

Getting to Know You Poll Results

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		Results	%	Results	%
How did you hear about this event?	Social media post	1/13	8%	0/29	0%
	Press release/online media	4/13	31%	3/29	10%
	Friend/family	1/13	8%	1/29	3%
	Employer recommendation	4/13	31%	6/29	21%
	Flyer	0/13	0%	1/29	3%
	Don't know	1/13	8%	2/29	7%
	Other	2/13	15%	8/29	28%
	No Answer	0/13	0%	8/29	28%
Which best describes you?	Service provider	4/13	31%	15/29	52%
	Elected official	0/13	0%	0/29	0%
	Advocate/volunteer	6/13	46%	4/29	14%
	Member of a financially struggling household	0/13	0%	1/29	3%
	Engaged community resident	1/13	8%	0/29	0%
	Other	2/13	15%	2/29	7%
	No Answer	0/13	0%	7/29	24%
What race best describes you?	Asian	0/13	0%	0/29	0%
	Black/African American	0/13	0%	0/29	0%
	Native American or Alaskan Native	0/13	0%	2/29	7%
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0/13	0%	0/29	0%
	White	8/13	62%	13/29	45%
	Multi-racial	3/13	23%	2/29	7%
	Other	0/13	0%	2/29	7%
	Don't know	0/13	0%	0/29	0%
	No Answer	2/13	15%	10/29	34%
How old are you?	12-17	0/13	0%	0/29	0%
	18-23	1/13	8%	0/29	0%
	24-44	3/13	23%	7/29	24%
	45-54	3/13	23%	6/29	21%
	55-69	3/13	23%	3/29	10%
	70+	0/13	0%	1/29	3%
	No Answer	3/13	23%	12/29	41%
Where do you live?	Battle Ground	0/13	0%	1/29	3%
	Camas	2/13	15%	2/29	7%
	La Center	0/13	0%	0/29	0%
	Ridgefield	1/13	8%	1/29	3%
	Vancouver	4/13	31%	9/29	31%

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	Washougal	1/13	8%	0/29	0%
	Woodland	0/13	0%	0/29	0%
	Yacolt	0/13	0%	0/29	0%
	Unincorporated Clark County	3/13	23%	3/29	10%
	Outside of Clark County	0/13	0%	3/29	10%
	No Answer	2/13	15%	10/29	34%
How long have you lived or worked in Clark County?	0-1 year	1/13	8%	0/29	0%
	2-5 years	0/13	0%	4/29	14%
	6-10 years	1/13	8%	1/29	3%
	Over 10 years	9/13	69%	12/29	41%
	Not applicable	0/13	0%	2/29	7%
	No Answer	2/13	15%	10/29	34%
Have you or anyone in your family ever needed public services (food assistance, TANF, Medicaid, rental assistance)?	Yes	7/13	54%	10/29	34%
	No	2/13	15%	9/29	31%
	I don't know	1/13	8%	0/29	0%
	No Answer	3/13	23%	10/29	34%
Do you pay more than 30% of your income for housing?	Yes	3/13	23%	7/29	24%
	No	6/13	46%	10/29	34%
	I don't know	1/13	8%	2/29	7%
	No Answer	3/13	23%	10/29	34%

Did You Know Poll Results

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How much do you need to make per hour to afford a studio apartment in Clark County?	\$13.50 (minimum wage)	1/13	8%	1/30	3%
	\$15.50	1/13	8%	1/30	3%
	\$18.75	6/13	46%	11/30	37%
	\$22.92	4/13	31%	9/30	30%
	No Answer	1/13	8%	8/30	27%
The Federal Poverty Threshold definition that is used to determine the Federal Poverty Level was designated as the official definition of poverty in what year?	1965	8/13	62%	7/30	23%
	1969	2/13	15%	6/30	20%
	1975	2/13	15%	4/30	13%
	1989	1/13	8%	1/30	3%
	No Answer	0/13	0%	12/30	40%
True or False. Race impacts your chances of prosperity.	True	11/14	79%	18/30	60%
	False	2/14	14%	0/30	0%
	No Answer	1/14	7%	12/30	40%
True or False. If every person in the US that is living in poverty lived in the same state, it would be the most populous state in the nation.	True	11/14	79%	17/29	59%
	False	2/14	14%	1/29	3%
	No Answer	1/14	7%	11/29	38%
True or False. Nearly 1 of every 5 children in America live in poverty.	True	13/14	93%	16/29	55%
	False	1/14	7%	2/29	7%
	No Answer	0/14	0%	11/29	38%
True or False. For the most part, people living in poverty do not work.	True	2/14	14%	0/29	0%
	False	12/14	86%	18/29	62%
	No Answer	0/14	0%	11/29	38%

