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The report includes three-year comparisons on core questions and survey demographics, and state and regional analyses on select survey questions. This report is also available in PDF file format on the SSRC website:

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Annually, the Social Science Research Center at Boise State University conducts a large-scale survey of Idahoans, for use in identifying public policy concerns. This document is the primary vehicle for disseminating the results of the survey to Idaho citizens, to those individuals that participated in the survey; and to others that are interested in Idaho matters, such as state decision-makers and state agency heads.

This document reports the policy issues as identified by survey respondents, and makes no attempt to attach meaning to the findings. When available and appropriate, multi-year trend data and regional comparison of responses are presented.

There were 719 responses to the survey, which were obtained from an adjusted field sample of approximately 1,435 prospective respondents. The adjusted response rate for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Public Policy Survey is 50%. However, a better indicator of the representative nature of responses is found in the standard error (SE) of measurement calculation. For this survey, the estimated SE is:  $\pm 3.7\%$  at a 95% confidence-level.

In addition to statewide representation, valid responses were obtained from Idahoans in proportions that allow comparisons across six geographic regions of the State. The counties in the six regions are listed in Figure 1, which also depicts a county-level regional base map for the State of Idaho. Given the sampling procedures that were utilized in this study, it is possible to report the estimated SE for each region as well. The number of responses and the estimated SE for each region are also reported in Figure 1.

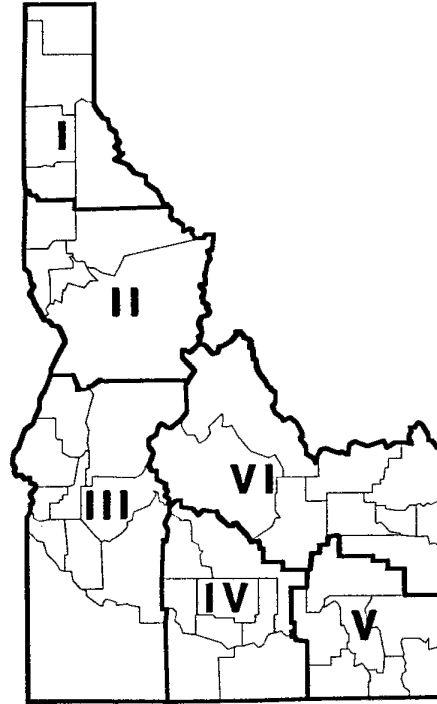
It is important to note that the resulting SE measurements suggest that there is a high degree of confidence that the survey responses obtained from this sample of Idahoans, both reflects the population of the State as a whole, and the population in each of the regions. This report includes the public policy concerns of Idahoans as measured: December 2001 – January 2002.

In order to best report these findings and allow for multi-year comparisons, for presentation purposes, a “percentage-only” format is used in this document.

**Figure 1**

**County Map of Idaho with Regional Boundaries**

**List of Counties within Region**



|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1—Panhandle     | Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone                               |
| 2—North Central | Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, Idaho                                  |
| 3—Southwest     | Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore, Owyhee |
| 4—South Central | Camas, Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia       |
| 5—Southeast     | Bingham, Power, Bannock, Oneida, Franklin, Bear Lodge, Caribou              |
| 6—East Central  | Lemhi, Custer, Butte, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville |

Number of responses and SE for the state and each of the regions

| State and Regions 1—6  | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4      | 5     | 6     |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Number of Responses    | 719   | 103   | 104   | 202   | 97     | 110   | 103   |
| % SE at 95% Confidence | ± 3.7 | ± 9.7 | ± 9.7 | ± 6.9 | ± 10.0 | ± 9.4 | ± 9.7 |

## SUMMARY PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

### STATEWIDE RESPONSES

The majority of survey respondents were white, non-Hispanic; and respondents were approximately equally distributed by gender. The range in age for respondents was 18 to 86 years with an average of 43. Slightly less than one-half of households had an annual income less than \$40,000.

Three-of-ten respondents had graduated from high school or earned a GED; and close to one-half indicated that they had either attended some college, earned an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree. One-half of respondents were employed full-time. Of those not employed, approximately one-half of respondents were retired.

More than one-third of respondents were lifetime Idaho residents. The range in number of years living in Idaho was 1-69 with an average of 22. Of those respondents that moved to Idaho; more than one-third moved here for reasons regarding the quality of life.

Less than one-half of respondents identified their political party as Republican, two-of-ten identified themselves as Democrats, and slightly less than one-third of respondents identified themselves as Independents.

Approximately one-half of respondents identified their political ideology as at least somewhat conservative, two-of-ten described themselves to be at least somewhat liberal, and close to one-third of respondents identified themselves as "middle-of-the-road."

For more detail and three-year trend data, please refer to the Demographic Summary Tables in [Appendix 1](#).

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Social Science Research Center (SSRC) is housed in the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs at Boise State University. The Idaho State Board of Education designated the “social sciences” as an emphasis area for Boise State University. The SSRC attempts to contribute to this aspect of the mission of the university, by conducting the Idaho Public Policy Survey on an annual basis.

The Idaho Public Policy Survey intends to identify public policy issues that are of interest and concern to Idaho citizens. This report is the primary vehicle for dissemination of these public policy concerns to the State Legislature, state agencies, and to the public at large. Copies of this report are distributed to members of the State Legislature, and to state agency personnel. Copies are also available to Idahoans upon request; and archive copies are available at the Albertsons Library at Boise State University, and at the Idaho State Reference Library in Boise, Idaho. To further facilitate the dissemination of this information, this report is also available on-line at:

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Since its inception in 1990, the Idaho Public Policy Survey has included a set of “core questions” which have been asked each year. These core questions generally relate to the: quality of life in Idaho; problems facing Idaho; trust and confidence in government, opinions on taxes, and funding-levels for programs and services. All told, these are important indicators of attitudes and opinions, on issues and concerns that are representative of the citizens of the State of Idaho. In addition to statewide representation, valid responses were obtained from Idahoans in proportions that allow comparisons across six geographic regions of the State.

Additionally, the Social Science Research Center and the Department of Public Policy Administration included questions that were believed to be “topical” in nature and that might contribute to policy dialog in the State. Lastly, several state agencies sponsored questions in the Public Policy Survey, including: Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Oversight; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; State Department of Environmental Quality; State Department of Fish and Game; State Department of Parks and Recreation; and the State Division of Professional and Technical Education.



## SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO CORE QUESTIONS

### STATEWIDE RESPONSES

In this year's survey, the three most important issues facing Idahoans included: the economy, education, and jobs.

[pp. 9-10]

More than two-thirds of respondents indicated that the state was headed in the right direction.

[p. 11]

Eight-of-ten respondents indicated a high-level of satisfaction with the quality of their life in Idaho.

[p. 12]

In equal proportions, four-of-ten respondents indicated that life would get easier for them; but four-of-ten also indicated they expected life would get more difficult for them.

[p. 13]

Slightly more than one-third of respondents have the most trust in local government, slightly more than one-quarter have the most trust in state government, and slightly less than one-quarter of respondents have the most trust in the federal government.

[pp. 14-16]

Four-of-ten respondents felt that local government responded best to their needs, close to one-third felt that state government responded best to their needs, and almost one-quarter of respondents indicated that the federal government responded best to their needs.

[pp. 14-16]

More than one-third of respondents indicated they got the most from their taxes from the State; and close to one-third each, felt they got the most from their taxes from the federal government and from local government.

[pp. 14-16]

Almost four-of-ten respondents indicated that local property taxes were the least fair; and slightly more than one-quarter of respondents indicated that federal income taxes were the least fair.

[p. 16]

Respondents had varied opinions on what appropriate funding-levels should be for Idaho programs and services.

[p. 17]

## METHODOLOGY

The Social Science Research Center (SSRC) developed the technical specifications and research protocols for the telephone-based survey as well as the questionnaire used in this policy study. The Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Boise State University approved the research protocol and the questionnaire for use with human subjects in this research effort. The guiding principles in the IRB process requires that respondents are guaranteed anonymity and confidentiality, and that their participation in the survey is voluntary.

Survey participants are also allowed to refuse to answer any particular survey question. Referred to as “item non-responses” this information is reported throughout this document in a category that is labeled “DK/MData” which includes other responses such as “don’t know” and “missing data.” In several instances in this report, for presentation purposes only, this response category was removed from the calculation and percentages were adjusted accordingly.

Under a competitive bid process, the SSRC selected Clearwater Research, Inc. a well-respected, Boise-based research enterprise for the data collection component of this survey. The contract for these services was based on the vendor’s ability to collect data and prepare analysis files in a timely fashion, at the lowest cost. This vendor also demonstrated the greatest ability to obtain response data that was representative of the population of the State and that of its six geographic regions. Additionally, the proximity of the vendor to the SSRC and the availability of their staff made for an ideal contractual relationship for the present study.

Clearwater Research, Inc. utilized their Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system to collect survey data from a sample of Idahoans, over the age of eighteen. A method known as “random-digit-dialing” was utilized in order to contact a sample of prospective respondents. The vendor obtained this RDD sample from Marketing Systems Group/GENESYS, an RDD sample vendor.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Public Policy Survey, was conducted by telephone, from December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001 through January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002; excluding Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, and New Year’s Day. The length of time respondents spent completing the survey averaged 22 minutes. The SSRC is grateful to those individuals that were willing to dedicate this amount of time in order to participate in this important survey.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON IDAHO PUBLIC POLICY SURVEYS

For 2001:

There were 719 responses to the survey, which were obtained from an adjusted field sample of approximately 1,435 prospective respondents. The adjusted response rate for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Public Policy Survey is 50%. However, a better indicator of the representative nature of responses is found in the standard error (SE) of measurement calculation. For this survey the estimated SE is:  $\pm 3.7\%$  at a 95% confidence level.

