

**Q. Please expand on any of your answers concerning why you live in the region or threats to the quality of life in this region.**

Fremont County, ID	Excellent	A big concern is the rural access to natural gas for an alternative to propane heating and cooling.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	I LIVE HER FOR MY JOB ONLY. THIS IS THE MOST BACKWARD STATE I'VE EVER BEEN IN. THE SCHOOLS ARE THE LAST IN THE NATION AND IDAHO IS IN THE TOP THREE FOR ANIMAL ABUSE. THIS IS THE BEST CATBOX IN THE WORLD.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	I only live here because I work here.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	More regulation of business is a threat to growth, which is needed to allow more children to return to live near family.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	NA
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	need more buisneses to come in, biggest threat to st. anthony i feel is the condition of the roads, lack of law enforcement
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	State funding cuts to education are causing people to leave the area for more lucrative pay and/or opportunities for their children.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	The economy is not good in Saint Anthony, nor in Rexburg. We need a way to bring in money. The married housing offered to married students at BYU-Idaho is over priced with no space.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	The education department in St Anthony has a lot of problems. There is very low access to jobs in this area. There is very low help with the police department when it comes to emergencies. I don't have kids but I would not raise my kids in this area because of education and access to a real employment opportunity.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	Think the recreation is all for fishermen, and not so much for water skiing as is in other parts of the area south of here.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	To live here you need a decent paying job or you have to have two incomes. The quality of life is excellent. People here are, on the whole, good neighbors and friends. Development of our land needs to be thoughtful. We need to know what the ramifications are before a 'rubber stamp' approval is given to a corporation wanting to change the ecosystem. It would be unwise to turn productive farmland or national forest into housing developments, strip malls or gravel pits.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	Too many people moving in from other states with their problems.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	Too many big money people moving in from out of the area trying to control rural living.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	Too many unsightly gravel pits which impact entire communities and ruin the air, water, and landscape.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	We lack high paying jobs to attract more quality families into our area. If we have better paying jobs we can attract better employees.
Fremont County, ID	Excellent	We live in a very beautiful place! Lots of fun activities that you could do outside.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	Ashton is a good place to raise your families with opportunities to teach them how to work and people know their neighbors and care about them. I also like smaller schools where most teachers care about their students.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	Because it is a tourist area house prices get pushed up, but then there are so many homes for sale that are not selling because the market value is off.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	Counties need to make the public decision whether to promote tourism and local businesses or to keep the town as a bedroom community to keep property values low. You cannot have both. If a working citizen does not know which is favored, it is hard to make an informed decision of whether to stay or move.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	From where I live the growth of popularity of the sand dunes present a threat as so many recreational tourists invade the area every weekend. I choose to live in the country because I don't want to live with neighbors 10 feet away. I enjoy the natural environment and ability to be close to nature. But as more people move into the area the open land and farm land is sold for houses, which takes away from the rural and country feel. Rexburg is becoming so filled with apartment complexes that I wouldn't want to live there. The country feel of a small community is being transformed into another Provo. The Island Park area is no longer a place to 'get away from it all.' It's a place to go that's almost more crowded than in-town neighborhoods.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I feel that gangs and drugs are getting to be more of a problem for our homes and schools.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I feel there should be entertainment closer for adults and children. It is not pleasant to go to entertainment in Rexburg. It too is getting congested traffic and some of the kids are very rude, like they are titled.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I like our low population. I do not like to wait in lines at stores or traffic.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I like the culture and sense of community.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I live here because I love it here. People are friendly and will to help each other.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I live here because the quality of life that you can have. However it is threatened because there are not a lot of job opportunities.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I live in the Island Park area and firmly believe the economic and cultural future of this region depends on the preservation of the wildlands, rivers, streams, wildlife habitat and attractions that make the Henry's Fork Caldera so special. The big attraction for this region is Yellowstone and the big opportunity for Island Park is to leverage its own natural beauty, wildlife, and attractions as the undiscovered alternative to overcrowded Yellowstone. Poor zoning enforcement, irresponsible ATV abuse, and 3rd-world subdivisions are the big threats to quality of life and a viable economic future here.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I live in this region because it is safe and generally people are friendly. Religious beliefs have a big influence. I would prefer to be in a community where the religion doesn't run the show. Children are teased and put down if they are not LDS. (Sorry, but that's the honest truth.) I love the small town atmosphere and the out doors. Opportunities for senior citizens is not sufficient and this concerns me as I get older.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I love the beautiful wild life, desert, river bottoms, forest, and the various opportunities for outdoor activities. For the most part, people are friendly and it is a very safe environment.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I love this area, but the public education system in this area is the worst. Students work on computers that come from the 90's or older, teachers are insanely underpaid (a general manager at Wendy's makes more than they do) and therefore we do not have veteran teachers, and those that are don't have the resources to be effective instructors, that is the main reason I am considering moving from this area, and I know that I am not the only one considering this for these reasons.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I love where I live for the small town feel and education opportunites that my family has, love the school district (Sugar- Salem). Great place to raise a family. I live on an old farm, only 1 neighbor. Threats of development surround us as we live close to the Teton River and do not own the farm land. It would be a nightmare to us if the farm land around us were developed. A few years ago, it seemed that the Teton Valley development sprawl was headed our way. Thankfully, with economic downturn, we did not see it. We live where we live because we like the current environment.

