

**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.**

Madison County, ID	Excellent	low pay when compared to other states
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Attending BYU-Idaho.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Because this is a college town it can be really hard to find jobs.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Bipartisan bickering like any other small town is slowing progress. This is 2014, tourism is what brings in money and helps to sustain this area, as with most of the west. Politicians need to stop bowing to staunch conservatives who only have their own personal interests in mind instead of the region.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	BYU-Idaho has an excellent educational program. However, Madison county school district in my opinion performs very poorly in providing a many educational opportunities in foreign languages, and advanced placement courses. Additionally, the regions overall test averages seem to be consistently low. I am also aware that local teachers seem to be somewhat under paid in comparison to national averages. Our children are the future of the community. We need to provide high quality education to attract businesses at all levels and not just at the University level.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Came here for college, found work experience and plan to stay until graduate school.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	For my major in Political Science, when I graduate, I will leave Rexburg, likely going down to Utah for a job if not completely out of the Western Unites States, a big part because I won't likely find a decent job in my field here for what I am focusing in. It just won't happen.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Government has become so enormous over the years, it is oppressive. The level of government funding/laws that are for absolutely wrong/unjust causes really threatens us as a community and nation.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I am a student and married and I feel that most married housing prices are ridiculous. I feel that we have paid too much for housing that does not provide good amenities or things break all the time needs to be updated.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I am a student here for the time being. I chose further my education here in Idaho because of it's community and it's small tight-knit environment. I also love how rural the area surrounding Rexburg is--being from a farming community myself that did influence my decision to attend college here rather than another place. I have not lived her long enough to identify any threats.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I am currently going to college here in Rexburg. While I don't think there is a threat to the quality of college education, I am concerned about the quality of education for the primary and secondary grades. I am majoring in education and have been in the schools a few times here in the local community. The quality of education seems quite poor compared to what I grew up with. It honestly breaks my heart to see students not getting the quality education they deserve.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I am here for great education at byui
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I attend Brigham Young University-Idaho and I love living here. I feel safe here and like it is a great place to spend some of the best years of my life
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I believe the area could benefit from some development and growth, but not at the expense of the safe, small town living conditions.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I believe there is way too many apartment buildings being built. It encourages higher prices and excludes the older facilities from being filled. I also worry that there are not enough students attending college here to fill them all. They are too big, too tall and too spread out. This is changing the basic society and economic structure of the city and county. We have lost that small town feeling and have now graduated to a small city which also brings more crime to the area.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I chose to live in Rexburg to go to school at BYU-Idaho because I wanted to attend a school with good values but I didn't want to live in a city-type area. I love the small town feel and how Rexburg has all that I need!
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I do not see any obvious threats to the quality of life in the region. I am from New York state, so I guess I am used to there being more people around.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I don't feel any threats living here.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I enjoy the 'safe' feel of the region. I love that I feel comfortable walking/biking to school and that the drivers and roads are safe. I also like that I'm able to run outside in the dark and I feel safe on well lit cross walks. I also always have felt confident in my neighbors around me and have never had any problem with the community feel.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I feel as though the diversity of the economy is sorely apparent. Companies come in and fail, and only the existing establishments seem to have pull in what goes on in the cities.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I feel like BYU-Idaho is growing so fast and so huge that the area can't keep up. There aren't enough jobs for one thing. Most people have to leave the area for a really good job in their degree area. There's just not enough opportunity around here for that, especially if you really want to make a good living and stay here. There's also a transportation problem. A public transportation system, like buses, would be amazing and help cut down pedestrian traffic and therefore accidents. I would also like to see more businesses coming into the area. It still feels a bit like a podunk area, and I've lived here my whole life.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I guess I feel somewhat disaffected because I'm only here for a little while.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I have a job at BYU-Idaho. I love the family-friendly atmosphere and close proximity of things. The schools are good. Shopping is poor, though.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Indoor recreation/swimming is also poor.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I have always felt like the biggest threat to quality of life in the region is the lack of jobs, and the lack of well paying jobs.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I have concern over the water quality with pesticide runoff from farming. I have concern over the prevalence of certain types of cancer due to this, plus testing done decades ago at the INL, plus other contaminants we may remain uninformed about. Our daughter has a brain tumor and it seems there is an extremely high occurrence of these and other cancers in this region. We've spoken to others who have talked about well water quality re: chemicals. I think studies should be done about THIS type of safety throughout the US, not solely to crime safety levels. Of course the EPA would never provide this.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I just live there for school. Most of this survey really doesn't apply to me.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I just think that housing is too expensive. also everything in Rexburg is too expensive. I drive to Idaho Falls to shop and try not to get gas in Rexburg if I can help it.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I like it here because crime rate is low. We are close to recreational activities and we have a good community. I am concerned with government agencies and the funding that does go into them and if it is for the right reasons.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live here because I felt drawn to the Spirit of Ricks at BYU-Idaho. I will continue to live here because I love the small town feel and I have family in the area. I am looking forward to see campus and this area grow as so many of our prophets and apostles have prophesied. As long as we don't lose the community feel or the Spirit of Ricks, I know the Lord will continue to bless and prosper this area. In expansion, please avoid skyscrapers or other similarly massive buildings. If the BYU-I Center remains the largest facility in the area, I think the area will be able to maintain the community feel.

Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live here because I go to BYU-I here. It has nothing to do with the atmosphere, although the nice atmosphere does help. I hate the weather though, so I wouldn't live here if I didn't go to school here.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live here because I go to school at BYU-I, I love it here and I love the quality of living. I lived here from the time I was 3 until I was 14, now I am back for school. I could not live here long term because of the lack of job opportunities and the level of pay is to low.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live here because i like the small community hometown feel. I don't like people moving here from California pushing big city growth. If you wanted big city growth and the feel, then you should have stayed there. We live here because we like the small town feel.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live here because I went to BYU-Idaho and my husband is not graduated yet, and I found a job here. That's really all.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live here because of my education at BYU-Idaho. However, I enjoy all of the recreational opportunities around me.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live here because of school. I live here because of the small town, conservative family oriented community. I appreciate this community with the kind people and several opportunities for outdoor activities, good education and good job opportunities. I wish there was a little more shopping opportunities (Super Walmart, Costco, Winco) and also the cost of housing is a little high compared to surrounding areas (Rigby, Idaho Falls).
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live here primarily because I am a student at BYU-I and because my wife has a job in Idaho Falls at EIRMC. But I do live many aspects of this area, especially the outdoor recreational opportunities. We love visiting the Tetons and do so regularly.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live in Rexburg to attend BYU-Idaho. Though my family still lives relatively close to this area of Idaho, I would have no reason to stay in Rexburg specifically if it wasn't for the university.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live in the region because it is where the LDS Church's University is located.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live in this region because I attend BYU-Idaho. I have come to love the area and would consider moving back to Rexburg. It has a small city feel surrounded by many great places to visit.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live in this region because I go to school here. I chose to go to school here because it is close to home (Bingham County), and I have family that live here. I have also applied for a job after my schooling is finished in this region and hope to be able to stay.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live in this region because it is close to where I grew up and the educational opportunities that are available. The threats that they foresee do not look that major to me, and many of them will help this area prosper.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I live in this region because of the beauty of the area and the relative safety of the area. Any major threats would be anything threatening to those two things and the lack of quality affordable housing options.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I love it here. There really aren't too many threats. The small town feel is starting to go away though :( I love Rexburg. The winters here are terrible, coming from a place that has never had snow. But the summers here are awesome. I enjoy being around people with my same standards and age. The immature college kids who overtake Rexburg are annoying, but I used to be one of them so I understand. We love Rexburg because of the outdoor recreational options. In the summer there are places to go shoot, swim, hike all for free. And it is all beautiful.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I love that it's a family community with a small-town feel and I don't like that it's growing so quickly, but I so understand the need for it and will support the growth and the new jobs opening up. But I still hate it and will not stick around for too long (in Rexburg) after school is over. I will likely stay in southeastern Idaho though because I've learned to really love it!
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I love the outdoor aspect of this region. I love all of the trails, parks, etc... and I don't feel they're at threat as of now. I love this area. Its got an okay amount of jobs for the size of the area, pretty good schools and its just a wonderful family community. I just cant stand our sidewalks (or lack thereof) and our roads sometimes. It is very difficult to take my child for a walk in a stroller because the sidewalks are in such poor condition and in many places the sidewalks just end randomly and there no sidewalks at all. Also our roadcare in the winter is extremely poor. It doesnt take much snowfall for our roads to get into dangerous condition because it seems like they are just not maintained very well.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I mainly live here because of the excellent employment. I think the biggest threat is not helping the infrastructure grow as more and more people are moving in.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I really think that transportation is something that is needed! With transportation opportunities especially in Rexburg the city would be more free to grow outward rather than all by campus!
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I think everyone should have access to education, services, recreation, food and housing. If people are not getting that, it is a huge threat to the quality of life of the community as a whole.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I think expanding a little would be good for the area but over expanding and destroying a lot of wildlife would take away from the beauty of Idaho. It might be a good idea to have a few more buildings here and there with businesses that boost the economy and offer services that positively impact the community. However, part of the appeal of this area is how quiet, peaceful, beautiful, nature based, and rural it is. In my opinion that is rare and should try be kept like that.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I think that a city where the majority of the populace is between the ages of 18-24 (49% of total populace. Source: 2010 US Census) would stop creating policies to inhibit growth of students (apartment building restrictions) and that target their demographic. A majority of students walk and the fine for Jaywalking in Rexburg is \$70+. However, the 'No Jaywalking' signs are only posted near student residences.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I think things are getting bigger and we need to make sure we can support the changes. Infrastructure/ internet as well as taxes for buissness could be improved to make sure we welcome the change.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I think this is a beautiful region to live in. The student population really helps the growth and strengthening of the community/jobs/businesses. However, there are not a lot of jobs available and housing is rather expensive for married students.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I think we need more large businesses to come to Rexburg. It would allow for more jobs and development in this area. It would also provide income to citizens to support other local businesses. on another note, i feel that the Madison county jail needs more more to provide safety equipment for officers, primarily (vests to protect against stabbings). And the St. Anthony work camp could use some more cameras, it seems like every year a convict runs off from there.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I used to live in Utah County, Utah and it was saddening to see the frantic amount of development / sprawl that took place while I lived there--and since I left. All small-town charm has been destroyed, the air is polluted and the feel of close-knot community is gone since so many new folks have poured into the region. I hope that such a thing will not happen to this region. Let's be responsible about our growth and keep things small and clean!
Madison County, ID	Excellent	I wouldn't necessarily label them as threats. More like negative things about the place I live. Anyways, I think that Rexburg has potential to grow but until they do, these things will need to be changed.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	In Rexburg, I feel that the community is not being developed in a good way. Student housing continues to spread further away from campus and the downtown core area. This is leading to increased traffic and prevents Rexburg from having a vivid, thriving main street. In order to have a thriving community, there needs to be a central location for commercial activities. As the majority of dense housing moves further south and west of town, and commercial areas spread further north on 2nd East, it forces the community to rely more heavily on vehicular travel and a derelict central main street. A thriving, walking-friendly central core area with denser mixed-use development and gathering places (shops/restaurants/etc) would really help tie the community together. This approach is much more economically friendly to both the city and the residents of the area.

