

**2014 AARP CAREGIVING SURVEY: LOUISIANA REGISTERED VOTERS AGE
45 AND OLDER OPINIONS AND EXPERIENCES ON CRITICAL CAREGIVING
ISSUES**

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2014 AARP CAREGIVING SURVEY: LOUISIANA REGISTERED VOTERS AGE 45 AND OLDER OPINIONS AND EXPERIENCES ON CRITICAL CAREGIVING ISSUES

KEY FINDINGS

Louisianans want to live independently at home for as long as possible with the help of family caregivers. They strongly support having community services that will enable people to remain in their own homes as they age. Furthermore, they have strong support for services and proposals that will ease the strain of providing care.

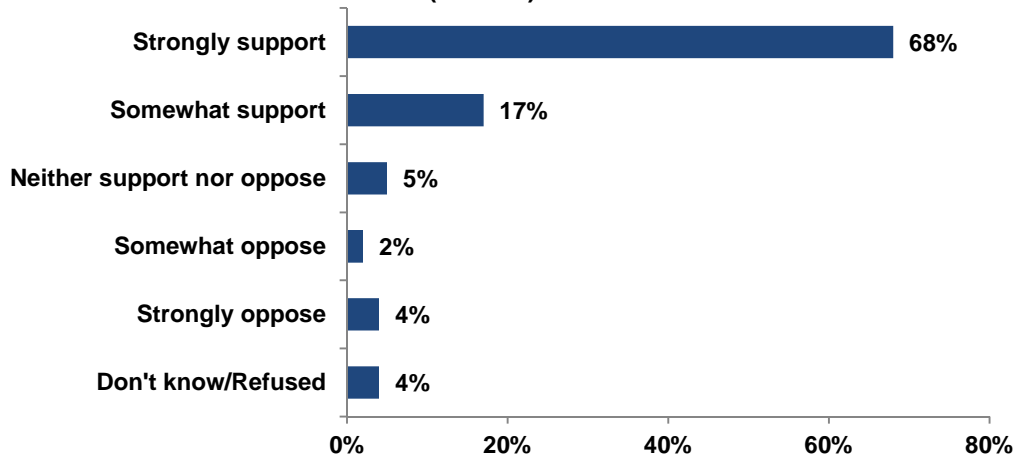
- ❖ The vast majority of Louisiana registered voters age 45 and older says it is important to have **services that allow people to stay in their own home** as they age (90%) *and* more **resources and training** for family caregivers (75%).
- ❖ When it comes to providing help to care for seniors, the state of Louisiana spends 63% of its Medicaid budget on institutional care, like nursing homes, and 37% on services to help seniors in their homes and communities.
- ❖ A large majority of Louisiana registered voters age 45 and older **strongly supports proposals that would help family caregivers when their loved ones go into hospitals:**
 - Nearly all support requiring hospitals or care facilities to explain and demonstrate medical tasks family caregivers will need to perform after the patient returns home (92%).
- ❖ Over half (53%) of Louisiana registered voters age 45 and older **are currently providing or have provided unpaid care to an adult loved one** who is ill, frail, elderly or has a physical or mental disability.
 - More than four in five of these caregivers are helping or have helped with shopping (88%), household chores (85%), or preparing meals (84%).
 - At least seven in ten **are helping or have helped with more complex tasks** like medication management (73%) and other nursing and medical tasks (71%).
- ❖ About two-thirds of Louisiana registered voter working caregivers age 45+ have **had to use their own money or modify their work schedules in order to provide care for an adult loved one.**
- ❖ A majority of Louisiana registered voters age 45 and older **strongly supports proposals that would protect family caregivers in the workplace:**
 - Most support ensuring that employers cannot fire an employee for taking time off for family caregiving purposes (81%).

This AARP telephone survey on caregiving was conducted among Louisiana registered voters age 45 and older. The survey was fielded from September 26th to October 4th, 2014. A total of 1000 interviews were completed and the sample was weighted to reflect the age and gender of the registered voter population age 45 and older in Louisiana. The margin of sampling error for this random sample is ± 3 percent. An annotated survey of the weighted responses begins on page 15 followed by a detailed description of the methodology.

Louisiana registered voters age 45+ support shifting funds from nursing homes to provide more services for seniors at home

When it comes to providing help to care for seniors, the state of Louisiana spends 63% of its Medicaid budget on institutional care, like nursing homes, and 37% on services to help seniors in their homes and communities. The majority of Louisianans (85%) support funding to provide more services for seniors at home and in the community rather than nursing homes.

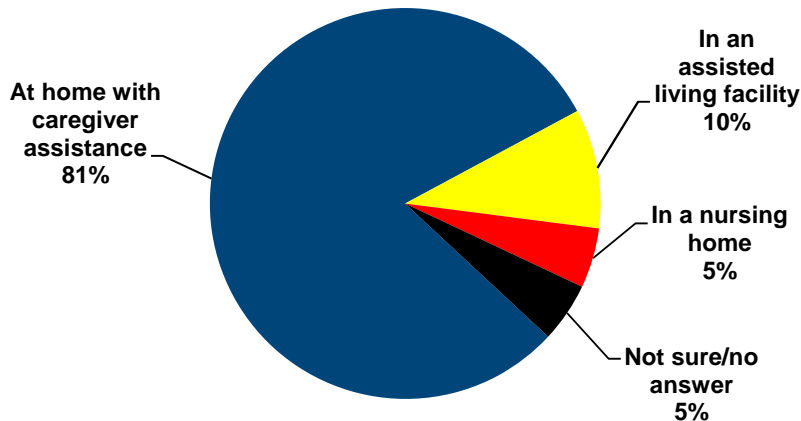
Support for Shifting Funds to Provide At Home and Community Services for Seniors Instead of Nursing Homes*
(n=1000)



*Graph shows respondents who checked "yes" under each type of daily activity.

The majority of Louisiana registered voters age 45+ (81%) wants to receive care for themselves or their loved ones at home with caregiver assistance when the basic tasks of life become more difficult due to aging or illness.

Where Do Registered Voter Louisianans Age 45+ Want to Live When Basic Life Tasks Become More Difficult?
(n=1000)

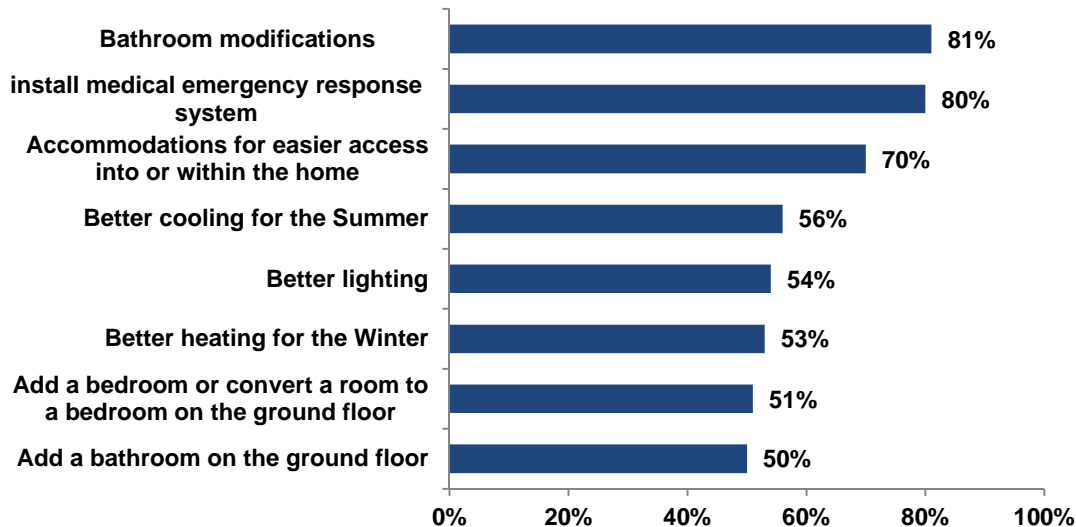


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Louisiana registered voters age 45+ will need to make home modifications to enable them or their loved ones to stay in their own home as they age

- ✓ Most will need to make bathroom modifications such as grab bars, handrails, high toilet, or non-slip tile (81%) or will need to install emergency response systems (80%).

