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SURVEY RESEARCH

Survey and Focus Group Research

The Docking Institute provides professional survey design, data gathering, and data analysis services. Docking Institute researchers conduct with clients to select the most appropriate survey methodology based on the client’s needs, goals, and budget. Available survey methods include telephone surveys (using a 20-station CATI system), mail surveys, Web surveys, personal interviews, and focus groups.

KEEP PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL (WITH BURNS & MCDONNELL)
Survey to measure behaviors and opinions of state residents about litter in the state of Pennsylvania

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL (WITH BURNS & MCDONNELL)
Survey to measure behaviors and opinions about litter and recycling nationwide

CITY OF LINCOLSBOURG, KANSAS
Telephone survey of Lincolnsbourg residents to assess desire for a recycling center

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY
Web survey of political science students to understand their preferences, needs, and educational goals

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY HAYS, KANSAS
Postal survey to measure parishioners’ opinions on improvements to church

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, BUREAU OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, OFFICE OF PRIMARY CARE AND RURAL HEALTH, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Web, postal, and telephone surveys to update Kansas’ Mental Health Professional Shortage Designation areas

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KANSAS SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER TOPEKA, KANSAS
Web and telephone survey to collect financial impact data and client satisfaction data from KSBDC clients

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KANSAS SPEAKS POLL DOCKING INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY
Telephone survey of citizens of Kansas to assess opinions and attitudes about public policy, public affairs issues, and elected officials

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MANHATTAN, KANSAS
Meeting facilitation, data collection, and analysis to assist Kansas State University/Kansas Department of Corrections in fostering community collaboration that supports youth and families

KELLY CENTER, DRUG AND ALCOHOL WELLNESS NETWORK
FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY
One-campus student survey measuring self-reported personal usage of various drugs and alcohol and key demographic characteristics

PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY PITTSBURG, KANSAS
Web survey of University Support Staff and Unclassified Professional Staff at Kansas Board of Regents universities to measure satisfaction with their work assignments, wages, benefits, and opportunities for advancement; changes in workload; holding or looking for second jobs; and additional work related issues

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 388 ELLIS, KANSAS
Postal survey to measure registered voters’ opinions and levels of support for prospective bond initiatives

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 489 HAYS, KANSAS
Telephone survey and email-prompt ee-mail to gather wage information from local employers and benefit information from multiple companion school districts

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Economic Impact / Cost-Benefit / Feasibility Analysis

Policy assessment often requires an economic impact analysis of existing and proposed activities or programs. Government agencies and nonprofit organizations can use economic impact assessments to determine the total monetary benefit of their activities in a local or regional economy. Our researchers have analyzed the economic impact of manufacturers, service organizations, hospitals, correctional facilities, institutions of higher learning, business incubators, infrastructure upgrades, and other existing and potential programs and projects. Decision-makers often turn to cost-benefit analysis as a tool for understanding whether benefits of a program/project exceed the costs. The purpose of a CBA is to comprehensively identify and measure all relevant economic costs and benefits that accrue to a program. Feasibility analysis estimates the monetary benefit of a potential project and compares these benefits to cost criteria. This analysis provides a base for a projection of a cost-benefit scenario useful to leaders and funders in determining whether to pursue a project.

BARTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE GREAT BEND, KANSAS
Analysis of data provided by the college to calculate the local economic impact of Barton County Community College

CITY OF LINCOLSBOURG, KANSAS LINCOLSBOURG, KANSAS
Economic feasibility study of constructing, maintaining, and operating a recreation center

EXPEDITION WIND, LLC WAYZATA, MINNESOTA
Economic impact analysis of the proposed wind project for Marion County

FOULSTON SIEFKIN, LLP OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS
Economic impact to the State of Kansas of shifting R9 Ranch water from irrigation use in Edwards County to municipal use in Ellis and Russell Counties

JONES PUBLIC RELATIONS OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
Economic impact analysis of proposed wind project located near Perry Prairie, Kansas

PHILLIPS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS
Financial feasibility study to consider co-location of three departments (EMS, Emergency Management, and Health Dept.) in a new, single, new facility

SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY SALINA, KANSAS
Economic impact analysis of two new business locations at the Salina Regional Airport Industrial Center

LITERATURE REVIEW

Survey Research

Dentists are a valuable resource in the community, providing care to patients of all ages. They are trained to diagnose and treat a wide range of oral health conditions, including dental caries, gum disease, and oral cancer. Dentists may also provide preventive care, such as teeth cleaning and dental sealants, to help reduce the risk of dental issues.

Many dentists use technology to enhance their practice and improve patient care. For example, they may use digital x-rays to detect tooth decay more accurately, or use 3D imaging to plan surgical procedures. They may also use computer-aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM) technology to create customized dental restorations.

In addition to their clinical work, dentists are also involved in dental research and education. They may conduct studies to test new treatments for diseases like oral cancer, or work with dental students to train the next generation of dentists.

Dentists often work in teams with other dental professionals, such as dental hygienists and assistants. They may also work with specialist dentists, such as orthodontists and periodontists, to provide comprehensive care.

Dentists must have a strong commitment to patient care and the community. They must be able to communicate effectively with patients of all ages and backgrounds, and work collaboratively with other healthcare providers.

In summary, dentists are essential members of the healthcare team, providing critical care to patients and contributing to the health and well-being of our communities.

Health and Social Services

Schools are critical partners in the health and social services sector. They provide a safe and supportive environment for children and families, and offer a range of services that promote health and well-being.

Educational services are provided by schools to help students develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in life. These services may include academic programs, extracurricular activities, and support services such as counseling and special education.

Schools also play a major role in the community by providing a space for social interaction, cultural enrichment, and community engagement. They may offer programs such as after-school clubs, community gardens, and family events.

In addition to their educational and social functions, schools also contribute to the local economy. They may be major employers, providing jobs for teachers, administrators, and support staff. They may also be a source of economic activity, with schools spending money on materials, equipment, and services from local businesses.

Schools are also important partners in community development, working to improve the physical and social environment of the community. They may be involved in planning and development projects, such as construction of new schools or additions to existing schools.

In summary, schools are an essential part of the health and social services sector, providing education, social services, and economic activity for the community.