

2017 Bismarck Livability Survey Results

SWOT: Services & Healthcare & Downtown

Strengths

It's central location and hub for retail, healthcare, businesses large and small, and progressive local and state government.

Low cost of city services

The hard-working people that care deeply about this community. Regional center for: retail, healthcare, government, airport, convention center.

It's well kept up, medical, arts, location

People from out of state are surprised at how clean our city is - everyone seems to take pride in keeping Bis clean

New businesses offering alternatives to status quo ie Proximal50 instead of just the YMCA or Capital Raquet

Citizens caring about others and local government caring about the common good.

The river, downtown, an apparent growing population and economy.

Community involvement

Bismarck has a lot of opportunity to grow. There are a lot of people in the community with great ideas on what the community needs, Humpback sallys for example.

It's growing downtown, it's willingness to help non profits

It's people and relative lack of city/state government intrusion.

Good schools, good police department and a good variety of activities.

Wide range of things to do.

Dedicated young professionals providing countless in kind hours and professional services to local boards and non-profits and other groups to try to make Bismarck a better place.

used to be low crime

Feels like a small town with city amenities and great place to raise a family.

low crime and good people

Airport

I think the layout of the city and its shopping resources and activities.

I love the city parks, like Sertoma and others, with lots of walking paths. Also not feeling big, while still having amenities.

Parks and rec

It's support of law enforcement.

Small town feel while still being a nice "bigger" (for North Dakota) city with many amenities

Friendly people, well educated people, clean city Great law enforcement

It's the seat of state government which ensures public and private sector jobs and associated economic impact.

Citizens, recent growth in small business development, parks and recreation opportunities, increase in dining options

The airport

Nice size city without a lot of crime!

The police

Lots of govt employment opportunity

Proactive loval government.

Geography surrounding it and central downtown location that is accessible

It school and medical facilities.

Lower crime

Friendly people and primarily safe community.

A city commission and mayor that want to improve this city through research & healthy change. This brave local leadership is not always "popular," but they are doing the right thing, based on facts and science. I believe most of the young and intelligent citizens appreciate and recognize that.

People that believe the Bismar "bubble" can do as they please with no regards to the state or federal government. They want it to be their own little world and fight and vote to keep it that way
The continuation of improving all aspects of the community
Safety while still being one of the largest cities in ND.
Great community
It's safe and relatively crime free.
We have a great police force protecting us. It is located close to many small towns where we are originally from
A clean city
Clean
State government located here
Pretty small, still very little crime
Health Care
Center of government
The good sense of community it has.
Nice town to live in
Activities for children.
Friendliness of the people. Not a lot of crime and bad people living in Bismarck
Hospitals for employment and the capital.
It is clean
Pretty safe thanks to our local law enforcement for the city and the county
The wonderful law enforcement officers
Being large enough to have retail and restaurants, etc, but small enough to be safe.
ECONOMY
Medical care opportunities
The citizens and their friendly attitude. The care about the community and the public safety workers!
The feeling of a small town with opportunities to grow. The crime rate is also relatively better here than other places.
Yim Siam Thai - greatest Thai food I have ever had. I wish more people loved it as much as I did so they could open a sit-down establishment. Honestly - the city could get the travel channel to come out and feature this joint and increase tourism.
Talk is forward thinking and positive to make changes for public to access in downtown Bismarck.
Bismarck is the type of city that has everything you need. It is home to many local and national restaurants and businesses
The city seems willing to listen to its residents.
It has some great momentum in working to become a great small city, things like One Million Cups, the IDEA Center, Downtowners efforts, Leadership Bismarck/Mandan, etc.
Sense of friendly community/downtown Bismarck events
healthcare
Religious Accessibility
health care
As a professional, the community is close-knit with ample opportunity to expand skills and networks (Leadership Bismarck-Mandan, Service Clubs, YP Network, U-Mary Master's programs, BSC community events and classes...)
the first responders
It's centrally located in the state, has state government and excellent healthcare.
Ability to offer most things for all needs to its citizens.
Support for law enforcement and military
Small city feel with bigger amenities (restaurants, concerts, airport, etc)
Small community little crime
lower crime than most cities of its same size
Having access to good quality health care services.
Small town feel with some amenities of a larger city

Its bustling downtown, career opportunities for younger people, beautiful residential areas.
 Potential of downtown and proximity to the river.
 Police & Fire Departments
 Capitol city with state government and hospitals as biggest employers
 Suitable retailers, restaurants, and health services. Superlative police, fire, water, waste, and street services.
 There truly are so many citizens in Bismarck that want our safe place back and want our health care facilities to be top notch again-they are going downhill fast and that needs to change.
 Festivals in the summer (folk fest etc), the Bismarck co-op, and all the locally owned shops!
 Safety for the most part. Up until recently anyway. The homeless needs more places to go so they don't fill up the parks in town. This is huge down at Sertoma. Lots of homeless down there in the summer. Not a good place to be at dark or early in the morning.

Weaknesses

Its acceptance of improving downtown. A healthy downtown is the key to a strong community and even more important when trying to attract young talent to come and stay in Bismarck.
 The decisions being made for downtown Bismarck.
 Sprawl and politics. Nothing makes me more afraid of putting down long term roots in Bismarck than hearing some of the political decisions and misinformation between people with money and special interests trying to push an agenda that would halt downtown development, increase sprawl, raise taxes, hurt public services and halt any economic growth.
 Snow removal
 Automobile dependent to move around the city and get to other communities. Remotely located. Closest major metro area (Twin Cities) is 500 miles away.
 Lack of a downtown, and the opportunities it would create.
 No affordable, good entertainment at the Bismarck event center and too much crime in the past 4 years
 The crime & drug problem
 Parking downtown, theatre, music venues/events
 Rising crime and an identity crisis.
 Public infrastructure not keeping pace with growth
 Need for better public transportation
 Not growing the police fast enough to keep up with expansion. Crime is increasing.
 Unprepared for the growth of crime.
 Weak downtown, lack of affordable centrally located housing, lack of walkability
 The growth moving further out stretches the abilities to maintain city streets, etc. with the available staff and equipment.
 Downtown
 Outdated ideas for rules governing business, and development. Also A lack of entertainment not preparing for a younger generation, lack of quality housing within reason to downtown.
 Having all political subdivisions work together, be on the same page, have the same overall goals for Bismarck.
 It's getting more dangerous
 City planning -infrastructure. Zoning. Lack of curbs and street lights on busy roads (ie. Ash Coulee in front of Horizon Middle school, 43rd street)
 Snow removal ?
 City Government
 NOT listening to the tax paying voters!
 The way it is being run poor management
 The current administration
 management, and mismanagement of snow removal. Go to odd/even days for plowing...
 It needs better public transportation
 The lack of public transportation, also the conservative culture.
 finances are a disaster

