

# Black Lives Matters Minnesota



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# St. Paul, Minnesota Reparations Survey Results 2024

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Reparations are payments (monetary and otherwise) given to a group that has suffered harm. They are not foreign to the United States as Native Americans have received land and billions of dollars for various benefits and programs for being forcibly exiled from their native lands. For Japanese Americans, \$1.5 billion was paid to those who were interned during World War II. And via the Marshall Plan, the United States helped ensure that Jews received reparations for the Holocaust for in 1952, West Germany agreed to pay 3.45 billion Deutsche Marks to Holocaust survivors.

The first major opportunity that the United States had and where it should have atoned for slavery was right after the Civil War. Union leaders including General William Sherman concluded that each Black family should receive 40 acres. Sherman signed Field Order 15 and allocated 400,000 acres of confiscated Confederate land to Black families. Additionally, some families were to receive mules left over from the war, hence 40 acres and a mule.

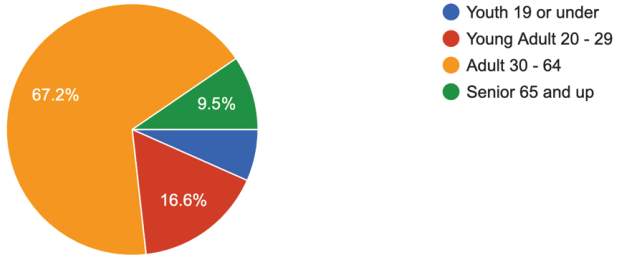
Yet, after President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, President Andrew Johnson reversed Field Order 15 and returned land back to former slave owners. Instead of giving Blacks the means to support themselves, the federal government empowered former enslavers. For example, in Washington D.C., slave owners were actually paid reparations for lost property—the formally enslaved. This practice was also common in nearby states. Many Black Americans with limited work options returned as sharecroppers to the same land for the very slave owners to whom they were once enslaved. Slave owners not only made money off the chattel enslavement of black Americans, but they then made money multiple times off the land that the formerly enslaved had no choice but to work.



Photo taken at protest on the 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago which became George Floyd Square

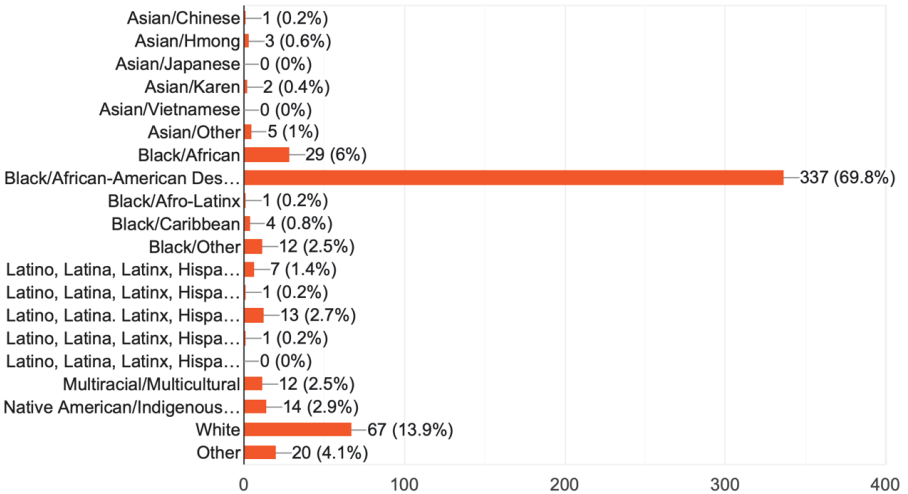
### What is your Age Group?

482 responses



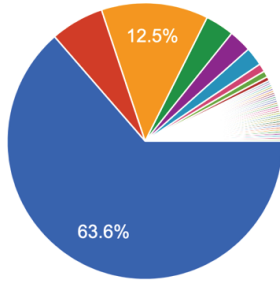
### How do you racially/culturally identify (check all that applies)?

