



AT A GLANCE | 2025

Through a survey, Big Table participants shared their ideas, stories, and feedback.

Here is a snapshot of what they said!


5,300
people are estimated to have participated.


92%
said ideas or issues were discussed that led to deeper understanding of community needs, opportunities, or strengths.

PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTED


65

UNIQUE ZIP CODES


98%
said they are likely to participate in The Big Table again.


91%
said they met at least one person with a different background or perspective from their own.



CONVERSATION TOPICS

The most common Big Table conversation themes reported were **affordable housing, mental health, and creating stronger connections.**

Other popular topics included:

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| Arts | Food Insecurity | Transportation |
| Civic Engagement | Kindness | Voting |
| Education | Safety | Youth |

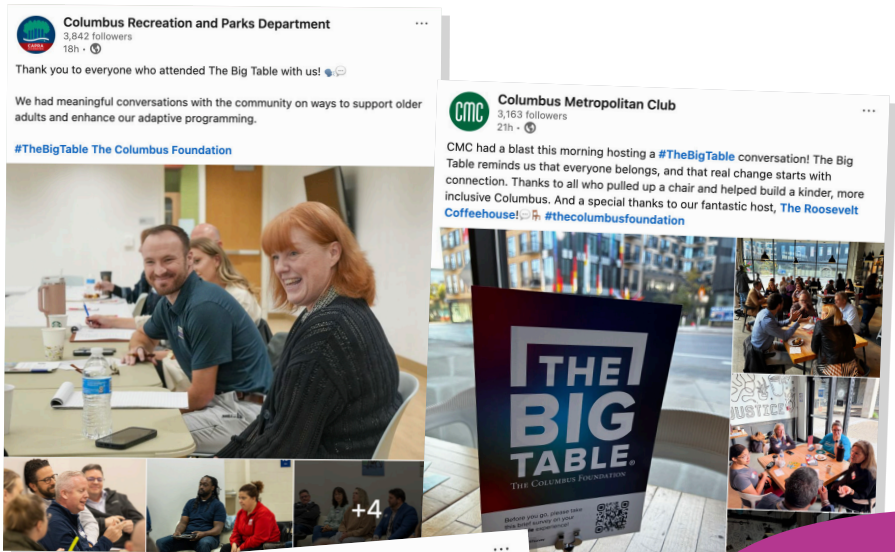


NEXT STEPS

More than half of Big Table participants discussed ways to **keep the momentum going.**

“We are meeting again in one month—same place, same time—to continue the conversation and collaborate together on moving our community forward!”

“We are going to grow and make this a quarterly roundtable with monthly breakout meetings.”



“Choosing community is a radical act of hope.”

“I met a ton of interesting, thoughtful, and kind people.”

“The Big Table is a great way to build connections and move forward with positive solutions.”

“I always leave The Big Table feeling inspired and hopeful — and that was especially true this time, given the challenging times we’re all navigating.”



NEW IN 2025!
Nearly 200 educators facilitated Big Table conversations with thousands of K-12 students across central Ohio.

“The conversation cards REALLY got them thinking! I loved the conversations I heard, and they were SO engaged!”

“My students found that the experience lent them confidence in speaking to others and felt that they made valuable contributions and suggestions related to making our community even stronger.”

“We are already seeing random notes of kindness pop up in the classroom, and the kids are carrying it forward when they encounter other adults in the building.”

