

2005 ~ 2006 Community Asset Mapping Project: The City of Soda Springs and Caribou County Idaho



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Introduction

Partners for Prosperity (P4P) has the mission of reducing poverty in 16 counties of Eastern Idaho and the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. One of the goals of P4P is to work strategically with communities to reduce poverty by helping identify and capitalize on resources and assets. As part of this process, P4P has helped communities through utilizing the concept of "asset mapping," originally conceived by Kretzmann and McKnight (1993). The process of asset mapping involves looking at communities from strength-/asset-based rather than a needs-based/barrier-focused perspective. By helping communities visualize and subsequently document the resources and strengths inherent in their community, a rich layer of information is uncovered providing powerful information that can be used to mobilize the community and affect positive change. Once all of the available local assets are identified, the community can begin connecting them with one another in ways that multiply their power and effectiveness. This Asset Mapping report is a living and changing document just as the community of Caribou County is living and constantly changing.



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Why Asset Mapping?

The traditional "needs assessment" or deficiency model which many communities use in community development efforts tends to have a narrow perspective of the community. Deficiency models are unable to develop an approach that mobilizes the community and incorporates its strengths. Asset mapping, on the other hand, provides a more holistic approach, working to identify and develop action and build partnerships around community resources. Asset mapping provides the opportunity for community development efforts to be successful over the long-term by focusing within, on the skills and talents of the people and organizations already existing in the community.

What does Asset Mapping mean for Caribou County?

In November 2005, P4P conducted an asset mapping survey of Soda Springs and some of the surrounding communities in Caribou County. The purpose of the survey was to look, in particular, at the economic and business community by meeting with citizens, community leaders, and members of the business community. Appointments were made when required, but most businesses, organizations and individuals were surveyed by randomly stopping by and visiting with them. During this two-week period, 159 asset mapping surveys were conducted with local organizations, businesses and citizens, mostly in the Soda Springs area. While 159 surveys were completed, some respondents chose not to answer particular questions, thus changing the amount of responses for each question.

The survey took approximately 20 minutes to complete. Some questions were multiple choice, while others were open-ended. Each survey was recorded by hand by P4P staff, as accurately as possible, and in as exact wording as possible from the responses given for the open-ended questions. The information was then collected and placed into a database for analysis. While conducting the survey, each respondent was asked for his/her contact information as well as logistical information about the business/organization; however, even though some responses are verbatim, no identifying information was used in this report.

While this asset mapping report does not represent all of the ideas and opinions of Soda Springs and Caribou County residents, it does provide a starting point of thoughts, perceptions, and resources existing within the area. It is the sincere hope of Partners for Prosperity that the information and recommendations in this report will be used to generate thoughtful and productive discussion about ways in which the current assets of the county might be increased, enhanced, and maintained to make Soda Springs and Caribou County an even greater place to live.



Section I.

Asset Mapping Team Observation Summary

The following represents the observations and overall perceptions of the P4P visiting staff members while involved with the asset mapping process in Soda Springs and Caribou County. This section helps to provide an "outsider" perspective of the assets as well as some of the challenges facing Soda Springs and Caribou County. The hope is that these observations and perceptions might be used in conjunction with the information provided by community members in the survey. We hope this information becomes a valuable tool and resource for the community.

Community Members and Local Government

Residents of Soda Springs and Caribou County are extremely proud of their community. Small town, good quality of life, low crime rate, friendly, good place to raise children, clean, aesthetically beautiful and closeness of community members are only a sampling of the comments heard by P4P staffers. Government services were mentioned positively several times, as was low crime rate, minimal traffic, and the fact that citizens feel generally supported by City and County officials, all which lead to mutual respect between community members and local government. One survey response was, "the government officials have the well-being of our community members foremost in their minds. The ability and willingness of business owners, churches and citizens to share information, resources, and laughter is so important. The security and level of comfort in knowing our community is safe and that law enforcement and firefighters really care about the community and are constantly watching out for our safety is a great feeling." Several challenges were evident in the responses we gathered as citizens felt our survey was a safe place to express their opinions. Several comments recorded were that "community leaders 'protect' Soda Springs from outside influence too much and they should be more open to progress ... we need more restaurants, and brand name hotels and motels." "The officials should work on getting more businesses, build the economy, and bring in more shopping and entertainment." "There should be less dependence on the mining industry – the county would be devastated if it left." Some felt that increased communication between the Chamber of Commerce and city officials would help to increase growth/population and economic development - take chances, invest in the community. There was a suggestion for a campaign to be initiated to get people to shop in the community rather than out of town or out of state. "We need more industry, more open-minded members on the city council. We need a computer store, office supply store, second-hand store, and Chinese and Italian restaurants as well as a modern hotel/motel." We heard that the 'police are too aggressive sometimes and there needs to be more consistent punishment for drug offenses.' Another common concern is about both entrances to the town of Soda Springs. "We desperately need a beautification project and the city should be more diligent in making that happen."

Of the 149 people who responded to the survey question asking what makes your community a great place to live, 103 mentioned the people. The attitudes of the people of Caribou County are a definite asset to the community. We heard about the love of the small town atmosphere, being a good place to raise children, people genuinely caring about each other, that they're friendly, always willing to help and they take care of each other.



Community Organizations

Soda Springs and Caribou County pride themselves on service organizations that are very influential and serve as valuable assets to the community. The Lions and Rotary Clubs were mentioned many times in the survey, as were the Chamber of Commerce, Monsanto, and area churches as being organizations that have a strong, positive impact on the community. One survey suggested that Soda Springs should become a Welcome Wagon Community.

There is a high level of volunteerism in Caribou County and service organizations are a powerful and leading factor in helping to 'get things done' and 'make things happen' – they're referred to as "movers and shakers" in the community. However, it was the opinion of P4P staffers that although the organizations and service agencies are effecting change, there is a lack of cohesiveness among the groups. While they are not necessarily working on the same project, they are working on projects which would complement each other, but because each doesn't know what the other is doing, sometimes there's an overlap and possibly duplication of services. If there was better communication between groups and organizations, a team effort could be more successful if concentrated on a common goal.

The Business Community and Diversity

When asked what would help their businesses, almost every business in each of the towns in Caribou County responded "local support of local businesses." Many small businesses struggle, particularly in small communities. There are many opportunities available for a community to engage stakeholders in the economic well-being of the community. The character of a community can be threatened by increasing dependence on businesses out of town, out of the county and even out of the state. Choosing to support businesses other than local businesses hurts everything from improving the look of the building to choosing a printer to choosing where the money gets deposited. It is not simply the local businesses that suffer. Communities can lose their unique character and self-determination while becoming increasingly dependent on outside influences as a basis of support. Local businesses are integral to healthy neighborhoods and strong city centers. They instill personal pride, impose less distress on the environment, and help create a distinct local identity.

One model to consider in keeping business local is a printed copy of each of the businesses that are part of the Chamber of Commerce. Other cities in the region, such as Malad, currently use this model, and distribute it around town to promote local businesses. Malad would be willing to provide a model that could be used as a template.

Another suggestion is that more emphasis be put on building cultural capital in Caribou County. In the *Claritas 2005: Demographic Updates Profile Report [Idaho]*, 296 residents of Caribou County are noted as being either Hispanic or Latino by origin, and 80% of those are Mexican. Building on the ethnic diversity of the county will increase inclusiveness and participation and will proactively shape the future of the community. An action plan to encourage creativity and ingenuity would embrace other activities that foster and enhance ethnic diversity.

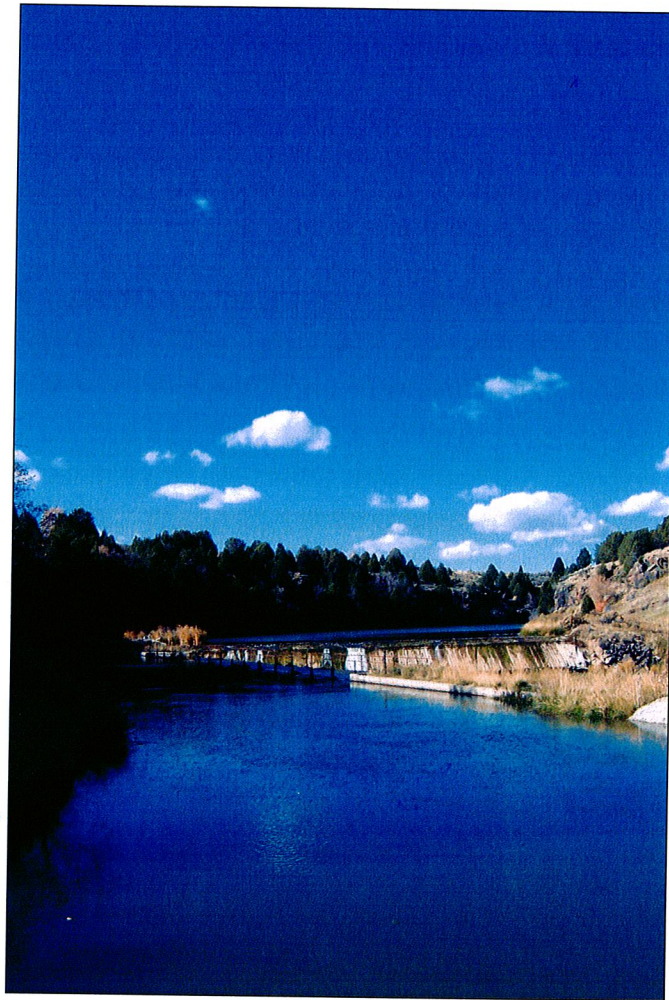




In Bancroft, several residents expressed the need for a grocery store, gas station and a stable employment base that would serve their community needs. One survey response suggested vigorous tourism efforts in Bancroft to capture Chesterfield visitors.

