

2014 Kansas City, KS/ Wyandotte County Community Survey *Appendix C - Open-Ended Comments*

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Appendix C

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Overview

Respondents were given the option of providing written comments to several questions on the survey. While the results in this appendix are not statistically valid, they provide useful insights for interpreting the reasons behind survey responses. The results were recorded verbatim, so spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected.

Q32. What do you like best about Kansas City, KS or Wyandotte County?

- 311 call center
- 20 minutes to Southwest air service & good library
- 5ckcc
- A city with so much potential
- A good place to live
- A good place to raise children
- A homey feeling
- A lot of friends and connections and a lot of personal history
- A lot of shopping
- A newspaper for Wyandotte news & upcoming events
- A small city
- Ability to live in a city but not a large city
- Absolutely nothing
- Access to freeways/highways
- Access to highways and shopping
- Access to major highways
- Affordable housing
- Affordability
- Affordability, do not like the high taxes
- Affordability of homes and historic neighborhoods, sense of community and pride, diversity.
- Affordability of housing
- Affordable
- Affordable
- Affordable & interesting variety of housing
- Affordable homes
- Affordable house prices and the lack of oppressive property regulations
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing and living

- Affordable housing and located to entertainment
- Affordable housing, great location, Rosedale park
- Affordable housing, summer academy, Village West
- Affordable housing; diversity; close to downtown
- Affordable living
- Affordable living
- Affordable mostly, good school, The Legends, sports
- Affordable place to live.
- Affordable, interesting house, easy to navigate
- All city government offices are easy access
- All my family in Wyandotte Co.
- All of us citizens matter
- All the buildings at the Legends, Sporting Park
- Allowing of fireworks
- Always trying to improve
- Area & people
- Area around Bonner Springs
- Area is centered to all, so the accessibility is great
- Beautification of State Ave.
- Been here 20 years, Wyandotte County has ability to be better
- Been here all my life so I'm comfortable because of friends, family, and environment.
- Been here a long time, have wonderful neighbors. Good feel of comfort.
- Been here all my life
- Being close to the city but not being in the city
- Biggest small towns in Kansas City. Small town feel in a big city.
- Bonner Springs
- Bonner Springs
- Bonner Springs (small time community)
- Born & raised here
- Born & raised here, this is my home
- Born & raised here, this is my home
- Born and raised here
- Born here
- Born here, this is all I know
- Born here; support hometown but not eastern Wyandotte County
- BPU
- Business development in county
- Can be 2 blocks from bad neighborhood & feel safe
- Can't complain
- Can't really think of anything
- Can't say too much that I like about it anymore.
- Casinos

- Catholic churches
- Central location
- Central location in the metro area
- Central location to the metro area
- Central to Riverside/Gladstone-Johnson County, Village West shopping.
- Centrally located
- Centrally located
- Centrally located in metro area, keeps improving
- Centrally located in the kc metro area. Good, affordable housing, unique mix of people and the multicultural schools. Fast snow removal :-) (Important so I can get places in the metro!)
- Cheap house prices
- Cheap housing
- Cheap place to live close to Westport
- Cheaper place to live
- Church
- Church is close by
- Churches, my local neighborhood
- City does not bother people, we are left alone
- City parks
- Clean streets during snow
- Close family
- Close knit community
- Close proximity to all other cities
- Close to church
- Close to city, but has small town feel
- Close to everything
- Close to everything, great place to live
- Close to everything.
- Close to family and friends.
- Close to family and work
- Close to family, friends, and church
- Close to friends
- Close to I-70, living on Strawberry Hill
- Close to KCI airport/Kansas City MO.
- Close to my job
- Close to my job; Village West development
- Close to other communities that I can go to
- Close to work
- Close to work, but not
- Closeness of citizens
- Comfortable city to live in
- Comfortable living

- Communication w/public officials
- Community
- Community
- Community atmosphere.
- Community college, get around KC w/out heavy traffic.
- Community colleges.
- Community involvement, pride, strong community support
- Community, central location of metro area
- Continued cleanup of crime in county
- Convenience
- Convenient eating establishments; easy access highways.
- Convenient travel to areas with better economy and jobs.
- Cost of living
- Cost of living
- Cost of living
- Cost of living is affordable
- Crime isn't as bad as other states
- Cross line retirement center
- Cultural diversity
- Cultural diversity and outreach opportunities
- Culture
- Culture
- Currently very disillusioned with the city
- Don't know
- Diversity & small town feel, everyone knows everyone
- Diverse cultural experiences with affordable housing
- Diversity
- Diversity
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- Diversity
- Diversity
- Diversity & sense of community
- Diversity (which we do not celebrate)
- Diversity and strong sense of community
- Diversity of culture, the new growth of business, the renovation of State Ave. And the commercial business renovation along with it. I have faith that this city government will continue to improve out county!!!!
- Diversity of neighborhoods, trash pickup is awesome.
- Diversity of people/camaraderie & central location

- Diversity, no pretense
- Diversity, raising children
- Diversity, services
- Diversity, largely democratic
- Ease in getting around
- Ease of access to major highways
- Ease of getting in & out of town
- Ease of shopping.
- Easy access to highways
- Easy access to other areas
- Easy access to other areas for shopping/restaurants
- Easy layout of streets
- Easy to get around
- Easy to get around
- Economic growth in recent years
- Economic growth surrounding the KS Speedway
- Edwardsville and Bonner Springs
- Effort putting into building up their community
- Effort to improve during last few years
- Electric rates being lower than anywhere else
- Encouragements by recent developments attract people
- Entire Legends area
- Environment
- Ethnic diversity
- Ethnic diversity
- Ethnic diversity, emergency services
- Everybody knows everybody; Legends; lived there my whole life; a lot of stuff to do there
- Everything
- Everything close
- Everything is close by
- Everything is easy to get to
- Everything out west, food, shopping
- Expansion of shopping areas and T-Bones and soccer team. Racetrack.
- Fact that we don't have hurricanes and earthquakes
- Fair
- Fairly good sized city with small-town feel
- Familiar
- Familiar only because I've been here all my life
- Family
- Family
- Family
- Family

- Family & friends are near
- Family and church
- Family and friends are here
- Family and friends are nearby and we have a strong gov.
- Family and friends live here.
- Family atmosphere
- Family close
- Family committed
- Family here
- Family is here
- Family lives here
- Family lives here
- Family lives here
- Family lives here
- Family oriented, mostly quiet
- Family, Legends, shopping
- Family/friends live nearby, downtown looking up
- Feel like I'm out in the country, great access
- Feels like a small-town
- Fire & police dept.
- Fire department, police, and ambulance. Retail development near the Legends
- Fire dept. and job they do
- Fire-ems, police
- Fireworks are legal here.
- Fits my budget
- Family is here
- For all of the shortcomings and lack of respect from bordering counties, both sides of the river, I travel and for me home is still home and is am glad to get back to it!
- For the most part, people care about each other
- Freeway accessibility
- Fresh air and the accessibility to getting around the city.
- Friendliness
- Friendliness of residents
- Friendly environment
- Friendly neighborhood
- Friendly people
- Friendly people
- Friendly people, homey feel
- Friendly, capable of change
- Friends, general neighbors
- General location to all of the KCK & KCMO
- Geographic location
- Geographically attractive

- Goggle Fiber & snow removal
- Going to church and meetings
- Global image, sports team/athletes gave it its name
- Good
- Good ambulance & police services in this area
- Good bus service
- Good city to work in and raise children
- Good employment opportunities
- Good home for raising children
- Good neighborhood & schools here in turner
- Good neighborhood and friendly people
- Good neighbors
- Good neighbors, access to cultural opportunities
- Good place to live
- Good place to live
- Good place to live
- Good place to live and raise a family
- Good place to live in
- Good place to live, friendly neighbor
- Good place to raise a family
- Good police dept.
- Good schools
- Good schools
- Good schools, Legends, racetrack, history
- Government doesn't intrude on private property/business
- Great location for fast access to KC metro
- Great place to live. Great sense of community.
- Great place to live; pretty much safe
- Great place to raise children and grand children
- Grew up here, this where my family is
- Grew up here
- Grew up here
- Grew up here and it's just home
- Grew up here and most of my family is here
- Grew up here, it will always be home
- Grocery store close and shopping close
- Growing area of Legends
- Growth
- Growth
- Growth & expanding
- Hard working blue collar community (good people)
- Has a good education system

