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BACKGROUND

The Fort Wayne Gateway for Growth (FWG4G) Core Committee (FWG4GCC) entered into a contract with Andrew Downs Consulting, LLC (ADC) for a survey of the general population of the Fort Wayne area.

FWG4G lacked sufficient resources to conduct the survey in accordance with research methods that were most likely to produce a representative sample of the population living in the area. FWG4G and ADC had a goal of 600 completed surveys as one way to demonstrate significant public input.

METHODOLOGY

FWG4G and ADC worked collaboratively to develop a questionnaire (page 21). Questions used in other G4G communities and for economic and community development research were used when possible.

A total of 781 responses were collected. Survey Monkey was the primary method for gathering responses (n=698). Eighty-three responses were collected on paper and entered by hand. The majority of the paper surveys were in Spanish.

An English version of the survey was programmed into Survey Monkey. The first response was on June 15, 2023. The survey was closed for public responses on August 19, 2023.

A Spanish version of the survey was programmed into Survey Monkey. The first response was on July 15, 2023. The survey was closed for public responses on August 19, 2023. There were 13 responses.

A Burmese version of the survey was programmed into Survey Monkey. The first response was on July 20, 2023. The survey was closed for public responses on August 19, 2023. There were 9 responses.

Paper surveys were added until August 22, 2023.

The English, Spanish, and Burmese electronic files were merged after the surveys closed.

Charts and tables produced by Survey Monkey were exported in PDF and PPT formats. Individual respondent data was exported to Excel.

Survey Monkey and Excel were used for analysis and tables.

RESULTS

There were a total of 781 completed surveys (645 [82.6%] US citizen respondents; 123 [15.7] non-US citizen respondents). Thirteen respondents (1.7%) did not provide their citizenship / immigrant status. The United States Bureau of the Census American Community Survey reports 90.8% of the residents of Fort Wayne as native born and 9.2% as foreign born.¹ Results are discussed in terms of total respondents, US citizen respondents, and non-US citizen respondents.

Time in Fort Wayne (Tables One - Three)

There were three questions that asked respondents about how long they had been in the Fort Wayne area and what brought them to the area.

Just over 60% of the respondents said they were born elsewhere and moved here. Over half of the US citizen respondents (55.19%) were born elsewhere and moved here. That percentage jumps to 96.40% for non-US citizen respondents. The high percentage for non-US citizen respondents is not surprising, but the percentage of US citizen respondents who moved here may be an indicator the respondents are not representative of the Fort Wayne area population. According to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 63.4% of native born people living in Fort Wayne were born in Indiana.ⁱⁱ This is not the same as the question on the survey, but it provides some context.

Nearly a quarter (24.96%) of the US citizen respondents moved here for a new job. That percentage is just under 10% for non-US citizen respondents. An additional 23.57% of US citizen respondents moved here to be closer to family and friends. The percentage of non-US citizen respondents who said this was the reason for moving here was 17.86%. The story of immigration to the United States often is about looking for a better quality of life. A near majority of the non-US citizen respondents to this survey (49.11%) said they moved here looking for a better quality of life.

More than 4 of 10 non-US citizen respondents (44.74%) have lived in the Fort Wayne area for less than five years. This is quite a bit higher than US citizen respondents (13.34%). There may be an impulse to say this difference is due to the percentage of recent non-US citizens from Burma/Myanmar. This may be a contributing factor, but the percentage of respondents to this survey from Burma/Myanmar (2.60%) is not likely to be the most significant contributing factor (Mexico 6.38%; Guatemala 2.99%; Other 2.99%).

Nearly three-quarters of US citizen respondents (75.81%) have lived in the Fort Wayne area for more than 10 years. Fort Wayne's population is relatively stable. In fact, 83% of the population of Fort Wayne lived in the same house one year before the 2020 Census.ⁱⁱⁱ Additionally, 44% of all households have lived in the same housing unit since 2014 or earlier.^{iv}

Feeling Like You Belong in Fort Wayne (Table Four)

Respondents were asked how long it took for them to feel like they belonged here. Approximately 14% of the respondents regardless of citizenship status said they felt like they belonged right away (US citizen respondents 14.57%; non-US citizen respondents 14.04%). A similar percentage of US citizen respondents (13.8%) and non-US citizen respondents (15.79%) said they still don't feel like they belong.

