

Thank you for participating in an *On the Table* conversation and for taking part in this survey!

Hart Research Associates and Public Opinion Strategies (two national research firms) are conducting this survey with the Akron Community Foundation to learn your opinions on a few questions about your community. This is for research purposes only. You will not be sold anything. Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be kept confidential.

Everyone who completes the survey will have the chance to enter to win \$250 to be donated to the local charity of their choice.

Q1 Did you recently participate in a 2018 *On the Table* conversation? (These conversations were hosted by various groups across the region as part of a community initiative undertaken by the Akron Community Foundation.)

- Yes
 No

Q2 How old are you?

- Under age 18
 18-24
 25-29
 30-34
 35-39
 40-44
 45-49
 50-54
 55-59
 60-64
 65-69
 70-74
 75 or older

Q3 Looking ahead to the next five years or so, do you feel more hopeful or more worried about what the future holds for your community?

- More hopeful
 More worried

Q4 Listed here are several statements. For each one, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.

	Strongly agree	Some-what agree	Some-what disagree	Strongly disagree
The area in which I live has a strong sense of community.				
My community is changing for the better.				
My community provides opportunities for everyone.				
Residents have shared goals and priorities for our community.				

Q5 Do you think people in your community are more united or more divided when it comes to addressing important goals and challenges?

- Much more united
 Somewhat more united
 Somewhat more divided
 Much more divided

Q6 How involved are you in community and neighborhood activities where you live?

- Very involved
 Somewhat involved
 Not too involved
 Not at all involved

Q7 Which **THREE** of these issues do you think are the most important for your community to address? **Write the item number from the list below of your first, second, and third choice in the spaces provided.**

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

- 1) Housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, reducing homelessness)
- 2) Local public and charter schools
- 3) Crime, violence, and public safety
- 4) Reducing hunger and food insecurity
- 5) Public transportation
- 6) Early childhood development (e.g., affordable child care, early childhood education)
- 7) Affordable healthcare
- 8) Good-paying jobs and economic development
- 9) Parks and recreational areas
- 10) Race relations, racism, and racial discrimination
- 11) Environmental issues (e.g., air, water)
- 12) Social justice issues (e.g., equality, civil rights, police-involved violence, incarceration)
- 13) Poverty, economic security, and upward economic mobility
- 14) Drug and alcohol addiction
- 15) The treatment of immigrants in our community

Q8 How much impact do you think people like you can have in making your community a better place to live?

- A big impact
- A moderate impact
- A small impact
- No impact at all

Q9 Which **TWO or THREE** of the following groups do you think are having the greatest impact on making your community a better place to live? (Select up to three.)

- Residents in your community
- Youth in your community
- Local government
- Churches, synagogues, mosques, and faith communities
- Employers and the business community
- Nonprofits and community organizations
- Public school teachers and leaders
- News media

Q10 Changing topics now, please indicate which of the following apply to you as they relate to your *On the Table* experience. (Select all that apply.)

- I spoke with at least one person that I did not already know.
- I exchanged contact information with at least one person that I did not already know.
- I learned about important issues in my community.
- The conversation helped me better understand how I can take action to help address issues and challenges in my community.
- None of these applies to me.

Q11 How likely are you to take specific actions or next steps regarding an issue or solution discussed at the *On the Table* conversation you participated in?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not too likely
- Not at all likely

Q12 What are some specific actions you plan to take as a result of your conversation?

What did you learn that will help you take steps to make your community a better place to live? Please be as specific as you can.

A1 Did you discuss any of the following issues at the *On the Table* conversation you recently attended? (Select all that apply.)

- Economic issues and poverty (e.g., unemployment, income inequality)
- Equity and social inclusion (e.g., discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, or something else)
- Drugs and addiction
- Education and youth development
- Public safety and the judicial system (e.g., crime, police, courts, prisons)

A2 Did the topics of race, racism, or racial discrimination come up in your *On the Table* conversation?