Fremont County, ID	Very good	I moved here through marriage. I enjoy the quiet lifestyle and after having lived in New York City and Washington State Naval base area I have the best of both worlds. I can drive to where I need to go and come back home to my little haven!
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I received my education at North Fremont and now that I am in Collage I realize how far behind I am to the other students. If the schools in Eastern Idaho are to compete with other states, we need more choices of classes for the students. Also for specifically North Fremont it needs to be on an AB schedule to better train the students. Education is about the students not the teachers.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I think that the lack of good paying jobs and the education we have is a serious concern for those who live in the area, we need more of the better paying jobs and better education for our selves and chlddren.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I think the biggest threat to the area is the lack of good paying jobs because the quality of life goes down and people worry about where their next meal is coming from not education or improving.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	I worry that there is becoming to much apartment housing in the area and that it 's just going to turn us into a high turn over area and its going to drive the long term residents to go else where because all that is showing up is more and more large apartments.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	My family has lived here for about 32 years and my husband's family has been here for generations. We love the small town feel and the beauty that surrounds us. It seems like there are a lot of people moving in and changing the feel of the area. In some areas it feels like it is a little over crowded. My husband and I are both teachers for the local school district and our wages are barely enough to make ends meet. We were able to purchase a home but it was not exactly what we wanted because we do not make enough to purchase anything on even 2 or more acres in this area. We would have loved to have been out of town on a few acres but we just couldn't afford it.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	Outside influences such as federal government, and environmentalists are out biggest threat to our economy.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	Quiet living area with affordable housing. Biggest threat is employment opportunities and local economy.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	Salaries are very low, and Idaho refused to expand Medicaid.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	Taxes in St Anthony for the services provided are excessive including the amount paid for school bonds considering the quality of education in S Fremont schools.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	The job outlook of this region is not great and especially in madison county the cost of housing compared to the job outlook does not make sense.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	The lack of good paying jobs keep many people from moving here or staying here.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	The main thing for me is internet options. All others seem to be minimal in my book. Population growth seems to be the next closest, but that's not a big deal to me. Im from Phoenix, Az which has way more people than here
Fremont County, ID	Very good	the threats that I see to quality of life is more based on personal choices than what is going on in the region. This is a topic that I cannot fully address here, but I will briefly list a few concerns. I am concerned that without investment in good-quality housing for low-income seasonal workers who service the Island Park tourism and agricultural industries, and retirees who want to live close to family or outdoor activities, the quality of life for the majority of Ashton's residents will continue to decline. Ashton will become unable to retain the small middle-class population of residents that it currently has. Many of Ashton's residents are older and retired or approaching retirement age. Many younger, working class people who are engaged in the trades or agriculture build homes outside of town. There are already too many ex-urban homes in the \$250,000 to \$600,000 range that are for sale but are not affordable for most local residents, and yet new homes in this price range continue to be built. Many of these homes are built by wealthy, part-time residents who degrade the environment and the aesthetics of the area by building massive homes along rivers and in wildlife corridors. Ashton needs financial assistance to raze abandoned/unsaleable homes and to assist home buyers in renovating and upgrading homes that can be salvaged. I believe that many agricultural workers would like to own their own homes, but may need assistance in making purchases. Habitat for Humanity (and the Kandler bequest) is a start, but is not sufficient. Threats: For years the public services for health, fire, emergency, has been adequate for small communities. As communities grow, those need expansion. K-12 schools have declined in their 'education' of students and have funded extra curricular activities instead. We need a greater emphasis on basic education and 'trade skills' taught in K-12 to prepare children for the work force. We have lost our 'free' education. Any child wanting to attend school and learn must pay large 'fees' each year. Money should be spent for those fees instead of gas for buses to drive hundreds of miles to ball games in distant towns. We need more medium priced housing like nice clean apartments that are available for people other than college students instead of resorting to trailer parks with run-down single wide trailers. We need more moderately priced, good housing for seasonal workers --both English and non-English speaking. Current student housing at the university is overly expensive with an apartment of 6 people paying a total of \$5400.00 to \$7200.00 for a 3-4 month period for a 1100 to 1300 sq. ft. apartment. That forces the price for other apartments/housing to be more high. (Do they use that money to make constant repairs for that amount? No, they do not.) In general, more and better housing for someone making close to minimum wage. (How can we have responsible children growing in our community if both parents must work full time to provide bare necessities. They need a break to have time and money to raise good community members.)