Data Walk Responses

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Does the information presented about Employment surprise you?	Yes	2/14	14%	7/29	24%
	No	8/14	57%	8/29	28%
Why/why not?	No Answer	4/14	29%	14/29	48%
	No Answer	8/14	57%	20/29	69%
	Other	6/14	43%	9/29	31%
	Especially with lower wage employment, I think the survey results would be a lot different now than last year.	X			
	Not familiar with employment opportunities in the area yet, however I would think between clark county and Portland across the river there would be many jobs available...	X			
	Cost of living has been increasing drastically over the years and many employers cannot afford to pay more. Many people also live on the verge of poverty and cannot afford to lose benefits by accepting a raise.	X			
	I hear from people everyday the challenges they are facing.	X			
	Transportation costs are a struggle for even people that are well-off	X			
	The high number of people unemployed vs the actual number of available jobs and the even smaller number of jobs that pay a living wage.	X			
	Vancouver has a lot of companies with engineers and software developers.				X
	The gap between wages here is extraordinary.				X
	So few living wage jobs available! and so many people who don't think they qualify for assistance or don't know how to access it.				X
	Good to see there really aren't enough jobs to go around.				X
	I knew these were an issue, but to hear the actual data is informative				X
COVID impact				X	
The wage information is surprising. I was already aware of the unemployment numbers.				X	
I wish we could have seen some data from the last year.				X	
been though it myself				X	
Does the information presented about Education surprise you?	Yes	4/14	29%	5/27	19%
	No	6/14	43%	9/27	33%
	No Answer	4/14	29%	13/27	48%
Why/why not?	No Answer	8/14	57%	23/27	85%

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	Other	6/14	43%	4/27	15%
	Our education system does not provide equity for all socio-economi	X			
	Education attainment has long been noted as a way to climb out of poverty	X			
	Suprised by the 2/3 of students who end up in jail. In Clark County can this be compared to specific school districts to evaluate education?	X			
	Only suprised that graduation rates are increasing	X			
	We need to get better at helping youth explore the trades and help them get into trade schools.	X			
	Couldn't see the info			X	
	I didn't know reading level was connected so strongly to jail			X	
	been through it			X	
	The increase in graduation rates is a pleas			X	
Does the information presented about Housing surprise you?	Yes	2/14	14%	3/26	12%
	No	8/14	57%	8/26	31%
Why/why not?	No Answer	4/14	29%	15/26	58%
	No Answer	8/14	57%	23/26	88%
	Other	6/14	43%	3/26	12%
	Because I work in the field of affordable housing. ;) Totally depressing that	X			
	Income inequity	X			
	I didn't realize the affordable home shortage was that significant at a national level.	X			
	Housing crisis are becoming more prevalent with COVID on the rise...just getting worse	X			
	Rent goes up. Wages stay the same.	X			
	we need a CAP on rent	X			
	homeless		X		
	Well aware of challenging in find an affordable housing based on the experiences of our Deaf and HOH clients.		X		
	Affordable housing is a major problem.		X		
Does the information presented about Income & Asset Building surprise you?	Yes	2/14	14%	4/26	15%
	No	9/14	64%	9/26	35%
Why/why not?	No Answer	2/14	14%	13/26	50%
	No Answer	6/14	43%	22/26	85%
	Other	8/14	57%	4/26	15%

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	I'm surprised that credit repair was the top need and it seems like that would be a simple program to fund, but we don't have any applicaitons/providers focusing on credit repair. Whew! got it all in! Thank you!! Systemic inequity is evident.	X			
	We have watched housing prices climb and with that rent climbs as landlords try to contain any losses. It is a sad thing when families can't afford housing.	X			
	I'm wondering if people with low incomes are being given credit beyond their means or if they have maxed out credit and are now low income? Also in the monthly income comparison the very low income populations typically qualify for government assistance with housing correct? its sad to know that this is possible to do to people It is concerning.	X			
	sad. maybe we can teach budgeting in high school. i don't think parents teach their kids. kids dont want to hear it from parents. kids these days!!! TANF has only gone up 23 dollars in 23 years I work full time as a professional with a good wage and I still struggle with asset building; mostly due to huge student loan debt. So the issue is a bit different dont have enough income living wage jobs are not readily available.	X			
				X	
				X	
				X	
Does the information presented about Physical Health surprise you?	Yes	4/14	29%	3/25	12%
	No	7/14	50%	9/25	36%
	No Answer	3/14	21%	13/25	52%
Why/why not?	No Answer	8/14	57%	22/25	88%
	Other	6/14	43%	3/25	12%
	Suprised that no coverage" is relatively consistant among different economic strata. Let's do some dental care!!!"	X			
	Healthcare system is still broken for the underserved.	X			
	I am thankful for options like the State Health insurance program that assists individuals. I have observed greater health outcomes in others who were provided with access. It is so import	X			
	Surprised to see people in higher income brackets indicating they do not have insurance coverage	X			

