

RPI Education Data

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School Districts of Southwest Michigan



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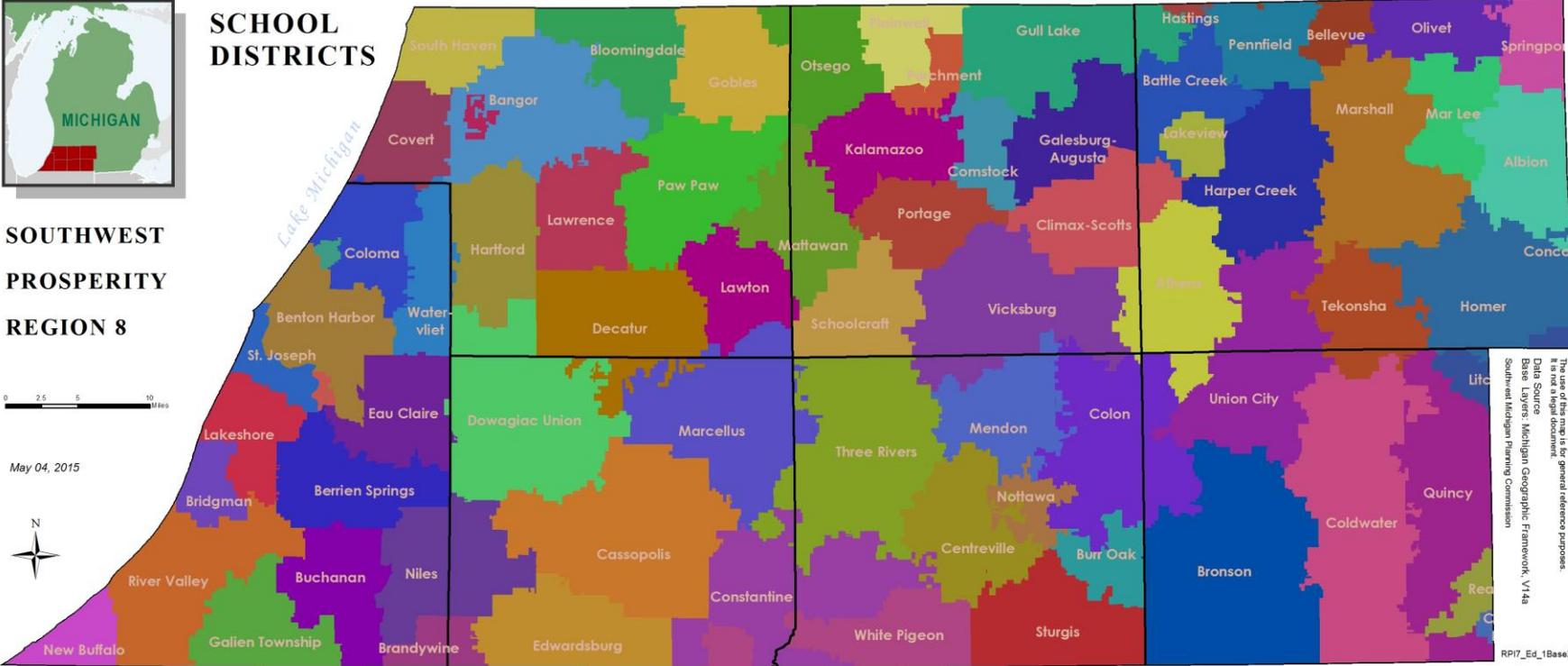


