Build a Data Sculpture

Find a Story

Data is most useful when you can use it to tell a story about something. Using the data on this handout, try to find a story that you can tell by building a mini sculpture.

• Does one piece of data jump out at you?
• If you take a step back is there a pattern in the data?
• Do you see a story when comparing one part to another?

Make a Sculpture

Data visualization is very popular right now, but sometimes is hard to digest. Making a “sculpture” is a fun way to start playing with how to present your data story to other people.

• What symbols can you build to represent your data?
• How can you attract attention with this stuff?
• Can you tell simple and complex stories?

How Does Somerville Feel?

Happiness

Somerville asked its residents “How happy are you right now?”

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The Future

Overall, would you say Somerville is moving in the right direction, or the wrong direction?

Sources:
• Somerville Wellbeing Survey