

# CIVIC INDICATORS

How a community works together to plan, make decisions and solve problems is an indication of its civic health. Citizen participation and interaction with local organizations and governments is vital to establishing and maintaining relationships and addressing regional issues.

Measurable civic health indicators include voter participation, community planning and philanthropy. These indicators help us to understand the level of commitment individuals have to their community. When residents take a participatory approach to

local governance, they enable the community to produce healthy economic, social and environmental sectors and ultimately keep up with changing times.

Nonprofit organizations play an important role in the Yampa Valley. They provide critical services by fostering a healthy population, providing cultural opportunities, preserving our natural environment, promoting economic development and educating our citizens about evolving issues.

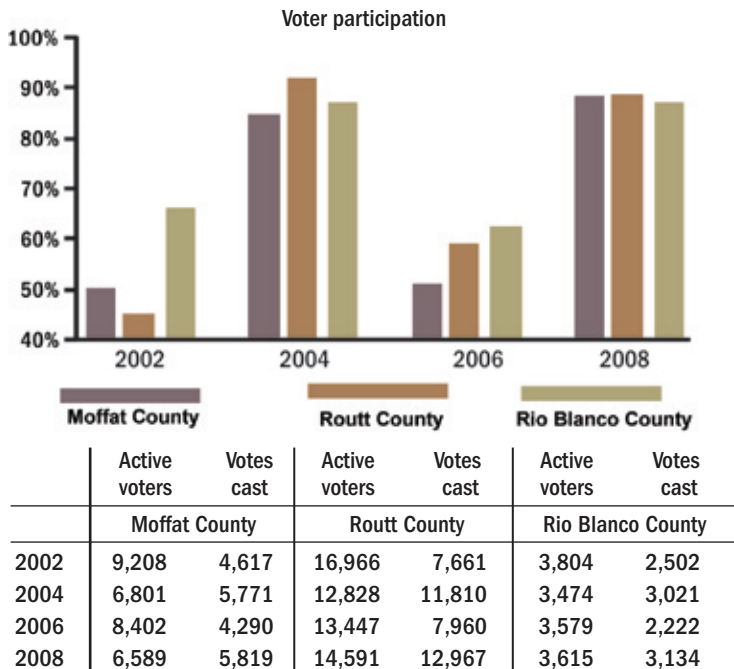
## KEY FINDINGS

- Community planning is widely used in the Yampa Valley to address issues such as development and preservation of rivers, land and structures.
- Yampa Valley residents support an extensive network of philanthropic and nonprofit organizations. These organizations provide services to the community.
- This report shows the collective financial status of nonprofit agencies in the Yampa Valley.



### Voter participation

Voter participation is an important indicator of community involvement. The percentage of the voting age population who vote is best measured by turnout at elections. Voter turnout during presidential elections is higher than in non-presidential election years indicating that statewide and regional elections do not have the same level of interest as national elections. The number of residents who vote has consistently increased in Routt and Moffat counties over the past six years.



\*Voter data provided by Colorado Secretary of State's office does not include provisional ballot information and may not represent full voter turnout.

EXPANDED DATA SET AT:  
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### Community planning

A community depends on the ability of its local government to execute a variety of plans. To set goals and achieve desired results, citizen input at community meetings is a critical component of the collaborative planning process. Community plans provide direction to government officials, policy makers, organizations and private entities to accomplish their objectives. The Steamboat Springs Comprehensive Plan, West of Steamboat Plan, and Moffat County and Craig Master Plan set policy ranging from urban growth boundaries to land use and regulations.

Source: Yampa Valley Partners

	Status	Last Updated	Next Update Planned
City of Steamboat Base Area Plan	Active	2005	
Craig Area/Moffat Co. Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Master Plan	Active		
Hayden Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan	Active		
Hayden Town Plan	Active	2005/07	
Moffat Co. and Craig Master Plan	Active		
Moffat Co. Fairgrounds Master Plan	Active		
Moffat Co. Land Use Plan	Active		
Moffat Co. Wildland Fire and Fuel Mitigation Plan	Active		
Mountain Town Sub Area Plan	Active	2005	
Oak Creek Town Plan Adopted	Active	2008	
Routt Co. Master Plan	Active		
Sarvis Creek Plan	Active		
Stagecoach Community Plan	Active		2009
Steamboat Ski Area Master Plan	Active	2004	
Steamboat Area Community Plan	Active	2005	2010
Steamboat Sidewalk Master Plan	Active	2006	
Steamboat Trail System Master Plan	Active		
Upper Elk River Valley Community Plan	Active		
Vision 2030 Routt County	Pending		2009
West of Steamboat Area Plan	Active	2006	
Yampa River Management Plan	Active	2003	
Yampa Town Plan	Active		2009
Yampa Valley Legacy Plan	Active	1995	

