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# Executive Summary

## Introduction

The City of Boise (City) is submitting its 2021-2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Plan) which is in accordance with HUD requirements. The Plan will govern the City's investment of federal funds for persons experiencing homelessness, various housing strategies, and non-housing community development activities for the next five-year period. This plan will be updated annually through preparation of the Annual Action Plan.

## **Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview**

This plan identifies the highest priority need for the City derived from multiple inputs. The plan will focus on increasing affordable housing opportunities, especially for those under 30% Household Area Median Income (HAMI). The plan also directs efforts towards homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing, as well as many community development goals focused on improving conditions and opportunities, such as increasing supply of affordable housing units, preservation of existing housing units, improving access to social and housing related services and improving neighborhood equity. The plan was informed through the Community Development Analysis finalized in 2020, public outreach through survey methods, and interviews with key stakeholders involved in community development and housing.

## **Evaluation of past performance**

The City has made progress on the goals and objectives identified in the previous Consolidated Action Plan and each Annual Action Plan. In the City's most recent monitoring in 2019, HUD concluded that the City administers its programs in such a way that complies with regulations and is responsive to community need. However, the community need in the same general areas on which the previous Consolidated Plan focused remains high.

As the community continues to navigate COVID-19, newer and more urgent challenges have continued to emerge that require the City to act. Significant housing pressures have resulted from the City's population growth, low housing supply and low vacancy rates. Ownership and rental prices have grown exponentially, creating a greater need for housing at various price points. Particularly for households under the 80% Area Median Income (AMI), finding clean, safe, accessible, and affordable housing is difficult. Increasing housing supply at such income levels, preserving housing that may already be at such incomes, and preventing residents from losing housing and facing homelessness, are of utmost priority. In addition to housing issues, non-housing issues continue to compound. These include lack of access to mental healthcare, transportation challenges, and broadband internet access that allows for a more equitable community.

## **Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

Public involvement is a key element incorporated into this plan. As the Plan was compiled, the nation and city were facing unprecedented limitations due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While normal opportunities such as public meetings, roundtable discussions, and other in-person measures would be taken, the pandemic eliminated the majority of these opportunities due to Federal, State, and local health guidelines aimed at reducing the spread of the communicable disease. Despite the limitations, the City's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division created and administered a public facing online survey answered by 3,900 citizens.

In addition to the survey, the plan followed the City's described public hearing process, and public comment periods were afforded beyond HUD guidelines. Additionally, numerous interviews were conducted as part of the Consolidate Plan that included community members affiliated with housing and non-housing services. Those stakeholders included members from the public and private sectors, non-profit organizations, homelessness, elderly and disability organizations, and multiple other community partners. Other information gathered was conducted via the Community Development Analysis that included data review, extensive community member interviews, and field observations.

## **Summary of public comments**

The City received many public comments about the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. A summary of the comments, whether the comment was accepted or rejected, and why a comment was rejected is included as an attachment to this plan.

Many comments were related to services for those experiencing homelessness and recommendations regarding location of affordable housing and emergency shelters in the community.

## **Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

The City of Boise recognizes the urgent need for affordable housing within the city and has identified many actions within this plan to direct federal funds towards increasing the supply of affordable housing. This plan also identifies support for services for those experiencing homelessness.

The City is exploring all available options to increase the supply of affordable housing, including re-purposing City-owned parcels, acquisition, and rehabilitation of hotels, and working with partner organizations. The City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project.

## **Summary**

The 2021-2025 Consolidated Action Plan and the Annual Action Plan derived from it, was informed with significant data of HUD CHAS and ACS information, community representative input, and public comment.

# The Process

## **Lead & Responsible Agencies**

### **Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source**

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

<b>Agency Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
CDBG Administrator	BOISE	Housing and Community Development Division
HOME Administrator	BOISE	Housing and Community Development Division

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

## **Narrative**

The City of Boise's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division is located within the Planning and Development Services Department. HCD is responsible for administration of funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the HOME Investments Partnerships Program (HOME).

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## **Consultation**

### **Introduction**

The following section describes activities conducted to enhance coordination and consultations as part of the Consolidated Planning Process.

#### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).**

The City of Boise (City) owns and operates affordable rental properties that serve extremely low-, very low-, and low-income individuals. The City coordinates with local providers of health, mental health, homeless, and other services for its residents. Some affordable rental units are used as "match" for other clients of local service agencies. CDBG and HOME funding have been used to construct new housing units and acquire housing units for increased supply of affordable rental housing. This investment of federal funds has been in response to specific affordable housing needs in Boise. To further encourage coordination of services, the City uses CDBG Public Service and other local funds to support local nonprofit organizations. These nonprofits include health, mental health, housing, childcare, and homeless services within the community.

#### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness**

The Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care (CoC) is coordinated by a full-time City employee. The primary focus of this position is the coordination of homeless activities to address local needs. City staff that administer the CoC, CDBG, and HOME programs are housed together. This provides an opportunity to decrease duplication of efforts, increase efficiency of systems, and implement initiatives that are designed to work in concert with each other.

#### **Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS**

The City does not receive ESG funds. As the lead agency for the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care, the City coordinates communication, facilitates meetings, manages strategy development, and annual reporting and HUD application oversight. The City contracts with the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) to regulate the Homeless

Management Information System (HMIS). The HMIS is used to meet HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards with regard to client data, as well as the housing and services provided.

**Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority provided information about tenants, waiting list information, programs, and plans to inform plan development. The PHA works with the City to coordinate affordable housing.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>City of Boise</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Staff from various City agencies provided insights, data, planning documents, and other information to create various sections of the plan.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>EI Ada Community Action Partnership</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons

	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	El-Ada CAP provides a broad range of services in Boise and participated as a key informant for the housing needs, homeless, and non-homeless special needs sections of the plan. El-Ada works with other Boise agencies to coordinate service delivery.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Family Medicine Residency of Idaho</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Health Agency
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Staff participated as a key informant for the non-homeless special needs section of the plan. The agency coordinates with many housing and service providers in Boise to deliver health services.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Giraffe Laugh Early Learning Centers</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Giraffe Laugh staff acted as a key informant for addressing early learning. Giraffe Laugh provides access to homeless families with children and non-homeless families with children.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Interfaith Sanctuary</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children

	Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Interfaith agency staff participated as a key informant for the homeless needs and homeless programs sections of the plan. The agency is part of the Continuum of Care.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Salvation Army</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Salvation Army was a key informant for development of the homeless needs and homeless programs sections of the plan. The agency is a member of the Continuum of Care in Boise.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Terry Reilly Health Services, Inc.</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Health Agency
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Staff from Terry Reilly acted as a key informant for the non-homeless special needs section of the plan. The agency works in coordination with housing and other service providers in Boise.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Idaho Youth Ranch</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Staff from the Idaho Youth Ranch were key informants for the homeless needs and homeless facilities sections of the plan. The agency works with other Continuum of Care organizations to provide clients with a full range of services.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>The Jesse Tree of Idaho</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless

<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Families with children
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Jesse Tree staff were key informants for housing and homeless needs.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>United Way of Treasure Valley</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Employment Regional organization
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	United Way staff were key informants for the housing and non-housing community development needs sections of the plan. The agency works in conjunction with other organizations throughout the Treasure Valley.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Women's and Children's Alliance</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Families with children
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	WCA staff were key informants for the homeless and housing needs sections of the plan. The agency works closely with the Housing Authority and other homelessness agencies and service providers to coordinate client services.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>New Beginnings Housing, LLC</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Staff acted as key informants, providing insight into housing needs, current affordable housing inventory, the housing market, and priority housing needs.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>AutumnGold Senior Services, Inc</b>

<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Elderly Persons
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	AutumnGold staff were key informants and provided information about current housing needs, agency programs and plans, and the housing market. The agency coordinates with the City of Boise to provide affordable single-family housing units for purchase.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Boise State University - Center for Aging</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	University Department Private Sector Banking / Financing
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Boise State Center for Aging Director was a key informant providing information about the needs of Boise City seniors.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Living Independence Network Corp</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	LINC's Executive Director was a key informant for the non-homeless special needs section of the plan. The agency works with many other providers to coordinate services for persons with disabilities.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Idaho Nevada CDFI</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	CDFI Private Sector Banking / Financing
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Idaho Nevada CDFI staff acted as key informants related to housing needs, the housing market, housing finance and economic development.

<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Idaho Office for Refugees</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - State
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Idaho Office for Refugees acted as a key informant for the housing and non-homeless special needs sections of the plan, specifically as these areas relate to the refugee population in Boise. The agency coordinates with nonprofit refugee providers in Boise.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Idaho Commission on Aging</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Idaho Commission on Aging acted as a key informant, specifically providing information related to senior citizen needs in Boise.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Leap Charities</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	LEAP Charities acted as a key informant, specifically to discuss market conditions, housing strategies, and obstacles to affordable housing.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>CATCH</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	CATCH acted as a key informant, specifically in the realm of housing first, rapid re-housing, and related programs and strategies to keep or get citizens into housing.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Life's Kitchen</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education

<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Life Kitchen acted as a key informant to discuss education and job training opportunities they provide and the needs they see within the community.
<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	<b>Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA)</b>
<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Community Development Financial Institution
<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	IHFA acted as a key stakeholder to assist in understanding the current lending and borrowing conditions for affordable housing including preservation of existing housing, financial education needs, and emergency housing assistance needs.

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

### **Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

No affected agencies were intentionally left out of the planning process.

### **Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	City of Boise Housing and Community Development Division (HCD)	The City has ensured that the Consolidated Plan is consistent with the goals and action in the CoC
Boise City Housing Needs Assessment	HCD	The Housing Needs Assessment was used for development of the Housing and Markets sections of the Consolidated Plan
Blueprint Boise	City's Comprehensive Planning Division	MA-45 discussion is consistent with Blueprint Boise

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))**

The City of Boise (City) coordinates activities with a variety of agencies, including:

- Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC) redevelopment agency, the city of Boise's Urban Renewal Authority,
- State of Idaho Housing and Finance Association,
- Ada County,
- The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS).
- Ada County Highway District (ACHD)

Current planning efforts are to increase housing density through zoning revisions and private sector development and to redevelop Boise's downtown area either through City led initiatives or numerous partnerships.

Other strategies include:

- encourage job growth and employment
- eliminate homelessness
- participate in rapid re-housing efforts
- invest in neighborhood equity tools
- increase homebuyer opportunities
- finance/construct new affordable housing units.

These describe methods by and which the City will interact with partners during the implementation of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

## **Citizen Participation**

### **Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**

#### **Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

Input from a broad range of citizens and advocacy groups was collected during the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Plan). The public was encouraged to participate through multiple modes, including a community questionnaire (electronic due to COVID-19), a public hearing (1), public meetings (3), and receipt of written comments regarding the Plan.

This process concluded with the final resolution for the Mayor and City Council to adopt the plan. HCD used: legal notices, website updates, email outreach, the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care, CDBG Public Service subrecipients, and other communication methods. These varied and wide-reaching methods provided notification of public opportunities to participate in the development process. Input from citizens was used to determine the priority needs and five-year goals to meet these needs.

#### **Citizen Participation Outreach**

(see table on following pages)

<b>Mode of Outreach</b>	<b>Target of Outreach</b>	<b>Summary of response/attendance</b>	<b>Summary of comments received</b>	<b>Summary of comments not accepted and reasons</b>
Community Survey	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Non-targeted/broad community  low income neighborhoods	The City received comments and responses from 3,900 people. The 26-question community survey was offered in English and Spanish. Approximately 30% of respondents were aged 50 or more, 44% between 36-49, with the balance <35. The survey had strong geographic representation from all city zip codes, though 35.5% of households reported a household income over \$100K when the city median income is closer to \$70,000.	Citizens suggested the City focus on low-income persons and people experiencing homelessness, provide more affordable housing and increased public transportation, improve services like healthcare access, K-12 education, and mental health counseling.	None
Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	April 2nd, 2021 was a public hearing to present initial findings of data collection, public survey responses, and preliminary Consolidated Plan objectives to weigh public sentiment and collect additional input.	None	None

<b>Mode of Outreach</b>	<b>Target of Outreach</b>	<b>Summary of response/attendance</b>	<b>Summary of comments received</b>	<b>Summary of comments not accepted and reasons</b>
Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	On March 31, April 3rd, and April 7th, 2021, public meetings were held to gather input on the draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan. A total of 27 individuals attended these community meetings.	The participants either had questions or comments on HUD funding opportunities, how the disabled population is accounted for through development, how wages in the city are changing and how they relate to housing affordability, and how the City and HUD aim to prevent concentrations of poverty through the various funding mechanisms and tools used to address housing.	

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Community Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	Two public comment periods were held to request feedback on the draft of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Many comments were received about the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.	Many comments were related to services for those experiencing homelessness and recommendations regarding location of affordable housing and emergency shelters in the community.	Many comments were related to the need for more affordable housing. The City accepts these comments and recognizes the urgent need for affordable housing within the city and has identified many actions within this plan to direct federal funds towards increasing the supply of affordable housing. This plan also identifies support for services for those experiencing homelessness. Several comments related to the location of affordable housing and emergency shelters, with recommendations to place housing and shelters in the downtown area only. These comments are not accepted - the City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project.

# Needs Assessment

## **Overview**

### **Needs Assessment Overview**

Information for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan was gathered by the City of Boise (City) using multiple sources. Those sources include information contained within the Community Development Analysis (CDA), demographics from the US Census, Multiple Listing Service (MLS), City data, and others. A CDA was completed in the spring of 2020 that provides an assessment of housing needs, along with a myriad of additional needs contributing to overall quality of life. The analysis included gaps related to persons with disabilities, seniors, homeless persons, at-risk youth, persons in poverty, victims of domestic violence, veterans, and refugees.

Public meetings were held during the development of the CDA but limited in scope due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Key Informant interviews were held with community leaders, industry specialists, city staff, nonprofit organizations serving low-income and special needs populations, housing developers and lending communities. An online survey was made available to all city residents. The survey requested that residents provide insight on housing, homeless, special needs, and community development needs within Boise. Community meetings were held, and attendees were asked to rank priority needs and actions. All information has been considered in the drafting of the Plan and in the prioritization of actions to meet needs.

## Housing Needs Assessment

### Summary of Housing Needs

Between 2009 and 2019, ACS data indicates:

- Population growth of 11%
- Number of Households grew by 14%
- Median income growth of 29%

Demographics	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2019	% Change
Population	205,671	228,965	11%
Households	83,757	95,359	14%
Median Income	\$50,633.00	\$65,463.00	29%

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source**

**Comments:** 2019 ACS

### Population Forecast

Data from 2000-2018 showed nearly a 1% annual growth rate. Using this figure, 2030 forecasted population will top 256,000.

Year	Population	Growth Rate
2030	256,263	1% Annual Growth Rate
2018	228,807	2000-2018 +19%
2010	206,286	2010-2018 +9.8%
2000	185,787	2000-2010 +10%

**Projected Growth Rate**

### Population by Age Group

Increases in age were seen from 60-79 years of age, while decreases were seen in 10 years and younger. Average age in Boise has increased from 2010 to 2018.

Age	Population 2019	Percent of Population	Population 2010	Percent of Population
0-4	10981	4.8%	14234	6.9%
5-9	11787	5.1%	12583	6.1%
10-14	13868	6.1%	10727	5.2%
15-19	16256	7.1%	13202	6.4
20-24	17581	7.7%	16709	8.1%
25-29	17767	7.8%	17328	8.4%

30-34	19301	8.4%	14646	7.1%
35-39	14766	6.4%	12171	5.9%
40-44	16144	7.1%	15678	7.6%
45-49	14506	6.3%	13615	6.6%
50-54	13408	5.9%	14853	7.2%
55-59	14446	6.3%	12583	6.1%
60-64	14326	6.3%	12171	5.9%
65-69	10560	4.6%	8251	4.0%
70-74	9688	4.2%	5363	2.6%
75-79	5662	2.5%	4745	2.3%
80-84	4645	2.0%	3094	1.5%
85 & Over	3273	1.4%	4332	2.1%

#### **Population by Age Group**

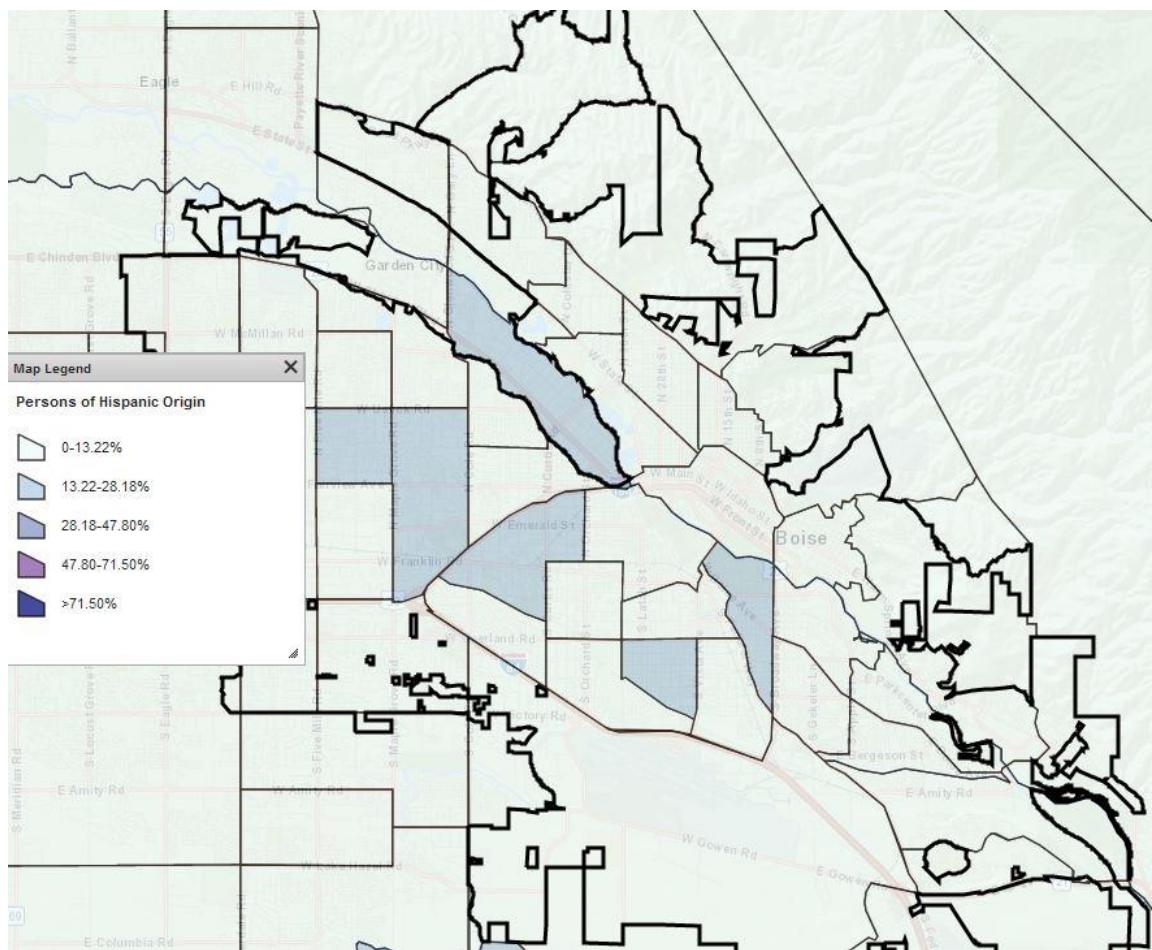
#### **Population by Ethnicity**

The largest increases in growth percentage occurred in the Black and Hispanic groups. The Black population grew by 31% and the Hispanic groups by 26.7%. The Hispanic group comprised 7.2% of the population in 2010, and now stands at 8.8% of the population.

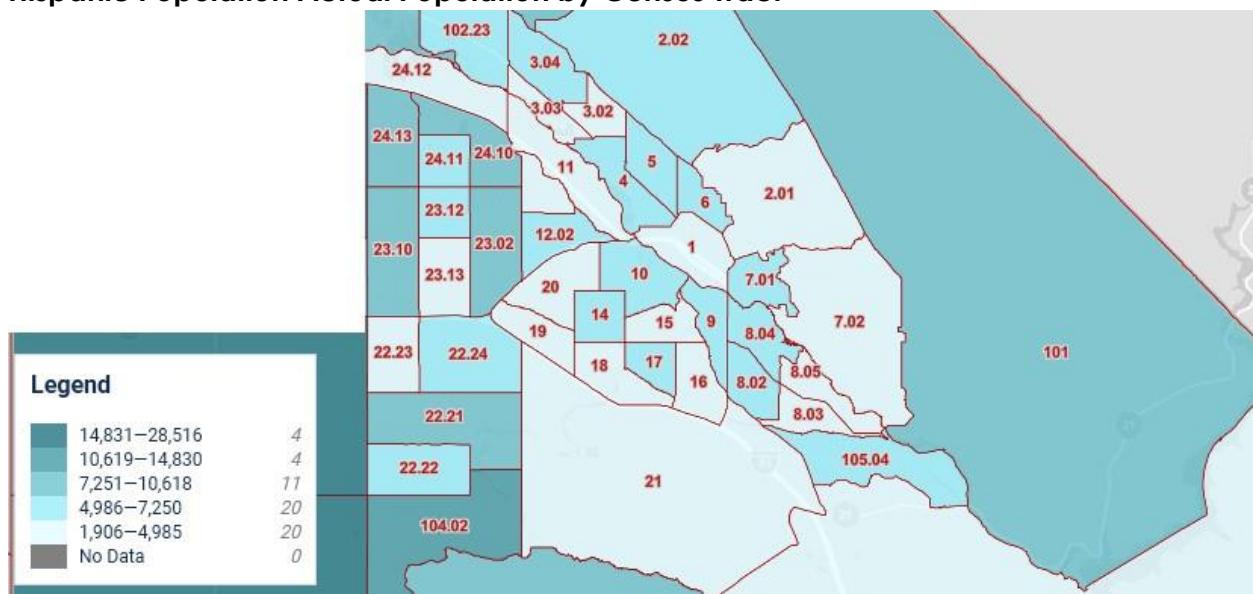
Ethnicity	2018	Percent	2010	Percent	Growth Since 2010	Percent Change
White, Non-Hispanic	188,828	82.5%	174,629	84.7%	14,199	8.1%
Hispanic	23,761	10.4%	14,832	7.2%	8,929	60.2%
Black or African American	2,087	.9%	3,610	1.7%	-1,523	-42.2%
American Indian	650	.3%	1,135	.6%	-485	-42.7%
Asian	5,829	2.5%	7,254	3.5%	-1,425	-19.6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	229	.1%	319	.2%	-90	-28.2%
Two or More Races	6,897	3.0%	4,371	2.1%	2,526	57.8%

#### **Population by Ethnicity**

## Hispanic Population as Percent of Total Population



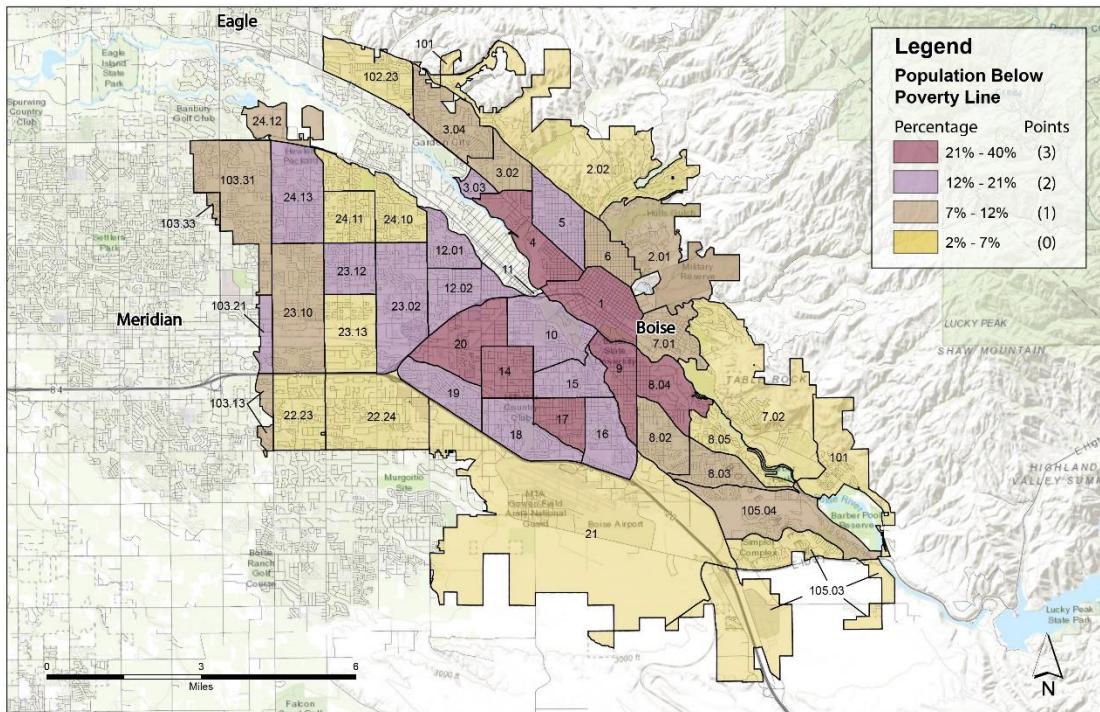
## Hispanic Population Actual Population by Census Tract



## Poverty

Population	Total	Below Poverty	Percent Below Poverty
All	224,716	30699	13.7%
Under 18	43,246	8,293	19.2%
18-64	148,441	20,139	13.6%
65 and Older	33,029	2,267	6.9%
White	185,548	22,157	11.9%
Hispanic	22,944	4,737	20.6%

### Poverty Status



### Population Below Poverty Line

Percent of population below poverty line per census tract for the City of Boise.

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### Households in Poverty

Households by income is a data set provided by HUD.

- Nearly half (47.2%) of households earning under 30% AMI are with one or more children under age 6 whereas 21% of households earning >100% AMI include one child 6 or younger.
- A slight majority, 51.3% of households, earn 100% AMI or less.
- Nearly half (49.9%) of households earning >100% of AMI are comprised of small families.

## Households by Area Median Family Income (HAMFI)

Household Type	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	11,050	10,270	14,805	9,525	43,275
Small Family Households	2,195	2,750	4,485	3,715	21,615
Large Family Households	375	345	790	765	3,290
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	405	515	1,555	1,275	6,955
Household contains at least one-person age 75 or older	2,865	2,690	2,565	1,075	2,365
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	5,215	3,970	5,410	2,695	9,045

### Total Households Table

#### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

#### Data Source

Comments: 2013-2017 CHAS DATA

## Growth/Change in Households by Area Median Family Income: 2011-2017

Year	HH Total	0-30% HAMFI Percent of Total	>30-50% HAMFI Percent of Total	>50-80% HAMFI Percent of Total	>80-100% HAMFI Percent of Total	>100% HAMFI Percent of Total
2011	85,785	9.17%	10.45%	15.12%	10.37%	54.86%
2017	88,925	12.42%	11.5%	16.64%	10.71%	48.7%
Growth	+3,140	+3.25%	+1.05%	+1.52%	+.34%	-6.16%

### Change in Households 2011-2017

## Housing Problems

HUD captures housing problems by level of household income. Housing problems include substandard housing, overcrowded homes, and housing cost burdens greater than 50% and 30%.

