



# Western Greater Yellowstone Regional Analysis of Impediments

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## INTRODUCTION

This document provides a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (RAI) for the Western Greater Yellowstone Area (WGYA). The WGYA encompasses three counties in Idaho (Fremont, Madison and Teton) and one in Wyoming (Teton), along with the primary communities of Ashton, Island Park, and St. Anthony in Fremont County; Rexburg in Madison County; Driggs and Victor in Teton County, Idaho; and Jackson in Teton County, Wyoming.

In 2011, Fremont County, Idaho, was awarded a \$1.5 million Sustainable Communities Planning Grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This grant is being used to develop the Teton View Regional Plan for Sustainable Development and will include a Model Development Code and the Greater Yellowstone Framework for Sustainable Development as a guiding, companion document.

Grantees are required by HUD to undertake Fair Housing Planning as a condition of receiving the grant and sign a certification that they are affirmatively furthering fair housing (see 24 CFR 91). This means that the grantee will:

- (1) Conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice;
- (2) Take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any identified impediments; and
- (3) Maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions taken.

This RAI fulfills step one and identifies actions that may be taken regionally and locally to address identified impediments in step two.

### **What is a Regional Analysis of Impediments?**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is committed to eliminating racial and ethnic segregation, illegal physical and other barriers to persons with disabilities and other discriminatory practices in housing. The fundamental goal of HUD's fair housing policy is to make housing choice a reality regardless of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, disability and national origin through Fair Housing Planning.

An AI<sup>1</sup> is the first step in Fair Housing Planning by analyzing an area for discriminatory housing practices, whether overt or unintended; promotion of fair housing choice for all persons, including choices in housing location, type and

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<sup>1</sup> HUD developed a Fair Housing Planning Guide that assists governments in conducting an AI, as well as identifying and documenting actions to address Fair Housing impediments. See: *Fair Housing Planning Guide, Volume 1*. US Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev., Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, available at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/images/fhpg.pdf>

condition; promotion of housing that is accessible to all persons, particularly those with disabilities; and fostering compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of the Fair Housing Act. In this light, impediments to fair housing choice will include:

- Any actions, omissions, or decisions taken because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin that restrict housing choices or the availability of housing choices.
- Any actions, omissions or decisions that have the effect of restricting housing choices or the availability of housing choices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin.

Therefore, policies, practices or procedures that appear neutral, but that operate to deny or adversely affect the provision of housing to persons in any particular protected class may constitute an impediment to Fair Housing choice.

The analysis and identification of impediments in the RAI happens both at the regional and the local level. While the RAI is written from a regional perspective, if prepared in accordance with HUD guidelines, the RAI will operate as the reference fair housing document for the consolidated and annual plans for each individual jurisdiction that was a signatory to the RAI. This means also that each jurisdiction is responsible for maintaining documentation of the analysis of impediments and the actions it carries out to address any identified impediments to fair housing choice in its community.

### **The Federal Fair Housing Act and Title IX Exemptions**

The Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq., prohibits discrimination in housing against persons on the basis of race or color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status (e.g., children in the home), or disability by direct providers of housing, such as landlords and real estate companies, as well as other entities, such as municipalities, banks or other lending institutions and homeowners insurance companies. The Act covers the sale or rental of housing, mortgage and home improvement lending, and land use and zoning practices. HUD has the primary authority for enforcing the Fair Housing Act.

Generally excluded from all or some provisions of the Act are owner-occupied homes with four (4) or fewer units; most single-family homes sold without the use of a real estate agent or broker or discriminatory advertising; housing operated by religious organizations and private clubs that limit occupancy based on religion or membership; and housing for older persons (with respect to familial status).<sup>2</sup>

Further, and of particular significance in Madison County, the Title IX Higher

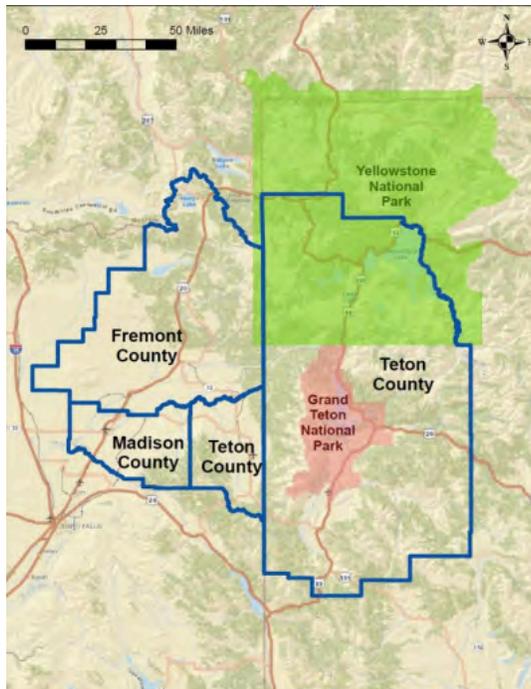
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<sup>2</sup> This is a general overview. Please reference the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq., for more information.

Education Act of 1972 governs housing that has been approved for student occupancy by Brigham Young University in Rexburg, Idaho (BYU-I). Single students enrolled full-time at BYU-I are required to reside in either on- or off-campus BYU-I approved housing, which maintain separate buildings for male and female occupancy. Title IX Act allows educational institutions to maintain separate living facilities for students based on gender.<sup>3</sup> BYU-I may approve such housing for students even if it is provided by another agency or organization or whether it is located on- or off-campus.<sup>4</sup>

### The WGYA Geographic Region

The WGYA includes four (4) counties located in northeastern Idaho and western Wyoming, just south of Yellowstone National Park. The area can largely be characterized as rural, with about 83,000 persons residing in 7,000 square miles (or just under 12 persons per square mile). Public lands make up near 80% of the land area in the WGYA. The following counties and communities participated in and are covered by this RAI:



**Fremont County, ID**

- City of Ashton
- City of Island Park
- City of St. Anthony

**Madison County, ID**

- City of Rexburg

**Teton County, ID**

- City of Driggs
- City of Victor

**Teton County, WY**

- Town of Jackson

<sup>3</sup> See 20 U.S.C.1681. In 1988, a religious tenet exemption letter from Bruce Hafen, then president of Ricks College (now BYU-I), was accepted allowing BYU-I to exclusively restrict access to its university approved housing to matriculating students (34 C.F.R. 106.12(b)). Therefore, only BYU-I students are eligible to live in approved housing. See the BYU-I Approved Housing Guidebook for more information. Available at: <http://beta.byui.edu/Documents/housing/guidebooks/Approved%20Housing%20Guidebook.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 86.32; Wilson v. Glenwood Intermountain Properties, 876 F.Supp. 1231, 1243 (D.Utah 1995).

The WGYA is an area of sharp contrasts characterized by rural towns, a small city, destination resorts, two national parks and surrounding national forests, farming and ranching, a university with over 15,000 students and extensive commuting of employees within the region. Briefly:

- Fremont County, Idaho, was established March 4, 1893, with its county seat in St. Anthony. It has always been an agricultural area and cattle were imported in early years. The primary agricultural products are, however, barley, wheat and potatoes. Its primary economy today is agriculture, recreation and tourism-related employment. Its landscape is diverse, with mountains, lakes and reservoirs, dense lodgepole pine forests and clearcuts, sagebrush steppe, active sand dunes, irrigated and non-irrigated croplands, and small farming (St. Anthony, Ashton) and resort communities (Island Park). Only 32% of the county's land is in private ownership. Targhee National Forest covers 44% of the area in the northern and eastern parts of the county. Another 12 percent in the western part of the county is administered by the Bureau of Land Management.<sup>5</sup>
- Madison County, Idaho, is one of the smallest counties in the State of Idaho at 472 square miles. About 72% of the lands are privately owned. Part of the Targhee National Forest covers the southwest corner. The forested area is bordered by agricultural lands, lava plains are in the west side of the county and three rivers converge in the valley floor. The city of Rexburg was initially established as "Ricksburg" in 1883 as "a central point for religious, educational and commercial enterprises, and to prepare the way for rapid colonization of the country" by President John Taylor of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Madison County was later created in 1913. BYU-Idaho in Rexburg was converted from a two-year college, formerly known as Rick's College from 1923-2000, to a four-year college on August 10, 2001. BYU-Idaho is now the largest employer in Madison County and attracts students from all 50 states and more than 30 foreign countries.<sup>6</sup>
- Teton County, Idaho, was established in 1915 and was named after the Teton Mountains in the east. Its landscape contains the Teton and Big Hole Mountains, the Teton River, farms, ranches, and the small communities of Driggs, Victor, and Teton. Teton Valley is a crucial part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, containing critical wildlife habitat and corridors on both its public and private lands. The area was homesteaded in the late 1800's by farmers and ranchers. Driggs is the county seat and Victor is the largest city, with just under 2,000 persons. In the 2000's, the county was one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. This growth was fueled by increased jobs, growth in the Grand Targhee Resort area, and demand from workers in Teton County, Wyoming, looking for more affordable homes. Government, real estate, accommodations and food,

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<sup>5</sup> See <http://www.co.fremont.id.us/misc/about/statistics.htm> for more information.

<sup>6</sup> See the Madison County Comprehensive Plan, "Madison 2020," for more information.

agriculture and construction are the largest employment sectors. The transition of this county's economy to outdoor recreation and tourism from agriculture began in 1969 with the establishment of Grand Targhee Resort, which is located in Wyoming, but only accessed through the city of Driggs. In 2007, National Geographic magazine listed Driggs as one of the 10 best outdoor recreation destinations in the U.S.<sup>7</sup>

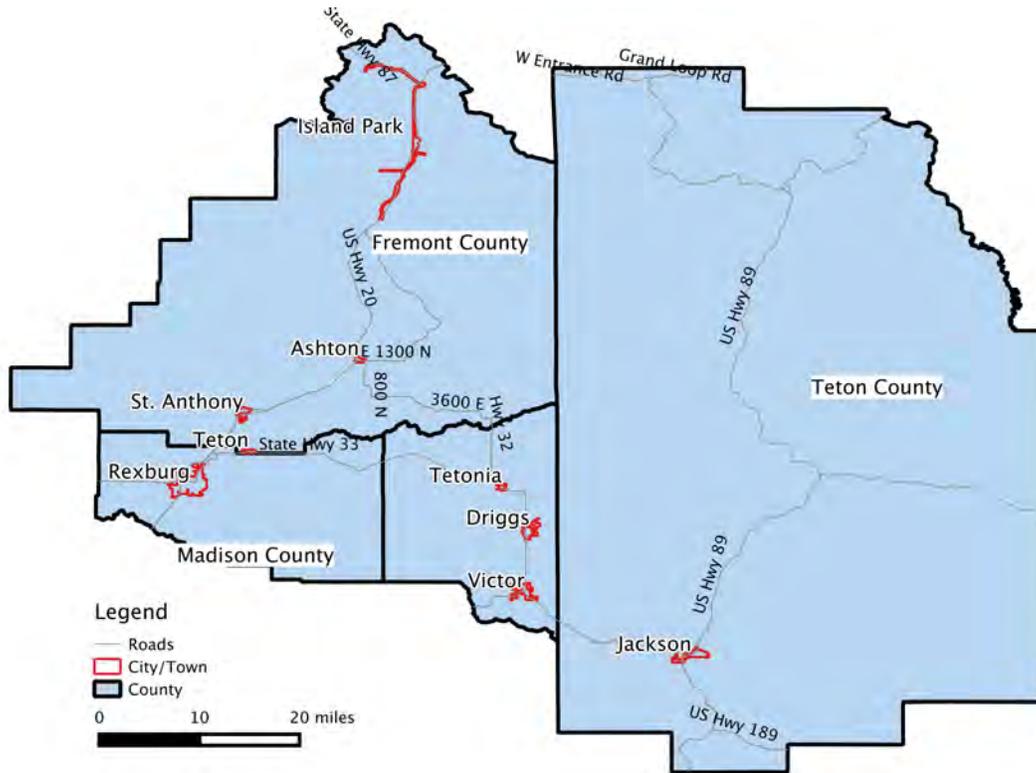
- Teton County, Wyoming, is located in the northwest corner of Wyoming. The federal government owns 97 percent of the land, including two national parks – Yellowstone and Grand Teton. About 40% of Yellowstone National Park is located in Teton County, Wyoming. Jackson Hole defines the primary population center near the south end of the county (and includes the town of Jackson). Because of its isolation, only a few settlements and ranches were present before 1900. The town of Jackson was incorporated in 1914 as the county seat. The first economic activities were agricultural, but the area had short growing seasons and it was difficult to raise cattle. Sport hunting for tourists began early and dude ranches appeared. By the 1930's the county was beginning to cater to wealthy clientele. In 1939, Snow King ski area opened and Jackson Hole ski resort in the mid-1960's. This resort is the signature draw for tourists to the area in the winter, helping tourism become year-round by the 1970's. Jackson Hole now ranks among the best-known resort communities in the west.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> See the Teton County, Idaho, 2012-2030 Comprehensive Plan for more information.

<sup>8</sup> See <http://www.wyohistory.org/encyclopedia/teton-county-wyoming#sthash.0lJ6gbX2.dpuf> for more information.

## WGYC Counties, Communities and Primary Roads



### Methodology

This study was completed based on methodologies recommended in HUD’s Fair Housing Planning Guide, Vol. I, consultation with HUD regarding the unique rural nature of this region, and our extensive experience conducting studies in similarly rural communities in the west. The report combines both primary and secondary data sources to analyze impediments in the region. This includes:

#### Housing Survey

A housing survey was fielded to residents and workers in the WGYA as part of this study and a parallel Regional Housing Needs Assessment conducted by our team. Surveys were conducted in English and Spanish to obtain information on housing conditions and needs which are not available from other sources. The survey was available beginning in mid-March through July 2014. Distribution methods included:

- An on-line survey in English. The link for the survey was distributed by:
  - Chambers of commerce to their membership;
  - Major employers in each county to their employees;

- Media (newspapers, radio and TV stations);
  - Sharing via social networks; and
  - Social service and housing organizations to persons they serve.
- Paper surveys in English. These were placed in town centers, libraries and senior centers and distributed by hanging on the doors of residential units and through employers that indicated their employees had limited internet access.
  - Paper surveys in Spanish. These surveys were completed with the assistance of social service agencies, school districts, employers and churches through a combination of intercept interviews and household distribution. We extend our gratitude to the Fremont County School District, Walter's Produce, regional churches, Madison County School District, Teton County School District, the Hispanic Resource Center, the Teton Valley Food Pantry, Teton Free Clinic, Latino Resource Center and Systems of Care, and all others, for their assistance in reaching Spanish-speaking residents.

The margin of error for survey tabulations is within 1.5% at the 95% confidence level. This means that, for tabulations involving the entire region, there would be 95% confidence that any given percent reported is no more than plus or minus 1.5 percentage points from what is actually the case. When results are provided independently for each county, tabulations are within 2.5% to 4%. The margins of error are higher due to smaller sample sizes.

### *Key informant interviews*

More than 60 key informant interviews were conducted to acquire local housing market, occupancy and home qualification information (for affordable rentals and deed restricted ownership units); understand city and county zoning, land use and housing policies, and recent and current development trends and challenges; and understand Fair Housing trends and concerns. Interviews included:

- Realtors and appraisers (9 total);
- Rental property managers of both market rate and affordable units (38 total);
- Municipal and county planners from each of the four counties in the region and the primary cities and towns of Ashton, St. Anthony, Island Park, Victor, Driggs, Rexburg and Jackson (11 total);
- Housing and resident service agencies; and
- Local and regional Fair Housing service agencies.

Local and regional service and Fair Housing agencies interviewed included:

- Habitat for Humanity (Idaho and Wyoming);
- Teton County Housing Authority (Wyoming);
- Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust;
- Idaho Housing and Finance Agency;
- Community Resource Center (Wyoming);
- Intermountain Fair Housing Council (Idaho); and
- Wyoming Legal Services.

### *Secondary data*

Data published by government, non-profit and private agencies referenced in this report includes:

- 1990, 2000 and 2010 US Census and 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates for population, housing unit and household characteristics. The latter is used sparingly given its potential for wide margins of error in low population communities;
- Subsidized housing and Section 8 Voucher data from the Idaho Housing and Finance Agency, the Wyoming Community Development Authority, the Idaho Falls chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the Teton County Housing Authority and the Jackson Hole Housing Trust;
- Job, labor force, unemployment and wage data from the Idaho Department of Labor, the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services and the US Bureau of Economic Analysis;
- Historical housing sales data and current listings from the Teton Board of Realtors and the Snake River MLS;
- Fair Housing complaint data from HUD, Idaho Intermountain Fair Housing Council, and Wyoming Legal Aid;
- Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) mortgage lending data; and
- Recent legal cases from the U.S. Department of Justice and Casemaker legal research tool.

State and local studies were also reviewed, including:

- Comprehensive Plans for each county and the major communities;
- Housing Needs Assessments completed in 2007 for both Teton County, ID and Teton County, WY; and
- The Regional Analysis of Impediments completed in 2011 for both the state of Idaho and the state of Wyoming.

**Data Analysis in the Rural WGYA**

Given the rural nature of the WGYA, however, data is analyzed at the city, town and unincorporated Census Designated Place (CDP) level rather than the census tract level as typically recommended by HUD. This is for several reasons.

- Cities, towns and CDPs provide more detailed information on where protected populations live and their relative concentrations than census tracts in this rural region. Teton County, Idaho, consists of only one census tract; however, it has three incorporated cities. Only Madison County has more census tracts than cities – the city of Rexburg is divided among six census tracts.
- All but two cities participating in this RAI comprise a small fraction of one census tract. If analysis was done at the census tract level, the specifics of the community demographics and issues for these participating communities would be lost;
- ACS 5-year estimates have high margins of error in the low-population counties and communities and census tracts. Survey data collected as part of this and the parallel WGYA Housing Needs Assessment study provides information based on community and has a lower margin of error than the ACS for many variables. For consistency, all data is reported at the community (town, city, or CDP) level.
- With few exceptions, the unincorporated counties (outside of CDPs) are primarily large-lot, single family homes and/or large agricultural parcels, meaning this area does not lend itself to concentrations of any significant density of populations.

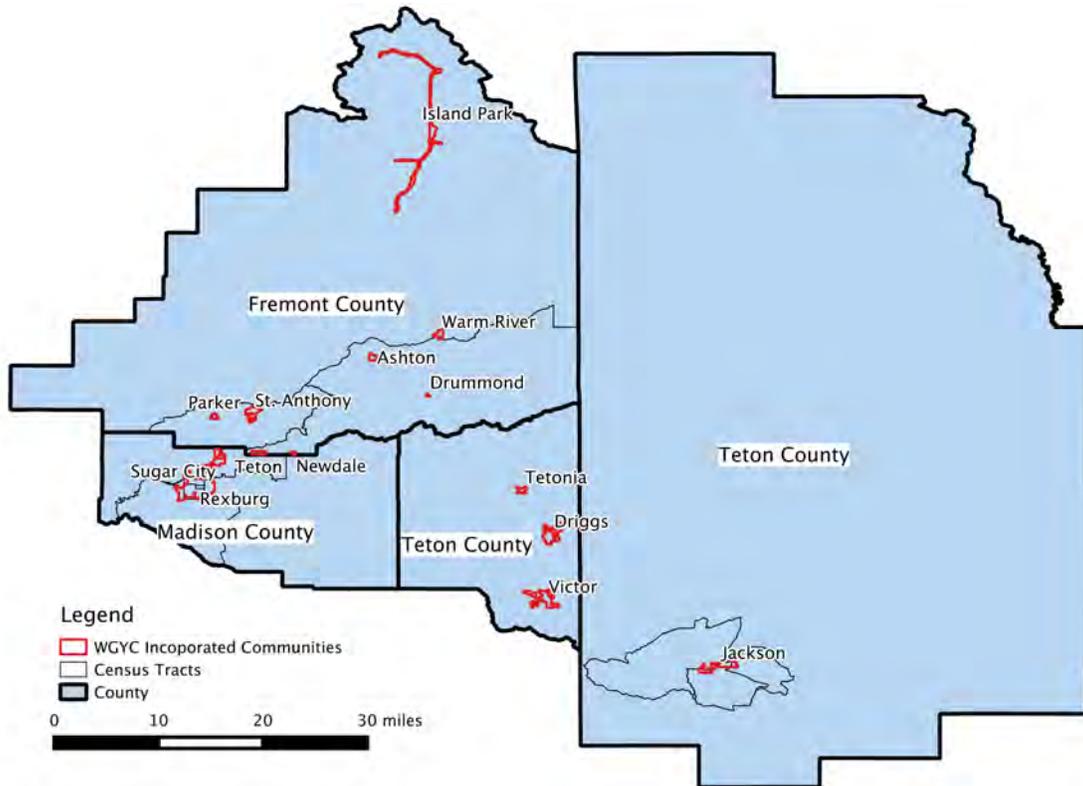
**WGYA Census Tracts vs. Cities, Towns and CDPs by County**

Number of:	Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY
<b>Census Tracts</b>	3	6	1	4
<b>Cities, towns, CDP</b>	8	2	3	9

Source: 2010 US Census

The following map shows where incorporated communities fall in relation to the defined census tracts. The only communities spanning multiple census tracts are the city of Rexburg, Idaho (6 total) and the town of Jackson, Wyoming (3 total). Where protected classes show variation within tracts in these two communities, such is noted in the analysis.

**WGYC Incorporated Communities and Census Tracts**



When reviewing data at the incorporated community, town and CDP level, it is necessary to keep in mind the small populations of many of these communities. For example, the non-participating communities of Drummond (16 people), Newdale (323 people), Parker (305 people), Teton (735 people) and Warm River (3 people) in Fremont County combined comprise only about 10% of the county’s population (1,382 total persons). Many participating communities are also small, such as Island Park (286 persons), Driggs (1,660 persons) and Victor (1,928 persons). This is particularly significant when subsets of these populations are analyzed (e.g., seniors, persons with disabilities or persons of Hispanic/Latino origin).

**WGYC Population by Incorporated Community: 2010**

	Population	% of Region
<b>TOTAL REGION</b>	82,242	100.0%
<b>Fremont County, Idaho</b>	13,242	16.1%
Ashton	1,127	1.4%
Drummond	16	0.0%
Island Park	286	0.3%
Newdale	323	0.4%
Parker	305	0.4%
St. Anthony	3,542	4.3%
Teton	735	0.9%
Warm River	3	0.0%
<b>Madison County, Idaho</b>	37,536	45.6%
Rexburg	25,484	31.0%
Sugar City	1,514	1.8%
<b>Teton County, Idaho</b>	10,170	12.4%
Driggs	1,660	2.0%
Tetonia	269	0.3%
Victor	1,928	2.3%
<b>Teton County, Wyoming</b>	21,294	25.9%
Jackson	9,577	11.6%

Source: 2010 US Census

**Report Format**

While an RAI must identify the barriers or impediments to fair housing choice and provide recommendations on Fair Housing strategies for an action plan, it must also include review of the elements required of a Fair Housing Equity Assessment (FHEA), as set forth by HUD. This includes evaluating:

- Areas of segregation/integration,
- Areas of minority concentration (called racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (RCAP/ECAP),
- Disparities in access to opportunity (or asset-rich areas) for protected populations, and
- Fair housing environment.

An RAI is not required to assess physical infrastructure, which is required for a FHEA. Based on these requirements, the report is organized as follows.

Background information on the counties and communities is presented in the first four sections of the RAI to understand similarities and differences encountered by persons of protected classes compared to other households:

- Population and Household Demographics. An overview of population and household characteristics and trends. This includes a review of racial/ethnic composition in the area and discusses areas of concentration, segregation and RCAP/ECAP;
- Employment. County employment profile, including unemployment, types of jobs and salaries paid;
- Areas of Opportunity (Access to Community Assets). Areas that provide access to opportunity, or asset-rich areas, are defined in this section of the report. Comparative populations of protected classes in each area are summarized;
- Housing Profile and Conditions. Housing unit inventory and tenure, including market rate and affordable homes, and cost of housing analysis. This section also reviews households encountering problems such as homes in need of repair, high housing costs compared to income, overcrowding, housing insecurity, availability of accessible housing and potential language barriers when searching for housing. This section concludes with a summary of housing needs for each protected class.

Fair Housing Legal Status. This section provides an overview of state and local fair housing laws and complaint procedures and analyzes potential housing discrimination based on data from resident survey responses and home lending practices; fair housing complaints; and recent legal cases to detect potential discriminatory issues.

Policies and Resources. This section reviews city, town and county land use codes and policies and Fair Housing and community services available to WGYA residents to identify any barriers to the provision of or access to Fair Housing.

Conclusions, including Impediments and Recommended Actions. This section identifies impediments to fair housing choice based on the analysis of primary and secondary data and review of land use policies. Recommended actions as the basis of a Fair Housing Action Plan are then presented that may be implemented to address impediments.

## **Definitions**

Accessible Unit – Accessible generally means that the dwelling is accessible to persons with disabilities. Mandatory requirements for accessible housing vary and

are found in state, local, and model building codes, in agency regulations such as in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's program 202 and 811, section 504, and the Fair Housing Amendments Act requirements. Accessible features in dwellings may include wide doors, sufficient clear floor space for wheelchairs, lower countertops and knee spaces under counters, grab bars in bathrooms, audible and visual signals, and entrances free of steps and stairs.

Adaptable Unit - An adaptable dwelling unit has all the accessible features that an accessible unit has, but allows some items to be omitted or concealed until needed. This allows dwelling units to look the same as non-accessible units and be better matched to individual needs when occupied. For example, wide doors, no steps, knee spaces, grab bar reinforcing and other access features must be built in. The grab bars, however, can be omitted and installed when needed and knee spaces can be concealed by installing a removable base cabinet.

Affordable Housing - The commonly used standard is when the monthly rent or mortgage payment is equal to or less than gross household income. When housing costs exceed 30% of income, the household is considered to be *Cost Burdened*.

Area of Concentration - Used to describe where higher than normal concentrations of certain populations reside. HUD defines areas of concentration as those in which the percentage of a specific population is 10 percentage points higher than across the region as a whole. For example, 8% of the population in the WGYA is age 65 or older; concentrations occur where this proportion is 18% or more.

Area of Opportunity (Asset-Rich Area) - HUD defines asset-rich areas as containing many features, including access to education, employment, health care, commercial/retail access, low crime/safety, recreational areas, local infrastructure (sidewalks, paved roads, water/sewer, etc.), transportation and libraries. In this rural area, asset-rich areas are defined as the participating cities and towns.

Dissimilarity Index - Used to measure the extent of residential segregation among population groups in an area. The index falls between 0 and 100. A value of zero (0) implies perfect integration, meaning that every census tract within a region mirrors the groups shares in the overall geography. A value of 100 reflects complete segregation. Dissimilarity cannot be accurately assessed when the racial/ethnic group being measured does not make up a significant portion of the overall population. When a group's population is under 1,000, use of this index is cautioned. See <http://www.censusscope.org/segregation.html>.

Group Home - A home where a small number of unrelated people in need of care, support, or supervision can live together, such as children or young people who cannot live with their families and those who are elderly or mentally ill.

Households – The same as occupied housing units. Population residing in group quarters, like dormitories, skilled nursing homes and correctional facilities are not considered to be members of households.

Median Family Income (MFI)<sup>9</sup> – A term that generally refers to the median incomes published annually for counties by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD uses four income categories as follows:

- *Moderate Income* – From 81% to 100% AMI.
- *Low Income* – From 51% to 80% AMI
- *Very Low Income* – Between 31% and 50% AMI
- *Extremely Low Income* – At or below 30% AMI

Overcrowded Housing – When more than two persons per bedroom on average occupy a unit.

Occupied Housing Units – Units that serve as primary residences. Homes that are vacant for rent, for sale or for seasonal/occasional/recreation use are not considered to be occupied.

Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RCAP/ECAP) – These are regions with a racial/ethnic concentration meeting a certain poverty threshold. As defined by HUD, RCAP/ECAPs are census tracts with a majority non-white population (greater than 50 percent) and a poverty rate exceeding 40 percent or that is three times the metro tract average. There are no RCAP/ECAP areas within the WGYC region that meet this definition.

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<sup>9</sup> Here, MFI is used to denote HUD's Median Family Income figures. The 2014 WGYA Housing Needs Assessment conducted by our team uses "AMI" (Area Median Income) to denote the same income figures.

## CONCLUSIONS

### Identified Impediments

This research identified the following regional and local impediments to the fair provision of housing in the WGYA. The purpose of this section of the RAI is to encourage local governments to coordinate regionally where needed to overcome impediments that are multi-jurisdictional in nature, offer opportunities to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of fair housing services or have impacts beyond jurisdictional borders. It is also intended to raise awareness of local issues that may be addressed to further the provision of and access to housing in the WGYA for all residents. Opportunities to partner with neighboring communities, regional and interjurisdictional organizations, and community based organizations on addressing these impediments can help create solutions while minimizing the need for additional community capacity and resources.

#### **Impediment 1 – Not all jurisdictions have Fair Housing policies and others can be improved to better support and educate residents on Fair Housing issues.**

Idaho's Fair Housing Law does not protect based on familial status. Local jurisdictions can adopt Fair Housing policies that specify Fair Housing protections that are consistent with federal law. While this is not legally required, resident outreach conducted in noticing and advertising the adoption of such policies helps educate residents on Fair Housing protections. Policies can also provide additional support and less expensive alternatives than filing a federal court case to those who feel they have been discriminated against, such as the policy in St. Anthony and Teton County, Idaho. Policies may also set up county support and Fair Housing educational programs for residents and businesses.

Protections for victims of domestic violence could also be added to provide some protection for this group from discrimination by landlords. Such victims may have claims under the Fair Housing Act or Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for acts of discrimination related to housing. Expanding local Fair Housing policies to include this group can likewise provide alternatives to filing a federal court case to protect their access to housing and/or set up local support and Fair Housing educational programs for residents and businesses.

#### **Impediment 2 – Residents of protected classes experience discrimination.**

About 1,150 households (4%) in the WGYA indicate that at least one person in their home has experienced some form of discrimination when buying, selling or renting a home. Family type, age, religion and disability complaints were the most common. This varies slightly by county. Residents in Teton County, Wyoming, experienced the most discrimination, likely related to scarce housing availability and a somewhat knowledgeable resident base – the area has many local Fair Housing service

agencies. A few problems noted by residents involved different rents charged for male and female tenants; landlords not accepting children or, alternatively, single or unmarried tenants; and religion affecting home sales transactions.

Complaints filed by HUD and cases taken by the IFHC in the region also focus mostly on disability issues – service animals being the dominant issue.

While some forms of discrimination may be intentional, other acts of discrimination reflect a lack of knowledge and understanding on the part of landlords. There is a need for expanded fair housing training and routine continuing education for landlords, property managers, real estate agents, lenders and other housing professionals.

**Impediment 3 – Loan denial rates are higher for certain protected classes in some areas of the region, including Hispanic/Latino and female loan applicants.**

Hispanic loan applicants were denied loans at twice the rate of non-Hispanic applicants in both Madison and Fremont counties. Females were also denied loans at twice the rate of males in Fremont County. Other counties did not exhibit these differentials. The reasons for this disparity should be probed.

**Impediment 4 – Persons with disabilities are occupying homes that do not meet their accessibility needs.**

A lack of affordable, accessible units is an impediment to persons with mobility disabilities. All counties and communities incorporate the International Building Code standards for developing ADA accessible units. All affordable LIHTC, RD and Section 8 rental projects also noted that over 50% of their units are either accessible or adaptable, with about 15% of these occupied by persons with disabilities. Despite this, a significant percentage of households with at least one person with a disability stated that their current housing does not accommodate their disability (21%). Madison County had the lowest percentage of households with this problem (13%); Teton County, Wyoming, had the highest percentage (30%).

This indicates that persons with disabilities are either not locating suitable housing or may occupy older homes that are in need of upgrades. Based on survey comments, the most common problem are stairs, either within or accessing units; non-wheel chair accessible entry-ways or bathrooms; inappropriate parking; and problems accessing drawers and cabinets.

**Impediment 5 – Access to transportation, education and medical services in the region is limited, disproportionately affecting Hispanic/Latino households, seniors, persons with disabilities and single parent households.**

Transportation. There is a lack of scheduled public transportation routes within some counties and cities and limited transport between the counties in the region. Only Teton County, Wyoming, has a regular bus service within the town of Jackson and to Teton Village, with a couple of commuter routes that connect to Teton County, Idaho, and to Lincoln County, Wyoming, to the south. On-call service is available for seniors and persons with disabilities from various providers in Idaho, but no fixed public bus routes serve the WGYA in that state.

Public transportation can be a necessary service for seniors who can no longer drive, low-income Hispanic/Latino and single-parent households with limited or no access to a personal vehicle, and persons with disabilities and limited mobility. Students in Rexburg have also been supportive of creating a fixed route line in the city. It can also decrease commute costs for workers traveling between counties, which in Teton County, Idaho, can run an average of about \$1,000 per month per commuting household.

Education. The junior high school in Driggs was at or near capacity in the mid-2000's. Families have grown in Victor and Driggs since then.

There are no schools serving families living north of Ashton – i.e. in the Island Park area. Fremont County shows only modest growth in families in recent years, but the largest percentage increase has been in the northern Island Park area. The student population is relatively small, but changes in this population should be monitored to understand potential future education needs in this area.

Adequately serving the needs of the growing Hispanic/Latino population is a concern in all counties. In the mid-2000's, Teton County, Idaho, schools were having a hard time keeping up with the programs needed to serve the quick rise in the Hispanic/Latino population – offering English as a second language, for example, and maintaining their existing curriculum. This population continues to increase throughout the WGYA.

Medical. The last hospital in Fremont County closed in 1988. It has the highest senior and disabled population – particularly Ashton and St. Anthony, the latter of which is an area of concentration for persons with disabilities. Medical clinics and Emergency Medical Services are available in each of these cities, as well as senior care facilities in Ashton and St. Anthony. The nearest hospital is in Rexburg, Idaho, which is 26 miles from Ashton and 16 miles from St. Anthony. Changes in the senior population should continue to be monitored in light of available and economically viable medical services.

**Impediment 6 – Jurisdictions can improve some aspects of their development codes to help incent or create fair access to and provision of a diversity of housing for residents.**

Group Homes. Idaho state code prohibits governments from excluding group homes from their communities through zoning restrictions. It also defines a “single family dwelling” for the purpose of any zoning law, ordinance or code to include “any group residence in which eight (8) or fewer unrelated persons with disabilities or elderly persons reside . . .”. Idaho Code § 67-6531. A few Idaho jurisdictions either do not define group homes, do not provide for them in their code, or have different definitions than the state. The state of Wyoming does not have a similar provision; however, both Teton County and the town of Jackson provide for group homes, yet define them differently. Current regulations have not been a barrier to these homes being constructed. Providing consistency in regulations, however, can assist future applications.

Accessory Dwelling Units. Accessory dwelling units are permitted in all jurisdictions, but to varying degrees and for different purposes. Some jurisdictions could consider modifications to their codes to better utilize these units to diversify their housing stock for renters and add to their pool of affordable units. The more expensive areas of Jackson and Driggs and Victor could most benefit.

Multi-Family Densities. Zoned and permitted densities vary widely in the region, with the highest densities permitted in Rexburg and the lowest densities in the unincorporated county agricultural zones. Most jurisdictions could look at altering their permitted densities to better meet their housing needs in the context of any land or infrastructure constraints in their community.

- Several communities could use more multi-family units to diversify their housing stock, such as Driggs and Victor in Teton County, Idaho, and St. Anthony and Ashton in Fremont County. LIHTC and multi-family ownership options will assist Hispanic/Latino, single parent and family households, which are growing in that area. LIHTC and senior housing rentals in St. Anthony and Ashton are near full capacity and density options could incent needed development.
- Other communities, such as Rexburg, which could likely double in size under current zoning, has had the majority of their development in the 2000’s in large multi-family apartment projects. Ownership housing decreased as a percentage of occupied homes by 11 percentage points in the 2000’s. Rexburg needs to help households get into ownership and offer a variety of ownership opportunities in light of this trend. This includes helping seniors downsize into smaller homes and families purchase their first homes.
- The town of Jackson, which also has many multi-family units, however, should consider increasing densities given the shortage of land in the area, the strong

and continuing demand for workforce housing and their policy to house 65% of their workforce. Jackson has not been meeting its share of workforce housing in light of strong job creation. This can help retain the families that have been going to Teton County, Idaho, to find housing and provide more options for low-income Hispanic/Latino and single parent households, among others.

**Impediment 7 – Jurisdictions can improve access to affordable homes through various programs that expand the inventory for protected classes and improve and preserve existing homes.**

Jackson and Teton County, Wyoming, have the most extensive housing production programs and development requirements of all other WGYA jurisdictions. These counties still have the tightest rental market, highest priced ownership market and are struggling to keep pace with rising jobs. Development and redevelopment constantly threatens to reduce the existing affordable housing stock in the area. They have been losing families that want to purchase homes and cost-burden among Hispanic/Latino households is highest in this area (82% of households).

Driggs and Victor in Teton County, Idaho, both have incentives for affordable housing development in their codes that have yet to be used. The 50% increase in housing units experienced in the 2000's did not improve affordability of homes in the area, but did increase second homeownership. Older mobile homes are undergoing renovation and inspection, threatening displacement of low-income, primarily Hispanic/Latino, households. More affordable housing will assist families looking to buy homes and low-income single parent and Hispanic/Latino households needing affordable rentals.

Fremont County has the most affordable rents and second most affordable homes (next to Madison County), but has an old housing stock. Its affordable senior rentals (LIHTC/RC/Section 8) are fully occupied and this population is growing. Renovation of older housing stock is of concern and this can help seniors improve home efficiency and accommodate disabilities. Hispanic/Latino residents are concentrated in St. Anthony and Teton and could take great advantage of home renovation assistance and mobile home replacement programs. Single parent households in St. Anthony will also benefit from affordable rentals. Entry-buyer programs and home renovation assistance can help families purchase homes that need repairs that they otherwise could not afford.

Madison County has a high percentage of multi-family units, predominately large apartment complexes, plus a large inventory of LIHTC/RC/Section 8 rentals, primarily in Rexburg. Single-family homes comprise a decreasing proportion of homes in the city and county. Home prices are the most affordable for residents compared to other WGYA jurisdictions. Continued growth of the BYU-I student body indicates that these patterns will continue. Madison County, and Rexburg in particular, needs to focus on preserving existing ownership opportunities, diversity

of housing options (e.g. not apartments) and putting new homeowners into homes. This will benefit young families looking to purchase homes.<sup>10</sup>

**Impediment 8 – Information on affordable and market rentals in the region and access to government services for Spanish-speaking residents can be improved.**

Affordable LIHTC, RD and Section 8 rentals exist in all counties within the WGYA. Various organizations manage these units. Several of the units in Idaho are owned by management companies in distant cities, including Boise, Idaho, and Eagle, Idaho. Finding local information and discovering whom to contact can be a challenge and much more so for Spanish-speaking residents or other low income or disabled households with limited access to resources (e.g., computer) or mobility to be able to visit properties. A few complexes only advertised units through word-of-mouth.

All counties have room for improvement in terms of communicating housing information to persons of limited English proficiency. Rental advertisements, when provided, were provided only in English; between 50% to 70% of leasing offices have either a bi-lingual person on staff or access to an on-call interpreter; and over one-half of affordable rental managers and only one-fifth of market-rate rental managers have leases available in both English and Spanish. About 7% of Spanish-speaking survey respondents that had problems finding housing indicated language was a barrier.

Most jurisdictions could also improve and better define access to other government services, including social services, motor vehicles, emergency services, clerk, court, etc., for Spanish-speaking residents. To ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, federal assistance recipients are required to provide language assistance to LEP individuals to ensure equal access to federally funded programs. Even in the absence of receipt of federal funds, this can provide a helpful guideline for local service provision. Ideally, HUD recommends a Language Assistance Plan (LAP) be adopted to define priority documents for translation and use of interpreter services for jurisdictions in which this population is significant.<sup>11</sup>

Teton County, Wyoming, and the town of Jackson had the most extensive assistance, offering interpreters in most departments and translations of some important materials. The town of Jackson also has a policy that provides a monthly Spanish Fluency Stipend to employees in departments that commonly interact with the Spanish speaking community for employees who are fluent or partially fluent in Spanish.

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<sup>10</sup> See also the 2014 WGYA Housing Needs Assessment for additional information.

<sup>11</sup> Defined as at least 1,000 persons or 5% of the total population. U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev., "Program Policy Guidance Number 2014-02," Sept. 8, 2014, p. 14, under "3. Access to Community Assets." See the "Policies and Resources – government and other services" section of this report for more information.

While all other jurisdictions had access to interpreters or employees with Spanish-speaking or translation skills, none had formal policies in place to define LEP protocols or prioritize translation of materials. It was noted that Spanish speakers often brought their own interpreters, which were usually relatives, friends or children, causing infrequent need for interpreters.

Translation and interpretation services can be costly to provide. With the relatively small populations in many WGYA jurisdictions, opportunity to share resources within and between jurisdictions or from area resources (non-profits, schools, etc.) should be explored. Many have done this without written policies in place, but such policies if formalized could ensure LEP is carried out on a consistent and effective basis.

### **Recommended Actions to Address Impediments**

This section of the AI identifies specific actions that can be taken both regionally and locally to address identified impediments to fair housing choice.

#### Fair Housing Policy and Education

**Local Action Item: Adopt a Fair Housing policy that specifies protections for at least the same classes as federal law.**

This provides consistency and helps educate residents, professionals and public service providers. Consider additional protections for Victims of Domestic Violence to be consistent with VAWA and enforcement under the FHA. Local remedies and procedures for violations can also be provided, providing options to residents with discrimination claims.

**Local and Regional Action item: Increase opportunities for Fair Housing education of residents and real estate professionals in jurisdictions.**

Jurisdictions can coordinate trainings to reach residents and real estate professionals regarding Fair Housing issues. Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC) and Access to Justice in Jackson and Wyoming Legal Services could assist with the education programs, including in Spanish and English. This can reduce discrimination by educating landlords on the laws and residents about their rights, for example.

#### Lending

**Local Action Item: Work with lenders to mitigate loan denial disparities and educate residents about financial repair.**

Fremont County should examine why Hispanic applicants have much higher loan denial rates than non-Hispanic applicants and females than males. Using this information, the county should work with local lenders, developers and funders to develop programs that will, for example, assist Hispanics with repairing credit histories, provide downpayment assistance and interest rate buydowns.

Madison County should employ similar action with regard to disproportionately high loan denials for Hispanic applicants.

#### Accessible Homes

**Local Action Item: Improve resident education about the availability of ADA accessible and adaptable units and support programs that help households with disabilities afford needed renovations.**

Habitat for Humanity is newly active in Fremont County with plans to expand service into Madison and Teton counties in Idaho. Habitat has been active in Teton County, Wyoming, for many years. Explore partnerships and opportunities to leverage resources with Habitat for Humanity to provide low-cost renovation of homes.

Conduct resident outreach to inform residents of accessible units, where they are located and how they may access them. Include in this options for assistance to make renovations, including any new programs with Habitat for Humanity or other government-funded assistance. Outreach could occur, for example, through area medical centers, senior centers, town centers, and resident service providers.

Educate property managers on matching resident needs with available units, either upon initial entry into a project or when a suitable vacancy arises for an existing tenant.

#### Government and Other Services

**Local and Regional Action Item: Evaluate improving transportation options to provide fair access to services and options for commuters.**

The region is working on a transportation feasibility study and exploring options for region-wide transit. The needs of county and city and town residents should be incorporated into this review. Persons with disparate need of this service include low-income single parent and Hispanic/Latino households and persons of limited mobility, including seniors and persons with disabilities.

Explore options to expand commuter bus service between Teton County, Idaho, and Teton County, Wyoming. This may include providing additional travel times for service – earlier in the morning and/or later in the evening. Explore additional pricing options to reduce rates for frequent commuters or potentials for subsidies

from Wyoming employers to help reduce commute costs for their workers. Many families live in Idaho and work in Wyoming that would benefit from this service, as well as Hispanic/Latino workers.

Review potential for a fixed-route bus line in Rexburg. The substantial student population could help support the line and it would serve protected classes in the community in need (particularly seniors and persons with disabilities).

Review potential for transit between Rexburg and Fremont County. This would both serve students who rent in St. Anthony, as well as the seniors and concentrated population of persons with disabilities in the city. It would also help commuters from Fremont County get to their job in Madison County, assisting single parent and Hispanic/Latino households alike. Routes accessing Madison Memorial Hospital and BYU-I campus would be of benefit particularly to seniors and persons with disabilities.