**Charitable contributions as a percentage of adjusted gross income (AGI)**

Yampa Valley citizens are generous and philanthropic supporting all sizes of nonprofit organizations to meet community needs. Within Moffat and Routt counties, there are a total of 250 nonprofits of which 169 are public 501(c)3 charitable organizations, some that are headquartered in one county and provide services throughout the region.

This data set breaks down charitable contributions as a percentage of adjusted gross income. It represents the total percentage of all donations (to local and national charities) only for people who choose to itemize deductions on their federal tax returns.

	2004	2005
Moffat County	1.3%	1.4%
Routt County	1.8%	3.2%

Source: Internal Revenue Service

**Historic preservation**

Preservation of historic structures is an important indicator of the Yampa Valley's commitment to cultural heritage. In 2004, the City of Steamboat Springs received the Preserve America award for its historic preservation efforts.

	2007	
Moffat	National Register	14
Routt	National Register	24
Rio Blanco	National Register	13

Source: Colorado Historical Society

*"The Community Indicators Report is a necessary tool for managing the progress of Vision 2030's desired outcomes and recommended actions and tracking success. The indicators in Yampa Valley Partners report provide a tangible way to track progress on many of the recommendations within the Vision 2030 report, allowing citizens to better manage the Vision 2030 project for years to come."*

**MARSHA DAUGHENBAUGH AND KATHY STOKES CO-CHAIRS VISION 2030 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Growth of IRS-recognized nonprofits by NTEE category**

Within the public charities, 501(c)3, the IRS classifies them by type ranging from arts and culture to youth development. This is a measurement of the type of philanthropic activities the community is willing to donate time and dollars. The growth of IRS-recognized nonprofits by NTEE (National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities) category reflect growth by category. This is an indication of what the community values over time.

	1990		1995		2000		2008	
	Moffat	Routt	Moffat	Routt	Moffat	Routt	Moffat	Routt
Arts, culture & humanities	1	4	4	9	5	12	7	20
Education institutions	3	4	3	7	5	11	5	17
Environmental quality, protection & beautification	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	4
Animal related	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	4
Health and rehabilitative services	1	2	1	2	2	2	3	6
Mental health and crisis intervention	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Crime & legal related services	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2
Agriculture, food, nutrition	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
Housing & shelter	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4
Public safety & disaster preparedness/relief	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Recreation, sports & leisure	1	3	1	5	2	9	3	16
Youth development	2	1	2	1	3	2	5	2
Human services	4	7	4	9	4	11	5	17
International & foreign affairs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Community improvement & capacity building	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	3
Philanthropy & grant making	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Public & society benefit	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2
Religious	5	8	7	10	7	11	10	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>122</b>

Source: Internal Revenue Service

*"I have distributed numerous Community Indicators Reports to local and state leaders at various functions since the report began. All of these leaders agree that the Community Indicators Report is an innovative and forward-thinking concept in terms of a tool to help formulate policy."*

**TERRY CARWILE, CRAIG CITY COUNCIL**



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**“25 YEARS** of Shaping Steamboat Athletes”

**What Heroes are made of:**

**COMMITMENT**

Pio began volunteering his time training students and athletes 25 years ago and has been shaping young lives ever since.

**INSPIRATION**

While his passion for the youth in our community is obvious, Pio Uto is an inspiration to all who know him.

**DEDICATION**

When asked by wife Becca when he might retire from volunteering, Pio responded, “Nah, I’m not going to do that.”

