

Building Thriving Communities in North Carolina: What's Next?

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What is the **Institute for Emerging Issues**?

- “Think and Do” organization created in 2002.
- Believes when people work together with a shared will and common vision, progress is smarter, more comprehensive, and enduring.
- Over-arching goal is to ensure North Carolina’s competitiveness.



IEI's four key issue areas

We work at the intersection of four concentration areas:



Economy



Education



Health



Environments



What is the importance of *talk* in “Think and Do”?

IEI tackles “emerging” issues by bringing different people together to exchange ideas and develop solutions through participation:

- Focus groups
- Working groups
- Community forums
- Annual Emerging Issues Forum
- Business Committees
- Special Emphasis Events – Science Summit
- Emerging Issues Commons



Pace of Innovation in the Context of Global Connections



NCSU's Centennial Campus

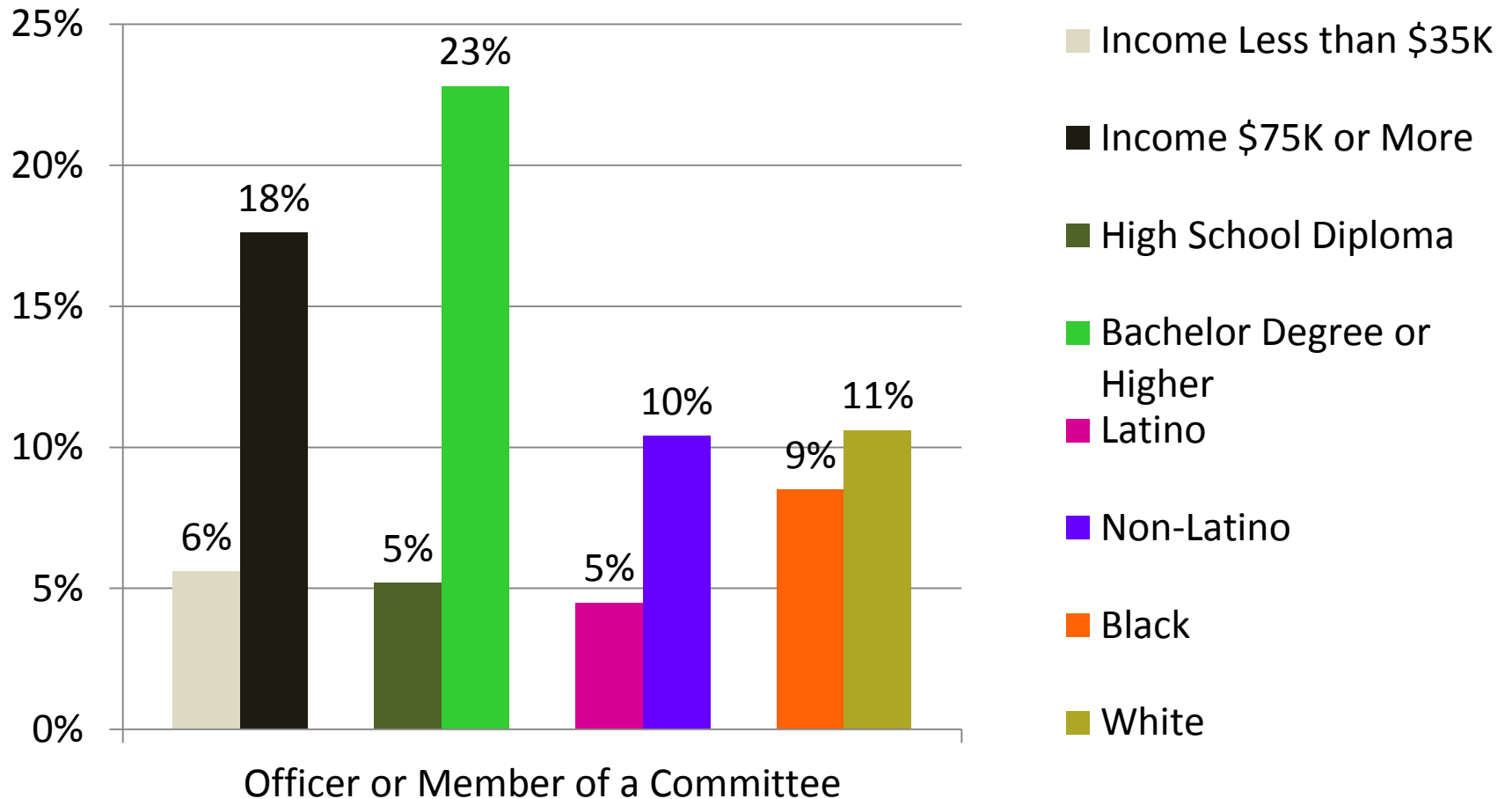


Key Civic Health Indicators

- Volunteering and Giving
- Voting and Registration
- Interactions with Neighbors
- Communication with Family & Friends
- Political Involvement
- Group Membership
- Confidence in Public Institutions

Statistically Significant NC Civic Health Questions	2013 NC	2013 US	Absolute NC Diff. from US	NC % of US Average
Charitable Giving (\$25 or more)	53%	50%	3%	106%
Voting (2012)	69%	62%	7%	111%
Registration (2012)	79%	71%	8%	111%
Group participation: School group, neighborhood or community association (percent Yes)	18%	14%	4%	127%
Group participation: Church, synagogue, mosque, or religious institution (percent Yes)	25%	19%	6%	129%
Talk politics with family or friends - Frequently	22%	27%	-5%	83%
Nonelectoral participation: Bought or boycotted a product or service? (percent Yes)	10%	13%	-3%	76%
Use the Internet to express a public opinion? - Frequently	6%	8%	-2%	73%
Group participation: Sports or recreation association (percent Yes)	8%	10%	-2%	76%
Confidence in Media - A great deal or Some	50%	55%	-6%	90%

Group Officers or Committee Members



Questions for me?

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