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Women are at greater risk of poverty and economic insecurity in older age. For NYC's female voters age 50+, affordable housing, older worker protections and family caregiving are key issues.

Background

Threats to economic security in older age are particularly salient for women. Women tend to live longer than their male counterparts and according to national poverty rates, living alone increases the likelihood of poverty for seniors - especially among women (19% poverty among senior women living alone vs. 12% among senior men living alone). Moreover, from 2000 to 2012 the extreme poverty rate for women 65 and older living alone increased significantly to 4.7% from 3.4% nationally, while poverty among senior men living alone declined.[1]
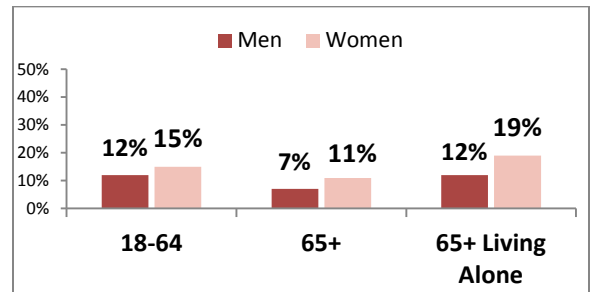
In New York City, women represent a majority of the 50+ population and the proportion of women increases with population age. At age 85 and older, more than two-thirds (69%) of the City's residents are women. In fact, among all 65+ households in the City, 37% are females living alone versus just 14% men living alone, and women are over-represented among public housing residents age 65+.[2,4]

Safeguarding affordable housing is a key aspect of avoiding poverty and ensuring long term economic security for women in New York City.
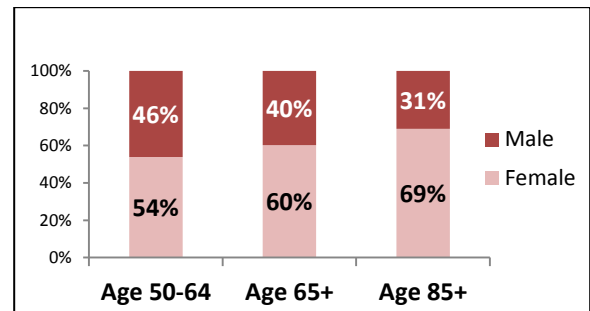
National Poverty Rates for Adults by Gender and Age[1]

NYC 50+ Population Gender Distribution[2,3]

NYC Housing Authority Residents Aged 65+ Compared to Total 65+ Population

	NYCHA Seniors[4]	NYC Seniors
Male	29%	40%
Female	71%	60%

NYC 50+ Heads of Household by Age[2]

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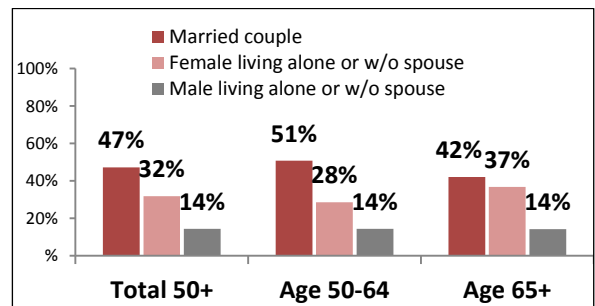
[1] National Women's Law Center. *Insecure & Unequal. Poverty and Income among Women and Families 2000-2012.* www.nwlc.org

[2] U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, PUMS 2009-2011.

[3] NYC Dept. of City Planning, 2010 Population Data.
Available at http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/census/demo_tables_2010.shtml

[4] *Health of Older Adults in New York City Public Housing: Findings from the New York City Housing Authority Senior Survey.* May 2011. Available at http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycha/downloads/pdf/senior-report-nycha.pdf

NYC 50+ Voter Survey Results by Gender

In a recent AARP survey of NYC voters age 50+, three-fourths of both male and female voters indicated they are likely to vote in the November election for city mayor and other local offices. However, female voters are somewhat more likely than males to say their vote would be swayed by a candidate who prioritizes certain issues: affordable housing, older worker opportunities and protections for family caregivers to adults at home.

NYC 50+ Voters: How likely are you to vote for a candidate who will work on...?

% Extremely Likely (on 5-point "Extremely" to "Not at All" Likelihood Scale)	Male Voters 50+	Female Voters 50+	Difference
Healthcare costs	47	46	-1.0
Adult caregiving at home	41	46	5.0
Consumer protection (fraud, scams, ID theft)	45	48	3.0
Financially secure retirement	45	47	2.0
Opportunities for older workers	37	44	7.0
Safe and independent mobility for all ages	41	42	1.0
Emergency/disaster preparedness	45	46	1.0
Affordable housing	43	48	5.0

Affordable Housing

With about 60 percent of all 50+ NYC voters renting their homes, affordable housing is an issue of concern for many. Although female voters age 50 and older are just slightly less likely than male voters to own their residence, they are comparatively more likely to express concerns about housing security. Fifty-seven percent of female voters 50+ consider the lack of affordable housing in the city to be a "major" problem. Women are also more likely to express concern about their future ability to pay housing expenses such as rent, property taxes and utilities.