Some of the residents of Grace expressed feelings of disconnect between their small town and Soda Springs and that they are lacking the support and the services that are available in Soda Springs. There is a feeling of not belonging and "if it isn't in Soda Springs, it doesn't count." The respondents said almost all service providers are in Soda Springs and they have to travel to get their basic needs met. The fact that there are three separate school districts seems to add to the feeling of separation, while at the same time, lending a sense of pride. They expressed appreciation for being included in our survey process.





Tourism

Another area identified by P4P staff as needing improvement is tourism. The Soda Springs website boasts 17 different points of interest around Soda Springs but when driving through town, there are few references to any of those 17 points.

Some of the responses to the survey question about what could make your community a better place to live were to 'clean up the entrances on both ends of town; make them more welcoming.' Several suggested a beautification project, and that city council should be more assertive in requiring property owners to clean up their property. They said the entrances to town should be first and foremost to any emphasis on tourism since that would be what tourists see when they enter Soda Springs and where first impressions are made. More effort should be given to enhance tourism and bolster the local economy. Take advantage of the Oregon Trail to promote tourism efforts. Link tourism efforts in Soda Springs, Grace, Bancroft, and Caribou County in general with surrounding communities – particularly Montpelier and their Oregon Trail Center. Many rural and frontier communities face similar challenges in offering a wealth of recreational- and tourist- based opportunities, but do not have the communication and support system established between businesses and organizations to effectively



increase and expand tourism efforts. A more collaborative approach among local business owners could attract outsiders into the community and provide an opportunity for tourism efforts to be enhanced. The perception of the community as a "pass-through" rather than "destination" location can lead to lost dollars and revenue that could be kept in the community. Chesterfield was mentioned comparatively as an area where there is a strong emphasis on tourism, and the emphasis is working because more and more tourists are visiting the site every year.

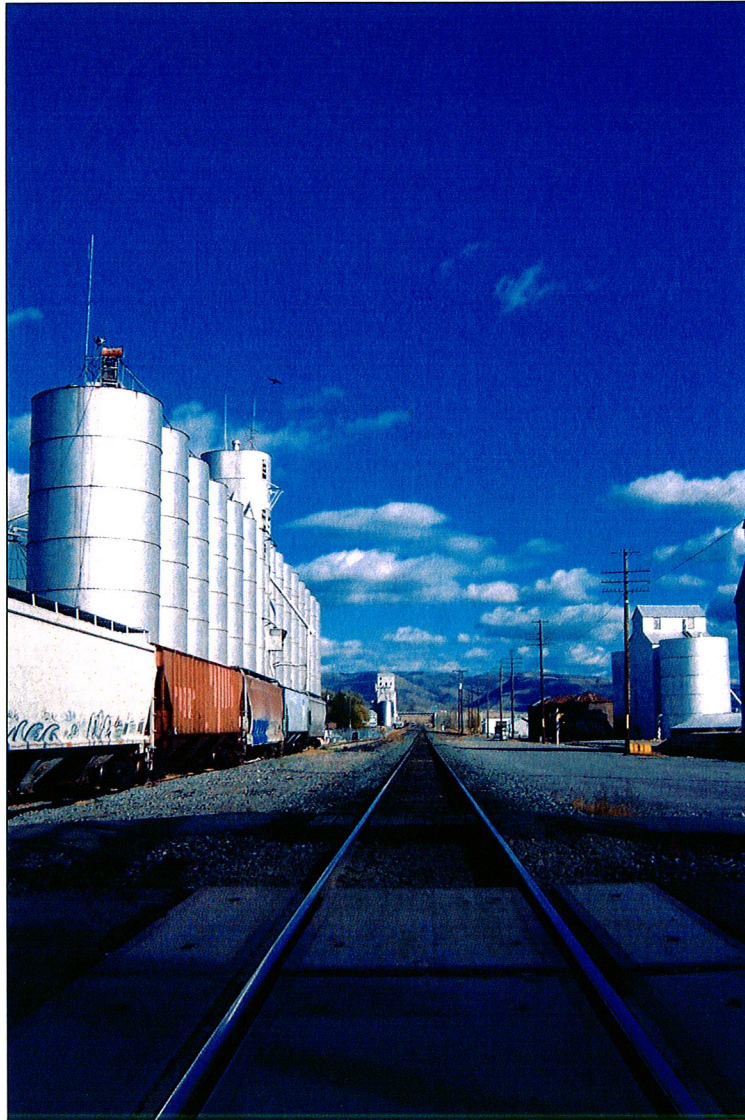
Neighborhoods are neat and clean throughout Caribou County; it is evident that most people take pride in their homes. The Visitor's Center in Soda Springs is also very attractive, but not advertised well.



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Summary

Partners for Prosperity staff had the pleasure of visiting with hundreds of citizens and touring many businesses and organizations in Soda Springs and throughout Caribou County. We witnessed valuable personal attributes such as enthusiasm, positive thinking, perseverance, sense of humor, dedication and the ability to take risks. Staff members observed some challenges as well as opportunities for growth, but it was apparent that the county's assets and strengths far outweigh any challenges. This report will provide insight into the strengths of the community and suggestions as to ways in which coupling those strengths with opportunities for improvement will truly make Soda Springs and Caribou County an even better place to live.



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Section II

Residents who identified Community Assets, Improvements, and Connections in Caribou County answered the following eighteen questions:

1. What best describes your organization?

One hundred and fifty-nine people were interviewed during the survey process. Sixty-four percent of those were for-profit businesses, eighteen percent not-for-profit and eighteen percent were government entities. Listed in the "other" category for not-for-profits were historical associations, community service, agriculture, national clubs, and business organizations.

2. When are you open?

Forty-six percent are open Monday through Friday and fifteen percent Monday through Sunday. Twenty-five percent are open only during the day.

3. How long has your organization/business been in operation?

Seventy-two of the businesses and organizations surveyed have been in operation more than ten years, fourteen percent one to five years, eleven percent six to ten years, and three percent less than one year.

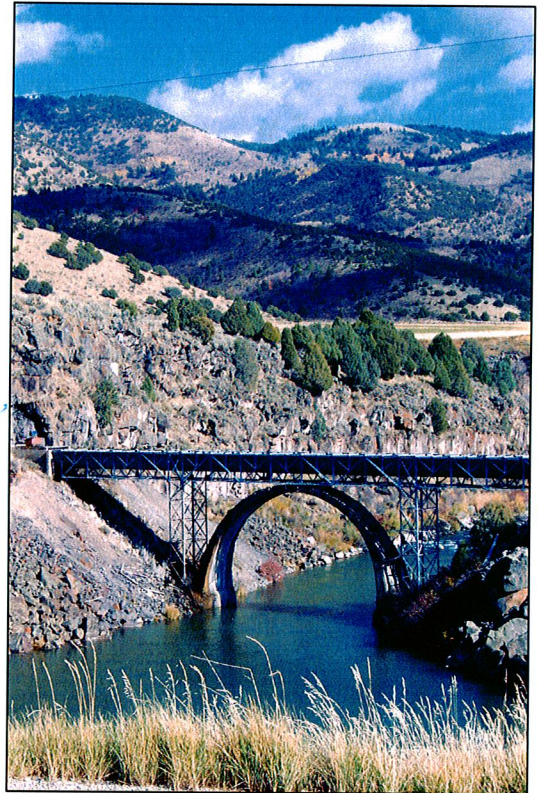
4. How many people are part of your workforce or membership?

Seventy-two percent of the businesses have between one and ten employees or members.

5. Briefly explain your program, service, or business. (What do you do?)

Primary care physician; paint and hardware retail store; tire store and auto service center; commercial tire service; veterinary hospital and sales of livestock/pet supplies, retail store; carwash; make sandwiches; financial institution (loans, savings, checking, and safe deposit boxes); truck stop and service shop; sell insurance and financial services; optometry; assisted living center; referral center, GED prep, testing center; beverage distributorship for tri-county area (Caribou/ Bear Lake/Franklin); protect life and property; teach leadership skills, speaking skills, and organizational skills for girls age 10-20; support charitable needs; selling industrial supplies for contractors; retail sales of vitamins, minerals and health food items; new car dealership; enforcing court orders, (treatment programs, 7 habitats); title and register Idaho state vehicles; family law, small claims, lawsuits under \$10,000, infraction and misdemeanor criminal charges; gas station, convenience store, Idaho made gifts; food service; appraise, for tax purposes, all of the property in the county; collect taxes, then disperse to county entities (pay bills); preside over magistrate court; welding, fabrication, machine work;

implement government programs, soil/water protection; retail lumber and building supply and various types of residential and commercial construction; home delivery of oil, propane, fuels; educators/educate youth; residential and commercial HVAC and plumbing, retail store; natural gas utility company; tanning, sauna, spray tan, nails, espresso; insurance agency; legal services; work with community to promote healthy kids; phosphate fertilizer manufacturing; elected officials serving the county, various appointed position, managing the county; offer activities from pre k - adult to promote an active lifestyle; weekly newspaper and printing shop; physical therapy services; motel; sell carpet and home furnishings (appliances), floor coverings; district health services; auto repair shop - parts and tire sales; financial services; grocery store; food establishment; keep community updated on what is happening; retail, jewelry, hair, nails, full service salon; lounge and hotel; Latino goods and services - phone cards, money grams; body shop, towing, and self-service storage; sell cable television and internet service; help people with medical bills who can't pay - rent, utilities, prescriptions, food; share Jesus Christ, bible study, fellowship, worship; prosecute criminals; help retain seniors' independence through nutrition, health and activities; provide word and sacrament services, community help; HUD - subsidized housing complex for elderly and low income people; hospital, nursing home, 3 physician clinics; Mexican restaurant; education on quilting, quilt making; general merchandise, retail; promoting economic and social growth for Soda Springs; provide water, sewer, and garbage, road maintenance; retail fertilizer; educate children K-12; transport barley; multi-service organization, public service; maintain the land; rotary is a service organization which focuses on community service locally, nationally, and globally; protect and preserve history of Chesterfield town site, restore, maintain town site; breed, train, and sell horses, teach horsemanship, judge shows, give clinic, host competition, host camps; teach English riding, and horsemanship to youth, horsemanship, sportsmanship, leadership, and stewardship; provide escrow services; mining; provide spiritual guidance; have a mission statement to provide live entertainment for Caribou County, giving people a chance to perform or watch live theater, sponsor a play writing contest for Caribou County, provide "affordable" entertainment; all appliance repair, in-home service; sell hunting, fishing and camping equipment; auto repair; gas station, grocery store; quilting, fabrics, flowers, wedding catering, custom sewing, finish items; mercantile; cut hair; salon; agricultural and auto equipment; community services, food bank; furniture, sell appliances, floor coverings, miscellaneous items; manage City of Soda Springs, city government, utility company; safety, fire prevention; booster for a slurry pipeline; production of elemental phosphorus; design and drafting, residential and commercial;



