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**FINAL**

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***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.  
 Percentages for each question are based on the total number of respondents who answered the question.***

1. How old are you?

Under age 18 .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	[109-110]
18-24.....	20		
25-29.....	7		
30-34.....	6		
35-39.....	9		
40-44.....	9		
45-49.....	7	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
50-54.....	8		
55-59.....	5		
60-64.....	6		
65-69.....	9		
70-74.....	6		
75 or older.....	8		

2. Looking ahead to the next five years or so, do you feel more hopeful or more worried about what the future holds for your community?

More hopeful.....	78	[111]
More worried.....	22	

3. Listed here are several statements. For each one, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE*

	<b>Total Agree</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	
My community is the perfect place for people like me .....	<b>84</b>	<b>16</b>	31	53	13	3	[112]
Residents have shared goals and priorities for our community .....	<b>75</b>	<b>25</b>	18	57	20	5	[114]
My community provides opportunities for everyone ...	<b>64</b>	<b>36</b>	13	51	27	9	[113]

4. Do you think people in your community are more united or more divided when it comes to addressing important goals and challenges?

Much more united.....	8	[115]
Somewhat more united.....	58	
Somewhat more divided .....	29	
Much more divided .....	5	
<b>Total United</b>	<b>66</b>	
<b>Total Divided</b>	<b>34</b>	

5. Barring a natural disaster or other unforeseen challenges, how do you think your community will be as a place to live five years from now, compared to today?

Will be much better.....	15	[116]
Will be somewhat better .....	53	
Will stay about the same .....	25	
Will be somewhat worse .....	6	
Will be much worse .....	1	
<b>Total Better</b>	<b>68</b>	
<b>Total Worse</b>	<b>7</b>	

6. How involved are you in community and neighborhood activities where you live?

Very involved.....	32	[117]
Somewhat involved .....	44	
Not too involved.....	21	
Not at all involved .....	3	
<b>Total Very/Somewhat Involved</b>	<b>76</b>	

7. Which THREE of these issues do you think are the most important for your community to address? Please select your top three issues as #1, #2, and #3 in order of importance. If you are taking the survey on a computer, please move your top three issues over to the boxes labeled #1, #2, and #3.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF FIRST CHOICE*

	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Combined Top Two Choices</u>	<u>Combined Top Three Choices</u>	
Housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, reducing homelessness) .....	14	24	34	[118-119]
Drug and alcohol addiction.....	13	25	36	>
Poverty, economic security, and upward economic mobility ..	12	22	33	
Good-paying jobs and economic development .....	11	19	26	
Crime, violence, and public safety.....	9	17	24	
Social justice issues (e.g., equality, civil rights, police-involved violence, incarceration) .....	7	16	24	
Race relations, racism, and racial discrimination .....	7	15	25	
Affordable healthcare .....	6	11	17	
Early childhood development (e.g., affordable child care, early childhood education) .....	4	9	15	
Local public and charter schools.....	4	7	12	
Environmental issues (e.g., air, water) .....	4	6	10	
Reducing hunger and food insecurity .....	3	9	13	
Public transportation.....	2	7	13	
The treatment of immigrants in our community .....	2	7	11	
Parks and recreational areas .....	2	4	7	

8. How much impact do you think people like you can have in making your community a better place to live?

A big impact.....	37	[120]
A moderate impact .....	44	
A small impact .....	18	
No impact at all.....	1	
<b>Total Big/Moderate Impact</b>	<b>81</b>	

9. Which TWO or THREE of the following groups do you think are having the greatest impact on making your community a better place to live? Select up to three.

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Nonprofits and community organizations.....	64	[121]
Residents in your community.....	48	>
Local government .....	43	
Churches, synagogues, mosques, and faith communities.....	34	
Public school teachers and leaders .....	30	
Employers and the business community .....	28	
Youth in your community .....	18	
News media.....	11	

10. How important do you think it is that members from across your city/community come together in person on a regular basis to engage in conversations with each other in order to develop effective solutions to the issues and challenges facing our community today?

