

The City of Sioux Falls,
South Dakota

Report of Open-ended Question
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SURVEY BACKGROUND

About The National Citizen Survey™

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City and County Management Association (ICMA).

The National Citizen Survey™ was developed to provide local jurisdictions an accurate, affordable and easy way to assess and interpret resident opinion about important community issues. While standardization of question wording and survey methods provide the rigor to assure valid results, each jurisdiction has enough flexibility to construct a customized version of The National Citizen Survey™ that asks residents about key local services and important local issues.

Results offer insight into residents' perspectives about local government performance and as such provide important benchmarks for jurisdictions working on performance measurement. The National Citizen Survey™ is designed to help with budget, land use and strategic planning as well as to communicate with local residents. The National Citizen Survey™ permits questions to test support for local policies and answers to its questions also speak to community trust and involvement in community-building activities as well as to resident demographic characteristics.

The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality survey methods and comparable results across The National Citizen Survey™ jurisdictions. Participating households are selected at random and the household member who responds is selected without bias. Multiple mailings give each household more than one chance to participate with self-addressed and postage paid envelopes. Results are statistically weighted to reflect the proper demographic composition of the entire community.

The National Citizen Survey™ customized for this jurisdiction was developed in close cooperation with local jurisdiction staff. The City of Sioux Falls staff selected items from a menu of questions about services and community problems; they defined the jurisdiction boundaries we used for sampling; and they provided the appropriate letterhead and signatures for mailings. City of Sioux Falls staff also determined local interest in a variety of add-on options for The National Citizen Survey™ Basic Service.

One of the add-on options that Sioux Falls chose to include was an open-ended policy question.

About Closed-ended and Open-ended Questions:

Questions can either be asked in a closed-ended or open-ended manner. A closed-ended question is one where a set of response options is listed on the survey. Those taking the survey respond to each option listed. Open-ended questions have no answer choices from which respondents select their response. Instead, respondents must “create” their own answers and state them in their own words. The verbatim responses are categorized by topic area using codes. An "other" category is used for responses falling outside the coded categories. In general, a code is assigned when at least 5-10% of responses will fit the code.

Advantages of an open-ended question include:

- Responses are not prompted, allowing respondents to provide answers that are not anticipated or well known.
- This type of question tends to capture response options that come to mind most quickly.
- The final result can be richer, since verbatim responses are included in an appendix, giving you and others a chance to “hear” the voice of respondents in their own words.
- There is a smaller risk of missing important dimensions.

UNDERSTANDING THE RESULTS

Verbatims

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about Sioux Falls in the following question:

- What is the primary reason you live in Sioux Falls?

The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in the following table with the percent of responses given in each category. Appendix A includes a full set of verbatim responses. Those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment whenever a respondent mentioned more than a single topic. Verbatim comments that contain more than one topic nevertheless appear only once in Appendix A (in the category of the first topic listed). Because these responses were handwritten by survey participants, they are presented in verbatim form, including any typographical, grammar or other mistakes.

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the table of frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves.

Question #16d: What is the primary reason you live in Sioux Falls?

	Percent of Respondents
Job here/nearby	28%
Family here/nearby/friends/community	23%
Born here/it's home	16%
Quality of life/like it/good	9%
Size/shopping, recreation, educational opportunities	9%
Safety/cleanliness/appearance	6%
Proximity/quality of hospitals/cost of living/retired here	5%
Other/NA	5%
Don't know	0%
Total	100%

APPENDIX A: VERBATIM RESPONSES

- I am very much a senior citizen. I have lived here for 60 years and would not have done anything differently. My family is all scattered across the country. I've been a widow for over 36 years and can count on friends and church at anytime. I would not move from Sioux Falls for anything. This is the best community in the mid-south.
- Family here general living opportunities health care basically clean city. Most keep properties clean good good police, fire, ambulance services convenient shopping.
- Parents live here, kids here.
- To be close to family. We have lived out of state for 16 years and only moved to Sioux Falls so our small children could grow up by relatives - grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins.
- Family and relatives live in Sioux Falls.
- Family live here and I like living in South Dakota, have a job I like also that I do not want to leave.
- Both moved back after 30 years to elderly parents. Job opportunity clinched it.
- Family lives near by.
- Family, low crime, church.
- Sense of community - Sioux Falls feels like a small city, but has many qualities found in larger cities.
- Family.
- My dad got transferred here when I was a young boy. We like it and all 3 of us boys have good jobs. It's a good place to live.
- Closer to family - comfortable city to live in.
- Family lives close & fairly easy to find a job.
- Most of my family members live here.
- My parents lived here and the ease of getting around. I would like to see bus service to Heart Hospital & Behavioral Health Care Center.
- Close to our parents.
- My immediate family lives here.
- Family and church.
- Family live here.
- Our family has stayed here.
- Family.
- We moved here two years ago from VA to be with our son and grandsons.
- My grandma & great grandma are here & I met a nice guy & bought a house in East Sioux Falls.

- Only because my daughter wanted me to move here, 7 years ago - I like smaller towns. But have met some nice people.
- Family.
- My family lives here. Overall, Sioux Falls is a good place to live. But, I feel the city council and mayor have “financial obligations” to certain things they do. They don't always listen to the people of Sioux Falls.
- My family.
- Family, low cost living.
- Had family out here but, plan to move away because, of the lack of things to do, lack of jobs, poor schools and lack of professionalism that I see everywhere I go in Sioux Falls.
- Close to family and Sioux Falls has been my home for over 40 yrs. I like it hear.
- Family ties.
- My family lives here.
- Because of closeness to family and I am from this area.
- My two sons live here. I moved here to be closer to them. Stayed because of medical facilities, libraries, parks I gripe about our air travel service, but it's the best in S.D.
- I moved to Sioux Falls from Worthington, MN to be with my fiancé. I really enjoy Sioux Falls I have only lived here for 7 months.
- Family.
- Children live here.
- My children live here to be close to them they work here.
- Family & friends live here & we like Sioux Falls, except we need an events center. Listen to the citizens: I know numerous people who live in Sioux Falls & none of them want an events center down town. They all support it if it's along an interstate or Howard wood site would also be ok. Why do city officials focus on downtown, when citizens don't want to spend any more time there.
- Family. Perfect size city low crime very nice place to live.
- Spouse is from here/job is here (definitely not for the winters!)
- Family I'm born and raised from Sioux Falls. All of my family currently lives here. I feel Sioux Falls is a safe community but if it weren't for my immediate family I would move else ware.
- Because it is near family, and I need (or will need this support as the years go by. I also enjoy the size of the city and the ease of getting around in the city. I like being here where there are good doctors and many fine, active churches. The climate is conducive to good health, not a cause for poor health.
- To be close to my daughter.
- Family.
- Family.

- Marriage.
- I moved here in about 2002. We have a business in Minnesota my husband passed away 3 of my children live in S.F. and wanted me to move, so I did. I really like S.F. I didn't think I would. But I would not go back to Litchfield, MN as I feel at home here. Meeting a lot of good people especially doing volunteer work thru RSVP and t.c. of a.g.
- To be my daughter, and for the medical, intainment, near to a good airport and highways, and shopping etc.
- To be with family - I am retired!
- My family is here. I was born and raised and educated in Sioux Falls.
- "Family".
- Family lives here.
- Family & jobs.
- I moved back to Sioux Falls in 2005 to care for my ailing parents as this was their home for 50 years. I miss Yankton, but Sioux Falls has a lot to offer.
- Family.
- Came here when it was smaller and less diversified - now retired and have some family close -so.
- Love the people, best there is. City does a wonderful job at making it a great place to live. Thank you.
- I like living in South Dakota but Sioux provides a larger support for me.
- Family.
- Family.
- Family ties.
- The people.
- I moved up here to be closer to family, I had to leave my birth state of NE because of horrible domestic violence. I never thought I would adjust to South Dakota, but after almost 5 years, I consider this my "home" now and I have no desire to return to NE. Thank-you SD for giving me a safe home & family re-unifacation.
- I've lived here since 1946. My family are all around here and I depend on them as I use a walker or wheelchair.
- I have lots of relatives living in Sioux Falls.
- I like the people. When I go walking on the bike trail, everyone is friendly. Sioux Falls has excellent medical & dental services. Excellent hospitals, and a lot of churches.
- The people are like small town people. I feel safe and it offers a variety of jobs although some do not pay as well as neighboring states.
- Family.
- Came to Sioux Falls from Texas 51 yrs ago to be married. I have grown to love this city much more than when I was in Texas.

- Family & work.
- Family.
- My wife and I both have families and jobs here. Convenient working places.
- Moved here to be near grandchildren, the move proved to be a mistake, should have remained in Rapid City - poor employment, too much traffic, too much development, and older people are discounted except if they are seen as consumers.
- Close to family.
- My children live here.
- To be near adult daughter in my elder years. I think the city needs to give more thought to providing bus service for senior citizens who do not live in core areas of city.
- I moved to Sioux Falls 8 years ago because my family lives here and I was all alone in Minnesota.
- Family - lives here or very close.
- My family live here plus Sioux Falls is affordable compared to other cities that are the same size. Sioux Falls offers a small town feeling but the attractions that a big city has also.
- It used to be a city with kind, considerate people. That drew me to move here. It has lost much of that. I hope it will find a way back to that. It is relatively safe, clean, and easy to get around. Traffic is terrible in the south part of town but generally I can move around readily. I have family here.
- 1. People 2. Good place to raise a family
- This is where my family resides and I want to be close to them.
- Location, proximity to family.
- This is where my grown children live and where I work. I think Sioux Falls as a community is working hard to promote growth and still maintain a strong value on people. We value diversity and the arts. We have some of the benefits of a larger city without all the headaches. In fact, Sioux Falls would be great if something could be done about traffic patterns - specifically from west of i-29 to the core of town.
- My children and grandchildren live here. My work is also in Sioux Falls
- I married a true South Dakota man & Sioux Falls was the best choice of cities in South Dakota.
- This is where we have family connections & feel good overall for our kids to grow up in this city. Our employment is here. This city does offer the basics of what we need & it is trying to do better for this community. However, very concerned now with changes coming to my area now right after dealing with the sewer problems so (home) I may be less positive in months to come relating to the flood zone change.
- Family, jobs.
- Family - have children and relative's here.
- Family, friends, job.