- Has been home to family & friends
- Has some freedom, I like the fireworks.
- Have got the best race track in KCK
- Have many relatives that live here
- Have one acre of land near the city & work
- Having family close
- Health care for the children
- Highway & emergency personnel, police/fire Med-Ac.
- Highway access
- Highway access/central location in metro area
- Historical past; sense of pride; improvements
- History & people
- History, central location, small town feeling
- History, Legends
- Hollywood Casino/Legends
- Home
- Home is paid for
- Home prices
- Home town feel
- Homes can be affordable
- Hometown
- Hometown, raised here. Nice to place to live.
- Houses
- How it used to be
- I am very close to KCMO downtown entertainment center.
- I believe Wyandotte County has made huge gains in the past decade to raise the standard of living for Wyandotte County.
- I can own land but still be near shopping
- I feel city leaders can get back Wyandotte the way it was.
- I feel like I fit in
- I feel safe and secure here
- I feel safe where I live
- I grew up here
- I grew up here
- I grew up here
- I grew up here and close to my church.
- I grew up here by the KU Med area and I just love the neighborhood and how we are down to earth and not stuffy like some counties. I love being able to shoot off the fireworks that have been a lifelong tradition to my family.
- I grew up here, it's my home

- I grew up in Wyandotte's co. And was educated in this area it is home for me. I would like to continue to see advancement and growth in our city. I would like to continue to feel safe and protected by the law enforcement of Wyandotte.
- I have a great neighborhood
- I have everything I need within 5 miles of me
- I have lived here all my life and I like all my family and friends live here. I like the Legends for shopping and dining. I feel safe in KCK.
- I have lived here since 1955, raised family here
- I have no problem with living in KCK.
- I like best is a place to shop
- I like it all, how people are helping other people
- I like its more free feeling, not uptight like Johnson County.
- I like KC; I was born in Wyandotte Co.
- I like my community, Turner
- I like my neighbors
- I like that it is kind of like a small town right next to a big city, so there are many of the options of the big city, but I know my neighbors and business owners, lots of local shop owners rather than big-box stores etc.
- I like that Wyandotte is growing economically. I am happy that we can attract people from other counties to the Legends area.
- I like the friendliness, diversity, ethnic background and variety of the people of this place.
- I like the results on Village West
- I like the way it is now.
- I like western Wyandotte County (Piper area) the best. Out here there is a sense of community. The community is part of the school district and the school district is part of the community.
- I liked better years ago when people was proactive
- I live close to the highway.
- I live here
- I live in my home, don't have problems w/neighbors
- I love all of the KC Wyandotte County thrift stores.
- I love my neighbors, the proximity to attractions like the stadiums, Plaza, Westport, and The Legends. I enjoy feeling like part of a community that works together and cares for each other
- I love the people
- I love the variety of ethnic residents, it's my hometown.
- I love western Wyandotte County due to retail growth
- I own my house & it's close by my work
- I own my house and plan retiring here
- I really don't know
- I stay here because I have to
- I was born & raised here
- I was born & raised here
- I was born here and I love the heritage.

- I was raised here
- I was raised here and raised my family here. We have some of our family, our church community, friends and neighbors. I cannot think I would be happy living anywhere else. To me, it has always been home.
- I was raised in Armourdale when it was a good community.
- I'm a 5th generation, so it's home to me
- Improvements on State Ave.
- Improving local image, western growth
- In the middle on it all, not bad but better than most
- Interstate highways
- Is okay
- It feels like a home like atmosphere, a family atmosphere. It's not too big, has a small town atmosphere
- It feels like a neighborhood, not concrete buildings.
- It feels like home
- It has a western part that is nice to live in
- It is a good western town
- It is a quiet community
- It is close to where I work
- It is good size place
- It is in eastern Kansas
- It is less crowded
- It is moving in right directions for improving
- It is my home town
- It is my home town.
- It is my home, it's got beauty and grace
- It is my hometown
- It is nice to live here
- It is nice to live here
- It is not too expensive to live here.
- It is ok, we raised our children here and has been here all my life
- It is the best
- It is very ethnic.
- It is where I was born, at KU
- It seems like a good place to live
- It's a clean place
- It's a family town
- It's a good place to live
- It's a good place to live
- It's a good place to live
- It's a livable place
- It's always been home except for 5 yrs. in college

- It's an all right place to live
- It's clean, quiet, and inexpensive, close to highways.
- It's close to KCMO & Roeland Park, easy access.
- It's close to what I want and need
- It's close to work
- Its diversity
- Its diversity, location
- Its growing
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home and has been for a long time. Likes the proximity to the surrounding areas where there are opportunities. Like the golf course. Like the people. Like the small town aspect of it.
- It's home for me
- Its home, was born here
- It's home; my family here
- It's inexpensive to live here
- It's my home
- It's my home
- It's my home & I like it.
- It's my home so I accept it as it is
- It's my home.
- It's my hometown and I feel safe and comfortable
- It's not a concrete jungle or JOCO! We love that!
- It's not as bad as people outside believe it is.
- It's not Detroit
- It's not Missouri
- It's okay. I'm not from here originally.
- Its home; born and raised here
- It's our home
- Its potential
- Its proximity to every other major thing in the metro area
- It's size, KU hospital
- It's trying to do better in all aspects of life

- Its urban without being too urban
- Its where I grew up, good size city
- It's where I live
- Its wonderful family history & cultural heritage
- It's working hard to change its image
- I've been here all my life; it's good
- I've lived here all my life.
- I've lived here all my life; I'm comfortable here
- I've lived here long time, I like it
- I've lived here since 1964, it's home
- Job opportunity
- Jobs
- Jobs; retired there
- Joe Reardon, Mark Holland, Wyandotte County Lake, BPU
- Just a place to live
- Just like living here
- Just like it
- Kansas speedway
- KC City neutral. Wyandotte County is very poor
- KCK community college
- KCK community college is good, the Legends
- Kids and house are there
- Kids have received grant opportunities; husband has great doctors.
- Know neighbors & near work
- Knowing my way around and what's here
- Knowing the area & the police presence
- KCK
- KU Medical Center, Landon Center on Aging
- Laid back, nice parks, not overdeveloped
- Lakes
- Large lots, reasonable home prices, less traffic
- Leaders are trying to make it better
- Legends
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- Legends
- Legends & Bonner springs
- Legends & development out west
- Legends & new business
- Legends & speed way
- Legends area
- Legends area
- Legends area
- Legends area
- Legends area, it's the only thing positive
- Legends area, jobs, quality businesses
- Legends area
- Legends but wish it wasn't outlet
- Legends development, new & improved Hispanic bus
- Legends is well kept up & maintained well spent \$\$
- Legends, Hollywood casino
- Legends, I love shopping in Wyandotte County/KCK
- Legends, KU
- Legends, race tracks, and lived here for a long time. Google fiber
- Legends, retail shopping, restaurants
- Legends, Schlitterbahn
- Legends/racetrack
- Legends/speedway
- Legends; maintenance/care of city streets
- Legends. Wyandotte county lake park
- Legends shopping, BPU, jobs
- Less congestion and traffic
- Like piper area; love the Legends, hope it expands
- Like the access to the interstates
- Like the area
- Like the area, accessibility
- Like the Hollywood casino
- Likes that they're branching out
- Livability
- Live & work here
- Live all my life

- Live here all my life
- Live in Bonner Springs, close to city, small town
- Live in mid-town, love the neighborhood
- Live long resident-home paid for
- Lived here 62 yrs. all my live
- Lived here all her life its home
- Lived here all my life
- Lived here all my life
- Lived here my whole life, family is close
- Living
- Living in Bonner springs
- Living in Piper & friendships
- Located in a central area of metropolitan KC, affordable housing, good school, great police and fire and EMS services.
- Location
- Location
- Location
- Location
- Location
- Location
- Location
- Location
- Location
- Location
- Location
- Location
- Location 15 min from anywhere
- Location in KC
- Location to everything
- Location to everything of importance
- Location to shops, parks, airport, sporting areas.
- Location, highway top speed in my direction 5 min
- Location, Legends, speedway area
- Location/access to downtown & highway system
- Long-time friends live here
- Love historical feel
- Love my neighborhood
- Low cost housing
- Mall, small town - 60% of people care
- Many family members live nearby
- Mayor
- Mexican food
- Middle class, hard working
- Mix race, reasonable housing, small city

