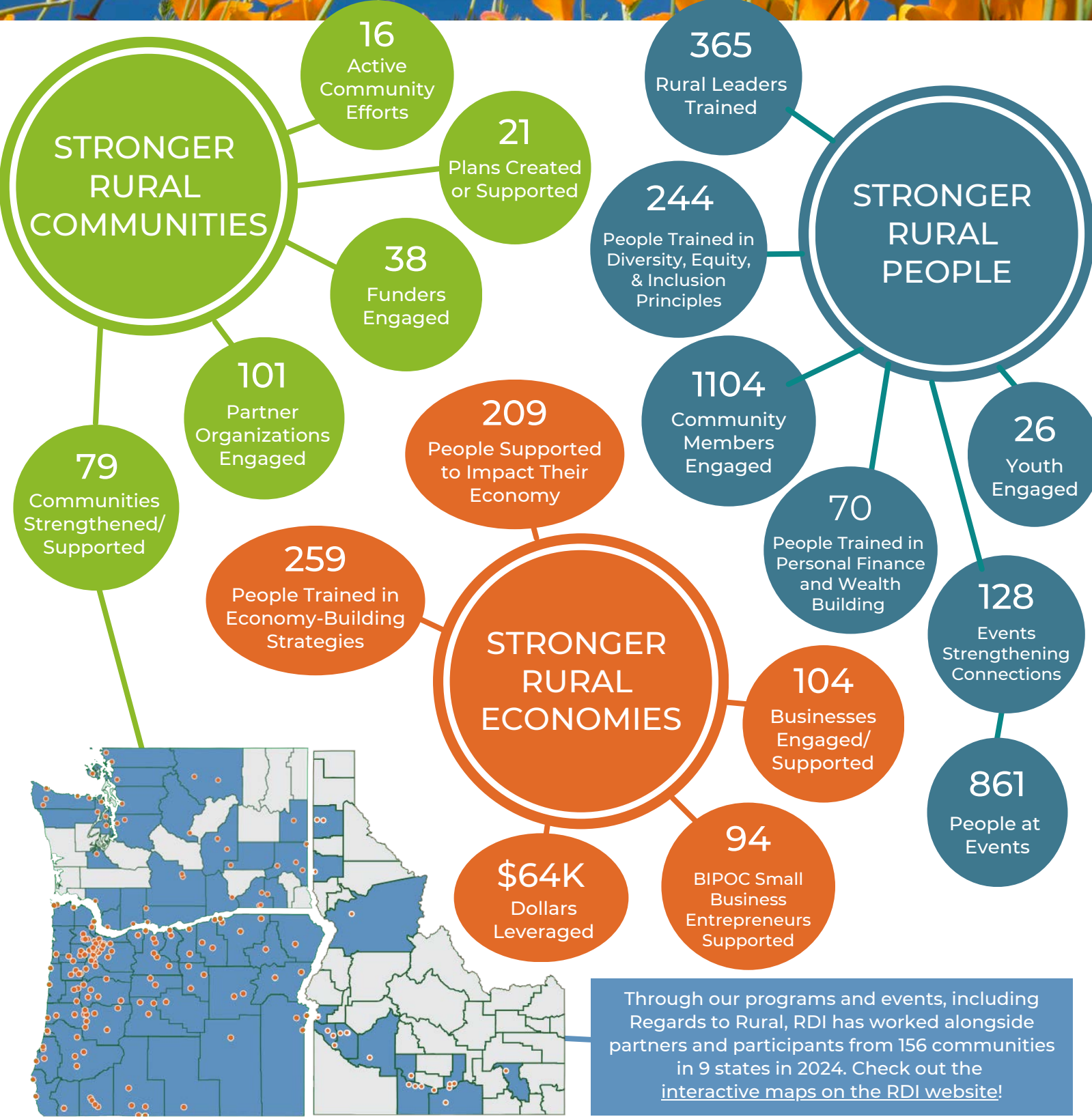


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POWERING CONNECTIONS & CELEBRATING RURAL

From Oregon and Washington, to Arkansas and Vermont, rural community members take what they learned at the Regards to Rural conference to make change in their communities.

RDI hosted our 13th biennial Regards to Rural conference on April 19-20 in Eastern Washington.

More than 300 rural community members, leaders, and stakeholders gathered to learn from insightful, engaging, and inspiring speakers and make meaningful connections. Sessions focused on growing equitable economies, increasing rural access to resources, supporting inclusive rural leadership, elevating diverse rural voices, and exploring rural civic engagement, and offered a Spanish-language track with English interpretation. This year's R2R emphasized providing practical tools for people to bring back and implement in their communities.

“ I think this conference is extremely valuable for rural people; you really can't make these kinds of connections anywhere else. Rural voices coming together makes us all stronger and fired up! ”



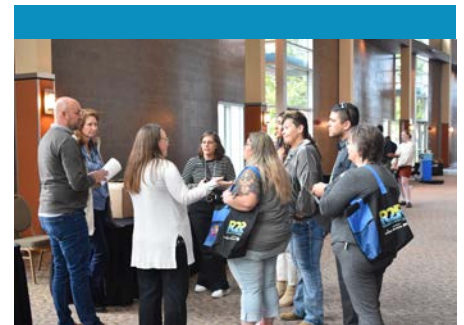
96%

of R2R survey respondents said their reasons for attending the conference were satisfied.



93%

said that the conference inspired them to think about taking new actions in their community.



100%

said they believe it is important for RDI to offer this type of conference again.

“ This year's conference exceeded our expectations. Several of the breakout sessions were of topics that we were looking for conversations and connections. ”

“ Meeting a few key people has inspired ideas for our town. ”



“ Rural folks need this space to convene, network, and gain renewed confidence. ”

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