For 2000:

In the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Public Policy Survey, the SSRC selected Washington State University (WSU) to collect the data for this project. The Social and Economic Sciences Research Center at WSU utilized an RDD methodology in their CATI system. There were 706 responses obtained from an adjusted field sample of 1,393 prospective respondents, which resulted in an adjusted response rate of 51%. WSU estimated the SE at  $\forall 3.8\%$  at a 95% confidence level.

For 1999:

In the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Public Policy Survey, the SSRC selected the University of Idaho (U of I) to collect the data for this project. The Social Science Research Unit, in the College of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at U of I utilized their CATI system to conduct the survey. However, their sample methodology allowed them to send pre-survey postcards in advance of the telephone call. There were 720 responses obtained from an adjusted field sample of 1,079 prospective respondents, which resulted in an adjusted response rate of 67%. U of I estimated the SE at  $\forall 3.7\%$  at a 95% confidence level.

Questions regarding research design and methodology; sampling issues; and response rates and standard error estimates, should be addressed to the SSRC.

IDAHO PUBLIC POLICY SURVEY  
CORE QUESTIONS

THESE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED IN EACH OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS OF THE  
POLICY SURVEY

## IDAHO PUBLIC POLICY SURVEY CORE QUESTIONS

### WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING IDAHO TODAY?

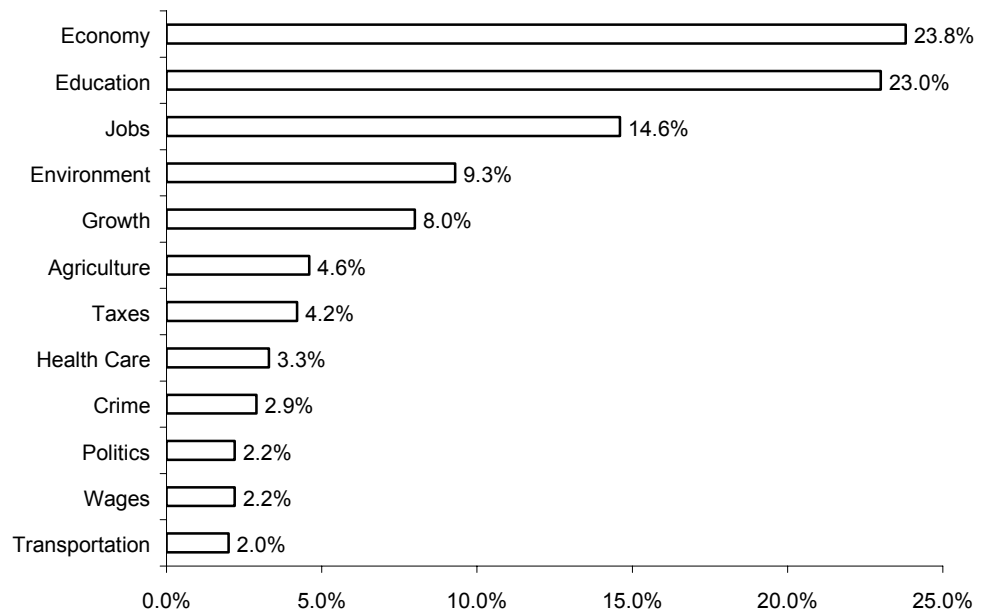
As in each of the previous years of the Public Policy Survey, key among the core questions is simply:

“What is the most important issue facing Idaho today?”

The top three issues, which accounted for close to two-thirds of responses included: the economy, education, and jobs. In lesser proportions in fourth and fifth place were the environment and growth, respectively. Response categories, which are shown in Figure 2, are rank-ordered by percentage.

**Figure 2**

**The most important issues facing Idaho today: Rank-ordered by percentage\***



\* Percentages were adjusted by removing “Other” and “DK/MData” responses from the calculation; and are based on 551 responses found in these twelve discrete categories.

# CORE QUESTIONS

(CONTINUED)

When the “most important issues facing Idaho today” are compared by region, slight differences in rank-order of importance emerge. Rank-ordered issues, by region, are presented in [Figure 3](#).

**Figure 3**  
**Rank-ordered regional comparison: Most important issues facing Idaho today?**

| 1                | 2                | 3                | 4                | 5                | 6                |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Jobs-1           | Economy-1        | Education-1      | Economy-1        | Economy-1        | Education-1      |
| Education-2      | Education-2      | Economy-2        | Education-2      | Education-2      | Economy-2        |
| Environment-3    | Jobs-2           | Growth-3         | Agriculture-3    | Jobs-3           | Environment-3    |
| Economy-3        | Environment-3    | Jobs-4           | Jobs-3           | Environment-4    | Agriculture-4    |
| Growth-4         | Growth-4         | Taxes-5          | Growth-4         | Agriculture-5    | Jobs-4           |
| Agriculture-5    | Agriculture-4    | Environment-6    | Environment-4    | Crime-6          | Taxes-5          |
| Wages-6          | Politics-5       | Health Care-6    | Taxes-5          | Taxes-6          | Growth-6         |
| Health Care-6    | Crime-5          | Crime-7          | Politics-6       | Politics-7       | Wages-6          |
| Transportation-6 | Health Care-5    | Transportation-8 | Wages-6          | Growth-7         | Crime-6          |
| Taxes-6          | Taxes-5          | Politics-9       | Crime-7          | Wages-7          | Health Care-6    |
| Politics-7       |                  | Wages-10         | Health Care-7    | Health Care-7    |                  |
|                  |                  | Agriculture-10   | Transportation-7 |                  |                  |
| Crime-0          | Wages-0          |                  |                  | Transportation-0 | Politics-0       |
|                  | Transportation-0 |                  |                  |                  | Transportation-0 |

In 1990, the first year of the [Public Policy Survey](#), education, the economy, and the environment were identified as the three most important issues facing Idaho. Over the years, Idahoans have consistently identified a similar small set of issues of concern; and although the nature of the question does not lend itself to direct year-to-year statistical comparison, trend data on the top-three issues of importance are presented in [Figure 4](#). In the present study, this is the first year that “jobs” was identified as a top-three issue of concern for Idahoans.

**Figure 4**  
**The three most important issues facing Idaho: 1990 to the present**

|      | Education | Economy | Environment | Growth | Taxes | Politics | Jobs |
|------|-----------|---------|-------------|--------|-------|----------|------|
| 1990 | 1         | 2       | 3           | .      | .     | .        | .    |
| 1991 | 1         | 3       | 2           | .      | .     | .        | .    |
| 1992 | 3         | 2       | 1           | .      | .     | .        | .    |
| 1993 | 2         | 1       | 3           | .      | .     | .        | .    |
| 1994 | 3         | 2       | .           | 1      | .     | .        | .    |
| 1995 | 2         | 3       | .           | 1      | .     | .        | .    |
| 1996 | 2         | 3       | .           | 1      | .     | .        | .    |
| 1997 | 2         | .       | .           | 1      | 3     | .        | .    |
| 1998 | 2         | .       | 3           | 1      | .     | .        | .    |
| 1999 | 1         | .       | .           | 3      | .     | 2        | .    |
| 2000 | 1         | .       | 3           | 2      | .     | .        | .    |
| 2001 | 2         | 1       | .           | .      | .     | .        | 3    |

## CORE QUESTIONS

(CONTINUED)

### IS THE STATE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

Two-thirds of respondents indicated that they believe that the State of Idaho is headed in the right direction. [Figure 5](#) presents a comparison of responses over the last three years. A state and regional comparison of responses to this question is presented in [Figure 6](#).

**Figure 5**  
**State of Idaho headed in the right direction: 1999-2001**

|          | 1999<br>[N=720] | 2000<br>[N=706] | 2001<br>[N=719] |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|          | %               | %               | %               |
| Yes      | 79.0            | 68.6            | 66.7            |
| No       | 15.0            | 17.7            | 26.4            |
| DK/MData | 6.0             | 13.7            | 7.0             |
| Total    | 100.0           | 100.0           | 100.0           |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 6**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Is the State of Idaho headed in the right direction?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Yes                           | 66.7  | 65.0  | 60.7  | 67.7  | 67.4  | 66.3  | 69.0  |
| No                            | 26.4  | 28.2  | 32.8  | 23.8  | 28.1  | 27.7  | 25.3  |
| DK/MData                      | 7.0   | 6.8   | 6.6   | 8.5   | 4.5   | 6.0   | 5.7   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

## CORE QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

### WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN IDAHO?

Respondents indicated a high-level of satisfaction with the quality of their life in Idaho. [Figure 7](#) shows that eight-of-ten of respondents indicated that they were at least somewhat or highly satisfied with the quality of life in Idaho. A state and regional comparison of responses to this question is presented in [Figure 8](#).

