

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! Please take just 10 minutes to share your opinions about important issues facing our community. You will be entered to win a \$250 Visa gift card!

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 a \$250 Visa gift card, or the winner can choose to have the \$250 donated to the charity of their choice.**

**Q1** 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

**Q2** 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

**Q3** Listed here are several statements. For each one, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
My community is the perfect place for people like me.				
My community provides opportunities for everyone.				
Residents have shared goals and priorities for our community.				

**Q4** 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

**Q5** Barring a natural disaster or other unforeseen challenges, how do you think your community will be as a place to live five years from now, compared to today?

- Will be much better
- Will be somewhat better
- Will stay about the same
- Will be somewhat worse
- Will be much worse

**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** How important do you think it is that members from across greater Akron come together in person on a regular basis to engage in conversations with each other in order to develop effective solutions to the issues and challenges facing your community today?

- Essential
- Very important
- Fairly important
- Just somewhat important
- Not important

**Q11** 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 apply to me

**Q12** 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

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

- Aging senior issues
- Drugs and addiction
- Diversity, equity, and social inclusion
- All of the above
- Other topics not listed here

**A2** Please indicate whether there was discussion at your *On the Table* conversation about any actionable solutions to address the three issues listed below. *Select all that apply.*

*Aging senior population issues*  
*Drugs and addiction issues*  
*Diversity, equity, and social inclusion issues*

- Yes, there was discussion of actionable solutions to address **aging senior population issues**
- Yes, there was discussion of actionable solutions to address **drugs and addiction issues**
- Yes, there was discussion of actionable solutions to address **diversity, equity, and social inclusion issues**
- Yes, there was discussion of actionable solutions to address all issues listed above
- There was discussion of actionable solutions to address other issues NOT listed above
- No, there were no discussions of actionable solutions for any issues

**A3** 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. If you did not discuss any actionable solutions for any issues, please leave blank.

**A4** If the Akron Community Foundation held *On the Table* conversations every year, how often would you attend?

- I would attend every year
- I would like to attend more *On the Table* conversations, but not every year
- I would not attend another *On the Table* conversation

**A5** How much of an impact do you think *On the Table* conversations have had on your community?

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

**A6** In what ways have *On the Table* conversations made an impact on your community? *Select all that apply.* If you think the conversations had no impact, please leave blank.

- Connected local groups with grants for actionable solutions to address challenges in our community
- Brought people together as a community
- Motivated community members to take concrete actions toward addressing challenges in our community
- Connected community members with organizations that they could work with to address challenges in your community
- Raised awareness of pressing challenges facing your community
- Other (please specify:)

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None of these

**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 did you hear about *On the Table*?

- Local newspaper in print or online
- Local radio
- TV announcement
- Communication from the Akron Community Foundation
- Flyer or pamphlet posted in the community
- Through a community organization, church, or other faith-based organization
- Word of mouth from friend, family, coworker, etc.
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
- Some other source (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- I am not sure

**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:*)

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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** And for how long have you lived in greater Akron?

- Less than one year
- One to five years
- Six to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- 21 to 30 years
- More than 30 years

**QF4** Are you the parent or guardian of any children under age 18?

- Yes
- No

**QF5** Please indicate whether the following statements apply to you.

	Yes, applies to me	No, does not apply to me	I am/was not eligible to vote
I have voted in all or most recent local elections.			
I have donated to a charity/cause that is important to me, or to a church or faith-based organization in the past year.			
I have spoken with my city council member, mayor, or other local elected official in the past year.			
I have performed local volunteer work for an organization or group in the past year.			
I have attended a public meeting in the past year (examples include: a school-related group, church-related group, neighborhood association, political organization, ethnic or cultural organization, business or professional association, etc.).			

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**QF6** Do you own or rent your home?

- Own  
 Rent  
 Some other arrangement

**QF8a** 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

**QF8b** Are you...?

- White  
 Black/African American  
 Asian  
 Other  
 Biracial or multiracial

**QF9** Finally, what is your ZIP Code?

**That concludes the survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey!**

If you would like to be entered for a chance to win a \$250 Visa gift card, or the opportunity to have \$250 donated to the 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 this drawing.

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

Name

Phone number

E-mail address