

Results from region 4: Central Minnesota

Region 4 includes the counties of Benton, Cass, Chisago, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena, and Wright.

■ Highlights:

- Virtually all youth in the region participate in some type of organized activity at some point during the school year, with three-quarters participating in athletics or sports activities.
- Rates of participation in school-based extra-curricular activities and community organizations are lower than the state average participation rates.
- About half of parents believe their community is doing OK at providing activities for teens, though more parents believe their community is not doing well than believe their community is doing very well.

- Parents are most likely to want programs that focus on youth development – teaching the value of hard work, trying new things, learning to get along with others – while youth are more interested in programs that provide enrichment opportunities in sports and academics.
- Parents report the greatest difficulty finding affordable and high quality programs. Additionally, one-third report difficulty finding programs that are interesting to youth.

■ People surveyed:

Parents: 212

Youth: 95

		Unweighted %
Child's Gender	Male	51.7%
	Female	48.3%
Community Type	Rural	41.5%
	Small Town	25.5%
	City in Greater Minnesota	33%
	Suburban Metro	0%
	Urban Metro	0%
Family Economic Status	Less than \$25,000	5.6%
	\$25,000 to \$50,000	22.7%
	\$50,000 to \$75,000	28.8%
	\$75,000 to \$100,000	18.7%
	\$100,000 or more	24.2%
Race/Ethnicity	White	94.7%
	Non-white	2.9%
	Immigrant	2.4%

		Unweighted %
Child's Grade	7	19.6%
	8	19.1%
	9	16.7%
	10	11.5%
	11	16.3%
	12	16.7%
Family Structure	Married or Cohabiting	86.1%
	Single Parent	13.9%
Family Work Status	All full time workers	46.8%
	One full time / one part time	25.4%
	One full time / one at home	16.1%
	No full time worker	11.7%
Parent Education	High school or less	20.7%
	Some college / Associate's degree	43.3%
	Bachelors or higher	36.1%

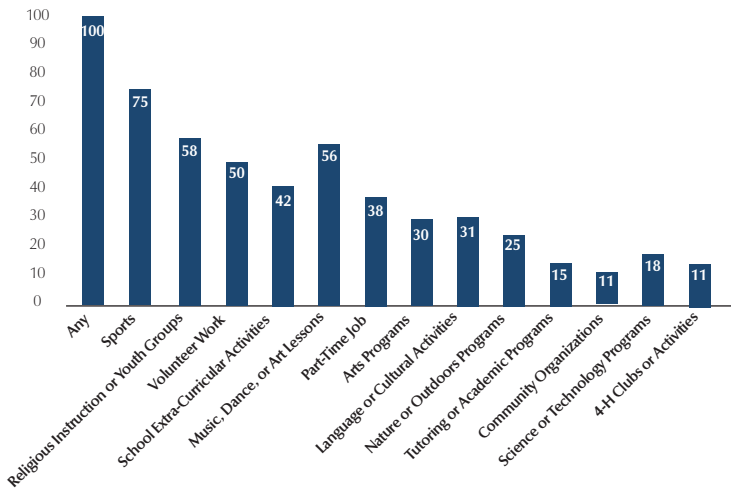
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Over half of all youth participate in sports, religious activities or youth groups, music, art or dance lessons, and volunteer activities. Exploring interests is among the top two priorities for both parents and youth.

Activity participation

Percent of youth participating in activities during the last school year.

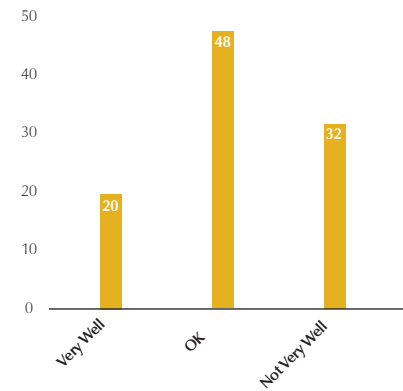
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Satisfaction with resources

Percent of parents reporting how well their communities are doing in providing programs and activities for teenagers.

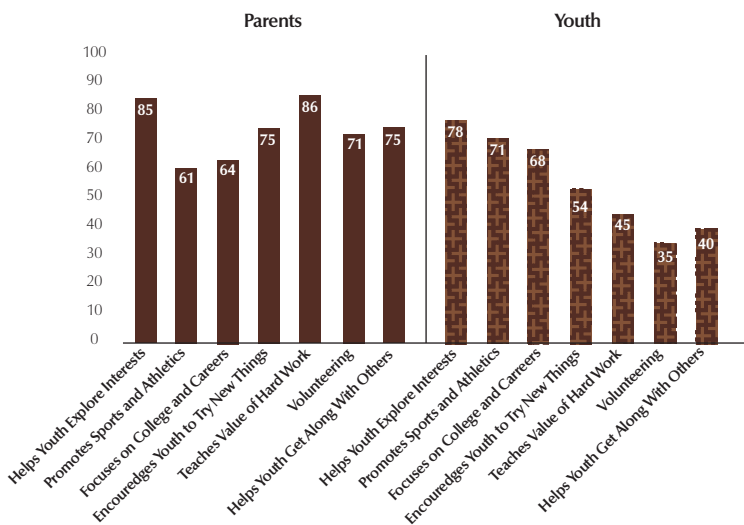
(Compare with the results from page 28 of the main report.)



Desired programs

Percent of parents and youth reporting the types of programs they would be very interested in youth participating in.

(Compare with the results from page 34 of the main report.)



Access to opportunities

Percent of parents reporting it was very or somewhat hard to find youth programs with any of the following attributes.

(Compare with the results from page 52 of the main report.)

