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Executive Summary

In its commitment to provide up-to-date information about what mid-life and older adults think about continuing to live in their homes and their communities AARP designed a survey on home and community issues. The goals of this research include understanding what features the respondents' homes currently have, reasons why they want to stay in their current home, and their willingness to share their home with another person under a variety of conditions.¹ The results reported here update and expand AARP's 2010 survey report entitled "Home and Community Preferences of the 45+ Population."²

¹ The survey data was collected by SSRS between August 20 and August 31, 2014 among a nationally representative sample of 1,014 respondents ages 45 and older. The margin of error for total respondents is +/- 3.1% at the 95% confidence level. More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting their website at www.ssrs.com.

Data were weighted using demographic variables to reflect the U.S. population age 45 and older.

Throughout the report, results are presented using the weighted data figures wherein the total sample n=1014.

Respondents in the study are ages 45 and older with approximately one in ten (12%) between the ages of 45-49 years.

Approximately one in five (21%) are between 50-54 years with two percent unspecified. Those between the ages of 55-59 represent sixteen percent of the sample, and those between the ages of 60-64 represent fourteen percent of the sample. Among those ages 65+, two percent are unspecified. Twelve percent are 65-70 years old, seven percent are between 71-74 years and fourteen percent are between 75-98 years. The average age is 61 years. Just over half were female (53%) and males represented the balance (47%). Most respondents are married or living with a partner (66%), one in ten is widowed, sixteen percent are divorced or separated, and a minority (3%) is single-never married. Nearly one-half (49%) are employed either full-time (40%) or part-time (9%). Among those not employed (51%), more than one-third (36%) are retired, few are homemakers (5%), few are temporarily unemployed (5%), few are disabled or handicapped (5%) the balance did not answer. Few did not graduate from high school (12%), about one-third are high school graduates (32%). Nearly one-quarter have some college (23%) and fewer than one in five are college graduates (17%). Approximately one in ten (13%) have completed post graduate education. Few attended technical school (3%) or did not answer (3%). Almost half (47%) have a household income of less than \$50,000, roughly one-quarter (27%) have a household income between \$50,000-\$100,000. Approximately one in ten (14%) have a household income over \$100,000. Most are white (79% with 73% being white-Non-Hispanic and 6 percent being white Hispanic). African Americans represent 13 percent of the sample; Hispanics represent 10 percent of the sample.

More than three fourths (76%) own their home, roughly one quarter (23%) rent.

² Home and Community Preferences of the 45+ Population, November 2010, AARP, Washington, D.C.

Key Findings

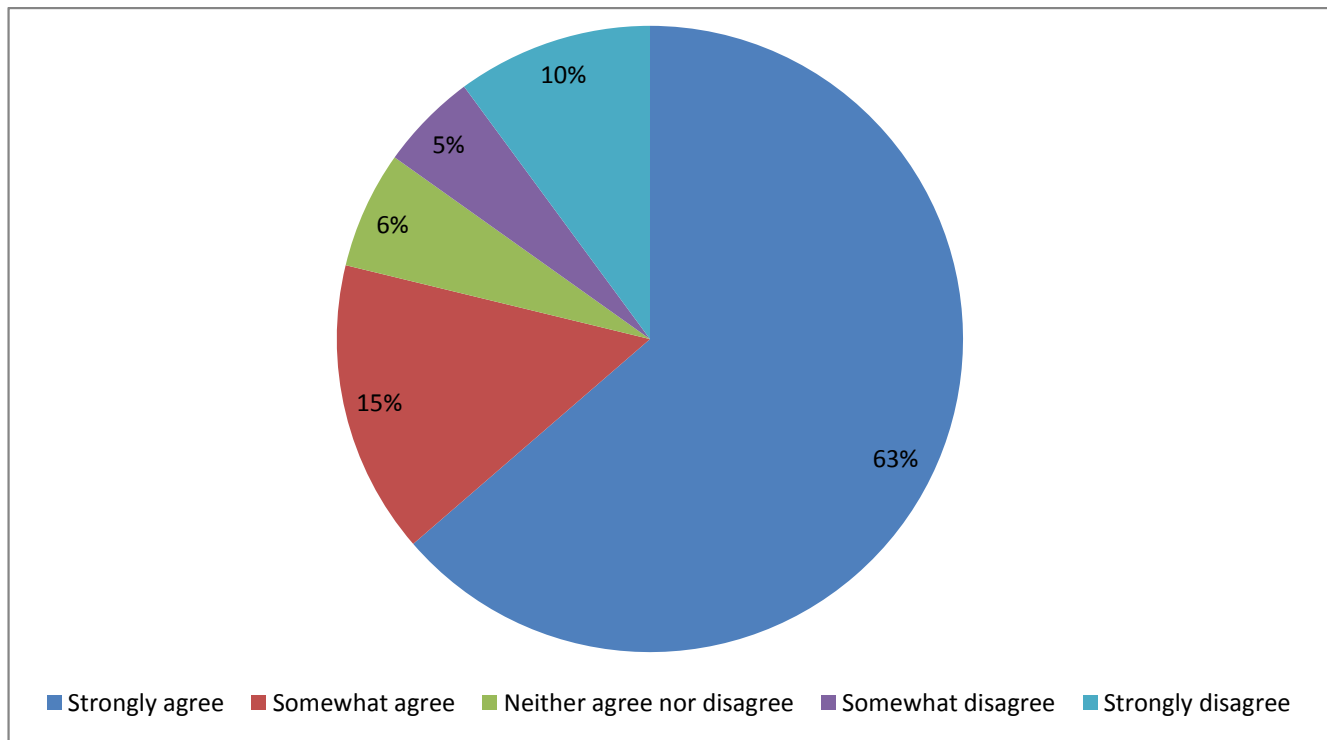
- § Nearly three-quarters (78%) of respondents “strongly or somewhat agree” with the statement “What I’d really like to do is stay in my current residence for as long as possible.”
- § Similarly, eight in ten (80%) respondents “strongly or somewhat agree” with the statement “What I’d really like to do is remain in my local community for as long as possible.”
- § Eight in ten (80%) respondents reported their current home as having a full bath on the main level and three-quarters (76%) report a bedroom or a room that could be used as one, on the main level. Roughly two-thirds (69%) reported having a sidewalk in front of their home. Less than half reported having the remaining home features we asked about such as a half bath on the main level, an entrance without steps, doorways wider than standard and door handles that are levers.
- § When asked to select the statement which most closely reflects their opinion, roughly two-thirds (69%) of respondents agreed “I want to stay in my home because I like what my community has to offer me.” In contrast, more than one-quarter (27%) agreed with the alternative statement “I want to stay in my home because I cannot afford to move.”
- § When asked about ten different community characteristics and the level of importance they have for them, roughly seven in ten said “being near family/friends (71%) or “Being near where you want to go” (69%) is “extremely or very important.” Approximately half noted that “being near church or a social organization (53%), living with all ages (51%), and being near good schools (51%) is “extremely or very important.” Roughly four in ten said being near work (43%), and housing for different income levels (38%) are “extremely or very important.” Approximately one-third said being near transit (33%) or being near a park (31%) is “extremely or very important.”