Planning. Seems like the city has been one step behind.
Too much focus on forced downtown development.
Desire to make the city walkable and centralized
Taxes
Spreading too wide and too fast. Need to in-fill.
Snow removal
Lack of mental health services.
Keeping it safe and clean. I think the city does a good job but for example I am unwilling to let my kids bike to the library on their own for safety reasons. Perhaps they are misplaced but it's my perception.
too much taxes high cost of living
High property taxes and sales taxes.
Crime
Increase in Crime due to outsiders coming here
Poor govt spending means more taxes for the little people
Doing what citizens want done to improve city
High taxes
Safety, help for homeless and health care for all.
High taxes
Budget Control, better funding to PD & FD for training or having the proper things they need to keep us safe, & themselves safe. school safety & transportation, better safer streets.
Lack of relationships between service providers; lack of central hub for services
Variety of Healthcare, big box companies moving in and competing against the "hometown" hospital creating a monopoly. Also the high cost of living in relation to the type of jobs available.
Public safety and its relationship to homelessness and poverty
Currently I would say snow removal. I would also say the "clicky" feel that people have when they move here. And the city is way to conservative! We need to take chances and move forward. I don't like to compare us to other cities because each city is unique in their own way but...Fargo is way less conservative and they are way ahead of us with new businesses coming to town, entertainment at the Fargo Dome, their great downtown area. It just seems move upscale there then is does in Bismarck.
Increasing crime
City planning and zoning.
lack of action from the state during an emergency - "the pipeline protesters" -- jobless coming to Bismarck due to the lack of jobs on the western side of the state - and now our financial burden
Increased crime
Lack of sense of welcome and the unwillingness to raise taxes (not that I want to pay more) for meaningful projects that benefit all of us (5-South, road conditions, snow removal). Safety - I felt a greater sense of safety in the greater Minneapolis area, than I do here. I am not comfortable in many areas of town (along the river, some parts of downtown).
Cost of living
to much effort to try to maintain down town. The civic center is a beast in the downtown area that does not serve very well. Not attached to a motel and to hard to find your way around inside. Parking is to far away for large events or when multiple evernts are going on.
Renaissance program
Poor management of money uses for the whole betterment of the entire city
That downtowners that think they deserve all Bismarck has the offer.
Favoritism with tax breaks. Just give tax breaks to ALL new or expanding businesses. Also, we need better concerts
Unable to maintain level of growth without seriously increasing property taxes--my property taxes continue to increase which means the city is cashing in on the 12% state buydown and the increased taxes.
Not enough high paying jobs poor city planning
Fairly high taxes - cost of living.
To much focus on downtown projects
It's corrupt government agencies, the fact that the public works department hasn't kept up with growth, though new homes=more tax dollars taken in.

Haphazard growth and city planning.
downtown availability
Needs better public transportation.
Inflicting the Seminary belief on the city. Not everyone wants to live downtown and not everyone can walk to everyone destination!!
Traffic. Not enough police. Building on the far North of town
Not as safe as it used to be
Keeping up with the growth
Downtown is controlling to many decisions
Maintaining safety as the town grows...need to find out how to keep small town feel
Traffic flow
No public transportation.
Traffic
Not sure, maybe transportation as it grows.
Keeping up with the increase in population (crime, traffic, and employment).
Government is too focused on the downtown/civic bubble.
Capacity to keep up with current snow conditions.
Public transportation
The way the city is set up. Most main roads go through residential, no quick way to go north and south, main roads being only two lane
Not following though with the voter's wishes
Rogue citizens who think they can do a better job of governing but refuse to be educated on what the city needs. A strong down town is the heart of the city.
Lack of Child care providers, growth is not providing adequate tax base to fund insurance needs, large number of properties that are not taxed due to government ownership.
Transportation
Traffic congestion. Put someone in charge of traffic signals who actually knows what they're doing. Traffic control in this town is a joke.
The crime level and too few living arrangements with high requirements such as credit scores
Drugs and crime
Only focusing on "downtown".
Higher crime rate.
Downtown investment
Increase in crime, drugs, sex-trafficking - influx of people
Poor leadership not listening to the local people and instead pushing a downtown agenda nobody wants.
Traffic congestion
Assisting the elderly, disabled, working families.
Crime
Crime
Street maintenance
Traffic and parking
Traffic
To high of of property taxes
Traffic flow
Traffic
Crime
Managing its growth positivly
Police dept
Traffic, infrastructure, city services for winter months, lack of resources for city services during winter months.
Traffic

Local government that seems to push it's own agenda rather than listening to the every day citizens. It seems they listen better to those with excess funds to monopolize what happens downtown rather than paying attention to opportunities for the entire city.
Traffic through town. Not keeping up with the needs of road expansion
Traffic control north and south
Public transportation. City leaders do not listen to citizens
Political Divide
Huge deficits. Local government ignoring the citizens. Huge crime spikes and general disrespect of citizens.
Traffic flow and snow removal.
Traffic
Transportation throughout the city.
Older population not bring able to afford the higher taxes needed for city improvements.
Accessibility around town
high taxes - I don't know how retired people can afford to live in Bismarck; unless they had a job that gave them a good retirement pension or made good money at their job. This city is made up of teachers and state employees - the pay is horrible!
Crime rate is up
Snow removal
getting too sprawled out. downtown "owned" seemingly owned by a select number of large players(old boys club)feels like it gets in the way of new ideas.
Leave downtown Bismarck as it is. We do not need a monopoly on South 5th street.
Wasting tax dollars downtown.
Snow removal
Growing crime, protests
Lack of cabs, lack of adult restaurants, lack of winter kids recreation places, besides the parks and rec stuff.
Crime
Commute time is becoming awful. I won't use State Street anymore. Timing lights would help (ex. 7th and 9th).
Not a lot of affordable daycare.
North to south travel ability, snow removal and road repair
Increase in crime
Not enough law officers
Crime increasing
Crime theft
Needs to get ahead with a better traffic plan for a growing city.
Lack of things for teens to do that are not sports related, awful medical care, not much for affordable housing
City Staff - They need to remember who they work for
Parking downtown and traffic concerns . CRIME
Traffic on Washington... n/s traffic needs more options
Poor public transport and expensive housing
Non local residents moving here and not understanding we are NOT wanting the crime from their previous cities brought with them. I must stress, not all are like that, but our crime rate seems to have risen, or severity of the crimes has.
Street lights and turn lanes.
Entertainment opportunities 4 older adults 8:35 and up and not enough public transportation opportunities with in Bismarck
Snow removal
School space and stop with the wasted money downtown
Crime
Traveling within Bismarck is bad. Bismarck is too big for all traffic to be on residential 2 lane roads. A circumferential road (highway, without so many stop lights) to quickly get around the city is absolutely necessary. I live in south bismarck. Takes longer to get from Reno Ave to Gordmans (store) than it takes to get from Gordmans to Washburn.