- Family job location health care
- Family and location to communities that I visit.
- Raise children; have extended family here in Sioux Falls.
- Close to family found a good job.
- Family all lives here.
- Family ties.
- This is where we met and started a family and we both have good jobs here. We also love the bike trails that the city provides, minor league sports, and all kinds of shopping. Just a very nice town to live in not too big or small. We love it here.
- Family.
- Relocated here about 10 years ago - I have a daughter who lives here & also made friends & my job.
- Family & work.
- Family, job, born & raised here.
- Family in area.
- Have family here and it's my fav in the state of SD.
- 1. Elderly parents here 2. Standard of living is still fairly reasonable, but is getting more difficult would like to see a greater variety of job types, more cultural events that are affordable, and less payday loan companies, video lottery and adult stores.
- Family - feeling safe - good place to raise children not the weather.
- Moved here two years ago because of family - I grew up here and am glad to be back - it's a great place to live and a beautiful city to live in. I do believe taxes are too high though. Property taxes were much less in all the other states I've lived in.
- My family is here and I am lucky enough to have a good job with a growing/stable company.
- Family, job, friends.
- My family lived here I feel secure living close together it's where I was born & raised for the last 50 yrs.
- My children live here.
- Close to family.
- This is where my family grew up and this is where I plan to raise my son.
- Some of family lives here (nearby).
- To be near family & shopping.
- My family lives in Sioux Falls. I enjoy my job. I believe it is a good city with lots of opportunities to raise my 6 month old daughter in.
- To be near family.
- Family.

- Close to extended family so our kids can grow up with them nearby. The crime rate is pretty low also. There aren't many good jobs available in S.D. other than in S. Falls. I would like to note though: stop tearing out baseball diamonds!! There isn't a lot for kids to do here, and baseball is one thing that keeps them busy & out of trouble! Build more (especially on west side) & stop tearing out perfectly goods fields! Look at other cities' ball diamonds in this state! (Mitchell, Yankton, Elk Point, etc.)!!! Leave Howard Wood alone!!!
- To be closer to ill family members. Will be relocating to another neighboring state in upcoming months, due to low wage base in South Dakota. As an individual, trying to purchase a home in Sioux Falls the wages do not compensate what the housing market requires.
- Family, career.
- Family.
- Because I can't leave, because this is where my family is. If I could leave I would!
- Near both my parents and wife's parents. Decent living expenses.
- Our family live in this area - children - grandchildren - others have moved to Renner, Vermillion, St. Paul for better work & cheaper living in some cases - our lives our in the trucking industry which can be moved any where - after retirement we will move too. The city is getting too big.
- Family good community.
- Family.
- My daughter and family live here.
- Family.
- I live here because of proximity to family comments: this survey does not address a critical issue in Sioux Falls. The mayor and city council do not look to newcomers to get involved on committees. They only want long time residents involved which leads to less vision for the city. The first vote on an events center is a perfect example of cronyism rather than vision.
- Close to family, good work environment & safe place to raise our family.
- Family - plenty of shopping, entertainment kids activities.
- Family - education for special ed - classes - retired - close to everything I need an know just how to get there. Good health care - the lay out of the city - malls - etc where I live or had lived was a nice - clean neighbor -safety - negative - I feel when out in public - everyone should speak English - it is very rude when they don't. If these people want to live in United States - learn & use English - they can practice their language @ home - they should be proud to live here and show it - otherwise go back to their country.
- Convenience and family.
- Family here.
- Raised my family here close to my family.

- Family, good jobs; good place to have kids.
- Family & job, size & location.
- Because my family is nearby and I can't move to Minneapolis yet, and this is a fairly large city.
- Love the people. Wish overall income was closer to other cities this size.
- To be near family (parents live in Brookings). I attend school in Brookings but I work here. I can make more money working here than I could in Brookings.
- Family clean small town atmosphere too conservative. Is this town right wing Republican?
- Close to family, low crime rate would like to see an adequate indoor ice facility. And more traffic cameras at problem intersection like 49th & Louise & 41st & Louise people need to become aware that it is not legal to block an intersection to make a left hand turn and learn that yellow means slow down to stop - not race like hell to beat the red & end up impeding the right of way of traffic.
- Family lives here, crime is low so far. Lived here my whole life, its home.
- My 2 children live w/my parents (who are farmers) in Madison. So I like the proximity to Madison. Sioux Falls offers everything. This is a great place to live!
- To be close to my family - easy access to medical.
- My family lives here; children, brother & sister and parents.
- Family, where work has been for 50 years - home owner.
- Family I s located here - however being single - working 2 jobs to afford to pay college loans and have respectable housing.
- Family.
- To be closer to my daughter who lives 2 1/2 hours away.
- Live near family members, has good medical care & cultural events.
- To be near family, and because it has a lot to offer get still a small town feeling.
- Family.
- Family.
- Family/friends/good community. No helmet law no state income tax.
- My child's other parent lives here. Also, S.F. Is large enough to meet most needs, but still small enough that it doesn't feel like a urban city.
- I came up here for a long-distance relationship, now just finishing it out. Gonna live here a few more months. Could you please repair the roads, so there wouldn't be so many potholes. Thank you!
- Family job.
- I grew up in northern Sioux Falls, went to school at Brandon Valley, left for college and my professional life. I got divorced 10 yrs ago and moved back to Sioux Falls to assist my aging mother who lives north of Corwon. I help her out with household chores, light farm

work and yard work. It's hard to make friends in Sioux Falls unless you go to bars. We have too many casinos in Sioux Falls.

- My children & grandchildren are all here & don't know where I would go. I've had a good life here & have been satisfied with what's offered to the lower income citizens.
- Family; work; good place to live.
- I hope to marry a lady I met from here! Happy with my church family here!
- Close relatives live here, plus too expensive to live elsewhere.
- Following my wife.
- Family - medical facilities.
- Family & doctors.
- Family - clean - familiar
- Family-jobs-friends
- My family lives here (lived here all my life & don't plan on every moving) job opportunity.
- Close to family.
- Family & fast pace of life.
- Family & feeling of security which is changing somewhat with the growth of the city.
- Be near family.
- Close to family.
- Family, quality of life-like South Dakota. Job.
- Family.
- My family is here.
- Family.
- Family & friends.
- I live closer to family.
- Family.
- It's close to family.
- Only because of family & friends.
- Because of the loved ones I have here.
- My kids.
- My family is here I grew up here. If it was not for my family I would be living in Omaha. I did live there for 7 years. And if things go right for me. In the next few months I will probably move back to Omaha. Omaha is a thousand times a better place to live then Sioux Falls.!
- I have family living here. Comment about traffic lights: never in all the different cities and states I have lived in have I seen such a poor use of traffic signals that waste time and gas and is actually uncunducive to traffic and causes speeding. Causing cars to stop frequently is a great detriment to gasoline prices as well as the environment.

- All our relatives are close to us here. Either in Sioux Falls or small towns around here!
- Family live here.
- Family close by & love the variety the city offers.
- I raised my family here and my job is here.
- Family-can't afford to bring them all with if we move - the cities growth isn't favorable for us @ this time (to much to fast).
- I moved here with my boyfriend so he could go to school.
- Size of town located near family.
- Close to family.
- Family.
- Close to family small town feeling - safe, clean, job has what you need.
- I am a widow & 78 yrs. old - moved here to be closer to family who reside here. Also for the excellent medical facilities.
- Family! I am a single mother with 3 children.
- I moved here w/young children they are still here and so am I.
- My family.
- My children live here.
- Husband don't want to move.
- Family, job and self owned business.
- It is a very good community that is close to our extended families. We also have good jobs and a good school for our children.
- Family.
- My family is here and I have a good job here. I'm content with what Sioux Falls has to offer. I love all of the summer festivals (artfalls, jazz fest, Irish fest, sidewalk arts festival, multicultural festival, etc). Beautiful parks. Great summer recreation here. I love the bike trails. I love the summer concerts at mc Kenner Park. Downtown is wonderful - I hope it keeps getting built up, restored, new and more small businesses.
- Family and education.
- Family lives here.
- Family and atmosphere of raising children in Sioux Falls.
- Family.
- I was born here and never thought of moving. I have family here also.
- After living here for 40 years, it is home. I like it, comfortable here, & plan to continue.
- Born & raised here. Went to college here, got a job and just never left. My family and I are planning to move in the next 2-3 years to a larger city with a warmer climate.
- Born here, affordable housing.

- Born & raised here lived here for 62 years love the city - not happy with city council! They spend to much money!
- Born and raised here and feel comfortable living here.
- Never left born here, still here. Sioux Falls still has problems for entertainment. There is only (1) one roller rink here. In the 70s we had 3. Also we need a indoor water park. There is a place called Evans Plunge in Hot Springs S.Dak that would great is Sioux Falls could have a place like that. That is what Sioux Falls needs. And also - what about a decent park. Rapid City S.Dak. Has a park called Story Book Park. Wow its great. That is what Sioux Falls needs. Sioux Falls is so slow all this rif-raf has come here and taken our jobs and basicly - we are considered poverty - low wages
- I grew up here and it is a great place to raise my kids. The people here are friendly.
- We like it, born here.
- I've grown up here and its affordable. Being 24 its hard to find careers out of state - even with a college degree. I really wish downtown would continue to grow & not be run by people who are over the age of 55. Young people are the ones living and spending money in downtown areas. They know what they like to see in downtown area.
- Born hear.
- Born & raised.
- Grew up here.
- Life long resident no better city in USA not too big yet offers big city advantages
- I grew up here and was offered a job here after finishing school out of state.
- Grew up here - family here & needs are met in Sioux Falls.
- Born here.
- Husband grew up here doesn't want to move.
- I have lived here all my life and wish to live near family & friends.
- My home since the 1950's, friends
- This is where I was raised -went to school - built friendships.
- My home.
- I grew up in the area, and my family and friends are here. Also, I feel safe in Sioux Falls, and I appreciate the many job opportunities here.
- Born & raised - own business here quality of life.
- Born and raised here.
- Home roots friendly & safe good business climate excellent health care.
- This has been home for 87 years.
- Been here all my life. Easy to find your way around. Good people to talk to, all our friendly. Don't think stop lights by schools should be working when school is out or no school activity going on. Great airport. Great down town, Great Falls Park.
- My home for a long long time - business.