Madison County, ID	Excellent	It is getting harder for students to afford to live here when crapy apartment complexes are raising their rent simply because over priced apartments Are being built.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	It's difficult to live in this area when jobs don't pay well, even if jobs can be found. The college atmosphere provided an exciting environment as a single student - but it gets exhausting as a married student. I never enjoy shopping in Rexburg as a result of limited options and overwhelming crowds.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Job opportunities are limited and it's hard to find a good paying job. Especially with so many college students willing to do internships for free. More jobs needs to be available for college graduates and high school students.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Jobs are hard to find and housing is costly and also hard to find at an affordable price.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Let's keep the small-town atmosphere as long and as far as that is possible to do. We came here for that reason. If we lose it, we will leave. So, the choice is, do the four counties want the kind of people who appreciate small-town, close-community values, or the kind of people who don't? My reason for living in the area is higher education consequently my answers constitute an outlier to the traditional resident of Idaho. Bearing that in mind, it is easy to see why Idahoans should worry. The tax structure in Madison County is horribly antiquated and outmatched to meet the needs of the growing population. The cost of living, in terms of basic food and grocery, is high due to a bottleneck of accessibility to resources i.e. there are only two grocery stores. The state government is loath to attempt attracting any kind of new industry under the pretext of 'fair market practice' meanwhile Utah, Nevada, Colorado and Oregon have begun aggressively seeking out a diversified economy through government incentives which in shorthand leaves the Idahoan without any kind of real option for sustainable work. The fiber optic network is not up to par, even for a third world nation. The education system is in massive disaray with the kind of underfunding that is borderline unethical. On a more micro level, the city is trying to maneuver a much larger population on an infrastructure that has not seen any major change in the last twenty years. And both the local and state government seem to be at a complete loss to answer any of the issues let alone come up with any feasible solutions. Some seem to be oblivious to the fact that the area is changing.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	n/a
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Need more higher paying jobs.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Not too many high paying jobs, and internet and other infrastructure is super slow
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Population growth is the biggest threat in my opinion. People are moving here willy nilly and there is hardly any jobs (Rexburg). The jobs that are there, the college students take. The apartment situation in town is out of control.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Rexburg does have a unique situation with the expanded growth at the University causing a lack of services especially for those without transportation , inflated pricing, lack of employment for the number of university students which causes an even greater lack of employment opportunities for teenagers.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Rexburg has a problem with adjusting to change. If they don't allow more restaurant chains and businesses into the area, people will go else where. they already do now. People drive to Idaho Falls for grocery shopping, recreation and dining. Let's get those businesses to come to Rexburg so we can keep the money in Rexburg!
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Safe place to raise my family.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	so many big apartment buildings changes the feel of the small town
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Student housing costs are out of control.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	Students here (especially married ones like me) have very limited options when it comes to affordable grocery stores and housing. The town capitalizes on students in general by putting the most expensive grocery store (Broulims) closest to campus and whatever housing there is closest to campus is ridiculously expensive for the little space given in those apartments. The apartments that are coming in for single students have amenities that I probably never will have in my live because they are superfluous. I don't know if that part relates but it's absolutely true. Because of this, there's a sense of entitlement among the students who are single, whereas the married students get tiny little apartments for \$650 which is outrageous. My husband and I got lucky though and found a place that has rent for less than \$500. It's a rarity to find that sort of situation though.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	The biggest threat to the quality of life is government interference. Look at Detroit for a great example.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	The education is very poor here. While the school facilities, administration and teachers are top notch, they do not push students to strive for better. Mediocracy (i.e. Attending school) is rewarded (skipping finals) and students are only taught the standard curriculum instead of critical thinking. The other issue is that there are no graduate programs (only limited satellite programs) within a reasonable commuting distance.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	The inability of the local government to stay within their proper role. This always distorts the markets in ways that make everything more expensive and more difficult.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	The lack of jobs for students is frustrating, especially for older students with children, as opposed to these newly wed kids. Also, the grocery prices are ridiculous. I feel like Broulims is so expensive because they know that they are the only grocery store within walking distance.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	The population growth has increased with the college in Rexburg which may create a concern for housing, land use, and other factors.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	The problem with Rexburg is getting a decent paying job. There are so many students willing to work that it is hard to find a decent posting job with decent supervisors or managers that treat you well.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	The reason I moved to the area was to get an education. While here I have been able to start a family and I am lucky enough to have a good job. Renting apartments in this area is pretty expensive but I feel that the job I have takes care of that need pretty well. Many of my friends and some family members however, aren't as lucky and struggle to make ends meet because decent paying jobs are hard to find and rent is so high. I enjoy the environment though and the people are good.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	The threat to quality of life was an odd approach to the question. Difficult to think backwards with most options.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	The town of Rexburg does not have enough services to keep up with the growth of the college. As well as adequate infrastructure.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	The university keeps expanding enrollment for students and their housing without providing adequate jobs.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	There are a lot of students in this area who put money into the local economy. If there were no longer access to a school that drew them here, that decrease in money being spent could affect the lives of those who reside and work locally.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	There are alot of high rise apartment buildings going up
Madison County, ID	Excellent	There are more and more apartment buildings going up for unmarried students, but the options for married students is quite lacking. If someone wanted to make some serious \$\$\$ I'd advise toward constructing more married housing in Madison County, particularly Rexburg.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	There are not enough life sustaining jobs here in the valley.

