

Survey of Boise County Residents

1. Prior to participating in this survey, had you heard or read anything about Boise County's Comprehensive Plan, or not?
 - Yes₁ (Answer question 2)
 - No₂ (Skip to question 3) (5)

2. Based on what you have heard or read, how do you rate the overall job the **Boise County Commissioners** did in developing this Comprehensive Plan?
 - Excellent₁
 - Good₂
 - Only fair₃
 - Poor₄ (6)

3. One of the elements of the Comprehensive Plan is a **Zoning and Development Ordinance**. In 1995, the County Commissioners appointed a Planning and Zoning Commission to draft this ordinance. Prior to participating in this survey, had you heard or read anything about this Planning & Zoning Commission's efforts, or not?
 - Yes₁ (Answer question 4)
 - No₂ (Skip to question 5) (7)

4. Based on what you have heard or read, how do you rate the overall job the **Boise County Planning and Zoning Commission** is doing in developing this ordinance?
 - Excellent₁
 - Good₂
 - Only fair₃
 - Poor₄ (8)

5. Which, if any, of the following activities have you done personally? (Select all answers that apply)
 - Attended a Boise County Commissioners' meeting or public hearing₁ (9)
 - Attended a Planning & Zoning Commissioners' meeting or public hearing₁ (10)
 - Written a letter to one or more of the Boise County Commissioners₁ (11)
 - Written a letter to one or more of the Planning & Zoning Commissioners₁ (12)
 - Written a letter to the editor of *The Idaho World* about planning and zoning issues₁ (13)
 - Called to discuss an issue with a County Commissioner₁ (14)
 - Called to discuss an issue with a Planning & Zoning Commissioner₁ (15)
 - Have done none of these activities₁ (16)

6. Have you read Boise County's Comprehensive Plan, or not?
 - Yes₁
 - No₂ (17)

7. What is the best way to keep you informed about Boise County government, particularly on issues such as planning and zoning? (Select up to three items)
 - Articles in *The Idaho World*₁ (18)
 - Articles in *The Idaho Statesman*₁ (19)
 - Town hall meetings at which Commissioners listen to the public and answer questions₁ (20)
 - An Internet home page₁ (21)
 - News broadcasts by Treasure Valley television stations₁ (22)
 - News broadcasts by Treasure Valley radio stations₁ (23)
 - Other _____₁ (24-26) (Please specify)

8. Which of the following statements best describes your resident status in Boise County?
 - Property owner₁
 - Do not currently own property in Boise County₂ (27)

9. Which one of the following best describes your current residence?
 - Within city limits₁
 - Within an existing subdivision that has Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs)₂
 - Within an existing subdivision that does not have Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs)₃
 - Not in a city or subdivision₄
 - On agricultural-exempted property₅ (28)

10. How long have you lived in Boise County?
 - Less than 2 years₁
 - At least 2 but less than 5 years₂
 - At least 5 but less than 10 years₃
 - At least 10 but less than 20 years₄
 - 20 years or more₅ (29)

11. Which one of these statements best describes your work and commuting situation?
 - Work at home₁
 - Work outside home; commute within Boise County₂
 - Work outside home; commute outside Boise County₃
 - Retired₄
 - Other _____₅ (30) (Please specify)

12. If you could make one change or improvement in the way Boise County handles growth, what would it be?

(31-32)

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13. This next section contains many statements that represent different points of view about Boise County and issues such as growth and development. For each statement, please select a number on the scale that shows how much you agree or disagree with that statement.

	Strongly Disagree	Somewh at Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewh at Agree	Strongly Agree
	1	2	3	4	5
a. Continued population growth is good for Boise County. (33)	1	2	3	4	5
b. Property owners should be able to do what they want with their property without regard to the impact on their neighbors' rights or property. (34)	1	2	3	4	5
c. There is no reason to compensate private land owners for placing restrictions on the use of their land if those restrictions are supported by the majority of county residents. (35)	1	2	3	4	5
d. To allow maximum freedom to residents, Boise County's Planning & Zoning Ordinance should just meet, and not exceed, the requirements of Idaho State law. (36)	1	2	3	4	5
e. The Boise County Commissioners should now stop asking for public input on Planning & Zoning and just adopt the plan they think is best. (37)	1	2	3	4	5
f. Boise County should have a building code that establishes at least minimum standards of construction and safety. (38)	1	2	3	4	5
g. Boise County should have a single, multiple use zone which allows a mix of rural, business, and residential uses for the entire county (similar to Valley County). (39)	1	2	3	4	5
h. Public surveys like this one are an important way for residents to communicate their opinions to county government. (40)	1	2	3	4	5
i. I am in favor of more government control of private land and land uses in order to preserve the rural nature of Boise County. (41)	1	2	3	4	5
j. Land owners should be compensated for "lost income or value" when county government places restrictions on their property. (42)	1	2	3	4	5
k. Additional growth in Boise County should be required to pay for itself through impact fees on developers. (43)	1	2	3	4	5
l. Boise County should have multiple zones (i.e., agricultural, rural, business, and residential areas) and allow different areas to be classified as different zones (similar to Ada and Gem Counties). (44)	1	2	3	4	5
m. Given the opportunity, I would volunteer my time and effort to get more involved in county issues. (45)	1	2	3	4	5
n. Idaho State laws dictate very specific and complex actions that must be completed to legally implement impact fees; the County should initiate and fund those actions immediately. (46)	1	2	3	4	5
o. Boise County would be better off with fewer restrictions, regardless of the rate of growth and its impact on the county. (47)	1	2	3	4	5