*From where Alpine Bank sits,  
Pio is a **Real Hero**.*



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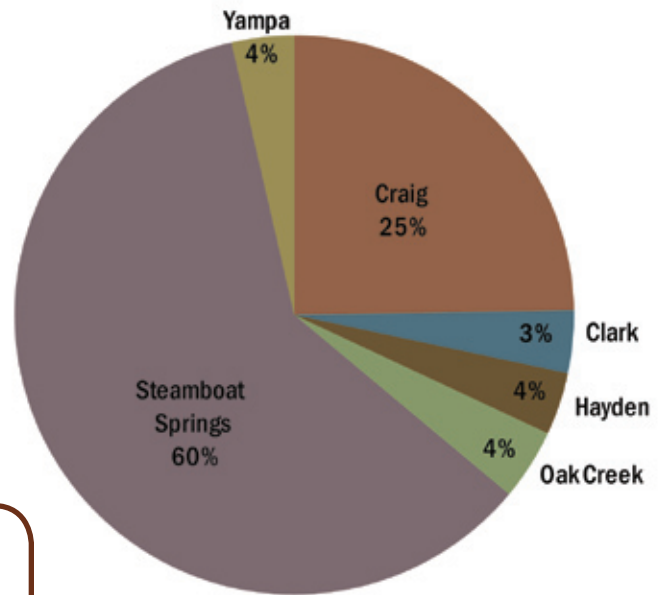
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Nonprofit organizations by IRS subsection codes, 2006

Nonprofit organizations fall into two basic categories: Public charities, 501(c)3 and all others that range from business organizations like chambers of commerce to service clubs, civic and fraternal groups. A majority of the nonprofits in both counties are classified as public charities of which a small sub-set is private philanthropic foundations. The IRS subsection codes demonstrate the diversity of nonprofit organizations in Moffat and Routt counties.

	Moffat	Routt
Private foundations	1	24
Public charities	47	122

Source: Internal Revenue Service



Source: Internal Revenue Service

*"In a knowledge-based world, where information unlocks wealth, those who live in the densest city or least populated lands require data, or they risk irrelevance and poverty."*  
**JEFF DEVERE, COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS, STRATEGIC SERVICES, CENTER FOR COMMUNITY INNOVATION AND ADVANCEMENT**

IRS subsection codes present

	501(c)2	501(c)3	501(c)4	501(c)5	501(c)6	501(c)7	501(c)8	501(c)10	501(c)12	501(c)19	Total
<b>Moffat</b>											
Total	0	48	8	3	6	1	3	1	0	3	73
% of Total	0.0%	65.8%	11.0%	4.1%	8.2%	1.4%	4.1%	1.4%	0.0%	4.1%	100.0%
<b>Routt</b>											
Total	1	146	7	6	7	0	3	0	2	5	177
% of Total	0.6%	82.5%	4.0%	3.4%	4.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.1%	2.8%	100.0%

Source: Internal Revenue Service

IRS subsection code descriptions

501(c)2	Title Holding Corporation for Exempt Organization
501(c)3	Religious, Educational, Charitable, Scientific, Literary, Testing for Public Safety, to Foster National or International Amateur Sports Competition, or Prevention of Cruelty to Children or Animals Organizations
501(c)4	Civic Leagues, Social Welfare Organizations, and Local Associations of Employees
501(c)5	Labor, Agricultural, and Horticultural Organizations
501(c)6	Business Leagues, Chambers of Commerce, Real Estate Boards, Etc.
501(c)7	Social and Recreation Clubs
501(c)8	Fraternal Beneficiary Societies and Associations
501(c)10	Domestic Fraternal Societies and Associations
501(c)11	Teachers' Retirement Fund Associations
501(c)12	Benevolent Life Insurance Associations, Mutual Ditch or Irrigation Companies, Mutual or Cooperative Telephone Companies, Etc.
501(c)19	Post or Organization of Past or Present Members of the Armed Forces

Public charities 501(c) that have more than \$25,000 in revenue are required to file a disclosure report annually with the IRS providing information on sources of income and types of expenses. Nonprofits can engage in revenue-generating activities that result in annual surpluses or profits. The distinction between

nonprofits and for-profit companies is what happens to the surplus. For-profit businesses may distribute their gains to the owners or shareholders. Nonprofits must reinvest surpluses back into the organization and its tax-exempt purpose. Surpluses may not be distributed to individuals affiliated with the organization.

