

Survey Results
Community Needs Assessment | Bibb County

July 31, 2021

OVERVIEW

The community needs assessment survey was conducted to obtain the thoughts and perceptions from the community about the issues facing youth in Bibb County. The survey was administered to attendees at a *Back-to-School* event at Bloomfield Gilead Park in Macon, GA.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The table below represents the demographic profile by gender, age, race and years in the community for each survey respondent. There was a total of 48 respondents who completed the survey. They were mostly from the 31204 (8) and 31206 (6) zip codes with the remaining from 31217, 31220 (2) and 31200, 31201, 31214, 31216, 31706 (1) areas. Most respondents (21) have lived in Bibb County for over 25 years. There were 9 respondents who have lived there from 16 – 25 years, 6 respondents from 0-3 years, 5 respondents from 4 – 6 years, 3 from 7-10 years, and 1 respondent from 11 – 15 years.

Based on the demographic profile of the respondents below, they were mostly African American (39), females (40), who were between the ages of 35-44 (16). For more details about the profile of the respondents, refer to the table below.

Table 1: Demographics of respondents by gender, age, race and years in the community

| | Respondents | % |
|---------------|-------------|-----|
| <u>Gender</u> | | |
| Male | 6 | 13% |
| Female | 40 | 83% |
| <u>Age</u> | | |
| 18-24 | 3 | 6% |
| 25-34 | 6 | 13% |
| 35-44 | 16 | 33% |

| | Respondents | % |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| 45-54 | 7 | 16% |
| 55-64 | 8 | 17% |
| 65 and above | 6 | 13% |
| <u>Race</u> | | |
| African American | 39 | 81% |
| Bi-Racial | 1 | 2% |
| Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | | |
| Multi-Racial | | |
| Asian | | |
| Caucasian | 4 | 8% |
| Hispanic | | |
| Native American | | |
| Other | | |
| <u>Years in the community</u> | | |
| 0-3 | 6 | 13% |
| 4-6 | 5 | 10% |
| 7-10 | 3 | 6% |
| 11-15 | 1 | 2% |
| 16-25 | 9 | 19% |
| Over 25 years | 21 | 44% |

FINDINGS

The results below represent the summation of findings from respondents.

Table 2: Top five issues affecting 9-20-year-old youth

| Question (n=48) *Ranking | Issues |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Drug Use |
| 2 | Violence |
| 3 | Alcohol Use |
| 4 | Tobacco Use/Gangs |

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| 5 | Bullying |
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* In some instances, respondents chose more than 5 issues.

Key Findings:

- According to the respondents, the top five issues that are affecting youth between the ages of 9 – 20 are drug use (33), violence (28), alcohol use (22), tobacco use/gangs (21), bullying (19).
- Other issues that were identified less often were suicide/teen pregnancy (17), homelessness/runaways (11), sexually transmitted diseases (7), injuries/accidents (6), and juvenile delinquency (4).

Table 3: Prevention efforts by organization and agency

| Question (n=48) | Organization/Agency | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|-----|
| | *FB | *LE | *Sch | *YG | None | Other | *HD/C | *Bus | *LG |
| From the issues you are aware of in Question 1, what type of organizations are working to improve these issues in your community? | 22 | 22 | 22 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 20 |

*Faith based, law enforcement, schools, youth groups, health departments/clinics, businesses, local groups

Key Findings:

- Most of the respondents identified youth groups (48%), schools, faith-based organizations, and law enforcement (46%), and local groups (42%) as the organizations that are working to improve the issues affecting youth.
- Other respondents identified businesses (23%) and health departments/clinics (4%) as having improved these issues.
- Lastly, there was 3 (6%) of respondents who believed that none of the organizations listed are working to improve the issues in their community and 1 (2%) indicating an organization called Next Step.

Table 4: Top drugs being used among youth

| Question (n=48) Ranking | Drug |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Marijuana/Pot |
| 2 | Meth |
| 3 | Pills/Prescription Drugs |
| 4 | Alcohol/Crack/Cocaine |

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| 5 | Tobacco/Cigarettes |
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Key Findings:

- The top drugs that were identified most by respondents were marijuana/pot (33), Meth (10), pills/prescription drugs (9), alcohol/crack/cocaine (7), and tobacco/cigarettes (3).

Table 5: Responses about alcohol access and parental involvement

| Question (n=48) | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|---------|----------|-------------------|
| Do you believe that young kids have easy access to alcohol? | 27 | 16 | | 2 | 1 |
| Do you believe parental involvement helps reduce alcohol and marijuana use? | 33 | 9 | | 4 | 1 |

Key Findings:

- When asked if young people have easy access to alcohol, 90% either strongly agreed or agreed while less than 10% do not believe so.
- Over 85% of respondents believed that parental involvement helps to reduce alcohol and marijuana use with 10% who either strongly disagreed or disagreed.