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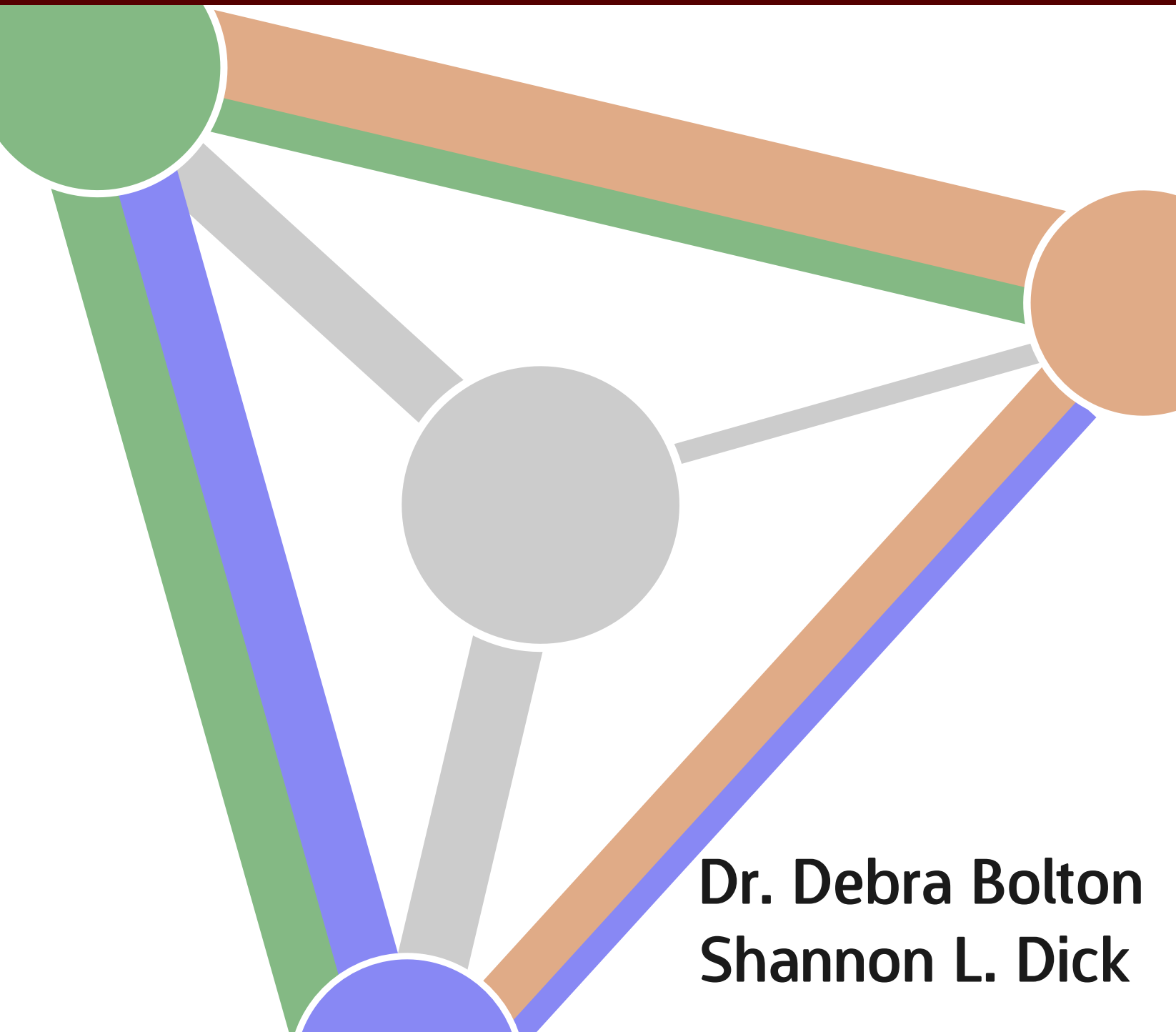
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Introduction

In the latter part of 2012, Harper County Commissioners worked with Locust Star Publishing, K-State Research and Extension and Western Kansas Statistical Lab to survey county residents for data that would paint a clearer picture of attitudes and desires around life, work, and recreation. The resultant data, its analyses, and subsequent narratives were intended to culminate into a tool to create a “branding campaign” for attracting individuals and families to live, work and “play” in Harper County. The study would also illuminate reasons why people choose to remain in this south central Kansas County bordering Oklahoma.

The survey instrument, forged as a group effort by the aforementioned partners and local advisors, was designed to reflect the interests of Harper County and its people as best as possible. There were a few systematic delays in commencement of data-gathering. However, the distribution of surveys, qualitative interviews and focus groups began in earnest by mid-summer and the fall months of 2013. Data were compiled and analyzed in December through February of 2014, which brought us to this point.

An Overview of Harper County from the U.S. Census

The most recent (2012) U. S. Census estimates Harper County’s demographics as 91% White, non-Hispanic, with the other 9% comprised of Hispanic (6.2%), American Indian (1.4%), African-American (0.5%), Asian/Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (0.5%) and other (0.4%). The population of Harper County is evenly split for gender, according to the Census. We will cover demographics of respondents as we begin to look at the details of survey responses.

Methodology

The areas of focus were Anthony, Harper, Attica, and “other” locales within the county borders. Respondents were 18 years of age and older. The survey instrument was designed to gather quantitative (numerical measurement) and qualitative (stories) data on respondents’ (people who answered the survey questions) perspectives of their lives in Harper County. With a reported 1.8% foreign born population (U.S. Census, 2012), it was not deemed necessary, at this point, to distribute a survey instrument or to conduct qualitative interviews in any languages other than English. There were 210 respondents who completed the written survey instrument. Qualitative focus groups and interviews reached 45 people, so data were gathered from a total of 255 respondents (n=255). Surveys were completed at places of business, through Extension newsletters, at Harper County libraries, at Town Hall in Anthony, Harper County Courthouse, Harper County Fair, and on-line. Focus groups and interviews took place in Attica and Anthony. As with any study completed in a community setting, the data were gathered anonymously.

The survey instrument and focus group/interview questions probed for:

- General demographics
- Knowledge of and participation in the County’s activities or events
- Levels of satisfaction with Harper County and city of habitation
- Best things about living in Harper County and city of habitation
- Challenges in Harper County, and
- Reasons for shopping outside Harper County.

Data Analyses

The analyses contained in this report are limited to:

- Frequencies
- Test of Independence
- Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)
- Qualitative Interviews
- Ethnographic examples

Qualitative interviews were analyzed by looking for patterns in answers and discussion, listing of details, and for stories that illuminated quantitative data. Open-ended answers from the surveys were analyzed and formatted with other qualitative data from focus groups and interviews. Transcripts of qualitative answers and focus groups are provided, verbatim, as reference points.

Results of Data Analyses

Caution! Please remember that these data were gathered, analyzed, and reported for the purpose of gaining a viewpoint from the people who populate Harper County. It is important to read the narratives, focus group transcripts, qualitative points, percentage tables, and charts as a representation of perceptions of Harper County's residents (those who reside or work in Harper County). One must be advised to use this information for the intended purpose of making improvements in Harper County by building on positive messages and addressing the perceived deficits. A respondent's perception is his/her reality! No progress can be made by placing blame on those who do not have "mainstream" perceptions.

The Report

When reading the Harper County Community Assessment report, it's best to have the brightly-colored survey instrument in your hands (see the last section of this report). That will help you to understand the document from which we have designed this report. You will notice that the survey is divided into, basically, ten (10) parts:

- General demographics
- Your and your visitors' activities
- Additional activities (qualitative suggestions) "How would you like for Harper County to be known?"
- Satisfaction with Harper County
- Events – About which you know
- Events – In which you participate
- Three best things about Harper County
- Three biggest challenges for Harper County
- Do you shop outside of Harper County?
- Reasons why you shop outside Harper County (qualitative)

Focus group and interview transcripts are provided verbatim. The qualitative sections of the survey instrument are provided with bullet points. When a point had been made more than one time, the numbers of mentions are put in parenthesis.

Tables and Charts

Tables and charts correspond to the questions and answers from the survey. Only statistically significant (numerical differences among groups or between individuals) are published in this document. The color-coded tables and charts correspond to the three major communities of Harper County: **Anthony (Green)**, **Attica (Orange)**, **Harper (Blue)**, and **Other (Gray)**. The graphs are laid out so that the column illustrates the percentage and the row illustrates the item being measured. The numbers in the tables are percentages (%). The **columns** correspond to Community, Other, and Overall. The **rows** describe the location, activity, preference, or suggestion.

For example, let's take the chart titled, "Percent Visits in Anthony" on page 9. We see that 96% of respondents who live in Anthony do their grocery shopping in town. We also see that 74% of those who live in Attica and 70% of Harper residents do their grocery shopping in Anthony. Overall, 72% of people who live in Harper County do their grocery shopping in Anthony. You will see that those percentages are consistent with what you see in the chart. Notice that the point that goes up the Y-axis (vertical/percentage) is at 96 for Anthony (Green) where it rises from "grocery shopping" on the X-axis (horizontal). The graph gives you (the reader) an omniscient view of the "movement" of Harper County residents as it relates to visits in Anthony. Again, please notice that the table illustrates the same information as the chart. The table tells the same story in a visual format. Finally, if an activity-type that you deem as important is missing from the report that means it was not included when the survey instrument was designed and/or did not receive enough "writes-in" to warrant analysis. We depended on local people to tell us what types of activities were important and/or prevalent in Harper County. We did not make that judgment in designing the survey instrument.

Demographic Data

The tables illustrate the general make-up (demographics) of respondents. The city of Harper yielded the most respondents who answered the written surveys (38%). Respondents from Argonia, Danville, and “Other” represent nearly one quarter of the responses. Harper County shows a very small percentage of inhabitants who are not “White” with only a 2% ethnic percentage. The most recent U.S. Census shows a 50/50 split in gender we see that we essentially have the same gender split in the respondents. Age ranges most often represented were 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60-69. Respondents were required to be 18 years of age and old in order to participate in the survey.

Most respondents were employed full time (64%), and most work in Harper (49%). More respondents do not have children under 18 years old at home (66%), and the county appears to be a mostly educated populace. Respondents living or working in Harper County mostly exceed the Census’ median household income level (56%). Thirteen percent (13%) of respondents are living at or below the national poverty, which is consistent with the State percentage.

General Demographics of Respondents from Question 1: *This does not include interviews or focus groups data.*

Total returned surveys: 210

City Lived In	
Harper	38%
Anthony	27%
Attica	12%
Argonia	5%
Danville	4%
Other	15%

Age	
13-19	2%
20-29	12%
30-39	18%
40-49	17%
50-59	18%
60-69	18%
70+	14%

Children <18 at home	
Yes	34%
No	66%

Ethnicity	
White	98%
Hispanic	1%
African American	<1%
American Indian	1%

Employment Status	
Full Time	64%
Part Time	8%
Unemp – Looking	1%
Unemp – Not Looking	3%
Retired	17%
Other	7%

Highest education level	
Less than High School	2%
High School	29%
Some College	29%
Associates/ Tech Degree	11%
BA/BS	20%
MS/Dr	9%

Gender	
Female	51%
Male	49%

City Work In (if any)	
Harper	49%
Anthony	21%
Attica	12%
Wichita	6%
Other	12%

Household Income	
<\$12k	3%
\$12k-25k	10%
\$25k-50k	31%
\$50k-75k	31%
\$75k-100k	13%
\$100k+	12%

Harper County Activities

Quantitative Analyses of Question 2 on survey.

Visiting Patterns of Communities in Harper County

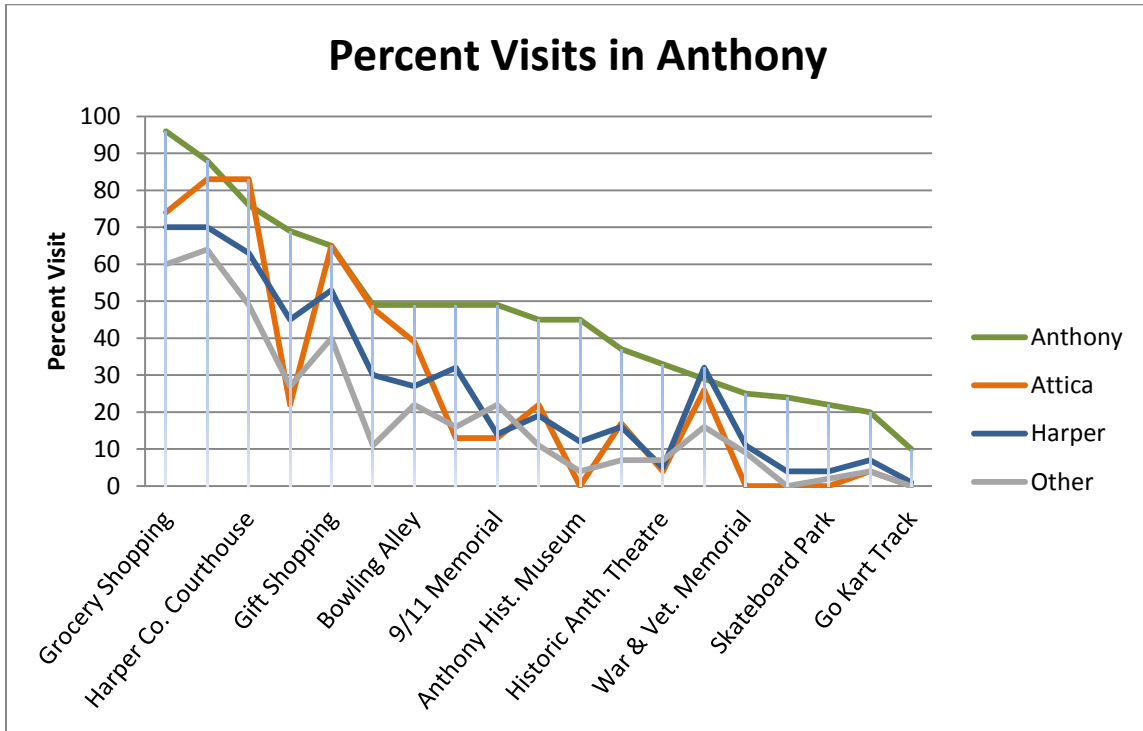
Percent Visits is a measurement of the activities and locations in Harper County which were visited at least once in the last year by the respondent. The response includes both answers of “You” and “Visitors”, and the responses are broken down by home location. “Other” includes cities not inside of Harper County.

Percent visits in Anthony (page 9): Most respondents who live in Anthony do most of their daily forays into shopping (96%), worshipping (69%), and recreating in their place of habitation. Respondents from Attica visited Anthony for gift shopping as much as the locals (65%). It appears that respondents from Attica and Harper have visited the Bars in Anthony (at least once in the last year) at about the same rate as the locals while the Archery Range is, almost, solely used by those living in Anthony.

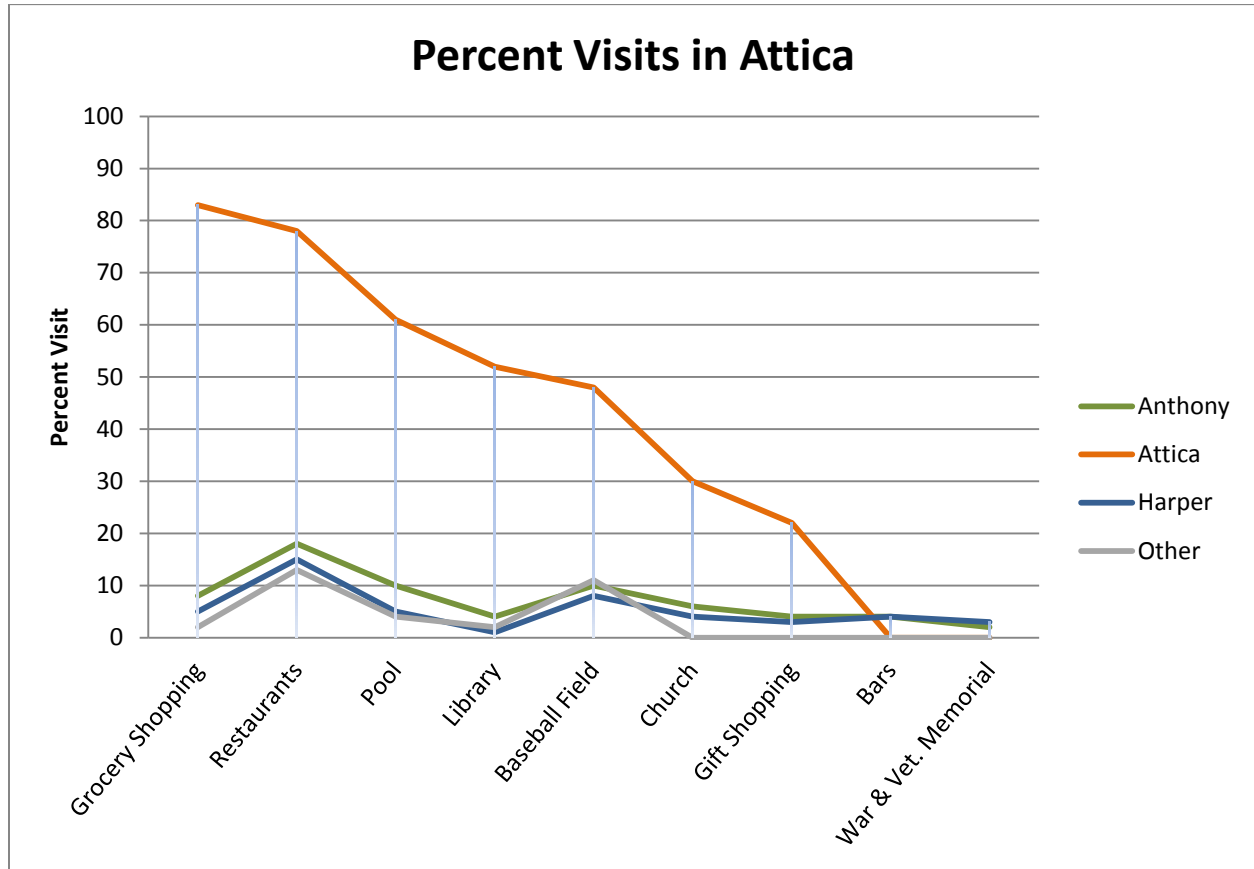
Percent visits in Attica (page 10): Respondents who live in Attica, also, do most of their daily living within the city limits. Conversely, respondents who live outside Attica tend not to visit Attica activities or locations. While there is a high rate of people who live in Attica that eat at restaurants in Attica (78%), only about 1/7th of other people who live or work in Harper County have been to a restaurant in Attica over the last year.

Percent visits in Harper (page 11): Respondents who live in Harper mostly live and play locally. Interestingly there is a higher rate of respondents from Attica who use the Harper baseball fields (43% vs. 38%) and skating rink (30% vs 16%). However, respondents from Attica did not go to Harper City to visit the museum or the War and Veterans Memorial.