Detailed Findings

Staying in Current Residence

The majority (78%) of mid-life and older adults “somewhat or strongly agree” that “what I’d really like to do is stay in my current residence for as long as possible.”

Figure 1
Proportion who agree/disagree with statement
"What I'd really like to do is stay in my current residence for as long as possible"



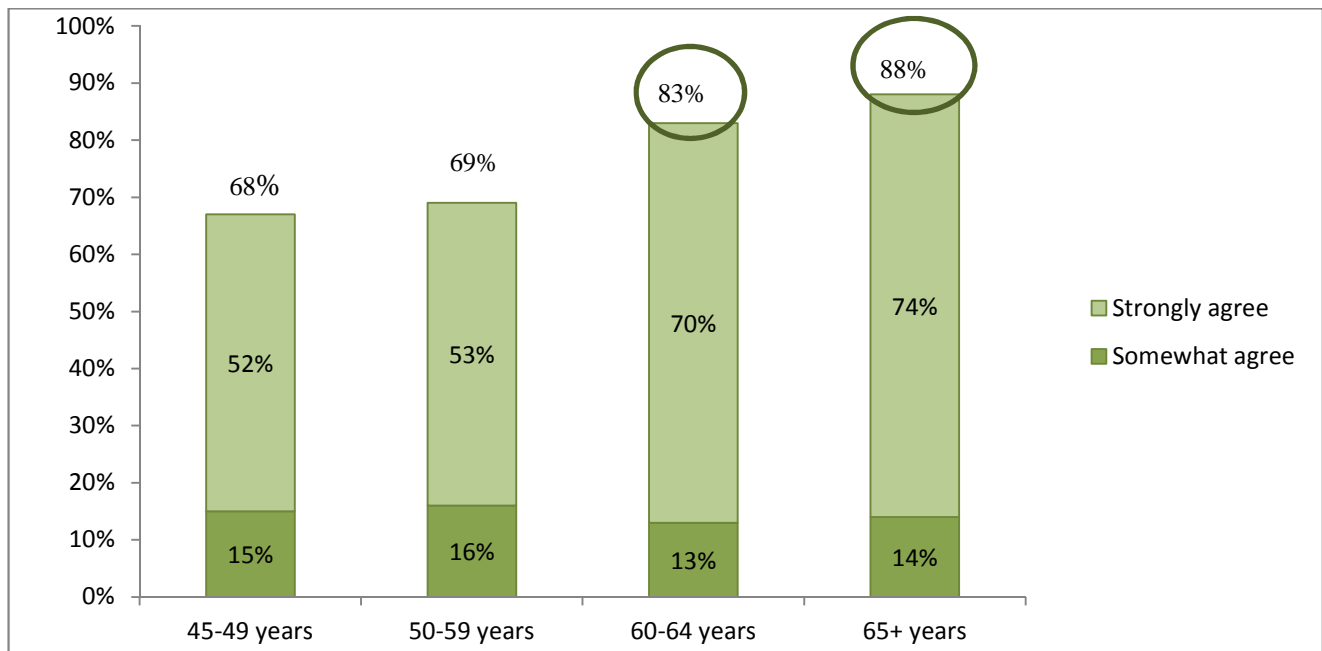
Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: I'm going to read you a statement and after I read that statement, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it. "What I'd really like to do is stay in my current residence for as long as possible."

Older Adults are more likely to say they “Really Want to Stay in Current Residence for as long as Possible” Than Adults in Their Middle Years

Respondents’ age influences the likelihood of agreeing with this statement. People age 60-64 and 65+ are significantly more likely to say they “strongly” or “somewhat agree” with the statement than those 45-49 years of age and those 50-59 years of age (see Figure 2). People in these respective age categories are also more likely to say they strongly agree with this statement (70% and 74% vs. 52% and 53% respectively).

Figure 2
Proportion of Mid-life and Older Adults who want to stay in their Current Residence



Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: I’m going to read you a statement and after I read that statement, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it. “What I’d really like to do is stay in my current residence for as long as possible.”

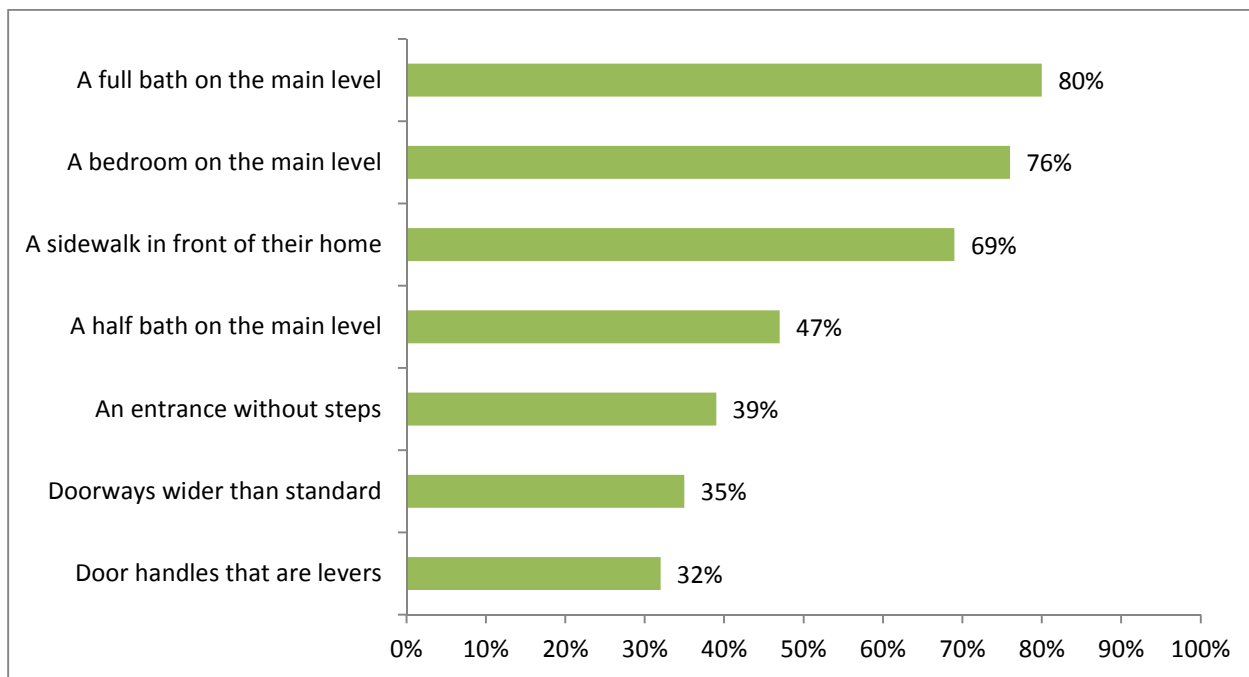
There were no significant differences by gender, household income, education or ethnicity.