- More good people than not
- More jobs in Kansas
- More places to shop and eat out in western Wyandotte County
- More safe, less crime
- Most of the people
- Most of the residents are kind and full of history
- Most people are down to earth
- Most people are friendly and easy to get along
- Most people are very friendly and somewhat helpful to neighbors things have gotten better over the years but still room for improvement. Google has been a big, big plus
- Mostly working class people
- My apartment is very affordable compared to JOCO
- My family
- My family
- My family
- My family is here
- My family is here
- My family is here
- My family is here and for the most part, the people are wonderful!
- My family is here, live here all my live
- My family lives here
- My family lives here
- My family lives here
- My family lives here
- My family lives here
- My family moved here; it's nice
- My home
- My home friends and family
- My home
- My hometown
- My hometown
- My hometown and is getting better all the time
- My house
- My house, my church
- My house; raised 3 children there
- My job
- My little neighborhood, neighbors look out for me
- My mortgage is paid off
- My neighborhood
- My neighborhood
- My neighborhood
- My neighborhood and neighbors
- My neighborhood on the whole is fairly quiet/safe

- My neighborhood.
- My neighborhood; the Legends
- My neighborhoods proximity to JOCO and KCMO
- My neighbors
- My neighbors, my home, fishing and laid back life
- My parents' house which I live in is here
- My place of employment is conveniently located near my home and I don't have to travel very far.
- My street where I live
- My village west location close to highways with access to the entire kc metro area
- N/a
- N/a
- NA
- Near family
- Near family and very comfortable
- Near hospitals, medical doctors, etc.
- Neighborhood quiet, easy access to all metro areas
- Neighborhoods
- Neighbors
- Neighbors look out for each other
- Neighbors we watch out for each other
- Never lived anywhere else, it's home
- New businesses for generating revenue; parks
- New development & energy it has brought
- New developments
- New housing; overall movement to bring everything up to date
- Newest developments in western Wyandotte County
- Nice and quiet
- Nice are different things to do
- Nice people
- Nice people/affordable homes
- Nice place to call home
- Nice place to live
- Nice place to live
- Nice place to raise kids, but there is a difference between raising them and just letting them grow up.
- Nice place to raise my children who are now all grown
- No matter your income live in a decent environment
- No traffic
- No traffic congestion
- Not a lot of restrictions on lifestyle; friendly
- Not as populated as JOCO

- Not as snobby as JOCO
- Not bad place to live
- Not congested
- Not much
- Not really sure
- Not so restrictive like Johnson County
- Not stuck up people, easy shopping, race track
- Not too big and not too small, just right.
- Not too big, not too small
- Not too much traffic, easy access
- Nothing
- Nothing
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- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing - been here all my life needs to be better
- Nothing, cannot wait to leave
- Nothing - I want to move
- Nothing majorly wrong with it.
- Nothing really
- Nothing special that I can think of
- Nothing - taxes are too high for the services we get.
- Nothing, all resources have moved out west
- Nothing, I would move if I could
- Nothing, not impressed at all
- Nothing is good
- Nothing; no jobs; bunch of liquor stores
- Ok
- Ok place to live for a city

- Old fashion neighborhood where people help others
- Only place I have lived in
- Only reason I'm still here is house is paid for
- Open spaced, country side, less urban sprawl
- Open, rural, not Johnson County
- Organizations that help w/necessities
- Our parks and varied ethnic neighborhoods
- Overall good place
- Overall just about everything
- Overall, it's a nice place to live.
- Parks
- Parks & casino
- Parks & Rec
- Part of major metropolitan area
- Partial to it since he's lived there his whole life
- Peaceful
- Peaceful place
- Peaceful; citizens friendly/helpful; city is building.
- People
- People
- People
- People
- People
- People
- People
- People
- People & growth within the community
- People and children
- People and trees
- People are friendly
- People are really friendly and helpful.
- People care about each other
- People who live here
- People. There is a good mix of race and class.
- Piper, Village West
- Places to shop, my friends/church I attend
- Police and fire dept.
- Police sheriff dept. BPU
- Positive growth, sports venues
- Potential
- Potential for downtown development
- Progress of western area
- Proximity & access to metro area

- Proximity to all stores
- Proximity to downtown
- Proximity to downtown & KCMO
- Proximity to KCMO
- Proximity to my church & job
- Proximity to other areas
- Proximity to other services & cities
- Proximity to rest of metro area & Legends
- Proximity to the highways
- Proximity to work & entertainment
- Proximity to work.
- Public street maintenance, community relations good
- Public utilities
- Quality of living, pride, location, good place
- Quality of men & women in emergency services
- Quiet
- Quiet community overall
- Quiet neighborhood, good neighbors, affordable
- Quiet, most everyone leave me the hell alone
- Quiet. Liked the lights at night. Born and raised in Wyandotte County.
- Quietness of neighborhood.
- Raised here, like to spend end of life here
- Raised in downtown, been here for 50 yrs. its home
- Really don't have an answer for that
- Really like the new road construction on State Ave.
- Really nothing but I just have to pay more
- Relaxed, getting to be more uptight, Google Fiber is great
- Relaxed
- Relaxed life style
- Relaxed, unpretentious, friendly, ethnic diversity
- Restaurants
- Retail facilities are near by
- Rich history
- Rosedale Park
- Rural living
- Rural area but still close to city life
- Safe to live in
- Safe, nice community
- Safety
- Safety, sense community
- School
- School system.

- School = Turner
- Schools
- Schools
- Schools
- Schools, The Legends
- Seems safe.
- Sense of community, progress out west
- Sense of community
- Sense of community
- Sense of community
- Sense of community
- Sense of community
- Sense of community for city workers
- Sense of community w/different ethnic background
- Sense of well being
- Shopping
- Shopping
- Shopping and entertainment at The Legends
- Shopping, fishing, parks
- Shops, restaurants, where I live at
- Simplicity, hardworking people
- Size
- Size of city, amount of green space
- Size of city/county is agreeable
- Slower pace of life compared to NYC
- Small city feel, hometown feel
- Small city; family values city
- Small community to live in
- Small community, friendly people
- Small town atmosphere
- Small town atmosphere middle of a large metro area
- Small town feel
- Small town feel
- Small town feel
- Small town feel
- Small town feel close to big city
- Small town feel in my immediate community.
- Small town feel with big city options
- Small town feel; access to activities, hospitals
- Small town feel; not over-crowded
- Small town friendly feel
- Small towns that surround KC, KS

- Smaller city, real estate, housing prices
- Snow gets removed right away
- Some older neighborhoods resident been there long
- Sometimes peace of mind
- Somewhat family oriented
- Special events and parades
- Speedway; Legends area
- Sporting KC
- Spring time
- Strawberry Hill, Wyandotte County Lake
- Strong history of multiple ethnicity/progress
- Tax rate is good
- Televised restaurant
- That city Gov. for the most part leaves me alone
- That I don't live in the inner-city.
- That I have a place to live in Kansas City
- That I have five daughters living close by.
- That I have lived in KCK for over 40 years
- That I live as far away from the county as I can
- That it is an older, established community
- That officers enforce certain laws
- That you can get help
- The ability to do things.
- The affordability to live here.
- The area and facilities to move everywhere
- The area I live in
- The attempts of economic growth
- The attitude of the people to stick with the county to make it better, to contribute to the community, and the distaste for those who move away rather than strive toward a better community.
- The bridge, landscapes, flowers
- The central location, the passion of its people
- The churches so I can go praise God
- The city
- The city & county
- The city has potential if they can get ahold of the crime and fix their bad reputation.
- The close family feel
- The closeness to downtown KCMO; easy to travel in
- The commercialism.
- The continuous economic growth!
- The current focus on healthy communities
- The development of the Legends

- The diversity & small businesses
- The diversity of ethnic population
- The diversity. Inexpensive to live there. East travel to anywhere in the city.
- The economic growth the last 12 years
- The fact that it's a down to earth place
- The fact that we have the BPU and the Legends
- The friendliness and cultural diversity. The ability for the community to come together during a crisis. Big city that feels like a small town.
- The friendly people
- The friends/neighbors who have stayed in Turner
- The future of the city
- The good community
- The good men & women
- The growth
- The growth
- The growth & development in the Legends area
- The growth & rebuilding of the county
- The growth in the last 15 yrs. in business
- The growth we are having in KC & Wyandotte County
- The highway system
- The history
- The lakes
- The Legends
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- The Legends (close shopping, eating, movies, etc.)
- The Legends retail district improvements.
- The Legends shopping area
- The Legends, my neighborhood
- The Legends, Nebraska Furniture, Cabala's
- The library (KCK main library)
- The library programs
- The location compared to the metro area
- The making of making Wyandotte County look better
- The most of what I need is close by
- The neighborhoods
- The new homes they are building on Quindaro
- The nice people that live here
- The open sky
- The people