Too much emphasis on downtown...TIF, Quiet rail, Event center,5South are all the majority of commission seem concerned about
Too many cars for current street system.
Bismarck has had a hard time dealing with its growth the last 10 years.
Growing crime rates
Crime
The hospitals. CHI is losing to Sanford and one hospital in town is not good.
Downtown!!! Stop pouring money into downtown, its had enough funds and should be able to stand on it's own by now. If not, so be it!!!
Declining safety. This is not a reflection on police not doing their jobs well, as much as migration of crime due to oil and other factors bring a populations of undesirable behavior. Another factor is an increasing presence of tolerance of immoral activity being taught as acceptable in our schools to appease a minority segment. Our leaders need to stand up for morals and rights of the majority.
Clearing snowed roads
Transportation. The major ways north/south and east/west are insufficient and congested. This creates cut-through traffic in residential areas.
bad traffic patterns
There could be more places for Bismarck to develop rather than only downtown.
Infrastructure. The city is not suited for the amount of traffic that it has.
becoming too reliant on state and federal government revenue
crime, less safe
The lack of walkability, narrow streets, lack of bike trails, and minimal public transportation - all of this makes it hard to navigate our city without a car.
Commute times, public safety
the urge to spend too much downtown!
Transport to and from the city to out of state locations.
Public transportation
Some areas of Bismarck could use traffic lights due to high traffic during certain times of the day..
North to south traffic. Public (Buses) are a start, but the system needs to become larger. I would take a bus to work, but the bus does not go to U-Mary.
overcrowding, traffic (need more north/south streets that go all the way through town), traffic around schools and PROTEST ACTIVITY!! We don't need that type of activity/crime in our town.
Traffic has increased and it takes quite a while to traverse town now.
airport connections
Keeping a safe small community in balance with the cities growth
Poor traffic flow north to south
rioters and parking
lack of vibrant downtown
Downtown must continue to be revitalized, but at an even more accelerated pace.
North/south traffic flow
The reluctance of townspeople to make investments in the community and see the value in anything beyond their trash being picked up. Some one new to the area recently told me that they noticed that people in Bismarck want the highest quality lifestyle and services, but do not want to have to pay for it.
Public transportation
parking and traffic
The operations of the public utilities at costs that are unsustainable for households pay.
Inability to manage growth effectively
Diversity (Police Dept)
Need better transportation and better road system to handle more traffic
Perceived, and maybe real bureaucracy, in City government. City should be looking for ways to enhance and accelerate growth and economic development.
COST OF LIVING! In comparing us to the next largest city (Fargo)- Bismarck housing costs are higher, gas and groceries are more expensive, retail goods are slightly higher as well...all while working salaries are only similar!

Just the cost of everything
high airline prices to fly anywhere
Bismarck is going through an identity crisis of what it should look like.
Lack of child care and school options
airfare
Snow
Traffic control and snow removal.
Traffic flow
Downtown is vastly improved, but still could use attractions for the 20 - 40 years-of-age.
Relatively expensive environment to live
There are a lot of people thinking that urban sprawl is a great idea. That hurts small locally owned businesses that are located downtown.
High cost of living
Increase in crime and the lack of affordable housing.
City leadership and planning.
Crime and drugs
City Government doesn't listen and spends too much money on things to enhance Bismarck, when they should be spending money on the infrastructure.
Traffic
Flow of city traffic across town, snow removal/ice removal from streets and entertainment - let's build a big facility, if Grand Forks can do it, we sure can.
Long-time citizens opposed to growth and taxes to pay for amenities.
City leadership, and school leadership. Both are spending money on ideas which are not sustainable or an investment with a return. Middle schools are being added on to as a band aid where a new one is needed. Horizon is being added to so it will be able to accommodate a net of 80 students for roughly \$13 million. The total bond is around \$57 million. We can build three solid schools and do updates on the high schools. Lack of vision.
Downtown not competitive with others. It's not really a showcase for Bismarck.
Crime is on the rise.
Massive land deals that benefit a handful of old guys aren't helpful for Bismarck. These men are willing to tear apart the city to get their way, we should grow from the center.
It's hyper focus on hipster millennial retail and housing.
crime
Inability to convince residents to increase sales tax to develop and maintain streets and roads to support continued economic and population growth.
Expansion without planning, as seen by the disastrous snow removal in December.
Lack of mental health services
City Council doesn't listen to constituents
Lack of communication between the city & residents
lack of a decent bus system
Traffic and not anticipating the growth of the city
Leadership and infrastructure.
Public transportation
Expensive products and high taxes
north/south driving situation. Washington is the best route for me but is not conducive to the traffic at certain times.
Division amongst residents about the growth and building near the Event Center
We aren't drawing the same business / entertainment that Fargo and Minot do. Expensive air travel from here. Poor planning has created 3 separate shopping/commercial areas and it's not an easy drive between them.
An individual's personal vendetta that is leveraging social media to stop downtown and urban infill projects for personal gain.
High cost of homes, monopoly on cable and internet, and a lack of health care facilities with the risk of Sanford becoming a monopoly.
Public transportation