NYC 50+ Voters: Do you rent or own?
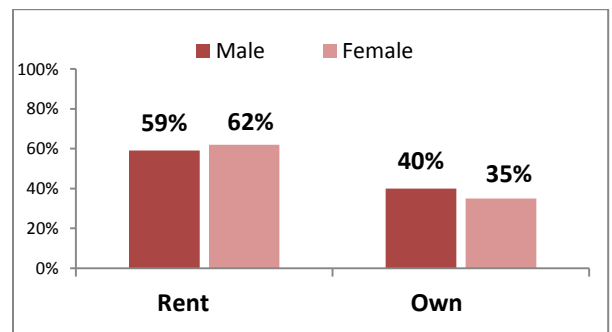
NYC 50+ Voters: Lack of Affordable Housing
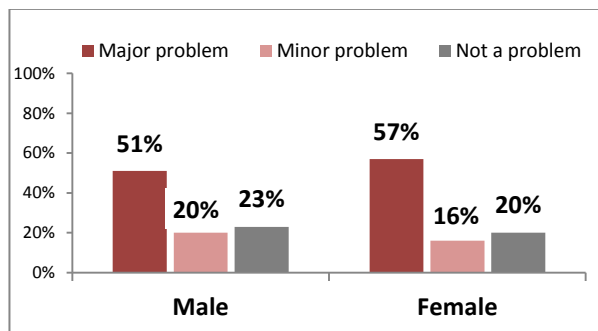
NYC 50+ Voters: Extremely/Very Concerned About Ability to Pay in the Coming Years

With regard to other community concerns, the lack of affordable housing has a clear lead as the most commonly considered "major" problem among both male and female 50+ voters, and by a wider margin among women. Among females, lack of affordable housing is the top voted "major" problem by a 15 percentage point margin above the next 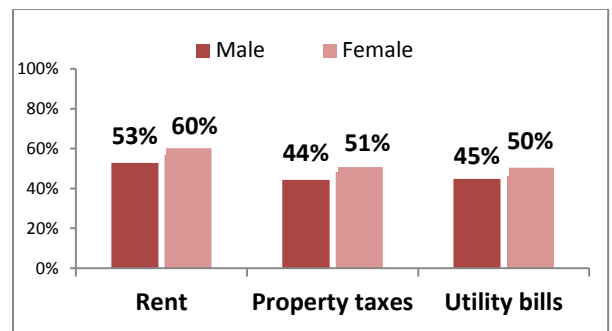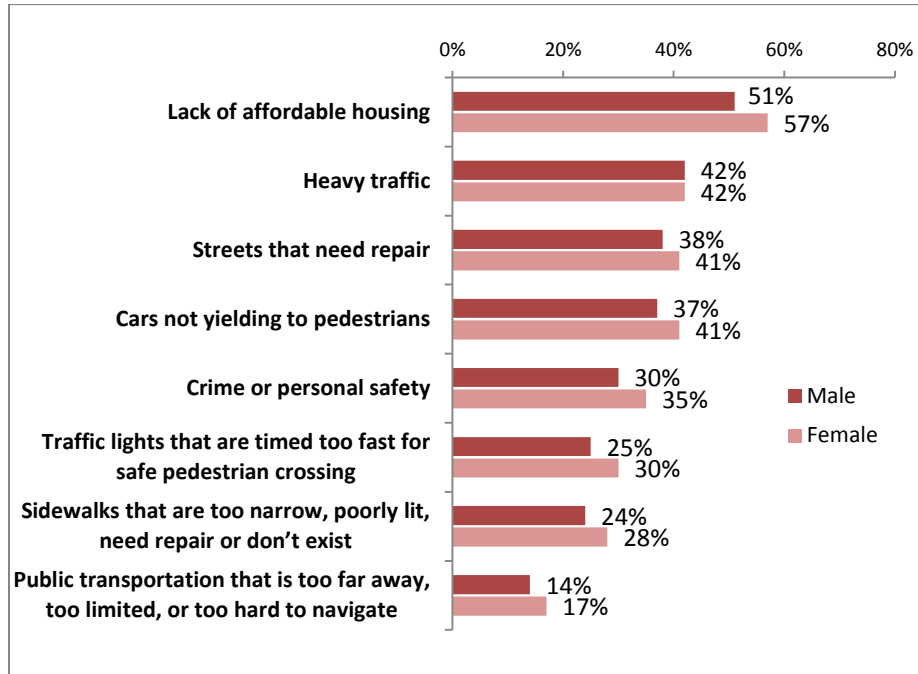most commonly categorized major problem (heavy traffic). Among males, lack of affordable housing leads by 9 percentage points above heavy traffic.

NYC 50+ Voters Considering Each to be a "Major Problem" in their Community

Work and Retirement

Overall, about four in ten NYC voters age 50 and older are in the labor force, whether currently employed (one-third) or looking for work (one in ten); with labor force participation only slightly higher among male voters (46%) than female voters (41%).

Within the age cohort of 50-64, half of all voters are in the labor force and self-reported unemployment is in the double digits for both men (14%) and women (13%). Men and women voters age 50-64 are equally likely to be out of the labor force, but for slightly different reasons: men are more likely than women to be retired (26% vs. 18%) while women are more likely to be out of the labor force for other reasons (14% vs. 9%) which may include disability and/or homemaker roles.

