Wellbeing in Carbon County, Utah – Preliminary Survey Results

To better understand individual and community wellbeing in Utah, Dr. Courtney Flint and her students conducted public-intercept iPad surveys in 16 cities across 9 counties in Summer 2019. Surveys were conducted at a combination of venues including: grocery stores, Wal-Mart stores, city offices, libraries, and public events.

This is a five-year study and data collection will continue in the future. We are currently meeting with city and county representatives to gather input on local wellbeing and reactions to preliminary survey findings. We look forward to your input!

While this study is targeted at the city scale, we are able to report county-level findings. Please note that the survey participants are not representative of all cities or towns in the county. In Carbon County, we surveyed 166 people from 5 different cities. The cities we targeted for surveying were Price and Helper. We also collected responses from individuals living in East Carbon, Kenilworth, and Wellington. Shown below is a table comparing our respondent demographics with American Community Survey estimates (collected by the Census Bureau) for Carbon County.

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<tr>
<th>Study Site: Carbon County Sample size: 166</th>
<th>Demographics of Survey Respondents</th>
<th>American Community Survey 2013-2017 Estimates for Population Demographics</th>
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<tr>
<td>Age 18-50</td>
<td>63.3%</td>
<td>52.7% of adults 18 or over</td>
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<td>Age 50 or Over</td>
<td>36.7%</td>
<td>47.3% of adults 18 or over</td>
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<td>Non-Female (Male, Other, Prefer Not to Say)</td>
<td>41.2%</td>
<td>49.2% (Male only)</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>58.8%</td>
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<td>No College Degree</td>
<td>75.8%</td>
<td>84.3% (25+ years)</td>
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<td>College Degree (4-year)</td>
<td>24.2%</td>
<td>15.7% (25+ years)</td>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>$46,994</td>
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<td>Income Under $25,000</td>
<td>25.5%</td>
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<td>Income $25,000 to $99,999</td>
<td>65.8%</td>
<td>57.9%</td>
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<td>Income $100,000 or over</td>
<td>8.7%</td>
<td>14.9%</td>
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<td>Religion Latter-Day Saints</td>
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<td>Religion Non-Latter-Day Saints</td>
<td>63.8%</td>
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<td>Race/Ethnicity White</td>
<td>87.3%</td>
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<td>Race/Ethnicity Non-White</td>
<td>12.7%</td>
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The following graphs present findings on survey questions.

**Personal Wellbeing in Carbon County**
How would you rate your overall personal wellbeing?

**Community Wellbeing in Cache County**
How would you rate the overall wellbeing in the community you live in now?

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**Overall Personal Wellbeing Scores from Utah Counties (2019)**
(On a scale from 1=Very Poor to 10=Excellent)

**Overall Community Wellbeing Scores from Utah Counties (2019)**
(On a scale from 1=Very Poor to 10=Excellent)
Median Household Incomes (2017)

- Summit: $94,952
- Salt Lake: $67,922
- Utah: $67,042
- Tooele: $66,542
- Weber: $62,036
- Washington: $55,175
- Cache: $53,812
- Carbon: $46,994
- Iron: $45,422

Life Satisfaction in Carbon County

All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life overall?

Financial Satisfaction in Carbon County

How satisfied are you with the overall financial situation of your household?

Life Satisfaction Scores from Utah Counties (2019)
(On a scale from 1=Completely dissatisfied to 10=Completely satisfied)

- 8.50 Summit
- 8.16 Cache
- 8.12 Utah
- 8.05 Washington
- 8.04 Iron
- 7.97 Tooele
- 7.93 Salt Lake
- 7.61 Carbon
- 7.40 Weber

Overall Average: 7.61

Financial Satisfaction Scores from Utah Counties (2019)
(On a scale from 1=Completely dissatisfied to 10=Completely satisfied)

- 7.69 Summit
- 7.32 Utah
- 7.20 Washington
- 7.13 Salt Lake
- 7.01 Iron
- 6.90 Cache
- 6.86 Tooele
- 6.44 Carbon
- 6.36 Weber

Overall Average: 7.32

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Wellbeing Domain Ratings in Carbon County

How would you rate your level of personal wellbeing for each of the following categories?

- Cultural Opportunities
- Mental Health
- Local Environmental Quality
- Safety and Security
- Leisure Time
- Education
- Living Standards
- Social Connections
- Physical Health
- Connection to Nature

Percent of Respondents

- Poor
- Fair
- Moderate
- Good
- Excellent

Average Ratings of Wellbeing Domains in Utah Counties (2019)

1 = Poor, 2 = Fair, 3 = Moderate, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

- Physical Health
- Education
- Living Standards
- Connection to Nature
- Social Connections
- Safety and Security
- Leisure Time
- Local Environmental Quality
- Mental Health
- Cultural Opportunities

2.5 3 = Moderate 3.5 4 = Good 4.5 5 = Excellent

Average (Mean) Rating

- Overall
- Carbon
- Other Counties
The graph below illustrates the relationship between the average rating of wellbeing domains and the average importance of each of those domains for individuals in Carbon County. Mental Health, Safety and Security, and Local Environmental Quality were wellbeing domains deemed very important yet rated relatively low.