Within a year of moving here, 28.95% of non-US citizen respondents said they felt like they belonged. That number dropped to 9.77% for US citizen respondents. The difference may be due to the work of social service organizations and others helping immigrants, refugees, asylees, and others who are new to the US and area.

Getting around Fort Wayne (Tables Five and Six)

The Fort Wayne area is reliant on automobiles for getting around. More than 90% of the households in this area have access to one or more cars.^v This is similar to all respondents to this survey who indicated they use a personal vehicle for transportation most of the time (91.77%). The percentage increases to 95.95% for US citizen respondents and drops to 71.05% for non-US citizens.

Having a personal vehicle is likely to make it easier to get around the Fort Wayne area. More than 8 of 10 US citizen respondents replied that it was extremely easy or somewhat easy to get places (82.95%). Not

quite two-thirds of the non-US citizen respondents thought the same thing (63.48%). One fifth (20.87%) of the non-US citizen respondents said it was neither easy nor difficult to get places.

Employment and Entrepreneurialism (Tables Seven – Thirteen)

Similar percentages of US citizen respondents (53.03%) and non-US citizen respondents (55.26%) replied the work available in the Fort Wayne area matches their skills and education extremely well or very well.

Approximately 80% of the respondents replied they were working for pay. The percentage is fractionally higher for the US citizen respondents (81.06%) than the non-US citizen respondents (79.82%). The biggest difference between these groups can be seen among the people who are not working. US citizen respondents were much more likely to say they were not looking for work (14.91%) than non-US citizen respondents (4.39%). More than 11% of the non-US citizen respondents who were not working said they were looking for work but only 2.80% of US citizen respondents had the same response.

Non-US citizen respondents were more likely to be working for themselves (11.40%) than US citizen respondents (7.96%). Nearly two-thirds of both groups (US citizen respondents 66.61%; non-US citizen respondents 62.28%) were working for one employer (not self-employed). Nearly twice as many US citizen respondents (7.49%) than non-US respondents (3.51%) were working for more than one employer. These percentages may be another indicator this survey is not representative of the Fort Wayne area population.

Approximately 70% of all respondents were working 30 or more hours per week (US citizen respondents 72.98%; non-US citizen respondents 69.30%). If this number of hours is worked at a single employer, then the respondents may be eligible for benefits the employer is required to offer.

Respondents were asked if they have faced challenges maintaining employment. More than twice as many non-US citizen respondents (38.60%) than US citizen respondents (15.78%) replied they had faced challenges. When non-US citizen respondents were asked for the greatest challenge, 17.12% replied it was the language spoken and used at work. An additional 14.41% replied their legal status had been the most significant challenge.

Just over 8% of respondents already work for themselves (US citizen respondents 7.96%; non-US citizen respondents 11.40%). This is higher than the percentage reported by the Census (4.5%).^{vi} All respondents were asked which view of entrepreneurship was closest to theirs. One fifth of US citizen respondents (22.36%) replied they wanted to be an entrepreneur someday. That percentage jumped to 58.77% for non-US citizen respondents. Nearly half of the US citizen respondents (48.91%) replied they did not want to start their own business.

Volunteering in the Community (Tables Fourteen and Fifteen)

Formal volunteering is helping others, your community, and/or a cause through a specific organization. Informal volunteering is lending a hand to family, friends, and neighbors, including things like house sitting, watching each other's children, lending tools, running errands, and shovelling snow. US citizen respondents were more likely (31.22%) than non-US citizens respondents (16.22%) to engage in formal volunteering every week or month. More than 4 of 10 non-US respondents (43.24%) replied they had not engaged in any formal volunteering in the last year. More than 4 in 10 non-US citizen respondents

have lived in Fort Wayne for five years or less and may not have found formal volunteering opportunities.

It is not surprising that both groups were more likely to engage in informal volunteering than formal volunteering. A majority of US citizen respondents (54.35%) engaged in informal volunteering every week or month. The percentage dropped to 35.40% for non-US citizen respondents. Approximately seven percent of US citizen respondents (7.45%) and non-US citizen respondents (6.19%) replied they had not engaged in any informal volunteering in the last year. It is possible cultural differences caused people to view “informal” volunteering in different ways even though a definition was provided.