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banking - financial services; provide services to parents of children prenatal to kindergarten entry - monthly home visits, monthly group meetings; bring information on child's development in all domains, activities that are geared for age also; developmental screenings every 6 months, referral to community resources as needed; educate young people; provide internet access, fax service, copy capabilities, lending of books and videos; service projects, social skills, trade learning, fun activities, safety; educate and facilitate learning activities for 3-9 years; retail grocery; 30-room motel; full line insurance agency; lend books to community, information, help students; felony district court cases anything over \$10,000; educate children; restaurant; association with focus to advance issues related to agriculture; chain discount department store - headquarters in Abilene, Kansas; find avenues in the way of grants, etc., to help schools with things the district can't afford; help people find a true relationship with God and wholeness of life through Jesus Christ; local radio station - psa - news - contests; 4-H, the largest youth serving organization in the world - 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills; county airport; bed and breakfast - historical site, gift shop; bar serving beer, wine, and liquor; pay day and title loans; chiropractic clinic; beauty shop/barber shop; western gear - tack, furniture, clothing; pharmaceuticals, gift items; serve food/cater food; sell homes, commercial, land, ranches; rent or sell videos and games; hair, nails, coffee; quilting, sell fabrics and supplies; buy and sell homes and commercial, farms; fast-food; selling alcohol, beer, mixers and wine; foster growth and development of commercial and industrial, agricultural and professional interests; work with families with children in elementary school; veterans service, social organization; daycare and pre-school; childcare and learning center, Idaho child care program certified; scrapbook supply store; beer and wine distributor; retail sales of tires, some services - front and end alignment, brake repair, towing; bowling alley and fast-food grill; state health and welfare office, self-relations, child protection and adult/juvenile mental health programs; sell cellular phones; make and sell log furniture, sell archery equipment; construction and maintenance (industrial); sell cars/finance; new construction, remodeling, residential, commercial & industrial; sell guns and related items; sell auto parts and machine shops; business organization - promote city beautification, sponsor events to help bring tourists and business to members; sale of hardware/lumber fuels - gasoline, diesels, propane, oil products; mental health counseling; help people to come unto Christ; produce wheat, barley, and hay, and manage range land.

6. What do you contribute to the community that people may not know?

(Overview) How much we pay in taxes; court assistance; unique made-in-Idaho gifts; have equipment that the community can use free of charge; all of the things we make and give away; computers available for the community to use; hospice care; have laminating capabilities; and many answers reflecting help for people in need.

7. Describe your greatest successes.

Being able to help people; friendliness; known as a true tire business; building relationships with clients and patients; keep businesses attractive, being an asset to the community; growing large enough to expand and building a new building that has beautified the area; family; one of the top ten agents in Idaho; informing elderly customers that they don't have to pay too much; we've been here a long time; owners stay involved with the facility; getting people into post-secondary education (JET); employing local folks, training, being employer of the year; solvability rate of 83% safety fair for last 5 years; individual girls succeeding; amount of coverage in the area, depth of the inventory for the size of this area; selling outstanding products; customer service; education young people on drug and alcohol use; provide quick friendly service; raising money and matching it for Project Warmth; where we're headed with the GIS; motivating people to change their ways; excellent welding services; seeing a place improving something after we've helped with it; helping people with projects; valuing our customers; providing well-rounded education, students are successful here and when they leave; serving people in the community; gourd painting and making rain sticks; helping people; immunization rates are good; functioning as a private practice attorney; bringing a musical/anti-drug presenter into the community; widening and paving Bailey Creek Road and making it safer; building a new jail, elevator in the court house, county fair; 4th of July events and Adult League's new programming; integrity that leads to honesty that leads to trust; patient satisfaction; longevity; competitive pricing; ASE certification, parts specialist; in business over 100 years; keeping business open in small community; increased businesses in town, create infrastructure for businesses; ambulance service; opening a business; customer satisfaction; keeping people with jobs; helping people who are willing to help themselves; community unity; Meals On Wheels; growing congregation; good maintenance, response to resident requests; increasing business; milkshakes; skate park, tourism brochures, recreational trail development, community beautification; new water system; customer service; academic achievement – highest test scores in county, high community support; two trucks, being in business; building a new oat plant; the fact that we are multiple land use; providing fireworks for the community each year; restoration of buildings with historical accuracy; horses sold, riders trained, competing internationally, positive influence on young people; building character, responsibility and self-esteem; longevity with clients; being a solid part of the community; providing 4th of July musicals; approved to sell guns; availability, honesty, integrity; service the community needs; ability to make a profit without traffic business, ability to provide community with needed items: providing the community with clothing items that are essential for the work environment; provide oxygen to the elderly, work with hospice; manage to stay open; relationship building, good attitude; retained clientele; keeping local buyers; word-of-mouth advertising, good service; buying a power system; education and prevention; stable work force; encouraging young kids to read; a lot of service projects; merit school for the last 7 years; offering a full service line of insurance; bringing computers and internet; drug court; successful happy children, young people who can contribute something back to the community; improved menu and quality of food; support local school activities and 4-H clubs; store serves a need to local community; obtaining more materials so kids



have more choice, sent group to Washington, DC; developing and establishing a local church; taping the basketball season for one of our local guys when hospitalized; every child and/or family that comes through the program of new skills, confident in themselves and their ability to do well; tourism attraction and being part of the community; bingo scholarship; help people get from payday to payday; contributing to the community, free delivery, helping shut-ins; community rapport; partner with other businesses to keep rent low; making quilts for people; meeting new people and helping them get homes; good service; assisting families in getting basic needs met so they can then focus on their child's education; scrapbooking and preserving memories; took a business that was closed and turned it into a successful one; friendly service; that there are 70+ people working; helping people get needed financing; built carriage house for the community; provided benches, trees and a drinking fountain on Main Street; strengthening families; managing land in a sustainable way, good stewardship of the land, good employment opportunities.

8. What contributed to those successes?

(Overview) Customer loyalty and satisfaction; hard work; partnering; employee attitude; focus on customer service; tenacity; help from family; cleanliness; pride in work; the volunteers; community strengths; speak Spanish; people in the office are very friendly; individual attention.

**9. What connections do you have with other businesses and organizations?
For example, where do you get your supplies?**

The success of community initiatives are often based on an infrastructure of organizations working together toward the results that the community has in mind. This question seeks to identify the connections and partnerships that area organizations have. By identifying and building on connections already formed and developing strong coalitions of interested organizations, community projects increase capacity to be more successful. Organizations in the area have different types of connections. For example, businesses in the area purchase supplies and inventory from other businesses in the area; organizations may share resources with other organizations, or make and receive financial or in-kind donations.

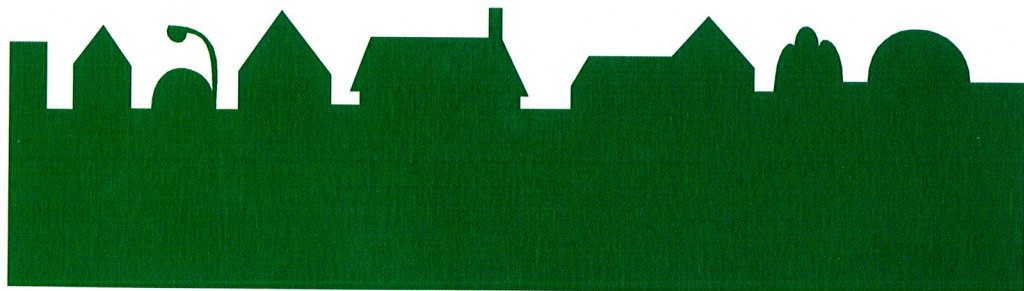
It was evident that many of the connections identified were between local businesses because 64% of survey respondents were for-profit organizations (businesses). Area businesses were named by 44% (55 out of 126) of those who responded to this question, which shows that businesses are working together for the community as a whole. Monsanto and Agrium (together) were mentioned 13 times.

Government agencies received 18 responses from those surveyed. Respondents mentioned "county agencies", "state agencies", "city," and "federal agencies." This is an important finding. Partnerships and connections with government agencies (local, state, and federal) are vital to the health of a community and its ability to solve problems in the community. In many communities, there is a division between government and citizens

and it becomes very difficult to solve community problems. Fortunately, such a division does not exist, or at least was not disclosed by the survey.