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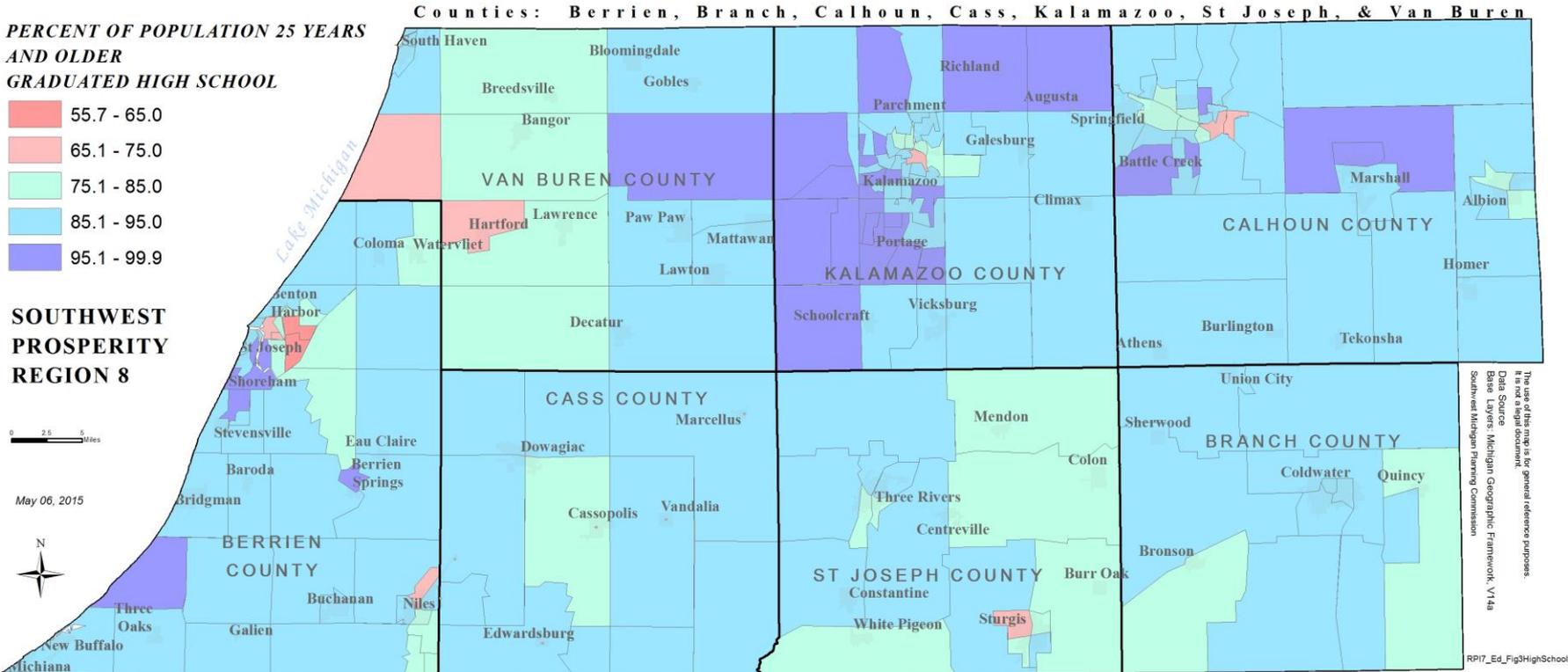
SCHOOL DISTRICTS



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Educational Attainment

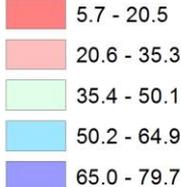
Residents 25+ with H.S. Diploma or Higher



Educational Attainment

Residents 25+ with Associates Degree or Higher

PERCENT OF POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OLDER WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR HIGHER