Accessing Healthcare (Tables Sixteen – Eighteen)

Access to healthcare is essential for a healthy life and a good quality of life. Respondents were asked where their families receive care most often. US citizen respondents (80.75%) were nearly twice as likely as non-US citizen respondents (44.25%) to reply that care was from a doctor’s office. Non-US citizen respondents were more likely to use community clinics / free clinics (18.58%) and emergency rooms (10.62%) than US citizen respondents. Another interesting difference between these groups is that 9.73% of non-US citizen respondents replied that pharmacies and grocery stores were where their families receive health care most often.

Respondents were asked how easily they can get to see a doctor. Nearly three-quarters of the US citizen respondents (72.83%) strongly agreed or agreed they could get to see a doctor easily. That number dropped to 57.52% for non-US citizen respondents.

When non-US citizen respondents were asked what the greatest obstacle was to accessing care, 35.40% replied that it was a lack of insurance and 14.16% replied it was a lack of money. The time during the day was the greatest obstacle for US citizen respondents (25.00%).

How Do You Learn about the Community (Table Nineteen)

Whether a person has lived in a community for a few days or their entire life, they will need sources of information about the community. Respondents in this survey were asked who has been most helpful to them learning about the community and resources. Friends who are part of a cultural group were cited most often by both groups (US citizen respondents 23.79%; non-US citizen respondents 26.32%). Family members were cited the second most (US citizen respondents 18.51%; non-US citizen respondents 25.44%). Social service agencies were cited third most often by non-US citizen respondents (20.18%). This was a significant difference from US citizen respondents (4.82%). The role these organizations play in helping non-US citizens settle and find their way in the community are the likely reason for the difference.

Building a Social Network (Table Twenty)

Social networks contribute to every aspect of life and well-being. Respondents were asked where they have been able to build their social network the best. Given the percentage of people who came to this area for work and the high percentage of people who are working 30 or more hours a week, it is not surprising that the workplace is the place respondents are building the social networks the best (US citizen respondents 28.68%; non-US citizen respondents 31.86%).

How are You Treated? (Tables Twenty-One and Twenty-Two)

Respondents were asked how they feel they have been treated by a variety of types of organizations in the Fort Wayne area. The types of organizations were divided into two questions due to the large number. The response options were the same for both questions – included, welcomed, neutral, neglected, or rejected.

The first question asked about religious centers and communities, educational organizations, civic and volunteer organizations, nonprofits services providers and resources centers, organizations serving new Americans, people in their neighborhoods, and arts and culture organizations.

A majority of respondents in both groups replied these organizations were including or welcoming with two exceptions. Two-thirds of the US citizen respondents replied organizations serving new Americans did not apply to them. Approximately 4 of 10 (43.10%) non-US citizen respondents replied that arts and culture organizations had been neutral.

Both groups had similar opinions about people in their neighborhoods. More than 60% replied people in their neighborhoods were including or welcoming (US citizen respondents 62.46%; non-US citizen respondents 60.00%). The groups were nearly as similar in their opinions about civic and volunteer organizations (US citizen respondents 60.13%; non-US citizen respondents 55.73%). The greater tendency of US citizen respondents to engage in formal volunteering may explain this difference.

The largest difference between the groups was regarding nonprofits services providers and resources centers. A majority of both groups considered those organizations to be including or welcoming, but non-US citizen respondents had a much more favorable opinion (US citizen respondents 52.13%; non-US citizen respondents 70.49%). This could be due to utilization of these organizations.

The second question asked about healthcare organizations, stores and service businesses, the employers of the respondents, organizations in downtown Fort Wayne, other employers, and local governments.

The employers of the respondents were viewed the most favorably. More than 7 of 10 US citizen respondents (72.17%) replied their employers were including or welcoming. Nearly the same percentage of non-US citizen respondents (70.13%) had the same reply regarding their employers.

Healthcare organizations had a similarly positive replies from both groups. Nearly two-thirds of the US citizen respondents (65.46%) and nearly three-quarters of the non-US citizen respondents (73.69%) replied that healthcare organizations were including or welcoming.

A majority of both groups viewed organizations in downtown Fort Wayne favorably. Those organizations were considered to be more including and welcoming by US citizen respondents (61.13%) than non-US citizen respondents (54.29%).