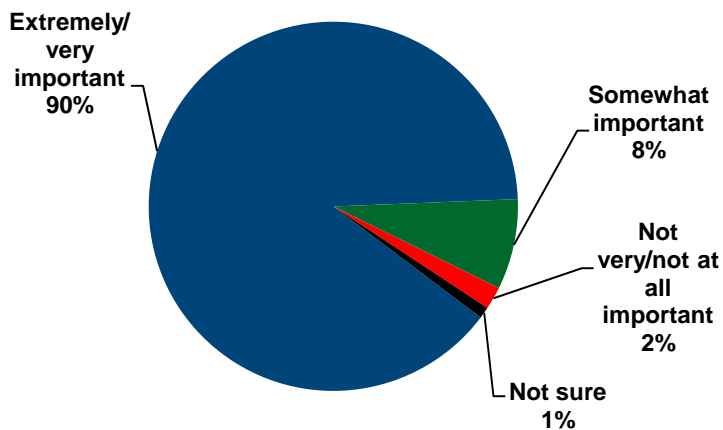
Home Modifications to Enable Staying in Own Home for as Long as Possible*
(n=1000)



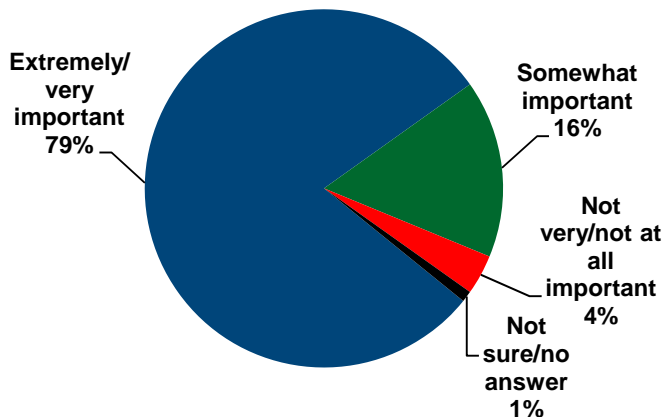
*Graph shows respondents who checked "yes" under each type of daily activity.

The vast majority of Louisiana registered voters age 45+ believes it is important to have services that allow people to stay in their own home as they age for as long as possible (90%) and more resources and training for family caregivers so they can continue to help their loved ones live independently (79%).

Importance of Having Services that Allow People to Stay in Their Own Homes as They Age*
(n=1000)



Importance of Having More Services to give Caregivers a Break
(n=1000)

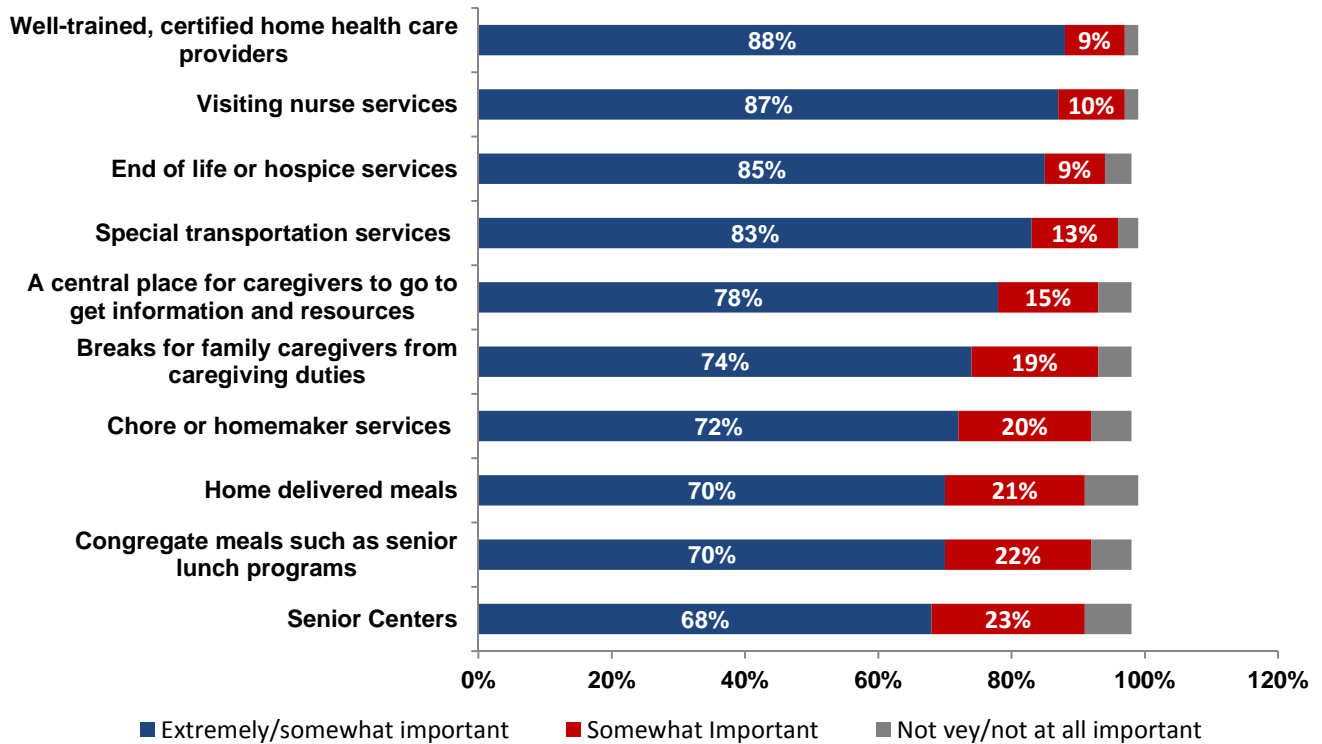


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Community services that help older adults live independently are important to Louisiana registered voters age 45 and older.

- ✓ The most important services are well-trained home health care providers (88%), visiting nurses (87%), hospice services (85%), and special transportation (83%).

Important Community Services to Help Older Adults Live Independently*
(n=1000)

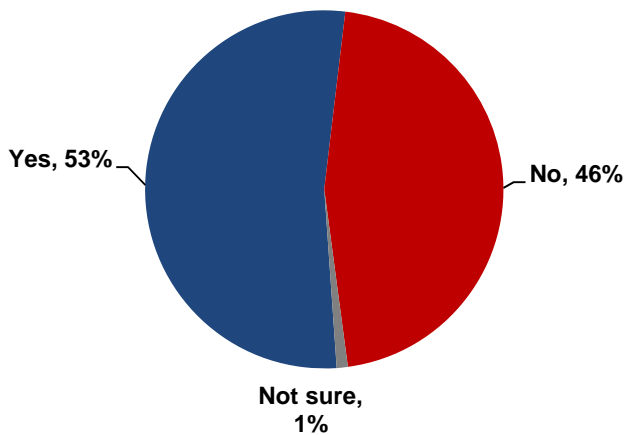


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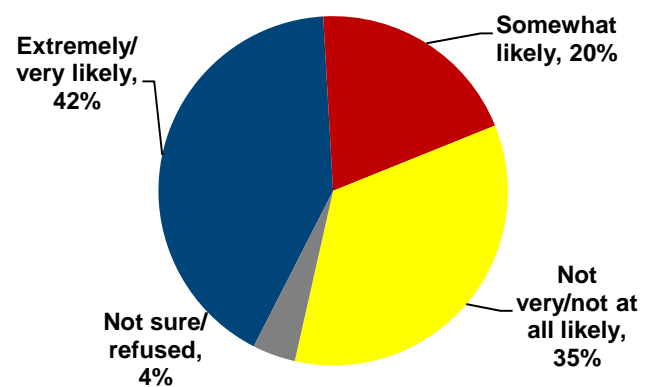
Half of Louisiana registered voters age 45+ are providing or have provided unpaid care for their loved ones and four in ten are also likely to provide unpaid care in the future (42%).

- ✓ Over half (53%) of Louisiana registered voters age 45+ say they are currently providing unpaid care (21%) or have provided unpaid care (41%) for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical or mental disability. The average age of the person they are caring or have cared for is 74.3 years old.
- ✓ Moreover, over four in ten (42%) of Louisiana registered voters age 45+ report that they are likely to provide unpaid care to an adult loved one in the future.
- ✓ Almost two in five caregivers are 55-64 (38%) or 65+ years old (37%).