**Local action item: Evaluate expanding education capacities in Teton County, Idaho, and ensure resources are sufficient to serve students with limited English proficiency in all jurisdictions.**

Review the potential need to expand capacity in schools in Victor and Driggs to serve the growth in households with children. As this area continues to be attractive to Wyoming working families, this growth will only continue.

Ensure all districts (in Idaho and Wyoming) have necessary resources to meet the needs of the increasing Hispanic/Latino population, including limited English proficiency courses and parent communication and outreach.

#### Development Codes

**Local Action Item: Modify group home provisions to provide consistency with Idaho state law, where applicable, and among jurisdictions.**

The city of St. Anthony and Madison County should incorporate group home provisions pursuant to IC 67-6531 into their development codes so they are adequately defined for consistency.

Teton County, Idaho, defines group homes differently than I.C. § 67-6531 and requires a conditional use permit process when permitted. The cities of Driggs and Victor incorporate the state's definition, but each requires a conditional use permit process or special use process for approval. These jurisdictions should review this restriction in light of Idaho state code and ensure it meets the requirement that "use of property for the care of eight (8) or fewer persons with disabilities or elderly persons is a residential use of such property for the purposes of local zoning." Idaho Code § 67-6530.

Teton County, Wyoming, and the town of Jackson both permit group homes within their development codes as an “institutional residential” use, but have slightly different definitions. To reduce confusion among developers, the town and county should explore using a common definition.

**Local action item: Review and modify zoned densities to ensure needed diversity in type and affordability of product for protected classes.**

The City of Island Park. Island Park has among the largest lot requirements of all jurisdictions, in part necessitated by the limited services and topography of the community. Island Park should identify potential sites within and near city boundaries for higher density development, such as needed seasonal worker housing, and consider flexible performance zone policies within the city and other options to permit and assist or incentivize such development. This may have limited benefit for protected classes, however, depending upon the market for smaller or attached product from the recent influx of seniors in the area.

St. Anthony and Ashton. Densities in these towns are also relatively modest. Recent demand for residential development activity, however, has been hard pressed to support more dense development in recent years. The towns may consider density incentives for needed projects – such as for more affordable senior housing or LIHTC rentals to assist Hispanic/Latino and single parent households. To diversify the housing stock, densities can be reviewed for attached ownership product, such as townhomes or small duplex or four-plex homes. This will also help single parent households, seniors wanting to downsize and young families looking to buy.

Driggs and Victor. A model code for Teton County, Idaho, and the cities of Victor and Driggs is under development that is anticipated to allow smaller lot sizes, revise accessory unit standards and permit smaller scale housing. Both regions could use more multi-family housing to diversify their predominately single family housing stock, and provide more affordable units near town and services. Family households, single parent households and Hispanic/Latino households have all been growing the fastest in this area. This will help provide entry ownership opportunities for family households. LIHTC rentals in town would also serve the growing Hispanic/Latino population, which are employed largely in tourism-related service jobs and agriculture, and single parent households.

Rexburg. Rexburg should continue to ensure that large-scale apartment and multi-family units development does not displace other housing options for those who work in the community. Rexburg should preserve single-family neighborhoods for ownership, provide a mix of ownership opportunities for seniors looking to downsize and families wanting to purchase homes, and possibly incentivize large-scale developments in parts of the city in which it is desired (e.g., near campus). The town should work with BYU-I to coordinate the needs of both the city and the university and ensure zoning and development meets the needs of the whole community rather than just certain segments.

Jackson. Jackson should review its zoned densities in light of the town goal to house 65% of its workforce, as well as its immediate need for more affordable rental units. Current densities on limited available land for construction may not be in line with town goals. Identify areas where increased density for affordable housing is appropriate and determine ways by which density could be increased in tandem with other site aspects. All households, particularly families looking to buy and cost-burdened Hispanic/Latino households, will benefit.

**Local Action Item: Review options to increase, preserve, and rehabilitate affordable and resident-occupied housing for protected classes in each jurisdiction.**

Many of these options are presented for providing affordable housing in general in the 2014 WGYA Housing Needs Assessment, which should be consulted for broader community-specific actions. More detail on needs of protected classes is also provided in the Summary of Housing Needs by Protected Class section of this report. In summary:

- Jackson and Teton County, Wyoming. Families with children, Hispanic/Latino households and seniors will benefit from: more incentives to build affordable ownership housing, rental housing for low- and very-low income and senior households, no net loss of units, resident relocation assistance and displacement protections, expand the first-right of refusal purchase regulations for tenants residing in converted apartments, modification of ADU standards for affordable housing, renovation programs/assistance, continued work with Habitat for Humanity.
- Fremont County, Ashton and St. Anthony. Families with children, single parent households, Hispanic/Latino households and seniors will benefit from: down payment assistance, credit repair/loan assistance, renovation/weatherization programs, work with Habitat for Humanity – including helping with community outreach and boosting support for their program, explore the option for more affordable senior units in St. Anthony or Ashton, LIHTC units for very low income single-parent and Hispanic/Latino households and mobile home repair and replacement programs.
- Teton County, Idaho, Driggs and Victor. Families with children, single parent households, and Hispanic/Latino households are the primary protected classes in need. The county should again explore forming a housing authority. The cities should modify their existing affordable housing incentives in light of present development conditions. The jurisdictions can encourage accessory units, explore fee waivers for affordable units, work with Habitat for Humanity to renovate existing stock and provide entry homeowner opportunities, develop affordable rentals in/near city centers, and establish renovation/weatherization

programs. They should also work to preserve existing affordable homes and provide displacement protections for residents affected by redevelopment and mobile home renovations. Entry level homeownership should also be provided in a mix of housing types, including smaller single family, townhomes and duplexes/triplexes.

- Madison County and Rexburg. Families, Hispanic/Latino households and seniors are the primary protected classes in need. Programs should focus on preserving, diversifying and protecting homeownership opportunities. Down payment assistance programs to get low-income renters/newly graduated students into homes, credit repair/loan assistance, work with Habitat for Humanity to build and renovate homes, renovation and weatherization programs to improve owner occupied units and help entry-level buyers and owners who want to move up. Diversified ownership product that allows seniors to downsize should also be explored.

### Rental Information

**Local Action Item: Provide a coordinated resource for renters to locate information about rental properties and options – including low income and market rate rentals – for English and Spanish-speaking residents alike.**

This could be through a centrally-hosted website, newsletters, primary employers and local service centers. Information should be presented in English and Spanish and provide contact information, location and details regarding who the property serves when applicable (e.g., students, LIHTC, etc.).

### Government Services – LEP Access

**Local and Regional Action Item: Create a policy or Language Access Plan defining Spanish communication practices and explore opportunities to share interpreter and translation services.**

The only LEP population that is significantly represented in the WGYA speaks Spanish.<sup>12</sup> This population is significantly represented in each participating jurisdiction, *except* Fremont County, Island Park, Madison County and Rexburg. Documenting current practices and resources used to address the needs of Spanish-speakers can ensure LEP is carried out on a consistent and effective basis and that all departments know of available resources. This may include:

- How and who to contact for interpreter services when needed;
- The types of documents that should be translated; and
- Types of meetings and events in which translation services should be provided.

<sup>12</sup> For an LEP population to be “significant” under HUD’s standards, it must be at least 1,000 persons or greater than 5% of the total population.

This will also help jurisdictions inventory current LEP resources and identify potential shared opportunity to provide interpreter and translation services. This may include area non-profits, students from BYU-I, employees with LEP skills or other resources. Translation services can be costly to provide and sharing and coordinating resources will be of great benefit in this rural area.

Jurisdictions should also monitor changes in the need for LEP services and revise their policies or plans accordingly, particularly if the Hispanic/Latino population continues to grow at historic rates.

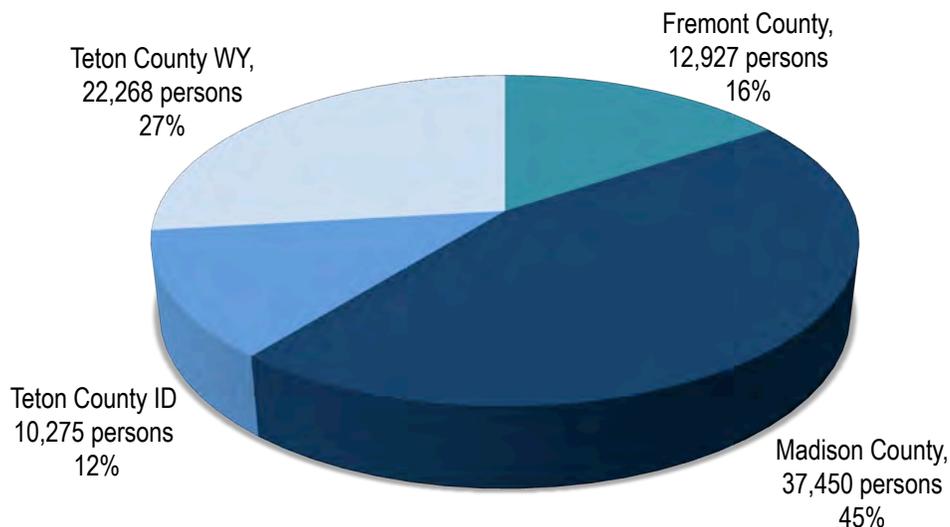
## POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD DEMOGRAPHICS

This section provides a review of population and household characteristics in the counties and communities participating in the RAI. It includes an analysis of protected class concentrations, segregation and RCAP/ECAP in the region as required by HUD. Data from the 100% Census years are primarily used (1990, 2000 and 2010), with supplement from the 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates and 2014 Housing Survey, as needed.

### Population

In 2013 about 82,920 persons resided in the WGYA. About 45% lived in Madison County, Idaho, 27% in Teton County, Wyoming, and the rest in Fremont (16%) and Teton Counties (12%) in Idaho.

**Population Distribution in WGYC: 2013**



Source: 2013 Census Population Estimates

The WGYA added about 33,000 persons between 1990 and 2010, growing at a rate of 29% during both decades. About 42% of these persons were added in Madison County, 34% in Teton County, Wyoming, 21% in Teton County, Idaho, and 6% in Fremont County. The rates of growth in each county show significant variation:

- Teton County, Idaho, grew at the fastest rate – over 70% during each decade. This was fueled by increased jobs, growth in the Grand Targhee Resort area, and demand from workers in Teton County, Wyoming, looking for more affordable homes. Victor grew over 560%, from under 300 persons in 1990 to over 1,900 today;

- Madison County showed modest growth in the 1990's (16%), but then picked up in the 2000's (37%), with 81% of this growth occurring within the city of Rexburg. The two-year college in Rexburg, formerly known as Ricks College, officially became BYU-I in 2001, a four-year university, fueling the rapid growth in the 2000's;<sup>12</sup>
- The population in Teton County, Wyoming, grew by 63% in the 1990's. The growth rate dropped to 17% in the 2000's. For fear of losing the community's character, Teton County, Wyoming, adopted land development regulations in 1994 to manage the significant growth that was occurring. Land regulations and the increased scarcity of developable private land (97% of the county is federal land) assisted the slower growth of the 2000's; and
- Fremont County had the slowest growth rate, increasing 12% in the 2000's. The city of Island Park shows the most growth, increasing over 33% in each decade; however, this equates to only 127 additional persons.

**WGYA Population: 1990 to 2013  
Counties and Incorporated Cities/Towns**

	1990	2000	2010	2013	% Change 1990-00	% Change 2000-10
<b>WGYC Region</b>	49,222	63,536	82,242	82,920	29%	29%
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	10,937	11,819	13,242	12,927	8%	12%
<b>Ashton</b>	1,114	1,129	1,127	1,084	1%	0%
<b>Island Park</b>	159	215	286	276	35%	33%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	3,010	3,342	3,542	3,465	11%	6%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	23,674	27,467	37,536	37,450	16%	37%
<b>Rexburg</b>	14,302	17,257	25,484	26,520	21%	48%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	3,439	5,999	10,170	10,275	74%	70%
<b>Driggs</b>	846	1,100	1,660	1,657	30%	51%
<b>Victor</b>	292	840	1,928	1,938	188%	130%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	11,172	18,251	21,294	22,268	63%	17%
<b>Jackson</b>	4,472	8,647	9,577	10,135	93%	11%

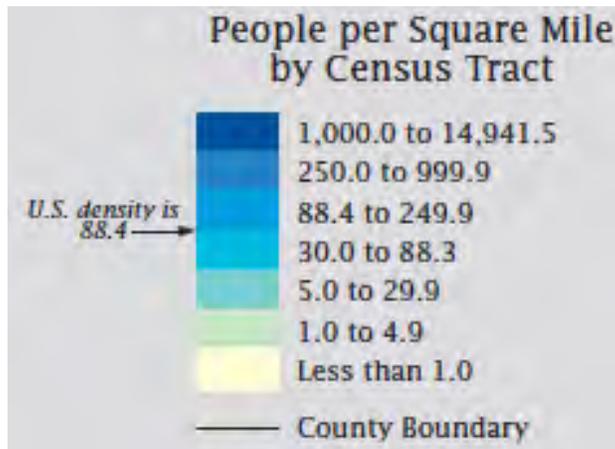
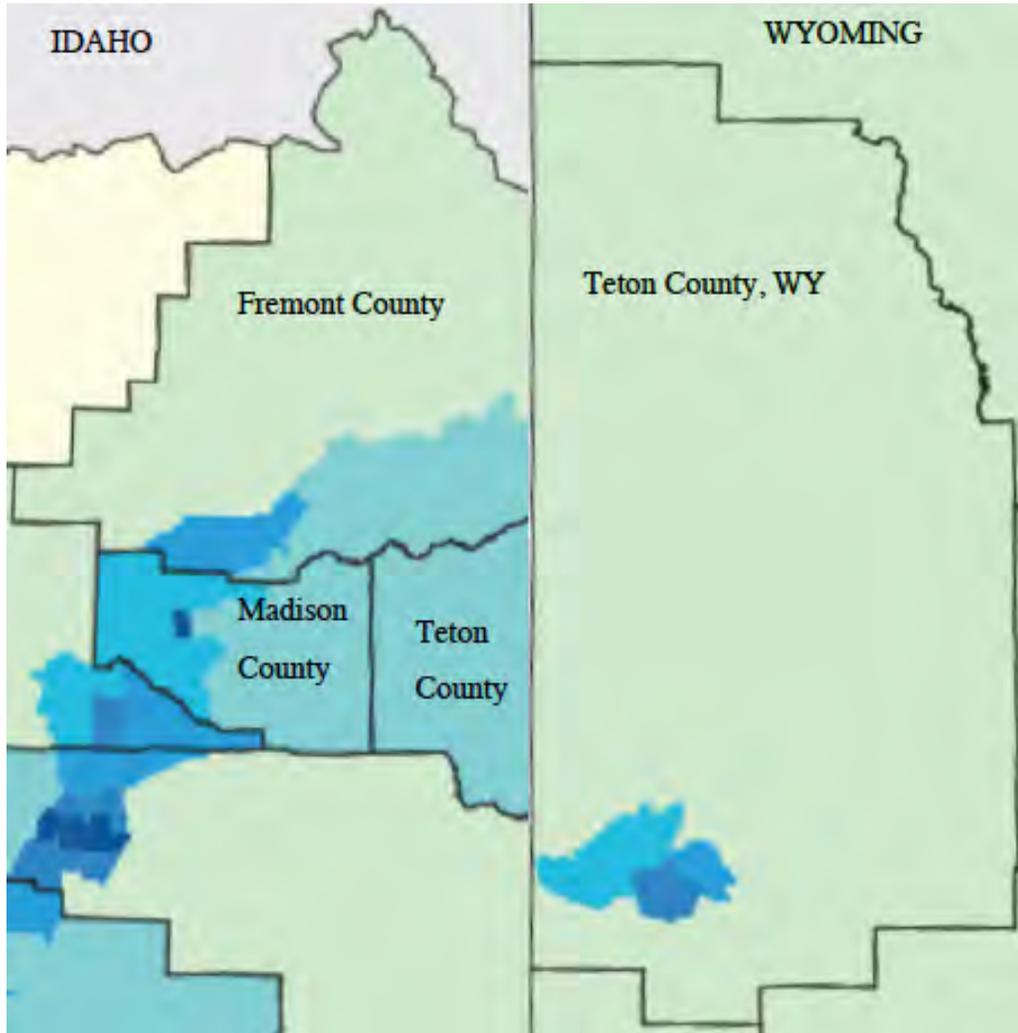
Source: 1990, 2000, 2010 US Census; 2013 Census population estimates

<sup>12</sup> Student enrollment increased from about 8,900 in 2000 to over 15,000 in the fall of 2013. Enrollment is projected to increase to about 20,600 students in 2018 (or by about 1,000 students per year).

The population is unevenly distributed throughout the WGYA. As shown on the following map:

- The area north of Ashton in Fremont County and much of the unincorporated area in Teton County, Wyoming, average less than five persons per square mile.
- The most populated area of Fremont County is in and around St. Anthony, with between 88 and 250 persons per square mile.
- The most populated area in Teton County, Wyoming, is in and near the town of Jackson.
- Rexburg in Madison County has the densest population in the WGYA.

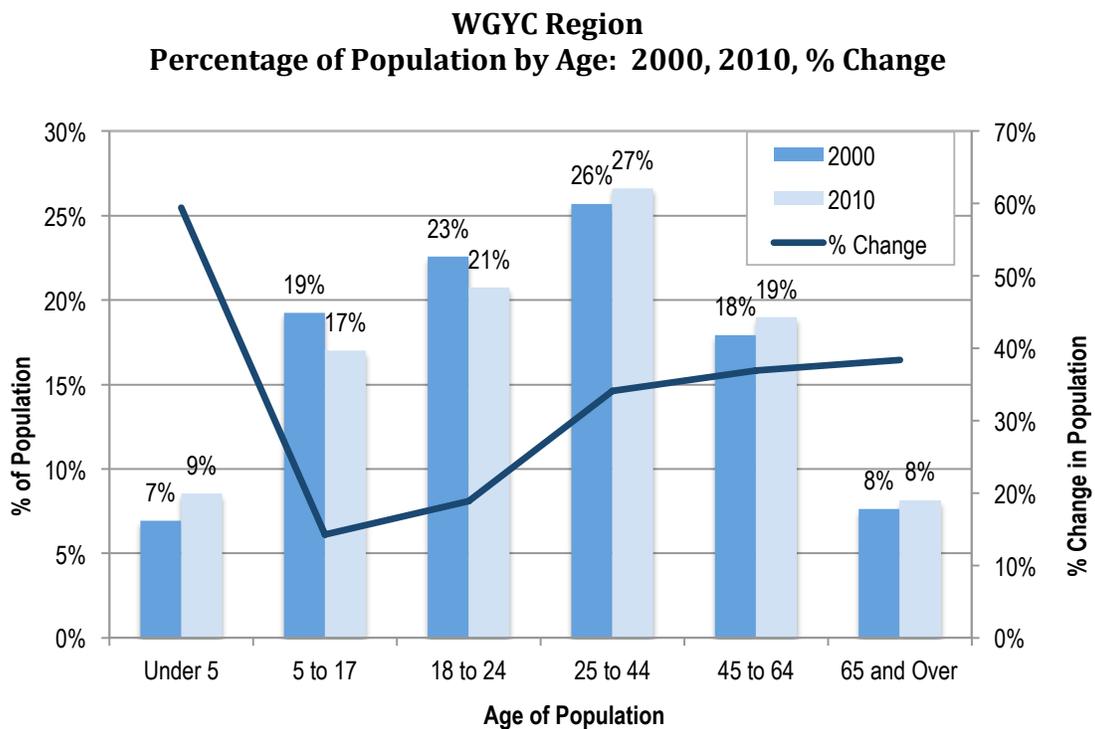
**Population Density by Census Tract: WGYA 2010**



## Age of Population

The proportion of residents between the ages of 5 and 24 declined in the WGYA between 2000 and 2010, whereas the proportion of residents under 5 and over 25 increased. The largest percentage increase occurred at the two extremes – for persons age 5 and under (59% increase) and those age 65 and over (38% increase). Compared to the states of Idaho and Wyoming:

- The percentage of college-aged residents (between 18 and 24) is high (21%). About 10% of residents in both Idaho and Wyoming are in this age group;
- The percentage of residents between 45 and 64 is low (19%) compared to the states of Idaho (25%) and Wyoming (28%) as a whole; and
- The percentage of seniors age 65 and over is low (8%). About 12% of the population in both Idaho and Wyoming are seniors.



When evaluated by area, it is apparent that:

- The high proportion of college-aged residents (18 to 24) in the area is related to the students in Rexburg (49% of the population). The town of Jackson also attracts this age group (14%) through seasonal park, ski resort and other

tourism-related jobs. The proportion of the population in this age group in all other areas is similar to the state averages (10%);

- Residents under 5 increased faster than the population as a whole in all counties and cities/towns, with the cities of Victor (205% increase) and Rexburg (138% increase) topping the list;
- Not surprisingly, young adult residents, age 25 to 44, also increased the most in Victor (165%) and Rexburg (147%), as these households are the most likely to have young children. Victor has been attracting young families employed in Teton County, Wyoming, due to comparatively lower housing prices. Rexburg is influenced by BYU-I, both in attracting students and providing jobs for young families;
- Areas in Fremont County and in Teton County, Wyoming, lost residents between the ages of 5 and 24. These populations increased in both Madison County and Teton County, Idaho, although at slower rates than the population as a whole in each county;
- Seniors age 65 and over grew at a faster rate than the population as a whole in both Fremont County (26% vs. 12%, respectively) and Teton County, Wyoming (66% vs. 17%). Only the town of Jackson (18% increase) and the city of Island Park (55%) show this same relationship. This can be attributed in part to an aging population and second homeowners retiring to their homes in Teton County, Wyoming, and Jackson and the Island Park area.
- Fremont County has the highest percentage of seniors of all counties in the region (14%). About 16% of the population in the city of Ashton, city of Island Park and the unincorporated county are seniors.

**Percentage of Population by Age:  
2000, 2010 and % Change**

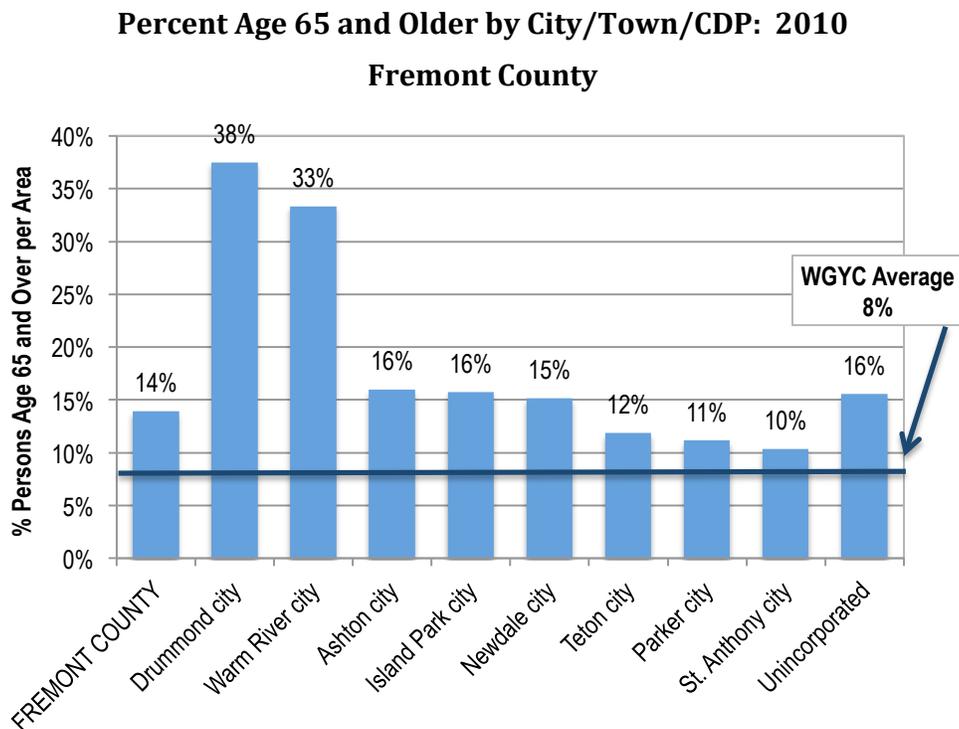
<b>2000</b>	<b>Under 5</b>	<b>5 to 17</b>	<b>18 to 24</b>	<b>25 to 44</b>	<b>45 to 64</b>	<b>65 and Over</b>
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	8%	25%	9%	25%	20%	12%
<b>Ashton</b>	8%	25%	8%	25%	17%	17%
<b>Island Park</b>	4%	15%	11%	27%	28%	13%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	10%	23%	10%	27%	18%	11%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	7%	19%	40%	16%	12%	6%
<b>Rexburg</b>	6%	12%	57%	12%	8%	5%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	9%	23%	8%	34%	19%	7%
<b>Driggs</b>	8%	23%	11%	35%	16%	8%
<b>Victor</b>	10%	22%	7%	38%	16%	8%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	5%	15%	10%	38%	25%	7%
<b>Jackson</b>	5%	13%	14%	44%	18%	6%
<b>2010</b>	<b>Under 5</b>	<b>5 to 17</b>	<b>18 to 24</b>	<b>25 to 44</b>	<b>45 to 64</b>	<b>65 and Over</b>
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	9%	23%	8%	24%	23%	14%
<b>Ashton</b>	9%	24%	7%	24%	21%	16%
<b>Island Park</b>	6%	13%	6%	24%	34%	16%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	11%	21%	10%	27%	21%	10%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	10%	16%	36%	21%	11%	6%
<b>Rexburg</b>	10%	11%	49%	20%	7%	4%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	10%	20%	7%	34%	23%	7%
<b>Driggs</b>	10%	20%	9%	34%	21%	7%
<b>Victor</b>	13%	19%	6%	43%	15%	4%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	6%	13%	8%	35%	28%	10%
<b>Jackson</b>	7%	11%	12%	44%	21%	6%
<b>% Change 2000-2010</b>	<b>Under 5</b>	<b>5 to 17</b>	<b>18 to 24</b>	<b>25 to 44</b>	<b>45 to 64</b>	<b>65 and Over</b>
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	17%	3%	-7%	7%	28%	26%
<b>Ashton</b>	4%	-4%	-7%	-4%	21%	-9%
<b>Island Park</b>	89%	15%	-25%	19%	61%	55%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	15%	-5%	6%	8%	18%	-3%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	84%	18%	25%	77%	31%	26%
<b>Rexburg</b>	138%	28%	27%	147%	34%	11%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	93%	46%	37%	73%	104%	48%
<b>Driggs</b>	87%	30%	29%	48%	95%	30%
<b>Victor</b>	205%	96%	114%	165%	111%	11%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	36%	4%	-5%	8%	29%	66%
<b>Jackson</b>	33%	-3%	-7%	11%	25%	18%

Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census

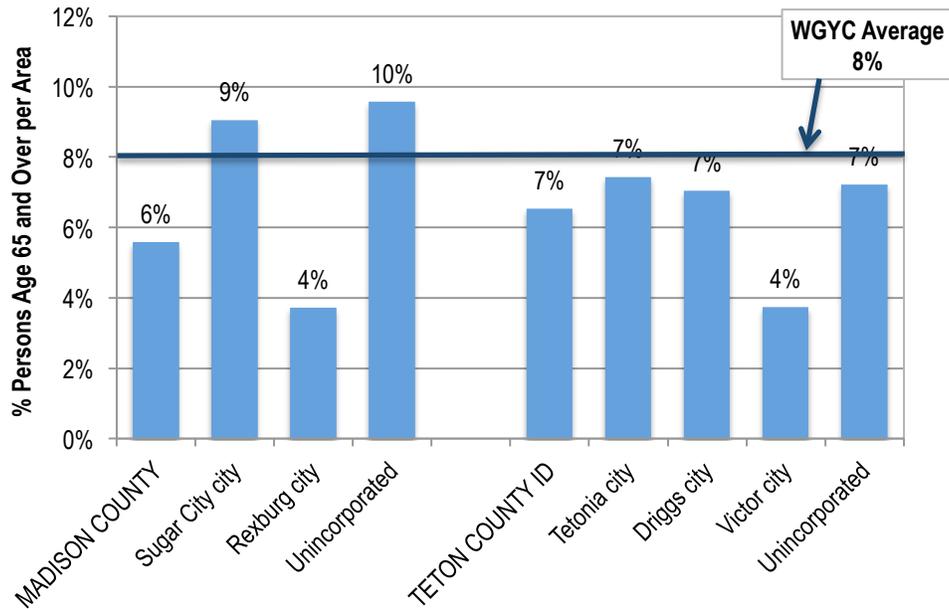
All cities, towns and CDPs were analyzed in the area to determine where the highest concentrations of seniors reside in the WGYA. This is important because it can affect the types of housing and services needed by the resident populations, such as access to nursing and medical care and alternative transportation options.

For the WGYA, where 8% of the population is 65 or older, concentrations (as defined by HUD) occur where the proportion is 18% or more. As shown below:

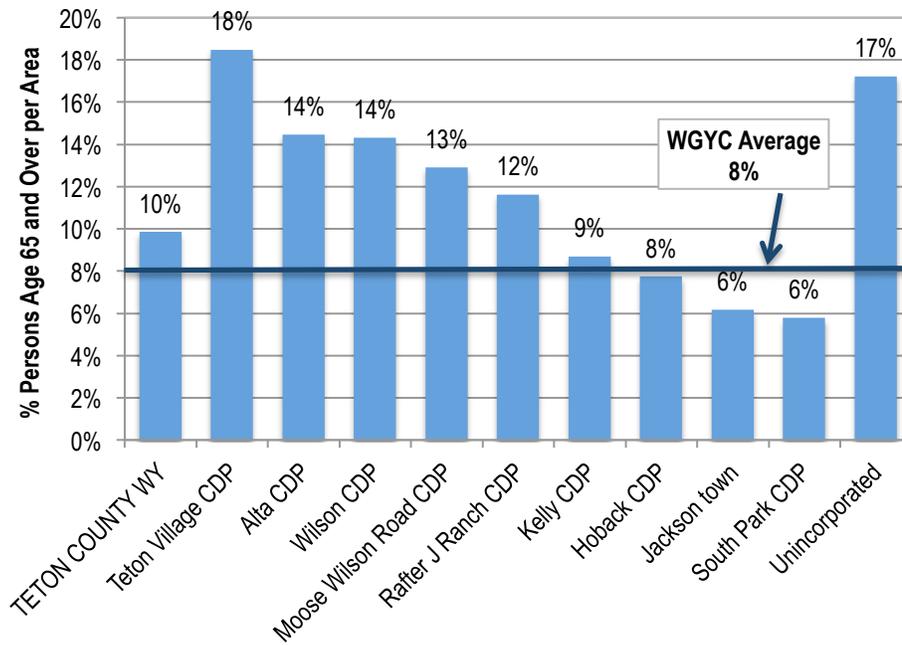
- There are no notable concentrations of seniors in the region. The populations in Warm River and Drummond in Fremont County are each over 33% seniors; however, only seven (7) seniors reside in these communities in total. About 18% of the population in Teton Village, Wyoming, are seniors (61 total). These areas combined comprise only 1% of seniors in the region.
- No areas in Madison County exceed 10% seniors, including the census tracts, and all areas in Teton County, Idaho, are 7% or below.
- About 17% of the population in the unincorporated area of Teton County, Wyoming, are seniors. While not technically high enough to be defined as a concentration, this equates to 29% of the senior population in this county.
- No census tract in the town of Jackson exceeds 12% seniors.



**Madison and Teton Counties, Idaho**



**Teton County, Wyoming**



Source: 2010 US Census

**Population by Race**

The WGYA has never had a racially diverse population. In 2010, about 91% of the population was white, down from about 94% in 2000. Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Black/African American residents combined comprise 1,300 residents, or 1.6% of the population in the region.

**Population by Race: 2000 and 2010**

WGYC Region	2000		2010		% Change 2000-2010
	#	%	#	%	
TOTAL Population	63,536	100%	82,242	100%	29%
White	59,594	93.8%	74,620	90.7%	25%
Black or African American	121	0.2%	305	0.4%	152%
American Indian and Alaska Native	280	0.4%	338	0.4%	21%
Asian	309	0.5%	664	0.8%	115%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	77	0.1%	95	0.1%	23%
Some other race	2,437	3.8%	4,974	6.0%	104%
Two or more races	718	1.1%	1,246	1.5%	74%

Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census

**Persons of Hispanic/Latino Origin**

The Hispanic/Latino population has historically constituted a very small percentage of the population in Idaho and Wyoming, including the WGYA. Until the 1990's, Idaho and Wyoming were very predominately white (over 95%). In the WGYA, less than 4% of the population (under 2,000 persons) was Hispanic/Latino in 1990. No county in the WGYA had more than 762 Hispanic/Latino persons in 1990. Teton County, Wyoming, only had 158 persons of Hispanic/Latino origin in 1990, yet now has the highest number of Hispanic/Latino persons in the WGYA (near 3,200 total).

Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin are now more prevalent. Where this population used to reside only seasonally in the area, persons of Hispanic/Latino origin have been making the WGYA their permanent home in recent decades. The Hispanic/Latino population in the WGYA increased from under 4% in 1990 to 11% in 2010. This is very similar to the growth rate seen in the state of Idaho as a whole. In Idaho this population increased from 5% in 1990 to 11% by 2010<sup>13</sup>; growth in Wyoming was slower, increasing from 6% in 1990 to 9% in 2010. A study by the University of Idaho, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, reported that, as of 2008, most of Idaho's Hispanic residents were born in the United States rather than

<sup>13</sup> This growth prompted the Mexico to open its first Idaho consulate in 2008 and reports that it was . See <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/boise/>

immigrants. Just 10% of the state’s total Hispanic population moved to the U.S. in the last decade.<sup>14</sup>

While the growth of this population was greater in the 1990’s than during the following decade, this population still more than doubled in the 2000’s, accounting for 25% of the population growth in the region, which is similar to state trends.<sup>15</sup> By area:

- The strongest growth has been in Teton County, Wyoming. About 66% of the total population growth in the 2000’s were persons of Hispanic descent;
- The city of Victor has had the strongest growth of all cities and towns in the region and presently houses about 14% of this population; and
- The growth of this population picked up in Madison County in the 2000’s after comparatively modest growth in the 1990’s.

**Population of Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity by Area: 1990, 2000, 2010**

	1990	2000	2010	% Change 90-00	% Change 00-10
<b>WGYC Region</b>	1,910	4,223	8,824	121%	109%
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	762	1,255	1,694	65%	35%
<b>Ashton</b>	149	157	198	5%	26%
<b>Island Park</b>	5	9	19	80%	111%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	179	514	741	187%	44%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	753	1,078	2,218	43%	106%
<b>Rexburg</b>	441	697	1,435	58%	106%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	237	705	1,721	197%	144%
<b>Driggs</b>	74	226	525	205%	132%
<b>Victor</b>	4	90	435	2150%	383%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	158	1,185	3,191	650%	169%
<b>Jackson</b>	81	1,024	2,607	1164%	155%

Source: 1990, 2000, 2010 US Census

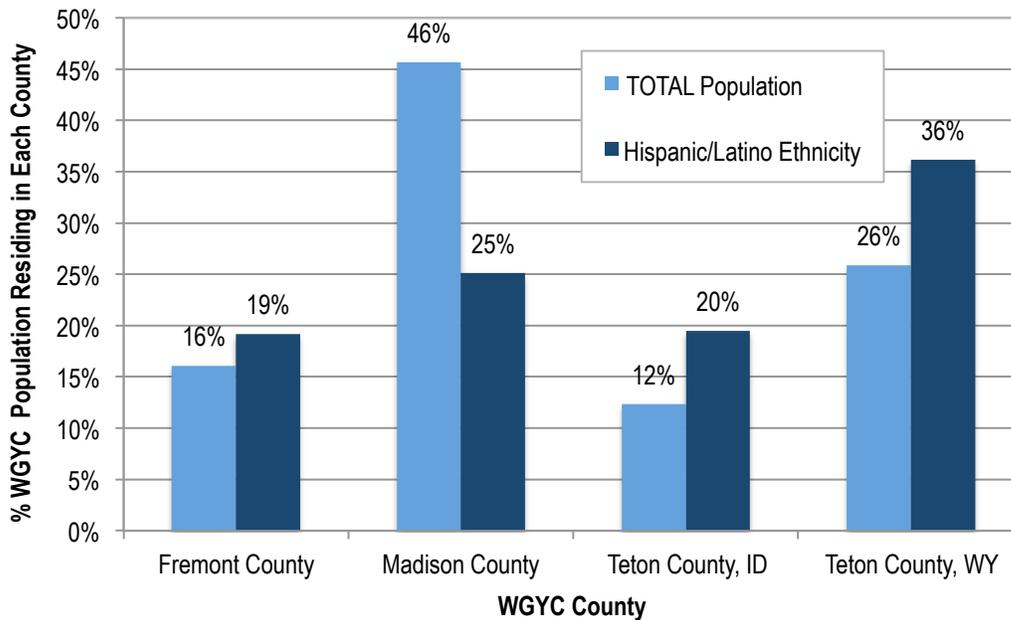
Comparing the distribution of the Hispanic/Latino population in the region to the overall population distribution by county, we find that:

<sup>14</sup> University of Idaho, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, “Hispanics: An Overview,” June 2010. See also State of Idaho, “2011 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice,” May 2012, Sec. II p. 3.

<sup>15</sup> The WGYA is similar to both the state of Idaho and the state of Wyoming with respect to this figure. The Hispanic/Latino population accounted for 27% of the population growth in each of these states during this same period. Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census.

- Madison County houses significantly fewer Hispanic/Latino persons relative to its share of the overall population in the WGYA – 25% versus 46%, respectively;
- The two Teton Counties house disproportionately more persons of Hispanic descent than their share of the population in the region; and
- Fremont County houses a similar percentage of the two populations.

**Distribution of Population by Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity:  
WGYA Counties, 2010**



Source: 2010 US Census

The relative distribution of persons of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity among the counties the WGYA is a factor primarily of employment opportunities and, secondarily, access to housing they can afford.<sup>16</sup> Madison County is an exception, where the growth of BYU-I in Rexburg beginning in 2001 helped increase this population.<sup>17</sup> While agriculture (which in this region is predominately potatoes) was a primary driver of the Hispanic/Latino population to this area originally, as economies in the WGYA have diversified, this has permitted many previously seasonal workers to move to the area on a year-round basis.<sup>18</sup> Counties with the highest proportion of

<sup>16</sup> 2014 Housing Survey, see Appendix 3. The State of Idaho, “2011 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice,” May 2012, report similarly found that there were not strong correlations between affordability and Hispanic presence in a county; rather Hispanic presence may be more strongly related to employment industries. See Sec. I, p. 9.

<sup>17</sup> Madison County Comprehensive Plan, 2008, p. 13. Available at:

<http://www.co.madison.id.us/index.php/depts/planning-a-zoning/62-comprehensive-plan>

<sup>18</sup> See 2009 Fremont County Comprehensive Plan. See also the Economic section of this report for more information on economic trends in each county.

Hispanic/Latino residents in the state of Idaho (greater than 20%) have economies that rely on agriculture and food processing (i.e., mostly southcentral Idaho).<sup>19</sup>

Growth in non-agricultural jobs in which Hispanic/Latino residents are predominately employed has been strongest in Teton County, Wyoming, and Teton County, Idaho, in the WGYA.<sup>20</sup> Correspondingly, growth in the Hispanic/Latino population has also been strongest in these counties. Job growth has been more modest in Fremont County and this county has had the slowest growth in this population in the region in the past decade. In Madison County, while jobs for this population have shown little growth, BYU-I enrollment has increased since 2000, helping to increase this population.<sup>21</sup>

The two Teton Counties are the two most expensive counties in which to live in terms of housing costs;<sup>22</sup> yet the Hispanic/Latino population comprises the largest percentage of the population in these counties. When asked why they live in their present community, Spanish respondents to the 2014 Housing Survey predominately responded that they live there for work or jobs, followed by housing costs/availability and family. Similar to the population as a whole, some workers live in Teton County, Idaho, yet work in Teton County, Wyoming, for the comparatively cheaper housing costs. Likewise, some who are employed in Madison County reside within Fremont County. These factors – jobs, then housing and family – have been the primary drivers of where residents live in the region.<sup>23</sup>

### *Communities of Concentration*

An AI must determine whether there are concentrations of race and ethnicity in an area as compared to the regional average to understand patterns of segregation, if any, in an area. For the WGYC region, where 11% of the population is Hispanic/Latino, concentrations of this ethnicity (based on HUD’s definition) occur where the proportion is 21% or more.

<sup>19</sup> University of Idaho, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, “Hispanics: An Overview,” June 2010; State of Idaho, “2011 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice,” May 2012, Sec. 1, p. 4; University of Idaho, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, “Community Level Impacts of Idaho’s Changing Dairy Industry,” 2009, available at: [http://icha.idaho.gov/docs/Uof%20I%20Dairy%20Report%20Community\\_Level\\_Impacts\(10\\_13\\_09\).pdf](http://icha.idaho.gov/docs/Uof%20I%20Dairy%20Report%20Community_Level_Impacts(10_13_09).pdf)

<sup>20</sup> See the Economic section of this report. Spanish speaking residents in the WGYA are predominately employed in construction and landscaping jobs (36%) and service sector jobs, including janitorial/housekeeping (29%), food service (24%) and lodging (21%), followed by agriculture (19%). Hispanic residents of Idaho overall we mostly employed in these same professions, with the addition of manufacturing (mainly food manufacturing) and education, health and social assistance. See University of Idaho, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, “Idaho at a Glance Hispanics: Labor Force & Economy,” Nov. 2010.

<sup>21</sup> Madison County Comprehensive Plan, 2008, p. 13. Available at: <http://www.co.madison.id.us/index.php/depts/planning-a-zoning/62-comprehensive-plan>

<sup>22</sup> See the Housing Profile and Conditions section of this report.

<sup>23</sup> See 2014 Spanish Housing Survey comments, Appendix 3 of this report.

Analyzing by incorporated city and CDP districts, areas of concentration occur in:

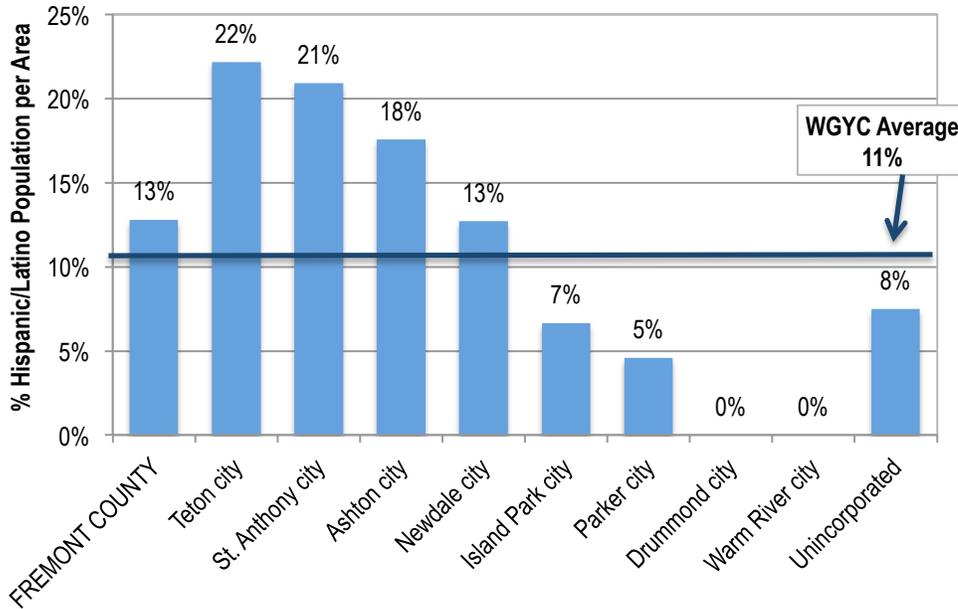
- Two communities in Fremont County – St. Anthony and Teton City;
- Two cities in Teton County, Idaho - Driggs and Victor; and
- The town of Jackson in Teton County, Wyoming.

Together, these areas of concentration represent 51% of the Hispanic/Latino population in the region. About 30% reside in the town of Jackson. Of these, only the town of Jackson has a Hispanic/Latino population over 1,000 persons (2,607 total). All other communities are small, ranging from 163 Hispanic/Latino persons in the city of Teton up to 741 in St. Anthony.