The two groups did not see local government as positively as they saw their employers or healthcare organizations, but their opinions were similar to each other. Approximately one-third of both groups (US citizen respondents 34.85%; non-US citizen respondents 34.25%) had neutral opinions of local governments. The remaining respondents leaned heavily to positive views.

More than two-thirds of US citizen respondents (71.52%) considered stores and service businesses to be including or welcoming. The percentage dropped for non-US citizen respondents (58.91%). Still a majority, but a significant drop.

Training to become a Community Leader (Table 23)

A quarter of US citizen respondents (25.59%) were interested in training to become a community leader. A third of non-US citizen respondents (33.04%) also were interested. An additional 18.25% of US citizen respondents and 33.04% of non-US citizen respondents were interested but did not have the time to attend training.

Learning English (Table Twenty-Four)

English is the first language of 5.36% of the non-US citizen respondents who replied to a question about obstacles to learning English as an additional language. The greatest obstacle to learning English as an additional language was time according to 17.86% who replied they do not have the time. Another 31% said classes were at inconvenient times (16.07%) or not available (15.18%). Nearly 11% chose the response that “all of the above” were the greatest obstacle to learning English.

Is Fort Wayne Safe and Welcoming (Tables Twenty-Five – Twenty-Seven)

Respondents were asked how comfortable they were interacting with police officers and other public safety officers. Nearly three times the percentage of non-US citizen respondents (16.96%) as US citizen respondents (5.27%) had never interacted with any public safety officers. A majority of US citizen respondents (50.08%) who had interacted with public safety officers were extremely or very comfortable. That percentage dropped to 25.89% for non-US citizen respondents. Non-US citizen respondents (16.96%) were more likely than US citizen respondents (10.23%) to reply they were not at all comfortable interacting with public safety officers. Public safety officers in the United States perform their duties very differently than their counterparts in many other countries. This likely helps to explain the difference of the two groups on this question.

Regardless of the how comfortable respondents were interacting with public safety officers, nearly two-thirds of respondents said they feel very safe or safe in the Fort Wayne area (US citizen respondents 65.58%; non-US citizen respondents 64.35%).

While a majority of respondents feel safe, they are less likely to say Fort Wayne is welcoming. Only 35.94% of US citizen respondents replied Fort Wayne was very welcoming or welcoming. The percentage jumped to 57.02% for non-US citizen respondents.

Views of Immigrants (Tables Twenty-Eight and Twenty-Nine)

Respondents were asked about their views of undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States. More than 70% of the respondents (US citizen respondents 71.03%; non-US citizen respondents 84.35%) replied undocumented immigrants should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for US citizenship. One in five US citizen respondents (17.76%) replied undocumented immigrants should be required to leave the US.

Respondents also were asked if they think immigrants coming to the US made society better or worse in the long run. Once again super majorities of both groups (US citizen respondents 69.48%; non-US citizen respondents 84.96%) agreed. They replied immigrants coming to the US make American society better in the long run.

Would You Recommend Fort Wayne

Respondents were asked on a scale of 0-10 how likely they were to recommend the Fort Wayne area as a place to live to a friend or family member. All respondents averaged just over 7.5. US citizen respondents were approximately the same. Non-US citizen respondents averaged just over 8.

Who Took the Survey (Tables Thirty – Thirty-Two)

Age and citizenship are two demographic variables that were collected. The age distribution for non-US citizen respondents was younger than the US citizen respondents.

Respondents were provided definitions for immigrants, refugees, asylees, foreign nationals, and expatriates. Two-thirds of the non-US citizen respondents (65.22%) were immigrants. An additional 14.78% were foreign nationals. Refugees (9.57%), asylees (5.22%), and expatriates (5.22%) were represented in the non-US citizen respondents.

Respondents were asked what their home country was. A list of more than 35 countries was provided. Mexico was the home country for the largest percentage of non-US citizen respondents (36.52%) followed by Guatemala (14.78%) and Burma / Myanmar (9.57%). Nearly 14% replied they were from a country not on the list.

There was a question asking respondents what educational services they and their families have used in Allen County. It is the opinion of ADC that there was confusion about how to answer that question. It has been left out of this report but will be provided upon request.