483 responses



### What political party affiliation do you mostly identify with?

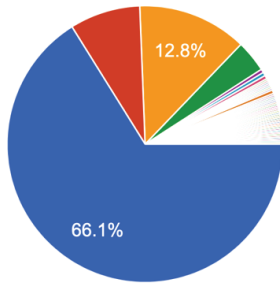
415 responses



- Democrat Party
  - Green Party
  - Independent Party
  - Republican Party
  - none
  - None
  - Independent
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### Where do you live?

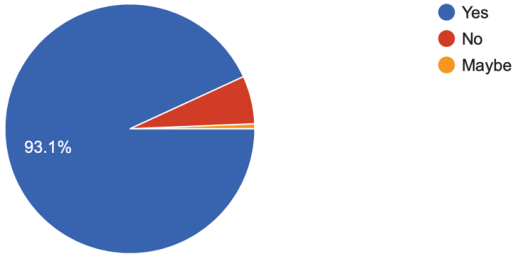
484 responses



- City of St. Paul
  - Suburb of St. Paul
  - City of Minneapolis
  - Suburb of Minneapolis
  - Maplewood
  - Florida
  - Rural MN Hamburg
  - Richfield
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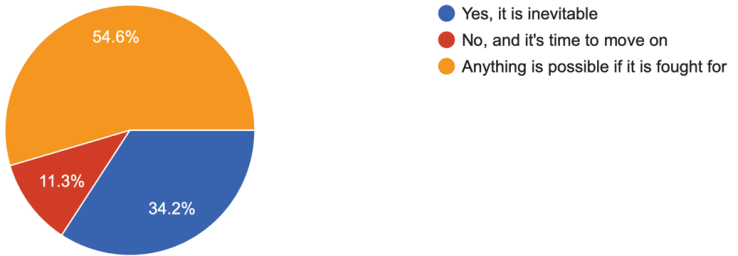
**Do you believe that America was initially enriched by the enslavement of Blacks and that mostly White Americans through the early doctrine of White Supremacy benefited most?**

466 responses



**Do you believe that reparations, in any form will ever be paid?**

471 responses

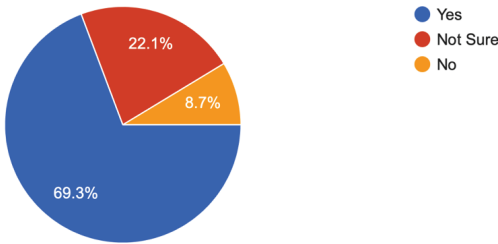


Since the brutal killing of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis police, the racialized oppression of Black Americans has come into starker view. The City Council of Saint Paul in promoting healing and repair has recently passed a Resolution to create a Slavery Reparations Commission to examine how to repair the wrongs. Is the City of St. Paul on the right track and should other bodies of government do the same?

