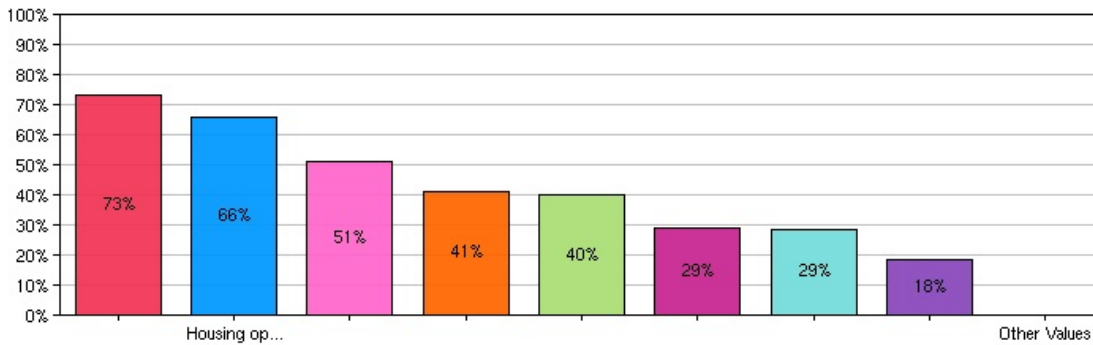


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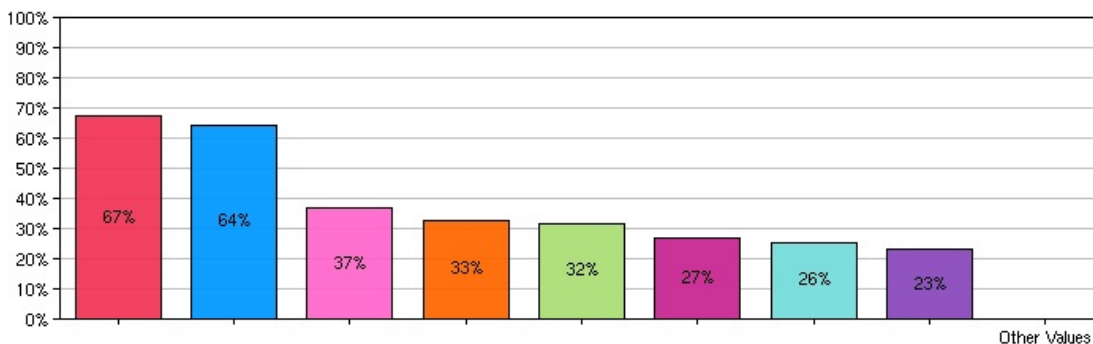
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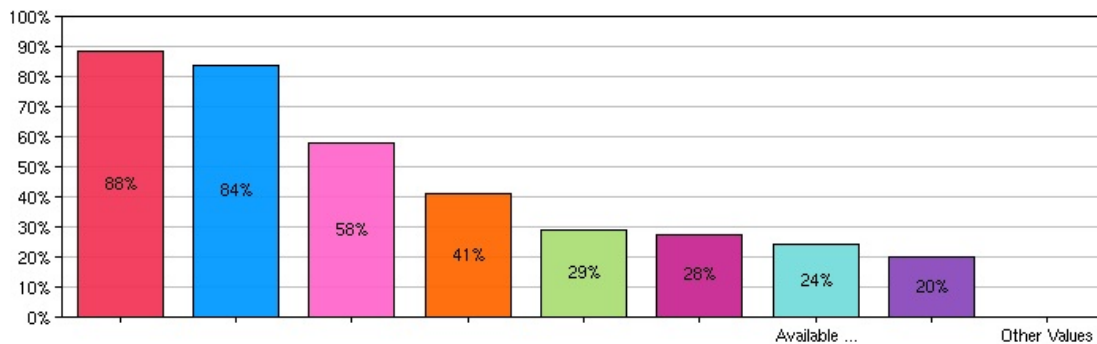


