# Vital Voices

Issues That Impact Arizona Adults Age 45 and Older, December 2020

## Issues of Importance to Arizona Adults Age 45+

### Health Care
- Staying mentally sharp: 95%
- Staying physically healthy: 94%
- Adequate health insurance coverage: 92%
- Medicare benefits available in the future: 89%
- Developing or maintaining healthy behaviors: 84%
- Paying for health care expenses: 82%

### Economic/Financial
- Having financial security throughout your life: 93%
- Having enough income or savings to retire: 91%
- Being able to afford groceries or other household necessities: 91%
- Adequate Social Security benefits: 90%
- Having affordable utilities: 87%
- Protection against unfair financial practices: 81%

### Independent Living/Long-Term Care
- Getting to the places you need to go independently: 84%
- Staying in your own home as you get older: 84%
- Caring for a loved one: 81%
- Having high quality long-term care: 80%
- Having alternatives to nursing home care: 71%
- Having affordable housing options: 71%

*For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally.*

% “extremely important” or “very important”
Interviews were conducted with 804 residents of Arizona by landline (50%), cell phone (25%), and online (25%) between November 20, 2020 and December 8, 2020.

**Age**
- 45 to 49: 11%
- 50 to 64: 42%
- 65+: 48%

**Education**
- Some college or less: 56%
- 4-year college degree: 22%
- Post-graduate study or degree: 21%

**Employment**
- Full-time: 32%
- Part-time: 7%
- Retired: 50%

**Gender**
- Female: 52%
- Male: 48%

**Race/Ethnicity**
- White/ Caucasian: 66%
- Hispanic/ Latino: 25%
- Other - Minority: 9%

**Political Views**
- Conservative: 42%
- Moderate: 36%
- Liberal: 18%

**Marital Status**
- Married/ living with partner: 58%
- Divorced/ separated: 18%
- Widowed: 11%
- Never married: 13%

**Annual Household Income**
- Less than $50,000: 39%
- $50,000 to less than $100,000: 32%
- $100,000+: 19%

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