NYC 50+ Voters: Employment Status
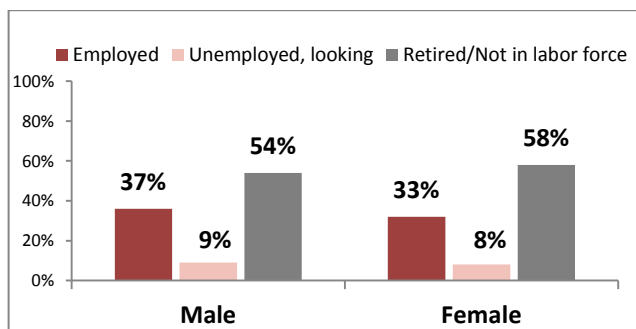
NYC Voters Age 50-64: Employment Status
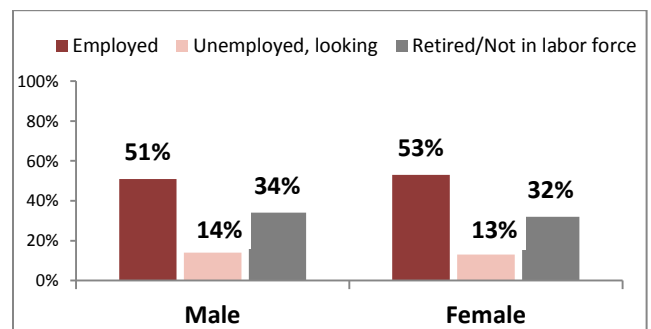
Among voters age 50 and older in the labor force, as many as one-fourth of females and one-fifth of males lack confidence that they will be able to retire at any point in their future. Similarly, women are a bit more likely than men to say their retirement will be delayed for financial reasons (53% vs. 46%).

NYC 50+ Voters in Labor Force: How confident you will be able to retire?
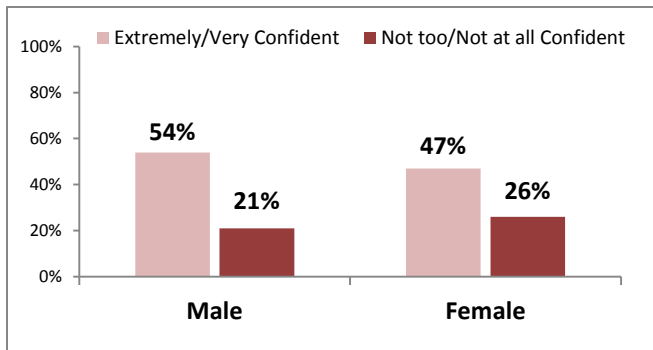
NYC 50+ Voters in Labor Force: Retirement will be delayed for financial reasons
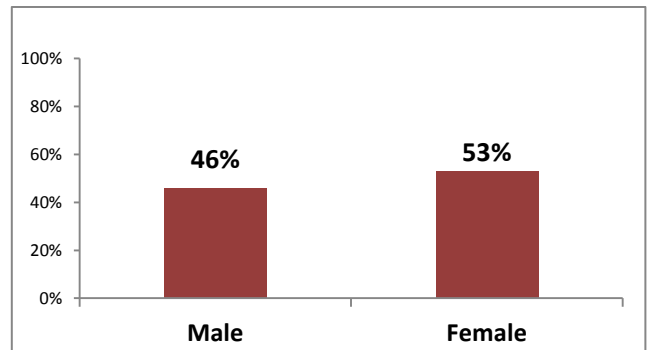
With such high levels of unemployment among voters age 50 and older, more than four in ten in the labor force are concerned about workplace age discrimination and women skew even slightly more toward the stronger end of concern (27% extremely concerned).

NYC 50+ Voters in Labor Force: How concerned are you about age discrimination at work?
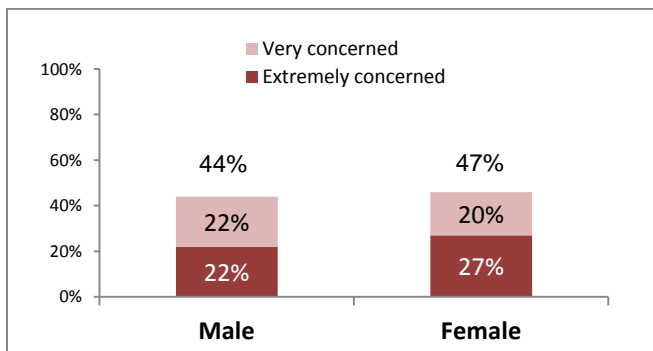
NYC 50+ Voters: How much of a priority should it be for NYC elected officials to work on laws and policies that support older workers?
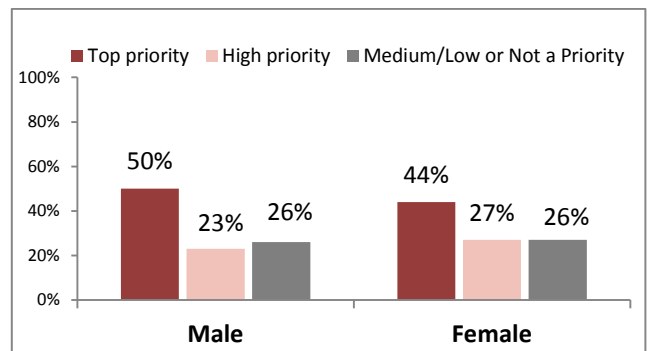
Caregiving

Caring for elderly, aging, frail or disabled adult loved ones has been the responsibility for roughly four in ten NYC voters age 50 and older within the past five years (39%). Male and female voters are equally likely to identify themselves as a family caregiver (37% and 41%, respectively).

Among 50+ voters who are providing care to an adult loved one, it is most common for them to be the primary caregiver rather than sharing responsibilities equally with others or relying primarily on professional help. Female caregivers are just slightly more likely than males to identify themselves as the one who provides the majority of care (48% versus 42%).