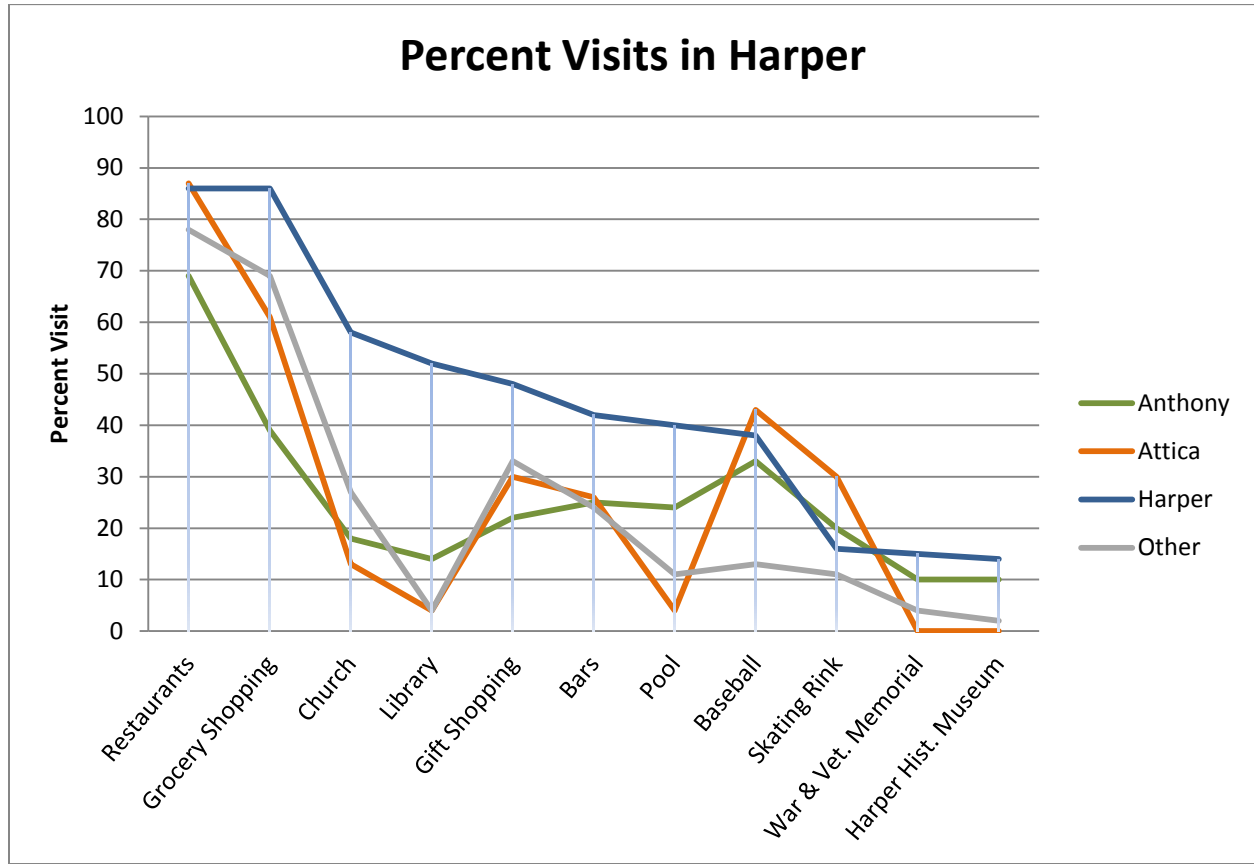
Percent visits in Harper County by Place of Habitation (page 12): The number one activity in Harper County, used by all communities in close percentages, is *Wind Farm Viewing*. Cemeteries visiting are the second most popular activity of those listed in Harper County, which suggests that families are local generationally. Remember that place of habitation (where respondents live) are found in the columns (vertical), and the activities are found in the rows (horizontal). Please read them accordingly and draw your conclusions from there. For example, we see that respondents who live in Attica and Harper are more likely to participate in “Wind Farm Viewing” than those who live in Anthony and/or those who live in “Other” communities.



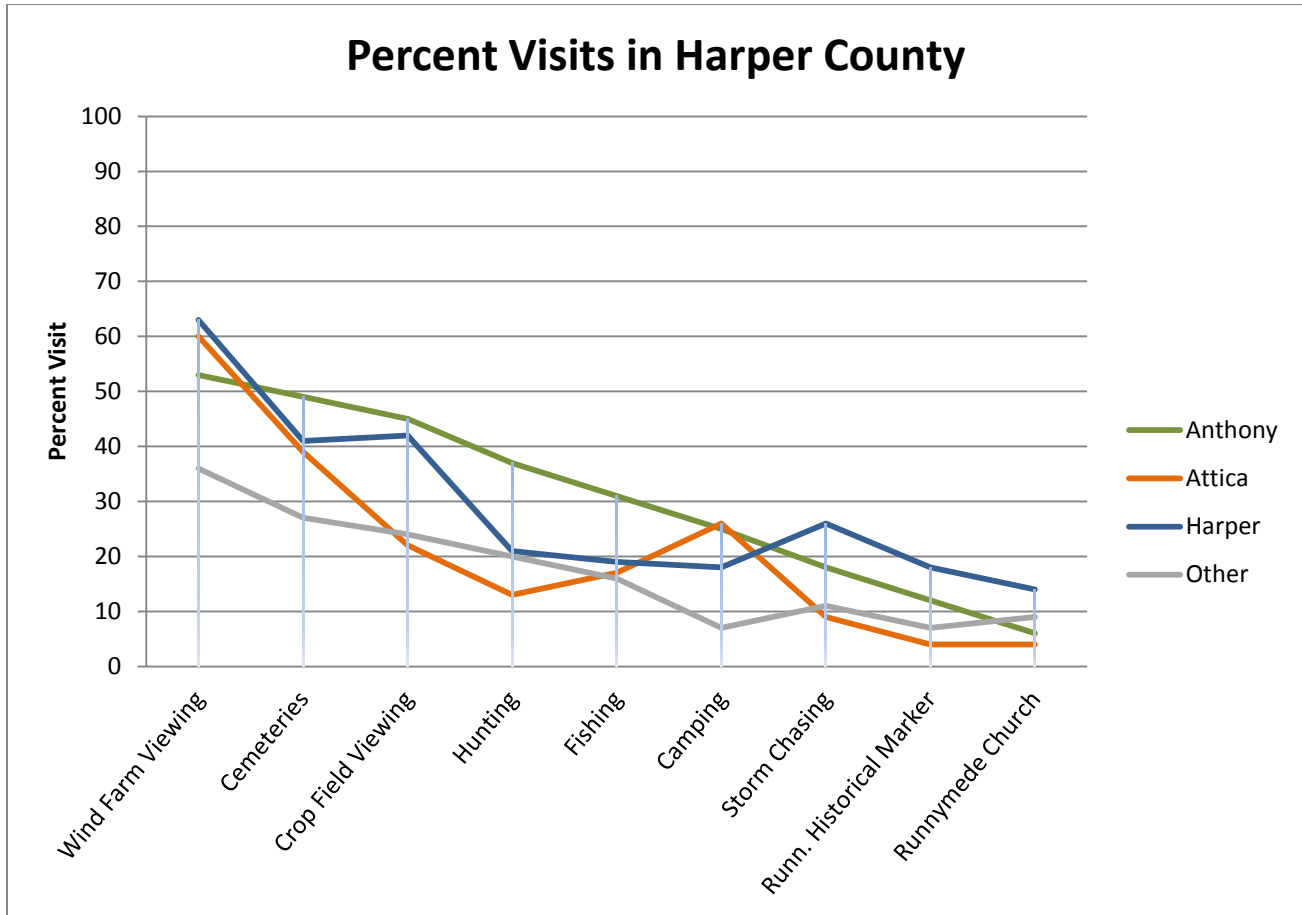
Anthony Location	Percent which visited who live in				Overall
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	
Grocery Shopping	96	74	70	60	72
Restaurants	88	83	70	64	74
Harper Co. Courthouse	76	83	63	49	64
Church	69	22	45	27	42
Gift Shopping	65	65	53	40	52
Baseball Field	49	48	30	11	30
Bowling Alley	49	39	27	22	30
Library	49	13	32	16	29
9/11 Memorial	49	13	14	22	24
Pool	45	22	19	11	23
Anthony Hist. Museum	45	0	12	4	17
Gun Club	37	17	16	7	20
Historic Anth. Theatre	33	4	5	7	12
Bars	29	26	32	16	25
War & Vet. Memorial	25	0	11	9	12
Archery Range	24	0	4	0	8
Skateboard Park	22	0	4	2	8
Dirt Bike/ATV Track	20	4	7	4	9
Go Kart Track	10	0	1	0	3



Attica Location	Percent which visited who live in				
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
Grocery Shopping	8	83	5	2	15
Restaurants	18	78	15	13	23
Pool	10	61	5	4	13
Library	4	52	1	2	9
Baseball Field	10	48	8	11	14
Church	6	30	4	0	8
Gift Shopping	4	22	3	0	6
Bars	4	0	4	0	3
War & Vet. Memorial	2	0	3	0	2



Harper Location	Percent which visited who live in				
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
Restaurants	69	87	86	78	77
Grocery Shopping	39	61	86	69	66
Church	18	13	58	27	34
Library	14	4	52	4	24
Gift Shopping	22	30	48	33	35
Bars	25	26	42	24	31
Pool	24	4	40	11	23
Baseball	33	43	38	13	32
Skating Rink	20	30	16	11	16
War & Vet. Memorial	10	0	15	4	10
Harper Hist. Museum	10	0	14	2	9



Harper County Location	Percent which visited who live in				Overall
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	
Wind Farm Viewing	53	60	63	36	54
Cemeteries	49	39	41	27	39
Crop Field Viewing	45	22	42	24	36
Hunting	37	13	21	20	25
Fishing	31	17	19	16	23
Camping	25	26	18	7	19
Storm Chasing	18	9	26	11	17
Runn. Historical Marker	12	4	18	7	12
Runnymede Church	6	4	14	9	10

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Activities to which Harper County Residents Brought Visitors

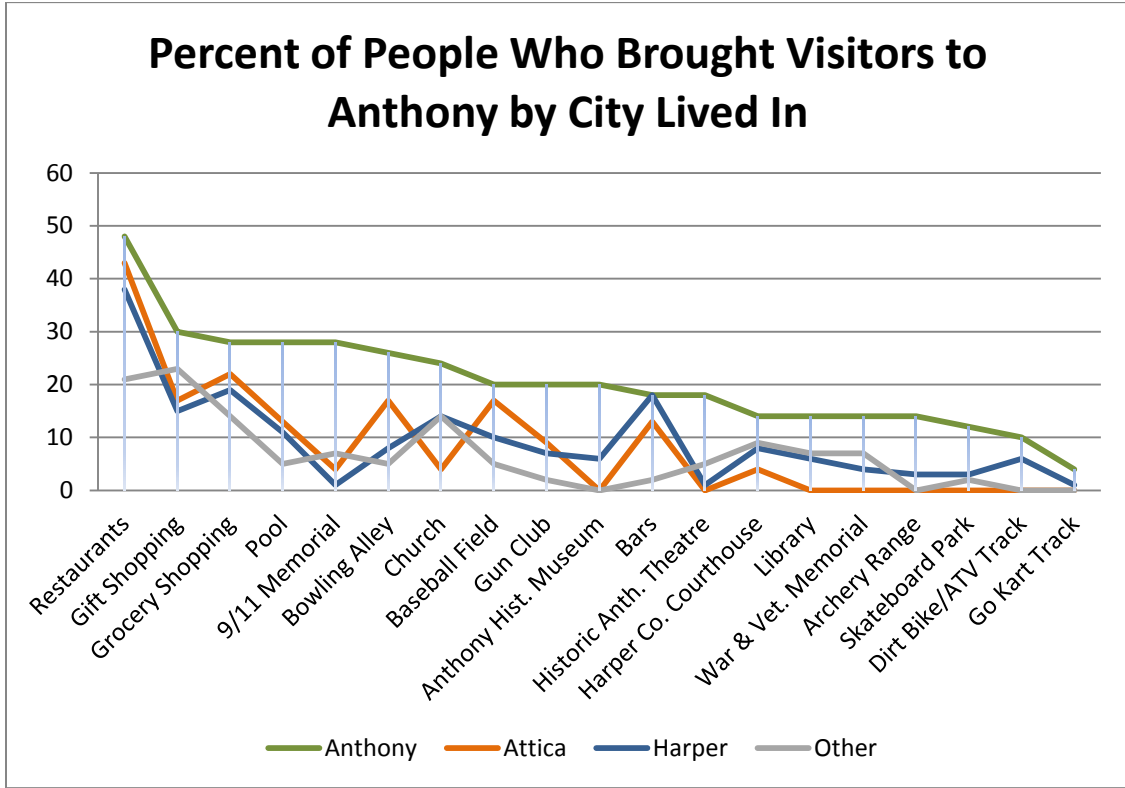
Percent of People who Brought Visitors is similar to the previous **Percent Visits** however it only considers the response of people who marked “Visitors” as a response. That is, this analysis tells us which locations in Harper County respondents take their visitors. Again, responses are broken down by city lived in. “Other” includes any city including those outside of Harper County.

Percent of people who brought visitors to Anthony by City Lived in (page 15): We can see that respondents who live in Anthony mostly keep visitors locally for restaurants. Also, we can see that respondents from Attica and Harper are not far behind in percentages of taking visitors to Anthony’s restaurants.

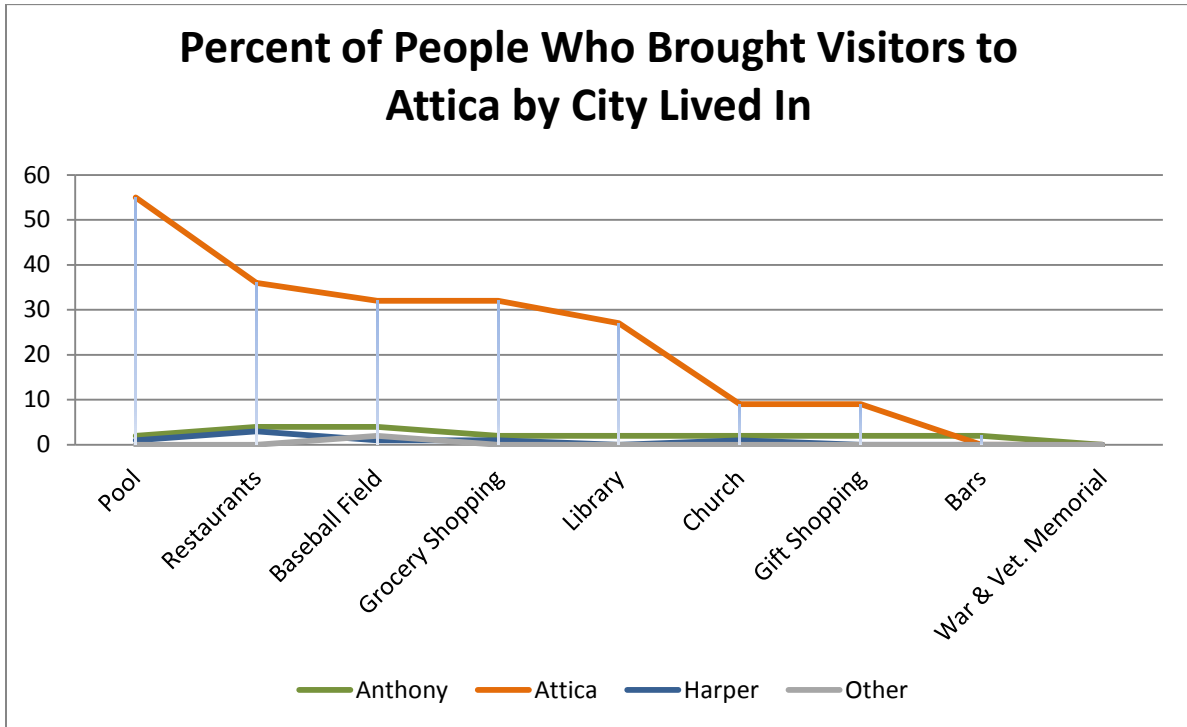
Percent of people who brought visitors to Attica by city lived in (page 16): Slightly more than 50% of respondents who live in Attica take their visitors to the local pool. The Chart and Table tell us that locals use their own recreational resources more than those outside the city limits. These data can be seen in yet another format by looking at the illustrative Community Flow Diagrams (page 58).

Percent of people who brought visitors to Harper by City lived in (page 17): Of respondents who live in Harper city, 15% keep visitors locally at the baseball diamonds. Those from Attica are not far behind with 13% of visitors going to Harper for baseball. More than one-quarter of respondents from Anthony and Attica bring visitors to Harper City for its restaurants. The response rate from Attica far exceeds Harper for use of its skating rink for visitors, however.

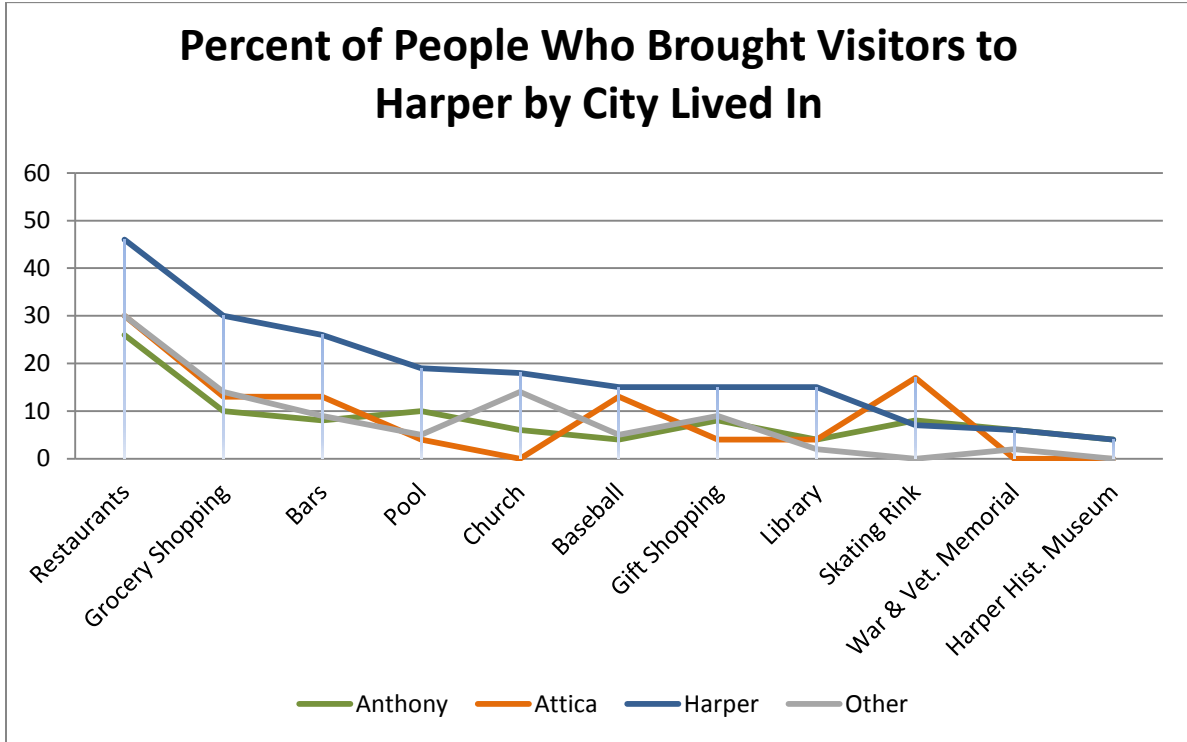
Percent of people who brought visitors to Harper County by City lived in (page 18): Respondents from Attica tend to bring visitors for *Wind Farm Viewing* more than others living in the County. Notice that people from Anthony tend to take visitors to more County locations compared to Attica and Harper.