Poor planning by government officials.
A strong divide between developing to the North versus developing land with existing infrastructure
The lack of forward planning done by the city. There seems to be no thought in building a traffic network that can support the future growth. The city needs to improve it's infrastructure maintenance as well.
Communication to the community about local events & happenings in the area.
People's fear of change. The old guard population doesn't want Bismarck to change. They see small improvements as a threat to their status quo. Take the Main St traffic diet for example: it was an improvement that made sense but the general public didn't accept it.
A punch drunk focus on downtown development at the expense of the rest of the city
higher cost of living than any other major ND city
The prevalence of the conservative 'old boys' club, hard to get past their archaic thinking.
Excessive taxation of homeowners. Too much corporate tax exemptions.
The population is growing faster than the city can support.
Keeping up streets and infrastructure
Unbridled growth and the desire to be politically correct.
expensive housing and increased crime
City is too spread out, public transportation is pathetic, expensive housing market
Lack of airlines and affordability
Affordable, Accessible health care
Lack of diversity. Heavy government and healthcare influence sometimes prevents innovation.
Some racial/ethnic tensions, issues relating to poverty and drug use, and the bus system.
Affordable housing, affordable child care
Increasing crime
Not enough diverse things to do
Increased tax rates, increased homeless population with inadequate services available, frivolous spending on unneeded projects.
Crime, housing, snow plowing
Becoming unsafe
Opportunities
increase public offerings
More public transportation
better streets and light management
The downtown area has a huge potential for Bismarck.
Investing in downtown.
Make it more feasible for businesses to renovate buildings downtown and see their dreams come alive!
Bismarck is perfectly situated to make the right decisions concerning increased density, walkability, and technology. We haven't made a lot of irreversible mistakes yet, but we are close. The biggest opportunity for Bismarck right now is to spread the truth about sprawl, and promote and assist downtown core development in the areas of technology, affordable studio housing, and entertainment and culture.
Downtown revival - make it a place people want to be.
Improve city infrastructure that is already in place instead of creating new and costly infrastructure
Shrinking our footprint and focus on infill
Reinventing downtown and other commercial hubs (State Street core for instance) into 21st century, mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods.

Capitalize on the existing natural coulees at the north edge of town to create an extensive single-track biking and hiking trail. Create our own identity. We're located in the heart North Dakota with incredible natural features. Think globally; act locally: lift some bans on urban farming (specifically chickens and bees) within city limits, but within moderation. Provide grants and incentives for xeri-scaping, rain gardens, and natural grass restoration. Focus efforts on an athletic event to bring in visitors (marathon, triathlon, cycling) Utilize the Community Bowl for music/entertainment events.
Growing downtown to make it more walkable, livable, and enjoyable.
Step back from growth and create a strategic growth plan and zoning. Strengthen existing neighborhoods with parks and fill in development.
Downtown redo, more retail and restaurants opening
Downtown
New large events center concert venue with proper parking
Child care - demand is high. Cost is high.
Our children
Downtown development with housing and shops and restaurants
Safety
Downtown
The River and downtown.
Continued development of downtown but not neglecting the northside of town in regards to retail/dining oportunities.
Adding public beach access to the Missouri River.
Revitalizing downtown living areas to provide housing in an urban environment
Downtown and rural housing
Improve traffic on expressway and centenniel
Create and enforce design, sign, landscaping standards.
Build up downtown to make more living spaces and basic needs shops
Improving downtown for sure.
Developing Downtown.
Continued dedication to bringing new businesses/restaurants/activities to town. Have seen great improvement to the downtown area in the last several years.
Energizing downtown to rival larger cities. This includes recreational areas, live entertainment (concerts), and modern dining options
Making better traffic movement
expanding (not contracting) public transportation
Improve public transit
downtown housing
The kids.
In fill and keep working on having great parks/trail system.
Continue to enhance the downtown environment.
Downtown/Infill
improving the downtown area and traffic
Bring in additional public transporation. This could cut down
Embrace the youthfulness of the population and continue the trend toward the livening of the Main Street.
Uber
New event center that can bring attractive things to Bismarck. Current event center is either poorly run or not adequate for anything other than Hairball
Creating an event center on the north side of town
Improve public services
Downtown is getting better
Developing more around the Event Center
Expanding traffic lanes for faster commutes

The potential for the Downtown area. Expanding events at the Bismarck Events Center. Continue growing the area around Kirkwood Mall. More restaurants and things to do in the north part of town.
airport improvements
The need for more law enforcement personnel and other emergency responders.
Continue to improve the downtown. Attract more restaurants and indoor family activity places.
Revive Main Street!
Demonstrate we are an accepting and welcoming community for everyone. Utilize the Visitors Bureau to promote Bismarck.
To reinvigorate downtown.
Keep improving and enhancing Downtown. However, this should include a workable parking solutions. Let's revitalize the residential area around downtown (East-West 1st Street to 9th; and North-South to State street).
Downtown has been growing, but there are still several areas especially on the west side and south of tracks with potential.
More lively downtown
Continue the downtown growth and revitalization.
Improvements to downtown, and improvements to our music scene.
Improved education and daycare availability--the school district is a disaster with poor planning which also relates to the reactionary method of planning used by the city for roads, etc.
Making downtown more attractive.
Lots of newcomers who are looking for reasons to stay.
Improve infrastructure and build a bigger north side event center.
Wind and solar advancement
Five South & new Missouri Valley Complex.
Downtown development hi
Continue to expand on regional health care services
Densification and Main Street revitalization
Downtown
Sioux Falls has seen rapid growth and seemed to keep up with need...snow removal was awesome, added facilities to bring in attractions, road maintenance. I know it's bigger, but could learn a lot from them
Improved downtown
Downtown Revitalization
To become not only a local medical center but a regional center. Continue to put community planning on front burner and deal with some traffic planning that has been done and sell the same to the public.
Probably new business opportunities as it grows and also new opportunities for Seniors.
Making our downtown great! There have been a number of new businesses opened many of which have young ambitious owners. Their input would be useful in transforming downtown.
Improved services for those in greatest need. Finding solutions for kids in need beyond the bags of food
Retail, food trucks, Small business
Better healthcare
We could bring in more immigrants to fill low wage jobs (and the empty apartments.) But then we'd need better bussing as many do not drive. Opportunity to break down old stereotypes.
Growth for indoor ice and recreational center to encourage health and wellness did our youth
Continued development of downtown
Downtown improvements and intelligent leadership.
revitalize downtown
Maximize restaurant/shopping/cultural opportunities downtown
Downtown development.
The downtown development has been very positive and it should be continued and expanded
Improvement of infrastructure
Downtown development
Improving art, entertainment, activity, and aesthetic beauty.