Essential .....	51	[122]
Very important .....	40	
Fairly important.....	7	
Just somewhat important.....	2	
Not important .....	-	
<b>Total Essential/Very Important</b>	<b>91</b>	

11. Changing topics now, please indicate which of the following apply to you as they relate to your *On the Table* experience. Select all that apply.

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I spoke with at least one person that I did not already know.....	67	[123]
The conversation helped me better understand how I can take action to help address issues and challenges in my community .....	57	>
I learned about important issues in my community .....	55	
I exchanged contact information with at least one person that I did not already know.....	29	
None of these apply to me .....	7	

12. How likely are you to take specific actions or next steps regarding an issue or solution discussed at the *On the Table* conversation you participated in?

Very likely .....	44	[124]
Somewhat likely.....	43	
Not too likely.....	11	
Not at all likely .....	2	
<b>Total Very/Somewhat Likely</b>	<b>87</b>	

E1. How important do you personally think it is to make the Bluegrass region a more welcoming and inclusive community?

Essential .....	61	[125]
Very important .....	33	
Fairly important .....	4	
Just somewhat important .....	2	
Not important .....	-	
<b>Total Essential/Very Important</b>	<b>94</b>	

E2. If our goal is to make our community more welcoming and inclusive, how important do you think it is to address issues related to inequality and discrimination that affect many different kinds of people, including racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, women, the LGBTQ community, and people with disabilities?

Essential .....	67	[126]
Very important .....	24	
Fairly important .....	8	
Just somewhat important .....	1	
Not important .....	-	
<b>Total Essential/Very Important</b>	<b>91</b>	

E3. How would you rate your community as a place to live for each of the kinds of people listed below?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY GOOD PLACE TO LIVE*

	<b>Total Very/Fairly Good</b>	<b>Total Just Somewhat/ Not That Good</b>	<b>Very Good Place To Live</b>	<b>Fairly Good Place To Live</b>	<b>Just Somewhat Of A Good Place To Live</b>	<b>Not That Good Of A Place To Live</b>	
Christians .....	<b>97</b>	<b>3</b>	65	32	3	-	[136]
People like you .....	<b>89</b>	<b>11</b>	55	34	9	2	[127]
Families with young children .....	<b>88</b>	<b>12</b>	43	45	10	2	[134]
Senior citizens .....	<b>83</b>	<b>17</b>	34	49	14	3	[135]
Young adults .....	<b>78</b>	<b>22</b>	34	44	18	4	[133]
Jews .....	<b>75</b>	<b>25</b>	23	52	20	5	[137]
Gay, lesbian, and transgender people.....	<b>67</b>	<b>33</b>	19	48	26	7	[130]
People with disabilities .....	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>	12	43	37	8	[131]
Racial and ethnic minorities.....	<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>	11	40	40	9	[128]
Immigrants from other countries.....	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	11	38	40	11	[129]
Muslims .....	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	11	37	38	14	[138]
Low-income individuals and families .....	<b>36</b>	<b>64</b>	8	28	46	18	[132]

E4. Please rate the job that your community is doing when it comes to being welcoming and inclusive of different kinds of people in each of the following areas.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXCELLENT OR GOOD JOB*

	<b>Total Excellent/Good Job</b>	Excellent Job	Good Job	Fair Job	Just A So-So Job	Poor Job	
Retail shops and restaurants .....	<b>67</b>	20	47	22	8	3	[140]
Parks and recreational areas .....	<b>67</b>	18	49	24	7	2	[144]
Kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade schools .....	<b>63</b>	14	49	27	7	3	[139]
Arts and culture offerings .....	<b>61</b>	17	44	27	9	3	[143]
Employment opportunities.....	<b>43</b>	7	36	38	15	4	[142]
Housing opportunities .....	<b>30</b>	6	24	39	20	11	[141]

E5. How much of an impact do you think you personally can have in encouraging or influencing discussions in your community about issues related to inequality and discrimination in an effort to make our community more welcoming and inclusive?