- We've lived here 25 years & have enjoyed growing up w/the Westside - as this area has developed.
- This is my our home area Peter Boeve.
- Grew up here - family lives here.
- Was born here. Feel safe and it's a fairly affordable place to live an raise a family.
- I (we) were born here. Our family's are buried here. Lived all my life in same house. Want to past it to kids (3rd generation). Don't raise our taxes. Schools deserve the opted our money!! Not for your coliseum!
- I have lived here 25 yrs plus. I am a widow and Sioux Falls is home to me! Clean, very friendly. Jobs are good. Getting places are easy & stores are great to shop. Cost of living is good. 1/2 of my life I have lived here. Enjoy it!
- It's "home" for me. I enjoy the friendly, small town atmosphere, but with city-like conveniences, and the multi-cultural aspect.
- Because I moved here in 1937 and liked the city.
- I was born and raised in Sioux Falls - had a successful career -- as the years have passed - most family has moved and my career path has changed -- looking for greater job opportunities elsewhere.
- Since I've been here its been my choice to make this my home, and I approve of most every traditional and new ways of life with an emphasis on morals with-out condemnation.
- I was born & grew up here. Unfortunately, the city has gone in a poor direction. The city & development seem to cater to the rich. Housing seems to be the same way. Jobs that are created are mostly the low paying types. The professional level jobs are in the medical field & not in other areas.
- I was born & raised here.
- This is our home.
- I was born here and have lived here all my life. My family and grandchildren also now live here, and, as I am a widow and also on disability. I find great comfort & support from family, friends and church. Overall, it has been exciting to see the change and growth in Sioux Falls.
- Have lived here for 32 yrs and love it.
- Grew up here.
- Have lived here most of my life. Its home! I always liked it. Wouldn't want to live anywhere else.
- Hometown.
- Born & raised here, low crime rate for the size of the city.
- Because I've lived here long enough that it is home to me. I like the size of the city - the medical community & I feel fairly safe here.
- Lived here all my life, 81 years, don't want to leave!

- Born & raised near S.F. & raising a family here is good.
- I have lived here my whole life.
- I've lived here all my life. This is my home.
- Have lived and worked here for 48 years.
- Born here 78 years ago, think its fine living here.
- Born, raised & worked in S. Falls retired here.
- I have lived in Sioux Falls all my life. So I think a lot of the city. I would like to see the event center built on the Howard wood site. Also we need a 4 or 5 floor ramp built at the same location. So people will see the need to stay in Sioux Falls for enternmimont.
- Have lived here all my life (since I was two years old.) Have no plans to move.
- South Dakota born & raised. Love the state, clean city, well run, medical facilities, shopping, clean air, reasonable & affordable housing
- My home town.
- Raised here.
- I have lived in Sioux Falls since 1964. Find it a very safe place to live & raise a family. I live within distance of schools for basketball games. Like baseball, basketball & football games.
- I born here.
- Grew around here & and like the town.
- This has been our home since 1947. Since retirement we have traveled extensively and and haven't found any place we would rather live. We are happy in Sioux Falls.
- Lived here all my life - Sioux Falls has been good to my family.
- I was born and raised here. I go to college here.
- I have lived here all of my life & my family lives here. Even though the crime rate is increasing, I feel safe here.
- Born here, raised kids here, have great job here.
- Grew up here, friends & family here, it is home to me.
- Been here all my life. Its a clean safe city to live in and everything I need is in this city. Mayor Munson & your staff keep up the good work.
- I was born here.
- I was born & raised in Sioux Falls. Our children, grandchildren, mom, sisters, brothers, nieces & nephews all live here. I would like to live in a warmer climate but will not move away from family - life is too short!
- Life long resident of Sioux Falls - love it here, but I wont drive on 41st Street, but I am 91 years old!
- Born and raised here, all or most my family still lives here or in surrounding area. Single mother with teenage son homeowner since 1999 eastside, stable employment now son

involved in ftball & b-ball. Strong neighborhood with great neighbors and friends. Never had any reason to leave. Conservative values & Christian values also very important to us.

- I grew up here, family is here please make 26th go all the way through town.
- I was born and raised in Sioux Falls. My dead are buried here. My children and grandchildren are here. But South Dakota is a backward state. The only thing we seem to come up first in is the fact that we are number fifty in everything else they survey. Young people seem to leave here after high school and college to make a better living somewhere else.
- Grew up here & have family here.
- I have been a resident for 60 years and it is home to me. Relatives near.
- All my ties are here. Familiarity is comforting.
- I have lived here my whole life. Thus far, Sioux Falls has brought me a wonderful opportunity to achieve a higher education, & great employment opportunities/job advancements. Sioux Falls is very safe, clean & environmentally well-maintained. We also are fortunate to have a low crime rate. Recreational activities are also prosperous & there is always something enjoyable around Sioux Falls to participate in. *my name is kylie fuerst - if you would like more of my input/feedback about the city of Sioux Falls, I would be more than willing to discuss it further 605-212-8851.
- I grew up in this area and my brother and sisters and their families live in the area. This is where I looked for work after college. This is where the best jobs are. It is a nice place to live. It is especially nice in the summer. There are lots of things to go to and do in the summer.
- Born here.
- Was born & raised here. My whole family lived here.
- I am a South Dakotan by birth, married a South Dakotan & lived in S.F. for 31 years; then traveled & relocated for 23 years but returned to S.F. when I became a widow, and like the familiarity I find here.
- It's my home.
- Born in S.F. - family here - would not be any other place except for Jan-Feb-Mar.
- This is my home.
- Born & raised in SF. Love the mid-sized city. Big enough to have resources, small enough to still have community feel.
- It's home - So Dak excellent medical & educational services job.
- Have lived in Sioux Falls since 1954 - attended Mc Kennan's School of Nursing - found full-time employment - total of 49 years of working - lived in same house since 1961 friendly community - enjoy the diversity - & activities for senior citizens - esp.: the pavilion, sr. citizen center all educational programs for seniors.
- Born here.

- Have lived here for 65 years & watched it grow - it has stayed a good clean city & low on crime - people are very friendly & helpful - its a great place to live & just the right size - hope it stays the size it is now! Its great!
- Always have, I like my job.
- Sioux Falls is my home town, I was from here. I have been here for the growth & the problems. Sioux Falls has done a really good job keeping the city a good and safe place to raise a family or to retire
- I have been here all my life, don't know anything/place different. Stories & news of other areas is kind of scary. Hard to leave when living paycheck to paycheck, and all family is here.
- I lived here my hole life.
- I've lived here 44 years. It offers a great deal for it's size. It's a good place to live.
- I was born here.
- Grew up here. Family lives here.
- I have lived in Sioux Falls about 50 years I love S. Falls - raised 4 children, good schools & college's I am 93 years old in retirement home and not knowleged about the future building projects - I think we have good mayor and fine city council.
- It's home.
- Born & raised here. Family is here.
- I lived here all my life raised in Dell Rapids.
- I moved to Sioux Falls June 1, 1941.
- Long time resident, family, employment.
- I was born and raised in Lincoln County. I wouldn't consider living any place else. We have excellent doctors - access to any area within city limits without driving many miles, friendly people and churches of our choice.
- Born & raised in SF. Never had a reason to leave - great place for families. Good values, morals, just a great place to raise children. We have all the same opportunities as any city around, so there's no need to go anywhere.
- I have been here over 50 years and I like Sioux Falls.
- We both grew up in SD and have moved back to Sx Falls after having retired from the military. We like the Midwestern lifestyle.
- I am from here and I think this is overall a great community.
- Grew up in area (rural Sioux Falls) and have family in and around area - lived here for 40+ yrs. Enjoy the community, people and opportunities available to residents.
- Born here.
- Was born here and love the city.
- Deep roots. I was born here. My parents live here. I will probably never leave.

- Born and raised here lived in larger city a couple years - appreciate what Sioux Falls “is” - but would prefer slowed growth.
- Born & raised here.
- Born and raised here. All of my family lives here or very near here.
- I was born in Sioux Falls and I can drive and city government is good for disability people and my job is good.
- I grew up here and it is a developing city where I feel safe. The cost of living is low and the city appears clean & cared for.
- South Dakota born/raised. Proximity to family.
- It been our home for over 50 years and we can't afford to sell our home and live elsewhere.
- I have lived in Sioux Falls my whole & it has always had good Midwestern value. The people have always been friendly & helpful. But in the last 5 years because of growth & the diversification push of the city these reasons are becoming less & less important. Planning on moving to a smaller community in next 5 years to raise my family with all the problems in the SF school system.
- Born here and never left.
- Have lived here most of my life - it is comfortable & affordable - although taxes are quite high - it is a good city to raise children - is pretty safe from crime, etc. Emergency services are excellent!
- Born-raised-locally - job-house-low crimes like South Dakota-young.
- It is “home” & has everything I need and enjoy!
- Born & raised here, family is here.
- I was born here and have been working at my company for almost 29 years. I am very satisfied with Sioux Falls.
- I was born here.
- I've been here for 48 years, and my family of 2 kids & 5 grandkids & 1 great grandchild, all live here. That's why I'll stay here. Also, my friends are here, and all in all, Sx Flls is my home, now.
- Lived here grades 1-12 good neighborhoods good neighbors good schools good fire & police depts constant growth and solid economy.
- My wife and I were both born and raised here. “We have roots here!”. We feel comfortable here and are raising our family here just as we grew up here!
- Grew up here, had to move away for job. Spent 20 years trying to get back to SD. Retired & came home, was a great place to grow up could be again if quit growing for growing sake we are not big city & should not try to be, you are importing worst of big city's, crime, drugs, welfare indogents and not the best, like good well paying jobs, arts, recycling, low taxes, & alternate energy.
- I have lived here since 1982 and consider it my home it is the right size city and has all the things I am interested in.