Madison County, ID	Excellent	There are simply no jobs in Rexburg, and what few jobs are available do not pay enough to support a family or married couple. The lack of business support in Rexburg is shocking. Businesses are opening and closing within a year or two - where's the disconnect? Rexburg needs to allow bigger businesses to set up shop in Rexburg and keep the money from the college student in Rexburg - not sending it to Idaho Falls.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	There is a lot of turn-over in RExburg so it can be hard to maintain good relationships or stay involved. Also, it can be hard to find a job that isn't minimum wage because of the college town.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	This is a great area to live in, however the apartments in rexburg are very expensive and aren't very nice for what you are paying. The required student housing is a way overpriced market and something should be done about it.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	This is a weird question because my perception of a quality life might be different than another's. For example, I hope that more stores, franchises, and businesses can come into the region. Some other people might not want that and would rather preserve the small town vibe.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	We are employed by a federal contractor. Our largest threat has to do with the economy and whether federal funds will continue to be used in our area.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	We are here for the educational opportunities and love the outdoor areas and beauty that this area has to offer. The availability of jobs is a concern because it has been hard to find employment.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	We currently live here because of school, but we plan on being here for some time. I don't see any current threats to quality of life.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	We love Rexburg. My friends from other states comment on the family feel and quality of life when they come to visit.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	We moved out of Rexburg city limits because we didn't like living so closely to others. Both my husband and I grew up on farms, and we love country living and more space, so we moved out of Rexburg after a long search.
Madison County, ID	Excellent	A major problem in this region, in particular, is the pathetic level of support the state legislature gives to schools and essential government services. At some point, who is going to want to live here except a bunch of redneck, no-nothings who don't make for great neighbors. Who want to live in a state that is dead last in funding education for their kids? Who also wants to live in a state that leads the country in minimum wage jobs--it's pathetic. If I, myself, didn't have a good, high-paying job, I'd be looking to leave!!!
Madison County, ID	Very good	
Madison County, ID	Very good	An increase in housing costs is what I feel is a threat to living in the Rexburg area. With each lease I sign they increase the price by \$15, why?! As a hospital in Rexburg, we can't compete financially with wages in healthcare compared to Idaho Falls. We are unable to retain or recruit based on what we are able to offer. And in relation to the wages we can offer in this town, there is very little decent affordable housing for larger families who would like to live here but end up in Sugar City or Rigby where it's more reasnably priced.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Because of the lack of jobs in Rexburg, college students' quality of life is greatly affected.
Madison County, ID	Very good	byu-i
Madison County, ID	Very good	'diversity of economy' or LACK of diversity would be a better description. I personally would rather not have to drive to Idaho Falls for shopping. Would like to see stores like Costco, Sportsmen's Warehouse, Home Depot, etc. I am concerned about governments and special interest groups restricting access to our hunting and fishing.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Growth planning and management seem to be a challenge. I'm in favor of planned growth that enhance the quality of life, increase existing property value, and provide additional local opportunities and access for shopping, etc.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Housing costs have gone up in Madison County since we moved here. The increase of students has made it harder for the youth to get jobs. It also creates a larger population that doesn't make much money.
Madison County, ID	Very good	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4o-TeMHys0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4o-TeMHys0</a>
Madison County, ID	Very good	I absolutely love Idaho, especially the country where I am at. If I have it my way I will remain here in Idaho for the rest of mine and my families life. The hardest part though is that there is not enough housing in my area for families. Especially families that have Children and are continuing to grow. If I want an apartment to meet the 3 bedroom needs of my family, the rent starts at 800 and goes up. There is not a job in town to pay you enough for that, for the food, bills, living expenses (diapers, etc.) and the need for leisure activities in life. I work 80 hrs at a minimum between full time school and a full time job. If I moved out of town, sure it would be cheaper, but the quality of the homes are deteriorating and while options are there, I don't feel that they are safe for kids to grow up in, and I don't have the money, tools or time to repair or make them that way. I love Idaho, and the housing is the only thing that for a Father of a young family, is just really hard to make it in the world. My options are to live in unsafe conditions (old, run down homes) or work so much and hard that I bum myself out before I even get to make it home and be with what matters most in my life, my family. I would some help, without having to sign my life away and be drowning in debt. That is not the way to live. I wanna work for my family, not someone elses.
Madison County, ID	Very good	
Madison County, ID	Very good	I am a student and chose to go to school in rexburg because of the small town feel and am afraid that that feel is being lost
Madison County, ID	Very good	I am a student and I came up here for school. I think what threatens a student's quality of life is the availability of jobs. Students need to be able to work while going to school, but because the town is still so small and many students don't have cars or other means of transportation around the town, it greatly limits their ability to get jobs, whether here or in surrounding counties.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I am a student, I am living here while I attend college. I will live here until the time comes that I finish my degree, then I will likely move on. There is little incentive to stay, though I like the area and the environment. Affordable housing is a problem. Lack of short-term employment opportunities is a problem. Lack of career employment for graduates outside of the BYU school system is a problem. If there were more technology- or knowledge-based careers in the area, there would be greater incentive to stick around after graduation.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I am here for school but can see how the expansion of population could be a threat to certain lifestyles and preferences. As the town expands there is more industry, this could potentially one day have a negative effect on scenery, waterways, air quality, and use of resources in the area. However, the towns and people will adapt as needed.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I am here primarily for School. There are many wonderful advantages to living in the area. One of my main concerns for Rexburg/Madison County is the condition of private housing. Most apartments have a certain standard and expectations that is followed if they want to be BYU-I Approved housing. However, a private home do not have to abide by any higher standard. Many home owners/land lords meet the minimal state/county requirements necessary to rent out their property. Some private homes are very questionable whether they meet the mandated standards set by the state/county. Many renter are unaware of those standards or their rights as renters. As far as I know there is no mandated inspection of homes that are being rented out. The last home I lived in was very questionable as whether the maintenance work was done by a licensed professional. I realize that most owners/landlords are renting to young couples or students and feel they do not have to invest much into the property because private or married housing is sparse to begin with.
Madison County, ID	Very good	
Madison County, ID	Very good	I am living in the region to attend college presently, though could see myself living here someday for other reasons.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I attend school and it has been a great university
Madison County, ID	Very good	I believe that jobs are not paying as much as they could.

Madison County, ID	Very good	I believe we need more diversification in our community including more types of jobs that pay more than minimum wage. An economy can't grow on nothing.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I believe we need more jobs available for people to stay here. More variety. I also feel that in Rexburg, student housing is taking over and the city seems to always support the college or those building student housing, but not the necessarily the residents who don't want MORE student housing in their neighborhood. Which, by the way, sometimes isn't any where near the university.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I came out here to go to college at BYU Idaho.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I can see how it is hard to find a job in Rexburg with so many students having the same low level of qualifications.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I can't think of any.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I chose to live here because of school and how inexpensive it was, even though when I moved here, it was inexpensive, the cost of living has grown
Madison County, ID	Very good	I chose to live in a rural area, so living close to work really isn't a concern. I plan to drive in order to enjoy living in a rural setting. I do not like how the medical care is set up in rexburg. I am from originally from south ogden utah, and at the hospitale there, they have all the doctors set up in the hospital so you only have to go to one place for everything. I have also had problems with doctors offices here incorrectly billing me and incorrectly billing my insurance.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I don't know as much about the surrounding communities, but in Rexburg rent has increased exponentially within the last several years and yet wage increases have not kept pace.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I don't really have anything more to say about it.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I don't think any of those things are threats to the quality of life in the region. I chose to live here because it's where I'm going to school
Madison County, ID	Very good	I feel like cops and laws can be strict and overbearing in Rexburg I feel like Rexburg has done as well as it has because of the college. However having the college in such a small town creates problems with jobs. There are too many students looking for jobs. It is very difficult to get a job without a reference from someone. With such a high amount of people wanting a job businesses do not have to compete for employees by offering better wages. I was talking to a local from rexburg the other day who is quitting her job at Albertsons here in Rexburg to apply for a job in Rigby at a grocery store because the pay is better. Its hard for the students to find jobs but it is also making it harder for locals to make a living.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I feel like there is not very much need of concern as far as I can see.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I feel no real or impending threats to the quality of life in this region at this time, in my current tax bracket and economic situation.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I feel safe here and I can get a good education. Life has been good here for some of my siblings so I figured I should give it a try as well. I feel that the community is largely students and yet the housing costs still maintain high levels, the competitive market here is non-existent for housing and this is leading to a great disrepair among the older complexes that are still charging a high price for rent.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I feel that the lack of good paying jobs is a threat to quality life, because there is going to be a continuing amount of money put into housing for students, but nothing into the actual economy of Rexburg. The city needs to create incentives for companies to come here and offer jobs to locals and students in the area, because there is an abundance of labor, but very few jobs. If Rexburg wishes to capitalize on the university, then it needs to take an initiative. Now, I do recommend being selective to the kind of things that come in, because we don't want another Sonic fiasco.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I go to school here. Otherwise, I wouldn't live here. I know already that the answers I gave cannot clearly explain my opinion on these matters. I general I would day that threats to this region would be to develop farmland into housing developments. Agriculture is a strength to a community. Much like how a balance of different foods is good, so agriculture keeps a community in balance.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I like nature. I like being able to do things outdoors. I like that I get to live in a small community. I grew up on a farm in an outlying community and I love that I can still visit and see farmland being worked. I don't think that wages are wonderful here and the wages will not keep employees in our area. There are not businesses that will keep the college students here after graduation. Everywhere I look, more apartments are being built. I don't live here because of the wages; I live here because I like being in a community where people care about each other and I feel like my family is safe and taken care of
Madison County, ID	Very good	I like the rural feel of the smaller communities, but yet some are in need of being close to larger medical facilities. Also, the housing seems to be either on a city lot or 10+ acres. It would be nice to have 1 or 2 acre lots.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I like the safety and fresh air that this area provides. I wish housing was not so inflated for what we are getting though.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I like the small-town feel. I don't want it to expand too much. I live here because I am a college student. I am growing to love Idaho in every way just like my hometown in Colorado. I would say Idaho does a pretty fantastic job with litter. I have not seen much garbage anywhere. Nor have I heard about any forest fires. Overall, I have seen a lot of LDS churches around the area. However, I think there are not enough Book of Mormons going around. I would like to see more missionaries walking around.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live here because I am going to school and I like the colder weather and the housing and tuition is pretty good.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live here because I can receive a very good education at a low cost and I'm surrounded by people who uplift me and allow me to grow. I'm able to have experiences here that I wouldn't be able to have at other universities and in other cities
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live here because I go to school here and have come to love the area. I am concerned that the quality of Rexburg and the surrounding region is being worsened by agreements between the new rental properties for single students and prices being kept artificially high because we must live in approved housing. I'm also concerned that the creation of many new high rise buildings will damage the small town environment that I found so attractive in Rexburg/BYU.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live here because I'm a student at BYU Idaho. I do enjoy the surrounding area but the one thing I always find myself wishing were different is more businesses. I understand the desire to maintain a small community feel, but I feel that priority is crippling job opportunities and economic growth in the area.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live here because the good quality of tap water and access to good education. I live here because the school is cheaper than many other colleges and provides a good education. I like the area and the smaller town feel most of the time. The rising costs of rent is disturbing for both single and married students. As a student I don't need granite counter tops, big plasma screen tv's, or satellite television and I resent paying for it whether I have to live there due to limited housing or the cheaper places raise their prices because the fancy new places are so expensive that the cheap places know they can get away with it.