**Areas of Concentration:  
Hispanic/Latino Population, 2010**

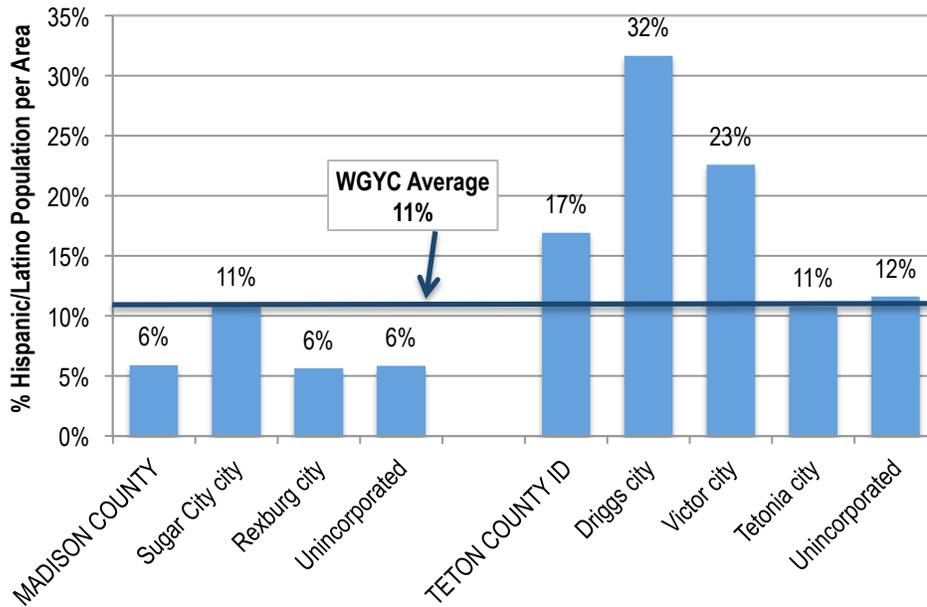
	Total Population	Hispanic/Latino Origin	% Hispanic/Latino
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>			
<b>St. Anthony</b>	3,542	741	21%
<b>Teton</b>	735	163	22%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>			
<b>Driggs</b>	1,660	525	32%
<b>Victor</b>	1,928	435	23%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>			
<b>Jackson</b>	9,577	2,607	27%

**Percent Hispanic/Latino Descent by City/Town/CDP: 2010**  
**Fremont County**

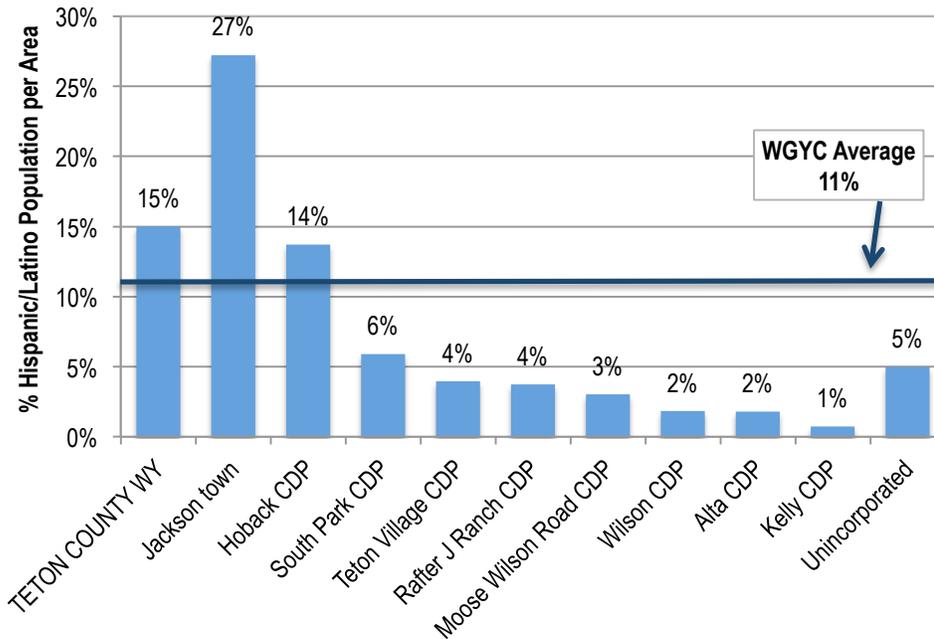


NOTE: Drummond and Warm River are very small; less than 20 persons combined.

**Madison and Teton Counties, Idaho**



### Teton County, Wyoming



Source: 2010 US Census

In all except Madison County, persons of Hispanic/Latino descent are more likely to be living in city, town and CDP areas than the unincorporated county. This is shown above, where a lower percentage of the population in unincorporated areas is Hispanic/Latino than in the county overall. This is the reverse of population trends in total. For example, in both Fremont County and Teton County, Idaho, only 28% of the Hispanic/Latino population lives in the unincorporated county compared to 56% of the population in total. One primary factor is the lack of housing diversity in unincorporated and non-CDP areas, which are predominately large lot single-family homes.

Two primary factors have led to these concentrations: employment and housing. Jobs in agriculture and food processing, construction/landscaping, other manual trades such as maintenance and mechanical services and tourism-related jobs in accommodation and food services are significant employers of the Hispanic/Latino population in the WGYA (see the Economic section for more detail).

- Tourism-related trades dominate in the two Teton Counties, providing significant employment opportunities in Jackson, Driggs and Victor. Teton County, Wyoming, has the most jobs of any county in the region. As with all households in the area, some workers commute over the pass from Driggs or Victor to Jackson for work because housing is more affordable in these communities. One Spanish survey respondent who works in Jackson stated, for example, that they were able to purchase a trailer home in Teton County, Idaho,

so they can live together “just as a family, and that is excellent.” About 38% of Hispanic/Latino households reside in mobile homes in Driggs and Victor.

- Agriculture is more prominent in Fremont County, accounting for 13% of jobs in the county. Walter’s Produce – an agricultural wholesaler – is a significant employer of Spanish-speaking residents, which is headquartered near Teton, Idaho, and not far from St. Anthony. Broulims Market, another employer, is also located in St. Anthony. And St. Anthony offers access to the farm jobs in the potato fields in the county, as well as nearby Madison County. Homes for purchase are more affordable on average than those in Madison County (see the Housing Profile and Conditions section). About 75% of the Hispanic/Latino population resides in mobile homes in Fremont County, including the St. Anthony and Teton areas.
- A common theme with primarily Spanish-speaking residents in the WGYA is that they like how safe the communities are and that they are family friendly. Residing near family is also important. Reviewing survey comments, however, it is apparent that the primary reason these households reside where they do is first because of employment. See Appendix 3 (2014 Spanish Housing Survey comments).

### *Residential Segregation Analysis Within Communities*

This section evaluates the extent to which the ethnic origin of residential populations varies within certain areas. Consequences associated with patterns of segregation can include economic instability, educational inequities, housing market impacts, disinvestment in certain areas and reinforcement of prejudicial behaviors. Ethnic minority areas separated from the rest of the community often suffer from reduced educational, employment, financial and other opportunities.

As noted in the introduction to this section, only the city of Rexburg, Idaho, and the town of Jackson, Wyoming, encompass multiple census tracts. All other communities comprise a small portion of one census tract. Therefore, the typical measurements of residential segregation recommended by HUD – the dissimilarity index (defined below) and comparative occupancy of census tracts by population groups – can only be presented for the city of Rexburg, Idaho, and the town of Jackson, Wyoming.

Regarding the smaller communities, these areas generally function like large neighborhoods. Their small populations, rural roads and community atmosphere do not lend themselves to segregation as can be seen in larger cities. Nor are the typical concerns associated with segregation (disinvestment in certain areas, educational inequities, access to town services, etc.) at issue within these small communities. Certain housing subdivisions or projects may have a different mix of residents, but this does not equate to certain residents having vastly different access to amenities or services than any neighboring resident based on their location in the

community. In communities with only one commercial center, one public school option, one post office, etc., everyone accesses the same service. Analyzing segregation *within* these communities is, therefore, not applicable to these small rural areas. The extent to which certain populations are able to reside (or have no other choice but to reside) in certain communities, however, does affect these communities and affects resident access to area resources, which is discussed throughout this report.

#### Dissimilarity Index

The dissimilarity index<sup>24</sup> is a primary metric used to measure the degree of separation of racial or ethnic groups living in an area (i.e., residential segregation). The index falls between 0 and 100. A value of zero (0) implies perfect integration, meaning that every census tract within a region mirrors the groups' shares in the overall geography. A value of 100 reflects complete segregation, where each census tract is fully comprised of one population or the other. The index reflects the percentage of the ethnic population (in this case the Hispanic/Latino population) that would have to move to achieve full integration in an area.

Dissimilarity cannot be accurately assessed when the racial/ethnic group being measured does not make up a significant portion of the overall population. When a group's population is under 1,000, use of this index is cautioned.<sup>25</sup>

Only two incorporated communities in the WGYC are comprised of multiple census tracts: Rexburg, Idaho, and Jackson, Wyoming. These are also the only two jurisdictions in which the Hispanic/Latino population is at least 1,000 persons. Therefore, these are the only two communities for which the dissimilarity index may be calculated.

- The dissimilarity index for the city of Rexburg is 3.4, meaning only 3.4% of persons of Hispanic/Latino origin (49 persons) would need to move to achieve full integration.
- The dissimilarity index for the town of Jackson is 9.0, meaning only 9.0% of persons of Hispanic/Latino origin (235 persons) would need to move to achieve full integration.

Both communities have near-zero indexes (e.g., almost no segregation).

<sup>24</sup>For a given geographic area, the dissimilarity index is equal to  $1/2 \sum ABS [(b/B)-(A/a)]$ , where b is the subgroup population of a census tract, B is the total subgroup population in a city, a is the majority population of a census tract, and A is the total majority population in the city. ABS refers to the absolute value of the calculation.

<sup>25</sup> See <http://www.censuscope.org/segregation.html>.

## Distribution by Census Tract

This section presents data on the distribution of persons of Hispanic/Latino origin by census tract for the city of Rexburg, Idaho, and the town of Jackson, Wyoming, given that these are the only two communities in the WGYC which encompass more than one census tract. As reflected by the low dissimilarity index (above), there is little variation in the ethnic origin of populations by census tract within these two communities.

### Rexburg

In Rexburg, the population of most census tracts are 5% to 6% Hispanic/Latino, in line with the city's population as a whole.

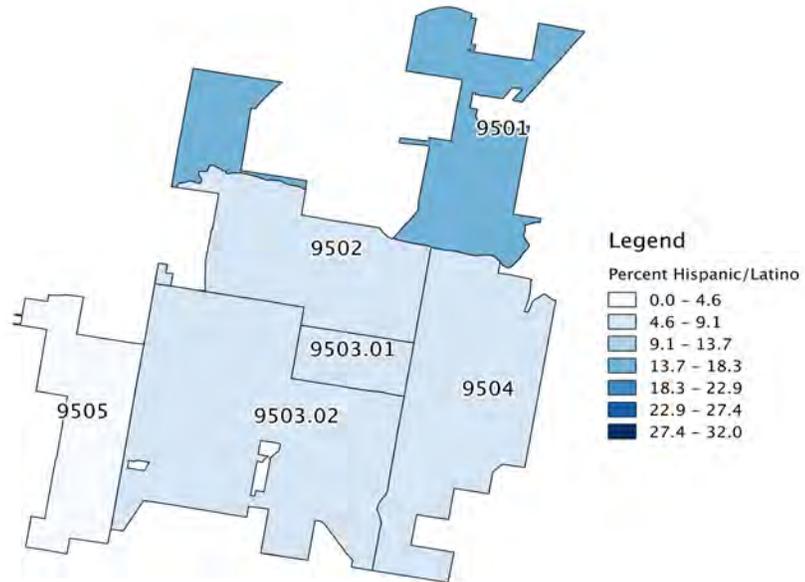
The northern-most census tract (CT 9501)<sup>26</sup> is an exception at 17% Hispanic/Latino; however, so few people reside within this tract in Rexburg that this is misleading. Only 1% of the city's population resides within this tract (291 persons and 49 of Hispanic/Latino origin), whereas the tract as a whole has 6,400 persons. Given that so few persons reside within the city in this tract<sup>27</sup> and that the portion of the tract within the city reflects the residential/agricultural character of the unincorporated part of the tract, it is more appropriate to consider the census tract as a whole, which is 6% Hispanic/Latino and in line with the city of Rexburg population.

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<sup>26</sup> The two darker blue sections in the north part of the city in Rexburg's census tract map are both part of census tract 9501.

<sup>27</sup> Occupancy by 49 persons of Hispanic/Latino origin of an area housing only 1% of the city's total population is not large enough to define a pattern or problem of segregation in the area. In fact the character of this portion of the tract exhibits that it is a good area to reside in for access to agricultural, food service, light industrial and retail jobs, as well as residential services. The northwest portion of the tract in Rexburg has a golf course and the northeast portion includes larger retail services (Walmart, Albertsons, Sears, farming and industrial supply, etc.), some industrial uses (Basic American Foods potato and bean processing, car repair, tire service, storage) and other retail options (sporting goods, restaurants, banks, etc.). The area has large operation farms with some grouped single family homes and some manufactured and mobile homes. This same agricultural and residential character continues north through the rest of the census tract up to Sugar City.

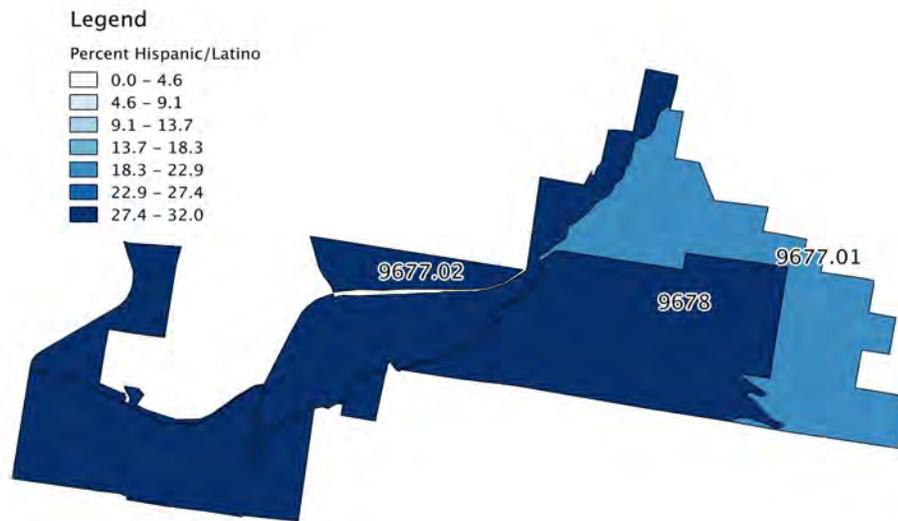
**City of Rexburg, Idaho**  
**Percent of Population that is Hispanic/Latino by Census Tract**



Jackson

In Jackson, the population of the three census tracts ranges between 20% and 32% Hispanic/Latino. None of these show significant variation from the city’s average of 27% Hispanic/Latino.

**Town of Jackson, Wyoming  
Percent of Population that is Hispanic/Latino by Census Tract**



*Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty*

RCAPs are spatially concentrated areas with extremely high poverty and the presence of a majority minority population. The existence of RCAPs is the most compelling indicator of extreme segregation. As defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), RCAP/ECAPs are census tracts with a majority non-white population (greater than 50 percent) and a poverty rate exceeding 40 percent or that is three times the metro tract average.

There are no RCAP/ECAP areas within the WGYC region that meet this definition. The most diverse census tract is in Teton County, Wyoming, (CT 9677.01). It is 84% white and 20% of the population is of Hispanic/Latino origin.

**Gender**

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on sex. The percentage of the population that is female in the WGYA dropped slightly in 2010 to 49%. All counties except Madison have a higher proportion of males than females.

Mountain resort communities tend to attract more males. The outdoor recreation community in northern Fremont County and the older population also support higher male populations. BYU-I has a higher percentage of female than male students, supporting the larger female population in Madison.

**WGYC Population by Gender: 2000 - 2010**

	2000			2010		
	Male	Female	% Female	Male	Female	% Female
<b>WGYC Region</b>	32,064	31,472	50%	41,661	40,581	49%
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	6,076	5,743	49%	6,963	6,279	47%
<b>Ashton</b>	542	587	52%	553	574	51%
<b>Island Park</b>	114	101	47%	153	133	47%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	1,732	1,610	48%	1,929	1,613	46%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	13,077	14,390	52%	18,186	19,350	52%
<b>Rexburg</b>	7,795	9,462	55%	12,057	13,427	53%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	3,178	2,821	47%	5,321	4,849	48%
<b>Driggs</b>	582	518	47%	854	806	49%
<b>Victor</b>	432	408	49%	1,011	917	48%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	9,733	8,518	47%	11,191	10,103	47%
<b>Jackson</b>	4,671	3,976	46%	5,185	4,392	46%

Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census

**Disabilities (2000, 2010)**

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination based on physical, mental, or emotional handicap, provided reasonable accommodation can be made. Reasonable accommodation may include changes to address the needs of disabled persons, including adaptive structural (e.g., constructing an entrance ramp) or administrative changes (e.g., permitting the use of a service animal). Persons with disabilities are also at greater risk of experiencing housing discrimination, often due to a lack of knowledge about laws governing accommodations for the disabled.

The Census defines a disability as a long-lasting physical, mental or emotional condition that can make it difficult for a person to certain activities, such as walk, climb stairs, dress, bathe, learn or remember. This condition can also impede a person from being able to go outside the home alone or to work.

It is estimated that between about 9% and 11% of persons in the WGYA have a disability – or between 6,600 and 8,200 persons.<sup>28</sup> Of persons age 65 and over, 42% have at least one disability.

**WGYC Region  
Persons With Disabilities by Type: 2010 (est)**

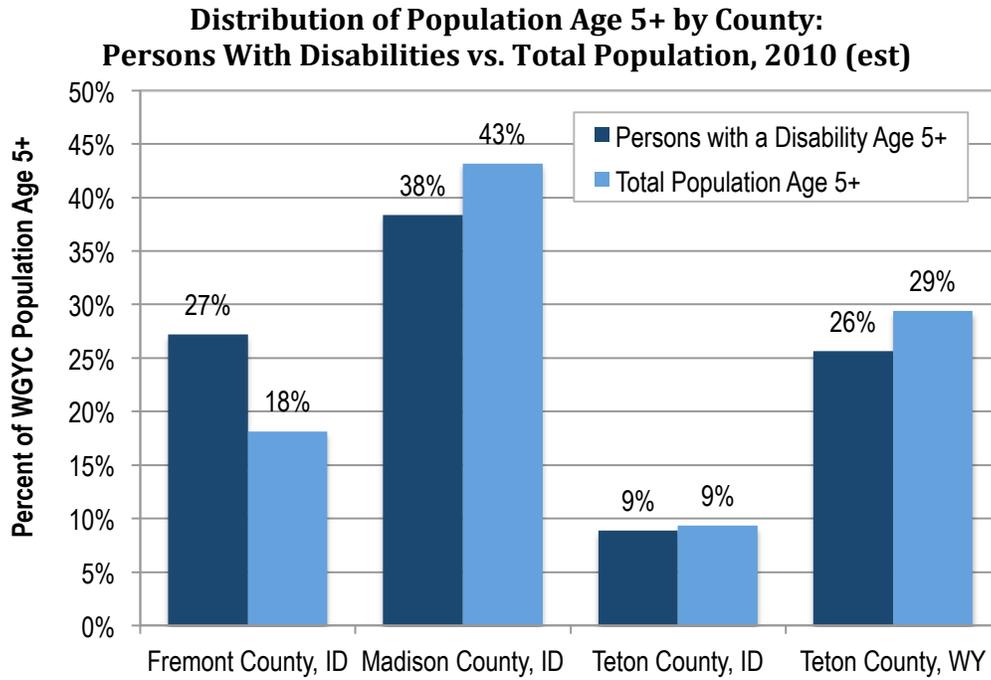
2000	2010 Population Age 5+	
	# (2010)	% (2000)
Persons age 5+	75,216	100%
With a disability	8,186	11%
With one type of disability:	5,007	7%
Sensory disability	1,107	1%
Physical disability	1,338	2%
Mental disability	1,059	1%
Self-care disability	21	0%
Go-outside-home disability	401	1%
Employment disability	1,081	1%
With two or more types of disability:	3,178	4%
<b>2008-2012</b>	<b># (2010)</b>	<b>% (ACS)</b>
Persons age 5+	75,216	100%
Persons with disability	6,735	9%

Sources: 2000 US Census; 2008-2012 ACS 5-year

The proportion of the population with disabilities living in each county was compared to the general distribution of the population overall to understand where higher concentrations of this population may reside.

- A greater percentage of persons with disabilities reside in Fremont County than the population as a whole. This is a factor of the higher senior population in this county compared to others in the region.
- Madison County, with the youngest population on average, has the lowest proportion of persons with disabilities compared to its share of the total population.

<sup>28</sup> The 2000 Census is the most recent complete data on persons with disabilities over age 5. The 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates are also available, though has a higher margin of error of up to 4% at the county level and up to 15% at the city/town/CDP level in the WGYA.



Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census

More specifically, in the WGYA:

- Fremont County has the highest percentage of persons with disabilities (16%). This county also has the highest percentage of seniors (14%).
- Rexburg, with the youngest population, has the lowest proportion of persons with disabilities (8%); and
- Only St. Anthony is an area of concentration for persons with disabilities, at 22%. The city has at least two (2) senior assisted living centers and 13 affordable rental units for seniors, which accounts for some of this concentration.

**Persons with Disabilities by County and City/Town: 2010 (est)**

	2010 Population age 5+	Persons age 5+ with disabilities	% with disabilities (2000)
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	12,076	1,970	16%
<b>Ashton</b>	1,030	184	18%
<b>Island Park</b>	269	33	12%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	3,165	697	22%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	33,942	3,280	10%
<b>Rexburg</b>	23,032	1,938	8%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	9,187	950	10%
<b>Driggs</b>	1,499	202	13%
<b>Victor</b>	1,684	200	12%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	20,011	1,900	9%
<b>Jackson</b>	8,953	1,083	12%

Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census; Consultant team

**Household Characteristics**

Households increased by 33% in the WGYA, slightly faster than the population (29%).

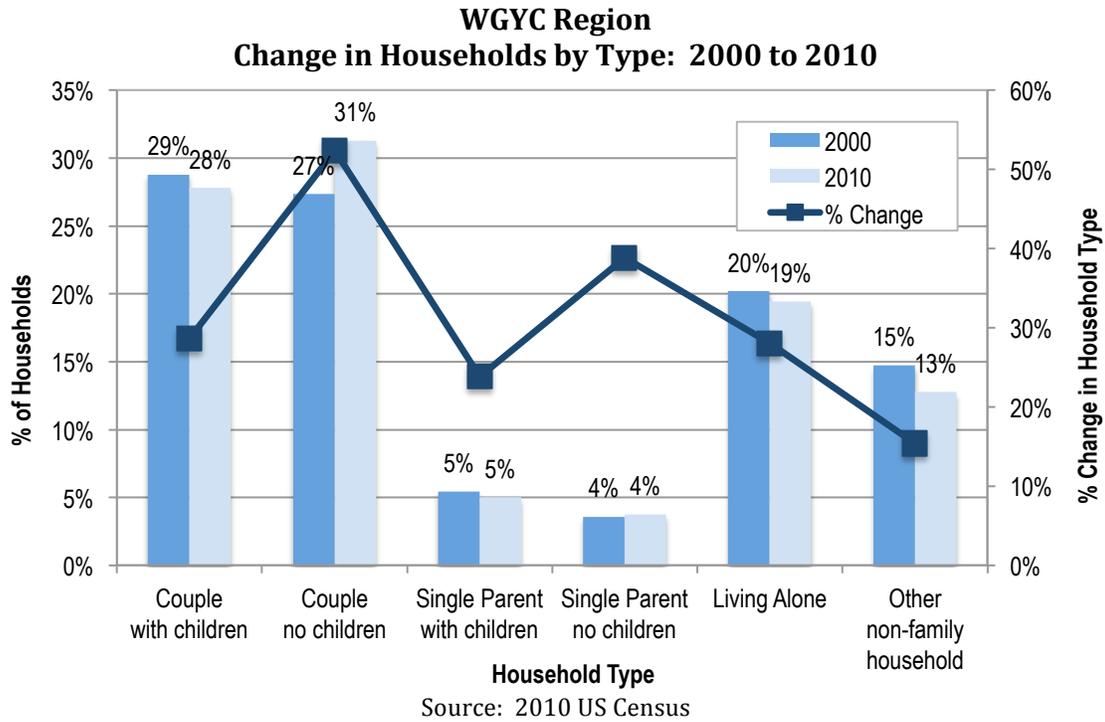
- Teton County, Idaho, showed the most growth, with the city of Victor more than doubling in size in the 2000's (133% increase).
- Madison County grew at the second fastest rate (49%), primarily driven by growth in Rexburg; and
- Fremont County and Teton County, Wyoming, grew at similar rates (14% and 17%, respectively). Only the town of Jackson and city of St. Anthony showed slower growth in households than the population.

**Total Households: 2000 and 2010**

	2000	2010	% Change 2000-10
<b>WGYA</b>	20,780	27,671	33%
<b>Fremont County</b>			
<b>Ashton</b>	395	397	1%
<b>Island Park</b>	90	122	36%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	1,091	1,118	2%
<b>Madison County</b>			
<b>Rexburg</b>	4,274	7,179	68%
<b>Teton County ID</b>			
<b>Driggs</b>	386	587	52%
<b>Victor</b>	293	683	133%
<b>Teton County WY</b>			
<b>Jackson</b>	3,631	3,964	9%

Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census

About two-thirds of households in the regions are family households, which include related persons living together. Households comprised of couples without children showed the largest percentage increase in the region between 2000 and 2010 (52%). These were the only households to increase as a percentage share of households in the region (from 27% in 2000 to 31% in 2010).



Regarding changes in specific areas of the region since 2000:

- Couples with children grew fastest in Victor and Rexburg, showed slow growth in Teton County, Wyoming, and Jackson, and had no growth in Fremont County overall;
- Single parents with children increased 24% in the WGYA, with the fastest growth in Teton County, Idaho (104%). Rexburg lost about 5% of their single parent households;
- Victor had the fastest growth in non-family households. These households comprise the highest percentage of households in Rexburg (22%) and Jackson (21%) than in other areas in the region;
- Persons living alone comprise the highest percentage of households of all household types in Island Park (34%), Jackson (32%) and Teton County, Wyoming (29%). At the other extreme is Rexburg, with only 9% of households consisting of only one person living alone; and
- In Ashton, only single parent and other non-family households (i.e., roommate households) increased between 2000 and 2010 – all other household types declined.

**Households by Type by County and City/Town: 2000 to 2010**

Type of Household # 2010	Married couple		Single parent		Non-family	
	With Children	No Children	With Children	No Children	Living Alone	Other
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	1,304	1,621	295	216	876	124
<b>Ashton</b>	116	114	37	19	99	12
<b>Island Park</b>	18	50	4	2	41	7
<b>St. Anthony</b>	336	321	129	71	227	34
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	3,566	3,606	361	354	1,077	1,647
<b>Rexburg</b>	2,106	2,391	208	220	659	1,595
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	1,130	1,021	241	117	800	342
<b>Driggs</b>	167	130	60	28	132	70
<b>Victor</b>	232	135	43	23	164	86
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	1,693	2,409	494	342	2,621	1,414
<b>Jackson</b>	670	726	250	212	1,264	842
% 2010	Married couple		Single parent		Non-family	
	Children	None	Children	None	Alone	Other
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	29%	37%	7%	5%	20%	3%
<b>Ashton</b>	29%	29%	9%	5%	25%	3%
<b>Island Park</b>	15%	41%	3%	2%	34%	6%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	30%	29%	12%	6%	20%	3%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	34%	34%	3%	3%	10%	16%
<b>Rexburg</b>	29%	33%	3%	3%	9%	22%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	31%	28%	7%	3%	22%	9%
<b>Driggs</b>	28%	22%	10%	5%	22%	12%
<b>Victor</b>	34%	20%	6%	3%	24%	13%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	19%	27%	6%	4%	29%	16%
<b>Jackson</b>	17%	18%	6%	5%	32%	21%
% Change 2000-2010	Married couple		Single parent		Non-family	
	Children	None	Children	None	Alone	Other
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	0%	21%	27%	36%	16%	24%
<b>Ashton</b>	-4%	-3%	28%	0%	-5%	140%
<b>Island Park</b>	20%	43%	-20%	-33%	64%	0%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	0%	1%	28%	11%	-6%	10%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	47%	94%	3%	62%	19%	20%
<b>Rexburg</b>	94%	151%	-5%	58%	21%	19%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	60%	86%	104%	26%	81%	101%
<b>Driggs</b>	42%	60%	107%	12%	47%	63%
<b>Victor</b>	144%	85%	105%	35%	152%	291%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	10%	24%	17%	27%	25%	0%
<b>Jackson</b>	9%	15%	5%	17%	17%	-4%

Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census

Protection against discrimination in housing for families with children was added in the 1988 amendments to Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act. It is unlawful to refuse to rent or sell to families with children, except in limited circumstances, such as for elderly housing. Single parents are particularly susceptible to discrimination due to lower incomes, fewer housing options and the unwillingness of landlords to rent their units to families with children.

About 5% of households in the WGYA are single parent households with children; 28% are couples with children. There are no areas of concentrations for either single parent households or households with children in the WGYA, although there are some notable differences:

- St. Anthony has the highest percentage of single parents with children in the region (12%), followed by Tetonia (11%) and Driggs (10%);
- Madison County has the lowest percentage of single parent households with children (3%), but the second highest number of such households (about 360 total), next to Teton County, Wyoming (about 490 total); and
- Couples with children comprise the highest percentage of households in Teton County, Idaho, and each of its cities compared to the rest of the WGYA. Teton County, Wyoming, has the lowest percentage of couples with children (19%).

## **Income**

HUD publishes median family income figures for the counties in the WGYA each year. The MFI varies by household size, but HUD also provides the overall median (or middle) income for each area. Many federal housing programs, including low-income tax credit and USDA subsidized units, use HUD MFI's as the standard that households must meet to be able to income-qualify for units. For example, units affordable for extremely low-income households would be limited to households earning 30% or less of the MFI for the area.

The below table shows the variation in HUD MFI for each county in the WGYA. Family incomes are highest in Teton County, Wyoming, followed by Teton County, Idaho, and Fremont County. Incomes are lowest in Madison County.

**HUD Median Family Incomes by County: 2014**

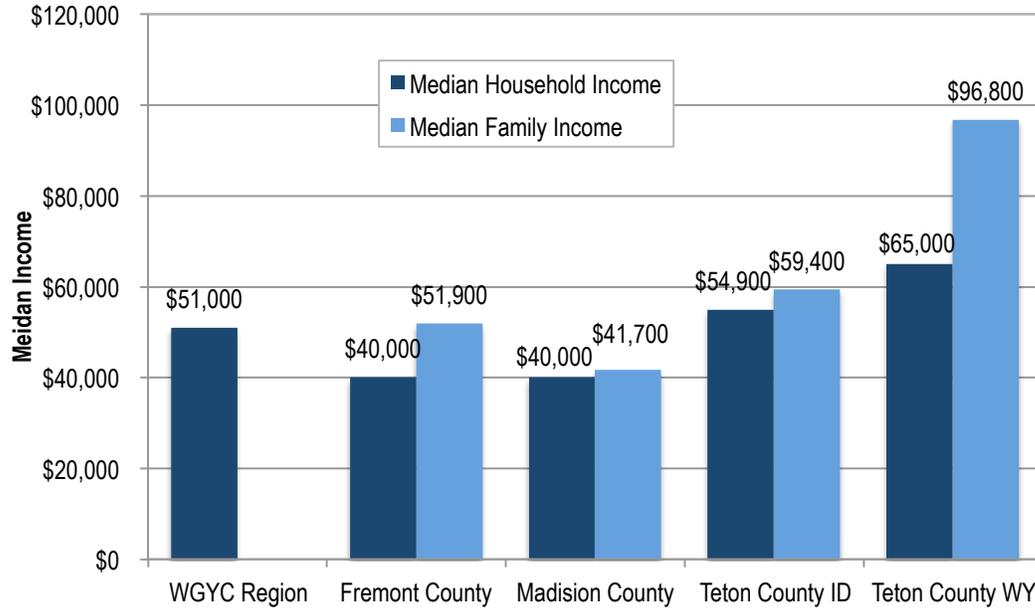
Household size	30% MFI	50% MFI	80% MFI	100% MFI	120% MFI
<b>Fremont County, ID (2.9 persons per household on average)</b>					
1-person	\$11,200	\$18,600	\$29,750	\$37,200	\$44,640
2	\$12,800	\$21,250	\$34,000	\$42,500	\$51,000
3	\$14,400	\$23,900	\$38,250	\$47,800	\$57,360
4	\$15,950	\$26,550	\$42,500	\$53,100	\$63,720
<b>Madison County, ID (3.4 persons per household on average)</b>					
1-person	\$11,000	\$18,350	\$29,300	\$36,700	\$44,040
2	\$12,600	\$20,950	\$33,500	\$41,900	\$50,280
3	\$14,150	\$23,550	\$37,700	\$47,100	\$56,520
4	\$15,700	\$26,150	\$41,850	\$52,300	\$62,760
<b>Teton County, ID (2.8 persons per household on average)</b>					
1-person	\$12,500	\$20,800	\$33,250	\$41,600	\$49,920
2	\$14,250	\$23,800	\$38,000	\$47,600	\$57,120
3	\$16,050	\$26,750	\$42,750	\$53,500	\$64,200
4	\$17,800	\$29,700	\$47,500	\$59,400	\$71,280
<b>Teton County, WY (2.3 persons per household on average)</b>					
1-person	\$20,350	\$33,900	\$44,750	\$67,800	\$81,360
2	\$23,250	\$38,750	\$51,150	\$77,500	\$93,000
3	\$26,150	\$43,600	\$57,550	\$87,200	\$104,640
4	\$29,050	\$48,400	\$63,900	\$96,800	\$116,160

Source: HUD; 2010 Census (average household size)

The median family income (MFI) is typically higher than the income of all households in a county because non-family household incomes (single persons and roommate households) are not included in HUD’s calculation. The below chart compares the MFI to median incomes of all households in each county. As shown:

- The median household income of households in the WGYA is \$51,000. This ranges from a high of \$65,000 in Teton County, Wyoming, to a low of \$40,000 in both Fremont and Madison Counties.
- Madison County shows the least variation in median household and family incomes. This is because non-family student households, which are not included in HUD’s estimates, and student family households, which are included in HUD’s estimates, have similarly low incomes; and
- Teton County, Wyoming, shows the largest difference between household and median family incomes. The county also has the highest percentage of non-family households of all counties in the region.

**Median Household and Family Incomes: 2014  
Region and Counties**



Sources: Household Income and 50% MFI Households, 2014 Housing Survey;  
Family Income, 2014 HUD (not available for the region)

**Very-Low-Income Households (50% MFI)**

This section analyzes the concentration of households that earn 50% or less MFI in the region, rather than the typical measure of the federal poverty level.

A WGYA family of four earning under \$23,850 in 2014 falls within the federal poverty level, defined as the minimum amount of gross income that a family needs for food, clothing, transportation, shelter and other necessities. As illustrated by HUD’s MFI figures, \$23,850 goes further in Fremont and Madison Counties than in Teton County, Wyoming, in terms of meeting family expenses. The federal poverty level equates to a 3-person family household earning 50% or less MFI in Fremont and Madison Counties; a 2-person family in Teton County, Idaho, earning less than 50% MFI; and a 2-person family earning less than 30% MFI in Teton County, Wyoming.

Although a 4-person family earning 50% MFI earns significantly more in Teton County, Wyoming, (\$48,400) than in Madison County (\$26,150), the comparative cost of living in the respective areas means that these households face similar challenges in meeting their household needs. As a result, HUD’s MFI for very-low-

income households (i.e., earning 50% or less MFI) provides a more uniform measure of households struggling to meet expenses.

About 25% of households in the WGYA earn under 50% MFI.<sup>29</sup> Comparing concentrations by area, we find that:

- Households earning under 50% MFI range from a low of 15% of households in Victor to a high of 38% in Rexburg.
- Rexburg is the only notable area of concentration for very low-income households. Again, this is related to the student population, where 90% of these households have at least one adult student and are mostly couples without children and roommate households.
- Teton County, Idaho, has the lowest percentage of very low-income households of all counties. This is due in part to the fact that 53% of households (72% in Victor) have at least one worker that commutes to higher wage jobs in Teton County, Wyoming.

**Very Low-Income Households by Area: 2014**

	Households Earning 50% MFI or Less	Median Household Income
<b>WGYC Region</b>	25%	\$51,000
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	27%	\$40,000
<b>Ashton</b>	29%	\$38,000
<b>Island Park region</b>	25%	\$50,000
<b>St. Anthony</b>	30%	\$40,000
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	32%	\$40,000
<b>Rexburg</b>	38%	\$34,000
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	16%	\$54,900
<b>Driggs</b>	20%	\$49,800
<b>Victor</b>	15%	\$60,000
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	22%	\$65,000
<b>Jackson</b>	26%	\$55,000

Source: 2014 Housing Survey

<sup>29</sup> This data is based on the 2014 Housing Survey rather than the ACS. The survey and 2008-2012 ACS reported similar figures for the counties and larger communities; but the ACS has up to a 20% margin of error for some of the smaller communities.

2008-2012 ACS 5-year data was used to understand the general relationship of incomes of households with persons in protected classes compared to the average household in each county. As shown below:

- Single-parent households with a female householder consistently earn the lowest median incomes in each county – at least 50% less than households in total;
- Households with a Hispanic/Latino householder are the second lowest income earners, with median incomes between about 20% and 30% less than households in total in the Idaho counties and near 80% less than total households in Teton County, Wyoming. A high 67% of these households in the WGYA earned under 50% AMI;
- Senior households earn the least in Fremont County; and
- Couples with children have median incomes just above the median income of all households in each county, but slightly below the MFI for households of comparative size (about 4-persons on average).

**Income Comparison by Protected Class: 2008-2012 ACS**

	Fremont County Median Income	Madison County Median Income	Teton County ID Median Income	Teton County WY Median Income
<b>All Households</b>	\$43,053	\$33,776	\$56,532	\$69,020
<b>65+ Householder</b>	\$35,413	\$43,125	\$56,414	\$57,344
<b>Couple with child(ren)</b>	\$50,954	\$48,320	\$61,047	\$70,938
<b>Single Parent (female)</b>	\$28,214	\$22,069	\$37,583	\$35,577
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	\$33,288	\$28,000	\$41,029	\$38,235
<b>Estimated MFI Percentage*</b>				
<b>65+ Householder</b>	83%	103%	119%	90%
<b>Couple with child(ren)</b>	96%	92%	103%	89%
<b>Single Parent (female)</b>	62%	50%	74%	52%
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	63%	54%	69%	50%

Source: 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates; 2012 HUD MFI (see table on p. 54, above); \*MFI percentages are estimated based on average household sizes for each class (2 to 4-persons depending upon the class).

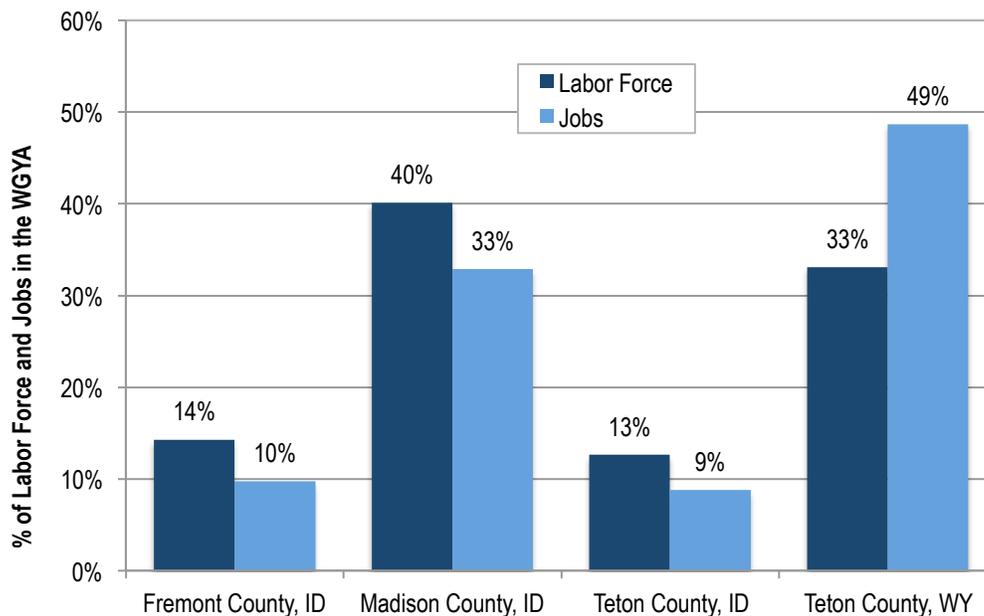
## EMPLOYMENT

### Job Growth

There are about 57,900 jobs in the WGYA. Almost one-half of these jobs are located in Teton County, Wyoming. Another third are in Madison County and Fremont and Teton Counties, Idaho, each have less than 10% of jobs in the region.

Only Teton County, Wyoming, has a lower percentage of the labor force living in the county than regional jobs, meaning the county relies on in-commuters to fill some jobs. Only Teton County, Idaho, has fewer jobs than persons in the local labor force – may of whom commute to Teton County, Wyoming for work, as further discussed below.

**Distribution of Jobs Vs. Local Labor Force by County: WGYA 2013**



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS data; Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) Jobs estimates; Consultant team

The number of jobs in all counties in the WGYA peaked in 2008 and reached their lowest point in 2010. About 4,000 jobs were lost during this period. Jobs have been growing at an average rate of 2.6% since 2010. As of 2013, the number of jobs in Fremont County and Teton County, Wyoming, has fully recovered. Despite this, the rate of growth in the WGYA is slower post-recession than pre-recession – jobs were growing at an average rate of 4.8% per year between 2005 and 2008.

**Jobs by County: WGYA, 2005 - 2013**

	REGION	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County ID	Teton County WY
2005	50,395	4,892	17,312	3,765	24,426
2006	53,079	5,087	18,082	4,335	25,575
2007	56,417	5,300	19,051	5,126	26,940
2008	57,701	5,359	19,155	5,237	27,950
2009	54,493	5,309	17,908	4,628	26,648
2010	53,667	5,278	17,766	4,580	26,043
2011	54,759	5,350	18,273	4,753	26,383
2012	56,224	5,332	18,969	4,812	27,111
2013*	57,907	5,617	19,040	5,083	28,168
<b>% change (2008-2013)</b>	0%	5%	-1%	-3%	1%
<b>% change (2010-13)</b>	8%	6%	7%	11%	8%

Source: BEA; Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW); Consultant team

Employment in the region is dominated by accommodation and food services (primarily led by jobs in Teton County, Wyoming), education and health services (led by jobs in Madison County), and government (which plays the largest role in Fremont County jobs, but is prominent in all counties). Dominant employment sectors vary by county, as has their economic evolution:

- **Fremont County:** In Fremont County, government (21%), farm employment (13%) and retail (9%) are the dominant sectors. Since 1970, agricultural and natural resource employment has been declining as a share of jobs in exchange for growth in construction and services and professional jobs. In 1970, farm employment constituted about 30% of jobs, dropping to 23% in 2000 and only 13% in 2013.<sup>30</sup> It should be noted that the Island Park area has been less affected by this shift given that the area is much more of a tourism and recreational based economy than southern Fremont County.
- **Madison County:** In Madison County, education and health (20%), government (11%) and retail (11%) are the dominant sectors. BYU-Idaho is the largest employer in the county. Compared to the state, this county has a significantly higher percentage of workers in educational and health services, as well as professional and business services and trade/utilities/transportation. Given its location among the recreational attractions in the WGYA, the area has surprisingly few jobs in leisure and hospitality industries (which include arts and recreation, accommodation and food services and real estate).<sup>31</sup>

<sup>30</sup> For more information see the Fremont County Comprehensive Plan 2009.

<sup>31</sup> See the Madison County “2020” Comprehensive Plan for more information.

- Teton County, Idaho: In Teton County, Idaho, government (13%), real estate (11%) and accommodation and food, farm employment and construction (all at 9%) are the largest employment sectors. This county's economy is tied in many ways to Teton County, Wyoming, through providing workers to fill jobs in Wyoming, increased real estate and construction activity due to demand for housing from these workers, and Grand Targhee Resort, a significant employer, which is located in Wyoming, yet only accessed through Teton County, Idaho. The transition of this county's economy to outdoor recreation and tourism began in 1969 with the establishment of Grand Targhee Resort. Despite this, the county still retains a significant farm economy in the primarily northern and western parts of the county.<sup>32</sup>
- Teton County, Wyoming: In Teton County, Wyoming, dominant employment sectors include accommodation and food services (24%), real estate (10%), and government (9%). Tourism and real estate development has been the historic base of this county's economy, driven by visitors to Grand Teton National Park, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, and Yellowstone National Park (of which 40% is within Teton County).

