



2018 Participant Survey

Our home, Gallatin County, is one of the last best places. It's a great place to live, to raise a family, to work, to have fun – and it's breathtakingly beautiful. Gallatin County is also growing and changing. Growth and change brings challenges to our communities and citizens. People are asking: Can families find childcare? Can we protect our open space? Will people of all incomes be able to afford to live here? Will kids from every family have a chance to succeed? Growth and change also present us with an incredible opportunity to shape our future. Think about it: half of the community 25 years from now hasn't been built yet. *A Seat at the Table* believes that all successful communities have something in common – they make it possible for a wide variety of citizens to be engaged in identifying community challenges and solutions. This survey is aimed at supporting just that.

Your participation is voluntary. You can choose not to answer any question and can stop at any time. If you prefer not to answer a question, you can skip ahead to the next question. You must be at least 18 years old to complete this survey. Your submission of this survey indicates your consent to participate. Thank you for your participation!

1. What do you love most about your community? (Choose your **top 3 only**.)

- ☐ Friendly
- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Healthy community
- ☐ Social opportunities
- ☐ Physical beauty
- ☐ Open space
- ☐ Educational opportunities
- ☐ Economic opportunities
- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Other (please name): _____

2. What are the most pressing challenges in your community? (Choose your **top 3 only**.)

- ☐ Affordable housing
- ☐ Reducing homelessness
- ☐ Agricultural production
- ☐ Hunger and food insecurity
- ☐ Availability of mental health resources
- ☐ Availability of addiction resources
- ☐ Affordable healthcare
- ☐ Early childhood development
- ☐ Affordable child care
- ☐ Education and schools
- ☐ Youth involvement in the community
- ☐ Streets, roads, bridges, and highways
- ☐ Public transportation
- ☐ Open spaces, parks, and recreation
- ☐ Race relations, discrimination, and social justice
- ☐ Environmental (air, water, land) concerns and conservation
- ☐ Public safety, crime, and violence
- ☐ Good paying jobs, economic security, and upward economic mobility
- ☐ Local government planning and coordination
- ☐ Other (please name): _____

3. What are your ideas for making your community better?

4. How easy is it to learn about community news and activities?

- ☐ Very easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Neither easy nor difficult
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Very difficult

5. Which of the following are your primary means of learning about the community? (Choose your **top 3 only**.)

- ☐ Local newspaper (indicate paper): _____
- ☐ Local radio (indicate station): _____
- ☐ Local television (indicate station): _____
- ☐ Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Nextdoor app
- ☐ Religious organization
- ☐ Local government website or newsletter
- ☐ Community group or nonprofit organization website/newsletter
- ☐ Other (please name): _____

6. Were you aware that each of the following is in the process of creating new plans for future growth?

	Yes	No
Belgrade	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bozeman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gallatin County	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The area in which I live has a strong sense of community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residents have shared goals and priorities for our community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our community is changing for the better.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our community provides opportunities for everyone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have enough information on important issues facing our community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. How involved are you in your community?

- ☐ Very
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all

9. How much impact do you believe people like you have in making your community a better place?

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ Some
- ☐ A little
- ☐ None

10. How often have you been able to take part in community events or celebrations?

- ☐ Often
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never

11. Who do you believe is having the greatest positive impact on your community? (Choose your **top 2 only**.)

- ☐ Schools
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Public safety departments
- ☐ Businesses and employers
- ☐ Nonprofit organizations
- ☐ Places of worship
- ☐ Community groups and neighborhood associations
- ☐ Other (please name): _____

12. Did you participate in a *Seat at the Table* conversation?

- ☐ Yes, I participated in a conversation
- ☐ Yes, I hosted a conversation
- ☐ No, I did not participate in a conversation

13. What is your age?

- ☐ 18 to 21
- ☐ 22 to 34
- ☐ 35 to 44
- ☐ 45 to 54
- ☐ 55 to 64
- ☐ 65 or higher
- ☐ Prefer not to say

14. How would you currently describe your gender? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Nonbinary
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other: _____

15. How many people live in your household? Please enter a number: _____

16. Does your household include any biological, adopted, foster, or step children?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not right now, but I am (or my partner is) pregnant or in the process of adopting.

17. Please select the option below that applies to your situation for **each age group** of children.

	Do(es) not live with me	Live(s) with me part time	Live(s) with me full time	No children this age
Preschool (birth to 5 years old)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elementary (6 to 13 years old)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adolescent (14 to 18 years old)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult children (19+ years old)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Which categories describe you? Select **all** categories that apply to you.

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native (for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community)
- ☐ Asian (for example, Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese)
- ☐ Black or African American (for example, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali)
- ☐ Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (for example, Mexican or Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian)
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African (for example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Moroccan, Algerian)
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (for example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese)
- ☐ White (for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Polish, French)
- ☐ Some other race, ethnicity, or origin (please specify): _____
- ☐ I prefer not to answer.

19. What is the highest degree or level of school you have **completed**?
- ☐ Less than high school
 - ☐ High school diploma or equivalent
 - ☐ Associate/junior college degree
 - ☐ Bachelor's degree
 - ☐ Graduate degree
 - ☐ Don't know
20. Which of the following best describes the neighborhood in which you live in Gallatin County?
- ☐ Amsterdam-Churchill
 - ☐ Belgrade
 - ☐ Big Sky
 - ☐ Bozeman: east of 19th Ave & north of Main Street
 - ☐ Bozeman: east of 19th Ave & south of Main Street
 - ☐ Bozeman: west of 19th Ave & north of Main Street
 - ☐ Bozeman: west of 19th Ave & south of Main Street
 - ☐ Dry Creek
 - ☐ Four Corners
 - ☐ Gallatin Canyon
 - ☐ Gallatin Gateway
 - ☐ Manhattan
 - ☐ River Rock
 - ☐ Springhill
 - ☐ Three Forks–Willow Creek
 - ☐ Valley Center
 - ☐ West Yellowstone
 - ☐ Somewhere else in Gallatin County

21. What resources do you think would be most helpful in moving forward based on the *Seat at the Table* conversation in which you participated?

- ☐ More opportunities to engage in small-group discussions on specific topics
- ☐ Opportunities to learn more about top challenges identified by *A Seat at the Table* conversations
- ☐ Opportunities to connect with other people interested in the same community issues
- ☐ A *Seat at the Table* website that gets updated periodically to share progress from this initiative
- ☐ Other (please describe): _____

22. How likely are you to participate in an event like this again?

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Likely
- ☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ Unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely

Thank you for your help in making *A Seat at the Table* a success!