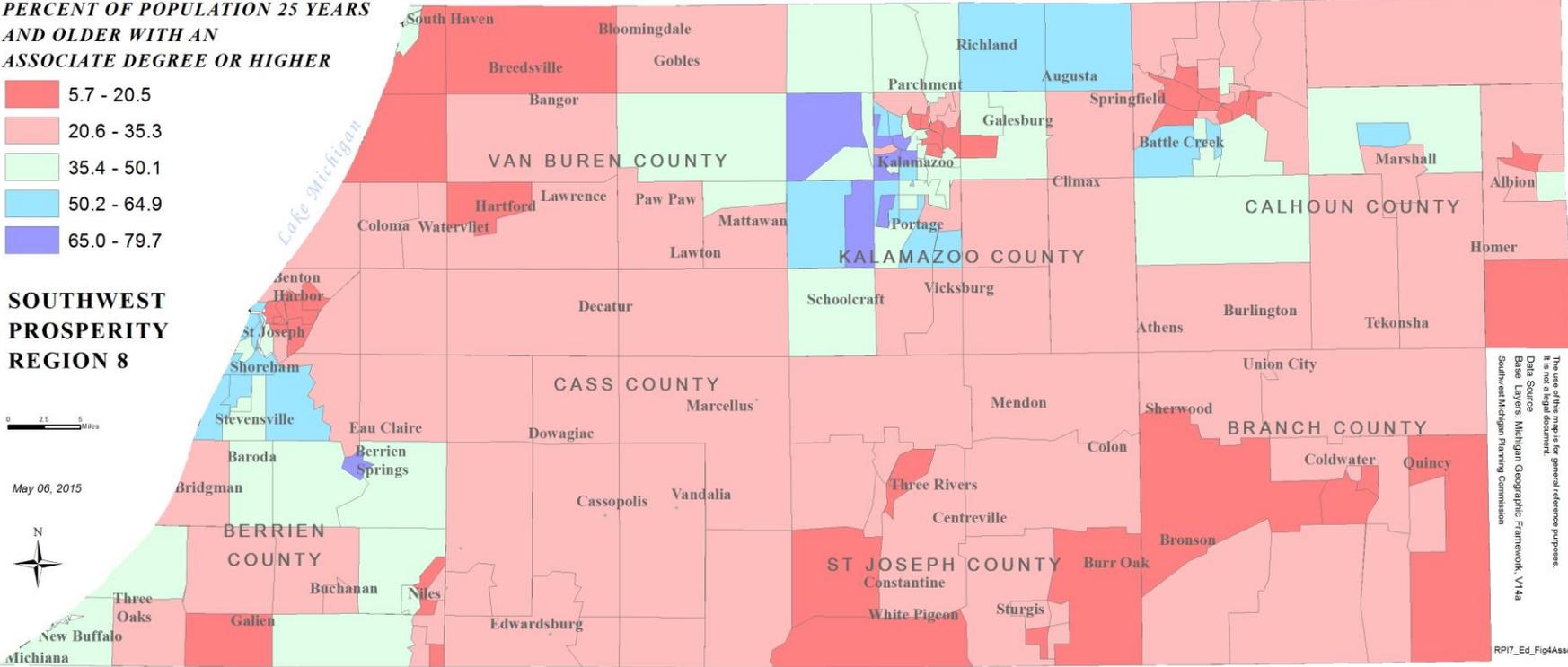
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EDUCATION

The State of Adult Education in Michigan

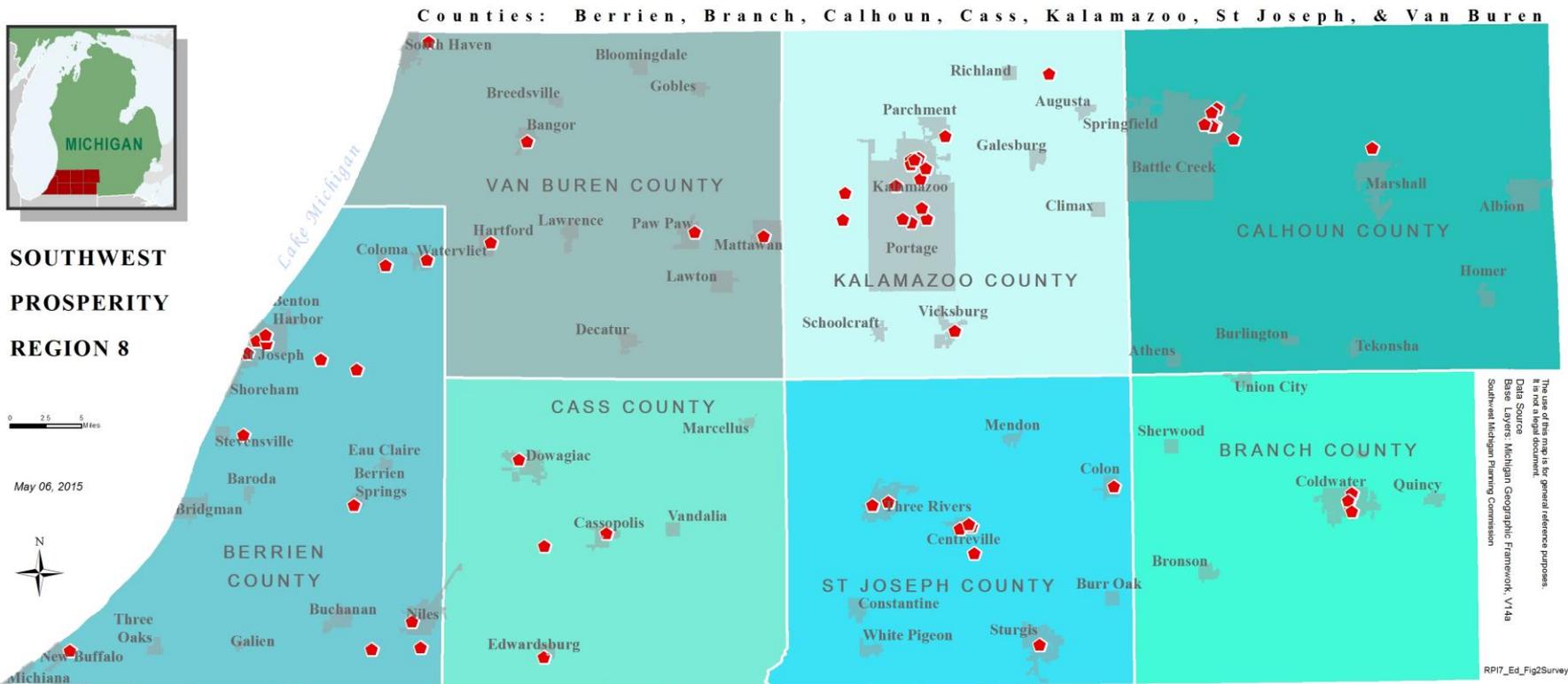
According to a recent report from the Michigan League for Public Policy...