The housing problems identified by HUD include:

1. Housing units lacking complete kitchens.
2. Housing units lacking complete plumbing facilities.
3. Overcrowding (1.01-1.5 persons per room)
4. Severe Overcrowding (greater than 1.5 persons per room)
5. Cost Burden (households paying between 30% and 50% of their income for housing)

6. Severe Cost Burden (household pays 50% or more of their income for housing)

Key information derived from the latest HUD data indicate:

- 7,215 renter households are cost burdened beyond 50%, but not facing any other defined housing problem.
- 13,925 renter households are cost burdened beyond 30%, but not facing any other defined housing problem.
- 1,285 renter and owner households live in substandard housing, though 49% of those households are renters earning >30% AMI.

### **Housing Problems Summary Tables**

#### 1. Housing Problems: Number of households with one of the listed needs

Housing Problem	Renter Households					Owner Households				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
<b>Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities</b>	635	110	365	45	1,155	30	20	10	70	130
<b>Severely Overcrowded - With &gt;1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)</b>	35	15	35	65	150	0	20	35	75	130
<b>Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)</b>	135	110	245	25	515	45	50	95	30	220
<b>Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)</b>	4,810	2,030	350	25	7,215	1,535	1,225	675	160	3,595

Housing Problem	Renter Households					Owner Households				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	840	2,910	2,685	275	6,710	410	1,015	2,420	810	4,655
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	1,230	0	0	0	1,230	650	0	0	0	650

#### Housing Problems Table

Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

2013-2017 CHAS Table 3. 0/Negative Income found in Table 8 but only includes kitchen/plumbing, not

Data Source Comments: cost burden/over crowding. Apparently, "Housing cost burden not computed, means zero income/negative income)

2. Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden

	Renter Households					Owner Households				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	5,620	2,265	900	160	8,945	1,605	1,315	815	340	4,075
Having none of four housing problems	1,300	3,955	6,835	3,840	15,930	660	2,730	6,260	5,185	14,835
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	1,215	0	0	0	1,215	650	0	0	0	650

#### Housing Problems 2

Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

Data Source

Comments: 2013-2017 CHAS Data.

The next HUD-provided table shows the number of households with one of the four severe housing problems; The four housing problems include lack of kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, or severe cost burden.

- In total, 8,945 or 34.2%, of renter households are facing one or more severe housing problem.
- 4,075, or 20.8%, of owner households earning 100% AMI or less are facing one or more severe housing problems.

### 3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter Households				Owner Households			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
<b>Small Related</b>	1,555	1,530	1,010	4,095	335	635	815	1,785
<b>Large Related</b>	275	105	180	560	80	120	200	400
<b>Elderly</b>	1,330	730	510	2,570	1,070	910	1,015	2,995
<b>Other</b>	3,125	2,705	1,595	7,425	500	380	1,130	2,010
<b>Total need by income</b>	6,285	5,070	3,295	14,650	1,985	2,045	3,160	7,190

#### Cost Burden > 30%

##### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

##### Data Source

Comments: 2013-2017 CHAS Data, \*Elderly Major Drop\*

HUD tabulates the number of households experiencing cost burden greater than 30% of income by AMI level. According to the data:

- Renters are twice as likely to be cost burdened than owners (14,650 households vs. 7,190 households)
- Among renters who are cost burdened <30%, 42.9% earn 0-30% AMI.
- Among owners, 43.9% of those cost burdened are in between 50%-80% AMI.

#### 4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter Households				Owner Households			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
<b>Small Related</b>	1,385	595	70	2,050	310	260	140	710
<b>Large Related</b>	145	55	10	210	15	30	35	80
<b>Elderly</b>	1,095	305	150	1,550	845	450	210	1,505
<b>Other</b>	2,695	1,125	175	3,995	395	145	280	820
<b>Total need by income</b>	5,320	2,080	405	7,805	1,565	885	665	3,115

##### Cost Burden > 50%

Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

Data Source

Comments: 2013-2017 CHAS

10,920 households earn 80% or less of AMI, and are cost burdened 50% or more. Of this population:

- 71.4% of those households are renters
- 27.9% are elderly households
- 63% of 50% of those cost burdened are households earning 30% of AMI or less

#### 5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter Households					Owner Households				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
<b>Single family households</b>	170	114	170	25	479	45	50	130	120	345
<b>Multiple, unrelated family households</b>	0	0	45	65	110	0	20	0	15	35
<b>Other, non-family households</b>	60	10	60	0	130	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total need by income</b>	230	124	275	90	719	45	70	130	135	380

##### Crowding Information – 1/2

Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

Data Source

Comments: 2013-2017 CHAS Data

## Overview of Crowding

Overcrowding data is provided by HUD and defined as more than one person per room. 2013-2017 data shows:

- Overcrowding is most prevalent in renter households with lower incomes 0-30% AMI and modest incomes 50-80% AMI.
- The majority of overcrowding among renters occurs in single family households.
- Single family renter households at 50-80% AMI are the most overcrowded. Among owners, the most overcrowding occurs at the 80-100% AMI level and in single family households.

	Renter Households				Total	Owner Households		
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total		0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI
<b>Households with Children Present</b>	8,135	6,225	7,730	22,090	2,915	4,045	7,075	14,035
<b>Households with Children Present</b>								

## Crowding and Children

HUD requires grantees to estimate the number of households with children living in the household by tenure and AMI income range. This data has been provided through the HUD CPD Maps data system. The data shows that, in Boise, there are over 6,400 renter households, and almost 1,350 owner households at or below 80% AMI living with children. Based on previously explained data, these households may be cost burdened or overcrowded due to rising housing (owning or renting) prices.

	Renter Households				Owner Households			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
<b>Households with Children Present</b>	880	435	1,385	2,700	105	350	895	1,350

### Crowding Information – 2/2

CHAS Data 2013-2017 contains 1 table with reference to children. Table 13 refers to households with children under 6 years of age. The table does NOT include information for households with any other youth ages. If previous tables included 18 years and under, numbers were significantly higher than 2017 data would indicate.

**Data Source Comments:**

## **Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.**

Single person households can range from younger, college-age students to elderly individuals living alone. Data collected from speaking with community representatives indicates single person households most in need of housing assistance includes:

- Those with a disability- multiple instances of limited accessible housing were reported. Ensuring homes are safe and accessible for those with varying disabilities is challenging under typical conditions, but with historically low inventory and vacancy rates, finding those types of units is proving an even greater difficulty.
- Recently Incarcerated- for individuals recently released from prison terms and seeking housing, access is reported to be a challenge in a hyper competitive housing environment.
- Currently experiencing homelessness- once in a homeless situation, getting back into housing is reported to be difficult as lack of a current address, having adequate funds for initial housing fees and rent are significant hurdles.
- Limited or poor credit history- Several reports of needing to improve understanding of credit and the implications of poor credit were voiced by community stakeholders. In a hyper competitive housing market and/or for single individuals without a co-signature, this is seen as a need.
- Single Income- ownership and rental costs have grown at a faster pace than local wages. As the gap continues to widen, housing becomes more elusive. This is especially true for those earning 30% of AMI or less, as units matching this income level have been significantly reduced since the previous plan.

## **Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.**

Disabled household members will be discussed in further detail in NA-40, Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment. The 2013-2017 CHAS Data includes households with one of four types of disability categories, their incomes per AMI, and presence of a housing problem. The CHAS tables do not break down which households are families, individuals, and seniors. More detailed information is provided in NA-40. CHAS data concludes the following:

- Of the 9,165 households with a hearing or visually impaired household member, 3,950 (43.1%) earn 80% of AMI or less.
- Of the 8,585 households with a member who has an ambulatory limitation, 4,755 (55.4%) earn 80% of AMI or less.
- Of the 7,910 households with a member who has a cognitive limitation, 4,605 (58%) earn 80% of AMI or less.
- Of the 8,260 households with a member who has a self-care or independent living limitation, 4,980 (60.3%) earn 80% of AMI or less.

For families who have a member with a disability, needs typically include housing accessibility modifications, access to public transportation, and rent restrictions to reduce housing costs.

Using national data sources, it is estimated that approximately 22,600 women and 2,150 men in Boise have (at some point in their lives) been victims of intimate partner violence.

### **What are the most common housing problems?**

The most common housing problems experienced by Boise households are cost burden and severe cost burden. Housing costs in Boise (and the surrounding area) have been on the rise. Many factors contribute to this rise, including lack of new housing supply, continued influx of out of state migration adding to housing demand, higher material costs than in recent years, and a decreased supply of skilled labor to construct new housing. Low vacancy rates contribute to housing problems and make it difficult for renters to find housing, especially units offered at a lower monthly rate.

Many low-and extremely low-income households are getting priced out of rental and for sale single family housing units. The reduced value of housing vouchers and diminished acceptance rates have contributed to the inability of low- and extremely low-income households to secure housing and return vouchers. For would-be homeowners, the lack of supply has led to bidding wars between potential buyers, resulting in purchase prices often 10-20% above asking price.

The supply of available units has been on the decline, and households with moderate, low, and extremely low incomes are less able to pay for escalating housing costs than those with higher incomes. Please see the Housing Markets section for more information on the cost of housing in Boise.

### **Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?**

Among the many subpopulations facing the most housing challenges, several are more affected than others, including:

- "Other" households and small, related households earning 0–30% AMI and 30–50% AMI respectively-those households have the highest incidence of cost burden.
- Renters- households have a much higher incidence of cost burden than owner households for nearly all categories.
- Elderly households- those households have nearly identical burden rates between renters and owners at total earnings.
- Persons living on fixed incomes, especially those with disabilities- these individuals are more affected by rising housing costs and lower inventory of affordable rental units.

**Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance**

Imminent risk of experiencing homelessness exists for many Boise households, particularly those severely cost burdened or experiencing medical conditions that can result in significant medical bills- often cited as a reason for missing a rent or mortgage payment. The 2017 CHAS data estimated 4,810 renter households earning 0-30% AMI and 2,030 renter households earning 30-50% AMI are severely cost burdened (50%). Among owners, 1,535 households earning 0-30% AMI and 1,225 households earning 30-50% AMI are severely cost burdened. All totaled, approximately 9,600 households earning 0-50% AMI are severely cost burdened and at imminent risk of residing in a shelter or becoming unsheltered.

Victims of domestic violence pose another vulnerable lower-income group facing imminent risk of sheltered or unsheltered homelessness. This issue has been particularly prevalent throughout the 2020-2021 Covid-19 pandemic. Reports of increased rates of domestic violence continue to grow, and the immediate need to remove either one's self or entire family from the abuser equates to an imminent risk of housing insecurity.

Lastly, many stakeholders interviewed for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan indicated significant challenges finding affordable housing for those ready to leave a homeless program. The initial cost burdens associated with application fees and first and last month's rent, and the impositions of supplying a documented rental and income history all in tandem with historically low vacancies impedes the ability of these individuals to acquire more permanent housing solutions.

**If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:**

The City does not provide estimates of any specific at-risk populations.

**Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness**

The rapid rise in housing costs, low vacancy rate, and limited supply of new housing are common characteristics of housing instability in Boise. The rental market in Boise continues to demonstrate an extreme strain. Since the onset of the Covid pandemic, out-of-state transplants continue to relocate to the Boise region, further reducing vacancy while increasing costs. This rise in rental rates and reduction in vacancies has pushed many households out of

the market and forced a relocation. Those households with the most cost burden have been renters earning 0-30% and 30-50% AMI. Homeless intervention providers report a rise in the number of households requesting rental assistance, especially since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. Further exacerbating affordability is the reduced utilization of housing vouchers among qualified renters. The Housing Authority and other housing partners continue to convey reports of renters returning vouchers without finding housing, as landlords increasingly refuse to accept them.

## **Discussion**

Please refer to the MA-15 Cost of Housing section of the Consolidated Plan to read more about housing costs, as well as the gap in prices and unit availability for households in Boise.

### **Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems**

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

## **Introduction**

HUD compartmentalizes housing problems by income level, race, and ethnic group. Disproportional situations occur when a race or ethnic group has a 10% or higher percentage of households facing one or more problem(s) than the jurisdiction overall. Housing problems are defined as the following:

1. Lacking complete kitchen facilities
2. Lacking complete plumbing facilities
3. Housing more than one person per room
4. Having a cost burden greater than 30%

According to the data, jurisdictional rates and racial/ethnic disproportionate rates per AMI are as follows:

### **0-30% AMI**

- Jurisdiction total: 92.2%
- Disproportionate group: None

### **30-50% AMI**

- Jurisdiction total: 73.1%
- Disproportionate group: Hispanics 88.1%

### **50-80% AMI**

- Jurisdiction total: 46%
- Disproportionate group: Black/African American 77.9%

80-100% AMI

- Jurisdiction total: 16.5%
- Disproportionate group: Asian 44%

### **0%-30% of Area Median Income**

<b>Housing Problems</b>	<b>Has one or more of four housing problems</b>	<b>Has none of the four housing problems</b>	<b>Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems</b>
Jurisdiction as a whole	8,475	710	0
White	7,050	565	0
Black / African American	185	10	0
Asian	85	10	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	40	10	0
Pacific Islander	0	30	0
Hispanic	700	35	0

#### **Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source** 2013-2017 CHAS Data. Table 1 does not include "No/Negative Income". Only table that does include term, does not include racial data.

### **30%-50% of Area Median Income**

<b>Housing Problems</b>	<b>Has one or more of four housing problems</b>	<b>Has none of the four housing problems</b>	<b>Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems</b>
Jurisdiction as a whole	7,515	2,760	0
White	6,345	2,435	0
Black / African American	105	60	0
Asian	120	70	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	45	95	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	670	90	0

#### **Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source****Comments:** 2013-2017 CHAS Data< table 1 does not include "no/negative income" information by race.**50%-80% of Area Median Income**

<b>Housing Problems</b>	<b>Has one or more of four housing problems</b>	<b>Has none of the four housing problems</b>	<b>Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems</b>
Jurisdiction as a whole	6,815	7,990	0
White	5,610	6,830	0
Black / African American	230	65	0
Asian	85	100	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	40	80	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	243	810	0

**Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI****Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source****Comments:** 2013-2017 CHAS Data, Table 1 does not include "no/negative income" and racial data.**80%-100% of Area Median Income**

<b>Housing Problems</b>	<b>Has one or more of four housing problems</b>	<b>Has none of the four housing problems</b>	<b>Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems</b>
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,580	7,945	0
White	1,405	6,925	0
Black / African American	0	155	0
Asian	80	100	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	30	50	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	50	605	0

**Table 4 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI****Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source****Comments:** 2013-2017 CHAS Data, Table 1 does not include "no/negative income" and racial data.

## **Discussion**

As incomes rise, households in Boise experience fewer housing problems. The rates of housing problems experienced by Whites/Caucasians is in trend with the jurisdiction as a whole at for every income level. For other races, no such pattern exists and differences between and among races change within each income bracket.

### **Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems**

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

## **Introduction**

HUD compartmentalizes housing problems by income level, race, and ethnic group.

Disproportional situations occur when a race or ethnic group has a 10% or higher percentage of households facing one or more problem(s) than the jurisdiction on the whole. Housing problems are defined as the following:

1. Lacking complete kitchen facilities
2. Lacking complete plumbing facilities
3. Housing more than one person per room
4. Having a cost burden greater than 30%

According to the data, jurisdictional rates and racial/ethnic disproportionate rates per AMI are as follows:

0-30% AMI

- Jurisdiction total: 78.6%
- Disproportionate group: Black/African American 44.7%, Asian 68.4%, American Indian 40%.

30-50% AMI

- Jurisdiction total: 35%
- Disproportionate group: Black/African American 48.4%, Asian 50%, Hispanic 55.2%

50-80% AMI

- Jurisdiction total: 11.5%
- Disproportionate group: Asian 32.4%

80-100% AMI

- Jurisdiction total: 5.2%
- Disproportionate group: Asian 27.7%

### 0%-30% of Area Median Income

<b>Severe Housing Problems</b>	<b>Has one or more of four housing problems</b>	<b>Has none of the four housing problems</b>	<b>Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems</b>
Jurisdiction as a whole	7,225	1,960	0
White	6,150	1,465	0
Black / African American	85	105	0
Asian	65	30	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	20	30	0
Pacific Islander	0	30	0
Hispanic	30	125	0

#### **Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source**

**Comments:** 2013-2017 CHAS Data

### 30%-50% of Area Median Income

<b>Severe Housing Problems</b>	<b>Has one or more of four housing problems</b>	<b>Has none of the four housing problems</b>	<b>Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems</b>
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,580	6,685	0
White	2,870	5,915	0
Black / African American	80	85	0
Asian	95	95	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	45	95	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	420	340	0
Other	0	0	0

**Table 5 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source**

**Comments:** 2013-2017 CHAS Data

## 50%-80% of Area Median Income

<b>Severe Housing Problems</b>	<b>Has one or more of four housing problems</b>	<b>Has none of the four housing problems</b>	<b>Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems</b>
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,715	13,095	0
White	1,445	11,000	0
Black / African American	40	255	0
Asian	60	125	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	120	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	120	1,280	0
Other	0	0	0

### Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source**

**Comments:** 2013-2017 CHAS Data

## 80%-100% of Area Median Income

<b>Severe Housing Problems</b>	<b>Has one or more of four housing problems</b>	<b>Has none of the four housing problems</b>	<b>Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems</b>
Jurisdiction as a whole	500	9,025	0
White	420	7,910	0
Black / African American	0	155	0
Asian	50	130	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	80	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	30	625	0
Other	0	0	0

**Table 6 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source**

**Comments:** 2013-2017 CHAS Data

## **Discussion**

Severe housing problems exist in Boise, especially for households with extremely low incomes (78.6%). The rates of severe housing problems decrease as incomes rise, falling the most between the 30-50% AMI (35%) and 50-80% AMI (11.5%) income brackets. This indicates that extremely low- and very low-income households are the most vulnerable households, regardless of race.

### **Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens**

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

#### **Introduction:**

More than two-thirds of households with extremely low incomes (0-30% AMI) experience housing cost burdens. In this income bracket, Asians (83%) and Pacific Islanders (100%) experience a disproportionately greater need in terms of housing cost burden when compared to the jurisdiction as a whole (68%). In the 30-50% AMI bracket, Black/African Americans experience housing cost burdens at a greater rate than other races.

Approximately 70.1% of the jurisdiction is not cost burdened, meaning 29.9% of the jurisdiction is cost burdened. Among groups disproportionately affected by cost burden:

At the 30-50% cost burden rate:

- Jurisdiction: 14.7%
- Disproportionate Race or Ethnic Group: Black/African American 36.4%

>50%:

- Jurisdiction: 12.9%
- Disproportionate Race or Ethnic Group: None

### **Housing Cost Burden**

<b>Housing Cost Burden</b>	<b>&lt;=30%</b>	<b>30-50%</b>	<b>&gt;50%</b>	<b>No / negative income (not computed)</b>
Jurisdiction as a whole	60,910	12,840	11,217	1,930
White	54,475	11,240	9,872	1,570
Black / African American	640	430	85	25
Asian	1,745	160	200	105

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
American Indian, Alaska Native	405	90	65	0
Pacific Islander	30	0	0	0
Hispanic	3,615	920	995	230

#### **Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source**

**Comments:** 2013-2017 CHAS Data

### **Discussion:**

According to a study conducted by Apartment List and re-published by the New York Times, between 2020 and 2021, Boise experienced the largest median rent increase in the country (12%). The cost of housing continues to rise steadily, and wages lag significantly. Therefore, the lowest income households in Boise continue to be further burdened by the cost of housing, leading to an increase in housing insecurity and a greater risk for these households to lose their housing and/or experience homelessness.

**NOTE: Table does not define by AMI but rather by cost burden rate. <30% indicates no cost burden, 30-50% indicates cost burden between 30-50% of income, and 50% indicates a housing cost burden greater than 50% of income.**

### Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion

#### **Are there any Income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?**

Extremely low- and very low-income households, regardless of race, are more likely to experience disproportionately greater need (housing problems, severe housing problems and/or housing cost burdens) than households with higher incomes. However, in several categories, races other than White have a disproportionately greater need than those of that income category as a whole:

- 0-30% AMI: Black/African American and American Indian/Alaska Natives experience more severe housing problems than other races.
- 30-50% AMI: Hispanics experience more housing problems, Black/African Americans, Asians, and Hispanics experience more severe housing problems than other races.
- 50-80% AMI: Black/African Americans experience more housing problems and Asians experience more severe housing problems than other races

- 80-100% AMI: Asians experience more housing problems and severe housing problems than other races
- For cost burden, Black/African Americans are disproportionately cost burdened between 30-50% than any other race. No race is disproportionately experiencing cost burdened greater than 50%.

**If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?**

Affixed wages lie dormant as housing costs continue to rise, making it increasingly difficult for low-wage earners to access and afford safe, decent and sanitary housing.

**Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?**

Following the definition found in the new AFFH analysis of poverty concentrations for racially/ethnically-concentrated areas of poverty (R/ECAPs), Boise considers there to be a "concentration" of racial or ethnic minorities if there is more than 50% of one group in a census tract. An analysis using CPD Maps data shows that there are not currently any census tracts in Boise with such a concentration.

## Public Housing

### Introduction

The Boise City/Ada County Housing Authorities (BCACHA) is a highly rated housing authority, which operates a variety of programs for residents of Boise City and Ada County. This includes Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing. The BCACHA administers 1,640 housing choice vouchers within Boise and others throughout Ada County (the actual number of vouchers for Boise totals 1,393). They also operate 192VASH Supportive Housing rental assistance vouchers. The following table is populated by the HUD IDIS system and may not necessarily match local PHA records.

### Totals in Use

	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Vouchers		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of unit vouchers in use	0	0	170	1,259	66	1,193	175	4	131

### Public Housing by Program Type

\*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source**

Comments:

Public Housing Data

The Public and Indian Housing Information Center (PIC) data provided by HUD is represented below. Per the data, the average annual income of all BCACHA residents is under \$13,000 per year. Data provided by BCACHA demonstrates that 77% of Housing Choice Voucher participants have extremely low incomes, 19% have very low incomes, and 4% have low incomes. An even greater percentage of public housing residents are extremely low-income (81%), while 17% are very low-income and 2% are low-income.

## Characteristics of Residents

	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type				
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Vouchers	
							Special Purpose Voucher	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
Average Annual Income	0	0	13,022	14,573	9,004	14,781	13,077	9,330
Average length of stay	0	0	5	5	0	5	0	2
Average Household size	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	2
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	3,788	0	11	175	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	78	334	0	174	63	1
# of Disabled Families	0	0	92	780	66	714	175	2
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	0	0	1,175	0	1,095	60	8
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

#### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

#### Data Source

Comments: Housing Authority Data

There are currently 1,342 households on the waiting list for a Section 8 Voucher in Boise. These are from an initial 2,200 households pulled from a lottery that was open between July 15 to September 6, 2019. There are 135 households on the waiting list for public housing units. The following tables show the demographic breakdown of households on the waiting list, nearly all of which are either extremely low-income or very low-income.

These households are least likely to be able to afford market rents in Boise, especially as rents rise and units become less available. Over 49% of households on the waiting list have a disabled household member. Just over 50% are families with children.

<b>Household Type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Elderly households	282	21%
Disabled households	659	49%
Families with minor children	695	52%

**Housing Authority Waiting List Household Types**

## Race of Residents

According to data provided by BCACHA, white households make up between 73% and 86% of households in each program.

Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type			Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *			
White	0	0	153	1,059	62	997	160	3	121			
Black/African American	0	0	4	145	2	143	10	1	6			
Asian	0	0	1	26	0	26	1	0	1			
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	2	20	1	19	2	0	2			
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	9	1	8	2	0	1			

Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type				
				Vouchers				
				Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Special Purpose Voucher	
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

#### Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

Data Source

Comments: Housing Authority Data

#### Ethnicity of Residents

Most residents are also not Hispanic. Just 7.5% of program participants are Hispanic, a figure which closely mirrors Boise's Hispanic data. Minority households are a small percentage of Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority (BCACHA) residents (10%). This also closely mirrors Boise's total non-white population (10.1%).

Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type				
				Vouchers				
				Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Special Purpose Voucher	
Hispanic	0	0	6	132	2	130	12	2
Not Hispanic	0	0	154	1,127	64	1,063	163	2

\*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

#### Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

## **Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:**

There are 309 households on the Public Housing and Section 8 New Construction waiting lists. These high-rise buildings, per Section 8, are designated for the elderly and/or disabled. Waiting lists are maintained by date and time of application only, and BCACHA does not track the number of applicants needing an accessible unit. Twenty-one (21) of the housing authority-owned units are accessible – 6/93 at Capitol Plaza, 4/67 at Franklin Plaza, 10/80 at Shoreline Plaza, and 1/10 at our scattered site properties. When an elderly or disabled applicant reaches the top of the waiting list, a resident in an accessible unit is transferred to a non-accessible unit and the applicant needing the features of the accessible unit is moved in.

## **Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders**

According to staff at BCACHA, the most immediate need of a voucher holder is to find a willing landlord to take the voucher. Often, those who receive a voucher cannot find a suitable unit within the 60-day lease up period. This means the household has to return the voucher to BCACHA. BCACHA partners with agencies to address other immediate needs of residents. Healthcare needs are met by community providers, including: Family Medicine Residency of Idaho, Terry Reilly, and the Garden City Community Clinic. Allumbaugh House provides detoxification and mental health services.

## **How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large**

The low incomes of BCACHA residents are often a result of a disability, age, or lack of employment. Those on fixed incomes have need for services to deal with disabilities, senior services, and job training. Low wage earners have a high reliance upon public transportation, which can be challenging in Boise. BCACHA residents have the advantage of affordable housing payments, which other extremely low-and very low-income households do not.

## **Discussion**

BCACHA programs are essential for providing housing to some of the City's lowest-income households.

## **Homeless Needs Assessment**

### **Introduction:**

The City of Boise's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division serves as the lead agency for the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care, locally branded as Our Path Home. Our Path Home is the public-private partnership working to prevent, reduce and end homelessness in Boise City/Ada County. In its role as the lead agency, the City of Boise continues to bolster the work of Our Path Home and its partner agencies by investing in evidence-based best practices and by exploring new opportunities to better serve our community, leverage local resources and serve households faster and more effectively. Our Path Home is working to ensure the partnership is coordinated, rapid and supportive with the goal of all residents being safe, healthy, and housed. Our Path Home conducts its work by responding to the lived experience of the partnership's clients, building partnerships across agencies and systems, making data-informed decisions, and ensuring equitable housing opportunities.

