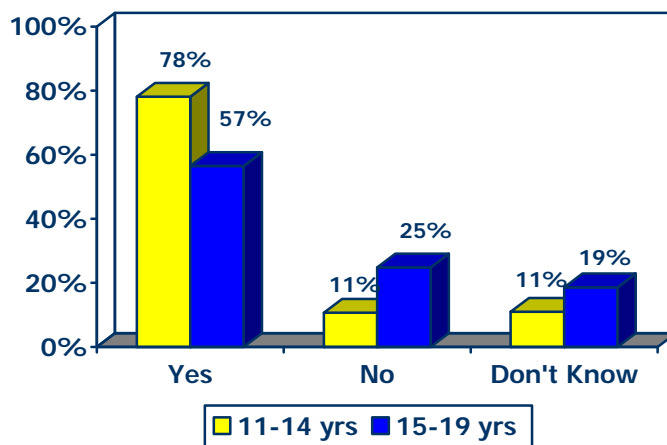


# Bloomington Youth Action Crew Youth Survey Results Summary Spring 2009



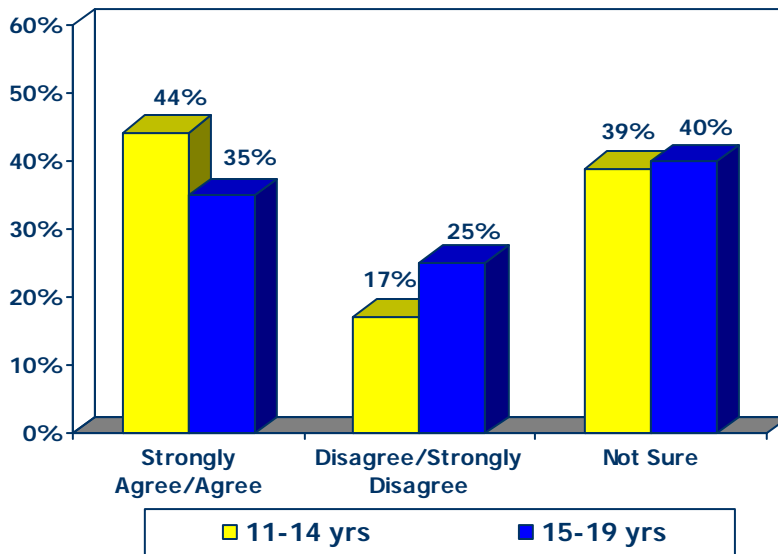
The Bloomington Youth Action Crew mapped the Bloomington community over several months and **surveyed over 570 youth** (ages 11-19) as well as many businesses and community organizations in Bloomington. The purpose of the youth survey was to learn what opportunities exist for youth, related to working, volunteering, connecting, and hanging out. A map highlighting youth friendly opportunities will soon be available in paper and electronic versions. The following are some of the key youth survey findings.

- **66% of youth have participated in youth programs/activities in the last year**
- **Top 5 reasons youth in Bloomington don't participate are:**
  - **Don't know what's available** (49%)
  - Have responsibilities at home (47%)
  - Friends don't participate (43%)
  - Not interested in anything that is offered (43%)
  - Cost (40%)
- **57% of high school age and 78% of middle school youth responded "yes" to the question "Do you think there are good places to hang out in Bloomington?"**

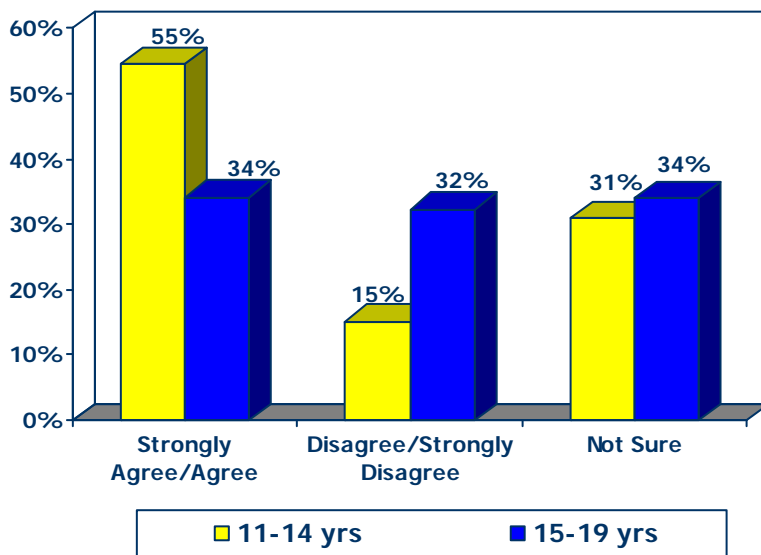


- **Where are the youth favorite places to "hang out" (most frequent responses)**
  - Mall of America
  - Southdale Mall
  - Parks
  - Restaurants
  - At friends houses
- **What are the reasons youth like to hang out at these places (most frequent responses)**
  - Fun
  - Friends are there
  - Shop
  - Safe
  - Convenient

- **Where are nearby places where youth can volunteer? (most frequent responses):**
  - Feed My Starving Children
  - At churches
  - School
  - VEAP
  - Libraries
- **I'm given a lot of chances to help make my city a better place to live**
  - *Note the difference between age groups*



- **In general, adults in my community care about people my age**
  - *Note the difference between age groups*



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