The local Chambers of Commerce received 13 responses. Some of these responses stated that they are members of the Chamber of Commerce." The Chamber of Commerce can be a great resource to "foster the growth and development of the commercial, industrial, agricultural, and professional interests of the community while preserving its unique style of life" (<http://www.sodachamber.com/board.html>). The information available on the Chambers of Commerce website is valuable to the community.

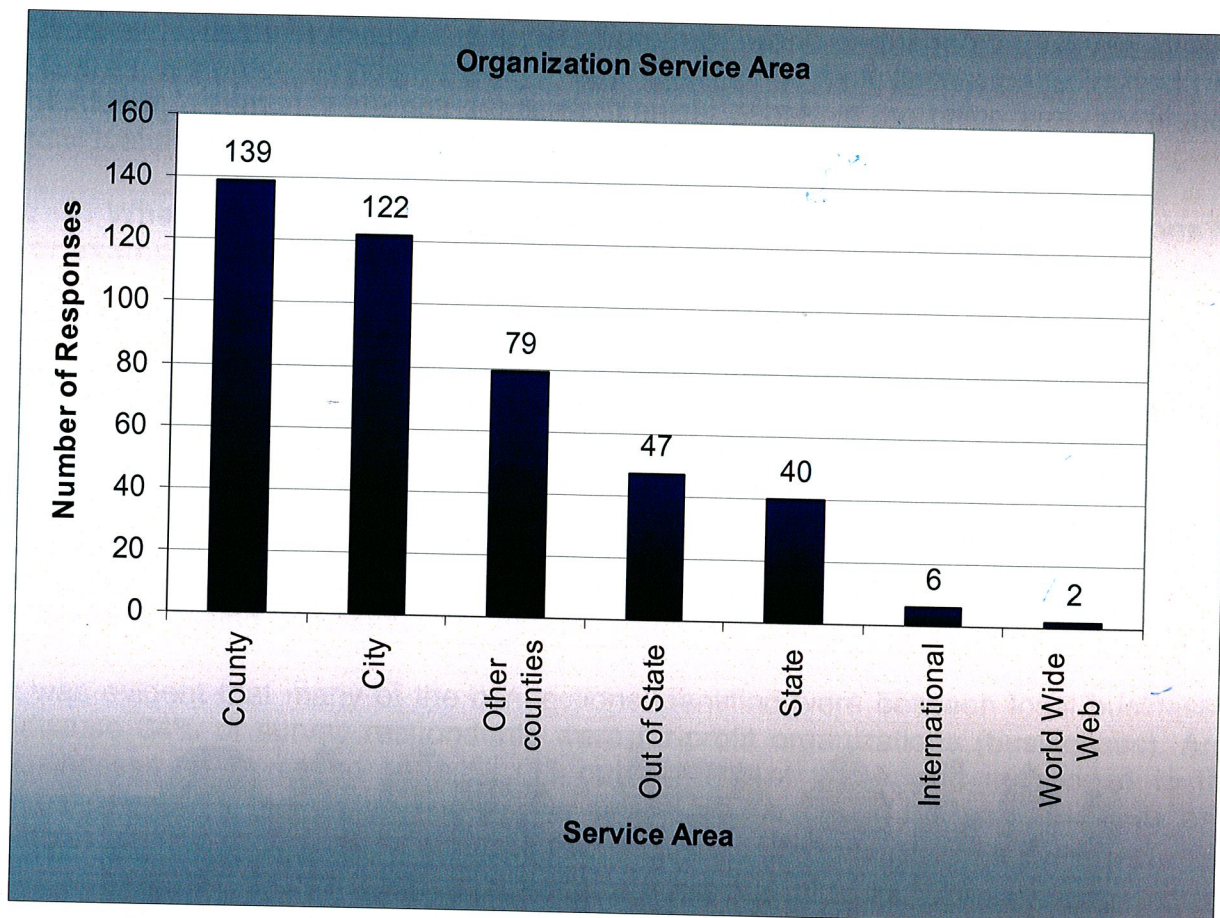
Churches and civic clubs each received 6 responses as having connections with the community.



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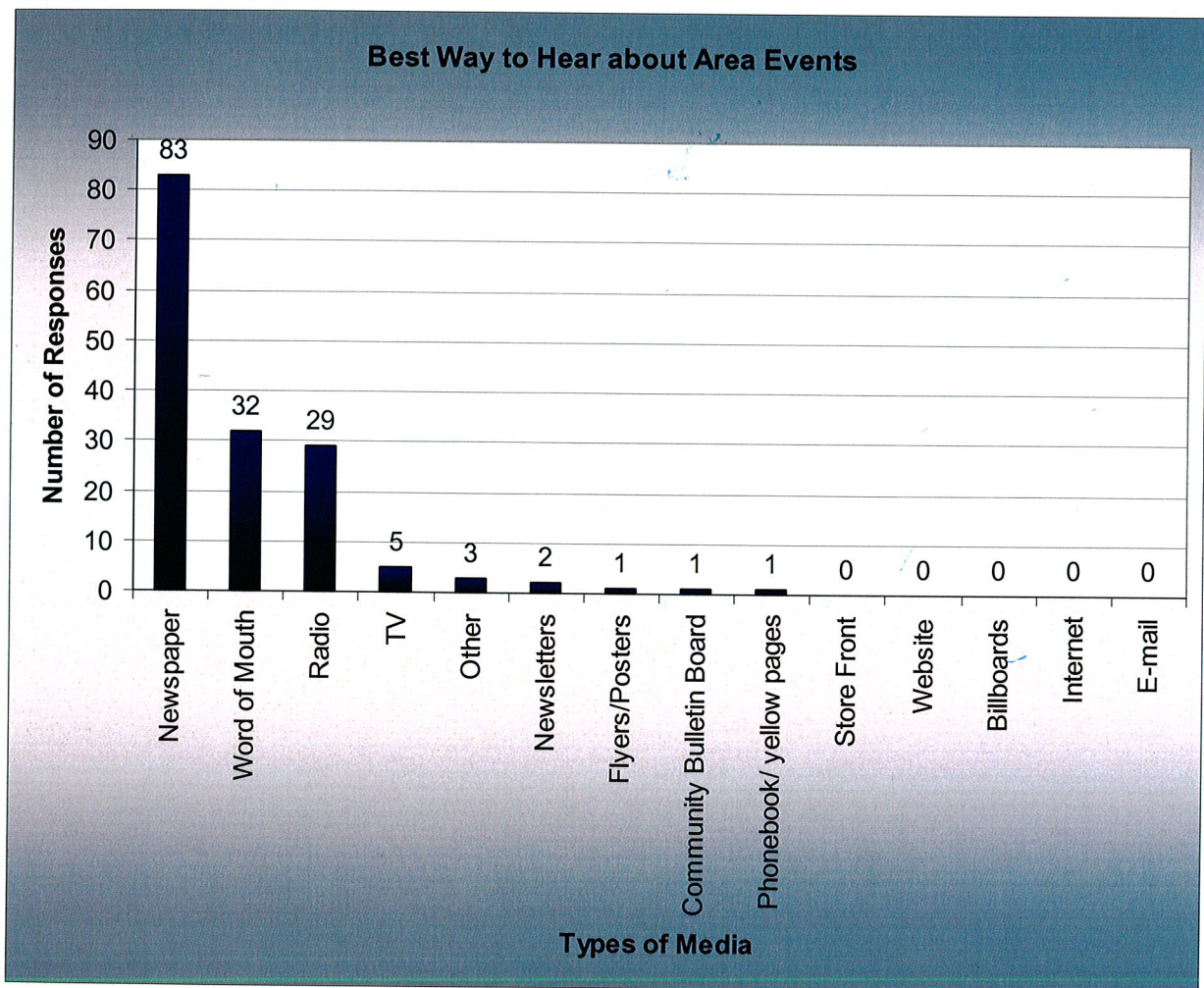
10. What is your service area?

Respondents were asked to "Check all that apply." A large majority of respondents picked both "County" and "City" with 139 respondents choosing "County" and 122 respondents picking "City." Almost 50% (79 responses out of 159 total surveys) of respondents indicated that their service area includes "Other Counties". Results of this question indicate the vast majority of organizations serve those in the surrounding area, which is to be expected. Only half or less of the organizations serve those outside of the surrounding area.