TABLES

Table One			
Were you...	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
born and raised in the greater Fort Wayne area	24.03%	28.53%	0.90%
born here, moved away, moved back	13.05%	15.66%	0.00%
born elsewhere and moved here	61.76%	55.19%	96.40%
Don't know / No response	1.16%	0.62%	2.70%

Table Two			
Primary reason to move (move back to Fort Wayne area)	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
I always have lived here (never moved away)	19.56%	22.95%	2.68%
Transferred by an existing job	5.79%	6.67%	1.79%
Took a new job	22.39%	24.96%	9.82%
To be closer to family and friends	23.39%	23.57%	17.86%
To attend school	4.50%	4.81%	3.57%
Refugee resettlement	1.54%	0.78%	6.25%
Looking for a better quality of life	14.29%	6.98%	49.11%
Other	8.11%	7.75%	8.93%
Don't know / No response	1.42%	1.55%	0.00%

Table Three			
How long have you lived in the greater Fort Wayne area?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Less than one year	3.59%	1.40%	15.79%
1 to 5 years	14.36%	11.94%	28.95%
5 to 10 years	12.44%	10.23%	22.81%
More than 10 years	69.10%	75.81%	32.46%
Don't know / No response	0.51%	0.62%	0.00%

How long did you live here before you felt like you belonged	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
I was born and raised here. I've always felt like I belonged	26.44%	31.63%	0.88%
I moved here and I felt like I belonged right away	14.12%	14.57%	14.04%
I still don't feel like I belong	13.99%	13.80%	15.79%
Less than six months	4.62%	3.10%	13.16%
Six months to a year	7.96%	6.67%	15.79%
2 to 3 years	10.65%	9.92%	13.16%
4 to 5 years	6.03%	5.74%	7.02%
5 to 10 years	6.55%	5.27%	11.40%
10 to 20 years	3.59%	3.57%	3.51%
More than 20 years	1.80%	1.71%	1.75%
Don't know / No response	4.25%	4.03%	3.51%

Kind of transportation	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Personal vehicle	91.77%	95.95%	71.05%
Carpooling	3.73%	0.78%	18.42%
Bus	0.64%	0.31%	2.63%
Walking	1.41%	1.40%	1.75%
Bicycle	1.03%	0.93%	1.75%
Other	1.03%	0.62%	2.63%
Don't know / No response	0.39%	0.00%	1.75%

How easy is it to get places	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Extremely easy	43.72%	46.05%	29.57%
Somewhat easy	35.90%	36.90%	33.91%
Neither easy nor difficult	10.77%	8.53%	20.87%
Somewhat difficult	7.69%	7.29%	11.30%
Extremely difficult	1.67%	1.24%	4.35%
Don't know / No response	0.26%	0.00%	0.00%

Available work matches your skills and education	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Extremely well	20.62%	21.46%	15.79%
Very well	32.99%	31.57%	39.47%
Moderately well	24.36%	25.51%	19.30%
Slightly well	9.28%	8.40%	14.04%
Not well at all	6.06%	5.91%	7.02%
Don't know / No response	6.70%	7.15%	4.39%

Right now, do you work for pay?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Yes	81.00%	81.06%	79.82%
No, but I am looking for work	3.98%	2.80%	11.40%
No, and I am not looking for work	13.09%	14.91%	4.39%
Don't know / No response	1.93%	1.24%	4.39%

Do you work for pay for...	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
I am not working at this time	16.19%	15.13%	21.05%
Yourself (self-employed)	8.42%	7.96%	11.40%
For one employer (not yourself)	65.80%	66.61%	62.28%
For more than one employer	6.74%	7.49%	3.51%
Don't know / No response	2.85%	2.81%	1.75%

How many hours a week do you work?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
I am not working at this time	16.07%	15.68%	19.30%
Less than 30 hours	9.13%	8.85%	9.65%
30 to 40 hours	32.65%	32.76%	30.70%
More than 40 hours	39.72%	40.22%	38.60%
Don't know / No response	2.44%	2.48%	1.75%

Have you faced challenges maintaining employment	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Yes	19.66%	15.78%	38.60%
No	73.74%	78.28%	52.63%
Don't know / No response / Not applicable	6.60%	5.94%	8.77%