Are Louisiana Registered Voters Age 45+ Currently Providing or Have They Provided Unpaid Care to an Adult Loved One? (n=1000)



Likelihood of Needing to Provide Care for an Adult Loved One in the Future* (n=1000)

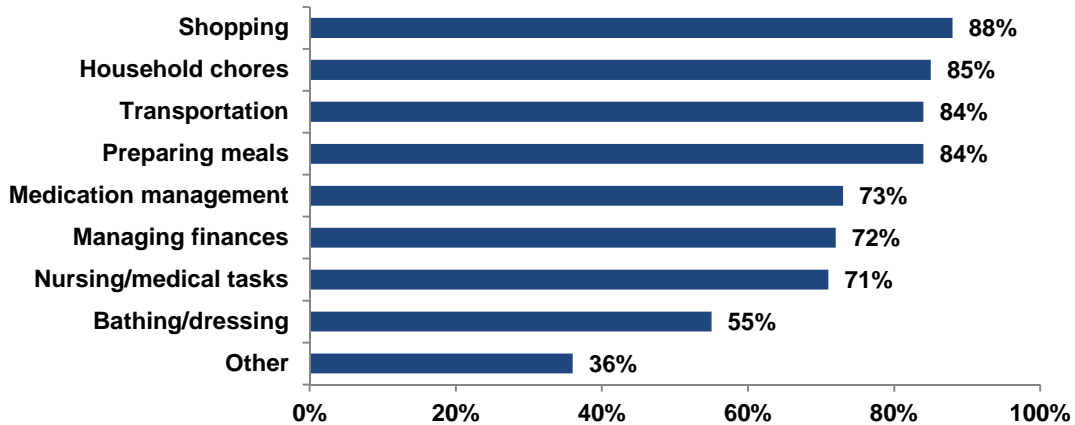


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Louisiana registered voter caregivers age 45+ are helping or have helped the loved ones in their care with activities like shopping (88%), household chores (85%), transportation (84%) and preparing meals (84%). They also assist with more complex care like medication management (73%).

- ✓ Many are also helping with or have helped with other tasks like managing finances (72%) or nursing/medical tasks (71%).

Daily Activities that Louisiana Registered Voter Caregivers Are Providing or Have Provided*
(n=532, Respondents Who Are Current or Past Caregivers)

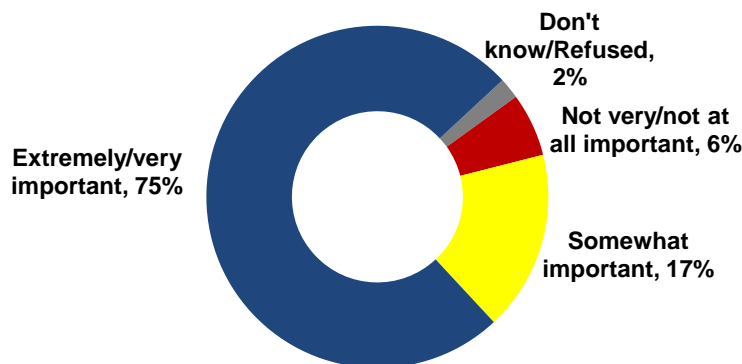


*Graph shows respondents who checked "yes" under each type of daily activity.

Louisiana registered voters age 45+ say having more training and services for family caregivers are important

- ✓ Three quarters (75%) of Louisianans report that training and services for family caregivers is extremely or very important

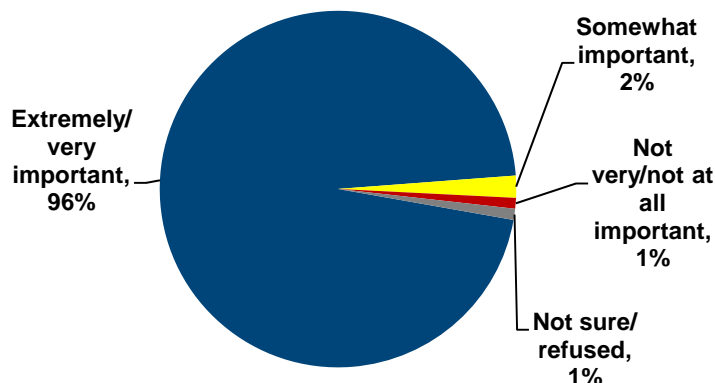
Importance of Having More Training and Services for Family Caregivers*
(n=1000)



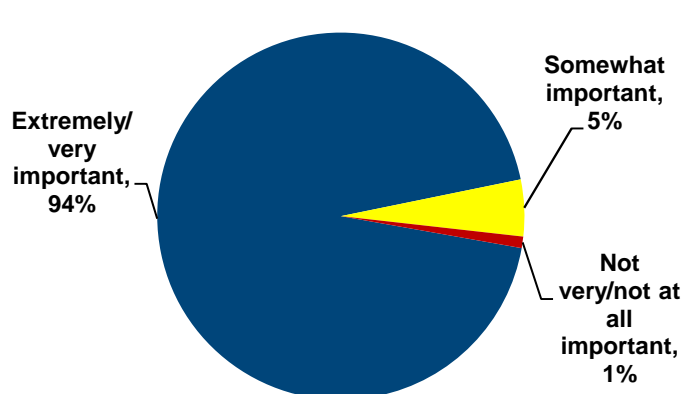
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Nearly all (96%) Louisiana registered voter caregivers age 45+ believe it is important to be able to provide care so that their loved ones can keep living independently in their own home. Those who expect to provide care on an unpaid basis in the future also report providing care is important to them.

Importance of Providing Care to Adult Loved Ones Among Louisiana Registered Voter Caregivers*
(n=532, Respondents Who are Current or Past Caregivers)



Importance of Providing Care to Adult Loved Ones Among Louisiana Registered Voter Caregivers*
(n=124, Respondents Who are Extremely/very Likely to Provide Care in the Future)

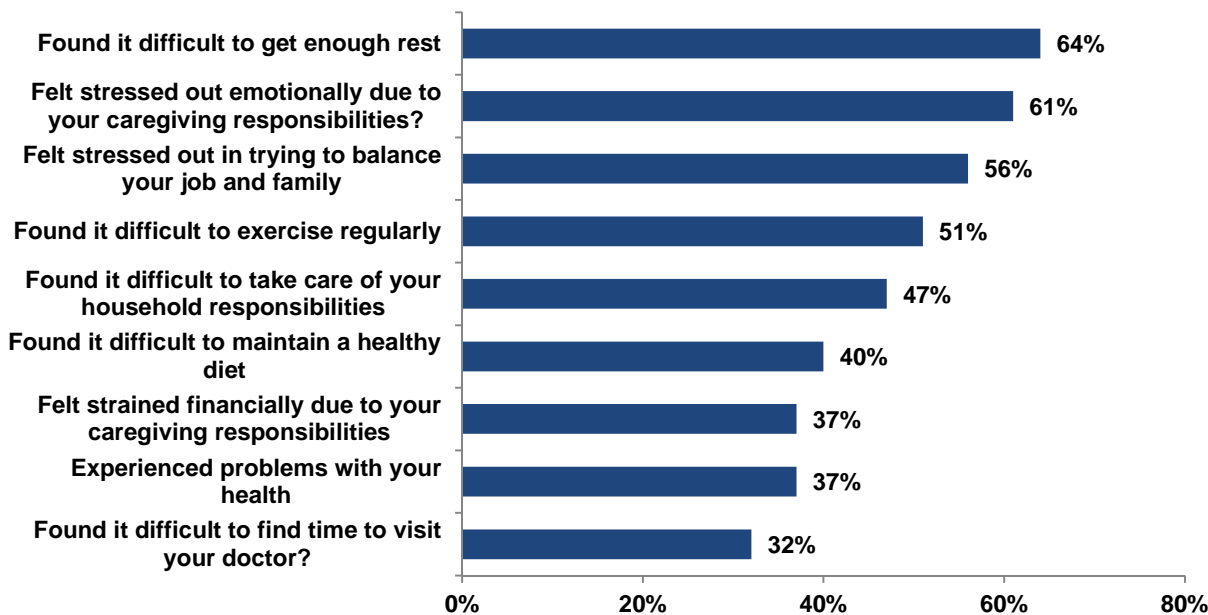


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More than half of Louisiana registered voter caregivers age 45+ are tired and emotionally stressed

- ✓ Over six in ten current and past family caregivers report that as a caregiver they have found it difficult to get enough rest (64%) or felt emotionally stressed out (61%). More than half (56%) also report feeling stressed out in trying to balance their job and family.