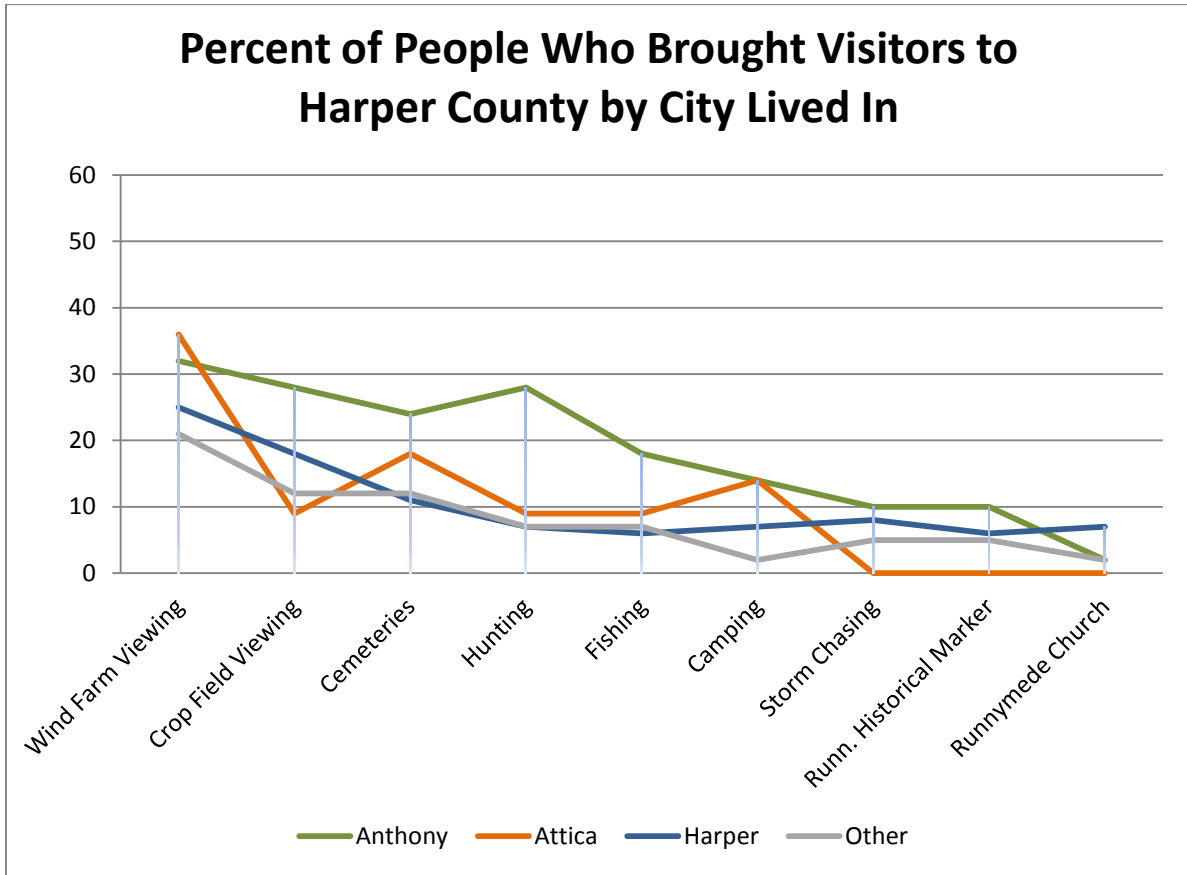
Percent of residents who brought visitors					
Anthony Location	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
Restaurants	48	43	38	21	36
Gift Shopping	30	17	15	23	20
Grocery Shopping	28	22	19	14	19
Pool	28	13	11	5	14
9/11 Memorial	28	4	1	7	9
Bowling Alley	26	17	8	5	12
Church	24	4	14	14	14
Baseball Field	20	17	10	5	12
Gun Club	20	9	7	2	10
Anthony Hist. Museum	20	0	6	0	7
Bars	18	13	18	2	13
Historic Anth. Theatre	18	0	1	5	6
Harper Co. Courthouse	14	4	8	9	9
Library	14	0	6	7	7
War & Vet. Memorial	14	0	4	7	7
Archery Range	14	0	3	0	5
Skateboard Park	12	0	3	2	4
Dirt Bike/ATV Track	10	0	6	0	4
Go Kart Track	4	0	1	0	1



Percent of residents who brought visitors					
Attica Location	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
Pool	2	55	1	0	7
Restaurants	4	36	3	0	7
Baseball Field	4	32	1	2	6
Grocery Shopping	2	32	1	0	5
Library	2	27	0	0	4
Church	2	9	1	0	3
Gift Shopping	2	9	0	0	2
Bars	2	0	0	0	1
War & Vet. Memorial	0	0	0	0	0

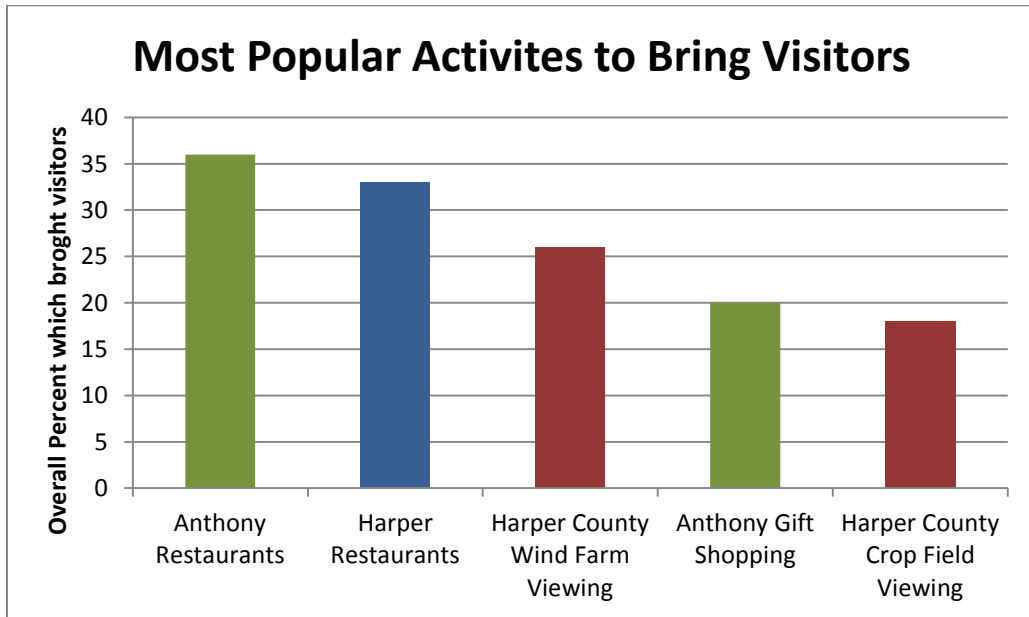


Percent of residents who brought visitors					
Harper Location	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
Restaurants	26	30	46	30	33
Grocery Shopping	10	13	30	14	18
Bars	8	13	26	9	15
Pool	10	4	19	5	11
Church	6	0	18	14	11
Baseball	4	13	15	5	10
Gift Shopping	8	4	15	9	10
Library	4	4	15	2	7
Skating Rink	8	17	7	0	6
War & Vet. Memorial	6	0	6	2	4
Harper Hist. Museum	4	0	4	0	2



Harper County Location	Percent which brought Visitors				Overall
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	
Wind Farm Viewing	32	36	25	21	26
Crop Field Viewing	28	9	18	12	18
Cemeteries	24	18	11	12	15
Hunting	28	9	7	7	13
Fishing	18	9	6	7	9
Camping	14	14	7	2	8
Storm Chasing	10	0	8	5	6
Runn. Historical Marker	10	0	6	5	5
Runnymede Church	2	0	7	2	3

Most popular activities to bring Visitors: The most popular places to take visitors are the Anthony and Harper (city) restaurants. Those are followed by *Harper County Wind Farm Viewing*, *Anthony Gift Shopping*, and *Crop Field Viewing*. Anthony Grocery Shopping was excluded at 19% overall since this is not a traditional “visitor” activity.



Five Most Popular Activities to Bring Visitors (By percent of people overall who brought visitors)	
Anthony Restaurants	36
Harper Restaurants	33
Harper County Wind Farm Viewing	26
Anthony Gift Shopping	20
Harper County Crop Field Viewing	18

Other Harper County Activities

Question 2 (Q2) had a qualitative component in which respondents could list additional activities not included in the quantitative check list. It appeared that respondents most often took visitors to the additional places and activities of 4th of July festivities, golf course, the county fair, and to parks. The remaining remarks appeared once, and contain a variety of places and activities to which Harper County residents took visitors.

Q2. In the last year which activities in Harper County have you done, and which have you done with people who have visited.

- 4th of July festivities (5 mentions)
- Golf course (4 mentions)
- Attended county fair (4 mentions)
- Parks (2 mentions)
- Volunteer at grade school and senior center
- Gone to the pool, library and church in Argonia
- Rodeo, derbies, and square dancing
- Nursery [plants, trees, etc.]
- Geocaching and Amateur Radio
- Use walking paths
- Scouting and Scout Cabin
- Harper Industries
- Buy [car] parts at AA
- Orchard and Flea Market
- Bed and Breakfast in Anthony
- Balloon and Apple festivals
- Christmas gatherings and festivities
- Danville Church
- County cruising
- Bike-riding
- Fund-raising events (cancer)
- Attica Mutt Hutt
- Anthony lake

Additional Desired Activities and What Should Harper County be Known For

Open-ended Questions (Q3 and Q4)

The survey instrument allowed for open-ended comments. Specifically, questions 3 and 4 (Q3 and Q4) asked about additional activities and opportunities for Harper County and Harper County's image.

Additional Desired Activities

Respondents had a real affinity for playing where they live and work. The qualitative answers for Q3 show a desire for more local activities to keep families in the county. At the top of the list is improving Anthony Lake for recreational use. Having activities for youth and children also top the list for respondents as they noted movie theaters, youth festivities and other local entertainment. For themselves, respondents want more places to dine, more shopping, and other outdoor recreation like walking/jogging trails. More than one time, respondents place high value on local identity.

Q3. What additional activities would you like to have the opportunity to do in Harper County?

- Clean up Anthony Lake for more boating, watersports, and other activities (23 mentions)
- Movie theater with regular showings including "drive-in" (12 mentions)
- More festivities for younger children including wrestling/karate/field trips/leadership (10 mentions)
- More shops/shopping/mall (9 mentions)
- Steak house/fine dining (8 mentions)
- More entertainment including local community theater (6 mentions)
- Running/jogging/walking trail and scenic trail rides (6 mentions)
- Race and dirt track
- More help with agriculture and raising chickens
- "I would like to see sidewalks that you can actually use to walk from one end of Highway 160 to the other end of Harper County. Almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the businesses are on the highway and you cannot walk anywhere with ease."
- More employment opportunities
- "I think Anthony and the area has a lot of activities, but I am 61 years old. Younger people may have a different idea. I just wish I could get a job in the area so we could live at our Freeport farm 24/7."
- Casino
- No big box or chain businesses
- Harper County could be a great day trip/shopping/dining destination if it's unique from Wichita or Hutchinson
- Indoor swimming pool like YMCA (4 mentions)
- "Bus for handicap won't take me to go volunteer or to the wellness center." (2 mentions)
- Events specific to Harper County like Czech festivals and Czech bakeries (3 mentions)
- Family activities
- "I think Anthony ball fields are sadly underutilized for tournaments. [Perhaps] baseball and softball could raise money throughout the summer, so that the ball fields would attract more people to the county."
- "Less alcohol involvement/usage especially those sanctioned by the county and city of Harper. Why are we promoting alcoholism?"

- “Keep the County involved in projects that accommodate past, present, and future people”
- “I wish we could go the ‘tag agency’ to get drivers’ licenses and vehicle tags like in Oklahoma – not just the courthouse.”
- Anything
- “We need a local recycling dumpster for all cities including Danville.”

How Should Harper County be Known?

Question 4 (Q4) asked for respondents’ thoughts about projected image of Harper County. Most of the answers entailed short comments. It appears that respondents mostly want their (Harper) county to be known as friendly, welcoming, progressive, and safe. The top seven images for Harper County are similar, but differ enough, though only slightly, to be listed separately. As you read, you will notice that bulleted comments are largely positive images of Harper County.

Q4. How would you like Harper County to be known?

- A friendly, welcoming, progressive place to live that’s safe for kids (38 mentions)
- Great, vibrant place to live, work, play, and retire! (6 mentions)
- Less prejudice, more welcoming, friendly to all races, ages, and economics (6 mentions)
- Clean (6 mentions)
- Good schools (4 mentions)
- Fun place to visit- unique – with outdoor recreation (4 mentions)
- A good and moral place to live (3 mentions)
- The town of the late 70s and 80s, and “I don’t [want it to be known] (2 mentions)
- “Working and good decision-making by elected officials” (2 mentions)
- Making a fair energy change
- Honest, farm/ranch community that values higher education
- For drag-racing fund-raisers (?)
- Small town with cosmo[politan] feel and a “can do” attitude
- Variety of shopping
- “A place where you know everyone and enjoy their company”
- [a place with] employment opportunities
- I see it as a blooming flower: growth potential, a bright spot in Central/Southern KS. I think it’s a well-kept secret on the verge of something big - growing!” (2 mentions)
- Beauty - natural sunrises, sunsets, diverse agriculture
- Lowest property taxes in the state

Additional comments from Q4

Listed here and entirely separately as *additional comments* are those less-than-positive comments which more-or-less say what the respondents do not want as an image for Harper County. Remember, these comments reflect the thoughts of respondents. Some may appear to be less-than-constructive. Some may need some additional clarification. They appear as they were written in survey. If growth is of interest to Harper County, what is written here by respondents can be used constructively if we ask, “What was behind this answer?” For example, the perception that Attica is omitted or “forgotten” emerged as a theme in these analyses. One may ask, “Why is that perception there”?

- “As county with 3 towns. Attica gets left out a lot”
- “A community that lacks [reasons for?] law enforcement
- “Not as Wichita’s trash dump.
- [We need] nice county blacktop roads”
- “Bowling, skating, and swimming need to be more affordable. Kids and adults can’t do these things regularly because of the cost.”
- “A county with good connection among its cities' residents-not a travel-through place for transients and that’s about what it looks like. Many businesses need customer-service training!”
- “As the epitome of Democracy, not as the place with "Free Drunk Driving Nights" which is [Harper] County Demolition Derby.”
- “...not price gouging...Rent is way too high.”
- “Non-welfare in schools” (2 mentions)
- “As it was when I was growing up -safe for families, safe for children to ride bikes & not be accosted or abducted. Safe to play outside. NOT as a drug haven! A place for moms to stay home w/maybe a small business out of their home to make that possible.”

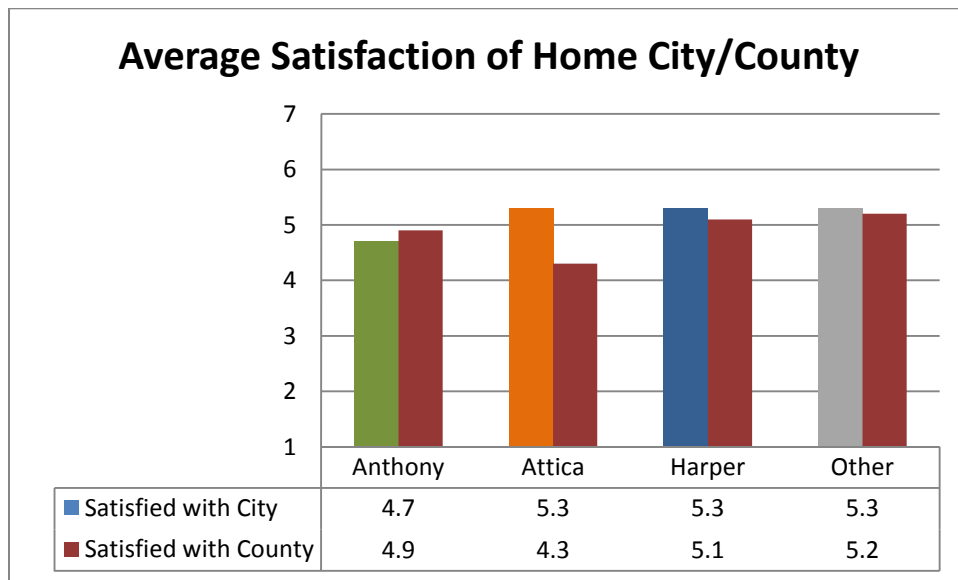
Satisfaction with Harper County and Home City

The following graphs and tables focus on the issues which seem to make a difference with overall satisfaction of Harper County and city of residences.

Average Satisfaction

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Average satisfaction of **Home City/County**: The bar graphs show each of the major communities and “other” of Harper County. The bar on the left side above community name (Green/Anthony), Orange/Attica, Blue/Harper, and Gray/Other) denotes level of satisfaction with home town. The colored bars (Dark Red) on the right side above community name (Anthony, Attica, Harper, and Other) denote levels of satisfaction with Harper County. For example, Attica respondents were significantly less satisfied with Harper County than its neighboring communities.



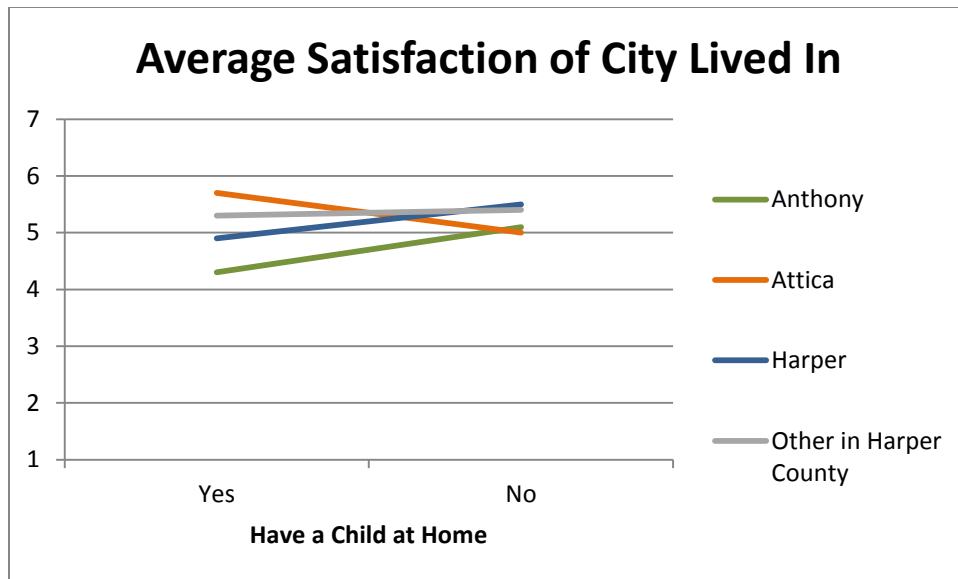
Average Score				
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other
Satisfied with City	4.7	5.3	5.3	5.3
Satisfied with County	4.9	4.3	5.1	5.2

Satisfaction by Factors (Having a child at home)

Overall, we see that having a child at home affects satisfaction with City of residence. There is a significant statistical negative effect of having a child on satisfaction with City. Those with children tend to be less satisfied with their city of residence than those who do not have children. However, this trend seems to be reversed with Attica.

There is no significant correlation of having a child at home and satisfaction of Harper County.

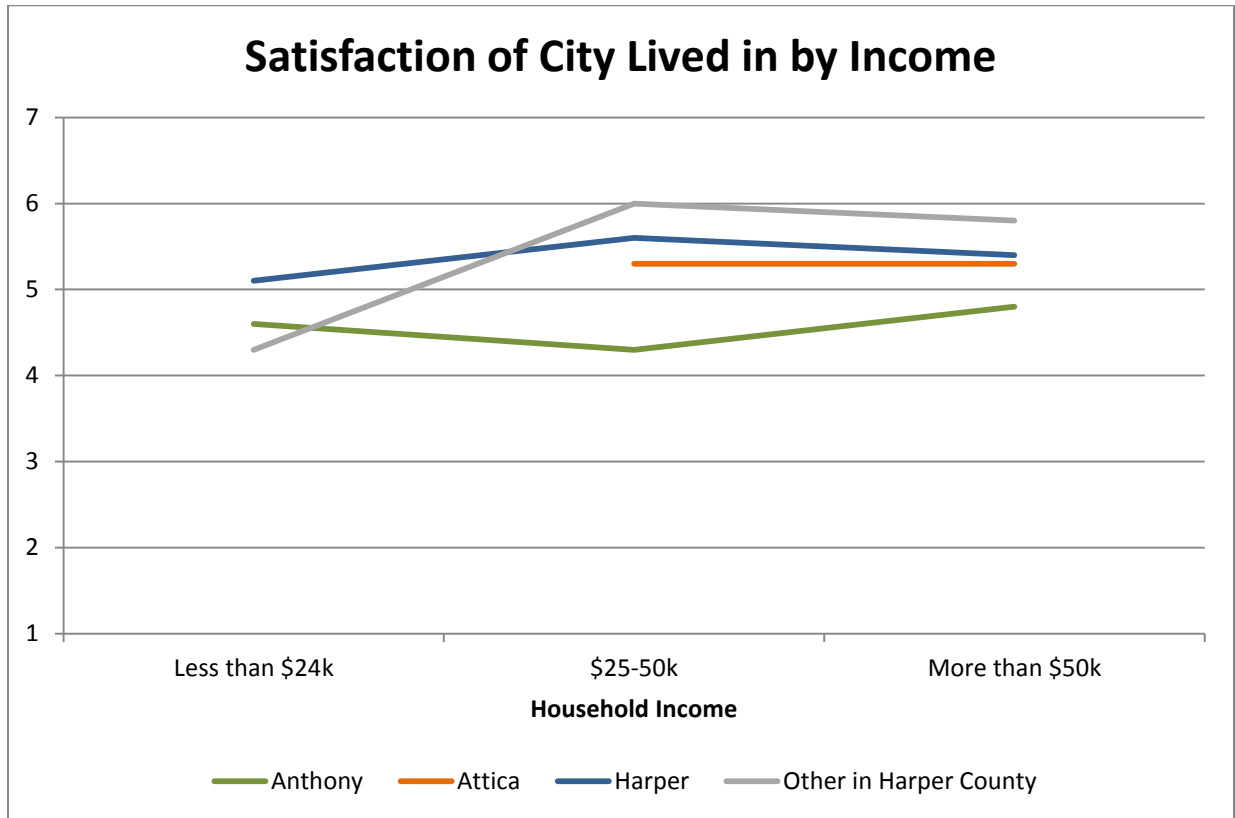
Other things that don't seem to affect County Satisfaction: Gender, Length of time lived in home city, and Age. Also, education did not affect City or County satisfaction.



