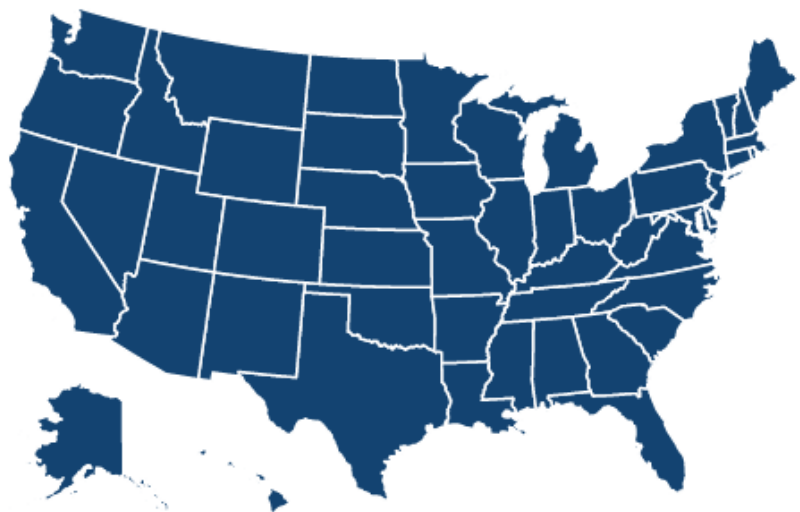




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(AAPI) Adults Age 45 and Older, September 2021
Annotated Questionnaire



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Interviews were conducted with 505 Asian American/Pacific Islander adults age 45 and older between August 30, 2021 and September 28, 2021. All data have been weighted by age, gender, and race/ethnicity according to 2019 U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey (CPS) statistics. Survey results have a 4.4% margin of error.

Hello, this is _____ calling from Alan Newman Research, a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We are interested in your thoughts about issues of importance to you and people like you in U.S. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation. (Web: "We are interested in your thoughts about issues of importance to you and people like you in U.S. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation.")

Screener

Qa. Would you like to continue the survey in English, or would you prefer to continue in Spanish or Mandarin?

%	n=505
100	English
<1	Mandarin
0	Spanish

S1. Our study is interested in the opinions of certain age groups. Could you please tell me your age as of your last birthday? (IN YEARS) [RECORD AGE; TERMINATE IF UNDER AGE 45 OR REFUSED] (Web: "Our study is interested in the opinions of certain age groups. What is your age as of your last birthday?")

%	n=505
0	Under 45 [TERMINATE]
24	45-49
16	50-54
20	55-59
11	60-64
14	65-69
9	70-74
3	75-79
2	80-84
2	85+
0	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say") [TERMINATE]

S2. What is your 5-digit zip code? _____ [ENTER ZIP CODE; VERIFY MATCH – IF NOT A MATCH TO U.S. OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED, ASK FOR RESIDENT IN HH; TERMINATE IF NO ONE IN HH IS AGE 45+ RESIDENT OF U.S.] (Web: TERMINATE IF NOT A MATCH)

S4. Are you registered to vote in [STATE]?

%	n=505
80	Yes
19	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D7. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic or Latino background?

%	n=505
0	Yes
99	No
<1	Don't know
1	Refused (Web: 'Prefer not to say')

D8. Which of the following best describes your race? (READ LIST)

%	n=505
93	Asian
7	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
0	White
0	Black or African American
0	American Indian or Alaska Native
0	Some other race [SPECIFY]
0	Multi-race [SPECIFY]
0	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D4a. Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer?

%	n=505
4	Yes
94	No
1	Not sure
1	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

S3. What is your current employment status? (READ LIST AS NEEDED TO CLARIFY)

%	n=505
9	Self-employed full-time
6	Self-employed part-time
37	Employed full-time
5	Employed part-time
7	Unemployed and looking for work
31	Retired and not working at all
6	Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

S3c. [IF S3=Self-employed full-time or Self-employed part-time] Besides yourself, how many people do you employ? (READ LIST AS NEEDED)

%	n=75
46	None
21	Less than 20
15	20 to 99
12	100 or more
5	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Health

11. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE ORDER] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=505	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Having adequate health insurance coverage	66	27	5	1	1	<1	0
B. Having Medicare benefits available to you in the future	61	25	9	3	1	1	0
C. Staying mentally sharp	69	25	5	1	<1	<1	0
D. Staying physically healthy	68	27	4	1	0	0	0
E. Paying for prescription drugs	43	31	16	6	4	1	0
F. Paying for health care expenses, including premiums and co-pays	51	34	10	2	2	1	0

Caregiving

CARE1. Are you currently providing unpaid help to a relative or friend 18 years or older to help them take care of themselves? This would include doing things for them such as grocery shopping, providing transportation, managing finances, arranging for healthcare or other services, or preparing meals.