- Yes
- No

A3 How much of a problem is racism and racial discrimination in your community today?

- A very major problem
- A fairly major problem
- A minor problem
- Not a problem

A4 For each of the issues below, please indicate the degree to which you feel there are opportunities for you personally to get involved in addressing that issue. Do you feel there are...?

	Many opportunities for me to get involved	Some opportunities for me to get involved	Very few opportunities for me to get involved	No opportunities for me to get involved	I don't know if there are opportunities for me to get involved
Economic issues and poverty (e.g., unemployment, income inequality)					
Equity and social inclusion (e.g., discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, or something else)					
Drugs and addiction					
Education and youth development					
Public safety and the judicial system (e.g., crime, police, courts, prisons)					

A5 Please indicate whether there was discussion at your *On the Table* conversation about any actionable solutions to address the five issues listed below.

- Economic issues and poverty (e.g., unemployment, income inequality)*
- Equity and social inclusion (e.g., discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, or something else)*
- Drugs and addiction*
- Education and youth development*
- Public safety and the judicial system (e.g., crime, police, courts, prisons)*

Select all that apply:

- Yes, there was discussion of actionable solutions to address **economic issues and poverty**
- Yes, there was discussion of actionable solutions to address **equity and social inclusion issues**
- Yes, there was discussion of actionable solutions to address **drugs and addiction issues**
- Yes, there was discussion of actionable solutions to address **education and youth development issues**
- Yes, there was discussion of actionable solutions to address **public safety and the judicial system issues**
- No, there were no discussions of actionable solutions for any of these issues

A6 Please list one actionable solution that was discussed at your *On the Table* conversation. As thoroughly as possible, please describe the issue and the solution to it that your group talked about.

A7 What is your relationship to the Akron Community Foundation? Please select all that apply.

- I have attended one of their events
- I have seen their publications and/or press releases
- I am a donor to the Akron Community Foundation or one of its funds
- I am a grantee (my organization has received funds from the Akron Community Foundation)
- I am a Donor Advised Fund holder or Agency Endowment Fund holder
- None of these--I have no relationship, I had not heard of the Akron Community Foundation before *On the Table*
- Other

Q13 How likely are you to take part in an *On the Table* conversation again next year?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not too likely
- Not at all likely

Q14 Did you participate in an *On the Table* conversation last year?

- Yes
- No

Q15 Are you interested in receiving e-mail communications from the Akron Community Foundation about how to get involved in community issues and events?

Yes (please provide your e-mail:)

 No

These final questions are for statistical purposes only.

QF1 Are you...?

- Male
- Female
- A gender identity not listed here

QF2 What is the last grade that you completed in school?

- High school graduate, GED, or less education
- Vocational training, 2-year college degree, or some college, no degree
- 4-year college or bachelor's degree
- Postgraduate coursework or degree

QF3 Are you the parent or guardian of any children under age 18?

- Yes
- No

QF4 Thinking about elections for local offices in your community (such as for mayor, city council, and county council), would you say you vote in ...?

- Every local election
- Most local elections
- About half of the local elections
- Less than half of the local elections
- Few local elections
- Do not vote in local elections

QF6a For statistical purposes, are you from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

- Yes, from Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background
- No, not from Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background

QF6b Are you...?

- White
- Black/African American
- Asian
- Other
- Biracial or multiracial

QF7 Finally, what is your ZIP Code?



That concludes the survey. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

If you would like to be entered for a chance to win \$250 to be donated to the local charity of your choice, please provide your name and the best phone number and e-mail address to reach you. This information will ONLY be used for your chance to win \$250 for a local charity.

If you do not want to enter, please leave blank.

Name

Phone number

E-mail address

Please submit your survey to Akron Community Foundation at 345 W. Cedar St., Akron, OH 44307 no later than Oct. 12. If you have any questions, please call us at 330-376-8522 or email us at info@onthetableakron.com.