Increasing Citizen Participation: A Toolkit for the City of Boise to Engage Young Adults

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"I was on track to be homeless and unemployed in May, so I was forced to move back home."

Survey had 162 responses for students between the ages of 18 to 24.

- 62% of students between the ages of 18 to 24 say that price and affordability is the biggest challenge they face when looking for housing. Location is the second biggest challenge.
- Approximately 54% of students says they spend between 0 to 30% of their income on housing. However, the fact that ~63% of students rely on family support for housing cost may signify that there is a significant population of students that are housing poor.
- According to students surveyed, the preference for single family housing is still the most widely accepted and preferred style of housing.

Table: How do you usually pay for housing?

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Map of Boise and surrounding areas. Concentric circles are drawn on the map in one-mile increments from the center of Boise State University. Corresponding results are above.

"[I am no longer] able to afford my portion of the rent. It sucks that I'm paying so much to live close to campus, but now there's no point living so close to campus with no physical school."