- Born & raised here, had a good job here.
- Born & raised here.
- Grew up here.
- Born and raised here, family here, work ethic and city amenities with a “small town” caring environment.
- I was born in S.F. I’ve lived my whole life here. 70 yrs. I somewhat resent the people who have moved here to get away from “what ever” and want to change our nice city to be like what they left. We have wonderful parks and schools. Crime and drugs are a very recent big problem. The traffic is horrendous. We are growing too fast. And our population can not support all of the lofty plans some people seem to think they can not live without. We vote and within weeks some one wants to overturn our vote. We have important problems - roads - sewer- water that affect everyone. Not a special few.
- South Dakota native.
- I was born and raised here. Except for the four years that I spent in the military, I have been here all my life. I have seen this city grow, much too fast. Basically, it is a good place to live and raise children and I cannot think of another place that I would want to live.
- My husband and I grew up in the area and our extended family still lives here. We lived in Omaha for 4 years and moved back to S.F. to raise our family and be close to our extended family.
- 1956 - came to Sioux Falls - lived here for 52 years - why leave? - Nice city - retired - enjoy the shopping, entertainment, - sports activities - same church - why leave. I love it!
- This is our home. We live/work/school here. We are satisfied here.
- I was born here, mostly because of family here.
- I grew up here. I would never choose Sioux Falls if I had not grown up here and have loved ones settled here. Sioux Falls does not welcome “club” nor nite life - the only thing to do is shop & eat and Sioux Falls is too scared/conservative to explore entertainment!
- Born and raised here. Low crime. Friendly people. Good job opportunities (although low wages hurts the city). Good schools.
- I was born here, had an excellent job working out of Sioux Falls raised two daughters, that grew up to be wonderful wives & parents. Great place to call home, just glad I can winter in the south.
- Born & raised here. A career opportunity kept me here.
- I have lived here all my life. My husband has been here for 10 yrs. Nice place for my kids to have grown up in.
- Born here, grew up here & went to school here. Good place to have a family.
- I was born here, and will stay here.
- We moved here when children were small (1968) liked what the city offered for them, but like everything else, all comes with a price now. Swimming, county fair, etc.
- Employment/family

- My work my house & friends quality of life unfortunately, both of my sons moved elsewhere for their careers.
- Jobs, family, quality of life.
- My work and within the area that I grew up in, the ease of getting around in and out of town. I was only able to keep 1 of my 3 children in town because of job that the 2 got in the health field the went to Rochester, MN.
- My job brought me here years ago and after retirement have decided to stay - "roots are here".
- This is where we have been for 20 yrs. - higher education jobs brought us here. This is where our kids were raised - the school system is excellent.
- I worked eleven years here & retired here.
- Job.
- Employment.
- Work. Please do not tear down or remove the "5th St." Southeastern Behavioral Healthcare building - lots of people need & use this building everyday & it is more convenient downtown & not in the middle of no-where!
- It sure isn't the weather! #1 my work, and #2 would be my family. I know you want the primary reason not reasons, but I like Sioux Falls for the work opportunities that affect my family I also like that I feel that they are safe. I was much more confident in my safety before we had so much of a growth in population (I also feel our police department did much better 10 yrs ago when my father was there.)
- Husbands work brought us here and plenty for him to do so we stayed.
- My job.
- Husbands job - was transferred here.
- A home was bought & a job need safer neighborhoods!!
- Opportunity for educational/employment success as opposed to a more rural community.
- My job quest relocated me from Des Moines Iowa, now retired my daughter is married & lives in Harrisburg.
- Work.
- Our jobs & education - family city.
- It is a great community. We came here because of our careers, but have grown to love the community and plan to stay here for a long time.
- Jobs. Family - clean, crime is low. Safe place to live.
- Husbands job.
- A job that pays fairly and has some perks.
- Because of a job transfer.

- I moved here in 1976 for my employment. Now I'm retired and have a married daughter living here. Went through a bad divorce two years ago and am considering leaving the area within the year
- Job brought our family here. We stayed because life has generally been good.
- Obtained a reasonably paid & good job. Low crime rate. Reasonable living costs. Found a home in a pleasant part of city. Desirable retirement facilities. Good health care.
- My husband was employed in S Falls and he retired here.
- My employer transferred my family to S.F. 7 years ago. Happy to be here. Just so you know the cost of living in S.F. is not as low as you advertise. Don't believe me compare sq footage to a home in Dallas, TX - Spokane, WA & Sioux Falls
- I moved to Sioux Falls because of job opportunity & school. Nice mid-size city that is safe but isn't very diverse. Less than ten hours from my home town so I can visit over the weekend. It is also very clean.
- Our careers were in S.F. and are retired.
- My job as RN at Sanford Health. Feeling safe, feeling "community"
- School, work, & close to home. Come from the surrounding small towns.
- Job, although it is a good city to live in regarding other areas. Would like to see more events/shopping/things to do, & lightrail/subway would be good.
- Husband job transferred him here.
- Where my husband was employed.
- I moved here for college & got a job & never left. I enjoy living here & I feel like my daughter & I are safe.
- Comfortable with my job & church & part of my family lives here.
- We both have good job & have been able to advance in our careers while maintaining good quality family life. Our children go to great schools and have the opportunity for a wide variety of activities.
- Moved here originally for husband's job - is now retired. I am still employed here this is home - some family members live within 100 miles of here. Like living where convenient shopping and medical facilities are available.
- Job opportunities prior to retirement private Christian education for children (now grown).
- I like the job opportunities it offered, I like the proximity to exceptional medical care, and I like the ability to travel to larger metropolitan areas from the I-29-I-90 location. Thank you for allowing me to complete this survey. I do want to add that I strongly oppose additional sales tax.
- Jobs close to family.
- Had a business here for many years. Family still live here.
- Came here about 35 years ago. For jobs and to start a new life away from the small towns. Want to know why do the cops are allowed to speed. Cant be going to a crime all the time.

- Job - healthcare.
- Convenience of work & daycare & shopping.
- Come here for job opportunity and liked the city.
- Employment.
- My husband went to school here - did an intern & offered a job. We are 1/2 between both of our parents.
- Job opportunities educational opportunities crime low caring community/city government so many services and convenience.
- Employment.
- Job, quality of most youth & families, good work ethic & good sense of support & accomplishment * main complaint - I understand the necessity to keep codes for homeowners such as tree trimming & sidewalk repair. However I have a hard time believing that a small crack in my sidewalk that poses no hazard, is more offensive than run down establishments such as the deluxe hotel on 12th street. We've got some horrible buildings in highly visible locations-not to mention a casino every block that tends to diminish the image of our city. Less attention to my small crack would be appreciated. There is also one building inspector in the city office that is especially rude.
- The city where I could find the best job and a place to raise a family.
- Close to work, to high of gas prices.
- The schools, jobs, like living here.
- This is where my husband got a job after the Air Force. Moved here in 1955.
- (1) Moved here for employment purposes originally and have been satisfied w/employment opportunities over the last 37 years. (2) Like the parks, like trails, sports events and safety of the overall city.
- Job is here.
- Job here.
- My husband and I moved here shortly after our marriage and never considered moving. We both had jobs and enjoyed the extra activities available, not too expensive/so we never even discussed leaving except once - moving to Cal. but didn't seriously consider it. We loved S.F. and I still do.
- I came here 25 yrs ago to get a good paying job, ended up at Morrells for 10 yrs. Then Balance Systems wage are pretty good. But if your a women in this town, even w/A.S. degree don't expect to make 15.00+ an hr. It just as true as when I 1st got here as it is 25 yr later. We need to encourage employer to pay women a better wage - many women in this city are single parent
- I moved to Sioux Falls to have a shorter commute to my job.
- Job, raising family, schools, size.
- Job opportunity.
- Close to work!

- Have a variety of good jobs - food, easy to get around - stores, gas stations are easy to get to - people are nice.
- My job. I find that overall it is a good place to live. School need help - they spend more time punishing kid not education the city seem to add unneeded job like a spokesmen at 100,000 that you have never heard from.
- My wife works here, so therefore, we live here.
- Job.
- Work.
- Employment with health ins.
- Employment opportunity for my husband.
- Job -family history.
- Close to work, short drive for things to do. Love the parks esp. The bike trails.
- Moved to Sioux Falls for employment & stayed!!
- We I was looking for a job after college, I found the best employment opportunity with good growth.
- Job; like the city.
- Moved here with my company 30+ years ago. All my kids & grandkids live here, so never get wife to move south to avoid the winters. City is growing too fast. Why are we spending my tax money to a firm in Boulder, CO. To address something that should be obviously known by those responsible for the city.
- I was offered a job opportunity that was too good to pass up. I attended college in Sioux Falls and really liked the city/area so I was excited to move back to Sioux Falls from the twin cities. We need to spend more money on streets/road construction!
- Job opportunity & the abundance of fine arts events.
- I wanted to work @ Sioux Valley-28 yrs ago which I'm still here; (now Sanford); Sioux Falls is a great city. Don't plan to leave.
- Work and live here.
- Employment.
- Work.
- Spouse's employment and lifelong family ties to the community.
- I've been a city lady but I worked for the VA 23 yrs to help make ends meet. Thank you - husband worked at airport 20 some years & then retired with a city pension - Margaret O'Hara
- Job opportunities.
- Work & play - many job opportunities many recreational programs/places.
- My job is here & my husband wanted to be closer to Menards.
- Work.