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- The people & our church
- The people are friendly
- The people in western Wyandotte County, KCK
- The people who stand in tradition
- The people, downtown, KCK is the heart of the city
- The people, schools and convenience to places
- The people, strength of community
- The piper-Legends area what has been done here
- The police programs
- The potential, positive changes over last 10 years
- The progress it has made in the last 20 yrs.
- The property tax rebate we receive bi-annually as a result of buying our house in a new neighborhood in Bonner Springs
- The racetrack and the Legends
- The rich history of a lot of neighborhoods/community
- The rural areas, a country feel in the city
- The rural lifestyle in western MO
- The school system
- The school system
- The schools are close to my home, stores too
- The schools have really good learning programs
- The season change
- The sense of community in my neighborhood
- The sense that people in the community care
- The small town feel in a city
- The speedway
- The speedway; Legends
- The Spring Center, KU Med expansion shops
- The stores
- The streets; the parks; the environment
- The tap water is excellent/maybe hard but good
- The taxes are reasonable on home purchases
- The Turner area, been here my whole life

- The way most people act
- The way we're growing
- The western part seems to be growing.
- There are many multi generations residents
- There is an ease of living here
- They do their job
- They way its grown
- This is home, sense of community
- This is my home
- This is my home, I am diabetic and there is no problem, need more shops
- This is my home, proud of being from here
- This where I grew up
- Tight, developing communities, quality of public work
- Traffic is not bumper to bumper
- True sense of community
- Trying hard to make our city better
- Cultural, racial diversity, small town feel
- Uncrowded roads & new library on Strong Ave.
- University of KS hospital, my employer
- Unpretentious, friendly people, parks
- Upgrades of streets & transportation
- Usually quiet
- Very accessible
- Very good schools
- Very little but I have to live here
- Very relaxed
- Village west
- Village west
- Village west and the Legends shopping
- Village west shopping
- Was born & raised here; need improvements
- Was born in KCK & has been home since then
- Was raised here
- We are looking to move to surrounding city/county
- We are real people
- We can shoot fireworks
- We can still shoot fireworks on the 4th of July
- We have a good mayor
- We have great friends, Legends: best thing in Wyandotte County
- We have very nice parks
- Well it's a good place to live and to raise a family
- West heights, St. Peters, Hanover, and other historic places.

- West part of the county
- Western development
- Western part
- Western Wyandotte County
- Western Wyandotte County, the piper school district
- Western Wyandotte
- Western Wyandotte co is expanding the Legends
- What I like best is we are like family
- Where I live
- Where I live
- Where I live, location, optimism for future
- Where I was born & raised & continue to work
- Where I was born and raised.
- Where most of my family lived at one time
- Would like to sell my home and move
- Quiet neighborhood
- Wyandotte County Lake
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- Wyandotte County lake/park
- Wyandotte County Park
- Wyandotte County Park, the lake
- Wyandotte Lake
- Wyandotte west, Legends area
- Wyandotte Co. Lake and area

Q33. What do you like least about Kansas City, KS or Wyandotte County?

- No bus close to where I live
- 3rd world invasion of Central Avenue
- A few of the people
- A lot
- A lot of business and buildings are empty
- Abandoned houses, trashy streets
- Abandoned/dilapidated houses and buildings
- Affordable decent housing
- All growth is west; letting inner-city deteriorating
- All of the crime, gang activity, drugs, stray animals, etc.
- All people of culture are treated differently
- All that was promised in the past to now was never done
- All the crime
- All the run down building & boarded up homes
- All the stoplights on State Ave.
- Allowing neighborhood to not keep up their property
- Amount of crime and dilapidated building
- Animal control
- Animal control, cutting grass
- Animal control ,dogs are running free
- Appearance
- Appearance of streets, pit bull law, stray cats: trap/neuter please
- Appears that a lot of focus is for the Piper area
- Areas of blight, lack of job opportunities
- Availability of quality food in the 66104-66101 areas
- Bad bus system
- Bad reputation & fighting commissioners
- Bad reputation that we have; there's nothing positive for us to show others
- Bad reputation, citizen attitudes
- Badly maintained neighborhoods, crime, no sidewalks/curbs
- BB guns allowed to be fired in city limits
- Been broken into twice, if I wasn't retired I would move
- Behind times
- Being stopped by police for being Latino
- Best price for my home is way bellow what it should be worth
- Better police department
- Bigots, KKK, & the Mayor's inabilities
- Blight
- Blight in NE section; all development seems to be out west.
- Blight in neighborhoods

- Blight in several neighborhoods
- Blight, crime, lack of pools/parks, sidewalks, street lights
- Blight, trash thrown all over, rundown abandoned property
- Blight; the lack of retail in eastern sector; rental housing
- Blighted area
- Blighted area downtown; boarded up houses
- Board of public utilities, they are crooks
- BPU. All the taxes paid for what?
- BPU bill (electric) too high
- BPU, street & sidewalk maintenance, lack of snow removal on streets
- BPU. Utilities are outrageous.
- Break ins
- Brush, tree, trash, landlords
- Bus in rural areas on the weekends & holidays
- Bus service on Leavenworth RD, there is no bus before 6 pm and no bus on weekend.
- Busy bodies who mess with my way of life
- Can always use more improvement
- Can't find a job.
- Car taxes too high as well as property taxes
- Casino
- City leaders who don't hear our needs
- City needs to clean itself up
- Clean up Central Ave., lower taxes.
- Cleanliness and upkeep of neighborhoods
- Closed down my favorite grocery store that was close to me
- Code enforcement doesn't do its job and snow removal is terrible
- Code enforcement is punitive, try a "how can we help program"
- Code enforcement on rentals too high but not on residential
- Cold weather
- Community growing old, need shopping/jobs/bus shelters/transportation
- Concerned about crime rate going up.
- Continued cronyism
- Corruption
- Corruption; bad appraisals; where does all the money go?
- Council members
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- Crime & blight
- Crime & drugs
- Crime & lack of enforcement by police
- Crime & neighborhoods going down
- Crime & security of citizens in streets and homes
- Crime & street upkeep
- Crime & taxes
- Crime and appearance.
- Crime and drug activity
- Crime and gang activities destroying property
- Crime and lack of police presents
- Crime and lack of restaurants in inner-city
- Crime and reputation
- Crime and streets
- Crime and the number of illegal citizens
- Crime in the county
- Crime is on the rise
- Crime is very bad
- Crime level and bad reputation
- Crime level and schools
- Crime or the perception of others
- Crime rate
- Crime rate

- Crime rate is too high and drug usage too high
- Crime rate is too high, especially shootings
- Crime rates.
- Crime, blight, stigma
- Crime, drug houses, vacant lots
- Crime, drugs, (Indian Springs)
- Crime, economic disparity and stratification
- Crime, feeling unsafe, low income or residents
- Crime, fireworks, no traffic control, loud music day/night
- Crime, gun violence
- Crime, illegals; I am a minority and it's getting worse
- Crime, police/courts are small crimes, focus on major crimes
- Crime, political atmosphere, lack of grocery store
- Crime, reputation of county & city as not safe
- Crime, school safety, no landmarks
- Crime, schools, county jail, sheriff's employees rude
- Crime, schools, inner-city
- Crime, trash
- Crime.
- Crime/neighborhoods
- Crime/poverty/graffiti, dangerous driving habits, bigots
- Crime: break-ins, car theft, shoplifting
- Crime; lack of KCK police on the streets
- Crime; lack of stores
- Crime; slum; those who toss trash out of vehicles
- Crime, drugs, gangs, dirty city
- Crimes
- Crimes, shooting, gangs, drugs; need more grocery stores
- Crime, schools
- Crookedness of government, paying cops to sleep in their cars.
- Curbs and sidewalks make neighborhoods look bad
- Curbs, sidewalks
- Decay of neighborhoods
- Decline of older downtown areas (Argentine)
- Declining areas
- Depressed looking
- Deserted buildings need to be sold off
- Didn't clear snow on 67th ST very well; it's a snow route
- Dilapidated houses in the neighborhoods are filled with animals
- Dirt, needs trash pickup (all the time)
- Dirt/trash on streets, no homeless shelters for families
- Dirty

- Dirty, derelict housing, urban blight, packs of dogs loose
- Dislikes some politics
- Diversity
- Divided commission
- Does not have enough opportunity for employment
- Don't lose focus on the things that are being done well now. For example, don't forget about the streets and fire dept. (that are doing well) to focus on cleaning up the police department and parks.
- Don't always feel safe, snow removal horrible
- Don't like all the taxes on light bill & high property taxes
- Don't like the percent of property, need more jobs
- Don't take care of neighborhoods like they should and the police do not do enough about crime.
- Don't take care of roads and sidewalks
- Downtown
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- Downtown district
- Downtown KCK is blighted and some schools low-quality
- Downtown parking lots outside courthouse
- Drain/sewer on my block needs attention; large pool of water
- Drivers/occupants throwing trash out of vehicles,
- Driving in older neighborhoods that are not well maintained and wild animals running around.
- Drug and gang problem
- Drug problems
- Drug problems and crimes they cause
- Drug problems in kc & Wyandotte County
- Drugs
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- Drugs & violence
- Drugs and crime
- Drugs, absentee landlords, neglect of urban core
- East & west of county needs work
- East of I-435. Kansas City Kansas school district.
- Employment
- Employment and development in the NE end. BPU taxes are too expensive.
- Everything
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- Everything
- Everything moving west nothing in central of town
- Everything.

