

Adams County Municipalities + Denver Benchmark Comparisons

Quality of Life Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Adams County:	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Adams County as a place to live	5	6	Similar to the benchmark
Your neighborhood as a place to live	4	5	Similar to the benchmark
Adams County as a place to raise children	5	6	Similar to the benchmark
Adams County as a place to retire	4	6	Similar to the benchmark
The overall quality of life in Adams County	5	7	Similar to the benchmark

Community Characteristics Related to Quality of Life Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Sense of community	5	6	Similar to the benchmark
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	4	5	Similar to the benchmark

Public Trust Benchmark Comparisons

	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall image or reputation of Adams County	4	6	Similar to the benchmark
Overall, how would you rate the overall direction that Adams County is taking?	3	5	Similar to the benchmark
Welcoming resident involvement	4	5	Below the benchmark
Being responsive to residents	Not available	Not available	Not available

Overall Quality of Services Benchmark Comparisons

	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by Adams County?	4	5	Similar to the benchmark
How would you rate the value of services you receive from Adams County for the taxes paid?	5	6	Similar to the benchmark

Community Characteristics Related to Community Services Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Drinking water quality	Not available	Not available	Not available
Recreational opportunities	3	6	Similar to the benchmark
Variety of housing options	Not available	Not available	Not available
Overall appearance of Adams County	Not available	Not available	Not available
Overall quality of new development in unincorporated Adams County	Not available	Not available	Not available
Educational opportunities	Not available	Not available	Not available
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	Not available	Not available	Not available

Community Services Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Adams County open space, parks and trails system	Not available	Not available	Not available
Long range planning (administers and updates the Comprehensive Long Range Plan, coordinates with both local and regional stakeholders in planning for the current and future needs of the county)	Not available	Not available	Not available
Enforcement of county codes, ordinances and regulations (building codes, zoning and development regulations, Blight Ordinance enforcement for the removal of junk and weeds, graffiti removal)	4	6	Below the benchmark

Community Characteristics Related to Transportation Infrastructure Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Availability of paths and walking trails	4	5	Similar to the benchmark
Ease of car travel in Adams County	3	5	Similar to the benchmark
Ease of bus travel in Adams County	Not available	Not available	Not available
Traffic flow on major streets	Not available	Not available	Not available

Transportation Infrastructure Services Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Drainage and storm sewer infrastructure (adequate to handle storm events and prevent flooding) in unincorporated Adams County	5	5	Below the benchmark
Snow and ice removal in unincorporated Adams County	4	6	Below the benchmark

Community Characteristics Related to Law Enforcement Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Sense of personal safety	Not available	Not available	Not available

Law Enforcement and Public Safety Services Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Animal Shelter / Adoption Center	3	6	Similar to the benchmark
Sheriff services	Not available	Not available	Not available
County courts	4	6	Similar to the benchmark

Community Characteristics Related to Economic Development Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Adams County as a place to work	5	6	Below the benchmark
Shopping opportunities	Not available	Not available	Not available
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Adams County	Not available	Not available	Not available
Employment opportunities	5	7	Similar to the benchmark

Economic Development Services Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Economic development (identify and encourage investments by businesses, creating new jobs)	6	6	Much below the benchmark

Community Characteristics Related to Human Services Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Adams County as a whole	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Availability of affordable quality housing	2	5	Similar to the benchmark
Availability of affordable quality health care	3	5	Similar to the benchmark
Availability of affordable quality child care	Not available	Not available	Not available

Human Services Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by Adams County:	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Services provided to financially challenged families, programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Military Assistance Program, Food Assistance (SNAP/Food Stamps), etc.	Not available	Not available	Not available
Housing assistance services (emergency housing, rental assistance, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, etc.)	Not available	Not available	Not available
Services provided to protect children suspected of being abused or neglected	Not available	Not available	Not available

Employee Contact Benchmark Comparisons

What was your impression of the Adams County employee in your most recent contact? (Rate each characteristic below.)	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Knowledge	3	7	Above the benchmark
Responsiveness	4	6	Similar to the benchmark
Courtesy	Not available	Not available	Not available
Overall impression	4	7	Above the benchmark

Non-Adams County Services Benchmark Comparisons

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided by other agencies (i.e., special districts and metro districts), not by Adams County.	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Fire services	Not available	Not available	Not available
Park and recreation services	Not available	Not available	Not available
Water and sanitation services	Not available	Not available	Not available
Library services	4	5	Similar to the benchmark
Street and drainage maintenance services	1	6	Much above the benchmark
Public school districts	2	5	Similar to the benchmark