- Came here right away after we got married in 1946, husband resumed work at John Morrells after having been in service and active duty overseas. Served 2 yrs in army. We were lucky enough to rent a small house and started to raise a family have always liked Sioux Falls
- It's close to my place of employment!
- My job was here and own my home. City not spending the money on infrasture especially streets.
- For my job & friends.
- 17 years ago I moved her with a great job opportunity. When that business was sold and moved out of town. I am forced to work a full-time and part-time jobs to make ends meet. The cost of living in Sioux Falls is higher than what jobs pay. Can't afford to move, can't afford to stay.
- Career opportunity.
- Getting to old to go get a different job elsewhere.
- I work at Sanford Health family considerations.
- My job.
- Work.
- Work and Sioux Falls Christian School for our kids.
- Employment.
- Job related - cost of living is in expensive which keeps our company expand here in Sioux Falls.
- Have a quiet good job here.
- We came to Sioux Falls more than 30 years ago for a job promotion. We are now retired. We feel at home here and enjoy the support system Sioux Falls provides: good medical care, good shopping, good activities and recreation, good educational opportunities, good overall living environment.
- This is where I work, safe environment and accessibility to different necessities.
- My husband and I both moved here last year and hold jobs in Sioux Falls. We are expecting our first baby in May and remembered it as a great place to grow up.
- Good economy family oriented city - work - churches other family members live here lets get moving ahead on the new "coliseum" - quit arguing about location - downtown is not the place for it (look at the Washington Pavilion - what a burden - let it go) with the growth S.F. is experiencing and all the potential a coliseum holds for us, it is long over due. Look at Rapid City (we moved to SF from RC - they have a civic center, new indoor pool and hockey rink and it is a smaller very non progressive town! Lets go!!!
- We moved here because both of us found a job. We enjoy the opportunities for our children in the school system. Middle income families and stable income or they won't stay. The poor can't & the rich will do whatever!
- Work and school system.

- Good job great place to raise a family great public schools.
- To be in/near the farming industry while being part of a city.
- Employment opportunities.
- Job.
- Work.
- Took job here in 1998. Retired in 2007. Staying to be around kids & grandkids. Spending winters in Florida.
- Close to work & school.
- Job.
- Moved here 30 years ago with a job change. Never found a reason to leave.
- As a small business owner, Sioux Falls, SD is a good place to operate a business because of the quality of employees that are available and the great business environment of the state and community it's also a great place to live and raise a family.
- Moved because I thought there would be better job opportunity.
- Temp job.
- I moved to S.F. from Florida to take a job @ Aucra Mc Keenan. I feel it is a good place to live & work - I am a SD native & believe S.F. is on the right track - but I've only been here less than 3 months.
- Job placement & safer to raise my children.
- Job's and third generation.
- The city has a lot going for it. And I found a good job here...
- This is where my job is.
- Employment - medical care.
- Work - retirement - ease of getting around city not too large yet
- Job opportunities entertainment.
- Job and housing.
- Best work in the area.
- Worked here.
- I work in town = so does my wife. It is also situated between our parents.
- Got my job so I moved here.
- Job, friends and relatives.
- Business.
- I moved to Sioux Falls for a summer job after college. My job continued. I liked the size of the city, it is about an hour from my family, and I made many great friends. I think their is a lot of various activities to participate/attend. The cost of living is also reasonable.
- Family/good paying jobs i.e. Eros Data Center Eros Data Center is 95% reason I live here Sioux Falls needs many more jobs paying in excess of \$30/hr.

- 1. Unemployment opportunities & wages best in South Dakota.
- I took a teaching job here 19 years ago. 9 years ago my husband left, divorced me & left me with a 1 yr old & 5 year old. I thought it would be a good place to educate/raise my children. Had I known how expensive it would be later and a disgustingly low salary I'd be making - I would have moved 9 years ago. Its a very expensive city for a single mom to raise 2 children on a teacher's salary.
- I was transferred here with my work and I have children living in SF. I like having stores & entertainment easily accessible - but still my neighborhood is quiet.
- My job, grew up here.
- My husbands job. Sioux Falls has many family friendly aspects. It is a great size with little crime, pollution or traffic congestion, yet offers good retail, sporting and entertainment options.
- South Dakota is limited for professional careers. Sioux Falls has those opportunities. Please do something to make our neighborhoods & streets safer in the summers due to import & Harley Davidson motorcycles. The lack of concern for other motorists, joggers, walkers, & children playing in their yards is increasing every year.
- I have my business here for the last 31 years.
- Employment opportunities & close to family.
- Very excellent working community & place to raise my family & live - excellent church community for most part.
- I was offered a job in my career.
- Employment in health care industry.
- Easier access to my job.
- Job family.
- Jobs/food/great entertainment for a small community. Such as life light and jazz fest.
- We live here because the city is big enough to offer more career opportunities while still having the feel of a smaller town. We tried a bigger city and I hated it! We had to work multiple jobs to pay high costs & put up with crime, drugs, traffic, few services & competing with illegal immigrants for jobs.
- I got to live in South Dakota and yet have a good job with good city recreation.
- Work.
- This is where the jobs were when I moved here in 1958.
- Both adults work outside of Sioux Falls - one northeast and one south of town. It was the smart compromise.
- Employment.
- Sanford Hospital - great place to work nice city to start a real job after college.
- More jobs but you need improvement on your streets especially 8th Street, and 41st otherwise you will end up with a lawsuit due to someones vehicle getting wrecked.

- Work.
- My husbands job.
- Job moved from Duluth to Sioux Falls.
- Location of job and near family.
- \$ My job, & family.
- Work here.
- Employment.
- Sioux Falls provides much opportunity for jobs in my profession. It is a very safe place to live it brings many opportunities and we have available many things that larger cities do.
- Jobs.
- Job.
- My job.
- My job brought me here.
- We are an active duty military family, (Navy), will be stationed here for the next 4 yrs, with hopes of retiring here.
- Am business owner - moved here with job in 70's & now call it home, my family now lives here also, kids, grandkids & has a great life for all in the family - recommend Sioux Falls to anyone who will listen.
- The primary reason we live in S Falls is our jobs and we really like S. Falls. Its a great city to live in.
- Convenience to employment and shopping.
- Went to college at Augie got a job with the school dist.
- Good job - good city.
- Career opportunities.
- Jobs, family, standard of living.
- Job.
- Employment opportunities.
- I like what the city has to offer compared to other cities in the state - jobs, entertainment & a good attitude concerning growth.
- Good job that pay good and good friends.
- Employment.
- Work my biggest concern w/Sioux Falls is the poor planning of growth around 41st & Louise. Traffic is a nightmare. It should be unacceptable to sit thru red lights 3 times.
- Job opportunity
- Availability of work.
- Work, fairly good place to live despite lack of things to do.
- Job opportunity.

- Husbands business.
- My job is here.
- Transferred with my current job. Was told Sioux Falls was the nicest place to live is S.D.
- Job.
- Work.
- Jobs what really irritates me is the city goes around here and asks us to re-do our sidewalks, so we do...we now need to trim our trees...so we do. So...who goes around and checks these violations in the neighborhood? We have storage sheds built right next to the garages, which they are not to b. (3 on our street) who checks for these violations? Then...we have a construction guy across the street running the business out of his house. Mind you one person, with three trucks and they sit on my street all the time. This is a residential neighborhood. Talk about looking like a dump of a neighborhood. Ok then in the summer a big 5th wheel camper/trailer comes in and sits in front of the house all summer. Mind you he adds on a snowplow then shoves the blades from his house into my curb. Who will be responsible for that curb when it is broken up by his jamming the snow into my curb? I think that is also a violation. Then this fall...his pickup is parked in front with a trailer loaded with a skid loader on it, and the back end is down. In the dark this could easily have gotten run into. That sat there for three-four days. In my opinion these small business owners need to have a storage place somewhere else and not on my street!! So...who does one contact to report this? Why can't someone check these violations? Sorry...had to get this off my chest!! Maybe information can be provided to report these violations as don't know who gets this mess to handle?
- Job.
- My job and the quality of the visual arts in the community.
- Moved here for a job! And a change.
- Work, quality of life in the city including schools, activities etc...
- Has the growth and job opportunities of a large city with the feel of a small town.
- Current employment.
- Jobs, family, availability of services.
- Work.
- I moved here 45 years ago for job opportunities as I was a teacher for the deaf & taught at the SD state school for the deaf for 39 years. I remain now because my daughters and grandchildren are here. My only complaint is the way the flood plain plan was delt with. I had to pay many dollars to determine if my house was in the plain - & petition out. I still do not know if I need the insurance. I feel that more details of the boundary should have been given & that the city needs to fix the problem. It is my understanding that there is no plan for my area of the city.
- That is where my job is.
- Good business climate, mainly family.

- Job friendly people friends events.
- Transferred to Sioux Falls in my job position. We settled here and enjoy it very much.
- Employment opportunities.
- Job/schools.
- 2 career family.
- Employment and close to relatives.
- Employment and chose proximity to family in Sioux City.
- Work friends variety of entertainment restaurants shopping.
- Job opportunities.
- Employment.
- Plenty of work.
- Work in area.
- My job.
- My work moved me here 45 yrs ago and I like it well enough to stay.
- I work here & can buy beer on Sundays.
- Job & recreation.
- Comfort, it's not too difficult to make a decent living here.
- Jobs & family.
- Job opportunities, close to family.
- Better jobs, more people and activities.
- My job.
- Job.
- I came to S.F. from Kansas City in 1950 to take a job here & have stayed. The job became a career. Raised 6 children here & some still live here so I've stayed. It's as good a small city or large town as I've seen and I've traveled quite a lot. Cannot change the weather so enjoy, it if one can. I am sure I will live here till I die and no regrets.
- Job purposes.
- If the housing market were as good and the pay as high in Sioux City as they are here, I'd have preferred to stay there. I came here for resale on my home investment and increased wages.
- Job opportunities.
- Work and close to family.
- My husbands job offered us a transfer and it was better pay.
- Job.
- Work.
- Employment.

