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The Boise metropolitan area was the fastest growing area in the nation in 2018. (Forbes)  
Growth in the Border Region is stagnant. (US Census Data)

## Advantages to Living in the Border Region

- Higher Minimum Wage: \$10.75/hour in Oregon vs \$7.25/hour in Idaho
- Cost of Living is lower in the Border Region than Idaho
- Numerous Employment Opportunities
- No Sales Tax in Oregon vs 6% in Idaho



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- Better Funded Education: Public Schools, Four Rivers Community School, private schools
- Higher Education Opportunities: Treasure Valley Community College, Oregon State University, Eastern Oregon University
- Attractive Amenities: Four Rivers Cultural Center, major retail stores, Malheur County Fairgrounds, Country View Golf Course
- Unlimited Outdoor Activities
- Quality Infrastructure
- Local airport and access to a major airport
- Cultural Diversity