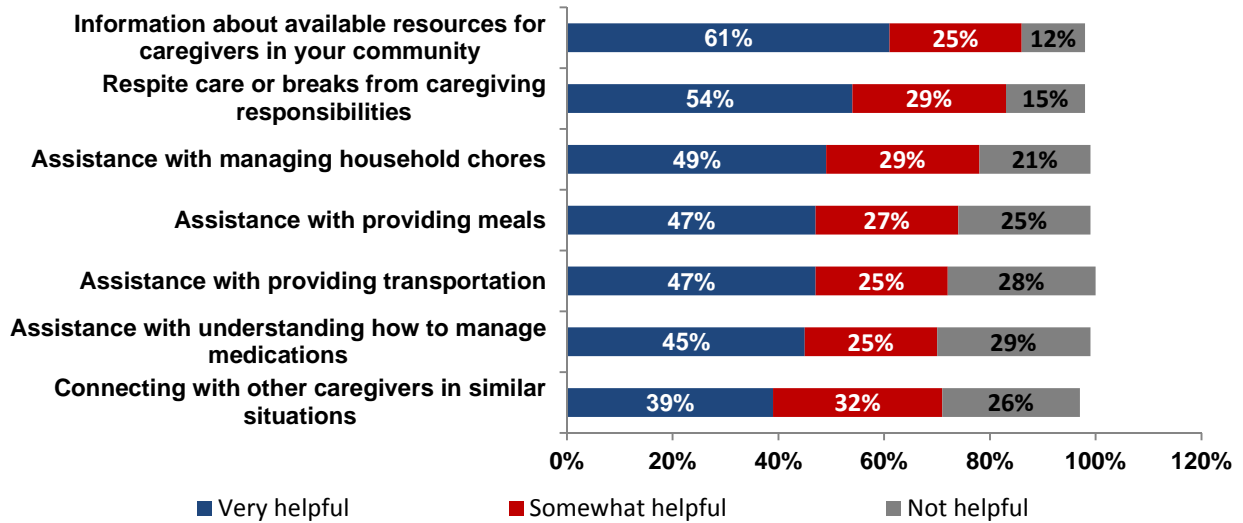
Feelings of Caregiving Stress*
(n=532, Respondents Who Are Current or Past Caregivers)



*Graph shows respondents who checked "yes" under each type of daily activity.

Caregiving support could possibly ease the stress associated with caregiving. Louisiana registered voter current, past, and future caregivers age 45+ say that information about community resources (61%), breaks for caregivers (54%), and household chore assistance (49%) are very helpful types of support.

Helpful Types of Caregiving Support*
(n=657, Respondents who are Current, Past, or Future Caregivers)

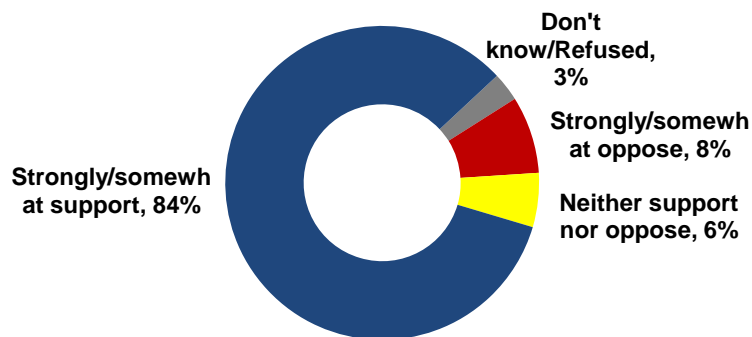


*Graph shows respondents who checked "yes" under each type of support

A majority of Louisiana registered voters age 45+ strongly support proposals that would provide short-term help from a home health aide so family caregivers can take a break from their caregiving duties

- ✓ Over eight in ten (84%) strongly to somewhat support legislative proposals that would allow for family caregivers to take a break.

Support Proposal Providing Short-term Help from Home Health Aide so Family Caregivers Can Take a Break*
(n=1000)

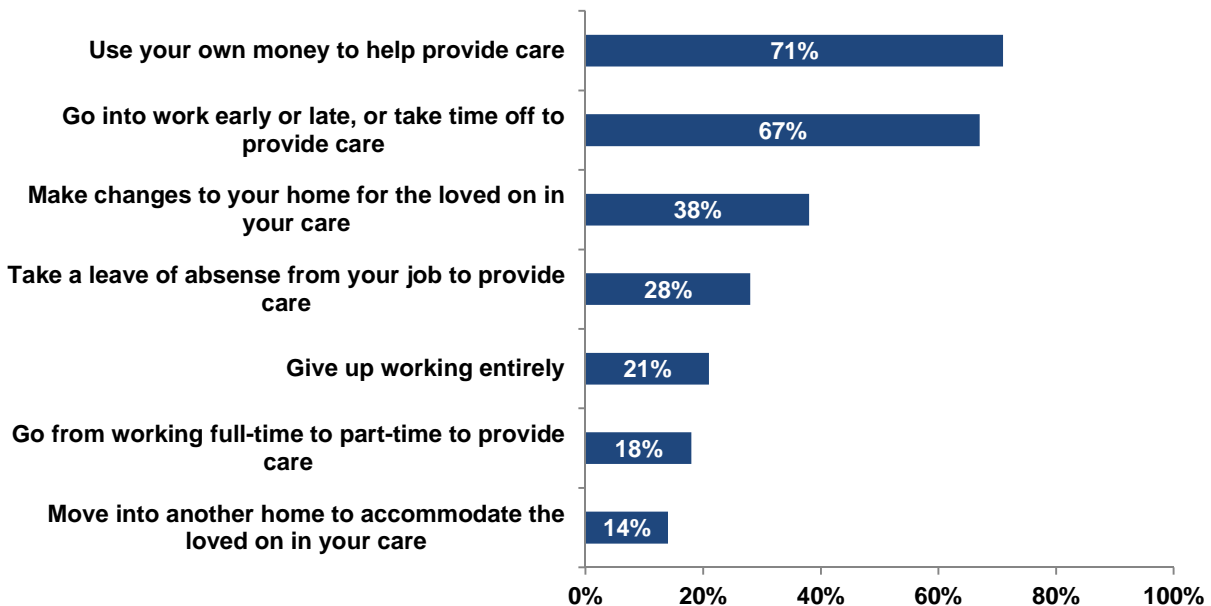


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More than two-thirds of Louisiana registered voter working caregivers age 45+ have had to use their own money (71%) and another two-thirds have had to modify their work schedules (67%) in order to provide care for an adult loved one.

- ✓ A little over than half (52%) current and past working caregivers in Louisiana are or have worked either full or part-time while providing care.
- ✓ Of those who have had to go into work early or late, or take time off from their job in order to care for an adult loved one, more than a quarter (26%) reports that they have had to do this once a week or more in order to provide care while more than half (52%) have had to do this once a month to several times a month.
- ✓ Further, nearly two-fifths (39%) of all Louisiana registered voter caregivers has either gone from working full-time to part-time or given up working entirely and over a quarter (28%) has had to take a leave of absence from their job.

Actions Louisiana Registered Voter Caregivers 45+ Have Had to Take in Order to Care for an Adult Loved One* (n=275, Employed Current or Past Caregivers)



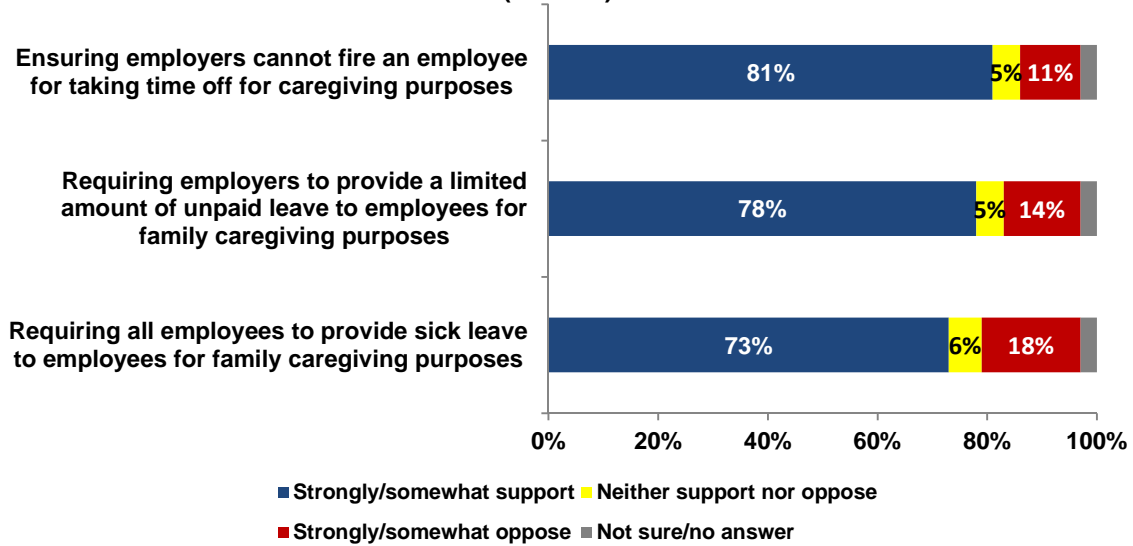
*Graph shows respondents who checked “yes” under each type of action.

