Lewiston and Clarkston Quality of Life Survey

An effort to understand the issues important to Lewiston and Clarkston area residents

To be completed by the adult (age 18 and over) in your household who has had the most recent birthday.

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We hope you will enjoy completing this survey about life in the Lewiston and Clarkston area, and we appreciate your help.
Q1. Approximately how many years have you lived in the Lewiston-Clarkston area? 
☐ _____ Years

Q2. Overall, how satisfied are you with living in this area? 
☐ 1 Very satisfied  
☐ 2 Somewhat satisfied  
☐ 3 Neutral  
☐ 4 Somewhat dissatisfied  
☐ 5 Very dissatisfied  
☐ 6 Not sure

Q3. How attached do you feel to the Lewiston-Clarkston area? 
☐ 1 Very attached  
☐ 2 Somewhat attached  
☐ 3 Slightly attached  
☐ 4 Not at all attached  
☐ 5 Not sure

Q4. During the past five years, how much better or worse do you think Lewiston-Clarkston has become as a place to live? 
☐ 1 A lot better  
☐ 2 Somewhat better  
☐ 3 No change  
☐ 4 Somewhat worse  
☐ 5 A lot worse  
☐ 6 Not sure

Q5. How much better or worse do you think the local economy has become in the past five years? 
☐ 1 A lot better  
☐ 2 Somewhat better  
☐ 3 No change  
☐ 4 Somewhat worse  
☐ 5 A lot worse  
☐ 6 Not sure

Q6. How much better or worse do you think the area’s natural environment has become in the past five years? 
☐ 1 A lot better  
☐ 2 Somewhat better  
☐ 3 No change  
☐ 4 Somewhat worse  
☐ 5 A lot worse  
☐ 6 Not sure
Q7. What do you consider to be the most important issue affecting the quality of life in Lewiston-Clarkston today?

Q8. Below are several changes that residents of the Lewiston-Clarkston area have told us may be affecting the quality of life here. To what extent do you think each of the following has increased or decreased in the last five years?

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Change</th>
<th>Increased a Lot</th>
<th>Increased a Little</th>
<th>No Change</th>
<th>Decreased a Little</th>
<th>Decreased a Lot</th>
<th>Not Sure</th>
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<tr>
<td>The availability of jobs that provide a livable wage</td>
<td>O₁</td>
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<td>The availability of good, affordable healthcare</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
<td>O₄</td>
<td>O₅</td>
<td>O₆</td>
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<td>The willingness of residents to be involved in the community</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
<td>O₄</td>
<td>O₅</td>
<td>O₆</td>
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<td>The amount of illegal drug activity</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
<td>O₄</td>
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<td>O₆</td>
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<td>The number of crimes involving the use of firearms</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
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<td>O₅</td>
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<td>The number of salmon &amp; steelhead in the Snake &amp; Clearwater Rivers</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
<td>O₄</td>
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<td>O₆</td>
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<td>The availability of affordable childcare services</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
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<td>O₅</td>
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Q9. If each of the following continue in the next five years, to what extent do you think the quality of life of residents in the Lewiston-Clarkston area will become better or worse?

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Change</th>
<th>A Lot Better</th>
<th>Somewhat Better</th>
<th>No Change</th>
<th>Somewhat Worse</th>
<th>A Lot Worse</th>
<th>Not Sure</th>
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<tr>
<td>More people moving into Lewiston-Clarkston from other places</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
<td>O₄</td>
<td>O₅</td>
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<td>More large retail chains such as Walmart and Target moving into the area</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
<td>O₄</td>
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<td>More gray wolves in the area</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
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<td>Greater use of the Internet</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
<td>O₄</td>
<td>O₅</td>
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<td>Greater use of cell phones</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
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<td>More people using cell phones while driving an automobile</td>
<td>O₁</td>
<td>O₂</td>
<td>O₃</td>
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Q10. How much better or worse do you think the quality of life of Lewiston-Clarkston residents would become if the dams along the lower-Snake River were breached to allow water to freely flow through them?

- [ ] A lot better
- [ ] Somewhat better
- [ ] No change
- [ ] Somewhat worse
- [ ] A lot worse
- [ ] Not sure

Q11. Environmental protection and regulation is another issue we have heard discussed in the Lewiston-Clarkston area. Do you think environmental protections and regulations in the area are too strong, about right, or too weak?