NYC 50+ Voters: Family Caregivers (for an adult family member or friend, currently or within the past 5 years)
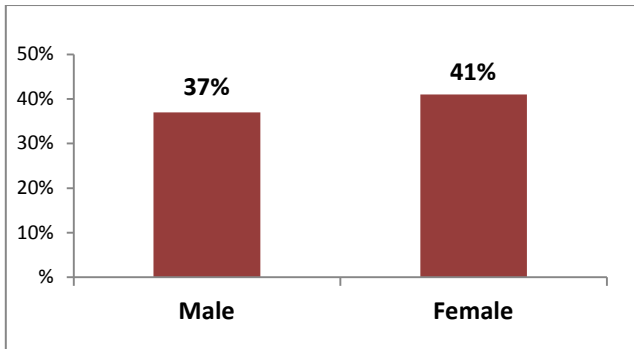
NYC 50+ Voters: (Among Caregivers) Who provides the majority of care for your family/friend?
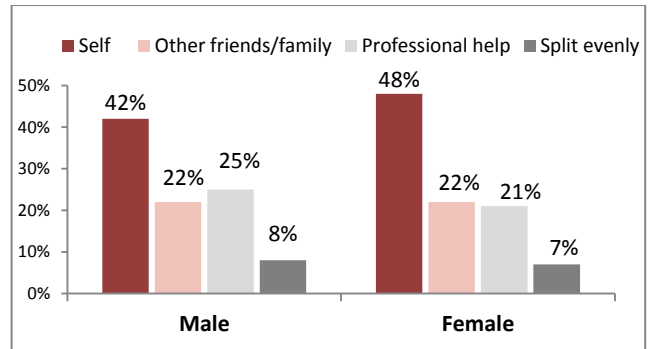
However, the level of strain experienced by family caregivers differs significantly between men and women. Overall, more than half of family caregivers say the impact of their caregiving puts an overwhelming strain (26%) or a good deal of strain (33%) on their quality of life including emotional and financial hardship. Female caregivers are more likely to express the most intense strain, with 30% experiencing an "overwhelming" strain compared to 19% of men reporting the same.

NYC 50+ Voters: (Among Caregivers) To What Extent Does Caregiving Put Strain on Quality of Life for You and Family
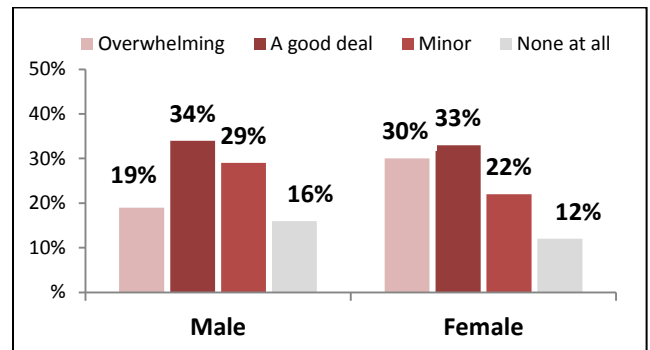
Balancing caregiving with other responsibilities likely contributes to the stress. About half of caregivers age 50+ in NYC are in the work force and 25% are employed in full time jobs – this is consistent among both men and women.

With respect to NYC elected officials on the issue of supporting family caregivers, roughly eight in ten voters age 50+ feel this should be a "top" or "high" priority.

NYC 50+ Voters: How much of a priority should it be for NYC elected officials to strengthen laws and fund services that support family caregivers?

2013 New York City Telephone Survey of Registered Voters 50+
(English Questionnaire, Landline sample only)
(Total N=1,302, sampling error = ±2.7%)

PROGRAMMER: CAPTURE LANGUAGE OF SURVEY

INTRODUCTION

Hello, this is _____ calling from WRI, a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We would like to find out your opinions on some important issues concerning New York City. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation. All your responses will be kept entirely confidential.

SCREENER

QS1. First, to ensure that we interview a wide variety of people, I have a few questions about you. Can you please tell me your age as of your last birthday? [DON'T READ LIST UNLESS NECESSARY]

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
50 – 59	35	34	36
60 – 64	18	21	16
65 – 74	29	31	28
75 or Older	17	15	20

QS2.   And, are you registered to vote in New York?

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
Yes	100	100	100
No	-	-	-
NOT SURE	-	-	-
REFUSED	-	-	-

QS3.   Which New York County or borough do you live in? (READ ONLY IF NEEDED)

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
Bronx	18	18	18
Kings / Brooklyn	23	22	25
New York / Manhattan	24	23	24
Queens	26	27	25
Richmond / Staten Island	9	10	9

QS4. RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER. ASK ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY:
"To ensure it is recorded accurately, could you please state your gender?"

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Male	43	100	-
Female	57	-	100

QS5. We want to ensure that we interview people from a wide variety of racial and ethnic groups. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Yes	17	13	21
No	81	85	77
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	<0.5	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	1	2

QS6. And what is your race? [ACCEPT ONLY ONE. IF NECESSARY: WHICH ONE RACE DO YOU MOST IDENTIFY WITH?]

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
White or Caucasian	48	54	43
Black or African American	25	23	26
Native American or Alaskan Native	1	1	1
Asian	3	4	2
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Mixed	1	<0.5	1
Or are you some other race? [Please Specify: _____]	<0.5	-	<0.5
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	5	4	6

QS7. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you…
[READ LIST, ACCEPT ONE.]