However, people who live in the South are more likely than those who live in the Northeast or West to say they strongly agree with this statement (69% vs. 58% and 58% respectively).

Home Features

A majority of people 45+ say their current home has a full bath (80%) and a bedroom on the main level (76%). They are least likely to say their current home has door handles that are levers, doorways that are wider than the standard size, and an entrance without steps (Figure 3).

Figure 3
Proportion of Respondents who say they have Specific Home Features



Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Thinking about your home, does it have ...?

The distribution of having these home features varies by age, income, education, and occasionally ethnicity and/or regional location (see Tables 1, 2, and 3).

Table 1
Home Features by Respondents' Age³

Home Feature	Age			
	45-49	50-59	60-64	65+
	A	B	C	D
Full bath on main level	75%	76%	81%	85% ^{ab}
Half-bath on main level	51%	46%	46%	47%
Bedroom on main level	68%	74%	72%	82% ^{abc}
Doorways wider than standard	35%	33%	36%	38%
Door handles instead of knobs	38%	32%	31%	33%
Entrance without steps	44%	36%	36%	43%
Sidewalk in front of house	65%	72%	70%	69%

Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Thinking about your current home, does it have . . . ?

- Older respondents ages 65+ are more likely to say their home has a full bath on the main level than mid-life adults. As noted earlier, this may reflect the type of home older adults live in.
- They are also more likely to say their home has a bedroom on the main level than younger respondents.

Table 2
Home Features by Respondents' Household Income

Home Feature	Household Income Levels			
	<\$25,000	\$25K- \$49.9K	\$50K- \$74.9K	\$75,000+
	A	B	C	D
Full bath on main level	87% ^d	82% ^d	83% ^d	71%
Half-bath on main level	33%	42%	43%	63% ^{abc}
Bedroom on main level	73%	76%	84% ^{oa}	76%
Doorways wider than standard	40%	30%	36%	40%
Door handles instead of knobs	25%	25%	35%	41% ^{ab}
Entrance without steps	41%	39%	36%	39%
Sidewalk in front of house	67%	67%	69%	73%

Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Thinking about your current home, does it have . . . ?

Table 2 shows that the proportion of people having some home features differs by respondents' household income.

- Respondents who have higher household incomes are more likely to have a half bath on the main level than respondents in lower household income levels (63% of those with an annual household income of \$75,000+ vs. 33% of those with less than \$25,000, 42% of those with \$25,000-\$29,900, and 43% of those with \$50,000-\$74,900). People with

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higher incomes may be more likely than those with lower incomes to have two story homes with a half bath on the main level.

Table 3
Home Features by Respondents' Region⁴

Home Feature	Household Region			
	Northeast	North Central	South	West
	A	B	C	D
Full bath on main level	65%	79% _{0a}	87% _{0ab}	81% _{0a}
Half-bath on main level	41%	49%	46%	51%
Bedroom on main level	68%	73%	81% _{0a}	78% _{0a}
Doorways wider than standard	36%	33%	38%	33%
Door handles instead of knobs	28%	26%	30%	45% _{0abc}
Entrance without steps	32%	31%	46% _{0ab}	43% _{0a}
Sidewalk in front of house	73%	73%	64%	70%

Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Thinking about your current home, does it have . . . ?

Home features vary by where the respondent lives (Table 3).

- Those living in the North Central, South and West are more likely to have a full bath on the main level than those who live in the Northeast.
- Those that live in the South and West are more likely to say they have a bedroom on the main level than those who live in the Northeast or North Central region.
- Those that live in the South and West are more likely to have an entrance without steps than those who live in the Northeast and North Central region.

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Table 4
Home Features by Respondents' Education Level⁵

Home Feature	Education Level Achieved		
	Less than H.S.	Some College	College Post
	A	B	C
Full bath on main level	85% ^c	80%	71%
Half-bath on main level	39%	45%	60% ^{ab}
Bedroom on main level	78%	78%	72%
Doorways wider than standard	36%	30%	38%
Door handles instead of knobs	26%	37% ^{oa}	39% ^{oa}
Entrance without steps	42%	35%	39%
Sidewalk in front of house	69%	68%	71%

Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Thinking about your current home, does it have . . . ?

Having some home features also varies by the respondents' educational level (Table 4).

- Respondents who have achieved a higher level of education are more likely to say they have a half-bath on the main level than those with lower educational levels.
- Those who have achieved a higher level of education are also more likely to say they have door handles instead of knobs than those with lower educational levels.

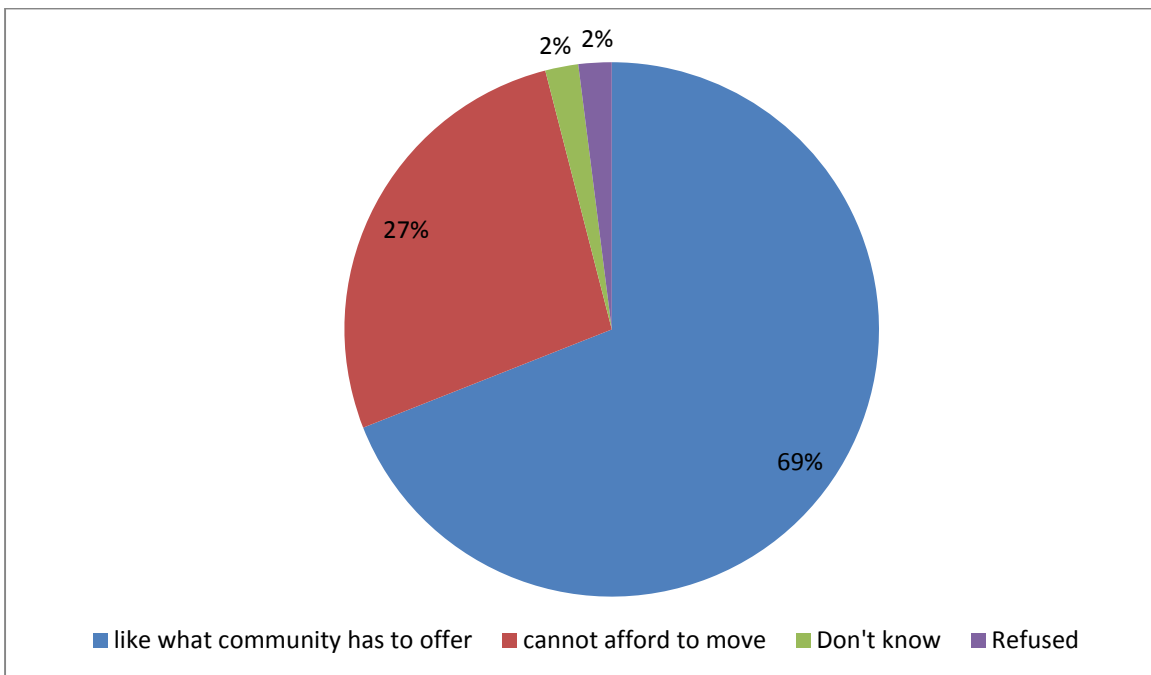
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Reasons for Staying in Home