%	n=505
27	Yes
73	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

CARE1_A. [IF CARE1≠Yes] Have you ever provided this type of unpaid help in the past?

%	n=369
27	Yes
73	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

CARE37a. Long-term care assists older Americans who have conditions that limit their ability to manage the basic tasks of daily living. This includes things like bathing and dressing, preparing meals, helping with medication, paying bills, housekeeping, and helping with trips to the doctor or store. Long-term care can be provided at home or in a facility, like a nursing home.

If you or a loved one needed long-term care, where would you prefer to receive that help? (READ LIST)
[RANDOMIZE]

%	n=505
64	At home with caregiver assistance
15	In an assisted living facility or group home
4	In a nursing home
5	Something else (VOL)
13	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

CARE38a. If you or a loved one needed long-term care, how important would it be to have services that would help you or your loved one stay at home for as long as possible? (READ LIST)

%	n=505
55	Extremely important
30	Very important
11	Somewhat important
3	Not very important
<1	Not important at all
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

COVID-19

CVD-11. Have you gotten or do you plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine? (READ LIST AS NEEDED TO CONFIRM)

%	n=505
89	Yes, already got the COVID-19 vaccine (either all shots or 1 shot out of 2)
3	Yes, plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine
6	No, I do not plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine
2	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

CVD-12. [IF CVD-11=No or Don't know] What are some reasons why you [do not plan to/are unsure if you will] get the COVID-19 vaccine? (Web: "Select all that apply.") (READ LIST) [MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED] [RANDOMIZE]

%	n=43
61	You are worried about side effects (Web: "I am worried about side effects")
57	You don't think the vaccine has been tested enough (Web: "I don't think the vaccine has been tested enough")
38	You believe the risks of taking a new vaccine outweigh any benefits (Web: "I believe the risks of taking a new vaccine outweigh any benefits")
36	You don't trust the drug companies that make the vaccine (Web: "I don't trust the drug companies that make the vaccine")
35	You do not trust the government (Web: "I do not trust the government")
34	You do not think the vaccination will work to protect from infection (Web: "I do not think the vaccination will work to protect from infection")
31	You are taking adequate precautions to avoid COVID-19 (Web: "I am taking adequate precautions to avoid COVID-19")
24	You want to wait and see how it goes for other people who get the vaccine (Web: "I want to wait and see how it goes for other people who get the vaccine")
11	You are healthy and don't need a COVID-19 vaccine (Web: "I am healthy and don't need a COVID-19 vaccine")
7	You already had COVID-19, so you don't think you can get it again (Web: "I already had COVID-19, so I don't think I can get it again")
7	You cannot get the vaccine for other health reasons (Web: "I cannot get the vaccine for other health reasons")
3	You do not think you would get very sick if you got COVID-19 (Web: "I do not think I would get very sick if I got COVID-19")
0	You are concerned about the cost of the vaccine (Web: "I am concerned about the cost of the vaccine")
0	Other [SPECIFY]
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

CVD-6. How worried are you about getting coronavirus in the next year? (READ LIST)

%	n=505
18	Extremely worried
21	Very worried
36	Somewhat worried
18	Not very worried
7	Not at all worried
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Wealth

11. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=505	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
G. Having adequate Social Security benefits available to you in the future	62	23	12	2	1	<1	0
H. Having good employment opportunities in your community	34	30	20	8	6	2	0
I. Protection from age discrimination	37	30	23	7	4	1	0
J. Maintaining relevant job skills and experience	31	30	25	8	5	1	0
K. [IF S3≠Retired and not working at all] Having enough income or savings to retire (n=348)	68	25	6	1	<1	0	0
L. [IF S3=Employed (full-time, part-time), self-employed (full-time, part-time), or unemployed and looking for work] Being able to stop working for pay at the age you want (n=318)	47	32	16	3	2	<1	0
M. Protecting yourself against consumer fraud	48	33	16	2	1	<1	0
N. Protecting yourself against unfair financial practices	47	33	16	2	2	1	0
O. Having online security	45	33	19	2	1	<1	0
AB. Having access to high-speed internet	39	33	21	4	3	<1	0
AZ. Being able to save money for your retirement years while you are working	55	29	9	3	3	1	0
BA. Being able to manage your debt	49	29	15	3	4	1	0
BB. Having enough savings for emergencies or unexpected expenses	67	24	7	1	1	<1	0

Q703. In the next 12 months, do you think your personal financial situation will improve, get worse or stay the same?