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	surprised about dental services. what can we do to help? I worked homeless connect and helped people with tooth extractions. it was life changing experience.	X			
	The stat about minorities accounting for half of those uninsured	X			
	i CAN BELIEVE AS A COUNTRY WE CANNOT PROVIDE HEALTH			X	
	the care is not there			X	
	Dental services are not covered by many programs. Vulnerable populations often h			X	
Does the information presented about Behavioral Health surprise you?	Yes	2/14	14%	3/24	13%
	No	10/14	71%	9/24	38%
	No Answer	2/14	14%	12/24	50%
Why/why not?	No Answer	8/14	57%	20/24	83%
	Other	6/14	43%	4/24	17%
	Still think there is major stigma on this issue in certain communities which prohibits people from reaching out and seeking treatment. Unsure what the answer is to this....	X			
	Mental health care is still stigmatized in society.	X			
	Depression and suicide stats are suprising and unfortunate. Can you define further what is mean by access to"?"	X			
	We've had trouble finding a counselor for our adult son with I/DD -- hard to find someone too that knows this population.	X			
	again sad. we need to get more mental health service. can we boost services in schools? let's get the word out about services available. let's do something. Clark County lack resouces	X			
	I work with youth and families. There is no mental health services for Hispanic families and/or services that provide interpre			X	
	not enough people being met			X	
	Surprised to see that substance use disorder happens among people at age 12 or above. From my experi			X	
	The stigma around mental health still prevails.			X	
Does the information presented about Support Services surprise you?	Yes	3/14	21%	3/25	12%
	No	8/14	57%	8/25	32%
	No Answer	3/14	21%	14/25	56%
Why/why not?	No Answer	5/14	36%	21/25	84%
	Other	9/14	64%	4/25	16%

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	the cost to own a vehicle is surprising. i'm not surprised that many need a vehicle to get efficient/timely transportation in clark county. Our car culture comes at a high cost for the underserved.	X			
	We are fortunate in the urban area to have access to bus routes. Rural areas are less fortunate and transportation becomes a larger barrier to a	X			
	The transportation cost comparison is so helpful and I'm hoping C-TRAN can use this data to help increase ridership in the areas they serve when people see how much they can save by using public transit.	X			
	The childcare piece was a bit shocking - makes choosing to work or being a stay at home parent tough, as it would roughly lead to the same income.	X			
	Vancouver has a lot of companies with engineers and software developers.	X			
	I've been aware of some of these barriers, knowing folks who are houseless. Transportation costs are high even for people that make a lot of money. public transit is not convenient. there aren't busses in all areas at all times. sad again.	X			
	Yes and no. There's been a lot of focus on the lack of affordable childcare available in our community.	X			
	we need better public transportation and cops that don't profile people so they can accumulate so many fines that they can	X			
	Families are in need of all services. Hispanic families don't have access to the safety net.			X	
	I had children in the child care and I was paying a lot of money.			X	
	been in the health field and it's getting worse			X	
	It does take 3 buses to get from Downtown VAN to our office on 78th. Access is a problem.			X	
Does the information presented about Overall Need surprise you?	Yes	1/15	7%	1/25	4%
	No	12/15	80%	12/25	48%
	No Answer	2/15	13%	12/25	48%
Why/why not?	No Answer	9/15	60%	22/25	88%
	Other	6/15	40%	3/25	12%

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i'm surprised that most would request housing assistance rather than employment assistance to help them better become self sufficient and enable them to afford their housing with no assistnace! ditto on food. :(Housing is the foundation for living well in this country.

X
X

These items have been at the top of the list nationally for several years. I've been aware we do a poor job of supporting the most vulnerable among us.
seems accurate to me.

