

# Planning and Land Use Survey


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## Description

The Community Development Office (CDO) conducts a survey of counties and municipalities in Colorado on planning and land use related issues. The survey was conducted in 1983, 1992, 2004, and 2010. The survey provides a snapshot of how jurisdictions are regulating development, what issues they have developed policy on, whether or not they have zoning (and what type), what sources they rely on for planning services and information, and several other topical areas including comprehensive planning, IGAs, Impact Fees, GIS services, and training needs.

## How to use the information

Results of the survey, including a summary report, are available on the CDO website at [www.dola.colorado.gov/cdo](http://www.dola.colorado.gov/cdo). Results from previous years can be compared to look at long-term trends. All of the data is grouped by population size. For instance, smaller communities can look at others with similar populations for a quick look at how they are implementing planning techniques in Colorado. Data from this survey should be used only to make broad assumptions and as a starting point for further research. Because there is not a 100% response rate, the data cannot be assumed to be completely representative of the State of Colorado.

## Why this is important

Whether embarking on a comprehensive plan update, developing a land use code, adopting zoning, or developing an IGA, land use planning research often begins with reviewing your neighbor's policies and programs. These survey results provides local governments with a starting point for that research. Without having to make countless phone calls to other jurisdictions, local governments can refer to the land use survey to see exactly which communities have implemented similar techniques and direct their follow-up to them. The survey serves as a general reference for what Colorado communities are doing related to land use, and how the trends have shifted throughout the years.