Roller skating rink, a better movie theater, more public garden space
Downtown growth has been great. We moved here in 2011 and we've seen lots of growth in local retail.
Revised roadways
Expanding and developing downtown as well taking advantage of vacant spaces around town to create more development aside from expanding outwards
Medical expansion
Down town area
Continue to improve downtown and grow shopping and entertainment
Creating restaurants north in Bismarck and options in downtown
More opportunity for small business, and an alive, thriving downtown.
A better downtown entertainment atmosphere. Would be great if Bismarck could have a smaller scaled downtown like Lincoln NE's rail yard.
Take advantage of downtown
We need better paying jobs and a bigger law enforcement staff.
Making downtown a place people want to go for entertainment
Discontinue Downtown TIF, include county residents in ET decisions
Revitalizing our downtown. Immense potential for development and growth in our city center - and developing this will help attract and keep the young, entrepreneurs and creative people.
With a growing population we need more entertainment opportunities. The civic center needs to have a system of checks and balances in place. The employees there don't care when it's vacant, they still get their salary. Do an audit of how often it remains empty. The people who run it are a joke and they could care less if any shows ever go on.
Recruiting and growing our younger folks.
Create a downtown that you can actually live in. Stop catering to rich people.
Build the new Gateway to Science Center and include a STEM-related children's museum.
Develop downtown, improve traffic, increase wages.
Be a safer town
downtown and revitalizing of older neighborhoods and infrastructure connecting them.
Re vamping downtown and adding more grocery/ retail stores
Improve our road system
UBER
River, health care, workers
Update public transportation, more buses and bike lanes
The civic center addition and the complex that is planned near it.
Homeless population
I think the hospitals should merge and become a little mayo.
Replacing city staff that has been there long than 10 years.
Medical
a certifies local government
Better public transportation more things to do for the elderly or older people age 35 and above
5 South
As Bismarck is growing, more young people are choosing to stay in town and start their families.
Rally the community to help improve neighborhoods (pick up trash, paint houses, etc)
Downtown growth
Our new Governor has this "Mainstreet initiative" that we could get behind and work with for our betterment. I think Bismarck has a lot to offer, if it would only offer it up...
The ability to turn downtown into a true social area with increased restaurants, bars, and walkable areas (possibly by turning certain streets into pedestrian only)
Steadily growing economy
revitalizing and renovating older parts of town into greater and better use
Make main roads more efficient. Need more thoroughfares

Lower taxes. Not waste money on overpriced schools and other buildings. Schools don't need to be that fancy.
Downtown apartments
Continuing to develop downtown as a destination for residents
Find some way of attracting young people to ND to fill all of the jobs.
Accessibility. The City is small enough to allow citizens to initiate change.
Downtown
improve transportation (bus service)
Revive main street and downtown as a social hub.
Build a heated skyway, connecting downtown businesses to keep people safe and allow for faster/safer E-W traffic.
With the growth slowing down we should take the time to plan future growth correctly.
Update streets
Revitalizing downtown and making it more walkable
availability to revamp downtown, able to grow city outward (we have the room).
Quit sucking at what the city government does
growth in businesses
improve downtown
Growth in downtown Bismarck to create a place community members can access and be able to walk to the businesses/restaurants.
We have a great opportunity to attract young people and encourage them to stay in the area after college. Downtown is headed in the right direction!
Reduce cost of living.
reserve the downtown
Growing downtown is much appreciated; lots of opportunity to improve.
Keep building up in the downtown area.
maintain
Downtown area is really starting to flourish - keep up the positive growth!
Having the best, most beautiful downtown in North Dakota
Governor Burgum's initiatives and ideas
Become an oasis from the oil activity, yet a staging area for recreation, shopping and transportation for people involved in oil activity,
Revitalizing the downtown district to be classy, safe, and attractive
Its overall growth potential
Downtown is great, make it exceptional with more housing, more culture, and updating the old.
To become more of a "walkable" community.
Clean the streets better.
Increasing bike lanes and making them safer
Downtown development - it's begun nicely, cannot stall now.
Wider roadways
Building culture and character into downtown
Innovation - doing things differently than in the past. Allowing things like 5 South to move forward. Seeing the benefits of expansion of the event center AND the ability to add some other venue up north (we can have both). A quality innovative design of the community we want to be is within our reach. We have to be willing to let it take shape
better public transportation
Continued growth
Building a stronger more inviting downtown. I would love to see a splash pad park for kids, with a small amphitheater for performances and concerts. More restaurants along the Missouri River would be great and so well
strengthening downtown, more parks, hiking trails
More public parking to encourage downtown business. Also more activities for tweens & teens that are not sports leagues.
To expand downtown with Five South and other similar developments.

Hire more city workers
Being able to live, work, and play downtown.
to improve transportation opportunities (fixed-route bus service and bike & pedestrian) and green space
The capital city is one big opportunity to keep young professionals in this area to raise their families.
5 south project and other projects that help attract young professionals and new industries.
Thousands of people just came through our town. Rather than figure out a way to send them all home with good memories of Bismarck, we shouted at them to go home. We accused them of being cop haters. Our newspaper allowed people to say they hoped the outsiders would all get arrested, drown, get hit by cars. It would be a heavy lift, but I think we should look for ways to embrace people who come here for reasons other than to work in resource extraction. We blew it. How can we do better next time?
adopt some functions that are proven in other cities that do a better job moving more traffic than Bismarck has
Ensuring 5 South gets completed.
More housing downtown, continue to add density and commercial opportunities there.
More affordable housing. More volunteer opportunities
A better downtown.
Encouraging walkability, redevelopment/revitalization of some areas - find ways to maximize existing footprint instead of increasing it all the time.
Assisting current businesses, such as healthcare, and others in providing assistance and enhancing their opportunities for growth.
Tourism
Medical field
Continue to grow downtown/stores/entertainment to retain young people and make Bismarck more appealing.
The development of the downtown area.
Revitalize downtown and provide more public access to the River
Value add agriculture, more cycling lanes.
Downtown. More cultural events, make this a fun place to live.
Downtown development via Five South and Depot projects!
To revitalize downtown and make it more attractive for younger people to stay in Bismarck
Revitalization of Main Street
We have a charming downtown that has potential for something big.
Improved accessibility for bikes, especially with left turn lights and lanes.
Downtown development.
public transportation
Capitalizing on traffic assessments
Creating a better atmosphere downtown for people to enjoy together.
More housing in downtown.
Water quality and use of Missouri River.
make downtown modern
Entertainment, infrastructure and street maintenance whether for snow or just keeping them smooth in the summer.
To move ourselves to a community that uses more walking, biking and public transportation to minimize vehicle use and uncrowd the roads and parking.
Five South Development
Downtown expansion.
Downtown
Grow the downtown area! Make it amazing. When people think about ND they should be thinking about Bismarck downtown and the capital grounds.
Greater collaboration among community leaders
To continue to be a great place to raise kids
Improving traffic flow
growth