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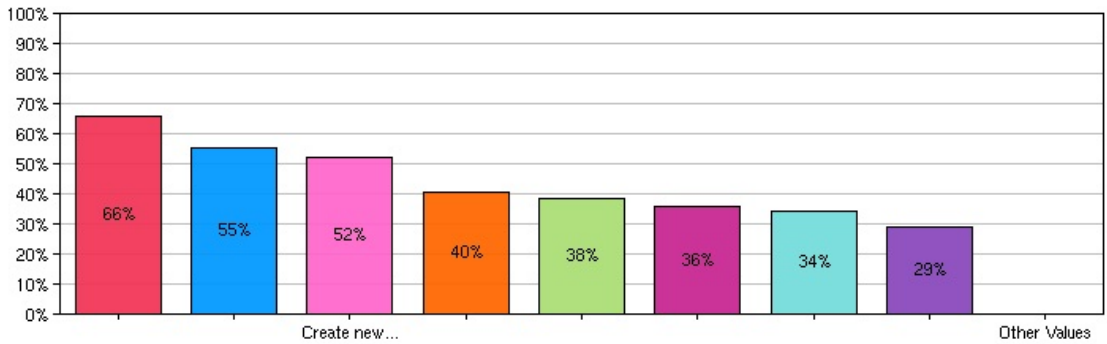
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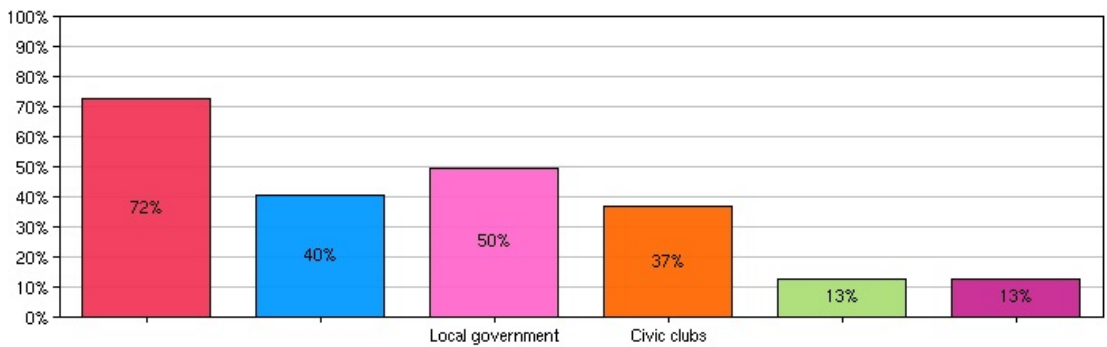
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Improve transportation infrastructure	75	38.3%
Create a more business-friendly climate	52	26.5%
Increase job skills of local labor force	27	13.8%
Increase tourism activity	67	34.2%
Assure access to technology resources and infrastructure	70	35.7%
Encourage Main Street, downtown or town center revitalization	37	18.9%
Improve the quality of life and community amenities	21	10.7%
Improve the local/regional school system	23	11.7%
Other (please specify)	24	12.2%

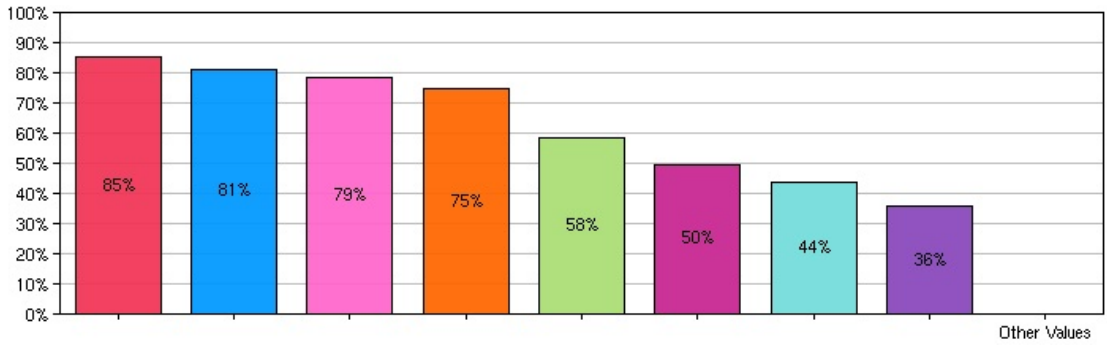
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Public/Private Partnerships: Partnerships between business and government can be important to improve the economic climate. To your knowledge, what partnerships have formed in your county to work together to solve economic development issues? Check all that apply