- [ ] Too strong
- [ ] About right
- [ ] Too weak
- [ ] Not sure

Q12. Gray wolves were reintroduced into Idaho in the late 1990s and their numbers have been growing since. Currently, a proposal is being debated in Idaho that would remove gray wolves from the Endangered Species list and also allow open hunting on the wolves. Which one of the following do you agree with most?

- [ ] Gray wolves should remain protected under the Endangered Species Act.
- [ ] Gray wolves should be removed from the Endangered Species Act with restrictions placed on hunting them in Idaho.
- [ ] Gray wolves should be removed from the Endangered Species Act without restrictions placed on hunting them in Idaho.
- [ ] Not sure

Q13. How much of a threat, if any, do you think gray wolves pose to each of the following?

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<tr>
<th>Threat Description</th>
<th>Major threat</th>
<th>Minor threat</th>
<th>No threat at all</th>
<th>Not sure</th>
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<tr>
<td>Residents of the Lewiston-Clarkston area</td>
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<td>Other residents in Northern Idaho and</td>
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<td>Eastern Washington</td>
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<td>Pets and other domestic animals</td>
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<td>Farm animals</td>
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<td>Wildlife or game</td>
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Q14. Have you or someone you personally know ever encountered a wolf in a natural area?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Q15. Have your animals or the animals of someone you personally know ever been attacked by a wolf?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
Q16. One of the biggest changes occurring in the Lewiston-Clarkston area that may impact the quality of life is the use of new technologies. Next we'd like to learn more about your experience and use of cell phones, computers, and the Internet.

Do you have a cell phone?

1. Yes
2. No → Skip to Question 20

Q17. How many years have you had a cell phone?

[ ] Years

Q18. Approximately how often do you personally use your cell phone?

1. Several times a day
2. Once a day
3. Several times a week
4. Once a week
5. Once a month
6. Less than once a month
7. Never

Q19. If you could not use your cell phone at all tomorrow, how much would this affect your daily routines and activities?

1. A lot
2. Some
3. A little
4. Not at all

Q20. Excluding yourself, how many adults and children in your household have a cell phone? If none, please enter a zero.

[ ] Number of adults who have a cell phone
[ ] Number of children who have a cell phone

Q21. How often do you use a personal computer for any reason?

1. Several times a day
2. Once a day
3. Several times a week
4. Once a week
5. Once a month
6. Less than once a month
7. Never → Skip to Question 23

Q22. When you use a personal computer, how often, if ever, do you need help or assistance?

1. All the time
2. Frequently
3. Occasionally
4. Rarely
5. Never
Q23. How often do you use the Internet for any reason?

- Several times a day
- Once a day
- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Less than once a month
- Never

Q24. (If never) How much does each of the following influence your decision to never use the internet?

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<th>Influence</th>
<th>A lot</th>
<th>Some</th>
<th>A little</th>
<th>None</th>
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<td>A. Lack of computer access</td>
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<td>B. Cost of Internet service</td>
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<td>C. Concern about getting a computer virus</td>
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<td>D. Concern about being a victim of an Online Scam</td>
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<td>E. Don’t know how to use the Internet</td>
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After answering this question (Q24), people who never use the internet should Skip to Question 36, page 7.

Q25. (If you use the Internet) When you use the Internet, how often, if ever, do you require help or assistance?

- All the time
- Frequently
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Never

Q26. If you had a choice of doing something over the Internet or doing it some other way, which would you prefer?

- Doing it over the Internet
- Doing it some other way
- Not sure

Q27. Please indicate how often you use the Internet to do each of the following.

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<tr>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Everyday</th>
<th>Several times a week</th>
<th>Several times a month</th>
<th>Once a month or less</th>
<th>Never</th>
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<td>Communicate by e-mail</td>
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<td>Communicate using listservs</td>
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<td>Communicate through blogs or a personal web page</td>
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<td>Communicate on chat forums or instant messengers</td>
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<td>Communicate using websites like Myspace or Facebook</td>
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<td>Find medical information online</td>
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<td>Find information on local news, sports, or entertainment</td>
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<td>Find information on products or services</td>
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<td>Purchase products or services</td>
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<td>Manage finances, bills, or banking</td>
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<td>Find or receive information about events or meetings</td>
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Q28. How often do you use the Internet to communicate with or find information about people and businesses within the Lewiston-Clarkston area?