Madison County, ID	Very good	I live here for education and stay because it is a beautiful, safe community. I think the largest threat to the quality of life here would be if the community didn't move forward, as in, if more shops were not placed here.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live here for school and that is the only reason
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live here for school and work. Personally, being from Washington, I find Eastern Idaho very bland, and a lot of people around here are surprisingly closed minded. I would never choose to live here long-term. That's just my biased opinion.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live here for schooling and one of the major concerns is the fact that there are not enough jobs in this area. As well, the housing costs are so expensive that most people can't afford them... which is bad because people can't find jobs! It's all one vicious round that's not stopping.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live here for schooling. If I wasn't here for that, I probably wouldn't be here. Idaho is too farmland-y and just fields of crops with really bad weather. I could see there being good fishing or hunting or hiking, but those aren't very well advertised or affordable. Also, housing prices at BYU are very high, if I didn't love the school so much I would definitely move to BYU provo just on that reason alone. It's like half the price there!
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in Rexburg as a student, so all my answers will come from that viewpoint. The biggest concern I have is that there is no availability for jobs; part time or full time.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in Rexburg because I go to school at BYUI and if I get a job in Rexburg that will be my reason for staying.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in rural Madison county. The only real challenge I see is that with the growth in population farmers and farm life are being squeezed out or forced to change because of neighbors who, though they enjoy the rural atmosphere, do not understand the farming process that makes it possible.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in the area because I am enrolled at BYU-I. It is close to campus. If I could I would live in St. Anthony or Sugar City but I won't pay the gas to drive back and forth.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in the area because we love to fish, camp, hunt and enjoy the out doors
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in the primarily to attend BYU-Idaho. My experience is that the college students provide cheap labor for a large area. This makes good paying jobs VERY hard to find.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in the region because of the people, the open spaces and access to recreational opportunities. However, it seems in the last ten years the area is changing as people are moving in and those with the most money always win.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in the region to go to school there.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in the Rexburg area and the explosion of apartment complexes being built is outrageous. The areas planning and zoning committees only see money and not what the end game is...which is the ability to fill all the complexes and the destruction of the older homes that have been removed to make room for these eye sores. There needs to be more emphasizes on getting some decent businesses into this town. There is no where to shop for clothing and there is only one decent eating establishment here. Yes the university brings in students that contribute slightly to the economy but real money in the area are the people that live here year round and their needs are overlooked.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in this area because I go to college here. I think the biggest threat would be people trusting the community too much and being taken advantage of
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in this region because it is where I could afford to go to college.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live in this region for BYU-Idaho. I love the small town feel but there definitely isn't enough work, at least in Rexburg so that's a threat. I think more people would stay during the breaks if there were more jobs.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I live where I do because my school is in Rexburg.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I love the area and the locals. I love the small town culture that still exists. I will leave if that were to ever change.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I love the area! I love the college here, but I do worry if Rexburg gets too many people the quality of life will go down. I watched that happen in Salt Lake and Provo and worry that it might happen here!
Madison County, ID	Very good	I love the safe small-town feel of Rexburg. But I also love the expansion and job opportunities.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I love the small town and safe community that we have here. The biggest problem would be the lack of pay.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I love this region, I wish it could stay how it is. I believe we are experiencing government overreach by their destroying atv trails that have been around for decades. Instead of a trail we now have thousands of ugly mounds and dangerous pits left to make a political point. Super Walmart is coming to Rexburg because we are ashamed of all the money going to Idaho Falls. If you want to live in a city that keeps/collects a lot of money then go to Idaho Falls and leave what is beautiful the way it is. The rest of us live here because we like it, not because we want to change it.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I mainly came here for BYU-Idaho, but though I was accepted into BYU, I chose BYU-Idaho because of the environment of Idaho.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I mainly live in this region to attend college. It is a wonderful campus with outstanding benefits, mainly being able to go not even ten minutes away and have an excellent hike.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I originally moved here with my parents. My husband and I now go to school here. We love the outdoor recreation opportunities, but we don't plan on sticking around after graduation because there are more opportunities for employment elsewhere
Madison County, ID	Very good	I really enjoy this area, but rent prices are a bit high due to the amount of students. I also believe that better internet access and community connections (dog parks) would be awesome to have.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think low wages are really effecting the economy of the area as well as the high housing costs and cost to live in Rexburg
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think one threat that was not included was the political scene in Idaho. I think that the region's ultra conservative political scene could threaten the quality of life for those who are more liberal.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think perhaps the biggest threat to the quality of life is a lack of understanding and communication between people that have responsibility over others. In my experiences here, I haven't had a whole lot of successful communication with people, and that has resulted in frustrations over many different things. Sometimes my housing was threatened, sometimes my finances were threatened, and sometimes my education was threatened. If more communication was offered (or at least a clearer explanation from the get-go was offered), less problems would arise.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think that healthcare in this region is mediocre and they are so many rent business like rent master and Premier Property Rentals and othe property owners that take advantage doing bussiness with students. Most of the time the deposits are too high. They need to think that we are college students and that we don't have all that money. Also owners that rent there homes and basements should be inspected frequently.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think that there needs to be more good, cheap married housing in Rexburg Idaho.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think that there should be more jobs and businesses coming in. This is a growing college town and it is going to grow. There is too much student housing. Its not that its not affordable but the new housing is more expensive than the older housing. The people who can afford the housing, such as myself, will not go to lower housing, we will just switch around new housing. The people who can't afford it will stay in the cheaper housing and not move up. Therefore there is too much new housing all at the same cost and it is half empty because only select people will live there.

Madison County, ID	Very good	I think the biggest threat are people not willing to pay tax dollars. We need to pay taxes so we can have our streets rebuild, water protected, and indoor tennis courts/indoor sports facilities for our children. We need a top-flight education for our children so that means we need to pay teachers a fair wage! Health care and food insecurities need to be addressed. I am sick and tired of tea baggers and 2nd amendment crazies.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think the biggest threat is growing number of students, housing, and transportation. I hate driving up by campus and avoid it as much as I can. I think parking is an issue too.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think the biggest threat is not building enough married housing for students. A lot of students have to live farther away because it is hard to find apartments here let alone ones that are affordable.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think the biggest threats to this region are the growing population due to educational opportunities.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think the low income rate is a threat because I need to be able to support myself, and being a student, I do not have the time to have as second job.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I think there are too many student-approved housing but not a lot of affordable options for married students or graduated students.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I want to clarify that I answered based on whether the issue would threaten the community. For example access to good education would threaten the neighborhood if it was not available thus I put that it is a moderate threat.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I wasn't sure exactly what was being asked for the threat questions I didn't answer. So rather than provide inaccurate information, I chose to leave them blank. I didn't know if the current levels, projected levels, etc., were what my answer should have been based on or not.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I would live in another place if I could use public transportation but I am unaware of those options if they are available. Also, I would love to live in this area if there were more jobs available or paid better. If there are public postings or a website of available jobs that would greatly help reduce the feeling that there are limited jobs available.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I'm a student in Rexburg. Since the town is so full of college students, it is hard for college students in the area to find jobs. I'm not sure if I know enough about the area to feel like this place is threatened. There seems to be a crazy boom in the housing for the college and it's surprising how they took out a whole street of houses to build these giant buildings, but as long as they keep the historic stuff safe then I think it's okay. I'm only here for school.
Madison County, ID	Very good	It is a nice place with nice people. But jobs are difficult to come by for some students. No one outside of the university wants to go through the trouble of training you if they know you will be gone in a year or so, and the university does not have enough jobs to employ all of their students who want or need to work.
Madison County, ID	Very good	It would be a shame to lose the small town feel or to alter the natural environment.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Its a beautiful area and small town safety.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Keeping towns small and friendly (not by police militarization), but improving services (like internet) will make the area a place people want to be. Finding ways to improve or remove slum neighborhoods would help.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Live in the region for school, hard to find good jobs that are available though.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Madison County needs to attract business and other firms that will provide more jobs for the city and its residents. Super Wal-Mart is great and all, but it is coming a little too late for most.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Mini Provo, four story buildings, People are going to IF which threatens small businesses. We need jobs! We NEED the small businesses and the support of those businesses.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Motivation to live in Rexburg is solely due to the university in Rexburg. Because we are students we live and work as close to campus as possible and will be leaving as soon as we are finished.
Madison County, ID	Very good	My family moved here in 2004 to work at BYU-Idaho. If you don't work at the university, or if you don't farm or own a business, good paying jobs are very scarce. Our economy needs to diversify. We need to carefully plan our infrastructure and tax structure so that businesses will desire to locate in this area. There is an abundant, well-educated work force available. Also, the county and cities need to work better to plan for annexation and infrastructure so that we don't have so many homes in the county on septic tanks and wells. I worry about the number of developments in Madison county that have home after home next to each other with septic systems.
Madison County, ID	Very good	My greatest concern is in the lack of good jobs.
Madison County, ID	Very good	My husband and i are truly only here for him to attend BYU. It's hard to find a job in rexburg so I commute to idaho falls. I wouldn't mind living here if he didn't have school, but we would live in a different county with more job opportunities. Our apartment is great but if we had to work to pay for it I don't know if we could afford it. I don't know of any threats to our quality of life here. Everything in this area seems beautiful and more natural then where I moved from.
Madison County, ID	Very good	N/A
Madison County, ID	Very good	N/a
Madison County, ID	Very good	N/A
Madison County, ID	Very good	NA
Madison County, ID	Very good	NA
Madison County, ID	Very good	New Housing construction around rexburg causes little no parking for community places like parks or business. Also with the minimum wage being around 7.50 an hour makes it hard to attend school, pay for housing and afford food, gas and household items. Rexburg is great because it is provides that small town closeness but great education. IF the job market was better people might stay around here after graduation but most leave.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Our son has special needs and internal politics in the school district are possibly affecting his school experience negatively.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Population growth is good as long as it is balanced with jobs and the availability of services like water, electric, etc. Growth in this region should be balanced with agriculture so that high density does not hinder the population when hard times come. We need to be wise and allow space within the population for agriculture so that we can be self-sustaining whenever it is needed. Logan, UT/ Cache Valley is a good example of an area that has a good balance of population and agriculture. We don't want to develop all our natural farm land so much that we make it hard to sustain our community when hard times come. Single family units should have enough space for gardens, and/or larger and more densely populated areas need to have farm land nearby to sustain the people who live there in difficult times when our fragile JIT (just in time) distribution systems are disrupted.
Madison County, ID	Very good	I'm not being a dooms-sayer, but we should be wise as we expand.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Population growth was a little to rapid without planning after Ricks turned to BYU.
Madison County, ID	Very good	quality of life is not always threatened by growth, growth is inevitable because of the quality of life
Madison County, ID	Very good	Quality of life would improve if it was easier for businesses to stay in business and start new businesses.

