



Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN



On October 4, 2017, over 2,000 people across the southeast Michigan region gathered in small groups to share food and discuss how to make their communities places where young people can grow and thrive.

After the conversations, our participants completed a survey. Here's a sample of what was learned.

YOUTH VOICES WERE HEARD

More than 220 youth, ages 13 to 17, responded to the survey and provided vital information on their civic attitudes and engagement behaviors. 49% of youth respondents said education, youth development, and public safety were the largest problems. 11% said they "never" feel included in community decision-making.

VOICES FROM THE ENTIRE REGION

On the Table heard from voices across the seven counties that comprise southeast Michigan. 48% of respondents reside outside Wayne County and over one-third of adult respondents have lived in southeast Michigan for 20 or more years. Residents in Livingston and St. Clair counties were the most optimistic about southeast Michigan's future.

PARTICIPANTS ARE READY TO ACT

On the Table is rooted in the idea that dialogue can spur new ideas for action. 85% of all youth and adult respondents indicated they are "somewhat-to-very likely" act based on their On The Table experiences. 78% were interested in building relationships and collaborating, while 64% said they want to raise awareness and educate others.



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1 DAY

OCTOBER 4, 2017

2000

PARTICIPANTS

7 COUNTIES

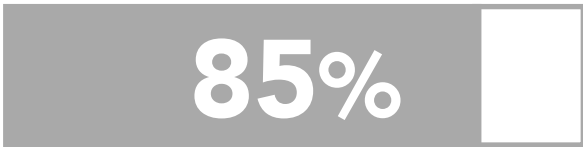
WAYNE, OAKLAND, MACOMB,
MONROE, WASHTENAW, ST. CLAIR,
& LIVINGSTON

OVER

170

HOSTS

READY FOR ACTION



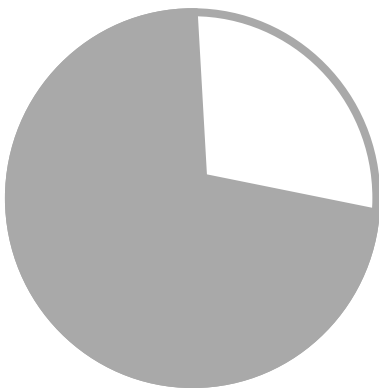
PARTICIPANTS WHO INDICATED THAT
THEY ARE LIKELY TO TAKE ACTION

TOP ISSUES DISCUSSED

EDUCATION
SAFETY
MENTORING
TRANSIT

NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

YOUTH VOICES



30%

OF THE
PARTICIPANTS
WERE UNDER
THE AGE OF 18

PARTICIPANTS WHO SPOKE AT LEAST ONE OTHER
PERSON THAT THEY DID NOT ALREADY KNOW



PARTICIPANTS WHO EXCHANGED CONTACT
INFORMATION WITH SOMEONE NEW



PARTICIPANTS WHO MADE SPECIFIC PLANS TO
WORK WITH ANOTHER PARTICIPANT



Your voice matters.

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