**Figure 7**  
**Level of satisfaction with your quality of life in Idaho: 1999-2001**

|                       | 1999<br>[N=720] | 2000<br>[N=706] | 2001<br>[N=719] |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                       | %               | %               | %               |
| Highly Satisfied      | 57.6            | 32.2            | 40.2            |
| Somewhat Satisfied    | 35.3            | 57.8            | 41.5            |
| Neither               | 2.5             | 5.0             | 9.6             |
| Somewhat Dissatisfied | 4.3             | 3.7             | 6.4             |
| Highly Dissatisfied   | 0.3             | 1.0             | 2.4             |
| DK/MData              | 0.0             | 0.4             | 0.0             |
| Total                 | 100.0           | 100.0           | 100.0           |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 8**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**What is your level of satisfaction with the quality of your life in Idaho?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Highly Satisfied              | 40.2  | 33.7  | 45.9  | 40.5  | 40.7  | 33.7  | 48.9  |
| Somewhat Satisfied            | 41.5  | 47.1  | 29.5  | 40.5  | 40.7  | 51.8  | 37.5  |
| Neither                       | 9.6   | 10.6  | 11.5  | 9.9   | 9.9   | 4.8   | 10.2  |
| Somewhat Dissatisfied         | 6.4   | 7.7   | 9.8   | 7.1   | 4.4   | 6.0   | 2.3   |
| Highly Dissatisfied           | 2.4   | 1.0   | 3.3   | 2.0   | 4.4   | 3.6   | 1.1   |
| DK/MData                      | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.



**CORE QUESTIONS**  
(CONTINUED)

DO YOU EXPECT LIFE WILL GET EASIER OR MORE DIFFICULT FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE?

Figure 9 shows that four-of-ten respondents indicated that life would be at least somewhat or much easier for them in the future. However, four-of-ten respondents also indicated that life would be at least somewhat or much more difficult for them in the future. A state and regional comparison of responses to this question is presented in Figure 10.

**Figure 9**  
**Expectation that life will get easier or more difficult in the future: 1999-2001**

|                         | 1999<br>[N=720] | 2000<br>[N=706] | 2001<br>[N=719] |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                         | %               | %               | %               |
| Much Easier             | 9.6             | 6.7             | 10.0            |
| Somewhat Easier         | 23.7            | 34.1            | 30.0            |
| Neither                 | 14.7            | 22.1            | 16.5            |
| Somewhat More Difficult | 35.3            | 22.1            | 26.8            |
| Much More Difficult     | 6.7             | 10.3            | 15.8            |
| DK/MData                | 0.0             | 4.7             | 0.8             |
| Total                   | 100.0           | 100.0           | 100.0           |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 10**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Do you expect that life will get easier or more difficult for you in the future?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Much Easier                   | 10.0  | 5.8   | 8.2   | 14.6  | 4.4   | 13.1  | 3.4   |
| Somewhat Easier               | 30.0  | 29.8  | 34.4  | 27.6  | 35.6  | 22.6  | 36.8  |
| Neither                       | 16.5  | 14.4  | 14.8  | 16.0  | 15.6  | 22.6  | 17.2  |
| Somewhat More Difficult       | 26.8  | 30.8  | 29.5  | 24.5  | 22.2  | 29.8  | 29.9  |
| Much More Difficult           | 15.8  | 18.3  | 13.1  | 16.3  | 22.2  | 10.7  | 11.5  |
| DK/MData                      | 0.8   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 1.2   | 1.1   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

## CORE QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

### WHAT ARE YOUR PERCEPTIONS OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT?

Figure 11 shows that slightly more than one-third of respondents indicated that they had the most trust in local government; four of ten of respondents indicated that local government was most responsive to their needs; and slightly more than one-third of respondents indicated that they received the most from state taxes. State and regional comparisons of responses to these questions are found in Figures 12-14.

**Figure 11**  
**Perceptions of trust, responsiveness of government, opinions on taxes: 1999-2001**

|  |      | Federal | State | Local | All<br>Equal | None | Total*             |
|--|------|---------|-------|-------|--------------|------|--------------------|
|  |      | %       | %     | %     | %            | %    | %                  |
| In which level of government do you have the most trust?               | 1999 | 13.1    | 32.2  | 47.8  | 6.9          | 0.0  | 100.0              |
|  | 2000 | 13.4    | 32.4  | 35.5  | 6.4          | 12.2 | 100.0              |
|  | 2001 | 22.9    | 28.3  | 35.7  | 3.8          | 9.2  | 100.0 <sup>a</sup> |
| Which level of government best responds to your needs?                 | 1999 | 11.5    | 30.2  | 47.3  | 7.6          | 3.4  | 100.0              |
|  | 2000 | 14.3    | 32.1  | 43.9  | 3.3          | 6.4  | 100.0              |
|  | 2001 | 23.1    | 29.6  | 41.0  | 3.0          | 3.4  | 100.0 <sup>b</sup> |
| From which level of government do you get the most for your tax money? | 1999 | 19.5    | 37.2  | 34.4  | 5.7          | 3.2  | 100.0              |
|  | 2000 | 21.7    | 37.8  | 30.3  | 3.0          | 7.1  | 100.0              |
|  | 2001 | 29.4    | 35.3  | 30.3  | 0.7          | 4.3  | 100.0 <sup>c</sup> |

\* Percentages were adjusted by removing "DK/MData" responses from the calculation; and are based on: <sup>a</sup>n=710; <sup>b</sup>n=707; and <sup>c</sup>n=701 responses, respectively.

**Figure 12**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**In which level of government do you have the most trust?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Federal                       | 22.6  | 23.1  | 23.7  | 26.3  | 15.7  | 22.6  | 16.1  |
| State                         | 27.9  | 27.9  | 30.5  | 27.3  | 29.2  | 26.2  | 28.7  |
| Local                         | 35.3  | 31.7  | 35.6  | 33.8  | 38.2  | 42.9  | 34.5  |
| All Equal                     | 3.8   | 3.8   | 3.4   | 1.4   | 7.9   | 2.4   | 9.2   |
| None                          | 9.1   | 13.5  | 5.1   | 10.2  | 6.7   | 3.6   | 10.3  |
| DK/MData                      | 1.3   | 0.0   | 1.7   | 1.0   | 2.2   | 2.4   | 1.1   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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**Figure 13**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Which level of government best responds to your needs?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| Federal                       | 22.7       | 24.3       | 25.0       | 28.6       | 12.2       | 17.9       | 14.8       |
| State                         | 29.1       | 31.1       | 33.3       | 22.1       | 43.3       | 34.5       | 27.3       |
| Local                         | 40.3       | 37.9       | 31.7       | 42.5       | 36.7       | 39.3       | 46.6       |
| All Equal                     | 2.9        | 3.9        | 3.3        | 2.4        | 1.1        | 1.2        | 6.8        |
| None                          | 3.3        | 2.9        | 6.7        | 3.1        | 5.6        | 2.4        | 1.1        |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>1.7</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>1.4</u> | <u>1.1</u> | <u>4.8</u> | <u>3.4</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 14**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**From which level of government do you get the most for your tax money?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| Federal                       | 28.7       | 24.3       | 28.3       | 34.4       | 29.2       | 25.6       | 17.2       |
| State                         | 34.4       | 35.0       | 38.3       | 28.6       | 36.0       | 40.2       | 43.7       |
| Local                         | 29.5       | 28.2       | 21.7       | 30.6       | 28.1       | 30.5       | 33.3       |
| All Equal                     | 0.7        | 1.9        | 3.3        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 1.2        | 0.0        |
| None                          | 4.2        | 7.8        | 5.0        | 4.1        | 4.5        | 0.0        | 3.4        |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>2.5</u> | <u>2.9</u> | <u>3.3</u> | <u>2.4</u> | <u>2.2</u> | <u>2.4</u> | <u>2.3</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

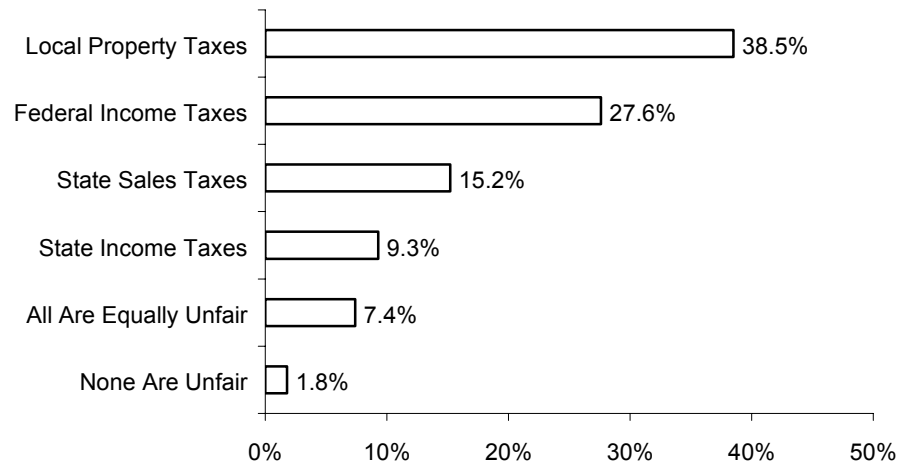
Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

## CORE QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

### WHAT ARE YOUR OPINIONS ON TAXES?

Figure 15 shows that more than one-third of respondents indicated that local property taxes were the least fair; and slightly more than one-quarter of respondents believed that federal income taxes were also unfair. A state and regional comparison of responses to this question is shown in Figure 16.

**Figure 15**  
**Which of the following taxes do you think is the least fair?**



\* Percentages were adjusted by removing “DK/MData” responses from the calculation; and are based on 700 responses.