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Self-employed full-time	5	7	5
Self-employed part-time	3	4	2
Employed full-time	21	21	20
Employed part-time	6	5	6
Retired and not working at all	49	49	49
Unemployed and looking for work	8	9	8
Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons	7	5	9
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

Q1. This fall, New York City will hold city wide elections for mayor and other county or local level officials. How likely are you to vote in that election?   Would you say… [READ LIST]

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely likely	49	53	47
Very likely	26	24	27
Somewhat likely	13	11	15
Not very likely	2	3	2
Not at all likely	5	5	4
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	3	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	1	2

Q2. Overall, how much do you agree or disagree that the candidates for mayor are talking about the issues that matter most to you? Do you… [READ LIST]

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Completely agree	8	9	7
Somewhat agree	40	37	42
Neither agree nor disagree	14	14	14
Somewhat disagree	15	14	16
Completely disagree	8	10	6
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	14	15	13
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3	2	3

Q3. When making your voting decisions in the upcoming city elections, how likely are you to vote for a candidate who will work on [INSERT A-H]? Are you extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not at all likely to vote for someone who will work on it? RANDOMIZE ORDER. RECORD ONE ANSWER FOR EACH. REPEAT RESPONSE SCALE FOR FIRST FEW ONLY.

a. Reducing costs for health care and insurance for yourself and/or your family

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely likely	46	47	46
Very likely	31	30	32
Somewhat likely	11	12	11
Not very likely	3	2	3
Not at all likely	5	5	4
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	3	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	1	2

b. **Supporting New Yorkers who provide care at home for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly or disabled**

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely likely	44	41	46
Very likely	34	34	33
Somewhat likely	15	17	13
Not very likely	2	2	2
Not at all likely	2	3	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	1	2

c. **Safeguarding New Yorkers against consumer scams, identify theft or fraud**

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely likely	47	45	48
Very likely	32	31	33
Somewhat likely	14	16	13
Not very likely	2	2	1
Not at all likely	3	4	3
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

d. **Helping New Yorkers have enough money for a financially secure retirement**

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely likely	46	45	47
Very likely	32	31	33
Somewhat likely	12	13	11
Not very likely	2	3	1
Not at all likely	3	3	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	4	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	1	2

e.   Ensuring work opportunities for New Yorkers as they age

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely likely	41	37	44
Very likely	34	34	34
Somewhat likely	16	17	15
Not very likely	2	3	1
Not at all likely	3	4	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	4	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	1	2

f.   Maintaining safe and independent mobility around town for New Yorkers of all ages

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely likely	42	41	42
Very likely	32	31	33
Somewhat likely	17	19	16
Not very likely	2	2	2
Not at all likely	3	3	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	3	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	2

g.   Being adequately prepared for an emergency or disaster

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely likely	45	45	46
Very likely	33	30	36
Somewhat likely	14	16	12
Not very likely	2	3	2
Not at all likely	2	2	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	4	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

h.   Ensuring New Yorkers can afford to stay in their homes

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely likely	46	43	48
Very likely	34	35	33
Somewhat likely	12	13	11
Not very likely	2	2	2
Not at all likely	2	4	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	3	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	1	3

QF-1.Thinking now about all of the experiences you have had as a consumer, has there been a time in the past five years, since 2008, where you or someone you know encountered a fraud or "scam" that intentionally tried to mislead or defraud you or the person you know?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Yes, myself [CONTINUE]	17	16	18
Yes, someone I know [CONTINUE]	12	11	12
Yes, both myself and someone I know	6	6	6
No	62	63	60
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	3	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	1	<0.5

[IF YES AT QF-1, CONTINUE. OTHERWISE SKIP TO QF-4]
QF-2.To your knowledge, was this incident reported to anyone?

Base: Encountered a fraud or "scam" in the past 5 years	Total n=442 %	Male n=165 %	Female n=277 %
Yes	64	65	64
No	31	31	31
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	5	4	5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	-	1

QF-3. Which type or types of fraud or scams have you or someone you know encountered in the past five years? (READ LIST ONLY AS NEEDED. ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

	Base: Encountered a fraud or "scam" in the past 5 years	Total n=442 %	Male n=165 %	Female n=277 %
1.	Credit Card	22	21	22
2.	Identity theft	19	19	20
3.	Internet/Online	9	11	8
4.	Check cashing or Payday loans	6	6	6
5.	Home financing, mortgage loan or home equity loan	6	4	6
6.	Telephone service	5	5	6
7.	Sweepstakes	5	5	6
8.	Investment or securities related	4	7	3
9.	Bank/ATM scam	4	5	4
10.	Auto repair or Car title pawn	3	5	2
11.	Insurance products and services	3	3	3
12.	Telemarketing	3	3	3
13.	Home repair	3	4	2
14.	Home energy or utility	3	3	3
15.	Charities or donations	2	1	3
16.	Money scam	2	1	3
17.	Landlord/tenant harassment	2	1	2
18.	Stealing/theft	2	2	1
19.	Travel and vacation industry	2	3	1
20.	TV ads	1	2	1
21.	Car	1	1	1
22.	Mortgage/Real estate	1	1	1
23.	Check	1	1	1
24.	Magazine fraud	1	1	1
25.	Home health services	1	1	1
26.	Police	1	2	<0.5
27.	Inheritance scam	1	2	-
28.	Email	1	-	1
29.	Computer	1	1	<0.5
30.	Mail fraud	1	-	1
31.	Social Security	<0.5	1	<0.5
32.	Taxes	<0.5	-	1
33.	Immigration or government status	<0.5	-	<0.5
34.	Something else	12	10	13
35.	Don't know	8	6	9

QF-4. How worried would you be about potentially fraudulent, unfair or deceptive practices around [INSERT ITEM A-E]? Are you extremely worried, very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried or not at all worried? [RANDOMIZE AND ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH.]