- Expect us to learn other languages instead of others learning to speak English. They (all non-English speaking citizens/residents) should learn English just as if we went to another country we would have to learn that language not vice-verse.
- Extra high property taxes & city fees, animal control
- Extreme high taxes
- Extremely high taxes/poor police work/lack of insurance
- Failing school district; students not receiving good education.
- Far too many 3'x5' outside cigarette posters in KCK stations
- Feel bad raising my children here, they deserve better
- Feeling of being 2nd class citizens depending where you live
- Filthy appearance/property; no sidewalks; high taxes
- Financials
- Fireworks - stop this madness
- Fireworks; they are dangerous, deadly & disastrous
- Fishing fees and taxes
- Fix the roads in my neighborhood.
- Food variety
- Gang activity
- Gang graffiti
- Gang members writing on buildings, destroying property
- Gangs & drug culture
- Gangs, their drugs and graffiti
- General maintenance like roads and sidewalks and the lack of sidewalks
- Generally treated poorly
- Getting too run down
- Good
- Government offices closer to businesses than citizens
- Government sticking their nose in my business
- Government crooked in city, charged for things we don't have.
- Graffiti, gang signs painted on signs, drugs
- Graffiti & crime
- Grocery store closings
- Growth in the eastern part downtown
- Gun shots
- Harassment of police towards young men (black)
- Hard to have fun, no place that is positive
- Has no grocery stores, downtown development has moved out
- Have to go into JOCO for major stores
- Have to live in county if employed by UG & BPU
- Having to drive 15 min. to stores

- High taxes
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- High taxes & nothing in return, I hate how all the emphasis is with Wyandotte Co.
- High taxes and code enforcement policies for residents
- High taxes for property
- High taxes for too little; basic amenities not available
- High taxes on cars (double of JOCO)
- High taxes on property
- High taxes with little benefits
- High taxes, and no retail or grocery stores
- High taxes, care, home etc.
- High taxes, cost of insurance; crime/theft
- High taxes, crime
- High taxes, high property taxes
- High taxes, liability of city to put Burdon on business
- High taxes, lower property values
- High taxes, no sidewalks, no sanitary sewers, etc.
- High taxes, regulations
- High taxes, services/growth happening out west ONLY
- High taxes.
- High taxes; bathrooms in parks are an embarrassment
- High taxes; crime; urban core problems
- High taxes; high cost of housing; unkempt neighborhoods
- High taxes; most everything east of 78th ST
- High trash pickup cost, gas cost - car and home, need more better paying jobs
- High utilities & taxes, lack of shopping in mid-county area
- Higher crime
- Higher paying jobs are needed and more job opportunities
- Higher taxes than surrounding counties
- Higher taxes; valuation of personal property
- Highest low income housing per capita in state
- Hispanics are either clean or dirty, too many in one unit
- Homeless situation
- Homeless, not enough free addiction/mental-health services
- Homes & businesses not maintained; overhaul code enforcement is needed
- Homes in the city need to be torn down
- Horrible street maintenance on Leavenworth RD, no sidewalks
- House maintained
- House taxes too high, car taxes/insurance too high

- Houses in poor condition: some abandoned, some destroyed.
- Houses in the community need to be better maintained
- Housing and jobs.
- Housing went down
- How dirty it is; trash everywhere
- How downtown area streets/sidewalks are 50 yrs. old
- How it is perceived by rest of KC area
- How my neighbor is taken care of
- How other people outside of Wyandotte County see /think of us
- How the city has allowed downtown to deteriorate
- How the city is ran and we need more policemen
- I am a senior & in need of retail, grocery & movies nearby
- I am too far from the Legends
- I do not feel safe in KCK.
- I do not like that mid-town (which is the Indian Springs area) is being neglected from developing. We need stores and restaurants between 38th street and 65th street. I want big stores like Walmart, Target, Sam's Club, Costco, etc.
- I do not like the reputation Wyandotte County has
- I don't like the perception that KCK and Wyandotte County has
- I hear gunshots every night, police are under funded
- I like least that there are not enough jobs
- I really love my city
- I think there is too much emphasis on fixing our problems with outside help, spending massive amounts of taxpayer money on bringing in big corporations that keep many of their profits and pay their employees poorly (Wal-Mart, Cabala's, most chain stores at Legends) rather than making use of existing resources in the community and expanding avenues for success of communities in Wyandotte Co. In areas where there are massive unemployment rates (Quindaro area for example) it is a huge resource to have so many able-bodied adults. However, because of lack/loss of skills and opportunities many are not easily or immediately insert-able into jobs without support, and due to lack of expendable incomes, businesses don't build in those areas or cater to those people, perpetuating the cycle. There are people with good ideas, and who are very capable that could use support in succeeding. A stronger focus on developing locally owned and operated businesses in KCK and finding ways to make use of the skills, talents, time, and resources of the community itself rather than waiting around to be saved by some big corporations. Corporations get big because they are net gainers of wealth, not because they are net community spenders. Paying 8/hr. And taking all the money from retail sales and sending off to investors and headquarters in other states does not help our economy be robust and hearty. If we have empty buildings, unemployed workers, and have services going unperformed, then we are failing. We act as if money is the major constraint-, money is made up, it is made in excel spreadsheets and on printing presses. The real constraint for a society's productive capacity is the available workforce, real resources, and usable land/buildings. There are options for developing the community within without waiting for mega millionaires to invest in our community; there are many successful community development strategies that focus on using assets in even the

most depressed and impoverished areas of the world that have been successful.

Community/complimentary currency programs can help with the liquidity problem. A local credit union focused on entrepreneurial development. Finding ways for neighbors to communicate about needs, and offer their resources and energies towards common goals. That will be economic development- not more 8/hr. Jobs.

- I wish it was cleaner
- I wish people would be better about not throwing their trash on the streets. Not just paper, but sometimes large items (mattresses, chairs, boxes, etc.). There is no excuse for this considering the great trash service we get! I do worry about the crime & drugs, those things can happen everywhere, anymore. I also wish there were more organized sporting programs for our young people.
- I wish there was more retail stores like used to be on Minnesota Ave.
- I wish we had better schools. And less abandoned houses and buildings. We should use old buildings instead of building new ones. And people who abandon homes should be responsible for their demolition. We should get more utility options, BPU is a fraud.
- If I wasn't born here I would never live here, need a dog leash law
- Illegal drug related murders
- Illegal immigration
- Illegal Mexicans & druggies
- Image of schools & homes in the area are not maintained
- Image that others have of Wyandotte County/KCK; always negative
- Image, code enforcement
- Image, good things don't get publicized, if you talk about how others are doing good/great things then more people would be inclined to "join the crowd" and do good things themselves.
- Immigrant ignorance
- Improvements to the inner-city downtown area.
- In snow time they don't clean streets around neighborhood
- In the middle, but the Legends should not have been built
- Inattention to certain areas of the city
- Income
- Increased home & car taxes; the appearance
- Indian Springs
- Inner-city crime
- Inner-city shopping
- Inner city, KCK is run down
- Instead of tearing down old buildings, renovate and keep them up; new businesses need to keep better upkeep especially when near residential properties
- Isolated, more urban
- It needs to clean it up
- It reputation as
- It still lags in taking care of its citizens first
- Its home
- It's lack of mass transit

