



Karnes County Strategic Economic Development Plan 2021
Quality of Life: What is Good about Karnes County?

Below is a general list of items and services that may be important to the community. Be absolutely honest, how do you rate your community on these items and services? In answering the questions below, please make a check mark in the appropriate column.

	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/ Not Applicable
1. Streets and Roads	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Traffic Conditions	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Parking Downtown	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Police Protection	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Fire Protection	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Garbage Collection and Disposal	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Water Supply	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. Sewage Collection and Disposal	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. Community Parks and Playgrounds	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. Recreation for Adults	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. Recreation for Teenagers	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. Recreation for Children 12 and under	_____	_____	_____	_____
13. Library	_____	_____	_____	_____
14. Flood Control	_____	_____	_____	_____
15. Crime Prevention Programs	_____	_____	_____	_____
16. Ambulance Service	_____	_____	_____	_____
17. Availability of Doctors	_____	_____	_____	_____
18. Availability of Dentists	_____	_____	_____	_____
19. Availability of Emergency Care	_____	_____	_____	_____
20. Availability of Care for the Elderly	_____	_____	_____	_____
21. Availability of Housing	_____	_____	_____	_____
22. Condition of School Building	_____	_____	_____	_____
23. Elementary Education	_____	_____	_____	_____
24. High School Education	_____	_____	_____	_____
25. Vocational Education-Job Training	_____	_____	_____	_____
26. Adult Education	_____	_____	_____	_____
27. Appearance of Neighborhoods	_____	_____	_____	_____
28. Appearance of Business	_____	_____	_____	_____
29. Appearance of Public Buildings	_____	_____	_____	_____
30. Overall Community Appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____
31. Welcome Given to Newcomers	_____	_____	_____	_____
32. Friendly and Neighborly People	_____	_____	_____	_____
33. Progressive Community Spirit	_____	_____	_____	_____
34. Long-range Planning	_____	_____	_____	_____
35. Planning and Zoning	_____	_____	_____	_____
36. Responsiveness of Local Government	_____	_____	_____	_____
37. Community Civic Organizations	_____	_____	_____	_____
38. Cooperation between Community Clubs and Groups	_____	_____	_____	_____
39. Churches	_____	_____	_____	_____
40. Local Tax Rates	_____	_____	_____	_____
41. Day Care for Children	_____	_____	_____	_____
42. Service in Local Streets	_____	_____	_____	_____
43. Number and Quality of Eating Places	_____	_____	_____	_____
44. Variety and Quality of Goods in Stores	_____	_____	_____	_____
45. Banking and Financing Service	_____	_____	_____	_____
46. Local Newspaper Service	_____	_____	_____	_____
47. Hotel and Motel Accommodations	_____	_____	_____	_____
48. Local Industry	_____	_____	_____	_____
49. Local Agriculture	_____	_____	_____	_____
50. Family Living Conditions	_____	_____	_____	_____



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Community Preparedness for Economic Development**

This checklist is intended to help community leaders analyze their community's preparedness for economic development efforts. Does your community have(?):

1. An existing local organization for promoting economic development?
2. Widespread leadership participation?
3. Public and private sector cooperation?
4. Funding for a development program?
5. Coordination among local agencies and organizations promoting job creation?
6. An existing plan for economic development?
7. Publicly controlled and developed industrial or commercial sites?
8. An inventory of potential sites?
9. Available industrial or commercial buildings?
10. Marketing materials (data sheets, site maps)?
11. An marketing approach and team?
12. An existing industry assistance program?
13. An business development program?
14. Adequate public infrastructure:
 - Water supply?
 - Wastewater treatment?
 - Electricity?
 - Natural gas?
 - Internet/Telephone?
 - Roads and transportation?
15. Labor availability?
16. Capabilities for technical skills training?
17. Good labor-management relations?
18. Community services, facilities, and livability:
 - Education?
 - Health Care?
 - Recreation?
 - Appearance/Condition of buildings/parks/
sidewalks/landscaping/open spaces?
 - Housing?
 - Police and fire?
 - Dining and lodging?
19. Financing for business and industrial expansion?
20. Communications and good relations with State and Federal sources of assistance?

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**Karnes County Strategic Economic Development Plan 2021
Quality of Life Survey**

What are the strengths and weaknesses of our County?

Your answers to this survey will assist in answering that question and aid in the development of the Economic Development Strategy for Karnes County. Our objective is to identify the needs we have in Karnes and to find out what you feel should be done to make this community a better place to live, work, raise children, do business, and enjoy life. Please be as candid and as specific as possible in your answers (each survey is confidential).

A. In your opinion, what are the biggest strengths or advantages in Karnes County, which could lead to future growth?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

B. What would you say are some of the biggest problems and obstacles faced by Karnes County for the future growth of the area? (please place in order of importance with 1 being most important issue)

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

C. Identify in your opinion which of the following are most important; with highest priority rated # 1.

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| Rank | Rank |
| — Attracting new Industry | — Down-Town Revitalization |
| — Expand Local Industry/Create Local Businesses | — Retirement Industry Development |
| — Retail & Commercial Development | — Other |
| — Expand Tourism Industry | |
| — Expand Community Services | |

D. In your opinion, what persons are the most influential in your community? (Local elected officials, business leaders, community leaders, etc.)

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

E. What organizations, clubs, businesses, or groups have accomplished the most good for the growth of Karnes County?

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

F. Do you have any other ideas or ways to improve the quality of life in Karnes?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____