

2019 Data Summary Report

Legacy Foundation organized On the Table to give friends, colleagues and strangers the opportunity to gather over a meal and have a meaningful conversation about the issues that matter to them and how to effect change.

THE PARTICIPANTS

In 2019, over 2,600 adults participated in On the Table conversations throughout Lake County and surrounding areas. The data represents findings from 870 adults who completed the post-conversation survey. Survey participants were longtime residents, with 64% living in their community for more than 10 years and 64% owning their home.

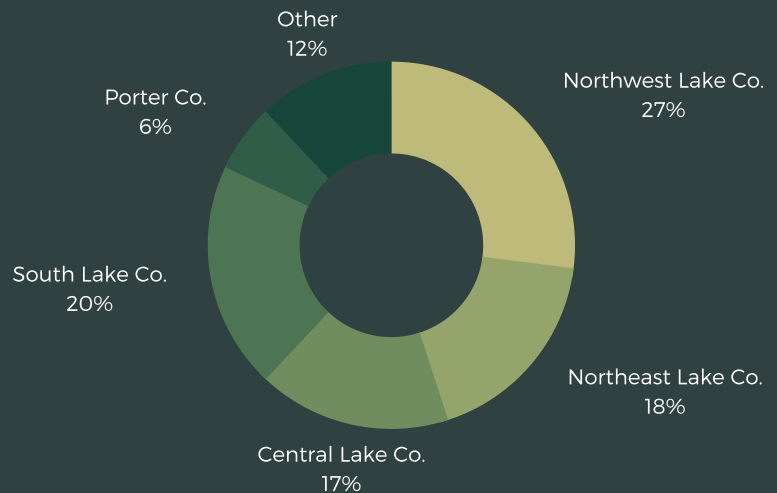
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A majority of On the Table participants are somewhat or very involved in their community (69%). They are civically engaged; 73% voted in the most recent election. Participants are more hopeful than worried about the future of their community, and this sense of optimism spans gender, age, race/ethnicity, and where they live in the region. Half believe their community will be a better place to live in five years, and a majority think their community is the perfect place for people like them.

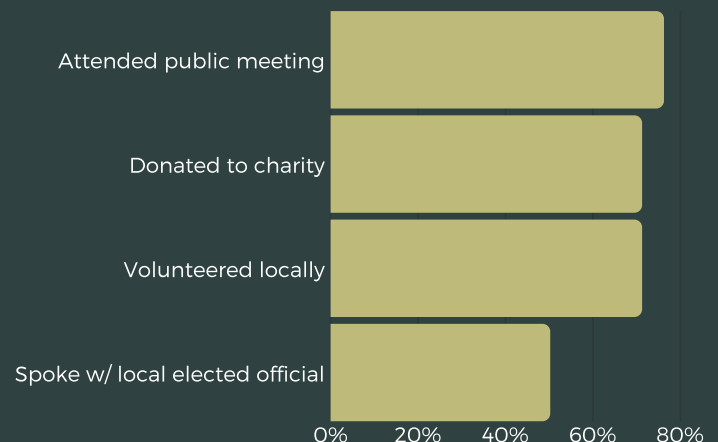


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GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

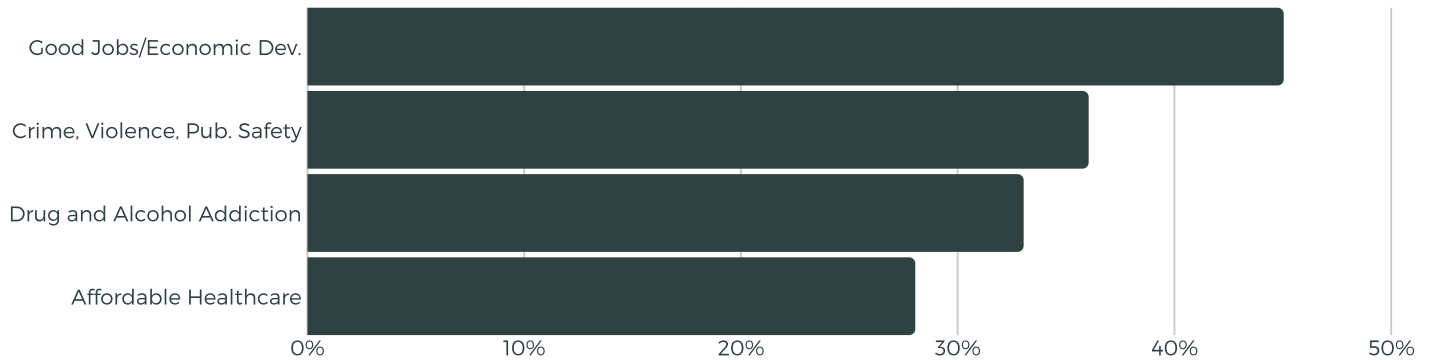


COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Community Priorities

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR MY COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS



PRIORITIES VARY SOMEWHAT BY REGION

Northwest Lake Co.

Jobs/Economy (55%)

Drug/Alcohol Addiction (42%)

Crime/Pub. Safety (37%)

Northeast Lake Co.

Crime/Pub. Safety (46%)

Jobs/Economy (45%)

Housing Issues (37%)

Central Lake Co.

Jobs/Economy (39%)

Crime/Pub. Safety (34%)

Public Transit (29%)

South Lake Co.

Jobs/Economy (45%)

Drug/Alcohol Addiction (44%)

Crime/Pub. Safety (31%)

Porter Co.

Drug/Alcohol Addiction (55%)

Jobs/Economy (49%)

Affordable Healthcare (42%)

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

Addressing Workforce and Career Paths

- Adult certification programs to train individuals to be qualified for higher-paying positions

Addressing Crime and Public Safety

- Community programs for residents and police to build better relationships

Addressing Challenges Facing Youth

- Mentor program connecting youth with local business owners

Addressing Entrepreneurial Needs

- Create a start-up competition where local entrepreneurs can pitch their ideas
- Offer short-term rental space for pop-up shops

Recreational and Cultural Options

- Publicize local cultural, arts, entertainment, and recreational events

Addressing Public Transportation

- Expand bus service