Wellbeing in Summit 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 Summit County, we surveyed 60 people from 4 different cities. The city we targeted for surveying was Park City. We also collected responses from individuals living in Coalville, Kamas, and Peoa. Shown below is a table comparing our respondent demographics with American Community Survey estimates (collected by the Census Bureau) for Summit County.

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<th>Study Site: Summit County</th>
<th>Demographics of Survey Respondents</th>
<th>American Community Survey 2013-2017 Estimates for Population Demographics</th>
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<td>Sample size: 60</td>
<td>Age 18-50 42.1%</td>
<td>55.4% of adults 18 or over</td>
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<td>Age 50 or Over 57.9%</td>
<td>44.6% of adults 18 or over</td>
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<td>Non-Female (Male, Other, Prefer Not to Say) 43.9%</td>
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<td>Female 56.1%</td>
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<td>No College Degree 30.5%</td>
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<td>College Degree (4-year) 69.5%</td>
<td>53.5% (25+ years)</td>
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<td>Median Household Income NA</td>
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<td>Income Under $25,000 13.8%</td>
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<td>Income $25,000 to $99,999 37.9%</td>
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<td>Income $100,000 or over 48.3%</td>
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<td>Religion Latter-Day Saints 6.8%</td>
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<td>Religion Non-Latter-Day Saints 93.2%</td>
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<td>Race/Ethnicity White 81.0%</td>
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<td>Race/Ethnicity Non-White 19.0%</td>
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The following graphs present findings on survey questions.

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

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

**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 Scores from Utah Counties (2019)
(On a scale from 1=Completely dissatisfied to 10=Completely satisfied)
- Summit: 8.50
- Cache: 8.16
- Utah: 8.12
- Washington: 8.05
- Iron: 8.04
- Tooele: 7.97
- Salt Lake: 7.93
- Carbon: 7.61
- Weber: 7.40

Financial Satisfaction Scores from Utah Counties (2019)
(On a scale from 1=Completely dissatisfied to 10=Completely satisfied)
- Summit: 7.69
- Cache: 7.32
- Utah: 7.20
- Washington: 7.13
- Iron: 7.01
- Tooele: 6.90
- Weber: 6.86
- Carbon: 6.44
- Weber: 6.36

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Attitudes toward Landscape Features in Summit County

How does the presence of the following landscape features influence your wellbeing?

- Industry
- Urban Development
- Red Rock
- Lakes
- Farmland
- City Parks
- Rivers and Streams
- Mountains

Influence of Landscape Features on Wellbeing in Utah Counties (2019)

1=Very Negatively, 2=Negatively, 3=Neither, 4=Positively, 5=Very Positively
Wellbeing Domain Ratings in Summit County

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

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

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

Average (Mean) Rating

- Overall
- Summit
- Other Counties
Wellbeing Domain Importance in Summit County

How important are the following categories to your overall personal wellbeing?

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

Average Importance of Wellbeing Domains in Utah Counties (2019)

1=Not at all important, 2=Slightly important, 3=Moderately important, 4=Important, 5=Very important

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

Average (Mean) Importance

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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 Summit County. Safety and Security, Leisure Time, and Local Environmental Quality were wellbeing domains deemed very important yet rated relatively low.