A big impact.....	24	[145]
A moderate impact .....	48	
A small impact .....	26	
No impact at all.....	2	
<b>Total Big/Moderate Impact</b>	<b>72</b>	

E6. To what degree do you feel there are opportunities for you personally to get involved in addressing issues of inequality and discrimination in an effort to make our community more welcoming and inclusive? Do you feel there are...?

Many opportunities for me to get involved .....	25	[146]
Some opportunities for me to get involved .....	54	
Very few opportunities for me to get involved .....	16	
No opportunities for me to get involved.....	1	
I do not know if there are opportunities for me to get involved .....	4	

E7. Below is a list of ways people can get involved in efforts to address issues of inequality and discrimination to make our community more welcoming and inclusive. Please select up to THREE ways you would be most interested in getting involved.

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Volunteer (e.g., regularly volunteering or volunteering at a specific service event).....	67	[147]
Spend time getting to know people in the Bluegrass region who have different life experiences and perspectives than you do.....	64	>
Join a small group that meets regularly to discuss these issues and ways to address them .....	50	
Join an effort to canvas your community to raise awareness and educate others about these issues .....	22	
Attend a rally or march.....	19	
Donate money to help address these issues .....	19	
Write letters to elected officials or the local newspaper .....	15	
Some other way not listed here.....	5	
I am not interested in getting involved in any of these ways .....	3	

13. How did you hear about *On the Table*? *Select all that apply.*

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Word of mouth from friend, family, coworker, etc. ....	39	[148-149]
Communication from Blue Grass Community Foundation .....	26	>
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) .....	21	
Through a community organization, church, or other faith-based organization .....	20	
Local newspaper in print or online.....	9	
Flyer or pamphlet posted in the community .....	7	
Local radio .....	3	
TV announcement.....	2	
Some other source.....	22	
I am not sure .....	1	

14. Did you participate in an *On the Table* conversation last year?

Yes .....	37	[150]
No.....	63	

15. Are you interested in receiving e-mail communications from Blue Grass Community Foundation about how to get involved in community issues and events?

Yes .....	53	[151]
No.....	47	

**FACTUALS: These final questions are for statistical purposes only.**

F1. Are you...?

Male.....	24	[152]
Female .....	75	
A gender identity not listed here .....	1	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

High school graduate, GED, or less education .....	13	[153]
Vocational training, 2-year college degree, or some college .....	16	
4-year college or bachelor's degree .....	30	
Postgraduate coursework or degree.....	41	

F3. And for how long have you lived in your city/community?

Less than one year .....	8	[154]
One to five years .....	22	
Six to 10 years.....	9	
11 to 20 years.....	19	
21 to 30 years.....	16	
More than 30 years.....	26	

F4. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under age 18?

Yes .....	26	[155]
No.....	74	

F5. Please indicate whether the following statements apply to you.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY YES, APPLIES TO ME*

	Yes, Applies <u>To Me</u>	No, Does Not Apply <u>To Me</u>	I Am/Was Not Eligible <u>To Vote</u>	
I have donated to a charity/cause that is important to me, or to a church or faith-based organization in the past year.....	88	12	--	[157]
I have attended a public meeting in the past year (examples include: a school-related group, church-related group, neighborhood association, political organization, ethnic or cultural organization, business or professional association, etc.).	86	14	--	[160]
I have performed local volunteer work for an organization or group in the past year.....	85	15	--	[159]
I have voted in all or most recent local elections. ....	84	12	4	[156]
I have spoken with my city council member, mayor, or other local elected official in the past year.....	61	39	--	[158]

F6. Do you own or rent your home?

Own .....	64	[161]
Rent.....	26	
Some other arrangement.....	10	

F7. Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of political party?

Strong Republican .....	6	[162]
Leaning Republican.....	14	
Completely independent .....	12	
Leaning Democratic.....	23	
Strong Democrat .....	39	
Other .....	6	
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>Total Democrat</b>	<b>62</b>	

F8a. For statistical purposes, are you from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, from Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background.....	4	[163]
No, not from Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background .....	96	

F8b. Are you...?

White .....	81	[164]
Black/African American .....	12	
Asian .....	2	
Other .....	3	
Biracial or multiracial .....	2	