

Spaulding High School Sociology Students Student-led Community Interviews

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How old are you?	Gender	Where do you live?	How long have you lived here?	What makes Central Vermont special?	Why did you move here?	What changes in the community do you like?	What don't you like about living in this area?	What are your biggest concerns for the economy in Central Vermont?	How would you like the outside community to view your community?	What would you change about the community?	Do you think Central Vermont has a strong education system?	Why do you think people leave Central Vermont?	If you could, what would you change about this community?
50 to 59	female	Barre Town	more than 10 years	helpful, hardworking people, good place to raise a family	returned after living away, family	Barre Main Street improvement	Barre City does not feel safe, Too many parolees living in Barre	need more diverse employment opportunities	as a good place to live	fewer parolees in downtown Barre	yes	too expensive/cost of living	
70 to 79	male	Williamstown	always	rural/nature, helpful, hardworking people, small town feel	always lived here	Advancements in area	not enough for young people to do, Too many parolees living in Barre, people do not have enough pride / ambition	harder for young people to find jobs, not enough employment opportunities	welcoming, as a good place to live	more people involved with community	depends	not enough opportunity	
50 to 59	male	Orange	1 - 5 years	10 years back in time	seemed like place to live	new businesses in Barre	Too many parolees living in Barre	not enough employment opportunities	N/A	fewer parolees in downtown Barre, more businesses in downtown Barre	not as strong as it should be	not enough opportunity	
15 to 19	male	Northfield	always	small town feel, good place to raise a family, Sense of community	always lived here	The people	The amount of travel time in order to do anything	Unemployment rate increasing and the economy collapsing	welcoming, happy, friendly place, helpful, outgoing, happy, positive, just a community not just people	More things in town	yes	not enough opportunity	How tax payers money is spent
30 to 39	male	Barre Town	6 - 10 years	rural/nature, four seasons	job, family		Barre City does not feel safe, Too many parolees living in Barre, people do not have enough pride / ambition		as a safe place	less loitering in downtown Barre, fewer parolees in downtown Barre, more businesses in downtown Barre	depends	not enough opportunity	
30 to 39	female	Barre Town	always	rural/nature, small town feel, good place to raise a family	always lived here	Barre Main Street improvement, new businesses in Barre, Barre is moving forward	not enough for young people to do, people do not have enough pride / ambition	harder for young people to find jobs, need more small and middle size businesses, need more diverse employment opportunities	welcoming, happy, friendly place, as a safe place, as a good place to live	less loitering in downtown Barre, more businesses in downtown Barre	depends	move closer to family	Get more businesses into the area, and change people's attitudes towards Barre.
50 to 59	male	Barre Town	always	four seasons, helpful, hardworking people, small town feel, business community	always lived here	new businesses in Barre, Barre is moving forward	nothing	harder for young people to find jobs, not enough employment opportunities, need more small and middle size businesses	hard working, locally minded	more businesses in downtown Barre	yes	climate	more mid-sized businesses, and more opportunities in the area
20 to 29	male	Barre City	more than 10 years	rural/nature, helpful, hardworking people, small town feel	family	new businesses in Barre, Barre is moving forward	not enough for young people to do	not enough employment opportunities, need more diverse employment opportunities	welcoming, as a good place to live	More community events			
15 to 19	male	Barre Town	always	rural/nature, small town feel	family	Barre Main Street improvement	too small		welcoming, happy, friendly place, as a safe place, as a good place to live		no		
40 to 49	female	East Calais	always	rural/nature, helpful, hardworking people, small town feel	always lived here		too small	harder for young people to find jobs, not enough employment opportunities	welcoming, happy, friendly place, as a good place to live	more businesses in downtown Barre, better education, more jobs	no	not enough opportunity	Create more jobs, fund education differently, create better education, create more economic opportunity
40 to 49	male	Barre City	1 - 5 years	rural/nature, helpful, hardworking people, small town feel	church	new businesses in Barre	education issues	harder for young people to find jobs	happy, friendly place	more community service	depends	not enough opportunity	More people would continue onto college after high school, and go to college in Vermont.