Average Satisfaction of City Lived In				
Have Child at Home	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other in Harper County
Yes	4.3	5.7	4.9	5.3
No	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.4

Satisfaction by Factors (City Lived in by Income)

When we measured Satisfaction of City Lived in by Income, we found those living outside the city limits of Anthony, Harper, and Attica earning between \$25,000 and \$50,000 are the most satisfied with their city or area of residence. Otherwise, respondents from Anthony, Attica, and Harper, satisfaction did not appear to be greatly influenced by economic factors. It does appear that respondents from Attica and Harper (city) are more satisfied with their city of residence than those from Anthony. Interestingly, no respondents from Attica earned fewer than \$24,000 annually, which is near poverty level for family of four.



By Household Income	Average Satisfaction of City Lived In			
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other in Harper County
Less than \$24k	4.6	---	5.1	4.3
\$25-50k	4.3	5.3	5.6	6.0
More than \$50k	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.8

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Harper County Events

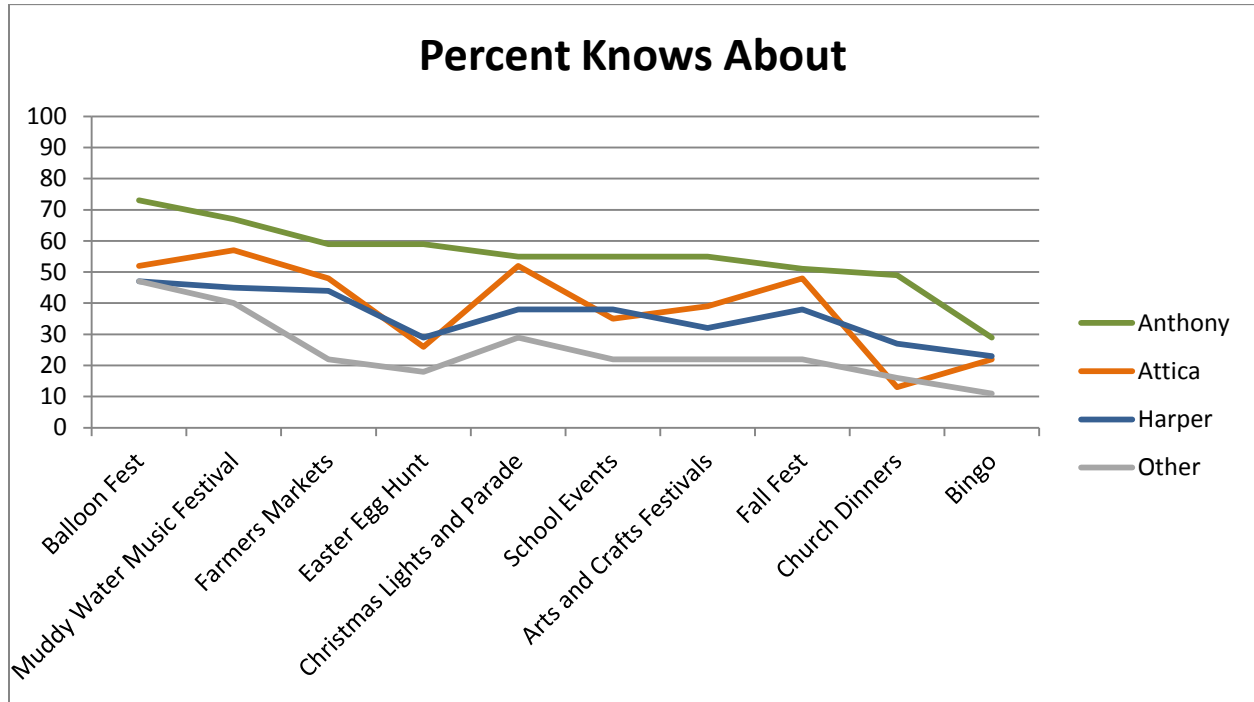
Next we will focus on how well residents of Harper County are aware of, and attend, events in Harper County.

Percent of Who Knows About and Who Attends Events (Anthony)

(Q6 on Survey)

This chart and table are reporting the percentage levels of activities for respondents living in each of the major communities in Harper County. About what activities do they know, and in what activities do they participate? Each is color-coded to correspond to the county of analysis as compared to the other counties. The color codes, on the right-side of the chart correspond to the line in the graph. For example, we see that 73% of respondents in Anthony knew about the Balloon Fest while 51% *of those that knew* attended the event.

The last item in the chart and table is bingo. It appears that nearly a quarter of respondents across the county know about it, but participation is at zero with the exception of Harper (city) where 6% of respondents who knew about bingo participated.

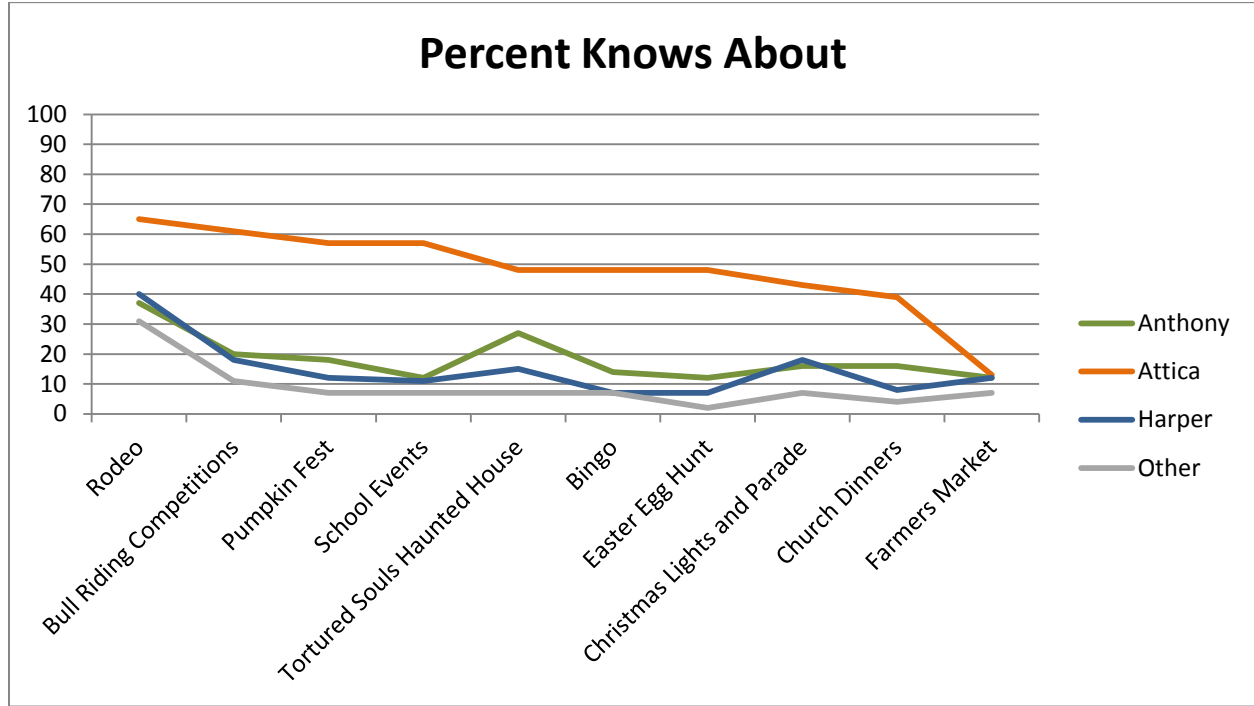


Event	Percent Who Knew About					Percent of Knows Who Went				
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
Balloon Fest	73	52	47	47	53	51	33	18	29	32
Muddy Water Music Festival	67	57	45	40	50	15	8	3	0	7
Farmers Markets	59	48	44	22	42	23	18	28	30	27
Easter Egg Hunt	59	26	29	18	32	17	17	19	12	18
Christmas Lights and Parade	55	52	38	29	40	46	25	14	15	27
School Events	55	35	38	22	36	57	12	32	30	38
Arts and Crafts Festivals	55	39	32	22	35	25	0	17	30	19
Fall Fest	51	48	38	22	38	46	9	18	30	27
Church Dinners	49	13	27	16	27	52	33	30	57	43
Bingo	29	22	23	11	20	0	0	6	0	2

Percent of Who Knows About and Who Participates in Events (Attica)

As is nicely illustrated in orange on the chart, Attica respondents attend their own events almost as much as their knowledge extends. The Rodeo in Attica does the most to attract respondents from other towns in Harper County. There are a few interesting findings among “knew about” and who “went”. For example, 57% of respondents in Attica knew about the *Pumpkin Fest*, and 62% attended the event who knew about it. Another difference is that 43% of respondents knew about the *Christmas Lights and Parade* while 70% of the respondents who knew about the event attended it. This shows that events in Attica are well attended by people in the city who know about the events.

Another interesting phenomenon: respondents, across the board, “knew about” *bingo*, yet the activity appear to have no participation. City of habitation did not affect attendance in *bingo*. Respondents from Attica knew about bingo (48%), and none participated.

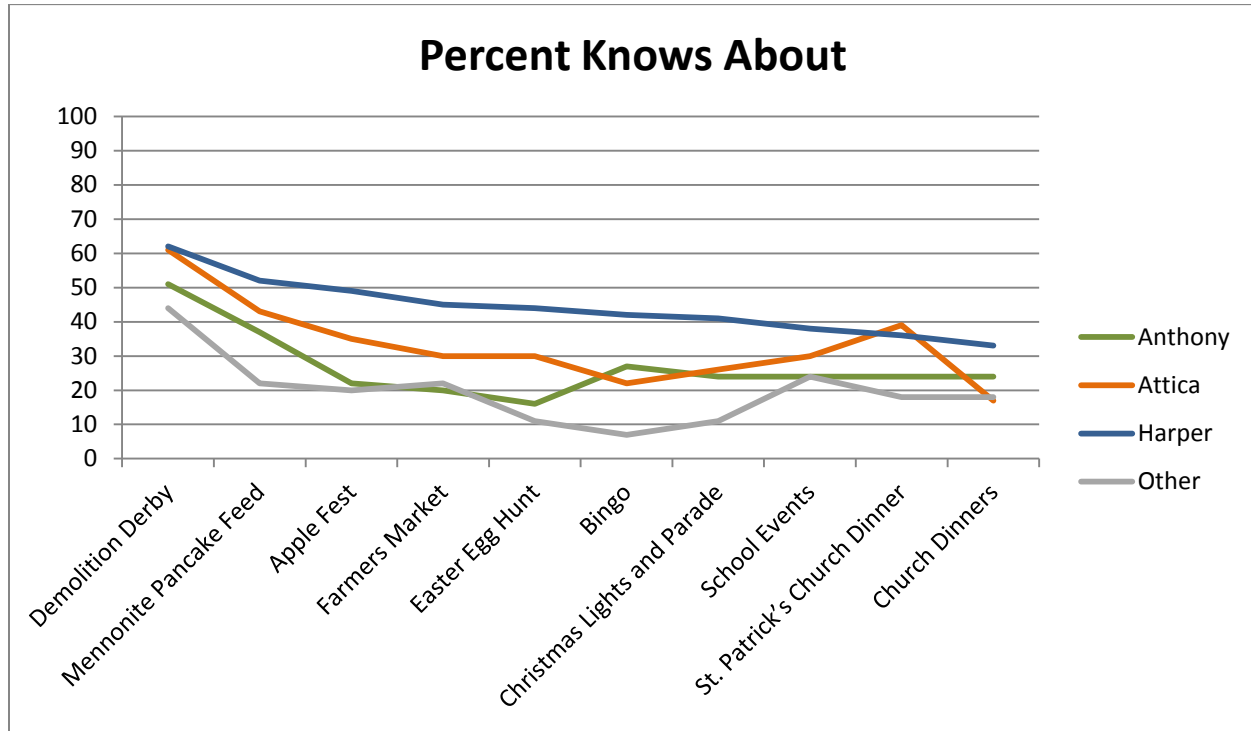


Attica Event	Percent Which Knew About					Percent of Knows that Went				
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
Rodeo	37	65	40	31	39	32	60	17	14	28
Bull Riding Competitions	20	61	18	11	21	20	43	8	0	22
Pumpkin Fest	18	57	12	7	17	22	62	11	0	33
School Events	12	57	11	7	15	0	46	0	33	25
Tortured Souls Haunted House	27	48	15	7	20	21	45	0	0	19
Bingo	14	48	7	7	13	0	0	0	0	0
Easter Egg Hunt	12	48	7	2	11	0	27	0	0	12
Christmas Lights and Parade	16	43	18	7	17	0	70	0	0	23
Church Dinners	16	39	8	4	13	12	44	0	0	19
Farmers Market	12	13	12	7	10	0	0	22	33	14

Percent of Who Knows About and Who Participates in Events (Harper City)

Harper respondents participate in the events of which they have knowledge. In most cases, they knew about events nearly half the time and participated in them about half of that.

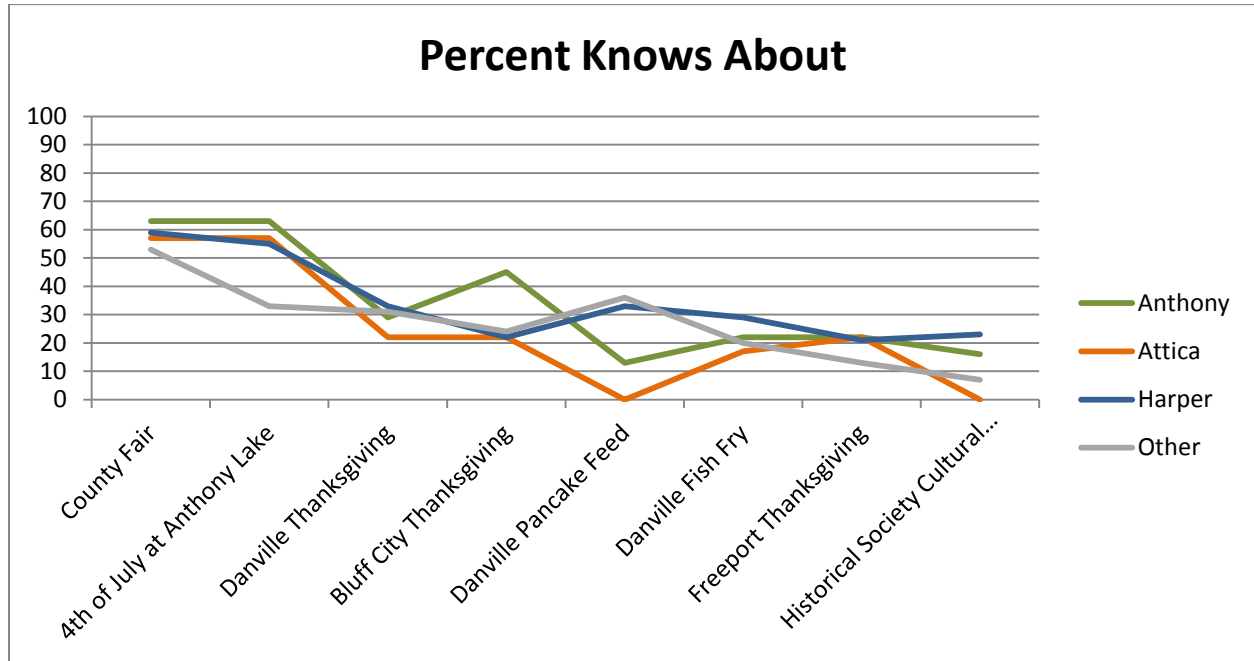
It was found that the Demolition Derby and Mennonite Pancake Feed had a relatively high percentage of people who both knew about and attended the events. The Easter Egg Hunt had high awareness in Harper city (44%) but only 22% of who knew about the event attended. Conversely Harper school events are not widely known, but well attended by those that do know about them.



Harper Event	Percent Which Knew About					Percent of Knows that Went				
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
Demolition Derby	51	61	62	44	54	31	21	36	15	28
Mennonite Pancake Feed	37	43	52	22	40	32	20	47	20	37
Apple Fest	22	35	49	20	32	0	0	25	11	16
Farmers Market	20	30	45	22	30	10	29	24	30	25
Easter Egg Hunt	16	30	44	11	25	0	0	22	20	15
Bingo	27	22	42	7	27	0	0	23	67	18
Christmas Lights and Parade	24	26	41	11	27	25	0	37	0	29
School Events	24	30	38	24	29	33	0	64	27	45
St. Patrick's Church Dinner	24	39	36	18	29	25	11	35	25	28
Church Dinners	24	17	33	18	25	42	25	46	12	40

Percent of Who Knows About and Who Participates in Events (Harper County)

The chart illustrates that respondents across the county do participate in *County Fair* (57% knew of which 60% went) and *4th of July at Anthony Lake*. It is very important to take the information that is illustrated here, especially with festivities at Anthony Lake, and compare it to the qualitative transcriptions that accompanied Question 3 (Q3) where there were 23 mentions of “Clean up Anthony Lake for more boating, watersports, and other activities”. Overall, about half of respondents knew about the 4th of July activities at Anthony Lake, but only one-quarter of those went to the event. Danville Thanksgiving had similar participation from Harper County respondents as a whole with the exception of respondents in Attica who did not seem to participate in this event. Distance from Attica to Danville could be a reason for this.

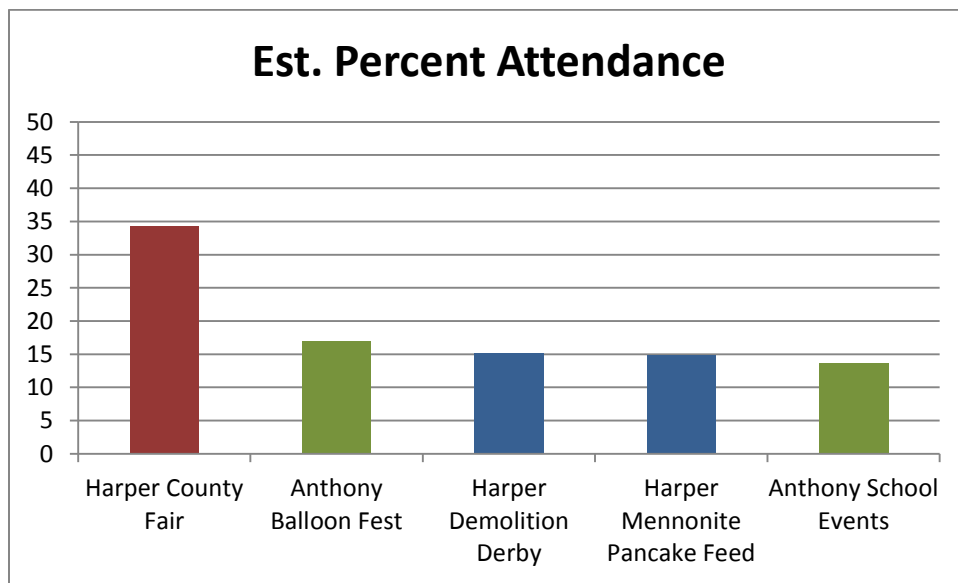


Harper County Event	Percent Which Knew About					Percent of Knows that Went				
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
County Fair	63	57	59	53	57	56	62	67	50	60
4 th of July at Anthony Lake	63	57	55	33	51	44	15	22	7	25
Danville Thanksgiving	29	22	33	31	30	13	0	33	36	26
Bluff City Thanksgiving	45	22	22	24	28	26	20	12	27	24
Danville Pancake Feed	13	0	33	36	26	14	0	21	40	22
Danville Fish Fry	22	17	29	20	22	18	0	33	44	32
Freeport Thanksgiving	22	22	21	13	18	36	0	7	17	16
Historical Society Cultural Events	16	0	23	7	15	25	0	18	33	23

Harper County Event Attendance

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This page, a bar graph, illustrates the five most popular events for Harper County. The Harper County Fair was, reportedly, the most popular with an overall rate of 34.2% of respondents participating. Percentage-wise, that is a little more than one-quarter of respondents who said they attend the Fair. The other “favorite” events of Harper County have a 17% or less participation rate. That would be considered low participation rates for a community’s important events. Low participation rates for *Anthony School Events* may be consistent with lower rates of “Children under 18 living at Home” (34%). If 66% of respondents do not have school-aged children at home, there would be fewer people who are obligated to attend school-based events. That would also be consistent with the importance of attending County Fair if those school-aged youth are in 4-H or in similar youth-oriented activities.