The majority of Louisiana registered voters age 45+ support proposals that would protect family caregivers in the workplace.

- ✓ Most (81%) support ensuring that employers cannot fire an employee for taking time off for family caregiving purposes with 67 percent *strongly* supporting this proposal.
- ✓ Over three-quarters (78%) support requiring that employers provide a limited amount of unpaid leave to employees who have to take time off for family caregiving purposes. With 59 percent *strongly* supporting this proposal.
- ✓ Almost three-fourths (73%) support requiring all employers to provide paid sick leave to employees who have to take time off for family caregiving purposes.

Support for Proposals to Help Employed Family Caregivers*

(N=1000)



*Percentages not shown are less than 5 percent.

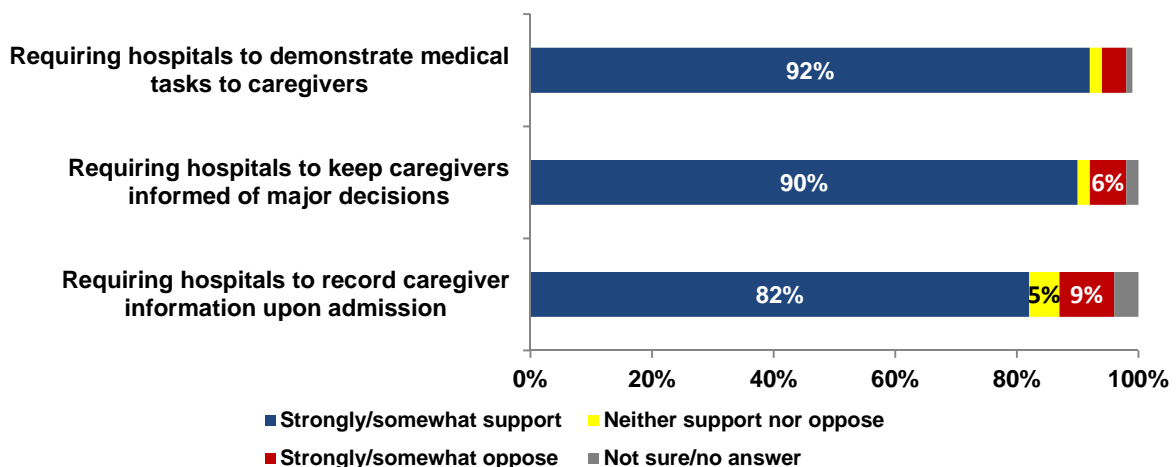
SUPPORT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS WHEN LOVED ONES ARE HOSPITALIZED

Nearly all Louisiana registered voters age 45+ strongly support proposals that would help family caregivers when their loved ones go into hospitals or care facilities, and then transition home.

- ✓ Nearly all support requiring hospitals to explain and demonstrate medical and nursing tasks that family caregivers will need to perform after the patient returns home with 81 percent *strongly* supporting this proposal.
- ✓ Nine in ten support requiring hospitals to keep a family caregiver informed of major decisions, like transferring or discharging the patient with 78 percent *strongly* supporting this proposal.
- ✓ Over eight in ten support requiring hospitals to record the name of a patient’s family caregiver in the medical record upon admission with 62 percent *strongly* supporting the proposal.

Support for Proposals to Help Family Caregivers When Loved Ones Go into Hospitals or Rehabilitation Facilities*

(N=1000)

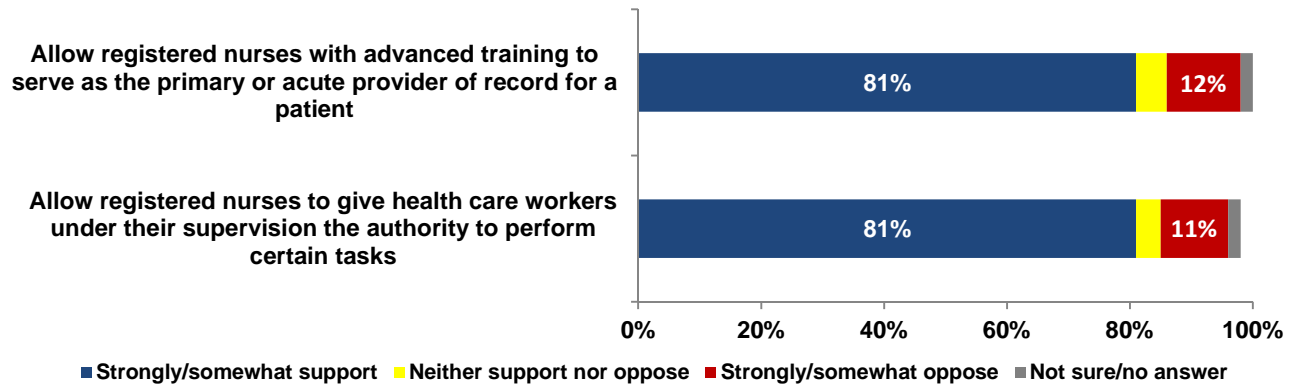


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A majority of Louisiana registered voters age 45+ support proposals about nursing regulations

- ✓ About eight in ten (81%) support a proposal that would allow registered nurses with advanced training who often visit older people in their homes to serve as the primary or acute care provider of record for a patient.
- ✓ Another eight in ten (81%) support a proposal that would allow registered nurses to give other health care workers under their supervision the authority to perform certain tasks, such as the administration of medication.

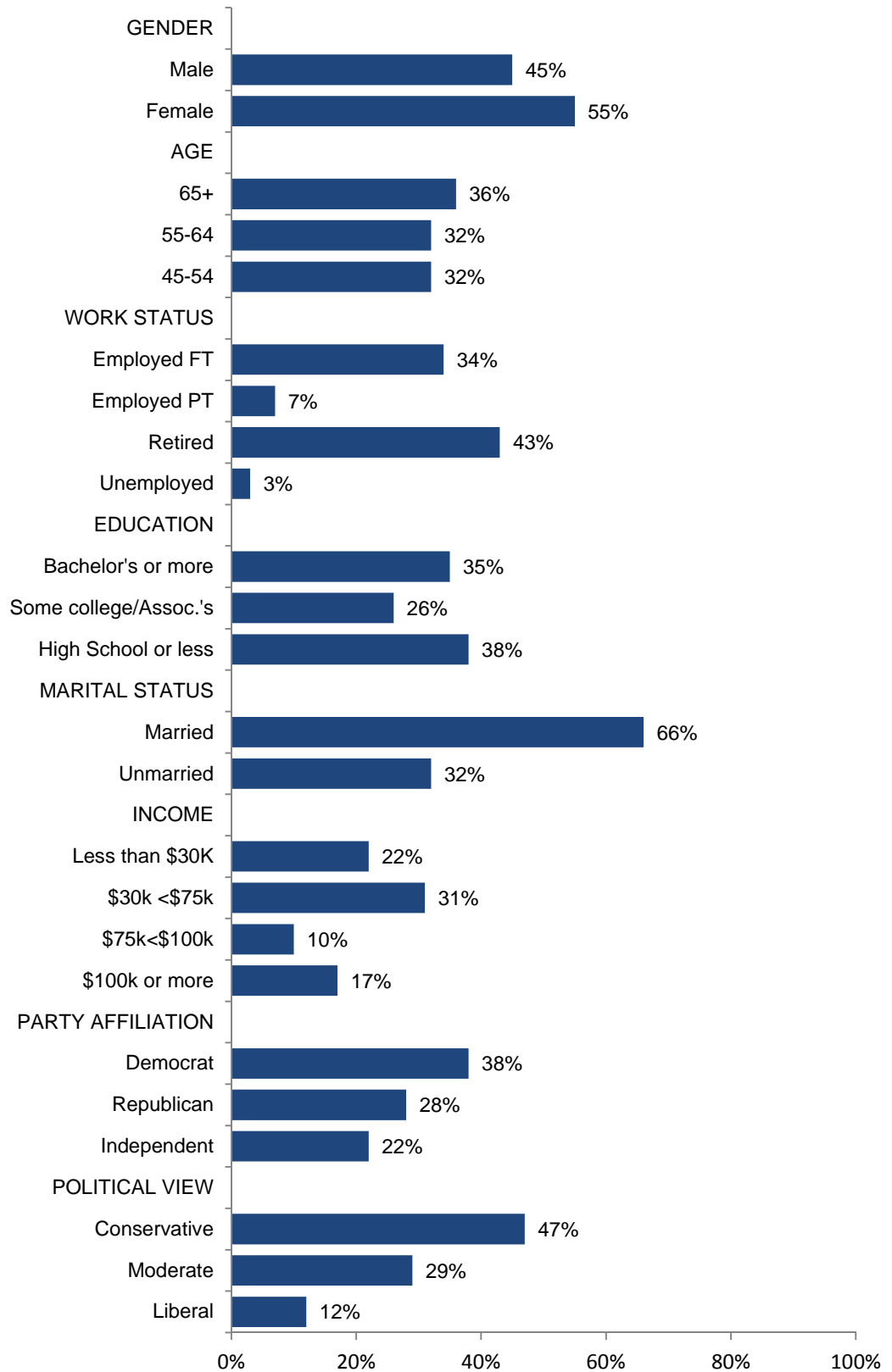
Support for Proposals About Nursing Regulations*
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DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF LOUISIANA REGISTERED VOTER RESPONDENTS