densify urban development with mixed use
Infrastructure Task Force recommendations on funding all city infrastructure development and maintenance in a creative manner.
Burgum's vision of a thriving downtown.
Improving Public Transportation
Downtown development
Continuing to improve downtown.
growth and ability to improve on community resources
Incentivize urban infill
Keep up the lively downtown growth.
Further downtown development such as the South 5 project.
community redevelopment & infill. Some residents resist ANY change despite documented & researched need
Provide water supply east
Downtown, increase walkability, more affordable places for young professionals to live
Support mental health programs
The fact that the Governor is talking about reinventing government provides an opportunity for the City to think along those same lines and find new opportunities to provide more effective service delivery
Better use taxes, rather than squandering them.
Growth in North Bismarck.
continued growth and managing it properly
5 South
Downtown Development
More green space and venues for families with children.
Continue to develop what we have. Strong healthcare and economy, need to keep going and building on what we have.
Infill and Redevelopment of Bismarck proper
Reduce property taxes, special assessments, school bonding, and park bonding.
Bring back the downtown area in terms of nightlife and shopping.
Expanded TIF zones outside of downtown.
Reinvesting in infrastructure
continuing to rejuvenate the downtown area
public transportation
The Governor's Main Street Initiative and reinvesting in existing infrastructure. There is not a more economical way for a city to grow, period.
A budding downtown area that is in need of housing to match the business growth.
Better public transportation--would be a huge boon to entry level job seekers, resident refugee population, and students. Also, there's a huge gap between daycare needed and daycare available. Cuts in state funding of Child Care Aware will increase the gap.
Control spending and bring respect back to City Hall Put the homeowners first, not pet projects downtown
I think that prioritizing affordable child care would be beneficial to all
Growing in every direction.
Making downtown even more vibrant, have trendy historic neighborhoods around downtown to bring in more young professionals - not send them to the outskirts of town.
Threats
old leadership thinking
ignoring millennials
Drugs: Meth and Opioids
Bismarck's biggest threat is sprawling out and forgetting to emphasize design and the downtown core. You instantly lose any walkability when large retail complexes that fall on Highways.

safety from homeless, drug use and gangs
The biggest threat is using the recent economic success to further expand our borders, build more on the fringe, invest in sprawling shopping centers, and divert money away from a struggling core that's seen recent success but needs help now more than ever to see it continue and ultimately help Bismarck as a whole to realize it's full potential for many years and decades to come
Not prepared to deal with our growing and diverse community.
Lack of public transport. Continue growth of city without taking into account the cost of maintenance
Healthcare landscape
Crime
All the criminals/drugs moving here. Why are we attracting so many here. I know the oil brought some and now the protestors
Lack of planning ahead for growth
Crime & drugs
Ruth Meiers increasing presence
Crime
Influx of people not willing to work for their living
growing to big in the wrong areas which in turn will raise taxes for the citizens.
Crime.
Increasing crime
I've been told that people move to ND because we have a great welfare system - we're attracting people looking for handouts
Crime/drugs
same leadership going down the wrong path
Crime
Crime rate increasing with increasing population.
Out of state workers: not respecting our culture and higher crime rates. Higher numbers of drug abuse. Personally, my place of employment has seen more theft with theach last 8 months.
Kepping Bismarck a safe, friendly, appealing community in the midst of growth.
Increase in crime. When I was growing up I only remember one murder in the entire state, now it seems like every week there is a report of a stabbing or a shooting.
Too much traffic
Increased drug use
increased crime and drugs
Crime
Growing crime rates.
Drugs
Crime
rising crime rate.
Crime
increased criminal activity
Increased crime and increased government involvement in economic and social matters.
City street maintenance and traffic
Drugs
Crime, homelessness and mental health.
The police force is underfunded and could use new officers to enforce driving laws.
Crime
Trying to turn downtown big city style
Drugs and out of towners coming here
Lack of a vision that benefits everyone. The huge hotel is a mistake. Go for small boutique hotels with character. Gentrification is going to ruin the downtown.

Crime
Increase in criminal activity
Some people not understanding the needs of those less fortunate.
Methamphetamines. Lack of quality childcare.
Safety. Deployment protests have negatively impacted law enforcement in responding to crime and patrolling our streets.
Increasing crime
The growing homeless and welfare presence.
Crime has definitely picked up since the oil boom. I also worry about the drug and alcohol culture that constantly threatens our youth and adults.
crime
Ourselves - we are so divided and un-willing to chip (taxes) in for services need yet, we complain when growth happens downtown, or a pothole doesn't get fixed or our streets are plowed to perfection.
More crime.
Over priced housing, high taxes and poor roads.
Low-density development creates excessive fiscal pressure and could lead to traffic congestion. It should be addressed quickly.
Bankrupting the city to fund pet projects downtown
North to South traffic
The crime rate increasing as more people move here
Plunging revenues tax rebates for developers, lack Of spending on roads etc
Drugs and alcohol abuse
lack of artistic culture and poor public service
High cost of living
Increasing crime - cost of housing
Crime stemming from oil business.
Rampant drugs
Crime. Drug related crimes have increased greatly.
increased drug or other issues that are coming in
Safety at work and at school
city council
Crime
Increased crime
Developing downtown for the hipsters! Who pays for this?? So tired of catering to the millennial! What about the rest of us? No one developed an ideal living and recreating space for me. I adapted to what was available!
Riff Raff moving in with drugs, etc
Negative attitudes towards community developments like Five South and other inner city improvements
Narrow minded people
City Commission/ City Engineers
Crime and not keeping to with growth
Traffic throughout city. Taking longer to commute everyday
High poverty, which in turn generates more crime.
Rise in crime
Maybe over populating and not knowing who is a safe person or not. ??
Over dependence on state government and the oil industry.
Miss use of money and budget cuts
Disproportionate property taxation.
Drugs and alcohol.
Influx of crime- drugs, sex trafficking.
Drug issue and immigration

