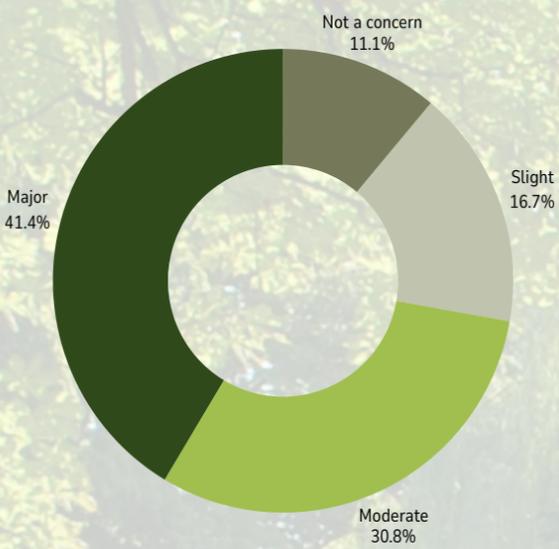


Concerns about GREEN SPACE

among Utah Residents

What the Data Shows

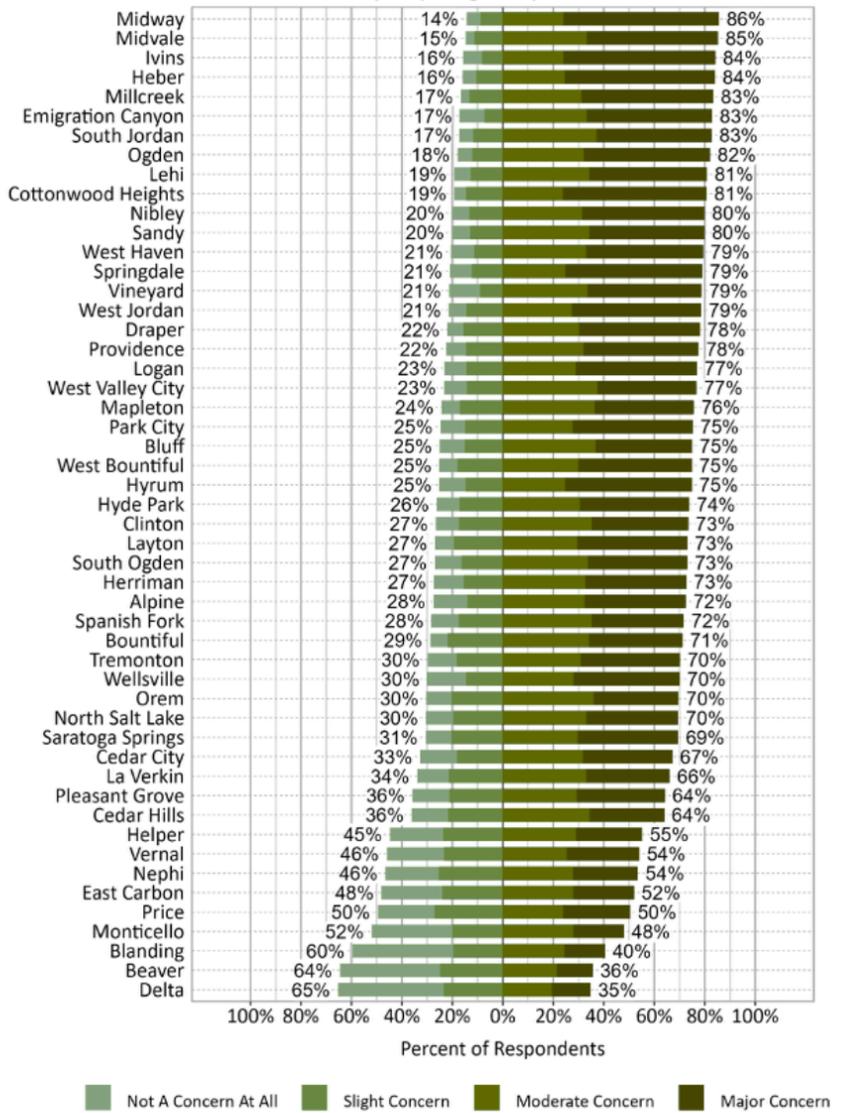
Nearly 3/4 Utahns consider access to open or green spaces to be a moderate or major concern!



The levels of concern vary across cities and towns.

Concern About Open Space/Green Space Across Utah (2024)

As you look to the future of your city, how much of a concern is open space/green space?



This figure shows how concern about access to green space is different depending on the city. The cities near the top reported the most concern, while the cities at the bottom reported less concern.

What are some solutions?

In response to an open-ended question of what can be done to improve their local environmental quality, Utahns proposed a wide variety of solutions to address access to open/green spaces:



“Impose a fine for trash on properties and put the money towards improving parks and natural areas.” -Cedar City Resident

“Protect [open] space [and] quiet beauty. Many people who travel here don’t understand how to care for fragile desert lands. Perhaps they should be required to receive training to visit here.” -Ivins Resident

“[We want to have] greater access to trails, especially connections to nearby mountains, backcountry, [and] maintain open [and] agricultural space.” -Hyrum Resident

“Require [one] tree for every bedroom of a property with a dwelling.” -Midway Resident

“Require green space for every new development.” -Ogden Resident



Utah can protect its green and open spaces by preserving natural areas for parks, farms, and wildlife. Once open land is gone, it’s gone! Smart growth today keeps Utah beautiful, livable, and resilient tomorrow.



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