**Nonprofit 501(c)3 balance sheet summary, 2006**

	<b>Routt</b>				<b>Moffat</b>	
	With Yampa Valley Medical Center		W/out Yampa Valley Medical Center		Beginning year	End of year
	Beginning year	End of year	Beginning year	End of year		
<b>Assets</b>						
<i>Cash</i>	\$28,610,963	\$32,103,393	\$10,222,623	\$13,746,581	\$871,469	\$1,343,728
<i>Accounts receivable</i>	\$8,791,885	\$8,873,347	\$1,388,424	\$1,223,133	\$2,124	\$37,867
<i>Pledges &amp; grants receivable</i>	\$1,312,478	\$2,703,574	\$1,312,478	\$2,703,574	\$1,080,635	\$886,833
<i>Other receivables</i>	\$371,747	\$493,597	\$371,747	\$493,597	\$-	\$-
<i>Inventory</i>	\$1,935,731	\$2,136,480	\$243,671	\$176,111	\$1,000	\$-
<i>Pre-paid expenses</i>	\$890,885	\$570,395	\$570,103	\$246,883	\$12,714	\$3,298
<i>Investments</i>	\$24,701,378	\$29,515,170	\$13,934,059	\$15,304,334	\$113,063	\$123,781
<i>Land &amp; building less</i>						
<i>Accumulated depreciation</i>	\$73,537,941	\$71,840,043	\$29,198,299	\$29,732,668	\$408,008	\$419,785
<i>Other assets</i>	\$1,796,158	\$3,156,523	\$1,225,776	\$2,618,508	\$73,565	\$335
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$141,949,166</b>	<b>\$151,392,522</b>	<b>\$58,467,180</b>	<b>\$66,245,389</b>	<b>\$2,562,578</b>	<b>\$2,815,627</b>
<b>General liabilities</b>	<b>\$54,171,708</b>	<b>\$52,651,485</b>	<b>\$13,020,061</b>	<b>\$12,990,220</b>	<b>\$1,172,603</b>	<b>\$923,137</b>
<b>Fund balance</b>	<b>\$87,777,458</b>	<b>\$98,741,037</b>	<b>\$45,447,119</b>	<b>\$53,255,169</b>	<b>\$1,389,975</b>	<b>\$1,892,490</b>

**Nonprofits 501(c)3 income statement, 2006**

	<b>Routt</b>		<b>Moffat</b>
	With Yampa Valley Medical Center	W/out Yampa Valley Medical Center	
<b>Revenue</b>			
<i>Contributions</i>	\$23,369,596	\$22,868,076	\$1,996,573
<i>Direct activity</i>	\$73,295,652	\$16,083,055	\$181,570
<i>Non-direct activity</i>	\$3,060,105	\$1,836,578	\$45,274
<i>Special events</i>	\$994,749	\$994,749	\$50,607
<i>Gross sales</i>	\$110,392	\$110,392	\$177,693
<i>Other revenue</i>	\$917,369	\$386,250	\$17,483
<b>Total revenue all sources</b>	<b>\$101,747,863</b>	<b>\$42,279,100</b>	<b>\$2,469,200</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<i>Grants</i>	\$4,498,199	\$4,498,199	\$476,721
<i>Individual assistance</i>	\$272,815	\$272,815	\$18,629
<i>Benefits paid to members</i>	\$64,585	\$64,585	\$3,900
<i>Compensation, benefits &amp; payroll</i>	\$39,077,185	\$12,777,682	\$916,573
<i>Payroll taxes</i>	\$2,310,159	\$732,200	\$48,870
<i>Professional fees</i>	\$340,636	\$340,636	\$66,634
<i>Occupancy expenses</i>	\$1,084,823	\$1,084,823	\$107,268
<i>Operational expenses</i>	\$13,537,496	\$2,208,471	\$133,751
<i>Interest</i>	\$2,210,592	\$228,231	\$9,978
<i>Depreciation</i>	\$4,429,600	\$1,172,411	\$46,570
<i>Other</i>	\$24,013,228	\$11,829,750	\$230,198
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$91,839,318</b>	<b>\$35,209,803</b>	<b>\$2,059,092</b>
<b>Surpluses</b>	<b>\$9,908,545</b>	<b>\$7,069,297</b>	<b>\$410,108</b>

This balance sheet and income statement groups together as one business entity all Moffat and Routt nonprofits that are required to file an IRS disclosure form to reflect the nonprofit sector's economic health. Because Yampa Valley Medical Center (YVMC) is the largest nonprofit in Routt County, while Memorial Hospital in Craig is a county facility with a different IRS nonprofit designation, the financial statements are prepared with and without YVMC data. Taken as a whole, the nonprofit industry sector is showing positive growth.

Source: Internal Revenue Service financial disclosure from 990 and 990EZ