%	n=505
29	Improve
19	Get worse
52	Stay the same
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

RET3. Overall, how confident are you that you will have enough money to live comfortably throughout your retirement years? Please use a 1 to 10 scale, where 1 means you are not confident at all and 10 means you are extremely confident.

%	n=505
9	1 – Not confident at all
1	2
7	3
6	4
10	5
13	6
15	7
21	8
8	9
7	10 – Extremely confident
4	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Q728. Which, if any, of the following sources of income do you currently rely on or plan to rely on as you get older? (READ LIST) (Web: "Which, if any, of the following sources of income do you currently rely on or plan to rely on as you get older? Please select all that apply.") [RANDOMIZE; ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

%	n=505
65	Social Security
59	Savings
47	401(k) or other defined contribution program
27	Full-time work
25	Employer paid pension
21	Part-time work
11	Public assistance such as SSI, SNAP, etc.
10	Freelancing or working in the 'gig' economy, such as Uber, Airbnb, etc.
9	Starting your own business
8	Financial support from family or friends
4	Veterans benefits
2	Other [SPECIFY]
2	None of these (VOL)
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Work Issues

WORK2. How interested are you in [ITEM]? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE]

n=505	Extremely interested %	Very interested %	Somewhat interested %	Not very interested %	Not interested at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Starting or running your own business	15	14	22	24	25	0	0
B. Learning about other types of jobs where your skills would be applicable	23	24	26	12	15	0	0
C. Keeping up with technology to maintain job skills	26	31	24	10	10	0	0
D. Gaining new job-related skills or experiences	21	23	28	14	15	0	0
E. [IF S3#Retired and not working at all] Advancing in your job or career (n=348)	29	25	26	11	9	0	0
F. Finding new ways to make money	35	27	25	8	6	0	0
G. Starting a new job or career	15	14	22	24	25	0	0
H. Having flexible work arrangements	32	25	18	10	15	0	0

Fraud Issues

Fraudsters use a number of persuasion tactics to convince people to give them money. These scam artists often offer fast-cash, or pressure with limited time deals, to gain access to your personal information or solicit money.

FRA4. How concerned are you, personally, about becoming the target or victim of a scam or fraud? (READ LIST)

%	n=505
29	Extremely concerned
22	Very concerned
26	Somewhat concerned
14	Not very concerned
9	Not concerned at all
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

FRA19. In the last 12 months, have you been a victim of a scam or fraud?

%	n=505
11	Yes
84	No
6	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

FRA20. Do you know of a family member or close friend who may have been victims of a scam or fraud?

%	n=505
31	Yes
69	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Self

Q1. What do you think is the single most important problem or challenge facing mid-life or older adults as they age? [ENTER VERBATIM RESPONSE] (Web: Large text box, open-end) [CODED OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES]

%	n=505
37	Health generally/ health problems
29	Retirement/ Social Security/ finances/ cost-of-living
10	Access to healthcare (finding insurance, providers, etc.)
5	Loneliness/ social isolation
5	Employment
4	Healthcare cost (insurance cost, cost for services)
4	Staying involved/ connected/ contributing to society
3	Keeping up with technology
2	Assistance/ care at home
2	Not being respected/ accepted
1	Economy
1	Housing
1	Prescription drug costs
1	Government
1	Climate change/ environment
1	COVID-19/ coronavirus/ pandemic
<1	Transportation
<1	Nursing home safety
<1	Racial justice
4	Other
4	Don't know/ refused

Q741. Have any of the following affected your wellbeing in a negative way? (READ LIST) (Web: "Have any of the following affected your wellbeing in a negative way? Please select all that apply." [RANDOMIZE; ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES])

%	n=505
58	The coronavirus, also known as COVID-19
34	Increasing housing costs
32	Climate change and its impact on future generations
31	The toxic political discourse
31	Discrimination due to race
31	Affording the healthcare you need
26	Natural disasters
21	Mass shootings
20	Discrimination due to age
16	Human rights abuses
12	Excessive use of police force
10	The opioid epidemic
10	News about rising suicide rates
6	Families separated at the border
2	Other (VOL) [SPECIFY]
20	None of the above (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Isolation and Mental Health Issues

ISO1. How often do you have contact with family, friends, or neighbors who do not live with you? (READ LIST)

%	n=505
19	Every day
34	Several times a week
22	Once a week
11	Once every 2 or 3 weeks
5	Once a month
9	Less than monthly
1	Never
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

ISO2. How often do you feel that you lack companionship? (READ LIST)

%	n=505
47	Hardly ever
45	Some of the time
8	Often
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

ISO3. How often do you feel left out? (READ LIST)

%	n=505
53	Hardly ever
40	Some of the time
8	Often
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