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<sup>32</sup> See the Teton County, Idaho, 2012-2030 Comprehensive Plan for more information.

**Jobs by Industry: WGYA and Counties, 2012**

	REGION	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County ID	Teton County WY
<b>TOTAL 2012 jobs</b>	56,224	5,332	18,969	4,812	27,111
% of jobs in Region	100%	9%	34%	9%	48%
Farm employment	4%	13%	4%	9%	1%
Forestry, fishing, and related	0%	(ND)	(ND)	1%	(ND)
Mining	0%	(ND)	(ND)	1%	(ND)
Utilities	(ND)	(ND)	(ND)	(ND)	(ND)
Construction	7%	7%	4%	9%	8%
Manufacturing	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%
Wholesale trade	3%	(ND)	8%	2%	(ND)
Retail trade	9%	9%	11%	8%	8%
Transportation and warehousing	1%	5%	(ND)	(ND)	2%
Information	1%	(ND)	1%	2%	1%
Finance and insurance	5%	3%	3%	2%	7%
Real estate, rental and leasing	8%	6%	5%	11%	10%
Prof, scientific, and tech services	6%	(ND)	8%	(ND)	7%
Mgt of companies and enterprises	0%	(ND)	(ND)	(ND)	0%
Admin and waste mgt services	3%	2%	(ND)	7%	4%
Educational services	1%	0%	(ND)*	1%	1%
Health care and social assistance	3%	5%	(ND)*	3%	4%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	4%	1%	2%	6%	5%
Accommodation and food services	15%	6%	5%	9%	24%
Other services	5%	7%	4%	5%	4%
Government	11%	21%	11%	13%	9%
<b>TOTAL % Disclosed</b>	87%	88%	71%	91%	98%

Source: BEA

\*Though not disclosed in BEA data, Education and Health services comprises about 20% of jobs in Madison County based on QCEW analysis presented by Idaho Dept. of Labor, Jan. 2014, workforce trends profiles. Incorporating this data, education and health services would comprise about 10% of jobs in the region as a whole.

**Wages**

The highest average wage in the WGYA is paid in Teton County, Wyoming (\$40,484). This area also has the highest housing costs. Each of the Idaho counties average about 25% less – between \$29,000 and \$30,000 – or about \$15 per hour.

**Average Wage: 2013**

	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County ID	Teton County WY
Annual Wage	\$29,576	\$29,385	\$30,271	\$40,484
Hourly Wage*	\$14.79	\$14.69	\$15.14	\$20.24

Source: QCEW

\* Hourly wage is based on 2,000 hours of paid time

Wages vary significantly by industry:

- In all counties, except Teton County, Wyoming, about 40% of jobs pay less than the average annual wage.
- In Teton County, Wyoming, 58% of jobs pay under the average wage. This is also the only county in which government jobs pay less than the average wage. Management of companies and enterprises pay very high wages, but include only about 20 establishments, affecting few workers and skewing the average wage upward.
- Accommodation and food services pay the lowest average wages in all counties. In Teton County, Wyoming, where this sector constitutes 24% of jobs, wages average about \$25,700 per year, or just under \$13 per hour. A one-person household making this wage earns just over 30% MFI in the county.<sup>33</sup>
- In Madison County, education and health pays the highest wage (\$44,804) and constitutes the largest percentage of employment in the county (20%). This would place a 3-person household with one wage earner at near 100% MFI in the county.

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<sup>33</sup> HUD median family income (MFI) figures are provided in the Population and Household Demographics section of this report.

**Average Wage by Industry: 2013**  
**(Sorted by amount of wage paid from lowest to highest)**

**Fremont County**

	Average annual wage	Hourly equivalent wage	% of jobs
<b>Overall Average Wage</b>	<b>\$29,576</b>	<b>\$14.79</b>	<b>-</b>
Accommodation and food services	\$11,823	\$5.91	6%
Real estate and rental and leasing	\$17,942	\$8.97	6%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	\$18,562	\$9.28	1%
Retail trade	\$20,879	\$10.44	9%
Health care and social assistance	\$23,856	\$11.93	5%
Agriculture, forestry and related (% farm est.)	\$24,927*	\$12.46	13%
Information	\$25,557	\$12.78	(ND)
Finance and insurance	\$26,962	\$13.48	3%
Other services, except public administration	\$30,154	\$15.08	7%
Administrative and waste management services	\$30,679	\$15.34	2%
Government and government enterprises	\$33,727	\$16.86	21%
Transportation and warehousing	\$36,058	\$18.03	5%
Construction	\$37,716	\$18.86	7%
Manufacturing	\$38,047	\$19.02	2%
Educational services	(ND)	(ND)	0%

Source: QCEW (wages), BEA (% employment), Idaho Department of Labor County profiles  
 Mining, Utilities, Wholesale, Prof/Tech and Mgt of Companies excluded – information not disclosed.

\*Agriculture wage from Id. Dept. of Labor County profile, Jan. 2014

**Madison County**

	Average annual wage	Hourly equivalent wage	% of jobs
<b>Overall Average Wage</b>	<b>\$29,385</b>	<b>\$14.69</b>	-
Accommodation and food services	\$10,535	\$5.27	5%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	\$11,257	\$5.63	2%
Real estate and rental and leasing	\$19,235	\$9.62	5%
Management of companies and enterprises	\$19,256	\$9.63	(ND)
Administrative and waste management services	\$19,455	\$9.73	(ND)
Other services, except public administration	\$19,880	\$9.94	4%
Retail trade	\$21,606	\$10.80	11%
Wholesale trade	\$22,774	\$11.39	8%
Information	\$22,986	\$11.49	1%
Construction	\$27,443	\$13.72	4%
Agriculture, forestry and related	\$27,524*	\$13.76	(ND)
Government and government enterprises	\$31,039	\$15.52	11%
Manufacturing	\$31,903	\$15.95	4%
Professional, scientific, and technical services	\$32,649	\$16.32	8%
Finance and insurance	\$35,990	\$18.00	3%
Educational services	(ND)**	(ND)	(ND)
Health care and social assistance	(ND)**	(ND)	(ND)

Source: QCEW (wages), BEA (% employment), Idaho Department of Labor County profiles

Mining, Utilities, and Transportation/Warehousing excluded above due to non-disclosure of information.

\*Agriculture wage from Id. Dept. of Labor County profile, Jan. 2014

\*\*Though not disclosed in publically available QCEW data, Education and Health services paid an average wage of \$44,804 in Madison County based on QCEW analysis presented by Idaho Dept. of Labor, Jan. 2014, workforce trends profiles. This is the highest paying sector.

**Teton County, Idaho**

	Average annual wage	Hourly equivalent wage	% of jobs
<b>Overall Average Wage</b>	<b>\$30,271</b>	<b>\$15.14</b>	-
Accommodation and food services	\$13,784	\$6.89	9%
Agriculture, forestry and related	\$20,923	\$10.46	1%
Retail trade	\$21,415	\$10.71	8%
Real estate and rental and leasing	\$23,608	\$11.80	11%
Educational services	\$23,944	\$11.97	1%
Manufacturing	\$27,085	\$13.54	3%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	\$30,197	\$15.10	6%
Other services, except public administration	\$32,676	\$16.34	5%
Government and government enterprises	\$33,433	\$16.72	13%
Construction	\$34,993	\$17.50	9%
Finance and insurance	\$35,873	\$17.94	2%
Health care and social assistance	\$37,145	\$18.57	3%
Transportation and warehousing	\$38,408	\$19.20	(ND)
Information	\$41,232	\$20.62	2%
Administrative and waste management services	\$41,863	\$20.93	7%
Mining	(ND)	(ND)	1%
Wholesale trade	(ND)	(ND)	2%

Source: QCEW (wages), BEA (% employment), Idaho Department of Labor County profiles  
Utilities, Prof/Tech and Mgt of Companies excluded above due to non-disclosure of information.

**Teton County, Wyoming**

	Average annual wage	Hourly equivalent wage	% of jobs
<b>Overall Average Wage</b>	<b>\$40,484</b>	<b>\$20.24</b>	-
Accommodation and food services	\$25,772	\$12.89	24%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	\$28,750	\$14.38	5%
Retail trade	\$30,417	\$15.21	8%
Educational services	\$32,056	\$16.03	1%
Administrative and waste management services	\$36,212	\$18.11	4%
Manufacturing	\$36,804	\$18.40	1%
Other services, except public administration	\$36,820	\$18.41	4%
Transportation and warehousing	\$37,188	\$18.59	2%
Government and government enterprises	\$39,475	\$19.74	9%
Construction	\$45,409	\$22.70	8%
Health care and social assistance	\$49,482	\$24.74	4%
Real estate and rental and leasing	\$54,106	\$27.05	10%
Information	\$57,186	\$28.59	1%
Professional, scientific, and technical services	\$77,831	\$38.92	7%
Finance and insurance	\$87,598	\$43.80	7%
Management of companies and enterprises	\$556,809	\$278.40	0%

Source: QCEW (wages), BEA (% employment)  
Agriculture, mining, utilities and wholesale excluded above due to non-disclosure of information.

The 2014 Housing Survey asked the primarily Spanish-speaking respondents what type of jobs they held to better understand their employment opportunities in the region. As economies in the region have diversified from predominately agricultural jobs, this has permitted many previously seasonal workers to move to the area on a year-round basis.<sup>34</sup> The survey was conducted in the summer so reflects the job mix of respondents during summer seasonal months, when, for example, agricultural jobs in Idaho and tourism related jobs in Teton County, Wyoming, are near their peak.

As shown below, the largest percentage of Spanish survey respondents are employed in construction and landscaping jobs (36%) and service sector jobs, including janitorial/housekeeping (29%), food service (24%) and lodging (21%). Agricultural jobs constitute 19% of jobs held. This varies by county:

- Workers in Fremont County held primarily agricultural jobs (62%). Construction and landscaping is also a significant sector of employment (38%).
- Madison County jobs were also primarily agricultural (77%), with construction/landscaping (19%) and food service/restaurant (11%) distant seconds;
- Workers in both Teton County, Idaho, and Teton County, Wyoming, held tourism- and resort-based jobs: construction and landscaping, housekeeping/janitorial, food service/restaurant and lodging. Only 2% of workers in Teton County, Idaho, held an agricultural job.

**Type of Jobs Held: Spanish Survey Respondents, 2014**

	WGYA	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County ID	Teton County WY
Construction/Landscaping	36%	38%	19%	42%	36%
Housekeeping/Janitorial	29%	8%	4%	30%	41%
Food service/Restaurant	24%	7%	11%	25%	32%
Lodging	21%	2%	8%	21%	31%
Agricultural	19%	62%	77%	2%	-
Ski area/Recreation	1%	-	-	3%	-
*TOTAL %	130%	116%	119%	123%	140%

Source: 2014 Housing Survey, Spanish survey respondents  
 \*Percentages add to over 100% due to multiple job holding

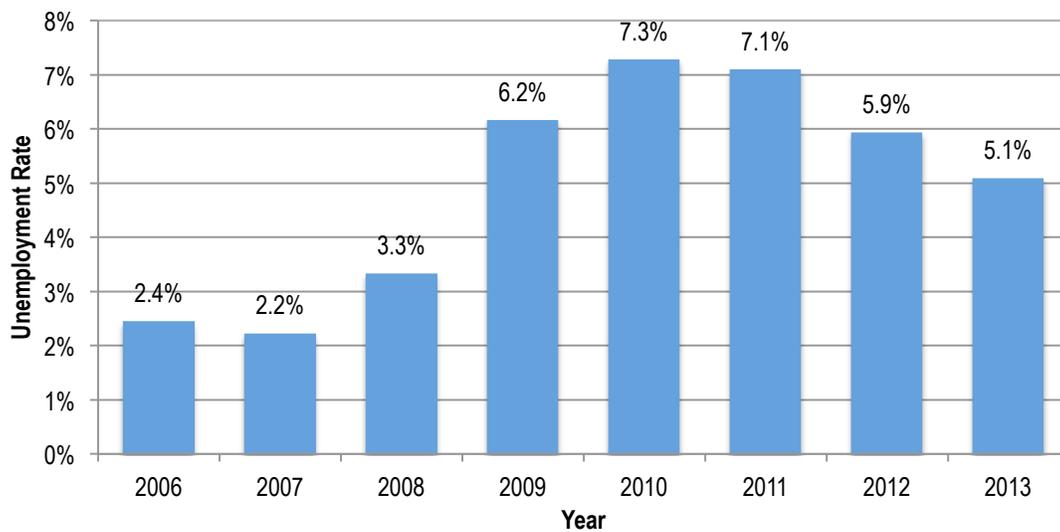
<sup>34</sup> This trend was noted in particular in the 2009 Fremont County Comprehensive Plan, but has been occurring throughout Idaho and the region.

## Unemployment

Unemployment in the WGYA was at its lowest rate in 2007. Unemployment peaked in 2010 at 7.3% and has since dropped to 5.1% – but is still more than double the rate in 2007. This equates to about 2,200 unemployed residents at the end of 2013. Trends are similar across all counties, although unemployment rates differ:

- Each county reached its lowest unemployment rate in 2007 – varying from 3.2% in Fremont County down to 1.7% in Teton County, Idaho;
- Each county also reached peak unemployment in 2010 – ranging between 9.1% in Fremont County and 5.1% in Madison County;
- 2013 unemployment rates are highest in Fremont County and lowest in Madison County. Madison County, however, has the highest number of unemployed persons (800 total) in the region.

**WGYA Unemployment Rate: 2006 – 2013**



Source: BLS, LAUS data

**Unemployment Rates by County: 2006 – 2013**

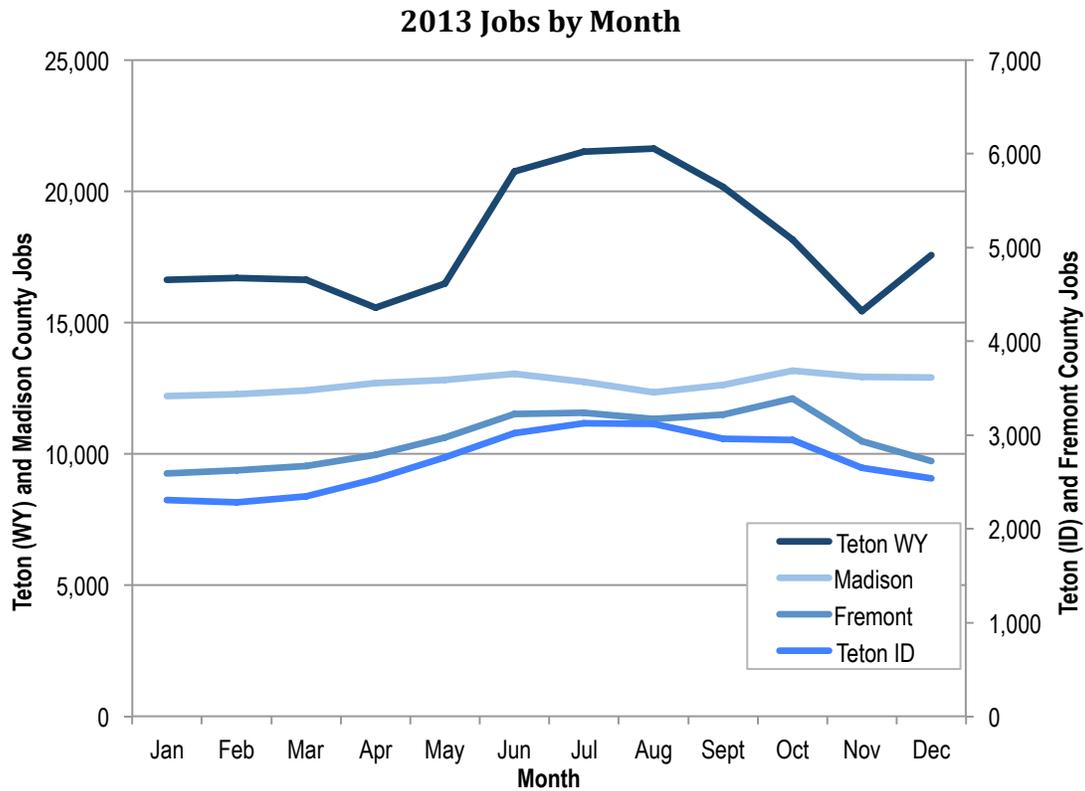
	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County ID	Teton County WY
<b>2006</b>	3.2%	2.3%	1.7%	2.5%
<b>2007</b>	3.2%	2.1%	1.6%	2.2%
<b>2008</b>	4.7%	3.3%	2.7%	3.0%
<b>2009</b>	7.6%	5.1%	5.9%	6.9%
<b>2010</b>	9.1%	5.8%	7.2%	8.3%
<b>2011</b>	7.9%	6.4%	6.6%	7.8%
<b>2012</b>	6.7%	5.1%	6.0%	6.6%
<b>2013</b>	5.9%	4.6%	5.0%	5.3%

Source: BLS, LAUS data

**Seasonality in employment**

- Teton County, Wyoming, has the greatest seasonal change in jobs – with about 6,000 more jobs in the summer months than during the low-employment months of April and November. Summer jobs increase in construction and tourism-related positions, including retail, accommodation/food service, arts/entertainment and recreation, federal government/national parks; and administrative/waste services, which includes janitorial, landscaping, security systems and travel planning.
- Madison County shows very little change in jobs throughout the year. Unlike the other Idaho counties in the WGYA, Madison County only adds about 7% more jobs in June from its low employment month of January – Fremont and Teton counties add almost one-third more jobs in the summer. The decline in jobs in August coincides with the change-over in students and semesters at BYU-I.<sup>35</sup>
- Fremont and Teton Counties, Idaho, show a combined 30% boost in the summer months, mostly from farming, construction, accommodations/food, federal government and retail. Teton County, Idaho, also shows an increase in arts/entertainment jobs and accommodations/food service. Combined, both counties add close to 1,500 jobs to the region in the summer. Fremont County jobs actually peak in October, when it has 800 more jobs compared to its low employment month in January.

<sup>35</sup> Spring semester ends June 30<sup>th</sup> and Fall semester does not begin until mid-September. See <http://www.byui.edu/student-records/academic-deadlines> for more information on course scheduling.



Source: QCEW

### Commuting

As noted earlier, Teton County, Idaho, supplies workers to Teton County, Wyoming, to help fill jobs. Fremont County also supplies workers to Madison County. There is little cross-commuting among the other counties. More specifically:

- Over 50% of employed households in Teton County, Idaho, have at least one person employed in Teton County, Wyoming. In contrast, 97% of households in Teton County, Wyoming, work locally, with only 6% with a worker that travels to Idaho for employment. Jobs in Teton County, Wyoming, have been growing faster than the local labor force in recent years, increasing the need for out-of-county residents to fill jobs.
- Over one-third of employed households in Fremont County have at least one person that travels to Madison County for work. Only 9% of households in Madison County have at least one person employed in Fremont County.
- Teton County, Idaho, has the lowest incidence of employed households that work locally (70%) compared to the other counties (between 82% and 97%).

- About 10% of employed households in the WGYA have persons that work outside the region. This ranges from 15% of employed households in Fremont and Madison Counties down to 5% residing in Teton County, Wyoming.

**Where County Residents Work: 2014**

Where Work	REGION	Where Workers Live:			
		Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County ID	Teton County WY
<b>Teton County WY</b>	45%	2%	0%	53%	97%
<b>Madison County</b>	37%	37%	95%	2%	-
<b>Fremont County</b>	15%	82%	9%	2%	1%
<b>Teton County ID</b>	14%	4%	1%	70%	5%
<b>Other County</b>	10%	15%	15%	7%	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	120%	139%	121%	132%	107%

Source: 2014 Housing Survey

\*Percentages add to over 100% due to multiple job holding/multiple workers per household

Regarding their method of travel:

- The majority of commuters travel by car (84%).
- Bike/walk is the second most common mode of transportation (12%) – with local workers residing in Teton County, Wyoming, and Madison County, most likely to use this method compared to other WGYA counties.
- Very few either take a bus or carpool (2% each). Only 4% carpool over the pass from Teton County, Idaho, to Teton County, Wyoming.
- Bus usage varied little by community. Even in Teton County, Wyoming, which has the most extensive bus service, only 3% of commuters used this mode of travel. Almost no household in Madison County uses bus service, but then the county also has no fixed public transportation routes. This is discussed further in the Policies and Resources section of this report.
- Hispanic/Latino households were more likely to use the bus in Teton County, Wyoming, (8%) or carpool in all counties (12% in Fremont County; 3% in Madison County; 7% in Teton County, Idaho; 6% in Teton County, Wyoming).

**Method of Commuting: WGYA, 2014**

	REGION	Where Workers Live:			
		Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County ID	Teton County WY
<b>Car</b>	84%	95%	81%	89%	79%
<b>Bike/Walk</b>	12%	1%	18%	5%	16%

<b>Carpool/Vanpool</b>	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%
<b>Bus</b>	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: 2014 Housing Survey

Commuting to another county for work can significantly increase monthly household costs. The below table presents the average miles traveled, one-way, by workers in households that have at least one member commuting to another county for a job. This shows that households that move to areas with more affordable rents and home purchase prices can quickly make up that difference when they then have to commute for work.

On average, commuting households in the WGYA increase their monthly housing payment by 78% each month to cover the cost of getting to their job. This can adversely affect lower income households in particular. When other costs are added, such as longer day care hours due to time spent commuting, household expenses quickly add up. Beyond providing transportation options for these households, this also illustrates the importance of providing affordable housing for these households near their place of work.

**Cost of Commuting: WGYA and Counties, 2014**

	WGYA	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY
<b>Average One-Way Commute per Household (miles)</b>	34.4	27.6	30.9	43.6	17.9
<b>Monthly Commute Cost (\$0.56 per mile)</b>	\$802	\$645	\$722	\$1,017	\$417
<b>Average rent/mortgage payment</b>	\$1,029	\$636	\$792	\$1,006	\$1,398
<b>Increase in payment</b>	78%	101%	91%	101%	30%

Source: 2014 Housing Survey

## AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY (Access To Community Assets)

A primary component of an RAI is to understand Fair Housing availability and access discrepancies in areas that HUD calls areas of opportunity or asset-rich areas. Defining opportunity can mean different things to different people depending on individualized needs and perceptions. There are, however, certain baseline elements that need to exist for an area to present opportunities to its residents, including education, employment, transportation options, public services, safety, recreational access, and a general sense of community. Guidance from HUD identifies the following community assets as being components of areas of opportunity or asset-rich areas<sup>36</sup>:

- Education
- Employment
- Health care access
- Commercial/retail access
- Safety/low crime
- Recreational areas
- Availability of local community infrastructure (e.g., sidewalks, paved streets, public water, etc.)
- Transportation
- Libraries

Using these components as a baseline, it is clear in this rural area that only the communities (towns, cities) contain the majority of these assets. Public water and sewer is available only in incorporated cities and towns and is limited in some cities (Island Park); paved roads, sidewalks, libraries, commercial and retail access are also amenities found in the cities and towns and inconsistently provided or lacking in the unincorporated county.<sup>37</sup> Recreational areas are about the only amenity that the unincorporated county contains in bulk in large part because public lands make up near 80% of the land area in the WGYA. Recreational areas are, however, easily accessible from many of the towns and cities (Island Park, Jackson, Driggs, Victor, etc.). Some cities and towns contain more assets than others, as discussed in the Government and Other Services section, below; however, each contains a mix of assets beneficial to their occupants.

While not every community can be considered an “area of opportunity” for every household, every community offers certain residents the community assets and resources they need to succeed. As shown in the Employment - Commuting section,

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<sup>36</sup> U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev., “Program Policy Guidance Number 2014-02,” Sept. 8, 2014, p. 10 “Access to Community Assets.”

<sup>37</sup> While not part of the WGYA, Fremont County, Wyoming, neighbors Teton County, Wyoming, and provides “Tips for Rural Living” on its website, which provides great insight into the limited services available in these rural county areas. <http://fremontcountywy.org/planning/tips-for-rural-living/>

however, not everyone resides within their particular opportunity area. Many persons employed in Teton County, Wyoming, actually live in Teton County, Idaho, where homes are comparatively more affordable, for example. It is these types of imbalances, increased by reduced choice for residents, that this study is intended to understand.

The distribution of protected classes by city/town (asset-rich areas) is summarized below. As noted earlier in this report:

- Hispanic/Latino persons are most prevalent in St. Anthony, Driggs, Victor and Jackson;
- Seniors are most prevalent in Ashton and Island Park. These populations are small, totaling 225 persons between the two communities;
- Persons with disabilities (age 5 and over) are most prevalent in St. Anthony and Ashton; and
- Households with families are most prevalent in St. Anthony, Victor, and Driggs, with single parent households being most prevalent in St. Anthony (12%) and Driggs (10%).

**Percent of Persons by Protected Class in Asset-Rich Areas (Towns/Cities): 2010**

	2010 Population	Hispanic/Latino		Seniors		Disabilities	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>WGYC Region</b>	82,242	8,824	11%	6,698	8%	8,100	10%
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	13,242	1,694	13%	1,844	14%	1,970	16%
<b>Ashton</b>	1,127	198	18%	180	16%	184	18%
<b>Island Park</b>	286	19	7%	45	16%	33	12%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	3,542	741	21%	367	10%	697	22%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	37,536	2,218	6%	2,092	6%	3,280	10%
<b>Rexburg</b>	25,484	1,435	6%	947	4%	1,938	8%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	10,170	1,721	17%	664	7%	950	10%
<b>Driggs</b>	1,660	525	32%	117	7%	202	13%
<b>Victor</b>	1,928	435	23%	72	4%	200	12%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	21,294	3,191	15%	2,098	10%	1,900	9%
<b>Jackson</b>	9,577	2,607	27%	590	6%	1,083	12%

Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census

**Percent of Family Households in Asset-Rich Areas (Towns/Cities): 2010**

	2010	Family Households	
	Households	#	%
<b>WGYC Region</b>	27,671	8,824	32%
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	4,436	1,599	36%
<b>Ashton</b>	397	153	39%
<b>Island Park</b>	122	22	18%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	1,118	465	41%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	10,611	3,927	37%
<b>Rexburg</b>	7,179	2,314	32%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	3,651	1,371	38%
<b>Driggs</b>	587	227	39%
<b>Victor</b>	683	275	40%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	8,973	2,187	24%
<b>Jackson</b>	3,964	920	23%

Source: 2010 US Census

The following section on Housing Profile and Conditions provides additional insight into these patterns and summarizes the housing needed in each area that will help provide Fair Housing access for protected classes to reside within their particular city/town of opportunity.

## HOUSING PROFILE AND CONDITIONS

The WGYA had about 39,000 housing units at the end of 2013. The comparative rural and resort nature of this area is apparent when comparing occupancy rates and housing unit locations by county and city or town in the region. As shown below:

- Over one-half of the housing units are in the unincorporated county in all counties, except Madison County. The majority of homes in Madison County are located in Rexburg (69%). Homes in the unincorporated areas are dominated by single-family homes, many on large lots or agricultural parcels.
- About 73% of WGYA housing units are occupied. About 72% of the 10,500 vacant units are vacant for seasonal or recreational use (i.e., used as second homes), meaning they are not available for occupancy by local households.
- Occupancy rates vary from a low of 18% in Island Park to a high of 94% in Rexburg and Madison Counties. Vacant units due to second homes tend to be higher in tourism-driven resort areas than those with more economic diversity and year-round economies. The town of Jackson, however, has an occupancy rate of 84%, which is relatively high for mountain resort communities with an active tourism base.

### Housing Units: 2013

	Total Housing Units (2013)	% in Unincorporated County (2010)	% Occupied (2010)
<b>WGYC Region</b>	39,332	54%	73%
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	8,718	66%	52%
<b>Ashton</b>	452	-	88%
<b>Island Park</b>	697	-	18%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	1,265	-	89%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	11,805	27%	94%
<b>Rexburg</b>	8,088	-	94%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	5,536	66%	67%
<b>Driggs</b>	875	-	67%
<b>Victor</b>	857	-	80%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	13,273	63%	70%
<b>Jackson</b>	4,955	-	84%

Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census; Census Building Permits survey

## Age of Housing

Evaluating housing units by their year of construction shows when development has been active in an area and can provide an indication of the condition of the housing stock. Older homes may be in need of substantial repairs.

- Fremont County has the oldest housing stock, with almost one-third of units having been built prior to 1970. This county has also had the least development activity after 1990 in the region.
- Development in Madison County picked up significantly in the 2000's, largely fueled by BYU-Idaho. Over 85% of the development in the county since 2000 has been in Rexburg.
- Teton County, Idaho, has the newest housing stock in the region. Over 50% of homes have been built since 2000. There are over 7,000 undeveloped platted lots in unincorporated Teton County and 1,600 in Victor and Driggs combined.
- Development in Teton County, Wyoming, was strongest in the 1980's and 1990's, when about 44% of homes were built. Activity declined in the 2000's, impacted in part by increased development regulation and decreased availability of developable land.
- Since March 2010, 1,230 units have been added in the region – predominately in Madison County (43%) and Teton County, Wyoming (37%).

### Housing Units by Year Built: 2013

	WGYC Region	Fremont County, Idaho	Madison County, Idaho	Teton County, Idaho	Teton County, Wyoming
<b>TOTAL Units (2013)</b>	39,332	8,718	11,805	5,536	13,273
<b>April 2010 or later</b>	3%	2%	4%	1%	3%
<b>April 2000 to March 2010</b>	27%	19%	31%	51%	19%
<b>1990 to March 2000</b>	19%	15%	14%	22%	24%
<b>1980 to 1989</b>	13%	11%	10%	6%	20%
<b>1970 to 1979</b>	19%	21%	23%	7%	18%
<b>1960 to 1969</b>	6%	9%	6%	2%	6%
<b>Before 1960</b>	13%	23%	11%	11%	8%

Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census; Census Building Permits survey

## Type of Homes Occupied

The availability of homes for various housing needs is affected by the diversity of housing types in a community.

- Teton County, Wyoming, has among the most diversity of housing types available. This county also has the largest inventory of affordable housing units for residents, as discussed later in this section;
- Madison County also offers a good mix of single family and multi-family units for households, with significant growth in multi-family homes in the 2000's. Over 50% of households occupied single family homes in 2000, compared to only 43% today. As described in more detail below, many of the multi-family units may not be available for all members of the community;
- Fremont County is dominated by single-family homes (76%). This county does, however, have the largest inventory of mobile homes, which can provide more affordable options for residents, depending upon their age and condition; and
- Teton County, Idaho, is also dominated by single-family homes (73%). Many of the multi-family units have been developed since 2000, indicating recent activity in diversifying the housing stock.

**Occupied Housing Units by Type: 2013**

	REGION	Fremont	Madison	Teton ID	Teton WY
<b>Single family</b>	54%	76%	43%	73%	44%
<b>Multi-family</b>	35%	7%	50%	15%	46%
<b>Mobile homes</b>	6%	14%	4%	9%	3%
<b>Other</b>	5%	3%	3%	4%	8%
<b>TOTAL (2013)</b>	28,623	4,533	11,105	3,690	9,295

Source: 2014 Housing Survey

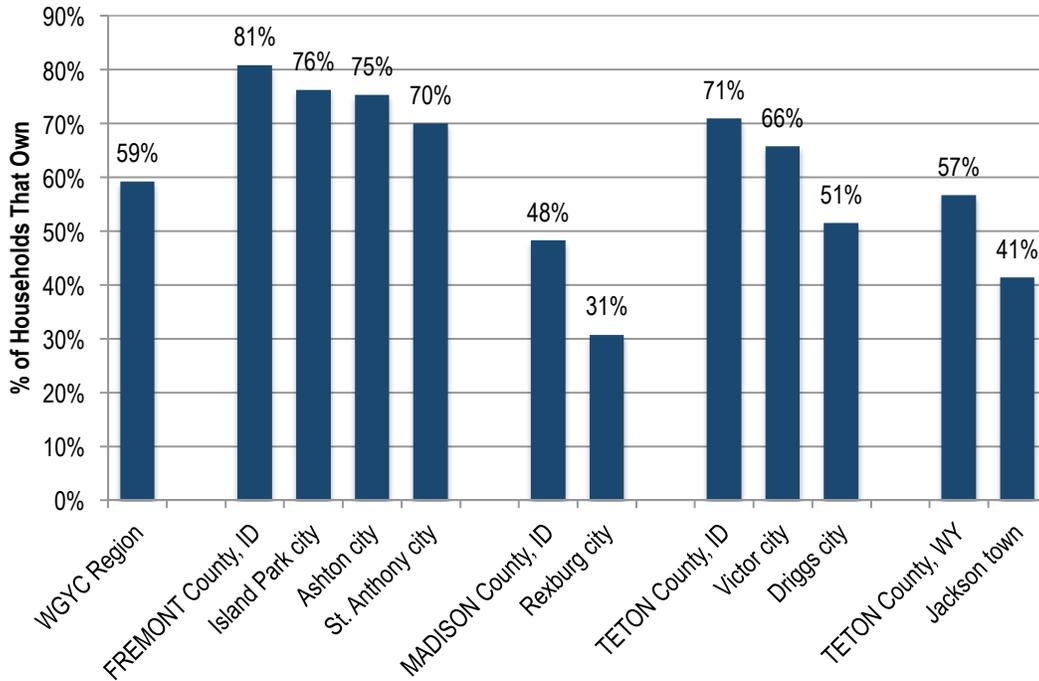
## Ownership Rates

The homeownership rate in the WGYA falls below state averages, but shows significant variation by county and city/town.

- About 59% of households in the WGYA own their homes, which is low compared to the state of Idaho and Wyoming (71% each). These rates, however, range from a high of 81% in Fremont County to a low of 48% in Madison County. The ownership rate in Madison County dropped 11 percentage points between 2000 and 2010.

- The city of Rexburg (31% own) and the town of Jackson (41% own) have the lowest ownership rates of all communities in the region. The low ownership rate in Rexburg is a factor of the high student population. The low ownership rate among residents in Jackson, however, is related to the high cost of housing compared to incomes. Many households who work in Jackson and that want to buy homes venture into neighboring counties, including Teton County, Idaho, where homes are priced lower.

**Ownership Rates: 2010**



Source: 2010 US Census

Ownership among certain protected populations is lower than overall averages.

- Households with a Hispanic/Latino householder average about 39% ownership in the region. About 68% own homes in Fremont County, many of which are mobile homes. This drops significantly to 18% in Teton County, Wyoming.
- Single parent households average about 52% ownership in the region. The highest ownership rate is again in Fremont County and the lowest is in Teton County, Wyoming; although the difference is not as drastic as for Hispanic/Latino households.

**Ownership Rate for Households of Protected Classes: 2010**

	WGYC Region	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY
Hispanic/Latino Householder	39%	68%	39%	54%	18%
Single Parent Household (with or without children)	52%	59%	50%	54%	48%

Source: 2010 Census

**Affordable Housing Inventory**

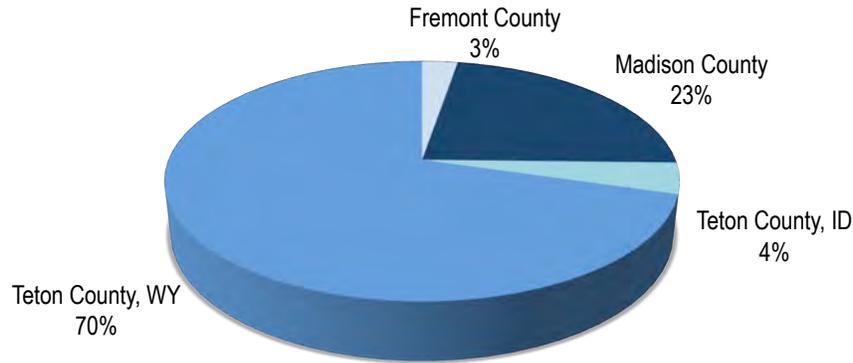
There are about 2,112 price or deed-restricted ownership or rental housing units in the WGYA, totaling about 8% of occupied units in the area. These include:

- Units subsidized under federal housing programs, such as LIHTC, RD, HOME and Section 8;
- Homes developed by local non-profit organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity and the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust (JHCHT);
- Employment and income restrictions placed on units by the Teton County Housing Authority (TCHA);
- Units provided by major employers for their employees; and
- Units with employment requirements imposed by the Town of Jackson or Teton County on units developed as the result of county and town regulations or incentives.

A detailed inventory of these units by unit type and price point is provided in the 2014 WGYA Housing Needs Assessment.

The majority and greatest variety of these units are located in Teton County, Wyoming – the county with the highest housing costs in the WGYA and the one with the most housing programs in place. Madison County, which has the largest population, is a distant second, and solely offers affordable apartments.

**Distribution of Affordable/Restricted Housing Units: 2014**



Source: Property manager interviews; HUD LIHTC database; County and non-profit interviews; Consultant team

- Of the affordable housing inventory in the WGYA, just under 40% (800 total) are restricted-income rentals produced with financing through federal programs, including LIHTC, RD, USDA and Section 8. Over 60% of these rentals are affordable to households earning very low incomes (50% MFI) or below. The rest are affordable for households earning under 80% MFI. Only 2% of these units were vacant as of August 2014 and most properties have a waitlist.
- Of other affordable rentals provided, about 60% do not have income restrictions for entry, but are instead tied to employment requirements. This includes units provided by Grand Teton National Park for their employees, for example. The inventory of these units is not complete as there are many smaller employers that provide assistance that are not captured in the below inventory.
- Teton County, Wyoming, is the only county with active homeownership programs. These homes range in affordability for households earning under 50% MFI (Habitat for Humanity homes) through greater than 120% MFI. In a county where the median list price of market-rate housing was nearly \$2.1 million in July 2014, these programs provide much needed ownership housing for residents.
- Habitat for Humanity, which provides affordable homes for ownership, started serving residents in the Fremont County area in 2012. They have renovated one home and are developing a second in the city of Ashton and are working on expanding their program to Madison and Teton Counties in Idaho (please see the “Policies and Resources” section of this RAI for more information).

**Affordable/Restricted Housing Inventory: 2014**

	WGYC	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,112	56	480	88	1,488
<b>Rentals: LIHTC, RD, Sec 8</b>	800	54	480	88	178
<b>Rentals: Other</b>	787	0	0	0	787
<b>Ownership</b>	525	2	0	0	523

Source: Property manager interviews; HUD LIHTC database; County and non-profit interviews; Consultant team

- Most of the affordable rental units in Madison County are located in close proximity to BYU-I, southwest of campus. The grouped location has been primarily market-driven – comparatively cheap and available land was located in that area of town.
- Affordable housing in other communities, where more than one development is present, are well dispersed in the communities.

*Affordable Senior Rentals*

Included in the above inventory are 261 affordable rentals for seniors. These projects are a combination of LIHTC, RD and Section 8. Only two (2) units were vacant as of interviews conducted in August 2014 and most projects had a waitlist.

**Affordable Senior Rentals (LIHTC, RD, Section 8): 2014**

	WGYC	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY
<b>TOTAL Units</b>	261	22	111	50	78
<b># Projects</b>	8	2	3	2	1

Source: Property manager interviews; HUD LIHTC database

*Hispanic/Latino Occupancy*

In the WGYA, about 13% of affordable LIHTC/RD/Section 8 rentals are occupied by persons of Hispanic/Latino descent, as estimated from interviews with property managers.<sup>38</sup> This varied by county, from a low of 4% of units in Fremont County to a high of about 35% in Teton County, Idaho. This shows that:

- Low-income rental housing is a significant source of housing for Hispanic/Latino households in Teton County, Idaho.
- Units in both Teton County, Idaho, and Madison County house a higher percentage of Hispanic/Latino households than reside in the county in total.

<sup>38</sup> 50% of property managers provided this information.

- No more than 50% of any one project was occupied by Hispanic/Latino persons. Complete segregation within individual projects is not a problem.

**Occupancy by Hispanic/Latino Households (LIHTC, RD, Section 8): 2014**

	WGYC	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY
<b>% Occupied</b>	13%	4%	11%	35%	7%

Source: August 2014 property manager interviews; consultant team

**Persons With Disabilities**

All LIHTC, RD, and Section 8 rental projects in the WGYA, except one in Fremont County, had fully accessible and/or adaptable units to accommodate persons with disabilities.

- About 9% of units (70 total) are accessible and 44% (370 total) are adaptable.
- Of those units, about 15% (65 to 70 total) were occupied by persons with disabilities. In other words, these properties have additional capacity to meet the housing needs of persons with disabilities as units become available.

**Section 8 Vouchers**

The Idaho Housing and Finance Agency (IHFA) administers the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program in 34 of the 44 counties in Idaho – including Fremont, Teton and Madison Counties. IHFA manages 1,200 Vouchers in the area, holders of which may live in any one of 16 counties. Presently, only 34 Voucher holders reside in the Idaho study area: 24 in Madison County, 5 in Fremont County and 5 in Teton County. IHFA noted that this is because most Voucher holders do not choose to live in these three counties, but elsewhere in Idaho. There were no known problems with persons desiring to live in the WGYA finding housing. IHFA has a 32-month waitlist for Vouchers.

No Voucher holders reside in Teton County, Wyoming. A program was attempted in the 1990’s. Difficulties were encountered due to the scarcity of rentals available, high cost of development, high rents and landlords being either unable or unwilling to keep up with necessary repairs. Rents are now too high in this county in light of federal cutbacks to this program for this program to be of much, if any, assistance.

**Section 8 Voucher Participants by County: 2014**

Location	# Voucher Holders
<b>WGYA</b>	34
<b>FREMONT COUNTY, ID</b>	5
Ashton	0
Island Park	0
St. Anthony	5
<b>MADISON COUNTY, ID</b>	24
Rexburg	22
Sugar City	2
<b>TETON COUNTY, ID</b>	5
Driggs	3
Victor	2
<b>TETON COUNTY, WY</b>	0
Jackson	0

Source: Idaho Housing and Finance Agency (IHFA); Community Resource Center, Jackson, Wyoming.

***Employer Assisted Housing***

About 4% of regional households indicated on the 2014 Housing Survey that they receive housing assistance from their employer, equating to about 1,000 households. Just over one-half of these households are in Teton County, Wyoming (about 580 total). This assistance may be in the form of down payment or mortgage assistance, free housing or supplying a place for workers to rent.

Major employers in Jackson Hole, primarily public sector, have provided over 360 units of housing for their employees. Many smaller employers also provide housing for their employees. According to a 2012 employer survey, approximately 1,400 peak season employees in Jackson Hole reside in housing provided by employers.

Prior to 1980, the provision of farmworker housing for seasonal workers was also more prevalent. While all counties maintain provisions in their land development codes that permit farmers to provide such housing, no applications have been made in recent years because seasonal farmworker housing is not needed. The combination of seasonal workers moving into the region on a more permanent basis, increased consolidation and automation of agricultural operations and increased diversity of employment opportunities has decreased the need for this type of housing.<sup>39</sup> This is discussed further in the Policies and Resources section of this report.

<sup>39</sup> The Fremont County Comprehensive Plan notes that this shift began in the 1980’s and 1990’s, as Hispanic/Latino households that previously came to the area each season began taking up permanent residence in the county. Increased diversity of employment options in non-agricultural seasons assisted this shift. Interviews with local agricultural employers confirm this trend, where the vast majority of their seasonal workers are now permanent residents in the area. Housing has not been a problem for the workers that they hire on a seasonal basis.

**BYU-Idaho Student Enrollment and Housing**

BYU-I had 12,800 students in the fall of 2007 and is expected to have 16,200 students in the fall of 2014. BYU-I projects enrollment to increase by about 1,000 students per year on average, reaching about 20,600 in the fall of 2018. Based on the historic mix of single and married students at BYU-I, this means that the single student body will increase from about 11,700 in 2014 to 14,800 in 2018 and married students will increase from about 4,500 to 5,800. As explained below, this is important because, as student enrollment increases, so will the demand and need for housing in Rexburg and neighboring areas.

**Student Enrollment at BYU-I: 2007 – 2020**

	Fall 2007	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
<b># Students</b>	12,800	16,200	17,400	18,200	19,400	20,600
<b>Single</b>	9,200	11,700	12,500	13,100	14,000	14,800
<b>Married/other</b>	3,600	4,500	4,900	5,100	5,400	5,800

Source: Madison County “2020” Comprehensive Plan; BYU-I interview

All single students under the age of 30 are required to live in BYU-I approved housing, with limited exceptions. This includes housing that maintains separate buildings for male and female occupancy, are occupied solely by BYU-I students, and support BYU-I’s apartment living standards.<sup>40</sup> BYU-I may approve such housing for students even if it is provided by another agency or organization or whether it is located on- or off-campus.