**Figure 16**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Which of the following taxes do you think is the least fair?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Federal Income Taxes          | 26.9  | 26.2  | 23.0  | 28.1  | 28.6  | 19.0  | 31.8  |
| State Income Taxes            | 9.1   | 19.4  | 4.9   | 7.8   | 9.9   | 6.0   | 6.8   |
| State Sales Taxes             | 14.8  | 10.7  | 13.1  | 18.6  | 12.1  | 14.3  | 11.4  |
| Local Property Taxes          | 37.5  | 33.0  | 47.5  | 33.9  | 39.6  | 45.2  | 38.6  |
| All Equally Unfair            | 7.2   | 5.8   | 6.6   | 9.8   | 4.4   | 8.3   | 2.3   |
| None Are Unfair               | 1.8   | 1.9   | 3.3   | 0.3   | 2.2   | 4.8   | 2.3   |
| DK/MData                      | 2.6   | 2.9   | 1.6   | 1.4   | 3.3   | 2.4   | 6.8   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

CORE QUESTIONS  
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WHAT ARE YOUR OPINIONS ON FUNDING-LEVELS FOR IDAHO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES?

Respondents were asked to indicate if funding-levels should be increased, kept at the same level, or decreased for each of the following program and service areas. Responses are summarized in [Figure 17](#).

**Figure 17**  
**Funding-levels for program and service areas**

| Statewide   | Increase | Stay<br>the Same | Decrease | Total |
|---|----------|------------------|----------|-------|
| Public Education<br>[N=711]                             | 75.6     | 19.4             | 5.0      | 100.0 |
| Higher Education<br>[N=705]                             | 59.2     | 36.0             | 4.8      | 100.0 |
| Professional and Technical Education<br>[N=706]         | 41.9     | 51.5             | 6.6      | 100.0 |
| Environmental Protection<br>[N=715]                     | 29.0     | 46.5             | 24.5     | 100.0 |
| Economic Development<br>[N=708]                         | 42.5     | 47.3             | 10.3     | 100.0 |
| Programs and Services for<br>Persons in Poverty [N=706] | 50.1     | 40.1             | 9.8      | 100.0 |
| Programs and Services for<br>Senior Citizens [N=713]    | 55.2     | 40.8             | 4.0      | 100.0 |
| Programs and Services for<br>Youth [N=712]              | 64.4     | 31.7             | 3.8      | 100.0 |
| Jails and Prisons<br>[N=701]                            | 27.2     | 54.6             | 18.3     | 100.0 |
| Law Enforcement<br>[N=716]                              | 46.2     | 47.1             | 6.7      | 100.0 |
| Public Health Care<br>[N=716]                           | 55.2     | 36.2             | 8.5      | 100.0 |
| Highways, Roads and Bridges<br>[N=714]                  | 48.3     | 47.1             | 3.9      | 100.0 |

\* Percentages were adjusted by removing “DK/MData” responses from the calculation; and are based on the number of responses noted.

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WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS REGARDIING ENERGY PRODUCTION, TRANSMISSION AND DELIVERY, AND CONSERVATION?

**Figure 18**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Regarding Idaho's energy concerns, which is most important to you?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Energy Production             | 14.2  | 11.7  | 14.5  | 12.6  | 10.1  | 22.6  | 18.6  |
| Transmission and Delivery     | 6.5   | 6.8   | 4.8   | 5.1   | 11.2  | 4.8   | 9.3   |
| Conservation                  | 18.8  | 19.4  | 21.0  | 18.7  | 22.5  | 21.4  | 10.5  |
| All Equally Important         | 60.3  | 62.1  | 59.7  | 63.3  | 56.2  | 51.2  | 61.6  |
| DK/MData                      | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.3   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 19**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Who should take the lead role in impacting energy production?**

| State and Regional Comparison                  | State | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6     |
|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
|  | %     | %    | %    | %    | %    | %    | %     |
| Public Sector Exclusively                      | 8.6   | 12.4 | 5.0  | 10.2 | 4.5  | 7.2  | 6.9   |
| More the Public Sector than the Private Sector | 10.7  | 13.3 | 6.7  | 10.2 | 12.4 | 13.3 | 8.0   |
| Both the Public and Private Sectors Equally    | 57.9  | 59.0 | 65.0 | 57.6 | 52.8 | 50.6 | 64.4  |
| More the Private Sector than the Public Sector | 12.5  | 11.4 | 13.3 | 11.2 | 13.5 | 18.1 | 11.55 |
| Private Sector Exclusively                     | 7.4   | 1.9  | 6.75 | 9.2  | 9.0  | 8.4  | 5.7   |
| DK/MData                                       | 2.9   | 1.9  | 3.3  | 1.7  | 7.9  | 2.4  | 3.4   |
| Total  | 100   | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100   |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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**Figure 20**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Who should take the lead role in impacting energy transmission and delivery?**

| State and Regional Comparison                     | State | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    |
|---|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|   | %     | %    | %    | %    | %    | %    | %    |
| Public Sector Exclusively                         | 15.2  | 14.4 | 11.7 | 16.7 | 12.2 | 13.4 | 18.4 |
| More the Public Sector<br>than the Private Sector | 12.4  | 16.3 | 8.3  | 12.6 | 14.4 | 12.2 | 8.0  |
| Both the Public Sectors and<br>Private Sectors    | 42.9  | 43.3 | 48.3 | 41.6 | 43.3 | 37.8 | 47.1 |
| More the Private Sector<br>than the Public Sector | 14.9  | 11.5 | 13.3 | 17.7 | 10.0 | 19.5 | 11.5 |
| Private Sector Exclusively                        | 11.7  | 10.6 | 15.0 | 8.9  | 14.4 | 15.9 | 13.8 |
| DK/MData  | 2.8   | 3.8  | 3.3  | 1.8  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Total   | 100   | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100  |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 21**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Who should take the lead role in impacting energy conservation?**

| State and Regional Comparison                     | State | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    |
|---|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|   | %     | %    | %    | %    | %    | %    | %    |
| Public Sector Exclusively                         | 13.9  | 14.6 | 16.4 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 16.7 | 14.9 |
| More the Public Sector<br>than the Private Sector | 12.9  | 12.6 | 11.5 | 14.6 | 7.7  | 15.5 | 11.5 |
| Both the Public Sectors and<br>Private Sectors    | 54.2  | 51.5 | 54.1 | 53.2 | 61.5 | 51.2 | 56.3 |
| More the Private Sector<br>than the Public Sector | 7.9   | 7.8  | 4.9  | 9.5  | 5.5  | 9.5  | 5.7  |
| Private Sector Exclusively                        | 9.4   | 11.7 | 9.8  | 9.2  | 7.7  | 7.1  | 11.5 |
| DK/MData  | 1.7   | 1.9  | 3.3  | 1.0  | 5.5  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Total   | 100   | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100  |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.



QUESTIONS OF TOPICAL INTEREST  
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WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON BREACHING THE DAMS ON THE SNAKE RIVER?  
WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION?

**Figure 22**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Level of support or opposition for breaching the lower four Snake River dams to protect salmon**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Support                       | 32.1  | 35.0  | 13.1  | 32.3  | 32.2  | 39.3  | 34.1  |
| Strongly Support              | 50.9  | 54.1  | 66.7  | 47.9  | 55.2  | 50.0  | 48.3  |
| Mildly Support                | 49.1  | 45.9  | 33.3  | 52.1  | 44.8  | 50.0  | 51.7  |
| Neutral                       | 6.3   | 1.9   | 1.6   | 10.2  | 5.6   | 3.6   | 4.5   |
| Oppose                        | 58.5  | 58.3  | 83.6  | 54.8  | 56.7  | 53.6  | 60.2  |
| Strongly Oppose               | 69.0  | 68.3  | 84.3  | 65.0  | 72.0  | 63.6  | 69.8  |
| Mildly Oppose                 | 31.0  | 31.7  | 15.7  | 35.0  | 28.0  | 36.4  | 30.2  |
| DK/MData                      | 3.2   | 4.9   | 1.6   | 2.7   | 5.6   | 3.6   | 1.1   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 23**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Support or oppose breaching the dams to protect salmon: 1999-2001**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                               | %     | %    | %    | %    | %    | %    | %    |
| Support                       | 1999  | 39.7 | 49.1 | 19.0 | 38.8 | 35.6 | 48.3 |
|                               | 2000  | 31.9 | 31.7 | 13.8 | 37.9 | 30.6 | 43.1 |
|                               | 2001  | 33.2 | 36.8 | 13.3 | 33.1 | 33.9 | 40.8 |
| Neutral                       | 1999  | 20.0 | 21.1 | 5.2  | 23.5 | 18.4 | 21.3 |
|                               | 2000  | 10.0 | 12.5 | 7.7  | 7.9  | 11.1 | 4.6  |
|                               | 2001  | 6.5  | 2.0  | 1.7  | 10.5 | 5.9  | 3.8  |
| Oppose                        | 1999  | 40.3 | 29.8 | 75.8 | 37.7 | 46.0 | 30.4 |
|                               | 2000  | 58.1 | 55.8 | 78.5 | 54.2 | 58.3 | 52.3 |
|                               | 2001  | 60.4 | 61.3 | 85.2 | 56.2 | 59.8 | 55.7 |

Percentages were adjusted by removing "DK/MData" responses from the calculation; and may not total 100% due to rounding.

QUESTIONS OF TOPICAL INTEREST  
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WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING?