ISO2_C1. How often do you feel isolated from others? (READ LIST)

%	n=505
53	Hardly ever
38	Some of the time
9	Often
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Independent Living and Long-Term Care

I1. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=505	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
P. Staying in your own home as you get older	52	32	11	4	1	1	0
Q. Having high quality long-term care in your community	42	32	19	4	2	2	0
R. Getting to the places you need to go independently	52	35	11	2	1	<1	0
S. Caring for a loved one	45	35	11	4	3	2	0
AJ. Having alternatives to nursing home care	39	32	18	6	3	2	0

Livable Communities

LIVCOMM_1. How concerned are you about the following? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE]

n=505	Extremely concerned %	Very concerned %	Somewhat concerned %	Not very concerned %	Not concerned at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Being able to afford to remain in your home as you age	38	21	23	12	6	0	0
B. Being able to get around your community to get the things you need and do the things you want to do as you age	29	29	26	13	4	0	0
C. Being connected with others in your community and having opportunities to socialize as you age	19	19	34	21	7	0	0

COMM6. Thinking about your future years, are you more likely to...? (READ LIST) [SINGLE RESPONSE ALLOWED]

%	n=505
20	Move to a different community
14	Move into a different residence within your current community
42	Stay in your current residence and never move
24	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

COMM7. Some people find they need or want to move out of their residence as they get older. If you were to consider moving out of your current residence, how much of a factor would the following be in your decision to move? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE]

n=505	A major factor %	A minor factor %	Not a factor at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Wanting a smaller home	35	33	33	0	0
B. Wanting a larger home	13	22	65	0	0
C. The cost of maintaining your current residence	56	27	16	0	0
D. Wanting a home that will help you live independently as you age, for example a home without stairs	59	27	14	0	0
E. Wanting a home that is easier to maintain, for example a home with less outdoor yard space	50	33	17	0	0

COMM10. Which of the following types of homes best describes where you currently live?

%	n=505
65	A single-family house
21	An apartment or condominium
7	A townhouse or row house
4	A two-family house or a lot that has two separate living units
2	Senior housing or assisted living facility
1	A mobile home
0	Some other type of living arrangement [SPECIFY]
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

LIVCOMM3. Do you own or rent your residence? (READ LIST AS NEEDED TO CLARIFY)

%	n=505
70	Own
25	Rent
4	Live with family or others and do not pay rent (VOL)
0	Some other living arrangement (VOL) [SPECIFY]
1	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Race

RACE-1. How big a problem would you say racism is in our society today? (READ LIST)

%	n=505
37	A big problem
40	Somewhat of a problem
14	A small problem
6	Not a problem at all
2	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Demographics

D1. Other than a data plan on your cell phone, do you have high-speed Internet service at home such as cable Internet, DSL, FIOS, or satellite Internet service?

%	n=505
90	Yes
7	No
3	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D2. Have you or a family member ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard? [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-2]

%	n=505
11	Yes, I have
22	Yes, a family member has
69	No
1	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D14. Does any disability or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, household, or other activities?

%	n=505
17	Yes
83	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Thank you for your time so far. I have just a few final questions for classification purposes. All of your responses will be completely confidential. (Web: Do not include)

D3. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=505
1	0 through 12 th grade (no diploma)
7	High school graduate (or equivalent)
1	Post- high school vocational or technical training
21	Some college (no degree), Associate's degree, 2-year college degree
44	College graduate (4-year degree)
5	Post-graduate study
21	Graduate or professional degrees (Master's degree/ PhD/ Law)
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

D4. How do you identify your gender? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=505
53	Female
47	Male
<1	Other gender identity [SPECIFY]
0	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D5. What is your current marital status? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=505
60	Married
6	Living with a partner
3	Widowed
12	Divorced or separated
17	Never married
2	Other
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

D6. Are you or your (spouse/partner) currently a member of AARP?

%	n=505
28	Yes
69	No
3	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D9. In general, how would you describe your political views? Would you say you are conservative, moderate, liberal, or something else? (Web: "In general, how would you describe your political views?")

%	n=505
22	Conservative
48	Moderate
21	Liberal
<1	Other [SPECIFY]
5	Don't know
4	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D10. Are you...? (READ LIST) [ROTATE ORDER]

%	n=505
40	Democrat
22	Republican
28	Independent
<1	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
4	Don't know (VOL)
6	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D11. What income range includes your household's total income from all sources in 2020? (READ LIST)

%	n=505
3	Less than \$10,000
7	\$10,000 to less than \$25,000
18	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000
19	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
15	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
20	\$100,000 to less than \$150,000
9	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
6	\$200,000 or more
5	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

Thank you very much for participating in this survey.