a. Check-cashing outlets

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302	Male n=498	Female n=804
	%	%	%
Extremely worried	25	24	26
Very worried	21	21	21
Somewhat worried	17	18	16
Not very worried	10	10	11
Not at all worried	21	23	19
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	5	4	7
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

b. Internet loans

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302	Male n=498	Female n=804
	%	%	%
Extremely worried	26	25	28
Very worried	23	23	23
Somewhat worried	13	17	11
Not very worried	7	7	8
Not at all worried	22	22	22
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	7	6	8
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	2

c. Home financing and home equity loans

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302	Male n=498	Female n=804
	%	%	%
Extremely worried	27	28	27
Very worried	25	24	26
Somewhat worried	19	19	19
Not very worried	8	8	7
Not at all worried	15	16	14
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	5	4	6
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	2

d. Home repairs and home repair financing

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely worried	26	24	28
Very worried	26	25	27
Somewhat worried	21	23	19
Not very worried	7	8	7
Not at all worried	15	17	14
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	2	4
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

e. Sweepstakes

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely worried	22	19	25
Very worried	19	19	18
Somewhat worried	17	18	17
Not very worried	11	11	11
Not at all worried	23	24	22
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	6	6	6
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2

f. Identity theft

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely worried	44	40	47
Very worried	31	33	30
Somewhat worried	15	16	14
Not very worried	3	4	2
Not at all worried	5	7	4
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	2

g. Debt collection

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely worried	29	28	29
Very worried	27	24	30
Somewhat worried	18	19	17
Not very worried	8	9	7
Not at all worried	14	17	12
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	4	3	4
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

QF-5.   How much of a priority should it be for New York City elected officials to strengthen laws and regulations that protect consumers from unfair and deceptive practices? Should it be a …READ LIST?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Top priority	53	52	54
High priority	28	29	28
Medium priority	13	14	13
Low priority	2	1	2
Not a priority at all	2	2	1
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	1	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

Older Worker Protection and Opportunity

QW-1. Next, I have some questions related to work and age. Do you believe you, a family member or a friend have ever….[INSERT ITEM A-E FROM LIST BELOW AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]

a.   Not been hired for a job because of age since turning 50?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Yes	26	25	26
No	69	69	69
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	5	6	4
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5

b.   Been passed over for a raise or promotion because of age since turning 50?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Yes	24	24	24
No	72	72	72
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	4	4	4
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	-	<0.5

c. **Been laid off, fired, or forced out of a job because of age since turning 50?**

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Yes	23	22	23
No	76	76	75
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	-	<0.5

d. **Been encouraged or forced to retire before you or they preferred to retire?**

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Yes	27	25	28
No	70	72	70
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	3	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5

e. **Received or been exposed to unwelcome comments about age in the workplace?**

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Yes	23	22	24
No	75	76	74
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	<0.5	1

[ASK QW-2 IF STILL WORKING AT Q.S7. OTHERWISE SKIP TO INSTRUCTION BEFORE QW-5.]

QW-2. How concerned are you about age discrimination at work? [READ LIST.]

Base: Valid Respondents (inc. working respondents)	Total n=409 %	Male n=170 %	Female n=239 %
Extremely concerned	25	22	27
Very concerned	21	22	20
Somewhat concerned	26	27	26
Not too concerned	10	12	9
Not at all concerned	18	17	18
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	-	-	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

QW-3. Overall how confident are you that you will be able to retire at some point? Are you…
[READ LIST. ACCEPT ONE]

Base: Valid Respondents (inc. working respondents)	Total n=409	Male n=170	Female n=239
	%	%	%
Extremely confident	25	26	24
Very confident	25	28	23
Somewhat confident	21	20	22
Not too confident	10	8	12
Not at all confident	13	13	14
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	4	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	2	3

QW-4. Will your retirement be delayed for financial reasons?

Base: Valid Respondents (inc. working respondents)	Total n=409	Male n=170	Female n=239
	%	%	%
Yes	50	46	53
No	41	47	37
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	8	6	9
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

[ASK QW-5 IF RETIRED AT QS-7. OTHERWISE SKIP TO QW-6]

QW-5. Did you have to delay your retirement for financial reasons?

Base: Retired Respondents	Total n=714	Male n=271	Female n=443
	%	%	%
Yes	13	11	15
No	86	89	84
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

[ASK ALL]

QW-6.   People these days are working much longer than they used to. How much of a priority should it be for New York City elected officials to work on laws, regulations and policies that support older workers? Should it be a … READ LIST?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302	Male n=498	Female n=804
	%	%	%
Top priority	47	50	44
High priority	25	23	27
Medium priority	20	19	21
Low priority	3	4	3
Not a priority at all	3	3	3
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	-	<0.5

QW-7.   Do you currently have any health insurance?

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
Yes	90	88	92
No	9	12	8
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	<0.5	-

QW-7.1   Do you currently have any health insurance?

Base: Age 50 – 64 Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=608	n=242	n=366
	%	%	%
Yes	87	83	90
No	12	16	9
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	1	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-	-	-

[IF YES AT QW-7 CONTINUE. OTHERWISE, SKIP TO QC-1]

QW-7A Which of the following types of health care coverage do you have? Is it . [READ LIST. RANDOMIZE. MULTIPLE RESPONSE ACCEPTED]

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT GIVES NAME OF INSURER OR SPECIFIC COMPANY NAME, ASK WHETHER THEY PAY FOR THE POLICY ON THEIR OWN OR IF IT IS PAID FOR BY AN EMPLOYER /PREVIOUS EMPLOYER AND RECORD APPROPRIATELY. IF RESPONDENT SAYS "THE GOVERNMENT" CLARIFY IF MEDICAID OR MEDICARE. IF UNSURE, DESCRIBE IN THE OTHER)

Base: Currently have health insurance	Total	Male	Female
		n=436	n=735
	n=1171	%	%
	%		
Health insurance through a current or previous employer (either yours or your spouse's)	44	46	43
Health insurance purchased individually on your own	17	18	16
Veterans or military benefits	3	6	2
Medicaid or other state paid plan such as Family Health Plus	22	19	25
Medicare	40	39	41
AARP	1	1	1
Other	5	3	5
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2

QW-7A.1 Which of the following types of health care coverage do you have?

