

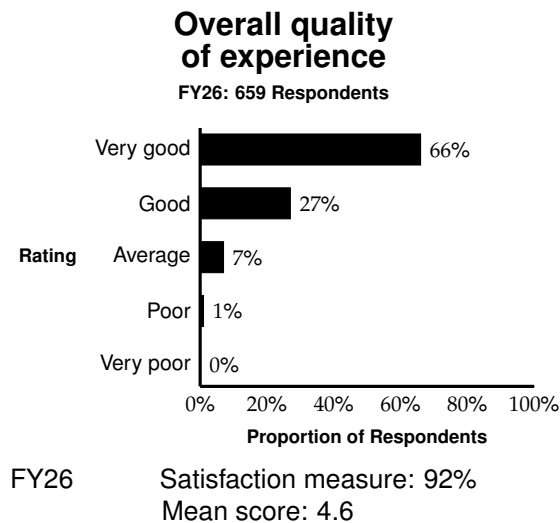
Bureau of Land Management 2026 GPRA Report

Introduction

In order for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and better meet the needs of the public, a visitor satisfaction survey was conducted at 12 BLM recreation sites in 12 states during fiscal year 2026 (FY26). Of the 12 units conducting the survey this year, 5 units successfully administered the survey in 5 states. The survey was developed to measure each site's performance related to Mission Area 3, Goal 2, Strategy 1 (as specified in the DOI 2025/2026 Annual Performance Plan) - *Enhance Public Satisfaction at DOI Sites by enhancing the enjoyment and appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage*. The information collected during the survey will also help the BLM better serve the public. The survey collected visitor satisfaction data regarding visitor information (i.e., use of maps, signs, brochures), developed facilities, recreation use management, resource management, BLM staff and service, programs, commercial recreation operations, educational and interpretive materials, fees, accessibility for visitors with disabilities, activities, and demographics.

The GPRA specific results of the visitor satisfaction surveys conducted in FY26 are summarized in this data report. A description of the research methods and limitations can be found on page two. Below (left) is a graph summarizing visitor opinions regarding the overall quality of their experience at these sites. The satisfaction measure below (right) is a combined proportion of "good" and "very good" responses. This is the primary performance measure for GPRA Mission Area 3, Goal 2.1 and should be used when reporting performance for this goal. (NOTE: the satisfaction measure may not equal the sum of "very good/well" and "good/well" proportions due to rounding.)

The response rates for the BLM units surveyed ranged from 40% to 95%.



FY26 GPRA Satisfaction Measure

Proportion of site visitors satisfied overall with visitor information, facilities, management, interpretation/education, staff services, and programs:

92%

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2026 BLM Visitor Survey Research Methods

Understanding the Results

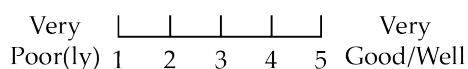
Inside this report are graphs that illustrate the GPRA specific survey results. This report summarizes data from the eight goal categories regarding BLM amenities, staff, and services. Each graph includes the following information:

- The number of visitor responses for the indicator;
- The proportion of responses for each answer choice;

Graphs for quality indicators also include:

- A "satisfaction measure" that combines the proportion of total responses which were "Very good" or "Good;"
- An average (mean) evaluation score where a number closer to five reflects a more positive visitor response;
- Quality indicators are based on the following scale:

"Very poor/poorly" = 1, "Poor/Poorly" = 2, "Average" = 3, "Good/Well" = 4, "Very good/well" = 5;



NOTE: Graph proportions may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Procedure

Visitors were surveyed at 5 BLM units in FY26. The data reflect visitor opinions about these sites' facilities, management, services, educational opportunities, and fees during the survey period. Visitor activities and selected demographics were also captured.

Visitors were given a choice between a paper version to be completed on-site, and an online option to be completed on-site or at a later date. Those visitors who chose the online option were given a postcard containing the access information needed for completing the survey online.

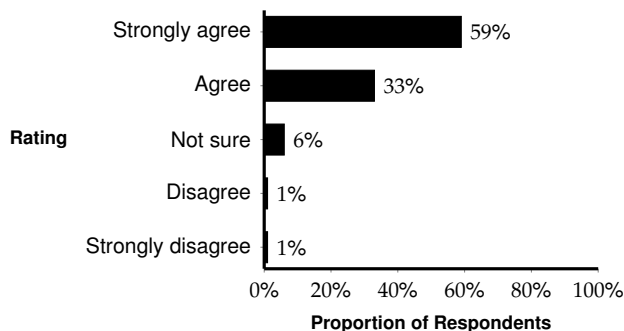
The results in this report are the combined responses from 619 paper versions of the survey that were electronically scanned and 66 responses that were completed online. Frequency distributions were calculated for each indicator and category using the combined data. The number of respondents for each indicator is reported at the top of each figure. All proportions are reported as whole percentages while averages are rounded to the nearest tenth.

Caution is advised when interpreting any data with fewer than 30 responses. When this occurs, the word "CAUTION!" is included above the graph. This report excludes any graphs or calculations for questions with fewer than 10 responses. "NA" has been inserted in place of excluded satisfaction and evaluation calculations.