- New career.
- Better pay than many other SD cities, low crime, good schools.
- Not sure - my job and family.
- Job located in the area.
- Career opportunities.
- Largest city near my job.
- Great place to work and raise a family!
- Job.
- Our employment is here. We are very unsatisfied with the noise in the summer from the Harley motorcycles on the neighborhood streets. Now lately the ATV's are racing up and down the streets. There doesn't seem to be any noise enforcement. Also, if the city is to continue growing/building, we need streets that can handle the traffic before all the development i.e. the Wal-Mart on the eastside or plain development of the eastside and 10th street cannot handle the traffic.
- To be in this area of the U.S. - best (safest) place.
- Low crime, good place for families.
- Sioux Falls is a clean, safe city to live in. It provides outstanding school system and health services. It's location gives a person a chance to reach other places in the Midwest quite easily. The city is always trying to improve life for its citizens.
- Sioux Falls is a clean city low crime rate and very friendly.
- My primary reason to live in Sioux Falls is to have a better life, like living without too many crimes. Jobs opportunities is my reason to live in Sioux Falls too, but there are no youth's funs here. The city is suppose to have a few fun places for youth such as youth's clubs. Well, I thanks our mayor very much for making Sioux Falls more unique and interesting in shape since beginning of his present.
- There are a lot of opportunities for our whole family with a reasonable per capita crime rate. Also, South Dakotans have similar moral & social values as our family.
- (1) Safe, overall (2) Good place to raise children (3) I was born here.
- It's progressive. I feel safe. Midwestern values.
- Nice place to live.
- It is a beautiful city. Needs are accessible. After graduating from high school I needed to find employment to support myself.
- Good city not yet corrupted like other big cities in terms of crime and such.
- The reason to live in Sioux Falls. Minor crime, violent and others it is good for crime prevention.
- (1) Peaceful city - I can say that it is somewhat non-crime city - in relative term. (2) Jobs is relatively available.
- I live in Sioux Falls because it is a clean city and very friendly & helpful people.

- To raise our children in a safe community the opportunities for jobs and the ability to send our children to SF catholic school system.
- Sioux Falls is generally a safe, clean, progressive city with many opportunities for its people. Crime is relatively low, cost of living low - unfortunately so are wages. Good place to raise a family in our ever changing world.
- Safety and city growth
- Always lived in SD. Safe & limited conjection
- Good clean city; small; feel pretty safe; jobs are plentiful; like the growth; can buy pretty much what we need; good entertainment; lots of restaurants' could use more grocery store competition!; like the falls; has a nice downtown.
- For a smaller city it has a lot of potential for my children - I do feel pretty safe and that is important. I love the diversity here!! So the primary reason is definitely for my children. It's a very family-based place to live.
- Moved here from big city to get away from crime. Now the crime is getting big here. The voters said no to rec center. Do you care what the voters want. I know how to change who I vote for May new people will listen to no!!
- Great/safe place to raise my family. Plenty of shopping and entertainment of a big city without the big city traffic and crime.
- Sioux Falls is, by far, one of the cleanest cities I've lived in. Streets are continually cleaned and trash picked up out on the streets. The people are friendly, caring and compassionate - always ready to help when needed. There is no better place to raise a family.
- This is a very clean, well maintained city. We went to Rapid City and were surprised how dirty it was. We are very proud of how clean Sioux Falls is 41st Street & Louise around the Wal-Mart area is a big problem for Sioux Falls.
- It is a friendly, clean, safe place to live and there is no smog. And there are alot of walking trails.
- Safe & friendly environment to be a young adult, child, or anyone else. We're very "family friendly!" this is a growing community - I just hope we continue to bring in good economic choices and help stimulate our community more & more. We definitely need a coliseum - it would bring in great revenue!
- Safety and clean.
- The beautiful city, shopping churches schools - etc. Entertainments, restaurants, in fact I just love the city.
- It is a clean and friendly place to live and raise a family.
- Safe & comfortable place to raise my children with good schools and quality education.
- It is a clean, safe city - my wife & I are not from South Dakota, but we truly enjoy living in Sioux Falls. It is exciting to look toward the city's future growth. We must bring in more upper income jobs to keep our residents (me included)!

- Clean living, fairly safe environment. I would like to see drug enforcement. I feel there is too many drugs in the city.
- Sioux Falls is quiet and safe - I own a home - great neighborhood. Note: next survey include opinions about courts in Sioux Falls - thanks.
- I feel safe living here, people are friendly, it's a good place to raise kids, I love the shopping, parks & how the city is developing. I have lived here almost all my life - it's like an overgrown town.
- A safe place to raise children.
- The city of Sioux Falls is a clean town with hardly no bad areas where we would feel unsafe any time of the day or night city of Sioux Falls needs to spend more time and money to clean up north part of Sioux Falls by penitentiary and to the north. Cliff area also keep weeds mowed on bare lots.
- Good quality of life - good family city
- It is a great place to raise a family.
- I live here because I like it. I have been many places and haven't seen a place or city I'd rather live in.
- Nice area & a good job.
- I like SF.
- Good place to live.
- It's pretty nice place to live. But the crime rate is too high. The people here are nice and I lived here all my life and won't leave this state.
- It is a beautiful city. The city is a wonderful city and the city prides itself on keeping the city clean & peaceful. Also the city is becoming very accepting of all ethnic groups coming to Sioux Falls.
- Quality of life & entertainment.
- Great place to raise children - wonderful schools and safe environment just a comment - young, single adults leave Sioux Falls because there isn't enough for them (no nightclubs, few graduate programs, not much for fine arts graduate education or performance opportunities) many of us left from ages 18-35 for these reasons; most never came back. I did - for the kids only. They will probably leave as well when they're 18.
- Nice people - less crime - good schools & parks. I have lived here for 50 years, moving from the east. All in all, it is a very good place to live. Considering our winters sometimes.
- Think it's a good place to raise families. Not too big not too small.
- Raising children in healthy and educational environment. Low crime.
- Good place.
- We like most of the features of Sioux Falls: it's people are above average, they are honest and hard working. I don't trust the politicians. Having lived in Chicago most of my life, I am 89 years old, can you blame me. We are happy here, so just leave us enjoy what time we have left.

- Quality of life and a great place to raise my children.
- Good quality of life - great place to raise children and grandchildren. Our family is almost all in S. Falls. It has many of the advantages of a larger city without some of the negatives. City growth is fairly well managed.
- Sioux Falls is a nice city, the people are friendly. It's a good city to raise kids. There is a lot of opportunity for kids to participate in sports, culture, academics & recreation provided to them with the wonderful parks & pools.
- Quality of life.
- A good place to live and raise a family. Question 10 about police services - & personally have had a good relationship with them, however I get the message from the youths that they don't feel that way about the police. I think probably more could be done to build relationships with the younger population. The youth also have to take some responsibility to build a better relationship with the police.
- I like it here, been here since 1955.
- I like it. Nice place. Security.
- Good place to raise a family.
- It's still better than the other places I've lived in. And I have been all over the U.S. & abroad.
- A very well managed city, clear environment, and very helpful nice, people, organization, and access to thing is very convenient.
- Quality of life.
- Quality of life. I have lived in many large cities. Sioux Falls has every thing a big city offers & is a safe place.
- I love it here. My family is here. I feel safe here.
- We live here in Sioux Falls because we like this city, the friendliness of the people we all like our jobs, we make a good income and the crime rate is much lower than it would be in bigger cities. We feel safe living here. Sioux Falls is just a great place to live!
- Good quality of life available - clean and progressive city in comparison to other cities of its size.
- Great place. Bld. new facility on Mc Cart Fields leave Howard Wood intact.
- Good as any place or better!
- I am comfortable here.
- Overall lifestyle.
- Family friendly city to raise kids w/jobs up enjoy. Need more parks in new housing developments we want to build near one but there are no developments w/parks available.
- Quality of life.

- Sioux Falls was a nice size city to raise a family. It's getting a little large for my taste now but is still a very good community to live in. If city government or federal govt. could do something about the weather Sioux Falls would be heaven!
- Overall quality of life. It's a great place to live and raise a family
- Overall quality of life is excellent. I believe it is a well managed city, both now and projecting into the future.
- Raising children, work, churches.
- The city is a good place to raise a family, receive a good job.
- It is a fabulous place to raise a family. It is somewhat boring at times when you compare us (to say Omaha or Minneapolis (in know we're much smaller) - but more concerts are needed, but also need to be supported by the citizens of the community. I like the fact that we have a clean city that seems to have the upper hand on drugs & crime - keep up the good work on covering graffiti.
- Great place to live & jobs.
- Nice city relatives no state tax.
- It's a good place to live and raise a family!
- Sioux Falls over all is a great place to live. Need to work on traffic. (All the race car drivers) speeding and other laws need to be enforced.
- South Dakota values, great community, family, employment.
- I live here because it is a very nice town & excellent people.
- The quality of life and public events and movie theaters.
- Overall S.F. is a good place to live.
- Better living environment, schools, nicer people.
- Because I like Sioux Falls.
- Plan to live here the rest of my life I love it here.
- Very pleasant place - many advantages church - shopping doctors - traffic is o.k. if you know the town. I drove in her 1935 & never had an accident. Lets' not have it so large that it loses some of wonderful things we have parks - Green Sioux River - bic trail soccer field hospitals. Fresh air no pollution & very little crime yet
- Great community to raise a family with a good economy to support a fun lifestyle.
- Good place to live & raise a family.
- Great place to live in all aspects.
- It's a good place to raise a family.
- Overall very nice place to work and live.
- Its a great place to live. We take too much for granted.
- A good a place as any to raise a family.
- Good place to raise our children.