Base: Currently have health insurance and Age 50 – 64	Total n=532	Male n=201	Female n=331
	%	%	%
Health insurance through a current or previous employer (either yours or your spouse's)	55	54	55
Health insurance purchased individually on your own	14	18	12
Veterans or military benefits	3	4	3
Medicaid or other state paid plan such as Family Health Plus	23	20	25
Medicare	17	16	18
AARP	<0.5	1	-
Other	4	4	4
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	1

Caregiving

QC-1. The next few questions are about caregiving. A "caregiver" is someone who provides care for an adult relative, friend or spouse who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a disability. Care may include assisting with medical or nursing tasks like giving medications, wound care, special diets, or communicating with doctors; also helping with personal needs, household chores, transportation, financial management or a variety of other tasks. Such care may be provided to someone who lives either in the same household or somewhere else.

In the <u>past 5 years, since 2008,</u> have you yourself provided this sort of care to an adult relative, friend or spouse 18 years or older who is ill, frail, elderly or has a disability?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302	Male n=498	Female n=804
	%	%	%
Yes →ASK QC-2	39	37	41
No →SKIP TO QC-5	60	62	58
Don't know→SKIP TO QC-5	1	1	1
Refused→SKIP TO QC-5	<0.5	-	1

QC-2. And who would you say provided or provides the majority of this person's care – yourself, other friends or family members, or professional helpers such as an aide, nurse, housekeeper or other paid helper?

Base: Caregiving Respondents	Total n=482	Male n=175	Female n=307
	%	%	%
Self	46	42	48
Other friends or family members	22	22	22
Professional helpers	23	25	21
Split evenly [DO NOT READ]	8	8	7
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	1	-

QC-3. To what extent does your caregiving put a strain on the quality of life for you and your family, including both financial hardship, emotional stress and stress at work? Would you say … READ LIST. ACCEPT ONE

Base: Caregiving Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	N=482	n=175	n=307
	%	%	%
Overwhelming strain	26	19	30
A good deal of strain	33	34	33
Minor strain	25	29	22
No strain at all	14	16	12
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	-	1

[ASK QC-4 IF STILL WORKING AT Q.S7. OTHERWISE SKIP TO QC-5.]

QC-4. As a working caregiver, have you ever felt that you were being treated unfairly in your workplace or by your employer because of your caregiver responsibilities?

Base: Working Caregiving Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	N=181	n=70	n=111
	%	%	%
Yes	15	15	16
No	79	80	78
Maybe	2	2	2
Was not working at the time I was caregiving [IF VOLUNTEERED, DO NOT READ]	3	2	3
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	-	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	2	-

QC-5.   How much of a priority should it be for New York City elected officials to strengthen laws and regulations and to fund services that support family caregivers? Should it be a … READ LIST?

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
Top priority	51	50	51
High priority	29	28	30
Medium priority	16	17	16
Low priority	1	2	1
Not a priority at all	2	2	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

Livable Community/Age Friendly Community

QLV-1. Thinking about where you live now, do you rent or own your residence?

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
Rent	61	59	62
Own	37	40	35
Other	2	1	3
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	1	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

QLV-2. How important is it to be able to stay in your current home or community as long as you like as you age? Would you say … [READ LIST]

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
Extremely important	66	64	67
Very important	25	26	24
Somewhat important	4	6	3
Not very important	3	2	3
Not at all important	2	1	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

QLV-3. As people age, they may discover that their home is not safe or suitable for an older resident. How confident are you that you could stay at your current residence for as long as you like without any major modifications?

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
Extremely confident	32	32	31
Very confident	33	35	31
Somewhat confident	21	19	22
Not very confident	8	6	8
Not at all confident	4	4	5
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	2

QLV-4.   For some people, having affordable housing as they age is a concern. How concerned are you about your [INSERT A-C]? Would you say you are extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned? [RANDOMIZE AND ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH.]

a.   **Ability to pay rent in the coming years (IF RENT IN Q.LV-1)**

Base: Rent your residence	Total n=871	Male n=310	Female n=561
	%	%	%
Extremely concerned	33	29	35
Very concerned	25	24	25
Somewhat concerned	20	24	17
Not very concerned	8	10	8
Not at all concerned	12	11	13
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	2

b.   **Ability to pay property taxes in the coming years (IF OWN IN Q.LV-1)**

Base: Own your residence	Total n=431	Male n=188	Female n=243
	%	%	%
Extremely concerned	25	21	27
Very concerned	23	23	24
Somewhat concerned	24	23	25
Not very concerned	12	14	11
Not at all concerned	15	18	12
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

c.   **Ability to pay utility bills in the coming years**

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302	Male n=498	Female n=804
	%	%	%
Extremely concerned	26	24	27
Very concerned	22	21	23
Somewhat concerned	21	22	19
Not very concerned	13	12	13
Not at all concerned	17	19	16
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

[IF WORKING AT QS7 AND EXTREMELY, VERY OR SOMEWHAT AT QW-3, ASK QLV-5.1. ALL OTHERS GO TO QLV-5.2]

QLV-5.1   How likely are you to leave New York City and live somewhere else once you retire? Are you … READ LIST?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Extremely likely	9	8	10
Very likely	13	13	14
Somewhat likely	19	20	19
Not very likely	18	20	16
Not at all likely	36	35	38
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	4	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

Base: Working and confident that you will be able to retire at some point	Total n=281 %	Male n=121 %	Female n=160 %
Extremely likely	13	13	13
Very likely	18	15	20
Somewhat likely	27	28	26
Not very likely	16	17	15
Not at all likely	25	24	25
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	3	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-	-	-

QLV-5.2   How likely are you to leave New York City and live somewhere else as you age? Are you … READ LIST?