Table Twelve			
Which has been the greatest challenge to maintaining employment?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
I have not faced challenges maintaining employment	59.64%	63.92%	36.94%
Transportation	2.33%	1.24%	8.11%
Child care	8.28%	8.55%	7.21%
Education / Training	2.46%	2.80%	0.90%
Language spoken / used at work	3.10%	0.31%	17.12%
My legal status (e.g. refugee, asylee, foreign national)	2.20%	0.00%	14.41%
Other	12.03%	12.91%	7.21%
Don't know / No response	9.96%	10.26%	8.11%

Table Thirteen			
Which comes closest to your view of entrepreneurship?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
I am already an entrepreneur	13.77%	14.75%	9.65%
I am setting up a business right now	3.22%	2.95%	4.39%
I want to be an entrepreneur someday	28.06%	22.36%	58.77%
I do not want to start my own business	43.37%	48.91%	15.79%
Don't know / No response	11.58%	11.02%	11.40%

Table Fourteen			
Formal volunteering	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Every week	15.80%	16.93%	9.91%
Every month	13.08%	14.29%	6.31%
Many times a year	17.75%	17.86%	17.12%
At least once a year	16.97%	17.39%	15.32%
I did not engage in formal volunteering	33.03%	31.37%	43.24%
Don't know / No response	3.37%	2.17%	8.11%

Table Fifteen			
Informal volunteering	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Every week	26.87%	28.57%	19.47%
Every month	24.16%	25.78%	15.93%
Many times a year	28.81%	27.02%	38.05%
At least once a year	9.56%	8.70%	13.27%
I did not engage in formal volunteering	7.24%	7.45%	6.19%
Don't know / No response	3.36%	2.48%	7.08%

Table Sixteen

Where does your family receive health care most often?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Doctor's office	74.58%	80.75%	44.25%
Community clinic / free clinic	4.65%	1.86%	18.58%
Emergency room	2.19%	0.62%	10.62%
Pharmacy / grocery clinic	2.58%	1.24%	9.73%
Urgent care facility / Immediate care facility	6.06%	6.83%	1.77%
Mental health therapist / psychologist / psychiatrist	2.45%	2.95%	0.00%
Other	1.29%	1.24%	1.77%
Have not needed health care	4.65%	3.73%	10.62%
Don't know / No response	1.55%	0.78%	2.65%

Table Seventeen

I can get to see a doctor easily	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Strongly agree	21.01%	21.43%	19.47%
Agree	49.10%	51.40%	38.05%
Disagree	19.59%	19.10%	21.24%
Strongly disagree	7.60%	5.75%	17.70%
Don't know / No response	2.71%	2.33%	3.54%

Table Eighteen

Which has been the greatest obstacle to accessing health care?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Lack of insurance	11.70%	7.34%	35.40%
Lack of money	13.52%	13.75%	14.16%
Lack of information	4.42%	3.75%	7.08%
Lack of transportation	0.65%	0.47%	1.77%
The time during the day health care is available	22.11%	25.00%	8.85%
Stigma / Bias	1.82%	2.19%	0.00%
Language spoken / used in healthcare	2.47%	0.62%	12.39%
No obstacles	38.36%	42.50%	15.93%
Don't know / No response	4.94%	4.38%	4.42%

Table Nineteen

Who has been most helpful to you learning about the community and resources?	All	US Citizen	Non US Citizen
Family	20.28%	18.51%	25.44%
Friends who are part of my cultural group	24.03%	23.79%	26.32%
Neighbors	7.24%	8.09%	2.63%
Churches / Places of worship	6.07%	5.60%	7.89%
Social service agencies	6.98%	4.82%	20.18%
Local governments (e.g. county, township, city)	3.49%	3.58%	3.51%
Local school / University	1.03%	0.93%	1.75%
Workplace	14.08%	15.86%	6.14%
Other	16.80%	18.82%	6.14%

Table Twenty

Where have you been able to build your social network (personal relationships) the best?	All	US Citizen	Non US Citizen
Civic / nonprofit organizations	8.26%	8.06%	8.85%
Workplace	29.03%	28.68%	31.86%
Social events / gatherings	10.19%	10.85%	7.08%
School	3.35%	3.41%	2.65%
Neighborhood	7.35%	7.13%	8.85%
Houses of worship / faith centers	10.19%	9.77%	12.39%
Friend group	22.58%	23.41%	19.47%
Other	4.26%	4.03%	5.31%
Don't know / No response	4.77%	4.65%	3.54%