As of September 2014, BYU-I had 191 on-campus and 2,253 off-campus approved housing units, with a combined total of 14,366 beds. This should accommodate expected growth in single students over the next several years. In addition:

- An additional 52 units are under development for occupancy in the winter 2015 semester.
- The existing 828 on-campus beds will be replaced with 850 newly-constructed beds for the fall 2015 class of students.

<sup>40</sup> This is a very general summary. Please see BYU-I’s Approved Housing Guidebook for more information. Approved units are exempt from the gender discrimination provisions of the Fair Housing Law under the Title IX Higher Education Act of 1972, as further described in the “Introduction” and “Fair Housing Legal Status” sections of this report.

**BYU-Idaho Approved Housing: 2014**

Location	# Units <sup>41</sup>	# Beds
On-campus	191	828
Off-campus	2,253	13,538
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>14,366</b>

Source: BYU-I interviews; Consultant team

In general, married students, divorced students, widows or widowers and students with children do not qualify to live in BYU-I approved housing. These students search for other housing in Rexburg, Madison County, Fremont County, and, to a lesser extent, Teton County, Idaho. In the fall of 2014, this equates to about 4,500 students needing housing.

One affordable source of housing for these households are the 529 LIHTC, RD, and Section 8 units in Madison County. Full-time students can occupy LIHTC units if they meet one of five exceptions, including being married and eligible to file a joint tax return or being a single parent with dependent children.<sup>42</sup> Based on the 2014 Housing Survey and property manager interviews, upwards of 50% of affordable rental units in Madison County are occupied by a household with at least one adult student.

**Pending Development**

There are 1,334 residential units presently approved for or under development in the WGYA.

- The majority of this activity is in Rexburg (71%). Just under one-half of WGYA units under development are BYU-I approved housing;
- The 48-unit LIHTC in Rexburg will be located north of campus, near K-mart, instead of southwest of campus like the majority of other affordable rentals;
- Teton County, Wyoming, constitutes about 24% of this activity. The only affordable ownership units are under development in this county and, combined with the town of Jackson, 114 units of affordable rentals are being developed;
- The one unit under construction in Ashton is a Habitat for Humanity home; and

<sup>41</sup>Unit and bedroom counts include 315 units that are presently under development (North Point and Mountain Lofts).

<sup>42</sup> Full-time students generally cannot qualify for LIHTC housing unless they meet at least one of five exemptions: at least one member of the household must receive assistance under Title IV of the Social Security Act; at least one member must be enrolled in a job training program receiving assistance under the Work Force Investment Act or another similar federal, state, or local program; the household must include at least one single parent with minor children; all members of the household are married and can file joint tax returns; or at least one member of the household has exited the foster care system. See IRC § 42(i)(3)(D).

- The mobile home activity in Madison County constitutes a redevelopment of a 13-unit mobile home park in Rexburg’s area of city impact. The development will replace the existing units and add 31 more homes.

**Approved or Under Development Projects: 2014**

	Total Units	Market Units			Restricted/Affordable Units	
		Single Family	Multi-Family	Mobile Homes	Single Family	Multi-Family
<b>WGYA</b>	1,334	237	922	49	12	114+
<b>FREMONT COUNTY, ID</b>	1+	Handful	0	0	1	0
<b>Ashton</b>	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Island Park</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>St. Anthony</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MADISON COUNTY, ID</b>	987	45	898	44	0	48 LIHTC
<b>Rexburg</b>	943	45	898	0	0	
<i>BYU-I approved</i>	649	0	649	0	0	0
<i>Other</i>	294	45	249 <sup>a</sup>	0	0	48 LIHTC <sup>b</sup>
<b>TETON COUNTY, ID</b>	25	20 <sup>c</sup>	0	5	0	0
<b>Driggs</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Victor</b>	5	5 <sup>d</sup>	0	0	0	0
<b>TETON COUNTY, WY</b>	321	172	24	0	11	114
<b>Jackson</b>	171	37	24	0	0	110

Sources: City/Town/County Interviews; Consultant team

<sup>a</sup> 216 of these units are apartments; the remainder are townhomes/duplexes

<sup>b</sup> These units are currently going through the approval process

<sup>c</sup> 2 to 3 of these units are accessory dwellings

<sup>d</sup> 2 of these units are accessory dwellings

**Cost of Housing and Availability**

This section briefly describes the differences in the cost of housing and availability in the counties and cities and towns in the WGYA. A detailed analysis of housing market trends and current conditions is provided in the WGYA Housing Needs Assessment also conducted by our team and should be referenced for more information.

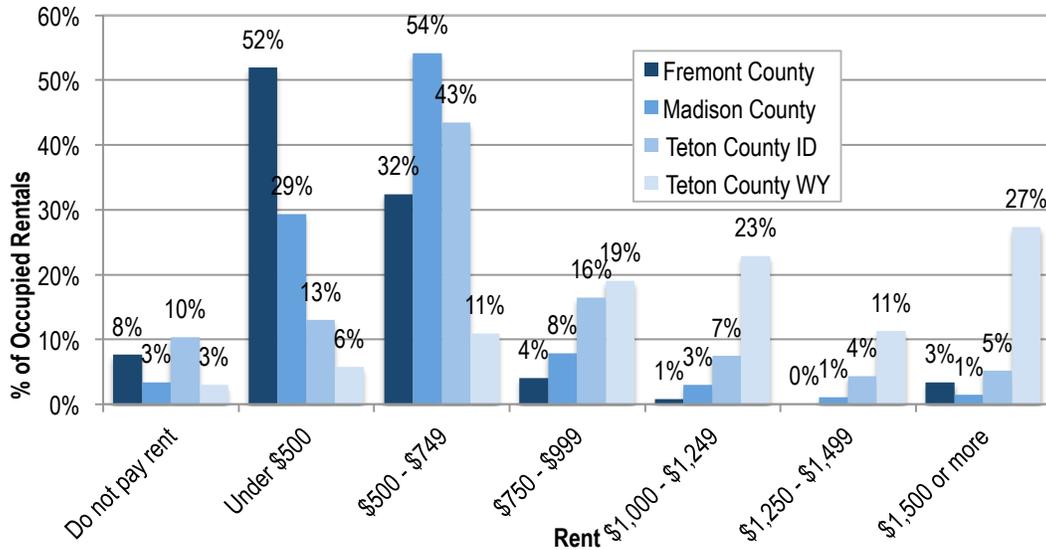
**Rental Housing**

The distribution of rental units by rent shows significant differences by county:

- Most of Fremont County rentals are concentrated in the under \$500 range;
- Madison County ranges up to \$750, with few rentals priced over that value;

- Teton County, Idaho, ranges slightly higher – with one third of units priced over \$750 per month; and
- Teton County, Wyoming, has the most high priced rentals – 27% over \$1,500. Some renters were paying over \$3,000 per month.

**Distribution of Rents: Occupied Rentals  
WGYA Counties, 2014**



Source: 2014 Housing Survey

Rents for occupied units range from a low of \$490 in Fremont County to a high of \$1,200 in Jackson Hole. These medians include both market and subsidized/income restricted units. The market rates for units listed for rent are affordable at 43% AMI in Fremont County, but would require an income of 145% AMI in Jackson Hole.

The median rent for units listed in Teton County, Idaho, are about 40% higher than the rent paid for occupied units and, in Wyoming, about 145% higher. This confirms what property managers indicated – rents are rising and higher priced units are the ones available.

**Median Rents Vs. Units for Rent: WGYA Counties, 2014**

	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY
<b>Median Rent – Occupied Units</b>	\$491	\$560	\$675	\$1,200
<b>Median Rent –Units for Rent</b>	\$513	\$757	\$950	\$2,825
<b>MFI Required to Afford Median Unit for Rent</b>	43% MFI	47% MFI	70% MFI	145% MFI

Source: 2014 Housing Survey; interviews; rental ads; consultant team

By city and town, rents show little variation in Fremont County. Madison County and Rexburg and Teton County, Wyoming, and Jackson show little variation as well. Rents are higher in Victor than Driggs – Victor is more proximate to Wyoming for commuters.

**Median Rent Paid: WGYA 2014**

Location	Median Rent Occupied Units	Median Rent Units for Rent
<b>FREMONT COUNTY, ID</b>	\$491	\$513
Ashton	\$483	N/A
Island Park*	\$-	N/A
St. Anthony	\$495	N/A
<b>MADISON COUNTY, ID</b>	\$560	\$757
Rexburg	\$582	\$757
<b>TETON COUNTY, ID</b>	\$675	\$950
Driggs	\$650	\$700
Victor	\$700	\$950
<b>TETON COUNTY, WY</b>	\$1,200	\$2,825
Jackson	\$1,200	\$2,450

Source: 2014 Housing Survey

\*Island Park sample size was too small to report.

Rental availability also shows some differences by county:

Fremont County. A total of 14 units were identified as being available for rent in July.<sup>43</sup> Twelve were available in St. Anthony and one each in Ashton and Island Park.

Vacancy rates varied by property – from 3.6% for a restricted rental project, up to 17% in a market project in St. Anthony.

The rental market varies widely in Fremont County. St. Anthony attracts BYU-I students. Unlike the rest of the region, vacancies are highest in the St. Anthony area during the summer months because of decreased student enrollment. Ashton is

<sup>43</sup> This information was compiled from researching Craigslist and interviews with a property management company that manages 12 units in the county and managers of four subsidized/income restricted apartment properties with 55 units combined.

relatively stable year round, while rental availability for seasonal employees is very limited during the summer in the Island Park area.

Madison County. Madison County had the largest inventory of units available for rent. Of market rate apartments researched, 39 units were available; six subsidized units were available in researched properties; and 86 units were advertised on Craigslist. Vacancy rates rise significantly in the summer (August) when students leave. Given the seasonal fluctuation it is hard to pinpoint rental vacancies, but research suggests it is typically below 6% when averaged over the year.

Teton County, ID. A total of 18 units were identified as being available for rent in July.<sup>44</sup> Vacancy rates ranged from about 1.7% to 3.3%, indicating a tight rental market with little choice for renters.

Teton County, Wyoming. A total of 14 units were identified as being available for rent in July.<sup>45</sup> Vacancy rates ranged between about 0.3% to 0.9% - the tightest rental market in the region, with almost no units available.

### *Ownership Housing*

In terms of price, there are sharp contrasts in the region.

- Madison County has the lowest priced homes in the region. They align well with household incomes - the median price is affordable at 103% MFI. In July, 50 homes or nearly one-third of homes for sale were listed at prices that would be affordable for purchase by low and very low income households.
- The median price of homes listed for sale in Fremont County is \$62,000 higher than in Madison County, affordable at 136% MFI. This is due to homes located in the Island Park area. Prices in St. Anthony are lower than in Rexburg. Prices in the Ashton area are similar to those in Madison County. Fremont County has almost twice as many homes listed for sale as Madison County and 84 available for low and very low income households.
- The median list price for homes in Teton Valley has recovered to \$395,000, which is affordable at 200% MFI. Very few homes (7 total) are affordable for low and very low income households. Three-fourths of listings require an income greater than 120% MFI.

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<sup>44</sup> Based on information from the two largest property management companies in the county that, combined, manage 210 long term rental units, managers of four apartment complexes, Craig's List, and newspaper classified ads

<sup>45</sup> Based on information from the two large property management companies that combined manage 325 long term rental units; three free market apartment complexes with 494 units total; all of the five subsidized/restricted apartment properties with 178 units combined; and Craigslist and newspaper classified ads.

- Homes in Jackson Hole are expensive, even by international resort standards. The median list price of housing units for sale now surpasses \$2 million. This price is affordable for households earning 727% MFI. No units are listed for sale that would be affordable for low and very low income households. Realtors report entry level, first time buyers seek homes priced around \$500,000.
- In all except Fremont County, homes in the balance of the county (excluding properties in the city or town areas) were higher priced on average than within the city and town areas.

**Owner-Housing Payment, Price and Availability Summary:  
WGYA Counties and Cities/Towns, July 2014**

	Fremont County	Ashton Area	St. Anthony Area	Island Park Area
<b>Median Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>	\$662	\$652	\$796	\$600
<b>Median List Price – Homes for Sale</b>	\$241,900	\$182,000	\$114,000	\$279,500
<b>MFI Required to Afford Median Price</b>	136%	102%	64%	157%
<b># Homes Listed for Sale</b>	293	41	46	191
<b># Homes Listed for Sale by MFI</b>				
≤50%	34	-	-	-
50.1% - 80%	50	-	-	-
80.1% -120%	54	-	-	-
>120%	155	-	-	-

	Madison County	Rexburg
<b>Median Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>	\$860	\$900
<b>Median List Price – Homes for Sale</b>	\$179,900	\$179,900
<b>MFI Required to Afford Median Price</b>	103%	103%
<b># Homes Listed for Sale</b>	159	142
<b># Homes Listed for Sale by MFI</b>		-
≤50%	11	-
50.1% - 80%	39	-
80.1% -120%	44	-
>120%	48	-

	Teton County, ID	Driggs Area	Victor Area
<b>Median Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>	\$1,100	\$900	\$1,200
<b>Median List Price – Homes for Sale</b>	\$395,000	\$291,750	\$427,500
<b>MFI Required to Afford Median Price</b>	200%	147%	215%
<b># Homes Listed for Sale</b>	192	58	86
<b># Homes Listed for Sale by MFI</b>			
≤50%	2	-	-
50.1% - 80%	7	-	-
80.1% -120%	37	-	-
>120%	146	-	-

	Teton County, WY	Town of Jackson
<b>Median Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>	\$1,500	\$1,400
<b>Median List Price – Homes for Sale</b>	\$2,092,500	\$867,000
<b>MFI Required to Afford Median Price</b>	727%	301%
<b># Homes Listed for Sale</b>	408	54
<b># Homes Listed for Sale by MFI</b>		
≤50%	0	-
50.1% - 80%	0	-
80.1% -120%	8	-
>120%	400	-

Source: See WGYA 2014 Housing Needs Assessment

## Housing Problems

Beyond the availability of housing, households may experience other housing problems related to the condition of their home, the affordability of payments, overcrowding and housing insecurity issues related to threats of eviction or foreclosure and poor credit. These issues were probed in the 2014 Housing Survey. Results vary by county and community, as shown below:

Condition of home. The largest percentage of households in Fremont County reported that their homes were in fair or poor condition (18%) – rising to 21% of households in St. Anthony. This county has the oldest housing stock. Island Park is the only exception, however, as this community is heavily occupied by second homeowners and the housing stock consists of more higher-end homes than the other cities.

Cost-burdened. About 30% of all households in the WGYA are cost-burdened, meaning that they pay more than 30% of their household income for housing. The problem is most significant among Madison County residents – again largely related to the student population. Second is the high-priced town of Jackson, where over one-third of households are cost-burdened. Fremont County is generally more affordable (again, with the exception of Island Park).

Over-crowded. Over-crowded households, meaning households with more than two persons per bedroom, are most prevalent in Teton County, Wyoming, (7%) and Fremont County (5%).

Housing insecurity.

- With the housing market now recovering, foreclosure is not as significant of a problem in the area. Only 1% of households in the WGYA reported being at risk of eviction or foreclosure, with households in Driggs being at most risk (4%).
- Teton County, Wyoming, shows the largest percentage of households that have been evicted or forced to move in the past (5%). Interviews with service agencies in this county confirm that evictions have been on the recent rise due to the extremely tight rental market and landlords looking to raise rents and rent to lower risk tenants.
- Poor credit issues have affected the largest percentage of households in Driggs (9%). This has been less of a problem in Madison County (3%).

**Percentage of Households Encountering Housing Problems:  
WGYA and Counties, 2014**

	Condition of Home	Cost-burdened	Over-crowded	Housing Insecurity		
	Fair or Poor	Pay over 30% of income for housing	More than 2-persons per bedroom	At risk of foreclosure/eviction	Been evicted /forced removal	Unable to rent/buy due to poor credit
<b>WGYA</b>	16%	30%	4%	1%	3%	5%
<b>Fremont County</b>	18%	17%	5%	2%	2%	6%
<b>Ashton</b>	20%	12%	2%	0%	0%	7%
<b>Island Park</b>	6%	27%	7%	0%	0%	4%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	21%	15%	7%	2%	2%	6%
<b>Madison County</b>	15%	36%	2%	1%	1%	3%
<b>Rexburg</b>	17%	44%	2%	1%	1%	3%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	12%	26%	3%	2%	2%	6%
<b>Driggs</b>	12%	28%	4%	4%	4%	9%
<b>Victor</b>	8%	25%	1%	1%	2%	5%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	17%	31%	7%	1%	5%	4%
<b>Jackson</b>	18%	34%	8%	1%	6%	5%

Source: 2014 Housing Survey

These same problems were also analyzed by whether households were very low income (50% or less MFI), were occupied by persons of Hispanic ethnicity or were family households with children.<sup>46</sup> The low-income and Hispanic households were more affected by all problems than households on average, with family households experiencing some problems which varied by area:

Condition of Home.

- About 22% of very low-income (VLI) and 42% of Hispanic/Latino households were residing in homes in fair or poor condition.
- VLI households in Teton County, Idaho, had fewer problems (6%) than others.
- Hispanic/Latino households in Fremont County were predominately in homes in need of repairs (72%) – the majority of these households reside in mobile homes in this county.
- Of family households, only those residing in Fremont County experienced fair/poor living conditions compared to households on average.

<sup>46</sup> These households are not mutually exclusive – many Hispanic households earn under 50% MFI, but not all. Some families may be Hispanic/Latino households and also may earn under 50% MFI.

- Energy efficiency upgrades, heating/plumbing/electrical, roof repairs and flooring were the most commonly needed repairs.

#### Cost-Burdened.

- VLI households were more likely to be cost-burdened (73%) than Hispanic/Latino households (51%). This was true in all counties except Teton County, Wyoming, in which 82% of Hispanic/Latino households were cost-burdened.
- Families experienced higher incidence of cost-burden in Teton County, Idaho, and Teton County, Wyoming, than households overall. In Madison and Fremont Counties, however, families were less likely to be cost-burdened than all households combined.
- Fremont County was the most affordable for all types of households.

#### Over-Crowded.

- Over-crowding was more of a problem for Hispanic/Latino households (20%) than VLI households (10%), except in Teton County, Idaho, where a similar 7% each were over-crowded.
- Over-crowding was most prevalent in Teton County, Wyoming. Nearly one-fourth of VLI households and one-third of Hispanic/Latino households were over-crowded – this is significantly higher than the county average of 7% for all households.
- Family households experienced similar rates of overcrowding as VLI households in most counties, with Teton County, Wyoming, and Fremont County being the highest (23% and 13%, respectively).

#### Housing Insecurity.

- Risk of foreclosure/eviction was higher for both VLI and Hispanic/Latino Households in each county than households in total. Fremont County had the highest percentage of each type of household being at risk.
- Past evictions/forced removal of VLI and Hispanic households was most prevalent for those residing in Teton County, Wyoming (11% each). A lower 6% of family households in this county faced this same problem, which is the same as all households in total.

- Poor credit was more of a problem for Hispanic/Latino households in buying or renting than for VLI and family households in all counties except Teton County, Wyoming.

**Percentage of Households Encountering Housing Problems:  
Very Low-Income and Hispanic/Latino Households, 2014**

	Condition of Home	Cost-burdened	Over-crowded	Housing Insecurity		
	Fair or Poor	Pay over 30% of income for housing	More than 2-persons per bedroom	At risk of foreclosure/eviction	Been evicted /forced removal	Unable to rent/buy due to poor credit
<b>Very Low-Income Household (50% MFI or less)</b>						
<b>WGYA</b>	22%	73%	10%	3%	4%	7%
<b>Fremont County</b>	30%	35%	14%	5%	2%	9%
<b>Madison County</b>	22%	83%	4%	2%	1%	4%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	6%	77%	7%	3%	5%	8%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	22%	77%	24%	4%	11%	10%
<b>Hispanic/Latino Household</b>						
<b>WGYA</b>	42%	51%	20%	3%	7%	8%
<b>Fremont County</b>	72%	21%	23%	7%	4%	13%
<b>Madison County</b>	39%	34%	7%	3%	1%	5%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	39%	48%	7%	3%	6%	12%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	34%	82%	33%	2%	11%	6%
<b>Family Household With Children</b>						
<b>WGYA</b>	14%	27%	11%	2%	3%	7%
<b>Fremont County</b>	26%	14%	13%	5%	3%	10%
<b>Madison County</b>	10%	21%	5%	1%	1%	4%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	11%	31%	4%	3%	3%	9%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	12%	49%	23%	1%	6%	7%

Source: 2014 Housing Survey. NOTE: VLI and Hispanic/Latino households are not completely separate; many Hispanic households earn VLI.

**Accessible Units**

All counties and communities incorporate the International Building Code standards for developing ADA accessible units. All affordable rental projects also noted that over 50% of their units are either accessible or adaptable. Despite this, a significant percentage of households with at least one person with a disability noted that their current housing does not accommodate their disability (21%). Madison County had the lowest percentage of households with this problem (13%); Teton County, Wyoming, had the highest percentage (30%).

**Households with at Least One Persons with a Disability and Suitability of Housing: WGYA and Counties, 2014**

	% of households with disability	% in housing that does not accommodate their disability
<b>WGYA</b>	7%	21%
<b>Fremont County</b>	16%	24%
<b>Madison County</b>	8%	13%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	4%	25%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	4%	30%

Source: 2014 Housing Survey

This indicates that persons with such problems are either not locating suitable housing or may occupy older homes that are in need of upgrades. Based on survey comments, the most common problem are stairs, either within or accessing units; non-wheel chair accessible entry-ways or bathrooms; inappropriate parking; and problems accessing drawers and cabinets.

**Language Barriers**

Persons of Hispanic/Latino descent may have additional obstacles to locating housing in an area due to language and cultural barriers. In 2000, about 31% of this population in the WGYA spoke English either not well or not at all.<sup>47</sup> In 2010, this equates to about 2,400 people in total.<sup>48</sup> To assist these individuals, it is important that communities recognize their presence and the potential for discrimination, whether intentional or inadvertent, and establish policies and support to eliminate barriers.

Based on responses to the 2014 Housing Survey from persons who speak primarily Spanish, 60% reported that they had problems finding housing in the area. Of those, about 7% reported that they encountered language barriers when searching for housing. This varied from a low of 5% in Fremont to a high of 20% in Madison.

<sup>47</sup> Source: 2000 US Census

<sup>48</sup> The 2009-2013 5-year ACS estimates have a large margin of error for the counties and cities/towns in this region. Estimates provide that somewhere between 14% and 44% of the current Hispanic/Latino population age 5 and over speak English either “not well” or “not at all.” This is between 1,200 and 3,800 people – which averages about 2,500 total (or near the 2000 US Census calculation).

**Incidence of Language Barriers in Finding Housing: 2014**

	WGYA	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY
<b>Had difficulty finding housing in the area:</b>	60%	29%	30%	52%	85%
<b>Why did you have difficulty finding housing?</b>					
<b>Too expensive</b>	76%	68%	80%	72%	80%
<b>Language barrier</b>	7%	5%	20%	6%	6%

Source: 2014 Housing Survey; small sample size, interpret with caution

Based on interviews with property managers of both income-restricted and market-rate rental units, all counties have room for improvement in terms of communicating information to persons of limited English proficiency. Based on interviews:

- All rental advertisements, when provided, are provided only in English;
- Between 50% to 70% of leasing offices have either a bi-lingual person on staff or access to an on-call interpreter; and
- Over one-half of affordable rental managers and only one-fifth of market-rate rental managers have leases available in both English and Spanish.

**Summary of Housing Needs by Protected Class**

This section, utilizing information from the Population and Household Demographics, Employment and Housing Profile and Conditions sections, above, summarizes housing needs for certain protected classes within the WGYA, the provision of which can help further fair access to housing for these groups. It first identifies the priority areas for affordable housing development. It then summarizes affordable housing needs for family households, Hispanic/Latino households, seniors and persons with disabilities for each county and participating communities.

*Priority Areas for Affordable Housing*

The most expensive housing is in the town of Jackson followed by Victor and Driggs. These are the primary areas where additional affordable housing needs to be built – there is an insufficient supply of both ownership and rental housing that is affordable. The primary protected classes in need are families, single parent households and Hispanic/Latino households in these communities. All three household types have been growing the fastest in Driggs and Victor compared to other WGYA areas. Family households, including single parents, have been leaving Jackson to find more affordable housing in Victor and Driggs. Hispanic/Latino

households suffer the highest rate of cost-burden in Jackson (82% are cost-burdened).

The other asset-rich areas where more affordable housing should be built is in St. Anthony and Ashton. This includes LIHTC rentals for seniors and to help the growing single parent and Hispanic/Latino population. Alternative ownership product for seniors to be able to downsize is also needed and could help free up their existing homes for young families.

It is not recommended that new affordable rental units be built in Rexburg at this time. There is also a good inventory of single family and attached ownership product for first time homebuyers, although they may need rehabilitation and repairs. There could be a market for some newer product near town services suitable for seniors to downsize (patio homes, etc.). The focus in this area should be on converting renters to owners and helping first time buyers get into homes. This will be of most benefit to families. As seniors downsize, this will free up more homes for families to purchase.

### *Fremont County*

Fremont County has the lowest rents and its homes prices are lower than the other counties in the region except Madison County. It also has the oldest housing stock. Market rents have been relatively stable; however, affordable senior and LIHTC rentals in town are at or near capacity. It has a similar proportion of households with children as the other Idaho counties, but it has more senior households and two of its cities – St. Anthony and Teton – are over 21% Hispanic/Latino. It has less diversity in the housing supply than other counties, but, while it is dominated by single family homes, it has the largest inventory of mobile homes. It also has a good inventory of homes available for purchase for low and very low income households (below 80% MFI), although the homes are older and may need repairs.

### *Family Households With Children*

The only growth in households with children in Fremont County in the 2000's was due to single parent households – couples with children did not increase in the last decade. This county is the most affordable for family households. The quality of homes (fair or poor condition), ability to purchase homes (due to poor credit) and size of homes (13% were overcrowded) were the primary problems faced by these households.

These households mostly need between 2 and 4-bedroom homes, priced at \$180,000 or below (near the median priced home in Ashton). Single parent households need for-purchase homes priced below \$105,000. There is a supply of housing for sale at these price points in this county.

Family households can be most assisted by programs to get them into homes and help them renovate existing homes:

- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, rehabilitation, repairs, expansion
- Down payment assistance
- Credit repair/loan assistance
- Affordable (LIHTC) 2- and 3-bedroom rentals in Ashton or St. Anthony could assist single parent households in particular.

#### Hispanic/Latino Households

A combination of jobs and housing, as well as family-friendly communities, attract Hispanic/Latino households to this county, particularly St. Anthony and Teton. The county has the largest percentage of jobs in agriculture (13%), with retail trade, construction and other service jobs comprising 23% of jobs – all of which are significant employers of Hispanic/Latino households. St. Anthony is also near Madison County, which offers additional agricultural employment. St. Anthony, however, has lower housing costs, attracting some of Madison County's workers.

Fremont County is the most affordable county for Hispanic/Latino households and their highest ownership rate is in Fremont County (68% own), which exceeds the regional average for all households in the WGYA (59%). Mobile homes are the predominate occupied unit, assisting with this high ownership rate. These households primarily need 2- to 4-bedroom units priced at about \$120,000 or less. There is a supply of housing for sale at these prices in this county.

The condition of homes, overcrowding and inability to purchase due to poor credit are problems for these households. Hispanic/Latino households can be most assisted by programs to get them into homes and help them renovate existing homes, including:

- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, rehabilitation, repairs, expansion
- Mobile home replacement programs
- Down payment assistance
- Credit repair/loan assistance
- Affordable (LIHTC) rentals for very-low income households.

#### Seniors

Seniors predominately reside in Ashton and St. Anthony and is a growing segment of the population. Existing affordable senior rentals in these towns are near capacity and there are few alternative housing options for these households as they look to downsize. The average ownership product would need to be priced at \$130,000 or

below. Seniors who have aged in their homes are now facing repairs and potential need to accommodate disabilities. Seniors could benefit from:

- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, disability accommodations
- Alternative ownership product: townhomes or small duplex or four-plex homes within St. Anthony and Ashton.
- Affordable senior rentals in St. Anthony and/or Ashton.

### Disabilities

Fremont County has the highest percentage of persons with disabilities in the WGYA, with most residing in St. Anthony (an area of concentration) and Ashton. The aging housing stock and persons aging in their homes are significant contributors to housing problems for this group, with 24% of households noting that their current home does not accommodate their needs. The county has long had ADA International Building Code standards in place. Affordable LIHTC, RD and Section 8 rental project managers throughout the WGYA noted that over 50% of their units are either accessible or adaptable, with about 15% of these occupied by persons with disabilities. The programs that will most assist these households in Fremont County can also be recommended for all counties in the region:

- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, disability accommodations
- Assisting new residents in locating accessible or attainable units

### *Madison County*

Madison County is unique in that the city of Rexburg houses a 15,000+-student University within a community of about 25,000 people. To house these students, the county has a high percentage of multi-family units, predominately large apartment complexes, plus a large inventory of LIHTC/RC/Section 8 rentals, primarily in Rexburg. Single-family homes comprise a falling proportion of homes in the city and county. Continued growth of the BYU-I student body indicates that these patterns will continue. Home prices are among the most affordable for residents compared to other WGYA jurisdictions, with average rents affordable to households earning 47% MFI (\$560/month) and for-sale homes averaging 103% MFI affordability (about \$180,000). There is also a decent supply of housing for sale and affordable to households earning between 80% and 120% AMI, along with a few lower-priced units. Madison County, and Rexburg in particular, needs to focus on preserving ownership opportunities, ensuring a diversity of ownership options and putting new homeowners into homes.

### Families Households With Children

Family households comprise 37% of households in Madison County, second only to Teton County, Idaho. Upwards of 50% of existing LIHTC rentals in the county are occupied by families who are also student households. These households experience the fewest housing problems in this county. Helping these families get into homeownership can help free up affordable rentals. Many will be looking for 2 to 4 bedroom homes (some larger) that they can afford for under \$180,000. Family households would benefit from entry-level ownership opportunities, including:

- Down payment assistance
- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, renovation to upgrade older purchased homes

### Hispanic/Latino Households

These households comprise the lowest percentage of households in Madison County than in other areas of the WGYA. While employment opportunities are present, agriculture jobs have been shrinking and this county does not have many tourism or service jobs as alternatives compared to other counties in the region. Some households have also found more affordable housing in Fremont County (particularly St. Anthony). Affordable rentals and mobile homes have helped house this population. These households generally experience the least housing problems in this county, although Spanish-speakers encountered language barriers most frequently in this county and loan approval rates for these households are comparatively low. These households primarily need homes priced below 60% MFI (about \$100,000) with 2 to 4 bedrooms. Hispanic/Latino households can benefit from:

- Down payment assistance
- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, renovation for existing homes and newly purchased homes
- Credit repair/loan assistance
- Rental market assistance for Spanish-speakers to locate affordable rentals.

### Seniors

Although seniors comprise the lowest percentage of households in Madison County and Rexburg in the region, they encounter some of the same issues as indicated in Fremont County. They are occupying aging homes, have acquired disabilities and may be looking to downsize. Seniors could benefit from:

- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, disability accommodations
- Smaller single family alternatives or patio homes in/near town so they can downsize. As seniors move out of their larger homes, these homes can then become available for younger families.

### Disabilities

Persons with disabilities comprise the smallest percentage of households in Madison and Rexburg in the WGYA. About 13% indicate their current home does not accommodate their disability. The county has long had ADA International Building Code standards in place. Affordable LIHTC, RD and Section 8 rental project managers throughout the WGYA noted that over 50% of their units are either accessible or adaptable, with about 15% of these occupied by persons with disabilities. Just as in the other counties, the following will assist these households:

- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, disability accommodations
- Assisting new residents in locating accessible or attainable units

### *Teton County, Idaho*

Teton County, Idaho, has a mix of employment between active agriculture in the north and east and tourism-related jobs in and near Victor and Driggs stemming from Grand Targhee resort. About 53% of households with at least one employed person, however, houses a worker who is employed across the pass in Teton County, Wyoming. Many family households, including Hispanic/Latino families, employed in Wyoming have moved to Teton County, ID, where homes are comparatively more affordable. If more affordable housing is built in Teton County, Wyoming, some of these households will desire to move closer to their work.

The county had a significant 50% increase in housing units in the 2000's. This did not, however, improve affordability of homes in the area, but did increase second homeownership. Home sale prices are such that a household must earn twice the county's median income to afford a mid-priced home listed for sale (about \$395,000 in the county on average). There are almost no homes for sale priced for low-income households or below (under \$150,000). Rental vacancy rates are also low (about 3%) and rents are rising, averaging around \$700 (70% MFI). No new rental units have been built in the past 12 years. Wages paid in Teton County, WY are higher than in Teton County, ID. By housing Teton County, Wyoming, workers, this has helped push rents and home prices above levels that are affordable for employees working in Teton County, ID.

Providing more multi-family housing to diversify their housing stock and more affordable units (ownership and rental) near town and services is a primary need in this area.

#### Family Households With Children

Family households with children comprise the highest percentage of households in Teton County, Idaho, of all counties in the WGYA (38%). This includes 40% in Victor and 39% in Driggs. Victor had the fastest growth in families with children, in part due to Teton County, Wyoming, workers seeking homes. It had the second fastest growth in single parent households, next to Driggs. This county is the second least affordable for family households, next to Teton County, Wyoming. The quality of homes is among the best in the region, overcrowding is not an issue and only moderate problems with the ability to purchase homes (due to poor credit) were noted.

These households mostly need between 2 and 4-bedroom homes, priced at \$240,000 or below, which comprises about ¼ of for-sale listings (46 total). Single parent households need for-purchase homes priced below \$140,000 for which there is little to no selection. Family households would benefit from entry-level ownership opportunities and affordable rentals, including:

- Develop entry level homeownership opportunities for low through middle income households (between \$150,00 and \$250,000) in a mix of housing types, including smaller single family, townhomes and duplexes/triplexes;
- Work with Habitat for Humanity to develop more affordable owner opportunities and renovate homes;
- Encourage accessory units for long term rentals or purchase in/near town centers;
- Develop affordable apartments for low income households (below 60% MFI) in or near town centers;
- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, renovation for existing homes and newly purchased homes.

#### Hispanic/Latino Households

Victor had the fastest growth in Hispanic/Latino households in the region, in part from Teton County, Wyoming, workers seeking homes. Both Driggs and Victor are areas of concentration for Hispanic/Latino households. Mobile homes and affordable apartments are significant sources of housing for this population in these communities. Older mobile homes are undergoing renovation and inspection, threatening displacement of Hispanic/Latino households. Condition of homes, cost-burden and credit problems affected these households.

These households need primarily 2- to 4-bedroom units, priced under \$150,000, of which there is little to no availability and affordable rentals for low-income (below 60% MFI) households. These households would benefit from entry-level ownership opportunities, home renovation, occupancy protections, credit repair and affordable rentals, including

- Work with Habitat for Humanity to develop more affordable owner opportunities and renovate homes;
- Develop affordable apartments for low income households (below 60% MFI) in or near town centers;
- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, renovation for existing homes and newly purchased homes;
- Mobile home replacement programs and displacement protections for residents;
- Credit repair/loan assistance.

#### Seniors

Seniors comprise the lowest percentage of residents in Driggs (7%) and Victor (4%), next to Rexburg and Jackson. They also had among the slowest growth rate in Victor (11% increase), with Driggs experiencing more growth (30% increase). These households report few housing problems in the area. Housing assistance is mostly related to weatherization and renovation assistance, including:

- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, disability accommodations

#### Disabilities

About 25% of these households in Teton County, Idaho, indicate their current home does not accommodate their disability. The county has long had ADA International Building Code standards in place. Affordable LIHTC, RD and Section 8 rental project managers throughout the WGYA noted that over 50% of their units are either accessible or adaptable, with about 15% of these occupied by persons with disabilities. Just as in the other counties, the following will assist these households:

- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, disability accommodations
- Assisting new residents in locating accessible or attainable units

#### *Teton County, Wyoming*

Housing for the workforce in Teton County, Wyoming, is in short supply, too expensive for many households to afford, increasing in price and not keeping up with growth in demand. Second homeowner occupied units increased in the past decade, despite an inventory of 1,488 restricted (affordable) housing units. Job growth has been robust in the past and since the recession, but nearly one-fourth of

jobs are in Accommodations and Food Services, the sector that pays the lowest wage. With demand for workforce housing increasing faster than the supply, the rental vacancy rate has dropped under 1% and rents are rising. The median rent among units listed for rent in July was \$2,825, which would take 2.8 times the average wage to be affordable. The inventory of homes at entry level prices is also very low. Only eight small condominiums were listed at prices affordable for moderate/middle income households (between \$200,000 and \$360,000) and none were less than that. The median list price in July was nearly \$2.1 million. This discrepancy between housing costs and local wages/incomes has been creating housing cost burden, instability and overcrowding issues among residents and been pushing households, particularly families, to more affordable communities in Teton County, Idaho, among others.

#### Family Households With Children

Family households with children comprise the lowest percentage of households in Jackson (23%), next to Island Park (18%). These households encountered the most problems with cost-burden and overcrowding in this county compared to others in the WGYA. About 6% had also been evicted or forced to move in the past. Some households with children reported facing discrimination when searching for housing. Many that work in Teton County, Wyoming, live in Teton County, Idaho, for the comparatively more affordable housing. If available housing is produced in Teton County, Wyoming, many will seek to move closer to work.

These households can afford homes priced at about \$260,000 or less (90% MFI), of which there are none available. Homes with 2- to 4-bedrooms are most needed. Average affordable rent is \$1,700 per month, where current advertised rents average over \$2,000. Single parent households earn about 50% MFI on average and can afford about \$900 per month for rent. These households will benefit from an array of affordable housing provisions, including:

- Affordable ownership priced for low- to moderate income households (\$180,000 to \$300,000);
- LIHTC rentals for very-low income households (below 50% MFI);
- Work with Habitat for Humanity to develop more affordable owner opportunities and renovate homes;
- Displacement protections for residents through either project redevelopment or renovation;
- Accessory units for long term rentals or purchase;
- Education and enforcement of fair housing discrimination.

#### Hispanic/Latino Households

Jackson is an area of concentration for Hispanic/Latino persons in the WGYA. It has the largest number of these persons of other communities, increasing from 81 total Hispanic/Latino persons in 1990 to about 2,600 today. This population was

primarily drawn to the area by the growth in tourism and service-related jobs. Multi-family units (apartments, townhomes and condominiums) primarily house this population, followed by single family homes. Their low incomes (about 50% MFI on average) contribute to their low ownership rate in the county. Cost-burden, overcrowding, and prior forced removal/eviction from housing was the most significant problem for these households in Teton County, Wyoming, compared to other WGYA counties. Although homes were in better shape than in other counties, 34% of Hispanic/Latino households reported theirs were in fair or poor condition. These households will benefit from:

- Work with Habitat for Humanity to develop more affordable owner opportunities and renovate homes;
- Affordable (LIHTC) rentals near town services and transit;
- Home renovation and preservation program – weatherization, repair, renovation for existing homes and rentals;
- Accessory units for long term rentals;
- Displacement protections for residents through either project redevelopment or renovation.

#### Seniors

Seniors comprise only 6% of residents in Jackson and grew at a modest rate over the past decade (18% increase), particularly when compared to the county as a whole (66% increase). Second homeowners retiring to their homes in the area has assisted growth in the county. These households report few housing problems and earn close to the median incomes in the area. Seventy-eight affordable rentals exist in Jackson for this population, all of which are occupied and have a waitlist. Assistance for these households include:

- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, disability accommodations
- Affordable rentals for low-income seniors.

#### Disabilities

About 30% of these households in Teton County, Wyoming, indicate their current home does not accommodate their disability. The county has long had ADA International Building Code standards in place. Affordable LIHTC, RD and Section 8 rental project managers throughout the WGYA noted that over 50% of their units are either accessible or adaptable, with about 15% of these occupied by persons with disabilities. Just as in the other counties, the following will assist these households:

- Home renovation assistance – weatherization, repair, disability accommodations
- Assisting new residents in locating accessible or attainable units

## FAIR HOUSING LEGAL STATUS

This section examines private barriers to Fair Housing choice and violations of the Fair Housing Act in the WGYA. It presents data on discriminatory practices both from the perspective of local residents and as based on secondary data sources. This includes:

- An overview of housing discrimination faced by respondents to the 2014 Housing Survey when either buying or renting homes in the region;
- Analysis of Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data covering lending practices in the region in 2012;
- A summary of state fair housing laws affecting the region and analysis of complaints filed with HUD from WGYA residents over the past ten (10) years; and
- A summary of legal cases concerning Fair Housing issues that either occurred in or that concern to the region.

### Discrimination in Accessing Housing

About 1,150 households (4%) in the WGYA indicate that at least one person in their home has experienced some form of discrimination when buying, selling or renting a home. This varies slightly by county.

The largest percentage of households experiencing discrimination is in Teton County, Wyoming (6% or 550 households). Teton County, Wyoming, not only has the tightest and highest price ownership and rental market in the area, but it also has the most opportunity for Fair Housing education and assistance. It is likely this higher percentage is due both to scarce housing conditions, as well as residents being more aware of their rights.

#### Have you or a household member experienced discrimination during the sale/rental of your housing in the area?

	WGYA	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY
Yes (%)	4%	2%	3%	4%	6%
Yes (#)	1,150	80	355	160	550

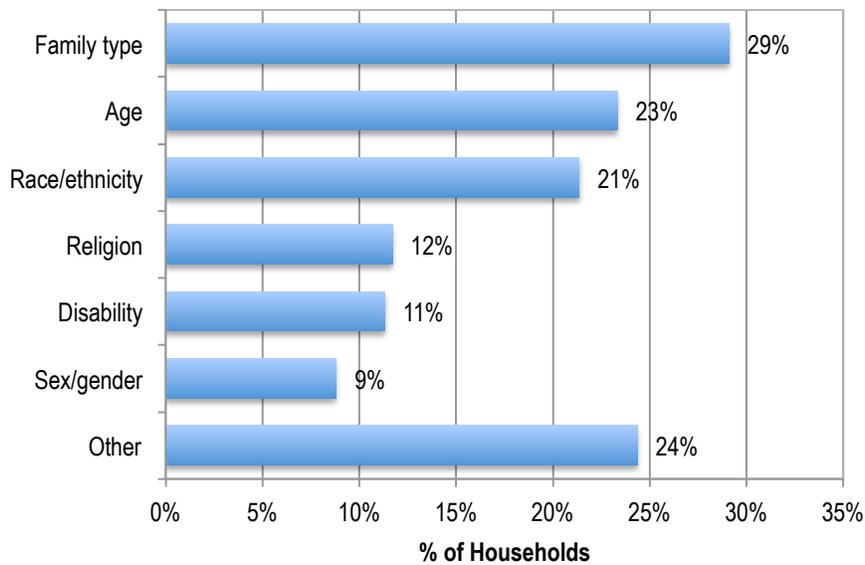
Source: 2014 Housing Survey

Households experiencing discrimination were asked what type of discrimination was involved. The largest percentage stated family type, followed by age, then race/ethnicity. "Other" types of discrimination primarily noted family type/size

problems, religion, income status and, although not covered by the FHA or ADA (unless it is an accommodation issue), pets. Comments indicated that:

- Family type discrimination ran the full range of household types – from young singles to single parents with children to couples with or without children.
- Age discrimination appeared to affect mostly residents in their 20’s.
- Religion affected the ability of some to rent homes, gain acceptance from neighbors after purchasing a home, and in realtor dealings while selling homes.

**Type of Discrimination: WGYA, 2014**



Source: 2014 Housing Survey  
 \*Totals over 100% due to multiple types experienced

Although sample sizes are small in Fremont and Teton counties in Idaho, the survey provides insight into varying degrees of discrimination around the region.

- Respondents in Wyoming were most likely to cite family type and age – households with kids and young singles (20’s).
- Fremont County and Teton County, Idaho had problems more related to race/ethnicity and religion – including mixed race couples.
- Madison County residents cited family type and age – singles, roommate and unmarried households cited problems. One respondent indicated females were being charged more than males in her rental complex.

**What Was the Discrimination Related To:  
WGYA Counties, 2014**

	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY
<b>Family type</b>	26%	21%	10%	42%
<b>Age</b>	-	28%	25%	26%
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>	48%	16%	33%	15%
<b>Religion</b>	28%	17%	25%	-
<b>Disability</b>	28%	11%	6%	11%
<b>Sex/gender</b>	-	3%	3%	14%
<b>Other</b>	32%	26%	30%	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	162%	123%	132%	127%

Source: 2014 Housing Survey

\*Small sample sizes in Fremont County and Teton County, ID, interpret with caution

\*Totals over 100% due to multiple types experienced

Other than the types of discrimination experienced in each county, no patterns were apparent with regard to particular projects or sources of housing discrimination.