In the City's previous five-year Consolidated Plan, the Point-In-Time (PIT) count was the primary data available to illustrate the needs of our residents experiencing homelessness. However, since that time, Our Path Home has developed far more sophisticated data dashboards from its Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and launched Our Path Home CONNECT (i.e., coordinated entry) in 2017. Our Path Home now uses the PIT count, HMIS data and Our Path Home CONNECT data (which is also reported and tracked in HMIS) to understand, evaluate and respond to homelessness needs.

Our Path Home has clearly delineated strategic initiatives to address the needs of Boise City and Ada County's homeless population. Broadly, those initiatives include increasing the capacity to permanently house people through rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing through a campaign to end family homelessness and by creation of a supportive housing project pipeline, reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time, and by strengthening and evolving the partnership so as to be able to leverage private philanthropy with public funding and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of programming. Our Path Home uses a collective impact approach to offer homeless prevention, diversion and problem-solving, shelter and outreach, and permanent housing interventions to serve people experiencing homelessness and those who are experiencing housing insecurity.

## Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	92	2	1,902	450	339	354
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	0	15	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Adults	405	78	3,161	1,396	233	904
Chronically Homeless Individuals	85	44	790	0	92	1,170
Chronically Homeless Families	2	1	99	0	21	737
Veterans	95	5	521	179	88	904
Unaccompanied Child	0	0	15	0	0	0
Persons with HIV	0	0	6	2	2	0

### Homeless Needs Assessment

Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

Data Source: Our Path Home's Homeless Management Information System, Calendar Year 2020For estimated # of days persons experience homelessness, the following are to be considered: Persons in Households with Only Children: The City does not serve this population Unaccompanied Youth: The City does not serve this population Persons with HIV: This is not a permissible question to ask.

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

For estimated # of days persons experience homelessness, the following are to be considered:

Persons in Households with Only Children (the City does not serve this population)

Unaccompanied Youth (the City does not serve this population)

Persons with HIV (this is not a permissible question to ask)

### **Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)**

Race	Sheltered	Unsheltered (optional)
White	485	68
Black or African American	32	2
Asian	6	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	16	6
Pacific Islander	2	3
Ethnicity	Sheltered	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	55	4
Not Hispanic	509	79

### **Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.**

Data from Our Path Home's HMIS shows that 532 families with children were either assessed, by or active in, Our Path Home CONNECT because they were experiencing homelessness in 2020. 58% of families with children were single mothers and, of those households, 46% identified domestic violence as the primary reason for seeking assistance. Another 25% of families served in 2020 are two-parent families, and 52% of these families identified an economic or employment factors as the primary reason they were seeking assistance.

At the end of calendar year 2020, 298 families were on Our Path Home's coordinated entry queue. Most (80%) are not experiencing chronic homelessness. Therefore, they do not qualify for Permanent Supportive Housing, but do need a Rapid Re-Housing intervention. Our Path Home is also acutely aware that many families with children are in doubled-up or hotel/motel situations. There are limited funds available for this gap population, as most fund sources require families to either be sleeping in emergency shelters or on the street to access Continuum of Care program funds, or in a rental agreement to access homeless prevention funds. In 2020, a Veterans Administration program served 132 adult-only households and 16 families with children.

### **Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.**

Our Path Home last conducted a racial disparities assessment in March 2019 using census and HMIS data. Based on the total population of Ada County, racial distribution was analyzed to ascertain what proportion of each race Ada County would expect to see in the homeless services system.

- Was the expected vs. the observed statistically significant or could the differences have happened by chance?
- Did other, non-White races experience statistically significant different outcomes once they entered the homeless services system?

## **General Population**

- White: 91.9%
- Black: 1.3%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.8%
- Asian: 2.8%
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 0.2%
- Multiple Races: 3.0%

## **HMIS Data**

- White: 82.45%
- Black: 7.38%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 4.06%
- Asian: 1.06%
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 2.09%
- Hispanic: 14.37%

The analysis revealed that races other than White experience homelessness at a significant higher rate, indicating that racially disparate policies and practices outside of the services system contribute to homelessness. Once in the homeless services system, races other than White do not experience outcomes that are statistically different from Whites leading to the conclusion that disparities exist among which races are more likely to experience homelessness but evidence for those disparities continuing into or within the homeless services system does not exist.

## **Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.**

In 2020, 1,924 households (2,149 clients) enrolled in emergency shelter or street outreach/supportive services. Approximately 13% of these households were experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Also, in 2020, the average number of households active on Our Path Home CONNECT's coordinated entry queue at any given time was 832 households (1,473 clients).

The Our Path Home street outreach team (launched in February 2020) uses a by-name list to connect households experiencing unsheltered homelessness with services, including access to emergency overnight shelter. Further, primarily in response to COVID-19, Our Path Home expanded the capacity of its emergency shelter by adding a non-congregate shelter for

families with children and those who are medically fragile, thereby allowing more adults to access the congregate shelter.

### **Discussion:**

Our Path Home has the capacity to serve approximately 1,100 households per year- roughly 500 that are experiencing homelessness or are already in a supportive housing program, and about 600 that are at risk of experiencing homelessness. Particularly due to a limited availability of affordable and accessible units for households experiencing homelessness many adult-only households and families with children languish on the coordinated entry queue, sleeping in emergency shelters or on the street.

About 305 of the 500 households to which Our Path Home provides supportive housing each year are already in permanent supportive housing (PSH) units; these units do not often experience turnover. Once a tenant is leased-up in a PSH unit, Our Path Home carries the cost of on-going rental assistance and support services and, therefore, must expand program capacity to serve more households. To illustrate this point, the 95 households served last year through our scattered-site PSH program are, by and large, the same 95 households that will be served by that program this year.

Sometimes, mainstream community partners of Our Path Home intervene to prevent housing instability. These programs are helpful to our community to the degree that they prevent households from experiencing increased housing instability. However, the research and evidence demonstrate that these kinds of universal prevention programs are inefficient because they serve a great number of households that would not have ended up sleeping in emergency shelters or on the street even if the program had not intervened. In other words, it is easy to spend a lot of money on homelessness prevention and assume it is impacting the number of people experiencing homelessness even though it is not.

Our Path Home's greatest needs are to increase its capacity to do three things:

1. Expand the availability of supportive housing to those households already in emergency shelter or sleeping outside by providing housing units, rental assistance, and support services % case management.
2. Divert people from entering emergency shelters or sleeping outside by engaging in a conversation that increasingly relies on our mainstream community partners to help problem-solve, rather than relying on an already overwhelmed homeless services system to intervene.
3. Target homelessness prevention efforts to those at the highest risk of entering emergency shelter or sleeping outside, and help these households access the supports needed to regain permanent housing. These households are most often non-lease holders who are doubled-up with friends or family, or who are staying in a hotel/motel.

Our Path Home struggles to respond to, and account, for issues beyond its control: wages, the cost of housing, the vacancy rate, lack of behavioral health resources, etc. Furthermore, Our Path Home clients are experiencing elevated levels of grief, despair, anxiety and trauma that, in effect, produces a fight-or-flight neural response. Housing First is mission critical as a philosophy. The homeless services system is limited in what it can provide on the street or in shelter. People need to be stabilized in housing first, and then provided with the wraparound services to keep them stably housed.

## **Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment**

### **Introduction:**

Several special need sub-populations within the City of Boise have significant needs. These sub-populations include:

- Those experiencing domestic violence,
- Substance abuse disorders,
- Mental health challenges,
- Elderly,
- Disabled

### **Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:**

#### **Domestic Violence**

In the City of Boise, the Women's and Children's Alliance (WCA) provides services to domestic and sexual assault victims. According to data maintained by the WCA, calls to the 24-hour hotline increased 57% and calls specific to domestic violence increased by 84% in 2020. From 2019 to 2020, intakes into the WCA's emergency shelter increased by 400%. Countywide (Boise makes up 50% of the county population), 5,529 calls were made to 911 that related to domestic abuse, sexual assault or child abuse; 84% of these calls were related to domestic violence or sexual assault.

As previously stated, in the United Way of Treasure Valley's 2020 CHNA, mental health, well-being and substance use were among the top six priorities identified. The need for substance use services was cited as a top service most needed in Boise. Drug related deaths in Ada County had a mortality rate of 15.8 per 100,000 from 2012-2017. In Ada County, 12% of adults are tobacco users and 17.9% of adults report drinking excessively. In Boise specifically, according to the City Health Dashboard, opioid overdose deaths from 2015-2017 was 8.6 for every 100,000 residents.

#### **Mental Health**

According to the CHNA, mental health care services were the second most identified health and social service that survey respondents felt are currently lacking. Mental health care was also in the top two overall concerns. A lack of mental health services was identified across multiple sub-populations including those with disabilities, the elderly, LGBTQIA+, veterans, children living in poverty, and households experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. These findings align with the CDA and the community survey conducted for this Five-Year Consolidated Plan, as mental health was identified by both as a major need. Finally, Idaho has

one of the highest suicide rates in the country; 23% of these deaths from 2013-2017 occurred in Ada County.

### **Elderly**

The average age of Boise residents continues to increase. According to the ACS and CHAS data:

- Average age increased from 35.3 in 2010 to 36 as of 2018.
- Percent of people >65 has increased from 11.5% in 2011 to 13% of the population as of 2018.
- Between 2010 and 2018, the population among 65-69 increased from 4.0% to 5.3%, ages 70-74 increased from 2.6% to 3.7%, and 85+ increased from 2.1% to 2.2%, of the total population.
- Among residents >65, 4,200 or 12.2% of residents are below poverty status.
- Among all owners earning 0-30% AMI and 30-50% AMI and cost burdened, 45.3% and 22.5% are households with at least one person aged 62 or older.
- Among all renters earning 0-30% AMI and 30-50% AMI and cost burdened, 20% and 11.7% are households with at least one person aged 62 or older.

### **Disabilities**

- Approximately 11.8% of Boise residents are estimated to have an identified disability as per the ACS.
- Disability rate for >75 years of age is 46.7%.
- Approximately 16.8% of the >65 population have an ambulatory disability.
- Among >75 population, 23.9% are listed as unable to live independently.

### **What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?**

For each identified sub-population, housing and supportive service needs were identified through multiple stakeholder discussions and information gathering, community survey responses, and CHAS and ACS data collection and analysis. Housing needs include access to affordable housing choices, homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, and modification of facilities to accommodate needs. With regard to social services, mental health service access and treatment, substance abuse treatment facilities, family and individual counseling, and co-located social and housing services are needed. Financial education, credit knowledge, landlords willing to approve prospect tenants who may be experiencing temporary issues as identified, and initial housing financial assistance to access housing and overcome steep initial entry costs, are the types of areas the City can address where housing and supportive services meet.

**Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:**

According to AIDSVu, 41 out of 100,000 residents in Ada County are diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in 2018. Further, Idaho's the Department of Health and Welfare reported in 2020 that the number of persons living with HIV was 981 statewide and 468 in District 4 (which includes the City of Boise and Ada County). Health and Welfare also reported that the number of AIDS cases statewide was 992 and 378 in District 4. Total cases by age indicate a clear majority (84%) are between 20-49 years of age.

**Discussion:**

The City of Boise is not a HOPWA grantee. However, housing and health care organizations interviewed as part of the City's 2020 Community Development Analysis who serve people living with HIV and AIDS stated that housing is difficult to find, particularly because identifying landlords who are willing to accept housing vouchers for people with HIV/AIDS is difficult.

## **Non-Housing Community Development Needs**

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:**

The City of Boise's annual capital budget and Boise's five-year capital improvement plan provide a framework for the City's capital investments. Historically, CDBG and HOME funds have not generally been used for public facility improvement expenditures because the City leverages local funds for these needs. On a broad level, the 2020 Community Development Assessment, the accompanying community survey, and other outreach efforts conducted through community and public meetings did not identify any priority public facility needs; however, interviews with agencies that serve the needs of low-income households, especially the City's residents experiencing homelessness, have identified the need for improved emergency shelter, space and facility requirements for outreach and case management staff.

### **How were these needs determined?**

As part of developing its capital budget, the City prioritizes how to allocate resources among a number of competing needs using several criteria. These criteria include, but are not limited to: health and safety impacts, Boise residents' priorities, Mayor and City Council priorities, alignment with development impact fee plans, adequate lifespan and current condition of existing assets, mandated improvements, project scope, feasibility, and level of resources required, coordination with other projects, master planning documents such as the CIP, availability of donations and grants, and alignment with the City's Strategic Framework.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:**

Boise has ongoing and increasing needs for public improvements to serve its growing population beyond what can be funded through the City's CDBG entitlement. Therefore, the City leverages other types of funding to finance prioritized needs. To accomplish this, the City has multiple plans that provide a framework, including the City's Capital Improvements Plan, Comprehensive Plan and Blueprint Boise. Each of these plans serve to integrate transportation needs with infrastructure, economic development, and housing. Additionally, the City has adopted a voluntary Green Building Code to encourage sustainable development for new construction and residential remodeling.

Beyond these guiding plans, the 2020 Community Development Assessment (CDA) and the accompanying survey and public outreach identified the need for several public improvements in the areas of broadband internet access, transit, street connectivity, pedestrian and ADA upgrades, park acreage and tree canopy.

## **How were these needs determined?**

The City determined these needs by synthesizing the information available in its guiding plans and through the 2020 Community Development Analysis (CDA). The CDA also provided for public input through surveys, interviews, focus groups, and public meetings.

- Broadband Internet Access: the CDA analyzed broadband internet access by census tract, which was supported by key informant interviews about its critical importance.
- Transit: the CDA analyzed transit routes by census tract and considered factors such as income levels and access to reliable transportation, such as use of a personal vehicle. Although some tracts had multiple transit routes serving them, the majority were served by only one route or, in some cases, none.
- Street Connectivity: the CDA analyzed street connectivity by analysis of census tract, basis and by in-person observation. In tracts without a gridded street pattern, intersections with major collector or arterial roads were inventoried and the potential for connections was examined.
- Pedestrian and ADA Upgrades: the CDA inventoried sidewalks and crosswalks in certain census tracts with generally poor health indicators.
- Park Acreage: the CDA calculated park acres on a citywide basis, and by tract using City Parks and Recreation data. The data was then compared to the population sizes of each tract to determine an acreage ratio. In certain tracts, the park spaces were minimal, while others had significantly higher ratios comparatively speaking. For those tracts with little to no park space, infill parks are a means to improve greenspace access.
- Tree Canopy: the CDA reported on tree canopy coverage as a percentage of the total acreage by census tract. This information was coupled with proximity to nearby busy roads and highways to help determine which tracts lack tree canopy.

## **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:**

The City has identified vulnerable populations who need public services. These populations include households in low- and extremely low-income brackets, households experiencing homelessness or at-risk of experiencing homelessness, seniors, persons with mental health and substance-use issues, and persons with disabilities. The use of Public Service funds through CDBG to partially support the resources needed to deliver services is a critical component of an effective supportive service delivery system. In addition to CDBG funds, the City invests general funds to facilitate the transmission of supportive services to the City's most vulnerable residents.

Priority public service needs for the City of Boise include service navigation; case management and housing supports for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness; increased access to multiple types of services for low- and extremely low-income households, seniors, and persons with disabilities; and supports for

persons with mental health issues or substance-use disorders. In addition, the 2020 Community Development Analysis identified other services that these subpopulations could benefit from, including colocation of public services, skilled labor training, after-school care, financial literacy, and language assistance.

- Colocation of Public Services Modeled After a Community Schools Approach: through key informant interviews, the CDA identified an opportunity exists to strategically co-locate services near areas of need in order to minimize transportation and other burdens often encountered by residents requiring access to multiple types of related services.
- Skilled Labor Training: the CDA specifically identified the lack of skilled laborers in the construction industry. Given a limited supply of skilled laborers and other factors, construction costs have increased, and the ability to keep up with demand has decreased.
- After-School Care: working households with children are common in Boise and having a safe location for dependents until a parent or guardian can pick the child up is necessary. Daycare and after-school care are costly, and publicly funded programs are severely limited.
- Financial Literacy: teaching residents the numerous details of the housing and financing system was cited as a need and would reduce negative outcomes. Teaching would consist of the education of renters or owners on tenant and loan agreements, how to maintain strong credit, and how to ensure people are knowledgeable about the full costs of any housing situation.
- Language Assistance: The City of Boise has a sizable Non-English-speaking population, particularly of Hispanics and refugees. Ensuring language is not a barrier to housing or other needed services was identified in the CDA.

## **How were these needs determined?**

These needs were determined primarily through the analysis and community outreach/engagement efforts completed by the City's 2020 Community Development Analysis (CDA). The CDA included quantitative and qualitative analysis of multiple data sets, interviews, surveys, focus groups and public meetings to synthesize and identify patterns or themes. The partner agencies that participate in Our Path Home- the public-private partnership working to prevent, reduce and end homelessness- also provided data from its 2020 gaps analysis, proffering significant insight into the needs of the households they serve who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. The most vulnerable populations within the City are housing or food insecure. Without meeting these basic needs first, other supports such as mental health or childcare become difficult to access.

# Housing Market Analysis

## **Overview**

### **Housing Market Analysis Overview:**

Boise's housing market continues to make national news and lead the country in terms of increased costs, including those affiliated with rising rents and rising home prices. Vacancy rates were at 6.6% in 2019. Unfortunately, this market has created gaps in the number of affordable units available to renters earning 30% AMI or less and for potential homebuyers with incomes between 80-100% AMI or less. The City's 2020 Housing Needs Assessment provides an overview of Boise's housing market, housing prices, and housing issues and needs. Information and conclusions from this report, HUD CHAS data, and supplemental data gathered during the 2020 Community Development Analysis were used to complete the Housing Market Analysis section of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The most illustrative conclusions from the 2020 Housing Needs Assessment area as follows:

- Boise is growing fast. The City expects to grow by nearly 26,000 people in the next 10 years. This means that the City will need an additional 10,000 housing units over the next 10 years (1,000 per year) just to maintain current housing conditions.
- Housing costs are growing much faster than wages. Almost 48% of renter households are already cost burdened and spend more than 30% of their income on housing. Housing costs disproportionately affect special needs populations like the elderly, people experiencing homelessness, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and refugees.
- Between 2015 to 2020, 6,289 units offering rents affordable to residents earning 0-30% AMI were lost, while 2,069 units at 80-100% AMI were lost. Over that same timeframe, 12,957 units were gained for rents between 30-50% AMI, and 2,413 units were gained for rents offered at 50-80% AMI. The net number of units available over this time is 7,012 for 0-100% AMI incomes.
- HUD CHAS data show that more than 14,000 homeowners earn 80% AMI or less (26% of owner households), and more than 22,000 renter households earn 80% AMI or less (63% of renter households).
- Among owners and renters earning 0-30% AMI, 12.4% are cost burdened, and of households earning 30-50% AMI, 11.5% are cost burdened.
- The City needs to use and develop tools that create, maintain and preserve affordable rents, such as Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and HUD HOME funding.
- Our Path Home, the City of Boise's local Continuum of Care, needs larger investments in supportive housing to include both rapid re-housing (especially for adult-only households) and permanent supportive housing.
- Collaborative partnerships need to continue to take shape and strengthen to combine expertise and leverage funding, with the goal of developing more affordable housing units.

## Number of Housing Units

### Introduction

Nearly sixty-six percent (66%) of the housing stock in Boise is single family homes. Another 7% is attached townhomes and condos. Only 13% of units are rental or owner-occupied properties with five or more units. During consultations for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, key informants noted that to address current rental housing shortages, increased density of multi-unit properties need to be constructed. Land and infrastructure costs create financial challenges to building increased density housing within Boise. Market rate rental properties are being constructed in Boise and surrounding communities. Development of price restricted rentals is not occurring within Boise at the same pace as market rate rental properties.

### All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	64,245	66%
1-unit, attached structure	6,947	7%
2-4 units	8,289	9%
5-19 units	9,100	9%
20 or more units	4,020	4%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc.	4,635	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,236</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Residential Properties by Unit Number

##### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

##### Data Source

2019 ACS Table DP04

##### Comments:

### Percentages of Multifamily Units

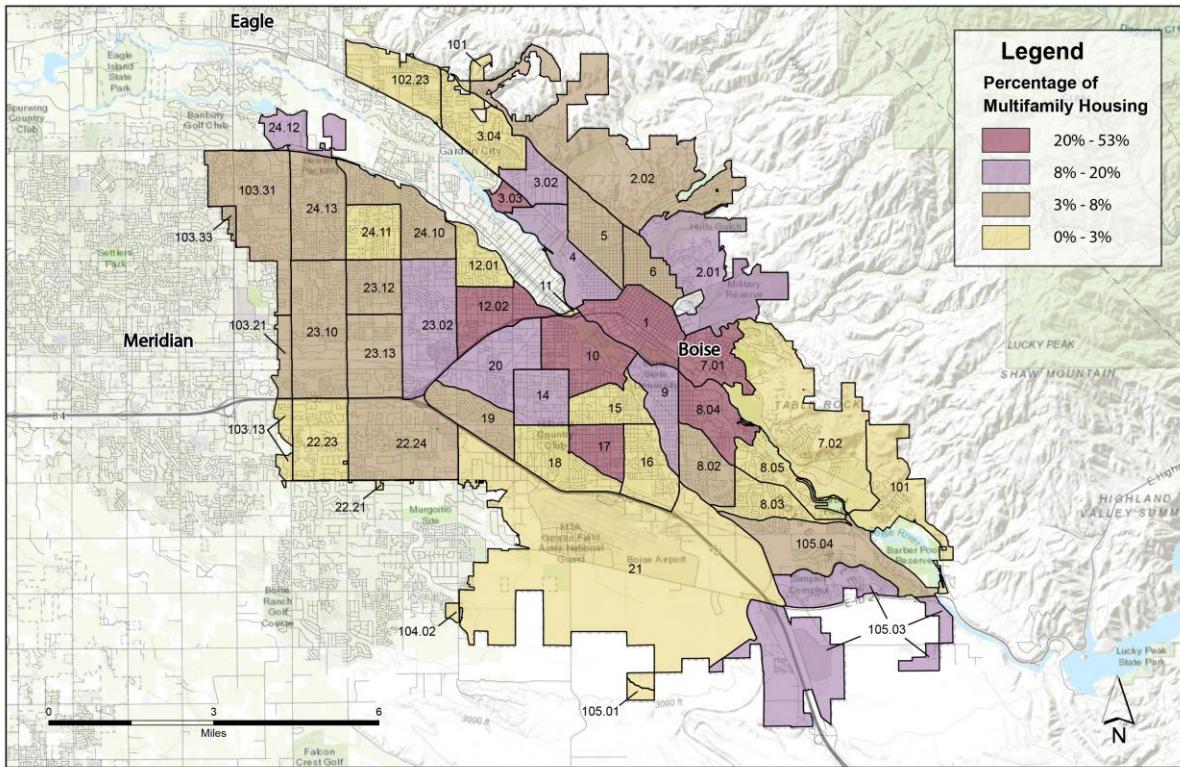
An inventory of multi-family housing units per total of units in each Census tract demonstrates where the concentrations of multi-family housing exist, and where opportunities for additional multi-family housing stock may exist.

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	175	0%	1,530	4%
1 bedroom	900	2%	7,395	21%
2 bedrooms	8,470	16%	14,905	42%
3 or more bedrooms	42,240	82%	11,295	32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,785</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>35,125</b>	<b>99%</b>

#### Unit Size by Tenure

##### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac



## Distribution of High Density Housing

Multifamily housing 10 units or greater as a percentage of total housing inventory per census tract for the City of Boise.

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## Unit Size by Tenure

The US Census American Community Survey further refines this data by tenure. Almost 90% of all owners live in detached single-family homes, while renters are more evenly dispersed between single family homes, small attached properties, and larger rental properties.

Unit Size	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No Bedroom	123	0.2%	1498	4.0%
1 Bedroom	922	1.6%	7870	21.0%
2 or 3 Bedroom	37645	64.6%	24349	65.7%
4 or more bedroom	19590	33.6%	3362	9.1%

Unit Size by Tenure

### **Physical Housing Characteristics for Occupied Housing Type**

<b>Housing Type</b>	<b>Owner Occupied</b>		<b>Renter Occupied</b>		<b>Total Occupied</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>% Renter Occupied</b>
1, detached	50,287	86.3%	10,387	28.0%	60,674	63.6%	17.1%
1, attached	3,362	5.8%	3,162	8.5%	6,524	6.8%	48.4%
2	192	0.3%	1,931	5.2%	2,123	2.2%	90.9%
3 or 4	683	1.2%	4,796	12.9%	5,479	5.7%	87.5%
5 to 9	37	0.1%	3,816	10.3%	3,853	4.0%	99.0%
10 or more	448	0.8%	12,140	32.7%	12,588	13.2%	96.4%
Mobile home, Boat, RV, van, etc.	3,271	5.6%	847	2.3%	4,118	4.3%	20.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,280</b>		<b>37,079</b>		<b>95,359</b>		

### **Physical Housing Characteristics for Occupied Housing Units**

In 2019, most owners lived in homes with two or more bedrooms. In 2019, the average household size for owners was 2.43 persons, while renter households had a smaller average household size of 2.26 persons.

### **Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.**

The following is a list of properties using federal funds to address affordable housing needs in Boise:

- 1990 Total Units
- 1272 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Properties
- 718 Multi-Family Units
- 41 Efficiency Units (2.1%)
- 923 1-Bedroom (46.4%)
- 689 2-Bedrooms (34.6%)
- 322 3-Bedrooms (16.2%)
- 15 4-Bedrooms (.8%)

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>Affordable Units</b>	<b>Placed in Service (last bldg.)</b>	<b>Family or Senior</b>	<b>Physical Address</b>
Davis Park Apartments	41	40	1991	F	970 N. 29th St.
Arbor Crossing Apartments	228	96	1992	F	5131 W. Stoker Ln.

Brentwood Manor Apartments	80	80	1993	F	3137 S. Apple St.
Cassia Court	18	18	1993	F	5503-5597 Cassia St.
Greenfield Village	75	75	1993	F	4909 Albion St.
Patterson Apartments	20	20	1993	F	510 N. 12th St.
Ustick Village Apartments	64	32	1993		10887 Ustick Rd.
Northwest Pointe Apartments	77	52	1994	F	3475 N. Five Mile Rd.
Hillcreek Apartments	60	44	1994	F	2481 N. 15th St.
Towne Square Village II	80	79	1994	F	304 N. Allumbaugh St.
Oak Park Village	200	154	1996	F	2800 W. Cherry Ln.
Stewart Avenue Apartments	16	16	1996	F	3015 Stewart Ave.
River Plaza	116	87	2000	F	1249 Grand Ave.
Idanha Apartments	53	39	2001	F	928 W. Main St.
Civic Plaza	299	296	2004	F	190 E. Front St.
Franklin Grove Apartments	40	40	2006	S	4829 Franklin Rd.
Treehouse Apartments	25	25	2006	F	280 W. Boise Ave.
Wylie Street Station Apartments	40	40	2006	F	4683 Wylie Ln.
Apple Pointe Apartments	32	32	2009	F	3410 N. 34th St.
Riverview	40	40	2010	F	1070 Leadville Ave.
12th & River Senior Apartments	53	52	2012	S	514 S. 12th St.
Pioneer Square Apartments	43	43	2012	F	1220 Grand Ave.
Samaritan Village	100	100	2016	S	3350 & 3360 N. Collister Dr.
Vineyard at Eagle Promenade	30	27	2016	S	10482 W. Utahna Rd.
New Path Community Housing	41	40	2018	Homeless	2200 W. Fairview Ave.
Adar Apartments-BOND	134	120	2019	F	2403 W. Fairview Ave.
6th & Grove	50	47	not yet PIS	F	116 S. 6th Street
Celebration Acres	28	25	not yet PIS	F	10881 W. Florence St.
Valor Pointe	27	26	not yet PIS	Homeless	4203 W. State St.

