

Table 2. Sample Environmental and Land Use Quality Indicators

Indicator	Colo Spgs (El Paso Cty)	Austin (Travis Cty)	Jacksonville (Duval Cty)	Seattle (King Cty)
Toxic releases in lbs, annually	750,000	243,296		750,000
Solid waste generated per capita per day		8.6		8.1
Solid waste recycled per capita per day				4.0
Good air quality days	328		325	320
Days not meeting natl ozone standards	0	20		
Open space/park acreage per 1000 ¹	27.6	60.3	13.02	
% living near urban open space				87
Newly platted acreage as % of total undeveloped land approved for conversion		1.06		
Water bodies meeting state standards (%)		45.5	59	
Daily per capita water consumption (gal)	127	194	49.6	92.5
% of land surface impervious to water				32
Gasoline consumption per capita, annual	623		607	530

For data sources and more discussion of local indicator projects and their uses see Greenwood, Daphne. 2001. "Using Local Indicators to Measure Quality of Life: A Preliminary Look at the Pikes Peak Region," Working Paper #106, Center for Colorado Policy Studies, University of Colorado- Colorado Springs. <http://web.uccs.edu/ccps>

¹ The Austin figure is for a three county area but includes only publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife preserves and hunting grounds.