Nearly 65% reside in St. Louis County
ELECTRONIC POLLING RESULTS

Nearly 6 out of 10 work or go to school in St. Louis County

- St. Louis City, MO: 32%
- St. Louis County, MO: 57%
- St. Charles County, MO: 2%
- Jefferson County, MO: 1%
- Other: 4%

- Madison County, IL: 2%
- St. Clair County, IL: 2%
- Franklin County, MO: 1%
- Monroe County, IL: 1%
6 out of 10 attendees were women

- Female: 60%
- Male: 39%
- Other: 1%
ELECTRONIC POLLING RESULTS

Nearly 6 out of 10 attendees were African American

- Black, African American: 58%
- White: 33%
- Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin: 1%
- Asian: 1%
- Other: 6%
- Decline: 1%
ELECTRONIC POLLING RESULTS

Attendees generously dispersed across age groups 22 and older

- 21 and under: 5%
- 22 to 34 years: 25%
- 35 to 44 years: 21%
- 45 to 54 years: 15%
- 55 to 64 years: 22%
- 65 and over: 11%
- Decline: 1%
Roughly 4 out of 10 had attended at least one Commission meeting and nearly 2 out of 10 had attended at least 2 Commission meetings.
PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS

- Public Open Mic Session
- Small Group Discussions:
  - Education
  - Child Well-Being
**PUBLIC OPEN MIC COMMENTS**

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EDUCATION INSIGHTS

NEEDS: What concerns do you have about education in our region?

- **Family & Community Responsibility**
  - Not enough positive activities for youth
  - Absentee parents
  - Low expectations of youth

- **Unequal Schools & Unequal Outcomes**
  - Inadequate funding for neediest districts
  - Focus on basics undermines youth development

- **School to Prison Pipeline**
  - Neighborhoods and schools prepare children for prison

- **Lack of Accountability**
  - State’s priorities are wrong
  - No one’s held accountable for educational failure

- **Safety**
  - Getting children too and from school is dangerous
EDUCATION IMPROVEMENTS

IMPROVEMENTS: What actions would you suggest to improve education and student success?

- Parental Involvement
  - Training and support for parents
  - Funding Parents As Teachers

- Village Interventions
  - Community volunteerism and mentoring in and out of schools

- Youth Programs
  - More non-sports youth programs
  - Greater awareness of existing resources

- Empowered Students
  - Civic education
  - More student / youth engagement

- Legislative Action
  - Legislation to advance equal access to funding and quality education
CHILD WELL-BEING INSIGHTS

**NEEDS:** What concerns do you have about the well-being of children and youth in our region?

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YOUTH ACTION: What actions would you suggest to improve the well-being of children and youth?

- **Schools /Teachers / Curricula**
  - Hire experienced teachers
  - Reduce class sizes
  - Broaden curricula beyond basics

- **Students**
  - Address students’ post traumatic stress and mental health needs
  - Support parental involvement

- **Safety**
  - Establish neighborhood watch and block monitors

- **Guidance & Supervision**
  - Find and train role models and mentors

- **Community Programming**
  - Increase after school programming