



(ACFW fill in), because not every participant filled out a questionnaire. The responses to each question were compared to data from the 2000 U.S. Census to illustrate if the participants at the community meetings reflect the demographic stratification of the Allen County/Fort Wayne region.

### The male and female participants were nearly equal.

The gender of the participants closely matched the gender distribution reported by the Census. The gender breakdown was nearly split in half, with slightly more male participants than female. Table 1 below illustrates the gender breakdown compared to the Census data for the county.

**Table 1: Gender Distribution**

Gender	Number of Participants	Percent of Total	Census
Females	112	47.06%	49.00%
Males	126	52.94%	51.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### The workshops gathered relatively diverse input from the Allen County/Fort Wayne community.

The next question asked participants about their racial identity. The purpose of this question was to ensure the racial diversity of the participants matched the actual demographic of the region. The results indicated a relatively strong correlation between the workshop participants and African American and Caucasian participants with the county Census data, while the Asian and Latino participants were less than the County Census data. In this respect, the workshops gathered relatively diverse input from the Allen County/Fort Wayne community. The results of this question are listed in Table 2.

**Table 2: Participant Race**

Race	Number of Participants	Percent of Total	2000 Census
African American	22	9.24%	11.30%
Asian	1	0.42%	1.30%
Latino/Hispanic	2	0.84%	4.20%
Caucasian	210	88.24%	83.10%
Other	3	1.26%	0.10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### The workshop participants were well represented by residents 40-69.

The exit questionnaire also surveyed participants regarding their age. The results revealed that participants did not match the median age of 32.4 years reported by the Census. The majority of the participants, 75.63 percent, were between the ages of 40-69 years. Table 3 shows the breakdown of participants by age.

**Table 3: Participant Age**

Age	Number of Participants	Percent of Total	Census
Under19	3	1.26%	-
20-29	11	4.62%	-
30-39	21	8.82%	-
40-49	59	24.79%	-
50-59	75	31.51%	-
60-69	46	19.33%	-
70-79	20	8.40%	-
80 or older	3	1.26%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>Median Age 32.4</b>

### Workshop participants were well educated with incomes above the County Census levels.

The level of participant education was also represented in the exit questionnaire. As a whole the participants had a higher level of education than what was reported by the Census for Allen County. There was a correlation between level of education and higher incomes in the participant's responses. The household income reported by participants was also above what was reported by the Census for the County. The results from the education and income questions are illustrated in Tables 4 and 5.

**Table 4: Participant Level of Education**

Education	Number of Participants	Percentage	Census
Less than high school	4	1.68%	14.40%
High School Diploma	35	14.71%	31.90%
Some College	70	29.41%	22.90%
College graduate	64	26.89%	23.10%
Post graduate study	65	27.31%	7.70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 5: Participant Household Income**

Income	Number of Participants	Percentage	Census
No Response	22	9.24%	-
>\$15,000	7	2.94%	12.60%
\$15,000-\$34,999	35	14.71%	26.80%
\$35,000-\$49,999	29	12.18%	18.20%
\$50,000-\$74,999	67	28.15%	21.80%
\$75,000-\$99,999	33	13.87%	10.40%
More than \$100,000	45	18.91%	10.20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### The majority of participants have lived in the County more than ten years.

The final demographic question as part of the survey asked participants how long they have lived in the Allen County/Fort Wayne area. As a whole, participants tended to be long time residents, with 75 percent of respondents having lived in the area twenty years or more. The results from this question are shown in Table 6.

**Table 6: Length of Residence**

Residence (Years)	Number of Participants	Percentage	Census
0-4	13	5.46%	-
5-9	7	2.94%	-
10-19	38	15.97%	-
20+	81	34.03%	-
Lifelong	99	41.60%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>-</b>

### Data Organization and Results

The ideas from the community meetings were recorded, and are now organized in an Access database. The ideas were broken down into categories according to the elements identified in the work plan totaling 756 ideas. Some ideas were given two categories if they addressed more than one idea pertaining to an individual category. The primary and secondary categories are not weighted, and the idea is given equal value in both categories.

Three additional categories were created to organize the large volume of ideas addressing education (40), community appearance (61) and implementation (80). Many ideas related to governance and citizen participation were

also assigned to a new category called implementation. The numbers of ideas, by category, are listed in Table 7. The table is broken down to illustrate the number of ideas in the primary and secondary categories, as well as the total of the combined categories.

**Table 7: Ideas By Category**

<b>Community Meeting Ideas By Category</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Category 1</b>	<b>Category 2</b>	<b>Combined</b>
Community Appearance	52	9	61
Community Facilities	96	8	104
Economic Development	106	8	114
Education	39	1	40
Environmental Stewardship	52	16	68
Housing and Neighborhoods	31	6	37
Land Use	108	11	119
Transportation	91	2	93
Public and Private Utilities	38	2	40
Implementation	80	0	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>756</b>

\*Three new categories were created to organize the high volume of ideas focusing on community appearance, education and implementation.

A final analysis of the ideas was conducted by combining the 544 ideas from the vision workgroup, with the 756 ideas from the community meetings. The result was a database totaling 1300 ideas. The combination of these ideas will be used as the foundation for the goal-writing workshop. Table 8 shows the combination of ideas from both the vision workgroup and the community meetings.

**Table 8: Vision Workgroup and Community Meeting Ideas Combined By Category**

<b>Community Meeting Ideas By Category</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>VWG</b>	<b>Comm Mtg.</b>	<b>Total</b>
Community Appearance	60	61	121
Community Facilities	132	104	236
Economic Development	77	114	191
Education	45	40	85
Environmental Stewardship	51	68	119
Housing and Neighborhoods	36	37	73
Land Use	38	119	157
Transportation	29	93	122
Public and Private Utilities	25	40	65
Implementation	51	80	131
<b>Total</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>1300</b>

\*Three new categories were created to organize the high volume of ideas focusing on community appearance, education and implementation.