- It's little
- Its nickname
- Its reputation
- Jobs
- Junk cars on my street and few job opportunities
- KC or Wyandotte city image to areas outside Wyandotte (JOCO)
- KCK 500 school district needs to be improved for the children
- KCK city = neutral, Wyandotte County = too many to mention
- Kids running in the neighborhoods all night long
- Killings
- Lack of ability to walk. Should emphasize having communities built around neighborhood restaurants, locally owned shops. This fosters both pride and ownership in a community.
- Lack of codes enforcement on unkempt homes, weeds, painting
- Lack of communication
- Lack of concern
- Lack of cultural venues, quality hotels & meeting facilities
- Lack of decent shopping anywhere but Legends
- Lack of development east of 78th neighborhoods declining
- Lack of development from 435 to eastern border
- Lack of development in downtown & Strawberry Hill areas
- Lack of downtown development
- Lack of employment opportunities especially in the downtown area
- Lack of facilities/amenities for young prof families
- Lack of family dining
- Lack of healthy, gluten-free food, have to shop in JOCO
- Lack of hometown newspaper
- Lack of Hy-Vee grocery stores
- Lack of jobs
- Lack of jobs & retail malls
- Lack of jobs.
- Lack of leadership of the city council and high taxes
- Lack of opportunities
- Lack of opportunities eastern part of the city
- Lack of parks, recreation, trails
- Lack of police protection and quality of education
- Lack of police support in Rosedale, property tax, sidewalks
- Lack of public transit-fighting among commissioners
- Lack of public transportation
- Lack of quality public hospitals and the safety
- Lack of restaurants, public transit
- Lack of sidewalks
- Lack of sidewalks, some police officers, slow growth

- Lack of stores and restaurants in the downtown and central city area. The Legends is fine but hard for us inner-city people to get to but it's hard to do all parts of the city
- Lack of vibrant amenities east of I-635
- Lack of well-paying, consistent employment
- Lack of young families w/kids wanting to stay in county
- Legends is nice but overcrowded and not enjoyable
- Less care of parks in eastern part, stray dogs
- Less jobs, no grocery store, not enough shopping or transportation
- License bureau: in my 30 years in Wyandotte County I have had one positive interaction with the license bureau employees. In my opinion, these are the most rude and unfriendly people I have met, and should not be paid with my tax dollars. We now go to Johnson County when possible, and we are actually treated respectfully. Animal control: for the first time in 30 years in Wyandotte County, we had to deal with animal control. In my opinion, the officers there were very arrogant and rude. They took an already stressful situation and made it much worse. My wife left in tears after being treated incredibly rudely by animal control officers. I am furious that my tax dollars are used to pay these people to harass and belittle my family!
- License plates
- Lies; we were told about tax reduction w/building Village West
- Life impacted by our lunatic Governor
- Litter, trash
- Litter and abandon homes
- Litter and blight
- Little job opportunities, high taxes, rundown neighborhoods
- Living in a food desert
- Living in Edwardsville I don't get much benefit from Wyandotte
- Location as a crossroads to both N/S and E/W interstates
- Looks dirty a lot of the time; no help for homeless
- Loose dogs
- Lousy school system (USD 500), lack of employment, transaction
- Low income housing projects
- Low quality grocery store near me but they are going to renovate
- Maintaining of streets and sidewalks
- Maintenance of sidewalks
- Maintenance of the street and sewers
- Many narrow street/ditches not enough sidewalks
- Many unsafe/undesirable neighborhoods
- Means of transportation on weekends-mini bus
- Media and the way they view things in our neighborhoods
- Methods way we pay utilities, pay taxes the city/county way
- Mishandled revenue
- More efficiency put on better neighborhoods with high taxes
- More grocery stores

- More grocery stores close to neighborhoods
- More police on duty, drugs
- More snow removal more often when it snows
- More to do, close to me
- Most everything
- Most of the money has been spent in the Legends area when the northeast area
- My home
- My last visit the Wyandotte county court house made me feel that the money that is taken in taxes is not used to upgrade or maintain our city buildings. The court house is in need of a makeover. The staff at one of the local police offices was not welcoming when I tried to file a report. They made me feel that my concerns were petty and a waste of their time.
- Need up-keep in older neighborhoods/debris on porches/vacant lots
- Need better police force
- Need better schools
- Need jobs
- Need more grocery stores in Piper
- Need more help with day care for single moms
- Need more jobs
- Need more police out on the street
- Need more restaurants in my area-problem w/newspaper del
- Need to bring back the rodeo
- Need to trim & cut trees down
- Need to upscale Wyandotte Co. Lake, enforce codes, get rid of BPU
- Needs cleaning & fix houses. Kids need more to do
- Needs more grocery stores.
- Need more hardware supply stores (Menards/The Home depot)
- Negative perception by others
- Negative perception city/county have, quality of life in County
- Negative stereotype about people that live here
- Neighborhood
- Neighborhood & streets & sidewalks
- Neighborhoods need sidewalks
- Nepotism in government
- Nepotism; fire dept., BPU, Wyandotte County Government, street dept.
- Never remove snow on my street, cars broken into
- New laws and ordinances
- No bike trails and complete lack of recreation on river
- No public pool close by
- No complaints
- No complaints
- No curbs
- No focus on improvement in some areas of the city

- No food markets in this area
- No good grocery stores or whole foods, organic store
- No good restaurants
- No grocery stores, western Wyandotte County
- No grocery facilities for elderly who live downtown
- No grocery stores around close
- No hospital or grocery store
- No improvements only western part of co
- No interest in the inner city or minorities
- No job
- No jobs
- No jobs with good pay
- No jobs, no attractions, too small
- No little league; bad schools
- No new retail at Indian Springs
- No place local near 47th & 635 to do
- No place to shop
- No problem in my location
- No public swimming except the YMCA
- No public swimming pools, no sidewalks, crime
- No public transportation
- No public transportation at night
- No quality fresh produce at decent prices in grocery stores
- No retail business in downtown area, no restaurants
- No retail or grocery in the north part of town
- No retail shopping in my neighborhood
- No robust public trans system; no healthy food stores
- No shopping areas in close distance
- No shopping centers, miss Indian Springs
- No shopping malls or grocery stores near my area
- No shopping, needs a grocery store in downtown area
- No sidewalk to walk to the store
- No sidewalks
- No sidewalks on busy streets; roads are bad
- No sidewalks, have to walk across road for mail, road quality
- No sidewalks, turner, highland crest
- No sidewalks. Alleys not lit, lack of street lights
- No sign of immigration enforcement
- No snow removal, sidewalks/corner intersections
- No store, restaurant, or movie theater
- No unity in the people
- Nobody takes care of their animals or their trash

- None that I can think of
- Not at liberty to say
- Not all areas represented well
- Not a lot of jobs available
- Not as well off as Johnson County
- Not clean or easy on the eyes-property crime-poor transit
- Not doing enough in the inner city
- Not enough choices in new subdivision
- Not enough employment
- Not enough grocery stores in the community
- Not enough grocery stores. Western Wyandotte County needs more.
- Not enough handicap accessible places
- Not enough job opportunities
- Not enough jobs
- Not enough jobs, illegals working and getting paid under the table.
- Not enough jobs-no public transit in needed areas
- Not enough lighting in allies. No respect with all people. The up keep of all homes.
- Not enough parks
- Not enough parks, pathways, pools and the taxes are horrible!!!
- Not enough public pool and parks and programs for seniors and paying too much for trash pick up
- Not enough sidewalks
- Not enough stores close to town
- Not enough things to do
- Not enough street lights on K-32, can't see weather or people
- Not feeling safe anymore and lack of respect of county people
- Not have enough recreation activities for senior citizens
- Not much activity for youth
- Not much entertainment; no news or info about Wyandotte County
- Not safe
- Not safe - too many gunshots
- Not safe, no bus service, no one seems to care
- Not so many great neighborhoods around
- Not very good helping senior citizens
- Nothing is being done in the inner city; there are no summer programs, housing, etc.
- Nothing, I just want to get out
- Nothing really, it's great
- Nowhere to take your family
- Number of illegal aliens in Wyandotte County
- Number of residential rental properties
- Old sections of county, east side, empty buildings
- Old Wyandotte county politicians who try to get elected

- Older areas of the city seem a little neglected
- Older eastern part
- Ongoing high property tax rates
- Only concerned about out west
- Our alleyways need a lot of improvement
- Our businesses need attention other than the Legends
- Our "CrimeDot" reputation, I hate it
- Our perception by others
- Our street does not receive snow removal city services
- Our tax base, I understand we need it to improve the county, but the breaks given to business and the inability to collect is horrible. We must be able to partner with trust worthy, reliable companies. We need to attract more families, which in turn will help attract more business to locate here.
- Outrageous property taxes
- Outsiders' perspective, property taxes
- Over emphasis on class or race
- Over last 30 years downtown going down hill
- Overall appearance & what people think about the city
- Overall image, caused by events east of 78th St.
- Parking down by the court house
- Pay high care insurance in Wyandotte County
- Paying for fishing permits
- People don't really pull together
- People don't respect other people's property, they do not follow codes
- People don't work together
- People from other county's give us a bad rep
- People in surrounding counties think poorly of the area
- People outside think it's not safe here
- People seem to get away with not keeping up their property
- People that don't have access to grocery stores being close.
- Perception of others outside of the county
- Perception of our side the city
- Perception, crime rate seems high, drugs/violence
- Personal property taxes
- Petty council politics
- Ping places, good grocery store, good parks
- Plight of northeast area
- Police and court system
- Police dept.
- Police dept.
- Police dept., animal control, guns being shot off
- Police do not patrol the area well