Value	Count	Percent %
Economic Development Council	142	72.4%
Regional advocacy groups	79	40.3%
Local government	97	49.5%
Civic clubs	72	36.7%
Don't know if one exists	25	12.8%
Other (please specify)	25	12.8%

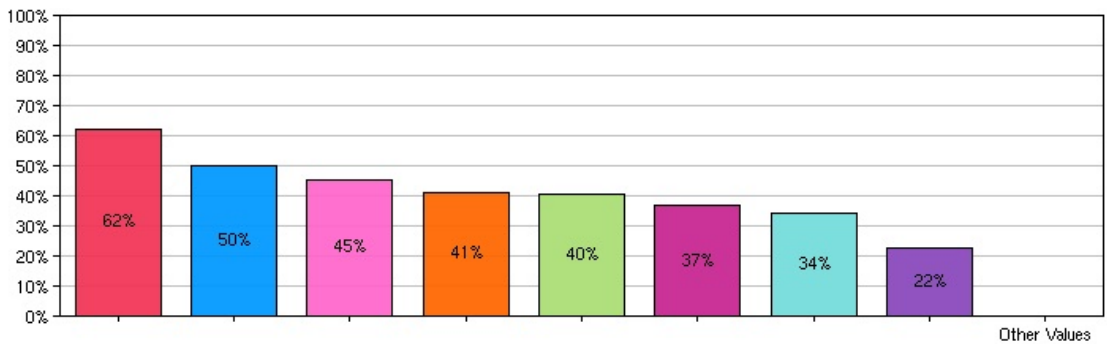
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Local Partners in Economic Development: What key community organizations should be involved in the creation and implementation of the economic development plan? Check all that apply.

Value	Count	Percent %
Chambers of Commerce	167	85.2%
Visitor and Convention Bureaus	70	35.7%
Civic/Service organizations, i.e. Rotary, Kiwanis	86	43.9%
Main Street or downtown marketing organization	154	78.6%
Local government	159	81.1%
County government	146	74.5%
Utilities	42	21.4%
Elected officials	97	49.5%
Small Business Development Centers	114	58.2%
School Boards/PTAs	51	26%
Other (please specify)	30	15.3%

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State of Colorado Economic Development Resources: What resources/actions from the State of Colorado would be most helpful to your home county in order to implement its plan? Please select up to five(5) resources.

Value	Count	Percent %
Strategic grants to leverage economic development projects	122	62.2%
Business loan funds/micro loans/access to capital	98	50%
Incentives for job growth	81	41.3%
Tax credits for job growth	79	40.3%
Streamline regulations and permitting	89	45.4%
Technical assistance and assessment visits to develop local action plans	44	22.4%
More worker training programs	22	11.2%
Entrepreneurial programs	67	34.2%
Better information about existing state programs	72	36.7%
Other (please specify)	34	17.3%

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Total Responses	196

One Action That the State Could Undertake: If there was ONE action that the State of Colorado could undertake to help advance economic development in your home county, what would it be?