When asked to select the statement which most closely reflects their opinion:

A Majority of People 45+ want to stay in Their Home because they like what the Community Offers

Figure 4
Reasons for Staying in Home



Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Now I'll read you two statements about your home. Which one of the following statements most accurately reflects your opinion?

- I want to stay in my home because I like what my community has to offer me.
- I want to stay in my home because I cannot afford to move

Table 5
Reasons for Staying in Home by Age⁶

Reasons for Staying in Home	Age			
	45-49	50-59	60-64	65+
	A	B	C	D
I want to stay in my home because I like what my community has to offer me.	56%	65%	73%^a	75%^{ab}
I want to stay in my home because I cannot afford to move.	42%^{bcd}	29%	23%	22%

Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Now I'll read you two statements about your home. Which one of the following statements most accurately reflects your opinion?

- I want to stay in my home because I like what my community has to offer me.
 - I want to stay in my home because I cannot afford to move
-
- Older adults are more likely to say they want to stay in their home because they like what their community has to offer. (Table 5).
 - On the other hand, younger adults are more likely to say they want to stay in their home because they cannot afford to move (Table 5).

Table 6
Reasons for Staying in Home by Income

Reasons for Staying in Home	Household Income			
	<\$25,000	\$25K- \$49.9K	\$50K- \$74.9K	\$75,000+
	A	B	C	D
I want to stay in my home because I like what my community has to offer me.	45%	66%^a	83%^{ab}	85%^{ab}
I want to stay in my home because I cannot afford to move.	51%^{bcd}	27%^d	16%	12%

Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Now I'll read you two statements about your home. Which one of the following statements most accurately reflects your opinion?

- I want to stay in my home because I like what my community has to offer me.
- I want to stay in my home because I cannot afford to move

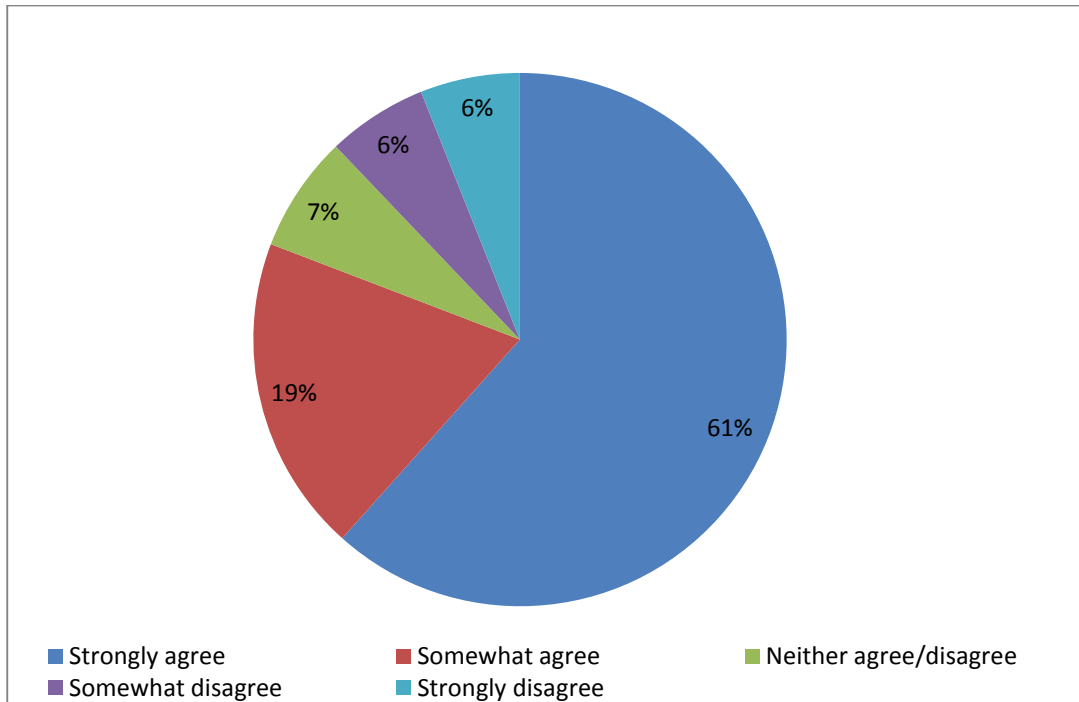
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- People with middle and higher household incomes are more likely to say they want to stay in their community because of what it has to offer than those with incomes under \$25,000 (Table 6).
- People with incomes under \$50,000 are more likely to say they want to stay in their home because they cannot afford to move compared to those with a household income over \$50,000 per year (Table 6).
- Similarly, people with more education are more likely to say they want to stay in their home because of what the community has to offer than people with less education (80% of those with a college degree or post graduate education vs. 62% of those with less than a high school education and 69% of people with some college).
- People of Hispanic heritage are more likely to say they want to stay in their home because they cannot afford to move than people from other ethnic backgrounds (52% of Hispanics vs. 23% of white non-Hispanics, and 32% of African Americans of non-Hispanic heritage).
- People who live in the South (30%) are more likely to say they want to stay in their home because they cannot afford to move than people who live in the North Central (21%) region of the country.

Staying in Local Community

The Majority of People age 45+ agree with this statement: “What I’d really like to do is remain in my local community for as long as possible.”

