A Seat at the Table 2018: Participant Survey
QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

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Number of responses: 621

The numbers following each response option for categorical variables are the percentage and number of respondents choosing each option. Missing values are excluded from the percentage calculations. Column percentages may not total to 100.0% exactly due to rounding.

Variable Names: lovefri, lovesafe, loveheal, lovesoc, lovephy, loveopsp, loveedu, loveecon, loverec, loveoth
Question Text: What do you love most about your community? (Choose your top 3 only.)
Note: Column does not total to 300% due to missing data (i.e., some people chose 0, 1, or 2 options). The percentage represents the percent of all respondents who chose the option as one of their top three.

Friendly	47.99%	(298)
Safe	39.45%	(245)
Healthy community	22.38%	(139)
Social opportunities	12.72%	(79)
Physical beauty	50.08%	(311)
Open space	36.23%	(225)
Educational opportunities	17.23%	(107)
Economic opportunities	7.09%	(44)
Recreation	47.99%	(298)
Other (please name):	8.05%	(50)

Variable Names: chalhou, chalredh, chalagp, chalhung, chalmhr, chaladdr, chalheal, chalecd, chalchil, chaledu, chalyout, chalroad, chaltran, chalopen, chalrace, chalenv, chalsafe, chaljobs, challgov, chaloth

Question Text: What are the most pressing challenges in your community? (Choose your top 3 only.)

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Affordable housing	74.56%	(463)
Reducing homelessness	5.48%	(34)
Agricultural production	5.64%	(35)
Hunger and food insecurity	3.70%	(23)
Availability of mental health resources	21.26%	(132)
Availability of addiction resources	5.31%	(33)
Affordable healthcare	9.66%	(60)
Early childhood development	1.45%	(9)
Affordable child care	13.04%	(81)
Education and schools	5.48%	(34)
Youth involvement in the community	6.12%	(38)
Streets, roads, bridges, and highways	15.78%	(98)
Public transportation	12.56%	(78)
Open space, parks and recreation	10.95%	(68)
Race relations, discrimination, and social justice	4.83%	(30)
Environmental (air, water, land) concerns and conservation	21.10%	(131)
Public safety, crime, and violence	2.09%	(13)
Good paying jobs, economic security, and upward economic mobility	29.31%	(182)
Local government planning and coordination	26.41%	(164)
Other (please name):	12.72%	(79)

Variable Name: learn

Question Text: How easy is it to learn about community news and activities?

Very difficult	15.97%	(96)
Difficult	40.60%	(244)
Neither easy nor difficult	28.79%	(173)
Easy	12.15%	(73)
Very easy	2.50%	(15)

Variable Names: infnews, infnewst, infrad, infradt, inftv, inftvt, infsocm, infwom, infnda, infreli, inflgov, infnpo, infoth

Question Text: Which of the following are your primary means of learning about the community? (Choose your top 3 only.)

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Local newspaper (indicate paper)	52.33%	(325)
Local radio (indicate station)	24.15%	(150)
Local television (indicate station)	20.13%	(125)
Social media	46.22%	(287)
Word of mouth	59.58%	(370)
Nextdoor app	6.12%	(38)
Religious organization	3.86%	(24)
Local government website or newsletter	4.19%	(26)
Community group or nonprofit organization website/newsletter	27.86%	(173)
Other (please name):	10.63%	(66)

Variable Names: belgrade, bzn, gallcty

Question Text: Were you aware that each of the following is in the process of creating new plans for future growth?

Belgrade – Yes	57.75%	(339)
Belgrade – No	42.25%	(248)
Bozeman – Yes	85.14%	(504)
Bozeman – No	14.86%	(88)
Gallatin County – Yes	60.85%	(356)
Gallatin County – No	39.15%	(229)

Variable Names: agsense

Question Text: Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements. – The area in which I live has a strong sense of community.

Strongly disagree	0.84%	(5)
Disagree	7.08%	(42)
Neither	10.12%	(60)
Agree	55.65%	(330)
Strongly agree	26.31%	(156)

Variable Name: aggoals

Question Text: Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements. – Residents have shared goals and priorities for our community.