**This year, Idaho's legislative redistricting is being conducted by an appointed six-member commission, rather than by the Legislature.**

**Figure 24**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Do you think it is a good idea to have legislative redistricting done by an appointed commission or by the Legislature?**

| State and Regional Comparison                                   | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Not Familiar With the Legislative Redistricting Process         | 62.7  | 79.8  | 75.4  | 53.9  | 73.3  | 63.1  | 51.7  |
| Of Those Familiar With the Legislative Redistricting Process... |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Redistricting by a Commission                                   | 57.8  | 66.7  | 60.0  | 66.9  | 52.2  | 45.2  | 35.7  |
| Redistricting by the Legislature                                | 29.5  | 14.3  | 20.0  | 23.5  | 39.1  | 45.2  | 42.9  |
| DK/MData  | 12.7  | 19.0  | 20.0  | 9.5   | 8.7   | 9.7   | 21.5  |
| Total   | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

QUESTIONS OF TOPICAL INTEREST  
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WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON BIOTERRORISM AND SAFETY IN IDAHO?

**Figure 25**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**In light of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack on the US, how safe do you now feel in Idaho?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| Very Safe                     | 54.7       | 49.5       | 44.3       | 59.9       | 42.2       | 57.8       | 60.9       |
| More Safe Than At Risk        | 40.3       | 42.9       | 52.5       | 36.1       | 51.1       | 37.3       | 34.5       |
| More At Risk Than Safe        | 3.8        | 5.7        | 1.6        | 2.7        | 4.4        | 4.8        | 4.6        |
| Not At All Safe               | 0.7        | 0.0        | 1.6        | 1.0        | 1.1        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>0.6</u> | <u>1.9</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.3</u> | <u>1.1</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> |
| Total                         | 100        | 100        | 100        | 100        | 100        | 100        | 100        |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 26**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**How concerned are you about the threat of bioterrorism in Idaho?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| Very Concerned                | 11.0       | 11.5       | 13.1       | 11.9       | 12.4       | 7.1        | 8.0        |
| Moderately Concerned          | 28.6       | 26.0       | 34.4       | 24.4       | 39.3       | 28.6       | 31.0       |
| Neutral                       | 8.8        | 11.5       | 8.2        | 6.4        | 11.2       | 7.1        | 12.6       |
| A Little Concerned            | 26.1       | 26.0       | 23.0       | 29.2       | 18.0       | 27.4       | 25.3       |
| Not At All Concerned          | 25.6       | 25.0       | 21.3       | 28.1       | 19.1       | 29.8       | 23.0       |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

QUESTIONS OF TOPICAL INTEREST  
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**Figure 27**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**How real is the possibility of bioterrorism in Idaho?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Very Real                     | 18.5  | 16.3  | 21.0  | 17.3  | 23.9  | 18.1  | 18.2  |
| Moderately Real               | 34.4  | 31.7  | 43.5  | 32.2  | 33.0  | 38.6  | 36.4  |
| Neutral                       | 9.7   | 14.4  | 4.8   | 9.2   | 8.0   | 12.0  | 9.1   |
| Not Very Real                 | 30.1  | 30.8  | 24.2  | 34.2  | 29.5  | 24.1  | 26.1  |
| Not At All Real               | 7.1   | 6.7   | 6.5   | 6.8   | 5.7   | 7.2   | 10.2  |
| DK/MData                      | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.3   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 28**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Which of the following bioterrorism threats are you most concerned about?**

| State and Regional Comparison         | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                       | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Smallpox                              | 12.0  | 6.8   | 9.7   | 12.6  | 10.0  | 21.4  | 10.3  |
| Anthrax                               | 10.6  | 11.7  | 6.5   | 13.0  | 12.2  | 6.0   | 6.9   |
| Threat to Drinking Water              | 33.8  | 40.8  | 38.7  | 31.1  | 34.4  | 36.9  | 27.6  |
| Radiation or Release of Radioactivity | 18.9  | 17.5  | 22.6  | 16.7  | 20.0  | 14.3  | 28.7  |
| Tampering with Consumer Products      | 14.6  | 12.6  | 16.1  | 15.7  | 11.1  | 13.1  | 17.2  |
| Some Other Bioterrorism Threat        | 4.0   | 1.9   | 3.2   | 4.1   | 7.8   | 3.6   | 3.4   |
| DK/MData                              | 6.1   | 8.7   | 3.2   | 6.8   | 4.4   | 4.8   | 5.7   |
| Total                                 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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**Figure 29****State and Regional Comparison****Is the State of Idaho doing enough to prevent and prepare for the threat of bioterrorism?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Yes                           | 50.6  | 41.3  | 33.3  | 55.6  | 53.3  | 47.6  | 56.3  |
| No                            | 22.6  | 24.0  | 26.7  | 20.3  | 26.7  | 25.0  | 19.5  |
| DK/MData                      | 26.8  | 34.6  | 40.0  | 24.1  | 20.0  | 27.4  | 24.1  |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 30****State and Regional Comparison****Is your city doing enough to prevent and prepare for the threat of bioterrorism?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Yes                           | 42.1  | 42.7  | 30.0  | 47.1  | 33.3  | 41.0  | 43.2  |
| No                            | 36.2  | 33.0  | 45.0  | 30.2  | 52.2  | 37.3  | 36.4  |
| Does Not Live in a City       | 3.2   | 7.8   | 3.3   | 2.4   | 1.1   | 3.6   | 2.3   |
| DK/MData                      | 18.5  | 16.5  | 21.7  | 20.3  | 13.3  | 18.1  | 18.2  |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE IN STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES?

**Figure 31**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**What is your level of confidence in the Governor of the State of Idaho?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| A Great Deal of Confidence    | 32.8       | 29.8       | 41.0       | 28.2       | 33.3       | 44.0       | 34.5       |
| Some Confidence               | 51.1       | 61.5       | 50.8       | 44.9       | 55.6       | 50.0       | 56.3       |
| Hardly Any Confidence At All  | 15.1       | 7.7        | 6.6        | 25.9       | 10.0       | 4.8        | 9.2        |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>1.0</u> | <u>1.0</u> | <u>1.6</u> | <u>1.0</u> | <u>1.1</u> | <u>1.2</u> | <u>0.0</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 32**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**What is your level of confidence in the Idaho Legislature?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| A Great Deal of Confidence    | 16.2       | 6.8        | 18.3       | 14.6       | 20.0       | 25.3       | 18.4       |
| Some Confidence               | 66.0       | 75.7       | 68.3       | 60.7       | 65.6       | 62.7       | 74.7       |
| Hardly Any Confidence At All  | 16.7       | 16.5       | 13.3       | 23.1       | 13.3       | 12.0       | 5.7        |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>1.1</u> | <u>1.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>1.7</u> | <u>1.1</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>1.1</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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**Figure 33**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**What is your level of confidence in the Idaho Supreme Court?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| A Great Deal of Confidence    | 33.0       | 32.0       | 30.5       | 32.0       | 32.6       | 42.2       | 30.7       |
| Some Confidence               | 58.1       | 61.2       | 59.3       | 54.4       | 64.0       | 51.8       | 65.9       |
| Hardly Any Confidence At All  | 6.7        | 3.9        | 6.8        | 10.5       | 3.4        | 4.8        | 2.3        |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>2.2</u> | <u>2.9</u> | <u>3.4</u> | <u>3.1</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>1.2</u> | <u>1.1</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 34**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**What is your level of confidence in Idaho State Employees?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| Great Deal of Confidence      | 19.2       | 13.6       | 19.7       | 19.4       | 18.9       | 27.4       | 17.4       |
| Some Confidence               | 64.6       | 72.9       | 63.9       | 61.6       | 65.6       | 61.9       | 67.4       |
| Hardly Any Confidence At All  | 13.6       | 11.7       | 14.8       | 16.0       | 14.4       | 8.3        | 11.6       |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>2.5</u> | <u>1.9</u> | <u>1.6</u> | <u>3.1</u> | <u>1.1</u> | <u>2.4</u> | <u>3.5</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WAYS TO RAISE REVENUES FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES?

**Figure 35**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Level of acceptability for methods to raise revenue for programs and services**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                               | %     | %    | %    | %    | %    | %    | %    |
| Corporate Taxes               |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Acceptable                    | 76.4  | 75.7 | 86.7 | 77.4 | 71.9 | 73.8 | 73.9 |
| Not Acceptable                | 20.9  | 20.4 | 11.7 | 20.6 | 22.5 | 25.0 | 22.8 |
| DK/MData                      | 2.8   | 3.9  | 1.7  | 2.0  | 5.6  | 1.2  | 3.4  |
| Personal Income Taxes         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Acceptable                    | 45.1  | 41.8 | 45.0 | 43.4 | 50.5 | 49.4 | 45.5 |
| Not Acceptable                | 54.1  | 57.3 | 55.0 | 55.3 | 49.4 | 50.6 | 53.4 |
| DK/MData                      | 0.8   | 1.0  | 0.0  | 1.4  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 1.1  |
| Property Taxes                |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Acceptable                    | 36.1  | 37.9 | 30.6 | 37.9 | 39.3 | 39.2 | 25.3 |
| Not Acceptable                | 63.0  | 61.1 | 67.8 | 60.7 | 59.6 | 60.7 | 74.7 |
| DK/MData                      | 1.0   | 1.0  | 1.6  | 1.4  | 1.1  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| State Sales Taxes             |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Acceptable                    | 61.4  | 68.3 | 68.9 | 58.3 | 66.3 | 55.4 | 59.0 |
| Not Acceptable                | 38.1  | 31.7 | 31.2 | 40.7 | 33.7 | 44.6 | 39.8 |
| DK/MData                      | 0.6   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 1.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 1.1  |
| Licenses and Fees             |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Acceptable                    | 58.9  | 56.2 | 57.4 | 60.7 | 53.9 | 66.7 | 55.2 |
| Not Acceptable                | 40.2  | 41.9 | 42.7 | 38.6 | 43.8 | 33.3 | 44.8 |
| DK/MData                      | 0.8   | 1.9  | 0.0  | 0.7  | 2.2  | 0.0  | 0.0  |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.



