Wellbeing in Washington 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 Washington County, we surveyed 289 people from 12 different cities. The cities we targeted for surveying were Hurricane and La Verkin. We also collected responses from individuals living in Dammeron Valley, Ivins, Leeds, New Harmony, Rockville, Santa Clara, Springdale, St. George, Toquerville, and Washington. Shown below is a table comparing our respondent demographics with American Community Survey estimates (collected by the Census Bureau) for Utah County.

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<tr>
<th>Study Site: Washington County Sample size: 289</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>58.0%</td>
<td>50.8% of adults 18 or over</td>
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<td>Age 50 or Over</td>
<td>42.0%</td>
<td>49.2% of adults 18 or over</td>
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<td>Non-Female (Male, Other, Prefer Not to Say)</td>
<td>40.2%</td>
<td>49.6% (Male only)</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>59.8%</td>
<td>50.4%</td>
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<td>No College Degree</td>
<td>60.6%</td>
<td>71.9% (25+ years)</td>
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<td>College Degree (4-year)</td>
<td>39.4%</td>
<td>28.1% (25+ years)</td>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>$55,175</td>
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<td>Income Under $25,000</td>
<td>14.9%</td>
<td>18.6%</td>
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<td>Income $25,000 to $99,999</td>
<td>60.4%</td>
<td>61.9%</td>
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<td>Income $100,000 or over</td>
<td>24.7%</td>
<td>19.6%</td>
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<td>Religion Latter-Day Saints</td>
<td>55.8%</td>
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<td>Religion Non-Latter-Day Saints</td>
<td>44.2%</td>
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<td>Race/Ethnicity White</td>
<td>83.2%</td>
<td>90.6%</td>
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<td>Race/Ethnicity Non-White</td>
<td>16.8%</td>
<td>9.4%</td>
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The following graphs present findings on survey questions.

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

**Community Wellbeing in Washington 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
- 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
- Utah: 7.32
- Washington: 7.20
- Salt Lake: 7.13
- Iron: 7.01
- Cache: 6.90
- Tooele: 6.86
- Carbon: 6.44
- Weber: 6.36

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**Attitudes toward Landscape Features in Washington County**

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

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

![Bar Chart](chart1.png)

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

1=Very Negatively, 2=Negatively, 3=Neither, 4=Positively, 5=Very Positively

![Scatter Plot](chart2.png)

**Average (Mean) Rating**

- **Overall**
- **Washington**
- **Other Counties**
Wellbeing Domain Importance in Washington County
How important are the following categories to your overall personal wellbeing?

Average Importance of Wellbeing Domains in Utah Counties (2019)
1=Not at important, 2=Slightly important, 3=Moderately important, 4=Important, 5=Very important
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 Washington County. Mental Health, Leisure Time, and Safety and Security were wellbeing domains deemed very important yet rated relatively low.