Strongly disagree	1.52%	(9)
Disagree	21.11%	(125)
Neither	25.17%	(149)
Agree	46.79%	(277)
Strongly agree	5.41%	(32)

Variable Name: agbetter
Question Text: Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements. – Our community is changing for the better.

Strongly disagree	4.22%	(25)
Disagree	22.09%	(131)
Neither	32.21%	(191)
Agree	36.93%	(219)
Strongly agree	4.55%	(27)

Variable Name: agproop
Question Text: Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements. – Our community provides opportunities for everyone.

Strongly disagree	8.45%	(50)
Disagree	40.20%	(238)
Neither	24.16%	(143)
Agree	23.99%	(142)
Strongly agree	3.21%	(19)

Variable Name: aginfo
Question Text: Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements. – I have enough information on important issues facing our community.

Strongly disagree	3.89%	(23)
Disagree	34.18%	(202)
Neither	26.06%	(154)
Agree	32.83%	(194)
Strongly agree	3.05%	(18)

Variable Name: cominvol
Question Text: How involved are you in your community?

Not at all	2.02%	(12)
A little	17.54%	(104)
Somewhat	52.28%	(310)
Very	28.16%	(167)

Variable Name: impact
Question Text: How much impact do you believe people like you have in making your community a better place?

None	2.35%	(14)
A little	16.97%	(101)
Some	45.71%	(272)
A lot	34.96%	(208)

Variable Name: takepart
Question Text: How often have you been able to take part in community events or celebrations?

Never	1.01%	(6)
Rarely	12.10%	(72)
Sometimes	48.91%	(291)
Often	37.98%	(226)

Variable Names: gpisch, gpilgvt, gpisafe, gpibusi, gpinpo, gpiworsh, gpinbhd, gpioth
Question Text: Who do you believe is having the greatest positive impact on your community? (Choose your top 2 only.)
Note: Column does not total to 200% due to missing data (i.e., some people chose 0 or 1 option). The percentage represents the percent of all respondents who chose the option as one of their top three.

Schools	38.65%	(240)
Local government	17.23%	(107)
Public safety departments	5.64%	(35)
Businesses and employers	27.70%	(172)
Nonprofit organizations	57.17%	(355)
Places of worship	7.09%	(44)
Community groups and neighborhood associations	23.19%	(144)
Other (please name):	5.31%	(33)

Variable Name: prtconvo
Question Text: Did you participate in a *Seat at the Table* conversation?

Yes, I participated in a conversation	80.54%	(476)
Yes, I hosted a conversation	3.38%	(20)
No, I did not participate in a conversation	16.07%	(95)

Variable Name: age
Question Text: What is your age?

18 to 21	2.21%	(13)
22 to 34	22.83%	(134)
35 to 44	18.91%	(111)
45 to 54	18.57%	(109)
55 to 64	17.21%	(101)
65 or higher	19.76%	(116)
Prefer not to say	0.51%	(3)

Variable Names: genfem, genmale, gennobin, gentrans, gennosay, genoth, genotht
Question Text: How would you currently describe your gender? (Select all that apply.)
Note: Column sums to less than 100.0% due to missing data, despite the fact that individuals could choose more than one option.

Female	59.74% (371)
Male	33.49% (208)
Nonbinary	0.64% (4)
Transgender	0.00% (0)
Prefer not to say	0.48% (3)
Other:	1.29% (8)

Variable Name: housize
Question Text: How many people live in your household? Please enter a number in the box.

Minimum:	0.00
Maximum:	10.00
Mean:	2.59
Count:	582

Variable Name: children
Question Text: Does your household include any biological, adopted, foster, or step children?