Madison County, ID	Very good	Rent is pretty expensive for a poor college student. Rexburg has a fear of growth and expansion. This fear is killing opportunities for businesses to thrive economically. Rexburg would not exist as it does now without the contributions made by the students who come here, and yet our students suffer from lack of employment opportunities and very expensive housing.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Rexburg in particular, is in need of serious infrastructure improvements - everything from internet capabilities to water, sewer, and roads. The housing market does not reflect the average wage - housing market is quite inflated as compared to area wages. Access to quality healthcare can also be a problem as is housing and care for seniors and individuals with special needs. Rexburg is not bike friendly nor are there any public transportation options. The airport being in town is also quite a problem - no room for expansion. In its current location, it is more of a nuisance than a viable service. Like the low crime rate and sense of small community. Need to keep police force strong so that as outside influences become more prevalent, they are prepared and are proactive with keeping us safe.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Rexburg needs to allow more businesses into this community. Many people travel to Idaho Falls for all of their needs. There needs to be more jobs available for students from college and high school.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Rexburg police and laws are biased against students
Madison County, ID	Very good	Some of these options are too vague. 'Level of funding for government agencies'--Does that mean 'insufficient levels' or 'increasing levels' or something else. Several of the items are like that; no direction is indicated.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Student housing in Rexburg is overpriced. I don't have a dishwasher or air conditioning, and I can smell the sewer by the Stadium on my walk to and from school. The brand-new, luxury housing going in (NorthPoint) is odd to me, because I don't think the school itself can take any more growth, but they're building a TON of new student housing. It also means a lot of loud construction and the kind of obnoxious people who live in fancy apartments being right next to/above me.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The economy needs to grow to support more and better-paying employment
Madison County, ID	Very good	The federal government is shutting down access to a lot of federal ground. Having access is not a threat to this environment. I feel that the federal government has too much control over areas that have been open in the past for recreation. These lands should be under the control of each individual state. Preserving these lands is not a threat and letting the public use them is not going to affect them negatively.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The growth of the community is bringing a lot of change, especially to the scenery and environment. This will take some getting used to, but is probably still a good thing for the community overall.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The housing market has inflated prices. if you compare other regions with the same amount of units available the prices are \$100's lower. Once the number of empty units prompts the prices to fall in order to fill those units the local economy will take a hit that it is not ready to handle.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The housing out here is almost a complete monopoly. Students must live in approved housing, and the school does nothing to regulate prices. Due to the apartment complexes out here being owned by only a few people, we run into lack of competition and are forced to live in either poor living conditions or incredibly overpriced cheap quality housing.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The land is naturally a work of art. Changing it to make it more 'tourist-friendly' would be a regrettable mistake. Let hikes remain difficult, and keep the animals roaming relatively free. One of my favorite things about this part of the Mountain West is that the people here know how to live with their surroundings. Tourists seem to want to bend the environment. They need to understand that working with the land is why this area is unlike any other in the nation.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The main thing why i live here is the school opportunities and also the outdoors chances
Madison County, ID	Very good	The nasty tasting water is part of the ruination of the way of life.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The new housing prices are skyrocketing in Rexburg but that still leaves plenty of room for cheaper housing that it isn't a terrible problem.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The only reason we live in Rexburg is to attend BYU-I. It's small and fairly family friendly but the risk of getting hit by a distracted/inexperienced driver may even out the low risk of crime.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The region seems to be developing quite well and it will definitely help the economy of the area.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The Rexburg planning and zoning commission seems well balanced and suggests reasoned decisions that will benefit all residents of the city. The Rexburg city council then ignores the suggestions from the Rexburg P&Z commission and makes decisions that benefit a single land owner to the detriment of all other Rexburg citizens. Unfortunately, the Rexburg city council has done this multiple times in just the last year. The Madison County P&Z commission and commissioners also change both the comprehensive plan and zoning at the request of almost any land owner without consideration of what detriment the changes will have to the citizens of the county. All of them hide behind a statement that the comprehensive plan is a 'living document'. Planning and zoning brings stability to real estate and actually makes land prices go up for the land owner that wishes to sell. Unfortunately, the Rexburg City Council, the Madison County P&Z commission, and the county commissioners don't understand this. Poor planning and zoning is the biggest threat to the quality of life in the four county area covered by this survey.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The safety is number reason we live here but we dont have enough businesses to sustain quality of life. Most business that come in shut down with 2 years
Madison County, ID	Very good	The snow and ice build up in town is a threat to life. Road conditions are terrible in the fall winter and spring.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The type of housing that is becoming available are mainly ONLY for single students. There needs to be more community housing. The internet here is also completely horrendous. Terrible.
Madison County, ID	Very good	The way this country is going with obamacare and budget cut to the university , I am afraid of the university will raise there price of health insurance and not make it more affordable. My family is only here so we can get our education . I believe the budget cuts are affecting our education.
Madison County, ID	Very good	There are not a lot of jobs available due to the great number of students here.
Madison County, ID	Very good	THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH JOBS IN REXBURG. PEOPLE HAVE TO GO TO IDAHO FALLS JUST FOR ANY JOB WHETHER IT BE FULL TIME OR PART TIME.
Madison County, ID	Very good	There are not enough jobs in the region for the amount of people looking for jobs. The jobs that are available are not high enough paying for the cost of living in the area.
Madison County, ID	Very good	There are not many opportunities to get a job in Rexburg.
Madison County, ID	Very good	There are not that many good paying jobs that will hire college students. It is really hard to find a job while going to school. So when the students are off track they move elsewhere to find a job so that they have the money to come back to school.
Madison County, ID	Very good	There are some huge apartment complexes going up near campus in Rexburg. I would prefer that housing be spread more out with better parking near campus to maintain a better small-town feel. I live near campus and I hear stupid kids screaming up and down the street until curfew.
Madison County, ID	Very good	There are very few jobs available in the Rexburg area, which makes it difficult for students like myself who need employment to stay in school and to stay in an apartment. There are obviously hundreds, even thousands of other students like me all competing for the same few jobs, which can make things very difficult. Also on a different note, I feel that the housing that is available for students is very overpriced and that this is partially due to the



		fact that there is really very little competition. Sure there are lots of options available but there is little competition between the different options because they all know that students really have no choice but to live there or somewhere similar. For the amount of money that I and my roommates pay per month on average for the apartment we live in, anywhere else in the country we could surely get much more for our money than we do in 'BYU-I Approved Student Housing,' with much more freedom as well as to what we did with the apartment itself. However since we are required to live in 'Approved Student Housing' we have no choice but to pay for small, overpriced apartments. There is a lot of growth at the university in Rexburg which has affected the housing in the area. Community housing is being torn down to build more student housing close to campus. And the more students come to the university, the more housing will be needed and the more community housing will be taken up by students who leave the university.
Madison County, ID	Very good	
Madison County, ID	Very good	There is sometimes not enough available close enough for low income students who do not have money or transportation.
Madison County, ID	Very good	This is a beautiful area and a great community. I may not live here, however, if I didn't work for BYU-Idaho. This is a great place to live! The cost of housing is excessive. As I've looked at home prices, I find that the difference for equivalent properties in Madison County are \$40k less expensive in Jefferson County. The price per square foot in a Rexburg home rivals that of downtown homes in Salt Lake City.
Madison County, ID	Very good	
Madison County, ID	Very good	This survey is way too long.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Threats to quality of life are the increase of college students and not having the college pay the community in taxes and such. The community is small and with the increase in student population, it has increased the danger ie...traffic, for locals.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Too many poor people and not enough cheap housing.
Madison County, ID	Very good	Traffic and travel is very dangerous. Our current streets can not handle the amount of traffic in the area with the College growing at a steady pace. WAY too much annoying police activity. It's like they're everywhere. And you have to constantly watch your step. Seriously, ask everyone. Too many cops.
Madison County, ID	Very good	We chose to live in this region for inexpensive schooling. The threats to our inexpensive schooling is that as the college grows they need more apartments and the new ones are charging more so the older apartments feel they can raise their prices.
Madison County, ID	Very good	We love the region due to its small town, old fashioned feeling. I feel sad that some people think we need to progress past that quaint feeling.
Madison County, ID	Very good	We need a bus system.
Madison County, ID	Very good	We need some growth in jobs and business in Madison county, but the small town feel is not something that I want to go away with the growth. We never wanted to raise our children anywhere but here and our children felt the same way, but we are quickly losing the small town atmosphere. Our children are moving away now for better jobs as the places they are going are not that much different from Rexburg now. That is one of the reasons we plan to sell and return to live outside of town.
Madison County, ID	Very good	
Madison County, ID	Very good	With the increase in college students the opportunity to find a job is very small. Access to housing: My concerns for this is that there does not seem to be enough apartments/housing options for married students. My husband and I had a terrible time finding a place to live last year and were forced to live away from the BYU-I campus (in Idaho Falls) and couldn't afford living there. We've also heard of other married couples having trouble finding places to live because there were so few options and openings that were within their living budget. Availability of Jobs: This is also a concern, as my husband had a very hard time looking for a job and didn't get one until nearly half a year after moving into Rexburg, only to be forced to quit his job because they shut down. There are not enough job openings/opportunities here in Rexburg for students who need to work.
Madison County, ID	Good	As stated, I am strongly in favor of a movement towards fiber-optic cables coming to Rexburg. I heard tell that there was a possibility, but with a price tag of 1 million dollars or so. The numbers might be way off, but I would definitely be in favor of any means, be it local taxes or other such sanctions, to be able to have this amenity. Half of the community is college students and I know that it would be well received, as most of our time revolves around the use of internet.
Madison County, ID	Good	
Madison County, ID	Good	BYU-Idaho Cost of living definitely appears to not be something considered by landlords when it comes to job salary for students who don't want to get into debt just for studying, and are working and going to school full-time, and even a greater threat for married students who have a family. Why is that single students have so much cheaper living costs than married students? There should be more affordable housing for married students, but in places that are just as beautiful as housing like the Ivy or the Willow - it's ridiculous how much less we get for how much more effort we try to put into surviving in this town.
Madison County, ID	Good	
Madison County, ID	Good	Good jobs are limited. Rexburg has terrible bicycle transportation accomadations.
Madison County, ID	Good	Housing at the university if pretty expensive.
Madison County, ID	Good	Housing is too much for students to be paying while working minimum wage part time jobs.
Madison County, ID	Good	I am a BYU-Idaho student. I am a student here and am only here for that. The pay scales are low so i go out of state to work and acquire the higher wages. The lower wages and lack of diverse options to work are some of those factors that affect a good quality of life. Lack of diverse parks, recreation parks (theme parks nearby, etc.) and malls (There should be one put in Rexburg. Many wonder why there isn't. It would bring a lot of jobs and more commerce to Rexburg, and not to Idaho falls. )
Madison County, ID	Good	
Madison County, ID	Good	I am a student so living in this region is helpful for a small town feel and receive a good education
Madison County, ID	Good	I am currently here to go to school. I think community housing is too expensive for college students. I am going to college and the availability/price/quality of internet is poor. Cable tv isn't much better, especially if we are paying for something labeled as 'excellent.' The ability to find jobs is difficult and good paying/quality jobs are even more rare. Married housing is small and far from campus for the price they are charging.
Madison County, ID	Good	
Madison County, ID	Good	I am mainly here to go to school. In Rexburg specifically, I feel that the student population is continuing to grow and the school and housing around Rexburg is having a hard time keeping up with the influx of students every fall. Also, I feel that there is definitely not enough married student housing in Rexburg.
Madison County, ID	Good	
Madison County, ID	Good	I am surprised by the lack of recreational/educational activities as well as the lack of desire to fund our school system by residents. This is especially disturbing because children per household is much greater than in other areas of the country. Having lived in Illinois I was amazed at the abundance