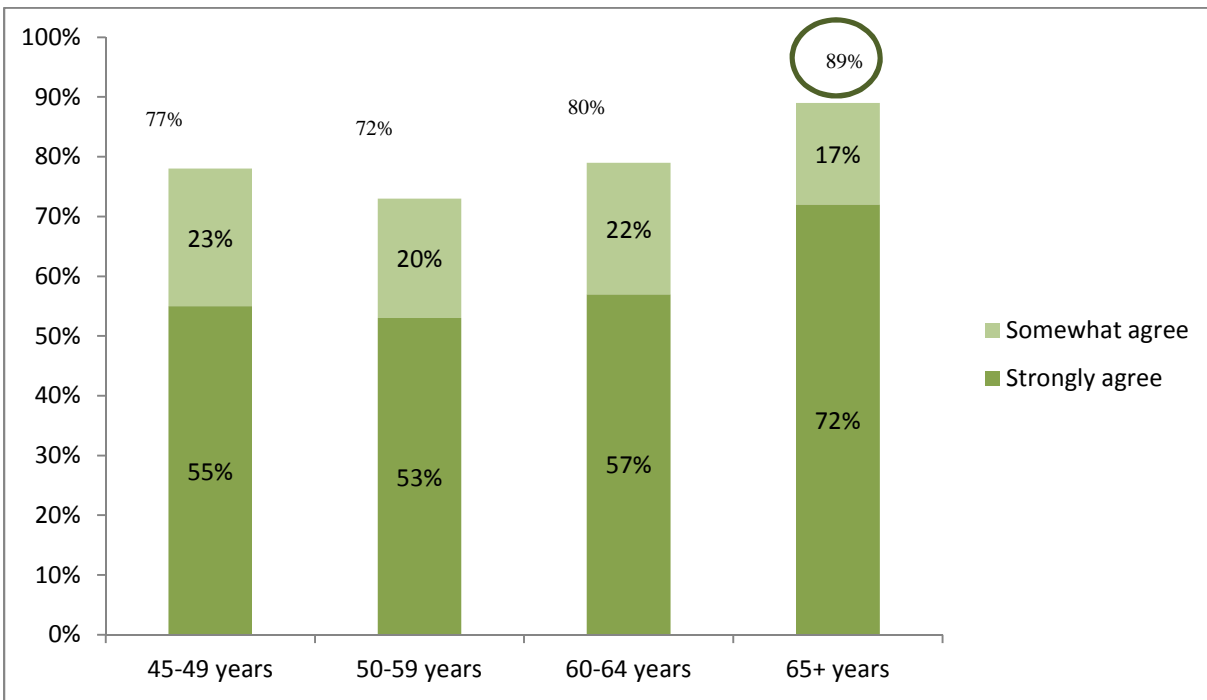
Figure 5
Proportion who “Agree” they Want to Remain in Local Community



Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: “What I’d really like to do is remain in my local community for as long as possible.”

Figure 6
Proportion who “Agree” they Want to Remain in Local Community by Age



Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: “What I’d really like to do is remain in my local community for as long as possible.”

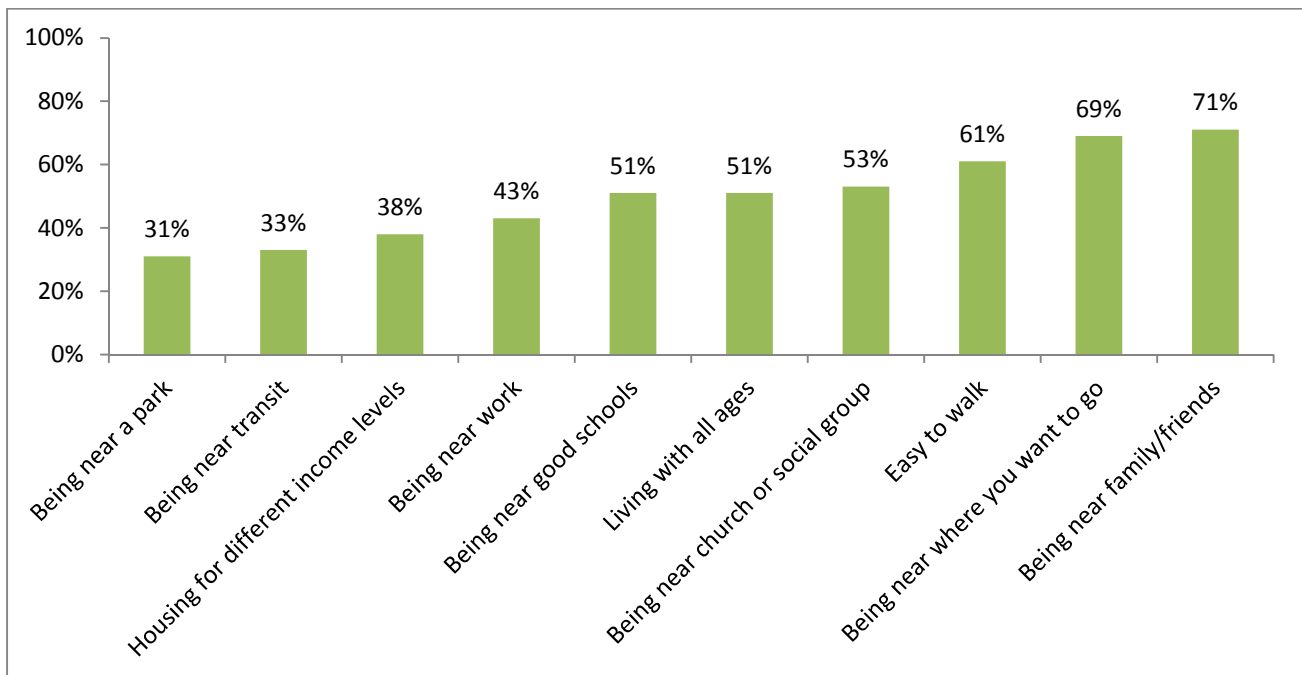
- Adults ages 65 and older are significantly more likely to “strongly agree or somewhat agree” with the statement “What I’d really like to do is remain in my local community for as long as possible” than people in any of the younger age categories (Figure 6).

Reasons for Staying in Local Community

Overall, among people ages 45+, the factors identified by most people as being important reasons for wanting to stay in their current community for as long as possible are:

- Being near family/friends (71%),
- Being near where they want to go (such as grocery stores, doctor's offices, the library) (69%),
- Being easy to walk, and being near good schools (61%) (Figure 7).