**Mortgage Lending Practices**

This section analyzes Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data for loans made in 2012 (the most recent available). The purpose is to understand disparities in high-cost lending and loan denials across different racial and ethnic groups within the WGYA and by geographic area.

The data focus on homeowner mortgage applications received by lenders for first-lien, owner-occupied home purchases of one- to four-family dwellings and manufactured housing units in the region. HMDA data also reports on loans for various purposes, including loans used to purchase homes, loans to make home improvements and refinancing of existing mortgages. For purposes of the below:

- A home purchase loan is any loan made for the purpose of purchasing a housing unit;
- A home improvement loan is used, at least in part, for repairing or improving a home or the property on which it sits; and
- Refinancing is any dwelling-secured loan that replaces another dwelling-secured loan to the same borrower.

HMDA information helps to determine whether financial institutions are serving the housing needs of their communities and also helps to identify possible discriminatory lending practices and patterns.

Number and Distribution of Loans. There were almost 3,000 loan applications made in the WGYA in 2012. The distribution of applications is roughly equivalent to the distribution of the population in the region, with few exceptions:

- CT 9503.01, which lies in the center of Rexburg, Idaho, shows a much lower percentage of loan applications (1%) than population residing within the tract (7%). This tract is near the center of the BYU-I campus, has a very low homeownership rate (15%) and few buyer opportunities, accounting for this discrepancy.
- Teton County, ID, and Teton County, WY, also show opposite differences. Teton County, Idaho, has a higher proportion of applicants than its population and Teton County, Wyoming, has a lower proportion of applicants compared to its population. This is reflective of the cross-commuting between these two counties – Teton County, Wyoming, workers seek housing in Teton County, Idaho.

This near equivalency of loan application rates and population indicates that potential loan applicants are able to find lending institutions to serve their needs in each census tract.<sup>49</sup>

**Loan Applications by Census Tract: WGYA 2012**

	Loan Applications	% WGYA Loan Applications	% WGYA Population
<b>WGYA</b>	2,973	100%	100%
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	503	17%	16%
<b>Island Park (CT 9701)</b>	92	3%	2%
<b>Ashton (CT 9702)</b>	125	4%	4%
<b>St. Anthony (CT 9703)</b>	278	9%	10%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	1306	44%	45%
<b>CT 9501</b>	337	11%	8%
<b>CT 9502</b>	97	3%	4%
<b>CT 9503.01</b>	26	1%	7%
<b>CT 9503.02</b>	291	10%	13%
<b>CT 9504</b>	264	9%	7%
<b>CT 9505</b>	263	9%	6%
<b>Teton County, ID (CT 9601)</b>	541	18%	12%

<sup>49</sup> HMDA data has significant limitations in rural areas in terms of understanding the extent to which geographic areas are served by lending services. This is because a large number of lending institutions in rural areas meet HMDA exemptions from reporting and personal property lending for manufactured homes is not reported, which can account for up to 2/3 of loans for these homes. See Housing Assistance Council, "Improving HMDA: A Need to Better Understand Rural Mortgage Markets," Oct. 2010, available at <http://www.ruralhome.org/storage/documents/notehmdasm.pdf>

<b>Teton County, WY</b>	616	21%	27%
<b>CT 9676</b>	101	3%	6%
<b>CT 9677.01</b>	57	2%	3%
<b>CT 9677.02</b>	179	6%	8%
<b>CT 9608</b>	270	9%	10%

Source: HMDA 2012

Loan origination rates also indicate generally equal service for residents within each state. The average origination rate in the WGYA is 55%.

For the state of Idaho it is about 57%.<sup>50</sup> In the WGYA, Idaho areas consistently fall between 45% and 50% origination, lower than the state of Idaho, but consistent for each Idaho county in the WGYA. Two census tracts are an exception:

- CT 9503.01 in the center of Rexburg falls above this, at 65% originated – as stated above, this is a small pool of properties and buyers in this tract.
- CT 9701, covering northern Fremont County and including Island Park, has a lower 38% origination rate. This lower rate can be explained by the mix of loans sought (shown in the following table), which is low compared to other areas for home purchase loans. Home purchase loans are typically originated at higher rates than home improvement and refinance loans. This is true for this census tract – home improvement loans were originated at the same rate in this census tract as they were in the region as a whole (57%).

Teton County, Wyoming, shows a much higher origination rate – over 86% throughout the county, which is likely reflective of the high cost of housing in the area and larger pool of affluent buyers in this area.

<sup>50</sup> BBC Research and Consulting, “2011 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: State of Idaho,” May 2012, p. 6, Sec. 4.

**Loan Origination Rates by Census Tract: WGYA 2012**

	Loan Applications	% Originated
<b>WGYA</b>	2,973	55%
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	503	46%
Island Park (CT 9701)	92	38%
Ashton (CT 9702)	125	50%
St. Anthony (CT 9703)	278	48%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	1306	47%
CT 9501	337	45%
CT 9502	97	46%
CT 9503.01	26	65%
CT 9503.02	291	47%
CT 9504	264	47%
CT 9505	263	50%
<b>Teton County, ID (CT 9601)</b>	541	48%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	616	87%
CT 9676	101	88%
CT 9677.01	57	86%
CT 9677.02	179	87%
CT 9608	270	90%

Source: HMDA 2012

Purpose of Loans. Nearly three-fourths of the home loans made in the WGYA were for the purpose of refinancing existing loans. The majority of others were for home purchase and only 3% were for home improvements. Minor differences are worth noting:

- Home improvement loans comprised the largest percentage of loans in Fremont County. This county has the oldest housing stock. The largest percentage was in Island Park, however, which has higher priced homes than the rest of the region.
- Teton County, Idaho, was the only county for which refinance fell below 70% of loans. Home purchase were more common than other areas.

**Purpose of Loan Applications: WGYA 2012**

	Purchase Home	Home Improvement	Refinance
<b>WGYA</b>	23%	3%	73%
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	21%	5%	73%
<b>Ashton (CT 9702)</b>	20%	5%	75%
<b>Island Park (CT 9701)</b>	15%	9%	76%
<b>St. Anthony (CT 9703)</b>	23%	4%	73%
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	24%	3%	74%
<b>Rexburg*</b>	24%	2%	74%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	28%	3%	68%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	19%	4%	77%
<b>Jackson (CT 9677, 9678)</b>	21%	4%	75%

Source: HMDA 2012

\*Rexburg = CT 9502, 9503, 9504

HMDA provides information on loan applications by race, ethnicity and gender of the applicant. In the WGYA, only 19 applicants were of a non-white race – less than 1%.

- The origination rate of loans by persons of Hispanic ethnic and by non-white races are much lower than non-Hispanic and white applicants.
- Denial rates are similar across all classes, except for Hispanic applicants. One-third of their loans were denied compared with only 15% of non-Hispanic applicants.
- There was little discrepancy based on the gender of the applicant.

**Mortgage Action Taken by Protected Class: WGYA 2012**

	Total applications (#)	Originated (%)	Approved, not accepted (%)	Denied (%)	Withdrawn/incomplete (%)
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
White	2,394	65%	3%	16%	8%
Other race	19	53%	21%	16%	11%
Hispanic	63	49%	8%	33%	3%
Not Hispanic	2336	66%	3%	15%	8%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	1,997	65%	3%	16%	9%
Female	485	65%	4%	18%	6%

Source: HMDA 2012

By county:

- The highest denial rate of Hispanic applicants occurred in Fremont County (57%) and Madison County (32%). Applicants had similar denial rates in Teton County, Idaho, regardless of ethnicity, and Teton County, Wyoming, did not deny any of its seven (7) Hispanic applicants.
- Denials of female applicants occurred at twice the rate of male applicants in Fremont County. Teton County, Idaho, shows a slightly higher denial rate for females, whereas both Madison and Teton County, Wyoming, show almost no difference.

**Number and Percent of Mortgage Denials by Protected Class:  
WGYA Counties, 2012**

	Ethnicity				Sex			
	Hispanic		Not Hispanic		Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Fremont County</b>	8	57%	88	23%	74	21%	27	40%
<b>Madison County</b>	10	32%	144	15%	139	16%	22	17%
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	3	27%	104	23%	85	23%	32	28%
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	0	0%	16	3%	12	3%	5	3%

Source: HMDA 2012

**Fair Housing Complaints**

HUD has the primary authority for enforcing the Fair Housing Act. Individuals who believe that they have been victims of an illegal housing practice, may file a complaint with HUD or file their own lawsuit in federal or state court. The U.S. Department of Justice brings suits on behalf of individuals based on referrals from HUD.<sup>51</sup> HUD’s regional office in Seattle covers Fair Housing issues in Idaho; the Denver office covers Wyoming.

When HUD receives, investigates, then files a complaint, HUD must first try to reach a conciliation or settlement between the parties. If the complaint is not successfully conciliated, HUD investigates the complaint and determines if there is “reasonable cause” to believe that discrimination occurred. If reasonable cause is established, HUD will issue its determination and charge the respondent with violating the law. A HUD Administrative Law Judge will then hear the case, unless the parties elect to bring the case in federal civil court. If federal court is elected, the Department of Justice will bring the claim on behalf of the plaintiff in U.S. District Court.<sup>52</sup>

<sup>51</sup> See the US Department of Justice website for more information:  
[http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/hce/housing\\_coverage.php](http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/hce/housing_coverage.php)

<sup>52</sup> HUD’s website has complete information on HUD’s Fair Housing complaint process and may be referenced for more information at:

### *State Fair Housing Laws*

Wyoming. The state of Wyoming does not have a Fair Housing statute. A Fair Housing bill was brought forth in 2005 and again in 2007, but never passed. The Wyoming Fair Housing Act would have set up Wyoming's own enforcement entity to carry out state-made housing laws governing lease terminations, sanitation conditions, discriminatory rental practices and similar issues. Wyoming residents within the WGYA with Fair Housing complaints can contact the national HUD Office of Fair Housing and Opportunity (FHEO), Denver regional office, or local field office in the city of Casper. Other options include:

- Access to Justice in Jackson for self-help legal assistance, attorney referrals and free legal services for those who qualify;
- The Community Resource Center (CRC). CRC in Jackson refers potential Fair Housing complaints to Access to Justice for legal assistance and referrals;
- Wyoming Legal Services. This organization works with Access to Justice to find attorney assistance for qualifying low-income residents in need. They provide legal services for most civil matters, including fair housing issues. The office in Rock Springs covers Teton County, Wyoming.

Idaho. Idaho's fair housing act prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin and disability. It does not recognize familial status as a protected class. The law is also different from the Federal Fair Housing Act in that it covers providers with two or more units or properties. Idaho's Fair Housing law is enforced through the Idaho Human Rights Commission.

Idaho has a toll free 2-1-1 Idaho Care Line to provide residents who may have a Fair Housing complaint to receive information and referral assistance. Residents may also contact:

- HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Opportunity (FHEO);
- The Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA), who will refer complaints or questions to the appropriate service provider;
- The Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC);
- Idaho Legal Aid, who will refer complaints to HUD; and
- The Idaho Human Rights Commission, who will refer complaints to HUD.

More information on each of these organizations is provided in the "Policies and Resources" section of this report.

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[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/complaint-process](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/complaint-process)

*Local Resolutions, Policies and Ordinances*

Teton County, Idaho: has a Fair Housing policy in its County Code § 1-8B-1, et al, declaring:

It is the policy of the county to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The fair housing amendments act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children.

The county will help residents who feel they have been discriminated against file a complaint with HUD.

Victor: just passed an anti-discrimination ordinance adding Fair Housing, among other, protections for LGBT residents. It requires a complaint to be filed within 180 days of the discriminatory conduct and establishes such discrimination as a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or possible imprisonment.

St. Anthony: has a Fair Housing ordinance in its City Code § 9.12.010 et seq. Its purpose is to:

[E]stablish fair housing practices by ordinance in the city and to avoid discrimination and segregation in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex.

It also creates a Fair Housing Commission, consisting of each member of the city council with the mayor as chairman. The Commission will receive and investigate fair housing complaints from residents and attempt to resolve complaints with reasonable grounds through conciliation or a hearing. If a hearing is held and the Commission finds that an unfair housing practice has been committed, it shall issue an order directing the respondent to cease such discrimination. Violation of the order may constitute a misdemeanor punishable in the court of Fremont County.

The city also signed a proclamation, declaring April 2014 as Fair Housing Month.<sup>53</sup>

Rexburg: adopted Fair Housing Resolution 2014-03 declaring that:

[T]he City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by referring them to the U.S. Department of Housing and

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<sup>53</sup> St. Anthony Fair Housing Month Proclamation, at [http://www.cityofstanthony.org/archive/misc/April\\_2014\\_Fair\\_Housing\\_Month\\_Proclamation.pdf](http://www.cityofstanthony.org/archive/misc/April_2014_Fair_Housing_Month_Proclamation.pdf)

Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity,  
Compliance Division.

Jackson: passed Resolution 06-17 in 2006 resolving that the town of Jackson makes a firm commitment to eliminate discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin. It specifies complaints should be sent to HUD and that the town will assist with community education, outreach, and instruction on Fair Housing law.

Teton County, Wyoming: declared October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

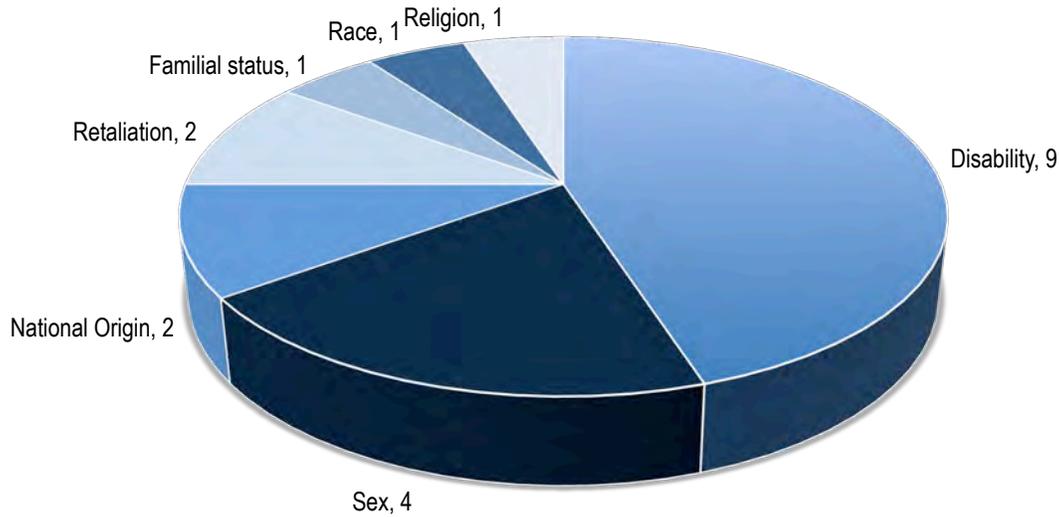
### *WGYA Fair Housing Complaints*

Since 2004, a total of 17 Fair Housing complaints were filed with HUD from residents in the WGYA – just under 2 per year on average. Over one-half of the complaints are related to disability discrimination, with sex discrimination a distant second.

Complaints were brought for several issues related to these reasons, including:

- Landlords' refusal to rent
- Discriminatory housing advertising, statements or notices
- Discriminatory brokerage services
- Discriminatory terms, conditions, privileges or services and facilities
- Discrimination in terms, conditions or privileges relating to rental
- Discriminatory acts
- Not making reasonable modification
- Not making reasonable accommodation

**Number of Complaints by Reason: WGYA, 2004 - 2014**



Source: HUD’s Seattle and Denver Regional Offices

Most complaints were filed by residents of Madison County (12), three were from Teton County, Wyoming, and two were from Fremont County. No complaints were filed in Teton County, Idaho.

- Over one-half of the complaints are related to disability discrimination, most of which were from residents of Madison County.
- Sex discrimination was second, all of which were from Madison County.
- Teton County, Wyoming, had the only complaints related to national origin discrimination and retaliation.

**Reason for Complaint: WGYA Counties, 2004 - 2014**

	Total #	National Origin	Disability	Sex	Familial status	Race	Religion	Retaliation
<b>Fremont County</b>	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Madison County</b>	12	-	6	4	1	1	1	-
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	17	2	9	4	1	1	1	2

Source: HUD’s Seattle and Denver Regional Offices

NOTE: “Reason” totals exceed complaint totals because some complaints had more than one reason.

- Of the 17 complaints, three (3) are still open, all of which are disability complaints.

- Over one-half were resolved either by being conciliated or withdrawn with resolution. These complaints concerned familial, disability, sex and religious discrimination.

**Outcome of Filed Complaints: WGYA Counties, 2004 - 2014**

	Total #	Open	Conciliated	Administrative closure	No Cause	Withdrawn with resolution
<b>Fremont County</b>	2	1	1	-	-	-
<b>Madison County</b>	12	2	4	2	3	1
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	0	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	3	-	-	-	-	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	17	3	5	2	3	4

Source: HUD’s Seattle and Denver Regional Offices

With less than 2 complaints filed per year since 2004, and none yet resulting in a charge, these filings do not support any particular pattern of discrimination.

*Intermountain Fair Housing Council Intake*

IFHC provided a summary of the cases that they have worked on in Fremont, Madison and Teton counties in Idaho. Of 38 total intake records, 26 were related to Fair Housing issues:

- Almost one-half were related to service animal issues;
- 21 were in Madison County. Of these:
  - Three (3) were referred to HUD;
  - Seven (7) were technical assistance questions;
  - Three (3) clients failed to follow through; and
  - One (1) resulted in an enforcement letter and five (5) were privately resolved.

**IFHC Intake Records and Fair Housing Issue: WGYA (Idaho)**

	Fremont County	Madison County	Teton County, ID
<b>Fair Housing Intake</b>	3	21	2
Disability - service animal	2	15	-
Disability - general	-	5	2
Landlord/tenant	1	-	-
Religion	-	1	-

Source: Intermountain Fair Housing Council, interview

Housing survey responses and property manager interviews provide some insight into the service animal complaints and indicate that some initial inquiries by

residents may not be legitimate complaints. Very few apartments in Rexburg (Madison County) permit animals. Many property managers noted that they have residents that try to claim their animals as service animals when they are not. When false claims are made, however, this makes it more difficult for those with legitimate service animals to get them approved. Many residents have expressed a desire for more properties to allow pets.

### *Wyoming Legal Services Cases*

In the past year, Wyoming Legal Services has opened 32 cases on behalf of Teton County residents, 10 of which (or about 31%) were related to housing issues (including discrimination, foreclosure and mortgage issues, private landlord disputes, eviction, etc.). In comparison, only about 10% of all cases opened state-wide in the past year were related to housing issues.

### **Legal Cases**

Recent legal cases were reviewed to determine significant Fair Housing issues and trends in the WGYA. Searches of the Department of Justice, the National Fair Housing Advocate case databases and a legal research tool, Casemaker, found only two cases involving the Fair Housing Act in the region: one arising out of Rexburg and the other from Jackson. A third case, from the U.S. District Court in Utah is discussed for its relevancy to BYU-I approved housing.

The major issues and outcomes of these cases are summarized below.

*U.S. v. Gardner (CIV 98-0455-E-BLW)*. The United States filed this case on November 16, 1998, after a determination by HUD that reasonable cause existed to believe that the owner of a four-unit building violated the Fair Housing Act by including the words "no children " in an advertisement for a vacancy in his building. Upon seeing the advertisement, two testers from the Idaho Fair Housing Council inquired about the vacancy. They were told by Mr. Gardner that occupancy by children was prohibited or restricted. The IFHC then filed a complaint with HUD alleging that Defendant discriminated in housing because of familial status.

The matter was resolved without trial. The consent order requires in part future compliance with the Fair Housing Act, including advertising in compliance with the Act, and that Mr. Gardner attend Fair Housing training and education.

*Dettmer v. Tonsager, 2:12-CV-00203-ABJ (D. Wy 2014)*. Plaintiff's rental application was denied by Aspen Creek Apartments in Jackson based on alleged Fair Housing Act and ADA violations. The court determined that Plaintiff's rental application was not denied based on discriminatory intent or purpose, but rather because he had been previously evicted and filed for bankruptcy. Defendant was not required to provide Plaintiff with a "reasonable accommodation" by ignoring his credit history

because Plaintiff failed to provide sufficient evidence that the accommodations were necessary due to a disability. The court granted Defendant's motion for summary judgment, finding that Plaintiff failed to establish a *prima facie* case of FHA or ADA housing discrimination. Plaintiff also failed to prove "reasonable accommodation" discrimination under either the FHA or ADA.

*Wilson v. Glenwood Intermountain Properties, Inc.*, 876 F.Supp. 1231 (D. Utah 1995). Although not a case arising out of the WGYA, this case out of the District Court of Utah is relevant to BYU-I approved housing and Title IX exemptions. In *Wilson*, two unmarried Plaintiffs, one male and one female, neither of which have children filed suit against a property management company that operates BYU-approved housing. Plaintiffs tried to rent apartments from Defendant and were turned away for either being the wrong gender, not being students, or, when one Plaintiff represented that he was a single parent, he was told by Defendant that they do not rent to individuals with children. Plaintiffs alleged five causes of action claiming FHA violations, including discriminatory advertising, and gender, religious, familial status and "terms and conditions" discrimination. The Court determined that the sole issue it had to decide is whether BYU's off-campus student housing program, as applied and carried out by the Defendant, violates the Fair Housing Act. The Court granted Defendant's motion for summary judgment, holding that Defendant's actions were legal under the FHA and specifically authorized by the Title IX Education Act.<sup>54</sup> The case should be referenced for the full details of the Court's decision.

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<sup>54</sup> See 20 U.S.C.1681 and 45 C.F.R. § 86.32 and the referenced court case for more information.

## **POLICIES AND RESOURCES**

This section contains an analysis of local and regional housing policies, procedures and resources to understand potential public barriers to Fair Housing choice **and** affordable housing development. A brief overview of community services is also provided to better understand access to education, transportation, and health care in the region. This includes:

- Land use and zoning regulations related to group homes and ADA requirements and any general laws that may restrict the placement or provision of affordable housing or, alternatively, require or incentivize the development of affordable housing;
- Available local and regional Fair Housing access and enforcement resources;
- Affordable housing management and assistance services and policies for unit occupancy; and
- The location of and access to education, health, and transportation service needs in the region.

### **Land Use Policies – Fair Housing, Affordable Housing and Barriers**

Development and land use regulations may have the effect of limiting housing options through lot size requirements, density limits and limits on housing types that may preclude rental housing, multi-family housing and supportive housing or group homes. Such may operate to exclude the ability to develop a mix of housing options at various price points, limiting housing options based on income, or certain types of housing, such as homes for persons with disabilities, special needs or seniors, or inhibit production of affordable housing. Policies can also operate to promote segregation in an area if, for example, all affordable housing options can be developed in only certain locations within a community.

In light of this, the development codes for each county and participating city were reviewed with particular regard to potential Fair Housing concerns. Interviews with each were also conducted to help place local development issues into context. Code review focused on:

- Group home and ADA permissions and requirements;
- Farmworker housing permissions in the counties;
- The ability to construct multiple types of housing, including mobile home parks, multi-family units and accessory dwelling units; and
- Any specific requirements or incentives for affordable housing development.

A brief summary of these regulations is provided in the following table and are summarized below.

### *Accessible Homes*

As defined by HUD, accessible means that the dwelling unit or facility is located on an accessible route and when designed, constructed, altered or adapted can be approached, entered, and used by individuals with physical disabilities (24 CFR 8.3). Building codes should have accessibility standards that meet the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3604, Section 804(f)(3)(C)), at a minimum.

Governments may achieve this by incorporating the International Building Code (IBC) into local building codes. The International Code Council is committed to meeting or exceeding the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Fair Housing Act (FHA). When referenced in local, state or federal legislation, the International Building Code becomes the minimum requirement for construction. Accessibility requirements are incorporated into the International Codes as the codes are updated and the IBC is updated on a three-year cycle. As new technologies and accessibility provisions are incorporated into the IBC, jurisdictions that have adopted the code will ensure they are built into new construction.

All counties and communities in the WGYA have incorporated the International Building Code by reference into their building codes, meaning this housing has been and is being produced. As noted in the Housing Profile and Conditions section, linking households in need to these homes and helping current households upgrade their older homes is the primary Fair Housing limitation related to housing for persons with disabilities.

### *Group Homes*

The term "group home" refers to housing occupied by groups of unrelated individuals with disabilities. The Fair Housing Act prohibits local governments from exercising their land use and zoning powers in a discriminatory way. Therefore, the Act does not generally affect the ability of local governments to regulate group homes, as long as they do not discriminate against the residents on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap (disability) or familial status (families with minor children).

Idaho state code prohibits governments from excluding group homes from their communities through zoning restrictions. Idaho Code § 67-6530 establishes the statewide policy that:

[P]ersons with disabilities or elderly persons are entitled to live in

normal residential surroundings and should not be excluded therefrom because of their disability or advanced age, and in order to achieve statewide implementation of such policy it is necessary to establish the statewide policy that the use of property for the care of eight (8) or fewer persons with disabilities or elderly persons is a residential use of such property for the purposes of local zoning.

Idaho Code § 67-6531, further defines a “single family dwelling” for the purpose of any zoning law, ordinance or code to include “any group residence in which eight (8) or fewer unrelated persons with disabilities or elderly persons reside and who are supervised at the group residence in connection with their disability or age related infirmity.”

The state of Wyoming does not have any provisions related to group homes within its code.

- Two Idaho jurisdictions do not explicitly incorporate group home provisions pursuant to IC 67-6531 into their development codes: the city of St. Anthony and Madison County; although each jurisdiction recognizes that group homes are permitted in residential zones pursuant to state code.
- Teton County, Idaho, defines group homes differently than I.C. § 67-6531 and requires a conditional use permit process when permitted. The cities of Driggs and Victor incorporate the state’s definition, but each requires a conditional use permit process or special use process for approval.
- Teton County, Wyoming, and the town of Jackson both permit group homes within their development codes as an “institutional residential” use. The county permits group homes either with or without a conditional use permit (depending upon the zone) and permits no more than two people per bedroom. The town of Jackson requires a CUP for a group home with six (6) or more persons; smaller group homes do not require a CUP.

There have been no recent applications for group homes and prior applications have resulted in built projects,<sup>55</sup> indicating that current regulations are not a barrier to these homes being constructed. Providing consistency in regulations, however, can assist future applications.

### *Farmworker Housing*

Although not in recent demand by local agricultural employers, all counties in the WGYA provide the ability for working farms to provide on-site employee housing.

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<sup>55</sup> For example, Madison County has an existing group home, Rexburg has three projects, and Jackson has one. Group home regulations have also been used to help produce seasonal employee housing units in Jackson.

This varies from explicit permission of seasonal farmworker housing and agricultural housing in Fremont County and Teton County, Wyoming, to the use of accessory dwelling units in Teton County, Idaho. No county has had any applications for farmworker housing in many years because most seasonal hires now live locally year-round – seasonal farmworker housing is not needed. Regulations permit such housing to be built and do not impose a barrier.

### *Mobile homes, Multi-Family Units and Accessory Dwellings*

Regulations permitting a variety of housing, through mobile home parks, multi-family dwellings and accessory units vary significantly throughout the region. These regulations also may inhibit the development of affordable housing by restricting the type and variety of homes that may be built (e.g. single family homes vs. attached multi-family homes). The effect of each type of development on protected classes (Hispanic/Latino households, families and single parents, seniors and persons with disabilities), as well as affordable housing development, are discussed below.<sup>56</sup>

#### Accessory Dwelling Units

- Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are permitted by all jurisdictions, ranging from a minimum of one per lot to an undefined maximum based on lot coverage. Some jurisdictions require conditional use permits for all ADUs, whereas others permit them by right in most zones. ADUs may be used in the town of Jackson to help meet affordable housing standards.

While ADUs do not typically provide a large pool of housing in an area, these units can help provide more housing for low-income households, including single parents and Hispanic/Latino families, in areas with limited development potential and expensive land, such as in Jackson and, increasingly, Driggs and Victor. Incentives to produce these units in Driggs and Victor, such as tap fee waivers, in desired locations (near town) could increase their production.

#### Multi-family units

Multi-family units are permitted at various densities and through various methods in all jurisdictions. Production of multi-family units helps diversify housing and produce units more affordable for low-income families, providing options for single-parent households and Hispanic/Latino families. In more expensive areas, it can also provide more affordable ownership housing for family households looking to purchase (e.g. townhomes or duplexes as opposed to single family homes). In rural areas, these units are also typically located near or within town centers – where water and sewer infrastructure can be accessed, assisting lower income households and those with limited mobility (seniors, persons with disabilities). More dense

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<sup>56</sup> The specifics on what type of development will most assist these groups within each community is discussed in the Housing Profile and Conditions – Summary of Housing Needs by Protected Class section above and in the Conclusions section.

development also provides affordable options to seniors looking to downsize and for those who need affordable rentals. As seniors move out of their older homes, their old homes are then available to other households in need, such as families.

- Given the lack of central water and sewer service in unincorporated counties, it is generally preferred that multi-family developments locate nearer city and town centers for access to central water/sewer/infrastructure. In Fremont County, for example, overlay zones permit multi-family units in most parts of the county, but the developer will need to meet water and sewer requirements. Madison County provides the most opportunities for multi-family development compared to other counties. In other words, the lack of or limited water and sewer service in unincorporated areas means more dense, affordable developments need to locate in or near town centers. This is helpful for Hispanic/Latino households, single parents, seniors and persons with disabilities who benefit from easy access town services.
- The city of Rexburg permits the highest densities, followed by the town of Jackson; although it was noted that there is not much land zoned for high densities in Jackson and that existing zoning in the town may be too low to meet the future need for workforce housing. Alternatively, Rexburg likely has enough land and density to double its size without annexing.

In other words, multi-family densities and land availability in Rexburg provides no barrier to multi-family affordable housing development. The limited land, high cost of land and high demand for housing in Jackson, means higher densities are likely needed to meet Jackson's goal to house 65% of its workforce and to be able to produce more affordable housing.

- A model code for Teton County, Idaho, and the cities of Victor and Driggs is under development that is anticipated to allow smaller lot sizes, revised accessory unit standards and smaller scale housing. This should help these communities meet the rising demand from Teton County, Wyoming, workers, continue to provide more affordable housing for their local workforce and provide housing choice for protected classes. This will assist families moving to this county to purchase homes and help provide more affordable rentals near town for Hispanic/Latino families and single parent households, which all have been growing in this area.
- A model code for the entire region is also under development that is anticipated to allow for a variety of housing types. This code will provide a resource to other communities in the region should they seek to offer more options with regard to housing choice for protected classes.
- Densities in the cities of Ashton, St. Anthony and Island Park are also relatively modest, but then demand for residential development activity has also been

hard pressed to support more dense development in recent years. Island Park in particular has very rural densities, typically permitting no more than 1.3 units per acre under standard zoning. Infrastructure capacity and topography limits densities in this area. These communities should select sites appropriate for more dense development and permit or incentivize more density in those areas. Multi-family townhomes, duplexes, triplexes, and affordable (LIHTC) rentals could be of benefit in Ashton and St. Anthony for seniors, single parent families and Hispanic/Latino households in particular. In Island Park, sites appropriate for seasonal summer housing should be explored.

### Mobile Homes

Mobile homes and mobile home parks are a significant source of housing for Hispanic/Latino families and help them own homes because of their comparatively low price.

- Mobile homes (as opposed to manufactured housing on a permanent foundation) were permitted by most jurisdictions in mobile home parks (MHPs) only. It is typical to restrict these older homes to mobile home parks because they are generally considered less safe than those built to MHA standards.<sup>57</sup> These homes can provide an affordable source of market-rate housing in some communities, provided they are kept in good repair. MHPs were permitted in all WGYA jurisdictions as either permitted or conditional uses.
- In Island Park and Fremont County, the provision of new MHPs is generally cost prohibitive once snow load and seismic standards for development are met, along with infrastructure improvements. Despite this, MHPs are permitted in Fremont County; Island Park and Ashton permit them in high-density rural zones; and St. Anthony in residential and commercial zones. None of these jurisdictions have had MHP applications in recent years.
- MHPs are also permitted in Madison County and Rexburg. A recent redevelopment of a mobile home park in Rexburg's area of city impact was approved. This development is replacing 13 older homes and adding another 31.
- In Driggs, a redevelopment of a 13-unit MHP is currently under way. It is anticipated the city will do a safety audit of other mobile homes that could lead to condemnation of more units.
- High land costs were cited as an impediment to new parks being built in Teton County, Wyoming, and the town of Jackson. The town does allow existing parks, even if non-conforming, to redevelop/replace existing units, however.

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<sup>57</sup> The federal National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (MHA) requires that manufactured housing meeting HUD safety standards be treated the same as stick-built housing that meets the building code.

- Changes to mobile home park regulations can help lower the cost to provide these homes. Snow load and seismic safety standards need to be met, but some infrastructure and lot size requirements could be more flexible. Reducing parking requirements below two per unit, lowering open space requirements, allowing slightly higher density/decreasing minimum lot sizes where infrastructure (water/sewer) permits should be considered.

### *Affordable Housing Policies*

- The comprehensive plans for each county in the WGYA supports the provision of affordable housing; however, only Teton County, Wyoming, has implemented regulations that require such development. The town of Jackson is also the only community that has mandated affordable housing requirements imposed on new development and some redevelopment. Affordable housing provisions in Teton Count, Wyoming, and the town of Jackson include:

*Density Bonuses* – The Town allows a 25% bonus in the floor area ratio (FAR) in non-residential zones if the additional space is used for deed restricted affordable ownership or employee rental housing. Due to various reasons including need for clarification and modification, other density bonus tools were repealed by the Town in 2012 and County in 2010.

*Accessory Units* – Three types of accessory units are allowed or encouraged:

- Residential Accessory Units – The Town of Jackson allows attached or detached units up to 800 square feet in size in many zone districts that are accessory to the primary residence or commercial use. There is no requirement that these units be rented.
- Guest Houses – Teton County allows attached or detached units that are less than 1,000 square feet. These have occupancy requirements: employees, family members or guests of family and intermittent in nature.
- Commercial Accessory Units – In some commercial zones in the Town and County, extra square footage is allowed provided that it is used to house employees.

*Commercial Mitigation* – Both the Town of Jackson and Teton County requires that new commercial development provide housing for 25% of “peak seasonal” employees that the development will generate. This program often results in production of Employee Housing Rentals, many of which are on site. Housing employees on site has not always been optimal due to conflicts among mixed uses and employee preferences for living in locations other than where they work.

*Residential Inclusionary* – The Town of Jackson and Teton County require that 25% of units in new residential developments must be for households with low to moderate incomes. In the County, the requirement is also imposed on new residential units on existing lots. In town, the 25% requirement is interpreted such that 20% of total units are restricted for employees. Fees and land in lieu of producing units are allowed.

*Live/Work* – The Town of Jackson adopted an ordinance in 2010 that exempts live/work units from housing requirements since the units provide workforce housing.

*Transfer of Development Rights* – This tool is used in Teton County in Noncontiguous Planned Residential Developments for clustering development and creating more open space, as well as opportunities for affordable housing, though use of this tool has been limited. Identification of appropriate areas to receive the development rights is needed.

*Voluntary Units* – Developers provide more affordable housing than required often to house their employees. Land Development Regulations (LDR's) do not address these units. Typically, the units are exempt from income limits to allow housing for upper management to be developed.

- Driggs and Victor in Teton County, Idaho, are the only other jurisdictions with affordable housing provisions in their development codes. Both have affordable housing incentives that were put into place pursuant to a housing study conducted in 2007, before the recession. Both offer density bonuses to developers who provide affordable housing for households earning between 80% MFI and up to 120% or 175% MFI. The incentives have not been used and are in need of modification to remove outdated language.

**WGYA Development Codes**

	Accessibility Standards	Group Homes	Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks	Farmworker Housing	Accessory Dwelling Units	Multi-family Housing	Affordable Housing Provisions
FREMONT COUNTY, ID	2012 IBC	Permitted in all residential zones in accordance with I.C. 67-6531 (8 or fewer unrelated persons).	Permitted in residential zones outside of the floodplain; 4 to 6 units per acre; open space requirements; central water, sewage; paved roads, 2 parking spaces.	Seasonal farmworker housing permitted (Appendix U, 1.106)	One additional permanent farm, caretaker or secondary dwelling per property permitted (Appendix U, 1.41 – 1.43)	Can locate in county – prefer in/near city service areas; infrastructure (water, sewer) requirements; rural mixed use and rural village overlay zones – never used (product of last housing boom)	None
Ashton	2012 IBC	Permitted in all residential zones in accordance with I.C. 67-6531 (8 or fewer unrelated persons).	Units with foundation allowed in any residential zone; units w/o foundation permitted only in mobile home parks. Mobile Home parks allowed in Higher Density Zone through a discretionary Class II permit public review.	Not applicable	Allowed in upper floors of commercial buildings in Community Core zone; two-family dwellings allowed in Lower and Higher Density zones.	Up to 8 units in Higher Density Zone; more than 8 requires Class II permit public review.	None
Island Park	2012 IBC	Permitted in all residential zones in accordance with I.C. 67-6531 – Class I review if 8 or fewer persons; class II if larger.	Allowed in residential zones, but seismic and snow requirements make mobile homes cost-prohibitive. Mobile home parks permitted as high density residential through discretionary Class II review. Central water and sewer must be provided.	Not applicable	Two or more dwellings per lot allowed by Class II permit (e.g. parking, connection to sewer/septic). Performance zoning allows for multiple accessory dwelling units; the number of units attainable varies per	Allowed if a certain number of "points" are obtained through discretionary (Class II) permitting system; Developers must connect to Last Chance Water & Sewer or provide central water & sewer service if density exceeds 1 unit/acre.	None.

St. Anthony	2012 IBC	Code does not permit group homes, but the city is currently revising its zoning code to allow group homes pursuant to state statute.	Mobile homes are allowed if on a foundation and if 75% of all property owners within a 150' radius grant permission; mobile homes not on a foundation only permitted in mobile home parks; mobile home parks are permitted in C-1 zone; conditional use in R-1 zone.	Not applicable	performance review. Up to 2 units per lot in R1. Allowed in R2 and C1 zones as "multifamily development."	Allowed in the C1, R2 zones; conditional use in the R1 zone. Subject to bulk/height restrictions and other development standards. Density requirements vary in C-1; need >11,250 sq. ft in R-2 to build more than 4 units.	None
MADISON COUNTY, ID	2012 IBC	No group home provisions in code, but no review process as long as homes meet IC 67-6531 definition.	Mobile home parks permitted in residential zones; new parks on no less than 2 acres; max 7 units per acre; septic must be centralized and approved by eastern Idaho Public Health; 5% of land reserved for recreation area	Able to provide farmworker housing as accessory units, hostels, or other approved agricultural zone structures.	Accessory units allowed in all but commercial and heavy industrial zones.	Rexburg code governs in areas of city impact (permitting city densities); multi-family densities permitted in most zones except agriculture and heavy industrial.	None
Rexburg	2012 IBC	Permitted in all residential zones in accordance with I.C. § 67-6531.	Recent revisions; MH parks permitted in all residential zones except low density zones; 8 units per acre; 4-acre parcel minimum, 8% reserved for recreation area.	Not applicable	Permitted in residential business district with CUP	Up to 24 units in medium density residential zones; 48-units per building in high density; dorms and buildings over 48-units as conditional uses in some zones.	None
TETON COUNTY, ID	2012 IBC	Conditional use in the R1 & C2 zones; prohibited	Manufactured homes allowed in every zone except M1; mobile	Only allowed through accessory dwelling	1 accessory dwelling permitted per lot everywhere except	2+ units allowed in R1 zone; prohibited everywhere else.	None

		everywhere else: definition different than I.C. 67-6531	home parks only allowed in R2 zone (min lots size 7,000 sq ft) – min 3 acre parcel for new parks.	development, however no limit on bedrooms (which could provide worker housing)	R2 and M1 zones.	Subject to bulk/height restrictions and other development standards.	
Driggs	2012 IBC	Defined pursuant to I.C. 67-6530 (8 or fewer unrelated persons); CUP in R2, R3, C1.	Mobile homes only permitted in mobile home parks	Not applicable	Allowed in R1, R2, R3, ADR-0.5, ADR1, ADDR2.5, and MUR zones. One unit allowed per lot.	Up to 4 units allowed by-right in R2, R3, C1. More than four units by-right in R3 and conditional use under R2 and C1. Conditional use in CBD. Density of 7,000 sq ft for first 2 units plus 1,000 sq ft per additional unit (R3), plus lot coverage requirements.	Density bonus up to 15% for affordable housing in mixed-use residential zone; 80-120% MFI; requires development agreement with non-existent county housing authority.
Victor	2012 IBC	Special Use in Transitional Business, R2, and R3 zones. Administrator can make "like interpretations" for Central & General Business districts.	Mobile homes only permitted in mobile home parks; permitted or special use in all zones except Trail Creek (floodplain) and Central Business Overlay	Not applicable	Allowed by-right in R1, R2, and TND Overlay. One per lot allowed.	Allowed by-right in TB, R2 (4 units max), R3 (up to 16 units) and TND Overlay; Special Use in CB and GB.	Traditional Neighborhood (TND) Overlay offers up to 20% density bonuses for affordable housing, 80-175% MFI; requires development agreement with a non-profit or non-existent county housing authority.
TETON COUNTY, WY	2012 IBC	Institutional residential by-right in AC zone; Conditional use in AR, S, R, and P/SP zone; no more than two persons per bedroom.	Only permitted in mobile home parks; could be developed under PRD ordinance (however land costs typically make this option unviable)	Ag employee housing permitted on working ranch/farms greater than 70 acres; mobile homes permitted as ag employee housing.	Permitted in AR, AC, R, BC, NC, OP, BP, P/SP, WC zones. Two accessory dwelling units per lot in AR zone. One accessory dwelling per lot in R, BC, NC, OP, RB. No apparent limit on	Allowed within a Planned Residential Development, which is permitted only in the AR, AC, S, R, and OP zones; also developable in Planned Resorts	25% inclusionary requirement for all residential development; commercial employee mitigation

					number of units in P/SP and WC units		
Jackson	2012 IBC	Institutional residential use (defined as a use housing more than 6 unrelated persons) is CUP in all zones (except business park); if housing 6 or fewer unrelated persons, then no CUP needed.	Permitted in mobile home park zoning district and as Planned Residential Development; open space requirements; 2 parking spaces per home; if nonconforming use: can upgrade/replace homes in the existing park, but cannot add more units.	Not applicable – county issue; Agricultural employee and working ranch subdivision standards deleted from code.	Permitted in many zones (Section 2370), potentially up to 2 units per lot; may help satisfy Employee Housing Standards.	Permitted in Planned Unit and Planned Residential subdivisions in many zones (apartments, condominiums, townhomes); Condominium and townhouse subdivisions permitted in additional zones.	25% inclusionary requirement for new subdivision; commercial employee mitigation; 25% density bonus in non-residential zones if used for affordable housing. Units can be provided by on-site development, off-site development, land or fee-in-lieu. Serve low, moderate and middle-income households. Ownership and rental.

Source: Local Development Codes; town, city and county interviews; consultant team

### *Other considerations*

Two other Fair Housing considerations were probed as related to development and redevelopment in WGYA jurisdictions: provisions addressing displacement of households from redeveloped properties and problems with NIMBYism regarding affordable or more dense development. Lack of displacement protections or reduced affordable housing development due to NIMBYism can disadvantage low-income households in particular given their lack of resources to move or choose alternative housing if displaced or if more affordable housing cannot be built. This has a disproportionate effect on Hispanic/Latino, senior and single-parent households, who are more likely to be low-income than other households.

#### Household displacement

- The town of Jackson was the only jurisdiction that has any regulations in place to help address displacement from development. Regulations are limited to situations where apartments are being converted to condominiums – existing tenants must be given the first right of refusal to purchase their unit. This was a significant issue just prior to the recession. For other types of redevelopment, no displacement provisions are in place.
- The city of Rexburg has also faced significant redevelopment over the years. The city recently lost a mobile home park to a fire; however, this coincided with the redevelopment and expansion of another park, but not because of any city requirements. Most occupants of the lost park are able to relocate to the new park. These homes are a source of housing for Hispanic/Latino households in the area.<sup>58</sup>
- Finally, the city of Driggs has been facing challenges with older mobile home parks that have less than adequate infrastructure and units in poor condition. As these units need to be replaced, there are no formal relocation policies in place, although the city does try to work with developers to encourage assistance. With a recent redevelopment of 13 homes, the landlord did accommodate the tenants that needed to be relocated while units were replaced. Many of these homes are occupied by Hispanic/Latino households.<sup>59</sup>
- Fremont County noted that this has not been a significant issue in the area. Most of the redevelopment that occurs is renovation of existing single family homes; large redevelopment projects have not been taking place.