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**Figure 36****State and Regional Comparison**

**If there were a need to raise revenues for programs and services, how acceptable to you would it be to use corporate taxes?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| Very Acceptable               | 32.5       | 34.0       | 35.0       | 36.5       | 23.6       | 28.6       | 28.4       |
| Moderately Acceptable         | 43.9       | 41.7       | 51.7       | 40.9       | 48.3       | 45.2       | 45.5       |
| Not Very Acceptable           | 11.7       | 9.7        | 6.7        | 12.2       | 14.6       | 13.1       | 11.4       |
| Not At All Acceptable         | 9.2        | 10.7       | 5.0        | 8.4        | 7.9        | 11.9       | 11.4       |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>2.8</u> | <u>3.9</u> | <u>1.7</u> | <u>2.0</u> | <u>5.6</u> | <u>1.2</u> | <u>3.4</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 37****State and Regional Comparison**

**If there were a need to raise revenues for programs and services, how acceptable to you would it be to use personal income taxes?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| Very Acceptable               | 6.0        | 3.9        | 5.0        | 8.2        | 6.7        | 4.8        | 2.3        |
| Moderately Acceptable         | 39.1       | 37.9       | 40.0       | 35.2       | 43.8       | 44.6       | 43.2       |
| Not Very Acceptable           | 28.4       | 23.3       | 33.3       | 28.3       | 25.8       | 31.3       | 30.7       |
| Not At All Acceptable         | 25.7       | 34.0       | 21.7       | 27.0       | 23.6       | 19.3       | 22.7       |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>0.8</u> | <u>1.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>1.4</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>1.1</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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**Figure 38****State and Regional Comparison**

**If there were a need to raise revenues for programs and services, how acceptable to you would it be to use property taxes?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| Very Acceptable               | 4.7        | 2.9        | 1.6        | 8.1        | 0.0        | 7.1        | 0.0        |
| Moderately Acceptable         | 31.4       | 35.0       | 29.0       | 29.8       | 39.3       | 32.1       | 25.3       |
| Not Very Acceptable           | 32.4       | 29.1       | 32.3       | 30.2       | 31.5       | 34.5       | 42.5       |
| Not At All Acceptable         | 30.6       | 32.0       | 35.5       | 30.5       | 28.1       | 26.2       | 32.2       |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>1.0</u> | <u>1.0</u> | <u>1.6</u> | <u>1.4</u> | <u>1.1</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 39****State and Regional Comparison**

**If there were a need to raise revenues for programs and services, how acceptable to you would it be to use state sales taxes?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State      | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          |
| Very Acceptable               | 14.9       | 18.3       | 16.4       | 11.9       | 13.5       | 19.3       | 17.0       |
| Moderately Acceptable         | 46.5       | 50.0       | 52.5       | 46.4       | 52.8       | 36.1       | 42.0       |
| Not Very Acceptable           | 18.8       | 14.4       | 16.4       | 18.3       | 19.1       | 24.1       | 21.6       |
| Not At All Acceptable         | 19.3       | 17.3       | 14.8       | 22.4       | 14.6       | 20.5       | 18.2       |
| <u>DK/MData</u>               | <u>0.6</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>1.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>1.1</u> |
| Total                         | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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**Figure 40****State and Regional Comparison**

**If there were a need to raise revenues for programs and services, how acceptable to you would it be to increase licenses and fees?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Very Acceptable               | 14.1  | 15.2  | 8.2   | 13.9  | 9.0   | 23.8  | 13.8  |
| Moderately Acceptable         | 44.8  | 41.0  | 49.2  | 46.8  | 44.9  | 42.9  | 41.4  |
| Not Very Acceptable           | 21.6  | 22.9  | 23.0  | 20.3  | 24.7  | 20.2  | 21.8  |
| Not At All Acceptable         | 18.6  | 19.0  | 19.7  | 18.3  | 19.1  | 13.1  | 23.0  |
| DK/MData                      | 0.8   | 1.9   | 0.0   | 0.7   | 2.2   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 41****State and Regional Comparison**

**In thinking about Idaho State Government, are you more concerned with how well state government works or how much it costs in taxes?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| How Well it Works             | 74.4  | 71.2  | 77.0  | 73.1  | 67.4  | 78.6  | 83.9  |
| How Much it Costs             | 24.1  | 25.0  | 21.3  | 26.9  | 27.0  | 21.4  | 14.9  |
| DK/MData                      | 1.5   | 3.8   | 1.6   | 0.0   | 5.6   | 0.0   | 1.1   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 42****State and Regional Comparison**

**What percent of spending by state government do you consider to be waste?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Mean                          | 30.1  | 32.4 | 29.5 | 31.6 | 28.6 | 25.3 | 29.3 |
| Standard Deviation            | 17.5  | 18.0 | 20.7 | 18.4 | 16.4 | 14.7 | 14.0 |
| Median                        | 25.2  | 30.0 | 25.0 | 30.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 30.0 |

Only valid responses that fell in the range of percentages from 0 to 100 were considered in this analysis.

STATE AGENCY SPONSORED QUESTIONS

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IDAHO NATIONAL ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY (INEEL)  
OVERSIGHT

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

STATE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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**Figure 43****State and Regional Comparison**

**How well informed are you about the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL)?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Very Well Informed            | 11.4  | 2.9   | 6.7   | 8.8   | 11.1  | 19.0  | 26.4  |
| Somewhat Informed             | 33.0  | 18.4  | 20.0  | 33.2  | 33.3  | 53.6  | 37.9  |
| Slightly Informed             | 25.7  | 14.6  | 26.7  | 30.5  | 32.2  | 21.4  | 19.5  |
| Not Informed at All           | 29.8  | 64.1  | 46.7  | 27.5  | 22.2  | 6.0   | 16.1  |
| DK/MData                      | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 44****State and Regional Comparison**

**Which of the following Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) information sources is the most reliable and credible?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| US Department of Energy       | 17.8  | 18.9  | 21.2  | 20.0  | 14.7  | 13.9  | 16.2  |
| Private Operators             | 12.3  | 13.5  | 6.1   | 12.1  | 19.1  | 15.2  | 5.4   |
| State INEEL Oversight         | 39.5  | 37.8  | 39.4  | 39.5  | 39.7  | 32.9  | 47.3  |
| Other Information Source      | 20.4  | 16.2  | 15.2  | 18.1  | 19.1  | 29.1  | 23.0  |
| DK/MData                      | 10.0  | 13.5  | 18.2  | 10.2  | 7.4   | 8.9   | 8.2   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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**The Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities is a federally authorized and funded state agency.**

**Figure 45**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**How familiar are you with the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities' activities and programs?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Very Familiar                 | 3.2   | 3.8   | 4.9   | 2.4   | 3.3   | 7.3   | 0.0   |
| Moderately Familiar           | 14.3  | 8.6   | 14.8  | 15.6  | 10.0  | 14.6  | 20.9  |
| Slightly Familiar             | 25.9  | 32.4  | 34.4  | 25.4  | 20.0  | 19.5  | 25.6  |
| Not Familiar at All           | 56.5  | 55.2  | 45.9  | 56.3  | 66.7  | 58.5  | 53.5  |
| DK/MData                      | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.3   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.



STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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**Figure 46****State and Regional Comparison****Thinking about Idaho's environment, which of the following is most important to you?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Water Quality                 | 52.3  | 49.0  | 49.2  | 52.0  | 53.9  | 53.6  | 56.3  |
| Air Quality                   | 15.7  | 21.2  | 14.8  | 16.0  | 10.1  | 16.7  | 13.8  |
| Waste Management & Clean-up   | 29.9  | 26.9  | 32.8  | 30.3  | 32.6  | 27.4  | 29.9  |
| Other                         | 0.6   | 1.0   | 1.6   | 0.0   | 2.2   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| DK/MData                      | 1.5   | 1.9   | 1.6   | 1.7   | 1.1   | 2.4   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 47****State and Regional Comparison****If you had to make a significant reduction in funding from one of the following environmental programs, which would you prefer it to be?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Water Quality                 | 11.9  | 8.6   | 8.5   | 12.2  | 11.2  | 12.0  | 17.2  |
| Air Quality                   | 41.7  | 38.1  | 44.1  | 43.2  | 44.9  | 43.4  | 34.5  |
| Waste Management & Clean-up   | 40.7  | 46.7  | 45.8  | 39.1  | 32.6  | 41.0  | 43.7  |
| Other                         | 1.1   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 1.7   | 1.1   | 0.0   | 1.1   |
| DK/MData                      | 4.6   | 5.8   | 1.7   | 3.7   | 10.1  | 3.6   | 3.4   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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**Figure 48****State and Regional Comparison**