Figure 7
Proportion who Say Specific Community Characteristics Are Important
(Includes extremely important and very important responses)



Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Now, I'm going to read you a list of reasons for wanting to stay in your current community for as long as possible. How important are the following items to you? Would you say they are extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Table 7
Importance of Community Characteristics⁷
 (Extremely and Very Important Responses)
By Age and Gender

Community Characteristic	Age				Gender	
	45-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Male	Female
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Being near family/friends	79%^b	67%	69%	74%	62%	79%^e
Being near where you want to go	60%	68%	75%^a	72%^a	63%	74%^e
Easy to walk	59%	58%	62%	64%	56%	64%^e
Being near church/social events	54%	50%	57%	57%	48%	58%^e
Living with different age groups	49%	55%	45%	50%	44%	57%^e
Being near good schools	68%^{bcd}	55%^d	50%	42%	54%	49%
Being near work	62%^{cd}	52%^{cd}	40%	30%	41%	45%
Housing for different income levels	38%	37%	39%	39%	31%	44%^e
Being near transit	28%	33%	37%	34%	29%	37%^e
Being near a park	37%	30%	37%	28%	32%	31%

Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Now, I'm going to read you a list of reasons for wanting to stay in your current community for as long as possible. How important are the following items to you? Would you say they are extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

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Table 8
Importance of Community Characteristics⁸
 (Extremely and Very Important Responses)
By Income, Education and Race

Community Characteristic	Income				Education			Race		
	<\$25K	\$25K-\$49.9K	\$50K-\$74.9K	\$75K+	HS Less	Some college	College post	White	Black	Hispanic
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Being near family/friends	79%^b	64%	73%	70%	74%^g	71%	66%	72%ⁱ	58%	80%ⁱ
Being near where you want to go	74%^d	70%	71%	62%	70%	68%	67%	65%	82%^h	81%^h
Easy to walk	74%^{bd}	60%	63%	51%	62%	61%	58%	55%	76%^h	81%^h
Being near church/social events	65%^{bd}	52%	59%^d	44%	59%^g	52%	45%	49%	68%^h	73%^h
Living with different age groups	56%	51%	55%	49%	54%	50%	48%	47%	65%^h	68%^h
Being near good schools	61%^{cd}	51%	47%	49%	53%	52%	47%	46%	68%^h	71%^h
Being near work	50%^d	41%	51%^d	35%	46%	44%	38%	37%	63%^h	65%^h
Housing for different income levels	59%^{bcd}	34%	33%	26%	47%^{fg}	34%	26%	33%	50%^h	63%^h
Being near transit	53%^{bcd}	34%^d	30%^d	16%	36% ^g	32%	28%	25%	62%^h	56%^h
Being near a park	37%	31%	30%	28%	33%	31%	28%	28%	42%^h	49%^h

Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

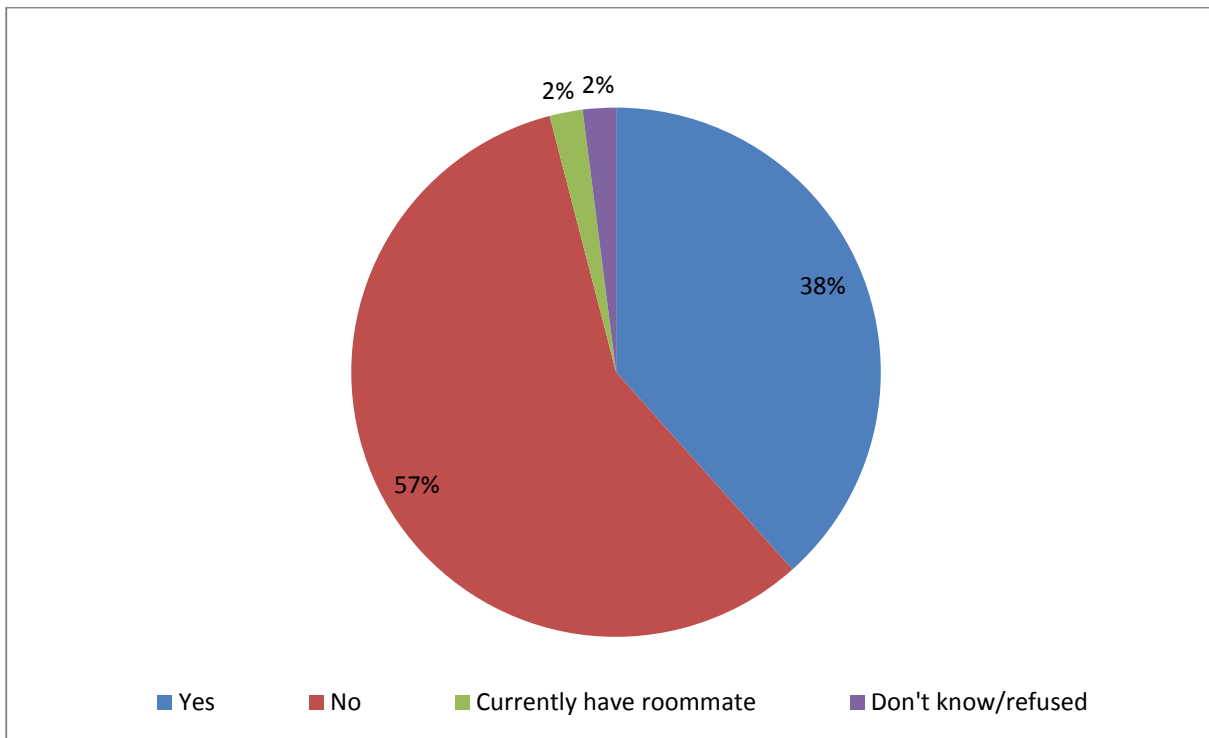
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Willingness to Share One's Home

As we have seen, continuing to live in your own home and community are important to mid-life and older adults. One option to continue living at home and maintaining financial security is to share their home with another person. While the majority of people age 45+ say that they would not consider sharing their home with another person as they grow older, almost four in ten say they would.

Figure 8
Proportion that would Share Their Home as They Grow Older
Among the 45+



Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: As you grow older, would you consider sharing your home with another person?

- Mid-life adults (45-49), females, and those with lower incomes appear to be more open to shared housing.

Table 9
Opinions about Sharing Their Home as They Grow Older
By Age and Gender⁹

	Age				Gender	
	45-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Male	Female
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Yes	48%^d	42%^d	39%	32%	35%	41%
No	47%	54%	57%	64%^{ab}	62%^f	53%
Currently have roommate	4%	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%^e
Don't know	*	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Refused	--	1%	1%	*	1%	*

Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: As you grow older, would you consider sharing your home with another person?