#### Current Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Properties

These units serve families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness.

With 46% of all price restricted rental units being studios or one bedroom, these address the needs of single persons in need of smaller units. For families wanting larger units, there is a lack of affordable rental housing. The City has tried to fill the gap for larger units by using CDBG and HOME funds to purchase single family homes with a higher number of bedrooms that can be rented to low-income households.

Habitat for Humanity (Habitat), AutumnGold, and NeighborWorks Boise all build or purchase and rehabilitate affordable homes for households earning 60% or less of the AMI in Boise. Habitat provides a zero percent (0%) interest loan with affordable monthly payments to homeowners who contribute up to 500 hours of "sweat equity" in the building of their home. AutumnGold uses HOME CHDO funds to purchase, rehabilitate, and sell units to households at 80% AMI or less. NeighborWorks Boise is developing new single-family homes for sale to households- some for those who earn 80% AMI or less.

**Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.**

At this time, the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority does not have any plans to dispose of public housing units that they own. Our view of the National Preservation Database from the National Low-Income Housing Coalition for Boise shows that there are a few privately owned subsidized properties. Most will have expiring subsidies within the next five years. These properties have a total of 835 price-restricted units, and were funded with a variety of sources, including LIHTC, the Section 202 and 811 programs, and Section 8 New Construction. While owners may not choose to leave the subsidy under which they currently reside programs, these properties should be tracked to ensure that they are not lost from the affordable inventory.

**Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?**

No, the Housing Needs Assessment conducted in 2020 depicts gaps in housing inventory for households at 0–30% AMI and 81–100% AMI in Boise. The assessment shows that for every 1,000 extremely low-, and moderate-income households, there are only 77 subsidized housing units available.

There is also a waiting list for the Section 8 rental assistance program in Boise, and those who do get vouchers often have to turn them back in due to a lack of properties willing to accept them

### **Describe the need for specific types of housing:**

Affordable rental housing is an identified housing need, particularly for households at 30% AMI or less. Due to the current housing market in Boise, there is a shortage of affordable single-family housing units available for purchase by those at 80% AMI or less. For vulnerable populations, a need for Permanent Supportive Housing units has become a priority for the City. The City of Boise, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, and the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority are collaborating in the development of Permanent Supportive Housing units. All three partners are working to assist with financing the project. Terry Reilly and CATCH Inc. will coordinate the supportive services. These units will provide housing and supportive services for chronically homeless individuals, persons exiting homelessness, and those with disabilities. The extremely low-income renters in Boise need units with rents targeted at or below 30% AMI.

## Cost of Housing

### Introduction

Housing costs and rent costs in Boise have been rising particularly quickly over the past 3 years. During the COVID-19 pandemic, historically low inventories, high material costs for new residential units, labor shortages, low interest rates, and high rates of out of area relocations have accelerated the pace of housing costs, affecting individuals of all income levels.

The following section provides an analysis of current housing costs and recent trends in Boise. The following HUD-provided data shows an 11-year trend in Boise's housing costs. The median home value between 2009 and 2019 rose 58%, or 5.8% per year on average. The median contract rent rose 46% during this 10-year period, an average of 4.6% per year.

### Cost of Housing

	<b>Base Year: 2009</b>	<b>Most Recent Year: 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Median Home Value	196,600	310,900	58%
Median Contract Rent	647	944	46%

#### Cost of Housing

##### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

##### Data Source

2019 ACS Data

##### Comments:

<b>Rent Paid</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Less than \$500	1,874	17.5%
\$500-999	15,169	68.6%
\$1,000-1,499	13,725	9.5%
\$1,500-1,999	4,635	2.1%
\$2,000 or more	1,351	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,754</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

#### Rent Paid

##### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

##### Data Source

2019 ACS Data

### Rent Paid Narrative

2019 ACS data indicates a slight majority (41%) of renters paid between \$500-\$999, per month which is a significant decrease from the 61.8% observed in 2015. In 2019, 54% of renters paid more than \$1,000. This is nearly twice the rate observed in 2015, which stood at 29.6%. In 2019, 1 in 6 renters were paying more than \$1,500 per month, compared to the 5.4% of renters paying this rate in 2015.

## Housing Affordability

The latest CHAS data from 2017 represents 20,245 affordable units. Rental units equaled 9,755 while owner occupied units totaled 10,490. By AMI%, the total percentage of units is as follows:

- 0-30%: 3.8%
- 30-50%: 14.4%
- 50-80%: 41.2%
- 80-100%: 40.6%

% of Units Affordable to Households Earning	Renter	Owner
0-30% HAMFI	495	270
30-50% HAMFI	1155	1760
50-80% HAMFI	4435	3915
80-100% HAMFI	3670	4545
<b>Total</b>	<b>9755</b>	<b>10490</b>

## Housing Affordability

## Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	\$613	\$748	\$941	\$1,346	\$1,548
High HOME Rent	\$613	\$748	\$941	\$1,230	\$1,353
Low HOME Rent	\$613	\$701	\$842	\$972	\$1,085

### Monthly Rent

#### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

Data Source      HUD FMR and HOME Rents 2020

Comments:

## Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

The supply of housing available for all income levels is insufficient. The lack of housing supply continues to drive prices for rent and ownership higher each month. Over the past year (2020) in particular, housing costs for rentals and for ownership have continued to escalate exponentially, making finding housing difficult for virtually every income level. For those earning 0-30% and 50-80% AMI in particular, unit availability has decreased, making inventory scant. For owners, much of the housing available for purchase at incomes less than 200% AMI is substandard or in need of major repairs. Reports from realtors and lenders indicate that, for most local residents, home access is further reduced by an influx of cash offers 20-30% over asking price, and buyers (particularly from out of state) who are willing to pay all closing costs and even rent the unit back to sellers payment free.

**How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?**

It should be expected that these gaps will grow if current market conditions persist, and both rent and home prices rise while populations increase. Future gaps will depend upon the level of construction in Boise and the prices of new units brought into the market.

**How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?**

Rental costs in Boise rose more than any city in the nation between February 2020 to February 2021 (14%). Most recent data shows multi-family monthly rent for a 1 bedroom at \$850 per month, 2 bedrooms at \$1,105, and 3 bedrooms at \$1,265. For single-family rentals, 2 bedrooms were \$1,196, 3 bedrooms \$1,695, 4 bedrooms \$2,022, and 5 bedrooms \$2,229. These figures exceed all 2020 HOME program figures at each bedroom configuration except at the 65% rent limit for multi-family units.

## **Condition of Housing**

### **Introduction**

Housing costs are one part of the housing picture, but do not represent the whole of issue. The condition of existing housing is another area of interest worthy of further analysis. Whether homes need rehabilitation, still include lead-based paint, lack sufficient elements like plumbing or kitchen facilities, or pose other hazards, having a complete understanding of the existing housing stock helps to determine necessary investments or services for Boise residents. The following information provides an analysis of the condition of housing units in Boise. HUD calculates the number of occupied housing units having one or more "selected conditions" by tenure. These conditions include:

- Lack of complete plumbing
- Lack of complete kitchen facilities
- More than one person per room
- Cost burden greater than 30%

Most households identified as having a housing condition in Boise only pose one of these issues.

Few housing units in Boise lack complete plumbing, with data indicating 1,055 rental units and 130 owner units occupied by households at 100% AMI or less exhibit such a need. These combined units should be candidates for the local housing rehabilitation programs. While HUD does not report which conditions exist in housing units, it is the cost burden that is the greatest threat and issue facing Boise households.

### **Definitions**

HUD requires that the local jurisdiction provide their definition for "standard condition" and "substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation" in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The City will employ the following definitions and standards to units which may be under consideration for rehabilitation and/or minor home repair services within the Home Improvement Loan Program:

1. Standard unit(s) not suitable for Rehabilitation: A unit is deemed "Standard, not suitable for rehabilitation" when the unit meets the agency's written rehabilitation standards at the time of the application, but after inspection and project estimation, the cost to bring the unit up to the Rehabilitation Standards is at or below \$1,000. Such a unit will not be approved to participate in the Home Improvement Loan Program. The client may be referred to other service programs for assistance achieving program standards.
2. Sub-standard unit(s) suitable for rehabilitation: A unit is deemed "sub-standard, suitable for rehabilitation", when the unit(s) does not meet the agency's written rehabilitation

standards at the time of application, but after inspection and project estimation, the cost to bring the unit up to rehabilitation standards exceeds \$1,000 but is less than 75% of the assessed value of the unit. Such a unit will be approved to participate in the Home Improvement Loan Program if all other requirements are met.

3. Sub-standard unit(s) not suitable for rehabilitation: A unit is deemed "sub-standard, not suitable for rehabilitation", when the unit(s) does not meet the agency's written rehabilitation standards at the time of application, but after inspection and cost estimation, the costs to bring the unit up to the rehabilitation standards are found to exceed the 75% assessed value threshold. Such a unit will not be eligible to participate in the Home Improvement loan Program. Consideration may be made on a case-by-case basis by staff after review of the project assessment.

## Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	10,850	21%	15,615	44%
With two selected Conditions	165	0%	1,250	4%
With three selected Conditions	8	0%	115	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	40,765	79%	18,155	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,788</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>35,135</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Condition of Units

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source** 2019 ACS Data

**Comments:**

## Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner		Renter	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or Later	8680	16.1	5680	16.1
1980-1999	20240	37.6	13755	39.1
1960-1979	14140	26.2	10325	29.4
1940-1959	7195	13.3	3355	9.5
1939 and Earlier	3530	6.6	2025	5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>53785</b>		<b>35140</b>	

### Year Unit Built

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source** 2013-2017 CHAS Data \*Data tables changed and include 200 or later, 1980-1999, 1960-1979, 1940-

**Comments:** 1959, and 1939 and Earlier.

## Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Housing Units built before 1980 with children present	6,514	0%	3,394	0%

### Risk of Lead-Based Paint

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

2013-2017 CHAS HUD Data

**Data Source**

**Comments:**

HUD calculates the number of housing units that may be at risk for lead-based paint hazards. Units built before 1978 may have lead-based paint, which is dangerous to children if not properly encapsulated or remediated. The following table shows the number of homes built in Boise before 1980 where children are present. Idaho has not conducted any area-wide lead-based paint studies which would help determine how many children may be at risk for lead poisoning in Boise. Owners of rental housing domiciles should test for lead to ensure units are safe for children. In Idaho, owners are required to disclose any knowledge of lead hazards when selling their homes. Homes rehabilitated with CDBG funds must meet all HUD lead-based paint safety requirements.

HUD estimates the units built before 1980 where children are present; of these, 6,514 owner-occupied units and 3,394 renter-occupied units may contain a lead hazard.

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	27,028	46.4%	15,811	42.6%

### Risk of Lead Based Paint Hazard

## Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	1,361	1,361	2,722
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	70	70	140
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

### Vacant Units

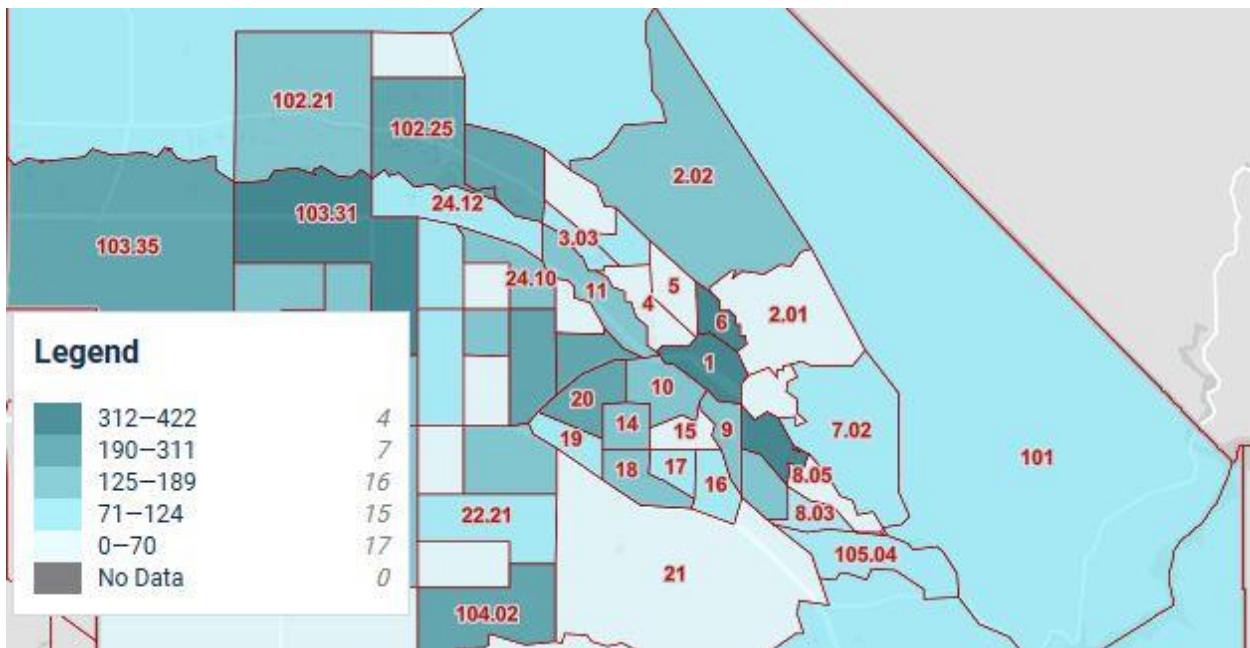
**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source** Cant find

**Comments:**

## Vacancy Rate map



## **Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation**

The maps above show the percentage of housing units in each Boise census tract constructed before 1980. These units are more likely to contain lead-based paint, lack complete plumbing and kitchens, and need upgrades to major systems. Updates may include heating, cooling, roofs, electrical and plumbing. Units in these areas of Boise are more likely to benefit from the owner-occupied housing home improvement loan program than those in areas of town with higher concentrations of residential buildings constructed since 1980.

## **Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low- or Moderate-Income Families with LBP Hazards**

HUD estimated that 6,514 owner occupied units and 3,394 renter occupied units may contain lead.

## Discussion

Housing rehabilitation is a need in the city of Boise.

## Public and Assisted Housing

### Introduction

The Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority (BCACHA) owns 160 units of public housing and has no plans to dispose of units in the next five years. BCACHA also owns 80 units under the Section 8 New Construction program serving elderly and/or disabled residents.

### Totals Number of Units

Program Type	Vouchers	Special Purpose Voucher						
		Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled*	
# of units vouchers available		170	1,393	66	1,327	192	14	159
# of accessible units								

\*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

### Total Number of Units by Program Type

#### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

Data Source BCACHA

Comments:

### Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

BCACHA owns and manages two high-rise rental complexes and five scattered-site duplex public housing units. BCACHA also owns and manages a high-rise, Section 8 financed complex of 80 one-bedroom apartments. All three high-rise complexes serve elderly and/or disabled residents. The ten units at the scattered-site duplexes serve families.

Upgrades to the two high-rise apartments includes:

- Elevator modernization
- Upgraded windows and sliding glass doors on all floors
- Upgraded shower stalls in most units
- Upgraded security system with additional lighting and cameras
- Upgraded key fob system
- Designated larger smoking area

## **Public Housing Condition**

<b>Public Housing Development</b>	<b>Average Inspection Score</b>
Franklin Development	87
<b>Public Housing Condition</b>	

### **Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:**

- Install handrails on the outside walkways for tenant/public safety
- Upgrade window/doors to units to be more energy efficient
- Replace cast iron main drainpipes
- Install lower or higher toilets in all units for ease of use (falling safety/body balance)

### **Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:**

BCACHA continues to use capital funds to rehabilitate and modernize its public housing developments. This includes items identified in our Capital Fund Program-Five Year Action Plan:

- Replace apartment balcony awnings
- Install new energy efficient heating and cooling systems in apartments and hallways
- Employ a five-year standpipe test in compliance with an adequate fire system
- Install energy-efficient windows and patio doors in dwelling units

BCACHA continues to work closely with the residents in our complexes and with our resident boards to provide high-quality living, such as:

- Establish an onsite Service Coordinator to connect residents with local service providers and link participants to supportive services
- Coordinating and overseeing the delivery of services, ensuring services are provided on a regular, ongoing, and satisfactory basis
- Coordinating and sponsoring educational events on topics which may include health care, health care benefits, wellness programs for seniors, life skills training, computer skills, pet care, community safety, debt reduction, etc.

### **Discussion:**

BCACHA continues to apply for all applicable funding that may become available. They have prioritized planning and training in the operations, maintenance, and administration of its assisted housing complexes.

## Homeless Facilities and Services

### Introduction

Our Path Home is the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care (ID-500). Our Path Home offers homeless prevention, coordinated entry, diversion and problem-solving, emergency shelter, some transitional housing for specific subpopulations and supportive housing – specifically rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing. Our Path Home's strategic initiatives include a concerted effort to expand the capacity of the partnership to house individuals and families experiencing homelessness by developing additional supportive housing units, and by partnering with property owners and managers to leverage units already on the market.

The table below summarizes the number of beds available to serve Boise City and Ada County residents experiencing homelessness, sorted by intervention type.

### Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year-Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	146	0	48	105	0
Households with Only Adults	454	0	87	291	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	10	0	70	205	0
Unaccompanied Youth	4	0	0	0	0

### Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source

Comments:

**Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons**

Mainstream providers are the backbone of Our Path Home. At every point of interaction within the partnership, mainstream services are the first referral. Therefore, access to mainstream services is facilitated by and through coordinated entry of clients to determine eligibility for support. Such mainstream services may include emergency shelter case managers, weekly case conferencing meetings, and assignment to thorough case managers once clients are referred to a housing program. All referrals occur to the degree that coordinated entry staff can direct clients to a mainstream service to end their homelessness. Between 2017 and 2019, 10% of clients exited homelessness because of mainstream services, and another 14% self-resolved after a light-touch interaction- most likely facilitated by a connection made to a mainstream service.

Mainstream providers that are formal partners of Our Path Home primarily include medical health centers, mental health agencies, school districts, homeless prevention programs, and employment services (211 Idaho Care Line, A Body and Mind Wellness, Access Behavioral Health, Ada County Indigent Services, Boise City/Ada County Housing Authorities, Boise and Meridian School Districts, Catholic Charities of Idaho, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Navigation and Behavioral Health divisions, Idaho Department of Labor, Create Common Good, El-Ada community Action Partnership, Head Start, Human Supports of Idaho, Idaho Youth Ranch, Life's Kitchen, Pathways Community Crisis Center of Southwest Idaho, Recovery 4 Life, ReStore Missions, Salvation Army – Boise Corps, St Vincent de Paul, Terry Reilly Health Services, Jesse Tree, TRIO, Saint Luke's and Saint Alphonsus.)

Housing programs and service agencies in Boise City/Ada County are designed to meet the specific needs of homeless persons. This is done through the utilization of a coordinated network of homeless shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing and service providers. There are many service providers that supply services to both homeless and non-homeless low-income populations in Boise City/Ada County. These include providers of primary health care, mental health, and substance-use disorder services. Additional detail may be found in MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services Section of the Consolidated Plan. Narratives about services are above.

**List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.**

**Emergency Shelters**

Boise Rescue Mission offers a men's overnight emergency shelter and transitional housing beds, and a women and children's emergency shelter and transitional housing beds.

Interfaith Sanctuary is a low-barrier emergency shelter that serves men, women and families with children. Interfaith provides overnight and day shelter services.

The Women's and Children's Alliance provides emergency shelter and transitional housing to domestic violence survivors.

The Idaho Youth Ranch provides emergency shelter beds for unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, and youth who have run away from home.

Corpus Christi House offers day shelter services.

### **Housing & Housing Support Agencies**

CATCH operates a rapid re-housing program that serves families with children. CATCH also serves as the coordinated entry access point for Our Path Home, offers rapid exit housing services and housing navigation, and manages Our Path Home's street outreach team.

The Boise City/Ada County Housing Authorities administer Our Path Home's permanent supportive housing programs, including the VASH program in partnership with the Veteran's Administration.

El Ada Community Action Partnership administers the SSVF program for veterans.

Supportive Housing and Innovative Partnerships (SHIP) focuses on a recovery model for people with substance-use disorders.

Family Medical Residency of Idaho and Terry Reilly Health Services provide healthcare for households experiencing homelessness. Additionally, Terry Reilly serves as a support services provider for two of Our Path Home's permanent supportive housing programs.

## **Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)**

### **Introduction**

Boise has many services, facilities, and housing programs which are designed to support special needs populations. These are defined as:

- Elderly and frail elderly populations
- Persons with mental, physical and developmental disabilities
- People with substance-use disorders
- People with HIV/AIDS
- Victims of domestic violence
- Veterans
- At-risk youth
- Refugees

Some of the special needs facilities and services described also actively provide support to people experiencing homelessness. The primary housing need of many of these households is access to affordable rental units with supportive services and proximity to transportation. Many people with special needs require supportive housing and services to enable them to live independently, and to avoid homelessness or institutionalization.

**Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs**

**Elderly and Frail Elderly-** For the elderly and frail elderly populations, maintaining independent living is a challenge. This population needs in-home health care, accessible and affordable living quarters, possibly light housekeeping, help with shopping, and other disability services. Being on fixed income and having additional health related costs, this group relies on available services and affordable options. In more extreme cases, there is a need for 24-hour care to allow for a safe experience in an individual's own home.

**Disabled-** With over 10% of the population having a disability, needs for this group include physical structure changes to housing units to allow easier access, including ramps to doorways, supportive railing near doors and in restrooms, potentially lowered countertops, and more durable flooring options due to the wear caused by wheelchairs and power chairs. Additional in-person services such as 24-hour care, assistance with adult daycare, door to door transportation, support with shopping, and housekeeping duties are needed.

**Addictions-** For those with various forms of addictions service needs include affordable quality housing with community-based and in-home case management and therapy, treatment

plans that may require medication monitoring, vocational/ employment assistance, evidence-based therapeutic interventions, and possibly assistance with obtaining benefits or transportation. Other needs can include short- and long-term detoxification and treatment, and outpatient partial hospitalizations and day treatment.

**HIV/AIDS-** Needs among those afflicted with HIV/AIDS include access to diagnostic and monitoring labs for those who are uninsured, emergency financial assistance, medical transportation, psychosocial support services, and linguistic services and referral for health care services to all clients meeting eligibility criteria.

**Public Housing Residents-** For residents of public housing, service needs may include transportation access, vocational/employment training and placement, employment services, financial assistance and services, and access to health care.

**Refugees-** This unique population needs interim financial assistance, English language training, employment services, immigration assistance, language assistance, case management, and social adjustment services. Learning everyday tasks, as well as financial, legal, and employment skills to become self-sufficient are also necessary. Help is needed establishing employment and health care, accessing transportation (during non-traditional work hours), and decreasing the amount of time necessary for the approval and receipt of food stamps would help a refugee household build a foundation more expeditiously.

**Domestic Abuse Victims-** Victims of family and domestic violence often need emergency shelter and supportive services, emergency income support, rapid shelter, trauma support, and childcare. Other services may include legal advocacy, therapeutic support, counseling for women and children, case management, life skills, parenting and recovery classes, and safety planning assistance.

### **Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing**

Upon discharge from the state mental hospital, the discharge coordinators at the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) review all clients' living arrangements. If a client does not have a stable living arrangement, DHW sets the client up with an appointment at Our Path Home CONNECT (i.e., the coordinated entry access point). From there, a housing assessment is completed, and the client is placed in the prioritized queue for supportive housing. If Our Path Home CONNECT is aware a client is frequently institutionalized, every effort is made to ensure the client does not miss out on a supportive housing opportunity. Sometimes, Our Path Home is able to move clients directly from institutionalization into supportive housing. Additionally, Our Path Home holds regular case management forums to train client-facing staff on diversion. Most recently, case managers (including those in institutional settings: e.g., Ada County Jail, both hospital systems and DHW) participated in a series of trainings on diversion and how to connect institutionally discharged clients to housing.

**Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)**

Our Path Home is launching a centralized phone line and triage team in July 2021. This new approach brings together all of the partner agencies working in the space of housing, homelessness and support services in an effort to more easily and holistically support any individual or household experiencing housing instability or who is at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness. The triage team will problem solve with clients and then refer that client to the appropriate partner agency for tailored services. Additionally, Our Path Home will continue to leverage Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds from the Treasury for homeless prevention, and use other homeless prevention fund sources to address special needs of identified gap populations (e.g., those in a hotel/motel or not in a formal rent agreement). Further, Our Path Home's street outreach team works with people at imminent risk of homelessness who have mental health needs and has a process by which the partnership can refer clients to the Housing Choice Section 8 voucher program if deemed necessary.

**For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))**

See Above.

## **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

### **Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment**

Public policies can have direct and indirect effects on the planning, construction, and access to affordable housing and residential investments. The City of Boise continues to see robust growth in the construction of housing units. Most of the units are market rate homes, as new home values continue to surge. Land prices, material and labor costs, and bidding wars for what homes are built exacerbate the issue, driving costs further from what is affordable to many area residents and households. The following factors were identified as potentially having negative effects on affordable units and residential investment:

1. Zoning code and land-use map provide limited acreage by right for multi-family units: Recently, the City has embarked on making significant changes to the zoning ordinance. The changes will allow increased building densities in more locations than historically permitted. For the past several decades, the number of parcels allowed on a given plot has been limited, impacting the availability of more affordable units generally derived from an increased number of residences and reduced material costs. Any developer proposing to build such housing needed conditional use permissions or rezoning to accommodate their project, which poses additional obstacles absent from conventional, single-family market rate housing.
2. State land trust not funded: Though the State of Idaho has had a long-established housing land trust intended to promote affordable housing projects, the State has not funded the trust, making it an irrelevant tool.
3. Parking standards: A requirement that land in any parcel be intended for anything other than residential use yields less buildable space for housing and a reduction in units. The stipulation of parking minimums is one provision that reduces the amount of acreage available for units and the potential for more affordable housing. In cities around the country, parking minimums are being eliminated and parking decisions entrusted to the developers.
4. Lack of Inclusionary Zoning: The Idaho legislature has not required inclusionary zoning as per the State's planning laws. Consequently, the City is not permitted to require below-market rate housing, leaving the construction of such housing to the private sector, non-profit organizations, or public/private partnerships and investments.
5. Limited value of housing vouchers: Without increasing the value of housing vouchers, prospective tenants employing this mode of support will meet with growing difficulty finding housing. Rents continue to rise each month, and landlords are increasingly opposed to accepting public housing vouchers as payment. Thus, the use of these vouchers continues to diminish.
6. Impact fees: Developer fees for new or reconstructed residential properties are assessed to determine the anticipated need to cover public service costs. The development community repeatedly claims some of these fees are excessive and, in

- some cases, prohibitive to a project. Higher fees are assessed for development projects proposing fewer single-family homes as compared with more compact and higher density projects that help increase housing supply. These fees are most likely passed on to buyers or renters and increase the cost of the product.
7. Competitive tax credit market: Limited housing tax credits are highly competitive among builders. Many developers want to access the credit market but cannot, and ultimately turn away from projects that would otherwise address the affordability issue.