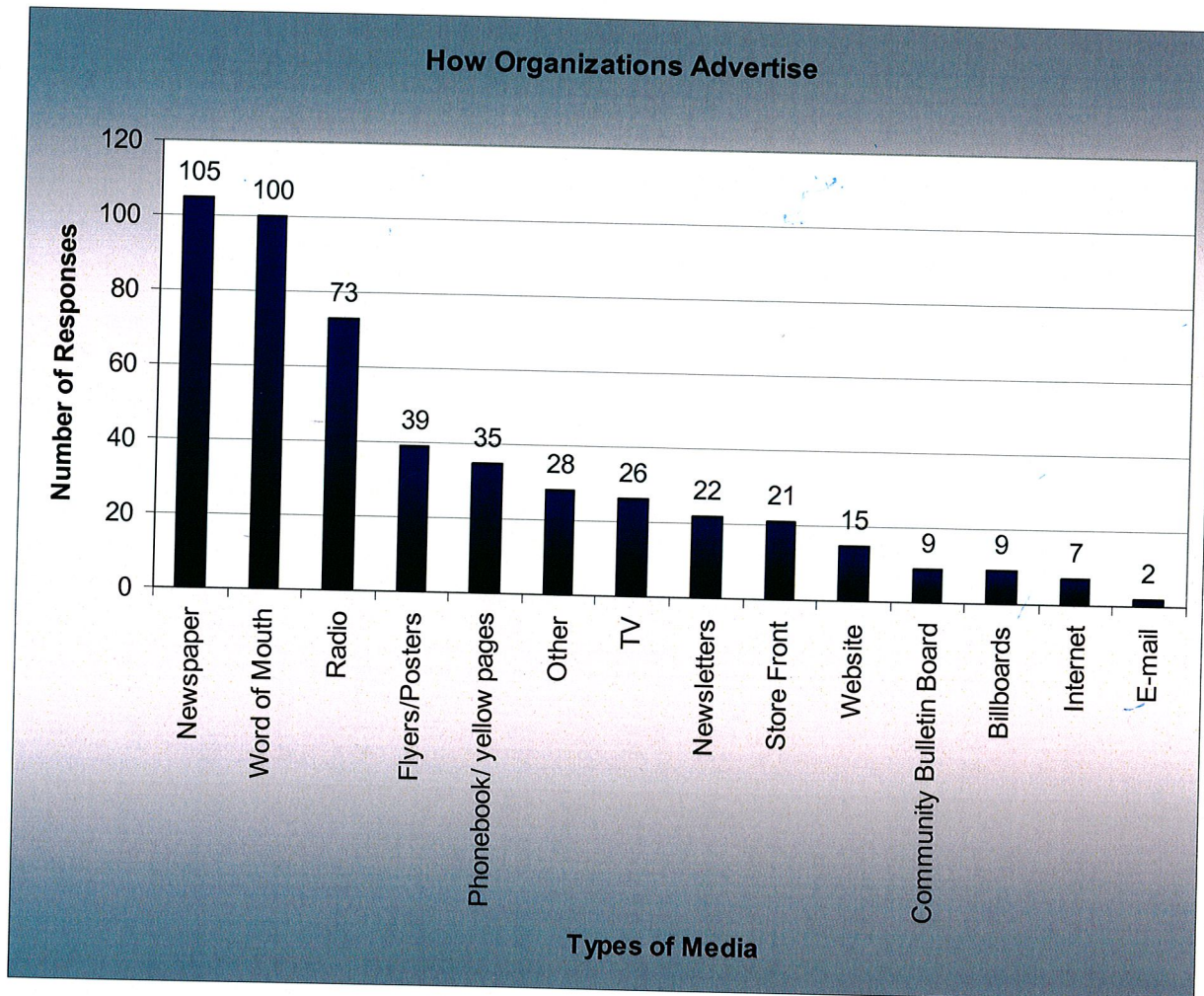
11. What is the best way to hear about events in your area?

Respondents were asked to "Check only one". Over half of the respondents, 53% or 83 out of a total of 158 responses to this question, chose "Newspaper" as being the best way to hear about local events. "Word of Mouth" and "Radio" came in a distant second and third with 32 responses (20%) and 29 responses (18%), respectively. This information can be of great value to those who organize and promote community events. The use of a variety of mediums is always a good idea; however, if funds are limited, as is true with most organizations, newspaper would be the wisest place to advertise.



12. How do you advertise?

Respondents were asked to "Check all that apply". The top three answers to this question included "Newspaper", "Word of Mouth", and "Radio", in that order. Answers to this question parallel the previous question asking about the best ways to hear about events in the area. It is evident that community organizations recognize the most effective media.



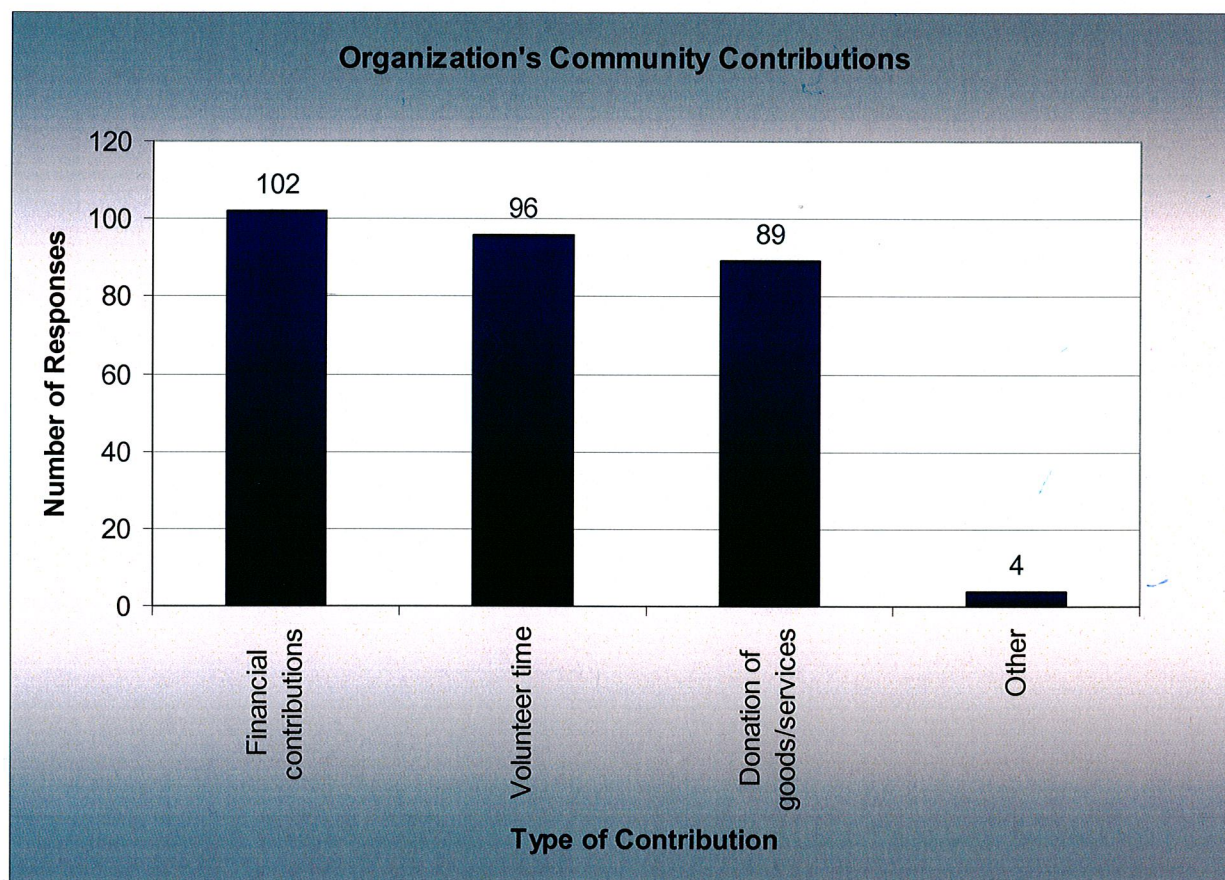
13. Where do you purchase supplies and inventory?

Respondents were asked to "Check all that apply" and answered "State" for this question with 90 responses. "City" and "Out of State" followed "State" with 78 and 74 responses, respectively. "County" and "World Wide Web" followed with 46 and 24 responses, respectively. It is significant that so many respondents purchase from within the State and the City. The weakness of this question is that it doesn't determine what is being purchased and how much of an organization's inventory and supplies is being purchased but not measured. It is important to note, however, that many of the area organizations support each other by purchasing at least some of there supplies and inventory locally.



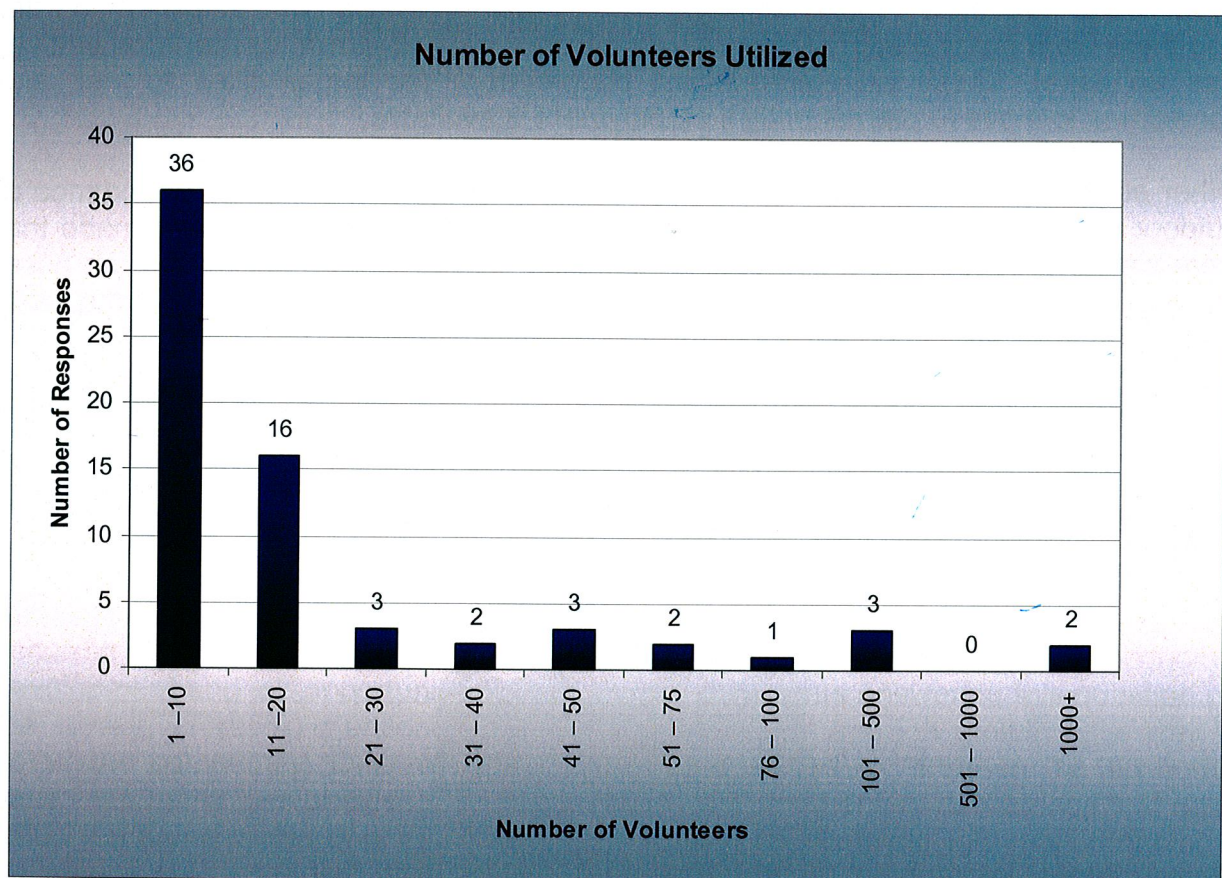
14. To which social causes or community events does your organization/business contribute?