(N=1000)



2014 LOUISIANA CAREGIVING SURVEY ANNOTATION
 [Survey Sample: 45+ Registered Voters in Louisiana]

[N=1000, sampling error = ± 3%]

INTRODUCTION/SCREENER

Hello, this is ____ calling from Precision Research, Inc., 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 caregiving and long-term care issues. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation. All your responses will be kept entirely confidential.

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 ACTUAL AGE AND USE THE AGE GROUPS BELOW TO KEEP TRACK OF HOW MANY RESPONDENTS WE ARE GETTING IN EACH GROUP.]**

1000	N=
-	[DO NOT READ] Under 45 [ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE 45 OR OLDER AND REPEAT INTRO AND THEN ASK S1. IF NO ONE 45 OR OLDER, TERMINATE.]
14.9%	45-49
16.9%	50-54
32.0%	55-64
36.2%	65 or older
-	[DO NOT READ] Refused [GO TO S1b]

S1b. **[If REFUSED in S1:]** I understand. Some people are not comfortable giving their age, but would you let me know which of the following age ranges you fall into?

1000	N=
	Under 35 [THANK & TERMINATE]
	45-49
	50-54
	55-64
	65 or older
	[DO NOT READ] Refused [THANK & TERMINATE]

S2. **[RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER. ASK ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.]** "To ensure it is recorded accurately, could you please state your gender?"

1000	N=
45.3%	Male
54.7%	Female

S3. Are you registered to vote in Louisiana?

1000	N=
100.0%	Yes
-	No [TERMINATE]

S3a. And just to confirm, are you a resident of Louisiana?

1000	N=
100.0%	Yes
-	No [TERMINATE]

General Caregiving

1. A family caregiver is someone who provides UNPAID care for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical, mental, or emotional disability. This unpaid care may include assisting with personal needs like bathing and dressing, household chores, meals, shopping, transportation, or managing finances or medical care.

Are you currently a family caregiver, or providing UNPAID care to an adult loved one?

1000	N=
20.6%	Yes, I currently provide care
79.0%	No [SKIP TO Q5]
0.3%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0.1%	Refused [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO Q5]

3. What is the age of the person you are providing care for? **[INTERVIEWER: IF THEY ARE PROVIDING CARE TO MORE THAN ONE PERSON, ASK THEM TO ANSWER BASED ON THE PERSON THEY ARE PROVIDING THE MOST CARE TO].**

[RECORD AGE IF KNOWN AND GIVEN; IF NOT KNOWN OR GIVEN, TRY TO RECORD IT IN THE RANGE BELOW]

206	N=
0.5%	Under 18
12.6%	18 to 49
7.8%	50 to 59
5.3%	60 to 64
73.3%	65 or older
0.5%	Not sure/Refused

4. Still, thinking about the person you are currently providing care for, which of the following daily activities or care are you providing? Are you: **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-H. RECORD A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM] [RECORD VERBATIMS FOR ITEM I]**

205	N=
43.3%	Assisting with bathing or dressing
84.3%	Providing transportation to appointments
85.4%	Taking them shopping or shopping for them
78.5%	Helping them with meals
72.7%	Helping them to managing finances
81.9%	Aiding with household chores
69.1%	Overseeing their medication management
69.2%	Being responsible for other medical or nursing tasks
35.1%	Other/Something else: [RECORD VERBATIMS]

FOLLOWING Q4 RESPONDENTS SHOULD SKIP TO Q8

5. **Have** you ever been a family caregiver who provided UNPAID care to an adult loved one?

794	N=
41.2%	Yes, I have provided care to an adult loved one in the past
58.2%	No [SKIP TO Q14]
0.6%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO Q14]
-	Refused [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO Q14]

6. What was the age of the person you provided care for? **[INTERVIEWER: IF THEY ARE PROVIDED CARE TO MORE THAN ONE PERSON, ASK THEM TO ANSWER BASED ON THE PERSON THEY ARE PROVIDING THE MOST CARE TO].**

[RECORD AGE IF KNOWN AND GIVEN; IF NOT KNOWN OR GIVEN, TRY TO RECORD IT IN THE RANGE BELOW]

327	N=
-	Under 18
4.9%	18 to 49

5.5%	50 to 59
6.1%	60 to 64
83.2%	65 or older
0.3%	Not sure/Refused

7. Thinking about the person you most recently provided care to, which of the following daily activities did you provide? Did you **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-H. RECORD A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM]** **[RECORD VERBATIMS FOR ITEM I]**

327	N=
62.1%	Assisting with bathing or dressing
84.4%	Providing transportation to appointments
89.3%	Taking them shopping or shopping for them
87.2%	Helping them with meals
71.3%	Helping them to managing finances
87.5%	Aiding with household chores
75.6%	Overseeing their medication management
72.5%	Being responsible for other medical or nursing tasks
36.3%	Other/Something else: [RECORD VERBATIMS]

Current and Past Caregivers

8. Have you ever been employed either full or part-time while providing care to your adult loved one?

532	N=
51.7%	Yes
47.9%	No [SKIP TO Q12A]
0.4%	Don't know/Not sure/Refused [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO Q12A]

9. **If Q1 and Q8=YES:** Now thinking again about the adult loved one you are currently providing care to, did you ever have to... **If Q5 and Q8=YES:** Now thinking again about the adult loved one you have most

recently provided care to, did you ever have to... **[INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A THROUGH D. RECORD A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM.]?**

275	N=
66.9%	Go into work early or late, or take time off to provide care for a loved one.
28.0%	Take a leave of absence from your job to provide care for a loved one.
17.8%	Go from working full-time to part-time to provide care for a loved one.
21.1%	Give up working entirely to provide care for a loved one.
17.4%	[DO NOT READ] something else [RECORD ANSWER]

10. **ASK ONLY IF Q9= A OR B.]** You mentioned that you had to go into work early or late, or take time off to provide care to an adult loved one. How often would you say you had to adjust your work schedule or take time away from work or to provide care for your adult loved one? Would you say **[READ ANSWER CATEGORIES BELOW.]?**

197	N=
18.8%	More than once per week
7.6%	About once per week
34.4%	Several times per month but less often than once a week
17.3%	About once per month
16.3%	Less than once per month
5.6%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused

11. **IF Q1=YES:** Now thinking again about the adult loved one you are currently providing care to, did you ever have to ... **IF Q5=YES:** Now thinking again about the adult loved one you have most recently provided care to... While providing this care, did you ever have to **[INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A THROUGH D. RECORD A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM.]?**

275	N=
70.9%	Use your own money to help provide care
38.1%	Make changes to your home for the loved one in your care
14.2%	Move into another home to accommodate the loved one in your care
17.8%	[DO NOT READ] Something else [RECORD ANSWER]

12A. [IF A CURRENT CAREGIVER Q1="YES" ASK.] How important is it to you to be able to provide care for your adult loved one so that they can keep living independently in their own home? **[IF A PAST CAREGIVER Q5="YES" ASK.]** How important was it to you to be able to provide care for your adult loved one so that they could keep living independently in their own home? Is it**[CURRENT]**/Was it**[PAST]** **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY.]?**