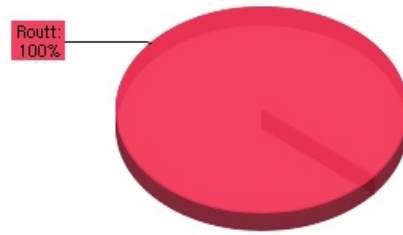
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1	.
1	Add infrastructure.
1	Advancement of bicycling tourism
1	Affordable housing help
1	Allow businesses to access new broadband capacity in NW Colorado.
1	Alternative Energy and Power
1	Assist in developing alternative businesss base to tourism
1	Assistance in developing local action plans and affordable housing needs
1	Assistance with high speed Internet access in rural Colorado
1	Boost funding for tourism.
1	Bring the Winter Olympics to Colorado.
1	Build a Performing Arts Center!!
1	Business Broadband
1	Business friendly tax structure.
1	Change the current allocation of property tax assessments and repeal the Bruce amendment.
1	City-wide WiFi
1	Contribute to the Fly Steamboat Program to stabilize tourism
1	Cut red tape w/o doing away with adequate and justified regulation.
1	Do more to encourage energy development
1	Economic diversity and support for new and local businesses.
1	Enterprise Facilitation / Entrepreneur Development (Sirolli Institute model)
1	Entrepreneurial programs
1	Further dollars towards statewide tourism marketing.
1	Get rid of the Gallagher Amendment !!!!
1	Grants for economic development of small business'.
1	Grants for transportation
1	Help reduce costs at every level, permitting, redundant meetings & fees, time to get things done.
1	IMPROVE HWY. 40 AND PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE
1	IMPROVED SCHOOLS/ BETTER AND EXPERINCED STAFFS
1	Improve Broadband access and infrastruction in rural communities.
1	Improve Colorado roads
1	Improve and widen Highway's 9 and 40 to allow better transportation of people and goods.
1	Improve regional transportation
1	Improve transportation to, from and within Routt County with a viable rail system.
1	Improve year round transportation.
1	Incentives for job growth
1	Incentives for job growth.
1	Increase capital for new & existing businesses if they can provide local jobs.
1	Infrastructue for alternate fuels, CNG etc.
1	Just get out of the way!
1	Keep taxes low, limit government, privatize education
1	Less tax on small business.
1	Lift the FCC limit on wireless speed
1	Limit the regulations on business.

1	Lobby FCC to allow higher power wireless broadband infrastructure
1	Main Street renewal
1	Market the cycling/outdoors opportunities in the area to promote increased tourism
1	More money dedicated to tourism
1	Not cut education funding.
1	Passenger Rail Service
1	Promote the new energy economy!
1	Promote tourism on the State Level
1	Provide consistent high speed internet access everywhere.
1	Provide strategic grants.
1	Provide tax credit or enterprise zone incentives
1	Quit using money intended for local government to balance the State budget.
1	Reduce regulations/permitting, Streamline departments and requirements and duplicate efforts.
1	Reduce taxes & keep spending under control.
1	Reduce the state government red tape
1	Regular and consistent air travel in and out of our county
1	Remove Income Tax.
1	Repeal of the Gallagher Ammendment
1	Stay out of it. The governor is out of touch with the west slope of Colorado.
1	Stop the control by local Government to take private property!
1	Streamline regulation and permitting for it does not cost anything substantial to do.
1	Summer tourism in Colorado's ski resorts. Why keep it such a secret?
1	Support education
1	Support open space and agriculture
1	Support small-scale locally sustainable businesses with entrepreneur grants
1	Support the Bike Town USA initiative in any way possible
1	Support tourism marketing efforts.
1	TOURISM FUNDING HELPS
1	Tax credits for job creation and small business
1	Tourism
1	Tourism marketing
1	Tourism promotion
1	access to capital
1	address the growing energy concerns and focus on renewables and alternatives
1	better communication about what is available
1	control it's own budget
1	decrease the tax burden on small business'
1	deregulation
1	diversify and increase higher-level career opportunities
1	education!
1	fund bike tourism initiatives
1	health care available affordably for all workers.
1	high-speed rail from Denver to Routt county
1	improve baccalaureate/advanced education outreach to the area.
1	increase funding for tourism and for alternate transportation. Bike friendly communities.
1	listen
1	lobby for greater broadband frequency access with the FCC
1	lower taxes
1	more small business funding
1	not sure
1	passenger rail service