Table Twenty-One

	Included	Welcomed	Neutral	Neglected	Rejected	Not applicable
Religious centers and communities	All	26.88%	33.57%	19.22%	4.74%	5.01%
	US Citizen	25.79%	32.86%	19.65%	4.87%	5.50%
	Non-US Citizen	34.72%	38.89%	18.06%	4.17%	1.39%
Schools and educational organizations	All	25.28%	31.36%	22.18%	4.24%	1.55%
	US Citizen	24.88%	30.39%	22.68%	4.25%	1.73%
	Non-US Citizen	27.69%	41.54%	20.00%	4.62%	0.00%
Civic and volunteer organizations	All	22.11%	37.66%	21.68%	2.00%	1.14%
	US Citizen	22.63%	37.50%	21.20%	1.90%	1.27%
	Non-US Citizen	16.39%	39.34%	29.51%	3.28%	0.00%
Nonprofit service providers or community resource centers	All	22.16%	31.53%	20.03%	3.98%	0.71%
	US Citizen	21.42%	30.71%	20.16%	3.94%	0.79%
	Non-US Citizen	29.51%	40.98%	21.31%	4.92%	0.00%
Organizations serving new Americans	All	7.57%	11.57%	13.14%	1.43%	0.14%
	US Citizen	6.16%	9.79%	12.64%	1.42%	0.16%
	Non-US Citizen	22.41%	31.03%	18.97%	1.72%	0.00%
People in your neighborhood	All	24.47%	37.84%	28.45%	4.98%	2.28%
	US Citizen	24.45%	38.01%	28.23%	5.05%	2.52%
	Non-US Citizen	23.33%	36.67%	35.00%	5.00%	0.00%
Arts and culture organizations	All	18.86%	35.86%	24.43%	2.71%	1.00%
	US Citizen	19.24%	36.75%	23.03%	2.84%	1.10%
	Non-US Citizen	13.79%	27.59%	43.10%	1.72%	0.00%

Table Twenty-Two

	Included	Welcomed	Neutral	Neglected	Rejected	Not applicable	
Healthcare organizations (hospitals, doctors' offices)	All	19.72%	46.39%	22.50%	8.61%	0.97%	1.81%
	US Citizens	20.09%	45.37%	23.23%	8.95%	0.94%	1.41%
	Non-US Citizens	17.11%	56.58%	17.11%	6.58%	1.32%	1.32%
Stores and service businesses (e.g. handyman, mechanic)	All	18.25%	51.81%	23.96%	3.34%	1.39%	1.25%
	US Citizens	18.62%	52.90%	23.47%	3.13%	1.10%	0.78%
	Non-US Citizens	13.70%	45.21%	28.77%	5.48%	4.11%	2.74%
Your employer and workplace	All	41.45%	30.46%	9.18%	4.45%	1.39%	13.07%
	US Citizens	42.61%	29.56%	8.49%	4.40%	1.57%	13.36%
	Non-US Citizens	31.17%	38.96%	15.58%	5.19%	0.00%	9.09%
Organizations in downtown Fort Wayne	All	18.07%	42.16%	24.65%	3.08%	1.40%	10.64%
	US Citizens	18.81%	42.32%	24.14%	3.13%	1.57%	10.03%
	Non-US Citizens	10.00%	44.29%	30.00%	2.86%	0.00%	12.86%
Other employers and workplaces	All	12.69%	35.12%	28.49%	3.24%	1.69%	18.76%
	US Citizens	13.11%	35.07%	27.96%	3.16%	1.90%	18.80%
	Non-US Citizens	8.57%	38.57%	35.71%	4.29%	0.00%	12.86%
Local government offices (e.g. county, township, city)	All	12.15%	28.77%	34.78%	10.89%	3.77%	9.64%
	US Citizens	12.56%	28.41%	34.85%	11.15%	3.77%	9.26%
	Non-US Citizens	8.22%	34.25%	34.25%	9.59%	4.11%	9.59%

Table Twenty-Three

Would you be interested in attending training on becoming a community leader?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Yes	26.56%	25.59%	33.04%
Yes, but don't have the time	20.57%	18.25%	33.04%
No	38.93%	42.43%	19.64%
Don't know / No response	13.93%	13.73%	14.29%

