

on the table

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2020 Impact Report



Creating Connections Across the Community

During the week of October 4 – 10, 2020, residents across Richland, Lexington and Sumter Counties gathered with friends, neighbors and colleagues to talk about issues, large and small, that impact our quality of life. With safety in mind, discussions took place virtually or in small socially distanced groups.

As our community works to overcome COVID-19 and address longstanding racial equity issues, *On the Table* was an opportunity to gather for meaningful conversations, build personal connections and explore how we can work together to build a livable, equitable and just community for everyone. This report showcases the results of the 2020 survey, which builds off the insights we have gained since *On the Table* launched in 2018.

The People

Following *On the Table*, 192 participants responded to the survey.

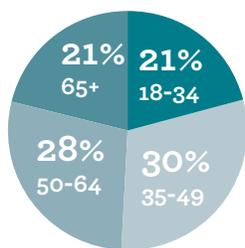
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Counties

An Estimated
750
Participants

Gender



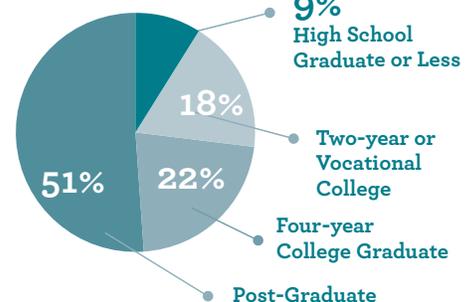
Age



Race

65% White
29% Black/African Americans
3% Other
2% Biracial/Multiracial
1% Asian

Education



66% have lived in community 11+ years 3% are from a Hispanic, Latinx or Spanish-speaking background

\$19,500 granted to 10 nonprofits
through the 2020 Beyond the Table grants to fund projects inspired by *On the Table* conversations.

Community Priorities

Did you discuss any of the following issues at the On the Table conversation you recently attended?

64%

Economic issues and poverty (e.g. jobs, public transportation, unemployment, low wages, hunger)

52%

Discrimination and social inclusion (e.g. civil rights, discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation or something else)

50%

Pre-K through 12th grade education and youth development

35%

Housing issues (e.g. affordable housing, homelessness)

34%

Social justice issues (e.g. equality, police violence, incarceration)

25%

Crime and public safety

13%

Affordable healthcare

11%

Drugs and addiction

Other topics discussed included elections and voting, building community, nursing home care, arts and culture, green spaces and human trafficking.

The majority of respondents feel their community is the perfect place for them, that residents have shared goals and priorities, and their community provides opportunities for everyone.

Top Issues for Our Community To Address:

1

Good-paying jobs and economic development

2

Poverty, economic security, and upward economic mobility

3

Reducing hunger and food insecurity

4

Housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, reducing homelessness)

Key Insights after Three Years

- 1. PEOPLE** in our community have a strong desire to engage in meaningful dialogue and form deep connections.
- 2. OVERALL**, the respondents from all three years were positive about our community and hopeful for the future.
- 3.** The **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES** have remained consistent throughout the three years and have been confirmed by additional community reports from other organizations.
- 4. CHANGE** happens when we collaborate and believe that each person's actions matter.



On the Table encourages residents to think about the opportunities in our region and discover how we can work together to make our community a better place. The conversations may be the starting point, but they are not the last words.

We hope the information in this report inspires you to move beyond the table – to continue to connect with your neighbors, learn about issues facing our region and take a step today towards improving your community.

Visit OnTheTableCola.org to see additional highlights and results from previous years.

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How to use this data

- **GATHER** friends, family, neighbors or colleagues together to discuss the results. Discuss how you, individually and collectively, can move “beyond the table” and commit to taking action to strengthen our community.
- **USE** the information to identify areas where you can have a greater impact when you give your time, talent or treasure.
- **COMMIT** to learning more about the community priorities that stand out to you or another viewpoint that differs from yours. Connect with individuals or groups to listen and understand their unique viewpoints.
- **SHARE** the report with community leaders or other decision makers in your network and encourage them to use the findings to influence their decisions.

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