- Quality of life.
- Its a nice city to raise children. There are lots of opportunities here and conveniences. For the most part, people here are friendly and happy.
- Great place to live. Safety, recreation, residents, low traffic compared to larger cities, good planning, clean air until the oil refinery is built, great summers.
- This is a great place to live! Just be good stewards of our tax dollars!
- Quality of life, & acquaintasences.
- It's a great place to live. Services & opportunities are great while taxes are low.
- Good place to raise my family.
- Quality of life, low crime, good place to raise a family, entertainment, health care, schools, jobs, restaurants, good housing, low traffic, clean place and safe.
- Great place to raise a family! The city is progressive & meets needs of above & average income levels. People are friendly.
- Great place to raise family.
- Great quality of life: cultural opportunities, low crime, great medical facilities, good continuing education opportunities, love the sculpture walk & parks. I grew up here & have seen many positive changes in the past 60 years. (And I have lived in several other cities & prefer this by far in comparison.
- I love everything about S.F. I hope our leaders continue to be forward thinking.
- Sioux Falls is a great place to raise a family. There are lots of parks & activities to choose from.
- Quality of life, ease of getting around. Quality of health care services & schools.
- Great place to live and raise kids traffic sucks!
- Quality of life - family close by. Low crime - reasonable cost of living.
- The best city in the USA! I say this from visting other cities, even in Europe. But we need a no smoking ban in any public building. We also need a 26th St. Route though Minnehaha - country clubs golf course. A though street on 26th St. is much more important than a golf course!
- Quality of life for my family.
- Because it is overall a nice city although the traffic is getting very bad to get around.
- Sioux Falls without a doubt would be the best city in the world except for the weather. In 57 years, I found our police & fire dept to be the best of the best. Our job market is lacking also - both my children (who earn more than me) took jobs elsewhere (Mpls & Denver).
- We have had 2 opportunities to leave Sioux Falls for employment offers. In each case, our love of the city was "the" major factor in our decision to stay. We found Sioux Falls to be a wonderful place to raise a family in terms of low crime rate, quality education systems, quality healthcare, and availability to recreation and entertainment.

- Sioux Falls is a great place to live and a great place for children to grow up. I am very upset however at the decision not to hire more police officers. With the city growing this fast it was a bad decision!
- Good place to raise kids, continues to grow, low crime rate,
- Sioux Falls is a great city to raise my children in. I just love the city and I see a good future here. Business is booming and I see no decline in the future.
- We love it here. Low crime, lots of family things to do. Good jobs.
- A friendly place to raise a family - this community always promised the educators better salaries, have not seen this. After neighborhood issue city hall does not listen to citizens. Our neighborhood is going downhill. Moving soon.
- Sioux Falls is a great place. I plan on starting a family soon and the educational system is wonderful, crime is low, and there are lots of opportunity. My only complaint is with the police dept., instead of asking "was he black" when questioning they should state "what race was he". This happend to me 3 times.
- Medical reasons & family.
- Easy access to healthcare and shopping. I work outside the city, but like the quick an easy access to these things.
- Not state income tax -items to fix -confiscate/sell vehicles of uninsured drivers & those without licenses or revoked licenses -city council members have decided how they'll vote before hearings - canaries stadium should be bulldozed to make room for the event center -there's enough liquor in SF, we don't need more licenses, we need more citizens in rehab -make all public facilities, restaurants, etc. Smoke free -give the homeless job skills vice enabling them with handouts -fine every business that employs illegal aliens 1% of its gross for a first violation, 5% for 2nd, 10% for third - quit letting old money influence the westward extension of 18th or 22nd or 26th St to Marion road - tax advertising to replace food tax.
- We bought a house here & our jobs were in Sioux Falls.
- Taxes are lower than where I used to live. As well as less crime.
- Retired to an apartment based on income better access to VA Hospital.
- To be near hospitals - doctors to be near family.
- We live in an excellent retirement facility. Good medical facilities within two miles. Family nearby.
- We chose Sioux Falls as the best Midwest city in which to retire.
- We're retired and just moved her in May. S.F. is close to family, has excellent health care and any kind of shopping we would need.
- Good healthcare - family lives here.
- I live in a retirement home.
- I came to retire.
- I like health service, clean city, shopping area

- We are retired - we need access to good medical care - also enjoy the shopping facilities for medications and our grocery needs - good streets - easy access to church and parks & library
- Retired here - own home.
- Retired in Sioux Falls.
- Cost of living.
- Progressive attitudes good medical facilities educational & cultural opportunities parks airport safe city.
- We are retired and have lived in S.F. for 10 1/2 yrs. We found part time jobs when we wanted them. Also, our daughters live in or near S.F. we think retiring in S.F. was a great decision.
- Cost of living.
- Retirement is affordable. Center for active generations is nearby and offers lots of services & social activities.
- Very affordable, relatives, and a nice place to raise a family.
- Because my family thinks I need to live closer to the medical facilities & drs. I feel I can't really afford to live in Sioux Falls. Rent is out of line for srs. Also new taxes are constantly being added to phone & utility bills. That 1.92% tax was added for fear that on initiative passed - it didn't pass - lost by 1/2% & yet years later we still have the 1.92% tax. Why not tax liquor. Its our biggest cause of accidents & deaths.
- Its where I retired and had a home here.
- Way of life - affordable housing for my income range.
- We retired here to be near family.
- Disabled veteran & receive care from V.A. hospital at least 3 times a month.
- Retired here.
- I moved here 6 yrs ago with my spouse for health reasons & the opportunities for involvement in activities.
- Moved from Illinois one year ago and retired here.
- Retired.
- Good medical facilities.
- Cost of living - friendly people.
- Health facilities good environment good shopping adequately safe place to live education (good).
- Retired.
- Medical - family - safe place I've lived in Fairmont MN., Estherville IA., Iron Mountain ME, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, Green Bay WI Sioux Falls is the best!

- I am a medical student and chose Sioux Falls as my 3rd & 4th yrs (we also have Rapid City or Yankton as choices) I enjoy the size of the city. Its not too long or too small. We have outstanding medical facilities. There is a great variety of shopping and restaurants.
- Access to good healthcare.
- Retired - near children.
- Health care.
- Being senior citizens it is a good thing for us being close to all our needs medical - physician - food - hospitals - and the like.
- Health services and an excellent to live here.
- Retired and family is here.
- I am comfortable living here, the cost of living is decent, and the community as a whole is great.
- Some of my family lives and I needed retirement community help as I couldn't live alone any more. Sioux Falls provided a good range of this kind of living.
- When we retired we looked for a small city to retire in. We looked for a several month period & choosed Sioux Falls. Reasons: 1) availability of medical services 2) the local arts scene e.g. Pavilion 3) availability of recreational activities (4) the ambiance of the city (5) no state income tax
- I believe Sioux Falls is a very economical place over all to live in sure we have some crime but I think our comunity is a reasonably safe place for our children to grow up in. I do feel we could have more entertainment for the general familys. There are some health issues in correspondence to rental sites dog feces and landlords keeping up the site and doing repairs when necessary. I feel to hat they should be required to have a garbage pick up each week as with where I rent the rent goes up but the landlord is very lax.
- Generally has somewhat affordable housing. Has more selection of jobs has what I need.
- Sioux Falls has a good income level with a moderate cost of living.
- Low cost of living.
- Medical care & quality of life. Retired close to family.
- Lived about 100 miles from Sioux Falls. Moved here in our retirement to be closer to family. Also very good medical service. Live in apt - shopping area close & handy.
- Retirement - sons helped me to move - found low-income place to live; un-answered questions are due to short residence in S.F. - less than 3 years --- I'm still learning about Sioux Falls -- my first experience here.
- Availability of health care.
- I am on full time disability so the main reason I am here is access to specialists I've had to drive to S Falls before and now can see them without having to travel. I am also able to participate in a support group for chronic pain program at the ortho. Inst.

- Medical; cost of living; no state income tax; decent public transportation; convenience. However this city has the most inadequate airport for a city its size. Airport parking is terrible. I will keep my travel business via Omaha!
- Easy to get around. Affordable housing for all income types. Nice mall.
- I had to go to an assisted home for the elderly. 3 of my children are close.
- It's bigger than my hometown - Granite Falls, MN there's so much to do - concerts, mall, restaurants, bars, parks, bike trail, etc.
- I came to the "big city" as a teenager 50 years ago; married, raised 6 children here. Now alone, I feel safe in the area I live as I face retirement. The city tries to enforce snow removal - neglected yards etc; but does a poor job of maintaining city properties.
- Thought was a smaller community but has grown since 04 - also job opportunity.
- We like the size of the city & feel it is pretty safe to raise our family. We also like the fact that whenever we need something, no matter what it is, we don't have to drive far to get it.
- The size and also my job.
- Good size with excellent health, education and cultural advantages among generally friendly people.
- Educational opportunities, safe environment
- The primary reason we moved to Sioux Falls was the public transportation and availability of goods and services. Since then the city has grown by over 50%, but the bus routes have grown very little. With many doctors moving to the edge of the city the bus routes should expand to serve those who don't drive. The new southwest transfer is nice building with no restrooms. When I contacted the city I was told the reason is that it is unmanned, but so are the restrooms at the parks. When I call about sidewalk repair it takes over a year to get it repaired. When people shovel their sidewalk they stop at the corner and we have to climb over a high snow ridge. You allow 48 hours for people to get sidewalks shoveled, but these are probably the same ones that complain that the streets aren't plowed. As far as the event center just be honest with the public about it so we can regain our trust in city government. I suppose this will be Sanford event center. When will I be living in Sanford Falls?
- Easy access to education, dining, recreation and job opportunities
- The city is the right size. Not too big - not too small. I feel relatively safe. Traffic usually isn't a problem, although a lot of drivers are rude-driving too fast & tailgating. There seems to be a lot of new strip malls - how many nail places, tanning salons, phone companies, hair cut places, & gift shops do we need? A lot of stores in the empire mall seem to be empty. Overall, I really like Sioux Falls.
- It is just big enough to have the necessities & varieties of a big city, but still feels like a small town community.
- Large enough to have services available to sr. citizens excellent hospitals.
- Convenience -schools -activities -parks, pools, zoo.