#### Not-In-My-Backyard (NIMBY)

Some jurisdictions have faced recent issues with NIMBYism related to providing affordable housing for residents. For example:

<sup>58</sup> See Housing Profile and Conditions section, above.

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- Habitat for Humanity's first projects in Ashton were not met favorably by many residents. As knowledge of the program has increased and units are being built, some barriers are coming down;
- In the town of Jackson, community character issues often clash with the need for increased bulk and density to meet the needs of local workers; and
- Many residents in the city of Victor perceive the city as "being affordable," adding resistance to policies and projects intended to provide more locally affordable homes.

#### Development fees

- Sewer and water hookup fees in Driggs and Victor represent a combined cost of nearly \$10,000, which significantly affects the costs to develop affordable housing. The elimination and/or reduction of these fees could be an effective incentive for private, non-profit and public sector developers to produce affordable housing. Waiver of these fees for ADUs in desired locations near/in town could also incentivize their production and add to the affordable housing supply.

### **Affordable Housing Management and Assistance Services**

#### *Teton County Housing Authority (Wyoming)*

The focus and mission of the Teton County Housing Authority (TCHA) is to enable housing opportunities for local workers and works to further the community's goal of housing 65% of the workforce locally. To this end, TCHA manages about 370 restricted ownership units and the restrictions on 400 rental units that have been developed through the town of Jackson and Teton County development requirements or by the agency through funding, such as the Special Purpose Excise Tax that voters elect, developer fees, grants and partnerships, such as with Habitat for Humanity.

TCHA manages housing programs for Affordable, Attainable and Employment-based homes. Affordable homes fall into six categories of affordability and price point levels. Applicants must income-qualify and meet asset limit requirements. Units also have local employment requirements. All applicants must first enter a lottery and be selected to have an opportunity to purchase the home. Lottery preferences are given to households based on employment tenure and household size compared to preferred unit size and fall into the following four tiers:

- First preference: One adult in the household has worked in Teton County for at least four consecutive years OR is currently an emergency services worker in the County AND there is at least one person per bedroom;
- Second preference: The household has worked in Teton County for less than four years AND there is at least one person per bedroom;
- Third preference: One adult has worked in Teton County for at least four years AND there is less than one person per bedroom;
- Fourth preference: The household has worked for less than four years in Teton County AND there is less than one person per bedroom.

Applicants within each preference group are selected at random and those selected from the first preference group are given first option to purchase the home. Most homes are priced affordable for households earning under 100% MFI, but some extend to 200% MFI. Affordable homes have an appreciation cap.

Attainable Homes target higher income earners and allow initial homebuyers to build homes for themselves. There is no lottery for attainable homes. These homes have no appreciation cap, but the buyers income and asset limits create a ceiling that controls the resale price. Such homes generally range from \$300,000 to \$550,000. Some attainable homes have sunset clauses that allow the owner to sell at a market price if they own it continually for a designated period of time (20 to 30 years). The clock starts over each time the home sells.

Employment Based homes are located in Jackson and Teton Village. These homes have no income or asset limits and can target higher income earners that still cannot purchase at free market prices. There is also no lottery. The only requirement is that applicants must have been working in Teton County full-time for at least two years and earn 75% of their income locally. Occupants must retain such employment while living in the home, but may continue to own the home if they retire as long as they are 62 years old and reside in the home full time. These homes typically sell for between \$180,000 to \$490,000.

These selection requirements do not have discriminatory effects. Hispanic/Latino households have lived in Teton County, Wyoming, longer on average than households in total and their households are larger on average.<sup>60</sup> They also earn lower incomes (see the Population and Household Demographics – Income section of this report). The selection requirements do not have any disparate impact on this group.

### *Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust*

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<sup>60</sup> Based on the 2014 Household Survey, 79% of Hispanic/Latino households have lived in the Teton County, WY, area for over 5 years compared to 70% of households in total. Hispanic/Latino households average 4.3 persons vs. 2.4 for households in total.

The Housing Trust is a private, non-profit organization, located in Jackson, Wyoming. It builds and advocates for affordable homeownership in the Jackson Hole area with support from tax deductible donations, which average about \$1.1 million per year.

JHCHT has developed 103 permanently deed-restricted single family homes, duplexes, townhomes and condominiums since its inception in 1990, which currently serve over 200 members of the workforce. JHCHT has two additional developments planned – 11 units in partnership with the school district and 18 rental units on six lots recently acquired in east Jackson that will provide an ongoing source of revenue (rental income) for the organization's mission.

Each home is accompanied by a ground lease that allows homes to appreciate each year in tandem with an index that reflects the cost of living in this region. This ground lease ensures that Trust homes will always be affordable.

To qualify to purchase JHCHT homes, applicants must:

- Be over 18 years of age;
- Be a U.S. citizen or have permanent registered alien status;
- Have an annual income that does not exceed 120% MFI for Teton County, Wyoming;
- Have no more than \$232,400 in assets;
- Be pre-qualified for a mortgage;
- Work full time in Teton County, Wyoming. Applicants that do not work full-time will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Homeowner Committee of the Housing Trust for potential eligibility; and
- Have an appropriate household size for the available home (i.e., up to 2-persons for a one-bedroom, up to 4-persons for a two-bedroom and no fewer than 2-persons for a three-bedroom).

Applications are kept on file until a home becomes available or the applicant requests to remove or update the application.

JHCHT also administers two down payment assistance programs. The first was created in 2004 using a federal Economic Development Initiatives grant of \$270,000. The monies were loaned with 30-year terms, deferred until the time of sale or refinance. No funds from this source are available at this time. JHCHT received a private donation of \$150,000 in November 2007 for a second down payment program. Loans of up to \$30,000, with matching funds, were provided. Currently all monies with matching funds are distributed.

### *Habitat for Humanity*

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit that builds and repairs houses using volunteer labor and donations to make homes and renovations affordable for low-income households. It requires new homeowners to participate in its construction, provide money for a down payment and pay a mortgage on a 0% interest loan. Homeowners make mortgage payments to Habitat, who sells the loans and reinvests proceeds to build future homes.

Habitat for Humanity has long been active in Teton County, Wyoming, and has completed 27 homes since it was formed in 1995 and has four homes now under construction.

Habitat expanded into Fremont County, Idaho, in 2012, when the Idaho Falls affiliate received a \$1.4 million bequest from Kurt Kandler, an Ashton, Idaho, potato farmer. As a condition of receipt, the funds must first be used for the benefit of people in Ashton, followed by St. Anthony, Madison, Jefferson and Teton counties in Idaho. The goal is not to just build homes, but to make a bigger difference by trying to grow the funding by launching a community improvement initiative and focusing on the housing needs in the area, including home renovation.

Habitat's Idaho work has been met with challenges, primarily related to resident education about the program, type of assistance offered and goals to be achieved. Being an outside entity building in the small community has also been a factor of resistance by the community. As more projects are successfully implemented and local knowledge increases it is hoped that future projects will be met with more community support.

### *Idaho Housing and Finance Agency*

The Idaho Housing and Finance Agency administers the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program in the WGYC Idaho region. Presently, only 42 Voucher holders reside in the Idaho study area. No voucher holders reside in Teton County, Wyoming.

IHFA presently has a 32-month waitlist for Vouchers. The program has three basic preferences:

1. Applicants with a terminal illness, which typically have a one to three month wait time for a Voucher;
2. Families with children under 18 or elderly or disabled applicants, which typically have a 32-month wait time;
3. All other applicants, which typically remain on the waitlist at this time.

Once applicants are awarded a Voucher, they have 60 days to find a place to live, which is extended to 120 days for applicants with disabilities. All Voucher recipients

must attend an IHFA briefing, informing applicants on how to find available units and use Housingidaho.com for their search. Recipients are also educated on their fair housing rights through a two-hour briefing and pamphlets offered in both English and Spanish. A language line is available for those with other language requirements.

### *Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership*

The Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (<http://www.eicap.org>) has served communities in Eastern Idaho for the past 40 years. EICAP strives to help those in need meet their basic needs and progress, with support and education, to self sufficiency. EICAP provides direct aid, as well as active support and crisis intervention. The organization serves a 10-county area in eastern Idaho, including Fremont, Madison and Teton counties. Local offices include the South Fremont Senior Center in Fremont, County; Driggs Head Start Center in Teton County, Idaho; and three offices in Madison County – Rexburg/Upper Valley Office, Rexburg Head Start Center, and Twin Pines Manor (a 58-unit Section 8/RD affordable rental complex in Rexburg).

Among programs offered include:

- Building Your Future – GED tutoring and testing for adults and Head Start pre-school programs, one of which is in Rexburg and another in Driggs;
- Childrens Programs – offering medical/dental payment support and Head Start to qualifying families;
- Help with Bills – including a food bank in St. Anthony, health/dental, heating and telephone assistance;
- Safe Communities – investigates reports of abuse, exploitation and neglect of adults age 18 and older, and assists residents of senior and living care centers; and
- Senior Programs – including abuse and neglect investigation, caregiver support and education for children caring for older parents, in home services, legal advice and counseling, congregate meals at senior centers, and a directory of services for seniors.

The Partnership also has an active weatherization program available to both homeowners and renters with incomes no greater than 200% of the poverty level, with priority given to individuals over 60 years of age, families with children under 6 years of age, and persons with disabilities. The program covers energy efficiency measures, health and safety improvements and repairs in 10 counties in Idaho, including Fremont, Madison and Teton. While there is no maximum, the average for the region cannot exceed \$6,987 per job; the last contract averaged \$4,840. The wait list is three years long. In the past three years, weatherization assistance has been provided to 124 Fremont County households, 87 Madison County households and 16 Teton County, Idaho, households.

## Fair Housing Resources

This section discusses fair housing resources available to the region, from state agencies and local entities. The rural nature of the area (i.e., dispersed population) and its limited local resources is the primary barrier to Fair Housing education and outreach in the WGYA. It is, therefore, essential that local entities produce collaborative relationships with each other and regional and state entities to provide the fair housing education and other needs of residents. This also allows them to share limited resources to obtain more effective outreach. Many organizations in the area have built such relationships, as discussed below.

### *WGYC Region*

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD oversees, administers and enforces the Fair Housing Act. HUD's regional office in Denver, Colorado, oversees housing, community development and fair housing enforcement in Wyoming; the regional office in Seattle, Washington, oversees Idaho.

The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) within HUD's office enforces the federal Fair Housing Act and other civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in housing, mortgage lending and other related transactions. HUD also provides education and outreach and monitors agencies that receive HUD funding for compliance with civil rights laws.

Where present, HUD also works with state and local agencies under the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) and Fair Housing Initiative Programs (FHIP).

- FHAP funding is available on an annual, noncompetitive basis to state and local agencies that enforce fair housing laws that are substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act. This requires that the state or local jurisdiction enact a fair housing law that is substantially equivalent to federal laws. This provides HUD funding to such agencies to process federal fair housing complaints, reimburses the jurisdiction on a per case basis and provides opportunities for partnerships to affirmatively further fair housing.
- FHIP is a competitive grant program that provides funds to organizations that provide education and assistance to individuals who feel they have been discriminated against while attempting to purchase or rent housing. Eligible activities include public education and outreach on fair housing rights and responsibilities, as well as fielding and responding to fair housing complaints, including testing and litigation.

No agencies in Idaho or Wyoming participate in the FHAP program. Only Idaho has organizations receiving FHIP funding (Idaho Legal Aid and the Intermountain Fair Housing Council).

## Idaho

Idaho Housing and Finance Agency (IHFA). IHFA is a self-supporting financial institution and administrator of affordable housing resources. It does not use any state-appropriated funds for its operations. Its mission is to provide funding for affordable housing opportunities in Idaho communities where they are most needed and when it is economically feasible. IHFA participates in all phases of real estate development, finance, management and tenant support. It also functions as an agent for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and performs a wide variety of tasks associated with financing, developing or managing affordable housing.

In the WGYA, as discussed in the Housing Profile section of this report, IHFA administers HUD's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program in Fremont, Teton and Madison Counties. If IHFA receives calls regarding potential discrimination issues, they refer the caller to Intermountain Fair Housing Council or HUD or Idaho Legal Aid Services for further assistance.

Idaho Legal Aid Services (ILAS). ILAS is a non-profit law firm and community education organization with particular focus on providing access to justice for low-income persons through advocacy and education. This organization has used FHIP funding to help provide a statewide fair housing/fair lending education and outreach program, targeted at low-income rural populations, persons with disabilities, recent immigrants, and single female heads-of-households with children. This includes free counseling for homeowners at risk for mortgage default or foreclosure; conducting fair housing/lending presentations; and staffing a bilingual, toll-free housing hotline. It also maintains a website with significant self-help information on a variety of issues, including Fair Housing, presented in both English and Spanish. ILAS offers a fair housing/lending legal advice line for all Idaho residents regardless of income. ILAS provides free civil legal assistance to low-income residents and refers housing discrimination complaints directly to HUD.

Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC). IFHC is a non-profit organization that promotes fair housing practice for housing consumers and housing providers throughout Idaho. IFHC:

- Provides information and education services to housing consumers, housing providers, community organizations, and lending institutions;
- Monitors fair housing compliance of housing providers, lending institutions, and local and state governments;
- Engages in enforcement activities which include investigation, testing, and complaint filing with State or Federal authorities and
- Negotiates fair housing settlements by mediation, conciliation, or litigation, if necessary.

IFHC used FHIP funds to provide its full-service fair housing enforcement program throughout Idaho. It maintains a website with self help resources, provided in both English and Spanish.

Idaho Human Rights Commission (IHRC). IHRC is an independent agency established by the Idaho legislature to help protect persons within the state from illegal discrimination. The agency enforces the state's Fair Housing Law and may be contacted by persons who feel they may have experienced a Fair Housing violation. It will investigate discrimination complaints by persons in the areas of employment, housing, education and public accommodations and provides a website that assists residents in filing their own complaints. Discrimination complaints are referred directly to HUD.

### **Wyoming**

Access to Justice. Access to Justice is a legal resource center available to Teton County residents. The organization offers many services, including:

- A self-help legal resource center
- Reference assistance in legal resources 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. weekdays
- Free seminars in legal topics, including eviction and fair housing issues
- Free law clinics offered periodically
- Intake to determine eligibility for further free legal services
- Free civil legal services to income eligible persons within the priorities set by statute (up to 10 hours)
- Referrals to pro bono or reduced-fee attorneys

The Center often collaborates with Wyoming Legal Services to help provide local seminars, education and attorney assistance, and locate attorneys for case referral.

Wyoming Legal Services. Aside from providing free legal assistance to income-qualified households (see the Complaint section of this report), the organization hosts a variety of community outreach programs across the state. This may include organizing community meetings and informative discussions regarding fair housing issues and resources available to residents. Notification of meetings may be posted in city centers and libraries and local attorneys may be recruited for pro-bono assistance in hosting seminars and being available to provide advice to qualifying residents. The organization often works with Access to Justice to provide needed services in Teton County and Jackson.

Community Resource Center. The Community Resource Center is a 501 (C) 3 Wyoming not-for-profit Corporation that was created in 2003 by the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole. CRC provides direct assistance and tailored programs to help families and individuals become self-sufficient. CRC also provides a central hub for assistance applications and the distribution of resources. Assistance provided may include grants to help keep people in their homes (e.g., mortgage assistance)

and help tenants afford to move into a new home (e.g., assist with monies needed to cover required first month, last month and deposit payments). Other service agencies may refer clients to CRC when such clients need financial support. Likewise, CRC collaborates with other agencies to ensure their clients receive the support they need, including, but not limited to:

- *Community Entry Services*, providing a full array of services to persons with developmental disabilities;
- *Latino Resource Center*, providing assistance to the Latino community in the greater Jackson Hole area;
- *Senior Center of Jackson Hole*, providing a range of services to enhance and support the lives of senior citizens and assist them in independent living. This may include congregate and home delivered meals, education and training, in home services, family care giver training and support groups, and on-call transportation services during the week (with wheelchair access);
- *Climb Wyoming – Teton County*, a non-profit organization, which trains and places low-income single mothers in careers that support their families and includes employer-driven job training and placement, life skills and parenting training, counseling and support to ensure self-sufficiency and economic security;
- *Jackson Hole Community Counseling Center*, promoting mental wellness and providing a full range of essential mental health services in Teton County. Services are provided on a sliding fee scale to ensure service availability to all persons, regardless of ability to pay; and
- *Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation*, works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment, independent living and equality for individuals with disabilities.

### *Victims of Domestic Violence*

HUD's AI guidance also specifies that policies preventing discrimination against victims of domestic violence be analyzed. Some claims by domestic violence victims of housing discrimination may be brought under the Fair Housing Act based on sex or other protected classes, such as national origin or race. The Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA) protects some victims from eviction, denial of housing, or termination of assistance on the basis of the violence perpetrated by their abusers.<sup>61</sup> Local jurisdictions may also have adopted policies that offer protections or administrative actions to assist this group, for example.

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<sup>61</sup> US Department of Housing and Urban Development memorandum, "Assessing Claims of Housing Discrimination against Victims of Domestic Violence under the Fair Housing Act (FHAct) and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)," Feb. 9, 2011, available at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/library/11-domestic-violence-memo-with-attachment.pdf>

No jurisdiction in the WGYA has adopted a policy specifically protecting this population from discrimination; however, Teton County, Wyoming, declared October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Some local assistance is also available for victims in the WGYA, including in part:

- The Fremont County prosecutor's office offers support and resources for victims, including free filing for protection and numbers to call for service or potential medical and other reimbursement.  
[http://www.co.fremont.id.us/departments/prosecutor/domestic\\_violence.htm](http://www.co.fremont.id.us/departments/prosecutor/domestic_violence.htm)
- Family Crisis Center in Rexburg offers free assistance and shelter to victims, including those from Fremont County. <https://www.facebook.com/fccrexburg>
- Family Safety Network in Driggs offers free support and assistance to victims and receives support from Teton County, Idaho.  
<http://www.familysafetynetwork.info>
- Victim Services in Jackson, Wyoming, offers emergency assistance, including shelter, education, victim and case assistance and advocacy and receives support from Jackson and Teton County, Wyoming.  
<http://townofjackson.com/services/victim-services/>
- Community Safety Network in Jackson provides shelter, support and advocacy to those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.  
<http://csnjh.org/about-csn/>
- Teton County Access to Justice Center provides legal reference assistance and free civil legal aid to victims that qualify. <http://tcatj.weebly.com>

## Government and Other Services

Access to public transportation, schools, and health care varies throughout the region. Disparities do not exist so much by individual neighborhood as they do by broad geographic area. The varied densities and rural nature of the area – from only one-person per square mile in northern Fremont County to a population of 26,500 plus a 15,000-student campus in an area just under 10 square miles in Rexburg – contributes to the disparate location and provision of services in the WGYA.

The small size of these communities means that many operate much as individual neighborhoods would in a larger city, where there is a central commercial core of services (grocery store, gas station, restaurants, etc.) that serve the community. Given the small sizes (both in terms of population and square footage/mileage), there are not notable discrepancies in the ability for certain residents to access town amenities than others. The limited school and medical services in the area also means that residents all have access to the same services – e.g., there is not a high school located in a low-income area and one in an affluent area in any community, rather there is no more than one in any community and no more than two in any county.<sup>62</sup> The primary limitations arise from the lack of local bus service or transportation options within and between communities to serve residents, which primarily impact lower income households, including Hispanic/Latino and single parent households, and less mobile populations (e.g. seniors and persons with disabilities) to access dispersed services such as education and medical care or for commuting to jobs.

This information is presented both to highlight the challenges of providing public services in the primarily rural region and to identify where gaps in service may create challenges for residents in different communities and potential Fair Housing disparities in access.

### Public Transportation

Public transportation can provide commuters with options to link them to jobs and be a necessary service for seniors who can no longer drive, low-income residents with limited or no access to a personal vehicle, and persons with disabilities and limited mobility. Hispanic/Latino households in the area are also more likely to use bus or carpool service, as noted in the Commuting section of this report, and single-parent households, which are disproportionately low-income, are likewise assisted by this service.

There are only two public transportation providers in the WGYA: Targhee Regional Public Transportation Authority (TRPTA) and Southern Teton Area Rapid Transit (START). BYU-I does not provide or sponsor any transportation for its students

<sup>62</sup> The town of Jackson and city of Driggs are the only communities that also have an alternative high school in addition to one high school.

unrelated to approved academic classes and Fremont County does not have a public transportation provider located in the county. No existing public transit provider serves the WGYA north of St. Anthony.

- TRPTA serves part of the WGYA in Idaho, including Rexburg in Madison County, St. Anthony in Fremont County, and Driggs and Victor in Teton County. It has no fixed service routes in the WGYA – it is an on-demand, door-to-door service only and operates from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It offers reduced fares to seniors and persons with ADA-eligible disabilities.

Rexburg fixed-service routes have been proposed, but have not been implemented due to lack of city/county matching funds.

- START is based out of Teton County, Wyoming. Its service area includes the cities of Victor and Driggs and the town of Jackson and Teton County, Wyoming, in the WGYA. It has multiple fixed routes in Jackson and Teton County, Wyoming; a fixed commuter route from Driggs and Victor; and a fixed commuter route from Star Valley in Lincoln County, Wyoming (which is south of Jackson).

Free in-town shuttle service occurs at 30 minute intervals between 6 am and 11 pm and routes between Jackson and Teton Village provide service about every hour between about 6 am and 11 pm every day. The commuter routes are not free (\$8 one way) and are limited to two service times between about 5:30 am and 7:30 am each morning. Commuter buses leave the town of Jackson in the afternoon, with last service around 5 pm. Route times vary seasonally, with reduced service in the fall and spring.

START also offers paratransit service on-demand from 5:15 am to 11 pm every day, with reduced service in the fall and spring.

- Limited transit is provided by a private company, Salt Lake Express, within the Rexburg to Island Park area, plus service to Jackson, Wyoming. This service has designated pick-up locations within each jurisdiction, but will also provide door-to-door pick-up via reservation. It is available to transport persons from Island Park, for example, to the Idaho Falls Airport for a cost upwards of \$40, and offers generally two fixed pick up times per day. It is not a generally available service that assists populations in need of local transit to access jobs, groceries, and other needs.
- On-call transportation is offered by many senior centers in the WGYA, including St. Anthony, Ashton, and Jackson. These centers provide transportation within the towns and to the senior centers. The center in St. Anthony also provides monthly trips to Rexburg for medical care and other needs. The senior center in Rexburg coordinates with TRPTA for senior transportation needs.

### *Public Education*

Access to quality education is an important quality of life factor for families and opens up opportunities for a child's future. A quality school environment fosters low drop out rates, high graduation rates and sets the stage for life long learning. Segregation in schools has been equated with reduced school performance and higher incidence of students dropping out. In more dense regions, households may have several choices of various school districts in which to place their children; however, in the WGYA, options are limited. This reinforces the need to provide adequate resources and support to existing programs to ensure a quality learning environment for the community as a whole.

Given that education options are limited in this rural area (e.g., one public school system in most counties, etc.), segregation within the school system or among different schools is not a problem. The quickly growing Hispanic/Latino population in the WGYA, however, means that districts need to ensure they have the necessary resources to meet the needs of this population, including limited English proficiency courses and parent communication and outreach. More specifically:

- Madison County has the largest public school system in the WGYA. It is served by the Madison School District in the Rexburg area and south and the Sugar-Salem District north of Rexburg, in Sugar City. Madison County School District offers six (6) elementary schools: three in Rexburg, two east of Rexburg and one to the south. One middle (grades 5 and 6) and one junior high school are located in Rexburg. The city also has a high school and an alternative high school.

Sugar-Salem district has one elementary, one intermediate (grades 4 to 6), one junior high and one high school, all in Sugar City.

BYU-I is also the only 4-year university in the WGYA.

- Fremont County has one public school district, although Sugar-Salem district does provide some service to students residing in southern Fremont County. Fremont County has four elementary schools, one each in Parker, Teton, St. Anthony and Ashton. The county has one junior high school located in St. Anthony, but the high school in Ashton takes grades 6 through 12. It has a second high school in St. Anthony. As of the mid-2000's, the district had adequate capacity, except for elementary schools.

School buses only travel designated bus routes, meaning that some households may need to drive their children to access the nearest bus stop. The number and layout of routes changes each year based on the need to serve all students.

There are no public schools located north of Ashton. About 270 children under the age of 18 (70 under the age of 5) resided in the greater Island Park area in 2010 (i.e., Census Tract 9701).

- Teton County, Idaho, has three schools offering K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Driggs, Victor and Tetonia) and one for grades 4 to 6 (Driggs). The middle school is located in Driggs and the high school and alternative high school are in Driggs. In the mid-2000's, the middle school was at full capacity, with an average of 107 students in each grade.<sup>63</sup> The 2012-2030 Comprehensive Plan also supports adding additional funding and capacity for local schools.<sup>64</sup>

Another challenge in Teton County has been keeping up with the growth in Hispanic/Latino children in their school programs, which comprised about 22% of students in the mid-2000's.<sup>65</sup> At that time, the district struggled with funding the resources and staff needed to teach English as a second language, in addition to its regular curriculum. This will be a continuing need as this population continues to grow.

- Teton County, Wyoming, is served by one school district. It has one elementary school each in Alta, Kelly, Moran and Wilson and a K through 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4 to 6 school in Jackson, for a total of five (5) complete elementary programs. The one middle school and the high school and alternative high school are in Jackson.

Jackson also offers a couple opportunities for higher learning. Central Wyoming College is located in town. Students can take courses to improve job skills, receive a two-year associates degree, or take courses to prepare for a program at a four-year institution. The University of Wyoming also offers distance learning with several degree programs available in Jackson.

### **Regional Hospitals**

There are three full service hospitals in the WGYA. One in Rexburg, one in Driggs and one in Jackson, Wyoming. Fremont County no longer has a hospital. The St. Anthony hospital was closed and the Ashton Memorial Hospital closed in 1988 and became the Ashton Living Center for seniors. Unpaved rural roads and adverse weather conditions can all affect emergency response times and resident access to medical services from more remote areas of the counties. This particularly affects seniors and persons with disabilities and low-income households with limited transportation options, including low-income single-parent households and Hispanic/Latino households.

<sup>63</sup> See the City of Victor Comprehensive Plan, Ch. 5, for more information.

<sup>64</sup> See the Teton County Comprehensive Plan, 2012-20130, p. 6-24 et al.

<sup>65</sup> See the City of Victor Comprehensive Plan, Ch. 5, for more information.

It is over 50 miles from Island Park and over 25 miles from Ashton to the nearest hospital in Rexburg. About 16% of the population in each of these cities are seniors over the age of 65. Fremont County has a medical clinic in Island Park, two in St. Anthony and one in Ashton, along with senior assisted living facilities in Ashton and St. Anthony. Clinics were established as an economically viable option to provide quality medical care in Fremont County when the hospitals closed. Fremont County Emergency Medical Services has ambulances in Island Park, Ashton and St. Anthony, which are on call 24-hours, seven days per week.<sup>66</sup>

### Hospitals in the WGYA

Name	Location
<b>Madison Memorial Hospital</b>	Rexburg, Madison County
<b>Teton Valley Hospital</b>	Driggs, Teton County ID
<b>St. John's Medical Center</b>	Jackson, Teton County WY

### *Service to Persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP)*

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 “protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of their race, color, or national origin in programs that receive federal financial assistance.”<sup>67</sup> Compliance with Title VI requires that entities that receive financial assistance from the federal government, including but not limited to state agencies, local agencies and for-profit and non-profit entities and sub-recipients, provide language assistance to individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP). “Failure to ensure that persons who are limited English proficient (LEP) can effectively participate in, or benefit from, federally assisted programs may violate Title VI's prohibition against national origin discrimination.”

Persons of Hispanic/Latino descent may have additional obstacles to acquiring access to government services or housing in the WGYA due to language and cultural barriers. HUD specifies that for areas in which persons of limited English proficiency (LEP) are significantly represented, that barriers to their access to government services and housing need to be analyzed. HUD defines this as any area in which persons of LEP total at least 1,000 persons of LEP or greater than 5% of the population.<sup>68</sup> LEP access to housing is discussed in the Housing Profile and Conditions – Language Barriers section of this report, above. This section discusses LEP access to government services.

<sup>66</sup> See Fremont County Comprehensive Plan 2008 Revision, dated Dec. 17, 2008, pp. 117 – 119.

<sup>67</sup> For more on Title VI see: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/programdescription/title6>

<sup>68</sup> U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev., "Program Policy Guidance Number 2014-02," Sept. 8, 2014, p. 14, under "3. Access to Community Assets."

In 2000, about 31% of persons age 5 and over and of Hispanic/Latino origin in the WGYA spoke English either not well or not at all. In 2010, this would equate to about 2,400 LEP persons in the WGYA – or only 3% of the total population.<sup>69</sup>

As shown below, areas in which persons of LEP are significantly represented include each participating area in the WGYA, *except* Fremont County, Island Park, Madison County and Rexburg.

**Hispanic/Latino Persons Age 5+ of Limited English Proficiency: WGYA**

	Total Population Age 5+	Hispanic/Latino Origin Age 5+	% Total Population Speak English "Not Well" or "Not At All"	# Speak English "Not Well" or "Not At All"
<b>WGYC Region</b>	75,216	7,772	3%	2,443
<b>Fremont County, ID</b>	12,076	1,481	4%	438
<b>Ashton</b>	1,030	177	7%	74
<b>Island Park</b>	269	17	0%	0
<b>St. Anthony</b>	3,165	642	6%	189
<b>Madison County, ID</b>	33,942	1,951	1%	463
<b>Rexburg</b>	23,032	1,265	1%	249
<b>Teton County, ID</b>	9,187	1,494	5%	472
<b>Driggs</b>	1,499	445	11%	171
<b>Victor</b>	1,684	375	7%	120
<b>Teton County, WY</b>	20,011	2,846	6%	1,121
<b>Jackson</b>	8,953	2,309	12%	1,062

Source: 2000 and 2010 US Census

To meet Title VI obligations for these areas, HUD recommends recipients provide written translation of vital documents and oral translation of non-vital documents for LEP languages – in this case, Spanish. A language assistance plan (LAP) can define how they intend to serve LEP persons and establish protocol and contacts for interpretation and translation when needed and prioritize documents for translation. Whether areas receive federal financial assistance or not, this can provide useful guidance for ensuring fair access to government resources for LEP residents.

<sup>69</sup> The 2009-2013 5-year ACS estimates have a large margin of error for the counties and cities/towns in this region. Estimates provide that somewhere between 14% and 44% of the current Hispanic/Latino population age 5 and over speak English either “not well” or “not at all” within the WGYA. This is between 1,200 and 3,800 people – which averages about 2,500 total (or near the 2000 US Census calculation presented in the above table). Because of this wide range/high margin of error, the 100% sample from the 2000 US Census was used to estimate the percentage of LEP persons age 5 and over in each WGYA participating region.

Fremont County: Neither the county nor the cities of Ashton nor St. Anthony have written policies in place to assist Spanish-speaking persons. All areas do have access to interpreters when needed, however. More specifically:

- Fremont County's treasurer is fluent in Spanish and English and provides assistance to other departments when Spanish speakers need help and have not brought their own interpreter (e.g., usually a child or other family member or friend). She assists persons on a daily basis either in her office or the clerk's office, social services, the courts or others. The county provides some information in Spanish, but can have other materials translated if needed.
- The city of St. Anthony prints some information in both English and Spanish. For example, their non-discrimination policy and process for administrative claims is in both languages on their website. They get office visits from Spanish speakers about once or twice per week, but most bring their own interpreter – usually a child or other family member or friend. Perhaps once per month someone does not bring an interpreter, in which case the city has two police officers and an evidence technician on staff who speak Spanish. If these persons are not available, an appointment will be scheduled for a time that works for everyone.
- The city of Ashton calls on Fremont County's treasurer for interpretation assistance as well. The treasurer lives in Ashton. The city has between ten (10) to fifteen (15) visits per month from Spanish speaking families, but most bring their own interpreters (again a child or other family member is most common). About once per year they may need outside interpreter assistance. If the treasurer is not available, they have used local persons on missions from the Church of Latter Day Saints, although this has not been needed for over four years. The city's application for services is available in English and Spanish, but the vast majority of Spanish-speaking families choose the English application.

Teton County, Idaho: Neither the county nor the cities of Driggs nor Victor have written policies in place to assist Spanish-speaking persons. They do have access to interpreters when needed, however.

- Teton County, Idaho, court operations have Spanish language services; most people bring friend/family member to help. Sometimes other departments may use the employee from the court to assist. The Sheriff's office has two to three Spanish speaking deputies for assistance and emergency services (dispatch) has access to a "language line" provided by the state.
- The city of Driggs has an interpreter on-call and documents are translated on request. There are otherwise no Spanish speaking persons on staff. The local Hispanic Resource Center<sup>70</sup> will provide bi-monthly informational meetings. It

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<sup>70</sup> This non-profit is located in Driggs and receives support from the Community Foundation of Teton Valley. Its mission is to integrate Hispanic residents into the Teton Valley community through

was noted that Spanish-speaking individuals almost always either know rudimentary English or bring in someone who speaks English.

- The city of Victor has a Spanish interpreter on call and documents are translated upon request.

Teton County, Wyoming: Teton County, Wyoming, and the town of Jackson have the most extensive communications in place for interacting with the Spanish speaking community. This community is also largest in this area of the WGYA.

- Teton County, Wyoming, does not have a formal written policy for communicating with or disseminating information to Spanish-speakers seeking services. Because of the need, however, elected officials have taken it upon themselves to ensure the county can communicate with Spanish-speaking residents. Many departments communicate with Spanish speaking residents every day and most have interpreters on staff that can assist. Some also provide important written materials in Spanish (marriage license department, Public Health, etc.). Human Services and Housing contract annually with the local Latino Resource Center non-profit for assistance, which helps with county services as well as other services the Latino Resource Center offers. The Public Health department has many written materials in Spanish and have interpreters on staff. El Puente is a local non-profit that leases space in the Public Health building, which provides around-the-clock, medical translation services to limited-English speaking patients in need.
- The Town of Jackson offers translation and interpreter services in all their departments which interact with Spanish speakers on a regular basis. Most departments have at least one employee who is fluent or at least capable in Spanish. They have a policy that provides a Spanish Fluency Stipend to employees in departments that commonly interact with the Spanish speaking community – police department, victim services, etc. – which provide up to an additional \$350/month for persons fluent in Spanish (read, write, speak) and \$150/month for those who are partially fluent. Police department employees in the field, if not fluent, have limited fluency sufficient for traffic stops and other needs. The Spanish Fluency Stipend is their only formal written policy; other outreach to Spanish speakers is implemented out of necessity for serving this community and tailored for each department.

Not all materials for the city are provided in English and Spanish, but could be made available on request. The municipal court has an employee that translates materials. For services commonly used by the Spanish speaking community and seminars (e.g. victim services), then key materials are provided in Spanish. Bus routes and travel communication are provided in Spanish.

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education, outreach and cultural events. See <http://www.cftetonvalley.org/project/hispanic-resource-center/>

## **APPENDIX 1 - 2014 Housing Survey results**

**WESTERN GREATER YELLOWSTONE CONSORTIUM 2014**  
**Final Results**

		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Do you live in the region:	Year-round	94%	98%	87%	96%	97%	96%
	Part-time	6%	2%	13%	4%	3%	4%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	3,735	539	1,174	575	1,209	164

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Source: RRC Associates

		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
(If part-time) How many months in Spring/Summer	Less than 1 month	3%		4%			
	1 up to 3 months	36%	43%	37%	28%	36%	
	3 up to 4 months	43%	15%	47%	46%	26%	50%
	4 months or more	18%	42%	11%	25%	37%	50%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		3.7	4.6	3.5	4.0	4.1	5.0
Median		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
n =		221	7	156	21	25	4
(If part-time) How many months in Fall/Winter	Less than 1 month	1%		1%			
	1 up to 3 months	31%	62%	28%	61%	40%	
	3 up to 4 months	34%		34%	39%	25%	67%
	4 months or more	34%	38%	38%		35%	33%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		4.5	4.2	4.8	3.1	3.8	4.7
Median		4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
n =		215	5	170	14	13	6

13 Aug 14  
Source: RRC Associates

		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Are you:	A seasonal employee	17%	42%	9%	43%	39%	33%
	Other	83%	58%	91%	57%	61%	67%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	245	7	173	19	29	6

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		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
How long have you lived in the region?	Less than 1 year	7%	3%	11%	6%	4%	8%	
	1 up to 5 years	29%	12%	45%	21%	26%	29%	
	6 up to 10 years	14%	11%	10%	18%	17%	18%	
	More than 10 years	50%	74%	35%	54%	53%	44%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	n =	3,552	500	1,135	546	1,159	156	
How long have you lived in your current home?	Less than 1 year	24%	9%	39%	14%	19%	19%	
	1 up to 5 years	33%	22%	29%	39%	40%	34%	
	6 up to 10 years	14%	15%	12%	16%	14%	19%	
	More than 10 years	29%	54%	20%	31%	27%	27%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	n =	3,134	433	1,011	467	1,031	140	
How long do you plan to live in the region?	Less than 1 year	6%	2%	11%	1%	3%	7%	
	1 up to 5 years	25%	9%	41%	22%	18%	20%	
	6 up to 10 years	9%	9%	7%	10%	12%	10%	
	More than 10 years	60%	80%	42%	67%	67%	63%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	n =	2,996	399	992	449	967	138	

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		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
When you last moved, how hard was it to find housing that met your needs and that you could afford?	Not difficult	31%	49%	37%	33%	20%	16%	
	Moderately difficult	39%	37%	45%	36%	34%	41%	
	Very difficult	30%	15%	18%	32%	46%	43%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	n =	3,449	439	1,126	520	1,142	160	
In what type of home do you live?	Single-family house/Cabin	54%	76%	43%	73%	44%	68%	
	Duplex or triplex	3%	1%	3%	2%	5%	1%	
	Apartment, Townhouse or condominium	32%	6%	47%	13%	41%	18%	
	Mobile home	6%	14%	4%	9%	3%	3%	
	Motel	0%		0%	0%	1%		
	Tent/Camper/RV/Yurt/Truck/Van	1%			1%	2%		
	Other	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	10%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	n =	3,715	538	1,169	573	1,207	162	

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
How many bedrooms are/were in your home?	1	14%	5%	13%	8%	23%	11%
	2	27%	22%	26%	22%	35%	20%
	3	34%	37%	27%	52%	32%	35%
	4	13%	21%	15%	10%	8%	13%
	5 or more	11%	14%	19%	8%	2%	20%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		2.8	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.3	3.2
Median		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0
n =		3,666	531	1,160	566	1,194	158
Persons per bedroom	1-person or less per bedroom	66%	71%	56%	70%	72%	68%
	>1 to 1.5	14%	12%	20%	13%	10%	16%
	>1.5 to 2	15%	12%	22%	14%	12%	13%
	More than 2 persons per bedroom	4%	5%	2%	3%	7%	3%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.1
Median		1.0	.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
n =		2,885	478	915	417	945	127
How many bedrooms do you need?	1	23%	19%	24%	17%	29%	11%
	2	31%	28%	29%	33%	34%	29%
	3	26%	25%	19%	31%	28%	40%
	4	13%	19%	15%	15%	8%	9%
	5 or more	7%	8%	13%	4%	2%	11%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		2.5	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.8
Median		2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0
n =		3,612	513	1,143	562	1,184	161

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Do you:	Own	59%	80%	48%	71%	54%	63%
	Rent or lease to own	39%	16%	50%	27%	43%	34%
	Caretake/other	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	3%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	3,658	527	1,160	566	1,187	161
Does your employer provide or help you with housing?	Yes	4%	2%	2%	4%	6%	2%
	No	96%	98%	98%	96%	94%	98%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	3,640	521	1,154	563	1,186	161
What type of assistance?	Free housing	27%	47%	55%	30%	15%	50%
	Place to rent	55%	53%	40%	37%	67%	25%
	Down payment/mortgage assistance	18%		5%	33%	18%	25%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	141	8	22	15	87	4
Do you live in:	Free market housing	83%	92%	81%	92%	75%	97%
	Restricted housing	17%	8%	19%	8%	25%	3%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	3,162	343	1,066	493	1,070	147

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
In what county do you live?	Fremont County, ID	15%	100%				
	Madison County, ID	32%		100%			
	Teton County, ID	16%			100%		
	Teton County, WY	33%				100%	
	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)	4%					100%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	3,661	539	1,174	575	1,209	164

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		OVERALL	Resident households				Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	
(Fremont County) In which community do you live (or nearest to)?	Ashton	24%	24%				
	Island Park, Macks Inn, Big Springs, Henry's Lake	7%	7%				
	St Anthony, Parker, Wilford	52%	52%				
	Teton, Newdale	11%	11%				
	Warm River	1%	1%				
	Drummond, Squirrel	1%	1%				
	Other rural Fremont County	4%	4%				
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%				
	n =	538	538				
(Madison County) In which community do you live (or nearest to)?	Rexburg	83%		83%			
	Sugar City	9%		9%			
	Thornton	3%		3%			
	Other rural Madison County	5%		5%			
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%				
	n =	1,170	1,170				
(Teton County, ID) In which community do you live (or nearest to)?	Driggs	34%		34%			
	Victor	50%		50%			
	Tetonia	11%		11%			
	Other rural Teton County, ID	5%		5%			
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%				
	n =	574	574				
(Teton County, WY) In which community do you live (or nearest to)?	Jackson	73%			73%		
	Alta	1%			1%		
	Hoback	3%			3%		
	Kelly, Moran	2%			2%		
	Rafter J Ranch, South Park	7%			7%		
	Teton Village	2%			2%		
	Wilson, Moose Wilson Road	10%			10%		
	Teton or Yellowstone National Parks	1%			1%		
	Other rural Teton County, WY	2%			2%		
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%			
	n =	1,202	1,202	1,202			

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		Resident households					
		OVERALL	Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Where within the region would you most like to live if housing you could afford was available?	Jackson	26%	2%	2%	22%	65%	25%
	Rexburg	24%	4%	65%	1%	0%	15%
	Wilson, Moose Wilson Road	7%	0%	0%	10%	16%	3%
	St Anthony, Parker, Wilford	5%	37%	1%			1%
	Sugar City	4%	3%	10%	0%		3%
	Driggs	4%	1%	2%	20%	0%	1%
	Victor	4%	0%	0%	21%	1%	2%
	Ashton	3%	19%	1%	0%		1%
	Outside of 4-county Region	3%	1%	2%	4%	1%	26%
	Island Park, Macks Inn, Big Springs, Henry's Lake	3%	13%	3%	0%	0%	3%
	Rafter J Ranch, South Park	3%		0%	1%	7%	3%
	Other rural Madison County	2%	0%	6%			3%
	Teton, Newdale	2%	9%	1%	0%		1%
	Tetonia	1%		1%	6%	0%	
	Hoback	1%			0%	2%	9%
	Alta	1%	0%		7%	0%	
	Other rural Fremont County	1%	6%	1%		0%	1%
	Teton Village	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%
	Kelly, Moran	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%
	Teton or Yellowstone National Parks	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Thornton	1%		2%			
	Other rural Teton County, WY	1%		0%	0%	2%	1%
Other rural Teton County, ID	1%		0%	4%			
Warm River	1%	2%	1%	0%		1%	
Drummond, Squirrel	0%	1%	0%				
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	3,276	415	1,104	507	1,090	157

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Which best describes the condition of your current residence?	1=Excellent	37%	36%	34%	44%	36%	33%
	2=Good	48%	46%	51%	44%	47%	53%
	3=Fair	13%	15%	14%	10%	14%	13%
	4=Poor	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8
n =		3,442	468	1,126	530	1,154	159
If your home is in fair or poor condition, what types of repairs or improvements are needed?	Energy efficiency upgrades, insulation, windows	63%	71%	58%	75%	60%	72%
	Flooring (carpet, tile, etc )	58%	57%	68%	54%	50%	61%
	Exterior upgrades (paint, siding, landscaping)	53%	46%	52%	61%	54%	78%
	Heating, plumbing or electrical	44%	57%	42%	49%	36%	44%
	Old, inefficient, or broken appliances	38%	23%	48%	33%	42%	22%
	Infrastructure (sidewalk, driveway, water/sewer lines)	29%	33%	34%	21%	25%	39%
	Mold or asbestos abatement	23%	21%	26%	9%	23%	56%
	Roof (leaking, cracked)	21%	31%	14%	22%	23%	6%
	Other	13%	7%	10%	18%	18%	11%
TOTAL		343%	347%	351%	342%	330%	389%
n =		682	125	225	70	241	18