532	N=
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65.7%	Extremely important
30.0%	Very important
2.1%	Somewhat important
0.2%	Not very important
1.1%	Not at all important
0.7%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.2%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

Caregiver Stress

13. **[IF Q1or Q5=YES]** As a caregiver have you ever...? [READ LIST]

532	N=
61.1%	Felt stressed out emotionally due to your caregiving responsibilities?
55.9%	Felt stressed out in trying to balance your job and family
40.4%	Found it difficult to maintain a healthy diet
64.0%	Found it difficult to get enough rest
51.1%	Found it difficult to exercise regularly
47.3%	Found it difficult to take care of your household responsibilities
37.3%	Experienced problems with your health
31.5%	Found it difficult to find time to visit your doctor?
36.9%	Felt strained financially due to your caregiving responsibilities

All Caregivers

14. How likely do you think it is that you will provide any family caregiving or assistance on an unpaid basis for an adult loved one in the future? Is it **[READ ALL ANSWER CATEGORIES BELOW.]?**

1000	N=
22.2%	Extremely likely
19.5%	Very likely
19.8%	Somewhat likely
16.4%	Not very likely
18.4%	Not at all likely
3.7%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
-	Refused [DO NOT READ]

12B. **[DO NOT ASK IF ANSWERED 12A] [ONLY IF A FUTURE CAREGIVER Q14= 'A OR B' ASK]** How important will it be to you to provide care for your adult loved one so that they could keep living independently in their own home? Is it **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY.]?**

124	N=
54.5%	Extremely important
39.9%	Very important
4.8%	Somewhat important
-	Not very important
0.8%	Not at all important
-	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
-	[DO NOT READ] Refused

15. **[ASK IF Q1or Q5=1; or IF Q14=A OR B]** In your opinion, as a current or former caregiver or as someone who may provide care in the future, how helpful would the following types of caregiving support be to you? Would **[INSERT A-G IN RANDOM ORDER]** be very helpful, somewhat helpful, or not helpful?

Assistance with providing transportation

657	N=
46.6%	Very helpful

24.7%	Somewhat helpful
27.7%	Not helpful
1.1%	Don't know/Refused [DO NOT READ]

Assistance with understanding how to manage medications

657	N=
44.5%	Very helpful
24.8%	Somewhat helpful
28.5%	Not helpful
2.3%	Don't know/Refused [DO NOT READ]

Connecting with other caregivers in similar situations

657	N=
38.6%	Very helpful
32.4%	Somewhat helpful
25.8%	Not helpful
3.2%	Don't know/Refused [DO NOT READ]

Information about available resources for caregivers in your community

657	N=
61.0%	Very helpful
25.1%	Somewhat helpful
11.6%	Not helpful
2.3%	Don't know/Refused [DO NOT READ]

Respite care or breaks from caregiving responsibilities

657	N=
53.7%	Very helpful
28.6%	Somewhat helpful

14.9%	Not helpful
2.7%	Don't know/Refused [DO NOT READ]

Assistance with providing meals

657	N=
46.5%	Very helpful
27.2%	Somewhat helpful
24.5%	Not helpful
1.8%	Don't know/Refused [DO NOT READ]

Assistance with managing household chores

657	N=
49.3%	Very helpful
28.9%	Somewhat helpful
20.6%	Not helpful
1.2%	Don't know/Refused [DO NOT READ]

16. Family caregivers help older Louisianan residents live independently by performing services like bathing and dressing as well as administering medication and paying bills. How important do you think it is to have more resources and training for family caregivers? **[READ ALL ITEMS]**

1000	N=
37.2%	Extremely important
38.0%	Very important
17.3%	Somewhat important
3.5%	Not very important
2.0%	Not at all important
1.8%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.1%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

CARE ACT

17. I'm going to read some proposals to you about family caregiving support and I'd like to know how strongly you support or oppose each one. Do you support or oppose... **[INSERT AND RANDOMIZE A-C. AFTER EACH: READ AND REPEAT RESPONSES FOR A-C]**

Requiring hospitals to record the name of a patient's family caregiver upon admission

1000	N=
62.3%	Strongly support
20.2%	Somewhat support
4.9%	Neither support nor oppose
4.2%	Somewhat oppose
4.3%	Strongly oppose
3.9%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0.2%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Hospitals keeping a family caregiver informed of major decisions, like transferring or discharging the patient

1000	N=
77.8%	Strongly support
12.1%	Somewhat support
1.5%	Neither support nor oppose
2.7%	Somewhat oppose
3.5%	Strongly oppose
2.1%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0.3%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Requiring hospitals to explain and demonstrate any medical or nursing tasks family caregivers will need to perform after the patient returns home

1000	N=
81.4%	Strongly support

10.9%	Somewhat support
1.9%	Neither support nor oppose
1.4%	Somewhat oppose
3.0%	Strongly oppose
1.4%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
-	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Workplace Protections

18. Now I'm going to ask for your support or opposition for some proposals about working family caregivers. Do you support or oppose... **[INSERT AND RANDOMIZE A-C. AFTER EACH: READ AND REPEAT RESPONSES FOR A-C]**

Requiring employers to provide a limited amount of unpaid leave to employees who have to take time off for family caregiving purposes

1000	N=
58.7%	Strongly support
19.7%	Somewhat support
5.1%	Neither support nor oppose
4.9%	Somewhat oppose
8.8%	Strongly oppose
2.5%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0.3%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Requiring all employers to provide paid sick leave to employees who have to take time off for family caregiving purposes

1000	N=
52.9%	Strongly support
20.2%	Somewhat support
6.2%	Neither support nor oppose
7.5%	Somewhat oppose
10.0%	Strongly oppose
2.9%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0.2%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Ensuring employers cannot fire an employee for taking time off for family caregiving purposes

1000	N=
66.8%	Strongly support
14.0%	Somewhat support
5.0%	Neither support nor oppose
4.2%	Somewhat oppose
6.7%	Strongly oppose
3.0%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0.3%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Respite Care

19. I'm going to read one proposal to you about short-term help for family caregivers and I'd like to know how strongly you support or oppose the proposal. Do you support or oppose...**[INSERT A]**

- A. Providing short-term help from a home health aide so family caregivers can take a break from their caregiving duties.

1000	N=
61.8%	Strongly support
22.4%	Somewhat support
5.6%	Neither support nor oppose
2.7%	Somewhat oppose
5.0%	Strongly oppose
2.3%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0.2%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Nursing

QNURSE_A. I'm going to read a proposal to you about nursing regulations and I'd like to know how strongly you support or oppose this proposal.

Some states are considering a proposal that would allow registered nurses to give other health care workers under their supervision the authority to perform certain tasks, such as the administration of medication. This can relieve family caregivers from having to perform the task themselves or hiring a nurse to do so. Would you support or oppose allowing registered nurses in your state to delegate some of their responsibilities to other health care workers as long as they were trained to do so?

1000	N=
55.6%	Strongly support
25.2%	Somewhat support
3.9%	Neither support nor oppose
4.2%	Somewhat oppose
8.8%	Strongly oppose
2.2%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0.1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

QNURSE_B. I'm going to read a proposal to you about nursing regulations and I'd like to know how strongly you support or oppose this proposal.

Some states are considering a proposal that would allow registered nurses with advanced training who often visit older people in their homes to serve as the primary or acute care provider of record for a patient. These nurses have additional training in specific areas, like elder care. Would you support or oppose a proposal in your state that would allow nurses with advanced training to serve as the primary or acute care provider of record for an older person?