- I was in a state of “burn-out” in the small town of Iowa. Needed & wanted to be closer to one of my grown children. Very happy I made the transition to this fine city of Sioux Falls, S.D.!! Thanks for all considerations! It is my fervent hope that our elected officials will work for this fine city where folks have an opportunity to follow their aspirations and positive desires. Thanks for asking a citizen's survey!
- We moved to Sioux Falls in 1963 from Huron because we have a deaf son and he started school in 1963.
- I live in Sioux Falls because of the educational opportunities that are available to me.
- Biggest city in South Dakota. Low crime. Federal job at Morrell's no state income taxes!!!
- Most services offered by 1 city in the state. Best job opportunities in SF (out of the whole state).
- Size just right - things to do - crime, to this point, not overly violent in nature.
- Not too big, not too small.
- Great schools, low crime, good people who care about our community.
- Small towns don't even have a store.
- I moved from a small town 20 yrs. ago to S.F. to live & get work
- This is where we decided to make our home because Sioux Falls isn't too big yet. The only reason I would move to a smaller city would be for our children's school. Sioux Falls schools are a little too big for me. Mainly because of peer pressure & student values.
- We wanted to volunteer and there are more opportunities for that in a big city. For senior citizens there are more health services and more choice of facilities for the aged to live in.
- Accessibility to church, mall, grocery stores, cleanliness of city, Falls Park, friendliness of peoples, hospitals & medical resources.
- I have close access to whatever I need, the city is still kind of small. Also all of my family lives here.
- Shopping availability, job availability nice place to live and raise children.
- Attending Sioux Falls seminary.
- Small community.
- Affordable post-graduate education in Vermillion is why I moved back to SD. My partner & I live in SF b/c of job opportunities and availability of luxury apt. living. My parents & brother live in SF & I grew up here. We will leave the area as soon as I finish school, however, to pursue better job opportunities in a warmer climate.
- The atmosphere of big city life and the city's job opportunities along with the sports teams.
- 1. Opportunities for social, recreational, educational activities are diverse 2. Generally accessible to individuals with disabilities 3. Most people are polite and friendly 4. A wide variety of businesses and services.

- Attending school for respiratory care through Sanford and Mc Kennan Hospital and also looking for a future job.
- All the opportunities of all age groups.
- Sioux Falls is not too big; for now it is easy to get from one side of town to the other.
- Nice small city - easy to get to things you want to do.
- Quality of education.
- Good schools quality of life, I like the mayor and his staff.
- It has opportunities for everyone & an airport if I choose to leave!!
- Education & safe for children.
- Nice size, low crime, honest people.
- Offers the services we need. We enjoy “big” city living in a small town atmosphere. Excellent health services.
- Large enough to offer a variety of services, merchants, activities, etc, yet small enough to offer “small town quality of life”.
- I like the size of the city and the lesser crime rate.
- Attend university center for pharmacy classes through SDSU. USDSU/university center needs expansion & development in classes and businesses located near it. There needs to be another east-west highway/street Sioux Falls was not designed for growth obviously - it's a mess & streets are stupid sometimes!
- 1) Smaller city with variety of choices 2) Good schools.
- Because of the overall abundance of services it provides during my golden years of life, it's relative open-mindedness of life in general compared to other areas of SD, & it's close to my roots in southeastern SD.
- I came to Sioux Falls to go to college. I got a job here and liked the city so I stayed here. It is one of the nearest “big cities” to my family but not too big to raise a family or feel safe in. These are things to do in Sioux Falls - restaurants, movies, shopping, sports teams, etc. I like the size and the atmosphere of the city.
- I moved here for school and liked it - so I stayed. I was considering a move to Mankato, but I really like the growth and direction it was taking so I am staying.
- More opportunity for my children.
- The size - I come from a large city.
- Convenience to everything - however moving to Brandon next month
- Went to college here and stayed around after I graduated.
- I've always wanted to live in a bigger community, where my children and I would have more opportunities. Life is just more fun when there are more options e.g. shopping, education, recreation, jobs, events, thank you Sioux Falls!
- Access to services, and quality of life in city.
- To start a good life. And finish school. Also to get job experiences.

- I came here for college & after college met my spouse & settled down here. I found a job & had a child & stayed in SF. I like the city for the jobs & shopping.
- Came for college, have stayed b/c of job opportunities and to maintain friendships.
- Vast opportunities for education, culture, music, church activity & it's variety of housing availability. The schools are great & the activities are great.
- Not too bad of a city job not yet too big.
- I live in Sioux Falls because the size is perfect and we can live a sheltered yet comfortable life. When Sioux Falls gets too big, which it is on it's way, we will have to leave our comfortable life.
- It's a small city and housing is affordable.
- Commuting is not bad to anywhere we want to go. It is a good place to raise our kids.
- Good schools, parks, it is safe and has all the qualities a family needs.
- Good schools, low crime rates, great variety of shopping & restaurants. Also it is close to my husband's family. We both have good paying professional jobs. We just really love Sioux Falls and hope for more recreational activities - concerts (popular) etc.
- Smaller big city - quiet be nice to keep it a community that minds our own business - not looking to be in nat'l news for whatever reason - keep the rif raf out this cities getting worse 'cause growing too much & fast!
- School.
- Education & work opportunity.
- To go to college.
- The city has a lot to offer, bike trails, fitness centers, stores, restaurants, nice neighbors.
- Convenience for all day to day activities.
- College/family.
- Great parks/rec for children.
- I go to school here.
- Most urban area in South Dakota.
- I attend Southeast Technical Institute. I moved here 3 years ago to do so.
- Tradition.
- I believe the lord harded me.
- Can't afford to move just yet. What, no comment section?? Life-long resident, Sioux Falls growing too fast, spending too much money on pools, coliseums, rec centers and you morons still won't put a street thru the golf courses because your country club buddies finance your election campaigns. This city needs to slow down growth, not cater to indigent and immigrant populations, quit building buildings only privileged few use and start fixing and building some roads. Working men wages in Sioux Falls can't even afford a decent apartment in a decent neighborhood=wages not in line with costs.

- It “was” for interstate east & west and north & south. It “was” for a smaller city, like 110,000. After living here for the past 10 years I am moving to a smaller city. If the “powers to be” want a little Minn or Omaha, why don't they just move there and leave S.F. South Dakota size!! The mayor doesn't seem to have a clue what is going on outside of his circle!!
- It's located in South Dakota.
- Can't afford to move because of low pay making it hard to break even. This city has businesses going 24 hrs a day and bus service on a sunrise to sunset schedule.
- I am too old to try to find a job in another city & I am single & not wealthy. This means I am stuck in Sioux Falls even though it is one of the last places I want to live.
- No choice, no money to move out or I would too much petty fighting over little issues. Crime is much worse than the city says it is!
- Been asking myself that same question, spending everything I make just to stay here. Services for handicapped people in Sioux Falls & South Dakota are few & far in between.
- The street light mostly dim.
- I live on east 15th St. better access to the phone number(s) to call, for getting the neighbors to shovel their sidewalks. A lot of our neighbors don't shovel their sidewalks at all! The person (employee) I talked to on the phone was very rude, and very interruptive, when I called about snow removal. Please fix these problem! Thank you!
- Relocation.
- Old age.
- Can't get any place else.
- Because I haven't moved away yet.
- Midwest. Close to roots.
- I don't want to live in Minneapolis or Denver or Omaha.
- Had planned to retire here. Moved back in 2005. Resided here from 1992-1997 before your growth spurt; has now gotten too big and costly! Rude customer service! Do appreciate that falls park has been renovated, in 1992 was a real waste to see that historical site in disarray! Minimum wage needs to be raised in according to cost of living in South Dakota.
- To old to move.
- Climate - 4 seasons access to interstates for travel cost of living a bit more reasonable than large cities like Mpls. or Denver a bit of “farm” community yet - better for raising kids decent shopping.
- I'm getting older. No money to move.
- Just happen to be here this survey is a waste of money. The city spends too much money.
- Not because the streets are of quality or therefore unrepairable - depending on “blight” crummy blacktop crumbles not for availability of multi-cultural artistic, experimental

music, art, to mid income, non-drinkers/smokers not for the gambling dens everywhere that serve as methamphetamine sales & services of fear after dark.

- Because I can.
- Its slightly better than purgatory.
- Cannot afford internet. I have lived in Running River Green Apartments downtown for 16 years. The neighborhood has changed not for the better a lot more noise, fights, arguments outside. A lot of street homeless folks walking around asking for money and smokes. I am physically disabled (not handicapped) as listed in question #25 I don't feel safe after dark in my neighborhood. I cant leave my windows open at night in the spring, summer or fall. Have had assalts happen to neighbor who moved and a big fight outside my window outside my window and aggressive fighting. I as of March 08, will be paying 1.2 of my social security disabled check on rent. I have 17 different medical conditions but can't get housing because of my saving account (which I need to pay high medical bills every year.) I also need assistants doing cooking, cleaning and laundry but again cannot get help from adult services because of savings. I have check out private services \$17 to \$20 an hour with a 2 hour minimum. I can't afford the cost do to rent, medications medical costs I have yearly. I volunteer at the Washington pavilion as a ticket taker in my 4th year. The place is the best thing in Sioux Falls. I also volunteer at the Sioux empire community theater have been since 93. I have been on a commity for the bike trails. I grow up here, moved to small towns in Minnesota 8 years, moved back 20 years ago, my family 2 sister 1 brother live here. I would like a meeting with the mayor and powers that be to suggest any changes to make Sioux Falls pools, parks, accessible for the disabled and senior citizen. I hate going to the arena event center because their is not enough handicapped parking you have to walk for a long distance to get to the door, why did the city and the structure between the parking area and the enterance doors? I would love to be able to use the city's swimming pools but can't because I would have to walk in the wet changing area, could the city have or more pools that has a manual wheelchair disabled or senior citizens can use to be safe to get in and out of the pools/locker rooms safely/I ment to the pool edge. What about 1 pool with steps to get in and out of pool with good handrails. I love the concerts at mc Kennan part, there plays etc. Put the handicapped parking is a long long walk for me and may be other folk to walk to get to the concert area. Maybe they could put a drive way behind the band shell and make 2 or 3 handicapped parking places there?
- Big city small town.
- Too stupid to find any place else to live.
- I really don't care one way or the other and its none of your business.
- I wouldn't want to live anywhere else unless I absolutely had to.
- A person must live somewhere.
- Can't afford to move.
- I was spending more in S.D. than in Nebr.

- Because of all the reasons I check excellent on this form!!
- Cause I thought it would be fun.
- An accessible city that works.
- The weather!
- Why do we have to have a survey done out of Colorado. Don't we have anybody with smarts to make up a survey in Sioux Falls. This is a waste of tax payers money again! Question (17) is very good. This is for the residents of the city. Why ask a dumb question.
- Don't really know!