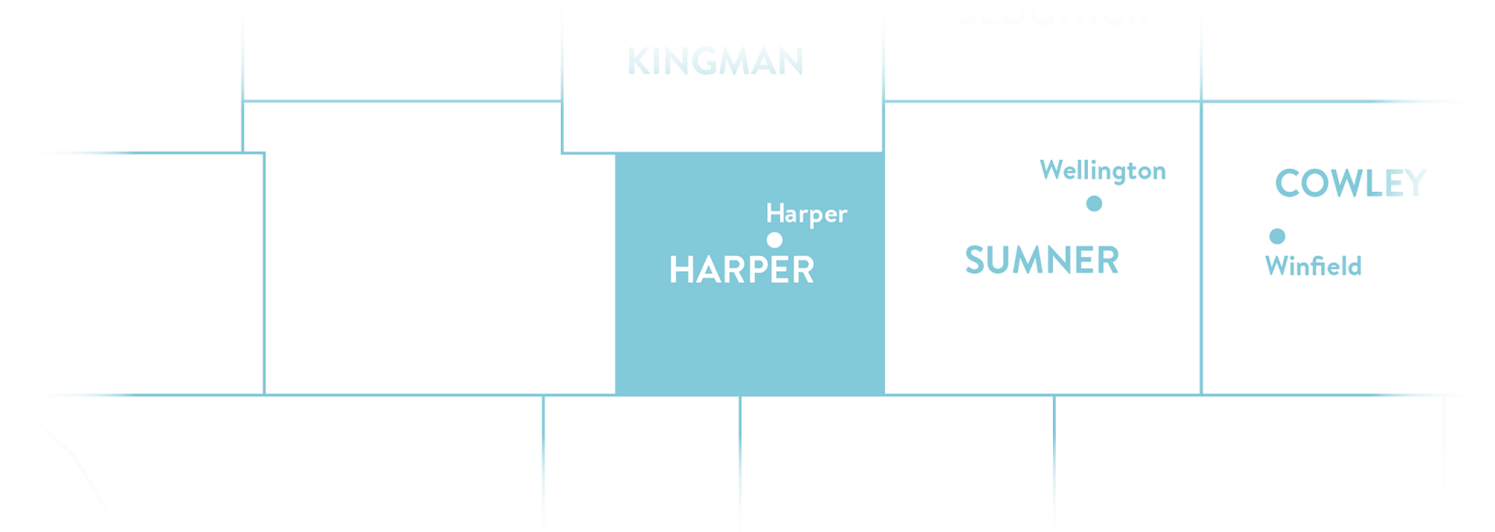
HARPER COUNTY

Located 45 minutes southwest of Wichita, Harper County is a vibrant community of about 5,600 people, living in safe and clean rural towns, with a surprisingly diverse local economy. The population includes an educated and productive workforce, with home-town values and a superior work ethic.



The County boasts a large and diversified manufacturing base of more than 20 firms, ranging in size from several employees to over 100.

In 2019, the new 62,500 square-foot $40 million Patterson Health Center opened in Harper County with the goal of transforming the landscape of rural healthcare. The health center employs over 150 people and includes a 16-bed critical-access hospital, health clinic, physical therapy and rehabilitation center, and a wellness center.

While Harper County is valued for its country roads, wooded streams, and the abundant wildlife of the Kansas prairie, it's only a short drive to four-lane interstate highways, Wichita's Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport and world-class universities.

County Data

Population	5,400
Land area	801

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Average population density	7
Median age	40.6
High School Graduate or Higher	90.4%
Some College, No Degree	15.7%
Associate Degree	4%
Bachelor Degree or Higher	17.1%
Average 1-Way commute to work (min)	16.1
Civilian labor force	2,665
Unemployment rate	1.8%
Unemployment	100
Number of business establishments	212
Employees	2,310
Average annual pay	$37,206
Median household income	$49,455

Sources: 2019 Population Estimates for the 10-County Region; 2010 Census; American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2014-2018; Bureau of Labor Statistics - Local Area Unemployment Statistics; Bureau of Labor Statistics - Quarterly Census of Wages 2018 Average

Major Employers

- Harper Industries
- Elkhorn Valley Packing
- Cox Machine
- Patterson Health Center
- Prairie Belting
- Blanchat Manufacturing

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