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Fremont County, ID	Very good	to much rapid growth without studies as to its impact.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	Too much land development! Too many subdivisions taking our farmland, too many gravel pits, too many apartments in Rexburg. We hate that our tiny apartments in Rexburg fall into an urban renewal district, thus doubling our taxes. The new complexes going up are going to put the little guy right out of business. Also very concerned about the group pushing to turn Mesa Falls into a national landmark and the restrictions that would bring to our rec areas. Too many outsiders trying to control our area for a buck.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	Unwillingness of small town councils to recognize and embrace the growth of this region can make living here miserable. Without supportive services, housing and shopping the area will suffer from overcrowding, lack of good services for quality of life and availability of goods.
Fremont County, ID	Very good	We have had family who wanted to live in this area, but could not find employment that would allow them to do so. The only jobs did not supply sufficient income to provide for their family.
Fremont County, ID	Good	As far as why I choose to live here and threats to the quality of life in the region, I like to live here because of the access to outdoor recreations. I do also enjoy the feeling of the small town and don't like bigger populations. Threats to my lifestyle are self explanatory then, too much growth would be a negative and I always want access to the recreation.
Fremont County, ID	Good	Biggest worry is lack of good paying jobs in the area.
Fremont County, ID	Good	Getting to be to many people. BYU-I is the biggest changer that this region has seen, and it wasnt for the better. Only if you were Mormon. I live here because I choose to live here. I feel sorry for anyone who lives here because they feel trapped and want to get out. I always tell the students good-naturedly, 'If you can't wait to get out of this area I am with you. I can't wait for you to get out either.' I think you should like wherever you live. I love it here because of the people. I attended two fundraisers for families with someone that has medical problems in the last month and I gave as much money as I could along with the hundreds of other people there. That and many other opportunities to snowmobile, hunt, fish, and enjoy the outdoors and the people are the reasons I live in this area.
Fremont County, ID	Good	I live here because it's beautiful and my spouses job keeps us here. Tougher for me to find work in the area for a wage that makes it worth the drive to work.

Fremont County, ID	Good	I live in this area because I have a job here. I like being close to family and friends. However, should my salary be decreased any further, I feel I will be forced to look elsewhere for work and possibly for housing.
Fremont County, ID	Good	I see no threat to the physical aspects of the community. However, the area lacks diversity and our public education is greatly behind.
Fremont County, ID	Good	I think getting too many homes in the area will ruin what people who have lived here for a long time enjoy.
Fremont County, ID	Good	I worry about the quality of life every time a developer comes in and makes another vacation subdivision. I worry about access to the river, the mountains and the wide open spaces in between because they are being bought up by developers and creating gated communities.
Fremont County, ID	Good	It would be better if we had more jobs that paid a better wage.
Fremont County, ID	Good	Most of the great paying jobs are hard to find, and you either have to know someone or be related to get them. The opportunities to promote or get a better job are far and few between in the smaller towns.
Fremont County, ID	Good	My husband has family here, and I wanted to finish my education at BYU-idaho
Fremont County, ID	Good	None of our children live in this area, and there are no jobs that would bring them back. We plan to relocate in approximately 10 years, after we retire.
Fremont County, ID	Good	The amount I am paid has definitely made me consider moving. I teach most of the year, but end working another job in the summer and sometimes an additional seasonal job during the school year. My wife works as well.
Fremont County, ID	Good	The main threat is good and fair pay or salaries for jobs. You sacrifice a lot in money to live in this beautiful area.
