

Lincoln Prosper Releases 2017 Vital Signs Report

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LINCOLN, Neb. (KOLN) - A thousand people filled the floor of Pinnacle Bank Arena Wednesday morning for the Prosper Lincoln Summit. The summit discussed the findings of Lincoln's Vital Signs, data collected on the city from the past decade. Topics discussed included education, diversity, employment, and innovation.



The report stated that Lincoln's employment rate is still one of the lowest in the country at 2.6% and that the city has grown by 50,000 people over the last decade. It also said that public schools have increase by 22% and poverty rates are at more than 15%. Also, depending on where you live, there is up to a 20-year life expectancy gap.

Various people gave presentations based on the data and shared their thoughts on where they thought the city was doing well and where things could be improved.

Audience also members also shared their input.

"My main focus is making sure that Lincoln is a place that is safe and secure and place to thrive for all immigrants and refugees in Lincoln, Vital Signs provides the data that I need to get support," said Sheila Dorsey Vinton, CEO, Asian Community & Culture Center.

"It's really just picking up on the early childhood development and innovation and the job skills development, in my role I'm just going to be working towards those three goals," said Shawn Ryba, South of Downtown Community Development Organization.

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