NOTE: Because of the different sample sizes obtained at each BLM Unit, the overall margin of error for this study cannot be determined. Please refer to the individual unit reports for specific margins of error. However, For most indicators, with a full sample size of 350 to 400 at each unit, the survey data are expected to be accurate within $\pm 6\%$ of the population with 95% confidence. This means that if different samples had been drawn, the results would have been similar ($\pm 6\%$) 95 out of 100 times.

The value of recreation opportunity and services was at least equal to the fee asked to pay

FY26: 177 Respondents



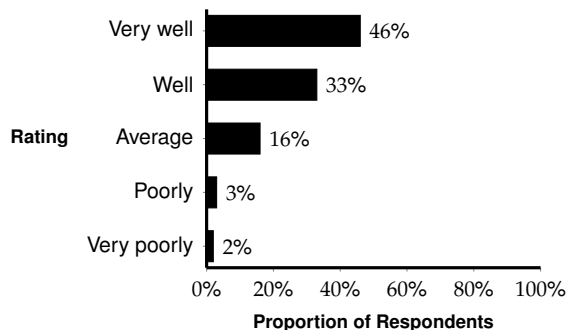
2026 BLM Visitor Survey

Visitor Information



How well the BLM provides visitor information

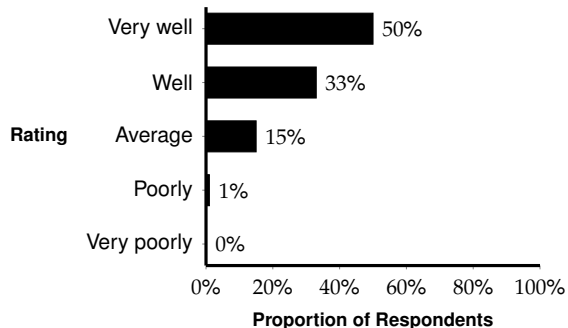
FY26: 644 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 79%
Mean score: 4.2

How well the BLM protects the natural and cultural resources

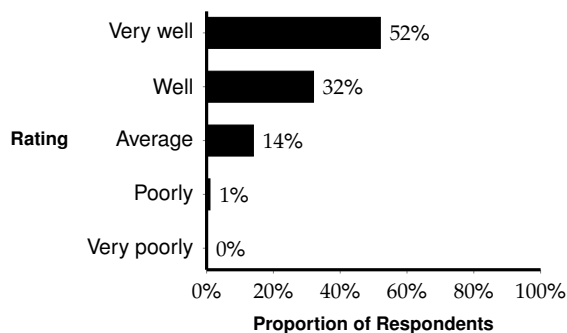
FY26: 636 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 83%
Mean score: 4.3

How well the BLM maintains the condition of physical facilities

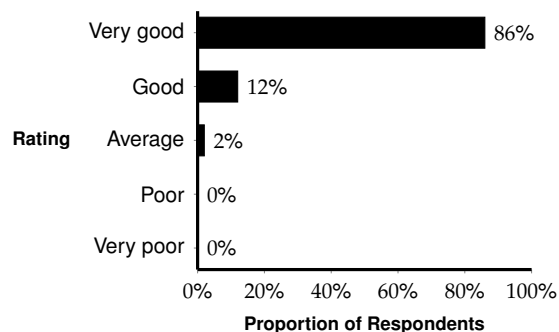
FY26: 656 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 84%
Mean score: 4.3

Performance of BLM staff

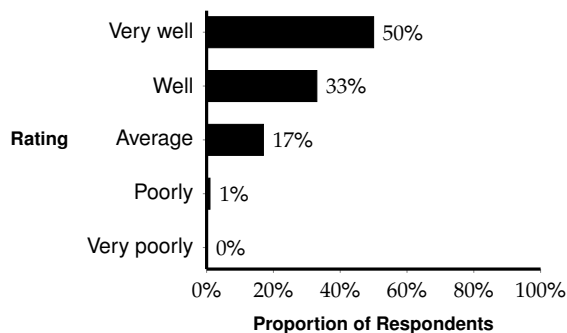
FY26: 600 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 98%
Mean score: 4.8

How well the BLM manages recreation use management

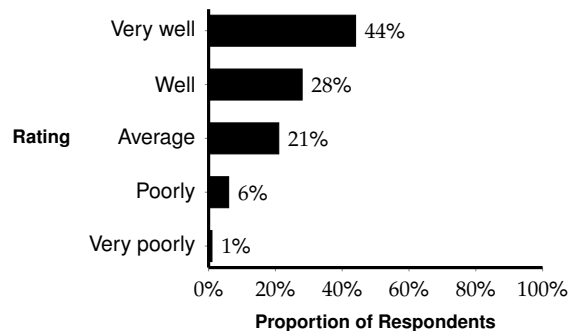
FY26: 634 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 83%
Mean score: 4.3

How well the BLM provides interpretive and educational material

FY26: 512 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 72%
Mean score: 4.1