of activities and commitment from the community for better education. I wonder if having more children makes us less fanatic about their education/recreation needs.

Madison County, ID	Good	I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST OF TAXES IN MADISON COUNTY
Madison County, ID	Good	I believe one threat is the lack of married housing. There needs to be more affordable married housing for people who come with families to live in Rexburg and study at BYU.
Madison County, ID	Good	I believe that we could save a bunch of money and improve our night sky by using street lights and requiring other lights which effectively light their targets, and don't trespass so badly, or attempt to light places they cannot effectively do.
Madison County, ID	Good	I believe the universities in the area are good and provide adequate education. I do not know much about the K-12 schools though.
Madison County, ID	Good	I came to go to BYU for the small class sizes, but now with the school trying to get bigger that threatens the small community.
Madison County, ID	Good	I choose to live here because of the educational opportunity, and the affordability thereof. I think that if I did not have sufficient income (ei if I couldn't find the work hours I need), then I would have ultimately no interest in staying.
Madison County, ID	Good	I chose to live here with no other reason but to attend university here.
Madison County, ID	Good	I didn't find any of the options a threat.
Madison County, ID	Good	I do not like the growth in population and the amount of complexes being built, but the amount of job opportunities remains.
Madison County, ID	Good	I enjoy living here. However, there are not enough jobs for this area. Everything in Madison County is more expensive than say Jefferson County. The housing, taxes, everything. Not sure why that is.
Madison County, ID	Good	I feel a serious threat to the quality of life especially with affordable housing; my husband and I could barely afford our rent before, and now we have a new baby to support as well. This also means that jobs that pay adequate wages for proper living as well as saving some aside for an education are a serious threat in that there are none. It's easier if you're single, but if you're in our situation, it's not enough.
Madison County, ID	Good	I feel like Rexburg makes it really hard for businesses to come in and be successful. They have a huge work force that could make Rexburg a much better economic foothold in south eastern Idaho
Madison County, ID	Good	I feel that more and more students are coming from different regions, owners of the houses want to make money.
Madison County, ID	Good	I feel that Rexburg is a good place to live, but it lacks good job opportunities because of wage and the cost of living as a student is way to high
Madison County, ID	Good	I go to college here. It has all the basic needs concentrated in the center, and outdoor availability close by.
Madison County, ID	Good	I go to school at BYU. It is a great educational and future employment opportunity.
Madison County, ID	Good	I have to live in this region for school and there are housing complexes that are going up all over the place but they are so expensive that it is going to jack up the prices of all the other housing as well.
Madison County, ID	Good	I know a lot of college students can't find jobs, which makes it really hard to be a college student. However, it is difficult for one town to support jobs for the thousands of college students that attend.
Madison County, ID	Good	I like to live in areas that are smaller in size but big enough to get what I need at reasonable prices. I think that as BYU-Idaho grows the land is going to be threatened and it will turn into a busy little city. Rexburg, in particular, is not built to accommodate the large amount of people during the semester. With the growth of the school more traffic, foot and vehicular, will make life in the town busy and almost dangerous.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live at this complex because I received a discount from my work that made living here extremely affordable for a semester. I stayed here because it's close to my work and at this time, I do not have a car.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live here because I go to BYU-Idaho, but housing for married couples is so expensive here that we're forced to get help from family or risk not having a place to live.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live here because I go to school at BYU-Idaho. As mentioned above, I think the rent prices are outrageous, given the quality of the apartments and honestly, it's a monopoly because we BYU-Idaho students have no choice but to live in 'approved' housing if we want to go to school here. All the approved housing costs around the same so there's really nowhere to go if you just cant afford to pay out your nose for rent. It's extremely unfair, but that is probably more of a BYU-Idaho problem than a Madison County problem.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live here because my family is close by and has been for several generations. Also, It's close to the school I'm attending.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live here because of school, and the reason i am going to leave is because there are not enough jobs for my major as a business mareter.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live here because of school, other wise I wouldn't be here or even consider the area as a possibility for a future place to work/live.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live here because this is the school of my choice and I like it a lot. I don't feel like there's many threats to the quality of life here, unless you mean making it a bit better. Small business owners have a hard time here. Which is too bad. They're really great.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live here to attend BYU. The biggest threats to citizens are lack of jobs.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live here to go to college.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live here to go to College.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live here to go to school at BYU-Idaho. I will leave after graduating because there are no jobs in my field nearby.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live in the region because my husband and I attend BYU-Idaho.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live in the region due to BYU Idaho and pretty much no other region. The scenery is different from where I grew iup (Washington state) and so it's not a big draw for me. It'd be nice if it were greener.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live in this region because I am going to school
Madison County, ID	Good	I live in this region because I go to school here.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live in this region because I'm attending a school that is affordable. A possible threat to the quality of life is the burden of out-of-date/ expensive housing.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live in this region because of my education.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live in this region because of the education that I am receiving. I'm still here because of the small and welcoming atmosphere.
Madison County, ID	Good	I live in this region solely because of school. If the school were not here I would live somewhere else. I have one child and one on the way. I would appreciate a three bedroom apartment that I can afford that does not have a electric bill that shoots up 200 percent over the winter season.

Madison County, ID	Good	I live in this region to attend BYU-I
Madison County, ID	Good	I love the area. It is close to all kinds of fun things. It lacks severely in high paying jobs, shopping options and affordable 3 bedroom housing. I currently work full-time, yet do not make enough to not live in subsidized housing.
Madison County, ID	Good	I love the small town feel of Rexburg. I came here for college because in five minutes I could be out in the middle of a field, not stuck in a city. Even as a student, I worry that the college is growing too quickly. I would hate for Rexburg to lose the very sense of community that makes it so unique and wonderful.
Madison County, ID	Good	I love the small town feel that Rexburg provides, but old historical houses are being increasingly ripped down to provide room for huge apartment complexes that threaten the small time feel.
Madison County, ID	Good	I mainly live in this region for a very low cost to attend college.
Madison County, ID	Good	I moved here for the school but mostly for the fact that agriculture is so big around here. But it is really hard to get involved with that type of work because the farmers and ranchers from Idaho believe that only people from Idaho know how to work cows.
Madison County, ID	Good	I moved to the region to get an education. One of the only threats that really concerns me is the availability of jobs in the area.
Madison County, ID	Good	I only live in this region because I go to school here. I would not live here for any other reason.
Madison County, ID	Good	I really believe there should be better public transportation as in to have some that would go from Idaho Falls to Rexburg. I also believe that there should be more bike lanes and bike /walking promotion.
Madison County, ID	Good	I think a major threat to the region is the lacking of development in the economy. There are not enough jobs being created to make people want to stay here for the long term.
Madison County, ID	Good	I think growth to the community is needed for more opportunities and job opportunities. the main problem of staying in this area is the low pay and people are not willing to spend much on services.
Madison County, ID	Good	I think that we are all in a pretty safe area with lots of things to do and people can count in that when they come and visit. We just need more economic growth.
Madison County, ID	Good	I think there needs to be more population growth, so I don't consider it a threat. The greater population, the more opportunities that can occur, thus increasing possibility for college students in the Rexburg area.
Madison County, ID	Good	I'm currently a student at BYU-Idaho and live in Rexburg year-round. I also have family that live in the Wilford area. I feel as though the University could update some of the housing, but the area in general is beautiful, safe, and affordable.
Madison County, ID	Good	I'm disappointed how housing has gone up since Ricks College became BYU-Idaho. I am also very disappointed that good and long running and biking lanes/paths are hard to find unless you get in your car to get there. The university used to have roads in the arboretum where students could run, but they have been replaced with student housing.
Madison County, ID	Good	I'm from Seattle, WA the most beautiful region on earth. Teton County, ID is a close second, and I imagine Teton County, Wy isn't too different. Leave the counties the way they are with the exception of one decent hotel in each Teton County if there isn't already. Focus on the school districts; it is the improvement of the youth in the community. Economically Madison County has two industries; agriculture and BYU-Idaho. Focus and nicely take advantage of these two industries and everything they have to offer and everything will take care of itself.
Madison County, ID	Good	I'm here at BYU-I. Quality of life for students depends on jobs and how available they are and their income. For me, I've been applying places since September 2013 and have gotten nothing.
Madison County, ID	Good	In order to preserve the beautiful environment in our region, I feel that steps need to be taken to try to protect it. The environments in this area are very unique and one of a kind.
Madison County, ID	Good	In Rexburg I think that some threats are the roads and access to main roads and lack of sidewalks and that they may be too small(not wide enough)
Madison County, ID	Good	It feels many in the area [mostly those who have lived here a long time] oppose economic growth and allowing companies to come in and build or open stores which is killing the area that is growing in population, but dying in options of where to shop/spend money for services.
Madison County, ID	Good	It has been pretty difficult to find a job with a flexible schedule (we're college students) to make enough money for our small family.
Madison County, ID	Good	It's a good place to live,
Madison County, ID	Good	It's a good place to live, everything you need. Nothing you don't.
Madison County, ID	Good	Jobs are super hard to come by.
Madison County, ID	Good	Most apartment owners in Rexburg are DOUCHE BAGS and CROOKS in how they overprice on the rent they charge. Makes me wonder what kind of hypocrites they are on Sundays.
Madison County, ID	Good	Most of the available jobs in Rexburg are fast food places which pay lower than minimum wage and give you only part time hours. Meanwhile, the housing market is priced higher than a student's monthly income from a fast food place. We have to commute to Idaho Falls in order to receive work which pays higher and gives more hours in order to make it each month.
Madison County, ID	Good	My family lives here and I go to BYU-I
Madison County, ID	Good	N/A
Madison County, ID	Good	NA
Madison County, ID	Good	none
Madison County, ID	Good	Not a lot of job opportunities, but close to where I can get a good education
Madison County, ID	Good	Rates here are inflated because of demand based on the college so affordable housing close to town and school and work that allows pets is difficult to find.
Madison County, ID	Good	roads are crap and driving laws are poorly enforced
Madison County, ID	Good	School is the only reason I live here. My wife has invariably had terrible experiences with the healthcare system. I have had a hard time finding steady work, and my wife will also have a hard time finding work here once she graduates. We are also used to the variation in stores where we are from. It'd be nice if there was more than exactly one grocery store in Rexburg.
Madison County, ID	Good	Streets are choked with traffic as the population grows. Transient population sometimes reduces respect for the area in terms of how they treat the property and people who reside here. I love the values that established this region, but as diverse populations move here, it is harder to maintain the family-friendly atmosphere and safety—real or just perceived.
Madison County, ID	Good	The threats to the quality of life is not enough competition for housing or other businesses. The fact that students make up a significant percentage of the population and that there isn't enough diversification of jobs keeps them from wanting to settle. Rexburg might grow but surrounding counties will

