



Threads: Portage—Asset Mapping

HOBBIES

The **Threads: Portage** community could be described as a group of intellectual and creative people that enjoy physical activity. A majority of the respondents to the survey stated that they engage in *Artistic and/or Musical activities* (45%). Another significant portion of the respondents reported that they enjoy *Sporting activities* or *Outdoor recreation* (31 and 33%, respectively) while a large portion also partake in *Intellectual activities* such as reading or writing (37%).

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The **Threads: Portage** community appears to have a large percentage of people that have spiritual gifts that suggest an ability to reach out to individuals. The largest percentage of the community has the gift of *Encouragement* (28%). The next largest groups include the gift of *Helps* (25%) and *Service* (25%). Rounding out the top five gifts of the group are *Teaching* (21%) and *Giving* (21%).

OCCUPATIONS

The community of **Threads: Portage** have a wide variety of occupations but just less than one quarter of the respondents reported that they work in the *Education/Training* field (19%). *Medical/health related professions* (16%) were reported next followed by *Homemaker* (11%). Interestingly, only 9% of the respondents reported themselves as *Students*. This might be accountable to the summer month in which the survey was conducted.

TRAINING

The **Threads: Portage** community has a strong contingent of *Skilled laborers* (23%) and *Educators* (21%). In accordance with the hobbies reported above, nearly one quarter reported some training in the *Creative arts* (17%). Fleeting in the working-class nature of the community are those with training in *Technology* (17%) and *Social sciences* (15%).

FAVORITE SKILLS TO USE

In line with their favorite hobbies, the **Threads: Portage** community likes to use their skills in the *Creative arts* (28%). However, in contrast to 23% of respondents that reported training as skilled labor only 14% reported their favorite skill as *Building/construction/trade*. This was closely followed by *Education* at 13%. The **Threads: Portage** community also has valuable intangible skills such as *People Skills* (23%) and *Helping* (16%).

SOCIAL ISSUES AND/OR PEOPLE GROUPS

The **Threads: Portage** community is passionate about the poor children and families of our community. At least one third of the community reported that they are passionate about the wellbeing of *Children* (35%) and the *Poverty stricken* (25%). Not included are the 14% of respondents that mentioned *Health* including the health of children and families. However, it appears that 22% of the respondents were unable to provide an answer about a social issue or people group that they are passionate about.