No	73.72%	(432)
Yes	25.26%	(148)
Not right now, but I am (or my partner is) pregnant or in the process of adopting.	1.02%	(6)

Variable Name: chilprek
Question Text: Please select the option below that applies to your situation for each age group of children. – Preschool (birth to 5 years old)

Do(es) not live with me	10.93%	(48)
Live(s) with me part time	0.91%	(4)
Live(s) with me full time	13.44%	(59)
No children this age	74.72%	(328)

Variable Name: chilelm
Question Text: Please select the option below that applies to your situation for each age group of children. – Elementary (6 to 13 years old)

Do(es) not live with me	9.83%	(45)
Live(s) with me part time	3.28%	(15)
Live(s) with me full time	21.40%	(98)
No children this age	65.50%	(300)

Variable Name: chiladol
Question Text: Please select the option below that applies to your situation for each age group of children. – Adolescent (14 to 18 years old)

Do(es) not live with me	9.31%	(42)
Live(s) with me part time	2.88%	(13)
Live(s) with me full time	14.86%	(67)
No children this age	72.95%	(329)

Variable Name: chiladlt
Question Text: Please select the option below that applies to your situation for each age group of children. – Adult children (19+ years old)

Do(es) not live with me	29.85%	(140)
Live(s) with me part time	3.84%	(18)
Live(s) with me full time	7.04%	(33)
No children this age	59.28%	(278)

Variable Names: catnativ, catasian, catafram, cathisp, catmide, catpacil, catwhite, catnoans, catoth
Question Text: Which categories describe you? Select all categories that apply to you.
Note: Column sums to less than 100.0% due to missing data, despite the fact that individuals could choose more than one option.

American Indian or Alaska Native (for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community)	2.09%	(13)
Asian (for example, Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese)	0.97%	(6)
Black or African American (for example, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somalian)	0.48%	(3)
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (for example, Mexican or Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian)	2.42%	(15)
Middle Eastern or North African (for example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Moroccan, Algerian)	0.32%	(2)
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (for example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese)	0.16%	(1)
White (for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Polish, French)	89.21%	(554)
I prefer not to answer	1.61%	(10)
Some other race, ethnicity, or origin (please specify):	0.97%	(6)

Variable Name: edulevel
Question Text: What is the highest degree or level of school you have **completed**?

Less than high school	0.51%	(3)
High school diploma or equivalent	11.28%	(66)
Associate/junior college degree	6.84%	(40)
Bachelor's degree	41.03%	(240)
Graduate degree	40.00%	(234)
Don't know	0.34%	(2)

Variable Name: location
Question Text: Which of the following best describes the neighborhood in which you live in Gallatin County?

Amsterdam-Churchill	0.52%	(3)
Belgrade	8.48%	(49)
Big Sky	6.92%	(40)
Bozeman: east of 19th Ave & north of Main Street	12.63%	(73)
Bozeman: east of 19th Ave & south of Main Street	29.24%	(169)
Bozeman: west of 19th Ave & north of Main Street	16.44%	(95)
Bozeman: west of 19th Ave & south of Main Street	6.40%	(37)
Dry Creek	0.69%	(4)
Four Corners	3.81%	(22)
Gallatin Canyon	0.52%	(3)
Gallatin Gateway	1.21%	(7)
Manhattan	2.42%	(14)
River Rock	1.38%	(8)
Springhill	1.38%	(8)
Three Forks-Willow Creek	2.60%	(15)
Valley Center	1.38%	(8)
West Yellowstone	0.52%	(3)
Somewhere else in Gallatin County	3.46%	(20)

Variable Names: ressmgrp, reslearn, rescnnct, resweb, resoth
Question Text: What resources do you think would be most helpful in moving forward based on the Seat at the Table conversation in which you participated?
Note: Individuals were able to select more than one option. The percentage listed represents the percent of all respondents who selected that particular option.

More opportunities to engage in small-group discussions on specific topics	39.77%	(247)
Opportunities to learn more about top challenges identified by *A Seat at the Table* conversations	42.51%	(264)
Opportunities to connect with other people interested in the same community issues	36.55%	(227)
A Seat at the Table website that gets updated periodically to share progress from this initiative	36.23%	(225)
Other (please describe):	5.30%	(33)

Variable Name: repeat
Question Text: How likely are you to participate in an event like this again?

Very unlikely	0.52%	(3)
Unlikely	2.61%	(15)
Neither likely nor unlikely	10.10%	(58)
Likely	36.06%	(207)
Very likely	50.70%	(291)