not benefit. The fact that many people are from different backgrounds and that most communities are reserved keeps them from building relations with each other that would reinforce many things.

Madison County, ID	Good	The area that I live in is starting to grow a lot and housing is struggling to keep up. The biggest threat to this area is the competence of the elected officials and their ability to regulate the monies generated here. There are special interests with regards to apartment owners and the need of elected officials to accommodate them. Also the neglect to oversee the spending of the Madison County Hospital, the absolute disregard to reign in wasteful spending. Specifically the latest debacle of the surgeons taking pay for their on call service.
Madison County, ID	Good	The community within Madison County is impeding Rexburg from growing as a college town. The college in Rexburg makes Rexburg what it is and could be so much more if the zoning board and other town officials would let it happen. They are trying to keep it a small old town community when that isn't realistic with a college with 16000+ students here. Let more business and other enterprises come in and improve the area. The growth in Rexburg is alarming; I don't feel that it matches the growth that the community experiences - too much growth for how many more people come to live here.
Madison County, ID	Good	The housing is robbing the students blind
Madison County, ID	Good	The job market is highly saturated, but the area is great. The job opportunities are slim to none for us college students. The little jobs we qualify for are taken up by the thousands of students and high schoolers, as well as international students who are allowed to work 40 hours on campus when domestic students can only work 20 hours. This causes many international students to work 2 or 3 jobs leaving even less for american students. The jobs do not pay very much money. Where I was going to school in Nevada I was working part-time, earning over \$12.00 an hour and the housing was much cheaper. I don't understand why the housing is more expensive here in a small town, and the jobs pay less. It does not make any logical sense to me, and I can't wait to leave the area.
Madison County, ID	Good	The lack of diversity in the economy, including types of businesses in the area limits the amount of better paying jobs and economic stimulus in general. Public education in this area is underfunded and teacher turnover is too high to maintain consistent quality. The main threat that I find is that with how limited jobs are in this town, it is hard for people to get jobs so that they can support families and places to live.
Madison County, ID	Good	The number of college students can overwhelm the stores. The opportunity to find a good paying job without having to kill oneself to get it. With BYU-I in the area, employers are able to pay whatever they want and desire that one works hard for very little. They do this because there is always someone else waiting/wanting a job. the threat for the Married community is that there is not really good affordable housing that is good and priced for poor students who are married and have children and may or may not have jobs.
Madison County, ID	Good	The way these threats were worded was a little confusing... like the options of transportation, do you mean the increase in options or the lack thereof were a potential threat? Made it difficult to answer such questions. But I love the small town, close to home, naturalistic feel that offers affordable and good living options. Light tourism, limited economic diversity, and so forth do not feel threatening. There are hardly any really good paying jobs. Most of the jobs in the area are low paying and that is a threat to the quality of life because no one can afford to buy things that would bring more options to the area. If there were more high paying jobs then that money would be spent in the area giving more opportunities for more diverse products to be introduced.
Madison County, ID	Good	There are little to no jobs here, and it is difficult and time consuming to find even one that is available. Housing costs are also increasing, and doubling with the lack of job opportunities it can be difficult for some to pay living costs adequately. There are many students that in Rexburg that work and go to school full time. They can not/barley afford the housing costs as it is and those prices seem to be going up. This will drive students away.
Madison County, ID	Good	There are no jobs here in Rexburg. There are seriously no job opportunities here in Rexburg. I have to commute to Idaho Falls to work. Also there is no competition as far as grocery stores and power companies. It is a big monopoly.
Madison County, ID	Good	There are too many people here and not enough jobs. The housing takes advantage of married couples. There are two big problems with living in Rexburg, jobs and transportation. There aren't enough jobs for the growing student population. I've also heard that the city council is making it ridiculously difficult for businesses to build in Rexburg. The new Walmart will help, but the more businesses that come, the more jobs available and prices will go down. Its almost 1/2 the price to shop in IF instead of Rexburg. But there's no way to get anywhere if you don't have a car. We need some public transportation that goes from one end of the city to the other, and to the mall in IF. You have everything in walking distance from the mall. Please think about this.
Madison County, ID	Good	There is a lot of building going on that required tearing up grassy fields and trees. there is not enough good paying jobs here. i know some of the BYUI students are finding that if they don't work and get good grades for scholarships, and get grants and some student loans they actually make more than if they were to find a job. i now see 'now hiring' signs in town of which we haven't seen for years.
Madison County, ID	Good	There is so much open space in Idaho I dont think anything could really threaten the way of life here. I enjoy the outdoors and the small town feel. There is way too much emphasis in Rexburg on building apartments for the BYU students, and little to no consideration for long-term residents. There is a sever lack of jobs and resources because of the overwhelming amount of students flooding the area, and the local government's seeming refusal to bring in any other resources / jobs / opportunities other than that which will please the college.
Madison County, ID	Good	There needs to be less jobs in the Rexburg area. There are many new housing buildings being made, but there are no new jobs. Big K and the Dollar Store are closing, so there is even less jobs. Threats: 1) Destruction of historical architecture and traditional single-family neighborhoods--serious problem in Rexburg! 2) Massive overbuilding of student apartment buildings in Rexburg. 3) Lack of student parking due to the PEZ zone policy in Rexburg. 4) Transparency of local government. 5) Mayor Richard Woodland.
Madison County, ID	Good	We do not have enough businesses as well a large businesses. Like Target, Winco, and Cosco We live here to go to school. Unless you plan to teach or work at BYU-Idaho there are not adequate career opportunities. When we are done with school we will move leaving or extended family to find work.
Madison County, ID	Good	We live in the area for school. Threat to the quality of our lives is that does not seem to be enough married student housing in the area where we live, therefore the prices are pretty steep for fairly low quality. We love the outdoor recreation, the small town, the combination of farms and ranches. Though, I'm also looking forward to the expansion of some of the towns and possible more business and culture being brought in to have and equal balance of both the outdoor recreation and job security and culture.
Madison County, ID	Good	