- State funding for adult education dropped from \$185 million in 1996 to \$22 million today.
- Enrollment in adult education programs has fallen by nearly half since 2001.
- More than 221,500 Michigan adults ages 25-44 lack a high school diploma or GED, but fewer than 7 percent are enrolled in adult education.
- More than 225,000 Michigan adults are not proficient in English, but fewer than 5 percent enroll in ESL adult education programs.
- 60 percent of Michigan community college students need to take remedial education classes because they have not mastered skills needed for postsecondary education.

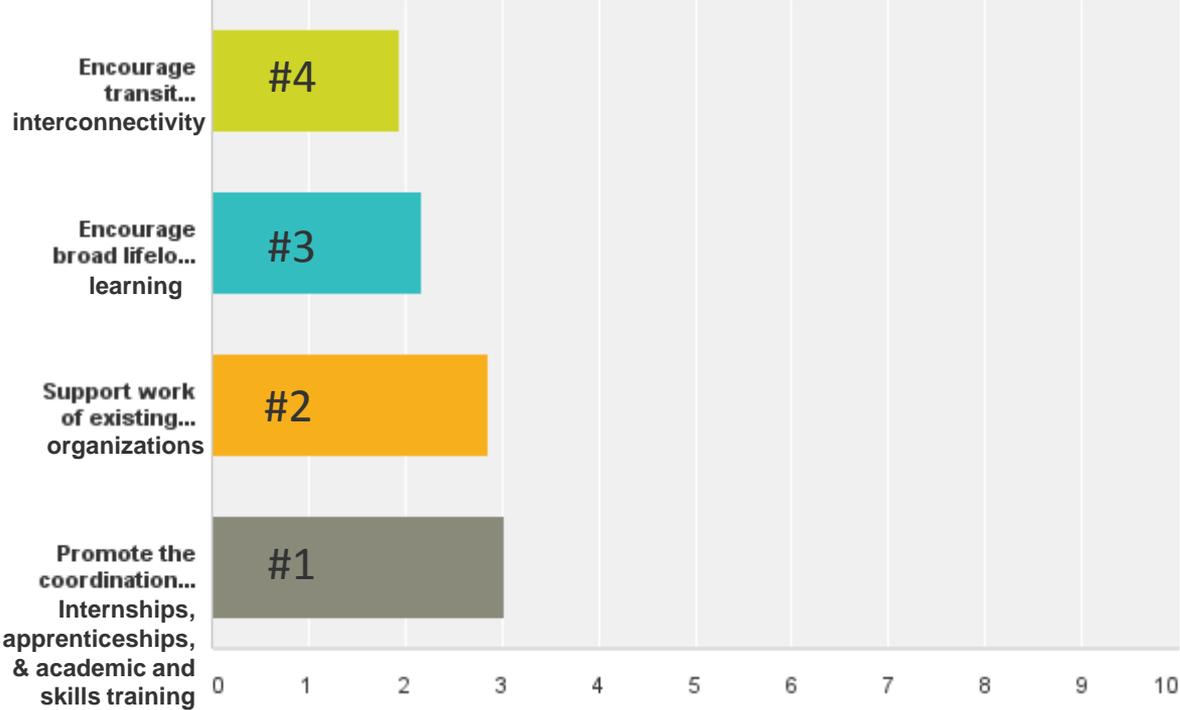
[Willing to Work and Ready to Learn: More Adult Education Would Strengthen Michigan's Economy](#) (2015)