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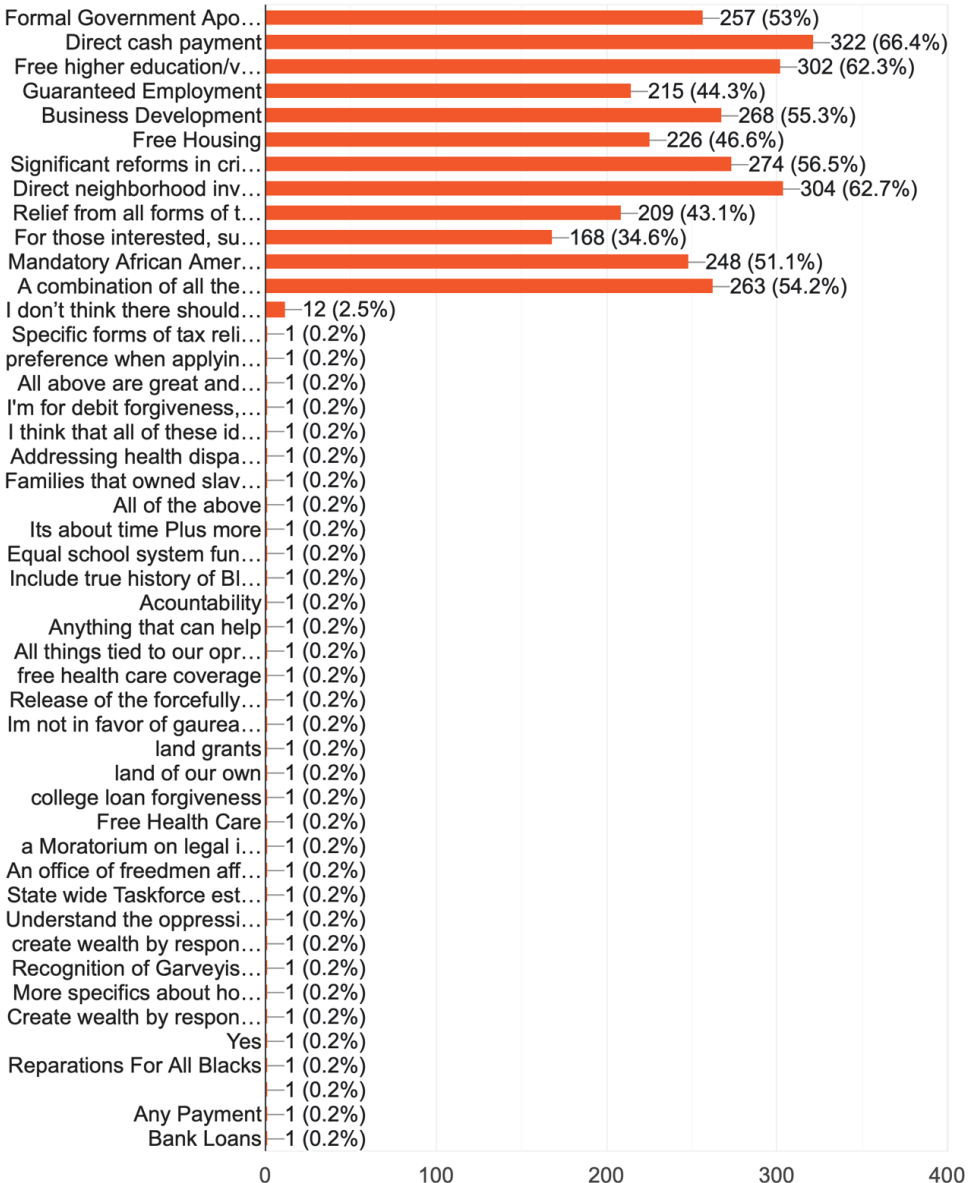
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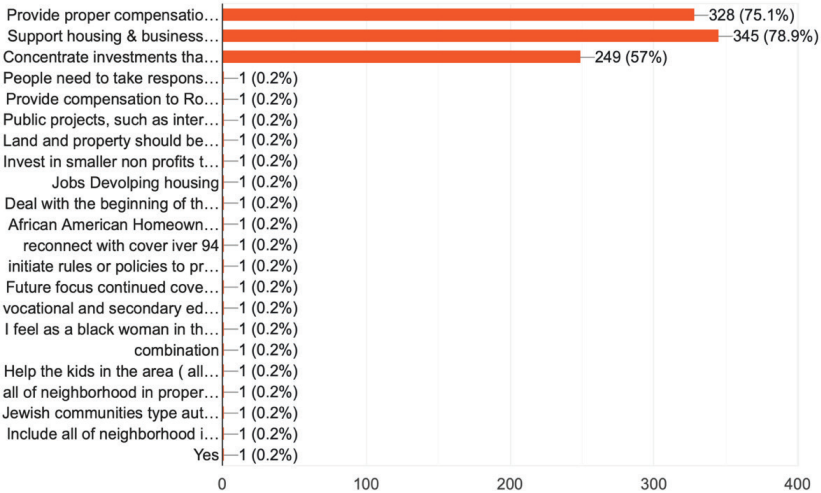
**What form(s) do you think reparations should take? Check all that applies.**

485 responses



**Throughout the country - systemic discrimination was perpetrated through redlining and racial covenants, limited access to housing opportunity, en...**