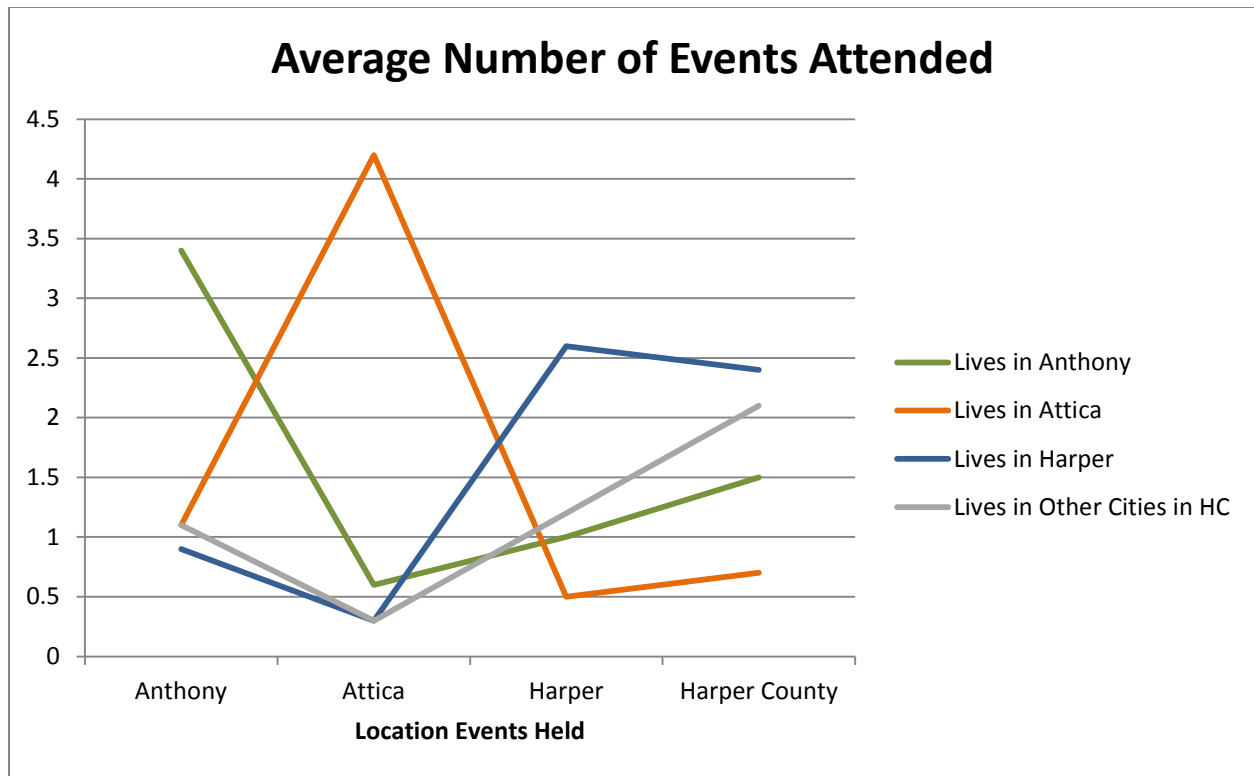


Estimated Five Most Popular Events	
Harper County Fair	34.2
Anthony Balloon Fest	17.0
Harper Demolition Derby	15.1
Harper Mennonite Pancake Feed	14.8
Anthony School Events	13.7

Average Number of Events Attended by City of Habitation
(Q6 continued)

This chart and table illustrates how many times the respondents attend the events and activities in their own place of habitation and how they attend occurrences in other communities within Harper County.

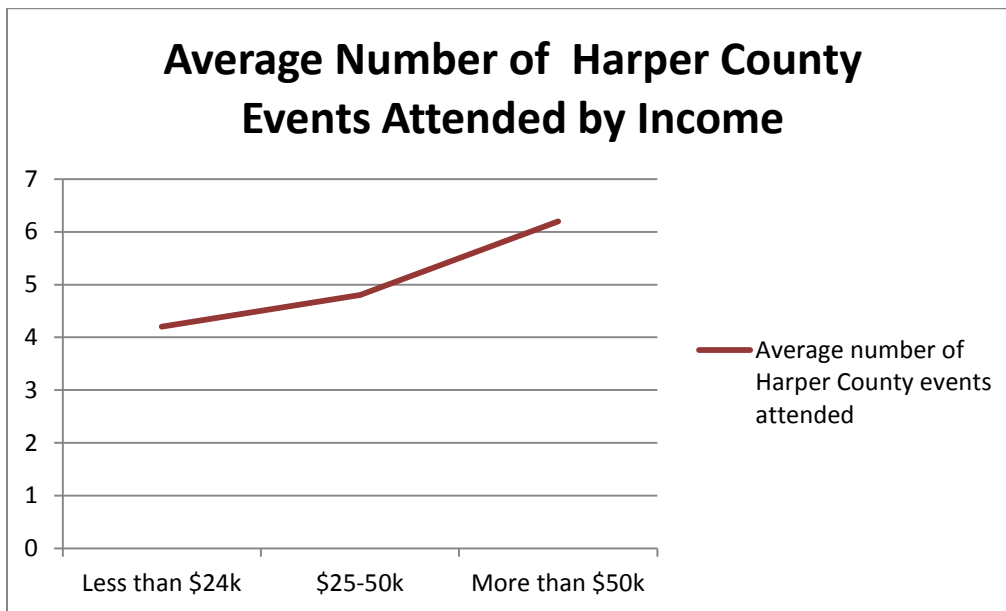
As we might expect, community events are largely attended by those who live in or near that specific place. Respondents who live in “other” cities within Harper County participated in Anthony and Harper events at a similar rate, and they tend not to participate in Attica events (however residents of Attica participate in the most number of events in their place of habitation in Harper County). Those who are not specifically connected to one community and listed “other” as their place of habitation had a higher rate of participation in county events in and around the county.



		Average Number of Events went to in			
		Anthony	Attica	Harper	Harper County
Lives in	Anthony	3.4	0.6	1.0	1.5
	Attica	1.1	4.2	0.5	0.7
	Harper	0.9	0.3	2.6	2.4
	Other Cities in HC	1.1	0.3	1.2	2.1

Average Number of Harper County Events Attended by Income

This chart and table tell us that income has a direct effect on attendance to activities. As income increased so did attendance at county events. However, it was found that level of education had no statistically significant effect on event participation. In much research, we find that social isolation and low income go hand-in-hand (Brisson, & Usher, 2005 and Holtgrave & Crosby, 2003). Is it the lack of funds to participate in activities? That is a possibility. Does the lack of social connections omit people from finding employment at a higher wages? That, also, is a possibility. The U. S. Census tells us that Harper County exceeds the State percentage in rates of poverty (16.2% versus the state’s 13.2%). About 16% of respondents are living between 100 and 110% according to Federal Poverty Guidelines. If income does influence participation in community activities, perhaps educational programs/classes aimed at mitigating the effects of poverty can be sought. Harper County Extension would be a good place to begin for such educational offerings.

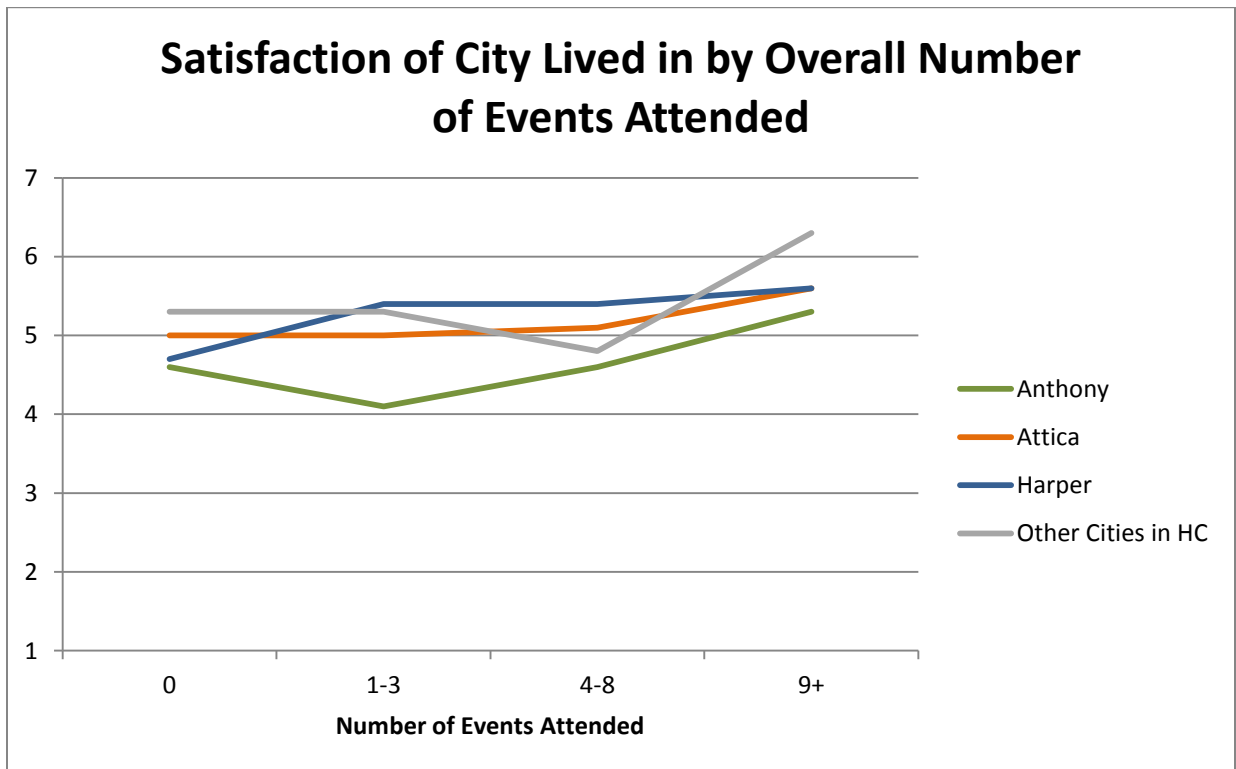


Household Income	Average number of Harper County events attended
Less than \$24k	4.2
\$25-50k	4.8
More than \$50k	6.2

Satisfaction of City Lived in by Attendance of Events in Harper County

In general the more events attended in Harper County the more satisfaction a person has with the city they live in. Interestingly, respondents who live in the county and not necessarily associated with any major town and attend 9 or more events a year, appear to be the most satisfied with their places of habitation. Anthony respondents overall seem to be less satisfied with their place of habitation no matter the amount of events attended.

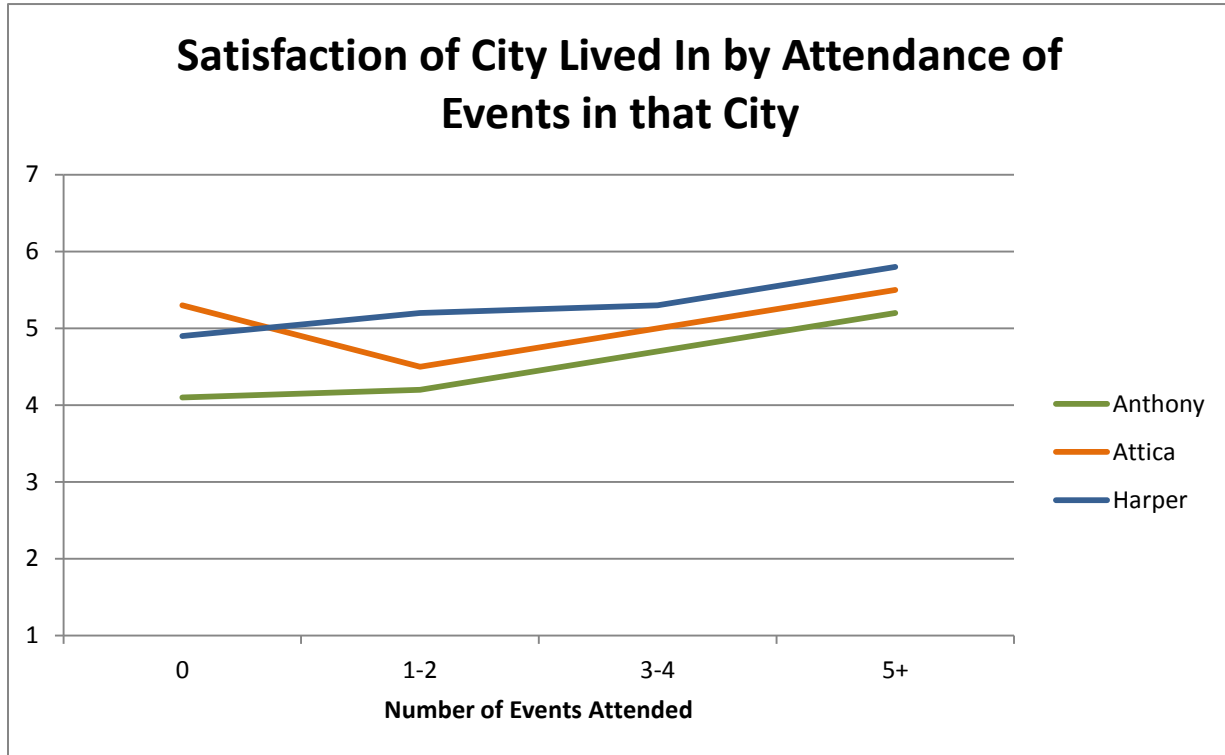
There was not a significant relationship between Harper County satisfactions with number of events attended.



Lives in	Average City Satisfaction	Number of Events went to in Harper County			
		0	1-3	4-8	9+
Anthony	4.6	4.1	4.6	5.3	
Attica	5	5	5.1	5.6	
Harper	4.7	5.4	5.4	5.6	
Other Cities in HC	5.3	5.3	4.8	6.3	

Satisfaction of City Lived in by Attendance of Events in that City

We see the continuing trend of satisfaction of the city lived in increasing as the number of events attended increases. We could conclude that while participation in all events in Harper County is good, participation in events held in city of habitation is a key to satisfaction of that city.



Average City Satisfaction		Number of Events went to in City Lived In			
		0	1-2	3-4	5+
Lives in	Anthony	4.1	4.2	4.7	5.2
	Attica	5.3	4.5	5.0	5.5
	Harper	4.9	5.2	5.3	5.8

Additional Harper County Events Attended

Question 6 (Q6) had a qualitative component:

As we can see here, there were only a few additional events attended beyond what were listed in the survey and its accompanying comments. Only the public libraries of Harper County had more than one mention. Overall, it appears that most activities were covered adequately in the survey.

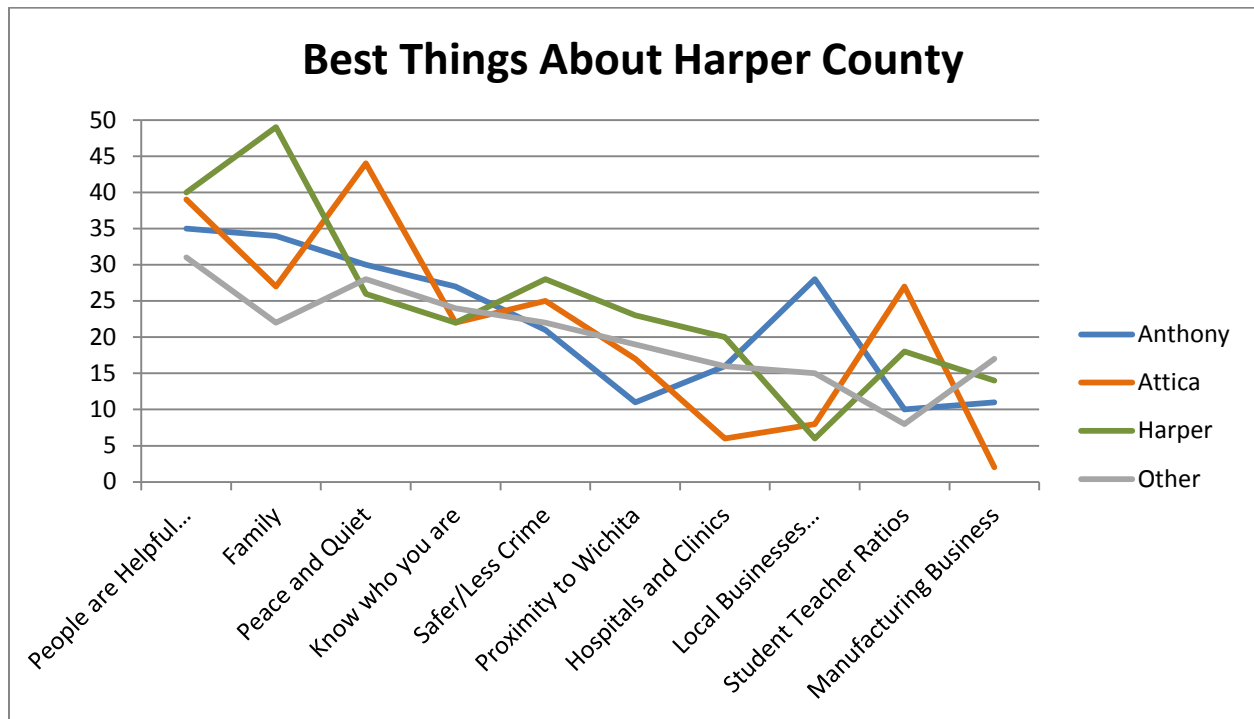
Q6. What events do you know about and attend? Other:

- All events at Harper County Public Libraries (2 mentions)
- Freeport Church
- Anthony Car Show
- Church museum
- Harper County Historical Society
- Harper County Health Fair
- “Memorial Day in Attica is pretty nice.”
- Lion’s Club candy
- “HTLC activities”

Best Things about Harper County

(Q7 on Survey)

This is the quantitative (numerical) look at what respondents said were the “Best Things about Harper County”. These answers should be compared with the qualitative (written) answers. The answers here somewhat mirror how respondents would like Harper County to be recognized: “Helpful, friendly, and welcoming”. Respondents say that Harper County’s greatest attributes are helpful people, its families, the peace and quiet, bonded relationships, and safe/secure living environments. Please observe in the table the percentages by home city of respondents. We can see that level of importance starts from highest to lowest level. Family is *the* best thing about Harper County according to respondents in Harper city. *Peace and quiet* are the most important to respondents in Attica. The next highest for all respondents is *People are Helpful and Friendly*.