1	provide strategic grants to leverage economic development projects
1	relevant and strategic grants to leverage other private dollars
1	remove qwest law from the way of Highspeed internet sharing to COMMUNITIES!
1	strategic grants to leverage economic development projects
1	support biking
1	support for our local effort to become "Bike Town USA" as a bike tourism destination
1	support the implementation of a regional economic development council
1	tax credits for job creation at a living wage in mountain resort communities.
1	thorough review of state regulations to ensure need and complexity.
1	tourism campaign
1	transportation development
1	Business class broadband service is very important element in our local economic development plan. In the rural areas of the state we need to have affordable access to business class broadband at the same levels that exist in the metro areas. Business class broadband is the "railroad."
1	Strategic grants to leverage economic development projects, especially cycling tourism, which is an opportunity for economic development that leverages current assets.
1	train the leaders how to develop a coherent long term development strategy and plan and have them accepted by the community
1	Eliminate/reduce the punitive taxation policies on utilities and property taxes that are double the individual rate. This is especially hard on small business.
1	Less involvement of multiple bureaucratic agencies where often times the different agencies seem to work against each other
1	provide low interest loans to small businesses, or back small business loans so that banks have an easier time approving capital funding.
1	REMOVE BARRIERS TO BUSINESS, CLEANUP RULES AND REGS(SIMPLE, CONCISE AND UNDERSTANDABLE), LOOK AT EVERY STATE JOB, IF NOT IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIABLE WHAT THAT PERSON DOES OR SHOULD DO, REMOVE THEM. GET THE DEAD WIEGHT OUT OF THE WAY AND LET AMERICAN CREATIVITY DO WHAT IT DOES BEST.
1	A comprehensive stakeholder's plan with 5-10 year goals and a group formed to oversee implementation and annual assessment.
1	help to free up credit oportunties for small businesses and bond for transportaton infrastrcuture
1	Recognize that not all Resort communities are flush with money and are subject to short prime seasons.
1	Support emergy efficiency increases in transportaion, energy sources and reduce the flow of energy dollars outside our state...solar, wind, efficient biomass and local energy productions and savings
1	Stricter regulations as to who can call themselves what (i.e. contractor's license) to diminish the amount of people who start "their own business" but don't have the knowledge or background to actually succeed in the long term, who in turn take away customers from legitimate businesses.
1	Ther must be trust between government and private parties - so keep your word! End the harrasment of ranchers and landowners who put their land into conversation easements. You want cooperation...be honest with the working man.
1	Expand rural private sector broadband access by modifying SB05-152 and lobbying the FCC to free up rural bandwidth for location neutral businesses.
1	Marketing of Colorado for business purposes - both to draw in tourists to our area and to draw in new businesses
1	Streamline regs. Review all regulations for current value. Keep the necessary ones, drop the ones no longer useful (because of changing technologies / business culture / population culture).
1	Our main industry is tourism, it would be great to expand into another industry like renewable energy using our local resources of wind, solar, water, thermal. This would provide more year round stability and create higher paying, technical jobs.
1	Create a small community (under 5,000 pop) aid program to help get the word out about their assets, strengths, schools, businesses, etc.
1	Modify SB05-152 to allow the private sector to purchase excess broadband capacity and lobby the FCC to open increased broadband to rural Colorado for use by private businesses including location neutral content creators.
1	Keep the State Historic Fund Intact! Grants in Routt County have leveraged 6x more money than actual grant dollars received. Grants have created good preservation jobs, restored existing buildings, saved energy & resources, helped to develop heritage tourism programs and capacity in rural areas and towns.
1	Assist with our application for a Regional Tourism Act (RTA) proposal to fund bike infrastructure. This is a HUGE tourism