- Michigan League for Public Policy

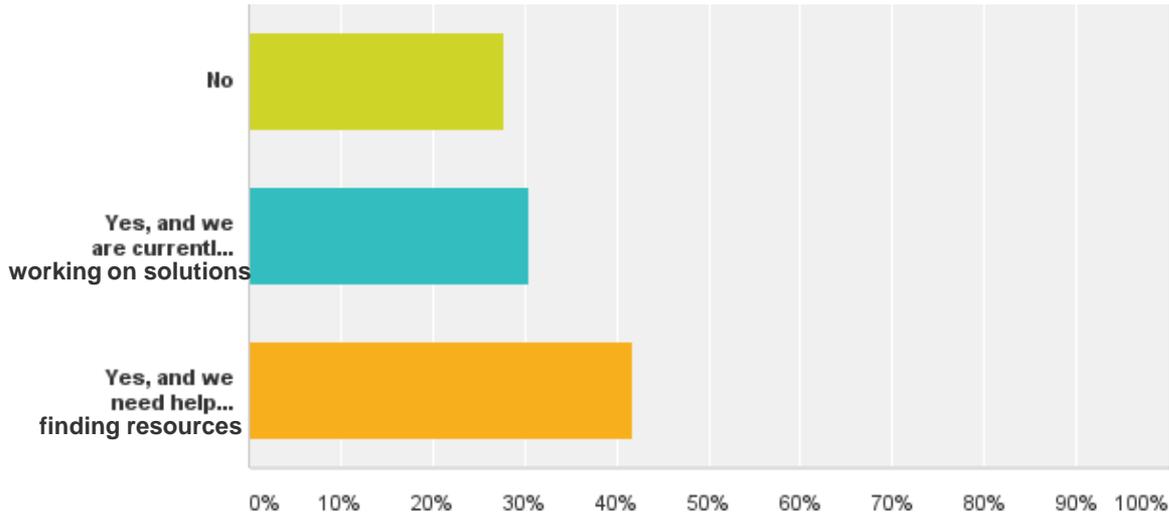
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Education Opportunities Identified In The Prosperity Plan In Priority Order



Transportation as a Significant Barrier to Education

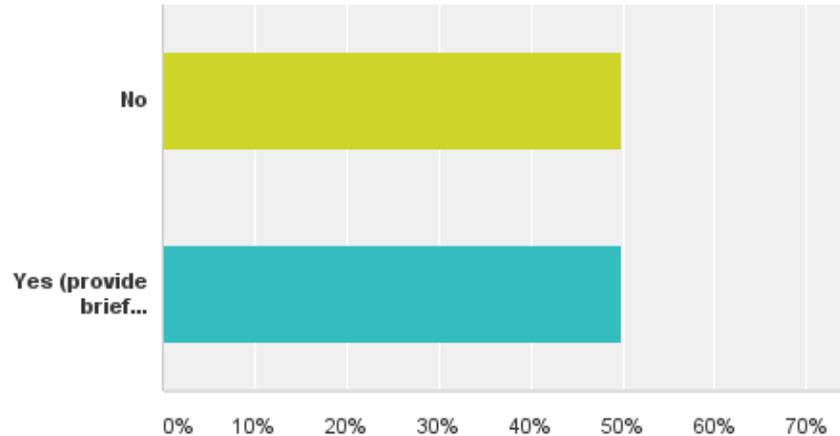


“In a large, continuing study of **upward mobility** based at Harvard, commuting time has emerged as the single strongest factor in the odds of escaping poverty. The longer an average commute in a given county, the worse the chances of low-income families there moving up the ladder.”