437 responses

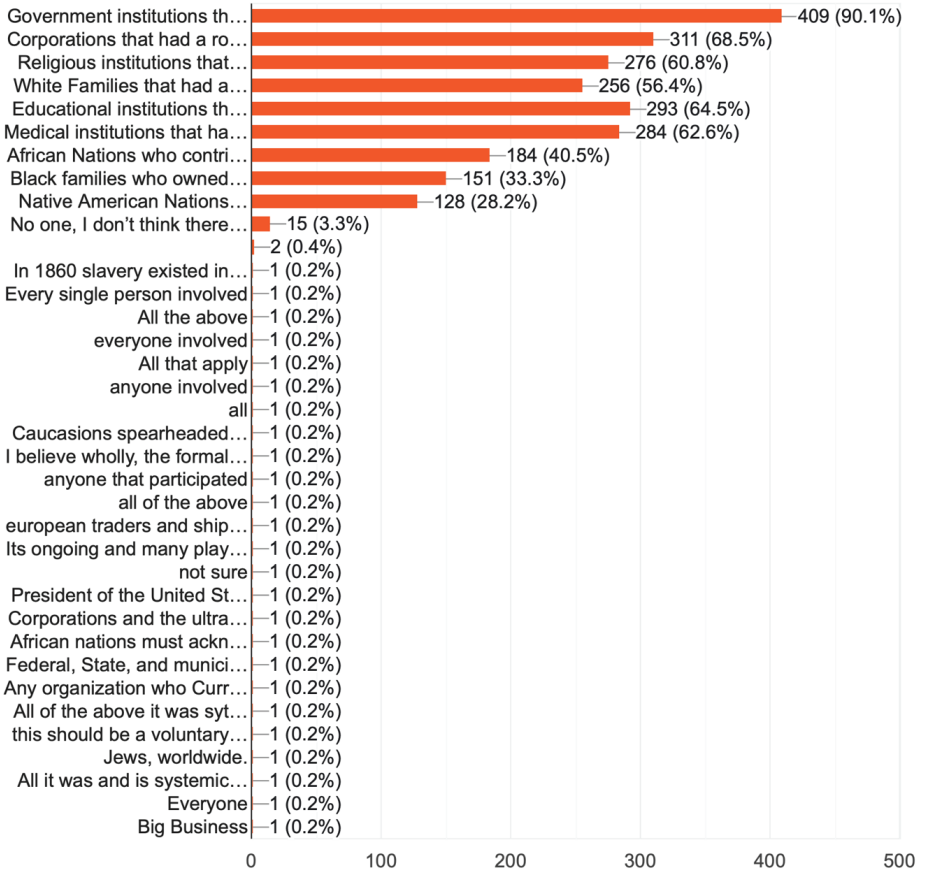


**Throughout the country - systemic discrimination was perpetrated through redlining and racial covenants, limited access to housing opportunity, environmental injustice and the removal of Saint Paul’s Rondo neighborhood - the center of Saint Paul’s African American business, residential, spiritual and cultural life - for the construction of Interstate 94. What type of localized redress should be implemented to support the restorative justice of the Historic Rondo Community – check all that applies?**



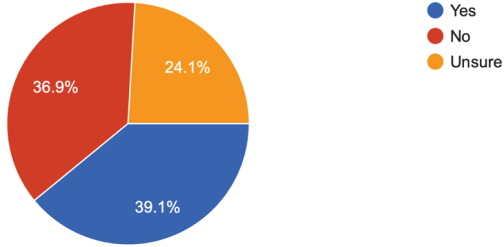
**Who do you think should be held accountable for the institution of slavery and the generations of oppression experienced by black Americans (check all that apply).**

454 responses



**Should blacks who have immigrated to America also receive Reparations (e.g. African, Caribbean, Afro-Latinos etc.)?**

407 responses



**What overall thoughts do you have on this issue?**

We need to get paid for all the suffering we went through.

Reparations for all Black Americans, NOW! I fully support the Saint Paul recovery act. You should too.

The Wrongs need to be made right.



*Eye Opening Municipal Survey of 500 Residents mostly from St. Paul 18 and older.*

When asked what forms you think Reparations should take the #1 answer was Direct Cash Payments.

A Majority who responded believe the government should be held accountable for the institution of slavery and generations of oppression experienced by Black Americans.

When asked do you believe that America was initially enriched by the enslavement of Blacks. 93% responded yes.

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