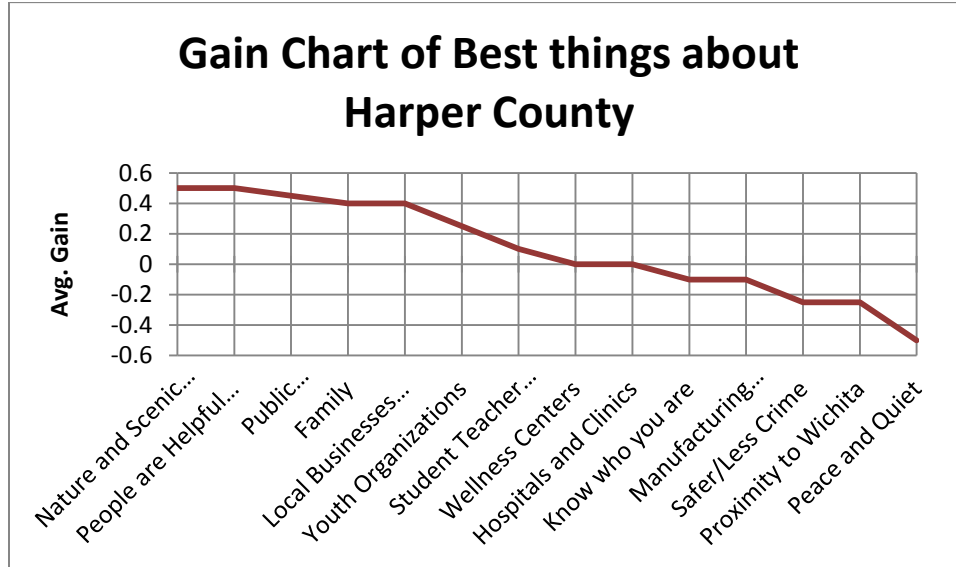
Harper County - Best Thing	Percent which responded by home city				
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
People are Helpful...	35	39	40	31	36
Family	34	27	49	22	34
Peace and Quiet	30	44	26	28	30
Know who you are	27	22	22	24	24
Safer/Less Crime	21	25	28	22	23
Proximity to Wichita	11	17	23	19	17
Hospitals and Clinics	16	6	20	16	16
Local Businesses...	28	8	6	15	15
Student Teacher Ratios	10	27	18	8	15
Manufacturing Business	11	2	14	17	11
Nature and Scenic Beauty	6	10	3	20	8
Youth Organizations	10	8	7	5	8
Public Transportation	7	6	3	5	5
Wellness Centers	5	5	5	6	5
Businesses trust customers	2	6	2	6	4
Local Newspapers	6	5	3	3	4
Stores know needs	10	1	2	3	4
Summer Rec Programs	5	6	5	1	4
Job Availability	6	2	3	3	3
Nursing Homes and ...	2	1	7	1	3
Other	2	0	1	8	3
Fraternal and Social Orgs.	3	1	0	3	2
Airports	0	0	1	1	1
Anthony Friendship Meals	1	2	0	3	1
Dance Schools	2	0	0	0	1
Motels	2	0	1	1	1
Senior Center Meals	0	0	1	1	1

Gain Chart of Best Things about Harper County

While the Gain Chart is one of the more difficult charts to understand in this report, it is also one of most important. The Gain Chart tells us which items that people feel are the best things about Harper County lead to the largest improvements in satisfaction, both at city and county levels. For example people who said that “Nature and Scenic Beauty” was one of the three best things about Harper County on average were half a point more satisfied with the home city (place of habitation) and Harper County compared to someone who did NOT list “Nature and Scenic Beauty” as a best thing about Harper County. Since survey respondents were asked to list their “best things” this chart allows us to determine which “Best Things” actually lead to a more satisfied living experience.

The top five “gainers” are “Nature and Scenic Beauty”, “People are helpful and friendly”, “Public Transportation”, “Family”, and “Local businesses do more for their customers”. Respondents of Harper County who consider these things to be the best about Harper County are more satisfied than others. On the other hand respondents who said the best thing about Harper County is “Peace and Quiet”, “Proximity to Wichita”, and “Safe/Less Crime” tends to be less satisfied as a whole.

Dark grey cells had less than 5% responses overall – be careful reading into these, it might be just one or two people’s opinion. They are included for completeness.



Average Satisfaction By Agreement					
Harper County - Best Thing	City Satisfaction		County Satisfaction		Avg. Gain
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Nature and Scenic Beauty	5.6	5.1	5.4	4.9	0.50
People are Helpful...	5.4	5.0	5.3	4.7	0.50
Public Transportation	5.6	5.2	5.5	5.0	0.45
Family	5.4	5.0	5.2	4.8	0.40
Local Businesses...	5.4	5.1	5.4	4.9	0.40
Youth Organizations	5.5	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.25
Student Teacher Ratios	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	0.10
Wellness Centers	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.0	0.00
Hospitals and Clinics	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.0	0.00
Know who you are	5.1	5.2	4.9	5.0	-0.10
Manufacturing Business	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	-0.10
Safer/Less Crime	5.1	5.2	4.7	5.1	-0.25
Proximity to Wichita	5.0	5.2	4.8	5.1	-0.25
Peace and Quiet	4.9	5.4	4.7	5.2	-0.50
Job Availability	5.8	5.2	5.8	4.9	0.75
Stores know needs	5.7	5.1	5.5	4.9	0.60
Businesses trust customers	5.6	5.2	5.6	4.9	0.55
Summer Rec Programs	5.9	5.1	4.9	5.0	0.35
Anthony Friendship Meals	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.0	0.30
Senior Center Meals	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.0	0.20
Nursing Homes and ...	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.0	0.20
Airports	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.0	0.15
Fraternal and Social Orgs.	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.0	0.00
Local Newspapers	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.0	-0.05
Motels	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	-0.10
Dance Schools	4.0	5.2	4.0	5.0	-1.10

Additional Best things about Harper County

Though some were mentioned earlier, there appeared to be an overall satisfaction with Harper County. As an observation, when a respondent answered, “nothing”, it would be nice to know how that respondent answered other questions in terms of satisfaction with job, community life, and social connectedness. However, since only one respondent gave the less-than-helpful answer, we feel that it did not require further consideration or analysis.

Q7. What are the three best things about Harper County? (Check three) Other:

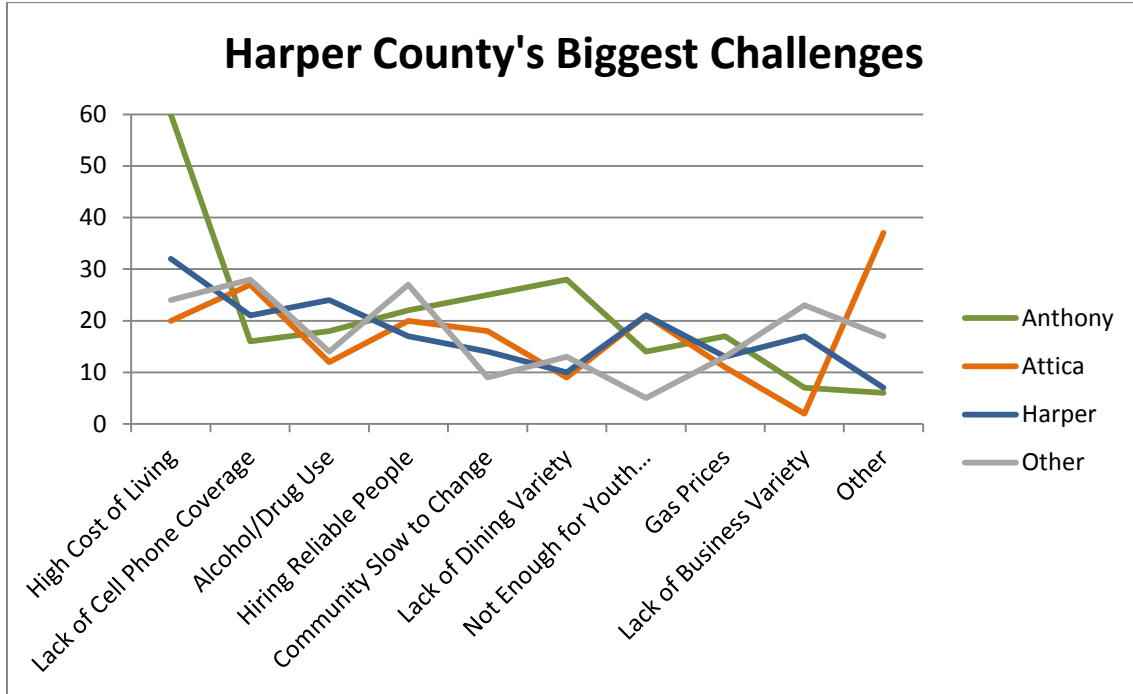
- Churches (2 mentions)
- “Nothing”
- “Growing variety of dining and entertainment options”
- “Everything close together
- Public libraries
- “Neighbors watch your place when you’re gone”
- County Fair

Biggest Challenges for Harper County

(Q8 on Survey)

Harper County’s Biggest Challenges: The line graph gives a color-coordinated visual answer. The table helps to compare each community within Harper County and an overall look. Again, these are the quantitative (numerical) percentage values. Question 8 also had a qualitative (written) component.

High cost of living, according to Anthony respondents, far outweighed respondents’ perceptions of challenges from the other population centers. Respondents from Attica listed lack of business variety as a high priority for that community. Otherwise, most respondents were on similar ground concerning challenges for Harper County. Anthony respondents also peaked in responses for lack of dining variety.



Harper County - Biggest Challenges	Percent which Responded by home city				
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
High Cost of Living	60	20	32	24	37
Lack of Cell Phone Coverage	16	27	21	28	22
Alcohol/Drug Use	18	12	24	14	20
Hiring Reliable People	22	20	17	27	19
Community Slow to Change	25	18	14	9	17
Lack of Dining Variety	28	9	10	13	15
Not Enough for Youth...	14	21	21	5	15
Gas Prices	17	11	13	13	14
Lack of Business Variety	7	2	17	23	13
Other	6	37	7	17	13
Lack of Housing Options	8	32	7	13	12
Not Enough for Y. Adults...	12	7	19	5	12
No Current Movies...	3	11	16	14	11
No Medical Specialists	5	13	10	13	10
Lack of Cultural Events	6	11	8	16	9
Lack of Quality Internet	9	12	10	9	9
No Utility Choices	14	4	7	7	8
Not Enough for Adults...	6	0	11	9	7
No Regular Live Ent.	4	4	7	11	6
Expensive Rx Drugs	2	0	0	5	3

Since Attica had such a large number of Other they are listed separately here: Community Involvement (1), Roads (1), Taxes (2), Towns' Feuds (1), Anthony Lake (1), People Problems (2). No single Other issue large enough to list separately in the chart above.

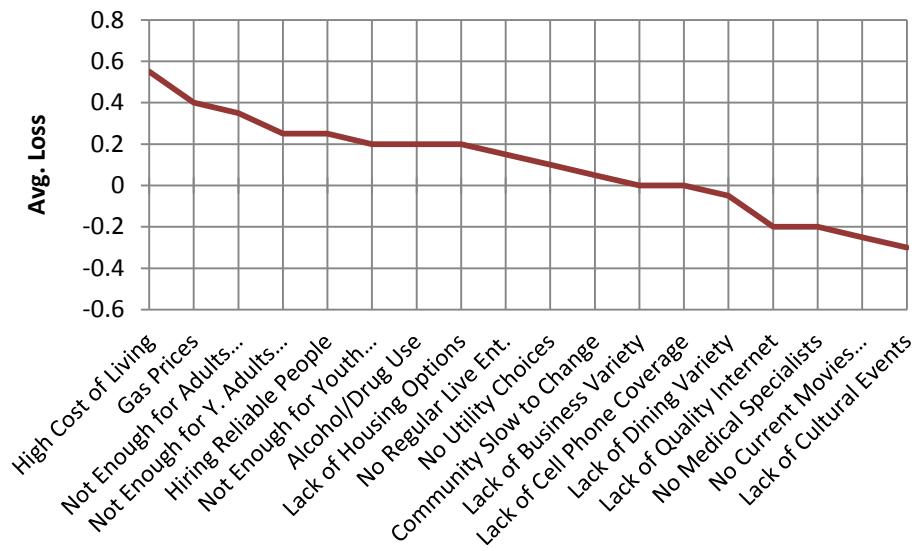
Loss Chart of Harper County's biggest Challenges

Much like the Gain Chart this Loss Chart is complicated, yet powerful. This Loss Chart will help us sort through the Biggest Challenges facing Harper County and find which issues are leading to a decrease in satisfaction with Harper County and the city of habitation as a whole. For example respondents who indicated that High Cost of Living was one of Harper County's biggest challenges felt much less satisfied than one who did not view that as a challenge.

Overall we find that respondents are less satisfied when they view the biggest challenges as High Cost of Living, Gas Prices, and Not Enough for Adults (26 years or older) to do. It may be the case that these challenges are directly decreasing their levels of satisfaction. On the other hand, respondents who say that Lack of Cultural Events, No Current Movies at the Movie Theatre, No Medical Specialists, and Lack of Quality Internet, actually have higher satisfaction than people who did not feel that these were big challenges. It should be made clear that this does not mean that a Lack of Cultural Events is a good thing. Instead it is probably the case that people who view this as a big challenge are relatively happy with Harper County overall. As previously mentioned, the survey asked about challenges, and respondents were urged to answer *all* questions.

Dark grey cells had less than 5% responses overall – be careful reading into these, it might be just one or two people's opinion. They are included for completeness.

Loss Chart of Harper County's Biggest Challenges



Harper County - Biggest Challenges	Average Satisfaction By Agreement				
	City Satisfaction		County Satisfaction		Avg. Loss
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
High Cost of Living	4.8	5.3	4.6	5.2	0.55
Gas Prices	4.8	5.2	4.6	5.0	0.40
Not Enough for Adults...	4.5	5.2	4.9	4.9	0.35
Not Enough for Y. Adults...	4.8	5.2	4.8	4.9	0.25
Hiring Reliable People	5.0	5.1	4.6	5.0	0.25
Not Enough for Youth...	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.9	0.20
Alcohol/Drug Use	5.1	5.1	4.6	5.0	0.20
Lack of Housing Options	5.1	5.1	4.6	5.0	0.20
No Regular Live Ent.	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.9	0.15
No Utility Choices	5.1	5.1	4.7	4.9	0.10
Community Slow to Change	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.9	0.05
Lack of Business Variety	4.9	5.1	5.1	4.9	0.00
Lack of Cell Phone Coverage	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.9	0.00
Lack of Dining Variety	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.9	-0.05
Lack of Quality Internet	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.9	-0.20
No Medical Specialists	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.9	-0.20
No Current Movies...	5.5	5.0	4.9	4.9	-0.25
Lack of Cultural Events	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.9	-0.30
Expensive Rx Drugs	5.5	5.1	6.0	4.9	-0.75

Additional Harper County challenges

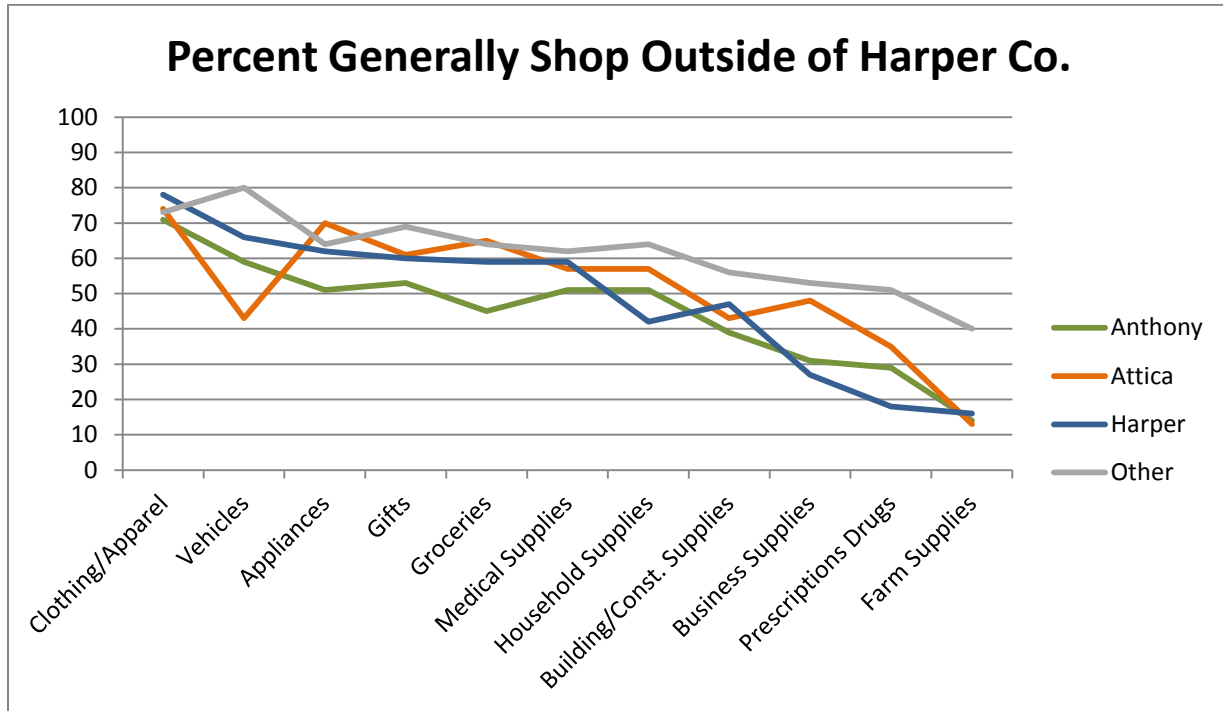
From the additional qualitative answers of Q8, it is worth noting that “high taxes” was a re-occurring theme from respondents. “Roads” and intra-county bickering came in next as challenges listed by survey participants. Since “Nature and Scenic Beauty” is listed as a point of pride, it should be noted that Anthony Lake also has been listed as both a point of pride and a challenge. It appears to be a resource poised for attention from City and County leaders.

Q8. What are the three biggest challenges for Harper? (Check three) Other:

- High Taxes (7 mentions)
 - “We are taxed more than the biggest cities.”
 - Less bureaucratic and greedy
- [High] Cost of living, high electricity [Anthony] and high rents (6 mentions)
- “Roads...or lack of them” (4 mentions)
- “I would like less fighting and government politics and more getting together for the good of the community.” (4 mentions)
 - Transparency of government is a concern
 - “Lack of respect to HPL (?) by Harper County Council”
- Wage growth (2 mentions)
- More jobs
- “Get over the feud between towns”
- Lack of dependable law enforcement
- Anthony Lake
- “Negative old people”
- Clothing stores
- Availability of services and qualified people to hire
- No transportation on evenings and weekends
- “Certain people buy their way into things. It’s a very crooked county”
- Not enough for families to do
- “Please get Anthony’s Main Street back. I grew up here and half of Main Street is gone. Seriously? Put it back on the “MAP”!!!
- “making ‘fracking’ illegal”
- “One of the biggest embarrassments of Harper County, as far as I’m concerned is the Corwin Road. Come out of Oklahoma on a state highway into Kansas on a dirt road? Lowest property tax rates in the state. Where’s all the wind farm money?”

Shopping Outside of Harper County (Q9 on Survey)

This line graph and accompanying table show the results of the question about shopping outside of Harper County. The percentages illustrate respondents' affirmative answers to shopping outside Harper County. For example, 71% of respondents who live in Anthony shop outside Harper County for clothing/apparel. Of interest is that 43% of respondents who live in Attica shop for vehicles outside the County, which is much less than those from Anthony, Harper, and other.



Items	Percent which Shop Outside Harper County				
	Anthony	Attica	Harper	Other	Overall
Clothing/Apparel	71	74	78	73	71
Vehicles	59	43	66	80	61
Appliances	51	70	62	64	58
Gifts	53	61	60	69	58
Groceries	45	65	59	64	55
Medical Supplies	51	57	59	62	55
Household Supplies	51	57	42	64	49
Building/Const. Supplies	39	43	47	56	44
Business Supplies	31	48	27	53	35
Prescriptions Drugs	29	35	18	51	29
Farm Supplies	14	13	16	40	20

Comments on Shopping Outside of Harper County

The open-ended, qualitative section of Q9 asked for reason why shopping is done out of the County.

Q9. General Comment (When you shop for this outside of Harper County, what is the main reason?)

- Price (40 mentions)
- Variety (26 mentions)
- Availability (16 mentions)
- “If I’m in Wichita (to visit or do other business), I’ll stop at Walmart for convenience. Will not drive there for that specific purpose, however. (7 mentions)
- Live outside Harper County (6 mentions)
- Quality (3 mentions)
- Shopping online (3 mentions)
- Bulk groceries, clothing, and business, and other supplies (3 mentions)
- Happen to be in other towns more often (2 mentions)
- Work in Wichita – convenient and more choices (2 mentions)
- “Because it is handy for us to shop on my way home from work which is not through Harper.”
- Referrals
- “Walmart and Aldi’s – cheaper: more of the thing we need”
- “Implement dealers not in Harper County we do business with, so go there for parts & get supplies need for farm and home. Live in Argonia area and only in Harper County when going to our farm in Harper County.”
- “We do try to ‘spend it where we make it’ as much as we can.”
- “Order off the internet so don’t have to go to Wichita.”
- “[Harper County] is cheaper, friendlier, than other places in the USA. Advertise & utilize their public libraries. In HP County all three public libraries are treated as "expendable", not as an asset & embodiment of Democracy & Freedom. For All, in Harper in particular, the City Council & Chamber of Commerce treat the library as a 'black sheep' in the community. Sad”
- “Better prices on things, No Anthony, KS Main Street, No Czech Heritage, Bigger Events- Harper Co Fair - it used to be big. Now it’s pathetic! What happened!?”
- “There is no warm water facility for arthritis exercising. Going to the Y[MCA] every week gets us to shop in Wichita.”

