

Diversity Activities

The Real Olmsted County

Objectives

To recognize the unique diversity of our own community.

Time

10 - 15 minutes

Materials

- Olmsted County Diversity Quiz, one copy for each participant
- Pens or pencils

Instructions

1. Distribute quizzes and writing utensils.
2. Allow about 5 minutes for participants to complete the quiz.
3. Review the correct answers listed below.
4. Discuss the questions.

For Discussion

1. Did any of this information surprise you?
2. Where do people get their ideas about who lives in Olmsted County?

Quiz Answers

1. Rochester Public School students speak 50-60 languages at home.
2. 6.9% of Olmsted County residents (about 10,000 people) live below the poverty level.
3. Whites are the largest group, but they are not a minority. Somalis make up the largest minority group.
4. 27% of Olmsted County residents are under 18.
5. 7.8% of Olmsted County residents (about one in every 13) have a disability.
6. About 8% of Olmsted County residents were born in another country.
7. About half of Olmsted County's foreign born residents have become naturalized citizens.
8. About 76% of Olmsted County residents own their home.
9. About 28% of Olmsted County businesses are owned by women.

Olmsted County Diversity Quiz

DiversityCouncil

Diversity Toolkit for Business

www.diversitycouncil.org/toolkit

How many languages do Rochester Public School students speak at home?

- Two: English & Spanish 10-15 50-60 Over 100

What percentage of Olmsted County residents live below the poverty level?

- 0.3% 2.2% 6.9% 15.5%

What is the largest minority group in Rochester Public Schools?

- White Hmong Somali Hispanic

What percentage of Olmsted County residents are under 18?

- 5% 12% 27% 38%

What percentage of Olmsted County residents have a disability?

- 0.2% 3.4% 7.8% 22%

What percentage of Olmsted County residents were born in another country?

- 4% 8% 16% 32%

What percentage of Olmsted County's foreign born residents have become American citizens?

- 5% 17% 33% 49%

What percentage of Olmsted County's residents own their home?

- 64% 76% 88% 92%

What percentage of Olmsted County businesses are owned by women?

- 5% 14% 21% 28%