X
X
X

i dont think its correct, but I agree housing it at the top
rent prices are higher and higher, even with two works, families cannot afford it.
not enough resources

X
X

Affordable hosuing is hard to find. Rents keep going up. Access to services i

X

Coming Together as a Communit Poll Results

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How do you think human services are best provided?	Faith-based organizations	1/11	9%	1/17	6%
	Private donations to local charities	0/11	0%	1/17	6%
	Government assistance	0/11	0%	1/17	6%
	Family/friends	0/11	0%	0/17	0%
	Cominbation of the above	9/11	82%	10/17	59%
	Not the community's responsibility to provide human services.	0/11	0%	0/17	0%
	No Answer	1/11	9%	4/17	24%
Where would you direct more funding if you could?	Housing assistance	8/11	73%	8/17	47%
	Homeless services	1/11	9%	1/17	6%
	Education services	0/11	0%	3/17	18%
	Employment services	0/11	0%	0/17	0%
	Healthcare	0/11	0%	0/17	0%
	Mental health services	0/11	0%	0/17	0%
	Substance use services	0/11	0%	0/17	0%
	Food assistance	0/11	0%	0/17	0%
	Senior services	0/11	0%	0/17	0%
	Youth services	1/11	9%	1/17	6%
No Answer	1/11	9%	4/17	24%	
Our community is doing a great job helping those in need.	Strongly agree	0/11	0%	0/17	0%
	Agree	3/11	27%	4/17	24%
	Neither agree nor disagree	6/11	55%	4/17	24%
	Disagree	1/11	9%	4/17	24%
	Strongly disagree	0/11	0%	1/17	6%
	No Answer	1/11	9%	4/17	24%

Group Discussion Typed Responses

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<p>What do you think about when you see the information provided tonight? Is there anything significant/interesting?</p>	I also was surprised by how many living wage jobs we are lacking here.	X		
	Was not surprised to see these results and I find that to be depressing.	X		
	I feel a bit overwhelmed regarding how to we address these issues so all of our community members are taken care of.			X
	That we are not meeting the needs of our community. This highlights the need for more systems and resources to make our communities a place where all people can get their basic human needs met (food, housing, medical care, behavioral health care, etc..).			X
	Significant information is being gathered by the quantitative data being gathered. The education information was telling as it is the key between of the \$50+ difference in the wages. A two income family both making minimum wage jobs still do not make the \$28+ an hour income to afford a two bedroom apartment.			X
<p>What do you think are the causes of poverty in our community?</p>	Jobs that provide a living wage to pay for housing and provide all that is needed for the household. There is no single answer as the challenges are complex.	X		
	High rent prices, lack of jobs, lack of jobs offering a LIVABLE wage. High monthly transportation costs.	X		
	A lot of it is unequal distribution of wealth. For example during the pandemic, the poor are being hit the hardest, and the wealthy are making megabucks in the stock market. The regressive tax structure in Washington contributes to poverty too.	X		
	Institutionalized Racism	X		
	Costs of living increases while wages/income are stagnant.	X		
	having very low income, no training available, race and discrimination also			X
	At this point in time, there are many Covid-related closures, and quite a lot of people have lost jobs because of that.			X
	Oh yes, I agree with the statement about student loans. I am in that situation as well..			X
	Lack of resources, services and programs that would enable them to get out of the poverty.			X
	Lack of affordable housing. The living wages are going down. Clark County residents are having the pressures of the entire metro area's housing crunch.			X
<p>What programs/services do you think will support people struggling financially?</p>	Aid so people can complete education. Addressing systemic racism. Increasing services and help with navigating the systems. More affordable housing.	X		
	more emphasis on trade school, less emphasis on college. Job Placement.	X		
	student loan forgiveness			X
	GED classes for adult, Literacy classes, ELL. Job training for the needed			X
	Child care - which has been greatly effected by Covid. Also, families have school-age children at home, due to Covid, and someone has to be at home with them, rather than at work.			X
	Anything that can help increase potential for income and wealth generation			X
	What people need the most is the financial assistance for housing and general billings.			X

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	More subsidized permanent supported housing. More permanent supportive housing,		X
Is there anything you think is missing from the information/discussion provided tonight? Is there anything else you would like to add?	The Lions Club is group of service-minded volunteers dedicated to helping others since 1938. We champion kindness in our community and actively work to improve the lives of all people, especially those in the most need. Lions respond to many challenges facing humankind locally and globally. We want to help and we are looking for ways we can contribute. We need a forum to find out where the unmet needs are and what we can do. Small scale.	X	
	On slide 51, How do you think human services are best provided?", I feel that you are missing non-profits, community organizations, and service organizations from the possible choices. " very clear information	X	X
	yes, Deaf are not counted, and our issues matter. There is a heavy lack of discussion on specifics of our SSI, our lack of terps for healthcare, ADA right violations, no free lawyers who fight for us, and so we become more oppressed, as well as there is mass discrimination preventing hiring us. Yes, many do not own a car, and so there is no program to help us own a car, get a driver license, or practice driving, let alone afford one, but most jobs demand a car and high level degree..and ability to hear.		X