Civic and Community Involvement Among Adults Age 50+

50+ adults are most involved in local activities sponsored by religious organizations and/or aimed at improving community conditions

**Top activities**

- **39%**
  Attended community activities or meetings sponsored by a religious organization

- **33%**
  Worked with others to improve conditions in a community

- **31%**
  Contacted a public official to make their views known on an issue

- **28%**
  Attended a neighborhood meeting about community issues

Participation in civic and community activities was greater among men and those age 60-69

- **2.4**
  The overall average number of activities performed in the past year

- **2.5**
  Men

- **2.3**
  Women

- **Age 50-59**
  Number of activities: 2.4

- **Age 60-69**
  Number of activities: 2.6

- **Age 70+**
  Number of activities: 2.1

50+ adults who perceive themselves as having a lot or moderate amount of influence on community problems participated in a greater number of civic and community activities than those who do not hold this perception

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NOTE: These findings were gathered in August 2014 from a telephone survey of 3,003 adults age 50+.

Source:
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