- Police give too many tickets in our neighborhood
- Police harass lower income areas for no reason
- Police have refused for years to investigate a hit and run the occurred in my driveway. They allowed a driver, who had no insurance, to leave the scene of an accident without giving me their contact info. My taxes keep going up but services are non-existent
- Police need to patrol neighborhoods, more retail
- Political atmosphere
- Political/the complacency & ignorance of the people
- Politicians and police department
- Politics
- Politics
- Politics are unfair
- Pollution from coal fired electricity production
- Poorer neighborhoods like Quindaro have no grocery stores
- Poor business in Quindaro area
- Poor community; non-maintained homes; violence
- Poor condition on homes, streets. Poor quality of elementary and middle schools.
- Poor image, poorly maintained
- Poor reputation, high taxes
- Poor road maintenance and lack of living wage jobs.
- Poor schools
- Poor schools
- Poor snow removal this season
- Poor upkeep of rental/housing properties, animal control
- Poor work between 72nd and 82nd on State Ave; roller coaster
- Poorly maintained roads and sidewalks
- Pot-holes
- Poverty, need more employment in the area
- Prejudice
- Pretty much everything
- Problems with gangs, drugs and youth violence
- Prop not maintained, expired tags, dark windows, cars speeding
- Property sales taxes are too high, if lower would grow more revenue
- Property taxes
- Property taxes
- Property taxes & no sidewalks & sewers
- Property taxes are too high
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- Property taxes outrageous, city won't fix water flow on 65th
- Property taxes too high, no craft stores
- Property taxes too high and sewer maintenance fee
- Property taxes, BPU, snow removal, county customer services.

- Property taxes, schools, communication with citizens
- Property value
- Proximity to grocery stores
- Public bus s system need more
- Public perception of KCK/Wyandotte Co.
- Public reputation
- Public safety
- Public school options throughout the county
- Public schools
- Public schools very institutionalized, they lack the creative level
- Public transportation
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- Public transportation.
- Put sidewalks on state ave vs neighborhoods
- Quality of education; lack of social options for kids
- Quality of living
- Quality of neighborhoods has declined
- Quality of schools
- Racial bias
- Racism, property taxes
- Real estate taxes did not go down as promised
- Real estate tax are too high
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- Real estate taxes too high, no sewers
- Really don't know
- Rental licensing-code enforcement
- Rental property w/too many residents; poor maintenance
- Republican state, some racism
- Reputation for crime and crooked elected officials
- Reputation of crime and dilapidated housing in Wyandotte Co.
- Reputation that we allow welfare and that crime is higher than it is
- Reputation, taxes, crime
- Residential property not kept up; need grocery stores
- Rising property & personal taxes
- Roadways, sewage
- Run down & poor water quality
- Run down urban areas
- Rundown area
- Rundown areas

- Rundown areas; parking in yards; unkempt houses
- Rundown homes & businesses
- Safety
- Safety & security, disrespect citizens have for public areas
- Safety issues
- Sale and use of fireworks
- School #500 district
- School academics
- School district. Run down appearance of some structures. (Business and residential). We are still fighting the bad reputation from the past.
- School system
- School system, the fact that this has become a welfare county
- Schools
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- Schools need much improvement.
- Schools need to be better, not enough stores in inter-city
- Schools, also nothing for kids to do outside of school
- Schools, crime, perception
- Schools, taxes, not one good restaurant
- Schools: need to be as good as Johnson County
- Schools; have our kids in private schools
- Schools known as
Schools, shopping centers, grocery stores
- Schools, utilities, crime ,focus of community in wrong areas
- Seems we get new streets etc. by next year, but weeds not mowed
- The sewer smells of Armourdale; comes in thru sink/tub drains
- Sewer smells when lacking rain in Armourdale
- Sewer system and annex vs court house
- Sheriff/police community relations
- Shootings near the schools
- Shopping accessibility in the mid-city
- Sidewalks not being on all streets its dangerous for the driver and people walking
- Slow economic growth on the east side
- Slums, poverty
- Smaller government gets pushed around by bigger government
- Snow cleaning in small streets

- Snow removal
- Snow removal, fireworks going off after 11 pm
- Snow removal is not very good in the neighborhoods
- Snow removal very slow/bad especially side streets
- Snow removal, street maintenance, hard to get into mayor's office
- Some areas are rundown and some people don't maintain their property
- Some areas look really shabby and ugly
- Some drivers don't like to obey stop lights
- Some of the decisions they make in the Unified Government are not citizen oriented. They should listen to the citizens more, especially the seniors.
- Some parts are dirty
- Some poor housing
- Some restaurants not up to par, health dept. need to check
- Some unkempt neighborhoods
- South end of KCK and Wyandotte County is forgotten in regards to city/county services and growth. Economic development has grown in other areas and the south end is neglected.
- Speed traps, lack of storm sewers
- Starting to feel like they want us to be like JOCO
- Starting to get run down in the inner-city
- State Ave. towards downtown, empty businesses, homes, blight
- Stigma
- Stigma given by neighboring counties
- Stigma or image of county
- Stigma that comes w/living here; schools; crime; appearance
- Stockyard small
- Stray dogs
- Street lights on State Ave. need synchronized
- Street maintenance especially during snows
- Streets
- Streets (dead ends)
- Streets are terrible, no sidewalks, no good sewer system
- Streets not maintained in neighborhood, no sand or salt on road
- Stuck in old ways not willing to try new ways
- Take care of the streets
- Tax
- Tax increase have been ridiculous, not retire here
- Tax rates and the fact that they give so many tax breaks to new businesses coming in. The taxes paid for utilities are too high. They need better communication with residents about what's going on in the city.
- Taxation raise sales and property
- Taxed for storm drains we don't have in our area
- Taxes

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- Taxes & side streets are terrible
- Taxes and police response time
- Taxes and utilities
- Taxes are high. High schools need to expand. It's rundown. They only have 1/2 football fields that all the schools have to share. The ages of the schools are old as well.
- Taxes are too high
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- Taxes are too high and not enough retail stores and the look of downtown and Quindaro Blvd. not enough upkeep.
- Taxes are too high, no jobs local for anyone
- Taxes are too high, no RV campgrounds, no health food store
- Taxes are too high.
- Taxes are very high
- Taxes are way too high. Difference between inner city and Legends.
- Taxes constantly going up and no relief for senior citizen/retired
- Taxes insanely high, district is unacceptable

- Taxes not collected (property) which would lower what I pay
- Taxes seem higher & nothing seems as clean as other counties
- Taxes too high
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- Taxes too high & welfare programs
- Taxes too high for value received
- Taxes way too high in the east
- Taxes, giving incentives & tax breaks to get businesses in
- Taxes, housing problems, vacant/worn down buildings
- Taxes, places to eat
- Taxes, raggedy stinky state, poor
- Taxes, said it would not increase but mine did
- Taxes, too much, thanks to the Legends, no more taxes
- Taxing to work w/government to get things done
- Terrible environment and it looks terrible
- Trash, dirty, fireworks
- That code enforcement doesn't do their job; rundown housing
- That Indian Springs has went gotten bad
- That is not as shopping center or store to go to
- That it's boring compared to California
- That people are stuck in the past and keep relieving old grievances instead of being optimistic about our young people and the future.
- That there's nothing for the youth to do
- That they city charges you fees to have a garage sale
- The activity of drugs use and sale in the neighborhoods
- The amount of high paying jobs
- The amount of property tax I have to pay
- The amount of property taxes we pay on our house
- The amount of taxes we pay. They are the highest in the state. You need to give incentives to the residence instead of the companies that come to Kansas City. Once the incentives stop, they tend to leave. I have seen this too many times. The residents end up paying more and more, for less and less.
- The animal control downright sucks
- The area between Central & State Ave. (10th St.)
- The attitude that we are second class citizens and aren't happy with their community. Johnson County is the promise land.
- The awful public schools & DMV
- The bad part of KCK aka the hood
- The bad press we get from others
- The bad smells from the sewer (streets)
- The BPU bill-service with water charges