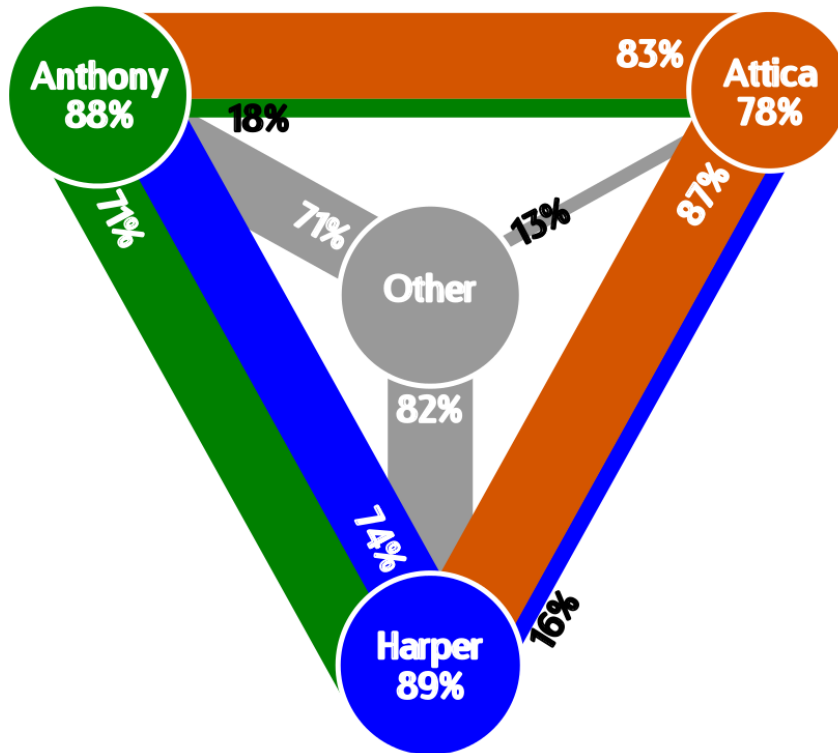
Community Flow Diagrams

These inverted triangle graphs illustrate movement of respondents between and among the three major population centers of Harper County. The width (thickness) of the lines corresponds to percentages of movement. The colors correspond with each community Attica (Orange), Anthony (Green), and Harper city (Blue).

Restaurant and Bar Visiting

The highest movement from one township to another is inflow to Anthony. Harper and Anthony respondents, as illustrated in the corners of the triangle, do the most “Restaurant and Bar Visiting” in their cities of habitation. However, those in Attica are more likely to travel to Anthony or Harper for this activity than stay in their home town. The thickness of the lines leading to Attica illustrates that very few respondents from Anthony, Harper, or “other” travel to Attica for restaurant and bar visiting. It is likely that few options exist in this realm for Attica.

Restaurant and Bar Visiting

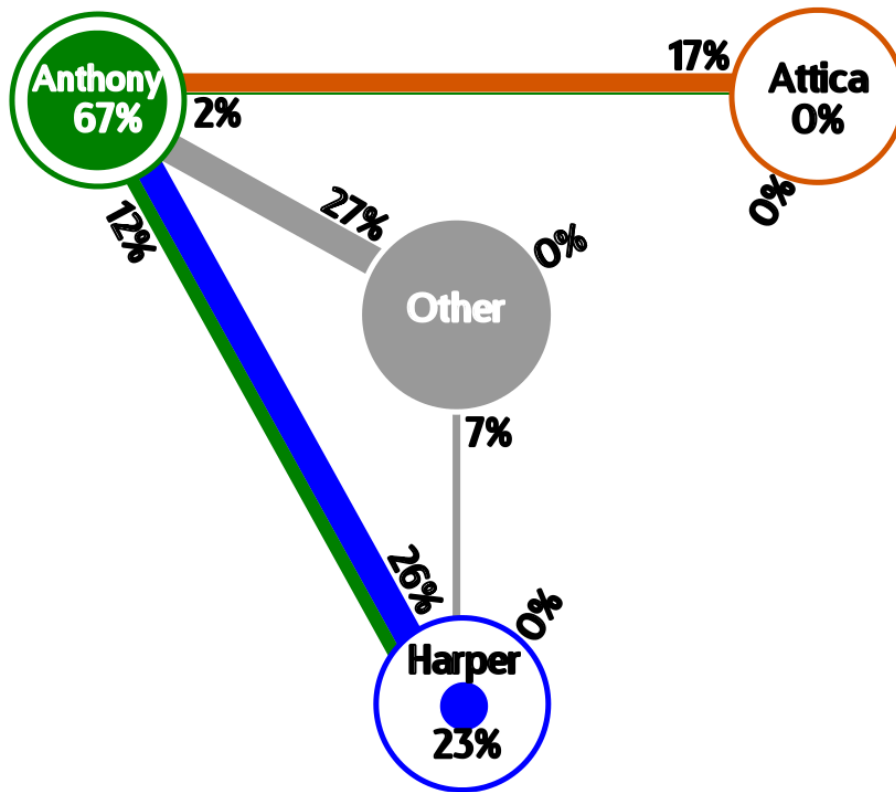


People Who Live At	Go to Restaurants or Bars at		
	Anthony	Attica	Harper
Anthony	88	18	71
Attica	83	78	87
Harper	74	16	89
Other	71	13	82

History and Memorial Visiting

As you begin to understand how the flow charts work, it becomes easier to analyze movement at-a-glance. Here we see that Attica has no sites for such visiting. It would appear that Anthony has the most sites for history and memorials and those respondents from Attica visit at a 17% rate. Harper city respondents visit the history and memorials in Anthony a little more than double the Attica rate. Those living outside the three major population centers, i.e. Anthony, Attica, and Harper, visit Anthony history and memorial at a 27% rate.

History and Memorial Visiting

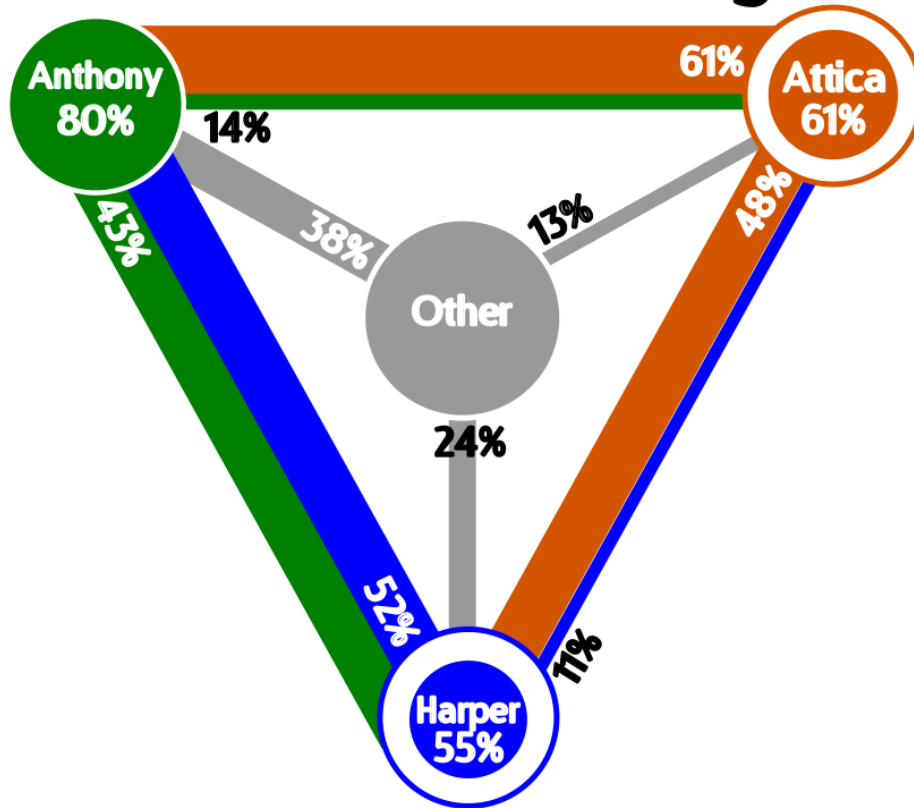


		Go to History and Memorials at		
People Who Live At		Anthony	Attica	Harper
Anthony	67	2	12	
Attica	17	0	0	
Harper	26	0	23	
Other	27	0	7	

Recreation Visiting

Recreation across the county appears to be an active endeavor for Harper County respondents. Attica respondents are as active in their own city of habitation as they are in Anthony (61%). Anthony respondents mostly stay home for their recreation, and they are quite active at 80% rate of participation. Harper respondents participate in recreation at the lowest rate of the three population centers. Those living in the county choose Anthony more often for their recreation site.

Recreation Visiting



		Go to Recreation at		
		Anthony	Attica	Harper
People Who Live At	Anthony	80	14	43
	Attica	61	61	48
	Harper	52	11	55
	Other	38	13	24

Shopping Visiting

Again, Attica respondents choose to stay home for shopping at the same rate they go to Anthony for this activity. Anthony respondents stay at home for shopping at a 96% rate and travel to Harper at a 47% rate. It does appear that those living outside the population centers are more likely to shop in Harper (71%) than Anthony (62%). Low participation from those outside of Attica is likely distance for those in Harper and “other”, and there may be fewer options for shopping in Attica, but not so few that its residents feel the need to leave home for shopping.



People Who Live At	Go to Shopping at		
	Anthony	Attica	Harper
Anthony	96	8	47
Attica	83	83	65
Harper	74	5	88
Other	62	2	71

Visit Any Event

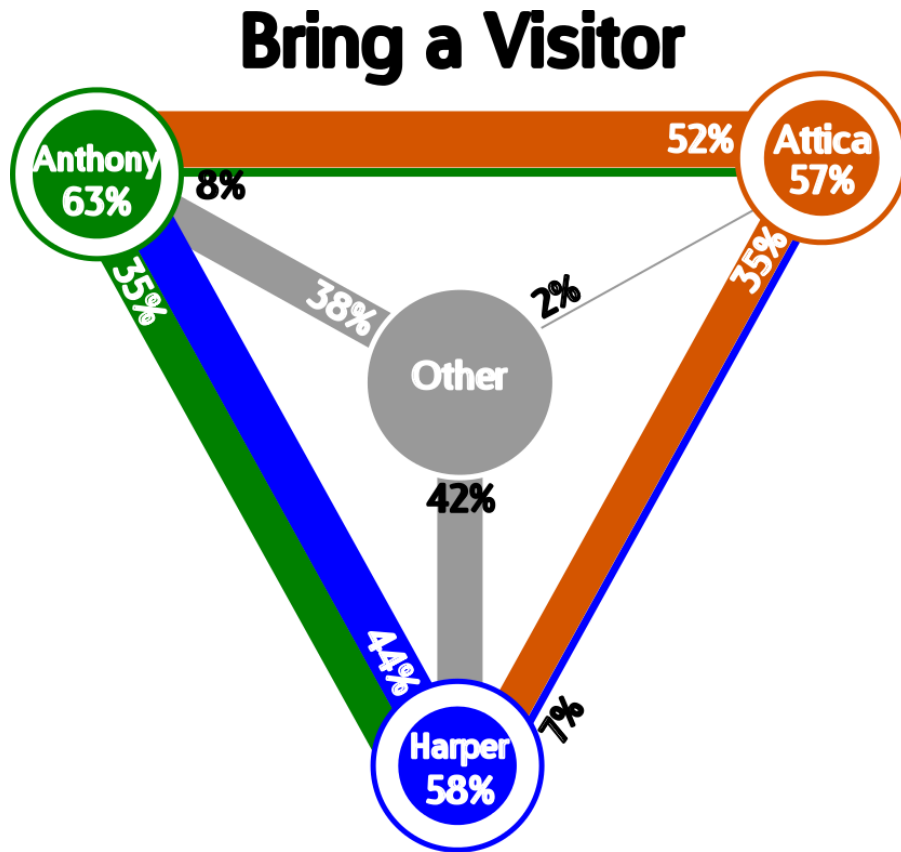
Distribution of respondents among the events in Harper County appears to be at many different rates of participation. Respondents were more likely to list their city of habitation as the preferred site for visiting events. Here we see those living outside the population centers traveling to Harper, Anthony, and Attica at 44%, 38%, and 13% rates. It makes sense that “other” respondents would travel to Harper more than Anthony since more of the County respondents live on the east side of the county closer to Harper.



		Go to Any Events at		
		Anthony	Attica	Harper
People Who Live At	Anthony	80	22	39
	Attica	52	74	30
	Harper	40	16	73
	Other	38	13	44

Bring a Visitor

Respondents from the three population centers are more likely to stay at home with visitors. Surprisingly, the rates are not as high as, say, shopping at home. Those living in the county take their visitors to Attica. Again, proximity appears to be the strongest factor for not visiting Attica. However, respondents from Attica do visit Harper at a 35% rate, which is not as high as those from “other” parts of the county.



		Bring a Visitor to		
		Anthony	Attica	Harper
People Who Live At	Anthony	63	8	35
	Attica	52	57	35
	Harper	44	7	58
	Other	38	2	42

Additional Recommendations

Embedded in much of the narrative on data analyses are recommendations for items that might address respondents' perceptions of living in Harper County. Also, as you will note, there are some very constructive ideas in the transcripts of the qualitative interviews and in the qualitative opportunities in the survey questions.

On the other hand, there were some less-than-constructive comments. As with all comments and notions, they are to be analyzed by community leaders and others working to promote Harper County as a great place to live, work, and play, as a way to make feasible improvements and to market the County's assets.

As a way of sharing what the researchers found in other parts of the data and after reviewing the wide and varying results of the analyses, we offer the following recommendations.

- Attica would do well to promote the assets of the community, especially those events that are already well-attended by those from other communities in Harper County: Christmas Lights and Parade, Pumpkin Fest, and Rodeo.
- Harper County is relatively young. The Kansas Sampler Foundation has a very good concept called, "Power Ups" – people from 21-39 years of age who are "rural by choice" and are working to promote positive images of rural living. The web-site can be found at www.ruralbychoice.org
- If it is a goal for Harper County to be known as a county with three strong communities as its population centers, then it is important to integrate Attica into more of the county-wide discussions and activities. We don't know what this will look like, but we do know that it was a common theme in both quantitative and qualitative data and its accompanying analyses.
- There are a lot of supports to rural Kansas communities who want to promote themselves. Specifically, the Huck Boyd National Institute on the campus of Kansas State University works to highlight rural Kansas with a series of stories called, "Now That's Rural",

Focus Groups

Focus groups were conducted in Attica and Anthony. The Attica group met over the noon hour with a luncheon. Questions and responses were recorded on digital media. Those responses were then transcribed word-for-word. Please remember that interpretation of what is read in the transcriptions can be subjective to the readers' own semantics and historical relationships to the communities of record. We tend not to interpret results of qualitative interviews. We urge the reader to look for patterns in what is being said. Take those answers for what they are: a person's opinion of the question at hand. Have suggestions been made to improve Harper County. Are there assets upon which to build a stronger county? Look for the assets, and look for the suggestions.

Attica Focus Group

- DB – I am going to ask a series of questions. I just have about four questions for you. I will listen for things as we start talking about Harper County. I would like to approach it from an appreciative inquiry point of view, but you'll be able to tell me the suggestions and challenges later on. So the first thing I'd like you to tell me is about the good things in Harper County. If anybody wants to say something just raise your hand; I will run around with the tape recorder. (chuckles in the background) Since it's all anonymous, you don't have to say your name or anything. Of course your quantitative surveys are anonymous too. Does anybody want to answer the good things; tell me about the good of Harper County.
- A1 – **Lack of traffic**
- DB - Any other things?
- A2 - **Affordable Housing**
- A3 - **I think, as a mother's point; just raising your kids, letting them run freely around town and feeling safe about it.**
- DB - Okay
- A4 - **Small Schools**
- DB - Very good. Any others; good things about Harper County?
- A5 - **Just a small town life, just the whole....I know it gets old but everybody knows everybody and sometimes their business, but at the same time, when something's wrong a lot of people jump in to help because everybody knows everybody.**
- DB - So this goes along with that question. It's a different way to ask it; why do you live here?
- A6 - **Family**
- DB - Any others? Why do you live here? You want to say something I can tell. (Debra chuckles)
- A7 - (Female chuckles) **I just said 'All the above.'**

- DB - What we said before. Anybody else, why do you live here? Let's hear from the guys. Why do you live here? You don't want to say anything. (chuckles)
- A8 - **I work here.**
- DB - Do you live in Attica?
- A8cont. **Getting ready to.**
- DB - Okay. You are moving here to get closer to work.
- A8cont. **Yep.**
- DB - Okay. Anybody else? Okay this is where everybody gets really animated. What changes would you like to see in Harper County? If you have a suggestion, raise your hand so I can get you on tape.
- A9 - **Better roads, more taxes.**
- A10 - **Better roads**
- DB - Second on better roads.
- A11 - **Better roads... my roads are horrible.** (Debra approaches another person with microphone)
- A12 - **I am all ears today.**
- DB - Okay. Anybody else on what changes you would like to see?
- A13 - **I would like people to feel more welcome; because like when you come to these meetings, you are going to see the same faces over and over. We try to spread the word; it's open to everybody.**
- DB - Sure.
- A13cont. **Just not this, but any community event.**
- DB - What do you suppose keeps people away?
- A14 - **I think some of it is the time people have to put in for stuff. Especially in small communities, everybody is busy with family and sports and church or different things like that. They feel like if I get involved in all these extracurricular activities, then it's spending a lot of time. And it is, usually you have the same people in on all the same committees and stuff like that doing the same thing cause there is a lot of people like 'I don't want to take that on, I don't want to have to deal with that.'**

- DB - I will ask that again. What are the barriers to volunteering for people, do you think? What keeps them away?
- A15 - **Time**
- A16 - **Not knowing what's available, what the needs are.**
- A17 - **Some people just don't want responsibility.**
- DB - Are these mostly people you've always known, grown up with? Heads are nodding 'yes'. Heads are nodding to the affirmative. Anybody else on that one?
- A18 - **It's more like the ones that have jobs and work, they are the ones that are involved in everything. And the ones not saying they don't work, but the ones that you know stay at home and don't have a job to go to everyday; they are the ones that really sometimes don't want to get out and do things.**
- DB - More isolated?
- A19 - **But as a newcomer, I have to say, I would love to help with some things, but I don't what's there to help with. I guess communication would be part of the problem.**
- DB - Anybody else wants to weigh in on that one. What changes would you like to see? Feel free to talk.
- A20 - **I would like to see more people support the local businesses.**
- DB - What do you suppose takes them away?
- A21 - **Well the internet... You can even order your groceries online. I don't know how many people in town would do that (back ground comment... 'I do'). Everything else... people are ordering on the internet or they are driving 15 to however many miles just to get groceries when we have a store right here. If there is something you want changed, tell us. If there is something you don't like, just don't kill our opportunity. Yes that is what I am trying to say. I don't if that makes any sense.**
- DB - That makes perfect sense. For the last questions, what would make Harper County the best place to live? I know these questions sounds like the previous question, but I ask it in different ways because it's a different way to think about it. What would make Harper County the best place to live?
- A22 - **I think of all three major towns could work together better. I think you would see a lot more progress. It's a feud that goes back older than I am, and I don't know what the feud is about, but for some reason there is tension between Harper Attica and Anthony. If we could just put on our big boy pants and get over this and try to work together for the whole**

community for Harper County and make it better for everybody. I would love to see that, rather than hearing ‘well Attica didn’t participate in this one thing’; nobody asked us, we didn’t know it was going on; we never got it. You know, it’s one of those things if you don’t let people know, you can’t expect them to participate or help out. It’s not just Attica, It’s all three towns.