Respondents were asked to "Check all that apply." The majority of organizations responding to this question chose "Financial Contributions," "Volunteer Time," and "Donation of Goods/Services" as the ways they contribute to social causes or community events. Most of the city/county organizations are making an effort to help their community be a better place. There is potential for organizational collaboration that can have a significant impact on the community.



15. How many volunteers does your organization/business have?

Organizations in Caribou County utilize a significant amount of volunteers which can be a useful resource for community events and social causes.



16. What makes your community a great place to live?

Identifying assets in a community is beneficial because the resources already exist and can be used for the development of the community and correcting deficiencies instead of identifying deficiencies with no means to take corrective action.

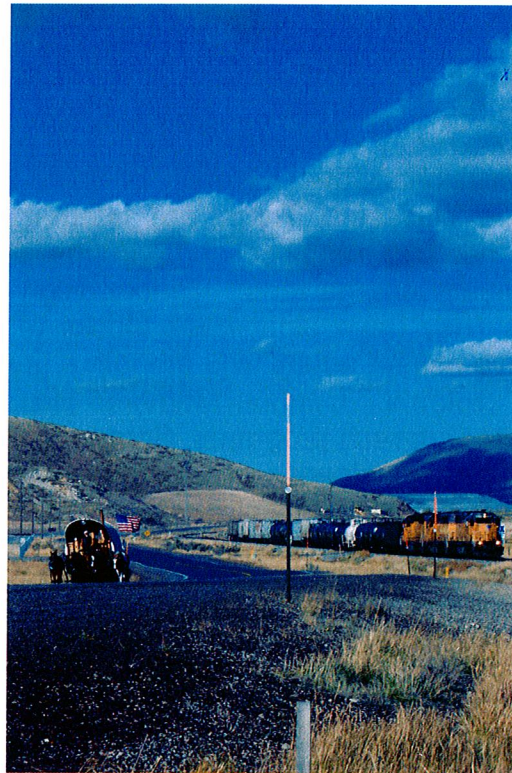
The question, "What makes your community a great place to live" solicits community views on what they see as positive in the community. Of the 159 surveys collected, 152 responded to this question. Some of the themes identified include being a small rural community, access to a variety of outdoor recreation activities, the aesthetic value of the area, the people, the family friendliness of the community, good schools, good economy, and the community as a whole. One respondent said, "people care about each other." Another said, "everyone is helpful and willing to assist." Caribou County has a strong base of caring and involved community members which leads to betterment of the community. These caring, helpful people are the foundation to accomplishing the community's goals.

Another prominent theme was that the small, rural atmosphere of the community makes Caribou County a great place to live. Some of the attributes respondents saw as an asset of this rural area were that it was a "quiet town" or the town had a "low crime rate" and there were many respondents who stated that the "small town" or the "rural setting" was an asset. These attributes attract people from the larger cities to visit and sometimes to move to permanently if employment is available.

Other attributes mentioned that stem from the rural environment are the abundance of outdoor activities and the aesthetic value of place. Multiple comments were made that were similar to responses made stating "camping, fishing, snowmobiling" are an asset as well as some that noted the "wide open spaces, the vistas, the beauty" of the area. These attributes are strong attractors for people outside the area.

There were a few responses emphasizing the youth and family programs as well as the education system as assets of the area. Responses included, "very good youth sports program", "good school system," and "family oriented community" which is valuable information about a community with families.





17. "What would help make your community to be a better place to live?"

By examining this question and using assets that have already been identified, the community will be better prepared to tackle challenges. All communities face challenges in one way or another. Information gathered from this question gives organizations and community leaders a clear picture of the challenges community members identified for Caribou County.

Although a few identified the economy as an asset, the most prevalent theme that occurred in response to this question was that there should be more economic development and job opportunities. Of the 141 respondents answering this question on the survey, 77 (55%) mentioned economic development and job growth as a way to better the community. One respondent said they needed to "broaden the economic base - not many jobs besides the big plants, need complimentary businesses that don't follow the same cycles of phosphorous manufacturing. Examples: light manufacturing – something not dependent on farming, have value added." Another respondent stated "they need job growth, more businesses... [It] would be devastating if the mines closed." Others simply stated that they need "more businesses" and "more jobs."

Several respondents stated that employment opportunities are limited in the area, and the better jobs require an educated work force and that education is not available in the area. One strong proponent of education said, "There are very few resources for adult education and training in Soda Springs. Idaho State University is the biggest player...Workforce Training, Distance Learning, JET, and of course, Basic Education and the GED program. Occasionally the University of Idaho Extension offers budgeting and home economics type classes. There are internet options like Ed2Go and correspondence courses that can be accessed through the ISU Outreach Center. However, these options usually charge fees. Caribou High School offers high school credit classes for adults. They have eight-week blocks of instruction in economics, science, math, etc. and have helped adults who are just a few credits shy of graduating to finish their high school diploma. Caribou Memorial Hospital offers help with CNA training and partners in LPN Outreach programs. Some of the local nursing homes and home health caregivers will help employees with NA and CNA training as well."

A representative of the mining industry voiced concern over the wide difference in the pay scale. He said for every 5 jobs available in his company they receive up to 600 applications, and even though they only hire 5, many more are qualified for the position and the higher wage, but are unable to make that wage at similar positions in the county.

Several citizens responded about the difficulty they have traveling to Pocatello to use the resources there. Many have unreliable vehicles, and fuel is expensive. In addition, public transportation is not available.

The survey also revealed a drug problem in the area. Respondents felt that more could be done to alleviate the problem. Although they feel safe living in the county, they expressed concern that enough was not being done in the way of locating and convicting drug offenders. Substance abuse impoverishes the user, the family, the employer and the entire community.

A frequent comment the P4P staff heard was that Soda Springs needs a "brand name" motel to support the tourist trade. A frequent negative comment was that "the businesses on the west end of Highway 30 look shabby and do not present a good image of the city."

The need for more youth programs was a theme occurring on this question of the survey as well as on the assets list. Although some must feel that the needs of their youth are being met, there is also a group who sees a need for improvement. There seems to be a general consensus that there is a need for a recreation center to keep the children busy year round. It may be inferred from this finding that there is not much variety in the programs being offered to youth. It is obvious that there are some young people without the opportunities their parents would like them to have.

Diversity and community acceptance was a theme also evident in responses to this question. One respondent stated that the community would be a better place "if there was more religious tolerance." Several respondents stated the need for "more diversity" in the community. Often when a community is as homogenous as are those in Caribou County others feel disconnected with the community as indicated by these statements.

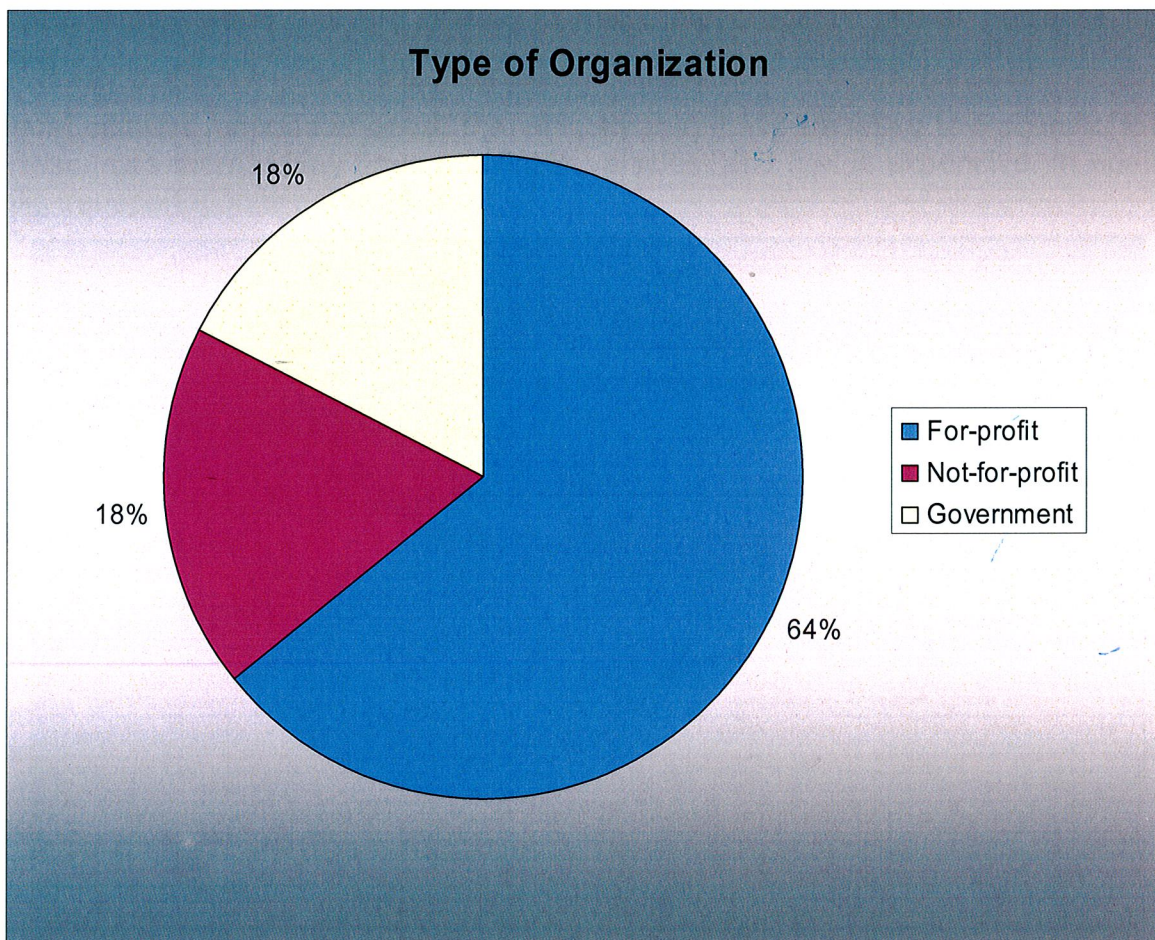
Other themes that surfaced included the need to beautify the city, and the need to support local businesses. Those concerned about city beautification stated the need to "clean up city entrances." One respondent, concerned about supporting local businesses, stated that "local people [need] to spend more of their money in local businesses [and] for local businesses to realize that supporting each other and local programs benefits everybody."