*number too small to report, -- missing

Table 10
Opinions about Sharing Their Home as They Grow Older
By Income, Education and Race

	Income				Education			Race		
	<\$25K	\$25K- \$49.9K	\$50K- \$74.9K	\$75K+	HS Less	Some college	College post	White	Black	Hispanic
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Yes	43%^b	32%	43%	37%	37%	39%	40%	36%	35%	52%^{hi}
No	52%	64%^a	54%	60%	58%	57%	57%	60%^j	61%^j	42
Currently have roommate	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	5%
Don't know	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Refused	1%	--	--	--	1%	--	*	*	2%	--

Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

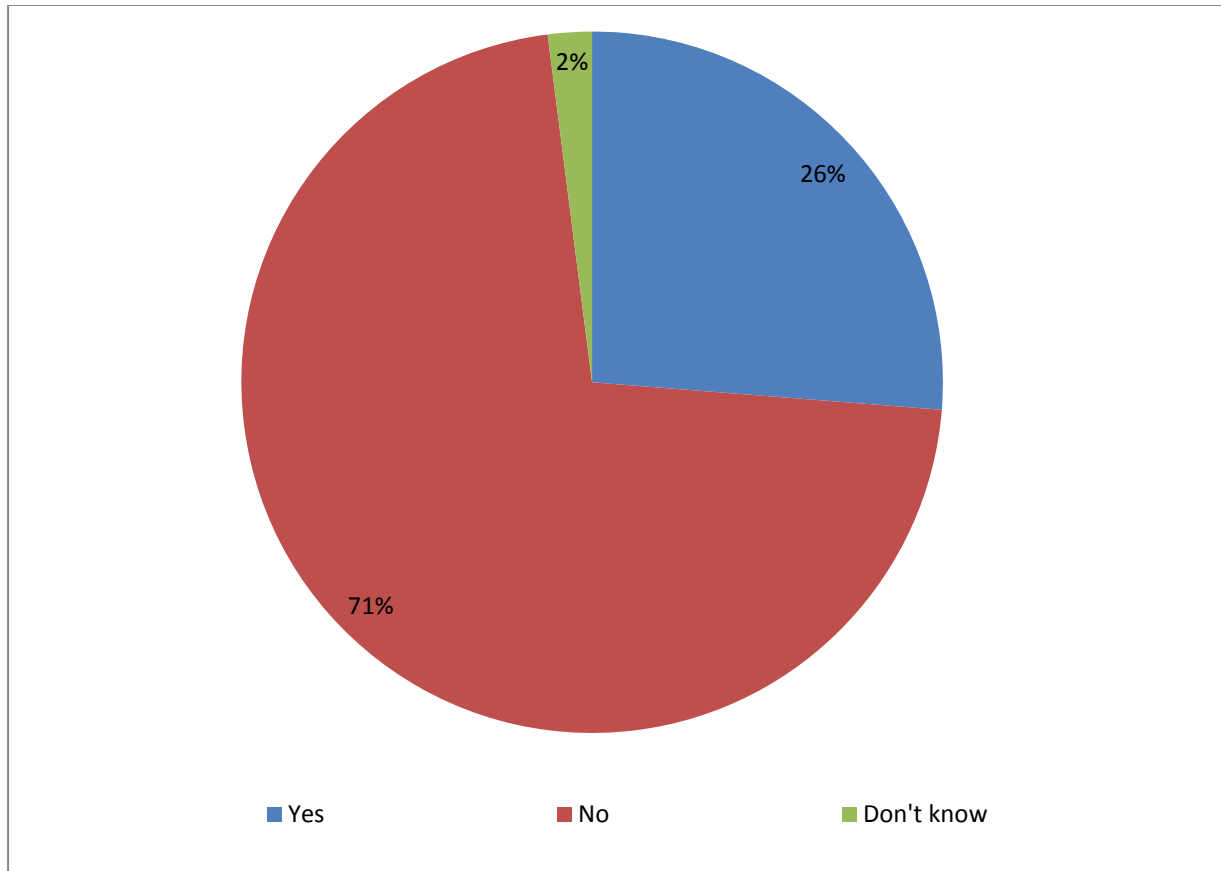
Q: As you grow older, would you consider sharing your home with another person?

*number too small to report, -- missing

⁹How to Read Tables: **Bold type** percentages in columns (which represent demographic subgroups) are significantly higher than percentages in adjacent columns. Superscripts (a/b/c/d/e/f/g/h/i) indicate those columns in which there is a statistically significant difference. Dashes (----) indicate no responses were reported.

Overall, the majority of people age 45+ would not consider having a roommate even if they were in a position where they needed extra income (Figure 9).

Figure 9
Proportion Who Would Consider Having a Roommate if Needed Extra Income



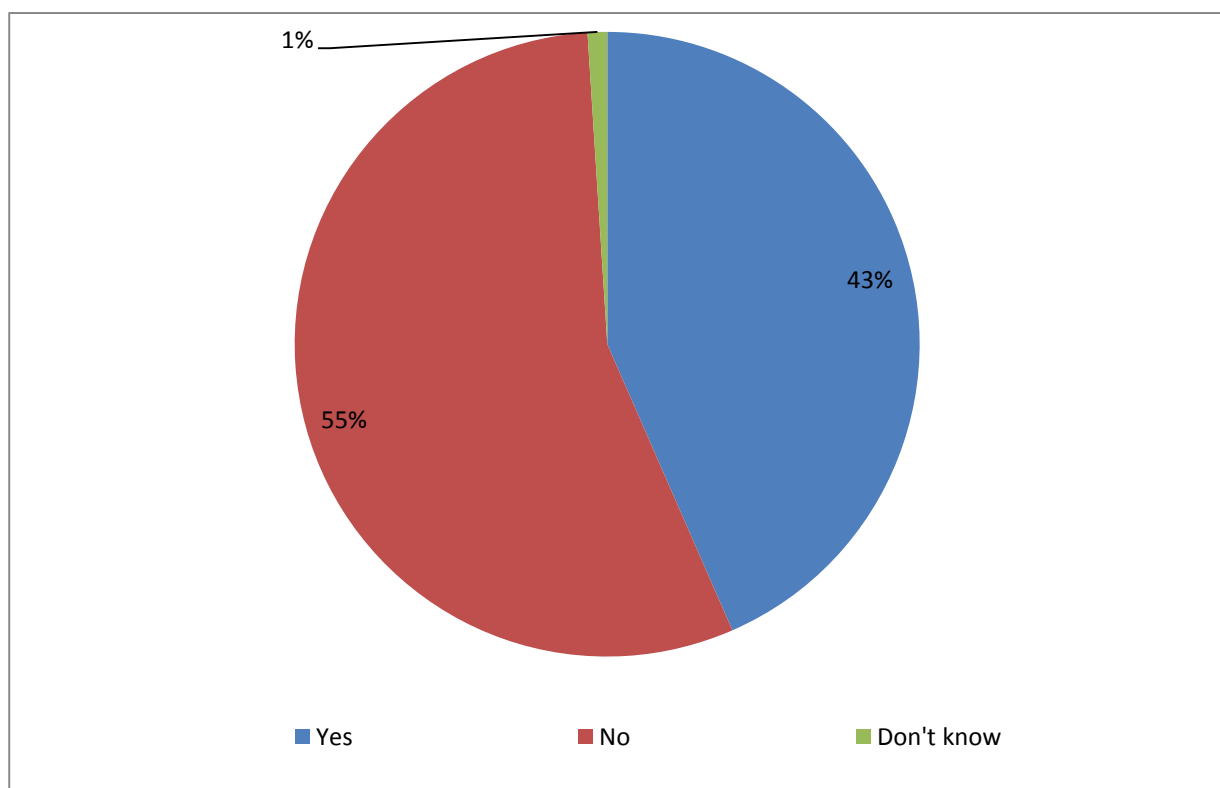
Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Would having a roommate be something you would consider if you found yourself in a position where you needed the extra income?