Base: Not working and confident that you will be able to retire at some point	Total n=1021 %	Male n=377 %	Female n=644 %
Extremely likely	8	7	9
Very likely	12	12	12
Somewhat likely	17	17	17
Not very likely	18	22	16
Not at all likely	40	39	42
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	4	4	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

QLV-6. For each of the following items, please tell me if it is a major problem, minor problem or not a problem at all in your community. [INSERT A-H, RECORD RESPONSE FOR EACH. RANDOMIZE ORDER] Is it a … READ LIST?

a. Lack of affordable housing

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Major problem	54	51	57
Minor problem	17	20	16
Not a problem	21	23	20
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	6	7	6
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

b. Heavy traffic

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Major problem	42	42	42
Minor problem	29	34	25
Not a problem	28	22	32
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

c. Streets that need repair

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Major problem	40	38	41
Minor problem	31	35	28
Not a problem	28	26	29
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

d. Sidewalks that are too narrow, poorly lit, need repair or don't exist

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Major problem	26	24	28
Minor problem	29	33	27
Not a problem	42	41	43
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	2

e. Public transportation that is too far away, too limited, or too hard to navigate

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Major problem	16	14	17
Minor problem	22	24	21
Not a problem	59	60	59
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

f. Crime or personal safety

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Major problem	33	30	35
Minor problem	37	41	34
Not a problem	29	27	30
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	2	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

g. Traffic lights that are timed too fast for safe pedestrian crossing

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Major problem	28	25	30
Minor problem	28	32	25
Not a problem	42	41	43
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

h. Cars not yielding to pedestrians

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Major problem	40	37	41
Minor problem	29	31	28
Not a problem	30	30	29
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

QLV-7.   How would you rate your community on each the following types of services that help residents maintain their independence as they age? [INSERT A-B, RECORD RESPONSE FOR EACH. RANDOMIZE ORDER.] Is your community…READ LIST

a.   **Alternative transportation services, such as community vans, service shuttles and volunteer drivers**

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
Excellent	11	11	10
Very good	21	20	21
Good	26	27	25
Fair	17	19	15
Poor	11	8	12
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	15	15	15
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

b.   **Affordable long-term care services at home such as home health care, personal care, social adult day care services or respite services.**

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
Excellent	9	10	8
Very good	19	17	19
Good	28	29	26
Fair	17	18	17
Poor	8	6	9
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	19	19	19
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

QLV-8.   How much of a priority should it be for New York City elected officials to promote age friendly living in New York City? Should it be a … READ LIST?

Base: Total Respondents	Total	Male	Female
	n=1302	n=498	n=804
	%	%	%
Top priority	46	45	46
High priority	27	25	28
Medium priority	19	20	19
Low priority	2	3	2
Not a priority at all	2	3	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	3	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

Demographics & Classification

The following questions are for classification purposes only and will be kept entirely confidential.

D1. Are you <u>or</u> <u>your</u> <u>spouse or partner</u> currently a member of A-A-R-P?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Yes	43	42	43
No	55	56	55
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	<0.5	1

D2. What is the highest level of education that you completed? [ONLY READ LIST IF NEEDED]

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
0 to 12th grade, but with no diploma	13	12	14
High school graduate or equivalent	25	23	26
Post high school education, but with no degree	13	13	13
2 year degree	11	11	12
4 year degree	16	18	15
Post graduate study, but with no degree	4	5	4
Graduate or professional degree	16	17	15
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	<0.5	1	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	1	2

D3. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you or your spouse or partner from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities? [ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Yes, myself	27	25	28
Yes, spouse/partner	4	3	4
Yes, both myself and spouse/partner	3	1	3
No, neither	66	69	64
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1

D4. For future elections, would assistance in additional languages make you any more or less likely to vote in elections, or would it make no difference?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
More likely	8	6	9
Less likely	2	2	2
No difference	86	88	85
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2

D5. Do you consider yourself to be a …..….[READ AND RANDOMIZE]..or something else?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Democrat	61	57	64
Republican	11	10	12
Independent	17	22	12
Other [DO NOT READ]	3	3	3
None of above [DO NOT READ]	2	2	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	3	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4	4	5

D6. How would you characterize your political views? Would you say you are….[READ AND RANDOMIZE]…or none of these?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Conservative	27	28	25
Moderate	26	24	28
Liberal	26	29	25
None of these	13	13	13
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	4	3	5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4	4	4

D7. If you were asked to use one of these commonly used names for the social classes, which would you say you belong in? The upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, lower-middle class, or lower class?

Base: Total Respondents	Total n=1302 %	Male n=498 %	Female n=804 %
Upper	3	3	2
Upper middle	12	13	12
Middle	46	47	46
Lower middle	22	21	23
Lower	10	11	9
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	3	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	5	3	5

D8. What is your 5-digit zip code? ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

That was our last question for tonight. Thank you very much for taking the time to help us out. Have a great day/night!

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