Table Twenty-Four

If English is an additional language: What is/was the greatest obstacle to learning English?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
English is my first language	59.83%	71.43%	5.36%
Availability of classes	3.19%	0.84%	15.18%
Lack of classes at my level	1.39%	0.17%	7.14%
Inconvenient class times	3.74%	1.01%	16.07%
Do not have the time	4.02%	0.67%	17.86%
Transportation	0.69%	0.00%	4.46%
Other	1.25%	0.50%	5.36%
All of the above	2.77%	1.34%	10.71%
Don't know / No response	23.13%	24.03%	17.86%

Table Twenty-Five

How comfortable do you feel interacting with police officers or other public safety officers?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
I have never interacted with policy or public safety officers	6.87%	5.27%	16.96%
Extremely comfortable	26.33%	29.46%	9.82%
Very comfortable	19.71%	20.62%	16.07%
Moderately comfortable	19.97%	20.78%	16.96%
Slightly comfortable	13.36%	13.18%	14.29%
Not at all comfortable	11.54%	10.23%	16.96%
Don't know / No response	2.20%	0.47%	8.93%

Table Twenty-Six

In general, how safe do you feel in the greater Fort Wayne area?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Very safe	20.05%	19.94%	21.74%
Safe	44.89%	45.64%	42.61%
Somewhat safe	28.33%	28.50%	26.09%
Not very safe	5.05%	4.83%	6.09%
Not safe at all	1.03%	1.09%	0.87%
Don't know / No response	0.65%	0.00%	2.61%

Table Twenty-Seven			
In general, how welcoming do you think the greater Fort Wayne area is to immigrants and refugees?	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Very welcoming	11.44%	9.69%	20.18%
Welcoming	27.96%	26.25%	36.84%
Somewhat welcoming	33.68%	34.84%	28.07%
Not very welcoming	13.13%	13.75%	10.53%
Not at all welcoming	1.43%	1.72%	0.00%
Don't know / No response	12.35%	13.75%	4.39%

Table Twenty-Eight			
Which comes closest to your view about undocumented immigrants who are currently living in the United States	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
They should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for US citizenship	72.77%	71.03%	84.35%
They should be allowed to remain in the United States, but not be allowed to apply for US citizenship	3.61%	3.27%	5.22%
They should be required to leave the US.	15.10%	17.76%	1.74%
Don't know / No response	8.52%	7.94%	8.70%

Table Twenty-Nine			
Generally, do you think immigrants coming to the United States...	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
make American society better in the long run	71.61%	69.48%	84.96%
make American society worse in the long run	8.98%	10.33%	1.77%
don't have much of an effect on American society one way or the other	7.68%	8.29%	5.31%
Don't know / No response	11.72%	11.89%	7.96%

Table Thirty			
Age	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
18-20	1.81%	1.09%	4.39%
21-29	14.71%	11.65%	29.82%
30-39	23.23%	21.58%	33.33%
40-49	22.06%	22.36%	20.18%
50-59	16.00%	17.24%	11.40%
60-64	8.52%	10.25%	0.00%
65+	12.77%	15.06%	0.88%
Don't know / No response	0.90%	0.78%	0.00%

Table Thirty-One

What is your citizenship or immigration status	All	US Citizen	Non-US Citizen
Citizen	83.98%	100.00%	0.00%
Immigrant	9.77%	0.00%	65.22%
Refugee	1.43%	0.00%	9.57%
Asylee	0.78%	0.00%	5.22%
Foreign national	2.21%	0.00%	14.78%
Expatriate	0.78%	0.00%	5.22%
Don't know / No response	1.04%	0.00%	0.00%

Table Thirty-Two

What is your home country	Non-US Citizen
Mexico	36.52%
Guatemala	14.78%
Other	13.91%
Burma / Myanmar	9.57%
Thailand	6.09%
Colombia	5.22%
Chile	3.48%
Canada	1.74%
Haiti	1.74%
Venezuela	1.74%
Afghanistan	0.87%
El Salvador	0.87%
Honduras	0.87%
India	0.87%
Philippines	0.87%

ⁱ United States Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey (B05002), Fort Wayne, Indiana <https://data.census.gov/table?q=native+born&g=160XX00US1825000&tid=ACSDT1Y2021.B05002>. Accessed on August 31, 2023.

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