- A23 - People that are younger don’t seem to feel like that. It’s seems to me that the older generations that...(is interrupted and clears throat)
- A24 I do see it with the older generation, but I also see it with the younger generation that’s involved in it. (voice in background ‘okay’) If you are on councils and committees and stuff like that; I have seen it where sometimes... ‘Oh my gosh, are you kidding me. We have an issue about this *still*? ...you know, we can’t try...you know.
- A25 [“the feuds”] Makes it something that is learned once you’re on there; it’s learned behavior.
- A26 I didn’t learn this until I got onto City Council, and it’s like, *oh my gosh*. I don’t even know where it came from.
- A27 You haven’t been here long enough.
- A27 Just this week in the paper they were talking about that and they just mentioned Anthony and Harper. They didn’t say anything about Attica about the rivalry; it was Anthony and Harper; Attica wasn’t even mentioned in the article.
- A28 That’s usually how it is, Attica is not mentioned. It’s always Anthony; when people talk about Harper County, its Anthony and Harper County all the time.
- A29 I would like to see them do something with the lake. (many voices in background)
- A30 ...A lake; to begin with, if our lake was a lake, it would help pull people in. It’s a hole right now.
- DB - Who manages the lake?
- A31 Anthony.
- DB The City of Anthony
- A32there was some discussions about maybe selling part of it to the people who live there. I don’t know if there looking to continuing that...
- A33 ...just the land they live on though, where the houses are at...

- A34 **It's my understanding from talking to someone, that they're having to put the cost into up-keeping the lake and stuff like that.**
- A35 **They pay a lease, like a 99 year lease or something.**
- DB Anybody else wants to weigh in on what would make Harper County the best place to live.
- A36 **I think there should be more communication about advertising in moving to Harper, like the ROZ [Rural Opportunity Zones] and stuff like that. It really hasn't been advertised.**
- A37 **It's not really been advertised as to what benefits people get when they move to such a county out here. People don't know about the taking advantage of it and opportunity it brings for those of us who are employers, to help bring so much cash to pay day their loans.**
- DB Thank you. Anybody else? If I am stranger in Harper County, what would be the first thing you would like me to see?
- A38 **Cleaner cities. Not your fault because you haven't been here.**
- A39 **I would like to see some houses cleaned up and look nice. We have a lot of abandoned houses that just look bad and they are lived in too. (too many voices in background)**
- DB So vacant houses and lived in houses that are not kept up. Did you say that?
- A40 **It just looks bad. It sets a tone if people are driving by.**
- DB Would you say that about every community in Harper County? **One says yes.** Okay the last one. What else would you like to tell me about your county?
- A41 **I think it's a great place to raise a family. I grew up here and I left for 13 years or whatever and came back with my husband and kids. We choose to move back so we could be closer to our family and get that small town life that we weren't going to get in Overland Park. It's turned out great. My husband and I are on a lot of different committees. We are very involved in the community and are kids are. They are in every sport and 4-H and different things. You have the availability to be in all that stuff when you are in a small community. In a big city you don't always know about it or there is try out for teams. You don't have try outs for teams. Everybody gets to be on a team and gets to see if they are good at and if they want to continue. I think that is good for kids to have the choice and opportunity I guess.**

Anthony Kansas Focus Group/Interviews

- DB – We are in Anthony, KS in Harper County. This morning we had the Attica gathering. So far one person has graced us. In addition, one of the things that we do with this qualitative part of the study, since the surveys are the quantitative part, we have some follow-up questions that might make sense to you after you read the whole survey. I think you are ready to answer these questions. Tell us the good things about Harper County.
- A1 - **The very best things are the things that have been happening in the last few years, where we have second and third generation children coming back to work with either with family, sometimes to start their own business in Harper County. For a good many years, probably 40 years or so ago, that wasn't happening very often. It's happening much more often now, probably because there is more money in farming. And they aren't all farmers; some of them come back to work in businesses. I can think of a number of them, Hazel Sheet Metal, Gates Accounting Firm, Hubbard Accounting Firm; so that is probably the biggest plus that I see.**
- DB - Well, and I know you have a list of things and you're just welcome to talk about all of those if you want. I'd love it if you would share that.
- A2 - **First of all, I am very impressed with the churches of Harper County, because most churches are very active. I know very little about Attica so probably what I am going to talk about primary is Anthony and Harper; but they both have libraries. Anthony's library has a degreed librarian who runs it. It isn't just books and magazines; it's also technology and DVD's, children's program. The libraries are really active in the community. I think the lake is a big plus for Harper County and I am pleased to see that the dredging will proceed; that's a very expensive project. Fortunately, it rained enough to put water back in the lake so that the oil services people want the water and will purchase it and do the dredging then. We are fortunate to have two newspapers. I think one of the strongest things in Harper County are our volunteers. Volunteers both in Harper and Anthony, and I can think of a number of things that require volunteers. Organizations like Kiwanis and the projects that they do like flags for special events throughout the community. Of course, there is the Anthony theatre, there is a balloon fest[ival], there is the Oktoberfest, there's tourism, thrift shops in both cities, and a lot of mentoring that goes on especially Kiwanis people and their key club, and whatever their junior high corresponding to key club is because they now have that in the junior high. Their fire departments are outstanding, both of them. They are staffed by volunteers. As far as I am concerned, the schools are good quality schools. I suppose like any educational institution there are improvements that could be made. But I do think that we have interested teachers, and I am personal friends with a number of them. There is something in schools for most everyone, sports, activities, clubs, academics, technology, Ag related things. Then of course, back to volunteers, their focus groups. The adults have really stepped up and given their time and effort for those. We have all kinds of retails establishments, convenient stores, motels, grocery stores, restaurants, including fast**

food places. I think the health care in Harper County is quite good; two hospitals with accompanying clinics, two wellness centers, assistant living centers, in both Harper and Anthony. I expect whatever you heard in Attica you would have to include that too. The retailers and this is particular in Anthony because those are the ones that I am familiar with, are great community supporters. They do a lot of promotions and help with school things, there is Christmas promotions for one thing. I tried to list a lot of the types of stores, there is clothing stores, all kinds, drug store; one drug store but two pharmacies, hardware stores, lumberyards, appliance stores, furniture stores, bake shops, book stores and also one of those book stores is rather a gathering place for junior high people; not an easy group to work with, but that has been really good. We have stores for home décor, flower shops, garden centers, farm equipment's, co-ops, service stations, antique stores, I don't know, there is probably many that I didn't even ...

DB - I missed the antique store, where is that?

A3 - **Across from the mortuary, I didn't even mention mortuary in there. Mortuaries are owned by single families and are really good. The services that you can find in Harper County, and I bet I haven't mentioned them all here, but you can get legal services, accounting services, a number of banks, insurance, a FedEx drop off, a frame shop, alterations, sewing, catering is one thing you can get, beauty and barber shops are everyone. I put down the Ag Extension, because I think that's been a big help, they are very active, they care, and you can get technology help in the area. Recycling is available, that happens to a kind of a pet of mine; and there are all kinds of organizations. In fact it's my opinion that you can be just as busy as you would like to be in Harper County. Now those are the things that I written down and I can't really think much to ask.**

DB - I have two comments for you, number one you are a social scientist's dream because you came prepared and you shared. Number two, our office professional who transcribes these is going to love you because you're just saying it all out like it is. A lot of times it's back and forth and she has to decipher what people are saying. Thank you. That was wonderful.

A5 - **Oh you're welcome.**

DB - One of the other questions I have is why do you live here. I think you just told me.

A6 - **We farm; that's why. You live where you farm.**

DB - What changes would you like to see?

A7 - **I guess one thing I would like to see and I don't know whether it would be even feasible or not, I don't think we have enough people to really support it. I would love a good bakery. Now not just for pies and cakes, I am talking bread, because that is one of the few things that I purchase outside the county. I didn't mention that the specialty people in medicine who**

come to the two hospitals, which are a big help for people, but still in all, sometimes we still have to go to Wichita for doctor's appointments. When we do, I generally hit the bakery areas of either Walmart or Dillon's to get the type of bread that I want.

DB - Okay. Can you think of anything in which you would like to see changes?

A8 - Boy you better turn this off Debra, because there is going to be a long pause here.

A10- Well that's exciting that you have to really think about with what you are unhappy.

A11 - The biggest thing I would like to see change, I guess, maybe this is the primary thing, more cooperation between the three cities. I don't know how that's going to be done. I compare that with people who are always upset with immigrants who do not speak English, but if you give them a couple of generations, that's not a problem; the problem goes away, and that's what I hope would happen in Harper County, because there has been competition between cities. Since I didn't grow up here, I don't have that problem.

DB - Why do you suppose the problem is there?

A12 - Well I don't know. It used to be athletics; Harper had a high school, Anthony had a high school and you get competition, and that's probably not a bad thing. I really can't tell you, now I have been on the hospital board in Anthony, I was on it for a number of years, and I worked in as a community leader in 4-H for a number of years and the cooperation I saw in 4-H over the county was a real contrast to what I saw with the cooperation between hospitals. It just didn't happen.

A13- I would agree with that but I probably couldn't comment.

DB - Why not? You are involved.

A14- I absolutely agree with that. I look at how well we work with all our 4-H clubs and how everybody comes from a different demographic in the county, yet everyone gets along just fine. Then you see these people that don't even step foot into Anthony because they don't like it or they won't go to Attica or Attica think, you know it's very...

A15 - It seems like there is jealousy's and I am not sure why.

A16 - It seems like every single town though there some people that just don't like anybody from the other town

A17 - Alright then tell me this, what are their ages when they don't like people from other towns?

A18 - I would say middle-aged

A19 - 50?

- A20 - **50 and above maybe..**
- A21- **I am 84. We belong to a bridge club that had people from Bluff City, from Danville, from Harper, from Anthony, let's see, well two of them I guess from the Anthony area, one north of Anthony and one south of Anthony, and one from [inaudible]**
- A22- **And did you have any of that in your group?**
- A23 - **No!**
- A25 - **Everybody got along just fine.**
- A26- **I am 84...**
- A27 - **Well it's not everyone.**
- A28- **What I am trying to think is surely this will die out, especially, and I thought that the high school, which was an excellent thing for the county, probably should be a county high school.**
- A29 - **Anthony and Harper**
- A30 - **...In order to get enough students for a really good quality program. Probably it should become a county high school; now that's probably fighting words.**
- A31 - **I think it probably is. Hey look we have another customer.**
- DB - **A customer... Okay I have one more question. What would make Harper County the best place to live?**
- A32 - **I think Harper County has improved. I think the wind farm and the oil [exploration] have made a huge difference, because Harper County was poor, and the landfill. Now the landfill was a divisive sort of thing, but it's turned out to be, I feel, like an asset for Harper County. For a number of years, I helped give away some of the monies the landfill gave the county; that was the most fun I had. I thoroughly enjoyed those grants that we made. So getting more money is good. (Another person comes in)**
- DB - **What I would like you to do, tell me about the good things in Harper County.**
- A33 - **The good things of Harper County are the people. The people are absolutely amazing and the reason I call this place home. I have lived here for 26 years, I am 26 years old; I went away for college then I came back. The people, the small town businesses; the way everybody knows your name. I think we could use more restaurants. But I really think the people are why I am really here.**
- DB - **Why do you live here?**

- A34 - **I live here because my family lives here and the people around here. It's a welcoming city.**
- DB - Good. You notice some of these questions, it sounds like I am asking you the same question and I am essentially, because sometimes it just stirs up different responses. What changes, if any, would you make in Harper County, if you had a magic wand?
- A35 - **If I had free rein, I would add more restaurants for people to go; I am not talking fast food, I am talking like sit down family restaurants, maybe steak houses or something, you know in those times that you don't feel like you don't want to cook but want to go out. We just have a couple of sit down restaurants. I would change that; that's about all. I mean I really do love Anthony.**
- DB - What would make Harper County the best place to live?
- A36 - **I think it already is, besides the taxes, I mean it's really expensive to live here. It's expensive, utility wise and its expensive tax wise, property taxes, insurance, everything is expensive.**
- DB - To what do you compare it?
- A37 - **We are probably the most expensive county.**
- DB - I think Johnson County has you beat.
- A39 - **Well that's probably true.**
- DB - Their average wage is \$90,000 a year.
- A40 - **Well, let me say it's cheaper to live in Harper than it is in Anthony, but I live in Anthony. Utilities are cheaper in Harper.**
- DB - So you are comparing Harper and Anthony. It's nice to hear you say that you like the people.
- A41 - **I love this town, I really do.**
- DB - Are you raising a family here?
- A42 - **No, my family is here, my parents.**
- DB - Your parents and you're working.
- A43 **Yes**
- DB - Do you have anything else you want to tell me? That went quickly.
- ...Conversations about different restaurant in the Harper County area...*
- A44 - **I love the people, I love all the churches, I love the banks, I love... it's a great community. It's a volunteering community.**

- A45 - **I think volunteers are really one of the biggest strengths in the community. I am saying that for Harper as well. You all started a Master Gardener deal, and they really spruced up the Senior Center; that's another thing that is good about the county. Their Senior Centers are very well attended.**
- A46 - **One of my favorite things about Anthony is Country Living, Inc. I think that is probably one of the absolute best places to be because it's all [inaudible] care, they really do. It's one of the nicest buildings that Anthony has.**
- A47 - **Country Living is the assisted living. It's really nice place to live.**
- A48 - **They offer so many different services, I mean, they get to go out of town and do things. It's just an accommodating place.**
- A49 - **They do things within the churches that group of people too.**
- A50 - **Every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. they have a church service with all the different variety of churches. Everybody takes turns. It really is amazing and it's the people.**
- DB - **It's like you have the best of both worlds here. You're living in a rural county but if you want the city, it's not that far away. Is that an accurate summary?**
- A51 - **It's not that far away.**
- A52 - **It's about an hour to go anywhere you want. You can go to Wichita in an hour. You can go to Oklahoma in an hour. I have been in two different places, like college wise, and I came back to Anthony every time.**
- DB - **How does Harper County handle newcomers?**
- A53 - **I think we try to accommodate them the best that we can. I know that my church, a long time ago, we tried to go out and pass out flyers to new people in town, and never brought in new members. We try to do things like that. I know other churches do the same thing; send out mail.**
- A54 - **I was a newcomer. I moved here and lived here before I got married, six months, seven or eight months, and everyone was really welcoming.**
- A55 - **Do you think they were welcoming by and large?**
- A56 - **Yes I do.**
- DB - **I haven't met an unfriendly person.**
- A57 - **I have always wondered how people view us.**

- A58 - **I have always wondered that too. There're some people in town that don't want to get to know anybody, they are just here for work. There are others that just welcoming right back.**
- DB - Whenever I've been here to see Megan, it seems like everyone has his or her own conversation for you, and a lot of it is how you offer yourself. You know if you offer a conversation, you get it back.
- A59 - **You know Debra that was hard for me to get to use to because I was from Wichita. You go down the streets of Wichita, you didn't particularly greet people; you hardly smiled at them. It was a totally different atmosphere. Probably most people knew who I was as a school teacher but I didn't always know who they were. But I felt very welcomed by the community.**
- A60 - **Something I want to mention that I don't know that has been mentioned is the community buildings, the churches especially; don't charge you to use their building; that is very rare. This church seeks out folks and says 4-H use us, use our facilities, we welcome you here, no charge. And Barber county and I've heard some other counties, I know like the 4-H, when they want to do events and things at some churches, they have upwards of \$100 charge per use.**
- A61 - **Our PEO group has a fundraiser every year. Now since it is a fund raiser, it's always held at the Methodist Church in Anthony; we do pay them \$25.00. I am not sure that covers the cost, but since it is a fundraiser, we felt it was the thing to do.**
- DB - My PEO does the same thing; we pay the church where we have the fundraisers.
- A62 - **But the hospitality in this town is incredible; it's unlike any other I have ever been too. Another real cool thing I love about Anthony is when you are driving down the street, you can wave at somebody and you know who they are. In the big city you don't' really see that.**
- A64 - **People wave at me all the time and I actually don't know who they are, haven't met them yet; but they're just friendly.**

Casual conversations continue...

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Survey Instrument

Harper County Community Survey

The following survey will help us understand the attitudes about Harper County. You will not be identified in any way. All your information is kept confidential. Please answer each question as well as you can.
 We thank you for taking time to complete this survey.



1. About you and your Family:

What city do you live in?	What is your gender?	What city do you work in?
How long have you lived in this city?	What is your age?	Do you have children under 18 living in your home?
Do you plan to stay in this city for the next 3 years?	Marital status?	Your highest level of education?
Which best describes your ethnicity? <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic / Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Black / African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	What is your employment status? <input type="checkbox"/> Work Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Work Part Time <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed Looking For Work <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed Not Looking for Work <input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	What is your household income? <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$12,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$12,000 to \$24,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 to \$49,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 or more

2. In the last year which activities in Harper County have you done, and which have you done with people who have visited? (Mark all that apply)

	You	Visitors		You	Visitors		You	Visitors	
Anthony	Public Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Dirt Bike / ATV Track	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baseball Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baseball Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	9/11 Memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	War & Vet. Memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	War & Vet. Memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Baseball Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gun Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Archery Range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skating Rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Go Kart Track	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harper Hist. Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	War & Vet. Memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gift Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grocery Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gift Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cemeteries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harper Co. Courthouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grocery Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please write other activities not listed below	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bowling Alley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anthony Hist. Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind Farm Viewing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historic Anth. Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crop Field Viewing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Runnemeade Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Runn. Historical Marker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gift Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Storm chasing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grocery Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

3. What additional activities would you like to have the opportunity to do in Harper County?

4. How would you like Harper County to be known?

5. How satisfied are you with:	Not at all		Somewhat			Very	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The city you live in?							
The county you live in?							

6. Which events do you know about and attend in Harper County? (Mark all that apply)							
	Know About	Went Last Year		Know About	Went Last Year		
Anthony	Muddy Water Music Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harper	Christmas Lights and Parade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Balloon Fest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Apple Fest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Christmas Lights and Parade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Demolition Derby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fall Fest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		School Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	School Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Mennonite Pancake Feed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Arts and Crafts Festivals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Bingo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bingo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		St. Patrick's Church Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Church Sponsored Dinners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Church Sponsored Dinners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Easter Egg Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Easter Egg Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Farmers Markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Farmers Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attica	Christmas Lights and Parade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harper County	Harper County 4th of July at Anthony Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pumpkin Fest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Harper County Fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rodeo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Freeport Thanksgiving Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	School Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Bluff City Thanksgiving Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tortured Souls Haunted House	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Danville Thanksgiving Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bull Riding Competitions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Danville Pancake Feed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bingo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Danville Fish Fry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Church Sponsored Dinners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Harper Co. Historical Society Cultural Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Easter Egg Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Farmers Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

7. What are the three best things about Harper County. (Check three)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<input type="checkbox"/> People are helpful and friendly
<input type="checkbox"/> Wellness centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Local businesses do more for their customers
<input type="checkbox"/> Motels	<input type="checkbox"/> Attica & Harper Senior Center meals
<input type="checkbox"/> Airports	<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing homes & assisted living facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Local newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> People know who you are
<input type="checkbox"/> Job availability	<input type="checkbox"/> Stores know what you need
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth organizations (4H, Scouts, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature and scenic beauty	<input type="checkbox"/> Fraternal and social organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> Peace and quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> Businesses trust their customers
<input type="checkbox"/> Safer/less crime	<input type="checkbox"/> Good student to teacher ratios
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals and clinics	<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Friendship Meals
<input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to Wichita	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer recreation programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing business	<input type="checkbox"/> Public transportation by county
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

8. What are the three biggest challenges for Harper County. (Check three)	
<input type="checkbox"/> High cost of living	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of housing options
<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of quality internet	<input type="checkbox"/> Not enough for youth (under 18) to do
<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of cultural events	<input type="checkbox"/> Not enough for young adults (18-25) to do
<input type="checkbox"/> Gas prices	<input type="checkbox"/> Not enough for adults (26+) to do
<input type="checkbox"/> No medical specialists	<input type="checkbox"/> No current movies at movie theatre
<input type="checkbox"/> No utility choices	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of cell phone coverage
<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/drug abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Slow to Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of dining variety	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of business variety
<input type="checkbox"/> Expensive prescription drugs	<input type="checkbox"/> No Regular Live Entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiring reliable people	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

9. Generally do you shop for these outside of Harper County?	When you shop for this outside of Harper County what is the main reason?
Groceries <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appliances <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Clothing/Apparel <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Gifts <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Household Supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Building/Construction Supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Farm Supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Business Supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Prescription Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Medical Specialists <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	