## **Impact Fees**

Note: Boise City, Meridian, and Eagle impact fees do not include those for roads/streets/sidewalks, etc. Developers not only pay the City, but they pay Ada County Highway District for roads/streets/sidewalks. While the fee structure in the City is higher than in some smaller neighboring communities, it is less than in other major regional cities and lower than the national average.

The Boise impact fee covers parks, fire, and police. The updated impact fee schedule also reflects a slight lowering of some fees for smaller homes based on the assumption that the occupancy level will be less than that of larger homes. The Boise Impact Fee schedule is based on the occupancy levels of various types and sizes of residential units. Idaho statutes require a very precise method for calculating impact fees. The intent of the statute appears to be the limitation of the discretion of municipalities in setting impact fee charges. However, one of the consequences of the statutory requirements is the creation of a complex structure for calculating the fees. To the average home builder or consumer, the fee structure is not transparent or understandable.

The City does have a provision for partial waiver of impact fees for affordable development. Sec. 4-12-08 of the Impact Fee Ordinance allows for some exemption for housing that is built for the homeless or for low-income residents. The exemption provision requires that "system improvement costs" must be paid from some other source of funds. It is not clear what the distinction is between "system improvement costs" and the capital improvements included in the Capital Improvements Plan.

The City has adopted design standards primarily for the exteriors and surrounding developed land of Boise buildings. Typically, formal design standards tend to increase the cost of construction, and those extra costs are most often passed onto the consumer. The Boise Design Standards apply to commercial buildings and multi-family housing with greater than two units. The trade off with a design standards requirement is that development is higher quality as compared to structures that are built with no concern for design factors such as durability or higher aesthetic and community appeal. There are advantages in requiring higher-quality building materials and finishes. Maintenance costs are lower over the long term. Structures add to the urban environment and have longer term viability as compared to those constructed from cheaper materials. Cheaper materials tend to age faster and contribute to blight in developed areas. The design standards focus on connectivity and well-

planned open spaces for projects occupying larger parcels of land. Those factors will produce a higher quality built environment but do come at a higher cost to builders.

The City standards do not appear to be overly ambitious, yet those requirements will likely add to development costs. Connectivity, access to transit corridors and connections will benefit residents of affordable properties who cannot rely exclusively on an automobile as their primary means of transport.

## **Non-Housing Community Development Assets**

### **Introduction**

Labor data is helpful in understanding local economic conditions and trends. Information is provided by HUD, the Census and ACS, and the Department of Labor. Labor figures are still very much in flux as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic upheaval from shutdowns, reduced building capacity, and changes in behaviors among consumers (increased delivery of goods, reduced in-person activities etc.) As the pandemic comes to a close, historic norms may be forever altered as consumers, businesses, and institutions change their habits and business models. Most recent economic data show the following:

As of April 1st, 2021, Boise's local economy was broken down as follows:

- Civilian Labor Force: 134,378
- Unemployed: 2,867
- Unemployment Rate: 2.1%
- Total Employed: 131,511

The Boise Metropolitan Statistical Area was broken down as follows:

- Civilian Labor Force: 380,192
- Unemployed: 8,868
- Unemployment Rate: 2.3%
- Total Employed: 371,324 (42.9% of Idaho Total)
- Idaho Total Employed: 865,321

Between 2020 and 2021, the Boise MSA saw a job increase of .2%.

Top 5 Employment Sectors, Employed/Median Wage:

- Office and Administration Support: 48,340/\$38,060
- Sales and Related Occupation: 31,650/\$39,710
- Food Prep. and Service-Related Occupations: 28,450/\$23,540
- Transportation and Material Moving Occupation: 25,530/\$35,370
- Management Occupations: 21,420/\$91,950

## Economic Development Market Analysis

### Business Activity

<b>Business by Sector</b>	<b>Number of Workers</b>	<b>Number of Jobs</b>	<b>Share of Workers %</b>	<b>Share of Jobs %</b>	<b>Jobs less workers %</b>
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	701	0	1	0	-1
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	16,275	0	13	0	-13
Construction	8,995	0	7	0	-7
Education and Health Care Services	29,868	0	24	0	-24
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	6,639	0	5	0	-5
Information	3,198	0	3	0	-3
Manufacturing	12,268	0	10	0	-10
Other Services	5,051	0	4	0	-4
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	15,431	0	12	0	-12
Public Administration	5,033	0	4	0	-4
Retail Trade	13,278	0	11	0	-11
Transportation and Warehousing	5,499	0	4	0	-4
Wholesale Trade	3,114	0	2	100	98
Total	125,350	0	--	--	--

### Business Activity

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source** Updated Census Tables Below

**Comments:**

<b>Business by Sector</b>	<b># of Workers</b>	<b>% of Workers</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining	701	.6%
Construction	8995	7.2%
Manufacturing	12268	9.8%
Wholesale Trade	3114	2.5%
Retail Trade	13278	10.6%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5499	4.4%
Information	3198	2.6%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	6639	5.3%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administration and waste management services	15431	12.3%
Education services, and health care and social assistance	29868	23.8%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food service	16275	13.0%
Other service, except public administration	5051	4.0%
Public Administration	5033	4.0%
Total Workers	125351	

#### **Business Activity**

<b>Business by Sector</b>	<b>Average Wages</b>
Total, All Industries	\$51,968
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	\$39,359
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$61,422
Utilities	\$92,740
Construction	\$52,282
Manufacturing	\$99,644
Wholesale Trade	\$73,888
Retail Trade	\$34,545
Transportation and Warehousing	\$48,540
Information	\$58,009
Finance and Insurance	\$73,826
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$45,869
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$67,223
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$121,325
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	\$36,837
Educational Services	\$40,526
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$52,224
Accommodation and Food Service	\$18,736
Public Administration	\$59,782

#### **Wages**

## Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	0
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	0
Unemployment Rate	4.50
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	24.06
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	4.67

### Labor Force

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source**

ACS Data

**Comments:**

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	31,780
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	5,429
Service	10,945
Sales and office	28,030
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	6,205
Production, transportation and material moving	4,160

### Occupations by Sector

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source**

ACS Data Table Below

**Comments:**

HUD also provides the number of people employed in various occupations by business sector. U.S. Department of Commerce BEA data from 2020 shows the largest employment industries in Ada County are healthcare and social assistance, state and local government, retail trade, and administration.

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	58081
Service Occupations	20912
Sales and Office Occupations	25733
Natural Resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	8665
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	11959
Production, transportation and material moving	4160

### Occupations by Sector

## Commuting

The vast majority of Boise residents commute for less than 30 minutes. With regard to transit, multiple stakeholders interviewed as part of the Community Needs Assessment and this Plan indicate the dire need for additional services, including an increase in the number of routes,

trip frequency, and transit capacity. However, due to State law limitations on funding opportunities, the local authority is restricted in its capacity to raise the necessary revenues through municipal sources and federal grants or FTA sources.

## Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	101,125	87%
30-59 Minutes	12,499	11%
60 or More Minutes	2,994	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,618</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Travel Time

#### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

#### Data Source

ACS Data

#### Comments:

## Education

### Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	Labor Force Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate
Less than high school graduate	64.8%	5.5%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	74.2%	3.1%
Some college or Associate's degree	82.2%	3.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	87.6%	2.5%

### Educational Attainment by Employment Status

#### Alternate Data Source Name:

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

#### Data Source

2019 ACS Data but in a different format. See table.

#### Comments:

ACS data from the 2019 survey indicated that the unemployment rate among persons in the Boise without a high school diploma stood at 5.5%, which is more than double the rate among those with a college degree. Job training and placement programs could reduce the unemployment rate for these residents.

### Educational Attainment by Age

	Total	Percentage
<b>Population 18 to 24 years</b>	<b>25953</b>	
Less than high school graduate	2365	9.1%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	6716	25.9%
Some bachelor's degree or higher	14128	54.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	2744	10.6%

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Population 25 to 34 years</b>	<b>37068</b>	
High school graduate or higher	34968	94.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	14914	40.2%
<b>Population 35 to 44 years</b>	<b>30910</b>	
High school graduate or higher	29207	94.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	13618	44.1%
<b>Population 45 to 64 years</b>	<b>56686</b>	
High school graduate or higher	52968	93.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	25200	44.5%
<b>Population 65 years and over</b>	<b>33828</b>	
High school graduate or higher	32182	95.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	13222	41.1%

<b>Population 25 years and over (Total)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than high school graduate	2161	1.4%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	7006	4.4%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	31252	19.7%
Some college, no degree	37004	23.3%
Associate's degree	14115	8.9%
Bachelor's degree	39741	25.1%
Graduate or professional degree	27213	17.2%
High school graduate or higher	149325	94.2
Bachelor's degree or higher	66954	42.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>158492</b>	

#### Educational Attainment 25 and Over

### Earnings by Educational Attainment

On average, residents with a graduate or professional degree report an annual income three times higher than that earned by those with less than a high school diploma. When compared with residents possessing a Bachelor's degree alone, advanced degree holders maintain a \$14,000 annual edge, or nearly a 20% higher median income.

#### Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months</b>
Less than high school graduate	\$25,000
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	\$31,863
Some college or Associate's degree	\$32,484

<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months</b>
Bachelor's degree	\$51,887
Graduate or professional degree	\$65,335

**Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

American Community Survey and RealtyTrac

**Data Source** 2019 ACS Data

**Comments:**

**Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?**

The major sectors in the Boise job market:

- Education and Health Care Services (23.8%)
- Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations (13.0%)
- Professional, Scientific, and Management Services (12.3%)
- Retail Trade (10.6%)
- Manufacturing (9.8%)

**Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:**

Boise's local economy continues to see growth in many areas, including the education and medical service sector, technology and manufacturing, and a new phenomenon-teleworkers. These trends imply a continued need for a highly trained, mobile, and skilled workforce. Recent phenomena resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic indicate Boise is growing in appeal for distance teleworker populations. This group works from their home in Boise for out-of-area employers. Increased access to broadband internet and fiber connectivity, transportation options, and a more diverse population have been identified as areas of need.

**Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.**

Major investments have come in the form of business expansion projects, major construction, and new business ventures in multiple sectors. The Boise economy will have an ongoing need to information technology, construction and skilled labor, medical and education services. Additionally, investments in support services for workers, such as transportation elements like regional rail and expanded transit services, will be necessary to improve transportation, and reduce household costs and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

## **How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?**

Based on interviews, the local education system and current work force align, though shortages exist in certain sectors. The local area currently lacks doctorate programs at higher education institutions, and recently became bereft of a law school. With Boise entering a new era of growth, technology, medical expansion, and out of area investments, these gaps need to be addressed to supply the sort of diverse workforce often sought by employers. Focusing job training programs on these individuals could help reduce the unemployment rate meet the labor needs local business.

## **Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.**

Numerous workforce training initiatives exist, and all aim to improve the workforce climate by fostering relevant and marketable skills. The programs were devised to address the needs within the marketplace identified by public and private partners and are intended to meet the demands of existing and evolving local economic sectors.

1. Workforce and continuing education options through Boise School District  
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[http://dtec.boiseschools.org/our\\_school/history](http://dtec.boiseschools.org/our_school/history)
2. Boise Startup Week: <https://boisestartupweek.org/about/>
3. BSU's Venture College has various community programs: <https://www.boisestate.edu/venturecollege/>
4. Boise Chamber Professional Development Education Series: <https://www.boisechamber.org/business-education-series.html>
5. The Small Business Development Center offers various trainings: <https://business.idahosbdc.org/Events.aspx?mode=3&area=Region+III&days=90>
6. Ascent – free learning platform for women entrepreneurs: [https://ascent.sba.gov/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://ascent.sba.gov/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
7. The City has plans to launch a Climate Economy Incubator – see 2nd goal under A Clean City for Everyone: <https://www.cityofboise.org/departments/mayor/strategic-priorities/#clean>
8. Boise State University offers numerous programs to help local businesses: <https://www.boisestate.edu/cobe/community/centers-programs-and-business-assistance/>
9. Boise Valley Economic Partnership has various incentives for businesses moving to Idaho: <https://www.bvep.org/doing-business-here/incentives-taxes>

10. The City of Boise Economic Development team PDS department offers a Project Management training program: <https://www.cityofboise.org/departments/planning-and-development-services/project-management/>

**Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?**

No

## **Needs and Market Analysis Discussion**

### **Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

The City considers there to be a “concentration” of housing problems if more than 40% of the population in the census tract has one of the identified problems. This aligns with the definition found in the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) analysis of poverty concentrations for racially/ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (R/ECAPs). Two sources were used to review housing problems by census tract: HUD's CDP Maps and the Office of Policy Development and Research (PDAR). The analysis indicates no census tracts in Boise have concentrations of households with any of the four housing problems or multiple housing problems. When income classifications decrease to low-or very low-income, the number of tracts with a housing problem grows conversely.

### **Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

The City considers there to be a “concentration” of racial or ethnic minorities if there is more than 50% of one ethnic group in a census tract. This also aligns with the definition found in the AFFH analysis for racially/ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (R/ECAPs). Again, an analysis using CPD Maps data shows that there are no census tracts in Boise where there are concentrations of any racial or ethnic minorities. To define “low-income”, the City again aligns with the AFFH analysis, using a threshold of 50% or more of families earning 80% AMI or less within a census tract. In the latest data, there are nine Census tracts that exceed the 50% threshold. These tracts and their percent of low income are as follows:

- 17, 67.6%
- 4, 58.6%
- 20, 68.7%
- 1, 70.8%
- 11, 72.7%
- 14, 58.2%
- 12.02, 52.3%
- 10, 57.1%
- 19, 54.7%
- 9, 65.6%

### **What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?**

The tracts identified have market characteristics as follows:

- Highest renter occupied housing in the city

- Most of the tracts have renter households exceeding 55% of all housing
- The majority of the rental housing in the tracts is older than 1980
- The highest rates of renter cost burden are in the identified tracts
- The tracts are among those with lowest median household income

### **Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?**

The tracts share many assets, including a strong mix of housing and job access, transportation options like public transit, generally completed sidewalk networks, City parks and centralized schools, a strong mix of nearby social service providers, and relatively easy access into downtown Boise.

### **Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?**

The City has many strategic and enabling tools to help improve the identified tracts. Opportunities include the Comprehensive Plan, Blueprint Boise, the Energize Neighborhood program, grant programs for registered neighborhood associations, and cooperative agreements with organizations like Capital City Development Corporation and the Urban Renewal Authority in Boise. The tools in place serve one of two purposes: support various policies, programs, and engagement initiatives to invest and improve the identified neighborhoods; have structural policies and ordinance provisions to further encourage improvements to the residential elements of the tracts and the surrounding built environment. The City continues to actively pursue housing initiatives in multiple locations throughout the community. These initiatives encourage the creation of new housing units. Strategies employed in the tracts include increasing the number of market rate rental housing units downtown and investing in public improvements, parking, and transportation. The City is focusing on dense development in the key identified areas to increase the number of housing units and infill opportunities in other close Boise neighborhoods. Public investment should increase the living conditions of low-income households but could threaten to price many out if housing costs rise as a result of public investment.

## **Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households**

### **Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.**

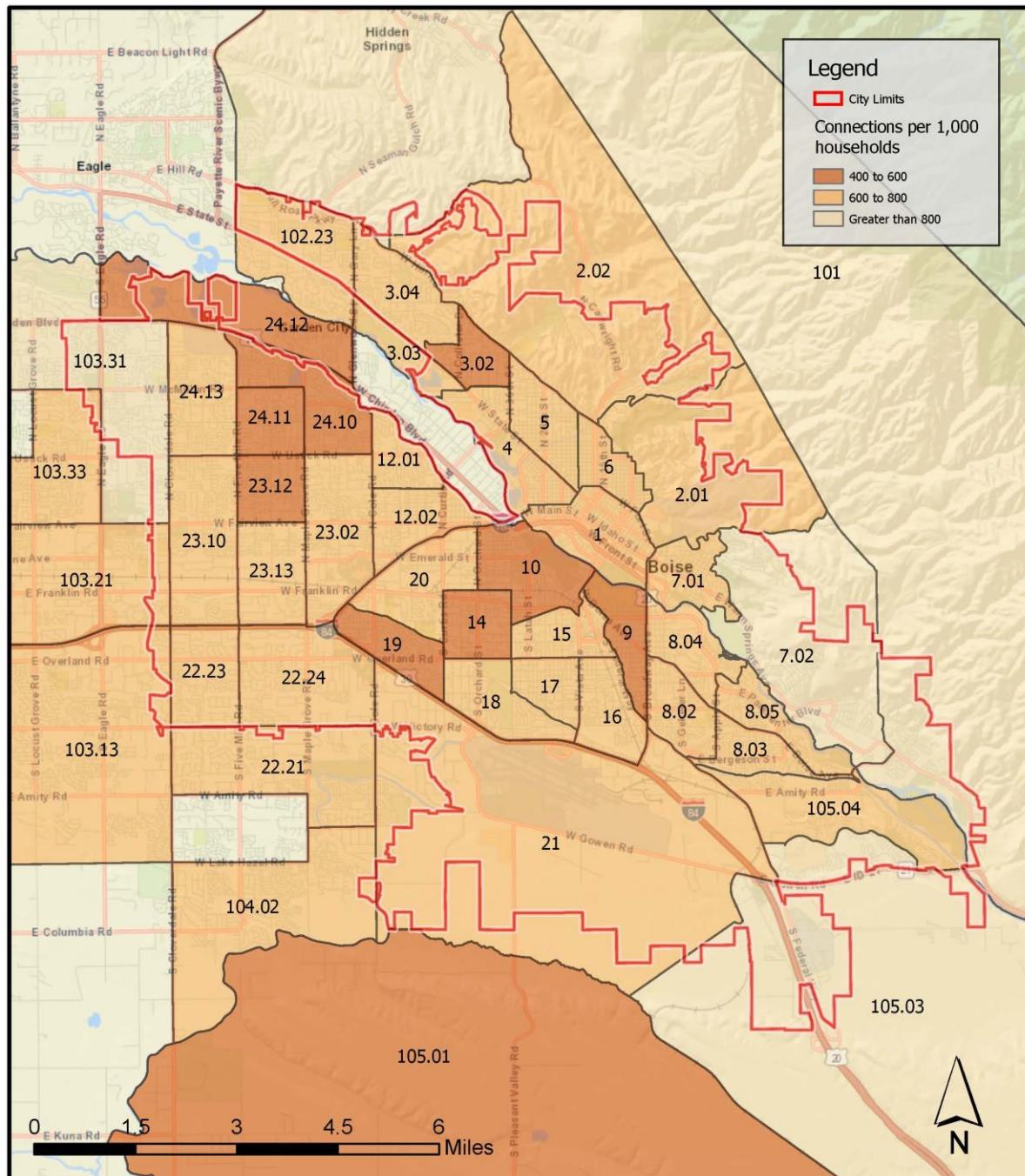
Multiple tracts with the highest numbers of low- and moderate-income households exist. Tracts 1, 14, 20, 17, 23.02, and 3.02 were identified in the Community Needs Assessment as highest priority tracts and include some of the lowest rates of internet access in the city. Tracts 1, 14, and 20 contain both the lowest internet connection rates and highest low-income households. Those tracts with the lowest connection rates overall all include:

- 1
- 3.02
- 14
- 15
- 17
- 12.02
- 20
- 23.02
- 23.12
- 23.10

### **Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.**

Currently, the city and residents are served by two primary internet connection providers: CableOne and SparkLight. While several smaller providers do exist, the services they supply are minimal in comparison. Increasing competition is critically important to furnishing residents with the highest quality services at affordable rates. Often, residents voice frustration at having limited choice over who they contract with for internet services.

## High Speed Internet Map



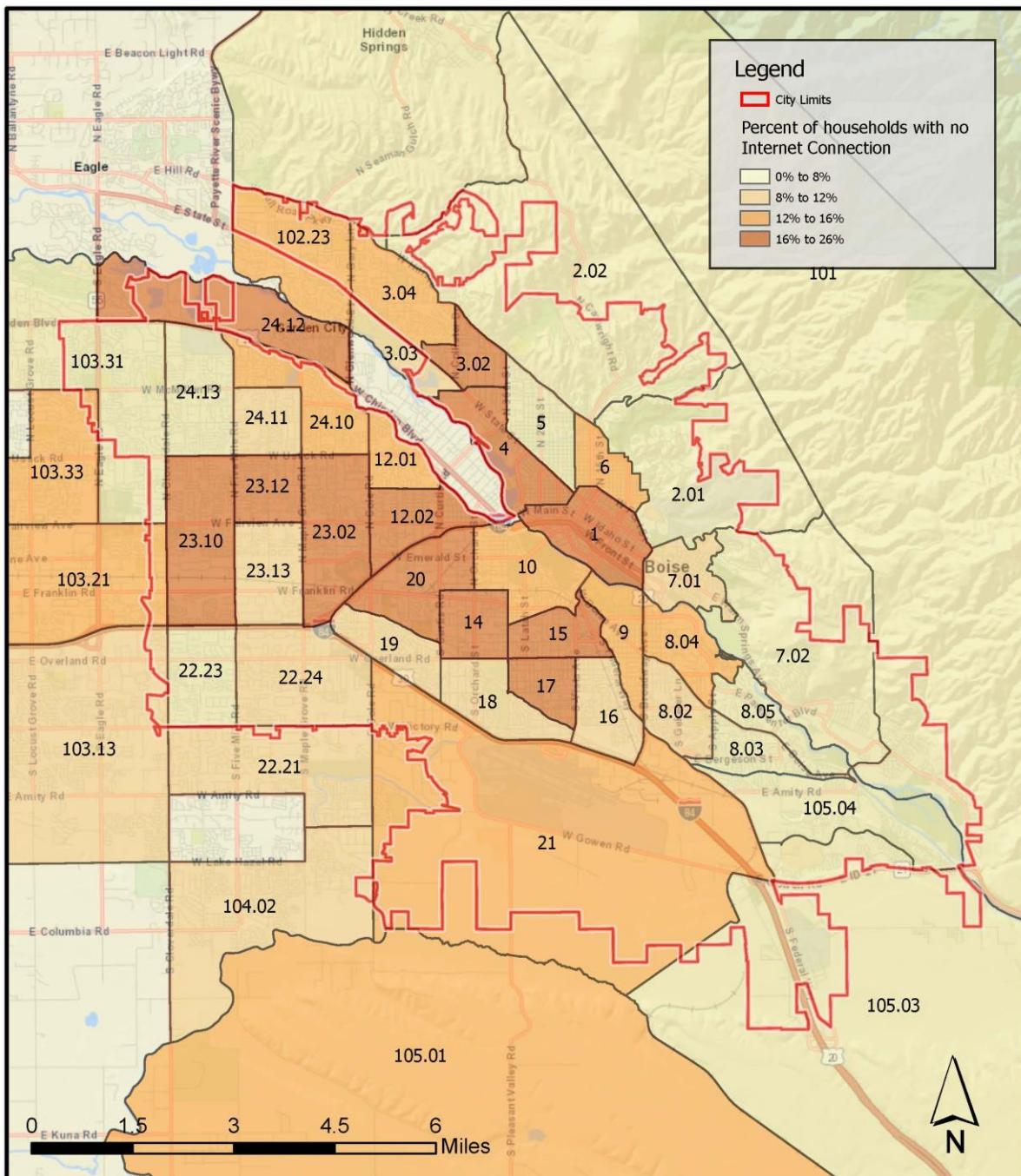
## City of Boise High Speed Internet

Residential fixed high-speed connections at least 10Mbps downstream and at least 1 Mbps upstream per 1,000 households

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## Access to Internet Map



## City of Boise Access to Internet

Percent of households without a connection to the internet per census tract

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## **Hazard Mitigation**

**Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.**

### **Climate Change**

The City's recently created Climate Action Division reports that Climate Change will affect the Boise area in the following ways:

- Heat Stress Days: Moderate Risk days (heat index >91 degrees F) for heat extremes will increase from a historical baseline of around 16 days per summer to 66 days per summer. High Risk days (heat index greater >103 degrees F) have been exceedingly rare in Boise; however, such days will become more common.
- Heavy Precipitation: The occurrence of these events (daily total exceeding 0.7") is projected to increase in Boise by approximately 50%.
- Increased Irrigation Demands: Climate change will increase evaporative demand and irrigation requirements during the warm season. An increase of approximately 2" of irrigation is projected.
- Increased Drought Frequency: Moderate drought is projected to occur in 1 of every 2 years on average. Drought frequency is projected to increase despite a rise in heavy precipitation events due to greater evaporative demand. Likewise, exceptional drought that historically occurs, on average, 1 out of every 12 years is projected to occur in nearly 1 of every 3-4 years.
- Poor Air Quality: The duration of the summer period under which forests and high desert landscapes are predicted to be critically dry is projected to increase 40-100%, and the odds of very large fires in the Boise airshed region is projected to increase by 400%. These changes suggest a greater potential for chronic air quality problems within the metropolitan area.
- Flooding: No overall change in river flooding is projected. However, a greater proportion of high streamflow events are projected to occur during the fall through winter. This is a consequence of changes in snow and snowmelt timing on upstream watersheds, and more winter precipitation falling as snow and directly running off.
- Decreased Water Quality: Earlier mountain snowmelt, increased evaporative demand and extended period of warm and dry conditions during the summer months are projected to result in further declines to low flows in the Boise River. Conditions that are detrimental to water quality and aquatic life are expected to increase substantially, with a 400% uptick in the frequency of what are historically considered low flow levels.

## **Wildfire Hazards**

Southwest Idaho is one of the most fire-prone areas in the western United States and Boise is expanding into wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas, where wildfires threaten homes, and the people that live in them. In response, the Boise Fire Department has focused efforts on wildfire mitigation, including increased staffing, new building and fire prevention codes specific to the WUI, creation of a Citizen Fuel Reduction Policy, and partnerships with multiple outside agencies.