Support Statistics

This section contains information gathered from the statistical questions of the survey and will prove useful to area organizations. This information can help organizations with a variety of issues including how to disseminate information effectively to area residents, how the community can better use the assets found within the community, and how well community organizations are doing to work in a collaborative effort to better the community.

The chart above shows the percentage of the different types of organizations surveyed. Organizations that categorized themselves as for-profit made up 64% of the organizations surveyed. Not-for-profit and government organizations each made up 18% of the total.



Below is a more specific breakdown of the sub-types. The number of organizations categorizing themselves in each of the different sub-types is listed in the tables below.

For-profit Organization	Number
Retail trade	37
Accommodations, Food Services	11
Agriculture, Mining, etc.	7
Manufacturing	7
Finance, Insurance	7
Health Care, Social Services	7
Construction	5
Entertainment, Recreation	5
Wholesale Trade	3
Professional, Management, Administration	3
Education Services	3
Information	2
Real Estate, Rental	2
Transportation, Warehousing	1
Utilities, Waste Management	1
Other	1
Public Administration	0

Nonprofit Organization	Number
Community Club, Coalition	7
School/ Sponsored	6
Religious	5
Other	5
Grassroots/Volunteer	3
Civic Group, Club	1
Financial Institution	1
Military/Veterans	1
Athletics	0

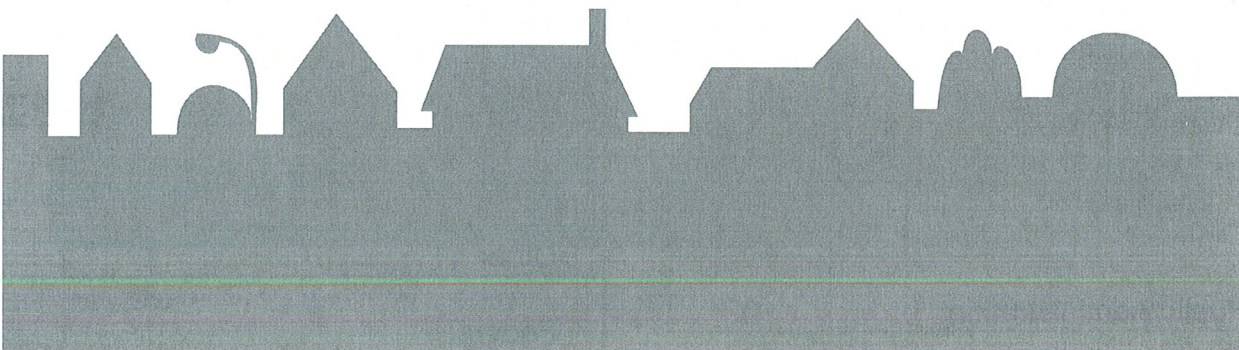
Government Organization	Number
County	12
City	10
State	3
Other	2
Federal	1



Recommendations

Although the main purpose of this report is to identify assets in the community, it is also important to look at how the community could improve. It is the hope of P4P that Caribou County and the Town of Soda Springs will use this report to work together more effectively to construct and determine a course of action through which they can utilize and build upon the abundant assets and resources that are currently in the area. While the P4P Asset Mapping Team understands it is the community's responsibility and role to determine that course of action, we have provided a few recommendations and possible tools to help utilize this information and be more effective in community-building efforts.

Better information should lead to better planning. The biggest hurdle in any planning or community development effort is the amount of time between when information is collected and when it is analyzed. The responses in this report (as well as observations made by P4P staff) give a good starting point for areas of attention and improvement. One strategy for improving communication between the county, city, businesses, organizations, and citizens would be to develop an intentional communication and outreach plan. Representatives from local businesses, city and county leaders as well as the faith-based community and other interested individuals would be critical to ensure that the voices of various stakeholders are all heard and recognized in developing this outreach and communication plan. Once that is accomplished, a strategy should be developed for implementation and to identify available resources to insure the plan's success. More specific information about what people like and don't like about the neighborhood would be considered. Should city leaders emphasize beautification, for instance, or is economic development paramount? Knowing the opinions of residents can point to the most effective strategy. Community development is a continuum and always begins with assessment.



Another strategy would be for community leaders to initiate simple surveys, which could have a positive impact on the community. Surveys are an opportunity to become more involved with people, to let them know that community leaders are willing to listen and to help when possible. It is also an opportunity for survey takers to visit with residents and talk to them about programs available in the community of which they might not be aware. This is where the responses mentioned in the earlier question about what do you do that the community might not be aware of ... court assistance, equipment the community can use free of charge, computers available for use and hospice care could be made available. Surveys also elicit constructive suggestions from people about how to improve neighborhood conditions in contrast to less flexible positions that can emerge from heated community meetings.



The Asset Mapping Team identified a number of factors necessary to build on community strengths while visiting in Caribou County. Commitment, dedication and perseverance; being part of an activity; passion, honesty, and beliefs; relationships and knowledge of community history and contacts. These factors allow a community to explore different components of community capacity including organizational involvement, social issues facing the community and gaps in community services. Consider the prevailing issue about cleaning up the entrances to Soda Springs. Engage the community residents and leaders in a community dialog meeting. What works in your community? Would a community dinner be more successful in getting everyone to come out, or an "information night?" Involve families. Target underrepresented groups. Consider service-learning opportunities for students or classes. Connect with other

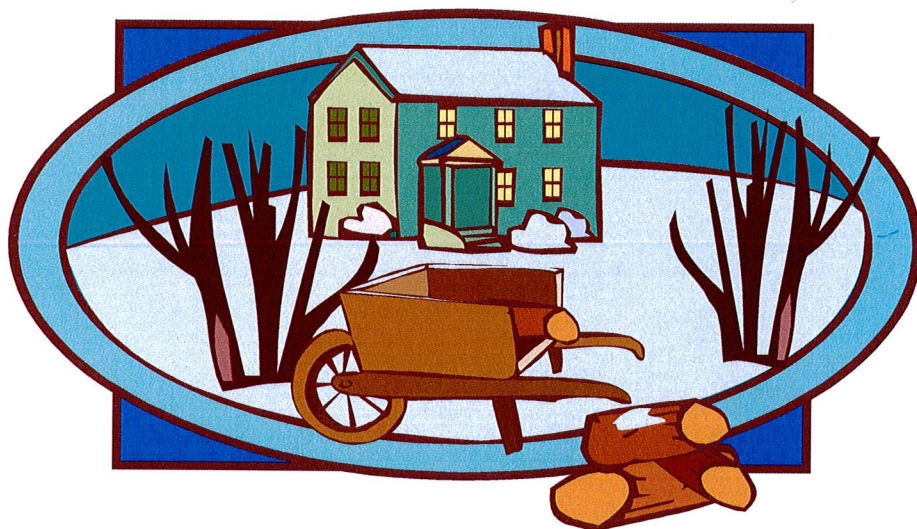
community groups and outside resources that have tackled similar issues. Maximize networking. The support of local government for community-driven strategies and activities is the very heart of social capital development. This kind of support fosters trust between neighbors and builds mutual trust and respect between residents and local agencies. The philosophy behind this thinking is that no matter what the issue, an engaged community that commits to, and achieves success can be instrumental in solving problems.

Partners for Prosperity has helped communities through "asset mapping" which originated with Kretzmann and McKnight (1993). Mr. McKnight stated that during pioneer times, people were "absolutely determined to ignore each other's deficiencies and mobilize their capacities. However, in the 1970s and 1980s, there was too much focus on what was wrong. In the 1990s there began a slow return to the thinking that built our communities in the first place."



A final recommendation would be to build a culture of recognizing and valuing community assets. Because many of our communities tend to focus on the traditional deficiency-based model in community development efforts, a challenge and opportunity for Soda Springs and Caribou County is to create a new perspective. The goal is to educate the community about solutions existing within rather than outside of the community and that improving the community starts with identifying those assets and resources. By identifying, utilizing and linking the assets within the community, people begin to view their neighborhoods and community as a place of wealth and opportunity rather than a place of scarcity and deficiency.

