**Careers**

**Cost-of-living**

**Reality Check –** Complete the reality check by choosing your preferred lifestyle choices and then answer the following questions.

1. According to your lifestyle choices, how much would you need to make per hour / week?
2. What level of education is necessary for the wage your choices determined?
3. In a perfect scenario, what changes would you like to make to the lifestyle choices you chose?

**Cost-of-living cities comparison –** Use the cost-of-living calculator to determine the different amounts of money you would have to earn in different cities to maintain similar standards of living. Use $50,000 as the salary amount and use Sioux Falls or Vermillion as the cities you are moving from. Contrast the South Dakota city with 10 other U.S. cities and list the dollar amount you would have to earn in that city to maintain a similar lifestyle.

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11. What do you notice about living in SD versus other states?

12. Where did you find the cost-of-living similar? Different?