



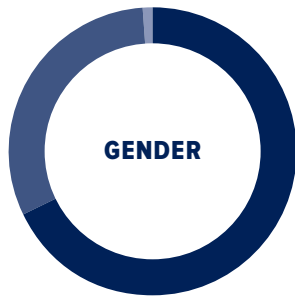
From sunrise to sunset, conversations over coffee, snacks, dinner, and everything in between strengthened our community. We are grateful to all who took the time to come together around The Big Table.

The Columbus Foundation's Big Table on August 30, 2016 brought over 5,000 residents together around more than 450 tables for community-building conversations that collectively fostered understanding across the region in a single day.

Small acts of courage can lead to big results, and the hosts and others who said yes to building understanding were The Big Table's real leaders. Good ideas can come from anywhere and with The Big Table they came in abundance from everywhere—an awesome display of community spirit and progress for all.

The Big Table report finds a community inspired by a day of conversation

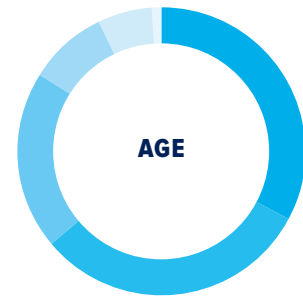
To assess the impact of the community's first Big Table, a survey was sent to registered Big Table hosts and participants on August 31. A total of 403 of the 478 Big Table hosts, who organized their respective conversations, along with 1,095 of the roughly 5,000 participants completed the survey—giving the Foundation a statistically reliable sample. The survey was available in both English and Spanish.



■ Female 67% (Franklin County: 51%)
■ Male 32% (Franklin County: 49%)
■ Other 1%



■ White 76% (Franklin County: 68%)
■ Black 16% (Franklin County: 21%)
■ Hispanic 3% (Franklin County: 5%)
■ Asian 1% (Franklin County: 4%)
■ Other 4% (Franklin County: 2%)



■ 50–65 33% (Franklin County: 24%)
■ 36–50 31% (Franklin County: 14%)
■ 26–35 20% (Franklin County: 17%)
■ 65+ 9% (Franklin County: 10%)
■ 18–25 6% (Franklin County: 11%)
■ Under 18 1% (Franklin County: 24%)

THE BIG TABLE TAPPED INTO THE COMMUNITY'S DESIRE TO CONNECT AROUND CIVIC ISSUES

97%

of respondents reported they:

- were satisfied with their experience
- were likely to participate again
- were likely to recommend participation to others

Many respondents shared inspiring ideas from their Big Table conversations. The ideas focused on four primary themes:

1. Economic opportunity for all
2. The need for a living wage
3. Concerns about people who are homeless
4. Importance of having more opportunities for community dialogue



Most Discussed Topics

* Respondents could choose more than one topic



65%

Community
Engagement



64%

Education



57%

Poverty



55%

Children



54%

Community
Development

85%

of respondents said they learned
something new

70%

of respondents did not know all of the
participants at their conversation

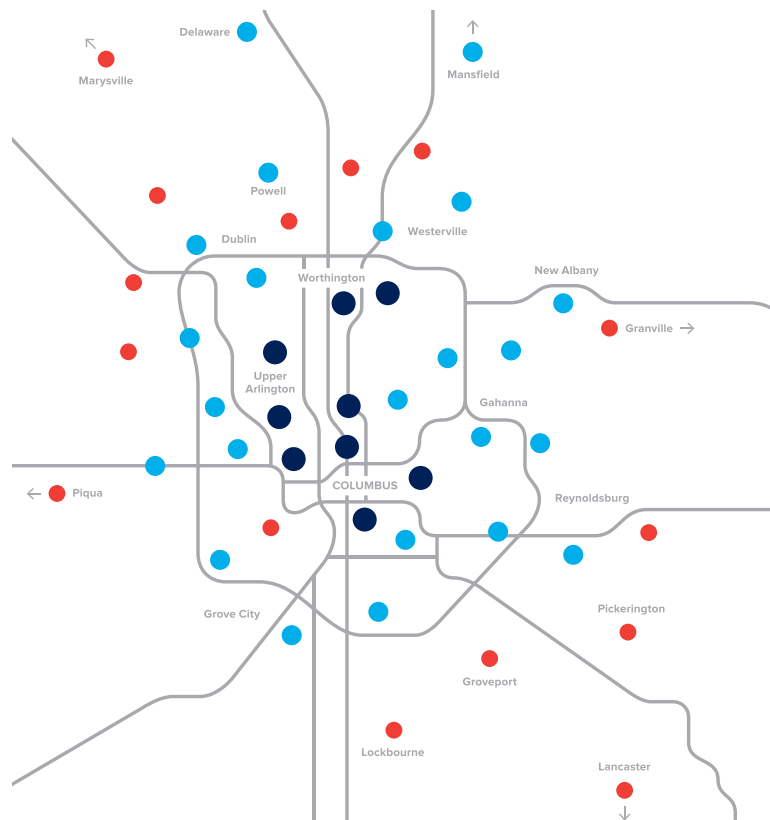
The Big Table Host Map

- One Host
- 2–9 Hosts
- 10+ Hosts

Almost all Big Table conversations
took place within 20 miles of
downtown Columbus

Almost half of the participants came
from 10 zip codes in and around
Columbus (46%)

71 zip codes in total were represented



From the Survey

“Collectively we can feel empowered to make little differences in our neighborhood, workplace, etc. The little steps we take are bigger because others are walking this way too!”

“Several of us have already connected via coffee or lunch to begin to see how we can collaborate in the future to act on some of the great ideas to nurture inclusion in our community.”

“This is a brilliant way to involve people in community action. It is positive and affirms that we are all connected and capable of effecting change.”

“I felt like Columbus grew 3 inches on Tuesday, August 30.”

“Opens a new hope in me.”

“Talking about our community, no matter what the outcome, is valuable in and of itself because it reminds people they are the community, they have a voice in it, and that voice can and will be heard.”



In gratitude and honor of each person who participated, The Columbus Foundation made a contribution to the *Gifts of Kindness Fund*—thanks to the *William H. Davis, Dorothy M. Davis and William C. Davis Foundation* and the *Paul G. Duke Foundation*. This fund provides one-time emergency grants through partner nonprofits to help lift up individuals and families who experience an unexpected setback.

The Columbus Foundation thanks our Big Table partners and all who participated in this inaugural event.

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