Another identified asset in Caribou County was tourism. A number of existing businesses and organizations noted tourism as an important asset contributing to the local economy. With a good foundation already established for tourism in the area, it would be possible to expand and continue to develop those assets. Further potential exists for local government, businesses, and community members to build upon the identified assets and resources. While the survey represents a sampling of community assets, continued discussion and exploration by the communities of Caribou County is necessary in determining internal assets and linking those assets with areas of opportunity and growth. It is the hope of the Partners for Prosperity Asset Mapping Team that this survey and some of the suggestions recommended has provided an impetus for Soda Springs and the communities of Caribou County to continue to expand the existing assets that make this area a truly great place to live.



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County Asset Mapping

Business/Organization Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

Phone: _____ Person in charge: _____ Title: _____

Interviewed: _____ Title: _____

1) Which of the following best describes your organization?

<input type="checkbox"/> For profit business	<input type="checkbox"/> Not for profit organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Governmental organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, mining	<input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots/volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> City
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Community club, coalition	<input type="checkbox"/> County
<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/> Civic group, club	<input type="checkbox"/> State
<input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale trade	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletics	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
<input type="checkbox"/> Retail trade	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation, warehousing	<input type="checkbox"/> School/school sponsored	
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities, waste management services	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Military/veterans	
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance, insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Real estate, rental leasing		
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional, scientific, management, administrative	<input type="checkbox"/> Does your organization have membership and/or eligibility requirements?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health care, social assistance		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment, recreation, arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Are there membership fees?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation, food services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public administration		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the organization accepting new members?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

2) When are you open? Check all that apply.

☐ M—F ☐ M—Sat ☐ M—Sun ☐ Days ☐ Nights ☐ On-call ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekends

3) How long has your organization/business been in operation?

- ☐ Less than one year
☐ 1 to 5 years
☐ 6 to 10 years
☐ More than 10 years

4) How many people are part of your workforce or membership?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1—10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51—75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11—20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 76—100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21—30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 101—500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 31—40 | <input type="checkbox"/> 501—1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 41—50 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1000 + |

5) Briefly explain your program, service, or business. (What do you do?)

6) What do you contribute to the community that people may not know?

7) Describe your greatest successes.

8) What contributed to those successes?

9) What connections do you have with other businesses and organizations? (Ex. Where do you get your supplies?)

10) What is your service area? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ City
☐ County
☐ Other counties
- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bannock | <input type="checkbox"/> Clark | <input type="checkbox"/> Lemhi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bear Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Custer | <input type="checkbox"/> Madison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bingham | <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin | <input type="checkbox"/> Oneida |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonneville | <input type="checkbox"/> Fremont | <input type="checkbox"/> Power |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butte | <input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson | <input type="checkbox"/> Teton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caribou | <input type="checkbox"/> Fort Hall Indian Reservation | |

- ☐ State
☐ Out of state
☐ International
☐ World Wide Web (WWW)

11) What is the best way to hear about events in your area? (Check only one.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Bulletin Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Store front | <input type="checkbox"/> Phonebook/yellow pages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers/posters | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web site | <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboards | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

12) How do you advertise? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Bulletin Board |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers/posters | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web site | <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboards | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

13) Where do you purchase supplies and inventory? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> City | <input type="checkbox"/> State |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County | <input type="checkbox"/> Out of state |
| <input type="checkbox"/> World Wide Web (WWW) | |

14) To which social causes or community events does your organization/business contribute? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer time | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial contributions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation of goods/services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

15A) How many volunteers does your organization/business have?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1—10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51—75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11—20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 76—100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21—30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 101—500 |
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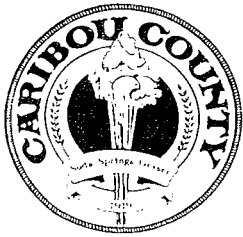
15B) If your organization/business has volunteers, what do they do?

16) What makes your community a great place to live?

17) What would help make your community a better place to live?

18) Please list the movers and the shakers in your community. (People/organizations.)

19) Comments:



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Commissioner District #1

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Sincerely,

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DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000
Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data
Geographic Area: **Caribou County, Idaho**

NOTE: For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, definitions, and count corrections see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/data/notes/expsf1u.htm>.

Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	7,304	100.0
SEX AND AGE		
Male	3,638	49.8
Female	3,666	50.2
Under 5 years	547	7.5
5 to 9 years	599	8.2
10 to 14 years	683	9.4
15 to 19 years	680	9.3
20 to 24 years	400	5.5
25 to 34 years	739	10.1
35 to 44 years	1,053	14.4
45 to 54 years	948	13.0
55 to 59 years	384	5.3
60 to 64 years	277	3.8
65 to 74 years	527	7.2
75 to 84 years	335	4.6
85 years and over	132	1.8
Median age (years)	35.0	(X)
18 years and over	4,992	68.3
Male	2,478	33.9
Female	2,514	34.4
21 years and over	4,703	64.4
62 years and over	1,148	15.7
65 years and over	994	13.6
Male	428	5.9
Female	566	7.7
RACE		
One race	7,217	98.8
White	7,022	96.1
Black or African American	4	0.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	15	0.2
Asian	6	0.1
Asian Indian	0	0.0
Chinese	2	0.0
Filipino	0	0.0
Japanese	3	0.0
Korean	1	0.0
Vietnamese	0	0.0
Other Asian ¹	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	9	0.1
Native Hawaiian	0	0.0
Guamanian or Chamorro	0	0.0
Samoan	0	0.0
Other Pacific Islander ²	9	0.1

Subject	Number	Percent
Some other race	161	2.2
Two or more races	87	1.2
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races ³		
White	7,097	97.2
Black or African American	11	0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	35	0.5
Asian	28	0.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	26	0.4
Some other race	198	2.7
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Total population	7,304	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	289	4.0
Mexican	234	3.2
Puerto Rican	0	0.0
Cuban	0	0.0
Other Hispanic or Latino	55	0.8
Not Hispanic or Latino	7,015	96.0
White alone	6,929	94.9
RELATIONSHIP		
Total population	7,304	100.0
In households	7,241	99.1
Householder	2,560	35.0
Spouse	1,773	24.3
Child	2,565	35.1
Own child under 18 years	2,185	29.9
Other relatives	198	2.7
Under 18 years	89	1.2
Nonrelatives	145	2.0
Unmarried partner	64	0.9
In group quarters	63	0.9
Institutionalized population	36	0.5
Noninstitutionalized population	27	0.4
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	2,560	100.0
Family households (families)	1,978	77.3
With own children under 18 years	1,013	39.6
Married-couple family	1,773	69.3
With own children under 18 years	876	34.2
Female householder, no husband present	134	5.2
With own children under 18 years	96	3.8
Nonfamily households	582	22.7
Householder living alone	521	20.4
Householder 65 years and over	263	10.3
Households with individuals under 18 years	1,070	41.8
Households with individuals 65 years and over	673	26.3
Average household size	2.83	(X)
Average family size	3.29	(X)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	3,188	100.0
Occupied housing units	2,560	80.3
Vacant housing units	628	19.7
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	257	8.1
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	2.2	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	28.9	(X)

Subject	Number	Percent
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	2,560	100.0
Owner-occupied housing units	2,034	79.5
Renter-occupied housing units	526	20.5
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.88	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.62	(X)

(X) Not applicable

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, Matrices P1, P3, P4, P8, P9, P12, P13, P17, P18, P19, P20, P23, P27, P28, P33, PCT5, PCT8, PCT11, PCT15, H1, H3, H4, H5, H11, and H12.



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P87. POVERTY STATUS IN 1999 BY AGE [17] - Universe: Population for whom poverty status is determined

Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error and count corrections see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>.

Caribou County, Idaho	
Total:	7,226
Income in 1999 below poverty level:	694
Under 5 years	76
5 years	27
6 to 11 years	55
12 to 17 years	101
18 to 64 years	343
65 to 74 years	45
75 years and over	47
Income in 1999 at or above poverty level:	6,532
Under 5 years	461
5 years	116
6 to 11 years	690
12 to 17 years	772
18 to 64 years	3,653
65 to 74 years	484
75 years and over	356

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Census 2000

Standard Error/Variance documentation for this dataset:

Accuracy of the Data: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data (PDF 141.5KB)



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P89. POVERTY STATUS IN 1999 BY AGE BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE [39] - Universe: Population for whom poverty status is determined

Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

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Caribou County, Idaho

Total:	7,226
Income in 1999 below poverty level:	694
Under 65 years:	602
In married-couple families	338
In other families:	157
Male householder, no wife present	30
Female householder, no husband present	127
Unrelated individuals	107
65 to 74 years:	45
In married-couple families	29
In other families:	0
Male householder, no wife present	0
Female householder, no husband present	0
Unrelated individuals	16
75 years and over:	47
In married-couple families	3
In other families:	0
Male householder, no wife present	0
Female householder, no husband present	0
Unrelated individuals	44
Income in 1999 at or above poverty level:	6,532
Under 65 years:	5,692
In married-couple families	5,017
In other families:	391
Male householder, no wife present	162
Female householder, no husband present	229
Unrelated individuals	284
65 to 74 years:	484
In married-couple families	413
In other families:	6
Male householder, no wife present	0
Female householder, no husband present	6
Unrelated individuals	65
75 years and over:	356
In married-couple families	212
In other families:	17
Male householder, no wife present	5
Female householder, no husband present	12
Unrelated individuals	127

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