Economic stagnation due to external economic factors. Likely increases in property tax. Increased population straining existing infrastructure. Apparent inability to balance economic development opportunities with the desire for low taxes People moving to the eastern side of the state to get more affordable living.
Increased crime rates, drugs, homeless and hungry.
cost of living going higher and traffic crime
Rise in crime/violence
Drugs and increasing crime rate.
Infatuation with downtown at the expense of neglecting the tray of the city
Not funding our service and infrastructure priorities.
High housing cost, increased crime
Crime
Increased criminal activity
Only focusing on growing downtown with my tax dollars.
Drugs
not handling growth well
Criminals with too much time on their hands.
Crime, drugs, protestors
Drugs, white slave traffic, higher crime rates in general, including homicides, domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and more
Tif zones tax issues
Sprawl
Crime, drugs
Increase in crime and violence.
Crime/drugs
"Sprawl"
Criminal activity, and a spending spree left over from the oil boom.
Crime
Urban sprawl
Lack of infrastructure to support growth in both commercial and residential areas.
Greedy land developers who don't care about the challenges they create with sprawl
The city government approving projects the people don't want and wasting taxpayers money.
corruption in government
A flood when all the snow melts
The city isn't growing enough with the growing population
Drugs
Crime
Possibly of out of control growth. If our city officials, county officials, developers, etc all work together, this should not be a problem.
Crime and substance addiction.
Overpopulation. Politicians overspending. Downtown tax breaks which could be spent on school additions.
Pipeline protestors and drug issues
The unsafe things starting to occur.
Crime
Flood and protesters
Safety. I had a coworker have a home invasion just the other day. Possibly drug related and they live in a very safe part of town.
Safety.
Illegal Drugs
Increase in drugs

Rapid growth (building related) without a high standard of quality or astetic.
growing population
Increased crime. Unsafe neighborhoods
Crime rates increasing
Drugs taking our youth.
Safety. When I was a kid I played outside all day...came in when in got dark. I don't feel that it's safe for kids to do this anymore
Cost of living vs. quality of life
Crime and taxes
Infrastructure not keeping up with growth.
The city is growing fast but our city government does not keep up. We need more law enforcement. More forward thinking. We have enough restaurants and banks - need more variety in businesses.
Drugs and crime
Law enforcement.
Fast popn. Growth
Drug trade and use
Crime and drugs
Urban sprawl
Not as safe as it was.
Crime
Building downtown. Could use better streets and more snow plows.
Too much concentration on downtown. Poor leadership.
Increasing gang infiltration. Protesters go home!!!
Drugs on the street turning so many people crazy. I don't feel as safe here as I used to.
Urban sprawl. Developers should be the ones paying for infrastructure to their developments.
Protesters not being held accountable for their actions fully. Traffic is not very safe, I notice a large number of motorists who do not follow traffic signals and drive in ways that come close to causing accidents.
Lack of federal support for protecting our citizens and law enforcement during the protests and coming months.
Traffic..Urban sprawl
Losing sight of the North Dakota work ethic and trying to make Bismarck into another city entirely.
Its inability to deal with threats to its people. The majority of people I know feel threatened and have now begun to carry a something to protect themselves with. Neither state or city officials did much to stop the "protesters" from violence and threatening presence from the "water is life movement!"
Crime
Keeping the blue laws active in this state, not enough publicity for tourism
Drugs
Drugs and crime
Wages, homeless population growing and drug problems.
Congestion on the roads.
Infrastructure and coddling the downtown district. If all the efforts are made to grow downtown, there needs to be better and bigger parking facilities or all the money spent to develop the district, will be for naught.
Influx of out of state people with crime
Right now our current government as it's made up on me I could really care less about anybody or anything other than the people who have him in his pocket. Keeping the city of Bismarck safe over the last 5-10 years there is so much for the police to do that when you do need them to respond to something like that accident it takes forever because they are so busy dealing with all the other types of criminals in town the increase of drugs and the increase in neighborhoods that were once considered safe no longer safe because of people just wanting to be greedy and wanting more money for everything.
The increase in crime and the decrease in safety throughout the town
Increasing crime
School spacing and waste of money downtown/civic easte

Crime rates increasing. I believe crime is increasing due to the cost of living increasing.
The threat of the NoDAPL protestors. They make us feel unsafe and use resources that could go to better our state.
Increase in crime
Cost of living and crime increase.
too much and too restrictive regulation of business; too restrictive on re-development/revitalizing older parts of town
Urban sprawl -Washington Street south need improvement due to development
Out of state people moving in and bringing more crime and freeloaders.
Safety when energy field booms happen as we have influx of new residents.
crime/drugs/new cultural acceptance and being unable to be ready to deal with it
Continued population growth without simultaneous infrastructure growth/improvement.
Sprawl
Growing crime rates
Crime
Drugs and increases crime
Big city crime. Drugs.
drugs
Growing too much on the edges/building schools where there is nothing around them. i.e. Legacy, Horizon, Liberty, St. Mary's
Traffic/increased crime.
Unplanned growth
Public safety (drugs, crime) along with being too conservative (citizen tax appetites) for future preparations
Outsiders- drugs/crime
Safety
Drugs and alcohol abuse. Not intending to be preaching - The decline to stand up for God in all areas of community. Our leadership seems fine with putting Native American icons in every public space, but is ashamed of the Ten Commandments or any other Christian symbols.
Budget cuts will impact the city, we have to make sure we are using our dollars wisely in order to keep infrastructure up to speed with the growing community.
Not keeping up with all that comes with population growth.
Sustainability of recent past growth
Safety as more people move in.
growing too quickly without intentionality
Increase in crime and drugs.
Growing too fast for it's current infrastructure
growing too fast.
Some of the people moving into the community and the safety of others.
crime
Public safety and inflated housing costs
crime
Alcohol and drugs.
Infrastructure improvements needed
The crime rate increasing.
Building out too far and the infrastructure/costs required for that.
It is expanding too rapidly and being overbuilt. Infrastructure resources can't keep up effectively.
Biggest threat is that it will grow bigger than it was ever intended to be and lose its youth
Increasing Property Taxes. Lack of Arterial roads. Let's plan better on the outskirts as we grow...
With its rapid growth, crime is going to increase. Is Bismarck ready for this?
The continued push for TIF and Renaissance Zones. Continued rising costs of new homes in the area caused by regulations and policies from building and zoning departments.

