### Issues of Importance to Connecticut’s Adults Age 45+

#### Health Care

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<td>Staying mentally sharp</td>
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<td>Staying physically healthy</td>
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<td>Adequate health insurance coverage</td>
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<td>Medicare benefits available in the future</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<td>Paying for health care expenses</td>
<td>87%</td>
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<td>Paying for prescription drugs</td>
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#### Economic/Financial

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<td>Financial security throughout your life</td>
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<td>Enough income/ savings to retire</td>
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<td>Able to afford groceries/ household necessities</td>
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<td>Adequate Social Security benefits</td>
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<td>Affordable utilities</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>Protection against consumer fraud</td>
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#### Independent Living/ Long-Term Care

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<td>Getting to the places you need to go independently</td>
<td>88%</td>
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<td>Staying in your own home as you get older</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<td>Caring for a loved one</td>
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<td>High quality long-term care in your community</td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td>Improvements to long-term care services</td>
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<td>Flexibility in your schedule for caregiving</td>
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“For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally.”

% “extremely important” or “very important”
Interviews were conducted with 702 residents of Connecticut by landline (52%), cell phone (23%), and online (25%) between 8/1/20 and 8/10/20.

### Age
- 45 to 49: 11%
- 50 to 64: 46%
- 65+: 43%

### Employment
- Full-time: 37%
- Part-time: 10%
- Retired: 42%

### Gender
- Female: 56%
- Male: 44%

### Race/Ethnicity
- White/ Caucasian: 80%
- Hispanic/ Latino: 8%
- Black/ African American: 8%
- Other - Minority: 4%

### Education
- Some college or less: 52%
- 4-year college degree: 26%
- Post-graduate study or degree: 22%

### Marital Status
- Married/ living with partner: 58%
- Divorced/ separated: 15%
- Widowed: 13%
- Never married: 14%

### Annual Household Income
- Less than $50,000: 31%
- $50,000 to less than $100,000: 31%
- $100,000+: 26%

### Political Views
- Conservative: 29%
- Moderate: 38%
- Liberal: 27%

For more information on the methodology or the survey, contact state specific advisors: Kate Bridges, kbridges@aarp.org