1000	N=
56.8%	Strongly support
24.3%	Somewhat support
4.6%	Neither support nor oppose
4.6%	Somewhat oppose
7.5%	Strongly oppose
2.1%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0.1%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Living Independently

20. If you or a family member needed help when the basic tasks of life become more difficult due to aging or illness, where would you prefer to receive that care or help? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A THROUGH E. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]**

1000	N=
80.9%	At home with a caregiver
9.5%	In an assisted living facility or group home.
5.1%	In a nursing home.
4.5%	Don't know/Not sure/Refused [DO NOT READ]

21. If you or a family member needed help to remain independent, how important would it be to have services that would allow you or your family member stay at home for as long as possible? Would it be...? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?**

1000	N=
62.7%	Extremely important

27.3%	Very important
7.6%	Somewhat important
0.9%	Not very important
0.8%	Not at all important
0.7%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
-	[DO NOT READ] Refused

22. How important is it that services that help older adults live independently, such as home health care, personal care, and day programs? Is it... **[READ EACH RESPONSE CATEGORY]?**

1000	N=
48.1%	Extremely important
31.2%	Very important
16.0%	Somewhat important
1.9%	Not very important
1.7%	Not at all important
1.1%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
-	[DO NOT READ] Refused

23. Next I am going to read you a list of home modifications that people sometimes make to enable them to stay in their own home as they age. For each one, please tell me if you think you or a loved one will need to make this home modification so that you or a loved one can stay at home for as long as possible. **[INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A THROUGH H. ALWAYS READ ITEM I LAST. RECORD A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM.]?**

1000	N=
56.2%	Better cooling for the Summer
53.4%	Better heating for the Winter
69.6%	Accommodations for easier access into or within your home such as a ramp, chairlift, wheelchair, or elevator
80.8%	Bathroom modifications such as grab bars, handrails, high toilet, or non-slip tile
53.7%	Better lighting
49.6%	Add a bathroom on the ground floor

51.3%	Add a bedroom or convert a room to a bedroom on the ground floor
79.8%	Install a medical emergency response system that notifies others in case of an emergency

24. Now I'm going to ask you about some specific community services. Please tell me how important you think it is to have the following services available in your community to help older adults live independently. How important is having ...? **[INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-J]** in your community? Is it ...? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**.

A central place for caregivers to go to get information and resources

1000	N=
39.2%	Extremely important
39.0%	Very important
15.3%	Somewhat important
2.7%	Not very important
1.9%	Not at all important
1.3%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.6%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

Senior Centers

1000	N=
30.9%	Extremely important
37.1%	Very important
22.7%	Somewhat important
3.2%	Not very important
4.0%	Not at all important
1.9%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.2%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

Chore or homemaker services where someone comes in to do light housekeeping or cleaning for low-income and older persons

1000	N=
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36.2%	Extremely important
36.2%	Very important
19.9%	Somewhat important
3.2%	Not very important
2.9%	Not at all important
1.4%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.2%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

Congregate meals such as senior lunch programs

1000	N=
34.6%	Extremely important
35.1%	Very important
21.9%	Somewhat important
3.9%	Not very important
2.5%	Not at all important
1.8%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.2%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

Home delivered meals

1000	N=
35.2%	Extremely important
34.6%	Very important
20.8%	Somewhat important
4.7%	Not very important
3.6%	Not at all important
0.9%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.2%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

Visiting nurse services, such as an RN who comes to your home after a hospitalization

1000	N=
45.0%	Extremely important
41.9%	Very important
10.1%	Somewhat important
1.0%	Not very important
1.2%	Not at all important
0.7%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.1%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

Well-trained, certified home health care providers

1000	N=
49.7%	Extremely important
37.9%	Very important
8.7%	Somewhat important
1.2%	Not very important
1.0%	Not at all important
1.1%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.4%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

Breaks for family caregivers from caregiving duties

1000	N=
37.5%	Extremely important
36.3%	Very important
19.2%	Somewhat important
2.9%	Not very important
2.3%	Not at all important
1.5%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.3%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

End of life or hospice services

[IF NECESSARY READ: Medication or services provided to relieve symptoms of terminal illness]

1000	N=
48.1%	Extremely important
36.5%	Very important
9.0%	Somewhat important
1.3%	Not very important
2.8%	Not at all important
1.8%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.5%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

Special transportation services such as one for seniors or persons with disabilities

1000	N=
44.6%	Extremely important
38.6%	Very important
12.7%	Somewhat important
0.9%	Not very important

2.4%	Not at all important
0.7%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure
0.1%	[DO NOT READ] Refused

25. When it comes to providing help to care for seniors, the state of Louisiana spends 63% of its Medicaid budget on institutional care, like nursing homes, and 37% on services to help seniors in their homes and communities. Would you support or oppose shifting some of this funding to provide more services for seniors at home and in the community instead of nursing homes?

1000	N=
67.5%	Strongly support
17.3%	Somewhat support
5.4%	Neither support nor oppose
2.2%	Somewhat oppose
3.9%	Strongly oppose
3.0%	Don't know/Not sure [DO NOT READ]
0.7%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

DEMOGRAPHICS

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

D1. What is your current marital status? Are you **[INSERT AND READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY.]**?

1000	N=
66.3%	Married
4.1%	Not married, living with your partner or significant other
1.4%	Separated
7.9%	Divorced
10.9%	Widowed
7.9%	Or are you currently single and never married
1.4%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure /Refused

D2. **[IF D1 = 1 ASK:** “Are you or your spouse currently a member of A-A-R-P?” **IF D1 = 2 ASK:** “Are you or your partner currently a member of AARP?” **OTHERWISE ASK** “Are you currently a member of AARP?”]

1000	N=
35.2%	Yes
62.8%	No
2.0%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure /Refused

D3. Thinking about who lives in your household, do you currently **[INSERT AND READ ITEMS A THROUGH C BELOW.]?**

1000	N=
19.7%	Have any children under age 18 living with you
25.8%	Have any children over age 18 living with you
13.6%	Have any children away at college

D4. What is the highest level of education that you completed? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY.]**

1000	N=
11.1%	0 to 12 th grade, but with no diploma
26.6%	High school graduate or equivalent
10.7%	Post high school education, but with no degree
15.1%	2 year degree
15.3%	4 year degree
4.5%	Post graduate study, but with no degree
15.3%	Graduate or professional degree
1.4%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure /Refused

D5. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY.]**

1000	N=
6.7%	Self-employed full-time
2.4%	Self-employed part-time
27.6%	Employed full-time
4.4%	Employed part-time
43.2%	Retired and not working at all
2.7%	Unemployed and looking for work
11.1%	Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons
1.9%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused

D6. Do you own or rent your primary residence?

1000	N=
87.2%	Own

7.8%	Rent
2.1%	[DO NOT READ] Other living arrangement [RECORD ANSWER]
2.9%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure /Refused

D7. What type of home is your primary residence? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY.]?**

1000	N=
86.8%	Single family home
5.7%	Mobile home
1.4%	Town home or duplex
2.4%	Apartment
0.6%	Condominium or co-op
0.6%	[DO NOT READ] Something else
2.5%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure /Refused

D8. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

1000	N=
2.6%	Yes
94.1%	No
3.3%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure /Refused

D9. What is your race? Are you **[INSERT AND READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY.]?**

1000	N=
66.7%	White or Caucasian
25.4%	Black or African American
0.9%	Native American or Alaskan Native
0.2%	Asian
0.1%	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
3.2%	Or are you some other race? [RECORD ANSWER]
3.5%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure /Refused

D10. Thinking about your state elections for Louisiana Governor and Legislators in the last 10 years, which of the following best describes your voting behavior? Would you say you vote always, most of the time, about half of the time, seldom, or would you say you never vote?

1000	N=
65.2%	Always
25.1%	Most of the time
3.9%	About half of the time
2.1%	Seldom
1.1%	Never
2.6%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused

D11. Do you consider yourself to be a **[INSERT, READ, AND RANDOMIZE**

ITEMS A, B, C, and D.]?

1000	N=
38.1%	Democrat
28.2%	Republican
21.8%	Independent
4.7%	Something else [RECORD ANSWER]
7.2%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused

D12. How would you characterize your political views? Would you say you are **[INSERT, READ, AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A, B, and C.]?**

1000	N=
47.2%	Conservative
29.0%	Moderate
11.7%	Liberal
1.7%	[DO NOT READ] None of these
10.4%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure /Refused

D13. We realize income is a private matter and so rather than ask you anything specific about your income, I'd like to ask you to please stop me when I get to the category that includes your household's income before taxes in 2013. Was it **[INSERT AND READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY.]?**

1000	N=
6.7%	Less than \$10,000
7.1%	\$10,000 to less than \$20,000
8.7%	\$20,000 to less than \$30,000
8.1%	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000
7.2%	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000
7.8%	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
7.8%	\$60,000 to less than \$75,000
10.2%	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
6.4%	\$100,000 to less than \$125,000
4.4%	\$125,000 to less than \$150,000
3.1%	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
3.3%	\$200,000 or more
19.2%	[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused

D14. What is your 5-digit zip code? ____ _

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

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Respondents were screened to insure that they were registered voters in the state of Louisiana and age 45 or older.

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