- There were no significant differences among respondents by the usual demographic characteristics we examine including gender, age, household income, region, education, and ethnicity.

Although the gap narrowed somewhat, still the majority of people age 45+ would not consider having a roommate if they needed help with everyday activities such as transportation or help with household chores.

Figure 10
Proportion Who Would Consider Having a Roommate if Help was needed with Everyday Activities
Such as Transportation or Help with Household Chores



Source: AARP, 2014 Home and Community Survey. N = 1014

Q: Would having a roommate be something you would consider if you found yourself I need of help with everyday activities, such as transportation or help with household chores?

Only one demographic characteristic had a significant influence on the proportion of people who say they would consider having a roommate if they needed help with everyday activities. People with a college degree or post-graduate work (53%), are more likely than those with a high school diploma or less (40%), and people with some college (38%) to say they would consider having a roommate under these circumstances.

Summary

Results from this study of adults ages 45+ suggest that the large majority of adults age 45+ want to stay in their home and their communities for as long as possible. Community features that are particularly important to 45+ adults are proximity to family and friends and being near places they want to go.

Appendix

Home and Community Annotated Questionnaire

This study was conducted for AARP via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from August 20 – August 31, 2014 among a nationally representative sample of 1,014 respondents age 45 and older. The margin of error for total respondents is +/-3.1% at the 95% confidence level. All numbers are shown as percentages. More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting www.ssrs.com

HO-1. I'm going to read you a statement and after I read that statement, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it. "What I'd really like to do is stay in my current residence for as long as

AGREE			Neither agree nor disagree/neutral	DISAGREE			Don't know	Refused
NET	Strongly	Somewhat		NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
78	63	15	6	15	5	10	*	*

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O-2. Thinking about your current home, does it have...?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
a. A full bath on the main level	80	20	*	*
b. A half bath on the main level	47	52	1	1
c. A bedroom or a room that could be used as one, on the main level	76	23	*	*
d. Doorways that are wider than standard	35	61	3	*
e. Door handles that are levers instead of knobs	32	66	*	1
f. An entrance without steps	39	60	*	*
g. A sidewalk in front of my home	69	30	*	*

HO-3. Now I'll read you two statements about your home. Which one of the following statements most accurately reflects your opinion?

I want to stay in my home because I like what my community has to offer me	I want to stay in my home because I cannot afford to move	Don't know	Refused
69	27	2	2

HO-4. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: "What I'd really like to do is remain in my local community for as long as possible." Would you say you...?

AGREE			Neither agree nor disagree	DISAGREE			Don't know	Refused
NET	Strongly	Somewhat		NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
80	61	19	7	12	6	6	*	1

HO-5. Now, I'm going to read you a list of reasons for wanting to stay in your current community for as long as possible. How important are the following items to you? Would you say they are extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

a. Being near work

IMPORTANT			Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT			Don't know	Refused
NET	Extremely	Very		NET	Not too	Not at all		
43	16	27	21	35	13	22	*	1

b. Being near transit (IF NEEDED bus or rail)

IMPORTANT			Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT			Don't know	Refused
NET	Extremely	Very		NET	Not too	Not at all		
33	14	19	19	48	19	29	*	*

c. It's easy to walk

IMPORTANT			Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT			Don't know	Refused
NET	Extremely	Very		NET	Not too	Not at all		
61	25	35	21	17	9	8	1	*

d. Being near friends and / or family

IMPORTANT			Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT			Don't know	Refused
NET	Extremely	Very		NET	Not too	Not at all		
71	31	40	18	11	6	5	*	*

e. Being near church or social organizations

IMPORTANT			Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT			Don't know	Refused
NET	Extremely	Very		NET	Not too	Not at all		
53	21	32	24	23	11	11	*	*

f. Being near where you want to go such as grocery stores, doctor's offices, the library

IMPORTANT			Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT			Don't know	Refused
NET	Extremely	Very		NET	Not too	Not at all		
69	27	42	23	8	5	3	*	*

g. Being near good schools

IMPORTANT			Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT			Don't know	Refused
NET	Extremely	Very		NET	Not too	Not at all		
51	23	28	14	34	13	22	*	*

h. Being near a park

IMPORTANT			Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT			Don't know	Refused
NET	Extremely	Very		NET	Not too	Not at all		
31	12	19	31	38	18	20	*	*

- i. Living in a community with people at all stages of life including families with children and older adults

IMPORTANT			Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT			Don't know	Refused
NET	Extremely	Very		NET	Not too	Not at all		
51	19	32	28	19	12	8	1	*

- j. Housing for people with different levels of income

IMPORTANT			Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT			Don't know	Refused
NET	Extremely	Very		NET	Not too	Not at all		
38	16	21	27	35	18	17	1	*

HO-6. As you grow older, would you consider sharing your home with another person?

Yes	No	Currently have a roommate	Don't know	Refused
38	57	2	1	1

(Asked of total respondents 45+ who would not consider sharing their home with another person; n = 629)

HO-7. Would having a roommate be something you would consider if you found yourself in a position where you needed the extra income?

Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
26	71	2	*

(Asked of total respondents 45+ who would not consider sharing their home with another person; n = 629)

HO-8. Would having a roommate be something you would consider if you found yourself in need of help with everyday activities such as, transportation or help with household chores?

Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
43	55	1	1

D5. And what kind of a place do you live in—is it a . . .

Single family home	Duplex or townhouse	Apartment or condominium	Mobile home or trailer	Some other type of home	Don't know /Refused
71	6	14	6	3	1