PROTESTS Crime Influx of out of state oil workers homeless population
Street maintainer
Do goods in City Government who want to create housing downtown, open more bars and eateries. This is not the function of government.
"sprawl"
Managing that growth
growth
Over reaching city boundarys and poor fiscal management at city, park district and school district
infrastructure costs that need to be fixes without high taxes.
Loss of oil revenue money from the state. Basics, Basics, Basics. We need to shore up our Infrastructure before things like 5 South.
Drugs and crime
Out of state residents changing the dynamics & safe feeling that is so important to life time residents.
Sprawl.
traffic jams
Suburban sprawl
lack of downtown community
Not having a vibrant downtown. Young professionals are a gap in Bismarck's demographic, specifically the ages of 18-30. A vibrant, lively downtown is what attracts and retains young talent.
City not keeping up with infrastructure
Lack of funding to build infrastructure to maintain and accommodate date our growth
Funding to upgrade infrastructure
The advance of crime.
Addiction
Sprawl. You probably don't need me to attach one of Chuck Marohn's articles about how sprawl bankrupts cities. We need to do some big time awareness about the issue if we want to maintain the infrastructure we have.
Not being prepared for flooding, especially this year. What's going to happen to all this snow?
Daycare needs and healthcare needs. We also need better long term care.
crime
Drugs
Lack of funding for much needed infrastructure improvements
It seems that when the oil boom crashed, a lot of interesting people moved into the Bismarck area. I must say that I have felt a major change in how safe I feel in the past 9 months. There have even been times when I felt unsafe working in my own yard.
Infrastructure needs to meet demand for transportation, economic development, schooling, parks & rec. etc.
Not prepared for growth
Small town attitude thinking that certain things such as crime, drugs, and violence wont happen here.
Crime getting worse
Not growing infrastructure (roads, schools, etc) as fast as we need it.
The ability to handle the infrastructure needs of the city.
Whether it's only perceived or true, rising crime.
crime/the type of people arriving for work in the oil fields.
Not having some of the things bigger cities have
The lack of funding as we grow, without putting added burden on the tax payers
Losing steam on the development & beautification of downtown.
Rents in the downtown retail area are going sky high. This could undo all of the growth that has already happened downtown. We do still have a long way to go with growing our downtown area.
The sprawl.
Not evolving to new opportunities
Living in the past. Not allowing new businesses in. Keeping speed limit at 25 on streets where commercial & retail businesses are located.

Influx of people without the right resources/infrastructure.
Greed and the fact that we (the whole community) doesn't take care of our resources as well as we should including this planet in general. We are all ignorant in thinking this will be around forever when really that is not the case. Bismarck should try to do a better job of promoting recycling, resource use such as water, eco friendly items, and taking care of this planet.
urban sprawl
crime and drugs and affordability
The increase in crime.
The lack of opportunities to help those struggling with homelessness and addiction.
Ron knutson and big box stores.
Most of us don't want to live in a city consisting of mostly retired farmers that have contrubuted urban sprawl, resulting in a city with no sense of community or culture. Cheaper isn't always better. Quality over quantity. Vehicles must not control city planning.
Controlling growth properly
Urban Sprawl - We already have two largely commercialized separate areas in town. If we continue to grow outward, we will need to have more and more which I think diminishes community. Growing upward reduces cars on the road and travel distance. It's greener and would accent the Main Street Initiative.
drugs and crime
Crime seems to be on the rise. A lot different than it was 20 years ago.
Crime
Increasing crime
safety for citizens from protests
Economic downturn
crime
high cost of living. This can be a deterrent when trying to recruit employees to move to Bismarck.
Groups that keep fighting against the downtown growth, civic center etc.
Drugs
Increased crime.
Gangs, drugs, and protesters
Poor use of tax dollars
Lack of a sustainable funding mechanism for long-term, infrastructure improvements
The old guard feeling that they are losing power and wanting to regain it.
The stupidity in investing money and giving breaks to downtown businesses. "But sprawl is bad", yeah well so is spending money that benefit the few owners downtown and wasting our money on that shit when it could be spent on attracting business and developments that could help lower the overall cost of living. Besides, special assessments on the new stuff would pay for it anyways, since the city loves those so much.
Drugs and undesirable people.
I'm not sure our tax dollars are being used wisely with downtown developments.
City officials blocking way of growth and trend.
Taxes
crime and safety
Major landowners and 'watchdog groups' threatening downtown development, legal incentivizing, and local elections.
The lack of compact contiguous development. The sprawl is going to kills the city financially with infrastructure. Distributed subdivisions that are discontinuous create a huge infrastructure liability and tax burden. Also, large lots do not pay for themselves. If you want to remain vibrant and able to maintain your city, you need to minimize your ever expanding footprint.
High real estate taxes.
Urban Sprawl or the medical campuses leaving downtown
Heroin
The lack of an infrastructure plan. How will we pay for maintenance of new roads and infrastructure, along with police and fire protection.

Urban sprawl. Developers have taken full advantage of a favorable economy. Rather than thoughtfully designing neighborhoods for families, they commoditized our community to make a profit creating a burden for taxpayers. Our infrastructure and public works are suffering.
crime - drugs, weapons, violence; spending on major projects against the vote of the people
High taxation. Lack of effort to secure impact funds emanating from the Bakken Oil Development.
Drugs and crime. Take a lesson from Fargo, which has an immigrant population now needing so many resources, more taxes, more crime than ever before. No longer the city I used to know. Political correctness is ruining that city. Beware of Lutheran Social Services.
Health Care/infrastructure/and schools are key. The city needs to keep their focus on making investments required to keep These on the forefront. Also, the city needs to listen to the community and not circumvent the wishes of its people. Fragmented efforts separating downtown development and maintaining services to residential areas.
Crime
crime/drugs
Traffic Congestion- increase in accidents
Infrastructure needs as we grow outside city limits
Taxes and the high gas and electricity prices
Lack of support for families in which both parents work. QUALITY, AFFORDABLE childcare is rare. Expensive, 1 adult per 15 toddlers, is typical. Businesses in Bismarck use deaf, disabled grandparents to try to claim that they have enough staff to care for children. I have personally witnessed older children being forced to sit in high chairs for many hours in a row in front of a TV. I also wonder if the deterioration of environment for children is associated with the increase in ADD and ADHD diagnoses in Bismarck.
Lack of long terms planning (thinking out of the box).
methamphetamine/opioids
economic instability
crime
aging population, and young buyers being unable to move into home ownership, causing them to not settle in to stay
Malignant capitalism - meaning making decisions based upon \$ and stock holders, not on the benefits of the people living here and making it a unique community.
Changes due to energy development and unrestrained growth in outer areas.
Loss of jobs - CHI, BSC, state employment shrinking, while crime seems to be increasing.
Limited healthcare options; lack of quality healthcare
Increasing crime and drug rayes
Too many unemployed, transient people that expect services and yet they are not contributing to our society.
Incoming population, transportation through neighborhoods, doing too much quantity before quality
Crime
Our infrastructure is still set up for a small town, specifically our road systems. We have not been building roads to handle the increase in population in a timely fashion.
Increased crime, more transient population than in the past.
Crime.
Increased crime