**Thinking about your local area, which of the following is the most important environmental problem to you?**

| State and Regional Comparison    | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                  | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Poor Water Quality Streams/Lakes | 6.9   | 8.6   | 3.2   | 6.8   | 7.8   | 7.1   | 6.7   |
| Poor Ground Water Quality        | 13.5  | 9.5   | 12.9  | 13.9  | 15.6  | 18.8  | 10.1  |
| Septic Tanks Development         | 3.6   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 4.1   | 2.2   | 4.7   | 7.9   |
| Waste Water Treatment            | 4.1   | 1.9   | 4.8   | 4.7   | 4.4   | 3.5   | 4.5   |
| Landfills                        | 6.1   | 2.9   | 4.8   | 4.4   | 3.3   | 12.9  | 12.4  |
| Soil Contamination               | 5.5   | 8.6   | 4.8   | 5.8   | 4.4   | 4.7   | 3.4   |
| Poor Air Quality                 | 5.4   | 2.9   | 11.3  | 5.4   | 3.3   | 8.2   | 3.4   |
| Burning Odor                     | 8.1   | 22.9  | 12.9  | 4.4   | 4.4   | 4.7   | 6.7   |
| Traffic                          | 4.5   | 1.0   | 11.3  | 2.7   | 13.3  | 4.7   | 1.1   |
| Loss of Farmland                 | 9.6   | 8.6   | 11.3  | 14.6  | 7.8   | 0.0   | 4.5   |
| Other                            | 29.9  | 31.4  | 17.7  | 31.5  | 27.8  | 24.7  | 38.2  |
| DK/MData                         | 2.8   | 1.0   | 4.8   | 1.7   | 5.5   | 5.9   | 1.1   |
| Total                            | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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**Figure 49****State and Regional Comparison****Do you agree or disagree that it should be the policy of state agencies to prevent species from being listed under the Endangered Species Act?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 27.9  | 28.8  | 27.1  | 27.5  | 24.7  | 21.7  | 38.4  |
| Moderately Agree              | 29.6  | 25.0  | 33.9  | 30.5  | 37.1  | 27.7  | 23.3  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree    | 11.3  | 12.5  | 10.2  | 9.2   | 12.4  | 20.5  | 8.1   |
| Moderately Disagree           | 13.4  | 17.3  | 10.2  | 12.2  | 13.5  | 13.3  | 15.1  |
| Strongly Disagree             | 16.8  | 15.4  | 18.6  | 19.7  | 11.2  | 15.7  | 14.0  |
| DK/MData                      | 0.9   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 1.1   | 1.2   | 1.2   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 50****State and Regional Comparison****Do you agree or disagree that the State of Idaho should devote additional resources such as people, time, and money to reduce the likelihood of species becoming listed under the Endangered Species Act?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 22.7  | 26.2  | 23.7  | 22.6  | 25.8  | 15.5  | 21.8  |
| Moderately Agree              | 30.4  | 23.3  | 30.5  | 32.1  | 30.3  | 33.3  | 29.9  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree    | 15.2  | 16.5  | 11.9  | 14.2  | 16.9  | 20.2  | 12.6  |
| Moderately Disagree           | 15.3  | 16.5  | 11.9  | 13.2  | 12.4  | 17.9  | 24.1  |
| Strongly Disagree             | 15.7  | 17.5  | 22.0  | 16.9  | 12.4  | 13.1  | 11.5  |
| DK/MData                      | 0.7   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 2.2   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**In complex policy issues involving public lands, federal land managers, public interest groups and stakeholders sometimes are unable to reach agreement...**

**Figure 51****State and Regional Comparison**

**Do agree or disagree that in such cases, it is appropriate for the State of Idaho to take a leadership role in developing solutions?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 28.6  | 24.0  | 35.0  | 28.9  | 25.6  | 34.9  | 25.3  |
| Agree                         | 38.9  | 36.5  | 38.3  | 40.1  | 41.1  | 34.9  | 39.1  |
| Neutral                       | 23.4  | 33.7  | 16.7  | 20.4  | 24.4  | 20.5  | 27.6  |
| Disagree                      | 5.7   | 3.8   | 6.7   | 6.8   | 4.4   | 6.0   | 4.6   |
| Strongly Disagree             | 3.3   | 1.9   | 3.3   | 3.7   | 4.4   | 3.6   | 2.3   |
| DK/MData                      | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.1   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 52****State and Regional Comparison**

**Do you agree or disagree that the State of Idaho could initiate a process designed specifically to define public interests and help find solutions to federal land management issues within the state?**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 27.8  | 26.7  | 41.9  | 28.2  | 18.9  | 28.0  | 26.4  |
| Agree                         | 40.8  | 37.1  | 29.0  | 41.5  | 40.0  | 45.1  | 48.3  |
| Neutral                       | 20.3  | 22.9  | 19.4  | 18.7  | 26.7  | 17.1  | 19.5  |
| Disagree                      | 7.1   | 8.6   | 8.1   | 6.5   | 7.8   | 7.3   | 5.7   |
| Strongly Disagree             | 3.2   | 2.9   | 1.6   | 4.1   | 5.6   | 2.4   | 0.0   |
| DK/MData                      | 0.8   | 1.9   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 1.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

STATE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION



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**Figure 53****State and Regional Comparison****More work-based learning experiences that qualify for credit should be made available to students in high school**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4      | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %      | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 55.0  | 59.2  | 57.4  | 56.1  | 53.9   | 48.8  | 51.7  |
| Moderately Agree              | 28.4  | 27.2  | 27.9  | 24.1  | 37.1   | 33.3  | 31.0  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree    | 5.7   | 3.9   | 3.3   | 5.8   | 2.2    | 9.5   | 9.2   |
| Moderately Disagree           | 6.7   | 8.7   | 4.9   | 8.5   | 4.5    | 3.6   | 4.6   |
| Strongly Disagree             | 3.8   | 1.0   | 6.6   | 4.4   | 2.2    | 4.8   | 3.4   |
| MD/Data                       | 0.4   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.00 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 54****State and Regional Comparison****Business should become more involved with public education**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 48.9  | 45.6  | 43.3  | 54.3  | 51.7  | 38.6  | 45.5  |
| Moderately Agree              | 32.0  | 32.0  | 31.7  | 29.7  | 28.1  | 43.4  | 33.0  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree    | 8.8   | 10.7  | 10.0  | 8.5   | 11.2  | 6.0   | 6.8   |
| Moderately Disagree           | 4.7   | 3.9   | 1.7   | 3.8   | 4.5   | 9.6   | 6.8   |
| Strongly Disagree             | 5.2   | 6.8   | 13.3  | 3.4   | 4.5   | 2.4   | 6.8   |
| MD/Data                       | 0.4   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 0.3   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.1   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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**Figure 55**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**High school students should be offered more opportunities to take classes designed for a specific career**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 62.3  | 64.1  | 61.7  | 65.8  | 62.9  | 52.4  | 57.5  |
| Moderately Agree              | 24.2  | 20.4  | 28.3  | 18.6  | 25.8  | 39.0  | 28.7  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree    | 4.9   | 4.9   | 1.7   | 5.8   | 7.9   | 1.2   | 4.6   |
| Moderately Disagree           | 6.4   | 9.7   | 6.7   | 6.1   | 3.4   | 4.9   | 8.0   |
| Strongly Disagree             | 1.8   | 0.0   | 1.7   | 3.1   | 0.0   | 2.4   | 1.1   |
| MD/Data                       | 0.4   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 0.7   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 56**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Idahoans need more one- and two-year technical college programs to prepare them for an occupation**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 52.9  | 60.2  | 62.3  | 53.2  | 53.3  | 43.9  | 44.8  |
| Moderately Agree              | 29.1  | 28.2  | 19.7  | 27.1  | 28.9  | 32.9  | 40.2  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree    | 9.3   | 7.8   | 6.6   | 10.5  | 5.6   | 15.9  | 6.9   |
| Moderately Disagree           | 4.9   | 2.9   | 6.6   | 4.1   | 10.0  | 4.9   | 3.4   |
| Strongly Disagree             | 2.8   | 0.0   | 4.9   | 3.7   | 0.0   | 2.4   | 4.6   |
| MD/Data                       | 1.0   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 1.4   | 2.2   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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**Figure 57**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Career exploration opportunities should be available in middle schools and junior high schools**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 39.2  | 34.0  | 42.6  | 43.5  | 37.8  | 36.9  | 32.2  |
| Moderately Agree              | 31.7  | 30.1  | 39.3  | 28.9  | 31.1  | 28.6  | 41.4  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree    | 9.3   | 11.7  | 6.6   | 8.8   | 8.9   | 13.1  | 6.9   |
| Moderately Disagree           | 12.4  | 18.4  | 6.6   | 9.5   | 14.4  | 15.5  | 13.8  |
| Strongly Disagree             | 6.7   | 5.8   | 4.9   | 8.2   | 6.7   | 4.8   | 5.7   |
| MD/Data                       | 0.7   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 1.1   | 1.2   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 58**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Idahoans need more access to one- and two-year technical college programs offered during evenings and weekends**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 53.3  | 57.7  | 58.3  | 55.3  | 51.1  | 46.3  | 47.1  |
| Moderately Agree              | 30.9  | 30.8  | 25.0  | 27.5  | 33.3  | 35.4  | 40.2  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree    | 8.8   | 7.7   | 6.7   | 9.5   | 8.9   | 12.2  | 5.7   |
| Moderately Disagree           | 4.3   | 2.9   | 6.7   | 4.4   | 3.3   | 3.7   | 5.7   |
| Strongly Disagree             | 1.8   | 0.0   | 3.3   | 2.4   | 1.1   | 2.4   | 1.1   |
| MD/Data                       | 0.8   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 2.2   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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**Figure 59**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Idahoans need more community college access**

| State and Regional Comparison | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| Strongly Agree                | 46.4  | 46.2  | 45.9  | 53.2  | 41.6  | 34.9  | 39.8  |
| Moderately Agree              | 30.2  | 24.0  | 29.5  | 25.9  | 34.8  | 36.1  | 42.0  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree    | 11.1  | 20.2  | 6.6   | 10.6  | 11.2  | 12.0  | 4.5   |
| Moderately Disagree           | 8.2   | 6.7   | 9.8   | 6.5   | 10.1  | 12.0  | 9.1   |
| Strongly Disagree             | 2.5   | 2.9   | 3.3   | 1.4   | 2.2   | 4.8   | 3.4   |
| MD/Data                       | 1.5   | 0.0   | 4.9   | 2.4   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.1   |
| Total                         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

