

## Results from region 3: West Central Minnesota

Region 3 includes the counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin.

### Highlights:

- Most youth participate in some type of organized activity at some point during the school year, with over three-quarters participating in athletics or sports activities.
- 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.
- About one-third of parents report difficulty finding affordable programs. Though this is slightly lower than the state average, parents in Region 3 report greater difficulty than parents across the state in finding programs that are conveniently located.

### People surveyed:

Parents: 202

Youth: 88

		Unweighted %
<b>Child's Gender</b>	Male	59.2%
	Female	40.8%
<b>Community Type</b>	Rural	42.1%
	Small Town	19.8%
	City in Greater Minnesota	38.1%
	Suburban Metro	0%
	Urban Metro	0%
<b>Family Economic Status</b>	Less than \$25,000	10.2%
	\$25,000 to \$50,000	21.4%
	\$50,000 to \$75,000	34.8%
	\$75,000 to \$100,000	19.3%
	\$100,000 or more	14.4%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	White	91.5%
	Non-white	5.5%
	Immigrant	3%

		Unweighted %
<b>Child's Grade</b>	7	21.4%
	8	13.9%
	9	22.4%
	10	12.9%
	11	13.4%
	12	15.9%
<b>Family Structure</b>	Married or Cohabiting	86.5%
	Single Parent	13.5%
<b>Family Work Status</b>	All full time workers	45.9%
	One full time / one part time	26%
	One full time / one at home	16.8%
	No full time worker	11.2%
<b>Parent Education</b>	High school or less	16.5%
	Some college / Associate's degree	48%
	Bachelors or higher	35.5%

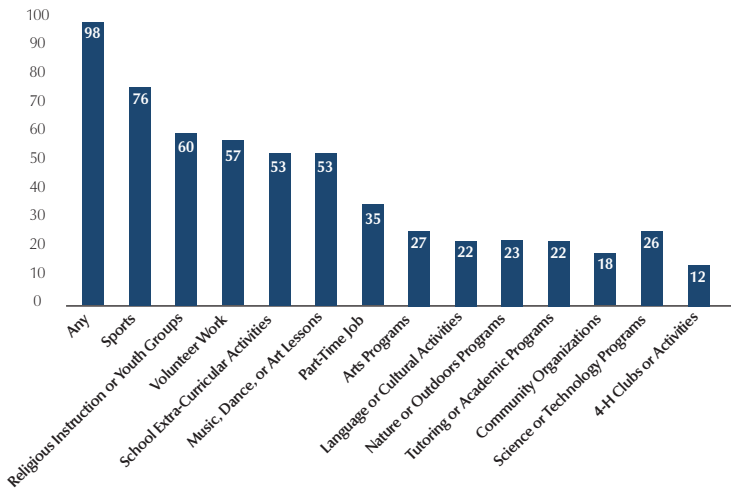
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Over half of all youth participate in sports, religious activities or youth groups, volunteer activities, school-based extra-curricular activities, and music, art or dance lessons. Exploring interests is among the top two priorities for both parents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

### Activity participation

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

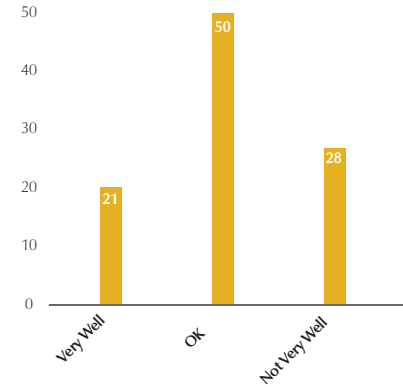
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### Satisfaction with resources

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

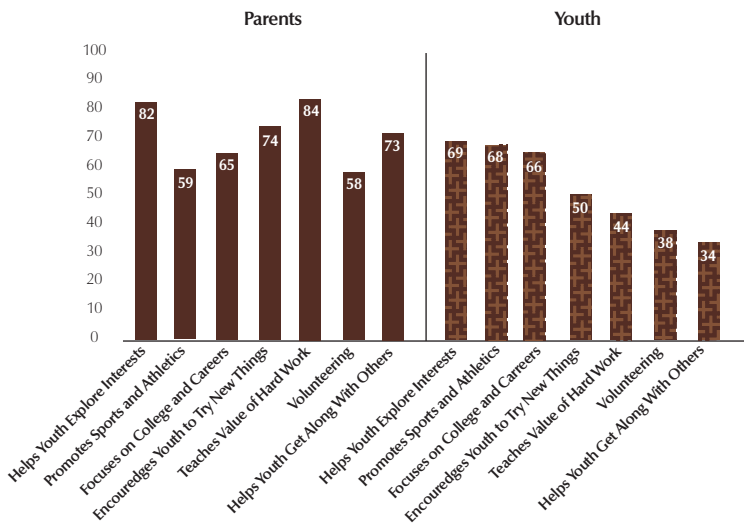
(Compare with the results from page 28 of the main report.)



### 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.)