- The city does not take care of their properties. Lights on I-70 bike trail are never running so I cannot feel safe walking in the evening or near sundown. The city does not clean litter or debris from parks and seldom mows its vacant lots in the city land bank or parks. There is little financial help for homeowners or potential homeowners to improve their own properties or purchase distressed properties and repair/maintain them as homes. This magnifies both the homeless/under-sheltered problem and vacant/derelict structure problem. The zoning board appears to be at odds with homeowners seeking to improve their home, rather than working with them to reach compromises and having a common goal to improve city live-ability. Property taxes are exaggeratedly high in Wyandotte compared to Johnson County thus there is no incentive for would-be homeowners to consider KCK given the option. In sum, the city government should have as much of a sense of community and desire to improve livable conditions of Wyandotte as its residents. We have a common goal, we need to be on the same page.
- The city doesn't clean the streets
- The closing of businesses & abandoned buildings
- The cost of KCK
- The cost of utilities & personal prop tax
- The counties image relative to surrounding counties.
- The county should all look the same.
- The county should make big companies keep money in county
- The court system, political arena, BPU are all thieves
- The crime
- The crime
- The crime & blight in other areas of the county
- The crime & drug dealers in my neighborhood
- The crime scene. Better snow removal in my streets.
- The crime.
- The current low income and welfare dependents
- The disrespect from the
- The downtown could use some incentive to look better
- The drug problems and gangs
- The drug use; sell so openly
- The excessive taxes and overall lack of cleanliness
- The fact of so much blight on east side of the county
- The fact UG employees are required to live in Wyandotte County
- The figuring of property/vehicle tax, city maintenance
- The fire department is an extremely poor steward of my tax dollars. The amount of money wasted on inappropriate staff placement. Lack of training and poor management needs to be looked into and fixed. The management of the fire department is corrupt, inefficient and wasteful.
- The gangs & drugs
- The government
- The hardship
- The harassment from the police.
- The lack of community parks & a quality grocery store

- The lack of concern/development in the inner city
- The lack of development or slow development in the northeast Kansas City, KS.
- The lack of jobs and conditions of the school buildings
- The lack of shopping and employment opportunities
- The lack of sidewalks in neighborhoods
- The lack of street maintenance
- The law enforcement needs to improve
- The location of the courthouse
- The negative perception often portrayed by media
- The negative perception of local media/neighboring counties
- The number of houses/buildings that are in really bad shape
- The older people who fill up all the community and neighborhood group meetings and do not allow younger people to express ideas. Listening to 60 minutes of all the bad things that happened in the past (before the younger people were born) is keeping us from moving forward. I know many young people (under 45) who'd like to be more involved but are turned off by the neighborhood group meetings. We need to forge a new path and not try to make Wyandotte County the JOCO of 30 years ago.
- The out of control drugs & drug houses
- The overall image that we have hence the name, "crimedot". Our ridiculously high taxes and the board of public utilities
- The oversight of construction projects; unnecessary delays
- The overwhelming community pride in thuggishness behavior
- The parking at Legends & the access to it
- The people
- The people
- The perception of crime
- The perception which is negative-lots of low income people
- The police
- The police do not enforce traffic violations
- The police, steal from people
- The political system
- The politics
- The politics
- The poor roads and streets
- The property tax for Wyandotte county is very high for some the homes in this county.
- The public schools
- The public schools are not up to standards
- The public transportation cost
- The purchase of properties by outsiders to create minimal condition rental properties rather than improved and valuable housing. Slum lords who do not contribute to the community. People with a 'poor me' attitude who won't try to improve their lot. Takers, not producers.
- The put down of the county

- The reputation
- The reputation it has in metro
- The reputation of Wyandotte county and the upkeep of the county it should be a pretty county not a ugly one.
- The reputation, high property tax
- The safety
- The school district is not what I thought it would be
- The schools
- The schools and violence
- The schools are terrible. I would not recommend any child going to district 500 school.
- The schools suck
- The severe poverty of many residents
- The speedway, there should be more shopping areas close to the residents here
- The stigma of being somehow less than JOCO
- The streets need to be cleaned
- The taxes
- The taxes
- The taxes on my home going up each year for low income
- The thought that Wyandotte County/KCK is trash & personal property taxes
- The trashy look of Central Ave.
- The UG is unconcerned about its residents
- The unbelievable property taxes
- The unemployment rate
- The Unified Government
- The volume of people on assistance
- The water; poor schools; crime in urban center
- The way wealthy waste money in general
- The way people bring their living room out to their front porch
- The way south east park been ignored for too long
- The way the police handle themselves
- The way the streets are not kept up, no sidewalks, potholes
- The weather
- The weather; pollution
- The woodlands is a waste, do something: reopen or tear down
- There are a lot of rundown areas
- There are no stores downtown
- There is a lot of crime in the central area, north of the river.
- There is no information in Spanish!!!!!!
- There seems to be more run down and trashy houses
- They don't develop the in-town or down-town enough.
- They don't enforce code enforcement very well.
- They need to do a lot of repairs to the water runoff and sewer systems.

- They worry about the Legends they forgot about downtown
- Those unwilling to provide for themselves
- To many damaged vehicles on the streets, there need to be some sort of vehicle inspection.
- Too high on taxes, snow removal needs to be better
- Too many city regulations and fees
- Too many Hispanic business on central ave
- Too many illegals
- Too many social giveaways programs, too many on welfare
- Too many wild cats in my neighborhood. I use my own money to take them in and spay and neuter them because animal control will just take them and kill them. Wants animal control to do a program where they trap them, fix them, and release them. Does not agree with the pit bull laws.
- Too may abandon homes and lots not being used. My government forces me too pay higher property taxes when my property's value is not increasing.
- Too much gang activity
- Too much rental; not enough policing of landlords
- Too parochial
- Traffic
- Traffic officers and courts
- Traffic signals; green lights shouldn't be by accident
- Traffic ticket, crime
- Traffic, high taxes, over population
- Transient nature of minority population/uncaring nature
- Trash on the side of roads
- Trash, ghetto
- Trash; maintenance of streets; overall appearance of Wyandotte county
- Treatment and homeless
- Treatment of the senior citizens.
- Unequal treatment by officers
- Unified government.
- Unmaintained houses
- Unpaid taxes by person owning homes in Wyandotte County & not paying tax
- Unsafe conditions in certain neighborhoods
- Unsafe neighborhoods; prop values decreasing
- Upkeep of homes
- Urban sprawl
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- USD 500; pot-holes; not feeling safe; taxes are too high
- Vacant house and buildings
- Vacant houses and run down cars. Overall code enforcement
- Vacant houses not kept
- Value of home keeps going down

- Vehicular movement not respect the signs for 13th St.
- Very high real estate/personal taxes, outdated traffic signal
- Very high taxes & get nothing for it; we pay for inner city
- Very many survey and assessments-no direct impact
- Very poor on charging people w/crimes
- Violence.
- Violent crimes
- We have to go to Missouri to shop, especially for groceries
- Watching western Wyandotte being built up and inner city deteriorate
- Water bill charges by Unified Government (all the taxes)
- Water; can't drink the tap water here
- Way too high taxes; too many development giveaways; lower taxes
- We are bailing our businesses like the T-Bones, why?
- We do not have park rangers in parks anymore
- We don't have cable companies anymore, we miss united cas com
- We get summoned for jury duty too often
- We need a public swimming pool in the western corridor. Wyandotte County sports do not care about the safety of children or spectators. Some stands have net some don't. Many children have been hit by balls and when brought to the management attention I was told it is the risk of the sport. If the netting is not beneficial and a safety feature why is there netting covering portions of the stands. We need youth rec areas that prioritize the safety of the citizens of Wyandotte county.
- Weather
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- Western areas get all the attention & new business
- Western Wyandotte County; small town feel
- What I like least is not a lot of parks
- What I like least is the inferiority complex of some folks who reside here or used to live here. It is totally unwarranted.
- When I called the city for the code enforcement and they do not act on it. There's no follow up.
- When riding, I see a lot of debris, especially inner city
- Winter service, snow removal
- Winter time
- Worry about safety
- Wyandotte County bad reputation
- Wyandotte County DMV, the most dreadful place
- Wyandotte County needs a hospital in this area
- Wyandotte county East and middle
- Wyandotte County Parks & Rec. needs to be more centrally located. Fairground
- Wyandotte needs a total facelift (Armourdale & Central)
- Wyandotte County has bad reputation; strongly disagree w/signs in Spanish
- You have not lowered taxes as promised during last election.