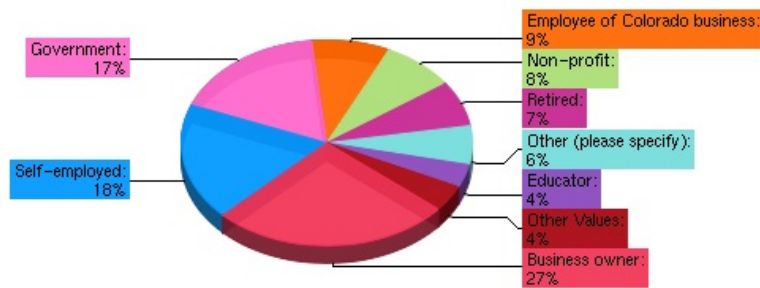
	project that leverages other existing tourism capital.
1	Increase tourism funding since there is so much leverage and such immediate returns for the state, local gov, businesses and our labor force.
1	Lite rail connecting our communities and also connecting us to I 70 the rail road tracks exit for coal open them up to supplies and passenger travel.
1	Provide grant assistance for infrastructure improvements and natural resource protection initiatives
1	Safer streets for cyclists and more downhill (tourist friendly) mountain bike trails. Reduced risk of litigation for the parties involved with trail conditions in order foster the creation of new trails without fear of litigation, i.e., make the rules similar to the ski industry litigation.
1	Recognize the county and national needs for development of all kinds of domestically produced energy resources (clearly including coal and NG) and reduction of roadblocks to that development.
1	Help the "Friends of the Chief" with grant money to purchase and remodel the existing movie theatre downtown. It would change the dynamics of our downtown to a thriving art/performing arts community. With our base area ripped down it would help our tourism tremendously!
1	Help Routt County provide for "enterprise zones" We need to bring larger companies to Steamboat and Routt CO.
1	Encourage development of our vast resources of Coal and Natural Gas as these are abundant, but the regulations are keeping us from utilizing these resources. Instead we are paying more money to get these Natural resources from other states and other countries.
1	More gas/oil/oilshale developement with less permitting fees and regulations. I believe the state will take in more in taxes from gas and oil if you let them develop more
1	Encourage stream-lined regulations that allow local business ventures to start-up and succeed. IE: local food processing and storage should be controlled by state and county regulations rather than federal one-rule-fits-all procedure
1	Streamline regulation and do away with regulations that are hostile to business and energy development.
1	encourage businesses to keep their word in union contracts and keep unions in place a needed checks and balances in an economic upheaval
1	Encourage counties to pave more rural roads, fund road maintenance and any other transportation initiatives for mountain communities. I 70 delays are awful and this needs to be improved.
1	Downsize government. Government is the single greatest obstacle to economic growth. Government is not the solution. Government is the problem.
1	Push for opening drilling, clean coal technology, geo-thermal (one of the largest in the state. Focus on energy, and I would add health and wellness. Reopen the hot springs and develop it.
1	Help create a clean fuel corridor for education and contunued public access to paradise. Create a model for the world to learn from with fuel creation from biomass crops and renewable energy starting with CNG, ethanol, biodiesel, and hydrogen. A facility would create, sell and teach clean fuel
1	Mandate that there will be no dead spots for cell reception on all paved Colorado roads. Have both cell and broadband capacity/speed be equally available throughout the state.
1	Quit being so green and allow coal for power plants, allow oil and gas exploration. These are resources this country has to use despite all the hype, if we as a country are going to stay strong and a leader in the world.
1	It would be very helpful to keep jobs in Moffat, Routt and Rio Blanco Counties if the State of Colorado would support the use of Colorado coal to generate electricity.
1	Work on the banking industry - it seems to me that small business cannot thrive due to the way banks are behaving these days. Its impossible to get lines of credit, loans, etc. and without those possibilities, business cannot start, grow, expand, employ new people, etc.
1	Our county has a large number of unpaved roads. The Bike friendly climate seems only in word and not in deed. We need paved loop routes to enhance active tourism (via bike). One or two good loops would be a good start.
1	Hlgh Speed Rail all over Colorado would put mad amounts of people to work and we need it year ago.....Coal in NW Colorado, help with moving businesses into South Routt
1	Routt County is relatively isolated, so transportation to get here can be a problem. Having I-40 run thourgh our "Main Street" prevents us from becoming a world class destination resourt.
1	Improve transportation; make the roads mostly 2 lane paved with the white line painted in the dirt wider and safer, allow and encourage passenger train use to eliminate some of the congestion on our highways the rails are already there!
1	Allowing state inspected processing plants to sell meat products to other retail establishments, wholesale beef, via a state inspected processing plant, as happens in Wyoming.
1	Realize there is more to our county than the county seat. There are many small towns who would like the services/acknowledgement the county seat now gets.

- 1 Free up funds to help existing businesses survive. Where did the money to help small business go????
- 1 improve access/quality of tecnolgical infrastructure such as broadband and cellular to rural areas



Your Home County: Please identify your home county from the following list (limited to one click):

Value	Count	Percent %	Statistics	
Routt	196	100%	Total Responses	196



Who Are You? Please categorize yourself as one of the following.

Value	Count	Percent %	Statistics	
Business owner	52	26.5%	Total Responses	196
Employee of Colorado business	17	8.7%		
Elected official	7	3.6%		
Government	34	17.3%		
Non-profit	16	8.2%		
Educator	7	3.6%		
Self-employed	36	18.4%		
Retired	14	7.1%		
Unemployed	1	0.5%		
Other (please specify)	12	6.1%		