### **Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.**

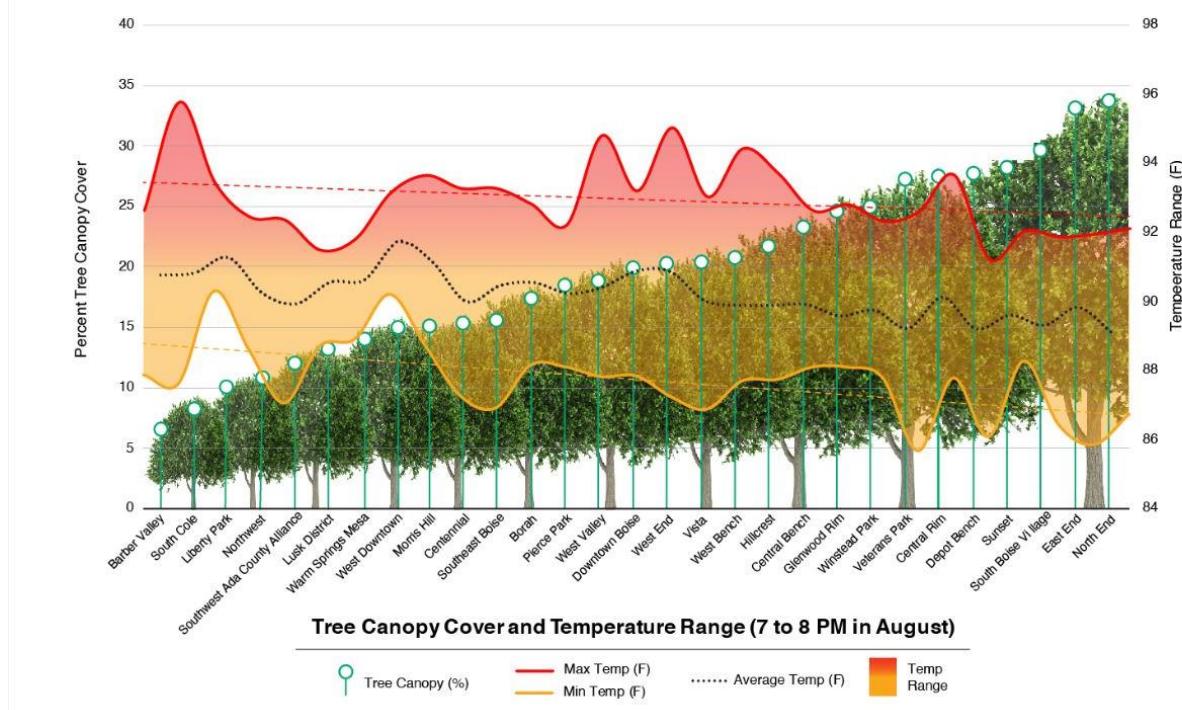
Some of the more vulnerable neighborhoods identified in the Community Development Analysis and through CHAS data are also where the heat-island effect in summer months is more intense. These vulnerable neighborhoods are often locations where low to moderate income households exist, especially multifamily developments which are often located near arterial roadways with few trees and large paved parking lots. Many residents living in older homes not equipped with air conditioning or ceiling fans will endure poor health effects of hotter temperatures. If their homes are equipped with such systems, residents may not operate them due to limited household income and the associated costs. This may be particularly problematic for the more vulnerable residents with low and moderate incomes, including older adults or those with disabilities.

Heat-island maps are included below (areas in red). and demonstrate the areas experiencing greater heat-island effects throughout the city.

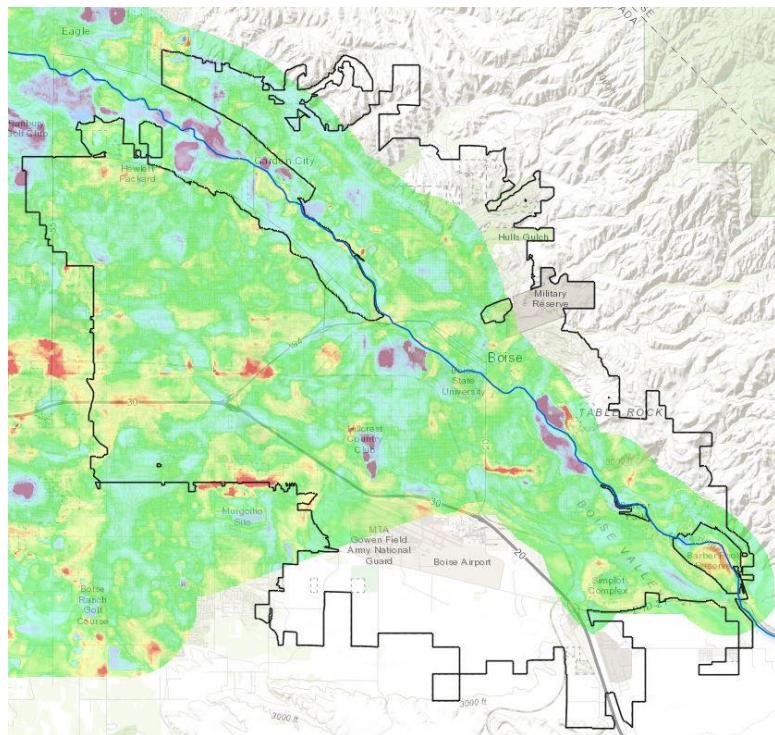
## **Tree Canopy**

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## Heat Islands



# Strategic Plan

## **Overview**

### **Strategic Plan Overview**

The Five-Year Strategic Plan is the overarching guide identifying the priority needs in the City of Boise and demonstrates how strategic initiatives will address housing and service needs for residents. The sections of the Strategic Plan include, Geographic Priorities, Priority Needs, Influence of Market Conditions, Anticipated Resources, Institutional Delivery System, Goals, Public Housing, Barriers to Affordable Housing, Homeless Strategy, Lead-Based Paint Hazards, and an Anti-Poverty Strategy.

## **Geographic Priorities**

### **Geographic Area**

<b>Area Name:</b>	City-wide
<b>Area Type:</b>	Local Target area
<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	
<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	
<b>Revital Type:</b>	
<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	
<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	
<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	
<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>	
<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>	
<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	
<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>	

### **Geographic Priority Areas**

### **General Allocation Priorities**

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

The City does not target funding or programs to specific geographies within its jurisdiction. Funds are allocated based upon need priorities and goals.

## Priority Needs

### Priority Needs

**Table 7 – Priority Needs Summary**

<b>1</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	<b>Access/inventory of affordable housing</b>
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City-wide
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Support housing services for homeless or housing insecure Increase neighborhood equity Preserve affordable housing units
	<b>Description</b>	Increase availability of affordable housing for lower-income households with a special emphasis on those residents that have specific vulnerabilities such as those experiencing homelessness, seniors, or those with a disability.

	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Housing prices, including mortgages and rental costs, continue to rapidly increase and outpace local wage growth. A regional housing survey, City survey, stakeholder interviews, and CHAS/ACS data all indicate the widening gap between housing costs and income levels is reducing housing options and affordability. This gap affects households across all demographic sectors, including single-person households, households with children, households with someone diagnosed with a disability, elderly households, and households earning 100% or less of AMI. Historically low inventories of available units coupled with continued inward migration of residents from other states and regions have inflated costs and reduced vacancy. Although housing is being built, the pace is dwarfed by demand.
<b>2</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	<b>Housing services for homeless or housing insecure</b>
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City-wide
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Increase access/inventory of affordable housing Increase neighborhood equity Provide support services Preserve affordable housing units

	<b>Description</b>	Tight housing markets combined with rapid growth like the City of Boise and outlying region are experiencing (i.e., low vacancy rates, increasing rents, and high population growth) lead to increased homelessness. The City of Boise will continue to augment its investments in its crisis response to homelessness to include supportive housing, homelessness prevention, and efforts to boost housing supply to house those without homes and stabilize those who are at risk of losing housing.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Homelessness is costly to a community. Providing the housing and supports necessary to prevent and reduce homelessness improves health outcomes, increases cost savings, and helps ensure all City residents are healthy, safe and housed.  Our Path Home data shows that less than 10% of households exiting homelessness into supportive housing return to the homeless services system.
3	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	<b>Neighborhood equity</b>
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children veterans Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City-wide

	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Increase access/inventory of affordable housing Support housing services for homeless or housing insecure Provide support services Preserve affordable housing units
	<b>Description</b>	Two focus areas for this goal are: - Access: Work to increase availability of broadband internet service in underserved areas and improve communication and outreach methods for underserved/vulnerable populations. - Infrastructure: Investments in public improvements will increase safe transportation options for pedestrians and bicyclists, improve neighborhood safety, and address equity in available neighborhood amenities and aesthetics.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Equitable neighborhoods are the cornerstone of a community that protects people, welcomes all, and offers opportunity for everyone. Equitable development emphasizes that all residents should be protected from environmental hazards and enjoy access to environmental, health, economic, and social necessities such as clean air and water, adequate infrastructure, and job opportunities
<b>4</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	<b>Support services</b>
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities

	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City-wide
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Support housing services for homeless or housing insecure Increase neighborhood equity
	<b>Description</b>	<p>Through each part of the Consolidated Plan development, increasing mental health services was identified as a need across many input sectors. During local stakeholder interviews and housing expert interviews, the public survey, and data collection efforts, access to and increase of mental health services were distinguished as a notable priority. Although the City does not directly operate such services, increasing opportunities for residents through community partnerships, transportation needs, working with schools, and collaborating for on-site services in city-affiliated properties are some ways people can gain increased access to these support services.</p> <p>Support services in the form of programs for victims of domestic violence and child abuse are important to residents and much needed. Stresses on Boise residents have grown as a result of the global pandemic and challenging health and economic conditions. Domestic violence and child abuse cases have increased, as have rates of alcohol and drug abuse.</p>
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School principals revealed a need for mental health services for both students and parents, including expanding on positive models in existing schools- such as Taft Elementary- to increase the ease of access for families.</li> <li>• Increased investment by the City in high density, location-efficient properties with co-located mental health services when feasible.</li> <li>• Area healthcare providers identified a need to provide on-site services through mobile clinics or co-location of housing and services.</li> <li>• CDC data shows nearly 13% of Boise residents age 18 and older reporting poor mental health.</li> <li>• On-site services (especially childcare) reduce the time and financial commitment necessary for low income people to access these services, reducing stress related to time and household expenditures.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	<b>Preservation of existing affordable housing units</b>

	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City-wide
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Increase access/inventory of affordable housing Support housing services for homeless or housing insecure Increase neighborhood equity
	<b>Description</b>	Rehabilitate and/or acquire existing units. Include emergency repairs, accessibility upgrade, and energy efficient modifications. Prevent conversion of such units to market rate. Preserve various types of housing, such as mobile homes.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Of the estimated 95,000 occupied housing units, approximately 45% of units were built before 1980. For many of these units, improvements and maintenance is needed. Further, the City is continuing to see a trend wherein developers are purchasing older properties and creating units that are then put back on the market at a much higher price. It is more cost-effective to preserve existing housing and leverage units already on the market than it is to focus only on new construction.

### Narrative (Optional)

The priority needs for the City have been identified and explored further in this section. The identified priority are as follows:

1. Access to and inventory of affordable housing
2. Housing and services for households experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity
3. Neighborhood equity
4. Support services
5. Preservation of existing affordable housing units

## Influence of Market Conditions

### Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	Demand outstrips the supply of subsidized affordable rental units. TBRA can provide a bridge for those seeking an HCV or a Public Housing unit but can't obtain one because of the long waiting lists.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	Special needs households often have poverty level incomes and because of long waiting lists for assisted housing, TBRA can provide an interim term of two years while those households move up on PHA waiting lists
New Unit Production	From 2016 to 2020, there were approximately 360 units of new affordable rental housing produced in Boise. The units were absorbed quickly as the number of rent-burdened households outnumbered the new and available affordable housing units. Any new affordable units constructed that are targeted to the lowest income will be absorbed rapidly in the current market.
Rehabilitation	A significant number of homes in Boise are more than thirty years old. Many of these homes are occupied by households with limited incomes that prevent them from making the necessary health and safety improvements to antiquated systems. With upgrades to basic systems, these homes will remain livable, and will also represent affordable purchase opportunities for households earning less than 80% of Area Median Income.
Acquisition, including preservation	There is one CHDO in Boise that acquires existing single-family homes and provides necessary home improvements to them. These single-family homes are then sold to income-eligible households. This is an effective approach, both for increasing affordable homeownership opportunities in a tight market and preserving existing housing units that might not meet underwriting criteria for new loans without basic improvements. There are also a number of older rental buildings in Boise that need basic modernization to increase the livability and safety level of the units. The City hopes to encourage mission-driven housing agencies to acquire and rehabilitate units that will then be affordable to lower income households. The owners of functionally obsolescent apartment complexes are often not motivated to take on new debt to modernize units. Some owners would rather sell their older units at appreciated market values than make the improvements needed.

### Influence of Market Conditions

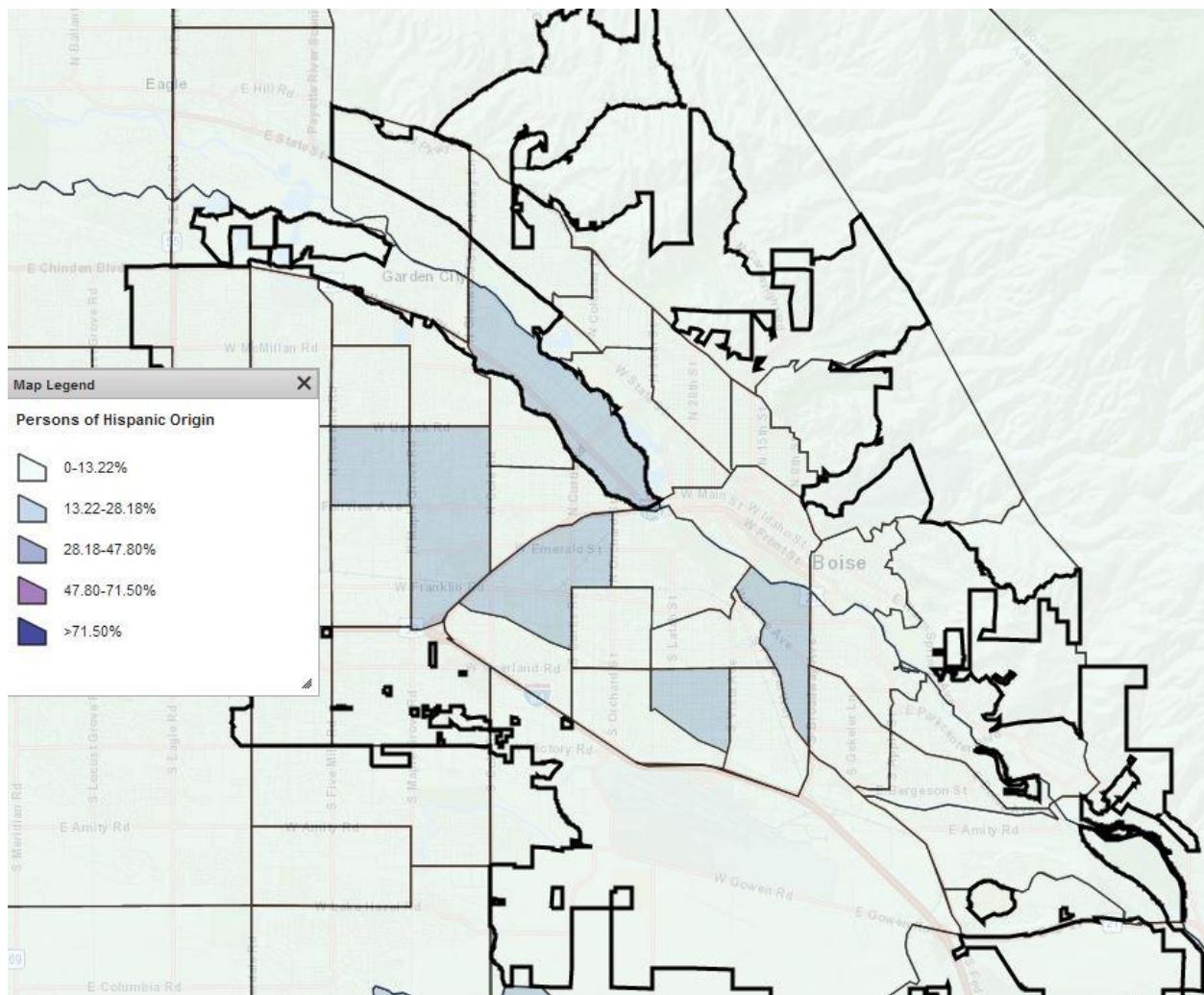
## Population Forecast

Data from 2000-2018 showed nearly a 1% annual growth rate. Using this figure, 2030 forecasted population will top 256,000.

Year	Population	Growth Rate
2030	256,263	1% Annual Growth Rate
2018	228,807	2000-2018 +19%
2010	206,286	2010-2018 +9.8%
2000	185,787	2000-2010 +10%

Population Forecast

## Population Change 2010-2017



## Population by Age Group

Increases in age were seen from 60-79 years of age, while decreases were seen in 10 years and younger. Average age in Boise has increased from 2010 to 2018.

<b>Age</b>	<b>Population 2019</b>	<b>Percent of Population</b>	<b>Population 2010</b>	<b>Percent of Population</b>
0-4	10981	4.8%	14234	6.9%
5-9	11787	5.1%	12583	6.1%
10-14	13868	6.1%	10727	5.2%
15-19	16256	7.1%	13202	6.4
20-24	17581	7.7%	16709	8.1%
25-29	17767	7.8%	17328	8.4%
30-34	19301	8.4%	14646	7.1%
35-39	14766	6.4%	12171	5.9%
40-44	16144	7.1%	15678	7.6%
45-49	14506	6.3%	13615	6.6%
50-54	13408	5.9%	14853	7.2%
55-59	14446	6.3%	12583	6.1%
60-64	14326	6.3%	12171	5.9%
65-69	10560	4.6%	8251	4.0%
70-74	9688	4.2%	5363	2.6%
75-79	5662	2.5%	4745	2.3%
80-84	4645	2.0%	3094	1.5%
85 & Over	3273	1.4%	4332	2.1%

## Population by Age Group

## Population by Ethnicity

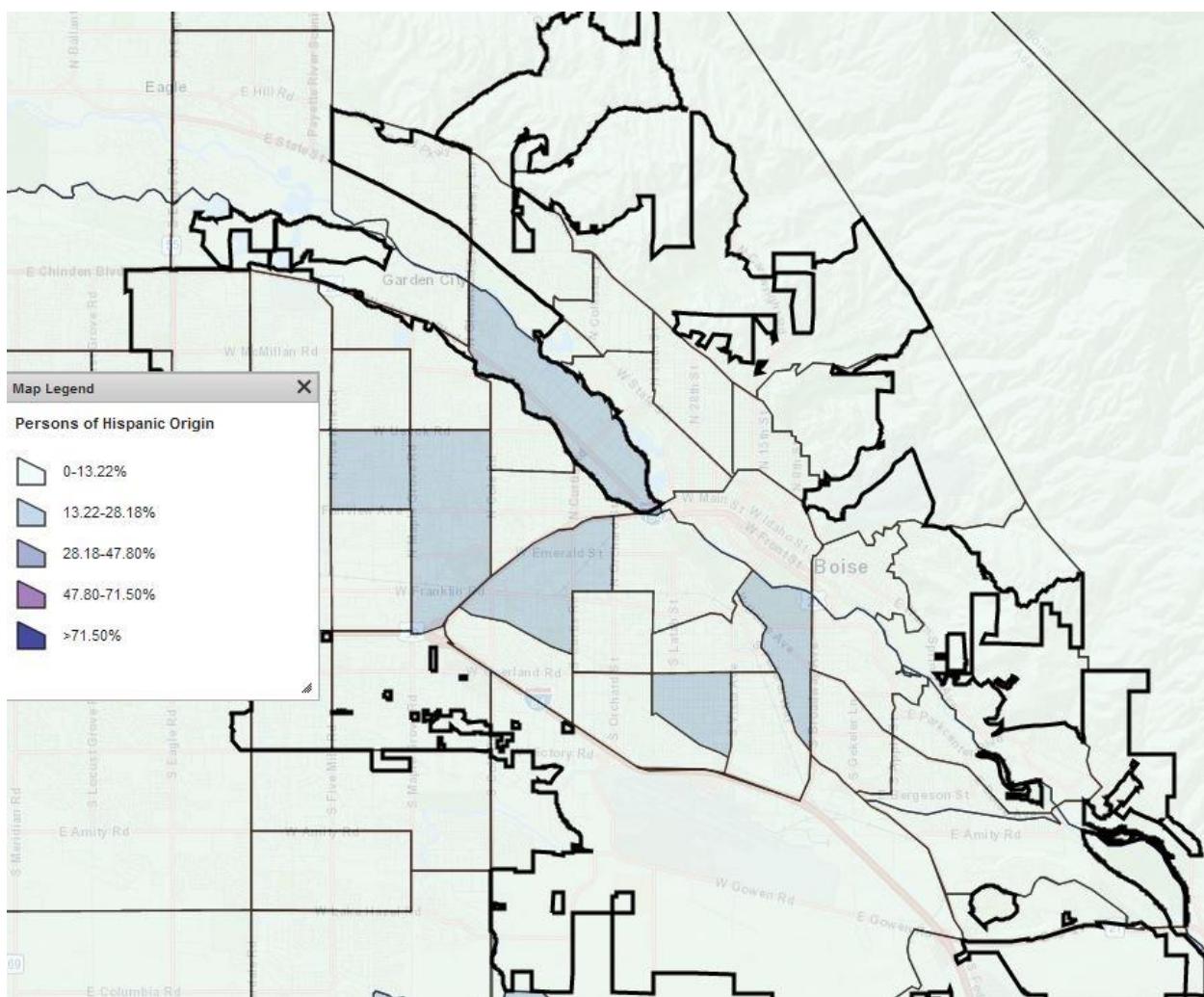
The largest increases in growth percentage occurred in the Black and Hispanic groups. The Black population grew by 31% and the Hispanic groups by 26.7%. The Hispanic group comprised 7.2% of the population in 2010, and now stands at 8.8% of the population.

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Growth Since 2010</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
White, Non-Hispanic	188,828	82.5%	174,629	84.7%	14,199	8.1%
Hispanic	23,761	10.4%	14,832	7.2%	8,929	60.2%
Black or African American	2,087	.9%	3,610	1.7%	-1,523	-42.2%
American Indian	650	.3%	1,135	.6%	-485	-42.7%
Asian	5,829	2.5%	7,254	3.5%	-1425	-19.6%

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	229	.1%	319	.2%	-90	-28.2%
Two or More Races	6,897	3.0%	4,371	2.1%	2,526	57.8%

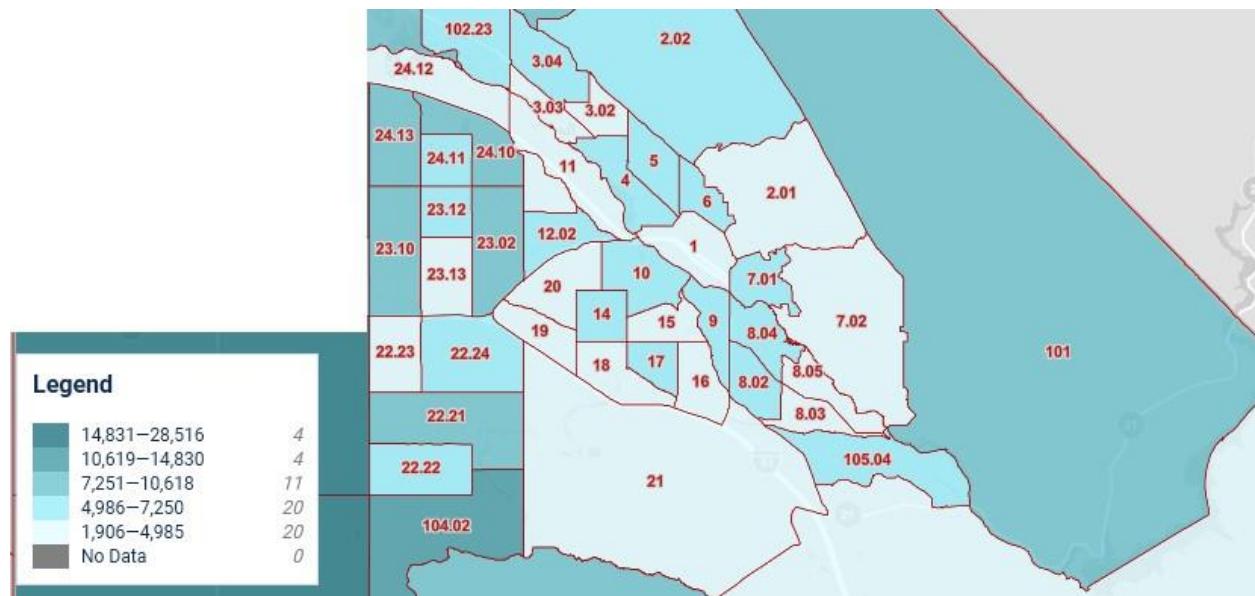
## Population by Ethnicity

## Hispanic Population as Percent of Total Population



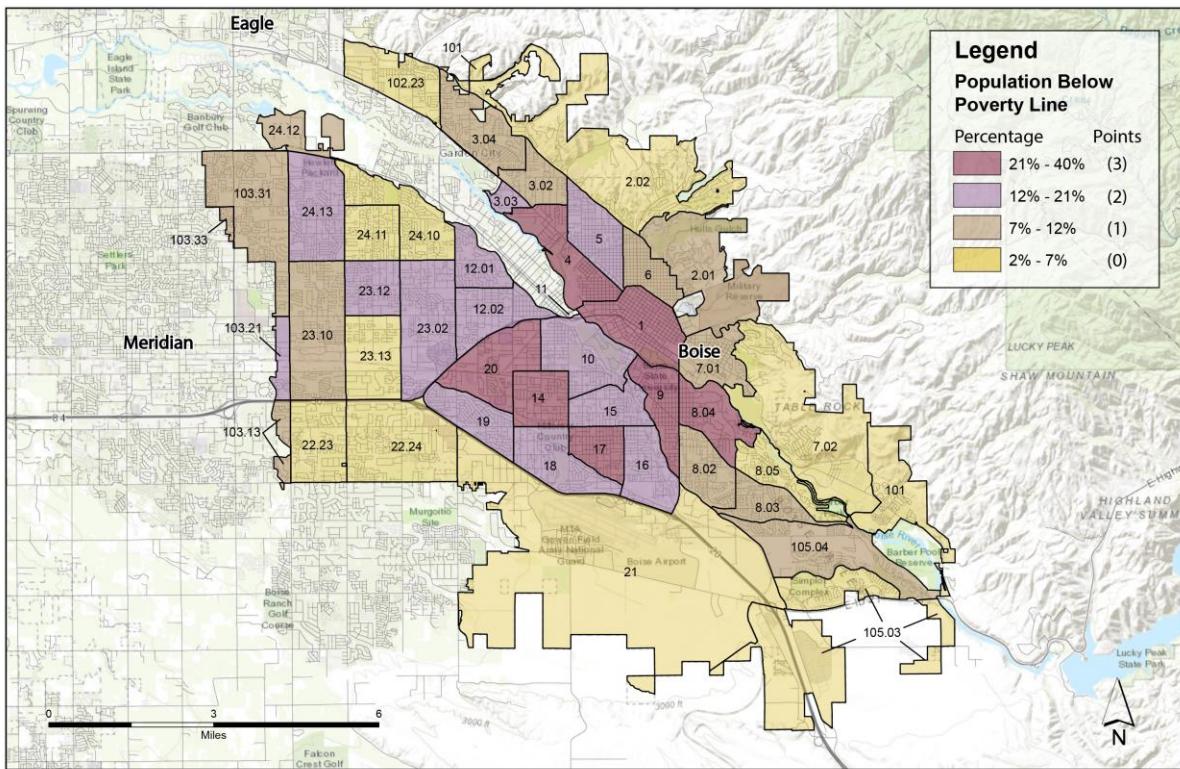
**Table 8 - Poverty Status**

## Hispanic Population Actual Population by Census Tract



## Poverty Status

	Total	Below Poverty	Percent Below Poverty
Total	224,716	30699	13.7%
Under 18	43,246	8,293	19.2%
18-64	148,441	20,139	13.6%
65 and Older	33,029	2,267	6.9%
White	185,548	22,157	11.9%
Hispanic	22,944	4,737	20.6%



## Population Below Poverty Line

Percent of population below poverty line per census tract for the City of Boise.