Fremont County, ID	Good	There are not enough good paying jobs for our children to stay in the area. Also access to our beautiful mountains are being cut off.
Fremont County, ID	Good	There does need to be more land available for homes in this area. Land to buy is very limited here. The wolves also are taking our wild meat away from us and need to be controlled or eliminated.
Fremont County, ID	Good	to much summer time off road access. or enforcement of it.
Fremont County, ID	Good	We came here because we had family in this region. I feel that there is a serious lack of housing that accepts pets - not everyone can buy a house when their circumstances change!
Fremont County, ID	Good	When out of state people come in and purchase land and basically close out any access to land that you have hiked, hunted or fished on all of your life. Such as Grizzle Gulch ie. Robison Creek.
Fremont County, ID	Fair	Because that's where we have jobs. We are considering moving, however. It's just a tough area to have a good income to raise a family.
Fremont County, ID	Fair	I feel that the greatest threat to my quality of life is the fact that housing is so expensive, especially for a student going to school full time and trying to support a family.
Fremont County, ID	Fair	I live here because it is a beautiful land where I can raise my children in safety, surrounded by people who share my faith. Unfortunately the education system is extremely lacking, vacation homes are ruining the landscape, and people have to travel 30-60 minutes to find employment that can pay the bills. It seems as if the community is stuck. There is growth but no infrastructure to support it and no money to fix it.
Fremont County, ID	Fair	I love the small town feel. My elderly grandparents live here and need my care, which is one major factor that keeps us here.. however my husband has to travel to his job so that he can make a living for our family. there are little to no job opportunities here, and the few opportunities there are lower wages when compared to other areas. Many houses are sitting for sell, empty, and rental opportunities are low. Many houses that are sitting for sell are in disrepair and do not qualify for traditional home loans. Our schools lack funding to make it a great school. Limited educational opportunities are making it hard to justify staying in this area.
Fremont County, ID	Fair	Most of the places to rent in the St. Anthony area are only 1 bedroom housing. There isn't very many options for a decent place to rent if you need 2 bedrooms and up.
Fremont County, ID	Fair	Much research was conducted upon moving to Rexburg. A portion of that research came by word of mouth from a variety of residents in Rexburg. Upon arriving in Rexburg I was stunned to find out there are no bilingual programs within schools. I was also shocked to watch my children's literacy skills plummet because they were so far advanced in comparison to what was being taught within the classroom. Again, I was shocked after taking my child to kindergarten screening and was told the child would be bored because the child could count to 50 and could write all letters and knew letter sounds. My point is that education in Eastern Idaho is lacking in comparison to surrounding states and in comparison across the nation. The lack of diversity and bilingual programs puts children in Idaho's education system at a very high disadvantage. The lack of economy is unfortunate because it creates a society dependent upon welfare assistance. Residents choose to come to Rexburg for the small town, safe environment but they soon find out they cannot thrive financially. Another threat is the lack of quality in pediatric medical care. With a family oriented community there needs to be family supported programs such as an indoor swimming pool that operates all year round, a children's museum, etc.
Fremont County, ID	Fair	One of the charms of this area is nature and living close to it. This includes living close to the land in town too. I care about urban agriculture (gardening, small-scale husbandry) for diverse, local markets. I am disappointed in the stigma separating rural and city, as well as native and import. This is discouraging growth and essential evolution as a community. I also care about sustainable building techniques. Building codes are rather antiquated that way.
Fremont County, ID	Fair	Our school system is horrible they have no AP Classes and no opportunities for our children
Fremont County, ID	Fair	Sometimes it feels as if the 'local' secrets are taken over by young college students, for example, the sandbar in st anthony. It used to be a great place for families with young children, and it has turned into a bit of a party, sunbathing spot for the younger college crowd. They don't really act very considerate of families.
Fremont County, ID	Fair	The reason I put that there is a threat because most of the jobs are either minimum wage or a little higher. Most couples have to work 2 jobs just to stay afloat. It makes it hard to make sure that your children are taught good values and to respect elders and higher authorities.
Fremont County, ID	Fair	These are terrible statements! Diversity, health care, anything that is a threat, for me, is only a threat because there is such A LACK OF services and/or money! Although there are too many gov't services! Diversity, visitors, businesses do not have a great 'welcome'. There is not a great push to invite new businesses, patrons, etc.. To our small town. Even Fishermens' Breakfast is no longer a great attraction. We need to find away to promote our area and prove that we invest in ourselves, children, and our economy.