- Everyday
- Several times a week
- Several times a month
- Once a month or less
- Never

Q29. How often do you use the Internet to communicate with or find information about people and businesses outside the Lewiston-Clarkston area?

- Everyday
- Several times a week
- Several times a month
- Once a month or less
- Never

Q30. To what extent has your use of the Internet helped you feel more informed about what goes on in the Lewiston-Clarkston area?

- Much more informed
- A little more informed
- No more informed

Q31. To what extent has your use of the Internet helped you become more or less attached to the Lewiston-Clarkston communities?

- Much more attached
- A little more attached
- No change
- A little less attached
- Much less attached

Q32. If you could not use the Internet at all tomorrow, how much would this affect your daily routines and activities?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

Q33. When you use the Internet, how concerned are you about getting a computer virus?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

Q34. How concerned are you about being a victim of an online scam when using the Internet?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all
Q35. Please indicate whether or not you use the Internet at each of the following locations?

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<th>Location</th>
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<td>Home</td>
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<td>School</td>
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<td>Library</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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(Please specify):

Q36. Whether or not you personally use it, do you have an Internet connection in your home?

1. Yes
2. No → Skip to Question 40

Q37. If yes, what type of Internet connection do you have at your home?

1. Dial-up
2. DSL (Direct subscriber line)
3. High-speed cable
4. Other
5. Not sure

Q38. How many years have you had an Internet connection in your home?

[ ] Years

Q39. Excluding yourself, how many adults and children in your household use the Internet in your home? If none, please enter zero.

[ ] Number of adults who use the Internet in my home

[ ] Number of children who use the Internet in my home

Q40. Do you currently have landline telephone service in your home?

1. Yes
2. No → Skip to Question 42

Q41. If yes, do you have each of the following services for your landline telephone?

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
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<tr>
<td>Telephone number listed in the telephone book</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Caller ID</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Call blocking</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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</table>
Q42. And now a few background questions to help us know if we've heard from all different kinds of people from the Lewiston-Clarkston area.

What month and year were you born?

[ ] [ ]

Q43. What is your gender?

[ ] 1. Female
[ ] 2. Male

Q44. Do you consider yourself...? (feel free to select more than one)

[ ] 1. American Indian or Alaska native
[ ] 2. Asian
[ ] 3. Black or African American
[ ] 4. White
[ ] 5. Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
[ ] 6. Other (please specify):
[ ] 7. Prefer not to say

Q45. Which one of the following best describes your employment situation?

[ ] 1. Employed full-time
[ ] 2. Employed part-time
[ ] 3. Unemployed, seeking employment
[ ] 4. Unemployed, not seeking employment
[ ] 5. Retired
[ ] 6. Student
[ ] 7. Other (please specify):

Q46. What best describes your highest level of education?

[ ] 1. No schooling completed
[ ] 2. Less than 12th grade
[ ] 3. High school graduate (includes GED)
[ ] 4. Some college, no degree
[ ] 5. 2 year college degree (Associate, Technical, etc.)
[ ] 6. 4 year college degree (Bachelor's)
[ ] 7. Graduate or professional degree (Master's, Ph.D., M.B.A., etc.)

Q47. Which one of the following best describes your marital status?

[ ] 1. Married
[ ] 2. Living together, unmarried
[ ] 3. Divorced
[ ] 4. Separated
[ ] 5. Widowed
[ ] 6. Never been married
Q48. How many adults and children live in your household, including yourself?

- Number of adults who live in my house
- Number of children who live in my house

Q49. Which of the following categories best describes the total income of your family from all sources in 2006, before taxes?

1. Less than $10,000
2. $10,000 to under $25,000
3. $25,000 to under $50,000
4. $50,000 to under $75,000
5. $75,000 to under $100,000
6. $100,000 or more
7. Prefer not to say

Q50. Thank you for helping us by filling out this survey. We are always looking for ways to make our surveys more enjoyable and therefore would like to end by asking for your thoughts on a couple of survey-related questions.

If you could choose how to answer surveys like this, which one of the following ways of answering would you prefer?

1. Filling out a paper questionnaire sent by mail
2. Filling out a questionnaire on the Internet
3. Answering questions over the telephone

Q51. In an average year, approximately how many surveys do you think you fill out by mail, Internet, and telephone?

- Number by mail
- Number by Internet
- Number by telephone
Thanks again for completing this survey!

If you have any additional thoughts about any of the above topics or the survey itself, please share them here.