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## **Anticipated Resources**

### **Introduction**

The City of Boise receives federal assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under its primary allocation programs, CDBG and HOME. The City also anticipates receiving funding to administer the Continuum of Care for Ada County. The City anticipates allocating approximately \$22,914,280 through these programs over the next five years (2021-2025).

- Community Development Block Grant Program: \$11,172,435
- The HOME Investment Partnership Program: \$11,574,640
- Continuum of Care: \$167,205

These resources include the anticipated entitlement grants combined with unspent funds from previous years, and the program income expected to be generated over this time period from the CDBG and HOME programs.

## Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1 (2021)		Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan (2022-2025)	Narrative Description
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	Source	Amount	\$8,198,480	This funding will be invested in housing development, preservation of affordable housing units, neighborhood facilities, and public services.
			Annual Allocation	\$1,454,620		
			Program Income	\$594,035		
			Prior Year Resources	\$925,300		
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,973,955</b>		
			Source	Amount		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Multifamily rental & single-family ownership new construction	Annual Allocation	\$809,108	\$6,536,432	This funding will be invested in the development and/or rehabilitation of multi-family rental housing and homebuyer assistance through community partners.
			Program Income	\$825,000		
			Prior Year Resources	\$3,404,100		
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,038,208</b>		
			Source	Amount		
			Annual Allocation	\$33,441		
Continuum of Care	public - federal	Other 33,441	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,441</b>	133,764	This funding supports the staff salaries of those administering of the Continuum of Care.

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

**HOME and CDBG** funds are leveraged with city general funds and other local financial resources. Agencies that receive CDBG and HOME funds must provide leverage with other local, state, and federal sources. Sources of leverage include: Low-income Housing Tax Credits, State HOME funds and Federal Home Loan Bank Board funding (FHLBB) grants, United Way funding, Public Health Services Funding (federal), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (federal), Department of Justice, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), private foundations and donation funding. On average, each HUD dollar is leveraged with approximately \$7 of other federal, state, local, and private funds. When projects are supported with HUD funds through the City of Boise (City), a greater reach is extended to those who earn less than 80% of area median income. This reach provides a safety net to assist in self-sufficiency for vulnerable persons.

**City General Funds:** The City's Continuum of Care Administrator is supported by local resources. This position demonstrates the City's commitment to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and other Continuum of Care priorities through established working groups. Additional City General Funds support the Housing Management Information System (HMIS) and other housing programs and initiatives, including the land trust.

**HOME Match.** The HOME Program requires participating jurisdictions to provide a 25 percent match on most HOME entitlement funds expended each program year. Match is a permanent contribution to affordable housing of non-federal funds. Applicants for HOME-CHDO set-aside funds are encouraged to demonstrate matching funds. Matching funds are reported and approved by the city of Boise's (City) Housing and Community Development Division annually. In the event a HOME-CHDO is unable to contribute the match requirement, the City will fulfill the match commitment. HOME-funded projects and match resources are reported in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The City has available match in the amount of \$2,815,513 (bond financing) and \$2,196,022 (other resources). HOME regulations restrict the percentage of bond financing that can be used as match. City staff track all HOME eligible match funds to ensure the 25% match requirement is met. Available match is not a liquid asset; rather it is from projects in previous program years that HOME funds were partnered with other funds (ex: first position home ownership loans, Habitat for Humanity, and Mercy Senior Housing).

**If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

The City continues to identify land ideal for purchase through the established land trust. The land trust supports the development of a variety of housing types, allowing for homeownership and rental opportunities for income-restricted households. The City actively pursues opportunities when they are presented, and the number of properties fluctuates. While the City does own a number of properties, not all are suitable for

housing projects. As part of the CDA, multiple properties were identified as suitable and ideal to address housing needs, especially in Census tracts where residents may be experiencing multiple socio-economic challenges.

## **Discussion**

The City will continue to use HUD and local funding sources to support a variety of eligible projects to meet high priority needs and goals

## Institutional Delivery Structure

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

<b>Responsible Entity</b>	<b>Responsible Entity Type</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Geographic Area Served</b>
City of Boise	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Public Housing Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Terry Reilly Health Services	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction
Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority (BCACHA)	PHA	Rental	Jurisdiction
Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care	Government	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
Giraffe Laugh Early Learning Centers	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction
The Jesse Tree of Idaho, Inc	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
CATCH	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
Boise School District	Government	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
Salvation Army	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
Women's and Children's Alliance	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public facilities	Jurisdiction
Idaho Housing and Finance Association	Non-profit organizations	Ownership Rental	State

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AutumnGold Senior Services, Inc	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs neighborhood improvements	Region
NeighborWorks	Non-profit organizations	Economic Development Ownership Rental neighborhood improvements	Nation

#### **Institutional Delivery Structure**

### **Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System**

The local government and agencies that serve homeless and low-income populations have a well-coordinated service and housing delivery system. The City of Boise's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division is the lead for providing planning, coordination, and financial assistance to the agencies delivering services in Boise. HCD also serves as the lead agency for the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care. Housing programs and services in Boise, and to some extent in Ada County, are designed to meet the specific needs of persons experiencing homelessness, persons at risk of becoming homeless, and special needs populations, including the elderly and those with physical and mental health challenges. The City works closely with an array of housing providers to address housing needs of homeless persons, the disabled, the elderly, and low-income households. The City supports the efforts of those agencies through the use of federal and local funds that are made available for program support. HCD also provides technical assistance and performance evaluation for agencies receiving federal and local funds. The City does an effective job of leading the effort to have a comprehensive array of services and resources available to support low-income populations.

As Boise emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to see a surging economy, the housing market is stressed to provide housing for low-incomes residents (those making less than 80% of Area Median Income). There is pressure on housing providers to expand the supply of needed, affordable rental units for both special populations and low-income households. Presently, the affordable housing production has not kept up with the existing demand, let alone future demand. This was made worse by historically low turnover brought about by the pandemic. This is also attributable to several factors; increased land prices, material costs, and skilled labor shortages all equate to development costs that largely prohibit construction of units at the 80% AMI levels or below. Further, developers have been reluctant to initiate new projects because they do not feel that Boise projects can compete successfully with proposals in the non-entitlement areas of the State's adopted QAP plan (favoring smaller non-entitlement communities).

**Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services**

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance	X	X	X
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	X
Utilities Assistance	X		X
<b>Street Outreach Services</b>			
Law Enforcement	X	X	X
Mobile Clinics		X	
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	X
<b>Supportive Services</b>			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	X
Child Care	X	X	X
Education	X	X	X
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	X
Healthcare	X	X	X
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X		X
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation	X		X

**Homeless Prevention Services Summary**

**Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)**

Mainstream providers are the backbone of Our Path Home. At every point of interaction within the partnership, mainstream services are the first referral. Therefore, access to mainstream services is facilitated by and through coordinated entry of clients to determine eligibility for support. Such mainstream services may include emergency shelter case managers, weekly case conferencing meetings, and assignment to thorough case managers once clients are referred to a housing program. All referrals occur to the degree that coordinated entry staff can direct clients to a mainstream service to end their homelessness. Between 2017 and 2019, 10% of clients exited homelessness because of mainstream services, and another 14% self-resolved after a light-touch interaction- most likely facilitated by a connection made to a mainstream service.

Mainstream providers that are formal partners of Our Path Home primarily include medical health centers, mental health agencies, school districts, homeless prevention programs, and employment services (211 Idaho Care Line, A Body and Mind Wellness, Access Behavioral Health, Ada County Indigent Services, Boise City/Ada County Housing Authorities, Boise and Meridian School Districts, Catholic Charities of Idaho, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Navigation and Behavioral Health divisions, Idaho Department of Labor, Create Common Good, El-Ada community Action Partnership, Head Start, Human Supports of Idaho, Idaho Youth Ranch, Life's Kitchen, Pathways Community Crisis Center of Southwest Idaho, Recovery 4 Life, ReStore Missions, Salvation Army – Boise Corps, St Vincent de Paul, Terry Reilly Health Services, Jesse Tree, TRIO, Saint Luke's and Saint Alphonsus.)

Housing programs and service agencies in Boise City/Ada County are designed to meet the specific needs of homeless persons. This is done through the utilization of a coordinated network of homeless shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing and service providers. There are many service providers that supply services to both homeless and non-homeless low-income populations in Boise City/Ada County. These include providers of primary health care, mental health, and substance-use disorder services. Additional detail may be found in MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services Section of the Consolidated Plan. Narratives about services are above.

**Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above**

Boise residents benefit from an institutional structure that provides supportive services to those who need and can access them. However, ongoing pressure to obtain resources from federal and local sources makes it difficult to respond to increased demand. All the service delivery agencies in Boise report increased demand. To some extent, the ability to expand service delivery systems is dependent on greater resource availability and agency capacity. This is a challenge for local governments to respond by simply allocating more money. State statutes and other community needs emerge, thereby forcing local governments to prioritize competing needs, with limited tools to increase revenue.

Development of Permanent Supportive Housing that addresses the needs of special populations and those experiencing homelessness is critical. The two fundamental barriers to addressing this need is developer capacity to pull together multiple funding sources to make the proposed plan “pencil out” and service provider capacity to address the specific client-centered supportive needs.

**Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs**

The City plans to approach this challenging situation through several strategic actions. The City will work with affordable housing developers to acquire the necessary capacity to design development proposals. This should help with successful development reviews and

coordinating funding resources through the City, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, and the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority. At a minimum, the City will promote the following internal resources: Affordable Housing Development Incentive, Affordable Housing Impact Fee Waiver, and HOME and/or CDBG funds where eligible. The current federal allocations of HOME and CDBG are not adequate to address the needed demands for new, affordable housing development. Ongoing financial collaboration with Idaho Housing and Finance Association for tax credits and state HOME funds is a key ingredient to assisting developments move from concept to occupancy.

## Goals

Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Increase access/inventory of affordable housing	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	City-wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing services for homeless or housing insecure</li> <li>Neighborhood equity</li> <li>Preservation of existing affordable housing units</li> </ul>	CDBG: \$5,267,148 HOME: \$11,574,640 Continuum of Care: \$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rental units constructed: 200 Household Housing Unit</li> <li>Homeowner Housing Added: 15 Household Housing Unit</li> <li>Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted</li> </ul>
2	Support housing services for homeless or housing insecure	2021	2025	Homeless	City-wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access/inventory of affordable housing</li> <li>Neighborhood equity</li> <li>Support services</li> <li>Preservation of existing affordable housing units</li> </ul>	CDBG: \$829,365 HOME: \$0 Continuum of Care: \$167,205	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 75 Households Assisted</li> <li>Homelessness Prevention: 300 Persons Assisted</li> </ul>

Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Increase neighborhood equity	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access/inventory of affordable housing</li> <li>Housing services for homeless or housing insecure</li> <li>Neighborhood equity</li> <li>Support services</li> <li>Preservation of existing affordable housing units</li> </ul>	CDBG: \$1,000,000 HOME: \$0 Continuum of Care: \$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16000 Persons Assisted</li> </ul>
4	Provide support services	2021	2025	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City-wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing services for homeless or housing insecure</li> <li>Support services</li> <li>Neighborhood equity</li> </ul>	CDBG: \$276,455 HOME: \$0 Continuum of Care: \$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25000 Persons Assisted</li> <li>Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 38000 Households Assisted</li> </ul>

Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Preserve affordable housing units	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	City-wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access/inventory of affordable housing</li> <li>• Housing services for homeless or housing insecure</li> <li>• Neighborhood equity</li> <li>• Preservation of existing affordable housing units</li> </ul>	CDBG: \$3,799,467  HOME: \$0  Continuum of Care: \$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rental units rehabilitated: 200 Household Housing Unit</li> <li>• Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 30 Household Housing Unit</li> </ul>

### Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Increase access/inventory of affordable housing</b>
<b>Description</b>	Increase availability of affordable housing for lower-income households with a special emphasis on those residents that have specific vulnerabilities such as those experiencing homelessness, seniors, or those with a disability
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Support housing services for homeless or housing insecure</b>
<b>Description</b>	Tight housing markets combined with rapid growth like the City of Boise, and surrounding region, is experiencing (i.e., low vacancy rates, increasing rents, and high population growth) leads to increased homelessness. The City of Boise will continue to augment its investments in its crisis response to homelessness to include: supportive housing, homelessness prevention, and efforts to boost housing supply to house those without homes and stabilize those who are at risk of losing housing.
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Increase neighborhood equity</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Two focus areas for this goal are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Access:</b> Work to increase availability of broadband internet service in underserved areas and improve communication and outreach methods for underserved/vulnerable populations.</li> <li>• <b>Infrastructure:</b> Investments in public improvements will increase safe transportation options for pedestrians and bicyclists, improve neighborhood safety, and address equity in available neighborhood amenities and aesthetics.</li> </ul>

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Provide support services</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Through each part of the Consolidated Plan development, an increased demand for mental health services was identified across many input sectors. During local stakeholder and housing expert interviews, the public survey, and through the data collection efforts, access to and increased need of mental health services were a notable priority. Although the City does not directly operate such services, increasing opportunities for residents through community partnerships, transportation needs, working with schools, and collaboration to create on-site services in city-affiliated properties, are some ways people can gain increased access to these support services.</p> <p>Support services in the form of programs for domestic and child abuse services are much needed by and important to residents. Stresses on Boise residents have grown because of the global pandemic and challenging health and economic conditions. Domestic violence and child abuse cases have increased, as have rates of alcohol and drug abuse.</p>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Preserve affordable housing units</b>
<b>Description</b>	Rehabilitate and/or acquire existing units. Include emergency repairs, accessibility upgrade, and energy efficient modifications. Prevent conversion of such units to market rate. Preserve various types of housing, such as mobile homes.

**Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)**

The estimated number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families who will be provided affordable housing is 220.

This includes those expected to be served by development or rehabilitation of affordable housing, homeownership opportunities for low-to-moderate income households, and direct financial assistance to homebuyers.

## **Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement**

### **Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)**

No Section 504 Voluntary compliance agreement in place.

### **Activities to Increase Resident Involvements**

The Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority works closely with its residents and resident boards to provide high quality living such as:

- Work with local service providers and link participants to supportive services
- Coordinate and oversee the delivery of services, ensuring services are provided on a regular, ongoing, and satisfactory basis.
- Coordinate and sponsor educational events, which may include topics relating to health care, health care benefits, wellness programs for seniors, life skills training, computer skills, pet care, community safety, debt reduction, etc.

### **Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?**

No

## **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

### **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

Public policies can have direct and indirect effects on the planning, construction, and access to affordable housing and residential investments. The City of Boise continues to see robust growth in the construction of housing units. Most of the units are market rate homes, as new home values continue to surge. Land prices, material and labor costs, and bidding wars for what homes are built exacerbate the issue, driving costs further from what is affordable to many area residents and households. The following factors were identified as potentially having negative effects on affordable units and residential investment:

1. Zoning code and land-use map provide limited acreage by right for multi-family units: Recently, the City has embarked on making significant changes to the zoning ordinance. The changes will allow increased building densities in more locations than historically permitted. For the past several decades, the number of parcels allowed on a given plot has been limited, impacting the availability of more affordable units generally derived from an increased number of residences and reduced material costs. Any developer proposing to build such housing needed conditional use permissions or rezoning to accommodate their project, which poses additional obstacles absent from conventional, single-family market rate housing.
2. State land trust not funded: Though the State of Idaho has had a long-established housing land trust intended to promote affordable housing projects, the State has not funded the trust, making it an irrelevant tool.
3. Parking standards: A requirement that land in any parcel be intended for anything other than residential use yields less buildable space for housing and a reduction in units. The stipulation of parking minimums is one provision that reduces the amount of acreage available for units and the potential for more affordable housing. In cities around the country, parking minimums are being eliminated and parking decisions entrusted to the developers.
4. Lack of Inclusionary Zoning: The Idaho legislature has not required inclusionary zoning as per the State's planning laws. Consequently, the City is not permitted to require below-market rate housing, leaving the construction of such housing to the private sector, non-profit organizations, or public/private partnerships and investments.
5. Limited value of housing vouchers: Without increasing the value of housing vouchers, prospective tenants employing this mode of support will meet with growing difficulty finding housing. Rents continue to rise each month, and landlords are increasingly opposed to accepting public housing vouchers as payment. Thus, the use of these vouchers continues to diminish.
6. Impact fees: Developer fees for new or reconstructed residential properties are assessed to determine the anticipated need to cover public service costs. The development community repeatedly claims some of these fees are excessive and, in

- some cases, prohibitive to a project. Higher fees are assessed for development projects proposing fewer single-family homes as compared with more compact and higher density projects that help increase housing supply. These fees are most likely passed on to buyers or renters and increase the cost of the product.
7. Competitive tax credit market: Limited housing tax credits are highly competitive among builders. Many developers want to access the credit market but cannot, and ultimately turn away from projects that would otherwise address the affordability issue.

### **Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing**

Barriers identified that prevent more affordable housing from being built, being accessed, or preserved exist at three levels: local, state, and federal. For those barriers that can be addressed by the City, the following actions have been taken:

## **Homelessness Strategy**

### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

Our Path Home has a street outreach team that focuses on those experiencing unsheltered homelessness, especially those with a severe and persistent mental illness. The street outreach team partners closely with the emergency overnight shelters, day shelters, the coordinated entry access point, the City's police department's bike patrol unit, and mobile crisis to ensure coordination of care and connection to services. The team has also partnered with Human Supports of Idaho, a community mental health clinic, to continue care with clients.

Our Path Home CONNECT is the partnership's coordinated entry access point. This system is tasked with assessing the individual needs of every household experiencing homelessness in Boise City/Ada County, and prioritizing them for housing and other services. Partner agencies meet weekly to conduct case conferencing for clients and work on the next steps necessary to move individuals out of homelessness and back into housing.

### **Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Our Path Home has five primary emergency shelters that serve families with children, women and children, men, victims of domestic violence, and unaccompanied youth by providing a safe place to stay and offering support services, including nutrition and transportation. A subset of these shelters include transitional housing programs. Additionally, Supportive Housing and Innovative Partnerships (SHIP) offers transitional safe and sober housing in shelters across the City. Bed utilization is tracked through Our Path Home's Homelessness Management Information System. The City's role as the lead agency for Our Path Home includes ensuring an appropriate level of response to the night-by-night crisis managed by the emergency shelters while also staying primarily focused on the solutions to homelessness: housing and support services. As the City grows, managing and maintaining this balance will become even more critical. In the last five years, the City has invested heavily in two site-based permanent supportive housing projects to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness and is currently creating a supportive housing action plan to bring more units to the market. Additionally, Our Path Home offers scattered-site Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing programs to move individuals and families out of homelessness and into permanent housing with wraparound support services.

### **Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and**

**preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.**

As mentioned previously, Our Path Home offers supportive housing to adult-only households and families with children and prioritizes those households with the longest tenure of homelessness and the highest severity of service need. Two recent projects (completed in 2018 and 2020, respectively) are site-based, permanent supportive housing projects that serve those experiencing chronic homelessness. Tenants enter one-year, renewable leases and both locations offer on-site support services. Our Path Home's other efforts to re-house people experiencing homelessness and keep people in permanent housing include investing in eviction prevention, launching a property manager/landlord participation program, and engaging in diversion and problem-solving techniques at all side doors to the homeless services system. Our Path Home also employs housing support specialists whose focus is to locate and facilitate move-ins for vulnerable households who cannot navigate the system on their own.

**Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs**

See above. Additionally, Our Path Home works closely with our network of mainstream community partners to help low-income households avoid experiencing homelessness. The new centralized phone line and triage team will help clients navigate the system and access resources before they experience homelessness.

## **Lead Based Paint Hazards**

### **Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards**

The City adheres to requirements that all buildings constructed prior to January 1, 1978 have a lead hazards assessment when federal funds will be used to purchase or rehabilitate the property. The City also follows EPA regulations which require that any federally funded organization performing an action which causes disruption of lead use only EPA-certified workers. Procedures must be followed to minimize the spread of lead. Lead hazards in public housing units have been stabilized and/or removed in previous years during rehabilitations of these units. All properties must be cleared of lead hazards before funding is provided by the City. All applicants acquiring housing built prior to 1978 receive the EPA booklet at application.

### **How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?**

As housing providers purchase, rehabilitate, and lease housing units located in Boise, they are required to assess and mitigate lead hazards according to the guidelines provided in the Lead Safe Housing Rule.

### **How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?**

All CDBG and HOME sub-grantees are required to follow the HUD Lead Safe Housing Rule and all requirements pertaining to the activity they are undertaking. Grantees involved in leasing, acquiring, rehabilitating, or maintaining housing units must keep files that provide compliance with these rules and regulations. Sub-grantees must provide clients with the "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home" pamphlet. Verification of this notification must be maintained in client files.

## **Anti-Poverty Strategy**

### **Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families**

The City of Boise is devoted to reducing poverty by every means possible. The COVID-19 pandemic put a spotlight on the issue of inequity from all perspectives. For those households and individuals experiencing poverty, local shutdowns meant sudden loss of job access, reductions in transportation option, and threats to housing security. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan and associated programs under the authority of the City and its partners aim to foster an equitable community for all through economic access, housing security, educational opportunities, and social service access.

Funding at the local and federal levels are intended to be temporary in nature and improve people's station in life. The funds do this by addressing numerous areas, including employment and affordable housing. The objectives of local and federal funding are self-sufficiency and long-term sustainability through short-term investments. Job training, educational endeavors, training and small business assistance, and cultural programs are examples of employment advancements. The City invests in housing advocacy, homelessness prevention, expiring affordable rental preservation, rental development, rehabilitation and homeownership assistance to address affordable housing. The City also invests funds in transportation facilities and services, quality of life elements like park, trail, and open space preservation and access, broadband and fiber infrastructure for internet access, libraries and school programs, and much more. This is done through the utilization of various funds, including and beyond CDBG and HOME.

### **How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan**

The City makes a conscious effort to coordinate the Five-Year Consolidated Plan with other City plans such as Blueprint Boise (comprehensive plan), economic strategies, and other community plans. City staff work with the lead agency for the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care (CoC) organization, agency staff and stakeholder groups to align CoC activities with the Plan, particularly with regard to those strategies meant to combat homelessness. The social service safety net is well coordinated in Boise, by having human services providers and housing agencies participate in community planning efforts. By planning and coordinating the services and resources, providers are able to direct these supports toward priority needs using the strategies and actions identified in HUD's required Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

This ensures that scarce resources are implemented in such a way as to best serve those who have the greatest need, including those areas with the greatest concentrations of poverty. In addition to the Plan programs, a number of other public, private, and partnership initiatives

have been designed to assist in the reduction of poverty rates. These programs include Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency, Head Start, Welfare to Work, and the CoC. These previously mentioned services, along with the City's support and participation, will provide households living in poverty an opportunity to obtain needed services, support, and more self-sufficiency.

## **Monitoring**

**Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

The City's Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) staff monitors of its entitlement programs through a variety of methods. Methods are dictated by the complexity of the activity, funding source regulations, subrecipient performance, citizen complaints, agency capacity and available resources.

The City has a well-established procurement and contracting process that ensures subgrantees meet the established goals and outcomes for the project, program, or services funded by the City. All RFPs soliciting proposals for funding contain minority business outreach language. In addition, contracts for funding awardees contain provisions emphasizing the importance of MBE-WBE outreach and inclusion.

Each subrecipient is monitored to ensure files contain the necessary documentation to validate program funds have been expended on appropriate expenses that will produce the outcomes specified in contract documents. Public Service projects are monitored monthly as reimbursement requests are processed and receive an annual onsite monitoring to ensure compliance with all contract requirements. The City's Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) monitors housing projects receiving federal funds through the review of monthly or quarterly reports submitted for active projects, desk reviews of annual rent and occupancy reports, and site visits in accordance with established federal schedules and guidelines for CDBG and HOME.

The City surveys documentation to ensure the subrecipient meets the cross-cutting requirements contained in HOME and CDBG regulations, including Section 3, National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) requirements, procurement, and Fair Housing Marketing and Outreach. The City also works with other entities (for example, the Idaho Housing and Finance Administration) on projects where multiple financial subsidy layers exist.

The City partners with subrecipients to ensure their activities are tracked and documented for use in other City plans and strategies that measure how well the City is meeting the milestones and outcome indicators. The City requires monthly submission for reimbursement and beneficiary data from sub-grantees. The City updates the CAPER annually to reflect progress and deficiencies within the stated Goal Outcome Indicators included in the Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan.

The City stays abreast of all HUD bulletins, technical assistance, training, and other guidance tools to ensure compliance with comprehensive planning requirements.

