



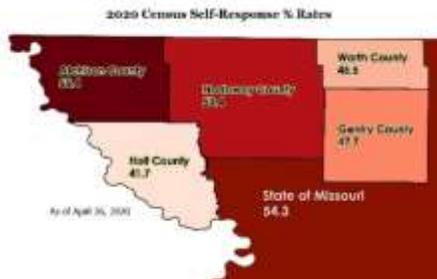
## COVID-19 Business Impact Survey

As the regional economic development agency that serves Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties, the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments is working with local, state, and federal partners to assess the impacts of COVID-19 on the economy and help coordinate relief efforts. As a local business and critical part of the local economy, the Regional Council would like your insight into the effects of COVID-19 on your business. To best support local efforts to respond to, and eventually, recover from, the pandemic effects, the Regional Council needs as much real-time information as possible. Therefore, we ask that you take four minutes to complete this short survey to help us understand the economic impacts COVID-19 is having on the local economy. Your responses will be anonymous unless you choose to provide contact information at the end of the survey. To take the survey, please go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/66ZM6K3>

## 2020 Census Self-Response Rates

As of Sunday, April 26, the counties in our region (Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth) are sitting in the 41%-55% range as far as the census response rates go. Atchison County is the only one with a response rate higher than Missouri's overall response rate. For those who still need to complete the census, you can do it in approximately five minutes at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) or you can call 1-844-330-2020. #BeCounted



The U.S. Census Bureau has amended its timeline for conducting the 2020 Census.

Self-Response Phase: March 12-August 14

The public is strongly encouraged to respond on-line at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). Households should report anyone who lived at

their residence on April 1, when completing the Census.

Census Mailing: Starting April 8

Households that did not complete the online Self Response survey or a previously mailed paper form should have received a paper form to complete starting the week of April 13, 2020.

In Person Early Follow-Up: May 7- August 14

Due to COVID-19 Census Takers and Enumerators are not out in communities. Currently, it is planned that Census Takers will start following up with households that have not completed the Census in person on May 7. If you want you know how the response rate for United States, State of Missouri, counties or towns, you can visit <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html> or you can contact Kim Mildward, Economic Development Planner at [kim@nwmorcog.org](mailto:kim@nwmorcog.org) or (660) 582-5121 ext. 2.

## CDBG Long-Term Recovery

Staff at the RCOG have been working on flood related projects to assist communities with infrastructure needs that were damaged due to the 2019 Flood. Two proposals and one application were submitted this month. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is proposing to contribute 75% with the remaining 25% being requested from CDBG.

The City of Craig suffered extensive damage to the city's wastewater system. The city's grinder pumps that pump waste to the central sewer system, were inundated by floodwaters. The city intends to replace all grinder pumps. The city was invited to apply to request grant funds to purchase 36 grinder pumps. The city requested \$17,503 from Community Development Block Grant and the remaining \$42,910 was paid by Federal Emergency Management Agency for a total project costs of \$60,413.

Holt County is requesting grant funds to make the necessary road repairs within the county effected by the 2019 Flood. Currently there have been at least 28 identified sites that require repairs to either the road surface, base or both. Roadside ditches need to be cleared of debris and returned to original depth. The approach to Quarry Bridge will need to be repaired back to its pre-disaster design. The funding proposed with this application will provide local match dollars to gain access to FEMA funds. Estimated costs of damages were accessed by FEMA that totaled \$2,039,384.

Fortescue Special Road District is also requesting funds to remove debris from roadside ditches and returned them to their original depth. The grading of damaged roads and replacing sub and surface aggregate to numerous roads in the flooded area will be performed to return roads back to pre-disaster elevation. There are three culverts that will require significant work in order to restore them to their original conditions. The costs for all repairs was estimated at \$2,689,410.

## **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 13: Solid Waste Executive Board Meeting, 6 p.m., via Zoom

May 19: Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., via Zoom

May 25: Regional Council and Job Center offices closed for Memorial Day

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