**Figure 60**  
**State and Regional Comparison**  
**Need for professional and technical education training in the next twelve months**

| State and Regional Comparison  | State | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     | %     |
| To maintain current employment   | 13.6  | 7.7   | 10.0  | 18.7  | 11.2  | 12.0  | 10.2  |
| To obtain new employment   | 12.5  | 13.5  | 18.3  | 9.9   | 10.1  | 12.0  | 19.3  |
| To maintain current and<br>Obtain new employment                         | 13.5  | 11.5  | 10.0  | 14.6  | 11.2  | 16.9  | 13.6  |
| I will not need further training for<br>either current or new employment | 58.8  | 65.4  | 61.7  | 54.1  | 66.3  | 59.0  | 56.8  |
| DK/MData   | 1.6   | 2.0   | 0.0   | 2.7   | 1.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY TABLES—DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES

## Appendix 1

### Summary Tables—Demographic Variables

#### Responses and Standard Error

|                  | 1999   | 2000   | 2001   |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| No. of Responses | 720    | 706    | 719    |
| Standard Error   | √ 3.7% | √ 3.8% | √ 3.7% |

#### Regional Responses and Counties in Regions

|                 | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|-----------------|---|-------|-------|
|                 | %   | %     | %     |
| 1—Panhandle     | 8.9   | 15.9  | 14.5  |
| 2—North Central | 8.2   | 10.0  | 8.3   |
| 3—Southwest     | 43.2  | 37.2  | 40.9  |
| 4—South Central | 12.2  | 11.0  | 12.8  |
| 5—Southeast     | 14.0  | 10.6  | 11.4  |
| 6—East Central  | 13.5  | 15.2  | 12.1  |
| Total           | 100.0   | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1—Panhandle     | Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone                               |       |       |
| 2—North Central | Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, Idaho                                  |       |       |
| 3—Southwest     | Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore, Owyhee |       |       |
| 4—South Central | Camas, Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia       |       |       |
| 5—Southeast     | Bingham, Power, Bannock, Oneida, Franklin, Bear Lodge, Caribou              |       |       |
| 6—East Central  | Lemhi, Custer, Butte, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville |       |       |

#### Racial and Ethnic Background

|                              | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                              | %     | %     | %     |
| Hispanic                     | 2.0   | 3.7   | 2.8   |
| White non-Hispanic           | 94.1  | 86.7  | 91.8  |
| Asian non-Hispanic           | 0.8   | 1.0   | 0.4   |
| Black non-Hispanic           | 0.1   | 0.3   | 0.3   |
| Native American non-Hispanic | 0.7   | 1.3   | 1.9   |
| Other                        | 2.3   | 5.2   | 1.7   |
| DK/MData                     | 0.0   | 1.8   | 1.1   |
| Total                        | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

#### Gender

|        | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|
|        | %     | %     | %     |
| Male   | 47.4  | 49.3  | 49.4  |
| Female | 52.6  | 50.7  | 50.6  |
| Total  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

#### Education

|                                 | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 | %     | %     | %     |
| Less than high school           | 4.6   | 6.7   | 4.0   |
| High school graduate (GED)      | 24.6  | 25.1  | 27.9  |
| Trade or Vocational certificate | 5.6   | 4.5   | 5.4   |
| Some college no degree          | 25.8  | 27.1  | 24.9  |
| Associates degree               | 8.5   | 8.1   | 10.4  |
| Bachelors degree                | 19.6  | 16.3  | 13.4  |
| Some graduate school            | 0.0   | 3.0   | 3.2   |
| Master's Degree                 | 11.2  | 5.8   | 7.0   |
| Doctorate Degree                | 0.0   | 2.8   | 3.2   |
| Other                           | 0.1   | 0.7   | 0.6   |
| Total                           | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Employment Status**

|                     | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                     | %     | %     | %     |
| Employed full-time  | 48.2  | 48.0  | 50.3  |
| Employed part-time  | 10.1  | 10.1  | 12.7  |
| Seasonal employment | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.4   |
| Self-employed       | 11.9  | 11.9  | 10.2  |
| Not employed*       | 27.3  | 20.3  | 25.3  |
| Other               | 5.5   | 8.1   | 0.1   |
| Total               | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**\*Reasons for Unemployment**

|           | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|           | %     | %     | %     |
| Student   | 6.6   | 6.3   | 6.6   |
| Homemaker | 16.4  | 21.0  | 21.3  |
| Disabled  | 1.7   | 13.3  | 12.0  |
| Retired   | 62.7  | 46.9  | 48.1  |
| Other     | 12.5  | 12.6  | 12.0  |
| Total     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Household Income (before taxes)**

|                                | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                | %     | %     | %     |
| Less than 10,000               | 5.4   | 5.7   | 4.9   |
| Ten to twenty thousand         | 15.2  | 12.2  | 12.5  |
| Twenty to thirty               | 14.2  | 18.1  | 13.5  |
| Thirty to forty                | 17.7  | 14.7  | 14.6  |
| Forty to fifty                 | 14.7  | 9.9   | 11.7  |
| Fifty to sixty                 | 10.0  | 9.2   | 11.7  |
| Sixty to seventy               | 6.0   | 5.9   | 7.6   |
| Seventy to eighty              | 4.7   | 5.5   | 6.7   |
| Eighty to ninety               | 2.8   | 2.0   | 3.6   |
| Ninety to one hundred          | 2.5   | 2.7   | 1.7   |
| More than one hundred thousand | 6.6   | 4.7   | 7.6   |
| Missing Data                   | 0.0   | 9.3   | 4.0   |
| Total                          | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Age**

|      |                |            |          |         |
|------|----------------|------------|----------|---------|
| 1999 | Range: 18 – 92 | Median: 45 | Mean: 46 | STD: 16 |
| 2000 | Range: 18 – 92 | Median: 45 | Mean: 46 | STD: 16 |
| 2000 | Range: 18 – 86 | Median: 43 | Mean: 44 | STD: 16 |

**Political Affiliation**

|              | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
|              | %     | %     | %     |
| Democrat     | 21.9  | 22.2  | 19.1  |
| Republican   | 41.3  | 40.5  | 43.7  |
| Independent  | 24.7  | 27.9  | 31.6  |
| Other        | 9.9   | 5.8   | 1.5   |
| Missing Data | 2.3   | 3.5   | 4.0   |
| Total        | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Political Ideology**

|                       | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                       | %     | %     | %     |
| Very conservative     | 7.6   | 15.9  | 16.0  |
| Somewhat conservative | 42.8  | 31.7  | 33.6  |
| Middle-of-the-road    | 33.7  | 31.9  | 29.7  |
| Somewhat liberal      | 12.3  | 14.6  | 14.4  |
| Very Liberal          | 1.7   | 4.5   | 5.0   |
| Missing Data          | 2.0   | 1.4   | 1.3   |
| Total                 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Life-long Idaho Resident**

|          | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|
|          | %     | %     | %     |
| Yes      | 43.2  | 30.7  | 36.9  |
| No       | 56.8  | 69.3  | 62.9  |
| DK/MData | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.3   |
| Total    | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Respondent Left and Returned to Idaho**

|          | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|
|          | %     | %     | %     |
| Yes      | 30.8  | 59.5  | 42.3  |
| No       | 69.2  | 40.5  | 57.2  |
| DK/MData | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.4   |
| Total    | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Reasons for Move or Return to Idaho**

|                 | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                 | %     | %     | %     |
| Employment      | 19.8  | 20.7  | 24.8  |
| Retirement      | 7.9   | 3.7   | 3.1   |
| Quality of life | 39.7  | 34.4  | 39.3  |
| Education       | 2.4   | 4.5   | 5.3   |
| Other           | 29.4  | 36.8  | 27.0  |
| DK/MData        | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.4   |
| Total           | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Years in Idaho**

|      |               |            |          |         |
|------|---------------|------------|----------|---------|
| 1999 | Range: 1 – 87 | Median: 20 | Mean: 23 | STD: 17 |
| 2000 | Range: 1 – 88 | Median: 24 | Mean: 27 | STD: 20 |
| 2001 | Range: 1 – 69 | Median: 15 | Mean: 22 | STD: 61 |



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