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Does your home have adequate/safe running water?	Yes	98%	97%	99%	99%	97%	99%
	No	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	3,616	529	1,158	563	1,203	159
What type of heat do you have?	None	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
	Electric	67%	58%	54%	67%	86%	67%
	Propane	20%	35%	6%	51%	10%	32%
	Natural gas	29%	29%	52%	3%	19%	22%
	Wood	20%	33%	11%	35%	16%	27%
	Solar	0%			0%	0%	
TOTAL		137%	156%	124%	157%	132%	148%
	n =	3,413	455	1,118	531	1,148	157
Please rate your current quality of life:	1=Excellent	29%	24%	30%	29%	33%	8%
	2=Very good	40%	39%	39%	39%	40%	47%
	3=Good	25%	27%	26%	24%	22%	35%
	4=Fair	5%	8%	5%	6%	4%	7%
	5=Poor	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.5
n =		3,112	493	977	465	1,036	136

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
<b>WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE IN THIS REGION?</b>							
Job opportunities	Average	3.1	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.4
	n =	2,774	403	921	400	919	128
Good education opportunities	Average	3.3	3.1	4.1	2.3	2.9	3.3
	n =	2,780	413	926	402	906	130
Good quality services (health, police, fire, other services)	Average	3.3	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.5	3.5
	n =	2,801	413	923	404	927	131
Housing is affordable	Average	2.5	3.4	3.0	2.4	1.5	2.3
	n =	2,789	414	922	400	920	130

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BIGGEST THREATS TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS REGION		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
Affordability of housing for workforce	Average	3.6	3.0	3.2	3.8	4.2	3.8	
	n =	2,825	412	925	407	950	129	
Availability of housing for seniors & persons with special needs	Average	3.1	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	
	n =	2,784	415	913	401	923	129	
Number of transportation options (e.g., car, bus, walking, biking)	Average	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.9	
	n =	2,787	412	922	402	919	129	
Ability to live close to work	Average	3.0	2.7	2.6	3.3	3.3	3.5	
	n =	2,779	410	915	404	919	128	
Availability of jobs that pay a good wage	Average	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	
	n =	2,792	410	916	405	930	128	
Access to services (healthcare, internet, police & fire, etc.)	Average	2.6	2.9	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.7	
	n =	2,792	416	922	401	921	130	
Access to a good education	Average	2.7	3.0	2.2	3.5	2.6	2.8	
	n =	2,775	411	923	396	913	129	

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		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
Within the next 5 years do you plan to:	Stay in your current residence	58%	77%	47%	63%	59%	50%	
	Move into a different home within the region	23%	13%	20%	26%	28%	31%	
	Leave the region	19%	9%	33%	10%	13%	20%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	n =	2,802	414	910	394	952	127	
Do you plan to move because you:	Want to	64%	62%	66%	74%	60%	63%	
	Have to	36%	38%	34%	26%	40%	37%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	n =	1,409	87	615	161	481	62	
If you plan to move, do you prefer to:	Own	71%	81%	61%	87%	75%	79%	
	Rent	29%	19%	39%	13%	25%	21%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	n =	1,432	97	616	164	490	62	

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
If you plan to move, what is your FIRST preferred choice of home?	Single-family home	77%	85%	67%	91%	80%	90%
	Apartment	12%	7%	21%	3%	5%	8%
	Duplex/townhome	7%	6%	9%	4%	7%	2%
	Condominium	3%	2%	2%		5%	
	Other	1%		1%	2%	2%	
	Mobile home	0%		0%		0%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	1,422	95	614	165	484	62
If you plan to move, what is your SECOND preferred choice of home?	Duplex/townhome	47%	27%	42%	48%	56%	53%
	Single-family home	17%	32%	17%	24%	13%	17%
	Apartment	16%	15%	25%	13%	6%	10%
	Condominium	12%	11%	7%	10%	18%	17%
	Mobile home	6%	16%	7%	4%	3%	3%
	Other	2%		2%	2%	4%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	1,379	83	606	152	478	59

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Total number of persons in household	1	19%	21%	9%	21%	29%	7%
	2	37%	39%	37%	35%	36%	43%
	3	14%	11%	13%	17%	14%	14%
	4	11%	10%	12%	11%	10%	21%
	5 or more	19%	19%	29%	15%	11%	15%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		2.9	2.8	3.4	2.7	2.4	3.1
Median		2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
n =		2,908	482	918	425	951	129
How many people over the age of 18 live in your household?	.00	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	1	20%	23%	10%	22%	31%	4%
	2	59%	62%	62%	62%	51%	81%
	3	11%	10%	12%	10%	12%	9%
	4	5%	3%	7%	3%	5%	3%
	5 or more	4%	2%	9%	2%	1%	2%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		2.1	2.0	2.5	2.0	1.9	2.2
Median		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
n =		2,646	446	882	371	828	117

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		Resident households					
		OVERALL	Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Within which age categories do household members fall?	Under 18	27%	28%	34%	30%	17%	38%
	18-29	35%	19%	63%	18%	21%	26%
	30-64	69%	69%	53%	86%	76%	86%
	65 and over	15%	33%	6%	12%	16%	6%
TOTAL		146%	149%	157%	146%	131%	155%
	n =	2,790	417	902	393	949	125
Household with persons 65 and over	Yes	14%	30%	6%	12%	16%	6%
	No	86%	70%	94%	88%	84%	94%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	2,987	485	937	437	997	127

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
How many adults in your household are: Employed	.00	10%	20%	9%	9%	6%	2%
	1	34%	32%	37%	32%	34%	26%
	2	46%	42%	40%	51%	49%	64%
	3 or more	10%	5%	13%	7%	11%	7%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8
Median		2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
n =		2,931	477	934	427	966	126
How many adults in your household are: Unemployed and looking for work	.00	90%	93%	82%	94%	96%	90%
	1	8%	7%	13%	5%	3%	10%
	2	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	
	3 or more	1%		1%		0%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		.1	.1	.3	.1	.0	.1
Median		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
n =		2,736	409	899	383	920	124
How many adults in your household are: Retired or not working by choice	.00	85%	67%	86%	88%	90%	89%
	1	10%	18%	10%	9%	7%	11%
	2	4%	14%	3%	3%	3%	
	3 or more	0%	0%	1%			
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		.2	.5	.2	.1	.1	.1
Median		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
n =		2,736	409	899	383	920	124
How many adults in your household are: Student(s)	.00	71%	82%	43%	85%	89%	67%
	1	12%	10%	18%	7%	7%	11%
	2	11%	5%	25%	4%	2%	19%
	3 or more	6%	3%	14%	4%	1%	3%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		.6	.3	1.3	.2	.1	.6
Median		0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
n =		2,736	409	899	383	920	124

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Total number of year-round full-time and part-time jobs (CALCULATED)	None	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	2%
	1	37%	38%	35%	38%	40%	26%
	2	43%	45%	40%	44%	42%	52%
	3	10%	9%	13%	8%	7%	15%
	4 or more	5%	3%	7%	4%	6%	5%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.0
Median		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
n =		2,477	374	758	383	848	114
Total number of summer-seasonal full-time and part-time jobs (CALCULATED)	None	79%	80%	78%	75%	78%	90%
	1	14%	16%	13%	18%	14%	7%
	2	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%	3%
	3	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	
	4 or more	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.1
Median		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
n =		2,477	374	758	383	848	114
Total number of winter-seasonal full-time and part-time jobs (CALCULATED)	None	90%	95%	91%	88%	88%	94%
	1	7%	5%	6%	10%	8%	2%
	2	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	3%
	3	1%		1%	0%	1%	
	4 or more	1%		1%		1%	2%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average		.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	.1
Median		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
n =		2,477	374	758	383	848	114

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
In which counties do members of your household hold a job?	Teton County, WY	42%	2%	0%	53%	97%	49%
	Madison County	39%	37%	95%	2%	0	32%
	Fremont County	15%	82%	9%	2%	1%	4%
	Teton County, ID	13%	4%	1%	70%	5%	3%
	Other county	12%	15%	15%	7%	5%	52%
TOTAL		121%	139%	121%	132%	107%	139%
	n =	2,321	319	722	352	815	113

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
In which counties do members of your household hold a YEAR-ROUND job?	Teton County, WY	41%	1%	0%	48%	97%	50%
	Madison County	39%	37%	95%	1%		31%
	Teton County, ID	22%	14%	13%	74%	9%	50%
	Fremont County	15%	78%	8%	2%	0%	4%
TOTAL		117%	131%	117%	125%	106%	133%
	n =	2,210	310	667	336	786	111
In which counties do members of your household hold a SUMMER SEASONAL job?	Teton County, WY	43%	2%	1%	47%	95%	20%
	Madison County	26%	14%	76%	3%		10%
	Teton County, ID	25%	20%	26%	61%	6%	80%
	Fremont County	13%	71%	7%	1%	1%	
TOTAL		107%	107%	111%	111%	101%	110%
	n =	515	63	162	84	196	10
In which counties do members of your household hold a WINTER SEASONAL job?	Teton County, WY	51%	6%		59%	95%	14%
	Madison County	26%	11%	81%	5%		43%
	Teton County, ID	21%	18%	24%	44%	6%	71%
	Fremont County	7%	71%	3%		1%	
TOTAL		106%	106%	109%	107%	102%	129%
	n =	290	20	79	51	133	7

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		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
Total number of miles all household members travel to work one way (CALCULATED)	Less than 1 miles	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%		
	1 - 5 miles	32%	22%	47%	15%	32%	4%	
	6 - 10 miles	14%	10%	16%	10%	17%	4%	
	11 - 15 miles	12%	16%	7%	9%	17%	4%	
	16 - 20 miles	9%	11%	6%	6%	12%	5%	
	21 - 30 miles	10%	13%	7%	16%	9%	12%	
	31 - 40 miles	7%	9%	7%	9%	5%	11%	
	41 miles or more	14%	16%	6%	33%	5%	61%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Average		19.4	22.6	12.8	30.5	13.9	56.4	
Median		11.0	15.0	5.0	26.7	10.0	50.0	
n =		2,225	313	680	337	783	112	

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		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
When commuting to work, what is your primary mode of travel?	Car	84%	95%	81%	89%	79%	86%	
	Carpool/vanpool	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	4%	
	Bus	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	10%	
	Bike/walk	12%	1%	18%	5%	16%		
	Other	0%			0%	0%		
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
n =		2,540	384	776	388	873	119	
Which of the following best describes your household?	Adult living alone	20%	20%	10%	22%	29%	8%	
	Couple, no child(ren)	33%	34%	33%	34%	31%	39%	
	Couple with child(ren)	28%	29%	34%	31%	19%	44%	
	Single parent with child(ren)	6%	7%	5%	7%	7%	1%	
	Unrelated roommates	6%	1%	10%	2%	8%	1%	
	Extended/multi-generation family members	4%	6%	5%	2%	3%	5%	
	Other	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
n =		2,811	470	855	421	942	121	

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		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
Does any person in your home have a disability?	Yes	7%	16%	8%	4%	4%	3%	
	No	93%	84%	92%	96%	96%	97%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	n =	2,604	399	817	376	891	120	
What are their disabilities?	Mobility impaired	47%	51%	49%	40%	43%	25%	
	Self-care limitations	18%	20%	18%	10%	19%	25%	
	Cognitive/mental impairment	36%	18%	60%	19%	30%	50%	
	Hearing or blind/sight impaired	24%	35%	23%	8%	10%	25%	
	Other	23%	25%	21%	38%	21%		
TOTAL		148%	148%	171%	114%	123%	125%	
	n =	183	63	57	21	37	4	
Does your current home adequately accommodate the disabilities of persons in your household?	Yes	79%	76%	87%	75%	70%	75%	
	No	21%	24%	13%	25%	30%	25%	
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	n =	178	61	57	19	37	4	

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		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
What is the race/ ethnicity of all household members?	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic White	87%	87%	94%	78%	84%	96%	
	Hispanic/Latino	15%	15%	10%	23%	17%	6%	
	African American/Black	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	
	American Indian	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	
	Asian	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%		
	At least one household member who is two or more races	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	4%	
	Other	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	
TOTAL		109%	107%	115%	107%	106%	110%	
	n =	2,763	459	846	417	925	116	

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Have you or a household member experienced discrimination during the sale/rental of your housing in the area?	Yes	4%	2%	3%	4%	6%	4%
	No	96%	98%	97%	96%	94%	96%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	2,763	454	851	409	928	120
What was this housing discrimination related to?	Race/ethnicity	21%	48%	16%	33%	15%	33%
	Disability	11%	28%	11%	6%	11%	
	Age	23%		28%	25%	26%	
	Religion	12%	28%	17%	25%		33%
	Sex/gender	9%		3%	3%	14%	33%
	Family type	29%	26%	21%	10%	42%	
	Other	24%	32%	26%	30%	20%	33%
TOTAL		130%	162%	123%	132%	127%	133%
	n =	121	10	32	17	59	3
Gender discriminated against:	Male	30%		100%	100%	26%	
	Female	70%	100%			74%	100%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	13	1	1	1	9	1

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		OVERALL	Resident households				
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
Have you experienced any of the following housing problems while living in the 4-county region?	Eviction/forced removal from housing	12%	6%	6%	9%	18%	17%
	Unable to pay bills - food, utilities, medical	65%	91%	79%	74%	43%	69%
	Unable to rent or buy due to poor credit	19%	27%	17%	23%	15%	26%
	Forced to move often	31%	4%	14%	18%	56%	26%
TOTAL		127%	128%	116%	125%	132%	137%
	n =	728	118	156	119	300	35
Household has experienced at least one of the above housing problems	Yes	23%	24%	15%	25%	29%	29%
	No	77%	76%	85%	75%	71%	71%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	2,776	455	850	417	934	119
Are you currently late on your housing payments and facing eviction or foreclosure?	Yes	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	
	No	99%	98%	99%	98%	99%	100%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n =	2,768	452	849	416	931	119

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		Resident households					
		OVERALL	Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY	Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
What is your monthly rent or mortgage payment?	Do not pay rent or mortgage/Mortgage paid off	13%	29%	8%	13%	11%	8%
	Under \$500	13%	27%	17%	10%	5%	10%
	\$500 - \$749	22%	24%	34%	20%	11%	18%
	\$750 - \$999	15%	9%	17%	17%	14%	14%
	\$1,000 - \$1,249	13%	6%	12%	13%	16%	22%
	\$1,250 - \$1,499	7%	2%	7%	9%	8%	11%
	\$1,500 - \$1,749	7%	1%	4%	8%	12%	5%
	\$1,750 - \$1,999	3%	1%	1%	4%	5%	5%
	\$2,000 - \$2,499	5%	0%	1%	5%	10%	5%
	\$2,500 - \$2,999	2%	0%	1%	0%	4%	2%
	\$3,000 - \$3,999	1%		0%		4%	
	\$4,000 or more	0%				1%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
<b>Average (excludes 0's)</b>	\$1,029	\$636	\$792	\$1,006	\$1,398	\$1,067	
<b>Median</b>	\$850	\$580	\$675	\$900	\$1,200	\$1,000	
<b>n =</b>	2,259	314	703	336	802	104	

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		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
What is your household's average monthly utilities - gas, electric, water (if not included in rent)?	Under \$50	4%	0%	11%	1%	1%	3%	
	\$50 - \$99	14%	9%	20%	8%	16%	8%	
	\$100 - \$149	18%	13%	18%	14%	22%	12%	
	\$150 - \$199	16%	13%	11%	21%	20%	20%	
	\$200 - \$249	20%	23%	19%	19%	20%	22%	
	\$250 - \$299	9%	14%	8%	10%	5%	15%	
	\$300 - \$349	10%	13%	8%	16%	9%	7%	
	\$350 - \$399	2%	5%	1%	2%	1%	5%	
	\$400 - \$449	3%	5%	1%	4%	2%	1%	
	\$450 - \$499	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	
	\$500 or more	3%	4%	2%	5%	3%	5%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
<b>Average</b>		\$189	\$227	\$159	\$222	\$179	\$213	
<b>Median</b>		\$170	\$200	\$150	\$200	\$150	\$200	
<b>n =</b>		1,953	326	546	303	680	97	
What is your household's average monthly HOA fees (if applicable)?	None	77%	98%	91%	74%	51%	83%	
	Under \$50	6%	2%	4%	16%	6%	8%	
	\$50 - \$99	5%		3%	3%	12%	4%	
	\$100 - \$199	7%		2%	6%	17%	1%	
	\$200 - \$299	3%	0%		1%	9%		
	\$300 - \$399	1%				3%	2%	
	\$400 - \$499	0%				1%		
	\$500 or more	0%				0%	2%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
<b>Average (excludes 0's)</b>		\$119	\$65	\$65	\$56	\$148	\$171	
<b>Median</b>		\$91	\$24	\$73	\$25	\$130	\$50	
<b>n =</b>		376	8	23	91	236	17	

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		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
Annual household income before taxes	Under \$25,000	22%	28%	33%	17%	11%	16%	
	\$25,000 - \$49,999	24%	29%	22%	26%	25%	12%	
	\$50,000 - \$74,999	21%	26%	17%	23%	20%	20%	
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	14%	10%	14%	16%	14%	28%	
	\$100,000 - \$124,999	10%	4%	8%	11%	15%	14%	
	\$125,000 - \$149,999	4%	1%	3%	2%	6%	4%	
	\$150,000 - \$174,999	2%	1%	1%	3%	4%	3%	
	\$175,000 - \$199,999	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
	\$200,000 - \$224,999	1%	1%		0%	1%	2%	
	\$225,000 - \$249,999	0%				0%		
	\$250,000 - \$499,999	1%	0%	0%		2%		
	\$500,000 - \$999,999	0%				0%	2%	
	\$1,000,000 or more	0%			0%	0%		
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
<b>Average</b>		\$64,068	\$48,293	\$52,515	\$62,175	\$80,519	\$83,036	
<b>Median</b>		\$51,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$54,903	\$65,000	\$75,000	
<b>n =</b>		2,419	412	693	364	838	111	

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		OVERALL	Resident households					Outside of 4-county region (specify county)
			Fremont County, ID	Madison County, ID	Teton County, ID	Teton County, WY		
AMI	50% or less AMI	25%	27%	32%	16%	22%		
	50.1% - 80% AMI	15%	17%	12%	17%	15%		
	80.1% - 120%	26%	22%	18%	23%	35%		
	More than 120% AMI	35%	33%	37%	44%	28%		
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	<b>n =</b>	2,313	407	729	359	818		
PERCENT OF INCOME SPENT ON RENT OR MORTGAGE	30% and under	70%	83%	64%	74%	69%	80%	
	30.1-40%	12%	8%	9%	14%	15%	9%	
	40.1-50%	6%	5%	5%	6%	7%	2%	
	Over 50%	12%	4%	22%	6%	9%	9%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	<b>n =</b>	2,135	303	662	321	749	100	

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Source: RRC Associates

## **APPENDIX 2 - 2014 Housing Survey comments**

**WESTERN GREATER YELLOWSTONE CONSORTIUM  
Housing Survey 2014**

<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Fremont County, ID	A family can have some acreage to do a few things with
Fremont County, ID	Because my family is here, and I live with my family.
Fremont County, ID	central to husband's family
Fremont County, ID	CLOSE TO LARGE TOWN
Fremont County, ID	Close to my work
Fremont County, ID	Correct 'feel connected to neighbors' question. I want it, but don't feel it.
Fremont County, ID	Cost of city services
Fremont County, ID	cost of living
Fremont County, ID	friends
Fremont County, ID	Husband attending BYU
Fremont County, ID	Husband grew up here
Fremont County, ID	Husband.
Fremont County, ID	I can make a difference
Fremont County, ID	I have a job here and am grateful.
Fremont County, ID	Live in an age where city, state, and fed government regulating, taxing are gone
Fremont County, ID	Love being in a rural area
Fremont County, ID	My church membership
Fremont County, ID	My grandmother worked in I.P. during summers; been spending time with her since I was a small child
Fremont County, ID	My husband lived here when we were married
Fremont County, ID	MY JOB
Fremont County, ID	n/a
Fremont County, ID	neutral
Fremont County, ID	Spouse's employment and preference
Fremont County, ID	Wanted to see something new.
Fremont County, ID	We like the small town feel
Fremont County, ID	We moved because of family.
Fremont County, ID	what to be able to see the Tetons
Madison County, ID	A New Start
Madison County, ID	Accident
Madison County, ID	Also good dating opportunities.
Madison County, ID	Attend college here
Madison County, ID	attending BYU-I

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Housing Survey 2014**

<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Madison County, ID	Because the area is not overbuilt: the area is peaceful and 'small.' What can we do to keep it that way?
Madison County, ID	BYU Idaho
Madison County, ID	BYU Idaho
Madison County, ID	BYU Idaho brought us to Rexburg. We like it, but there are no jobs to keep us here.
Madison County, ID	BYU_I
Madison County, ID	BYU-Idaho
Madison County, ID	BYU-Idaho Degree
Madison County, ID	BYU-Idaho is here and this is my dream job.
Madison County, ID	BYU-Idaho requires me to live in 'approved housing' which allows for a selective and monopolistic market in which prices are extremely inflated for the units offered.
Madison County, ID	BYU-Idaho. That was the #1 factor
Madison County, ID	BYUI
Madison County, ID	BYUI
Madison County, ID	Climate
Madison County, ID	Close to school
Madison County, ID	Close to BYU-I
Madison County, ID	Close to college campus
Madison County, ID	close to work
Madison County, ID	Cold and no family
Madison County, ID	college

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<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Madison County, ID	College
Madison County, ID	College Costs-Strongly Agree
Madison County, ID	College education
Madison County, ID	conditions of roads and sidewalks
Madison County, ID	Cost of living is fairly low
Madison County, ID	Didn't mean to
Madison County, ID	Didn't mean to select it
Madison County, ID	Directions said select one for each...
Madison County, ID	Education
Madison County, ID	Enrolled at BYU-Idaho
Madison County, ID	family is here and poor health
Madison County, ID	Felt right and I had siblings that went to buy-i
Madison County, ID	Finish college
Madison County, ID	Good Atmosphere on Campus
Madison County, ID	Good LDS environment
Madison County, ID	good people
Madison County, ID	Great place to live!
Madison County, ID	Grocery expenses
Madison County, ID	Happy place to be overall.
Madison County, ID	Higher Education
Madison County, ID	Higher Education
Madison County, ID	How do you uncheck the box?
Madison County, ID	Husband grew up here and his family has been here for generations
Madison County, ID	I accidentally selected it and couldn't unselect it
Madison County, ID	I am attending College here
Madison County, ID	I am glad to live near my family in a strong LDS community.
Madison County, ID	I am here because of school. The other factors are just benefits.
Madison County, ID	I am here for school
Madison County, ID	I came here solely for school.
Madison County, ID	I clicked it on accident

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<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Madison County, ID	I clicked neutral in this category so none would be blank
Madison County, ID	I didn't realize if there wasn't other reasons not to click on anything.
Madison County, ID	I enjoy the conservative values of the community. Having a strong Christian/religious community is very important to me, regardless of what religion it happens to be.
Madison County, ID	I enjoy the small town feel
Madison County, ID	I go to BYU-I
Madison County, ID	I got to college here.
Madison County, ID	I live here because I go to school here. If I didn't, I wouldn't be here.
Madison County, ID	I live here for school.
Madison County, ID	I only live here because I am attending BYU-Idaho
Madison County, ID	I selected on accident
Madison County, ID	I was clicking things
Madison County, ID	I'm here for school.
Madison County, ID	it is convenient to live in Rexburg while going to school at BYU-Idaho
Madison County, ID	It told me to select something for all of them.
Madison County, ID	Job
Madison County, ID	Just going to school
Madison County, ID	LDS community and Temple
Madison County, ID	LESS corrupt local govt
Madison County, ID	Love Idaho
Madison County, ID	Love the LDS community
Madison County, ID	Married someone from here
Madison County, ID	Married someone from Rexburg
Madison County, ID	mormon school
Madison County, ID	Mormons
Madison County, ID	My children attend college here.
Madison County, ID	my church family.
Madison County, ID	My current job at the university. However, because of the pathetic nature of local government, including that of the university, we will leave as soon as possible.
Madison County, ID	My family lives here, but not for 'generations'.
Madison County, ID	My family lives here, but only 1 generation.
Madison County, ID	My parents offered to pay for my education here.
Madison County, ID	My wife is from here.
Madison County, ID	n/a

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<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Madison County, ID	N/A
Madison County, ID	na
Madison County, ID	nearby temple
Madison County, ID	neutral
Madison County, ID	Neutral
Madison County, ID	Nice weather
Madison County, ID	No family anywhere near here. Spouse hired to Ricks College 17 years ago. We weren't making ends meet in the East where our families were. Lower cost of living. He became a professor in 1997 after completing his PhD.
Madison County, ID	No/unaware of public transportation in surrounding areas.
Madison County, ID	none
Madison County, ID	none
Madison County, ID	none
Madison County, ID	Not enough married student housing
Madison County, ID	nothing
Madison County, ID	Obligation to help family
Madison County, ID	Our sole reason for being in Madison County is to attend BYU-Idaho. Upon graduation we plan on leaving the area.
Madison County, ID	Overall
Madison County, ID	overall cost of living
Madison County, ID	Pet housing
Madison County, ID	Religion
Madison County, ID	Religious environment
Madison County, ID	Religious reasons
Madison County, ID	Religious strength

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<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Madison County, ID	Religious
Madison County, ID	restrictions due to split family
Madison County, ID	Right now I am here because I am in school. If I were to come back to this state later it would be to raise a family here if job opportunities were available.
Madison County, ID	Roads, crosswalks
Madison County, ID	safety from wild animals
Madison County, ID	school
Madison County, ID	School and married
Madison County, ID	schooling opportunities
Madison County, ID	Snow
Madison County, ID	Specifically BYU-I
Madison County, ID	spouse wanted to live here
Madison County, ID	Stores
Madison County, ID	strong religious background
Madison County, ID	Student at BYU-I
Madison County, ID	sucluded
Madison County, ID	Sunny and clean air
Madison County, ID	The conflict between BYU-I and city.
Madison County, ID	The entire Southeastern Idaho region is heavenly place.
Madison County, ID	the snow
Madison County, ID	To be near a temple
Madison County, ID	We enjoy the spring, summer and fall weather
Madison County, ID	We like the idea of the community not what it is. Sue us for being idealist if you want.
Madison County, ID	We only live here for school. Once we graduate we will leave Idaho right away!

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<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Madison County, ID	weather
Madison County, ID	wife
Madison County, ID	Wife's employment
Madison County, ID	within reasonable distance of relatives
Madison County, ID	work for the forest service so I didn't choose where I wanted to live.
Madison County, ID	WOULD LIKE TO LIVE SOMEWHERE ELSE BECAUSE OF MADISON COUNTY HIGH TAXES
Madison County, ID	You said to check one for each
Outside 4-county region	?
Outside 4-county region	Ability to live where we work
Outside 4-county region	does not apply
Outside 4-county region	hunting & fishing
Outside 4-county region	Husband's job.
Outside 4-county region	I came back after having been gone since 1967 to raise my son in a safe environment. I gave up \$85,000 a year for a \$20,000 a year job so my 14 year old did not end up in a jail somewhere. It was totally worth it!
Outside 4-county region	I can't afford Jackson so I live in Alpine
Outside 4-county region	I just love living in this area!
Outside 4-county region	I live in Lincoln County, WY
Outside 4-county region	It feels like where I grew up.
Outside 4-county region	Job is here
Outside 4-county region	Lifestyle
Outside 4-county region	None
Outside 4-county region	Our family lives in Wyoming and we want to remain close to them.
Outside 4-county region	pace of life is healthy
Outside 4-county region	Safe place to raise children
Outside 4-county region	School
Outside 4-county region	Spouse's Family
Outside 4-county region	The quality of people who live and enjoy the area.
Outside 4-county region	Transportation in the community
Teton County, ID	Beautiful Weather
Teton County, ID	Because it is the only place we could afford to live and still be in this area
Teton County, ID	Bicycle friendly
Teton County, ID	business opportunity
Teton County, ID	Child's father lives in Idaho Falls

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<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Teton County, ID	Chose to retire here
Teton County, ID	Close to daughter who moved here
Teton County, ID	conservative values are common here, low crime, honest people
Teton County, ID	could not get to agree button
Teton County, ID	Did have a small Govt. But it's becoming oppressive
Teton County, ID	diversity of people.
Teton County, ID	family
Teton County, ID	Family and friends here
Teton County, ID	family here
Teton County, ID	Family lives here now
Teton County, ID	Friends and family live here too.
Teton County, ID	I chose to move my family to Jackson in 1979. My work (self employed) was/is in Jackson. EWhen I was divorced, I moved to Victor for economic reasons. My retirement moved to Salt Lake with my ex
Teton County, ID	I feel connected with those whose values I share.
Teton County, ID	I got a job offer
Teton County, ID	I just love it here
Teton County, ID	I live here because my husband grew up here
Teton County, ID	In General
Teton County, ID	It was 'selected' for me to rate.
Teton County, ID	Jacksonson Has excellent educational opportunities i.e. schools. Teton Valley's schools are a drain on the economy of the valley. People move away because the schools are bad. And people refuse to move to Teton Valley because they are bad. This isn't just opinion it is research verified fact.
Teton County, ID	Life style,
Teton County, ID	Live in Teton County ID but must work in Teton County WY
Teton County, ID	Living around others who highly value the quality of life afforded here and who want to protect the areas here
Teton County, ID	moral values
Teton County, ID	Moved here to live with fiance.
Teton County, ID	My husband was raised here and he farms the family land
Teton County, ID	My husband won't move
Teton County, ID	My son lives here
Teton County, ID	None

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<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Teton County, ID	None
Teton County, ID	Raising a family outside the city
Teton County, ID	Short not too hot summers
Teton County, ID	skiing
Teton County, ID	The instructions say to 'check one for each'
Teton County, ID	The school distric is good in Jackson but not idaho
Teton County, ID	this just feels like home
Teton County, ID	Yellowstone and Grand Teton park and seven national forests
Teton County, WY	??
Teton County, WY	???
Teton County, WY	.
Teton County, WY	ability to participate and make a difference
Teton County, WY	above
Teton County, WY	abundant job opportunity
Teton County, WY	accidentally clicked
Teton County, WY	accidentally clicked on other
Teton County, WY	Affordable housing purchase otherwise housing nightmare in jackson
Teton County, WY	airport
Teton County, WY	An inherited house.
Teton County, WY	available housing
Teton County, WY	Came here to work, then retired here
Teton County, WY	Children live here
Teton County, WY	Cornerstone Church
Teton County, WY	Daughter live here
Teton County, WY	did not intend to click, can't remove
Teton County, WY	didn't mean to
Teton County, WY	Family here
Teton County, WY	Family lives here
Teton County, WY	Family moved here
Teton County, WY	Friends here
Teton County, WY	Friends Nearby
Teton County, WY	get away from heat/humidity
Teton County, WY	Good Christian church community
Teton County, WY	Good Friends

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<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Teton County, WY	Good friends and fun times
Teton County, WY	Good people. I am the soapmaker for several stores in town and also a community herbalist that studies Teton wild plants
Teton County, WY	Good place to raise kids
Teton County, WY	Grandchildren
Teton County, WY	Grandchildren in area
Teton County, WY	Great arts community
Teton County, WY	Great people
Teton County, WY	Had to answer
Teton County, WY	Health services are poor,
Teton County, WY	Hunting and fishing
Teton County, WY	I am stuck here and cannot leave until i can live here for a while and get my finances in order
Teton County, WY	I feel at home here.
Teton County, WY	I have a job here and my children's father currently lives here.
Teton County, WY	I have a solid core group of friends and family in the valley
Teton County, WY	I have family here that has lived here for 13 years
Teton County, WY	i just stopped taking this survey because it is impossible to complete the above section.
Teton County, WY	I live in affordable housing. That's the only reason I can live in Jackson
Teton County, WY	I live in Paradise, and paradise is expensive!
Teton County, WY	I moved here to be with my significant other
Teton County, WY	I put strongly agree in 3 boxes, but they did not show: grew up here, job opportunity, small town feel, clean air & water
Teton County, WY	is housing available for workers
Teton County, WY	lack of crowds
Teton County, WY	Like minded people
Teton County, WY	Local politics
Teton County, WY	Lots of community events
Teton County, WY	My family lives here- 2 sons, sister, granddaughter
Teton County, WY	My friends and the night life
Teton County, WY	my husband's family has lived here for generations
Teton County, WY	my job
Teton County, WY	My local church in which I am a deacon and minister is here.
Teton County, WY	My place of employment pays me based on ski town costs

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<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Why did you choose to live in this region? (other)</b>
Teton County, WY	My spouse loves Jackson
Teton County, WY	My spouse, who grew up here has a lot to do with it.
Teton County, WY	My spouse's job
Teton County, WY	N/A
Teton County, WY	N/A
Teton County, WY	N/A
Teton County, WY	na
Teton County, WY	None
Teton County, WY	Nothing to say
Teton County, WY	opportunities for our kids are better than other areas
Teton County, WY	Opportunity to contribute to making this a better place to live.
Teton County, WY	Our church
Teton County, WY	Parents live here
Teton County, WY	politics, people in Jackson value wildlife and care about nature and the health of things.
Teton County, WY	Public education funding.
Teton County, WY	Raised child here
Teton County, WY	raised our children here
Teton County, WY	raising kids
Teton County, WY	relationship
Teton County, WY	Retirement
Teton County, WY	Short commute
Teton County, WY	Sister lives here
Teton County, WY	Slow pace of life
Teton County, WY	small town with big town amenities
Teton County, WY	Some neighbors are great, but the entitled ones are most often terrible.
Teton County, WY	Support for the Arts
Teton County, WY	The community is not as conncted as it once was. We had block parties and took care of one anohte, but not anymore.
Teton County, WY	The safest place in the US of A.
Teton County, WY	the weather (love the winter and the summer)
Teton County, WY	We do not want to commute
Teton County, WY	Weather.
Teton County, WY	Wide variety of people of all ages and sense of community if live in Teton County, WY.
Teton County, WY	Work would be difficult to find outside of Jackson

## **APPENDIX 3 - 2014 Spanish Housing Survey comments**

**WESTERN GREATER YELLOWSTONE CONSORTIUM**  
**HOUSING SURVEY 2014 - Spanish Survey Comments - "Why do you choose to live in this region?"**

<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Fremont County, ID	1	because I live better and I have a better chance to improve life for my family
Fremont County, ID	1	Because it's a peaceful area and we like the community
Fremont County, ID	1	I like the community
Fremont County, ID	1	I like the community and I can work here
Fremont County, ID	1	We like it because of the peacefulness
Fremont County, ID	2	Because I found a job here
Fremont County, ID	2	because it's a very peaceful region
Fremont County, ID	2	because my family's here and for work
Fremont County, ID	2	good work and good place to raise my children
Fremont County, ID	2	I can work here, I like the community, my family is here, etc. (underlined all the examples)
Fremont County, ID	2	I like the community
Fremont County, ID	2	My whole family grew up here. We have work here.
Fremont County, ID	2	work
Fremont County, ID	3	Because I can work and I like the community
Fremont County, ID	3	Because I can work and it's a comfortable town for my children
Fremont County, ID	3	Because I feel good with my family
Fremont County, ID	3	because I grew up here
Fremont County, ID	3	because I'm close to my work and I'm with my brother
Fremont County, ID	3	because my children don't face the risks of big cities, I have security at school and in stores (the police do good work)
Fremont County, ID	3	because of work, good community for our children
Fremont County, ID	3	because work is close and for people I know and friends
Fremont County, ID	3	because work is nearby
Fremont County, ID	3	fewer crimes and dangers
Fremont County, ID	3	I can work
Fremont County, ID	3	I can work here
Fremont County, ID	3	I can work here, and because of my family
Fremont County, ID	3	I can work here, I like the community, my family is here, etc. (circled all the examples)
Fremont County, ID	3	I can work, and my family is close
Fremont County, ID	3	I like the community
Fremont County, ID	3	I like the community

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**HOUSING SURVEY 2014 - Spanish Survey Comments - "Why do you choose to live in this region?"**

<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Fremont County, ID	3	I like the community
Fremont County, ID	3	I like the community and my family is here
Fremont County, ID	3	I like the community, it's very peaceful
Fremont County, ID	3	I like to live here
Fremont County, ID	3	I'm a university student
Fremont County, ID	3	I'm originally from the region
Fremont County, ID	3	it's closer to my work
Fremont County, ID	3	It's peaceful so that the children will grow and develop in a healthy way
Fremont County, ID	3	it's peaceful to raise children
Fremont County, ID	3	it's what is available
Fremont County, ID	3	my family is here and I can work
Fremont County, ID	3	My partner has family here
Fremont County, ID	3	my work and family are here
Fremont County, ID	3	peacefulness and family
Fremont County, ID	4	a peaceful place and I like it
Fremont County, ID	4	A peaceful place for the family and there's no violence
Fremont County, ID	4	All of my family is here and it's a peaceful place
Fremont County, ID	4	because I like it.
Fremont County, ID	4	because it's cheaper
Fremont County, ID	4	because it's easier to find work
Fremont County, ID	4	because it's here that I have work
Fremont County, ID	4	because it's peaceful
Fremont County, ID	4	for the peace of my children
Fremont County, ID	4	I can work
Fremont County, ID	4	I can work
Fremont County, ID	4	I can work here and I like it
Fremont County, ID	4	I have my job here
Fremont County, ID	4	I like the community
Fremont County, ID	4	I like the community
Fremont County, ID	4	I like the community it's very peaceful
Fremont County, ID	4	it was the first I found, and my cousin is here
Fremont County, ID	4	It's a peaceful little town
Fremont County, ID	4	my family
Fremont County, ID	4	my family is here

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**HOUSING SURVEY 2014 - Spanish Survey Comments - "Why do you choose to live in this region?"**

<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Fremont County, ID	4	my family is here
Fremont County, ID	4	my family is here
Fremont County, ID	4	My husband lives here and for this reason I live in this place
Fremont County, ID	4	work
Fremont County, ID	4	work and community
Fremont County, ID	5	Work here, I like the community
Madison County, ID	1	Because it's a very good place for my children
Madison County, ID	1	because it's beautiful
Madison County, ID	1	I like it
Madison County, ID	1	Just because
Madison County, ID	2	I can work here
Madison County, ID	2	I like the community
Madison County, ID	2	That it's a Mormon town, the university, and it's a safe town
Madison County, ID	2	work
Madison County, ID	3	Because it's a place where there is no violence, it's a very calm place
Madison County, ID	3	because of my family
Madison County, ID	3	because the place is pretty and because of family
Madison County, ID	3	circled: I like the community
Madison County, ID	3	I have my whole family here
Madison County, ID	3	I like it
Madison County, ID	3	I like it. It's a nice and wonderful place to raise a family
Madison County, ID	3	I like the community
Madison County, ID	3	I work for a peaceful place
Madison County, ID	3	my family is here
Madison County, ID	3	my family is here
Madison County, ID	3	work, and good environment for the kids
Madison County, ID	4	Because it's very peaceful and comfortable and because of the good schools and teachers
Madison County, ID	4	Because of the peacefulness of the place
Madison County, ID	4	Because there is a good community
Madison County, ID	4	because we can afford it
Madison County, ID	4	because we can work
Madison County, ID	4	because we have work
Madison County, ID	4	I can work, my family is here

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<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Madison County, ID	4	I like it here
Madison County, ID	4	I like working here
Madison County, ID	4	it was the last recourse
Madison County, ID	4	my family is here
Madison County, ID	4	my family is here
Madison County, ID	4	my family is here
Madison County, ID	4	work
Outside 4-county region	4	for work
Teton County, ID	1	Because it's very peaceful for my daughters
Teton County, ID	1	I found work in Driggs
Teton County, ID	1	I like the community and it's an excellent place to raise children
Teton County, ID	1	I like the place, the community, the price
Teton County, ID	1	I like to ski a lot, my family, recreation
Teton County, ID	1	I like where I live
Teton County, ID	1	it's a good place to live, healthy, no traffic
Teton County, ID	1	it's very peaceful
Teton County, ID	2	a lot of work in the area, the community
Teton County, ID	2	because it's less expensive
Teton County, ID	2	family, work, not crowded
Teton County, ID	2	for the safety and peace of life here
Teton County, ID	2	good place to raise kids
Teton County, ID	2	I can work here
Teton County, ID	2	My family is here and I can work
Teton County, ID	2	peacefulness
Teton County, ID	2	peacefulness
Teton County, ID	3	Because here is where we have work
Teton County, ID	3	Because here it is cheaper, we bought an inexpensive trailer and we live together just as a family, and that is excellent. The only thing that I don't like is driving to Jackson, and also another bad thing is that here there are not good activities in the schools.
Teton County, ID	3	for my work and the place is peaceful
Teton County, ID	3	good place to raise kids
Teton County, ID	3	I like being here
Teton County, ID	3	I like it

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**HOUSING SURVEY 2014 - Spanish Survey Comments - "Why do you choose to live in this region?"**

<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Teton County, ID	3	I like the community
Teton County, ID	3	I like this valley
Teton County, ID	3	it's a very peaceful place
Teton County, ID	3	my family is here
Teton County, ID	3	the community
Teton County, ID	3	work
Teton County, ID	3	work/raise kids
Teton County, ID	4	cheaper rent
Teton County, ID	4	family
Teton County, ID	4	I like the community
Teton County, ID	4	I like the community
Teton County, ID	4	I like the community and my family is here
Teton County, ID	4	very peaceful
Teton County, ID	4	work
Teton County, ID	4	work
Teton County, ID	5	Because my children have a lot of freedom to play
Teton County, ID	5	I couldn't find a better place to live
Teton County, WY	1	for the peacefulness and safety we have
Teton County, WY	1	I can work here and I like the safety
Teton County, WY	1	I work here and the region is very peaceful
Teton County, WY	1	I work here, and I like it
Teton County, WY	1	the mountains, I like the community
Teton County, WY	2	because one can work
Teton County, WY	3	because I like the community
Teton County, WY	3	because my husband works here, it is a small place, it isn't dangerous
Teton County, WY	3	because of my family and the peacefulness/comfort of the region
Teton County, WY	3	because of my family, we need the space
Teton County, WY	3	because of work, and it's a peaceful place
Teton County, WY	3	because they pay more and I like the community for my family
Teton County, WY	3	I can work and it's very peaceful
Teton County, WY	3	I can work here
Teton County, WY	3	I can work here, my family is here
Teton County, WY	3	I like it and it's well paid
Teton County, WY	3	I like the community, it is very lovely and peaceful

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**HOUSING SURVEY 2014 - Spanish Survey Comments - "Why do you choose to live in this region?"**

<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Teton County, WY	3	I like the peacefulness of living in a place with such beautiful nature
Teton County, WY	3	I like the place
Teton County, WY	3	it is a peaceful community
Teton County, WY	3	It is close to my children's school
Teton County, WY	3	my family is here and I like the town
Teton County, WY	3	My family--my family wants to stay
Teton County, WY	4	because I can work, I like the community
Teton County, WY	4	because I have a work visa
Teton County, WY	4	because I have work and can live a little better
Teton County, WY	4	because I like the community and other places are worse
Teton County, WY	4	because of the security of Jackson, it's a peaceful town
Teton County, WY	4	because we like it here
Teton County, WY	4	circled all three examples and wrote in: it has excellent schools for the children and appropriate security
Teton County, WY	4	family
Teton County, WY	4	family (we came here when I was a girl)
Teton County, WY	4	I can work here
Teton County, WY	4	I can work, I like the community
Teton County, WY	4	I like it here
Teton County, WY	4	I like the community
Teton County, WY	4	I like the community
Teton County, WY	4	I like the community and I can work here
Teton County, WY	4	I like the community and my work is here
Teton County, WY	4	my family is here
Teton County, WY	4	My family is here
Teton County, WY	4	My family is here, I like the community, I can work here
Teton County, WY	4	my family lives here
Teton County, WY	4	underlined all 3 examples: I can work here, I like the community, my family is here
Teton County, WY	3 & 4	I like the community
Teton County, WY	3 & 4	underlined "I like the community"
Teton County, WY	3 & 4	Well, because it is very different from my country, which is Mexico, and the very high social level, and more opportunities here
	2	because it's outside the town and my husband is closer to his work

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HOUSING SURVEY 2014 - Spanish Survey Comments - "Why do you choose to live in this region?"

County of Residence	Rating	Comment
	2	because of work
	3	because I like the quality of life and the peacefulness
	3	I like it here and my work is here
	3	I like the community and because it's central and there is transportation
	3	I like the community and the location
	3	my husband is here
	3	there's work
	4	because I can work and see my children
	4	because my family is here
	4	I can work here and my son can have a good education
	4	I like the region
	4	my workplace is close by and the school is (sic)
	4	work