Madison County, ID	Good	We need more businesses so we can have more jobs. I mean the big box stores and food stores. Like Target, Winco, and Cosco.
Madison County, ID	Good	Well, to be honest, I think that a Costco could greatly enhance my quality of life in this area.
Madison County, ID	Good	While population growth and land development is a threat, its more-so the inability to provide infrastructure for the population growth that is worrisome.
Madison County, ID	Fair	Because of the education opportunity (BYU-Idaho). BYUI is why I live here, but the economy won't get any better if you don't get people to move in, let alone stay. People leave Madison and Fremont counties because there's nothing in the economy. They all have to go to Idaho Falls for decent materialism needs. These areas need to expand and bring in more businesses. By reducing the number of traffic going to Idaho Falls and increasing the profits of new and already local businesses, they can expand these communities. By allowing businesses to flourish, thrive, expand, and bring in new firms, you increase your local revenues. This is especially useful for city and county agencies, commissions and government.
Madison County, ID	Fair	Environmentalism ruins the quality of life in any region. It is a big threat in Eastern Idaho.
Madison County, ID	Fair	Housing costs for students continue to rise, and it is currently over priced. I think this is because there is a limited amount of places that are 'campus approved'. In short, there is a monopoly on the housing department in Rexburg because they know we have to live in one of their apartments.
Madison County, ID	Fair	Housing is not affordable especially for a student town.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I am living here only for college and have been looking for a job since I got here. Only had 3 interviews out of about 150 resume/applications over the space of about 9 months.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I go to BYU-Idaho. That's the only reason why I am here.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I have to do college. The police and law enforcement engages in predatory money-taking practices towards the student population.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I live here because i go to BYUI
Madison County, ID	Fair	I live here because I go to BYU-Idaho but the lack of married housing close to campus makes it difficult to get to school. There are tons of single student complexes that are close to campus and affordable, but next to none in the married department.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I live here for school and I think a threat would be the lack of land available to build on would be it. I live here for the cheap schooling. I feel it is not right for housing prices to be so drastically high in Rexburg when they are relatively low in cities that are fifteen minutes away. The city needs to expand and is bursting at the seams, and the city's leadership needs to take a little more action to expand, instead of trying to preserve some small town feel. The world is growing. The outdoors in this region are amazing! That is the saving grace of the area I live.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I live here only to attend school here. It is pretty outside of Rexburg, but Rexburg itself is fairly populated, has much construction since the bad roads need it, and the housing is of very poor quality yet pricey due to supply and demand because of all the college students. And the roads are very dangerous in the winter since Rexburg doesn't do a single thing when roads are snowy and icy which is ridiculous since there are so many drivers who don't have snow tires or experience driving in these conditions since they're out of state students.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I only go to school here. There are so many other places I would rather live. I think its ridiculous how cities like Rexburg want to maintain a 'small town' atmosphere. It is impossible for that to happen because of the University. There are no jobs for students! How is anybody suppose to support themselves or a family with no jobs?
Madison County, ID	Fair	I only live in this region for the school, period. I would say this town is too geared towards single college folk and doesn't offer what I want/need. I would like to see a Winco for cheap foods and more sit-down restaurants that are good. Also, I do not like the lack of recycling.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I really love the outdoors, because I grew up in a small farming and ranching community. I really wouldn't want too much development outside of the city because I like those wide open spaces. If that's what needed to happen though, I guess I would be okay with it. I just wouldn't love the idea.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I think Rexburg needs more growth. Things are too expensive for a poor college student with not enough high paying jobs to afford the expensive goods needed to survive.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I think that as the university population grows, job availability will be more scarce than it is now. This could cause a lot of students to give up on college, or take long breaks from college to save money. Also Rexburg may become over crowded. I think it would be wise to expand student housing outside of Rexburg. I believe public transportation will become a necessity, unless Rexburg would like major traffic jams in the coming years.
Madison County, ID	Fair	It is because of the size of the town in which we are currently living in that all of the factors would pose a huge threat. Primarily because the town is NOT expanding in size the way it should be due to a soon-to-be steep increase of population.
Madison County, ID	Fair	Lack of economic opportunity will further depress the area.
Madison County, ID	Fair	Rexburg is a nice place to live and raise a family, however, rental prices are increasing and job availability is decreasing. If one does manage to find a job, they can expect to be paid minimum wage. Most business are owned and operated by the same families. The health professionals in the area are limited and not of the best quality. As more and more students attend BYU in Rexburg, the more housing is required. Because space is limited, land costs increase which in turn increase housing costs. As housing costs go up, the need for reliable work that pays a decent wage is required.
Madison County, ID	Fair	Some of the biggest threats to the quality of life in the region I live are associated with the people who claim Rexburg as an inheritance location. There have been, and continue to be, efforts by business owners who are a part of the city council who manipulate and constrict competition so that prices on groceries, homes, gas, etc. remain overly inflated. These same individuals limit any competing businesses or growth developments that would build up the infrastructure and grow the economy based on self-interested business practices. Rexburg is being crippled by these unethical practices - the city, the community, the population and families. Because of these individuals, Rexburg will be losing their Walmart while a Super Walmart opens nearby on the other side of the city limits. The city will lose tax revenues, not only from Walmart, but from the businesses that will open up around it. Rexburg is in serious need of some change - change to clean the slate of practices and behaviors that have been, and continue to be, a detriment to the city and its citizens. It has become a town that exists, in large part, to take advantage of the student population of BYU-Idaho. Not everyone attending the university has a rich mom and dad who will pay for whatever they want. Many people come from financially strapped families or are supporting families of their own while they attend school here. These practices are a real burden on the community of Rexburg, and only benefit a few members of the community. My wife worked for a company taking care of people with disabilities where anywhere else in the country would have started out at the minimum of \$12 - \$15 an hour. But because of the high number of available college students looking for employment and the low number of jobs, pay started out at \$8 an hour, and no qualifications were required to take care of people with special needs. This company's net profits are over \$1 million a year, provided by tax revenues. They nickle and dime the very people they are supposed to be serving. This is a pathetic example of the greed and selfishness that is plaguing Rexburg, Idaho.
Madison County, ID	Fair	The lack of jobs in the area is a threat.

Madison County, ID	Fair	The only threats are the lack of variety as a consumer, and housing expenses. There's no real good options for single people to live here year round. Everything is so dang expensive in the Rexburg area.
Madison County, ID	Fair	The risk of higher apartment/ dorm prices will keep me away from the area.
Madison County, ID	Fair	The totalitarian restrictions on BYU-Idaho housing are driving the cost of living up dramatically for students. While the school offers great tuition reimbursement, it is almost completely nullified by the strict housing requirements that enable the approved housing market to hike their prices to unreasonable levels.
Madison County, ID	Fair	The town has enough to offer for a limited population. If they want more economic activity and tax revenue then the town needs to build up and they need to get more long term businesses in here. Fast food and gas stations are okay for a time, but they definitely don't make a living for many people.
Madison County, ID	Fair	There are not many good quality jobs that will provide for basic student needs.
Madison County, ID	Fair	There is great education opportunities - BYU. The only concern is if this place grew too much, I would hate for any the beautiful scenery to start disappearing because of too much growth.
Madison County, ID	Fair	This region has a common thread of LDS people who are trying to live right. The moral decline of our world presses on everyone. It is good to associate with like minded people. Threat to the region-allowing the federal government to dictate what the state should have control over.
Madison County, ID	Fair	We live here because one of us was hired by the university. The biggest threat to the area is an out of control local government (county and city) that feels it needs to subjugate its citizens to strong central planning. Envision Madison is a purely socialist process that threatens us all. The university, particularly President Clark, have much too much power in city planning, as they are able to obtain exemptions from policy that no one else can, such as changing of zoning to construct massive apartment buildings that are higher than code would normally allow and do not provide adequate parking for students. Stop trying to control us. Allow students to throw snow balls and water balloons and to gather in large numbers. Let us all cross streets without fear of the police. Ease building restrictions that make it prohibitive for an individual to expand or improve upon their home. Government officials need to follow and work within the law. We need a police force more concerned about protecting individual rights than forcing citizens into compliance. Envision Madison must be stopped now. The biggest problem with this area is a very liberal, socialist government that, somehow, hides under the banner of freedom and conservatism. Leave us alone!
Madison County, ID	Fair	Well, as a college student in a town highly populated by other college students, it's extremely difficult to find a job that pays well enough for me to even live off of.
Madison County, ID	Fair	I believe that the only real threat to the area is the inattentiveness of certain students on the road. I think majority of the change is a good thing though.
Madison County, ID	Poor	I think that living here is wonderful, but sometimes I wish I could get better internet for lower prices. The only decent internet costs \$50 a month and which is not amazing internet either.
Madison County, ID	Poor	The only thing destroying this aria is the local govt not allowing the people to tell them what they want. The city of rexburg is a public servant however it is not listening to the people at all. The city should not have property. they manage public lands they shold not have any actual holdings yet they have real property and ridiculous amounts of other property items that should be public not entity held.
Madison County, ID	Poor	Your ideology is fundamentally flawed. I have yet to hear anyone complain about all the money the college brings into the community. To be blunt, we all know this shabby little one horse town wouldn't be able to maintain the image it does without the increased revenue from merchandise sales and property taxes that students have brought here. You're more than happy to spend our money but you would like very much for us to just give it to you and leave. The planning this area is doing for growth is about 15-20 years to late. You now chase your butts complaining about the number of people in this area on government assistance and blame the school for that. The BYU-Idaho, however, didn't fight the Super Wal-Mart like it was some sort of whore house or do everything in its power to stop new restaurants from coming in. On the latter not, I concede that in the current economic state which you have created for us, restaurant jobs could be likened to patching the Titanic with scotch tape. Nevertheless, it is ironic that there's, 'only one liquor license in the city limits of Rexburg and Apple Bee's has it,' yet every gas station just about, Albertson's, Wal-Greene's, and even holier then thou Broulim's have licenses as well and do in fact sell liquor. That tangent aside, if you would like to see fewer people at the check out stands with SNAP benefits cards and/or WIC checks and fewer people using Medicaid at doctor's office or pharmacy try thinking twice about whether or not a Super Wal-Mart or WINCO coming to Rexburg is such a bad thing. Interesting concept: People come here for school; people are unable to find jobs and pickup a ton of debt; they decide to get out of debt and quit school to do so; since their educations are incomplete they can't get hired by a company in a city where people actually think; as a result of incurred debt and no options for forward progress they get stuck here on the welfare system. Additionally, you asked about housing. It sucks. Everyone hates living here because you have cheaply made, over priced options, and pretty much nothing else. Lastly, I think your education systems retention rate and college graduate rate speaks for itself. It's horrible, just like the rest of Idaho. Quit being tight fisted. Hire more teachers so kids get the help they need and curiously enough they intellectually develop into something useful.
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