[*Transportation Emerges as Crucial to Escaping Poverty*](#)

- *New York Times* 5/7/15

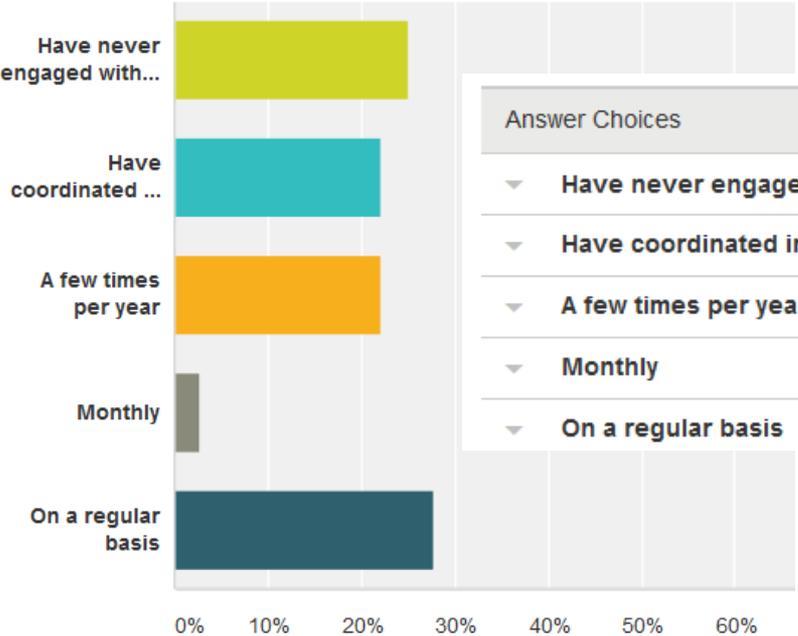
Engagement With Economic Development Organizations Within The Last 5 Years?



“Yes” examples include:

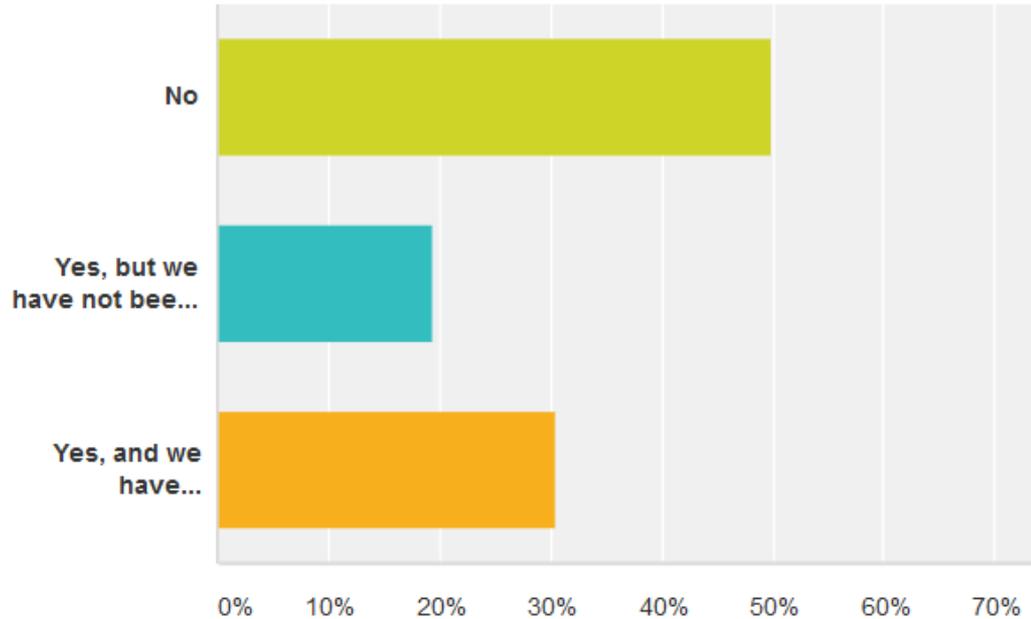
- Talent attraction/retention
- Business attraction
- Presentations and information sharing
- Career readiness
- Strategy development councils
- Business roundtables
- Career fairs
- Field trips

Coordination with regional workforce development organization



Answer Choices	Responses
Have never engaged with workforce development	25.00% 9
Have coordinated in years past	22.22% 8
A few times per year	22.22% 8
Monthly	2.78% 1
On a regular basis	27.78% 10

Are you aware of any recent local or regional government planning efforts (besides RPI) that impact the education sector?



“Yes” examples include:

- [Lumina Initiative](#) (Kalamazoo)
- Kalamazoo Shared Prosperity
- Battle Creek Vision Process
- Albion Fellowship
- The Learning Network
- Region 8 ALCB
- MGSSLC (Berrien)
- Regional CTE meetings

Educational Organizations Working in the Eight RPI Focus Areas