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	Strongly Disagree 1	Somewh at Disagree 2	Neither Agree Nor Disagree 3	Somewh at Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5
p. Public safety information, which is presented to the Commissioners to obtain approval for property to be subdivided (i.e., potential for wildfires, road conditions and limitations, potential wildlife depredation, etc.), should be recorded on public documents so that buyers will be aware of such conditions. (48)	1	2	3	4	5
q. Because deer and elk migrate in the winter to the lower elevations (where most of the County's private land is located), the county should try to reserve private land for deer and elk feeding areas. (49)	1	2	3	4	5
r. Boise County should establish fees on real estate transactions. (50)	1	2	3	4	5
s. Despite the increased costs, Boise County notices should be published in <i>The Idaho Statesman</i> and distributed as public service announcements to television and radio stations in Treasure Valley. (51)	1	2	3	4	5
t. Boise County should require building inspections and increase building permit fees to cover the costs of administering the program. (52)	1	2	3	4	5
u. I don't know enough about zoning options to make an informed decision about which type of zoning ordinance Boise County should implement. (53)	1	2	3	4	5
v. Property owners who allow junk to pile up on their property should be required to build a fence or plant vegetation so that neighbors won't see it. (54)	1	2	3	4	5
w. Boise County's zoning ordinance should discourage population growth. (55)	1	2	3	4	5
x. Mobile homes should be allowed only in specified areas, such as mobile home parks or other designated county areas. (56)	1	2	3	4	5
y. The county should encourage the development of land that is already subdivided before approving new subdivisions. (57)	1	2	3	4	5
z. I choose to live here because there's lots of nature and few people, and I want it to stay that way. (58)	1	2	3	4	5
aa. Tourism and recreational use of Boise County should pay for itself through permit fees. (59)	1	2	3	4	5
bb. Boise County's zoning ordinance should encourage population growth. (60)	1	2	3	4	5
cc. Property owners who allow junk to pile up on their property don't bother me; after all, one man's junk is another man's treasure. (61)	1	2	3	4	5
dd. Boise County government should be proactive in economic development and seek to attract new businesses and industry to the county. (62)	1	2	3	4	5

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Now, these last few questions are for statistical purposes only; they will help us group your answers with other people like yourself.

14. In which precinct are you registered to vote?

- Centerville / Placerville ₁
- Garden Valley ₂
- Horseshoe Bend ₃
- Idaho City ₄
- Lowman ₅
- Mores Creek ₆
- Don't know / Can't recall ₇ (63)

15. Into which category does your age fall?

- 18 to 24 ₁
- 25 to 34 ₂
- 35 to 44 ₃
- 45 to 54 ₄
- 55 to 64 ₅
- 65 or older ₆ (64)

16. Including yourself, how many people reside in this household?

- One ₁
- Two ₂
- Three ₃
- Four ₄
- Five or more ₅ (65)

17. Which statement best describes the home in which you live? (Select only one)

- You built the home yourself (or with the help of family and friends) ₁
- You rebuilt an existing structure ₂
- You had a builder build your home ₃
- You are in the process of building the home ₄
- You have no idea who built the home ₅
- You have a mobile home ₆
- You have a manufactured home ₇
- Other _____ ₈
(Please specify) (66)

18. Which statement best describes the reason you located in Boise County? (Select only one)

- Grew up here ₁
- Moved here because I got a job in the area ₂
- Moved here to retire ₃
- Moved here to find a job in the area ₄
- Moved here to start a business in the area ₅
- Other _____ ₆
(Please specify) (67)

19. Do you think things in Boise County have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same in the past five years?

- Better ₁
- Worse ₂
- Stayed same ₃ (68)

20. If you live on or own property in an existing Boise County subdivision, please select the statement that best describes the possibility of subdividing your property. (Select only one)

- Property cannot be subdivided again ₁
- Property can be subdivided again but I do *not* intend to do so in the next five years ₂
- Property can be subdivided again and I *do* intend to do so in the next five years ₃
- Don't know at the present time ₄ (69)

21. If you live on or own Boise County property that is not presently subdivided, please select the statement that best describes the possibility of subdividing your property. (Select only one)

- I do *not* intend to subdivide my property in the next five years ₁
- I *do* intend to subdivide my property in the next five years ₂
- Don't know at the present time ₃ (70)

22. Into which category does your total family household income fall?

- Less than \$15,000 ₁
- At least \$15,000 but less than \$25,000 ₂
- At least \$25,000 but less than \$50,000 ₃
- At least \$50,000 but less than \$75,000 ₄
- \$75,000 or more ₅ (72)

23. Which category best describes your primary occupation? (Select only one)

- Builder / contractor ₁
- City, county, or state government employee ₂
- Farmer /rancher ₃
- Federal government employee ₄
- Teacher / School administrator ₅
- Other professional / technical field ₆
- Laborer ₇
- Retired ₈
- Other _____ ₉
(Please specify) (73)

24. What is your gender?

- Female ₁
- Male ₂ (74)