## Attachments

## Citizen Participation Comments

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E.B. Schofield	Those who are experiencing homelessness or are low income are more likely to not have a vehicle for personal transportation, therefore all types of housing facilities to serve this population group need to be located near the highest concentration of employment options, which is the downtown Boise area, and this area is also where the public transit center provides transit routes available to reach nearly all other services and employment.		The City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project. Public services are provided by partner agencies; the city cannot prescribe the specific location where those agencies choose to provide their services.	X			
E.B. Schofield	Easy access to the largest employment area of the City, with job opportunities that involve non-traditional hours, is one of the best methods to achieve self-sufficiency, therefore the City needs to focus its homeless and low income housing initiatives to be in the downtown area. This will reduce the burden of transportation costs <u>and the</u> time spent commuting, as these are equally important issues. Most people regardless of income do not want to spend a large amount of each day commuting to/from work no matter what the form of transportation may be, and those with less means should not bare this burden by locating housing options away from the largest source of jobs.		The City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project. Public services are provided by partner agencies; the city cannot prescribe the specific location where those agencies choose to provide their services.	X			
E.B. Schofield	The Five Year Consolidated Plan shows the initiatives to expand partnership capacity to house individuals and families experiencing homelessness by increasing the capacity to permanently house people through rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing. This is of concern simply due to the lack of committed future funding to maintain such housing and wrap-around services.		The City intends to continue to invest in the solutions to homelessness and will also continue to pursue sustainable fund sources, including but not limited to federal resources and leveraging partnership and community resources in doing so.	X			

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E.B. Schofield	Permanent Supportive Housing does not have a committed annual funding source. Building these types of housing options that are reliant on annual renewal of funding from the Federal Government is not sound financial policy, especially when locating such facilities outside of the downtown area. What will happen if/when the Federal Government decides to cut back or eliminate this type of funding? This possibility could occur, therefore these type of facilities should only be constructed in the downtown Boise area where other social services are located as a backstop measure. Otherwise the City of Boise places other neighborhoods at higher risk by siting such housing outside of the downtown Boise area.		The City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project. Homeless services are funded via multiple funding sources and streams.				
E.B. Schofield	Housing options for the following high-risk population groups should only be located in the downtown area near all of the other social service providers in order to mitigate the adverse impact on residential neighborhoods. Otherwise the City is wasting public resources while simultaneously placing safe and stable neighborhoods at higher risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The chronically homeless</li> <li>- Those with social and behavioral problems (i.e., mentally ill)</li> <li>- Persons with substance abuse that are not in a treatment program</li> </ul>		The City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project. Public services are provided by partner agencies; the city cannot prescribe the specific location where those agencies choose to provide their services.				

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E.B. Schofield	<p>Campaign to End Family Homelessness</p> <p>This initiative also appears to not have a committed ongoing source of funding to be in place after the 6-year initial period. Please use caution with this campaign slogan and the slogan of "A Home For Everyone" as these really are not achievable goals unless you can put a halt to population increases and/or build a wall around the City. Learn from the City's prior mistake of over promoting itself as "The Most Livable City In The Country." If Boise once again over-promotes itself through this "Campaign to End Family Homelessness" – to be the first city to achieve net zero for homelessness - then we may just draw in even more people from all across the country who will come here seeking this, and "the solution" may actually create an even larger problem. Even if prior data did not show much in-migration of this type of risk, if the Federal Government continues to provide stimulus checks, there will be people who use this last source of income to come to where they have heard there may be a solution.</p>		The Campaign to End Family Homelessness is not federally funded.				
E.B. Schofield	<p>The City of Boise got way behind the curve, and the network that has been recently built and the partnerships are great, but we fell behind and are paying the price. The citizens know that Boise went way overboard in promoting itself across the country with its marketing campaign of being "The Most Livable City In The Country", which has contributed to its popularity and thus the escalation in home prices. It's no secret that this has been a major contributor to the risk of becoming homeless, since local wages have not kept pace. When is the City going to actually step up and acknowledge that they helped contribute to this problem? You need to do this first to build back the citizens trust in your ability to attempt to solve this problem. Admitting a mistake will go along way.</p>		This comment is not related to these documents.				
E.B. Schofield	<p>The City needs to realize that building and buying housing that will be retained as publicly owned housing is necessary to solve this issue. The private sector is simply not that interested in the hassle factor that is involved in the financing, construction and ongoing record management and reporting that is required under the regulations for "Affordable Housing. The profit margin and capitalism lead the way in the world of developers, and the majority in this industry simply does not see this as their responsibility to solve.</p>		<p>Increasing the supply of affordable rental housing is identified as a goal within the Consolidated Plan.</p>	X			

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E.B. Schofield	The sheer dollar value of the housing bonus incentives shown in the draft Impediments to Fair Housing clearly show that the developers are not interested and that the City is now nearly bribing them to help solve a problem the City contributed to creating. This dollar value is now exceptionally large most likely because a December 2019 media story had reported the developers said cash incentives were not enough to get them to build affordable units, when they can build market rate and luxury products with an endless supply of people moving here. The private sector simply does not want to accept that it is time they understand that whatever ROI they use to receive in the past must be modified with changing times, just like everything else that is being "disrupted" by a rapidly changing world.		Unclear on the comment to respond to. The Housing Bonus Ordinance and Housing Incentives Program are not federally funded.	X			
E.B. Schofield	All incentives that the City is offering need to be ONLY for development / redevelopment that secures housing units at 60% AMI or less. Otherwise, this is simply continuing to subsidize what the developers will already build without any incentive.		The funds used in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan serve households that earn 80% or less of Area Median Income.	X			
E.B. Schofield	By the time the City gets around to full constructing another affordable housing component we will be so far behind the curve on this type of housing, that the economic impact on downtown businesses may be nearly impossible to recover from. But the City can choose to immediately do something about this. The former fire training facility near the Boise River is owned by the public and this site could be, and should be, immediately redeveloped into low-income affordable housing right now! Not two or five years from now. Whatever was temporarily dreamt up for this parcel several years ago as part of the Shoreline URD must now be set aside.		The City is exploring all available options to increase the supply of affordable housing.				
E.B. Schofield	In addition, the City owns another parcel just across the way and ACHD also owns a parcel in this immediate vicinity that can all be used for low income housing and expanding the homeless shelter system to keep these social service providers in the downtown area near the other publicly funded social services. This would allow an organization such as the Interfaith Sanctuary to be more effective by providing a separate homeless shelter for families.		The City is exploring all available options to increase the supply of affordable housing.				
E.B. Schofield	The issue of affordable housing for those making 60% AMI or less has reached critical mass and is now dire.		Increasing the supply of affordable rental housing is identified as a goal within the Consolidated Plan.				

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E.B. Schofield	I watched the Our Path Home meeting on April 12, 2021 and as a citizen, it is both revealing, and informative, to hear the conversation around the lack of affordable housing units that this public-private entity is dealing with in trying to address the major housing problem this City has gotten itself into. This was specifically stated as, "trying to clear the backlog and make sure we never have this backlog again" when they were discussing the ability, or lack thereof, to get families and individuals out of the 1-2 year waiting period they are spending in a shelter facility.		Unclear on the comment to respond to as related to federal funding.				
E.B. Schofield	The meeting conversation also included another comment by Stephanie Day of, "We have to get creative to maximize resources." From a citizen's perspective, looking in from the outside, this means we need to build now, on land already owned by the public, using money that exists – even if the money or land may have been intended for a different use when times were not so dire. There is money to do this, and it is simply a matter of the highest and best use of this publicly owned land is to put the welfare of people first based on the long-term economic impact if we don't do this now.	The City is exploring all available options to increase the supply of affordable housing.					
E.B. Schofield	We have nearly \$53 million set aside from the downtown library that needs to be re-allocated to this more urgent and pressing need. The City's record shows, "\$52,837,452 was not re-budgeted in the Library's FY2020 capital plan, Council President Pro Tem Clegg advocated that the funds remain in the City's general capital fund and be preserved for a future main library project."(January 2020 Library Director's Report).		Unclear on the comment to respond to as related to federal funding.				
E.B. Schofield	The federal government just announced another round of HOME funding through the American Rescue Plan for nearly \$5 billion, with Boise to receive \$2.9 million.		Unclear on the comment to respond to as related to these documents.				
E.B. Schofield	As a City we spend an enormous amount of time planning, and then it is often too late. We know the problems, we know the answers, we have the resources (land and the money) to tackle some of the solution NOW, and we have the legal authority to do so through enacting a moratorium.		Unclear on the comment to respond to as related to federal funding or these documents.				

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E.B. Schofield	<p>We also have plenty of other land and areas that can address the housing problems, as the 2017 assessment of impediments shows - The City will engage Ada County and surrounding municipalities in an assessment of publicly owned properties that could possibly be utilized for affordable housing units. Every parcel on this list should be up for consideration; none should be held aside or "excused" from being considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The vacant parcel in the North End called Block 75 can expand homeless shelter services in order to maintain such social service programs in the downtown area and work in conjunction with the religious community to address this issue.</li> <li>•The vacant parking lot and land around The Armory can also provide shelter services as this is very close to major medical facilities, the Veterans Administration, and the City of Boise owned and operated Dick Eardley Senior/Community Center that already serves meals to the elderly on a daily basis.</li> <li>•The empty outlet mall – any noise mitigation issues related to the airport influence area can be addressed for this empty facility that already has sewer, water, electricity, etc.</li> <li>•Undeveloped land all around the ITD facility on State Street should be for low-income housing and publicly owned housing.</li> <li>•The east end area of the City appears to have no housing options except those for middle and higher income earners. Plenty of land in this area to ensure the City is following Fair housing and Fair-Share regulations.</li> </ul>			X			
E.B. Schofield	<p>Section MA – 65 Hazard Mitigation</p> <p>This section does not include the growing risk of wildfire, yet the entire northern and southern boundaries of the Boise City limits are designated as the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), which is the highest fire hazard area of the City. It is obfuscation (and somewhat negligent) to not include this risk factor, when the City's own record is clearly aware of this risk, as well as the county and state hazard planning documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Boise Climate Adaptation Assessment; Building Climate Readiness in Boise, John Abatzoglou November 2016</li> <li>- Ada County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2017</li> <li>- State of Idaho Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2018</li> </ul>	The City is exploring all of its City-owned parcels for housing.	Information regarding the risk of wildfire has been added to the Hazard Mitigation section.	X			

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E.B. Schofield	The City frequently claims it is making data-based decisions, but this tends to be selectively used when the data supports what the City has already decided or intends to pursue. If the data is controversial, the City will choose not to transparently address the data in the decision making process. The fire science and climate science data show the risk of wildfire is escalating each year. This risk is proven by climate science data, which shows drought and increases in temperature contributing to more heat stress days which are very problematic for fire escalation. And severe weather events can alter the probability of wind events, lightning occurrence and other factors important to wildfire potential. The "moral hazard" risk factor needs to be added to this draft document, as the City has directly contributed to this risk through the lack of long-term planning to mitigate this known issue. Rather the city chose to pursue tax property revenue from more and more annexation and development in the WUI foothills coupled with decades of not building the necessary fire stations to maintain the 1.5 mile response distance for its ISO rating.		Information regarding the risk of wildfire has been added to the Hazard Mitigation section, which already includes risks associated with Climate Change.	X			
E.B. Schofield	Currently, the City has yet to build the fire station on Pierce Park Lane that was approved and purchased in 2010 (CUP06-00108 & CUP09-00093) to deploy quick response into the Wildland Urban Interface and to prevent gaps in coverage between Station 9 and Station 16. This station location is a critical component of effective risk management based on the data that documents the proven history of wildfire in the foothills, secondary devastation, and millions of dollars in past damage.		Unclear on the comment to respond to as related to federal funding/these documents.	X			
E.B. Schofield	A city with a sizeable and effective firefighting force will be less vulnerable to the large negative consequences of a wildfire than will a city with fewer resources allocated, especially a city that is bordered on two-thirds by the WUI. This requires proper station placement based on the 1.5 mile / 4 minute emergency response service standard (adopted by Ordinance 5517 and Ordinance 43-16) that has been scientifically proven to save lives, reduce injuries, minimize damage to structures and land, and ultimately reduce the enormous costs from wildfire incurred by a City. Being outside of this response standard increases the chance of civilian and firefighter injury and death, as well as property damage and loss.		Unclear on the comment to respond to as related to federal funding/these documents.	X			

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E.B. Schofield	Digital Divide The study completed by Vitruvian Planning, LLC (City of Boise Community Development Analysis, Vitruvian Planning, LLC 2020) that is a part of this process shows that a "digital divide" exists in many areas within the Boise City limits, where a high number of residents are without internet access, do not have some form of home computer, or are without modern computer skills to navigate web-based services. This socio-economic issue creates a barrier for citizens to participate in community feedback such as this request regarding Federal funds and future plans, in order to have an equal opportunity to be informed and a fair opportunity to express their concerns.	Increasing neighborhood equity is identified as a goal within the Consolidated Plan. One of the projects that may be undertaken within that goal is increasing access to broadband internet service in underserved communities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, opportunities to hold traditional in-person events to solicit feedback were not safe or allowed under public health orders at the time. It is the City's plan to be able to return to holding in-person as well as virtual event for future outreach and engagement opportunities.		X			
E.B. Schofield	As the COVID-19 pandemic resides, the City must not rely on virtual meeting technology as the method to involve the community, for it is a barrier to many. Even if more public funds are spent on internet access this does not mean a person or family will choose to expend scarce resources on a monthly cost for internet service. In person community meetings will need to resume in the near future.	The City looks forward to incorporating virtual and in-person opportunities to engage with the community, as safety protocols allow.		X			
E.B. Schofield	Do not allocate any of the Federal funds to public art projects for the next five years. Not even one dollar at this point in time, as every single dollar needs to go to addressing housing issues first and foremost. Plus the City has its own 1% for the arts initiative that already over-spends on this category in relation to other more pressing needs of the City at this time.	Public art is not identified as a goal or project within this plan.		X			

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Karen Scriver	The power of local government to determine the location of developments and homeless shelters is the most important factor contributing to housing options. Boise City should learn from the successes and failures of other cities in the design and location of Homeless Shelters. Columbus, OH is a great example of a city who has control of homelessness that Boise can tap into. Reno, NV recently opened a new shelter with the leadership involvement of all cities in its county and the county leadership itself. Homelessness in Boise should not be responsibility of Boise, but of all the cities within Ada County. Leadership for the Reno shelter made a decision to house its homeless population away from the downtowns of Reno/Sparks and neighborhoods, but include the services needed at the new shelter site. More private rooms within this shelter would be ideal. Reno is also giving \$400 vouchers to homeless people living along the Truckee River to move to a shelter.		The City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project. Public services and emergency shelters are provided/operated by partner agencies; the city cannot prescribe the specific location where those agencies choose to provide their services.				
Karen Scriver	Ada County and all cities within the county should not place Emergency Low Barrier homeless shelters directly in neighborhoods. Low barrier shelters take guests for most of the day, and when they don't the homeless end up in the neighborhood camped in the parks/along the river or parked in RVs/Cars on neighborhood side roads. Shelters should be located in proximity to the services the guests require. Ideally, shelters can be dispersed across the city and county provided that they are near services, but should be specialized for families, needed care, or gender.		The City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project. Public services and emergency shelters are provided/operated by partner agencies; the city cannot prescribe the specific location where those agencies choose to provide their services.				
Karen Scriver	Homelessness will never be under control unless Boise City, first and foremost, ensures that people who are currently housed are not pushed out of their homes due to rising property taxes, inappropriate landlord evictions, or inability to make repairs. Boise City should also clamp down on developers and require that all multi-unit housing projects are not approved without a percentage of low-income rooms being included in the plan along with restrictions on rent increases over x years.		The City is working to address the housing crisis through all available means. Affordable housing requirements, rent control, and property taxes are the purview of the State of Idaho and the county government.				

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Karen Scriver	With regards to Housing First Principles, I question Principle 5: Promoting social and community integration and meaningful activities The City of Boise can locate a low barrier shelter in a non-neighborhood and still design a program to provide social and community integration. Businesses can sponsor residents with tickets to sporting events, busing to free music events, fireworks in the park, car shows, free fishing day, free zoo day, etc. Voluntary music groups can visit the center and perform much like they do for care facilities.		Not clear on the comment to respond to as it relates to investment of federal funds/these plans. The City does not own/operate shelters.				
Karen Scriver	With regards to federal funding and how it can be spent, I would also like to suggest other options beside low-barrier shelters. Boise City should consider all options for combating homelessness.		The City is not focusing on low-barrier shelters. "Housing Services for homeless or housing insecure" actions include tenant based rental assistance, homeless prevention, and other initiatives as needed.	X			
Karen Scriver	Tiny housing models are cropping up across the US to provide temporary shelters for the homeless until more permanent housing is available. Successful implementation of the tiny house model has taken place in the western US in Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Salt Lake City, Northern CA, and now in Los Angeles. These small houses provide the ability to lock a door and give people, especially women, a sense of safety that they lack sleeping on the street or in a tent. Many on the street do not have any sense of a normal sleep pattern due to constant fear of being attacked or robbed of their belongings. This greatly impacts their health and well-being. These models are also building community for people, enabling them to have a support structure of friends. Boise City could allow Churches and other organizations to add below-market homes to their land if they choose. Examples could be tiny or container homes.		The City is exploring all of its City-owned parcels for housing.				
Karen Scriver	RVs as Mobile ADUs: A Supportive Parking Program provides a secure environment for families living in their RVs. This provides a safe, well-lit environment and could include food, blankets, and case-management services as is the case in San Jose, CA. These parking areas could be constructed on city owned land.		The City is currently focused on permanent housing and reducing barriers to shelters with its federal funds.				

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Karen Scriver	Hotel conversions to affordable housing are cropping up across the US. Similar to tiny homes, this model of housing provides the homeless a lock on their door which has proven to aid in their well being due the privacy and safety that is provided. Private rooms also allow medical Providers the opportunity to see patients in private settings which allows a calmer atmosphere where patients can better communicate their issues. This also allows the medical Providers to better care for the patients in a more effective manner. Hotel shelters in other cities have also seen guests stay longer which fosters better connections with case managers to determine the services they need. Other cities have also seen a more successful transition to individual housing from guests who were living in hotels versus those living in congregate shelter transitions. A developer recently purchased a hotel in Meridian and is renovating it for lower-cost housing. Boise City should follow this path for homeless housing.	The City is exploring acquisition-rehabilitation options, including hotels, to provide non-congregate shelter and/or permanent housing. The City has leased hotels to provide non-congregate shelter since March 2020. The City is also currently working with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, a national expert in supportive housing, to create an action plan to house residents experiencing homelessness.					
Karen Scriver	Homeless Family/Adult Sponsorship: Boise City should consider a program where residents or businesses who want to directly sponsor a homeless family or individual can do so either with donations for individual housing, food, transportation, etc. Sponsors should commit to involvement in the stabilization of the individual(s) through mentoring and sharing their lives together. A mentorship program could be created for residents at a shelter. Individuals would need to be screened to determine those who would be able to participate and grow in the relationship, much like how Big Brothers and Sisters works.		CDBG funds only allow 15% of the allocation to be spent on public services. This allocation supports nonprofits that are serving households experiencing homelessness.				
Katy Decker	On Figure 3-4, a comment regarding 'hypersensitive focus on race' is duplicated in the "Race, Ethnicity, & Identity" quadrant	This duplication been corrected.		X			
Katy Decker	Section 6, Identified Impedimentss does not include Strategies, Next Steps, Success Factors, of Other Factors/Externalities for a majority of the impediments identified. This appears to be the heart of the plan and is incomplete. Can the plan be re-circulated for public comment once the strategies proposed to address these impediments and other information are filled in?		As these were draft documents, this information was provided in the second public comment period.	X			

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Katy Decker	As a general comment, the regional scope of this draft plan eliminates the data that policy makers could reference from the prior iteration focused on the Boise municipality regarding the potential for segregating housing by neighborhood. The current draft plan does note that barriers to fair housing can be identified at the neighborhood level, but this plan fails to provide information to help avoid creating or emphasizing these barriers. For instance, the analysis states: "When housing is not available to those along all points of a financial spectrum, denied due to race, gender, family dynamic, religion, or if a person is pushed towards a particular neighborhood as a result of systemic bias, a barrier has been created." The Draft Analysis also notes that residents with perceptions of crime in some areas despite regional reductions in crime rates may be basing their opinions on local factors.		Unclear on the comment to respond to.		X		
Katy Decker	The prior plan quotes a former section of Blueprint Boise, Goal NAC9 to "Assist in the provision of housing for low- and moderate-income households throughout the community," and includes an objective 2 to Disperse low- and moderate - income housing throughout Boise to avoid any overconcentration of lower income or special needs populations. This goal is still included in Blueprint Boise under NAC9.1 (c) but does not quote the rationale of avoiding the overconcentration of lower income or special needs populations. This could be interpreted as a lessening of Boise's commitment to avoiding segregating populations by income or protected class, and I would like to see the Draft Regional Analysis to Fair Housing Choice reaffirm commitments to over-concentrating poverty, low-income housing, or protected classes in limited neighborhoods within any given region.		The City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project.		X		

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Katy Decker	I note that the R/ECAP standard is based on only neighborhoods with over 50% non-white residents, which are uncommon in Idaho, but that the standard allows for identification of R/ECAP areas outside of CBSA's in areas exceeding 20% non-white population. The intent of this would appear to apply to the Boise Metropolitan Area, if not by the letter. I would recommend the analysis include an identification of census tracts that can be identified as having existing concentrations of poverty, or areas at risk of meeting this standard, with areas which also meet either the greater than 20% and/or greater than 50% non-white population also identified. This data by census tract can also be used to avoid re-segregating areas by income level and ensuring fair housing choice of neighborhood as we push to build more affordable housing.		The regional analysis of impediments is intended to be more holistic and City based in nature and less Tract based. Each of the four cities keep tabs on racial composition by tract through other means including the Consolidated Plans, Community Development Analysis, and Comprehensive plans. While the AI may not include the 20% level discussed, racial considerations were a significant component in community survey's workshops, and other data gathering elements.		X		
Katy Decker	executive summary, point 6 is blank. If no feedback has been omitted, this should be stated.	As these were draft documents, this was addressed in the final version.		X			
Katy Decker	Can this draft be recirculated for public comment once the draft is complete? page 13 appears to include an internal note "DOES RECENT PIT FIGURES REVEAL SEXUAL ASSAULT INFORMATION???" page 14 appears to include an internal note "MAY NEED TO EXPAND" on page 126 of the pdf, the following prompt does not have a response: Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)		As these were draft documents, these comments were addressed in the final version, which was also available for a second public comment period.	X			
Katy Decker	Regarding characteristics of households at risk of homelessness: Many individuals or families living in poverty or at low income levels are locked into their existing housing by the current housing crunch. If any change in circumstance in the neighborhood, such as redevelopment or sale of the low-income units being rented to them, or such as re-segregation of households such as low income or disability class, or concentration of poverty occurs, decreasing the standard of living in the neighborhood, these housed individuals do not have access to other housing options to move from their existing housing.		The City is exploring all available options to increase the supply of affordable housing.	X			

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Katy Decker	Page 27 - Boise as a whole has a relatively low minority population, and no areas of greater than 50% of non-whites. It would be informative to include identification of areas over the lower HUD standard of 20% concentration of non-whites outside of metro areas as a higher bar to avoid income segregation accompanied by minority populations greater than 20%.	Hispanic populations were a major focus through growth rates by tract, by burdened population, by poverty status, and by percent of population by tract. The Consolidated Plan is partly based on the Community Development Analysis, a separate effort used to inform the plan and other City efforts. Hispanic populations were a major consideration by tract in that effort and used to help populate goals and strategies in the ConPlan, below the 50% threshold used by HUD.		X			
Katy Decker	On page 34 - Homeless Needs Assessment, it appears that the unsheltered population is significantly greater than the sheltered population on any given night. This is contrary to Point in Time data, and to data on page 36. Are these columns possibly mislabeled? Or should this data be otherwise checked?	This information has been corrected in the final version.		X			
Katy Decker	On page 43, the draft Consolidated Plan states the following: On a broad level, the 2020 Community Development Assessment, the accompanying community survey, and other outreach efforts conducted through community and public meetings did not identify any priority public facility needs; however, interviews with agencies that serve the needs of low-income households, especially the City's residents experiencing homelessness, have identified the need for improved emergency shelter and space and facility requirements for outreach and case management staff. --there is no additional elaboration on how the City intends to support the interviews indicating the need to improve emergency shelter and meet space requirements for outreach and case management staff. There is no further information provided to elaborate on basis for this need or elaborate on the extent of improvement required. There is no indication of whether government funds (and of what type) may be intended to support this need. This should be included in a draft circulated for public comment. Alternatively, if further information is not available, this reference should be removed.		The city does not own or operate emergency shelters. These documents identify goals for increasing housing services for homeless or housing insecure, as well as increasing support services. Funding associated with these goals will be granted to subrecipient agencies implementing programs.	X			

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Katy Decker	On page 45, the following section should be amended to reflect that co-location of public services should occur in the downtown planning area per Blueprint Boise's current goals of locating social services downtown; colocating services for those experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness elsewhere would require separation from some services or key destinations that cannot be removed from downtown, and is not supported by Blueprint Boise: Colocation of Public Services Modeled After a Community Schools Approach: through key informant interviews, the CDA identified an opportunity exists to strategically co-locate services near locations of need to minimize transportation and other burdens experienced by residents who need to access multiple types of related services.		The City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project. Public services and emergency shelters are provided/operated by partner agencies; the city cannot prescribe the specific location where those agencies choose to provide their services.	X			
Katy Decker	On page 77, the Vacancy Rate Map does not include a legend. It is not clear how the map should be interpreted	This has been corrected in the final version.		X			
Katy Decker	in general, the Consolidated Plan seems to be missing a clear statement affirming the City's dedication to avoid concentrating poverty in geographic areas, neighborhoods, or census tracts, as the push for increased supply of workforce housing, affordable housing, and homeless housing services moves forward, it will be important to distribute these facilities equitably throughout neighborhoods to support fair housing choice for residents of the new units, and to avoid concentrating poverty in any one area.		The City considers zoning, density, cost of land, cost per unit to build or operate, proximity to transit, services, parks, bike lanes, and other amenities (e.g., schools, grocery stores, medical care, etc.) when it sites a housing project.	X			

## Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	<b>Data Source Name</b> American Community Survey and RealtyTrac
	<b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b> The ACS is overseen by the US Census Bureau. RealtyTrac is a private company that tracks real estate sales nationwide.
	<b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b> ACS is the annual census. RealtyTrac foreclosure data tracks all foreclosure activity by city and county in the nation.
	<b>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</b> tracking housing units and foreclosures
	<b>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</b> 2014 ACS, RealtyTrac is 2015
	<b>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</b> nationwide surveys
	<b>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</b> Total US
2	<b>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</b> Demographics is that of the entire us population for the ACS. RealtyTrac is survey of all real estate sales
	<b>Data Source Name</b> 2013-2017 CHAS HUD Data
	<b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b> HUD
	<b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b> City level community housing related data that has been updated via HUD but not updated in IDIS.
	<b>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</b> The purpose of the data was to fill in required housing tables with the most up to date information.
	<b>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</b> HUD CHAS Data is extensive and available at various geographic levels, City level data was used for this report.

	<p><b>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</b></p> <p>2013-2017</p>
	<p><b>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</b></p> <p>Complete</p>